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Early to Late Paleoproterozoic magmatism in NE Brazil: The Alto Moxotó Terrane and its tectonic implications for the Pre-West Gondwana assembly

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ABSTRACT

The Alto Moxotó Terrane is a Paleoproterozoic inlier within the Transversal Domain of the Neoproterozoic Borborema Province (NE Brazil). An isotopic and whole-rock geochemistry study has been performed in the Sucuru region (Paraíba State, NE Brazil) which revealed a long-lived evolution for this terrane. The first event is Siderian-aged, dated on 2.44 Ga, being represented by granitic to granodioritic banded orthogneisses and migmatites of the basement. They correspond to meta to peraluminous high-K calc-alkaline series, where geochemical patterns besides zircon features and Nd isotopic data indicate that they were formed in a convergent tectonic environment with reworking of an older Archean continental crust. This basement was intruded by different magmatic suites through two distinct tectono-magmatic events. The older one is Rhyacian-aged recorded by emplacement of the Carmo mafic-ultramafic suite and Pedra d'Água granitic suite, with ages varying from 2.15 to 2.0 Ga. The Carmo Suite shows compositions similar to tholeiitic and minor calc-alkaline series and geochemical patterns of a depleted source. These general chemical characteristics are compatible with an arc-related magmatism in early stages of subduction. The Pedra d'Água suite corresponds to middle to peraluminous high-K calc-alkaline magmatism which presents a typical magmatic arc geochemical signature. The negative $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}}(t)$ values suggest a strong continental component for genesis of these magmas. The last tectonomagmatic episode occurred in the Statherian-Calymmian boundary and is represented by bimodal magmatic association of the Serra da Barra Suite, dated around 1.6 Ga. The dominant felsic rocks present an evolved composition and correspond to typical metaluminous sub-alkaline suite. The trace-element and REE patterns of both mafic and mainly felsic rocks suggest a within-plate setting. The attributed source is of crustal derivation, which is supported by the negative $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}}(t)$ values. A mantle plume can be invoked for mechanism of generation of the Serra da Barra magmatism. This polycyclic Paleoproterozoic evolution observed at Alto Moxotó terrane is also well documented in orogenic terranes worldwide, mainly those related to Atlantica supercontinent amalgamation. On the other hand, Statherian-Calymmian extensional event is also coherent with worldwide descriptions and are commonly referred to early break-up stage of the large Paleoproterozoic land masses.

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1. Introduction

The Paleoproterozoic Era (2.5–1.6 Ga) was a singular period in Earth's history because of the great global changes that occurred during that time, including expressive tectonic and magmatic activities (Rogers and Santosh, 2003; Griffin et al., 2008), as well as major atmospheric and biochemical/biological changes (Anbar and Knoll, 2002; Brocks et al., 2005; Scott et al., 2008). Available studies suggest that Paleoproterozoic accretionary and collisional

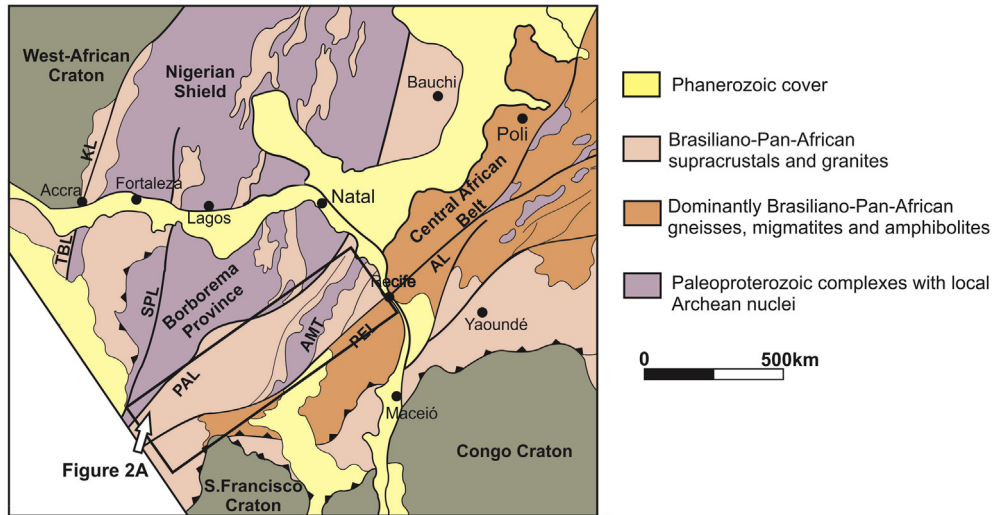


Fig. 1. Geodynamic context of Borborema Province in Pre-Drift reconstruction for West Africa and northeast South America. AMT – Alto Moxotó Terrane, TBL – Transbrasiliano lineament, KL – Khandi lineament, SPL – Senador Pompeu lineament, PAL – Patos lineament, PEL – Pernambuco lineament, AL – Adamoua lineament.

orogenesis similar to modern-style plate tectonics development (Windley, 1995; Faure et al., 2007) resulted in the amalgamation and formation of the Columbia Supercontinent (Rogers and Santosh, 2002; Hou et al., 2008; Meert, 2012; Murphy and Nance, 2013). Some well-preserved representative exposures of the Paleoproterozoic occur within Laurentia: the Trans-Hudson orogen (Hoffman, 1989; Maxeiner et al., 2005; Corrigan et al., 2009), North

China Belt (Zhao et al., 2005; Faure et al., 2004, 2007) and Baltic Shield (Bingen et al., 2002; Anderson et al., 2002).

Paleoproterozoic belts from part of West Gondwana (especially in South America) were reviewed by Brito Neves (2011), among others, who discusses the relationships between the São Francisco-Congo and São Luis-West Africa cratons, as well as the role of Borborema and Tocantins Provinces in the

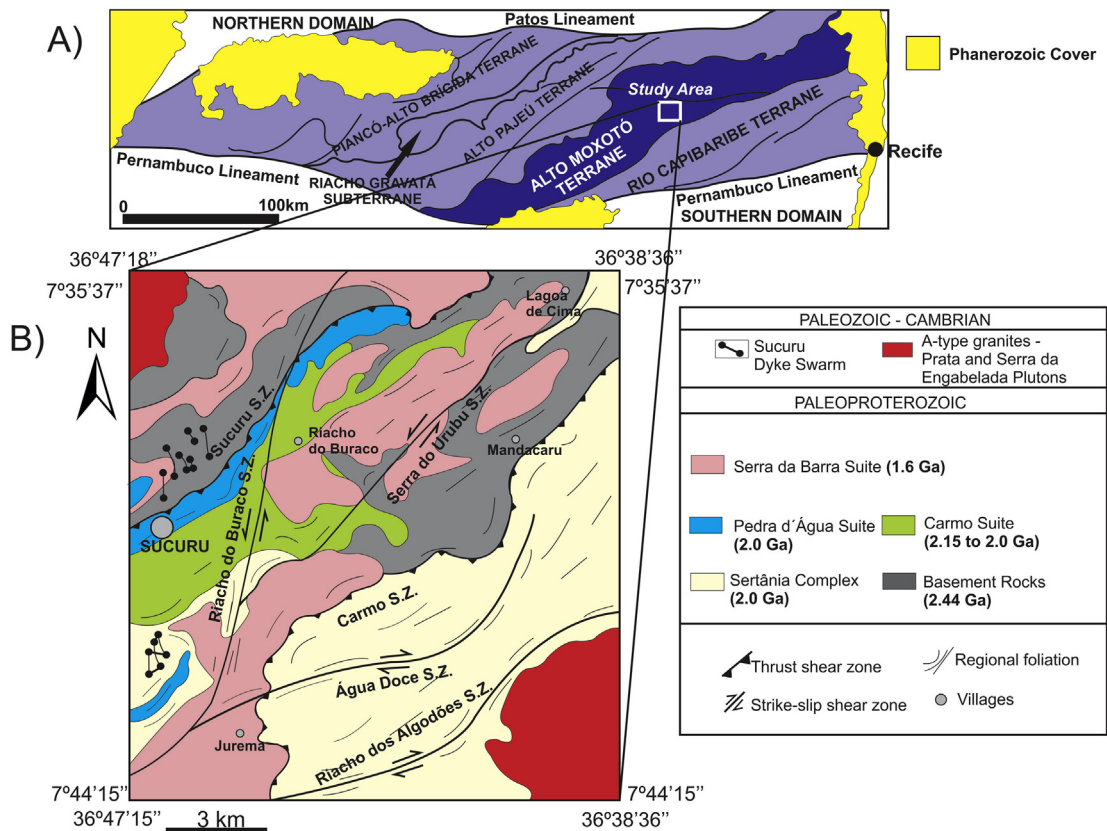


Fig. 2. A) Simplified geological map of the Transversal Domain modified after Santos and Medeiros (1999) showing location of the study area. B) Geological map of the studied area (Sucuru Region).

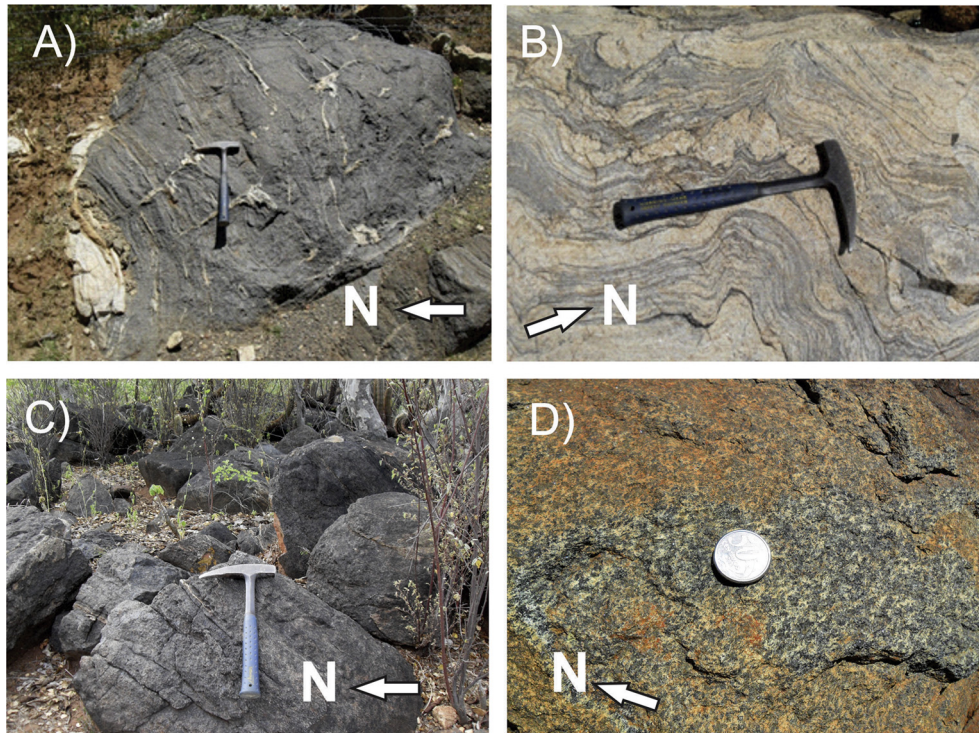


Fig. 3. Outcropping features of the Sucuru area. **Basement:** A) Fine-grained metatonalite, B) Stromatic to folded migmatite. **Carmo Suite:** C) and D) Massif metagabbros.

formation of the Columbia supercontinent (see also Liégeois et al., 1991; Cox et al., 2002; Egal et al., 2002; Schobbenhaus and Brito Neves, 2003; Barbosa and Sabaté, 2004; Cordani and Teixeira, 2007; Fuck et al., 2008; Van Schmus et al., 2008; Cordani et al., 2009). For instance, the Brazil–Africa correlation

is based on 2.2 to 2.1 Ga juvenile continental crustal rocks and crustal growth events found in both areas, and other features, such as granulite facies metamorphism, and, furthermore, 1.9 to 2.0 Ga relics of eclogites associated to suture zones related to orogenic belts. Rocks older than 2.3 Ga and evidence of Late

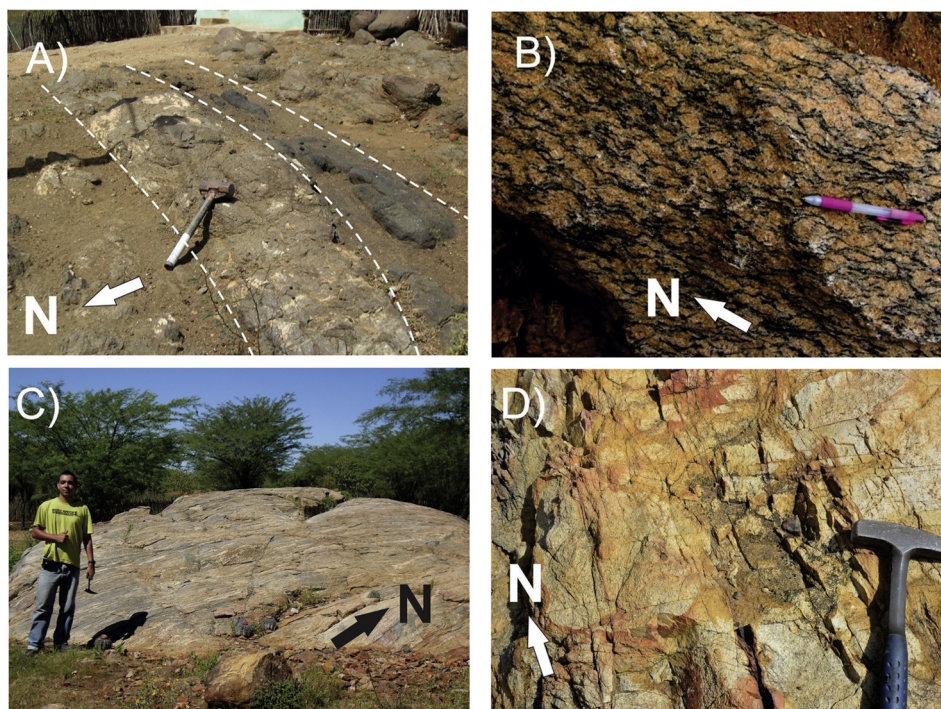


Fig. 4. Outcropping features of the Sucuru area. **Carmo suite:** A) Compositional mafic-ultramafic banding. **Pedra d'Água Suite:** B) Granitic augen-gneiss. **Serra da Barra Suite:** C) Well-defined foliation in coarse-grained syenogranitic gneiss, D) Brittle structure in metasyenogranite.

Paleoproterozoic magmatism (1.6 Ga) are not common in the African counterpart.

Paleoproterozoic belts in northeast Brazil had an important role in the crustal growth events of the São Francisco Craton (Alkimim and Marshak, 1998; Teixeira et al., 2000; Ávila et al., 2010; Seixas et al., 2012) and in the northern domains of Borborema Province (Souza et al., 2007; Dantas et al., 2008; Martins et al., 2009; Santos et al., 2009; Hollanda et al., 2011; Medeiros et al., 2012). In the last few years, the Alto Moxotó Terrane (AMT) has become one of the best exposures for studying relics of the Paleoproterozoic petrogenetic associations in Borborema Province (NE Brazil), being the focus of various studies aiming to clarify the tectonic meaning and geological evolution of this part of the globe (Santos et al., 2004; Rodrigues and Brito Neves, 2008; Rodrigues and Archanjo, 2011; Miranda 2010, Santos et al., 2012, 2013).

This paper addresses the geochemistry and geochronological evolution of the Sucuru region (State of Paraíba), which is one of the crucial areas for better understanding of ancient tectonic events that affected the AMT. This region has exposures of a variety of

lithotypes, which thus allows the use of whole-rock elemental and isotopic geochemistry (T_{DM} model ages and ϵNd) and U–Pb zircon dating for the main magmatic events affecting the AMT.

2. Geological setting

The term “Borborema Province” was proposed by Almeida et al. (1981) to define the Precambrian northeastern portion of the South American platform. This province represents a complex orogenic system that was strongly affected by deformation, metamorphism and magmatic episodes during the Brasiliano–Pan-African orogeny in the late Neoproterozoic (650–500 Ma).

The province comprises an area of approximately 400,000 km² that is limited to the south by the São Francisco Craton, to the west by the Parnaíba Basin and to the north and east by the coastal basins. It is part of the large Neoproterozoic belt that finds continuity in the Pan-African fold-belts between Togo to the north and Cameroon to the east through Central Africa (Fig. 1) (Brito Neves, 1975; Trompette, 1994; Van Schmus et al., 2008).

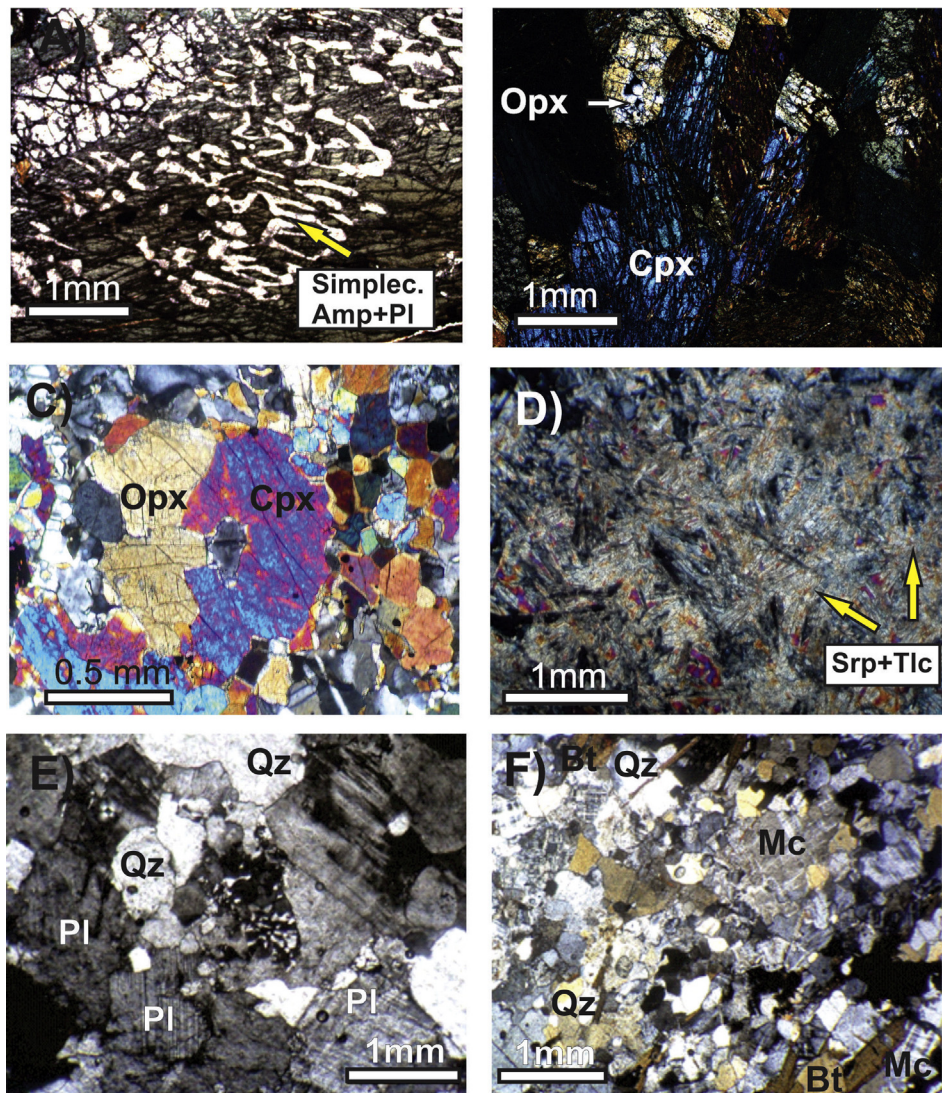


Fig. 5. Photomicrographs of the intrusive suites of the Sucuru region: A) Symplectite texture of amphibole (Amp) and plagioclase (Pg) in amphibolite from the Carmo Suite, B) Subhedral to anhedral crystals of orthopyroxene (OPX) and clinopyroxene (CPX) in metawebsterite from the Carmo Suite, C) Equilibrium texture between orthopyroxene (OPX) and clinopyroxene (CPX) metapyroxenite and D) Serpentinite from the Carmo Suite. E) and F) showing granoblastic texture on metagranodiorite (Pedra d'Água Suite) and metasyenogranite (Serra da Barra Suite), respectively. Ampg = amphibole, Srp = serpentine, Tc = talc, Qz = quartz, Bt = biotite, Pl = plagioclase, Mc = microcline, OPX = orthopyroxene, CPX = clinopyroxene.

The geological configuration of this province includes basement complexes with local exposures of Archean nuclei, wide outcropping Paleoproterozoic belts formed mainly by orthogneissic and migmatitic rocks (Brito Neves, 2003; Fetter et al., 2003; Arthaud et al., 2008; Van Schmus et al., 2008; Brito Neves, 2011; Dantas et al., 2013), extensive early to late Neoproterozoic supracrustal fold belts (Van Schmus et al., 2008, 2011), and some magmatic arcs such as Tamboril-Santa Quitéria and Marancó-Poço Redondo (Carvalho, 2005; Oliveira et al., 2010). In addition, this whole set is cut by a complex network of large crustal strike-slip shear zones, formed mainly by and up to several kilometers-wide mylonites (Jardim de Sá, 1994; Vauchez et al., 1995; Archanjo et al., 2008). There are also several late Neoproterozoic intrusions related to regional metamorphism and deformation of the Brasiliano orogenesis (Sial et al., 1997; Brito Neves, 2003, Guimarães et al., 2005).

In general, the Borborema Province is subdivided into tectonic and structural domains (Santos, 1995; Van Schmus et al., 1995, 2008; Brito Neves, 2000): Médio Coreau (MCD), Ceará Central (CCD), Rio Grande do Norte (RGND), Central or Transversal (TD) and

Southern (SD). Santos (1996), Santos and Medeiros (1999) and Brito Neves et al. (2000) suggested that these five domains record accretion and collision patterns similar to that found in the North American Cordillera.

Transversal Domain (TD), which is the main focus of this study, is limited to the north by the transcurrent Patos lineament and to the south by the Pernambuco lineament. Santos and Medeiros (1999) identified four main terranes displayed eastward within TD: Piancó-Alto Brígida (PABT), Alto Pajeú (APT), Alto Moxotó (AMT), and Rio Capibaribe (RCT). Geochronological data indicate that TD was subjected to a polycyclic geological evolution (Brito Neves et al., 1995, Brito Neves 1995; Van Schmus et al., 1995; Kozuch, 2003; Santos et al., 2010), which was initiated by the Cariris Velhos orogenic event ca. 1.0 Ga (Santos et al., 2010) and followed by collage during the Brasiliano orogeny (0.6 Ga). However, Mariano et al., 2001; Neves, 2003; Neves et al., 2006 and Guimarães et al., 2012 have contested the existence of the Cariris Velhos orogeny and the model of tectonic accretion of terranes. These authors suggest instead, an intracontinental tectonic model for the Borborema Province evolution.

Table 1

Major (wt.%) and trace element (ppm) concentrations of the basement and Pedra d'Água Suite, Sucuru (NE Brazil). n.d. = not detected.

| SAMPLE | Basement | | | | | Pedra d'Água Suite | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|----------|--------|-------|--------|-------|--------------------|---------|--------|-------|-------|--------|--------|--------|---------|---------|
| | LSM-11 | LSM-08 | LS-64 | LSM-13 | LS-89 | LSM-24 | LSM-24D | LSM-15 | LS-82 | LS-34 | LS-31 | LS-32 | LS-31A | LS 93 B | LS 31 B |
| <i>Major elements (wt.%)</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SiO ₂ | 61.97 | 65.43 | 68.06 | 71.64 | 73.53 | 76.51 | 68.67 | 73.66 | 70.83 | 71.61 | 72.35 | 71.97 | 72.35 | 75.48 | 71.97 |
| Al ₂ O ₃ | 13.41 | 15.8 | 15.69 | 14.97 | 13.93 | 13.96 | 13.44 | 14.02 | 15.21 | 13.77 | 14.83 | 14.66 | 14.83 | 14.25 | 14.66 |
| Fe ₂ O ₃ | 8.59 | 4.73 | 3.08 | 0.91 | 1.45 | 0.08 | 5.51 | 1.25 | 1.53 | 3.66 | 1.06 | 1.34 | 1.06 | 0.05 | 1.34 |
| MgO | 3.09 | 1.55 | 1.14 | 0.4 | 0.37 | 0.06 | 0.27 | 0.26 | 0.43 | 1.38 | 0.17 | 0.17 | 0.17 | 0.04 | 0.17 |
| CaO | 4.71 | 3.46 | 2.69 | 2.43 | 1.05 | 1.97 | 2.16 | 0.88 | 0.95 | 1.3 | 1.7 | 1.61 | 1.7 | 2.06 | 1.61 |
| Na ₂ O | 2.75 | 3.67 | 4 | 3.21 | 2.76 | 4.87 | 2.93 | 2.73 | 3.61 | 2.83 | 3.31 | 3.18 | 3.31 | 3.47 | 3.18 |
| K ₂ O | 2.23 | 3.4 | 3.41 | 4.54 | 5.61 | 1.91 | 5.47 | 6.19 | 6.09 | 3.99 | 4.91 | 5.1 | 4.91 | 3.48 | 5.1 |
| TiO ₂ | 1.67 | 0.5 | 0.43 | 0.09 | 0.28 | 0.02 | 0.54 | 0.08 | 0.26 | 0.42 | 0.48 | 0.56 | 0.48 | n.d. | 0.56 |
| P ₂ O ₅ | 0.32 | 0.33 | 0.32 | 0.14 | 0.08 | 0.02 | 0.17 | 0.23 | 0.13 | 0.16 | 0.01 | 0.01 | 0.01 | n.d. | 0.01 |
| MnO | 0.15 | 0.08 | 0.03 | n.d. | 0.02 | n.d. | 0.08 | 0.03 | 0.04 | 0.02 | 0.01 | 0.02 | 0.01 | n.d. | 0.02 |
| Cr ₂ O ₃ | 0.01 | 0.01 | n.d. | 0.003 | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | 0.01 | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. |
| LOI | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.9 | 1.4 | 0.7 | 0.5 | 0.2 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.9 | 0.7 | 0.6 | 0.9 |
| SUM | 99.70 | 99.76 | 99.75 | 99.73 | 99.78 | 99.90 | 99.44 | 99.83 | 99.58 | 99.85 | 99.53 | 99.52 | 99.53 | 99.43 | 99.52 |
| <i>Trace elements (ppm)</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ba | 958 | 1143 | 1101 | 1567 | 395 | 184 | 2812 | 780 | 2058 | 501 | 2378 | 2529 | 2378 | 3834 | 2529 |
| Sc | 21 | 10 | 5 | 2 | 2 | n.d. | 7 | 5 | 2 | 7 | 2 | 2 | 2 | n.d. | 2 |
| Co | 50.7 | 25.1 | 56.6 | 23.9 | 52.5 | 21.5 | 66.9 | 33 | 12.4 | 59.7 | 51.1 | 18.2 | 51.1 | 41.8 | 18.2 |
| Cs | 1.3 | 1.2 | 1.3 | 0.1 | 0.5 | n.d. | 0.3 | 0.2 | 3.6 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.2 | n.d. | 0.1 |
| Ga | 18.9 | 19.3 | 18.7 | 15.1 | 16.7 | 16.2 | 21.4 | 13.9 | 23.5 | 20.2 | 17.1 | 17.3 | 17.1 | 11.3 | 17.3 |
| Hf | 7.65 | 5.71 | 5.24 | 7.62 | 5.59 | 1.2 | 15.8 | 3.9 | 5.9 | 4.8 | 26.3 | 26.2 | 26.3 | 1.2 | 26.2 |
| Nb | 17.2 | 9 | 10.8 | 1.6 | 5.9 | 0.3 | 28.2 | 2.4 | 25.8 | 13.1 | 5 | 4.8 | 5 | 0.1 | 4.8 |
| Rb | 89.4 | 117.1 | 123.6 | 70 | 149.4 | 27.8 | 92.3 | 158.6 | 148.1 | 145.4 | 85.8 | 90.2 | 85.8 | 21.5 | 90.2 |
| Sn | 2 | 1 | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | 1 | n.d. | 2 | 1 | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. |
| Sr | 342.1 | 549.6 | 371.8 | 343.4 | 73.2 | 113.9 | 251.1 | 201.1 | 662.3 | 149.2 | 460.3 | 471.1 | 460.3 | 512 | 471.1 |
| Ta | 1.2 | 0.5 | 0.9 | n.d. | 0.4 | n.d. | 1.7 | 0.2 | 1.5 | 1.4 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 0.1 | 0.2 |
| Th | 6.7 | 12.4 | 24.9 | 47.3 | 44.3 | 2.7 | 7 | 19.2 | 42.1 | 10.5 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.2 | n.d. | 0.3 |
| U | 1.6 | 1.7 | 1.8 | 2.6 | 2.6 | 0.1 | 1 | 6.3 | 6.5 | 4.4 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.4 | n.d. | 0.4 |
| V | 156 | 68 | 41 | 16 | 11 | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | 16 | 72 | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | 16 | n.d. |
| W | 210.8 | 95.3 | 297.6 | 159.8 | 418.1 | 189.4 | 454.6 | 230.4 | 61.6 | 398.8 | 393.6 | 117.3 | 393.6 | 390.3 | 117.3 |
| Zr | 259.6 | 199.1 | 203.6 | 201.6 | 173 | 45.3 | 676 | 108.9 | 196.3 | 153.6 | 1159.5 | 1162.8 | 1159.5 | 54 | 1162.8 |
| Y | 33.8 | 26.8 | 15.3 | 22.1 | 16 | 3 | 41.9 | 27.6 | 11.5 | 22.1 | 2.5 | 3 | 2.5 | 1.2 | 3 |
| La | 33.7 | 50.8 | 64 | 79.1 | 58.4 | 16.4 | 57.6 | 36 | 62.5 | 27.1 | 15.6 | 15.5 | 15.6 | 6.8 | 15.5 |
| Ce | 75.6 | 97.2 | 119.7 | 154 | 120.7 | 23.3 | 123.3 | 76.7 | 112.3 | 52.6 | 19.8 | 21.9 | 19.8 | 9.4 | 21.9 |
| Pr | 9.19 | 11.24 | 12.66 | 16.43 | 13.55 | 2.31 | 14.07 | 8.58 | 12.9 | 5.81 | 1.74 | 1.99 | 1.74 | 0.91 | 1.99 |
| Nd | 39.8 | 43.8 | 42.9 | 61.7 | 49.8 | 0.3 | 28.2 | 2.4 | 25.8 | 13.1 | 5 | 4.8 | 5 | 0.1 | 4.8 |
| Sm | 8.15 | 7.09 | 7.24 | 10.61 | 8.93 | 0.9 | 11.62 | 7.15 | 7.79 | 4.32 | 0.77 | 1 | 0.77 | 0.41 | 1 |
| Eu | 1.74 | 1.26 | 1.62 | 1.73 | 0.72 | 0.65 | 3.88 | 0.73 | 2.14 | 0.8 | 1.01 | 1.1 | 1.01 | 1.15 | 1.1 |
| Gd | 7.65 | 5.71 | 5.24 | 7.62 | 5.59 | 0.64 | 10.17 | 6.47 | 4.67 | 3.95 | 0.54 | 0.91 | 0.54 | 0.41 | 0.91 |
| Tb | 1.2 | 0.9 | 0.72 | 1.01 | 0.73 | 0.09 | 1.6 | 1.14 | 0.55 | 0.72 | 0.08 | 0.11 | 0.08 | 0.05 | 0.11 |
| Dy | 6.54 | 4.79 | 3.42 | 5.09 | 3.59 | 0.65 | 8.74 | 5.51 | 2.27 | 3.92 | 0.37 | 0.52 | 0.37 | 0.31 | 0.52 |
| Ho | 1.17 | 0.96 | 0.57 | 0.8 | 0.56 | 0.11 | 1.6 | 0.98 | 0.38 | 0.73 | 0.08 | 0.09 | 0.08 | 0.05 | 0.09 |
| Er | 3.29 | 2.67 | 1.63 | 2.04 | 1.44 | 0.38 | 4.56 | 2.54 | 1.05 | 2.12 | 0.29 | 0.33 | 0.29 | 0.13 | 0.33 |
| Tm | 0.48 | 0.41 | 0.19 | 0.26 | 0.2 | 0.07 | 0.66 | 0.45 | 0.16 | 0.29 | 0.03 | 0.05 | 0.03 | n.d. | 0.05 |
| Yb | 3.06 | 2.47 | 1.08 | 1.29 | 1 | 0.31 | 4.32 | 2.97 | 1.02 | 1.87 | 0.28 | 0.3 | 0.28 | 0.11 | 0.3 |
| Lu | 0.43 | 0.33 | 0.15 | 0.19 | 0.14 | 0.05 | 0.65 | 0.4 | 0.14 | 0.23 | 0.04 | 0.05 | 0.04 | 0.01 | 0.05 |

Table 2

Major (wt.%) and trace element (ppm) concentrations of the Carmo suite, Sucuru (NE Brazil). n.d. = not detected.

| Carmo Suite | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|---------|--------|--------|
| SAMPLE | LSM-16 | LSM-19 | LS-10G | LSM-14 | LS-16 | LS 24 A | LSM-10 | KO |
| <i>Major elements (wt.%)</i> | | | | | | | | |
| SiO ₂ | 50.83 | 47.38 | 47.48 | 56.61 | 48.3 | 51.88 | 52.08 | 46.97 |
| Al ₂ O ₃ | 5.15 | 13.42 | 15.03 | 15.32 | 15.09 | 17.37 | 3.1 | 9.88 |
| Fe ₂ O ₃ | 11.99 | 11.20 | 9.88 | 7.01 | 10.91 | 7.92 | 10.55 | 7.65 |
| MgO | 16.08 | 11.46 | 9.65 | 5 | 8.6 | 4.22 | 18.57 | 10.02 |
| CaO | 11.73 | 11.94 | 13.56 | 7.29 | 12.57 | 7.57 | 11.67 | 21.6 |
| Na ₂ O | 0.66 | 1.57 | 2.01 | 5.03 | 2.11 | 5.83 | 0.57 | 0.21 |
| K ₂ O | 0.58 | 0.74 | 0.51 | 0.6 | 0.55 | 0.44 | 0.35 | 0.66 |
| TiO ₂ | 0.47 | 0.86 | 0.63 | 0.25 | 0.61 | 1.71 | 0.23 | 0.68 |
| P ₂ O ₅ | 0.02 | 0.06 | 0.05 | 0.02 | 0.05 | 0.65 | 0.03 | 0.02 |
| MnO | 0.26 | 0.17 | 0.17 | 0.15 | 0.18 | 0.11 | 0.22 | 0.29 |
| Cr ₂ O ₃ | 0.06 | 0.12 | 0.13 | 0.00 | 0.06 | 0.01 | 0.22 | 0.01 |
| LOI | 2 | 1.1 | 0.7 | 1.9 | 0.8 | 2.4 | 2.1 | 2.1 |
| SUM | 99.83 | 100.02 | 99.80 | 99.18 | 99.83 | 100.11 | 99.69 | 100.09 |
| <i>Trace elements (ppm)</i> | | | | | | | | |
| Ba | 272 | 173 | 93 | 230 | 134 | 40 | 46 | 135 |
| Sc | 68 | 49 | 46 | 28 | 42 | 12 | 60 | 13 |
| Co | 83 | 67.6 | 47.6 | 56.8 | 66 | 39.4 | 81 | 28.5 |
| Cs | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | 1 |
| Ga | 8.6 | 12.7 | 13.3 | 18.2 | 13.3 | 19.2 | 4.6 | 13.8 |
| Hf | 1 | 0.9 | 0.7 | 1 | 0.9 | 4.9 | 0.3 | 3.6 |
| Nb | 0.8 | 2 | 1.5 | 3 | 1.2 | 15.1 | 0.5 | 1.6 |
| Rb | 2.2 | 4.1 | 5.7 | 39.2 | 8.4 | 0.4 | 2.2 | 24.9 |
| Sn | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | 2 | n.d. | 2 | n.d. | 52 |
| Sr | 118.8 | 114.8 | 96.9 | 214.6 | 153.9 | 667 | 53.7 | 77.8 |
| Ta | n.d. | 0.1 | n.d. | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.8 | n.d. | 1.7 |
| Th | 0.4 | n.d. | n.d. | 3.6 | 0.2 | 2.7 | 0.2 | 1 |
| U | 0.1 | n.d. | n.d. | 0.5 | n.d. | 1 | 0.1 | 1 |
| V | 305 | 306 | 241 | 140 | 235 | 79 | 402 | 83 |
| W | 33.3 | 76.9 | 41.5 | 134.4 | 139.4 | 85 | 36.4 | 111.4 |
| Zr | 33.4 | 31.4 | 23.9 | 32.6 | 18.9 | 218.8 | 8.6 | 128.1 |
| Y | 15.3 | 18.6 | 14.1 | 15.2 | 15.3 | 13.2 | 10 | 19.3 |
| La | 8.4 | 7.9 | 2.2 | 12.7 | 3.2 | 41.8 | 3.2 | 4.4 |
| Ce | 24 | 15.2 | 6 | 41.8 | 8.6 | 99.8 | 6.1 | 11.7 |
| Pr | 2.83 | 2.28 | 0.93 | 3.3 | 1.28 | 10.71 | 1.14 | 1.76 |
| Nd | 0.8 | 2 | 1.5 | 3 | 1.2 | 15.1 | 0.5 | 1.6 |
| Sm | 50.83 | 47.38 | 47.48 | 56.61 | 48.3 | 51.88 | 52.08 | 46.97 |
| Eu | 0.82 | 0.76 | 0.55 | 0.59 | 0.63 | 2.15 | 0.4 | 0.49 |
| Gd | 3.18 | 3.11 | 2.05 | 2.6 | 2.1 | 4.62 | 1.81 | 2.91 |
| Tb | 0.52 | 0.56 | 0.39 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.61 | 0.3 | 0.53 |
| Dy | 3.08 | 3.41 | 2.57 | 2.93 | 2.69 | 2.76 | 1.82 | 3.45 |
| Ho | 0.58 | 0.74 | 0.51 | 0.6 | 0.55 | 0.44 | 0.35 | 0.66 |
| Er | 1.59 | 2.06 | 1.55 | 1.46 | 1.63 | 1.14 | 0.95 | 2.07 |
| Tm | 0.23 | 0.32 | 0.23 | 0.22 | 0.26 | 0.15 | 0.15 | 0.3 |
| Yb | 1.62 | 2 | 1.38 | 1.52 | 1.43 | 0.95 | 1 | 1.7 |
| Lu | 0.19 | 0.31 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.24 | 0.14 | 0.14 | 0.25 |

The AMT is the best exposition of Paleoproterozoic rocks within TD. It is formed mainly by ortho-derived rocks related to the gneissic and migmatitic basement and by supracrustal rocks (Sertânia Complex) intruded by several metaplutonic suites (Brito Neves et al., 2001b; Santos et al., 2004; Rodrigues and Brito Neves, 2008). The southeast limit between the AMT and the Rio Capibaribe terrane is defined by the strike-slip sinistral Congo or Congo-Cruzeiro do Nordeste shear zone, whereas its west-northwest limit with the Alto Pajeú Terrane is defined by a series of low-angle shear zone thrusting systems. Whether this limit represents a suture zone is still debated. The presence of retroclogites and metacarbonates associated to a collisional event led some authors to suggest that this latter limit may represent a suture zone (Beurlen et al., 1992; Almeida et al., 1997; Carmona, 2006; Santos et al., 2012, 2013).

The Sucuru region (Fig. 2) has two major tectonic blocks that are separated by the ENE trending Carmo Thrust Shear Zone. In the northwestern portion of the shear zone several migmatites and gneisses are assigned as the basement (Santos et al., 2000). This unit

Table 3

Major (wt.%) and trace element (ppm) concentrations of the felsic rocks from Serra da Barra suite, Sucuru (NE Brazil). n.d. = not detected.

| Serra da Barra Suite (felsic rocks) | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|--------|-------|--------|
| SAMPLE | LSM-23 | LSM-22 | LSM-18 | LSM-17 | LSM-21 | LS-02 | LS-114 | LS-49 | LS-112 |
| <i>Major elements (wt.%)</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| SiO ₂ | 73.1 | 67.07 | 62.84 | 71.04 | 65.52 | 74.83 | 72.5 | 68.61 | 70.6 |
| Al ₂ O ₃ | 13.4 | 13.37 | 15.24 | 13.06 | 14.74 | 11.65 | 12.52 | 13.21 | 13.7 |
| Fe ₂ O ₃ | 3.02 | 6.74 | 7.54 | 3.85 | 6.58 | 3.38 | 3.53 | 5.80 | 3.24 |
| MgO | 0.09 | 0.37 | 0.12 | 0.1 | 0.15 | 0.03 | 0.11 | 0.13 | 0.07 |
| CaO | 1.8 | 2.17 | 1.52 | 1.58 | 2.27 | 0.86 | 2.55 | 2.11 | 1.61 |
| Na ₂ O | 2.7 | 2.95 | 3.63 | 2.46 | 3.48 | 2.27 | 3.3 | 2.73 | 2.94 |
| K ₂ O | 5.45 | 5.18 | 6.67 | 6.18 | 5.46 | 5.51 | 3.87 | 5.56 | 6.24 |
| TiO ₂ | 0.45 | 0.65 | 0.44 | 0.28 | 0.56 | 0.25 | 0.29 | 0.48 | 0.29 |
| P ₂ O ₅ | 0.06 | 0.22 | 0.08 | n.d. | 0.1 | 0.03 | 0.02 | 0.13 | 0.03 |
| MnO | 0.05 | 0.09 | 0.09 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.07 | 0.05 | 0.1 | 0.05 |
| Cr ₂ O ₃ | n.d. | 0.006 | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. |
| LOI | 0.6 | 0.7 | 1.2 | 0.7 | 0.4 | 0.7 | 0.8 | 0.5 | 0.6 |
| SUM | 100.72 | 99.52 | 99.37 | 99.35 | 99.36 | 99.58 | 99.54 | 99.36 | 99.37 |
| <i>Trace elements (ppm)</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| Ba | 2154 | 2156 | 2851 | 2896 | 3328 | 1219 | 1041 | 2064 | 3075 |
| Sc | 4 | 8 | 5 | 4 | 8 | 2 | 2 | 7 | 4 |
| Co | 38.2 | 17.2 | 14.9 | 47 | 21.3 | 20.6 | 43.7 | 35.7 | 40.1 |
| Cs | 0.4 | 1.4 | 0.2 | 3.3 | 0.5 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.4 |
| Ga | 24.9 | 23.5 | 24.1 | 24.5 | 23.2 | 26.6 | 29.8 | 27.1 | 24.9 |
| Hf | 16.7 | 23.2 | 26.4 | 17.1 | 21.7 | 15.4 | 18.8 | 22.1 | 12 |
| Nb | 52.8 | 44 | 67.6 | 55.4 | 38.5 | 51.9 | 91.5 | 65.9 | 53.5 |
| Rb | 127.8 | 137.1 | 135.7 | 159.1 | 118.9 | 158.4 | 101.6 | 116.3 | 119.5 |
| Sn | 2 | 4 | 3 | 9 | 3 | 4 | 7 | 2 | 2 |
| Sr | 198.4 | 176.9 | 167.7 | 213 | 228.6 | 66.4 | 229.6 | 133.8 | 210.9 |
| Ta | 2.5 | 2.3 | 3.8 | 3.3 | 1.8 | 1.6 | 5.3 | 3 | 2.7 |
| Th | 25.8 | 18.2 | 25.6 | 39.1 | 11.4 | 27.3 | 36.2 | 46.2 | 26.9 |
| U | 2.7 | 3 | 2.8 | 3.7 | 1.7 | 2.7 | 5.7 | 2.7 | 2.6 |
| V | n.d. | n.d. | 27 | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. |
| W | 200.5 | 110.5 | 67.9 | 320 | 133.5 | 142.1 | 364.2 | 257.7 | 292.5 |
| Zr | 450.8 | 926.6 | 952.9 | 583.4 | 936.2 | 490.7 | 624.1 | 916.6 | 453.9 |
| Y | 111.6 | 67.9 | 75.8 | 92.8 | 46.3 | 134.2 | 165.1 | 111.8 | 124.6 |
| La | 305.3 | 97.5 | 213.6 | 182.7 | 39.8 | 215.8 | 288.5 | 308.2 | 302.7 |
| Ce | 420 | 207 | 740.1 | 766.6 | 111.4 | 402.8 | 564.5 | 603.2 | 428.4 |
| Pr | 54.3 | 22.66 | 56.3 | 40.67 | 11.98 | 50.89 | 63.63 | 69.23 | 60.96 |
| Nd | 202.4 | 89.6 | 226.7 | 155.5 | 51.8 | 191.4 | 240.7 | 257.2 | 226.5 |
| Sm | 33.89 | 16.53 | 37.43 | 25.72 | 10.82 | 35.61 | 40.36 | 38.03 | 37.94 |
| Eu | 6.74 | 3.42 | 6.15 | 4.69 | 3.76 | 4.1 | 4.18 | 6.24 | 7.28 |
| Gd | 30.3 | 14.11 | 27.81 | 20.15 | 9.78 | 30.58 | 34.13 | 28.74 | 31.43 |
| Tb | 4.33 | 2.24 | 3.98 | 3.29 | 1.64 | 4.79 | 5.54 | 4.25 | 4.63 |
| Dy | 25.33 | 13.06 | 20.59 | 19.57 | 9.03 | 26.26 | 31.83 | 22.91 | 25.44 |
| Ho | 4.32 | 2.6 | 3.44 | 3.86 | 1.79 | 5.09 | 6.1 | 4.37 | 4.82 |
| Er | 12.12 | 7.87 | 9.32 | 11.04 | 5.35 | 14.65 | 17.31 | 12.4 | 12.59 |
| Tm | 1.75 | 1.16 | 1.34 | 1.77 | 0.82 | 2.1 | 2.44 | 1.76 | 1.76 |
| Yb | 9.85 | 7.26 | 8.5 | 11.48 | 5.37 | 12.73 | 13.61 | 11.69 | 10.19 |
| Lu | 1.21 | 1.07 | 1.31 | 1.7 | 0.84 | 1.87 | 1.9 | 1.77 | 1.54 |

consists mainly of banded inequigranular orthogneisses (amphibole-gneisses, amphibole-biotite gneiss and biotite gneiss) with granitic to granodioritic-tonalitic facies variation (Fig. 3A). The migmatitic portions display metric to centimetric mafic relics and stromatic, folded to nebulitic structures (Fig. 3B), sometimes with well-developed leucosome, mesosome and melanosome. The Sertânia Complex occurs in the southeastern portion of the Carmo Shear Zone being formed by paragneisses and para-derived migmatites with rare mafic volcanic contribution.

At least three igneous suites have been described as intrusive into the basement: the Carmo, Pedra d'Água, and Serra da Barra suites. The Carmo Suite is characterized by a set of mafic and ultramafic rocks (e.g., metagabbros, metaleucogabbros, amphibolites, metaclinopyroxenites, metawebsterites, metaperidotites and serpentinites), associated with minor Fe–Ti ore, besides rare felsic rock occurrences (Fig. 3C, D and 4A). These rocks can be foliated or exhibit massif textures. The Pedra d'Água Suite comprises medium to coarse-grained leucocratic orthogneisses with monzogranitic to

Table 4

Major (wt.%) and trace element (ppm) concentrations of the mafic rocks from Serra da Barra suite, Sucuru (NE Brazil). n.d. = not detected.

| SAMPLE | Serra da Barra Suite (mafic rocks) | |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------|
| | LS-93A | LSM-07 |
| <i>Major elements (wt.%)</i> | | |
| SiO ₂ | 44.74 | 49.73 |
| Al ₂ O ₃ | 14.6 | 18.38 |
| Fe ₂ O ₃ | 16.81 | 10.41 |
| MgO | 6.09 | 4.78 |
| CaO | 9.77 | 8.81 |
| Na ₂ O | 2.46 | 3.49 |
| K ₂ O | 0.76 | 0.91 |
| TiO ₂ | 3.11 | 0.97 |
| P ₂ O ₅ | 0.34 | 0.42 |
| MnO | 0.22 | 0.17 |
| Cr ₂ O ₃ | 0.01 | 0.02 |
| LOI | 0.9 | 0.9 |
| SUM | 99.81 | 98.99 |
| <i>Trace elements (ppm)</i> | | |
| Ba | 820 | 1149 |
| Sc | 33 | 27 |
| Co | 67.5 | 47.6 |
| Cs | 0.2 | 0.8 |
| Ga | 19.9 | 20.9 |
| Hf | 2.9 | 2.9 |
| Nb | 19.6 | 8.8 |
| Rb | 13.7 | 38.6 |
| Sn | n.d. | n.d. |
| Sr | 361.2 | 892.5 |
| Ta | 1.2 | 0.5 |
| Th | 1.8 | 1.6 |
| U | 0.4 | 0.8 |
| V | 506 | 135 |
| W | 47.9 | 94.9 |
| Zr | 102.6 | 126.4 |
| Y | 19.4 | 25.6 |
| La | 18.5 | 32.3 |
| Ce | 40.5 | 74.9 |
| Pr | 5.15 | 9.99 |
| Nd | 19.6 | 8.8 |
| Sm | 44.74 | 49.73 |
| Eu | 1.86 | 2.2 |
| Gd | 5.19 | 6.18 |
| Tb | 0.77 | 0.92 |
| Dy | 4.1 | 4.68 |
| Ho | 0.76 | 0.91 |
| Er | 2.41 | 2.57 |
| Tm | 0.31 | 0.36 |
| Yb | 2.01 | 2.28 |
| Lu | 0.29 | 0.35 |

tonalitic compositions (Fig. 4B). The Serra da Barra Suite consists of potassic orthogneisses (Fig. 4C and D), besides rare mafic rocks (garnet-amphibolites) lenses that appear as stocks cutting the basement and the previous described magmatic suites.

In addition, these rocks are crosscut by the Prata and Serra da Engabelada Cambrian granitic plutons and by the Sucuru felsic dyke swarm, which will not be discussed in this paper. Evidence of major deformation zones affecting all units include the N–S Riacho do Buraco sinistral shear zone, the NE–SW Serra do Urubu sinistral shear zone, and the dextral Água Doce and Riacho dos Algodões shear zones.

3. Petrography

3.1. Basement gneisses and migmatites

The thin sections revealed that the orthogneisses display nematoblastic and granoblastic textures, occasionally with mylonitic microstructures. The rocks from this unit correspond to

metamonzogranites, metagranodiorites and rare metatonalites. They are composed mainly of quartz (35–40%), plagioclase (oligoclase to andesine) (35–40%), microcline (15%), amphibole (7%), biotite (7%), zircon and apatite (2%) as accessory phases. In addition, few opaque minerals also occur, and chlorite appears as the main alteration mineral of biotite. Close to transcurrent zones, quartz occurs as recrystallized grains or exhibit ribbon-like structures. Plagioclase and microcline occur as small subhedral grains and porphyroclasts.

3.2. Carmo mafic-ultramafic suite

Metagabbros are inequigranular, with granoblastic texture and composed essentially of clinopyroxene (45–42%) and plagioclase (38–40%), besides amphibole clots (8–10%), biotite (5%), chlorite ± garnet and opaque minerals (5%). These rocks present striking centimetric metamorphic banding. This banding is formed by plagioclase, recrystallized clinopyroxene and garnet partially retromorphosed to chlorite. Occasionally garnet exhibit corona textures around clinopyroxenes.

Amphibolites are mostly formed by hornblende + plagioclase ± pyroxene. The presence of amphibole-plagioclase symplectites is a remarkable feature of these rocks (Fig. 5A). Metapyroxenites are inequigranular and coarse-grained rocks, corresponding to metaclinopyroxenites, metawebsterites and metaorthopyroxenites. They present clinopyroxene (45–55%) ± orthopyroxene (30–35%), hornblende clots (10–15%), rare garnet (5%) and plagioclase (5%), in addition to small amounts of opaque minerals (Fig. 5B). Clinopyroxene and orthopyroxene form polygonal aggregates, commonly displaying equilibrium textures (Fig. 5C).

Peridotites from the Sucuru area are generally serpentinized. The least weathered samples are composed essentially of olivine (60–65%) and clinopyroxene (35–40%). Olivine is coarse to medium-grained and granoblastic in texture being frequently replaced by talc and/or serpentine. On the other hand, serpentinites generally present mesh-type texture and are composed of serpentine with small amounts of talc and chlorite (Fig. 5D).

3.3. Pedra d'Água Suite

Orthogneisses of the Pedra d'Água Suite consist mainly of metamonzogranites, metagranodiorites and subordinated metatonalites. They present granoblastic texture, developing frequent mylonitic fabric approaching shear zones, characterized by biotite-muscovite orientation. The rocks are composed of quartz (25–35%), plagioclase (35–40%), microcline (15–35%), biotite (5%), muscovite (5%) and occasional garnet (3%). As accessory phases occur apatite, zircon, and opaque minerals (1%). Chlorite appears as the main alteration mineral of biotite.

The quartz grains are anhedral and usually present feldspar inclusions. Locally, myrmekitic intergrowths are observed (Fig. 5E). Plagioclase occurs extensively in all thin sections. Microcline occurs exhibiting xenoblastic grains. Rare garnet occurs as idioblastic crystals, cracked and locally mantled by biotite.

3.4. Serra da Barra Suite

The Serra da Barra Suite is a bimodal series formed dominantly by orthogneisses of syenogranitic, syenitic and alkali-feldspar granitic composition and minor garnet amphibolites. The felsic rocks are relatively homogeneous fine to medium-grained, presenting inequigranular granoblastic texture (Fig. 5F). The main mineralogical composition includes quartz (30–45%), microcline (sometimes as aligned phenocrystals) (45–55%) and occasional

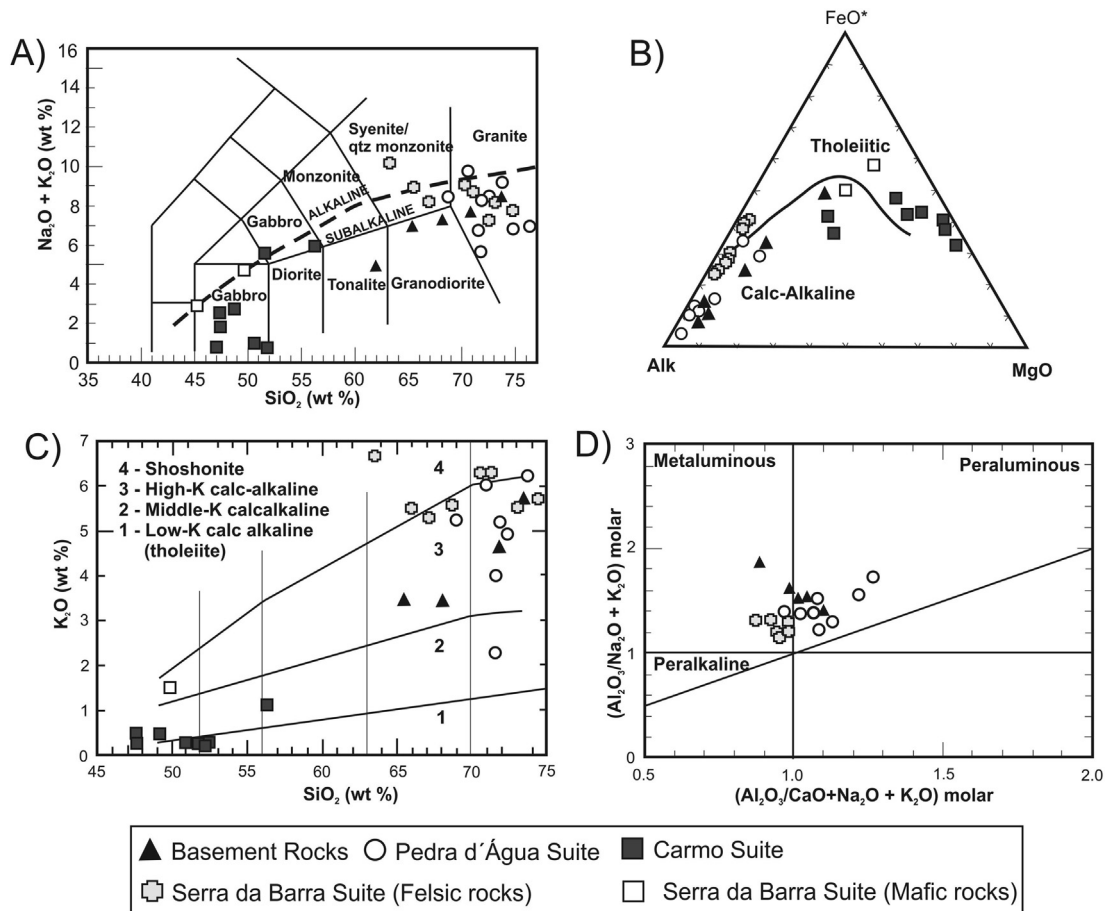


Fig. 6. Oxide Harker plots for the sample studied (data from Tables 1–3). A) TAS diagram ($\text{Na}_2\text{O} + \text{K}_2\text{O}$ vs. SiO_2) from Lebas et al. (1986). B) AFM diagram from Irvine and Baragar (1971). C) K_2O vs SiO_2 diagram for magmatic arc rock series from Pecerrillo and Taylor (1976). D) Diagram from Maniar and Piccolli (1989).

sericitized euhedral plagioclase grains displaying poikilitic textures, amphibole (5%), euhedral to subhedral biotite (4%), pyroxenes (2%), titanite (2%), apatite (2%), zircon (1%), in addition to opaque minerals. Epidote and chlorite grains occur as secondary phases. Microcline varies from subhedral to anhedral, as well as quartz grains. Occasionally, the potassic feldspar occurs mantled by plagioclase. The garnet amphibolites are medium-grained rocks and present granoblastic to nematoblastic texture. They are composed of hornblende (90%), plagioclase (andesine-oligoclase) (8%), garnet (1%) and rutile (1%).

4. Analytical procedures

Thirty-four samples were analyzed for major and trace elements at Acme Analytical Laboratories Ltd (Canada). Major elements were determined by inductively coupled plasma-emission spectrometry with a detection limit of 0.01% and precision of $\pm 0.1\%$. Trace and REE were analyzed by inductively coupled plasma-mass spectrometry (ICP-MS) with detection limits between 0.01 and 0.5 ppm and a precision of $\pm 5\%$. The geochemical diagrams in this paper were constructed using the Igpert 06 software, Petrograph and Excel sheets.

Four samples were selected for zircon U–Pb age dating at the Geochronology Laboratory of Universidade de Brasília, Brazil. The samples were initially crushed and sieved, and then, the heavy minerals were separated using conventional gravimetric and magnetic methods. Zircon grains were then handpicked using

binocular microscope and mounted on epoxy resin for LA-MC-ICPMS isotope ratio acquisition. Data reduction was performed following Böhn et al. (2009) and Matteini et al. (2009).

For the Sm–Nd data, an aliquot of 15 samples was analyzed following the method described by Gióia and Pimentel (2000). Whole rock powders (ca. 50 mg) were mixed with ^{149}Sm – ^{150}Nd spike solution and dissolved in Savillex capsules. Sm and Nd extraction of whole-rock samples followed conventional cation exchange techniques, using Teflon columns containing LN-Spec resin (HDEHP – diethylhexyl phosphoric acid supported on PTFE powder). Sm and Nd samples were loaded on Re evaporation of double-filament assemblies, and the isotopic measurements were performed on a multi-collector Finnigan MAT 262 mass spectrometer in static mode at Universidade de Brasília.

Uncertainties of Sm/Nd and $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$ ratios are better than $\pm 0.4\%$ (1σ) and $\pm 0.005\%$ (1σ), respectively, based on repeated analyses of international rock standards BHVO-1 and BCR-1. $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$ ratios were normalized to $^{146}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$ of 0.7219, and the decay constant used was 6.54×10^{-12} . T_{DM} model age values were calculated using the DePaolo (1981) model.

5. Results

5.1. Geochemistry

Chemical analyses for major, minor and trace elements (including REE) were performed on representative samples of the

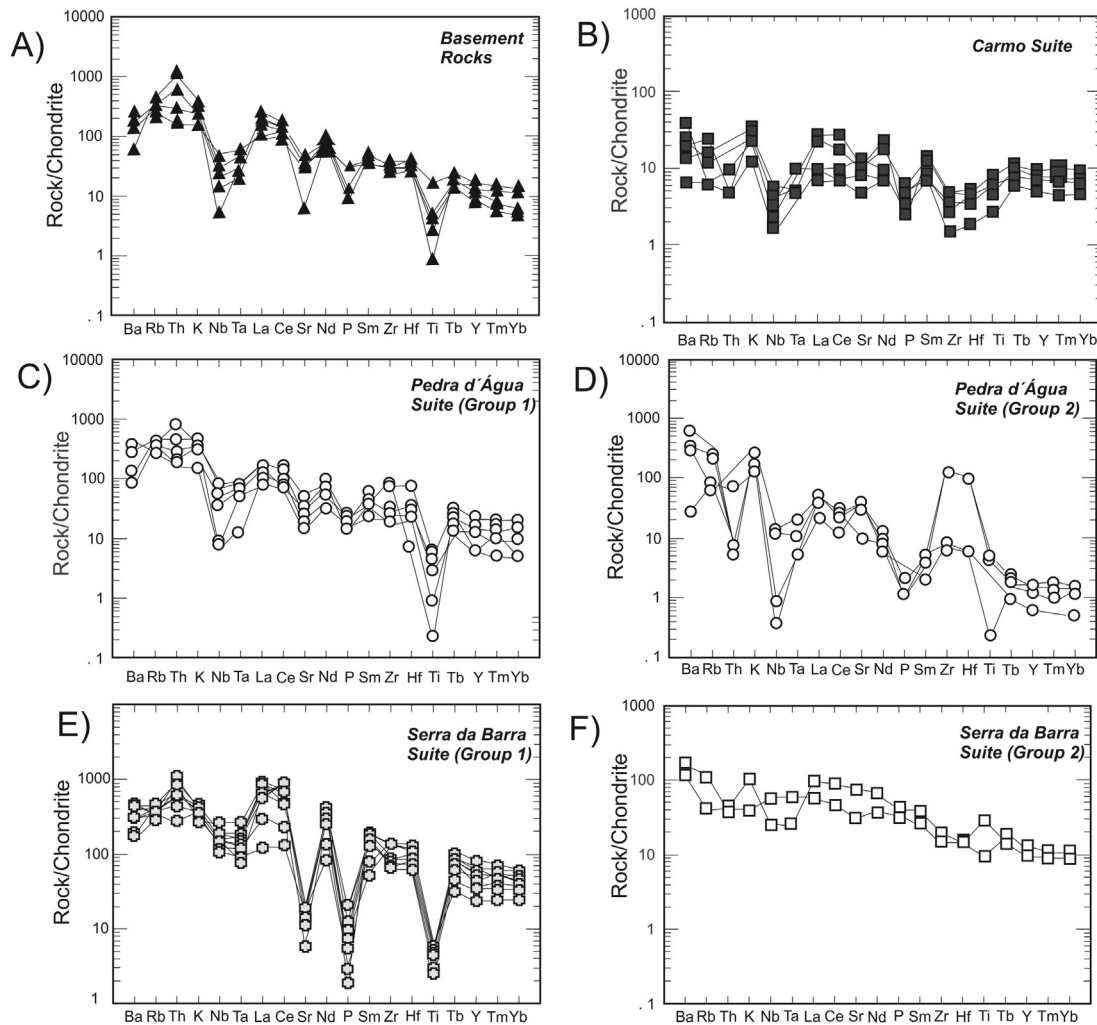


Fig. 7. Chondrite-normalized (Thompson, 1982) spider diagrams for the metaplutonic units of the Sucuru region (same symbols as in Fig. 6).

four units of the Sucuru-PB area, and the results are shown in Tables 1–4.

5.1.1. Basement rocks

The analyzed samples show relatively homogenous compositions regarding major elements. The four samples display SiO_2 content of approximately 70% (Fig. 6A), indicating that the protolith of these orthogneisses is highly evolved. The samples also contain alkali ($\text{Na}_2\text{O} + \text{K}_2\text{O}$) contents varying from 4.98% to ~7%, with relatively low Fe_2O_3 , except sample LSM-11, which has ~8.6% of Fe_2O_3 . In the AFM and K_2O vs SiO_2 diagrams (Fig. 6B and C), the samples plot in the calc-alkaline to high-K calc-alkaline series. Al_2O_3 content is less than 14% and MgO content is less than 3.5%. On A/NK vs A/CNK diagram (Fig. 6D), the samples plot in the metaluminous and peraluminous fields.

Chondrite-normalized spider diagrams for the orthogneisses (Fig. 7A) display a relatively uniform pattern, characterized by enrichment of large ion lithophile elements. In general, they present negative anomaly of Nb and Ta, as well as Sr, P and Ti. The REE pattern is moderately fractionated, displaying enrichment of LREE with respect to HREE (Fig. 8A). The ΣREE ranges from 192 to 341 ppm, and all samples display a typical negative Eu anomaly.

Using tectonic setting discrimination diagrams, these rocks plot mainly in the VAG field (Fig. 9A, B).

5.1.2. Carmo Suite

The analyzed samples are relatively homogeneous, with SiO_2 ranging from 46.97 to 56.6% corresponding to basaltic and basaltic trachy-andesite compositions (Fig. 6A). They present variable contents of Al_2O_3 ranging from 3.1 to 17.37%, intermediate CaO (7.3–13.56%), except for the sample KO, which presents CaO content of 21.6%. They also present variable Fe_2O_3 contents (ranging from 7.01 to 11.99%) and MgO ranging from 4.22 to 18.57%. In the AFM diagram (Fig. 6B), the samples follow the general tholeiitic trend with some samples plotting in the calc-alkaline field (Fig. 6C). Regarding the alkali elements, the samples display variable Na_2O content ranging from 0.21 to 5.83% and moderate K_2O (0.44–0.74%). TiO_2 content (0.23–1.71%) varies from intermediate to low, suggesting early precipitation of Fe–Ti oxides.

Rocks from the Carmo Suite are characterized by nearly linear distribution of minor elements on the chondrite-normalized spider diagram and relatively constant abundance of LILE and depletion of HFSE. They present well-marked negative anomalies of P, Hf, Zr and Nb (Fig. 7B). The REE pattern (Fig. 8B) has a lower concentration of

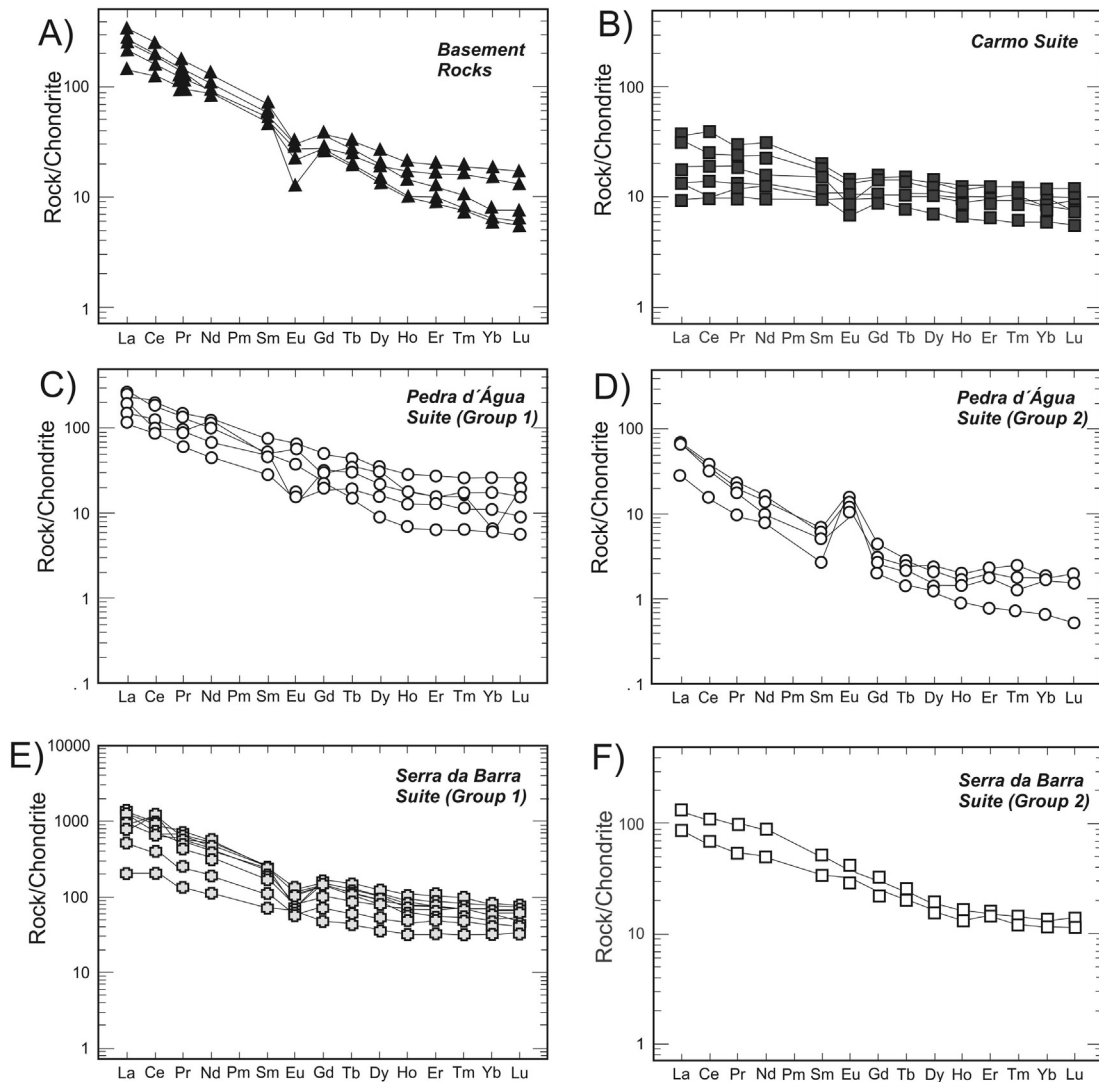


Fig. 8. Chondrite-normalized (Sun and Mcdonough, 1989) REE patterns for metaplutonic units from the Sucuru region (same symbols as in Fig. 6).

REE and a relatively flat pattern showing discrete fractionation as indicated by the slight enrichment of LREE with respect to HREE, displaying discrete Eu anomaly.

5.1.3. Pedra d'Água Suite

The studied samples present a homogeneous set of SiO_2 values ranging from 68.6 to 75.5%, corresponding to granitic composition (Fig. 6A). They present a general subalkaline tendency with $\text{Na}_2\text{O} + \text{K}_2\text{O} > 8\%$. They are high K-calc-alkaline rocks (Fig. 6B and C). This suite also presents homogeneous low content of Al_2O_3 (13.4–15.21%), MgO always less than 0.5%, and variable Fe_2O_3 content ranging from 0.05 to 5.51%. According to alumina saturation index diagram, they plot dominantly in the peraluminous field (Fig. 6D).

Two geochemical groups were separated with respect to the minor elements. For rocks of the first group (Fig. 7C), the chondrite-normalized spider diagram shows a well-fractionated pattern, without any distinctive peak for LILE and strong depletion of HFSE, especially Nb, Ta and Ti. There are also discrete Sr, Zr, and small P negative anomalies. The second group presents a scattered pattern with strong Th, Nb, and P negative anomalies (Fig. 7D). In terms of the REE contents, both groups also display distinct behavior, with

group 1 (Fig. 8C) presenting relatively more pronounced fractionation pattern than group 2, with expressive LREE enrichment compared to HREE. On the other hand, group 2 (Fig. 8D) presents typical REE pattern that coincides with that of cumulatic rocks, with positive Eu anomaly, most likely related to plagioclase accumulation. The strong depletion in HREE in group two could also indicate retention of these elements in a garnet-rich residue.

On the discriminant diagrams the samples plot in the volcanic arc granites + syn-COLG fields (Fig. 9A, B and C), which we interpret as the result of generation in an arc-collisional tectonic setting. Differently of Carmo Suite, the similarity of geochemical and isotopic patterns of the group 1 rocks with basement rocks indicates a high contribution of these older rocks in the formation of the Pedra d'Água melt.

5.1.4. Serra da Barra Suite

The analyzed rocks present a bimodal geochemical distribution. The felsic samples present an evolved composition with high SiO_2 (62.84–74.3%). They are sub-alkaline (Fig. 6A) and plot near the side $\text{FeO}^* - \text{Alk}$ in AFM diagram (Fig. 6B). They are K-rich rocks (~5% K_2O) plotting in the high-K calc alkaline to shoshonitic fields in the Pecerillo and Taylor diagram (Fig. 6C). These rocks also present

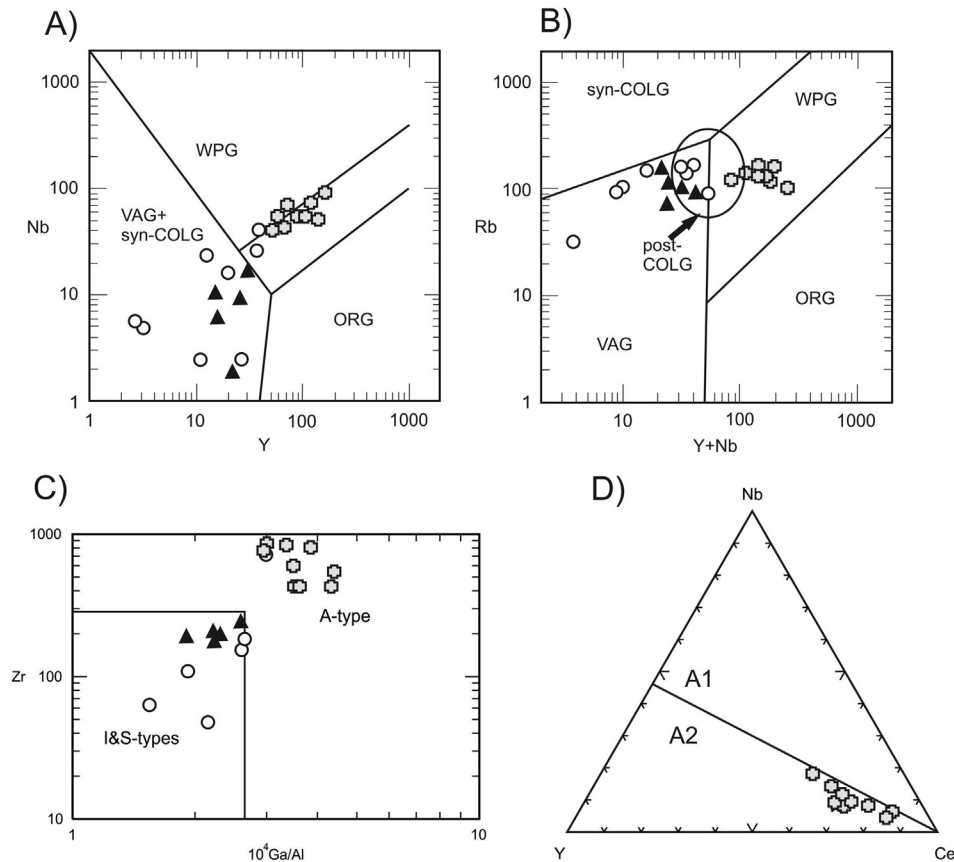


Fig. 9. Discriminant diagrams for felsic rocks from the Sucuru Region. A) and B) after Pearce et al. (1984). Fields indicate syncollisional granites (syn-COLG), within-plate granites (WPG), volcanic-arc granites (VAG) and ocean-ridge granites (ORG). The field for post-collisional granites (post-COLG) overlaps those of syn-COLG, VAG and WPG. C) Zr x 1000⁴Ga/Al diagram. Fields I&S and M indicate I-S-M type granites after Whalen et al. (1987). D) Nb-Y-Ce plot of the A-type rocks (Serra da Barra Suite from Eby, 1992). Fields A1 – Mantle A-type and A2 – Crustal A-type (same symbols as in Fig. 6).

relatively low Al₂O₃ (always less than 15%, except for sample LSM-18) and correspond to a typical metaluminous suite with respect to Shand's index (Fig. 6D).

They also present low MgO (<0.1%) and high Fe₂O₃ (3.02–7.54%). The chondrite-normalized spider diagram (Fig. 7E) shows regular enrichment pattern for the analyzed samples, with homogeneous behavior of LILE and exhibiting Sr, P and Ti negative anomalies in all samples. The HFSE Nb and Ta are represented by a discrete negative anomaly.

The REE patterns (Fig. 8E) display a relatively smooth and slightly concave shape. It is moderately fractionated with typical LREE enrichment, and all samples display a small negative Eu anomaly, which is indicative of plagioclase in the source (Rollinson, 1993). Regarding the tectonic setting, these rocks appear to belong to an extensional environment, with the samples plotting primarily in the within-plate granite fields and just a few in the post-collisional field in discriminant diagrams (Fig. 9A and B). In addition, the samples from the Serra da Barra suite plot entirely in the A2-type

Table 5
Summary of Nd isotope data for the metaplutonic rocks of the Sucuru area (NE Brazil).

| Geological unit | Sample | Sm (ppm) | Nd (ppm) | ¹⁴³ Nd/ ¹⁴⁴ Nd (±2SE) | ¹⁴⁷ Sm/ ¹⁴⁴ Nd | ε (0) | ε (t) | U–Pb age (Ga) | TDM (Ga) |
|----------------------|---------|----------|----------|---------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------|--------|---------------|----------|
| Basement | LS-64 | 7.50 | 45.82 | 0.510570 (20) | 0.0989 | −40.34 | −9.66 | 2.445 | 3.33 |
| Basement | LSM-08 | 6.04 | 30.98 | 0.511398 (05) | 0.1178 | −24.19 | +0.62 | 2.445 | 2.63 |
| Basement | LSM-11 | 7.70 | 34.68 | 0.511551 (13) | 0.1342 | −21.20 | −1.58 | 2.445 | 2.90 |
| Carmo Suite | LSM-10G | 1.62 | 4.911 | 0.512791 (07) | 0.1994 | +2.98 | +2.29 | 2.008 | 2.84 |
| Carmo Suite | LSM-10A | 0.43 | 3.10 | 0.511397 (09) | 0.0844 | −24.21 | +4.75 | 2.008 | 1.94 |
| Carmo Suite | LSM-16 | 4.63 | 22.11 | 0.511402 (17) | 0.1266 | −24.11 | −6.08 | 2.008 | 2.91 |
| Carmo Suite | LSM-19 | 1.86 | 6.53 | 0.512257 (57) | 0.1725 | −7.43 | −1.20 | 2.008 | 2.98 |
| Pedra d'Água Suite | LSM-14 | 1.56 | 7.30 | 0.511580 (18) | 0.1296 | −20.64 | −2.95 | 2.057 | 2.67 |
| Pedra d'Água Suite | LSM-07 | 8.33 | 44.35 | 0.511482 (13) | 0.1135 | −22.55 | −0.58 | 2.057 | 2.38 |
| Pedra d'Água Suite | LSM-15 | 6.97 | 36.18 | 0.511122 (12) | 0.1164 | −29.57 | −8.41 | 2.057 | 3.05 |
| Pedra d'Água Suite | LSM-24 | 0.87 | 6.71 | 0.510582 (35) | 0.0787 | −40.11 | −8.98 | 2.057 | 2.80 |
| Pedra d'Água Suite | LS-34 | 2.58 | 12.62 | 0.511403 (12) | 0.1232 | −24.09 | −4.72 | 2.057 | 2.79 |
| Serra da Barra Suite | LSM-21 | 12.10 | 54.99 | 0.511430 (04) | 0.1330 | −23.56 | −10.17 | 1.645 | 3.09 |
| Serra da Barra Suite | LSM-22 | 19.96 | 120.51 | 0.511218 (13) | 0.1000 | −27.70 | −7.34 | 1.645 | 2.46 |
| Serra da Barra Suite | LS-02 | 35.06 | 194.37 | 0.511325 (35) | 0.1090 | −25.61 | −7.14 | 1.645 | 2.51 |

granitic field, following Eby (1992) and Whalen et al. (1987) proposals (Fig. 9C and D), suggesting a crustal origin for this suite.

The two analyzed mafic samples (amphibolites) correspond to basaltic compositions with SiO₂ ranging from 44.74 to 44.93% (Fig. 6A). They are tholeiitic and calc-alkaline (Fig. 6B and C) and present homogeneous Al₂O₃ (14.6–18.38%), moderate to high Fe₂O₃ (10.41–16.81%) and CaO (8.81–9.77%). MgO values are relatively low (4.78–6.09%), whereas TiO₂ ranges from 0.97 to 3.11%. In chondrite-normalized spider diagram they show moderate enrichment on LILE and HFSE without any evident important negative or positive anomaly (Fig. 7F). The REE present a steep

pattern, exhibiting moderate fractionation of LREE in relation to HREE without Eu anomaly, suggesting an enriched source for the generation of these rocks (Fig. 8F).

5.2. Isotope geochemistry and geochronology

Seven samples were selected for U–Pb analysis, and the results are presented in Tables 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12. In addition fifteen samples of representative rocks from all metaplutonic units were analyzed for Nd isotopes in whole-rock, and the results are on Table 4.

Table 6
Summary of LA-ICP-MS data of zircons from basement sample LS-64.

| Grain spot | Isotopic ratios | | | | | | Ages (Ma) | | | | Rho | Th/U | Conc. (%) | | |
|----------------|--------------------------------------|--------|-------------------------------------|--------|-------------------------------------|--------|--------------------------------------|----------|-------------------------------------|----------|---------|-------|-----------|-------------------------------------|----------|
| | ²⁰⁷ Pb/ ²⁰⁶ Pb | ± (1σ) | ²⁰⁷ Pb/ ²³⁵ U | ± (1σ) | ²⁰⁶ Pb/ ²³⁸ U | ± (1σ) | ²⁰⁷ Pb/ ²⁰⁶ Pb | ±1σ (Ma) | ²⁰⁷ Pb/ ²³⁵ U | ±1σ (Ma) | | | | ²⁰⁶ Pb/ ²³⁸ U | ±1σ (Ma) |
| z59b | 0.158 | 0.722 | 8.31 | 1.4 | 0.38 | 1.2 | 2433.53 | 12.23 | 2265.76 | 12.81 | 2084.65 | 21.64 | 0.9 | 0.1456 | 92.01 |
| COMP2_040-Z24 | 0.151 | 0.442 | 7.21 | 0.7 | 0.35 | 0.5 | 2361.58 | 7.55 | 2137.13 | 5.80 | 1911.62 | 7.89 | 0.6 | 0.1672 | 89.45 |
| COMP1_023-Z16 | 0.154 | 1.002 | 7.33 | 1.7 | 0.34 | 1.3 | 2393.12 | 17.06 | 2152.73 | 15.01 | 1909.93 | 22.28 | 0.8 | 0.1267 | 88.72 |
| COMP2_029-Z19 | 0.154 | 0.727 | 8.29 | 1.1 | 0.39 | 0.8 | 2394.57 | 12.37 | 2263.74 | 9.68 | 2121.81 | 14.14 | 0.7 | 0.3173 | 93.73 |
| z55b | 0.153 | 0.848 | 8.56 | 1.8 | 0.41 | 1.6 | 2381.26 | 14.45 | 2292.19 | 16.23 | 2193.62 | 29.20 | 0.9 | 0.1338 | 95.70 |
| COMP2_059-Z37 | 0.155 | 0.326 | 8.61 | 0.9 | 0.40 | 0.8 | 2402.85 | 5.55 | 2297.49 | 8.19 | 2180.91 | 15.53 | 0.9 | 0.1462 | 94.93 |
| z58n | 0.160 | 0.865 | 8.77 | 2.3 | 0.40 | 2.1 | 2456.45 | 14.62 | 2313.99 | 20.79 | 2156.05 | 38.68 | 0.9 | 0.1316 | 93.17 |
| COMP1_005-Z02 | 0.156 | 1.145 | 8.79 | 2.3 | 0.41 | 1.9 | 2413.79 | 19.44 | 2316.21 | 20.58 | 2207.16 | 36.37 | 0.9 | 0.7286 | 95.29 |
| z51n | 0.159 | 1.081 | 8.88 | 2.0 | 0.40 | 1.7 | 2449.33 | 18.30 | 2325.23 | 18.14 | 2186.54 | 30.92 | 0.8 | 0.3473 | 94.04 |
| z62 | 0.155 | 1.147 | 9.05 | 2.2 | 0.42 | 1.9 | 2405.12 | 19.50 | 2343.27 | 20.40 | 2272.89 | 36.66 | 0.9 | 0.1623 | 97.00 |
| COMP2_018-Z12 | 0.158 | 1.251 | 9.44 | 1.4 | 0.43 | 0.6 | 2434.29 | 21.20 | 2381.54 | 12.77 | 2320.38 | 11.82 | 0.6 | 0.2309 | 97.43 |
| COMP1_028-Z20 | 0.159 | 1.354 | 9.51 | 2.5 | 0.44 | 2.1 | 2439.92 | 22.92 | 2388.42 | 23.27 | 2328.52 | 41.85 | 0.8 | 0.2409 | 97.49 |
| COMP1_035-Z25 | 0.171 | 2.073 | 12.64 | 3.1 | 0.53 | 2.3 | 2571.34 | 34.66 | 2652.87 | 28.98 | 2761.10 | 51.14 | 0.7 | 1.0256 | 104.08 |
| COMP2_016-Z10 | 0.177 | 0.513 | 11.85 | 0.9 | 0.49 | 0.7 | 2623.80 | 8.53 | 2592.84 | 8.08 | 2553.41 | 14.64 | 0.8 | 0.3060 | 98.48 |
| z56 | 0.181 | 0.858 | 11.66 | 3.1 | 0.47 | 3.0 | 2658.62 | 14.23 | 2577.22 | 29.02 | 2474.99 | 61.30 | 1.0 | 0.4350 | 96.03 |
| z52 | 0.174 | 0.667 | 10.55 | 2.2 | 0.44 | 2.1 | 2596.19 | 11.12 | 2484.19 | 20.36 | 2349.58 | 41.19 | 1.0 | 0.5868 | 94.58 |
| COMP1_027-Z19B | 0.165 | 1.141 | 10.27 | 2.3 | 0.45 | 2.0 | 2511.02 | 19.18 | 2459.36 | 21.03 | 2397.35 | 39.35 | 0.9 | 0.2578 | 97.48 |
| COMP2_039-Z23 | 0.174 | 0.997 | 10.23 | 1.4 | 0.43 | 1.0 | 2600.51 | 16.62 | 2455.73 | 13.15 | 2284.72 | 19.49 | 0.7 | 0.2739 | 93.04 |
| COMP1_029-Z21 | 0.151 | 1.526 | 10.20 | 2.8 | 0.49 | 2.3 | 2360.84 | 26.06 | 2452.82 | 25.77 | 2565.30 | 49.35 | 0.8 | 0.2350 | 104.59 |
| COMP2_024-Z16 | 0.174 | 1.391 | 10.01 | 1.7 | 0.42 | 1.0 | 2595.30 | 23.19 | 2435.62 | 15.56 | 2249.10 | 18.07 | 0.8 | 0.3270 | 92.34 |
| Z54b | 0.165 | 0.844 | 9.84 | 1.7 | 0.43 | 1.5 | 2512.50 | 14.18 | 2419.81 | 15.89 | 2311.16 | 29.21 | 0.9 | 0.4283 | 95.51 |
| z63 | 0.169 | 0.891 | 9.57 | 2.0 | 0.41 | 1.7 | 2549.59 | 14.92 | 2394.13 | 18.03 | 2215.74 | 32.76 | 0.9 | 0.1824 | 92.55 |
| COMP2_015-Z9 | 0.180 | 0.634 | 8.41 | 1.0 | 0.34 | 0.8 | 2652.99 | 10.48 | 2627.67 | 8.93 | 1881.81 | 12.37 | 0.7 | 0.1867 | 82.66 |
| Z61 | 0.167 | 0.635 | 8.25 | 1.7 | 0.36 | 1.6 | 2529.60 | 10.65 | 2259.18 | 15.28 | 1972.87 | 26.56 | 0.9 | 0.1328 | 87.33 |
| z57 | 0.151 | 3.516 | 7.89 | 4.4 | 0.38 | 2.6 | 2353.23 | 60.08 | 2218.24 | 39.25 | 2075.06 | 45.60 | 0.8 | 0.1416 | 93.55 |
| COMP1_004-Z01 | 0.156 | 0.963 | 6.99 | 3.2 | 0.32 | 3.1 | 2415.81 | 16.35 | 2110.01 | 28.79 | 1810.88 | 48.86 | 1.0 | 0.1137 | 85.82 |
| COMP2_027-Z17 | 0.137 | 0.470 | 6.88 | 0.9 | 0.37 | 0.7 | 2184.10 | 8.18 | 2095.99 | 7.57 | 2007.45 | 12.30 | 0.8 | 0.0860 | 95.78 |
| COMP1_033-Z23 | 0.148 | 2.843 | 6.36 | 3.7 | 0.31 | 2.4 | 2325.48 | 48.72 | 2027.02 | 32.90 | 1747.09 | 37.42 | 0.6 | 0.2303 | 86.19 |
| COMP1_038-Z27 | 0.136 | 1.579 | 6.28 | 2.3 | 0.33 | 1.6 | 2177.47 | 27.24 | 2015.56 | 19.82 | 1861.36 | 26.64 | 0.7 | 0.1070 | 92.35 |
| z53n | 0.141 | 1.677 | 6.02 | 2.3 | 0.31 | 1.6 | 2237.48 | 29.00 | 1979.34 | 20.39 | 1741.86 | 24.95 | 0.9 | 0.2522 | 88.00 |
| COMP1_019-Z14 | 0.135 | 2.238 | 5.07 | 2.7 | 0.27 | 1.5 | 2170.39 | 38.99 | 1830.86 | 22.82 | 1547.43 | 20.55 | 0.5 | 0.4700 | 84.52 |
| z67 | 0.128 | 0.944 | 4.31 | 2.4 | 0.24 | 2.2 | 2077.09 | 16.62 | 1695.87 | 19.57 | 1404.87 | 27.50 | 0.9 | 0.1446 | 82.84 |
| COMP2_028-Z18 | 0.145 | 0.452 | 3.09 | 3.3 | 0.15 | 3.3 | 2289.20 | 7.77 | 1431.07 | 25.61 | 926.71 | 28.54 | 1.0 | 0.1526 | 64.76 |
| COMP1_024-Z17 | 0.094 | 2.505 | 2.04 | 3.0 | 0.16 | 1.6 | 1498.23 | 46.65 | 1128.39 | 20.15 | 946.16 | 14.31 | 0.5 | 0.1644 | 83.85 |
| Z53b | 0.059 | 0.671 | 0.71 | 2.0 | 0.09 | 1.9 | 583.81 | 14.57 | 544.47 | 8.43 | 535.12 | 9.68 | 0.9 | 0.0107 | 98.28 |
| COMP2_034-Z21N | 0.163 | 1.315 | 8.89 | 1.6 | 0.40 | 0.8 | 2483.35 | 22.17 | 2327.14 | 14.17 | 2153.28 | 15.10 | 0.5 | 0.3883 | 92.53 |
| COMP2_036-Z22 | 0.163 | 1.288 | 9.29 | 1.5 | 0.41 | 0.7 | 2488.18 | 21.70 | 2366.88 | 13.60 | 2228.65 | 13.89 | 0.7 | 0.2230 | 94.16 |
| COMP2_063-Z39 | 0.169 | 0.454 | 10.81 | 0.7 | 0.46 | 0.6 | 2547.88 | 7.61 | 2506.88 | 6.77 | 2456.57 | 11.63 | 0.7 | 0.4856 | 97.99 |
| COMP2_052-Z32 | 0.168 | 0.617 | 9.81 | 1.0 | 0.42 | 0.8 | 2533.15 | 10.35 | 2416.83 | 8.98 | 2281.17 | 14.50 | 0.7 | 0.5754 | 94.39 |
| COMP2_021-Z13 | 0.163 | 0.627 | 8.83 | 1.1 | 0.39 | 0.9 | 2487.38 | 10.57 | 2320.28 | 10.07 | 2135.21 | 16.52 | 0.8 | 0.1942 | 92.02 |
| COMP2_041-Z25 | 0.166 | 0.338 | 9.50 | 0.7 | 0.41 | 0.7 | 2519.67 | 5.67 | 2387.49 | 6.78 | 2235.71 | 12.41 | 0.9 | 0.2099 | 93.64 |
| COMP2_009-Z5 | 0.171 | 0.320 | 11.53 | 0.9 | 0.49 | 0.8 | 2564.94 | 5.35 | 2567.32 | 8.48 | 2570.32 | 18.01 | 0.9 | 0.3190 | 100.12 |
| z60 | 0.186 | 0.912 | 13.41 | 1.8 | 0.52 | 1.6 | 2711.19 | 15.05 | 2709.18 | 17.22 | 2706.50 | 34.88 | 0.9 | 0.8782 | 99.90 |
| COMP2_022-Z14 | 0.184 | 0.720 | 12.72 | 1.0 | 0.50 | 0.6 | 2691.97 | 11.90 | 2659.36 | 9.02 | 2616.71 | 13.58 | 0.6 | 0.6307 | 98.40 |
| COMP2_051-Z31 | 0.185 | 0.376 | 12.18 | 0.7 | 0.48 | 0.6 | 2694.97 | 6.22 | 2618.01 | 7.00 | 2519.66 | 13.44 | 0.8 | 0.3838 | 96.24 |
| z64 | 0.186 | 2.271 | 11.90 | 2.8 | 0.46 | 1.7 | 2709.05 | 37.47 | 2596.40 | 26.39 | 2454.51 | 34.02 | 0.8 | 0.4414 | 94.54 |
| COMP2_057-Z35 | 0.125 | 0.930 | 5.65 | 1.2 | 0.33 | 0.8 | 2022.67 | 16.48 | 1923.41 | 10.76 | 1832.67 | 13.24 | 0.6 | 0.0952 | 95.28 |
| COMP2_035-Z21B | 0.122 | 1.098 | 4.41 | 1.6 | 0.26 | 1.1 | 1990.38 | 19.40 | 1713.82 | 13.03 | 1496.74 | 15.23 | 0.7 | 0.0857 | 87.33 |
| COMP1_018-Z13 | 0.127 | 0.912 | 6.22 | 1.5 | 0.35 | 1.2 | 2062.48 | 16.08 | 2006.95 | 12.92 | 1953.43 | 19.58 | 0.8 | 0.1223 | 97.33 |
| COMP2_005-Z3 | 0.125 | 0.434 | 5.78 | 0.8 | 0.34 | 0.6 | 2021.92 | 7.70 | 1944.12 | 6.66 | 1871.93 | 10.32 | 0.8 | 0.1918 | 96.29 |
| COMP2_011-Z7 | 0.124 | 0.308 | 6.01 | 0.6 | 0.35 | 0.6 | 2013.31 | 5.46 | 1977.65 | 5.57 | 1943.73 | 9.42 | 0.8 | 0.1024 | 98.28 |
| COMP2_033-Z20B | 0.122 | 0.778 | 3.97 | 1.71 | 0.24 | 1.52 | 1984.00 | 13.84 | 1627.85 | 13.83 | 1366.73 | 18.70 | 0.9 | 0.164 | 83.96 |
| z51b | 0.125 | 0.516 | 5.60 | 1.46 | 0.33 | 1.37 | 2025.12 | 9.15 | 1915.59 | 12.58 | 1816.06 | 21.62 | 0.9 | 0.079 | 94.80 |
| Z58b | 0.122 | 0.576 | 5.44 | 1.81 | 0.32 | 1.71 | 1992.64 | 10.25 | 1891.00 | 15.50 | 1799.82 | 26.89 | 0.9 | 0.07 | 95.18 |
| z66 | 0.116 | 0.644 | 3.92 | 2.17 | 0.25 | 2.08 | 1891.35 | 11.58 | 1618.16 | 17.58 | 1416.55 | 26.39 | 1.0 | 0.005 | 87.54 |
| Z65 | 0.118 | 0.518 | 3.81 | 1.78 | 0.23 | 1.71 | 1920.49 | 9.28 | 1594.39 | 14.33 | 1359.50 | 20.90 | 1.0 | 0.13 | 85.27 |
| z50 | 0.119 | 0.487 | 4.45 | 2.13 | 0.27 | 2.07 | 1946.43 | 8.70 | 1721.38 | 17.66 | 1542.46 | 28.46 | 1.0 | 0.085 | 89.61 |

Table 7
Summary of LA-ICP-MS data of zircons from Carmo suite sample LSM-07.

| Grain spot | Isotopic ratios | | | | | | Ages (Ma) | | | | | | Rho | Th/U | Conc. (%) |
|------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------|------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|-----|-------|-----------|
| | $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{206}\text{Pb}$ | $\pm (1\sigma)$ | $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{235}\text{U}$ | $\pm (1\sigma)$ | $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U}$ | $\pm (1\sigma)$ | $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{206}\text{Pb}$ | $\pm 1\sigma$ (Ma) | $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{235}\text{U}$ | $\pm 1\sigma$ Ma | $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U}$ | $\pm 1\sigma$ (Ma) | | | |
| 003-Z1 | 0.129 | 0.522 | 6.10 | 0.87 | 0.342 | 0.701 | 2089.2 | 9.2 | 1989.7 | 7.6 | 1895.2 | 11.5 | 0.1 | 0.199 | 90.76 |
| 004-Z2 | 0.126 | 0.415 | 5.67 | 0.91 | 0.327 | 0.805 | 2039.8 | 7.3 | 1927.4 | 7.8 | 1824.6 | 12.8 | 0.1 | 0.170 | 89.46 |
| 005-Z3N | 0.124 | 0.374 | 5.50 | 0.82 | 0.321 | 0.734 | 2019.2 | 6.6 | 1901.1 | 7.1 | 1794.8 | 11.5 | 0.1 | 0.236 | 88.93 |
| 006-Z3B | 0.132 | 0.468 | 6.28 | 0.76 | 0.345 | 0.593 | 2125.7 | 8.2 | 2015.1 | 6.6 | 1909.0 | 9.8 | 0.1 | 0.401 | 89.81 |
| 007-Z4 | 0.132 | 0.641 | 6.36 | 1.01 | 0.349 | 0.783 | 2130.0 | 11.2 | 2027.3 | 8.9 | 1928.0 | 13.1 | 0.1 | 0.219 | 90.66 |
| 008-Z5 | 0.133 | 0.401 | 6.62 | 0.95 | 0.361 | 0.856 | 2138.0 | 7.0 | 2062.0 | 8.3 | 1986.8 | 14.6 | 0.1 | 0.358 | 93.83 |
| 009-Z6 | 0.133 | 0.500 | 6.70 | 0.80 | 0.366 | 0.630 | 2137.9 | 8.7 | 2073.1 | 7.1 | 2008.6 | 10.9 | 0.1 | 0.446 | 94.02 |
| 010-Z7 | 0.123 | 0.919 | 5.17 | 1.22 | 0.305 | 0.798 | 1996.6 | 16.3 | 1847.2 | 10.4 | 1717.6 | 12.0 | 0.1 | 0.116 | 86.09 |
| 013-Z8 | 0.125 | 0.495 | 5.35 | 0.86 | 0.310 | 0.698 | 2030.2 | 8.8 | 1877.4 | 7.3 | 1742.4 | 10.6 | 0.1 | 0.246 | 85.88 |
| 014-Z9 | 0.124 | 0.672 | 5.38 | 1.15 | 0.315 | 0.932 | 2014.3 | 11.9 | 1881.7 | 9.8 | 1763.9 | 14.4 | 0.1 | 0.167 | 87.73 |
| 015-Z10 | 0.129 | 0.619 | 5.83 | 1.02 | 0.328 | 0.815 | 2081.0 | 10.9 | 1950.4 | 8.9 | 1829.8 | 13.0 | 0.1 | 0.226 | 88.02 |
| 016-Z11 | 0.133 | 0.450 | 7.11 | 0.98 | 0.387 | 0.868 | 2139.0 | 7.9 | 2124.8 | 8.7 | 2110.2 | 15.6 | 0.1 | 0.272 | 98.68 |
| 017-Z12 | 0.128 | 0.508 | 5.79 | 0.77 | 0.329 | 0.584 | 2066.2 | 8.9 | 1945.2 | 6.7 | 1833.5 | 9.3 | 0.1 | 0.121 | 88.77 |
| 018-Z13 | 0.120 | 0.772 | 4.36 | 1.14 | 0.263 | 0.842 | 1956.9 | 13.8 | 1704.7 | 9.4 | 1507.2 | 11.3 | 0.1 | 0.153 | 77.20 |
| 019-Z14 | 0.134 | 0.857 | 6.59 | 1.27 | 0.357 | 0.939 | 2150.2 | 15.0 | 2058.2 | 11.2 | 1967.7 | 15.9 | 0.1 | 0.266 | 91.73 |
| 020-Z15 | 0.128 | 1.020 | 5.98 | 1.38 | 0.339 | 0.924 | 2070.9 | 18.0 | 1972.8 | 12.0 | 1880.7 | 15.1 | 0.1 | 0.203 | 90.95 |
| 023-Z16 | 0.133 | 0.628 | 6.84 | 1.09 | 0.373 | 0.890 | 2139.7 | 11.0 | 2091.0 | 9.7 | 2041.9 | 15.6 | 0.1 | 0.222 | 95.52 |
| 024-Z17 | 0.130 | 0.419 | 6.82 | 0.86 | 0.379 | 0.754 | 2104.0 | 7.4 | 2088.0 | 7.6 | 2071.8 | 13.4 | 0.1 | 0.268 | 98.50 |
| 025-Z18 | 0.126 | 0.581 | 5.33 | 1.10 | 0.307 | 0.929 | 2041.6 | 10.3 | 1873.5 | 9.4 | 1725.7 | 14.1 | 0.1 | 0.142 | 84.59 |
| 026-Z19 | 0.121 | 0.971 | 4.72 | 1.55 | 0.283 | 1.209 | 1968.9 | 17.3 | 1771.2 | 13.0 | 1608.4 | 17.2 | 0.1 | 0.298 | 81.73 |
| 027-Z20 | 0.126 | 0.611 | 5.14 | 1.31 | 0.296 | 1.149 | 2039.7 | 10.8 | 1842.0 | 11.0 | 1672.1 | 17.0 | 0.1 | 0.153 | 81.98 |
| 028-Z21 | 0.130 | 0.529 | 6.44 | 1.11 | 0.358 | 0.972 | 2104.3 | 9.3 | 2037.3 | 9.7 | 1971.7 | 16.5 | 0.1 | 0.194 | 93.75 |
| 030-Z23 | 0.132 | 0.922 | 6.67 | 1.18 | 0.367 | 0.741 | 2121.3 | 16.2 | 2068.3 | 10.4 | 2015.6 | 12.8 | 0.1 | 0.210 | 95.10 |
| 033-Z24 | 0.131 | 0.541 | 6.84 | 0.93 | 0.379 | 0.757 | 2110.2 | 9.5 | 2091.3 | 8.2 | 2072.1 | 13.4 | 0.1 | 0.311 | 98.21 |
| 034-Z25 | 0.130 | 0.819 | 6.55 | 1.07 | 0.366 | 0.695 | 2095.2 | 14.4 | 2053.1 | 9.5 | 2011.4 | 12.0 | 0.1 | 0.210 | 96.01 |
| 035-Z26 | 0.129 | 0.489 | 6.17 | 0.85 | 0.346 | 0.699 | 2088.0 | 8.6 | 1999.5 | 7.5 | 1915.0 | 11.6 | 0.1 | 0.205 | 91.74 |
| 036-Z28 | 0.125 | 0.634 | 5.75 | 0.99 | 0.333 | 0.760 | 2033.1 | 11.2 | 1938.6 | 8.6 | 1851.4 | 12.2 | 0.1 | 0.170 | 91.08 |
| 037-Z27 | 0.131 | 0.560 | 7.27 | 0.88 | 0.403 | 0.684 | 2110.8 | 9.8 | 2145.6 | 7.9 | 2182.2 | 12.7 | 0.1 | 0.183 | 103.41 |
| 038-Z29 | 0.128 | 0.536 | 6.35 | 1.06 | 0.361 | 0.911 | 2065.6 | 9.5 | 2024.7 | 9.3 | 1984.9 | 15.6 | 0.1 | 0.186 | 96.13 |
| 039-Z30 | 0.128 | 0.544 | 6.57 | 0.98 | 0.371 | 0.813 | 2076.1 | 9.6 | 2054.7 | 8.6 | 2033.3 | 14.2 | 0.1 | 0.286 | 97.97 |
| 040-Z31 | 0.131 | 1.311 | 6.45 | 1.64 | 0.356 | 0.992 | 2116.5 | 23.0 | 2039.1 | 14.4 | 1963.4 | 16.8 | 0.1 | 0.203 | 92.82 |

Table 8
Summary of LA-ICP-MS data of zircons from Carmo suite sample LSM-93B.

| Grain spot | Isotopic ratios | | | | | | Ages (Ma) | | | | | | Rho | Th/U | Conc. (%) |
|------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------|------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|-----|-------|-----------|
| | $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{206}\text{Pb}$ | $\pm (1\sigma)$ | $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{235}\text{U}$ | $\pm (1\sigma)$ | $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U}$ | $\pm (1\sigma)$ | $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{206}\text{Pb}$ | $\pm 1\sigma$ (Ma) | $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{235}\text{U}$ | $\pm 1\sigma$ Ma | $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U}$ | $\pm 1\sigma$ (Ma) | | | |
| 003-Z01 | 0.116 | 0.68 | 4.81 | 1.10 | 0.302 | 0.86 | 1888 | 12.2 | 1786 | 9.2 | 1700 | 12.8 | 0.8 | 0.075 | 95.17 |
| 004-Z02 | 0.122 | 0.49 | 5.82 | 1.04 | 0.345 | 0.92 | 1992 | 8.6 | 1949 | 9.0 | 1909 | 15.2 | 0.9 | 0.291 | 97.95 |
| 005-Z03 | 0.126 | 0.46 | 6.03 | 0.80 | 0.348 | 0.65 | 2038 | 8.1 | 1981 | 7.0 | 1926 | 10.9 | 0.8 | 0.308 | 97.24 |
| 006-Z04 | 0.118 | 1.28 | 4.92 | 1.59 | 0.301 | 0.95 | 1934 | 22.9 | 1806 | 13.4 | 1698 | 14.1 | 0.8 | 0.223 | 94.01 |
| 009-Z05 | 0.125 | 0.56 | 6.16 | 0.89 | 0.356 | 0.69 | 2034 | 9.9 | 1999 | 7.8 | 1965 | 11.7 | 0.7 | 0.245 | 98.29 |
| 010-Z06 | 0.123 | 0.53 | 5.66 | 1.09 | 0.334 | 0.95 | 1997 | 9.4 | 1925 | 9.4 | 1858 | 15.4 | 0.9 | 0.318 | 96.53 |
| 011-Z07 | 0.122 | 0.61 | 6.02 | 0.96 | 0.357 | 0.75 | 1990 | 10.8 | 1979 | 8.4 | 1968 | 12.7 | 0.7 | 0.343 | 99.44 |
| 012-Z08 | 0.124 | 0.95 | 6.17 | 1.20 | 0.361 | 0.74 | 2012 | 16.8 | 2000 | 10.5 | 1988 | 12.7 | 0.8 | 0.396 | 99.43 |
| 015-Z09 | 0.059 | 1.42 | 0.76 | 2.15 | 0.094 | 1.61 | 553 | 31.1 | 573 | 9.4 | 578 | 8.9 | 0.7 | 0.031 | 100.89 |
| 016-Z10 | 0.119 | 0.70 | 5.51 | 1.19 | 0.335 | 0.96 | 1943 | 12.5 | 1902 | 10.2 | 1864 | 15.6 | 0.8 | 0.218 | 98.02 |
| 021-Z13 | 0.119 | 0.43 | 5.58 | 0.89 | 0.341 | 0.78 | 1936 | 7.6 | 1914 | 7.6 | 1893 | 12.7 | 0.9 | 0.259 | 98.91 |
| 022-Z14N | 0.111 | 0.81 | 3.46 | 1.60 | 0.227 | 1.37 | 1812 | 14.6 | 1518 | 12.5 | 1317 | 16.4 | 0.9 | 0.029 | 86.73 |
| 024-Z15N | 0.122 | 0.76 | 5.75 | 1.05 | 0.343 | 0.72 | 1979 | 13.6 | 1940 | 9.1 | 1902 | 11.9 | 0.8 | 0.240 | 98.09 |
| 027-Z16 | 0.125 | 0.50 | 6.13 | 1.10 | 0.356 | 0.98 | 2030 | 8.8 | 1995 | 9.6 | 1962 | 16.6 | 0.9 | 0.361 | 98.34 |
| 028-Z17 | 0.118 | 0.48 | 4.96 | 0.86 | 0.304 | 0.72 | 1930 | 8.5 | 1812 | 7.3 | 1711 | 10.8 | 0.8 | 0.235 | 94.42 |
| 029-Z18 | 0.116 | 0.45 | 4.75 | 0.88 | 0.298 | 0.75 | 1890 | 8.2 | 1776 | 7.4 | 1680 | 11.1 | 0.8 | 0.244 | 94.62 |
| 030-Z19 | 0.129 | 1.46 | 4.56 | 1.91 | 0.257 | 1.23 | 2079 | 25.7 | 1743 | 15.9 | 1476 | 16.3 | 0.8 | 0.209 | 84.72 |
| 033-Z20 | 0.121 | 0.63 | 5.95 | 1.15 | 0.355 | 0.97 | 1978 | 11.1 | 1969 | 10.0 | 1960 | 16.4 | 0.8 | 0.219 | 99.54 |
| 034-Z21 | 0.117 | 0.43 | 4.87 | 0.90 | 0.302 | 0.78 | 1915 | 7.8 | 1798 | 7.6 | 1699 | 11.7 | 0.9 | 0.234 | 94.50 |
| 035-Z22 | 0.123 | 0.67 | 6.21 | 1.21 | 0.365 | 1.02 | 2006 | 11.8 | 2006 | 10.6 | 2005 | 17.5 | 0.8 | 0.364 | 99.97 |
| 039-Z23 | 0.125 | 0.51 | 6.65 | 0.96 | 0.385 | 0.81 | 2033 | 9.1 | 2066 | 8.5 | 2099 | 14.5 | 0.8 | 0.284 | 101.62 |
| 040-Z24 | 0.121 | 0.63 | 5.08 | 1.11 | 0.305 | 0.91 | 1966 | 11.2 | 1832 | 9.4 | 1717 | 13.8 | 0.8 | 0.253 | 93.70 |
| 041-Z25 | 0.125 | 0.62 | 5.91 | 0.91 | 0.344 | 0.67 | 2025 | 10.9 | 1963 | 7.9 | 1905 | 11.0 | 0.7 | 0.286 | 97.04 |
| 042-Z26 | 0.121 | 0.90 | 5.10 | 1.26 | 0.306 | 0.87 | 1970 | 16.1 | 1835 | 10.7 | 1719 | 13.2 | 0.8 | 0.235 | 93.68 |
| 045-Z27 | 0.114 | 0.55 | 4.27 | 0.97 | 0.271 | 0.80 | 1866 | 9.9 | 1687 | 8.0 | 1547 | 11.0 | 0.8 | 0.241 | 91.69 |
| 046-Z28 | 0.124 | 0.38 | 6.00 | 0.70 | 0.350 | 0.59 | 2020 | 6.7 | 1976 | 6.1 | 1934 | 9.9 | 0.8 | 0.235 | 97.86 |
| 047-Z29 | 0.121 | 0.42 | 5.28 | 0.77 | 0.316 | 0.65 | 1975 | 7.4 | 1865 | 6.6 | 1768 | 10.1 | 0.8 | 0.207 | 94.81 |
| 048-Z30 | 0.129 | 1.02 | 6.95 | 1.31 | 0.392 | 0.83 | 2080 | 17.9 | 2106 | 11.7 | 2132 | 15.1 | 0.8 | 0.289 | 101.25 |

Table 9
Summary of LA-ICP-MS data of zircons from Carmo suite sample LS-03D.

| Grain spot | Isotopic ratios | | | | | | Ages (Ma) | | | | | | Rho | Th/U | Conc. (%) |
|------------|-----------------------------------|----------------|----------------------------------|----------------|----------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------|------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|-----|-------|-----------|
| | $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{206}\text{Pb}$ | $\pm(1\sigma)$ | $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{235}\text{U}$ | $\pm(1\sigma)$ | $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U}$ | $\pm(1\sigma)$ | $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{206}\text{Pb}$ | $\pm 1\sigma$ (Ma) | $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{235}\text{U}$ | $\pm 1\sigma$ Ma | $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U}$ | $\pm 1\sigma$ (Ma) | | | |
| 037-Z28 | 0.09 | 0.48 | 2.03 | 1.20 | 0.16 | 1.10 | 1458 | 9.2 | 1125 | 8.2 | 961 | 9.8 | 0.9 | 0.339 | 65.95 |
| 004-Z1 | 0.11 | 0.85 | 3.98 | 1.80 | 0.25 | 1.59 | 1878 | 15.3 | 1630 | 14.6 | 1444 | 20.6 | 0.9 | 0.125 | 76.91 |
| 039-Z30 | 0.11 | 0.51 | 4.18 | 1.26 | 0.26 | 1.15 | 1877 | 9.2 | 1671 | 10.3 | 1511 | 15.5 | 0.9 | 0.188 | 80.49 |
| 009-Z6 | 0.12 | 0.59 | 4.23 | 1.02 | 0.26 | 0.83 | 1932 | 10.5 | 1681 | 8.4 | 1487 | 11.0 | 0.8 | 0.207 | 77.00 |
| 038-Z29 | 0.12 | 0.46 | 4.28 | 2.11 | 0.27 | 2.06 | 1907 | 8.3 | 1689 | 17.4 | 1519 | 27.9 | 1.0 | 0.125 | 79.64 |
| 027-Z20 | 0.12 | 0.53 | 4.28 | 1.05 | 0.27 | 0.91 | 1908 | 9.5 | 1690 | 8.7 | 1520 | 12.3 | 0.9 | 0.123 | 79.69 |
| 017-Z12 | 0.12 | 0.99 | 4.48 | 2.17 | 0.28 | 1.92 | 1903 | 17.9 | 1727 | 18.0 | 1585 | 27.0 | 0.9 | 0.131 | 83.28 |
| 016-Z11 | 0.12 | 1.10 | 4.51 | 1.48 | 0.27 | 1.00 | 1955 | 19.6 | 1733 | 12.3 | 1555 | 13.8 | 0.8 | 0.137 | 79.57 |
| 006-Z3 | 0.12 | 0.81 | 4.57 | 1.51 | 0.28 | 1.28 | 1916 | 14.6 | 1744 | 12.6 | 1604 | 18.1 | 0.9 | 0.124 | 83.70 |
| 008-Z5 | 0.12 | 0.47 | 4.61 | 1.00 | 0.28 | 0.88 | 1927 | 8.5 | 1750 | 8.3 | 1606 | 12.5 | 0.9 | 0.314 | 83.38 |
| 025-Z18 | 0.12 | 0.59 | 4.81 | 1.09 | 0.30 | 0.92 | 1913 | 10.6 | 1787 | 9.2 | 1681 | 13.6 | 0.8 | 0.159 | 87.87 |
| 019-Z14 | 0.12 | 0.54 | 4.95 | 1.28 | 0.30 | 1.16 | 1951 | 9.7 | 1812 | 10.8 | 1693 | 17.2 | 0.9 | 0.194 | 86.78 |
| 014-Z9 | 0.12 | 0.66 | 4.95 | 1.18 | 0.29 | 0.98 | 1986 | 11.8 | 1812 | 10.0 | 1664 | 14.3 | 0.8 | 0.268 | 83.79 |
| 035-Z26 | 0.12 | 0.56 | 5.16 | 1.08 | 0.30 | 0.92 | 1996 | 10.0 | 1845 | 9.1 | 1715 | 13.8 | 0.8 | 0.201 | 85.90 |
| 010-Z7 | 0.12 | 1.31 | 5.22 | 1.93 | 0.31 | 1.42 | 1984 | 23.2 | 1856 | 16.5 | 1744 | 21.8 | 0.9 | 0.175 | 87.90 |
| 007-Z4 | 0.12 | 0.49 | 5.24 | 1.05 | 0.31 | 0.93 | 1975 | 8.7 | 1859 | 8.9 | 1756 | 14.2 | 0.9 | 0.274 | 88.93 |
| 033-Z24 | 0.12 | 0.74 | 5.27 | 1.45 | 0.31 | 1.24 | 1993 | 13.2 | 1864 | 12.3 | 1751 | 19.0 | 0.9 | 0.334 | 87.87 |
| 028-Z21 | 0.12 | 0.48 | 5.37 | 1.29 | 0.32 | 1.20 | 1968 | 8.5 | 1881 | 11.1 | 1803 | 18.9 | 0.9 | 0.324 | 91.61 |
| 026-Z19 | 0.12 | 0.57 | 5.42 | 1.08 | 0.33 | 0.91 | 1946 | 10.2 | 1887 | 9.2 | 1835 | 14.6 | 0.9 | 0.072 | 94.30 |
| 013-Z8 | 0.12 | 0.74 | 5.51 | 1.28 | 0.32 | 1.05 | 2002 | 13.1 | 1903 | 11.0 | 1813 | 16.6 | 0.8 | 0.105 | 90.58 |
| 020-Z15 | 0.12 | 1.41 | 5.54 | 1.98 | 0.33 | 1.40 | 1961 | 25.1 | 1906 | 17.0 | 1857 | 22.5 | 0.9 | 0.085 | 94.68 |
| 024-Z17 | 0.12 | 0.53 | 5.69 | 1.02 | 0.33 | 0.88 | 2004 | 9.4 | 1929 | 8.8 | 1861 | 14.2 | 0.8 | 0.279 | 92.86 |
| 018-Z13 | 0.12 | 0.46 | 5.70 | 0.85 | 0.33 | 0.71 | 2008 | 8.2 | 1932 | 7.3 | 1861 | 11.5 | 0.8 | 0.107 | 92.71 |
| 005-Z2 | 0.12 | 0.70 | 5.75 | 1.39 | 0.34 | 1.19 | 2011 | 12.5 | 1939 | 12.0 | 1872 | 19.4 | 0.9 | 0.116 | 93.13 |
| 015-Z10 | 0.12 | 0.45 | 5.79 | 0.96 | 0.35 | 0.85 | 1947 | 8.1 | 1945 | 8.3 | 1942 | 14.2 | 0.9 | 0.126 | 99.73 |
| 023-Z16 | 0.12 | 0.64 | 5.87 | 1.12 | 0.35 | 0.92 | 1994 | 11.3 | 1956 | 9.7 | 1920 | 15.3 | 0.8 | 0.125 | 96.29 |
| 036-Z27 | 0.12 | 0.77 | 6.07 | 1.10 | 0.36 | 0.78 | 1989 | 13.7 | 1986 | 9.6 | 1984 | 13.4 | 0.8 | 0.369 | 99.73 |
| 030-Z23 | 0.13 | 0.91 | 6.13 | 1.22 | 0.35 | 0.82 | 2061 | 16.0 | 1994 | 10.6 | 1930 | 13.6 | 0.8 | 0.213 | 93.65 |
| 034-Z25 | 0.14 | 0.53 | 6.72 | 1.63 | 0.36 | 1.54 | 2164 | 9.3 | 2075 | 14.4 | 1986 | 26.3 | 0.9 | 0.518 | 91.75 |
| 029-Z22 | 0.13 | 0.71 | 7.12 | 1.37 | 0.40 | 1.17 | 2105 | 12.4 | 2126 | 12.2 | 2148 | 21.5 | 0.8 | 0.414 | 102.02 |

Table 10
Summary of LA-ICP-MS data of zircons from Pedra d'Água suite sample LSM-24.

| Grain spot | Isotopic ratios | | | | | | Ages (Ma) | | | | | | Rho | Th/U | Conc. (%) |
|------------|-----------------------------------|----------------|----------------------------------|----------------|----------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------|------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|-----|------|-----------|
| | $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{206}\text{Pb}$ | $\pm(1\sigma)$ | $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{235}\text{U}$ | $\pm(1\sigma)$ | $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U}$ | $\pm(1\sigma)$ | $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{206}\text{Pb}$ | $\pm 1\sigma$ (Ma) | $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{235}\text{U}$ | $\pm 1\sigma$ Ma | $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U}$ | $\pm 1\sigma$ (Ma) | | | |
| 039-Z30 | 0.12 | 0.59 | 4.58 | 0.97 | 0.28 | 0.78 | 1958 | 10.4 | 1746 | 8.1 | 1575 | 10.8 | 0.8 | 0.3 | 80.39 |
| 008-Z5 | 0.16 | 0.85 | 4.35 | 1.98 | 0.21 | 1.78 | 2392 | 14.5 | 1703 | 16.2 | 1208 | 19.6 | 0.9 | 0.37 | 48.76 |
| 020-Z15 | 0.12 | 1.75 | 4.91 | 2.53 | 0.29 | 1.83 | 2000 | 30.8 | 1804 | 21.1 | 1639 | 26.4 | 0.9 | 0.12 | 81.91 |
| 037-Z28 | 0.12 | 0.54 | 5.21 | 1.25 | 0.30 | 1.13 | 2019 | 9.5 | 1854 | 10.6 | 1710 | 16.9 | 0.9 | 0.15 | 84.69 |
| 004-Z1 | 0.12 | 0.96 | 5.23 | 2.09 | 0.31 | 1.86 | 2015 | 16.9 | 1858 | 17.7 | 1720 | 28.1 | 0.9 | 0.28 | 85.29 |
| 034-Z25 | 0.13 | 0.66 | 5.38 | 1.20 | 0.31 | 1.00 | 2048 | 11.6 | 1882 | 10.2 | 1735 | 15.2 | 0.8 | 0.18 | 84.69 |
| 029-Z22 | 0.12 | 0.68 | 5.41 | 1.22 | 0.31 | 1.01 | 2027 | 11.9 | 1887 | 10.4 | 1762 | 15.6 | 0.8 | 0.12 | 86.89 |
| 023-Z16 | 0.13 | 1.42 | 5.52 | 2.37 | 0.31 | 1.90 | 2073 | 24.8 | 1904 | 20.2 | 1753 | 29.2 | 0.8 | 0.29 | 84.48 |
| 017-Z12 | 0.12 | 0.53 | 5.64 | 1.08 | 0.33 | 0.94 | 2007 | 9.4 | 1923 | 9.3 | 1846 | 15.1 | 0.9 | 0.31 | 91.94 |
| 006-Z3 | 0.13 | 0.83 | 5.65 | 1.40 | 0.33 | 1.13 | 2030 | 14.6 | 1924 | 12.0 | 1828 | 17.9 | 0.9 | 0.19 | 89.79 |
| 009-Z6 | 0.12 | 0.46 | 5.75 | 1.45 | 0.34 | 1.38 | 2007 | 8.1 | 1939 | 12.5 | 1876 | 22.4 | 0.9 | 0.32 | 93.48 |
| 033-Z24 | 0.13 | 0.65 | 5.77 | 1.19 | 0.33 | 1.00 | 2068 | 11.5 | 1942 | 10.3 | 1825 | 15.8 | 0.8 | 0.38 | 88.22 |
| 010-Z7 | 0.12 | 0.80 | 5.77 | 1.70 | 0.34 | 1.49 | 1992 | 14.1 | 1941 | 14.6 | 1894 | 24.5 | 0.9 | 0.23 | 94.99 |
| 035-Z26 | 0.13 | 0.58 | 5.88 | 0.98 | 0.34 | 0.79 | 2049 | 10.1 | 1958 | 8.5 | 1872 | 12.9 | 0.8 | 0.34 | 91.35 |
| 026-Z19 | 0.13 | 0.82 | 5.89 | 1.53 | 0.34 | 1.29 | 2058 | 14.5 | 1960 | 13.2 | 1869 | 21.0 | 0.9 | 0.3 | 90.75 |
| 018-Z13 | 0.13 | 0.55 | 6.02 | 1.11 | 0.35 | 0.96 | 2046 | 9.7 | 1979 | 9.6 | 1915 | 15.9 | 0.9 | 0.32 | 93.57 |
| 036-Z27 | 0.13 | 0.58 | 6.04 | 0.97 | 0.35 | 0.78 | 2051 | 10.2 | 1982 | 8.5 | 1918 | 13.0 | 0.8 | 0.28 | 93.50 |
| 030-Z23 | 0.13 | 0.77 | 6.04 | 1.21 | 0.34 | 0.94 | 2059 | 13.5 | 1982 | 10.5 | 1910 | 15.6 | 0.8 | 0.25 | 92.73 |
| 013-Z8 | 0.13 | 0.56 | 6.08 | 1.48 | 0.35 | 1.37 | 2029 | 9.9 | 1988 | 12.8 | 1949 | 23.0 | 0.9 | 0.27 | 96.05 |
| 005-Z2 | 0.13 | 0.55 | 6.09 | 1.38 | 0.35 | 1.27 | 2041 | 9.7 | 1989 | 12.0 | 1939 | 21.2 | 0.9 | 0.11 | 94.98 |
| 025-Z18 | 0.13 | 0.76 | 6.10 | 1.90 | 0.35 | 1.74 | 2068 | 13.3 | 1991 | 16.4 | 1918 | 28.9 | 0.9 | 0.3 | 92.73 |
| 027-Z20 | 0.13 | 0.60 | 6.11 | 1.24 | 0.35 | 1.09 | 2064 | 10.5 | 1991 | 10.8 | 1922 | 18.1 | 0.9 | 0.26 | 93.08 |
| 007-Z4 | 0.13 | 0.52 | 6.14 | 1.29 | 0.35 | 1.18 | 2048 | 9.2 | 1996 | 11.2 | 1946 | 19.9 | 0.9 | 0.26 | 95.01 |
| 028-Z21 | 0.13 | 0.56 | 6.20 | 1.07 | 0.35 | 0.92 | 2076 | 9.8 | 2005 | 9.3 | 1937 | 15.3 | 0.8 | 0.23 | 93.28 |
| 024-Z17 | 0.13 | 1.32 | 6.35 | 2.34 | 0.36 | 1.93 | 2074 | 23.1 | 2026 | 20.3 | 1980 | 32.9 | 0.8 | 0.3 | 95.44 |
| 038-Z29 | 0.13 | 0.51 | 6.39 | 0.95 | 0.36 | 0.80 | 2070 | 8.9 | 2031 | 8.3 | 1993 | 13.8 | 0.8 | 0.33 | 96.27 |
| 016-Z11 | 0.13 | 0.73 | 6.41 | 1.29 | 0.37 | 1.06 | 2052 | 12.8 | 2034 | 11.2 | 2017 | 18.4 | 0.9 | 0.31 | 98.28 |
| 014-Z9 | 0.13 | 0.51 | 6.49 | 1.38 | 0.38 | 1.28 | 2034 | 9.0 | 2044 | 12.0 | 2054 | 22.5 | 0.9 | 0.38 | 100.98 |
| 019-Z14 | 0.13 | 0.71 | 6.61 | 1.55 | 0.38 | 1.38 | 2051 | 12.5 | 2060 | 13.6 | 2069 | 24.4 | 0.9 | 0.34 | 100.86 |
| 015-Z10 | 0.13 | 0.59 | 6.70 | 1.35 | 0.39 | 1.22 | 2044 | 10.4 | 2072 | 11.9 | 2100 | 21.8 | 0.9 | 0.36 | 102.71 |

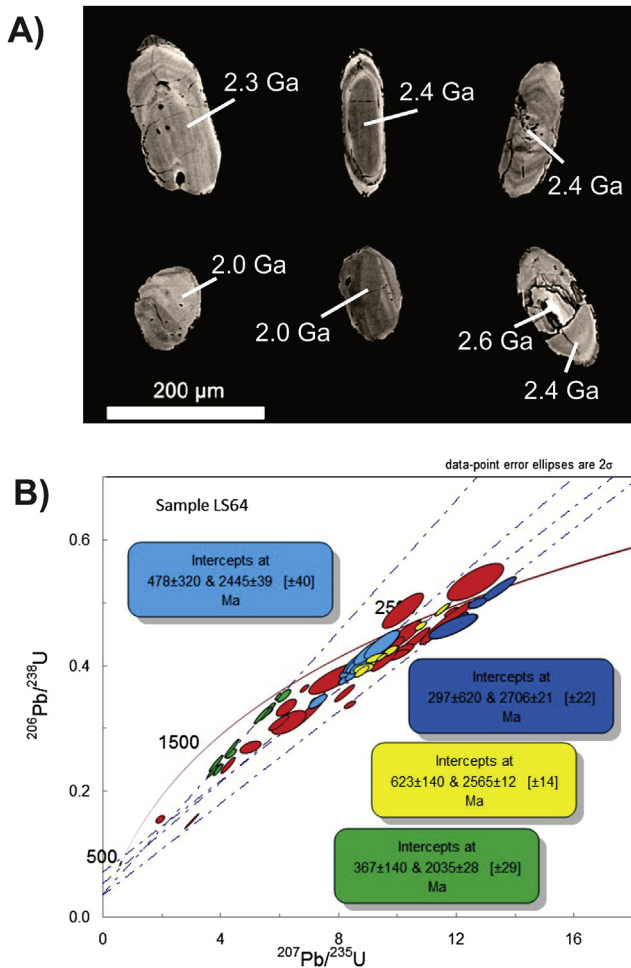


Fig. 10. A) Back-scattered images of selected dated zircon grains in granodioritic orthogneiss from the basement showing corresponding ages. B) U–Pb concordia diagram for the granodioritic orthogneiss from the Basement Suite (Sample LS-64).

Zircon U–Pb dating was performed in samples from the basement and its three intrusive suites. The sample LS-64 is a gray coarse-grained folded granodioritic orthogneiss from the basement and displays a complex geochronological history. The analyzed zircons from this sample yielded four groups of ages (Fig. 10A and B). The older groups correspond to upper intercept ages of 2706 ± 21 Ma and 2565 ± 12 Ma and are interpreted as inherited grains of an undiscovered ancient Archean crust. The upper intercept age of 2445 ± 39 Ma is interpreted as the crystallization age of the protolith of the orthogneiss. The grains related to this peak present well-developed faces and oscillatory zoning attesting its igneous origin. The last zircon group is composed of igneous and mainly metamorphic zircons, they yield an upper intercept age of 2035 ± 28 Ma and are interpreted as a thermal Rhyacian metamorphic imprint.

Three samples were analyzed from the Carmo Suite. The first one corresponds to a metagabbro, and presents an upper intercept age of 2148 ± 23 Ma, being interpreted as an early magmatic pulse of this suite (Fig. 11). The second and third samples are interpreted as corresponding to a second magmatic pulse. They are i) a metaleucogabbro presenting an upper intercept crystallization age of 2012 ± 16 Ma (Fig. 12) and ii) a pale gray tonalitic gneiss, interpreted as a differentiated melt of the mafic rocks that yielded an age of 2008 ± 22 Ma (Fig. 13). These rocks display a lower intercept age that is possibly related to the Brasiliano thermal event.

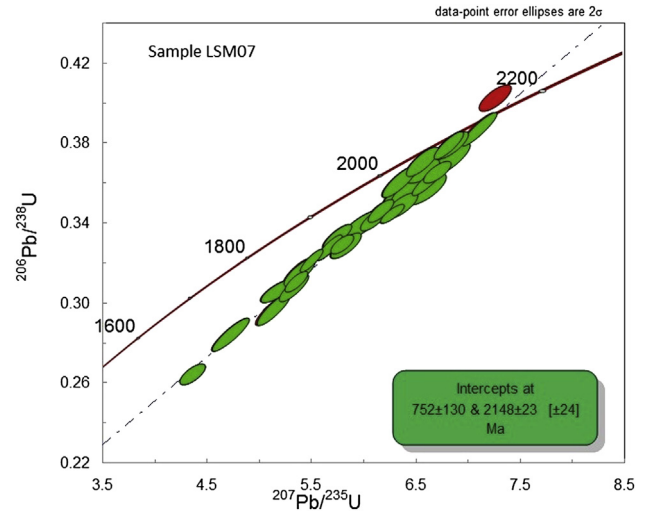


Fig. 11. U–Pb concordia diagram for the metagabbro from the Carmo Suite (Sample LSM-07).

Sample LSM-24 from the Pedra d'Água Suite is a gray monzogranitic orthogneiss. The Concordia diagram yields an upper intercept age of 2057 ± 15 Ma (Fig. 14), which is interpreted as the rock crystallization age. The lower intercept does not have geological significance, as Borborema Province has been stable since the Neoproterozoic.

Two samples from Serra da Barra Suite were dated. The first one (LS-02) is a light pink metasyenogranite. Zircons from this sample yield an upper intercept age of 1640 ± 20/–18 Ma, which is interpreted as the crystallization age of the syenogranitic protolith (Fig. 15). Similar to other previous samples, it also exhibits a lower intercept age of 605 Ma that is coherent with a loss of Pb related to the thermal effect of the Brasiliano orogeny (~0.6 Ga). The second analyzed sample represents a medium-grained foliated garnet amphibolite included as a lensoid body within a felsic stock, that yielded a concordant crystallization age of 1630 ± 7.2 Ma (Fig. 16). This age is coherent with that found in the dominant felsic pulse, confirming the bimodality of this suite.

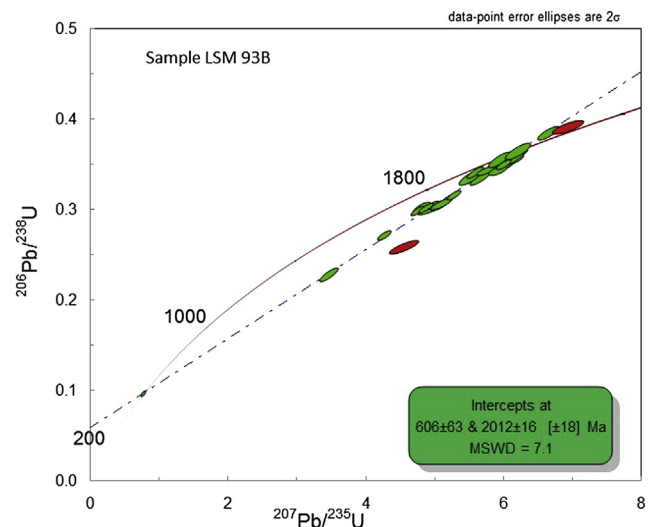


Fig. 12. U–Pb concordia diagram for the metaleucogabbro from the Carmo Suite (Sample LSM-93B).

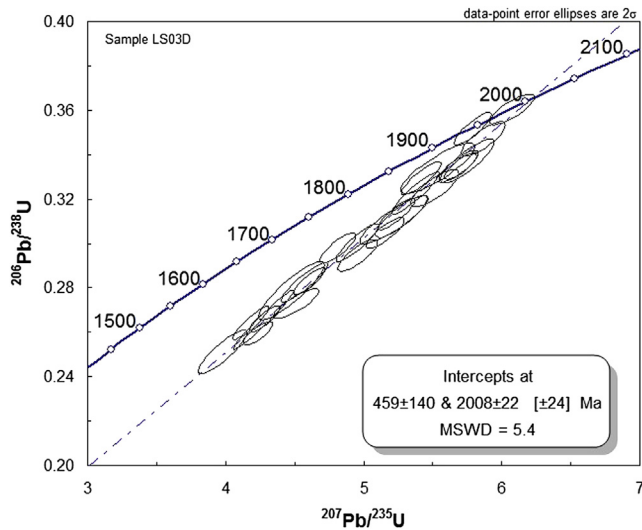


Fig. 13. U–Pb concordia diagram for the metatonalite from the Carmo Suite (Sample LS-03D).

Sm–Nd isotope analyses were performed on representative samples from the four studied units. The results are shown in Table 2. Fig. 17 shows the $\epsilon\text{Nd}(t)$ values calculated for the respective crystallization ages. Among the samples from the Basement rocks, four yielded Nd T_{DM} values between 2.63 and 3.33 Ga and negative to slightly positive $\epsilon\text{Nd}(t)$ values (see Table 2). These data are concordant with the vast inherited zircons from sample LS-64 suggesting that this unit is largely formed by crustal reworking of an older Archean source.

Three representative samples from the mafic members were carefully selected for Sm–Nd analyses of the Carmo Suite. An age of 2.01 Ga was assumed for this suite. The mafic rocks present $\epsilon\text{Nd}(t)$ values from positive to slightly negative (+4.75 to –6.08) and early Paleoproterozoic Nd TDM model ages, suggesting a mantle derivation for these rocks with variable crustal contributions. However, it is also possible to assume that the negative $\epsilon\text{Nd}(t)$ values can result of a metasomatized mantle for this time.

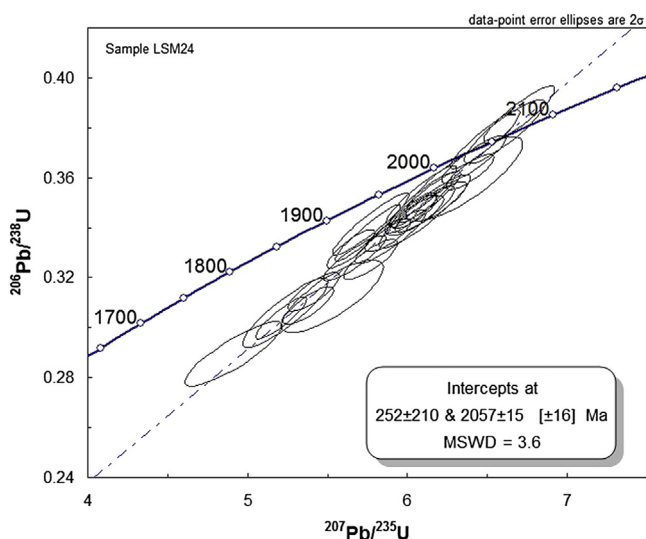


Fig. 14. U–Pb concordia diagram for the monzogranitic orthogneiss from the Pedra d'Água Suite (Sample LSM24).

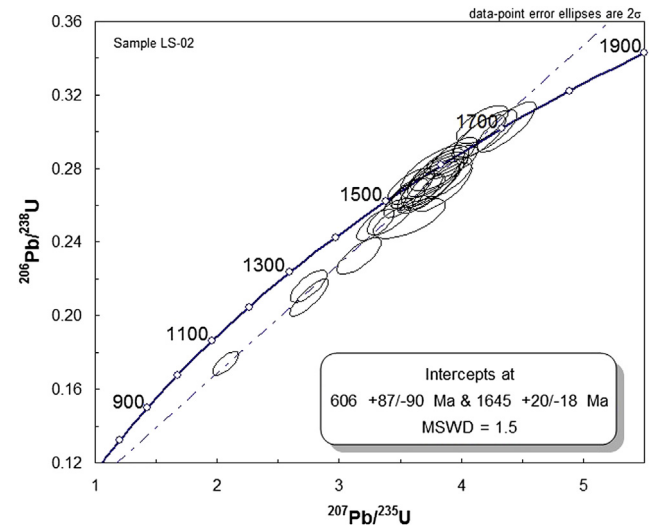


Fig. 15. U–Pb concordia diagram for the metasyenogranite from the Serra da Barra Suite (Sample LS-02).

For the Pedra d'Água Suite, the samples display negative $\epsilon\text{Nd}(t)$ values (from –0.58 to –8.98), and the Nd TDM model ages vary between 2.38 and 3.05 Ga, suggesting an old crustal component in the generation of the gneisses protoliths from this suite.

Samples from the Serra da Barra Suite exhibit a major crustal component as indicated by the strongly negative $\epsilon\text{Nd}(t)$ values ranging between –7.14 and –10.7. Based on their TDM model ages (2.6–3.0 Ga), these rocks were interpreted as reworked Paleoproterozoic to Achaean continental crusts.

6. Discussion

6.1. Tectonic setting and timing of the main events

The present study has revealed a new stratigraphic and geochronological scenario for evolution of the Paleoproterozoic Alto Moxotó Terrane (AMT). Detailed geological mapping confirms that the Sumé Complex, previously described in this area by

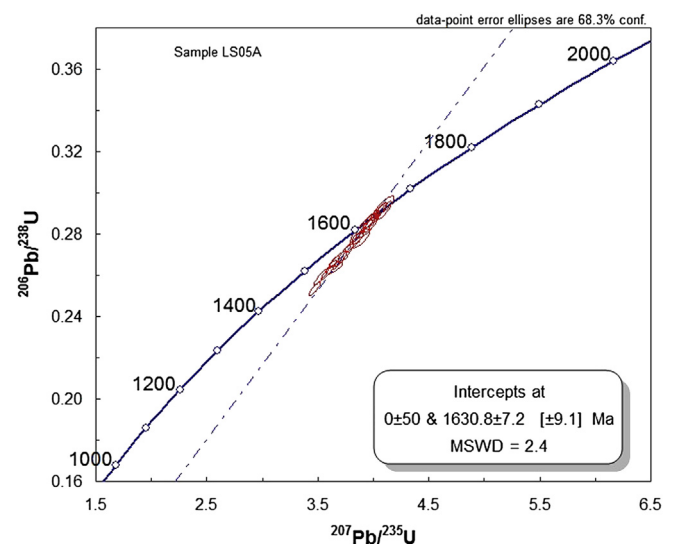


Fig. 16. U–Pb concordia diagram for the garnet amphibolite from the Serra da Barra Suite (Sample LS05A).

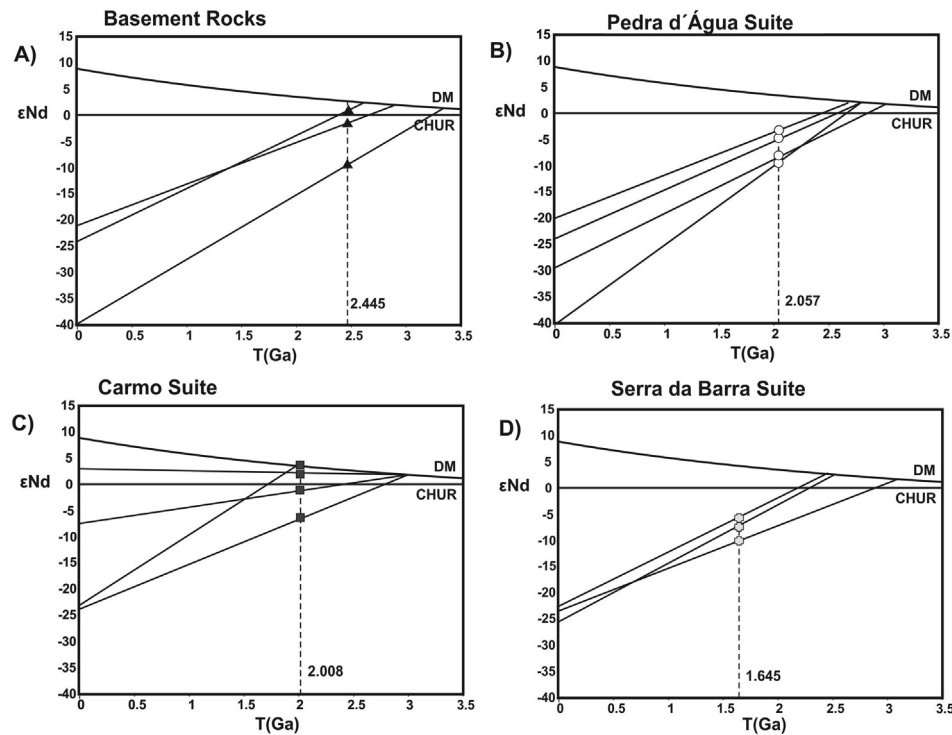


Fig. 17. Nd evolution diagram for metaplutonic rocks from the Sucuru area (NE Brazil).

Medeiros and Torres (2000) is actually a set of unities, including basement rocks and distinct intrusive suites, which were complexly structured within the AMT. Our geochemical and isotopic data suggest that at least three distinct tectono-magmatic events took place in the region (Fig. 18). The first event is Siderian-aged, dated on 2.44 Ga, being represented by granitic to granodioritic banded orthogneisses and migmatites of the basement. Chemically, these rocks correspond to homogeneous high-K calc-alkaline *meta to peraluminous rocks*. Nb, Ta and Ti negative anomalies are present, probably as result of the presence of rutile in the subducted slab residue during dehydration (Foley et al., 2000). These data associated with T_{DM} ages and negative $\epsilon Nd(t)$ values indicate that it was formed in a convergent tectonic environment with reworking of an older Archean continental crust. An alternative possible source is a metasomatized mantle which could also lead to negative $\epsilon Nd(t)$ values (Menzies et al., 1987), however the first hypothesis is preferred, because of the presence of several inherited zircon grains on the analyzed sample, which suggests indeed the existence of an older continental crust.

The second tectono-magmatic episode is represented by the mafic-ultramafic magmatism of the Carmo suite and granitic to granodioritic gneisses of the Pedra d'Água suite. This tectonic activity begun in the Rhyacian period with an early magmatic pulse of ~2.15 Ga, corresponding to the first mafic-ultramafic magma generation and a latter one dated around 2.0 Ga, which is represented by mafic-felsic magmatism. Both mafic-ultramafic rocks correspond to tholeiitic and minor calc-alkaline rocks with spider diagrams exhibiting strong Nb negative anomaly, which is typical for magmas generated in subduction-related environments, from the supra-subduction mantle wedge (Ducieux et al., 2006). This suggestion is also supported by the very low Nb/Yb ratios (0.5–1). The general REE patterns are broadly similar to MORBs, which clearly suggests derivation from a similar source (depleted mantle), with some samples exhibiting minor to moderate degree of LREE enrichment. It presents also

flat HREE profiles which suggest a spinel lherzolite as the main source. In spite of the general depletion in incompatible elements, mainly the REE, these general chemical characteristics are compatible with arc-related magmatism in early stages of subduction process.

The variation of $\epsilon Nd(t)$ from positive to negative values suggests that these mafic-ultramafic rocks were most likely generated in a continental magmatic arc with some juvenile contribution, nevertheless, some involvement of a more enriched source can also be considered. Other important feature of these rocks is the presence of symplectitic textures, which are common in high-grade rocks, and their formation is usually ascribed to cooling and/or decompression following the metamorphic peak (Fitzsimons, 1996; Carson et al., 1997). On the other hand, the felsic rocks of the Pedra d'Água suite correspond to middle to high-K calc-alkaline peraluminous magmatism, in which two distinct geochemical patterns regarding minor and trace elements can be discriminated. The first one presents a typical magmatic arc geochemical signature, due to Nb and Ta negative anomalies, and moderately fractionated REE patterns. The second group should represent a plagioclase-rich cumulate phase, once it presents a strong positive Eu anomaly on REE profile and scattered spider diagrams pattern. Tectonic discrimination diagrams for these rocks corroborate with the arc-related magmatism interpretation. In addition, negative $\epsilon Nd(t)$ values suggest a strong continental component on the genesis of these magmas.

The last tectono-magmatic event occurred in the Statherian and is represented by the bimodal magmatic association of the Serra da Barra Suite. This event is dated around 1.6 Ga and trace element patterns of mafic and mainly felsic rocks suggest a within-plate setting. These data are also validated by the tectonic discrimination diagrams for the felsic rocks, which suggest that it corresponds entirely to A-type granitoids. The attributed source mainly shows crustal derivation component, which is supported by the negative $\epsilon Nd(t)$ values, besides already presented geochemical

Table 11
Summary of LA-ICP-MS data of zircons from Serra da Barra suite felsic sample LS-02.

| Grain spot | Isotopic ratios | | | | | | Ages (Ma) | | | | | | Rho | Th/U | Conc. (%) |
|------------|-----------------------------------|----------------|----------------------------------|----------------|----------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------|------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|-----|-------|-----------|
| | $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{206}\text{Pb}$ | $\pm(1\sigma)$ | $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{235}\text{U}$ | $\pm(1\sigma)$ | $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U}$ | $\pm(1\sigma)$ | $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{206}\text{Pb}$ | $\pm 1\sigma$ (Ma) | $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{235}\text{U}$ | $\pm 1\sigma$ Ma | $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U}$ | $\pm 1\sigma$ (Ma) | | | |
| 039-Z29 | 0.08 | 1.88 | 1.51 | 2.36 | 0.14 | 1.42 | 1126 | 37.0 | 935 | 14.4 | 851 | 11.4 | 0.6 | 0.009 | 91.40 |
| 014-Z09 | 0.09 | 1.46 | 2.07 | 2.10 | 0.17 | 1.50 | 1332 | 28.1 | 1139 | 14.4 | 1034 | 14.3 | 0.7 | 0.282 | 91.13 |
| 027-Z20 | 0.09 | 2.13 | 2.35 | 2.60 | 0.19 | 1.49 | 1416 | 40.2 | 1229 | 18.5 | 1118 | 15.3 | 0.6 | 0.109 | 91.36 |
| 008-Z05+ | 0.09 | 1.52 | 2.75 | 2.24 | 0.22 | 1.64 | 1469 | 28.7 | 1342 | 16.7 | 1261 | 18.8 | 0.7 | 0.276 | 94.08 |
| 004-Z01 | 0.10 | 1.25 | 2.75 | 2.35 | 0.21 | 1.99 | 1526 | 23.3 | 1343 | 17.5 | 1228 | 22.2 | 0.8 | 0.277 | 91.57 |
| 009-Z06 | 0.10 | 1.55 | 3.16 | 2.34 | 0.23 | 1.75 | 1593 | 28.7 | 1449 | 18.1 | 1347 | 21.3 | 0.7 | 0.252 | 93.18 |
| 038-Z28 | 0.10 | 1.28 | 3.30 | 1.90 | 0.25 | 1.41 | 1544 | 23.8 | 1480 | 14.8 | 1435 | 18.1 | 0.7 | 0.104 | 97.00 |
| 028-Z21N | 0.10 | 1.53 | 3.42 | 2.22 | 0.25 | 1.61 | 1576 | 28.4 | 1508 | 17.5 | 1458 | 21.0 | 0.7 | 0.402 | 96.77 |
| 025-Z18 | 0.10 | 1.36 | 3.55 | 2.12 | 0.26 | 1.63 | 1574 | 25.3 | 1538 | 16.8 | 1509 | 21.9 | 0.8 | 0.454 | 98.22 |
| 030-Z22 | 0.10 | 2.88 | 3.57 | 3.38 | 0.25 | 1.76 | 1662 | 52.4 | 1544 | 26.8 | 1453 | 22.9 | 0.7 | 0.454 | 94.35 |
| 035-Z25 | 0.10 | 1.62 | 3.59 | 2.18 | 0.27 | 1.46 | 1549 | 30.1 | 1547 | 17.3 | 1542 | 20.0 | 0.7 | 0.318 | 99.82 |
| 013-Z08 | 0.10 | 1.70 | 3.64 | 2.34 | 0.27 | 1.61 | 1587 | 31.4 | 1558 | 18.6 | 1530 | 21.8 | 0.7 | 0.282 | 98.45 |
| 006-Z03 | 0.10 | 2.09 | 3.64 | 2.54 | 0.27 | 1.44 | 1592 | 38.5 | 1559 | 20.2 | 1529 | 19.6 | 0.7 | 0.420 | 98.30 |
| 037-Z27 | 0.10 | 1.71 | 3.73 | 2.82 | 0.27 | 2.24 | 1622 | 31.5 | 1579 | 22.6 | 1543 | 30.7 | 0.8 | 0.386 | 97.87 |
| 018-Z13 | 0.10 | 1.47 | 3.76 | 2.46 | 0.27 | 1.98 | 1629 | 27.1 | 1583 | 19.8 | 1543 | 27.1 | 0.8 | 0.583 | 97.68 |
| 015-Z10 | 0.10 | 1.82 | 3.76 | 2.78 | 0.27 | 2.10 | 1617 | 33.5 | 1585 | 22.3 | 1556 | 29.0 | 0.8 | 0.438 | 98.35 |
| 034-Z24 | 0.10 | 2.19 | 3.78 | 3.04 | 0.28 | 2.10 | 1588 | 40.5 | 1589 | 24.4 | 1582 | 29.4 | 0.7 | 0.658 | 99.85 |
| 007-Z04 | 0.10 | 1.57 | 3.79 | 2.49 | 0.28 | 1.94 | 1577 | 29.0 | 1592 | 20.0 | 1579 | 27.2 | 0.8 | 0.327 | 100.05 |
| 010-Z07 | 0.10 | 2.00 | 3.82 | 2.53 | 0.28 | 1.54 | 1608 | 36.8 | 1596 | 20.3 | 1583 | 21.6 | 0.7 | 0.303 | 99.31 |
| 023-Z16 | 0.10 | 1.63 | 3.85 | 2.58 | 0.27 | 2.00 | 1682 | 29.9 | 1603 | 20.8 | 1540 | 27.4 | 0.8 | 0.847 | 96.21 |
| 005-Z02 | 0.10 | 1.38 | 3.89 | 2.08 | 0.28 | 1.56 | 1669 | 25.2 | 1612 | 16.8 | 1566 | 21.6 | 0.7 | 0.317 | 97.24 |
| 016-Z11 | 0.10 | 1.94 | 3.91 | 2.34 | 0.28 | 1.30 | 1625 | 35.7 | 1617 | 18.9 | 1608 | 18.5 | 0.7 | 0.330 | 99.56 |
| 017-Z12 | 0.10 | 1.30 | 3.93 | 1.98 | 0.29 | 1.49 | 1613 | 24.0 | 1621 | 16.0 | 1624 | 21.3 | 0.7 | 0.374 | 100.31 |
| 024-Z17 | 0.10 | 1.39 | 4.14 | 2.16 | 0.30 | 1.65 | 1642 | 25.6 | 1663 | 17.6 | 1676 | 24.3 | 0.8 | 0.462 | 100.90 |
| 029-Z21B | 0.10 | 1.55 | 4.17 | 2.08 | 0.30 | 1.38 | 1614 | 28.5 | 1669 | 17.0 | 1711 | 20.8 | 0.7 | 0.219 | 102.58 |
| 020-Z15 | 0.10 | 1.82 | 4.20 | 2.53 | 0.30 | 1.75 | 1654 | 33.4 | 1673 | 20.7 | 1686 | 25.9 | 0.8 | 0.320 | 100.83 |
| 019-Z14 | 0.10 | 1.31 | 4.37 | 2.26 | 0.30 | 1.84 | 1708 | 23.9 | 1707 | 18.6 | 1704 | 27.5 | 0.8 | 0.214 | 99.91 |
| 036-Z26 | 0.10 | 3.58 | 3.95 | 3.90 | 0.30 | 1.54 | 1525 | 65.9 | 1623 | 31.6 | 1697 | 23.0 | 0.6 | 0.459 | 104.65 |
| 033-Z23 | 0.10 | 3.61 | 3.68 | 4.31 | 0.27 | 2.35 | 1544 | 66.4 | 1566 | 34.4 | 1563 | 32.6 | 0.5 | 0.707 | 100.54 |
| 026-Z19 | 0.10 | 4.43 | 3.42 | 5.04 | 0.25 | 2.40 | 1580 | 80.6 | 1510 | 39.6 | 1444 | 31.0 | 0.7 | 0.453 | 96.25 |

characteristics. On the other hand the relatively incompatible elements enrichment on the two analyzed mafic rocks suggests a strong fertile component in their source. This geochemical characteristic of the mafic rocks can be explained by partial melting of peridotite in the source or fractional crystallization of peridotite derived melt (Winter 2001). A mantle plume can be invoked as the mechanism that generated the Serra da Barra magmatism, once it can produce enriched mafic magmas associated with A-type granitic rocks as well (Campbell and Davies, 2006). Detailed

geochemical and mainly isotopic are still necessary to elucidate in detail the origin of these rocks.

6.2. Regional correlations

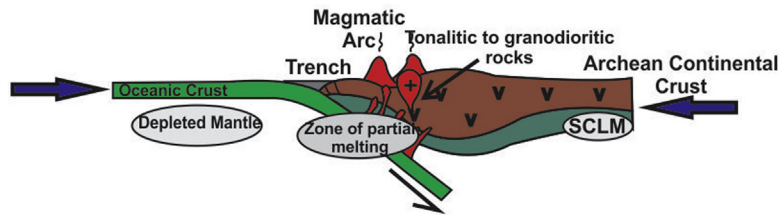
Siderian events have been reported for Borborema Province as representing crustal growth episodes mainly in the Médio Coreau and Rio Grande do Norte domains (Fetter et al., 2000; Santos et al., 2009; Dantas et al., 2008; Hollanda et al., 2011; Medeiros et al.,

Table 12
Summary of LA-ICP-MS data of zircons from Serra da Barra suite mafic sample LS-05A.

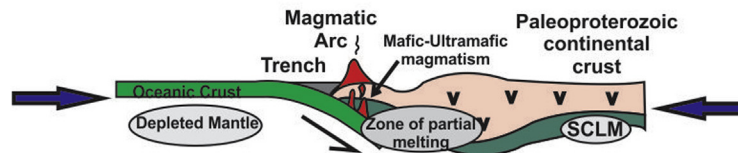
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|------------|-----------------------------------|----------------|----------------------------------|----------------|----------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------|------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|------|------|-----------|
| | $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{206}\text{Pb}$ | $\pm(1\sigma)$ | $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{235}\text{U}$ | $\pm(1\sigma)$ | $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U}$ | $\pm(1\sigma)$ | $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{206}\text{Pb}$ | $\pm 1\sigma$ (Ma) | $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{235}\text{U}$ | $\pm 1\sigma$ Ma | $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U}$ | $\pm 1\sigma$ (Ma) | | | |
| 021-Z12 | 0.0993 | 0.43 | 3.4721 | 0.98 | 0.2535 | 0.89 | 1611.75 | 8.01 | 1520.90 | 7.76 | 1456.48 | 11.54 | 0.89 | 0.74 | 90.37 |
| 006-Z03 | 0.0988 | 0.65 | 3.5317 | 1.21 | 0.2593 | 1.02 | 1601.15 | 12.20 | 1534.33 | 9.60 | 1486.32 | 13.56 | 0.93 | 0.49 | 92.83 |
| 015-Z08 | 0.0994 | 0.46 | 3.6002 | 1.26 | 0.2627 | 1.18 | 1612.49 | 8.48 | 1549.58 | 10.02 | 1503.87 | 15.77 | 0.93 | 0.50 | 93.26 |
| 029-Z18 | 0.0993 | 0.45 | 3.6459 | 0.87 | 0.2662 | 0.74 | 1611.47 | 8.40 | 1559.62 | 6.92 | 1521.61 | 10.07 | 0.83 | 0.57 | 94.42 |
| 018-Z11 | 0.1004 | 1.03 | 3.6484 | 1.26 | 0.2635 | 0.73 | 1632.13 | 19.13 | 1560.17 | 10.08 | 1507.55 | 9.86 | 0.77 | 0.58 | 92.37 |
| 036-Z23 | 0.1000 | 1.20 | 3.6958 | 1.52 | 0.2679 | 0.93 | 1624.92 | 22.34 | 1570.46 | 12.14 | 1530.26 | 12.68 | 0.81 | 0.51 | 94.17 |
| 028-Z17 | 0.1005 | 0.33 | 3.7003 | 1.10 | 0.2671 | 1.05 | 1633.17 | 6.13 | 1571.42 | 8.78 | 1525.86 | 14.23 | 0.95 | 0.46 | 93.43 |
| 016-Z09 | 0.1003 | 0.54 | 3.7507 | 1.23 | 0.2711 | 1.10 | 1630.58 | 10.05 | 1582.26 | 9.86 | 1546.26 | 15.18 | 0.89 | 0.52 | 94.83 |
| 030-Z19 | 0.1006 | 0.83 | 3.8130 | 1.15 | 0.2749 | 0.80 | 1635.30 | 15.36 | 1595.50 | 9.23 | 1565.55 | 11.06 | 0.85 | 0.52 | 95.73 |
| 047-Z28 | 0.1008 | 0.43 | 3.8636 | 0.87 | 0.2781 | 0.75 | 1638.03 | 8.07 | 1606.12 | 7.02 | 1581.89 | 10.59 | 0.85 | 0.62 | 96.57 |
| 011-Z06 | 0.1000 | 0.54 | 3.8652 | 1.33 | 0.2803 | 1.22 | 1624.19 | 10.00 | 1606.44 | 10.73 | 1592.93 | 17.17 | 0.91 | 0.57 | 98.08 |
| 010-Z05 | 0.1012 | 0.97 | 3.8788 | 1.48 | 0.2780 | 1.12 | 1646.45 | 17.97 | 1609.28 | 11.98 | 1581.04 | 15.76 | 0.74 | 0.65 | 96.03 |
| 012-Z07 | 0.1001 | 0.95 | 3.9319 | 1.47 | 0.2847 | 1.13 | 1626.87 | 17.59 | 1620.27 | 11.92 | 1615.20 | 16.13 | 0.90 | 0.54 | 99.28 |
| 040-Z25 | 0.1011 | 0.70 | 3.9580 | 1.48 | 0.2839 | 1.31 | 1644.43 | 13.00 | 1625.63 | 12.01 | 1611.14 | 18.62 | 0.88 | 0.55 | 97.98 |
| 039-Z24 | 0.1013 | 0.57 | 3.9753 | 1.02 | 0.2846 | 0.84 | 1648.46 | 10.48 | 1629.17 | 8.24 | 1614.28 | 12.05 | 0.81 | 0.49 | 97.93 |
| 027-Z16 | 0.1005 | 0.63 | 3.9783 | 1.22 | 0.2870 | 1.04 | 1633.88 | 11.70 | 1629.79 | 9.87 | 1626.62 | 14.97 | 0.85 | 0.86 | 99.56 |
| 023-Z14 | 0.1011 | 0.48 | 3.9795 | 1.32 | 0.2855 | 1.23 | 1644.02 | 8.94 | 1630.02 | 10.73 | 1619.19 | 17.64 | 0.93 | 0.62 | 98.49 |
| 005-Z02 | 0.1010 | 0.60 | 4.0515 | 1.16 | 0.2911 | 1.00 | 1641.77 | 11.07 | 1644.60 | 9.48 | 1646.82 | 14.54 | 0.85 | 0.65 | 100.31 |
| 017-Z10 | 0.1012 | 0.39 | 4.0649 | 0.90 | 0.2914 | 0.81 | 1645.60 | 7.26 | 1647.30 | 7.35 | 1648.63 | 11.82 | 0.89 | 0.74 | 100.18 |
| 009-Z04 | 0.1019 | 0.56 | 4.0982 | 1.15 | 0.2916 | 1.00 | 1659.85 | 10.43 | 1653.94 | 9.36 | 1649.30 | 14.54 | 0.86 | 0.72 | 99.36 |
| 048-Z29 | 0.1013 | 0.76 | 4.1046 | 1.24 | 0.2940 | 0.97 | 1647.19 | 14.14 | 1655.22 | 10.10 | 1661.55 | 14.27 | 0.77 | 0.51 | 100.87 |

Tectonic evolution of the Alto Moxotó Terrane (NE Brazil)

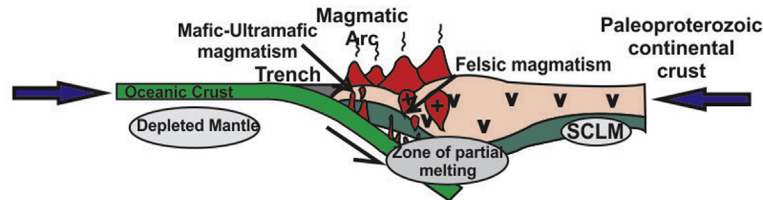
2.4 Ga - Siderian magmatic arc phase



2.15 Ga - First pulse of rhyacian magmatic arc (Primitive stage)



2.0 Ga - Second pulse of rhyacian magmatic arc (Evolved arc)



1.6 Within-plate bimodal magmatism

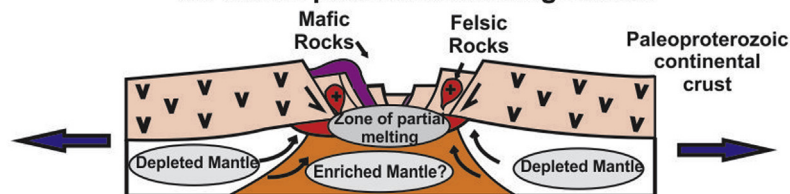


Fig. 18. Sketch tectonic model for tectonic evolution of the Alto Moxotó Terrane based on data from this study. SCLM – Subcontinental lithospheric mantle.

2012). On the other hand, our data suggest a different geological meaning for the Alto Moxotó Siderian basement, once it seems to be a result of an important crustal reworking event of an Archean fragment. Evidence of similar ages in the Transversal Domain is restricted. For example Brito Neves et al., 2001, Melo et al., 2002 and Santos et al., 2013 have described Siderian gneissic units on the Alto Moxotó Terrane (Barro Vermelho and Itatuba regions). In spite of the poor constrained Concordia diagrams presented by these authors, these rocks are mainly tonalitic-granodioritic orthogneisses that could be indeed the prolongation of this older Basement.

Events with similar ages are also reported in the southern São Francisco Craton (Ávila et al., 2010; Seixas et al., 2012) and also as crustal growth in Neoproterozoic fold belts such as the Conceição do Tocantins-Natividade area of the Tocantins Province (Fuck et al., 2014). In addition, in the African side ~2.3–2.4 Ga events are also reported as important crustal growth episodes especially in the West Africa Craton (Gasquet et al., 2003).

Rhyacian-orosirian arc-related rocks are much more common in the Borborema Province, being assigned as representing the

basement of Neoproterozoic domains. In the Alto Moxotó Terrane, tonalitic orthogneisses and metamafic rocks are widely described, representing juvenile crust formation or crustal reworking episodes, ranging mainly between 2.1 and 2.0 Ga (Santos et al., 2013), which strongly fits with our data. Metamafic rocks with symplectitic texture in the Alto Moxotó Terrane as those from Carmo Suite are usually regarded to retrometamorphic episodes Beurlen et al., 1992, Carmona 2006, Almeida et al., 2009, Santos et al., 2013). These metamorphic aspects have also been described in African Paleoproterozoic units and are interpreted as retrogressed eclogites (Affaton et al., 1984; Caby, 1987; Castaing et al., 1993; Boniface and Schenk, 2012). Similar isotopic and geochronological characteristics have been described in the African continent, where Rhyacian magmatism was generated during the Eburnean orogeny (Baratoux et al., 2011; Feybesse et al., 2006; Hein, 2010), that strongly affected the West African Craton and adjacent fold belts (Lompo, 2009).

Statherian and Calymmian magmatism (1.8–1.4 Ga) has already been referred to in the Rio Capibaribe Terrane, being represented by

the Passira Gabbro-Anorthositic complex, dated ~1.70 Ga (Accioli, 2000) and A-type Taquaritinga augen gneiss dated to 1.52 Ga (Sá et al., 2002). Both magmatic pulses were interpreted as extensional-related events. However, the Serra da Barra suite presented in this paper is the first record of a 1.6 Ga taphrogenetic-related magmatism within the Alto Moxotó Terrane and seems to be the final Paleoproterozoic activity of it. In Africa, 1.6 Ga events were also recognized, as in the so-called pre-Irumide Belt mainly on granitic gneisses (Cox et al., 2002; De Waele and Mapani, 2002).

The Alto Moxotó Terrane is limited with the Alto Pajeú terrane by the Serra de Jabitacá nappe and with the Rio Capibaribe terrane by the Congo-Cruzeiro do Nordeste transcurrent shear zone (Santos, 1996). According to this author, this terrane seems to be an exotic crustal fragment within the Neoproterozoic orogenic framework of Borborema Province, once it is generally distinguished from other terranes by the dominance of Paleoproterozoic rocks. This interpretation is strongly based on distinct geological and geophysical contrasts between these terranes (Oliveira, 2008; Santos et al., 2012, 2013; Van Schmus et al., 2011). However, S.P. Neves (2003) and Neves et al. (2006) advocate that these tectonic entities should not be treated as separated fragments. The latter interpretation can be also reinforced by the recent discovery of Paleoproterozoic units and sequences within the Rio Capibaribe Terrane by Brito Neves et al., 2013, thus suggesting the possible connection between these two domains.

Polycyclic Paleoproterozoic evolution is well documented in orogenic terranes worldwide, mostly directly related to Paleoproterozoic supercontinents, such as the Trans-North China Belt orogen (Faure et al., 2004), Trans-Hudson orogen in the USA/Canada (White et al., 2000; Corrigan et al., 2009; Maxeiner et al., 2005), Ungava Orogen in Canada (St-Onge et al., 1992, 2000), and Oskarshamn-Jönköping Belt in Sweden (Manfeld et al., 2005; Skögl and Rutland, 2006). On the other hand, Statherian-Calimian extensional events are also coherent with worldwide descriptions and are commonly referred to as the early break-up stages of large Paleoproterozoic land masses (Condie, 2002; Zhao et al., 2004; Meert, 2012).

Basement inliers within younger orogenic belts can eventually represent fragments of older continents such as Atlantica (Rogers, 1996; Neves, 2011), thus the detailed study of Paleoproterozoic crustal fragments within younger provinces as the Alto Moxotó Terrane represents an important contribution for Paleoproterozoic global reconstructions.

7. Conclusions

New geochemical and geochronological (U–Pb and Sm–Nd) data are presented concerning the evolution of the Paleoproterozoic Alto Moxotó Terrane of the Neoproterozoic Borborema Province. The metaplutonic studied units were emplaced during three distinct tectonic events as follow:

- (1) Siderian Event: represented by orthogneisses and migmatites of the basement dated on 2.44 Ga. Geochemical patterns besides zircon features and Nd isotopes characteristics indicate a subduction-related setting, with important crustal contribution being the result of reworking of an older Archean crust, not yet discovered in the Alto Moxotó Terrane.
- (2) Rhyacian Event: represented by mafic-ultramafic rocks of the Carmo Suite and felsic rocks of the Pedra d'Água Suite. This event is distinguished by two major magmatic pulses dated on 2.15 and 2.0 Ga. Geochemical and isotopic patterns from both suites indicate a convergent tectonic environment with a mix of sources. The first magmatic pulse corresponds to a

primitive magmatic arc coherent with a strongly depleted source and the second one to a more evolved magmatic arc.

- (3) Statherian–Calymmian event – represented by the 1.6 Ga bimodal association of the Serra da Barra Suite. These rocks were emplaced in a within-plate tectonic environment with a mix of enriched mafic magmas and crustal felsic ones that possibly can be related to a mantle plume.

Detailed mapping and more geochemical and geochronological studies in other areas of this terrane are necessary for extending this long-lived evolution to all tectonic domains. The shear zone boundaries of the terrane and the limited Ediacaran/Brasiliano reworking observed seem compatible with an allochthonous character for this domain of the Transversal Domain of the Borborema Province, which is dominated by Tonian and Ediacaran belts. The parallelism of the evolution of the Alto Moxotó terrane with other portions of the Atlantica supercontinent suggests that it is a disrupted fragment of this important landmass.

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