



1 **Mineralogical and elemental geochemical characteristics of Taodonggou Group in**
2 **Taibei Sag , Turpan-Hami Basin: Implication for Source sink system and evolution**
3 **history of lake basin**

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11 **Abstract:** The Middle Permian is an important basin-forming period in the Turpan-Hami Basin. Based on mineral
12 characteristics and elemental geochemistry of the Taodonggou Group mudstone we analyze the parent rock type, source area
13 location, sedimentary environment and source area tectonic background for this mudstone. On this basis we are able to
14 reconstruct the source-sink system and lake basin evolution of the Taodonggou Group. We find the following: (1) Taodonggou
15 Group mudstone minerals are mainly clay and quartz, and can be classified into four petrographic types according to mineral
16 fraction. (2) The Taodonggou Group mudstone was deposited in a warm, humid and hot paleoclimate, with strong weathering.
17 The parent rocks of the Taodonggou Group mudstone are two types of felsic volcanic rocks and andesites, with weak
18 sedimentary sorting and recycling and with well-preserved source information. (3) The Taodonggou Group mudstone were
19 deposited in dyoxic freshwater-brackish water in intermediate-depth or deep lakes with stable inputs of terrigenous debris but
20 at slower deposition rates. Deposition of the middle of Taodonggou Group was influenced by hydrothermal activity; the
21 tectonic setting of the Taodonggou Group source area was a continental island arc and an oceanic island arc. (4) The evolution
22 of the Middle Permian Lake basin in the Turpan-Hami Basin can be divided into three stages: In the early part of the deposition
23 of Taodonggou Group the depocenter was in the Bogda area. At this time the area that became Mt Bogda was not exposed
24 and a succession of high-quality type-III source rocks was widely deposited in the basin. In the middle of the deposition of
25 the Taodonggou Group the depocenter gradually migrated to the Taibei Sag. At this time the Mt Bogda area underwent uplift,
26 and, together with hydrothermal activity, a succession of type-II source rocks was widely deposited in the basin. In the late
27 part of the Taodonggou Group, uplift of the Mt Bogda area ceased and the depocenter transferred entirely to the Taibei Sag.

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29 **Keyword:** Turpan-Hami Basin; Taodonggou Group; Mineralogy; Element Geochemistry; Sedimentary Environment;
30 Source sink system



31 **1 Introduction**

32 The provenance analysis is a method to determine the provenance location, provenance type and transportation path of
33 sediments, which is of great significance for restoring the sedimentary tectonic evolution process of the basin (McLennan et
34 al., 1983; Kröner et al., 1985). There are many methods for provenance analysis, such as heavy and light mineral analysis,
35 zircon U-Pb dating, isotope, petrology and element geochemistry (Rollinson, 1993; Roser and Korsch, 1988; Gehrels et al.,
36 2008). Compared with traditional clastic rocks, mudstone belongs to a class of fine-grained sediments, and heavy mineral
37 analysis and other means are difficult to apply. Therefore, element geochemical methods can be used to realize provenance
38 analysis (Li et al., 2020). Element geochemical analysis is used to determine the lithology of source rock, the weathering
39 degree and tectonic setting of sedimentary source area by analyzing the characteristics of major, trace element and rare earth
40 element of mudstone in the sedimentary area (Li et al., 2020; Floyd and Leveridge, 1987; Basu et al, 2016). Previous studies
41 have found that provenance not only affects the salinity change of lake water, but also affects the input of nutrients and
42 terrestrial organic matter, thus affecting the quality of mudstone(Li et al., 2020; Deditius, 2015; Essefi, 2021). The tectonic
43 activities in the provenance area not only affect the change of sedimentary center, but also affect the change of provenance
44 area (Miao et al., 2022; Pinto et al., 2010). Therefore, it is of great significance to analyze the provenance and tectonic
45 background of mudstone for reconstructing the sedimentary tectonic evolution history of the basin.

46 Turpan-Hami Basin, Junggar Basin and Bogda area all belong to the southern part of the ancient Asian ocean in the
47 Paleozoic era (Korobkin and Buslov, 2011; Jiang et al., 2015). During the Early Carboniferous to Early Permian, they began
48 momentous to separate due to the continuous expansion of the Bogda Rift and began to enter the basin-forming period in the
49 Middle Permian (Miao et al., 2004; Novikov, 2013; Jiang et al., 2015; Wang et al., 2019; Zhang et al., 2019). The Middle
50 Permian is a momentous stage in the tectonic evolution of the Turpan-Hami basin. During this period, the expansion of the
51 Bogda Rift stopped. With the gradual withdrawal of seawater from Xinjiang, the sedimentary environment of Turpan-Hami
52 basin gradually shifted to continental facies, and the sedimentary center gradually shifted from Bogda area to Taibei Sag
53 (Miao et al., 2004; Shi et al., 2020; Li et al., 2022). Taodonggou Group mudstone are widely deposited in Turpan-Hami Basin.
54 Previous studies have confirmed that Taodonggou Group mudstone is a very good - excellent source rock with huge
55 hydrocarbon generation potential (Song et al., 2018; Miao et al., 2021; Miao et al., 2022; Miao et al., 2022; Miao et al., 2022).

56 The sedimentary environment of mud shale is closely related to its hydrocarbon generation potential (Wu et al., 2021; Li
57 et al., 2022; Zhang et al., 2019; Zhao et al., 2021; Miao et al., 2004). Although previous scholars believed that the Taodonggou
58 Group mudstone was deposited in a warm and humid paleoclimate, a high salinity water body, and a dyoxic environment by
59 analyzing outcrop samples and biomarkers, these understandings are relatively simple (Miao et al., 2004; Song et al., 2018;
60 Miao et al., 2021). In Turpan-Hami Basin, it is difficult to meet the requirements of the transfer of the Middle Permian
61 sedimentary environment from marine to continental facies, and the transfer of the sedimentary center from the Bogda area



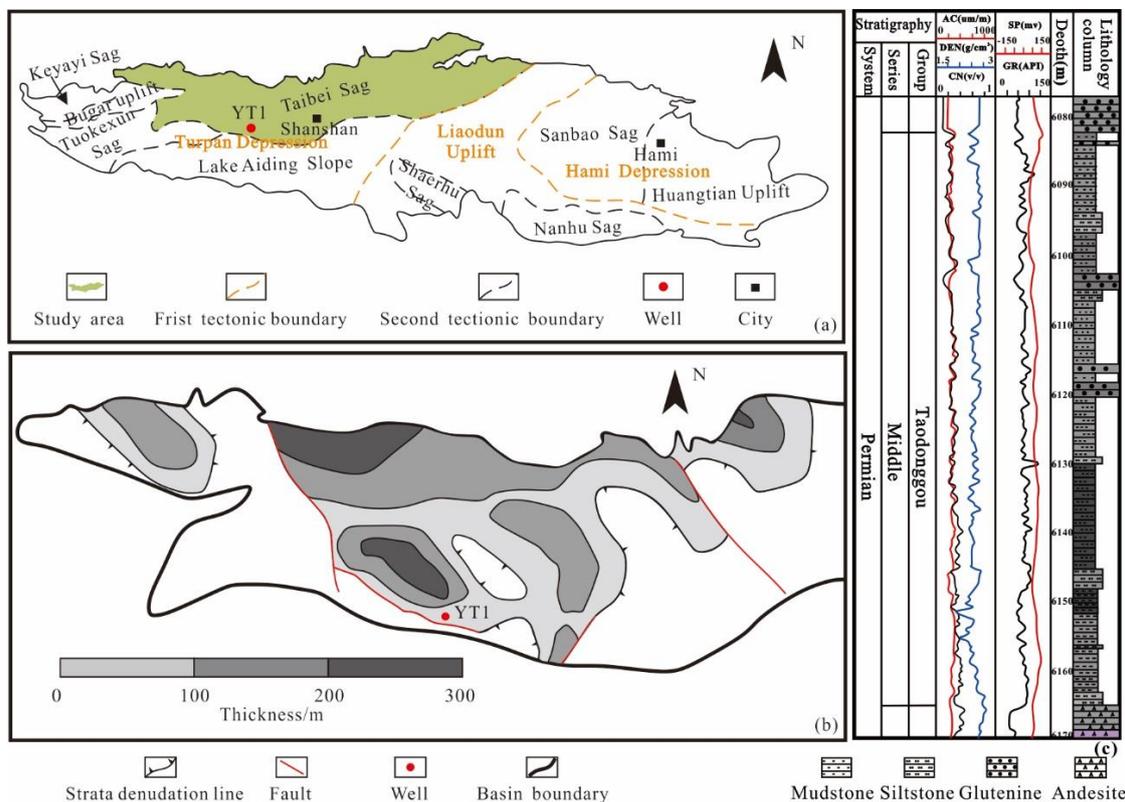
62 to Taibei Sag is a complicated process. Therefore, when reconstructing the sedimentary environment of Middle Permian
63 mudstone, its provenance information and tectonic setting should be considered.

64 Therefore, based on the mineralogical and elemental geochemical characteristics of 16 mudstone samples collected from
65 well YT1, this study analyzed the paleoclimate, paleosedimentary environment, provenance and tectonic setting of source
66 area of Taodonggou Group mudstone during the sedimentary period. The location of the source area of the Taodonggou Group
67 is determined, and the source-sink system of the Taodonggou Group mudstone and the evolution history of the Turpan-Hami
68 Basin are reconstructed.

69 **2 Geological setting**

70 Turpan-Hami Basin, located in the eastern part of Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, is one of the three major
71 petroliferous basins in Xinjiang. It is 660 km long from east to west and 0~130 km wide from north to south, with a total
72 covered area of 5.35×10^4 km². The Turpan-Hami Basin has undergone four stages: extensional rift basin development stage,
73 compressional foreland basin development stage, extensional faulted basin development stage, and compressional regenerated
74 foreland basin development stage, and finally formed the current pattern of Mesozoic Cenozoic superimposed composite
75 inland basin (Zhu et al., 2009; Jiang et al., 2015; Wartes et al., 2002; Greene et al., 2005). According to the tectonic evolution
76 characteristics of the Turpan-Hami Basin, the Turpan-Hami Basin can be divided into three primary tectonic units from east
77 to west: Hami Depression, Liaodun Uplift and Turpan Depression (Miao et al., 2021; Fig. 1a).

78 Taibei sag, the secondary sag of Turpan depression in Turpan-Hami basin, is the largest sedimentary unit in Turpan-Hami
79 basin (Fig. 1b). The Taibei sag is a Paleozoic-Cenozoic inherited subsidence area (Li et al., 2021), which is a key area for oil
80 and gas exploration in the Turpan-Hami Basin due to its high thermal evolution degree of hydrocarbon source rocks, good
81 reservoir physical properties, good cap sealing, and rich oil and gas resources. which is the focus of oil and gas exploration
82 in the Turpan-Hami Basin. (Wu et al., 2021; Li et al., 2021). Taodonggou Group is the general name of Daheyan Formation
83 and Taerlang Formation. Due to the stratigraphic boundary between the Taerlang Formation and Daheyan Formation is not
84 obvious, it is collectively called the Taodonggou Group. The Middle Permian Taodonggou Group are mainly located in the
85 western part of the study area. At present, only YT1 and L30 wells are drilled (YT1 well is drilled through, L30 well is not
86 drilled through). The burial depth of the stratum is 4000~6500 m, and the thickness of mudstone is 50~200 m (Miao et al.,
87 2022).



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89 Fig.1 Geological overview of the study area (modified after Miao et al., 2021; Miao et al., 2022): (a) Geological background of Turpan-Hami
90 basin; (b) Thickness contour map of Taodonggou Group mudstone in Taibei sag; (c) YT1 stratum of Taodonggou Group

91 **3 Samples and experiments**

92 **3.1 Samples**

93 In this study, 16 mudstone samples were collected from well YT1, numbered YT1-1 to YT1-16 in order of depth. After
94 cleaning the samples, XRD, XRF and ICP-MS experiments were conducted.

95 **3.2 Experiments**

96 The XRD experiment was carried out in Hangzhou Yanqu Information Co., Ltd. The experimental instrument was the
97 Ultima VI XRD testing instrument of Japanese Neo Confucianism. In according with the Chinese industry standard SY/T
98 5163-2018, the mudstone was broken to a particle size of less than 200 meshes, and 2g samples were weighed to obtain XRD
99 images through Cu/K α radiation at a scanning speed of 2°/min. The measurement angle range was 3° ≤ 2θ ≤ 70°, and finally
100 quantitative interpretation is made with the software X'Pert Highscore Plus of Panalytic Company.

101 The XRF experiment was conducted in Hangzhou Yanqu Information Co., Ltd., and the experimental instrument was
102 PANalytical Axios tester from Panalytical. The mudstone was first crushed to a particle size of less than 200 meshes, then 10
103 g of the sample was weighed and calcined in a muffle furnace for 4 hours to get rid of organic matter and carbonates, weighed
104 and recorded the weight loss, and finally Li₂B₄O₇ was added, mixed evenly and made into glass bead, and the main element



105 concentration was tested.

106 The ICP-MS test was performed at Beijing Orient Smart, and the test instrument was an ELEMENT XR inductively
 107 coupled plasma emission spectrometer manufactured by Thermo Fisher, Inc. Before analysis, the samples were ground to a
 108 particle size of less than 40 μm. An appropriate amount of the sample was weighed and dissolved in HF (30%) and HNO₃
 109 (68%) at 190°C for 24 hours. After evaporating the excess solvent with deionized water, the solution was redissolved in 2 ml
 110 of 6.5% HNO₃. Redissolve in 2 ml of 6 mol/L HNO₃ and then store at 150 °C for 48 hours. Subsequently, after evaporating
 111 the solution, 1 ml of 6 mol/L HNO₃ evaporated solution was added to the sample.

112 4 Results

113 4.1 Mineralogy

114 The XRD test results of 16 samples from Well YT1 are shown in Table 1 and Figure 2. As can be seen from Table 1 and
 115 Figure 2, Taodonggou Group mudstone are composed of clay, quartz, calcite, plagioclase, barite and K-feldspar, and some
 116 samples contain siderite and pyrite. The content of clay is the highest (23.9% ~ 70.9%, mean 40.78%), followed by quartz
 117 (17.2% ~ 59.2%, mean 34.69%), calcite (1% ~ 35.4%, mean 16.97%), barite (0% ~ 13.3%, mean 4.21%), plagioclase
 118 (0% ~ 5.4%, mean 2.93%) and K-feldspar (0% ~ 2.3%, mean 0.9%).

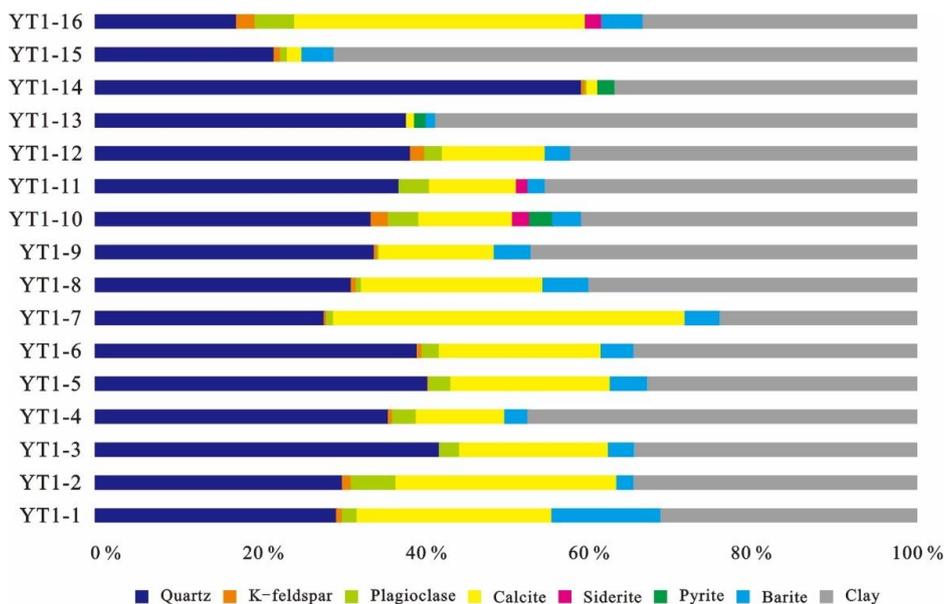
119 Table.1 Mineral composition of Taodonggou Group mudstone in YT1 well

Samples	Depth/m	Minerals content (%)							
		Quartz	K-feldspar	Plagioclase	Calcite	Siderite	Pyrite	Barite	Clay
YT1-1	6084	29.4	0.7	1.8	23.7	/	/	13.3	31.1
YT1-2	6092	30.1	1.1	5.4	26.9	/	/	2.1	34.4
YT1-3	6102	41.9	/	2.5	18.1	/	/	3.2	34.3
YT1-4	6113	35.7	0.5	2.9	10.8	/	/	2.8	47.3
YT1-5	6122	40.5	0.1	2.7	19.4	/	/	4.6	32.7
YT1-6	6129	39.2	0.6	2.1	19.7	/	/	4	34.4
YT1-7	6136	27.9	0.3	0.8	42.8	/	/	4.3	23.9
YT1-8	6140	31.2	0.6	0.6	22.1	/	/	5.6	39.9
YT1-9	6143	34	0.4	0.2	14	/	/	4.5	46.9
YT1-10	6144.7	33.6	2.1	3.7	11.4	2.1	2.8	3.5	40.8
YT1-11	6145.3	37	/	3.7	10.6	1.4	/	2.1	45.2
YT1-12	6145.8	38.4	1.7	2.2	12.5	/	/	3.1	42.1
YT1-13	6147	37.9	/	/	1	/	1.4	1.2	58.5
YT1-14	6151	59.2	0.5	0.2	1.3	/	2.1	/	36.7
YT1-15	6154	21.8	0.8	0.8	1.8	/	/	3.9	70.9
YT1-16	6161	17.2	2.3	4.8	35.4	2	/	5	33.3

120 The mineral composition can be used to analyze the lithofacies type of mudstone, and different lithofacies types often
 121 have different characteristics (Glaser et al., 2014). Previous scholars believed that mudstone types can be divided by the
 122 ternary diagram of mineral composition. The three end elements of the ternary diagram are quartz + feldspar + mica (QFM),
 123 calcite + dolomite + ankerite + siderite + magnesite (carbonate) and clay. The XRD results of 16 mudstone samples from Well
 124 YT1 in the study area are put into the ternary map (Fig. 3). The results show that the data points of Taodonggou Group
 125 mudstone in the study area are located in four areas, namely, mixed mudstone, silica-rich argillaceous mudstone, argillaceous
 126 siliceous mudstone and mixed siliceous mudstone, and most of the points are mixed mudstone and argillaceous siliceous

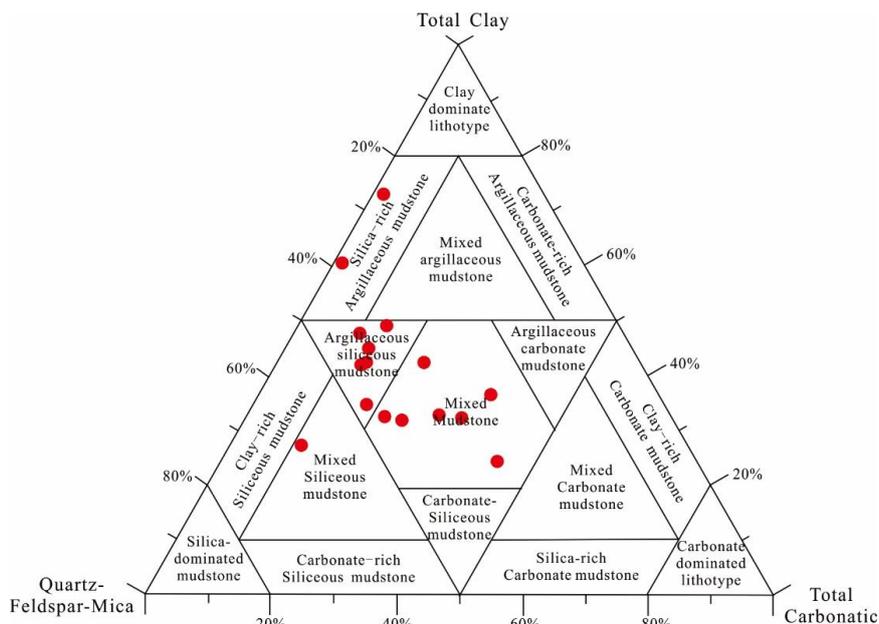


127 mudstone areas, which indicates that Taodonggou Group mudstone can be divided into four types: mixed mudstone, silica-
 128 rich argillaceous mudstone, argillaceous siliceous mudstone and mixed siliceous mudstone, and the main lithofacies are mixed
 129 mudstone and argillaceous siliceous mudstone.



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Fig.2 Mineral composition of Taodonggou group mudstone in YT1 well



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Fig.3 Lithofacies classification of Taodonggou Group mudstone in well YT1(modified from Glaser et al., 2014)

134 **4.2 Major element**

135 Table 2 shows the results of the major elements of 16 mudstone samples from Well YT1. From Table 2 we can see that



136 the major elements of Taodonggou Group mudstone are mainly SiO₂, Al₂O₃, Fe₂O₃, CaO and TiO₂. The highest content of
 137 SiO₂ is from 43.11% to 70.11%, with an average value of 56.18%. Al₂O₃ content takes second place, accounting for 11.65%
 138 to 25.75%, with an average value of 18.69%; The average content of another main element is less than 10%.

139 Table. 2 Major elements of Taodonggou Group mudstone in well YT1

Samples	Depth/m	Content/%										CIA	P/Ti	K ₂ O/Al ₂ O ₃
		SiO ₂	CaO	Al ₂ O ₃	Fe ₂ O ₃	K ₂ O	TiO ₂	Na ₂ O	MgO	P ₂ O ₅	MnO			
YT1-1	6084	43.79	19.05	11.65	5.32	3	1.35	1.15	1.1	0.9	0.3	68.71	0.49	0.26
YT1-2	6092	54.32	14.01	14.96	6.74	3.39	1.37	1.5	1.34	0.29	0.15	70.1	0.15	0.23
YT1-3	6102	56.63	14.36	11.66	5.42	3.38	1.24	1.23	1.36	0.16	0.19	66.63	0.09	0.29
YT1-4	6113	56.92	7.38	17.52	7.93	4.2	1.28	1.22	1.55	0.21	0.14	72.55	0.12	0.24
YT1-5	6122	51.15	12.62	15.25	7.55	3	1.33	1.2	1.15	0.3	0.34	73.85	0.17	0.20
YT1-6	6129	62.28	4.49	16.07	5.93	3.5	1.15	1.68	0.8	1.17	0.12	70.08	0.74	0.22
YT1-7	6136	52.44	9.31	16.57	8.63	2.54	1.5	1.55	0.66	0.37	0.34	74.57	0.18	0.15
YT1-8	6140	55.37	3.01	21.11	9.64	2.63	1.42	1.5	0.49	0.15	0.24	78.92	0.08	0.12
YT1-9	6143	60.24	2.76	21.27	8.73	1.92	1.76	0.84	0.36	0.23	0.22	85.5	0.09	0.09
YT1-10	6144.7	61.08	2.75	24.16	7.54	0.99	1.82	0.3	0.36	0.21	0.06	93.83	0.08	0.04
YT1-11	6145.3	61.02	2.94	25.39	6.84	0.59	1.84	0.31	0.36	0.26	0.06	95.45	0.10	0.02
YT1-12	6145.8	60.32	5.41	21.32	7.29	0.72	1.85	0.34	0.32	0.21	0.06	93.84	0.08	0.03
YT1-13	6147	60.76	1.83	25.75	7.68	0.68	1.95	0.19	0.35	0.25	0.05	96.07	0.09	0.03
YT1-14	6151	70.11	2.44	12.83	7.28	0.97	1.31	0.34	0.27	0.15	0.05	88.59	0.09	0.08
YT1-15	6154	49.39	1.92	25.41	12.25	2.84	2.87	1.57	0.46	0.15	0.06	80.97	0.04	0.11
YT1-16	6161	43.11	9.56	18.04	14.17	2.83	4.22	1.9	0.77	1.03	0.25	73.12	0.18	0.16

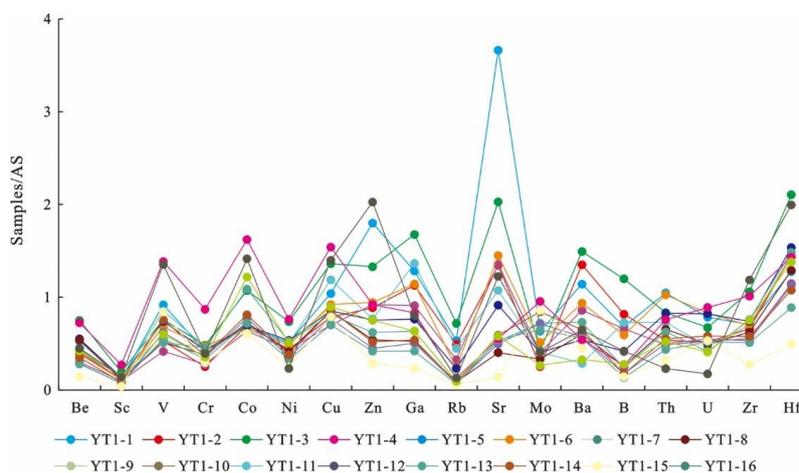
140 **4.3 Trace element**

141 The trace elements content of Taodonggou Group mudstone is shown in Table 3. Enrichment factor (EF) is an important
 142 indicator of element enrichment (Taylor and McLennan, 1985; Ross and Bustin, 2009). By comparing the trace element content
 143 of Taodonggou Group mudstone with the global average shale (AS), the trace element enrichment factors in the study area
 144 are calculated as follows:

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$$X_{EF} = \frac{(X / Al)_{\text{samples}}}{(X / Al)_{AS}} \quad (1)$$

146 Where X and Al represent the concentrations of elements X and Al (Taylor and McLennan, 1985; Ross and Bustin, 2009).
 147 $X_{EF} < 1$ represents the dilution concentration of element X relative to the standard composition, $X_{EF} > 1$ represents the relative
 148 enrichment of element X compared to the AS concentration, $X_{EF} > 3$ represents the detectable autogenetic enrichment, and
 149 $X_{EF} > 10$ is considered as an indicator of moderate to strong autogenetic enrichment (Taylor and McLennan, 1985; Ross and
 150 Bustin, 2009).

151 Figure 4 presents the enrichment factors of Taodonggou Group mudstone in the study area. It can be seen from Figure 4
 152 that only Hf (1.29) is enriched in Taodonggou Group mudstone compared with AS, and other elements are not enriched.



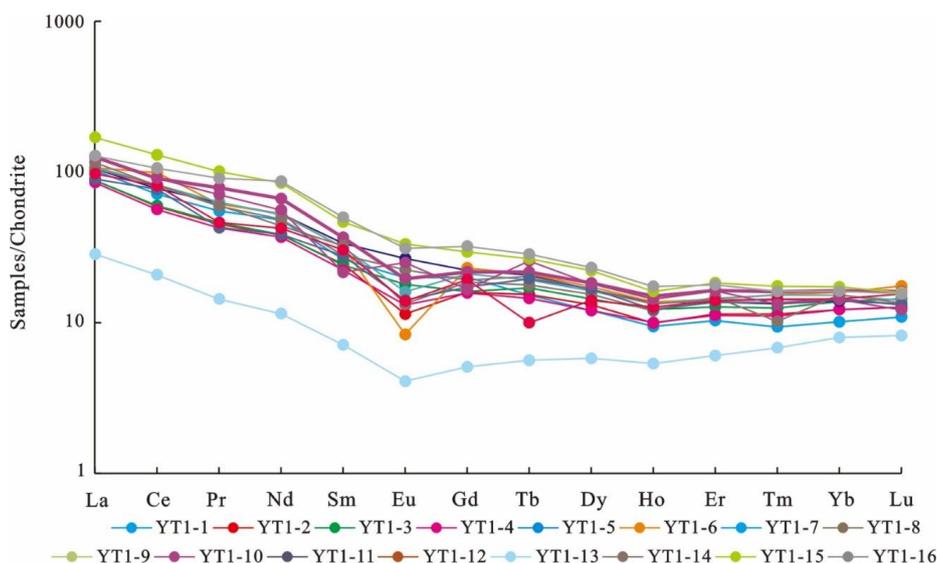
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Figure 4 AS standardized multi-element diagrams of Taodonggou Group mudstone in the study area.

155 **4.4 Rare earth element**

156 The REE content of Taodonggou Group mudstone in the study area is shown in Table 4. According to Table 4, the \sum REE
 157 content of Taodonggou Group mudstone ranged from 43.247×10^{-6} to 257.997×10^{-6} , with an average value of 159.206×10^{-6}
 158 ⁶. The light rare earth element (LREE) content was the highest (mean value 133.45×10^{-6}), followed by medium rare earth
 159 element (MREE) (mean value 17.438×10^{-6}) and heavy rare earth element (HREE) (mean value 6.684×10^{-6}) in that order.
 160 After chondrite standardization (Taylor and McLennan, 1985), Taodonggou Group mudstone shows a right dipping REE
 161 distribution pattern (Fig. 5), $(La/Yb)_N$ is 6.228~10.081, with an average value of 7.358.



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Figure 5. Standardized map of rare-earth element chondrite in mudstone of Taodonggou Group

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Table.3 Characteristics of Trace elements in Taodonggou Group mudstone

Samples	YT1-1	YT1-2	YT1-3	YT1-4	YT1-5	YT1-6	YT1-7	YT1-8	YT1-9	YT1-10	YT1-11	YT1-12	YT1-13	YT1-14	YT1-15	YT1-16
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Depth/m	6084	6092	6102	6113	6122	6129	6136	6140	6143	6144.7	6145.3	6145.8	6147	6151	6154	6161
Be	0.952	1.12	1.67	1	1.52	1.26	1.74	2.17	1.79	1.31	1.35	1.42	0.711	1.77	2.05	1.55
Sc	9.02	11.9	15.5	11.7	13.6	13.1	15.6	16.2	21.2	11.4	13.2	12.3	7	24	26	17.6
V	87.3	64.2	72	59.5	106	89.2	100	88.5	88.7	122.3	114.6	131.6	177	145	124	199
Cr	27.4	21.2	31.8	27.3	40.1	43	40.1	45.1	54.8	48.5	47.6	44.5	43	63	51	40.2
Co	9.46	12.4	14.9	13.3	11.9	12.6	13.7	18.2	27.6	22.3	21.7	20.6	18.7	24.8	36.9	30.4
Ni	25.5	27.8	36.7	32.5	32.6	33.2	37.8	37.2	47.5	36.8	35.7	34.6	27.3	41.7	55.4	17.9
Cu	34.2	33.1	44.8	34.6	51.2	41.8	39.9	50.8	48.9	52.6	50.3	51.4	57.3	55.8	64.4	71.2
Zn	125	79	92.4	96.1	69.8	90.4	74.4	67.9	78.7	64.6	63.2	65.8	44.1	70.4	114	218
Ga	17.81	20.1	23.3	19	24.8	21.9	15.1	13.2	16.1	14.5	12.7	13.7	7.14	12.7	19.2	17.3
Rb	54.5	64.6	73.5	50.4	60	33.5	33.9	16	17.9	15.6	14.6	14.6	13.6	14.2	21	20.7
Sr	758	357	420	422	291	414	269	151	199	214	244	224	63.9	126	263	393
Mo	1.29	0.661	0.866	1.24	1.09	1.44	1.17	1.23	2.68	3.02	2.88	3.14	3.86	2.14	1.18	1.28
Ba	483.8 3	735.7	633	547.2 8	159.2 4	547.6 6	326.4 9	465.2	565	503	516	505	427	254	303.56	424.35
B	46.31	71.3	81.4	67.4	64.5	55.4	60.2	41.3	49.6	44.6	52.6	41.4	41.5	39.7	56.2	54.1
Th	9.16	6.03	7.31	6.43	8.38	12.4	10.3	10.4	10	9.12	8.33	8.86	6.17	7.32	9.96	3.13
U	2.13	1.8	1.83	2.14	1.66	3.1	3.17	2.43	2.06	3.1	3.06	2.89	3.2	2.66	2.42	0.73
Zr	82.7	99.3	124	97.1	107	112	123	132	162	128.8	130.2	123.6	70.8	130.4	192	215
Hf	2.6	3.77	4.29	3.51	3.87	4.03	4.45	4.76	5.52	4.76	3.94	4.01	2.23	3.21	6.13	6.29
Sr/Ba	1.57	0.49	0.66	0.77	1.83	0.76	0.82	0.32	0.35	0.43	0.47	0.44	0.15	0.5	0.87	0.93
Ga/Rb	0.33	0.31	0.32	0.38	0.41	0.65	0.45	0.83	0.9	0.93	0.87	0.94	0.53	0.89	0.91	0.84
B/Ga	2.6	3.55	3.49	3.55	2.6	2.53	3.99	3.13	3.08	3.08	4.14	3.02	5.81	3.13	2.93	3.13
Rb/K(10 ⁻⁴)	21.87	22.94	26.18	14.45	24.08	11.52	16.07	7.32	11.22	18.97	29.79	24.41	24.08	17.63	8.9	8.81
V/Cr	3.19	3.03	2.26	2.18	2.64	2.07	2.49	1.96	1.62	2.52	2.41	2.96	4.12	2.3	2.43	4.95
V/(V+Ni)	0.77	0.7	0.66	0.65	0.76	0.73	0.73	0.7	0.65	0.77	0.76	0.79	0.87	0.78	0.69	0.92

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Table 4 Characteristics of REE in Taodonggou Group mudstone

Sample s	Depth/ m	Content/($\mu\text{g}\cdot\text{g}^{-1}$)														(La/Yb) _N				
		La	Ce	Pr	Nd	Sm	Eu	Gd	Tb	Dy	Ho	Er	Tm	Yb	Lu		ΣREE	LREE	MREE	HREE
YT1-1	6084.00 0	31.7 0	57.70	6.73	28.8 0	5.1 4	1.4 6	5.1 9	0.7 2	3.8 9	0.6 8	2.1 7	0.3 0	2.1 2	0.35 2	146.95 3	124.93 0	17.07 7	4.946 0	10.081
YT1-2	6092.00 0	27.3 0	47.80	5.51	22.9 0	4.7 9	0.8 4	4.1 3	0.7 3	4.2 5	0.7 1	2.4 0	0.3 7	0.3 6	2.5 8	0.40 5	124.69 0	103.51 7	15.44 0	5.738 7.190
YT1-3	6102.00 0	27.3 0	48.30	5.62	23.1 0	4.7 1	1.3 2	4.1 7	0.8 0	4.6 3	0.8 8	2.6 1	0.4 9	2.8 4	0.46 1	127.27 0	104.32 0	16.51 1	6.440 0	6.369
YT1-4	6113.00 0	26.4 0	45.60	5.20	22.2 0	4.3 7	0.9 6	4.0 9	0.6 8	3.8 8	0.7 2	2.3 5	0.3 6	2.5 6	0.40 8	119.78 3	99.400 0	14.70 5	5.678 0	6.953
YT1-5	6122.00 0	32.6 0	62.80	7.61	31.7 0	6.5 6	1.9 7	5.7 8	0.9 5	5.3 7	0.9 9	2.8 3	0.4 2	2.9 9	0.42 0	162.97 0	134.71 0	21.59 0	6.671 0	7.527
YT1-6	6129.00 0	33.1 0	80.10	7.48	31.7 0	6.1 9	1.1 2	5.4 8	0.9 1	5.5 6	0.9 9	3.0 1	0.5 0	3.3 4	0.56 8	180.10 0	152.38 0	20.34 5	7.383 0	6.742
YT1-7	6136.00 0	33.5 0	66.40	7.70	31.2 0	6.1 9	1.1 8	5.4 6	0.9 1	5.2 4	0.9 6	3.0 5	0.4 9	3.1 8	0.45 4	165.91 0	138.80 0	19.93 6	7.178 0	7.102
YT1-8	6140.00 0	35.9 0	65.80	7.23	29.2 0	5.4 7	1.6 5	4.9 6	0.9 6	5.3 6	0.9 7	2.9 1	0.4 7	3.0 1	0.42 6	164.34 0	138.13 0	19.34 4	6.872 0	8.041
YT1-9	6143.00 0	39.0 0	73.40	9.60	40.0 0	7.1 8	1.4 4	5.6 4	1.0 2	5.9 4	1.0 7	3.4 8	0.5 5	3.4 2	0.51 1	192.16 9	162.00 0	22.27 0	7.899 0	7.711
YT1-10	6144.70 0	32.6 0	66.43	7.34	26.4 0	6.3 1	0.9 8	4.8 2	0.8 4	4.9 7	0.8 6	3.1 2	0.3 3	3.2 1	0.43 6	158.64 0	132.77 0	18.13 0	7.096 0	6.847
YT1-11	6145.30 0	27.9 0	62.23	5.23	23.2 0	5.4 2	1.0 4	4.4 6	0.9 2	5.4 1	0.8 8	2.8 4	0.4 2	3.0 3	0.42 3	143.45 0	118.56 0	17.88 0	6.763 0	6.228
YT1-12	6145.80 0	30.2 0	65.60	5.64	25.4 0	5.9 3	1.0 2	5.0 1	0.4 7	4.5 2	0.9 4	2.9 1	0.4 6	3.0 1	0.50 1	151.63 0	126.84 0	5.531 0	6.911 0	6.764
YT1-13	6147.00 0	8.84 0	16.80	1.75	6.90 0	1.3 9	0.3 2	1.3 2	0.7 7	1.8 7	0.3 9	1.2 7	0.2 2	1.6 7	0.26 5	43.247 0	34.290 0	5.531 0	3.426 0	3.569
YT1-14	6151.00 0	39.4 0	73.60	8.64	33.6 0	4.2 2	1.8 4	4.3 1	1.2 3	5.8 3	1.0 2	3.4 3	0.4 8	2.9 2	0.39 8	180.91 0	155.24 0	5.531 0	7.222 0	8.914
YT1-15	6154.00 0	52.6 0	105.0	12.3	50.8 0	9.0 9	2.4 5	7.6 5	1.2 5	7.1 4	1.1 3	3.8 6	0.5 7	3.6 2	0.51 0	257.99 0	220.70 0	28.74 0	8.557 0	9.796
YT1-16	6161.00 0	39.7 0	85.70	11.1	52.1 0	9.7 6	2.2 9	8.3 3	1.3 4	7.4 7	1.2 5	3.7 5	0.5 2	3.3 9	0.50 2	227.20 6	188.60 0	30.44 0	8.166 0	7.895

166 LREE = La + Ce + Pr + Nd; MREE = Sm + Eu + Gd + Tb + Dy + Ho; HREE = Er + Tm + Yb + Lu; (La/Yb)_N = (La/Yb)/(La/Yb)_{chondrite}

167 **5 Discussion**

168 Mineral composition and element geochemical characteristics are one of the important means to analyze the type of



169 parent rock, sedimentary environment and tectonic setting. Therefore, this study provides mineralogy and element
170 geochemical characteristics to analyze the parent rock type, sedimentary environment and tectonic setting source area of
171 Taodonggou Group mudstone in Taibei Sag, Turpan-Hami Basin.

172 5.1 Paleoclimate and weathering

173 The paleoclimate not only affects the weathering degree of the parent rock, but also affects the transport distance of
174 sedimentary debris and the transport of nutrients (Zhang et al., 2005). There are many evaluation indexes of paleoclimate,
175 such as chemical alteration index (CIA) and climate index (C). It is generally believed that when CIA=50~65 and $C < 0.2$, it
176 reflects that the sedimentary system is in a dry and cold climate under the background of lower of degree of chemical
177 weathering; when CIA=65~85 and $0.2 < C < 0.8$, it indicates that the sedimentary system is in a warm and humid climate
178 under the background of middle of degree of chemical weathering; when CIA=85~100 and $C > 0.8$, it reflects the humid and
179 hot climate under the background of high of degree of chemical weathering (Zhang et al., 2019; Nesbitt and Nesbitt, 1984).
180 The calculation formula of CIA and C is as follows:

$$181 \quad CIA = \frac{Al_2O_3 \times 100}{Al_2O_3 + Na_2O + CaO^* + K_2O} \quad (2)$$

$$182 \quad C = \frac{Fe + Mn + Cr + Ni + V + Co}{Ca + Mg + Sr + Ba + K + Na} \quad (3)$$

183 In formula (2), CaO * only refers to CaO in silicate minerals. Due to the lack of direct measurement means, it is often
184 calculated indirectly by the content of P_2O_5 , namely:

$$185 \quad CaO^* = mol(CaO) - \frac{10}{3} mol(P_2O_5) \quad (4)$$

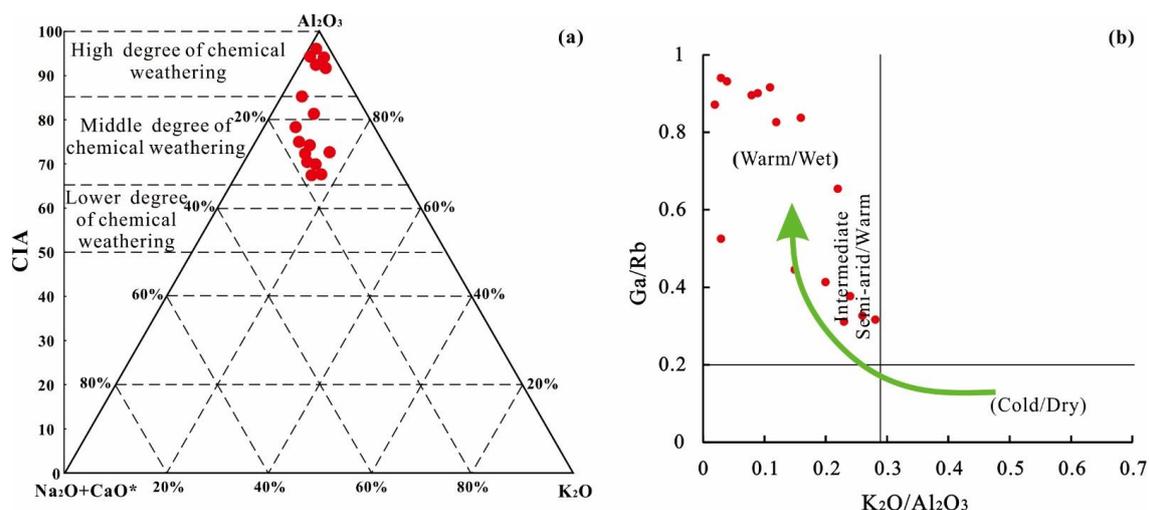
186 Where, mol(CaO) and mol(P_2O_5) are the mole numbers of CaO and P_2O_5 , where when $mol(Na_2O) \leq mol(CaO^*)$, mol
187 (CaO^*) = mol(Na_2O); on the contrary, when $mol(Na_2O) > mol(CaO^*)$, mol(CaO^*) = mol(CaO) (Nesbitt and Young, 1984).
188 The CIA values of the Taodonggou Group mudstone in the study area were calculated based on Equation (2) and Equation
189 (3), ranging from 68.71 to 96.97, with a mean value of 80.17. The climate index (C) is 0.22 ~ 2.42 (average = 1.01). The
190 overall paleoclimate was warm-humid and hot (Fig. 7a). According to Table 2, the relationship between CIA value and depth
191 is analyzed, and it is found that the CIA value first increases and then decreases with depth, indicating that Taodonggou Group
192 mudstone was deposited in a warm, humid and hot paleoclimate, and can be divided into three stages.

193 In addition, the cross plot of Ga/Rb and K_2O/Al_2O_3 can also be used to analyze the paleoclimate characteristics during
194 the formation of sedimentary rocks (Lerman and Baccini, 1987; Liu and Zhou, 2007). As shown in the cross plot of Ga/Rb
195 and K_2O/Al_2O_3 (Fig. 7b), almost all points are in the warm/wet area, which indicates that Taodonggou Group mudstone was
196 deposited in a warm and humid paleoclimate.

197 Based on the above analysis, Taodonggou Group mudstone in the study area were deposited in a warm, humid and hot
198 paleoclimate. This result is consistent with Miao's indicator result using the biomarker parameter CPI (Miao et al., 2021),



199 indicating that the biomarker parameter CPI can be used to explain the paleoclimate change characteristics of hydrocarbon
 200 source rocks with $R_o \leq 1.49$.



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 202 Figure.6 Paleoclimate index of Taodonggou Group: (a) CIA Characteristics of Taodonggou Group mudstone (modified from Nesbitt and Young,
 203 1984); (b) cross plot of K_2O/Al_2O_3 and Ga/Rb (modified from Roy and Roser, 2013)

204 5.2 Provenance

205 5.2.1 Lithology of parent rock

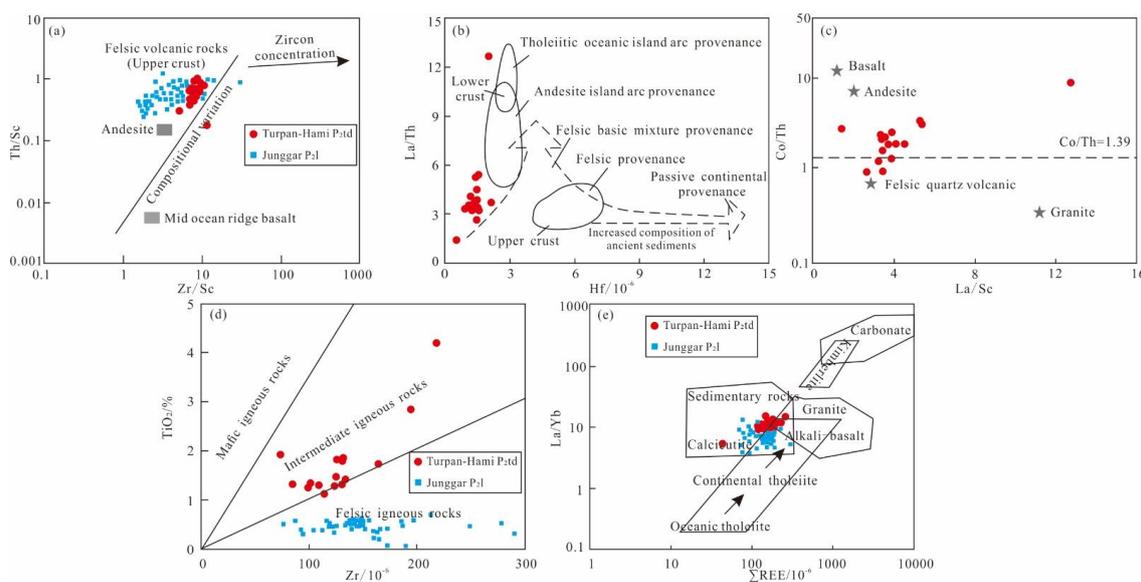
206 Previous studies have found that the chemical composition of the rocks in the sedimentary area and the parent rock in
 207 the provenance area has a strong affinity, and the type of parent rock will directly affect the element geochemical
 208 characteristics of the sediment (Tribovillard et al., 2006; Shi et al., 2021; McLennan et al., 1993; Basu et al., 2016; Hu et al.,
 209 2021; Floyd and Leveridge, 1987; Wronkiewicz and Condie, 1987). Generally speaking, the transport of sediment from the
 210 source area to the sedimentary area goes through multiple complex processes such as mechanical transport and chemical
 211 action, and hence it is necessary to analyze the impact of sediment sorting and recycling on each chemical component when
 212 identifying the source. Previous studies have shown that trace elements Zr, Th and Sc are relatively stable in geological
 213 processes such as weathering, transportation and sorting, and are not easily lost, which can be used as one of the indicators
 214 for parent rock identification (Floyd and Leveridge, 1987; Wronkiewicz and Condie, 1987). According to Th/Sc and Zr/Sc
 215 intersection diagram of Taodonggou Group mudstone (Fig. 7a), Taodonggou Group mudstone is close to andesite and felsic
 216 volcanic rock of the upper crust, and its composition is controlled by the composition of felsic parent rock, and has not
 217 undergone sediment sorting and recycling.

218 In addition, REE and trace elements in mudstone from different parent rocks are obviously different, so the ratio of REE
 219 to trace elements can be used to analyze the type of parent rock, and most common ones are La/Sc, La/Co, Th/Sc, Th/Co and
 220 Cr/Th (Basu et al., 2016; Hu et al., 2021; Floyd and Leveridge, 1987; Wronkiewicz and Condie, 1987; Allègre and Minster,



221 1978). Based on the Hf and La/Th intersection diagram (Fig. 7b) and the La/Sc and Co/Th intersection diagram (Fig. 7c), we
 222 can see that Taodonggou Group mudstone have both andesitic island-arc sources and felsic volcanic sources. It can be seen
 223 from the cross plot of TiO₂ and Zr (Fig. 7d) that Taodonggou Group mudstone have a source of intermediate igneous rocks
 224 and felsic igneous rocks. As can be seen from the cross plot of La/Yb and Σ REE (Fig. 7e), almost all data points are located
 225 in the sedimentary rock area, alkali basalt and granite area.

226 In summary, the parent rocks of Taodonggou Group mudstone are andesitic and feldspathic volcanic rocks, with weak
 227 sedimentary sorting and recirculation, and the material source information is well-preserved.



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 229 Figure.7 Parent rock type of Taodonggou Group in YT1 well (Data of Lucaogou Formation in Junggar Basin are from Li et al., 2020): (a) Th/Sc
 230 and Zr/Sc intersection diagram(modified after Floyd and Leveridge, 1987); (b) La/Th and Hf intersection diagram(modified after Floyd and
 231 Leveridge, 1987); (c) Co/Th and La/Sc intersection diagram(modified after Wronkiewicz and Condie, 1987); (d) TiO₂ and Zr intersection
 232 diagram; (e) La/Yb and ΣREE intersection diagram (modified after Allègre and Minster, 1978)

233 5.2.2 Location of Parent Rock

234 There is a great controversy about the provenance location of the Middle Permian in Turpan-Hami (Shao et al., 2001;
 235 Jiang et al., 2015; Wang et al., 2019; Zhao et al., 2020; Song et al., 2018; Wang et al., 2018; Tang et al, 2014). Shao et al.
 236 (1999) believed that the provenance of the Permian was mainly from the Jueluotage Mountain in the south of the Turpan-
 237 Hami Basin, Song et al. (2018) considered that it came from Bogda area, Zhao et al. (2020) believed that the provenance of
 238 the Permian in the Turpan-Hami Basin was consistent with that in Junggar, and originated from the Kelameili Mountain and
 239 the Northern Tianshan. Summarizing the previous research results, it is found that the main controversial point is the time of
 240 the first uplift of Bogda Mountain.

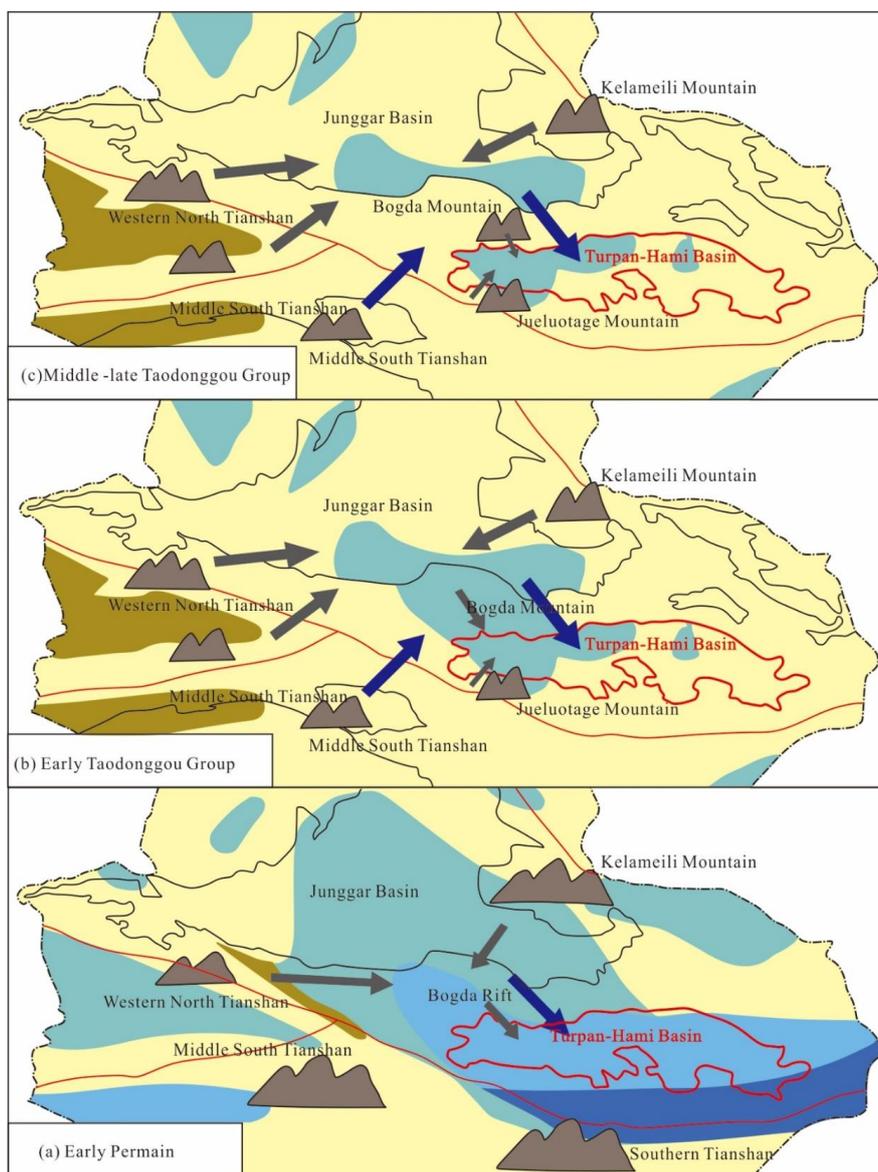
241 At present, there are many opinions about the time of Bogda Mountains uplift. They think that the initial uplift of Bogda



242 Mountains occurred in Early Permian (Carroll et al., 1990; Shu et al., 2011; Wang et al., 2018; Li et al., 2022), Middle Permian
243 (Zhang et al., 2006; Liu et al., 2018; Wang et al., 2018), Late Permian-Early Triassic (Zhao et al., 2020; Guo et al., 2006;
244 Wang, 1996; Sun and Liu, 2009; Tang et al., 2014; Wang et al., 2018), Middle Triassic (Guo et al., 2006), Early Jurassic
245 (Green et al., 2005; Liu et al., 2017; Ji et al., 2018) and Late Jurassic (Yang et al., 2015). If the initial uplift of the Bogda
246 Mountains was after the middle Permian, the parent rock types of the Taodonggou Group (P_{2td}) mudstone in the Turpan-Hami
247 Basin and the Luchaogou Formation (P_{2l}) mudstone in the Junggar Basin should be the same.

248 We have counted the element geochemical characteristics of Luchaogou Formation (P_{2l}) in the Junggar Basin (Li et al.,
249 2020), and found that the parent rock type of P_{2l} mudstone in the Junggar Basin is greatly different from that of P_{2td}, which
250 is felsic volcanic rock (Fig. 7). Therefore, the initial uplift of Bogda Mountain should be Late Permian-Early Triassic in the Early
251 Permian or Middle Permian. This is consistent with Li et al. (2022) and Wang et al. (2018) who inferred the uplift of Bogda
252 Mountain at 289.8 Ma-265.7 Ma. Shao et al. (2001) believed that the sandstone of the Daheyan Formation in Turpan-Hami
253 Basin has a good affinity with the Early Permian and Carboniferous, so the provenance direction of the sandstone of Daheyan
254 Formation is consistent with that of the Early Permian, and they all come from the Jueluotage Mountain. However, the
255 paleocurrent direction of the Early Permian in Xinjiang is southeast (Zhang et al., 2005; Li et al., 2007; Wang et al., 2019),
256 and the provenance area is located in the north of Bogda area. Zhao et al. (2020) calculated the U-Pb dating results of 5250
257 zircons in the Tianshan and believed that the provenance of the Turpan-Hami Basin and the Junggar Basin both came from
258 the northern Tianshan and the Kelameili Mountain, which is also consistent with the ancient ocean current direction in the
259 Early Permian (Zhang et al., 2005; Li et al., 2007; Wang et al., 2019; Fig. 8a). Consequently, the first uplift of Bogda Mountain
260 should have occurred in the Early Permian, but it was not exposed in the early Middle Permian and it still received
261 sedimentation. In the middle Middle Permian, the exposed water began to be denuded, becoming the source area of the
262 Turpan-Hami Basin (Wang et al., 2018).

263 Based on the above analysis, in the early Middle Permian, although Bogda Mountain in the north of Turpan-Hami Basin
264 was uplifted due to orogeny, it did not emerge from the water surface, and it still accepted the provenance of North Tianshan
265 and Kelameili Mountain. At this time, there was a NE trending ancient ocean current (Carroll et al., 1995; Obrist-Farnert et
266 al., 2015; Zhao et al., 2020), so Jueluotage Mountain, which has been uplifted in the south of Turpan-Hami Basin, became a
267 secondary provenance area (Shao et al., 1999; Fig. 8b). With the continuous uplift of Bogda Mountain, the sedimentary center
268 of Turpan-Hami Basin gradually shifted to Taibei Sag, and the provenance area of Turpan-Hami Basin changed to Bogda
269 Mountain and Jueluotage Mountain (Fig. 8c).



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271 Figure. 8 Provenance location from Early Permian to Middle Permian in Tianshan area (modified after Zhao et al., 2020):

272 (a) Early Permian; (b) Early of Taodonggou Group; (c) Middle to later of Taodonggou Group

273 5.3 Paleosedimentary environment

274 5.3.1 Paleo-redox conditions

275 Redox environments are critical to the preservation of organic matter in sedimentary rocks, and sensitive elements such
276 as Co, Mo, U, Th, V, Ni and Cr are commonly used to identify redox conditions in ancient water bodies. Previous evidence
277 suggests that $U/Th < 0.75$, $V/Cr < 2$ and $V/(V+Ni) < 0.45$ represent an oxic conditions, $0.75 < U/Th < 1.25$, $2 < V/Cr < 4.25$
278 and $0.45 < V/(V+Ni) < 0.84$ represent a dyoxic conditions, $U/Th < 1.25$, $V/Cr < 4.25$ or $V/(V+Ni) < 0.84$ represent an anoxic



279 condition (Hatch and Leventhal, 1992; Rosenthal et al., 1995; Tribovillard et al, 2006; Tribovillard et al, 2012). There is no
 280 significant correlation between V, U and Th and Al_2O_3 contents in the Taodonggou Group mudstone samples, indicating that
 281 V, U and Th contents in Taodonggou Group mudstone are mainly controlled by authigenic deposition under redox conditions
 282 (Tribovillard et al, 1994). The U/Th, V/Cr and V/(V+Ni) of the Taodonggou Group mudstone range from 0.21 to 0.52 (mean
 283 = 0.29), 1.62 to 4.95 (mean = 2.7) and 0.65 to 0.92 (mean = 0.75), respectively. In the light of U/Th, Taodonggou Group
 284 mudstone were deposited in an oxic environment, and according to V/Cr and V/(V+Ni), Taodong Group mudstone were
 285 deposited in a dyoixic environment. This is because U/Th cannot accurately identify the redox environment of the sediments
 286 under highly weathered conditions (Cao et al., 2021), so V/Cr and V/(V+Ni) were used in this study to identify the redox
 287 environment of Taodonggou Group mudstone. The cross plot of V/Cr and V/(V+Ni) shows (Fig. 9) that Taodonggou Group
 288 mudstone were deposited in a dyoixic environment.

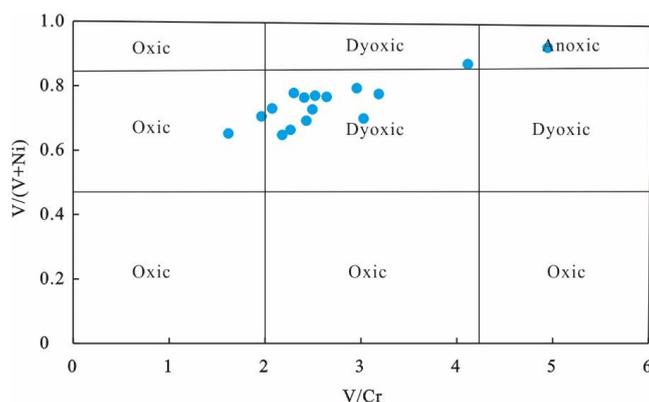


Figure.9 Cross plot of V/Cr and V/(V+Ni)

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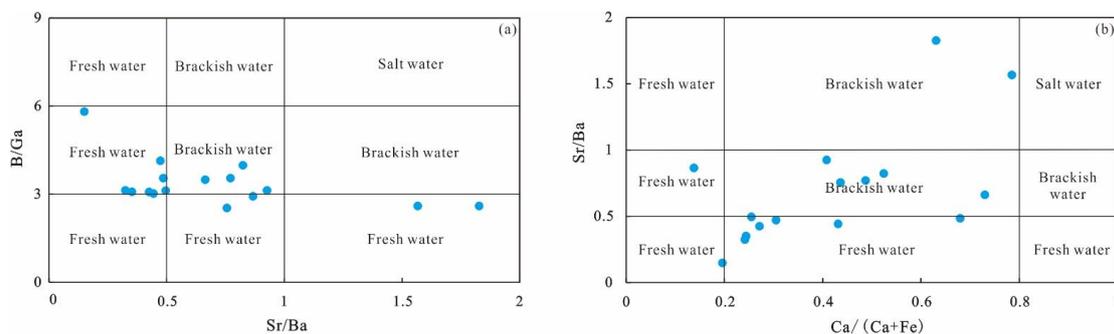
291 5.3.2 Paleosalinity

292 Paleosalinity is an important indicator of water body paleoenvironment. The level of paleosalinity affects the
 293 stratification of the sedimentary water body and the development of plankton, thereby affecting the paleoproductivity and the
 294 enrichment of organic matter in the sedimentary environment (Thorpe et al., 2012; Wang et al., 2021; Shi et al., 2021). There
 295 is a consensus among previous studies that Sr/Ba and B/Ga can represent the change of paleosalinity. It is generally believed
 296 that $Sr/Ba < 0.5$ or $B/Ga < 3$ represents fresh water, $0.5 < Sr/Ba < 1$ or $3 < B/Ga < 6$ means brackish water, and $Sr/Ba > 1$ or $B/Ga > 6$
 297 represents saline water. The correlation between Sr and CaO of Taodonggou Group mudstone in the study area is not obvious
 298 ($R^2=0.17$), Sr/Ba of Taodonggou Group mudstone in the study area range from 0.32 to 1.83, with an average value of 0.71,
 299 and the B/Ga is 2.53 ~ 5.81 (average = 3.36), indicating that Taodonggou Group mudstone were deposited in freshwater and
 300 brackish water environments (Fig. 10a).

301 In addition, $Ca/(Ca+Fe)$ is a reliable indicator for evaluating the salinity of lake waters (Wang et al., 2021). The $Ca/(Ca+Fe)$
 302 distribution of Taodonggou Group mudstone in the study area ranges from 0.14 to 0.78, with a mean value of 0.42. The Sr/Ba
 303 and $Ca/(Ca+Fe)$ intersection diagram (Fig. 10b) shows that Taodonggou Group mudstone were deposited in freshwater and



304 brackish water environments, which is in accord with the Sr/Ba and B/Ga intersection diagram.



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Figure.10 Cross plot of B/Ga and Sr/Ba (a) and cross plot of Ca/(Ca+Fe) and Sr/Ba (b)

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5.3.3 Paleobathymetry

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Previous studies have shown that some elements in the sedimentation process have obvious differences with the change of offshore distance. These elements can be used to judge the water depth variation in the sedimentation period. The commonly used indicators are Zr/Al, Rb/K and MnO content (Xiong and Xiao, 2011; Herkat et al., 2013). It is now believed that the lower the Zr / Al ratio or the higher the Rb / K ratio, the further offshore and the deeper the water (Xiong and Xiao, 2011; Herkat et al., 2013). Zr/Al of Taodonggou Group mudstone is $5.19 \times 10^{-4} \sim 22.51 \times 10^{-4}$ (average = 13.44×10^{-4}), showing a trend of first decreasing and then increasing with the depth, Rb/K ranges from 7.32×10^{-4} to 29.79×10^{-4} (mean 19.02×10^{-4}), with large fluctuations with depth of burial. The high-value area of Rb/K is basically consistent with the low-value area of Zr/Al, which indicates that the ancient water depth during the Taodonggou Group mudstone deposition process has a trend of first decreasing and then increasing.

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For the content of MnO, it is generally believed that $< 0.00094\%$ is a shore lake, $0.00094\% \sim 0.0075\%$ is shallow lake, $0.0075\% \sim 0.051\%$ is an intermediate depth lake, and $> 0.051\%$ is a deep lake (Herkat et al., 2013). According to Table 2, MnO of Taodonggou Group mudstone is $0.05\% \sim 0.30\%$, with an average of 0.16% , which indicates that the Taodonggou Group mudstone are mainly deposited in intermediate depth - deep lake sedimentary environment.

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5.3.4 Terrigenous detritus input

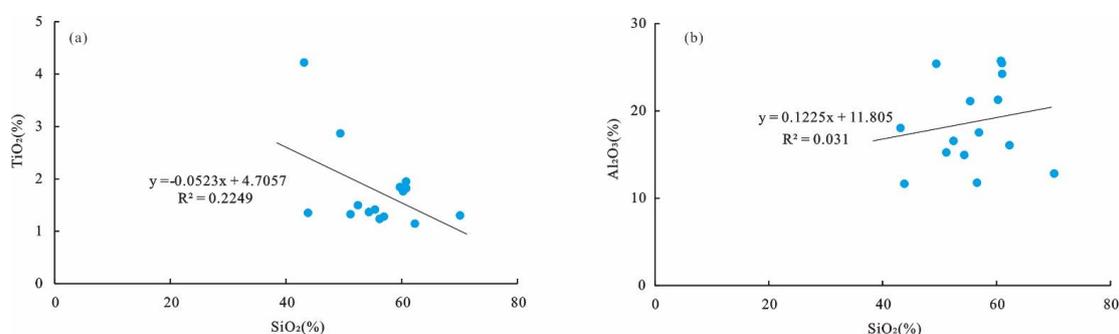
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Ti, Si and Al are relatively stable during diagenesis and are usually used as indicators of debris flux input (Algeo and Maynard, 2004; Maravelis et al., 2021). Generally, Ti in sediments comes from ilmenite (FeTiO_3) or rutile (TiO_2), while Al can exist in feldspar, clay minerals and other aluminum silicate minerals (Algeo and Maynard, 2004). Compared with Ti and Al, Si comes from many sources, including both biological origin and hydrothermal and terrigenous clastic input (Kidder and Erwin, 2001). Therefore, when using SiO_2 as the evaluation index for terrigenous clastic input, its source needs to be analyzed. The correlation of Al_2O_3 and TiO_2 with SiO_2 in the Well YT1 of the study area is not obvious, which indicates that their sources are more complex and not dominated by terrestrial debris sources (Fig. 11). Therefore, Al_2O_3 and TiO_2 are used in this study to indicate the terrestrial debris input during the deposition of the Taodonggou Group mudstone.

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330 The Al_2O_3 content of YT1 wells is higher, ranging from 11.65 % to 25.75 %, with an average value of 18.69 %; the TiO_2
 331 is 1.15 % ~ 4.22 % (average = 1.77 %). As can be seen from Table 2, the Al_2O_3 content of Well YT1 fluctuates more with
 332 depth, and the overall trend is increasing first and then decreasing with depth, while the TiO_2 fluctuates less with depth, and
 333 on the whole, the trend is increasing with depth. Combined with the results of paleoclimate analysis in the study area, it is
 334 found that the terrestrial debris input during the deposition of the Taodonggou Group strata has the characteristics of increasing
 335 first and then decreasing.



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 337 Figure.11 Intersection diagram of TiO_2 and SiO_2 (a) and intersection diagram of Al_2O_3 and SiO_2 (b)

338 5.3.5 Paleoproductivity

339 Paleoproductivity determines the quantity of original organic matter in sedimentary rocks (Wei et al., 2012; Algeo and
 340 Ingall, 2007; Ross and Bustin, 2009; Schoepfer et al., 2015). The elements P, Si, Ba, Zn and Cu are indicators of the magnitude
 341 of paleoproductivity, but they all have a certain range of application, for example, only the biogenic part of Si and Ba can
 342 represent the productivity, and Zn can only represent the productivity change in the sulfide reduction environment (Wei et al.,
 343 2012; Algeo and Ingall, 2007).

344 P is not only a key nutrient element in biological metabolism, but also an important component of many organisms, so it
 345 can also be used to characterize biological productivity (Kidder and Erwin, 2001). In order to eliminate the influence of
 346 terrigenous detritus, P/Ti or P/Al is usually used to reflect biological productivity. The P/Ti of Taodonggou Group mudstone
 347 in the study area ranges from 0.04 to 0.74 %, with an average value of 0.17 % and an overall low productivity. As shown in
 348 Table 2, the relationship between P/Ti and depth was analyzed, and the results showed that the paleontological productivity
 349 tended to increase and then decrease with depth.

350 In addition, Cu also an important nutrient, unlike P, is generally indicative of productivity including the sum of primary
 351 productivity and productivity from terrestrial inputs (Schoepfer et al., 2015). For the purpose of eliminating the dilution
 352 interference of terrigenous detritus, Cu/Ti is used as an indicator to evaluate the paleoproductivity in this study. The
 353 distribution range of Cu/Ti of Taodonggou Group mudstone in the study area is from 0.55 to 1.96 with an average value of
 354 1.02, and gradually decreases with depth, indicating a gradual increase in palaeoproductivity during the deposition of
 355 Taodonggou Group mudstone.

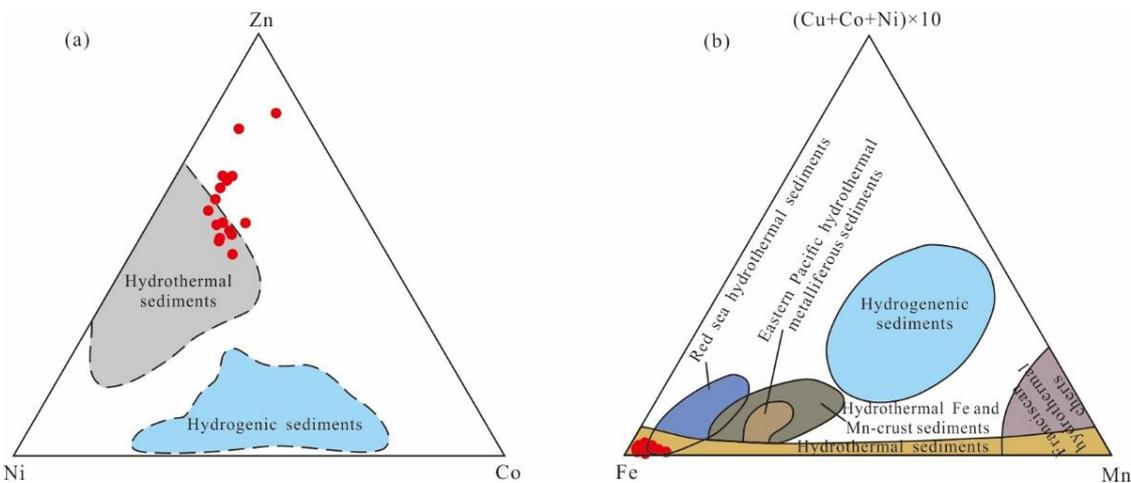


356 5.3.6 Deposition rate

357 The deposition rate is one of the parameters characterizing the magnitude of the dilution effect during deposition and is
 358 commonly characterized by $(La/Yb)_N$. It is generally believed that the difference between LREE and HREE migration is not
 359 significant when the sedimentation rate of the lake basin is faster and the $(La/Yb)_N$ value is close to 1. Conversely, when the
 360 $(La/Yb)_N$ value is greater or less than 1, it indicates that the sedimentation rate of the lake basin is slower (Wang et al., 2021;
 361 Cao et al., 2018). The $(La/Yb)_N$ of Taodonggou Group mudstone are 6.228~10.081, with an average value of 7.358 in the
 362 study area, which is much greater than 1. This indicates that the Taodonggou Group mudstone have a slower deposition rate.

363 5.3.7 Hydrothermal activity

364 The study area has been extremely volcanically active since the Carboniferous to the Permian, with extensive volcanic
 365 deposits in the Middle Permian Taodongou Group, the Lower Permian Yierxitu Formation, and the Carboniferous in the study
 366 area. In order to explore whether a hydrothermal activity is involved in the Middle Permian sedimentation, the Zn-Ni-Co
 367 ternary diagram and $(Cu+Co+Ni) \times 10$ -Fe-Mn ternary diagram are applied in this study (Xu et al., 2022; You et al., 2019).
 368 Based on the Zn-Ni-Co ternary diagram (Fig. 12a), some data points of the Taodonggou Group mudstone are distributed in
 369 the hydrothermal sedimentary zone, and based on the $(Cu+Co+Ni) \times 10$ -Fe-Mn ternary diagram (Fig. 12b), all data points of
 370 the samples fall in the hydrothermal sediments zone and Red Sea hydrothermal sediments zone, which indicates that the
 371 Taodonggou Group mudstone deposition was influenced by hydrothermal fluids.



372 Fig.12 Zn-Ni-Co ternary diagram (a) and $(Cu+Co+Ni) \times 10$ -Fe-Mn ternary diagram (b) (modified after You et al., 2019)

374 5.4 Tectonic setting

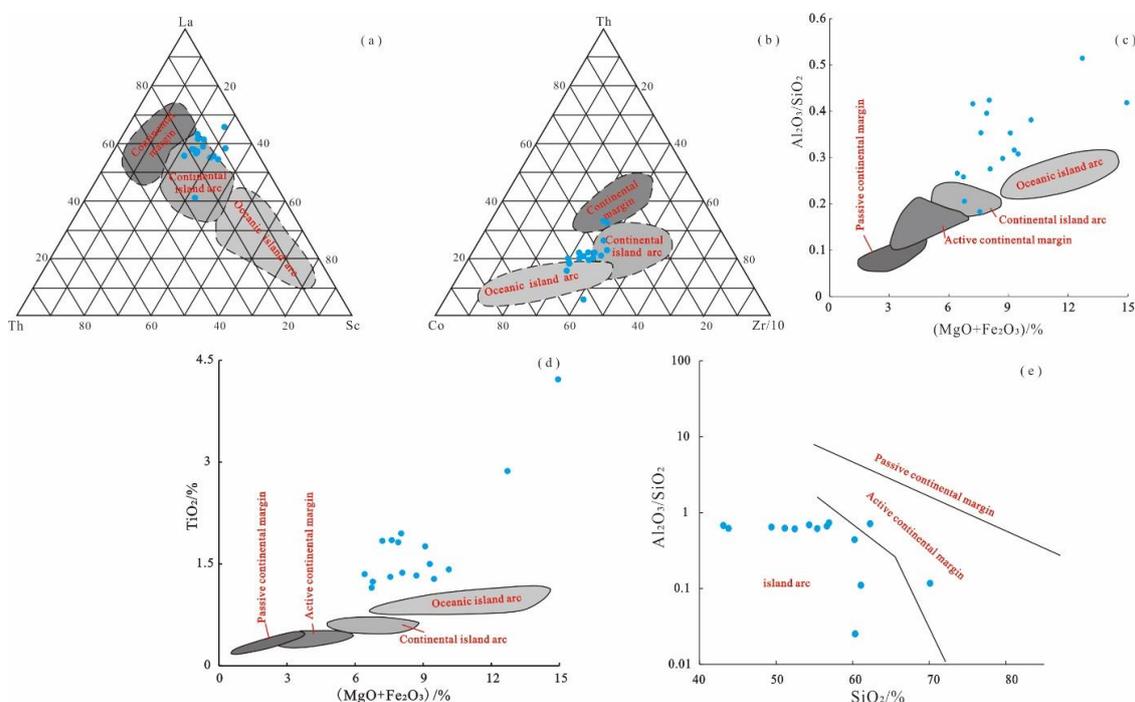
375 Sedimentary rocks of different tectonic settings have prominent differences in element composition and content, so the
 376 geochemical characteristics of sedimentary rocks can be used to reflect the tectonic setting of sedimentary basins
 377 (Kroonenberg, 1992).

378 The elements Co, Th, Sc, Zr and La are relatively stable and less affected by geological activities such as weathering,



379 transportation and deposition. Therefore, the La-Th-Sc ternary diagram and Th-Co-Zr/10 ternary diagram can be utilized to
 380 distinguish the tectonic setting during the formation of sediments (Bhatia and Crook, 1986; Cai et al., 2022). Based on the
 381 La-Th-Sc ternary diagram (Fig. 13a), most of the data points fall in the continental island arc region, and on the Th-Co-Zr/10
 382 ternary diagram (Fig. 13b), almost all the data points fall in the continental island arc and oceanic island arc regions. This
 383 indicates that the tectonic setting of the source area of the Taodonggou Group is continental island arc and oceanic island arc.

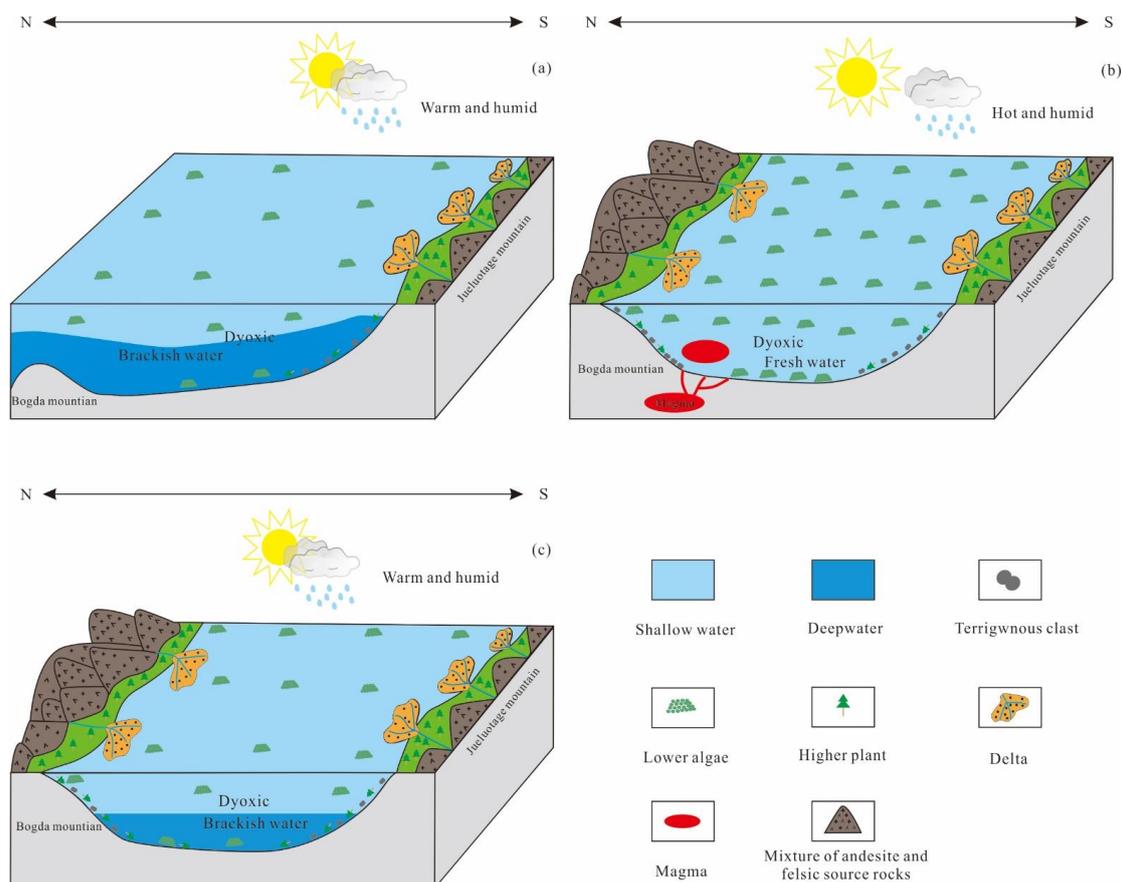
384 Additionally, previous studies have shown that SiO₂, TiO₂, Al₂O₃/SiO₂ and Fe₂O₃+MgO are also important parameters
 385 for identifying the source tectonic setting. Cross plots of Al₂O₃/SiO₂ and Fe₂O₃+MgO, TiO₂ and Fe₂O₃+MgO, and SiO₂ and
 386 Al₂O₃/SiO₂ are often employed to recognize the tectonic setting (Bhatia, 1983; Li et al., 2020; Roser and Korsch, 1988). Based
 387 on cross plot of Al₂O₃/SiO₂ and Fe₂O₃+MgO (Fig. 13c), all data points are distributed around continental island arc and oceanic
 388 island arc, which is consistent with cross plot of TiO₂ and Fe₂O₃+MgO (Fig. 13d) and cross plot of SiO₂ and Al₂O₃/SiO₂ (Fig.
 389 13e). Therefore, the tectonic setting of Taodonggou Group mudstone source area is continental island arc and oceanic island
 390 arc.



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 392 Fig.13 Tectonic setting of source area in Taodonggou Group mudstone: (a) La-Th-Sc ternary diagram (modified after Zhu et al., 2021); (b) Th-
 393 Co-Zr/10 ternary diagram (modified after Zhu et al., 2021); (c) cross plot of Al₂O₃/SiO₂ and Fe₂O₃+MgO (modified after Bhatia, 1983); (d) cross
 394 plot of TiO₂ and Fe₂O₃+MgO (modified after Bhatia, 1983); (e) cross plot of SiO₂ and Al₂O₃/SiO₂ (modified after Roser and Korsch, 1988)

395 5.5 Source sink system and evolution history of lake basin

396 Based on the above analysis of the source and sedimentary environment of Taodonggou Group mudstone, the
 397 geochemical profile of Taodonggou Group in Well YT1 is drawn in this study (Fig. 14). According to Fig. 14 and previous



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418 Figure 15 Middle Permian source sink system and lake basin evolution history of Turpan-Hami basin: (a) Early Taodonggou Group; (b) Middle

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Taodonggou Group; (c) Late Taodonggou Group

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In the late of Taodonggou Group, the uplift of Bogda Mountain basically stopped, and the climate changed to a warm and humid paleoclimate again. The weathering degree was high, and the input of terrigenous debris was reduced. The provenance areas were still Bogda Mountain and Jueluotage Mountain. At this time, the sedimentary center was basically transferred to the Taibei Sag. During this period, the salinity of the sedimentary water body was high, and the sedimentary water body became deeper. It was a deep lake environment with dyoxic and brackish water. A set of high-quality source rocks of type III organic matter was deposited in this stage.

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6 Conclusion

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Through the mineral composition and element geochemical analysis of the Taodonggou Group mudstone, the following understandings have been obtained:

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(1) The Taodonggou Group mudstone minerals are mainly clay and quartz, and can be classified into 4 petrographic types according to their mineral fractions.

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(2) The Taodonggou Group mudstone was deposited in a warm, humid and hot paleoclimate, with strong weathering, the



432 parent rocks of the Taodonggou Group mudstone are two types of felsic volcanic rocks and andesites, with weak sedimentary
433 sorting and recycling, and better-preserved source information.

434 (3) The Taodonggou Group mudstone were deposited in dyoxic freshwater-brackish water bodies, semi-deep lakes and
435 deep lakes, with stable input of terrigenous debris and slower deposition rates. And in middle of the Taodonggou Group
436 deposition influenced by hydrothermal activity, the tectonic setting of the Taodonggou Group source area is continental island
437 arc and oceanic island arc.

438 (4) The evolution of the Middle Permian lake basin in the Turpan-Hami Basin can be divided into three stages: In the
439 early part of the deposition of Taodonggou Group the depocenter was in the Bogda area. At this time the area that became Mt
440 Bogda was not exposed and a succession of high-quality type-III source rocks was widely deposited in the basin. In the middle
441 of the deposition of the Taodonggou Group the depocenter gradually migrated to the Taibei Sag. At this time the Mt Bogda
442 area underwent uplift, and, together with hydrothermal activity, a succession of type-II source rocks was widely deposited in
443 the basin. In the late part of the Taodonggou Group, uplift of the Mt Bogda area ceased and the depocenter transferred entirely
444 to the Taibei Sag.

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