

Electronic Supplementary Information (ESI)

***In situ* isotopic analysis of uranium using a new data acquisition protocol for 10^{13} ohm Faraday amplifiers**

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Table S1 Uranium isotopic data for zircons, titanites and synthetic glass materials

Sample	Spot	$^{235}\text{U}/^{238}\text{U} (\times 10^{-3})$				$^{234}\text{U}/^{238}\text{U} (\times 10^{-5})$				Ablated area (μm^2)
		Tau correction ^a		CIM ^b		Tau correction ^a		CIM ^b		
Nancy 91500 zircon	1	7.2612	± 0.0836	7.2281	± 0.0428	3.52	± 6.63	5.80	± 3.04	75 × 75
	2	7.2375	± 0.0841	7.2243	± 0.0397	3.40	± 7.98	4.82	± 2.81	75 × 75
	3	7.2496	± 0.0687	7.2473	± 0.0392	3.43	± 7.82	4.06	± 2.77	75 × 75
	4	7.2487	± 0.1165	7.3030	± 0.0393	3.69	± 5.89	4.85	± 2.78	75 × 75
	5	7.2506	± 0.0915	7.2853	± 0.0385	5.83	± 10.32	6.08	± 2.71	75 × 75
	6	7.2864	± 0.0946	7.2572	± 0.0388	9.15	± 3.98	7.11	± 2.74	75 × 75
	7	7.2717	± 0.0624	7.2398	± 0.0375	4.68	± 7.31	5.19	± 2.64	75 × 75
	8	7.2516	± 0.0690	7.2651	± 0.0370	3.23	± 4.80	3.68	± 2.60	75 × 75
	9	7.2813	± 0.0895	7.2585	± 0.0375	3.83	± 4.19	6.03	± 2.64	75 × 75
	10	7.2675	± 0.0862	7.2556	± 0.0374	4.77	± 6.17	5.46	± 2.63	75 × 75
AS3 zircon	1	7.2633	± 0.0193	7.2577	± 0.0083	5.16	± 0.97	5.85	± 0.44	75 × 75
	2	7.2426	± 0.0235	7.2521	± 0.0086	5.49	± 1.32	5.84	± 0.45	75 × 75
	3	7.2533	± 0.0184	7.2506	± 0.0054	5.52	± 1.07	5.70	± 0.24	75 × 75
	4	7.2499	± 0.0243	7.2577	± 0.0048	5.59	± 0.72	5.69	± 0.19	75 × 75
	5	7.2606	± 0.0228	7.2564	± 0.0094	5.55	± 1.50	5.70	± 0.52	75 × 75
	6	7.2532	± 0.0254	7.2595	± 0.0092	5.80	± 1.04	6.06	± 0.50	75 × 75
	7	7.2603	± 0.0359	7.2599	± 0.0088	6.05	± 1.05	5.73	± 0.47	75 × 75
	8	7.2569	± 0.0271	7.2609	± 0.0089	5.62	± 1.25	5.86	± 0.48	75 × 75
	9	7.2806	± 0.0627	7.2755	± 0.0212	7.04	± 2.50	6.28	± 1.39	75 × 75
	10	7.2663	± 0.0224	7.2562	± 0.0052	5.09	± 0.99	5.53	± 0.22	75 × 75
FCT zircon	1	7.1675	± 0.0705	7.2462	± 0.0284	9.39	± 16.98	5.36	± 1.94	30 × 30
	2	7.2073	± 0.0701	7.2480	± 0.0232	4.17	± 9.93	5.52	± 1.55	30 × 30
	3	7.1913	± 0.0690	7.2586	± 0.0326	-0.28	± 15.54	5.03	± 2.26	30 × 30
	4	7.2095	± 0.0716	7.2527	± 0.0198	6.90	± 8.29	5.11	± 1.29	30 × 30
	5	7.2046	± 0.0640	7.2597	± 0.0199	6.32	± 10.43	5.79	± 1.30	30 × 30
	6	7.2928	± 0.2816	7.3961	± 0.3204	8.79	± 38.64	14.02	± 24.38	30 × 30
	7	7.2010	± 0.0725	7.2351	± 0.0334	-5.08	± 14.71	4.83	± 2.32	30 × 30
	8	7.1943	± 0.0635	7.2627	± 0.0232	4.05	± 14.11	5.32	± 1.55	30 × 30
	9	7.2005	± 0.0695	7.2486	± 0.0189	5.40	± 8.23	5.73	± 1.22	30 × 30
	10	7.2068	± 0.0753	7.2526	± 0.0204	5.92	± 8.23	5.15	± 1.33	30 × 30
	11	7.2220	± 0.0947	7.2799	± 0.0277	2.17	± 18.64	6.22	± 1.89	30 × 30
	12	7.1807	± 0.0645	7.2560	± 0.0226	3.54	± 5.56	6.12	± 1.50	30 × 30
	13	7.1949	± 0.0761	7.2454	± 0.0248	10.77	± 26.43	5.35	± 1.67	30 × 30
	14	7.1950	± 0.0832	7.2732	± 0.0315	11.36	± 13.02	5.55	± 2.18	30 × 30
OD-3 zircon	1	7.2696	± 0.0240	7.2660	± 0.0103	6.03	± 2.42	5.42	± 0.57	75 × 75
	2	7.2627	± 0.0425	7.2548	± 0.0157	5.61	± 2.74	5.75	± 0.98	75 × 75
	3	7.2348	± 0.0214	7.2529	± 0.0078	4.91	± 0.95	5.17	± 0.40	75 × 75
	4	7.2606	± 0.0276	7.2572	± 0.0125	5.25	± 2.05	5.22	± 0.74	75 × 75
	5	7.2549	± 0.0159	7.2529	± 0.0078	5.57	± 0.77	5.39	± 0.39	75 × 75
	6	7.2500	± 0.0224	7.2565	± 0.0072	5.70	± 1.16	5.61	± 0.35	75 × 75
	7	7.2513	± 0.0299	7.2604	± 0.0114	5.51	± 1.71	5.23	± 0.66	75 × 75
	8	7.2608	± 0.0403	7.2536	± 0.0147	6.33	± 1.30	6.01	± 0.90	60 × 60
	9	7.2819	± 0.0658	7.2680	± 0.0280	5.06	± 2.71	5.86	± 1.91	60 × 60
	10	7.2403	± 0.0360	7.2518	± 0.0075	5.58	± 0.80	5.32	± 0.37	60 × 60
	11	7.2534	± 0.0293	7.3086	± 0.0128	5.99	± 1.17	7.50	± 0.76	60 × 60
	12	7.2480	± 0.0242	7.2606	± 0.0098	5.55	± 1.09	5.48	± 0.54	60 × 60
	13	7.2660	± 0.0468	7.2700	± 0.0160	6.35	± 3.02	5.92	± 1.00	60 × 60
PSV zircon	1	7.2590	± 0.0146	7.2584	± 0.0060	5.74	± 0.78	5.38	± 0.27	75 × 75
	2	7.2557	± 0.0292	7.2567	± 0.0063	5.42	± 0.70	5.60	± 0.29	75 × 75
	3	7.2586	± 0.0213	7.2575	± 0.0063	5.59	± 0.79	5.48	± 0.30	75 × 75
	4	7.2566	± 0.0192	7.2632	± 0.0064	5.63	± 1.03	5.70	± 0.30	75 × 75
	5	7.2522	± 0.0234	7.2595	± 0.0068	5.37	± 0.83	5.32	± 0.33	75 × 75
	6	7.2679	± 0.0244	7.2545	± 0.0060	5.59	± 0.60	5.44	± 0.28	75 × 75
	7	7.2457	± 0.0266	7.2539	± 0.0066	5.56	± 1.08	5.42	± 0.31	75 × 75
	8	7.2523	± 0.0242	7.2597	± 0.0066	5.51	± 0.83	5.42	± 0.32	75 × 75
	9	7.2449	± 0.0227	7.2524	± 0.0069	5.60	± 0.73	5.31	± 0.33	75 × 75
	10	7.2544	± 0.0181	7.2598	± 0.0064	5.50	± 0.74	5.37	± 0.30	75 × 75
	11	7.2547	± 0.0232	7.2614	± 0.0058	5.60	± 0.84	5.28	± 0.26	75 × 75
	12	7.2474	± 0.0146	7.2586	± 0.0052	5.35	± 0.36	5.46	± 0.22	75 × 75
	13	7.2666	± 0.0274	7.2558	± 0.0055	5.47	± 0.69	5.43	± 0.24	75 × 75
	14	7.2554	± 0.0102	7.2551	± 0.0054	5.57	± 0.66	5.30	± 0.23	75 × 75
	15	7.2536	± 0.0199	7.2588	± 0.0054	5.41	± 0.43	5.50	± 0.24	75 × 75

Table S1 (Continued)

Sample	Spot	$^{235}\text{U}/^{238}\text{U} (\times 10^{-3})$				$^{234}\text{U}/^{238}\text{U} (\times 10^{-5})$				Ablated area (μm^2)
		<i>Tau</i> correction ^a		CIM ^b		<i>Tau</i> correction ^a		CIM ^b		
BLR-1 titanite	1	7.2565	± 0.0214	7.2580	± 0.0051	5.67	± 0.66	5.51	± 0.21	75 × 75
	2	7.2644	± 0.0133	7.2633	± 0.0052	5.48	± 0.50	5.57	± 0.22	75 × 75
	3	7.2637	± 0.0237	7.2641	± 0.0051	5.64	± 0.49	5.58	± 0.22	75 × 75
	4	7.2673	± 0.0218	7.2666	± 0.0052	5.69	± 0.50	5.30	± 0.22	75 × 75
	5	7.2698	± 0.0199	7.2633	± 0.0052	5.84	± 1.00	5.45	± 0.22	75 × 75
	6	7.2522	± 0.0162	7.2583	± 0.0053	5.62	± 0.42	5.55	± 0.22	75 × 75
	7	7.2571	± 0.0155	7.2613	± 0.0052	5.67	± 0.59	5.37	± 0.22	75 × 75
	8	7.2680	± 0.0152	7.2641	± 0.0052	5.64	± 0.41	5.53	± 0.22	75 × 75
	9	7.2683	± 0.0123	7.2621	± 0.0052	5.51	± 0.40	5.53	± 0.22	75 × 75
	10	7.2666	± 0.0121	7.2648	± 0.0052	5.44	± 0.56	5.61	± 0.22	75 × 75
FCT titanite	1	7.2746	± 0.0350	7.2564	± 0.0159	5.53	± 1.68	5.40	± 0.99	75 × 75
	2	7.2752	± 0.0391	7.2807	± 0.0162	7.69	± 2.36	6.93	± 1.02	75 × 75
	3	7.2984	± 0.0347	7.2769	± 0.0153	6.80	± 1.87	7.09	± 0.95	75 × 75
	4	7.2876	± 0.0304	7.2672	± 0.0195	7.30	± 2.49	7.01	± 1.27	75 × 75
	5	7.2796	± 0.0330	7.2681	± 0.0189	5.71	± 3.44	6.94	± 1.22	75 × 75
	6	7.2832	± 0.0343	7.2745	± 0.0146	7.39	± 2.66	5.65	± 0.90	75 × 75
	7	7.2853	± 0.0340	7.2700	± 0.0127	5.39	± 1.94	5.81	± 0.75	75 × 75
	8	7.2799	± 0.0277	7.2650	± 0.0127	6.96	± 2.21	6.46	± 0.75	75 × 75
	9	7.2585	± 0.0372	7.2632	± 0.0159	7.04	± 3.59	6.08	± 0.99	75 × 75
	10	7.2230	± 0.0342	7.2043	± 0.0139	6.68	± 2.52	6.86	± 0.85	75 × 75
	11	7.2286	± 0.0408	7.2303	± 0.0146	6.81	± 2.26	6.30	± 0.90	75 × 75
	12	7.2273	± 0.0585	7.1621	± 0.0245	9.28	± 5.15	8.44	± 1.65	75 × 75
	13	7.3015	± 0.0321	7.2653	± 0.0219	8.34	± 3.32	6.66	± 1.44	75 × 75
	14	7.2875	± 0.0295	7.2671	± 0.0161	6.90	± 2.79	6.96	± 1.01	75 × 75
	15	7.2777	± 0.0315	7.2400	± 0.0145	6.92	± 1.54	6.05	± 0.89	75 × 75
	16	7.2591	± 0.0417	7.2507	± 0.0170	6.74	± 3.37	7.40	± 1.08	75 × 75
	17	7.2640	± 0.0309	7.2425	± 0.0140	6.52	± 2.29	6.14	± 0.85	75 × 75
	18	7.2667	± 0.0317	7.2606	± 0.0146	5.68	± 2.51	6.19	± 0.90	75 × 75
MKED1 titanite	1	7.2842	± 0.0259	7.2613	± 0.0101	6.12	± 1.41	5.74	± 0.56	75 × 75
	2	7.2646	± 0.0100	7.2700	± 0.0103	5.93	± 0.98	5.50	± 0.57	75 × 75
	3	7.2536	± 0.0297	7.2700	± 0.0102	4.97	± 0.98	5.54	± 0.57	75 × 75
	4	7.2787	± 0.0233	7.2690	± 0.0098	5.96	± 1.46	5.82	± 0.54	75 × 75
	5	7.2670	± 0.0305	7.2649	± 0.0099	5.87	± 1.23	5.35	± 0.55	75 × 75
	6	7.2727	± 0.0324	7.2664	± 0.0100	5.78	± 1.09	5.26	± 0.56	75 × 75
	7	7.2711	± 0.0241	7.2599	± 0.0097	5.76	± 0.83	5.53	± 0.54	75 × 75
	8	7.2708	± 0.0320	7.2635	± 0.0099	5.44	± 2.09	5.38	± 0.54	75 × 75
	9	7.2788	± 0.0322	7.2703	± 0.0098	6.40	± 1.22	5.47	± 0.54	75 × 75
	10	7.2674	± 0.0291	7.2729	± 0.0097	5.72	± 1.23	5.53	± 0.53	75 × 75
OLT1 titanite	1	7.2599	± 0.0262	7.2636	± 0.0052	5.45	± 0.37	5.56	± 0.22	75 × 75
	2	7.2592	± 0.0183	7.2654	± 0.0053	5.35	± 0.68	5.50	± 0.23	75 × 75
	3	7.2616	± 0.0281	7.2637	± 0.0054	5.66	± 0.25	5.61	± 0.23	75 × 75
	4	7.2620	± 0.0157	7.2619	± 0.0054	5.76	± 0.32	5.50	± 0.23	75 × 75
	5	7.2643	± 0.0201	7.2568	± 0.0054	5.54	± 0.53	5.52	± 0.23	75 × 75
	6	7.2513	± 0.0259	7.2589	± 0.0054	5.59	± 0.58	5.43	± 0.23	75 × 75
	7	7.2538	± 0.0151	7.2613	± 0.0054	5.50	± 0.39	5.51	± 0.23	75 × 75
	8	7.2585	± 0.0234	7.2595	± 0.0055	5.40	± 0.66	5.40	± 0.24	75 × 75
	9	7.2615	± 0.0189	7.2606	± 0.0053	5.64	± 0.56	5.53	± 0.23	75 × 75
	10	7.2553	± 0.0268	7.2639	± 0.0055	5.67	± 0.51	5.72	± 0.24	75 × 75

Table S1 (Continued)

Sample	Spot	$^{235}\text{U}/^{238}\text{U} (\times 10^{-3})$				$^{234}\text{U}/^{238}\text{U} (\times 10^{-5})$				Ablated area (μm^2)
		<i>Tau</i> correction ^a		CIM ^b		<i>Tau</i> correction ^a		CIM ^b		
NIST SRM 610	1	2.3822	± 0.0146	2.3901	± 0.0036	1.15	± 0.53	1.44	± 0.20	75 × 75
	2	2.3874	± 0.0118	2.3908	± 0.0037	1.00	± 0.60	1.29	± 0.21	75 × 75
	3	2.3865	± 0.0104	2.3860	± 0.0036	1.58	± 0.97	1.27	± 0.21	75 × 75
	4	2.3914	± 0.0093	2.3897	± 0.0036	1.26	± 0.62	1.24	± 0.21	75 × 75
	5	2.3856	± 0.0059	2.3906	± 0.0036	1.16	± 0.93	1.37	± 0.21	75 × 75
	6	2.3878	± 0.0073	2.3879	± 0.0037	1.38	± 0.58	1.40	± 0.21	75 × 75
	7	2.3814	± 0.0099	2.3852	± 0.0037	1.18	± 0.40	1.36	± 0.21	75 × 75
	8	2.3847	± 0.0101	2.3858	± 0.0036	1.38	± 0.67	1.31	± 0.21	75 × 75
	9	2.3891	± 0.0047	2.3857	± 0.0037	1.51	± 0.77	1.35	± 0.21	75 × 75
	10	2.3858	± 0.0086	2.3868	± 0.0036	1.06	± 0.50	1.18	± 0.21	75 × 75
NBS SRM 610	1	2.3893	± 0.0061	2.3868	± 0.0036	1.23	± 0.68	1.26	± 0.21	75 × 75
	2	2.3890	± 0.0089	2.3882	± 0.0035	1.20	± 0.51	1.30	± 0.20	75 × 75
	3	2.3916	± 0.0093	2.3912	± 0.0036	1.27	± 0.47	1.43	± 0.20	75 × 75
	4	2.3934	± 0.0072	2.3916	± 0.0036	1.23	± 0.60	1.21	± 0.20	75 × 75
	5	2.3937	± 0.0157	2.3905	± 0.0036	1.17	± 0.47	1.34	± 0.21	75 × 75
	6	2.3920	± 0.0083	2.3888	± 0.0035	1.28	± 0.51	1.14	± 0.20	75 × 75
	7	2.3931	± 0.0132	2.3926	± 0.0034	1.14	± 0.70	1.25	± 0.19	75 × 75
	8	2.3916	± 0.0122	2.3897	± 0.0035	1.32	± 0.52	1.31	± 0.19	75 × 75
	9	2.3946	± 0.0138	2.3901	± 0.0035	1.37	± 0.52	1.32	± 0.20	75 × 75
	10	2.3899	± 0.0127	2.3929	± 0.0036	1.25	± 0.74	1.22	± 0.20	75 × 75
NIST SRM 610 (MS interference corrected)	1	2.3777	± 0.0146	2.3855	± 0.0036	0.70	± 0.53	1.00	± 0.20	75 × 75
	2	2.3828	± 0.0118	2.3863	± 0.0037	0.56	± 0.60	0.85	± 0.21	75 × 75
	3	2.3820	± 0.0104	2.3814	± 0.0036	1.14	± 0.97	0.83	± 0.21	75 × 75
	4	2.3868	± 0.0093	2.3852	± 0.0036	0.82	± 0.62	0.81	± 0.21	75 × 75
	5	2.3811	± 0.0059	2.3860	± 0.0036	0.72	± 0.93	0.93	± 0.21	75 × 75
	6	2.3833	± 0.0073	2.3834	± 0.0037	0.94	± 0.58	0.96	± 0.21	75 × 75
	7	2.3768	± 0.0099	2.3806	± 0.0037	0.73	± 0.40	0.93	± 0.21	75 × 75
	8	2.3801	± 0.0101	2.3812	± 0.0036	0.93	± 0.67	0.88	± 0.21	75 × 75
	9	2.3846	± 0.0047	2.3811	± 0.0037	1.06	± 0.77	0.92	± 0.21	75 × 75
	10	2.3812	± 0.0086	2.3823	± 0.0036	0.61	± 0.50	0.74	± 0.21	75 × 75
NBS SRM 610 (MS interference corrected)	1	2.3843	± 0.0061	2.3818	± 0.0036	0.75	± 0.68	0.79	± 0.21	75 × 75
	2	2.3839	± 0.0089	2.3831	± 0.0035	0.71	± 0.51	0.83	± 0.20	75 × 75
	3	2.3866	± 0.0093	2.3862	± 0.0036	0.78	± 0.47	0.96	± 0.20	75 × 75
	4	2.3883	± 0.0072	2.3866	± 0.0036	0.74	± 0.60	0.74	± 0.20	75 × 75
	5	2.3887	± 0.0157	2.3854	± 0.0036	0.68	± 0.47	0.87	± 0.21	75 × 75
	6	2.3869	± 0.0083	2.3838	± 0.0035	0.80	± 0.51	0.67	± 0.20	75 × 75
	7	2.3881	± 0.0132	2.3875	± 0.0034	0.65	± 0.70	0.78	± 0.19	75 × 75
	8	2.3865	± 0.0122	2.3847	± 0.0035	0.83	± 0.52	0.83	± 0.19	75 × 75
	9	2.3896	± 0.0138	2.3851	± 0.0035	0.88	± 0.52	0.85	± 0.20	75 × 75
	10	2.3849	± 0.0127	2.3878	± 0.0036	0.76	± 0.74	0.75	± 0.20	75 × 75

Mass biases on the $^{235}\text{U}/^{238}\text{U}$ and $^{234}\text{U}/^{238}\text{U}$ ratios were corrected by those of the GJ-1 zircon (see main text for details). These uncertainties mean two times standard deviation of the median.

^a Calculated from data sets at plateaus in the time profile of $^{235}\text{U}/^{238}\text{U}$ ratio based on the conventional *tau* correction method

^b Calculated by the present CIM method, where the uncertainty was estimated based on propagation of counting statistics on both signal and background

Table S2 Effect of *tau* factor onto the measured $^{235}\text{U}/^{238}\text{U}$ ratio

<i>Tau</i> factor	$^{235}\text{U}/^{238}\text{U} (\times 10^{-3})$	
	<i>Tau</i> correction ^a	CIM ^b
0.25	1.9500 ± 0.0113	1.9635 ± 0.0030
0.45	1.9591 ± 0.0080	1.9635 ± 0.0030
0.65[†]	1.9682 ± 0.0071	1.9635 ± 0.0030
0.85	1.9773 ± 0.0092	1.9635 ± 0.0030
1.05	1.9864 ± 0.0130	1.9635 ± 0.0030

[†] Optimum *tau* factor

Uncertainty is two times standard deviation of the median.

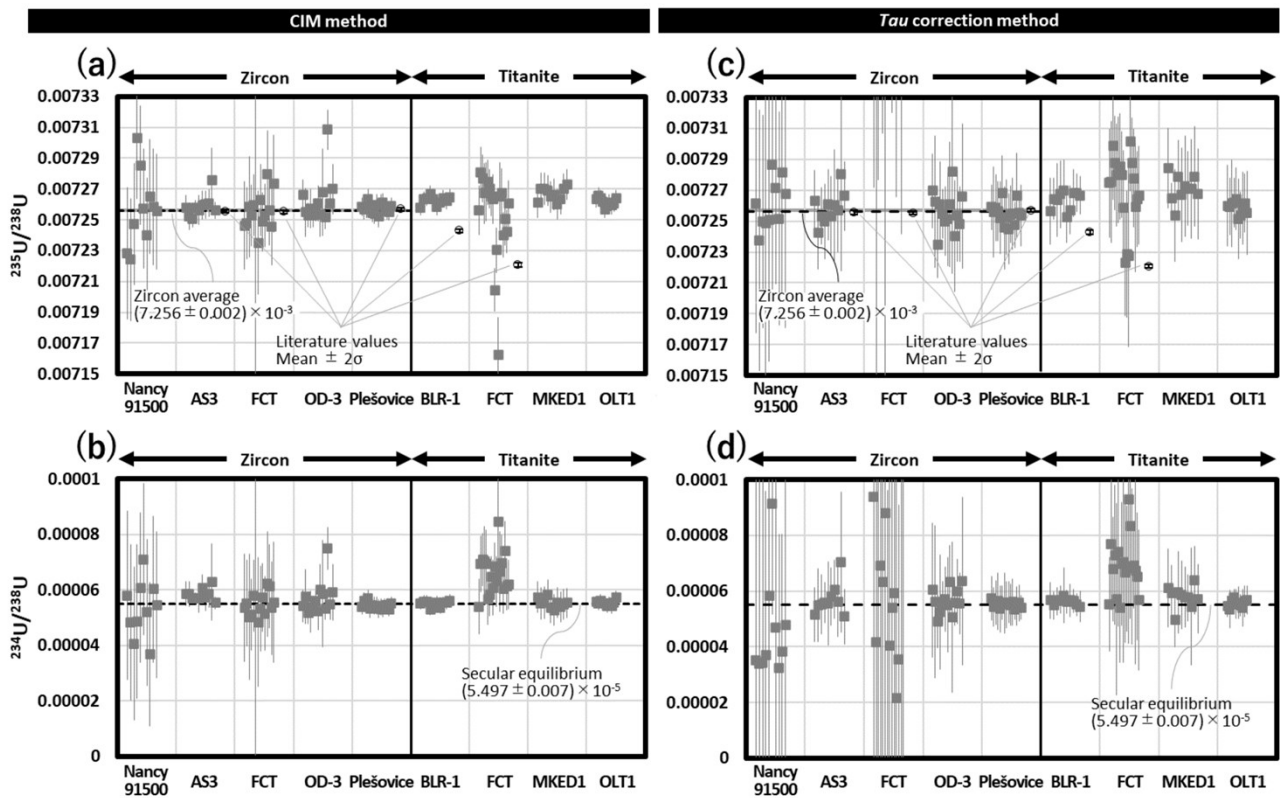


Fig. S1 Comparison of the resulting $^{235}\text{U}/^{238}\text{U}$ and $^{234}\text{U}/^{238}\text{U}$ ratios of zircons and titanites obtained by the CIM (a, b) and conventional τ correction methods (c, d). Note that the precision of the $^{235}\text{U}/^{238}\text{U}$ and $^{234}\text{U}/^{238}\text{U}$ ratios with the CIM method were 2 to 10 times better than those achieved by the τ correction method. Isotopic ratio data from individual signal events are shown as grey squares. The dashed lines are the averaged $^{235}\text{U}/^{238}\text{U}$ ratio for zircons reported by Hiess *et al.*,¹ and an expected $^{234}\text{U}/^{238}\text{U}$ ratio of materials in secular equilibrium. The $^{234}\text{U}/^{238}\text{U}$ ratio of minerals in a secular equilibrium is calculated from the decay constants of $\lambda_{234} = (2.82206 \pm 0.00080) \times 10^{-6}$ and $\lambda_{238} = (1.55125 \pm 0.00083) \times 10^{-10}$.^{2,3} Mass bias was corrected using the GJ-1 zircon as a bracketing standard. The error bars were calculated based on propagation of counting statistics and baseline noise.

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