

## Supporting Information for “Synchronous emplacement of anorthosite xenoliths, the Beaver River diabase, and the Greenstone Flow”

### Field observations on sampled Beaver River diabase and anorthosite xenoliths

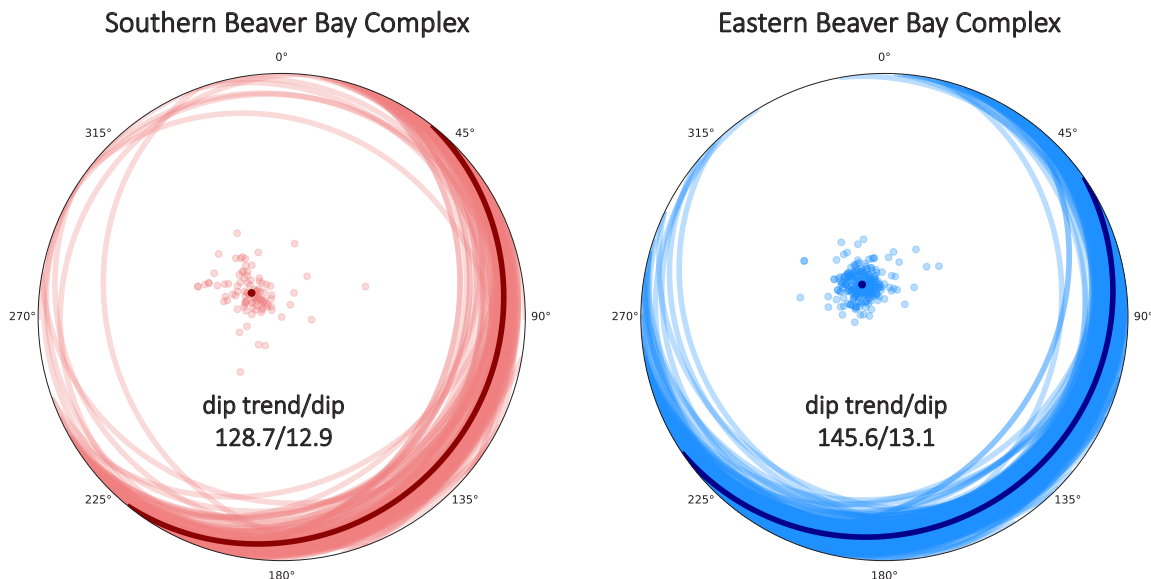
The measured dimensions of each anorthosite xenolith sampled during the fieldwork of this study are summarized in Table DR1. The estimated distance from each anorthosite site to the closest diabase site are also show in the table.

**Table DR1.** Summary of anorthosite xenolith dimensions and their approximate distance between each anorthosite site and the closest diabase site.

| Anorthosite site | Xenolith dimension (m) | Closest diabase site | Distance from anorthosite site to closest diabase site (m) |
|------------------|------------------------|----------------------|--|
| AX1              | 3.1 X 1.3              | BD1                  | <5   |
| AX2              | 4 X 15 X 30            | BD1                  | <5   |
| AX3              | 100 X 30               | BD2                  | 200  |
| AX4              | 20 X 10                | BD2                  | 50   |
| AX5              | 0.5 X 0.45             | BD2                  | 20   |
| AX6              | 0.7 X 0.6              | BD2                  | 20   |
| AX7              | 0.8 X 0.5              | BD2                  | 20   |
| AX8              | 0.4 X 0.25             | BD2                  | 20   |
| AX9              | 0.3 X 0.6              | BD2                  | 20   |
| AX10             | 0.47 X 0.47            | BD2                  | 20   |
| AX11             | 120 X 30               | BD3                  | 150  |
| AX12             | 31 X 5                 | BD4                  | 32   |
| AX13             | 36 X 8                 | BD3                  | 30   |
| AX14             | 10 X 3                 | BD4                  | 150  |
| AX15             | 5.8 X 5.5              | BD5                  | <5   |
| AX16             | 27.5 X 5               | BD5                  | 25   |
| AX17             | 4.2 X 2                | BD5                  | <5   |
| AX18             | 15.6 X 3               | BD5                  | <5   |
| AX19             | 7.5 X 2.9              | BD6                  | 9  |
| AX20             | 8.1 X 6.5              | BD7                  | <5   |
| AX21             | 3.2 X 1.2              | BD7                  | 300  |
| AX22             | 5 X 12 X 10            | BD10                 | <10  |

### Beaver River diabase structural correction

Structural measurements were obtained from the published geologic maps of the study area. We calculated the mean directions from the combined volcanic bedding measurements from the Schroeder-Lutsen basalt and igneous layering measurements from the Beaver River diabase and constructed two sets of tilt correction data for the paleomagnetic sites in the southern and eastern Beaver Bay Complex Boerboom (2004); Boerboom and Green (2006); Boerboom et al. (2006, 2007); Miller et al. (2006). The mean dip angle for the two areas are very similar while the dip



**Figure SI1.** Stereonet plots of the compiled structural orientation data to tilt correct the paleomagnetic directions obtained from the Beaver River diabase and the anorthosite xenoliths therein.

trends are different, with the southern Beaver Bay Complex showing a slightly more easterly trend than the eastern Beaver Bay Complex. This difference in dip trend reflects the overall arcuate shape of the Beaver Bay Complex intrusions along the shore of Lake Superior.

### ID-TIMS U-Pb zircon geochronology methods

U-Pb dates were obtained by chemical abrasion isotope dilution thermal ionization mass spectrometry (ID-TIMS) in the Boise State University (BSU) Isotope Geology Laboratory (Table DR2; Fig. SI3). Chemical abrasion of single zircon grains was modified after Mattinson (2005). Zircons were separated from rocks using standard techniques, annealed in a muffle furnace at 900°C for 60 hours in quartz crucibles.

Individual zircons were removed from grain mounts and chemically abraded. Chemical abrasion was carried out by transferring zircons to 3 ml Teflon Perfluoroalkoxy alkane (PFA) beakers in which they were rinsed in 3.5 M HNO<sub>3</sub> and ultrapure H<sub>2</sub>O prior to loading into 300 µl Teflon PFA microcapsules. Fifteen microcapsules were placed in a large-capacity Parr vessel and the zircon partially dissolved in 120 µl of 29 M HF for 12 hours at 190°C. Zircons were returned to 3 ml Teflon PFA beakers, HF was removed, and zircons were immersed in 3.5 M HNO<sub>3</sub>, ultrasonically cleaned for an hour, and fluxed on a hotplate at 80°C for an hour. The HNO<sub>3</sub> was removed and zircon was rinsed twice in ultrapure H<sub>2</sub>O before being reloaded into the 300 µl Teflon PFA microcapsules (rinsed and fluxed in 6 M HCl during sonication and washing of the zircons) and spiked with the <sup>233</sup>U-<sup>235</sup>U-<sup>205</sup>Pb BSU tracer solution (BSU1B). Zircons were dissolved in Parr vessels in 120 µl of 29 M HF at 220°C for 48 hours, dried to fluorides, and re-dissolved in 6 M HCl at 180°C overnight. Pb and U were separated from the zircon matrix using an HCl-based anion-exchange chromatographic procedure (Krogh, 1973), eluted together

and dried with 2  $\mu$ l of 0.05 N  $\text{H}_3\text{PO}_4$ .

Pb and U were loaded on a single outgassed Re filament in 5  $\mu$ l of a silica-gel/phosphoric acid mixture (Gerstenberger and Haase, 1997), and Pb and U isotopic measurements made on a GV Isoprobe-T multicollector thermal ionization mass spectrometer equipped with an ion-counting Daly detector. Pb isotopes were measured by peak-jumping all isotopes on the Daly detector for 190 cycles with a mass bias correction of  $0.16 \pm 0.03\%$ /a.m.u. ( $1\sigma$ ). Transitory isobaric interferences due to high-molecular weight organics, particularly on  $^{204}\text{Pb}$  and  $^{207}\text{Pb}$ , disappeared within 30-45 cycles, while ionization efficiency averaged 104 cps/pg of each Pb isotope. Linearity (to  $\geq 1.4 \times 10^6$  cps) and the associated deadtime correction of the Daly detector were determined by analysis of NBS982. Uranium was analyzed as  $\text{UO}_2^+$  ions in static Faraday mode on  $10^{12}$  ohm resistors for up to 300 cycles, and corrected for isobaric interference of  $^{233}\text{U}^{18}\text{O}^{16}\text{O}$  on  $^{235}\text{U}^{16}\text{O}^{16}\text{O}$  with an  $^{18}\text{O}/^{16}\text{O}$  of 0.00206. Ionization efficiency averaged 20 mV/ng of each U isotope. U mass fractionation was corrected using the  $^{233}\text{U}/^{235}\text{U}$  ratio of the BSU1B tracer.

**Table DR2. Zircon chemical abrasion IDTIMS U-Pb isotopic data**

| Sample   | Compositional Parameters |                    |        |                    |                 |                   | Radiogenic Isotope Ratios |                   |                   |                   |       |                   |                   | Isotopic Ages     |                   |      |                  |      |                  |             |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------|--------|--------------------|-----------------|-------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------|------------------|------|------------------|-------------|
|  | Th                       | <sup>206</sup> Pb* | mol %  | Pb*                | Pb <sub>c</sub> | <sup>206</sup> Pb | <sup>208</sup> Pb         | <sup>207</sup> Pb | <sup>207</sup> Pb | <sup>206</sup> Pb | corr. | <sup>207</sup> Pb | <sup>207</sup> Pb | <sup>206</sup> Pb |                   |      |                  |      |                  |             |
|  | U                        | x10 <sup>-13</sup> | mol    | <sup>206</sup> Pb* | Pb <sub>c</sub> | (pg)              | <sup>206</sup> Pb         | <sup>206</sup> Pb | % err             | <sup>235</sup> U  | % err | <sup>238</sup> U  | % err             | coef.             | <sup>206</sup> Pb | ±    | <sup>235</sup> U | ±    | <sup>238</sup> U | ±           |
| (a)  | (b)                      | (c)                | (d)    | (e)                | (f)             | (g)               | (h)                       | (i)               | (j)               | (k)               | (l)   | (m)               | (n)               | (o)               | (p)               | (q)  | (r)              | (s)  | (t)              | (u)         |
| MS99033 <i>Anorthosite xenolith in Beaver Bay Diabase</i> (Beaver Bay Complex)         |                          |                    |        |                    |                 |                   |                           |                   |                   |                   |       |                   |                   |                   |                   |      |                  |      |                  |             |
| z4   | 0.944                    | 0.8673             | 0.9977 | 144                | 0.17            | 7696              | 0.286                     | 0.0759659         | 0.066             | 1.93250           | 0.118 | 0.184584          | 0.077             | 0.856             | 1093.27           | 1.31 | 1092.41          | 0.79 | <b>1091.97</b>   | <b>0.77</b> |
| z8   | 1.010                    | 6.9857             | 0.9997 | 1133               | 0.18            | 59449             | 0.306                     | 0.0759607         | 0.040             | 1.93235           | 0.083 | 0.184583          | 0.046             | 0.974             | 1093.13           | 0.81 | 1092.35          | 0.56 | <b>1091.96</b>   | <b>0.46</b> |
| z1   | 2.435                    | 6.7175             | 0.9985 | 309                | 0.81            | 12367             | 0.738                     | 0.0759449         | 0.047             | 1.93191           | 0.087 | 0.184579          | 0.046             | 0.948             | 1092.72           | 0.93 | 1092.20          | 0.59 | <b>1091.94</b>   | <b>0.46</b> |
| z7   | 1.008                    | 1.4490             | 0.9986 | 239                | 0.17            | 12587             | 0.305                     | 0.0759289         | 0.056             | 1.93127           | 0.098 | 0.184557          | 0.055             | 0.886             | 1092.30           | 1.11 | 1091.98          | 0.66 | <b>1091.82</b>   | <b>0.55</b> |
| z3   | 1.863                    | 3.3407             | 0.9992 | 519                | 0.22            | 22932             | 0.565                     | 0.0759415         | 0.044             | 1.93139           | 0.086 | 0.184538          | 0.046             | 0.950             | 1092.63           | 0.89 | 1092.02          | 0.58 | <b>1091.72</b>   | <b>0.47</b> |
| z6   | 0.978                    | 0.8594             | 0.9978 | 154                | 0.16            | 8164              | 0.296                     | 0.0759062         | 0.059             | 1.93015           | 0.101 | 0.184504          | 0.055             | 0.878             | 1091.70           | 1.19 | 1091.59          | 0.68 | <b>1091.54</b>   | <b>0.55</b> |
| z5   | 0.971                    | 1.3031             | 0.9983 | 196                | 0.19            | 10381             | 0.294                     | 0.0759732         | 0.056             | 1.93131           | 0.095 | 0.184453          | 0.050             | 0.891             | 1093.46           | 1.12 | 1091.99          | 0.64 | 1091.26          | 0.50        |
| z2   | 0.909                    | 1.7688             | 0.9985 | 229                | 0.22            | 12318             | 0.276                     | 0.0759373         | 0.053             | 1.93029           | 0.093 | 0.184443          | 0.049             | 0.910             | 1092.52           | 1.06 | 1091.64          | 0.62 | 1091.20          | 0.49        |
| weighted mean 206Pb/238U age = 1091.83 ± 0.21 (0.37) [1.15] Ma (2s); MSWD = 0.41 (n=6) |                          |                    |        |                    |                 |                   |                           |                   |                   |                   |       |                   |                   |                   |                   |      |                  |      |                  |             |

(a) z1, z2 etc. are labels for single zircon fragments annealed and chemically abraded after Mattinson (2005); bold indicates analyses used in weighted mean calculations.

(b) Model Th/U ratio iteratively calculated from the radiogenic 208Pb/206Pb ratio and 206Pb/238U age.

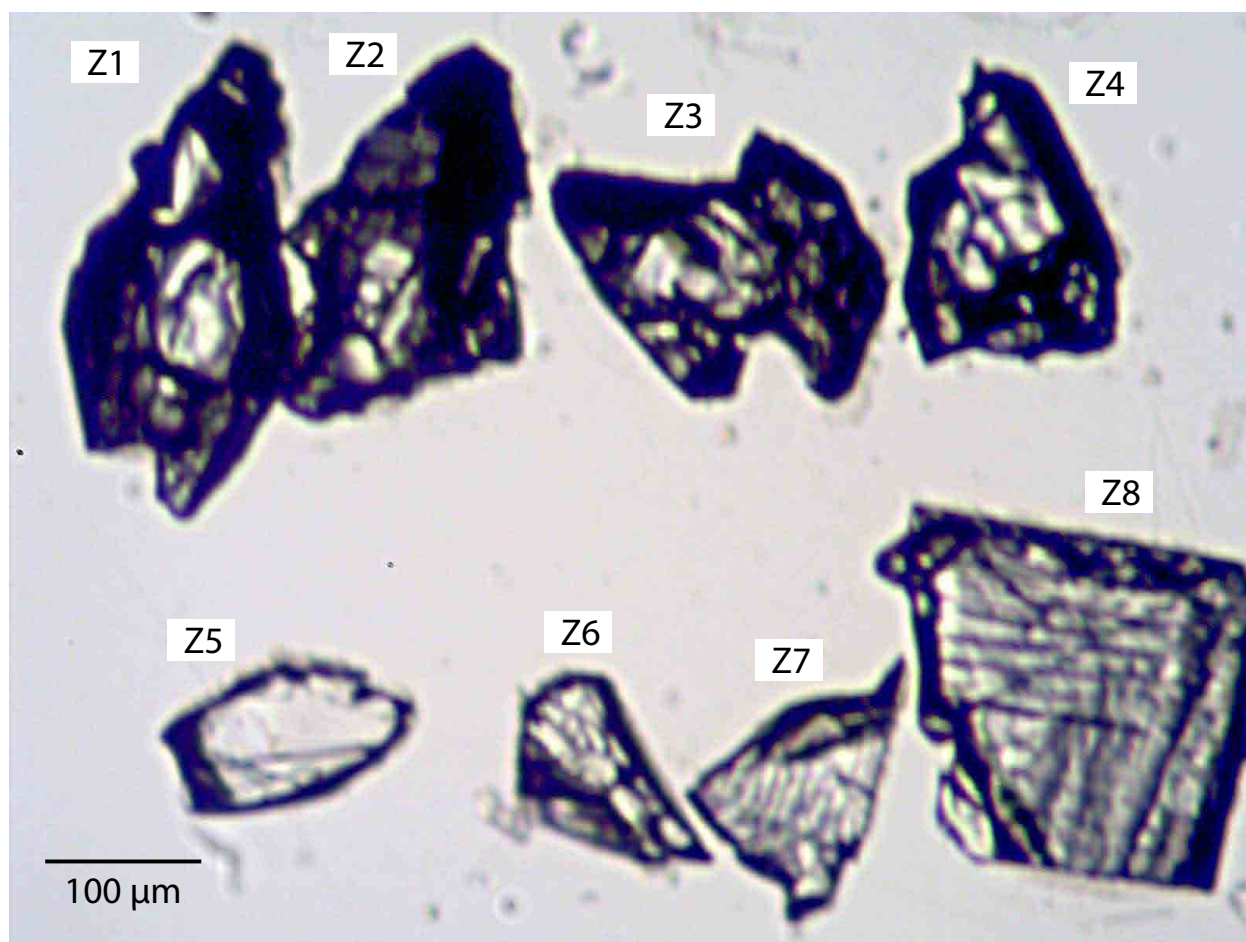
(c) Pb\* and Pb<sub>c</sub> represent radiogenic and common Pb, respectively; mol % <sup>206</sup>Pb\* with respect to radiogenic, blank and initial common Pb.

(d) Measured ratio corrected for spike and fractionation only. Fractionation estimated at 0.18 (Daly) or 0.10 (Faraday) ± 0.02 %/a.m.u. based on analysis of NBS-981 & 982.

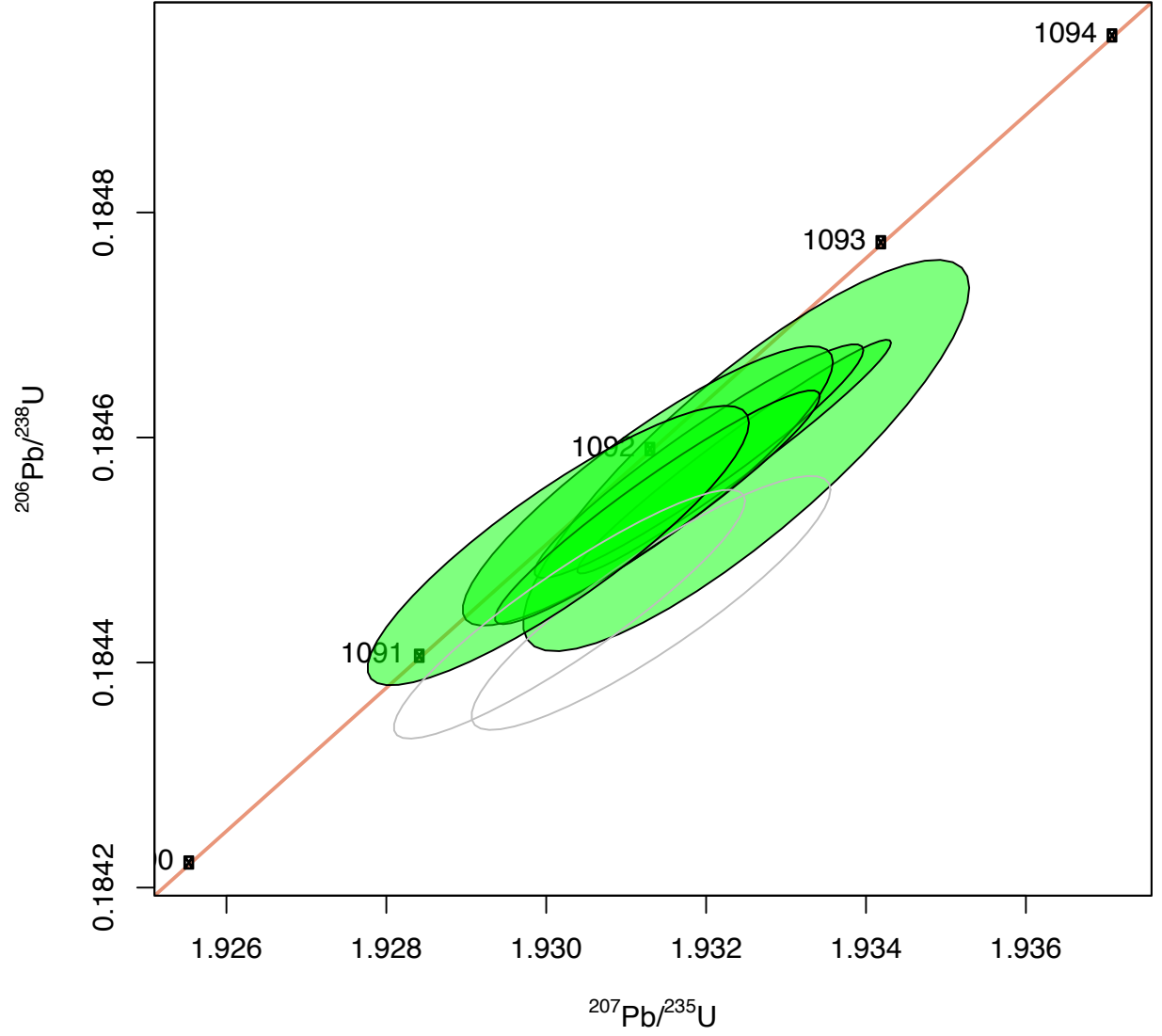
(e) Corrected for fractionation, spike, and common Pb; all common Pb was assumed to be procedural blank: 206Pb/204Pb = 18.60 ± 0.72%; 207Pb/204Pb = 15.69 ± 0.62%; 208Pb/204Pb = 38.51 ± 0.74% (all uncertainties 1-sigma). Isotope dilution measurements made with the ET535 spike (Condon et al., 2015).

(f) Errors are 2-sigma, propagated using the algorithms of Schmitz and Schoene (2007).

(g) Calculations are based on the decay constants of Jaffey et al. (1971). All ratios and ages corrected for initial 230Th/238U disequilibrium with Th/U [magma] = 3.



**Figure SI2.** Image of individual zircons from geochronology sample MS99033. Zircons (z1-z4) are subhedral to anhedral crystals and (z5-z8) are platy fragments.



**Figure SI3.** U-Pb concordia plots for the new zircon dates from anorthosite xenoliths AX16, geochronology sample name MS99033. The ellipses represent  $2\sigma$  analytical uncertainty on individual zircon dates. Green filled ellipses are analyses included in the  $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U}$  weighted mean dates while the grey ellipses are those that were excluded.

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