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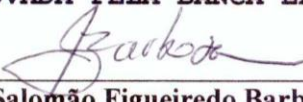
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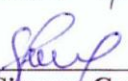
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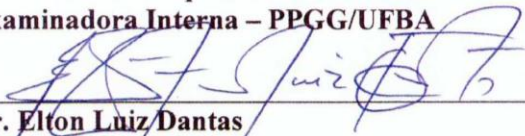
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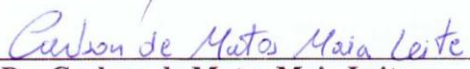
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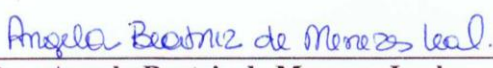
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RESUMO

Dados de campo, petrográficos, litogeoquímicos, geocronológicos U-Pb em zircão por LA-ICP-MS e isotópicos de Nd e Sr foram usados para determinar a evolução geológica, a idade do vulcanismo e o ambiente tectônico do *greenstone belt* Mundo Novo (GBMN) e das unidades geológicas adjacentes como o embasamento e rochas graníticas mais jovens da porção leste do Cráton do São Francisco (NE do Brasil). Dados geocronológicos Pb-Pb por TIMS permitiram determinar a idade e a gênese do depósito de Zn-Pb do tipo *volcanogenic massive sulfide* da Fazenda Coqueiro (FC), hospedado no GBMN. O embasamento do *greenstone belt* (Bloco Gavião) é composto por tonalito-trondhjemitogranodiorito ortognaisses e migmatitos, além de metariolitos e metagranitos subordinados. O GBMN está dividido em três sequências litológicas: (i) unidade superior (metakomatitos); (ii) unidade média (metabasaltos, metadacitos e metassedimentares químicas); e (iii) unidade superior (metassedimentares siliciclásticas). Adicionalmente, dois plútons graníticos Riaccianos-Orosirianos ocorrem na área, metagranitos Areia Branca e Jequitibá. O metabasalto hospeda duas zonas de alteração hidrotermal na FC: uma carbonática, que hospeda sulfetos maciços compostos por esfalerita e galena; e outra argílica-clorítica, que hospeda calcopirita disseminada. Dados U-Pb em zircão dos metagranitos Miguel Calmon e Fazenda Coqueiro (Bloco Gavião) geraram idades de cristalização de 3355 ± 16 Ma e 3227 ± 23 Ma, respectivamente, ambos derivados da crosta continental inferior, com base nos baixos valores da razão $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}_i$ (0,699 e 0,705, respectivamente), e valores negativos de $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}(t)}$ (-3,7 e -3,6, respectivamente). A idade U-Pb em zircão de cristalização de 2595 ± 21 Ma de metadacitos permitiu determinar a idade do vulcanismo de fundo oceânico da sequência média do GBMN. As idades de cristalização U-Pb em zircão de 2106 ± 71 Ma e 1975 ± 36 Ma dos metagranitos Areia Branca and Jequitibá, respectivamente, ambos interpretados como derivados de protólitos crustais com base nos altos valores da razão $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}_i$ (0,744 e 0,730, respectivamente) e nos valores negativos de $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}(t)}$ (-7,7 e -6,5, respectivamente), marcam um evento tectonotermal Riacciano-Orosiriano que afetou o GBMN e proximidades. Dados Pb-Pb em sulfetos das zonas maciça e disseminada da FC, originados da crosta superior, geraram idade modelo aproximada de 2794 Ma. Uma idade isocrônica Pb-Pb de cristalização de 2747 ± 16 Ma foi obtida de amostras de esfalerita e calcopirita das zonas maciça e disseminada. Portanto, cinco estágios são propostos para a evolução tectônica da região estudada: estágios (i) e (ii), caracterizados pelo estabelecimento do embasamento TTG em 3,35 Ga e a consolidação do granito Miguel Calmon, seguido por rifteamento que formou riolitos e posteriormente granitos em 3,22 Ga (granito Fazenda Coqueiro), seguido pela interrupção do rifteamento e por um evento de fechamento. O vulcanismo durante o estágio (iii), entre 2,74 Ga e 2,59 Ga no GBMN, ocorreu em uma crosta oceânica entre blocos cratônicos Arqueanos, relacionado à gênese do depósito da FC, e os estágios (iv) e (v), entre 2,10 Ga e 1,97 Ga (formação de granitos), que representam dois estágios de um evento colisional progressivo no qual a crosta oceânica foi amalgamada entre blocos tectônicos da porção leste do Cráton do São Francisco.

Palavras-chave: Neoarqueano. Geocronologia. *Greenstone belt*. *Volcanogenic Massive Sulfide*. Crosta oceânica.

ABSTRACT

Field, petrographic, lithochemical, LA-ICP-MS U-Pb zircon geochronology, and Nd and Sr isotopic data were used to determine the geologic evolution, timing of volcanism and tectonic setting of the Mundo Novo greenstone belt (MNGB) including nearby units, such as the basement and younger granitic rocks in the eastern São Francisco Craton (NE Brazil). TIMS Pb-Pb geochronologic data allow determination of the timing and genesis of the Fazenda Coqueiro volcanogenic massive sulfide Zn-Pb deposit (FC) hosted in the MNGB. The basement of the greenstone belt (Gavião Block) comprises tonalite-trondhjemite-granodiorite orthogneisses, migmatites and subordinate metarhyolites and metagranites. The MNGB is divided into three lithological sequences: (i) the lowermost unit (metakomatiites); (ii) the middle unit (metabasalts, metadacites and metasedimentary chemical rocks); and (iii) the uppermost unit (metasedimentary siliciclastic rocks). Additionally, two Rhyacian-Orosirian granitic plutons occur in the area, the Areia Branca and Jequitibá metagranites. The metabasalt hosts two hydrothermal alteration zones in the FC: one carbonate, hosting massive sulfides composed mainly of sphalerite and galena; and the other argillic/chloritic, hosting mainly disseminated chalcopyrite. U-Pb zircon data from the Miguel Calmon and Fazenda Coqueiro metagranites in the Gavião Block yield crystallization ages of 3355 ± 16 Ma and 3227 ± 23 Ma, respectively, and both metagranites were derived from the lower continental crust based on low $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}_i$ values (0.699 and 0.705, respectively) and negative values of $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}(t)}$ (-3.7 and -3.6, respectively). The 2595 ± 21 Ma U-Pb zircon crystallization age of the metadacites allowed the determination of the timing of ocean floor volcanism in the middle sequence of the MNGB. The 2106 ± 71 Ma and 1975 ± 36 Ma U-Pb zircon crystallization ages for the Areia Branca and Jequitibá metagranites, respectively, which are both interpreted as derived from crustal protoliths based on high $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}_i$ values (0.744 and 0.730, respectively) and negative values of $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}(t)}$ (-7.7 and -6.5, respectively), record a Rhyacian-Orosirian tectonothermal event that affected the MNGB and the adjoining region. Pb-Pb sulfide data from the massive and disseminated zones in the FC yield a model age of approximately 2794 Ma sourced from the upper crust. The Pb-Pb crystallization age of 2747 ± 16 Ma was obtained from sphalerite and chalcopyrite samples from the massive and disseminated zones. Therefore, the following five stages are proposed for the tectonic evolution of the study region: stages (i) and (ii) were characterized by the establishment of the TTG basement by 3.35 Ga, when the Miguel Calmon granite was consolidated, followed by a rifting that formed the rhyolites, and subsequent granite formations occurred at 3.22 Ga (Fazenda Coqueiro granite formation), followed by the abort of the rift and a closure event. The volcanism during stage (iii) between 2.74 Ga and 2.59 Ga in the MNGB occurred in the oceanic crust between Archean cratonic blocks and related to FC genesis, and stages (iv) and (v) between 2.10 Ga and 1.97 Ga (granite formations) represent two stages of a progressive collision event in which the oceanic crust was compressed between the tectonic blocks from the eastern São Francisco Craton.

Keywords: Neoproterozoic. Geochronology. Greenstone belt. Volcanogenic Massive Sulfide. Oceanic crust.

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CAPÍTULO 1

INTRODUÇÃO GERAL

Greenstone belts são entidades geológicas, em geral Arqueanas, muito variadas. Estes cinturões contêm grande diversidade de rochas que passaram por múltiplos estágios de deformação, metamorfismo e alteração metassomática/hidrotermal devido à longa história geológica, constituindo ambientes tectônicos posteriormente intrudidos por rochas máficas e ultramáficas, além de granitoides (Anhaeusser, 2014). Além disso, o predomínio de basaltos e komatiitos depositados subaquaticamente nos *greenstone belts* resulta na definição de uma grande variedade de ambientes tectônicos, como por exemplo, arcos de ilha, platôs submarinos relacionados a plumas, cadeias meso-oceânicas (incluindo ofiolitos) e bacias de *back-arc* (De Wit et al., 1987; Storey et al., 1991; Parman et al., 2001; Chavagnac, 2004; Furnes et al., 2013). Os terrenos granito-gnáissicos adjacentes aos *greenstone belts* são interpretados como o resultado de processos de exumação de complexos da crosta média à superior, que levam à formação do embasamento dos *greenstone belts* (Dziggel et al., 2002). O tectonismo pode ter contribuído também para o cavalgamento dos *greenstones* sobre os terrenos granito-gnáissicos durante processos de amalgamação. Dessa forma, o entendimento do ambiente geológico dos *greenstone belts* e suas relações com as unidades granito-gnáissicas adjacentes, são importantes para a caracterização da gênese e da evolução tectônica destes tipos de terrenos.

Os terrenos do tipo *greenstone belt* da porção leste do Cráton do São Francisco, no estado da Bahia, têm sido intensivamente estudados desde a década de 1970, quando o primeiro mapa geológico da região de Mundo Novo foi elaborado (Couto et al., 1978; Loureiro, 1991) e o depósito de Zn e Pb da Fazenda Coqueiro foi descoberto. Porém, a definição da sequência metavulcanossedimentar de Mundo Novo, como um terreno do tipo *greenstone belt*, ocorreu apenas na década de 1990 por Mascarenhas e Silva (1994). Além desta definição, a ocorrência do depósito da Fazenda Coqueiro aumentou o interesse na área, pois sua existência abriu possibilidades para a pesquisa e a descoberta de novos depósitos minerais (Souza et al., 2002; Monteiro et al., 2009). A localização da área de estudo está indicada nos três artigos que compõem esta Tese.

As rochas metavulcânicas félsicas que ocorrem próximas ao depósito da Fazenda Coqueiro, com idade de cristalização de 3305 ± 9 Ma (Peucat et al., 2002; Zincone et al., 2016), são atualmente interpretadas como parte do embasamento do *greenstone belt* Mundo

Novo (GBMN), tendo sido originadas a partir de um sistema plutônico-vulcânico do tipo intraplaca (Zincione et al., 2016). Esta interpretação deixou em aberto questões sobre a idade do vulcanismo de fundo oceânico no GBMN e, conseqüentemente, sua evolução tectônica e sua relação com as unidades geológicas adjacentes. Entretanto, a história geológica da área de estudo se estende desde a formação do embasamento durante o Paleoarqueano (Mougeot, 1996) até o último evento tectonotermal registrado na região, por meio da granitogênese Riacciana-Orosiriana (Leite, 2002). Esta granitogênese, no entanto, foi contemporânea à formação das bacias Paleoproterozoicas da unidade superior do GBMN e do Complexo Saúde (Barbuena et al., 2016; Zincione et al., 2017).

Nesta Tese, idades U-Pb em zircão obtidas por *laser ablation inductively coupled plasma mass spectrometry* (LA-ICP-MS) e dados isotópicos de Nd e Sr analisados por *thermal ionization mass spectrometry* (TIMS) foram compatibilizados aos dados petrográficos, de química mineral e de geoquímica de rocha total do GBMN e de unidades adjacentes. Dois metagranitos do embasamento, um metadacito relacionado às rochas metamáficas e metaultramáficas do GBMN e dois metagranitos mais novos foram analisados com o objetivo de propor um modelo para a evolução tectônica do *greenstone belt* em foco. Assim, o presente estudo aborda a formação do embasamento cratônico durante o Paleoarqueano, a idade e o ambiente tectônico onde o vulcanismo do GBMN ocorreu, a amalgamação do *greenstone* entre blocos cratônicos durante a orogenia Paleoproterozoica, além da subsequente estabilidade tectônica e eventos sedimentares tardios, contribuindo assim, para o conhecimento geológico da porção leste do Cráton do São Francisco na Bahia.

Depósitos minerais do tipo *volcanogenic massive sulfide* (VMS) são acumulações *stratabound* de sulfetos formadas sobre ou próximas ao assoalho oceânico, espacialmente, temporalmente e geneticamente associadas a vulcanismos contemporâneos (Franklin et al., 2005). Dessa forma, o depósito de Zn e Pb do tipo VMS da Fazenda Coqueiro, hospedado na porção central do GBMN, é uma importante evidência de atividade hidrotermal de fundo oceânico com precipitação de sulfeto durante a formação do GBMN. Porém, a deformação durante eventos tectônicos colisionais posteriores, a grande profundidade do depósito e as ocorrências de sulfetos identificadas somente em testemunhos de sondagem, tornaram difícil definir claramente a tipologia e o modelo metalogenético do depósito, assim como observado por Souza et al. (2002) e Monteiro et al. (2009).

O depósito da Fazenda Coqueiro está hospedado no metabasalto da sequência média do GBMN, que possui intercalações de dois tipos de zonas de alteração hidrotermal: uma carbonática e outra argílica-clorítica. A zona de alteração hidrotermal carbonática hospeda as

ocorrências maciças de esfalerita e galena, e a zona de alteração hidrotermal argílica-clorítica, que é periférica, hospeda calcopirita de forma disseminada (Spreafico, 2017). O evento tectônico Riacciano-Orosiriano deformou o depósito da Fazenda Coqueiro e obliterou suas feições iniciais, tornando difícil interpretar seu modelo metalogenético e levando à interpretação da possibilidade de que processos hidrotermais tardios tenham afetado a mineralização. Entretanto, os novos dados geocronológicos de metadacitos do GBMN, apresentados nesta Tese, indicaram idades Neoarqueanas para o GBMN (Spreafico et al., 2019), sugerindo que o depósito da Fazenda Coqueiro tenha se formado contemporaneamente a estas rochas.

Dessa forma, estudos geológicos e geocronológicos Pb-Pb obtidos por TIMS em sulfetos do depósito da Fazenda Coqueiro foram conduzidos para se chegar a uma melhor compreensão sobre a idade e a gênese do depósito. Uma analogia com os componentes do *pipe* inicial, a descrição de estilos, controles e possíveis fontes da mineralização, levaram à interpretação sobre os processos de deformação do depósito e sua relação com o Lineamento Contendas-Jacobina (Sabaté et al., 1990), além da possibilidade de que processos tardios de remobilização dos sulfetos tenha ocorrido.

A presente Tese constitui-se de três artigos científicos elaborados durante o desenvolvimento do doutorado. O primeiro artigo, intitulado “Geology and petrology of metavolcanic rocks in the Neoproterozoic Mundo Novo greenstone belt, eastern São Francisco Craton, NE Brazil: Tectonic setting considerations”, foi submetido para a revista “Brazilian Journal of Geology”, está em fase de revisão e corresponde ao Capítulo 2 desta Tese. O segundo artigo, intitulado “Tectonic evolution of the Neoproterozoic Mundo Novo greenstone belt, eastern São Francisco Craton, NE Brazil: Petrology, U-Pb geochronology, and Nd and Sr isotopic constraints”, foi devidamente aprovado e aceito para publicação na revista “Journal of South American Earth Sciences”, e corresponde ao Capítulo 3. Por fim, o terceiro artigo, intitulado “TIMS Pb-Pb geochronology of sulfides in the Fazenda Coqueiro VMS deposit, São Francisco Craton, NE Brazil: Timing and genesis constraints on the mineralization”, foi submetido para a revista “Geologia USP – Série Científica”, está em fase de revisão e corresponde ao Capítulo 4 do presente trabalho.

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CAPÍTULO 2

**ARTIGO 1 - GEOLOGY AND PETROLOGY OF
METAVOLCANIC ROCKS IN THE NEOARCHEAN MUNDO
NOVO GREENSTONE BELT, EASTERN SÃO FRANCISCO
CRATON, NE BRAZIL: TECTONIC SETTING
CONSIDERATIONS**

Abstract

Field and petrological data of metakomatiite, eastern and western metabasalts and metadacite were used to propose an intraoceanic or intracontinental provenance for the Neoproterozoic Mundo Novo greenstone belt (MNGB), eastern São Francisco Craton. Despite deformation, the metakomatiite preserves the spinifex texture and the eastern metabasalt's pillow lava structure. The metavolcanics are recovered by an ocean floor lithological association composed of chemical metasedimentary rocks and the western metabasalt hosts ocean floor hydrothermal alteration zones. The eastern metabasalt plots in the IAT and MORB fields and western metabasalt is mainly in the MORB field in the Zr vs. Zr/Y diagram, suggesting nearby oceanic settings. Heterogeneous crustal assimilation and metamorphism during the Rhyacian-Orosirian explain the mineralogical differences between the two metabasalts. The metakomatiite and metabasalts feature a vector from the MORB-OIB array to the volcanic arc array in the Nb/Yb vs. Th/Yb diagram, similar to the intraoceanic arc-basin system of the Archean greenstone belts. The average $(La/Yb)_N$ ratio of 8.87 for the metadacite indicates a crustal contamination in subducting oceanic crust. An intraoceanic provenance in arc-basin settings and oceanic crust assimilations are proposed for the Neoproterozoic MNGB, which was posteriorly compressed between cratonic blocks during the Rhyacian-Orosirian, and lies in the Contendas-Jacobina Lineament.

Keywords: Mundo Novo greenstone belt; metavolcanic rocks; intraoceanic setting; petrology; São Francisco Craton

1. Introduction

The Neoproterozoic Mundo Novo greenstone belt (MNGB), in the eastern boundary of the Gavião Block (Barbosa & Sabaté 2002, 2003, 2004) and eastern portion of the São Francisco Craton, and lying within the Contendas-Jacobina Lineament (Sabaté *et al.* 1990), NE Brazil, hosts the Zn-Pb Fazenda Coqueiro deposit and has been a subject of study since the 1970s (Mascarenhas *et al.* 1975, Mascarenhas 1976, Couto *et al.* 1978, Loureiro 1991, Mascarenhas & Silva 1994, Mascarenhas *et al.* 1998, Zincone *et al.* 2016, Reis *et al.* 2017; Figs. 1A, 1B and 1C). However, the MNGB lacks detailed discussions on its tectonic setting of volcanism, mainly concerning its intraoceanic or intracontinental provenance.

Greenstone belts are highly varied Archean geological entities that contain a vast diversity of rocks. Generally, their rocks experienced multiple stages of deformation, metamorphism and metasomatic alteration due their great age and diversity of geotectonic settings, which was intruded by mafic, ultramafic and granitoid rocks (Anhaeusser 2014). Moreover, the intraoceanic or intracontinental provenance of volcanic rocks in Archean greenstone belts has been a recurring discussion topic and whole-rock chemical tools have been constantly applied for such research purposes (Polat & Kerrich 2001, Polat *et al.* 2002, Pearce 2008, 2014).

The predominance of subaqueously deposited basalt and komatiite has been interpreted in a wide variety of geological settings proposed for greenstone belt terrains in intraoceanic crust, ranging from primitive island arcs to plume-related submarine plateaus, mid-ocean ridges (including ophiolites) and back-arc basins (De Wit *et al.* 1987, Storey *et al.* 1988, Parman *et al.* 2001, Chavagnac 2004, Furnes *et al.* 2013). Furthermore, the intraoceanic Archean greenstone belts present a set of evidence as follows: basalt and komatiite occurrence, the absence of zircon xenocrysts, mid-ocean ridge basalt (MORB) and island arc tholeiitic (IAT) geochemical patterns, and Th enrichment due to crustal contamination processes (Pearce 2008). The crustal contamination, however, would have been produced by subduction components, metamorphism, intraoceanic contamination, crustal recycling, high Th-Nb proxy and delamination (Pearce 2008, 2014).

The metabasalt of the Nova Lima Group in the Archean Rio das Velhas greenstone belt of the southern São Francisco Craton (Fig. 1B), for example, has been considered as derived from an ocean-floor setting based on a pillow lava structure and an association with chemical sediments and volcanic rocks (Zucchetti *et al.* 2000b). Moreover, the geochemical pattern of this metabasalt suggests a submarine plateau setting and crustal contamination rocks; the felsic volcanic rocks would indicate the presence of an island arc or back-arc type setting (Zucchetti *et al.* 2000a). In the Neoproterozoic Contendas-Mirante volcano-sedimentary sequence, south of the Contendas-Jacobina Lineament (Fig. 1B), which contains geochemical and age equivalences with the MNGB, intraoceanic basalt occurrences have been interpreted as being related to banded iron formation (BIF; Rios 2017). The South Abitibi (Kerrich & Xie 2002, Xie & Kerrich 1994), Barberton (Jochum *et al.* 1991, Parman *et al.* 1997, Chavagnac 2004) and Isua (Polat & Hofmann 2003, Polat *et al.* 2002) are other examples of intraoceanic interpretations for Archean greenstone belts, which Pearce (2008) discusses in his examination of the ocean floor's origin with crustal contamination along their geological evolution based on a Th-Nb proxy. Despite the contamination issues of analyzing Archean rocks, the geochemical pattern of the modern Mariana Arc, which indicates an arc-basin system in oceanic crust, was properly used to compare to older intraoceanic settings in the Nb/Yb vs. Th/Yb diagram (Pearce 2005, 2008).

The intracontinental provenance of volcanic rocks in Archean greenstone belts, on the other hand, has been related to oceanic-continent subduction processes or with the genesis on ensialic settings (Pearce 2008). Greenstones of the Wawa belt in the Superior Province, for

example, were formed in an arc-related association (Polat & Kerrich 2001); the Umburanas greenstone belt in the eastern São Francisco Craton (Fig. 1B) was formed over a continental crust (Leal *et al.* 2003). Bickle *et al.* (1994) concluded that the continental provenance for Archean greenstone belts could not easily identify complete ophiolitic sequences, which would thus explain a possible oceanic origin; the presence zircon xenocrysts, geochemical and isotopic evidence for crustal contamination, intrusive relationships with older basement rocks and their internal stratigraphy would also indicate continental provenance.

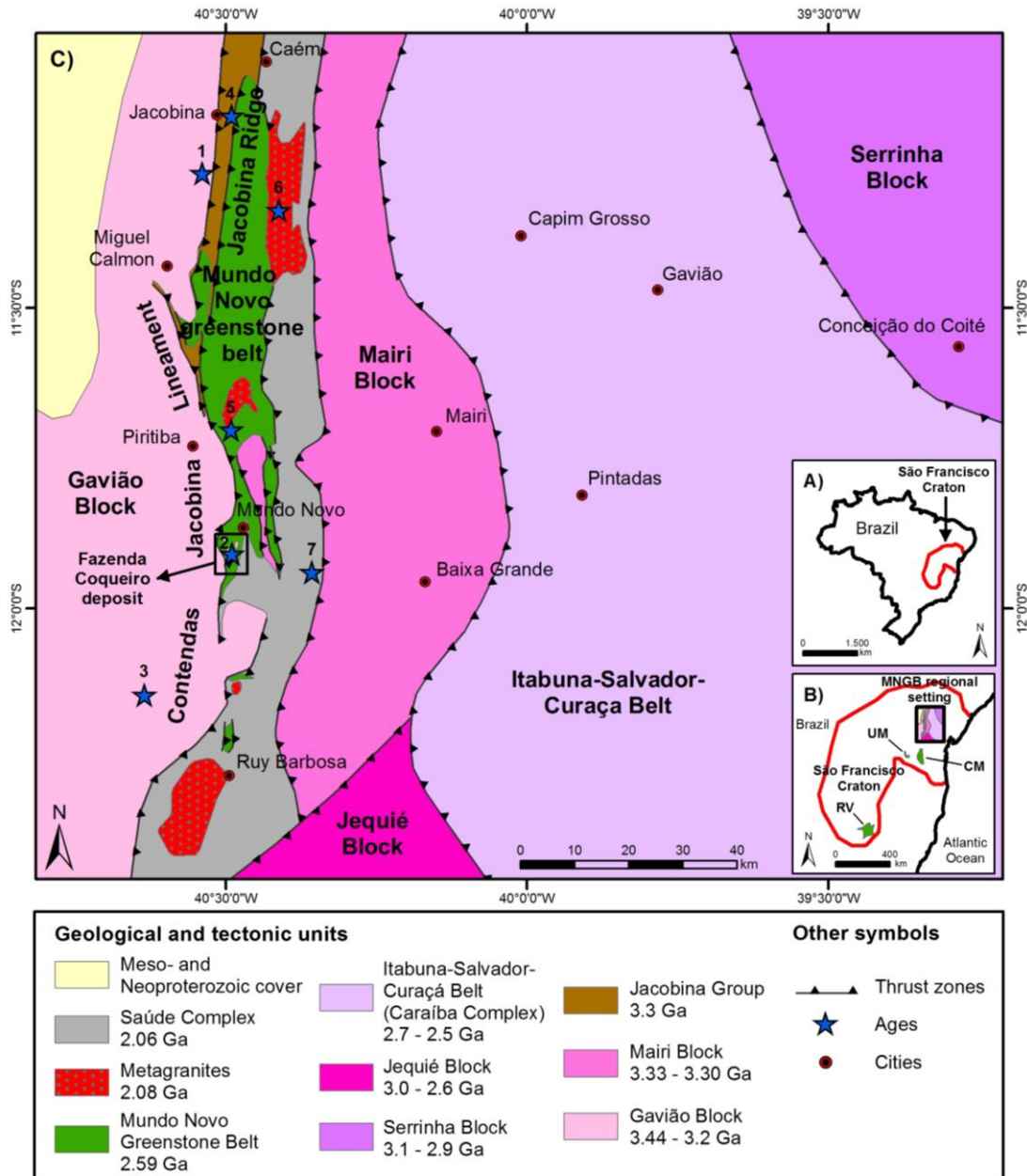


Figure 1. A) Location of the São Francisco Craton in NE Brazil. B) Study area in the eastern portion of the São Francisco Craton and other greenstone belts and volcano-sedimentary sequences: CM- Contendas-Mirante; RV- Rio das Velhas; UM- Umburanas. C) Regional tectonic setting where the MNGB is inserted (modified from Barbosa & Sabaté 2002, 2003, 2004). Ages in the points highlighted on the map: **1-** 3442 ± 2 Ma (U-Pb zircon, TTG; Mougeot 1996); **2-** 3303 ± 11 Ma (U-Pb zircon, metarhyolite from the Gavião Block obtained by Zincone *et al.* 2016); **3-** 3292 ± 3 Ma (U-Pb zircon, metagranite from the Gavião Block obtained by Zincone *et al.* 2016); **4-** $3500 - 3220$ Ma (U-Pb zircon, quartzite from the Jacobina Group obtained by Teles *et al.* 2015); **5-** 2595 ± 21 Ma (U-Pb zircon, metadacite from the MNGB obtained by Spreafico *et al.* 2018); **6-** 2080 ± 18 Ma (U-Pb monazite, Cachoeira Grande granite obtained by Leite 2002); **7-** 2068 ± 12 Ma (U-Pb zircon, biotite schist from the Saúde Complex obtained by Zincone *et al.* 2017).

Therefore, field, petrographic and whole-rock chemical data from the metakomatiite, eastern and western metabasalts and metadacite in the MNGB, completed by the mineral chemistry of the two metabasalts, were used to characterize the metavolcanic rocks and study the tectonic setting of the MNGB. The intraoceanic provenance of the volcanic rocks rather than the intracontinental provenance and a comparison with other Archean greenstone belts were also considered. The insertion of the Neoproterozoic MNGB within the regional geologic context in the eastern portion of the São Francisco Craton and the subsequent tectonic events were also contemplated.

2. Geological setting

The eastern portion of the São Francisco Craton, where the MNGB is situated (state of Bahia), was formed through the amalgamation of four Archean blocks during the Paleoproterozoic continent-continent collision (Barbosa & Sabaté 2002, 2003, 2004): the Gavião, Serrinha and Jequié blocks and the Itabuna-Salvador-Curaçá Belt (Fig. 1C). The Paleoproterozoic event captured the MNGB and surrounding crust between the cratonic blocks, and the uplift caused by this event possibly resulted in the erosion and the formation of Paleoproterozoic sedimentary basins, such as the uppermost sequence of the MNGB and the Saúde Complex.

Briefly, the MNGB is in contact to the west with 3.4 Ga (Mougeot 1996) tonalite-trondhjemite-granodiorite (TTG) basement rocks and subordinate metagranites in the Gavião Block and to the east and south with paragneiss in the Saúde Complex with a maximum age between 2.20 and 2.06 Ga (Zincone *et al.* 2017; Fig. 2). To the north and northwest, the MNGB is in contact with quartzites in the Jacobina Group, which were deposited between 3.55 and 3.22 Ga (Teles *et al.* 2015), and Paleoproterozoic granitic intrusives.

Additionally, the geological setting includes granulites (3.0 Ga) and multiple charnockite intrusions (2.7 and 2.6 Ga) in the Jequié Block (Wilson 1987, Silva *et al.* 2002), the Itabuna-Salvador-Curaçá Belt (2574 ± 6 Ma and 2695 ± 12 Ma obtained by Oliveira *et al.* 2010, Silva *et al.* 1997; respectively), and the Serrinha Block (3152 ± 5 Ma obtained by Oliveira *et al.* 2002a, 2002b; 2989 ± 11 Ma, 3072 ± 2 Ma and 3162 ± 26 Ma obtained by Rios *et al.* 2009); although the Itabuna-Salvador-Curaçá Belt and Serrinha Block are far from the MNGB, they are important for understanding the collisional Paleoproterozoic tectonic context of the study area (Fig. 1C). Table 1 shows regional geochronological data from the MNGB and surrounding units.

The eastern margin of the Gavião Block is in tectonic contact with the lithologies of the MNGB (Fig. 1C) and is composed of TTG gneiss and migmatites that host mafic rock enclaves (Barbosa *et al.* 2012a), metagranites and metarhyolites (Zincone *et al.* 2016). This block corresponds to the basement of the MNGB. Three groups of TTG gneiss are described in the Gavião Block: two groups are trondhjemitic with U-Pb zircon ages (SHRIMP) of 3403 ± 5 Ma and 3158 ± 5 Ma (Barbosa 1997, Leal 1998), and the other group, with granodioritic compositions, includes the 3225 ± 10 Ma Aracatu granitoid (Barbosa *et al.* 2012a). The Gavião Block age, near the MNGB, is 3.4 Ga (Mougeot 1996), but metarhyolites with ages of 3303 ± 11 Ma (Peucat *et al.* 2002, Zincone *et al.* 2016) and metagranites, such as Boa Sorte at 3291 ± 2.5 Ma, occur as well (Zincone *et al.* 2016).

The Mairi Block, composed of gneiss, migmatites, and granitic and tonalitic orthogneiss, with some occurrences of basic and ultrabasic bodies (Peucat *et al.* 2002) to the east and southeast of the MNGB, is in tectonic contact with thrust zones with a west vergence. The LA-ICP-MS U-Pb zircon ages of 3.33 Ga and 3.30 Ga (Sousa *et al.* 2018) for the orthogneiss in the Mairi Block indicate that this complex is coeval with the Gavião Block and, therefore, the two may have been joined at the time of their formation.

The Jacobina Group is in tectonic contact with the MNGB along thrust zones, with all zones striking north-south and verging to the west (Fig. 1C) with the Gavião Block in the footwall. The Jacobina Group comprises metaconglomerates that host an important gold deposit, quartzites, metarenites, phyllites, chlorite schists and quartz-sericite schists (Mascarenhas *et al.* 1998) deposited in a passive margin setting (Reis *et al.* 2018). This group has a depositional age, based on detrital zircons, between 3500 Ma and 3220 Ma (Teles 2013, Teles *et al.* 2015, Barbuena *et al.* 2016), with a large portion of the zircon populations situated between 3.3 Ga and 3.4 Ga (Magee *et al.* 2001, Teles *et al.* 2015). Jacobina Ridge represents an Archean supracrustal sequence with a maximum age of 3.28 Ga, and its sources are likely rocks from both the plutonic-volcanic system and the TTG suite in the Gavião Block (Zincone *et al.* 2016).

The MNGB, which Zincone *et al.* (2016) referred to as the Mundo Novo supracrustal belt, is inserted into the Contendas-Jacobina Lineament and is divided into three stratigraphic sequences - a lower sequence (ultramafic rocks), a middle sequence (mafic and felsic igneous rocks and clastic and chemical metasedimentary rocks) and an upper sequence (siliciclastic metasedimentary rocks; Spreafico *et al.* 2018). Carbonate and argilic-chloritic hydrothermal alteration zones in the ocean floor setting have been identified and described in the Fazenda Coqueiro deposit related to Zn-Pb mineralization hosted in the western metabasalt of the middle sequence (Spreafico 2017). Two ductile and compressional and progressive Paleoproterozoic deformational phases in the MNGB, D₁ and D₂, are described in the area in a previous study (Spreafico 2017). The D₁ deformational phase is characterized by isoclinal and recumbent folds vergent to the west that generated greenschist metamorphic facies rocks. The D₂ deformational phase is characterized by a refolding that generated vertical and subvertical axial planes that eventually resulted in the formation of a coaxial interference pattern (Ramsay & Huber 1987) or compressive and transpressive shear zones, which bound the MNGB lithologies and generated greenschist rocks to amphibolite metamorphic facies. The most prominent brittle structures are east-trending faults and fractures. The age of the MNGB has been previously studied, and geochronological studies have defined the Neoproterozoic age of the volcanism (Spreafico *et al.* 2018), such as the Paleoproterozoic sedimentation on the top of the sequence (Barbuena *et al.* 2016), which is coeval with the Rhyacian-Orosirian tectonothermal event (Leite 2002, Spreafico 2017). These rocks lie upon the 3.4 - 3.2 Ga basement rocks of the northern part of the Gavião Block comprised of TTG gneiss, metagranites and metarhyolites (Mougeot 1996, Barbosa 1997, Leal 1998, Peucat *et al.* 2002, Barbosa *et al.* 2012a, Zincone *et al.* 2016).

The Saúde Complex occurs to the east of the MNGB (Fig. 1C), where the two units are in tectonic contact along west-vergent thrust zones. This complex comprises aluminous paragneiss, biotite gneiss and subordinate quartzites that are widely distributed in a north-south trend with significant occurrences in the Mundo Novo region and in the eastern portion of the Jacobina Ridge (Couto *et al.* 1978, Mascarenhas *et al.* 1998, Leite *et al.* 2007, Reis *et al.* 2017; Fig. 1C). The maximal depositional age of 2.06 Ga (Zincone *et al.* 2017) for the Saúde Complex again indicates the presence of a basin near the MNGB in the Paleoproterozoic; however, the rocks in the Saúde Complex were subjected to a higher metamorphic grade than the sedimentary rocks at the top of the MNGB along the tectonic contact.

Finally, Rhyacian-Orosirian granites are present along the Contendas-Jacobina Lineament (Leite 2002, Spreafico 2017; Fig. 1C). In general, these granites are undeformed leucogranites, comprising quartz, feldspar, biotite and muscovite with some occurrences of garnet and sillimanite (Barbosa *et al.* 2012b). The Cachoeira Grande granite, for example, is a peraluminous leucogranite situated to the northeast of the MNGB, which has an average age

of 2080 ± 18 Ma (Leite 2002), and is coeval with the Rhyacian-Orosirian granitic intrusions in the MNGB (Spreafico 2017, Spreafico *et al.* 2018).

Table 1. Compilation of regional geochronological data of the MNGB and surrounding units

Geological/tectonic unit	Lithotype	Age	Method	Mineral dated	Author
Saúde Complex	Biotite schist	2068 ± 12 Ma	U-Pb (LA-MC-ICP-MS)	Detrital zircon	Zincone <i>et al.</i> (2017)
Cachoeira Grande granite	Leucogranite	2080 ± 18 Ma	U-Pb (Electron microprobe)	Monazite (crystallization age)	Leite (2002)
Upper sequence (MNGB)	Quartzite	2133 ± 14 Ma	U-Pb (LA-ICP-MS)	Detrital zircon	Barbuena <i>et al.</i> (2016)
Mundo Novo greenstone belt	Metadacite	2595 ± 21 Ma	U-Pb (LA-ICP-MS)	Zircon (crystallization age)	Spreafico <i>et al.</i> (2018)
Itabuna-Salvador-Curaçá Belt	Tonalitic granulite	2574 ± 6 Ma	U-Pb (SHRIMP)	Zircon (crystallization age)	Oliveira <i>et al.</i> (2010)
	Enderbite	2695 ± 12 Ma	U-Pb (SHRIMP)	Zircon (crystallization age)	Silva <i>et al.</i> (1997)
Jequié Block	Granulites	2715 ± 29 Ma	U-Pb (SHRIMP)	Zircon (crystallization age)	Silva <i>et al.</i> (2002)
	Charnockite	2900 ± 24 Ma	Rb-Sr	Whole-rock (crystallization age)	Wilson (1987)
Serrinha Block	Granitoid	2989 ± 11 Ma 3072 ± 2 Ma 3162 ± 26 Ma	U-Pb (SHRIMP)	Zircon (crystallization age)	Rios <i>et al.</i> (2009)
	Gneiss, migmatite	3152 ± 5 Ma	U-Pb (SHRIMP)	Zircon (crystallization age)	Oliveira <i>et al.</i> (2002a, 2002b)
Jacobina Group	Quartzite	3500 - 3220 Ma	U-Pb (LA-MC-ICP-MS)	Detrital zircon	Magee <i>et al.</i> (2001); Teles (2013); Teles <i>et al.</i> (2015); Barbuena <i>et al.</i> (2016)
Mairi Block	Orthogneiss	3.33 - 3.30 Ga	U-Pb (LA-SF-ICP-MS)	Zircon (crystallization age)	Sousa <i>et al.</i> (2018)
	Metagranite	3291 ± 2.5 Ma	U-Pb (LA-ICP-MS)	Zircon (crystallization age)	Zincone <i>et al.</i> (2016)
Gavião Block	Metarhyolite	3303 ± 11 Ma	U-Pb (LA-ICP-MS and SHRIMP)	Zircon (crystallization age)	Peucat <i>et al.</i> (2002); Zincone <i>et al.</i> (2016)
	TTG	3442 ± 2 Ma	U-Pb (ID-TIMS)	Zircon (crystallization age)	Mougeot (1996)

3. Analytical methods

The study of the metavolcanic rocks of the MNGB and considerations of the tectonic setting involved petrography, mineral chemistry and whole-rock chemical analyses.

For petrography, we analyzed 127 thin sections of metakomatiite, eastern and western metabasalts and metadacite to determine the mineralogical composition, textures and microstructures of the rocks using the ZEISS Axio Scope.A1 microscope provided by Companhia Baiana de Pesquisa Mineral (CBPM). The mineral abbreviations used on photomicrographs mainly follow those of Kretz (1983) and Siivola & Schmid (2007) and are completed with abbreviations of Whitney & Evans (2010).

Six of the thin sections were used for mineral chemistry analysis to detail the mineral differences between the two metabasalt types complementing the petrographic studies. Thus, a CAMECA SX50 electron microprobe was used with four wavelength-dispersive spectrometers (WDS) and one Kevex energy dispersive spectrometer (EDS) of the University of Brasília. The standards used are naturals and synthetics with defined compositions, such as albite (for the element Na₂O), andradite (for the elements CaO and FeO), forsterite (for the element MgO), microcline (for the elements Al₂O₃, SiO₂ and K₂O), MnTiO₃ (for the element TiO₂) and MnTiO₃ (for the element MnO). The analyzed spots were selected on polished

sections in plagioclase (6 spots in 5 samples), amphibole (6 spots in 5 samples), pyroxene (4 spots in 2 samples), ilmenite (2 spots in 2 samples), titanite (2 spots in 2 samples) and biotite (1 spot in 1 sample) grains (Table 2). The chemical contents are expressed by SiO₂, TiO₂, Al₂O₃, FeO, MnO, MgO, CaO, Na₂O and K₂O. The data were processed using the Gabbrosoft spreadsheets (<http://www.gabbrosoft.org>) and the plagioclase results were plotted in the ternary diagram of feldspar; the amphiboles were plotted in the calcic amphibole diagrams (Leake *et al.* 1997) and the pyroxene in the classification diagram of pyroxenes (Morimoto 1988) using the Minpet program. The EDS data were used to show evidence of manganiferous ilmenite, and in this case, a backscattered electron image was obtained.

The whole-rock chemical analysis of 49 samples was conducted in the SGS-Geosol laboratory. The samples were dried and crushed so 75 % of the sample was smaller than 3 mm. A 300 g sample was quartered and pulverized (until 95 % was smaller than 105 microns) to form a powder for subsequent processes. The powders were melted at a high temperature with lithium metaborate, and the major, minor, trace, and rare earth elements (REE) were determined using ICP-MS and inductively coupled plasma optical emission spectrometry (ICP-OES) analysis. The international standard samples used are TILL-3 (a description and values are in Lynch 1996) and GRE-05 (reference material from Geostats PTY Ltd.). The error for all analyzed elements in each sample was calculated based on analytical accuracy according to the content of the analyte in the sample, the statistical detection limit and the repeatability limit, and represented in terms of standard deviation (1σ) (Thompson, 1988). The coefficient of variation of the analytical results for each element by sample analyzed, calculated from the standard deviation (1σ), was predominantly lower than 15%, which corresponds to well-represented results around the arithmetic mean. Only the samples with a loss on ignition (LOI) values of $\leq 5\%$ were considered. The geochemical data were plotted and interpreted using the GCDKit software (Janousek *et al.* 2006). The data in the REE diagram and the (La/Yb)_N, Eu/Eu* and (Gd/Yb)_N ratios were normalized by chondrite values (Boynnton 1984), and the data in the multielement diagram were normalized by N (normal)-MORB values (Hofmann 1988).

4. Geological, petrographic and mineral chemistry characterization

The geologic characterization of the Neoproterozoic MNGB, which was carried out to support interpretations of the tectonic setting, consisted of field and petrographic observations performed in metavolcanic rocks, including metakomatiite, eastern and western metabasalts and metadacite (Fig. 2). The mineral chemistry was used to detail petrographic analyses in the eastern and western metabasalts.

4.1. Mundo Novo greenstone belt

Many Paleo- to Neoproterozoic greenstone belts have been characterized as volcano-sedimentary sequences deformed and metamorphosed over time at low to medium grades; they show, from the base to the top, a progressive variation from volcanic (ultramafic, mafic and felsic rocks) to sedimentary rocks (chemical and clastic rocks); they are commonly associated with orthogneisses and are intruded by syn- to posttectonic granites (Anhaeusser 2014).

Based on these concepts, the MNGB is interpreted as part of a typical greenstone belt terrain and is divided into three stratigraphic sequences: the **lower sequence**, composed of metakomatiite; the **middle sequence**, composed of eastern and western metabasalts and, subordinately, tremolite, calc-silicate rock (carbonate hydrothermal alteration zone), aluminous schist (argilic-chloritic hydrothermal alteration zone), BIF, ferruginous metachert,

metadacite and metarhyolite; and the **upper sequence**, composed of siliciclastic metasedimentary rocks, such as metarenite, quartzite, metagraywacke, metasiltite, phyllite, rhythmite, quartz-sericite schist and garnet-tremolite-quartz schist (Fig. 2). This study focused on metavolcanic rocks of the lower and middle sequences.

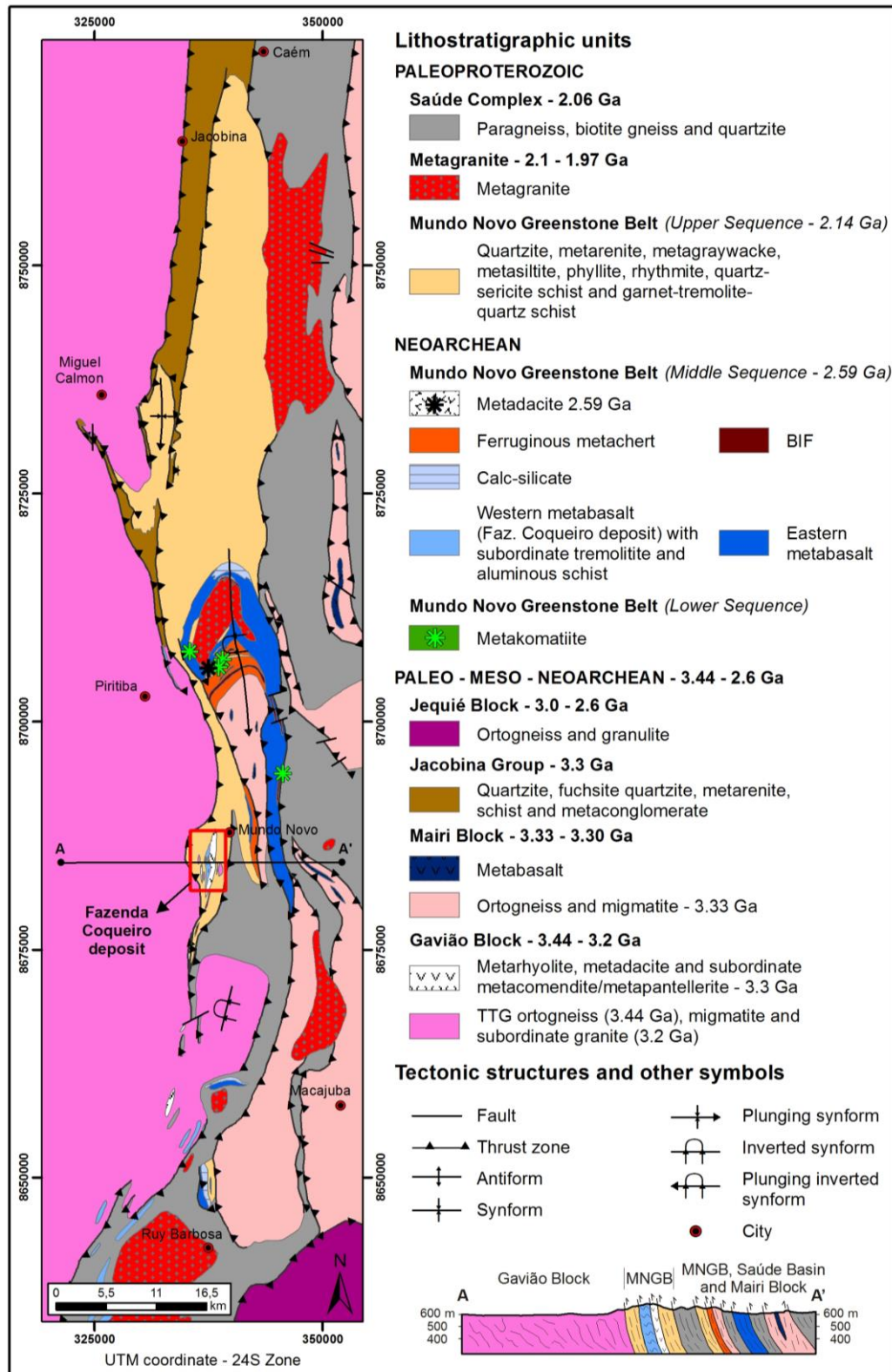


Figure 2. Geologic map of the MNGB and adjoining units. Modified and updated from Loureiro (1991), Mascarenhas & Silva (1994) and Souza *et al.* (2002).

Lower Sequence

The lower sequence is composed of metakomatiite located at the base of the MNGB and comprises the ultramafic volcanic component of the MNGB. The metakomatiite has field relationships with the mafic volcanic rock of the middle sequence; however, these rocks are separated into different sequences due to the mineral content and the textural particularities. There are four restricted occurrences of metakomatiite in the central portion of the MNGB (Fig. 2), which are northeast of Mundo Novo city and northeast of Piritiba city.

Generally, the metakomatiite of the MNGB has a relict spinifex texture composed of skeletal grains with planar growths that intersect each other (Figs. 3A and 4A) and do not intercept former structures for igneous relicts' texture in komatiites as Arndt (1994) described. The fine-grained spinifex texture is identified only in hand samples or by using a hand lens or microscope.

The metakomatiite of the MNGB has a light green color and a silky aspect and is not magnetic (Fig. 3A). The olivine and pyroxene crystals are entirely replaced by acicular and prismatic pseudomorphous grains of anthophyllite and tremolite (80 % of the rock) with a grain size of 0.5 mm (Fig. 4A). The fine-grained groundmass is composed of talc and clinocllore (20 % of the rock) without a preferred orientation. Traces of pyrite and pyrrhotite are dispersed in the sample.

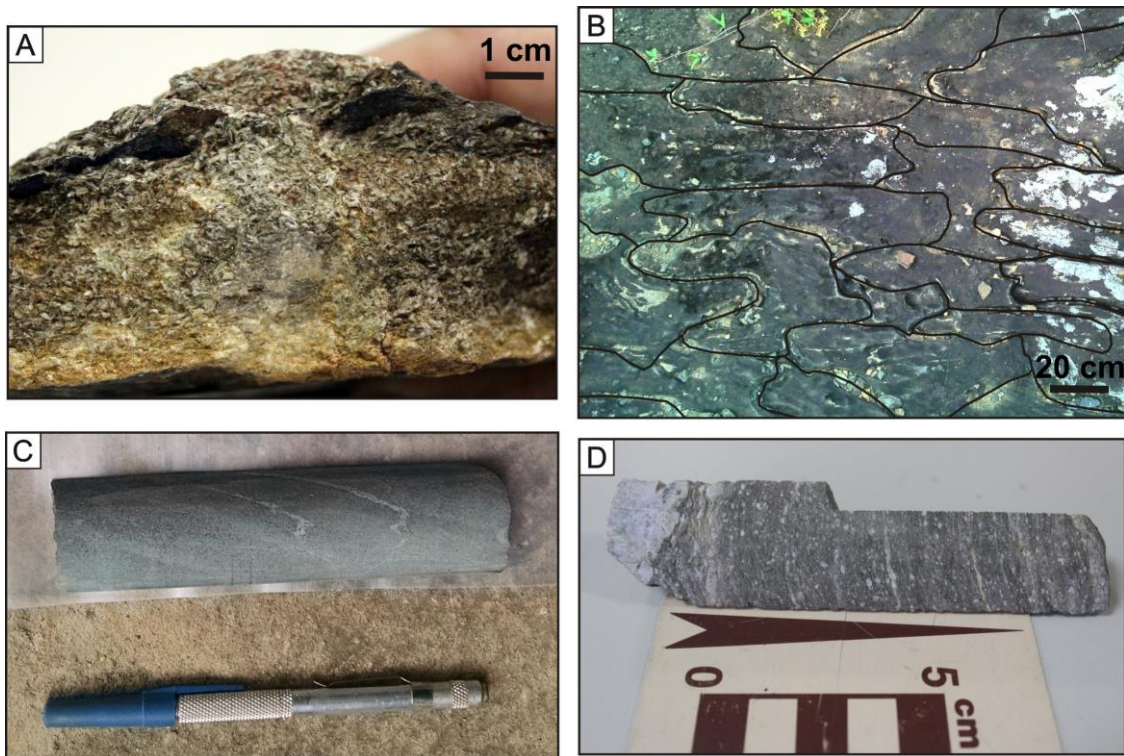


Figure 3. A) Typical spinifex texture of the MNGB metakomatiite. B) Highlighted pillow lava structure of the eastern metabasalt from south of the MNGB. C) Drill hole sample of the western metabasalt in the MNGB. D) Drill hole sample of the porphyroclastic metadacite in the MNGB.

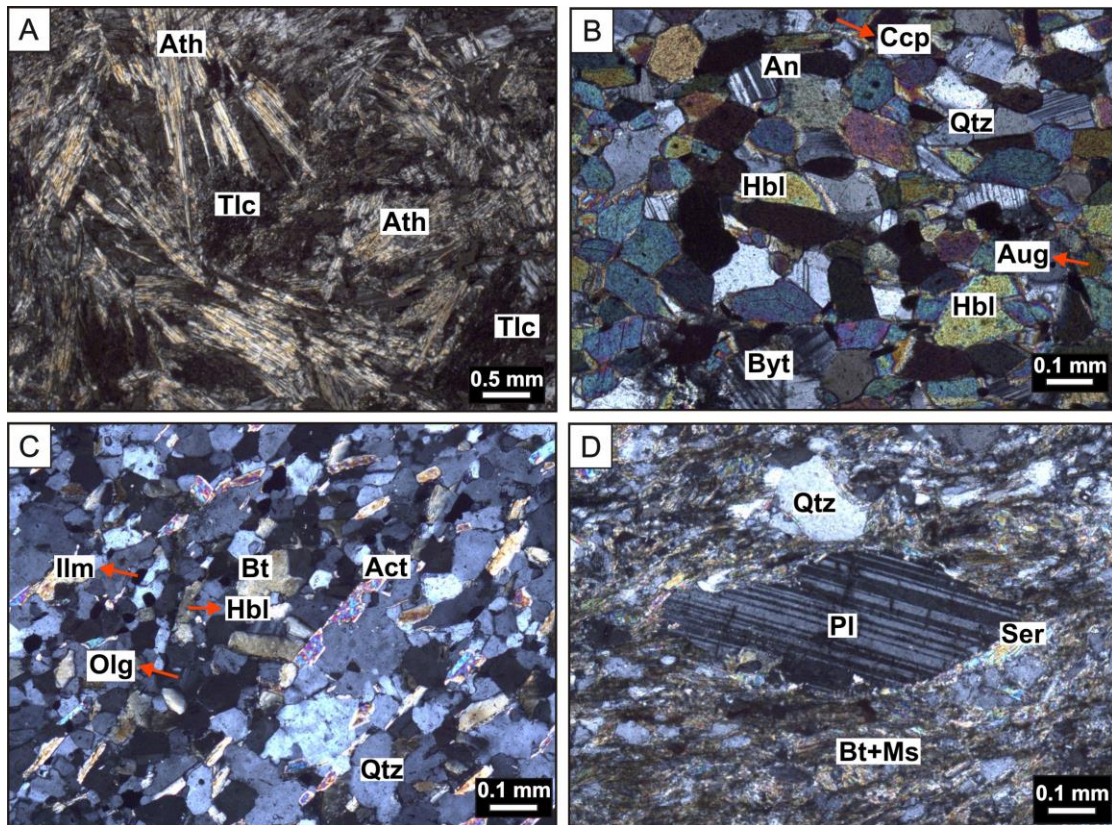


Figure 4. Petrographic images of the MNGB: A) Spinifex texture of metakomatiite composed of pseudomorphic anthophyllite lath in a fine-grained groundmass of talc (XP, 2,5×; sample FD-058A). B) Granonematoblastic texture of the eastern metabasalt (XP, 10×; sample RR-018A). C) Typical very fine-grained texture of the western metabasalt (XP, 10×; sample RR-F6-001). D) Porphyroblast of plagioclase with a sericitized border in a fine-grained groundmass of quartz, biotite and muscovite in the metadacite in the middle sequence of the MNGB (XP, 10×; sample FD-052). Mineral abbreviations: Act: actinolite, An: anorthite, Ath: anthophyllite, Aug: augite, Bt: biotite, Byt: Bytownite, Ccp: chalcopyrite, Hbl: hornblende, Ilm: ilmenite, Ms: muscovite, Olg: oligoclase, Pl: plagioclase, Qtz: quartz, Ser: sericite, and Tlc: talc. XP: crossed polarizers.

Middle Sequence

The middle sequence is composed of metabasalt and, subordinately, tremolitic, calcisilicate rock, aluminous schist, BIF, ferruginous metachert, metadacite and subordinate metarhyolite; metabasalt and metadacite are the main topics of this study.

Metabasalt and metadacite are the terms used in this paper to define the mafic and felsic volcanic components, respectively, of the middle sequence of the MNGB. This terminology was adopted based on the protolith because of its usefulness in determining the original nature of the rock, even though in many cases, a protolith name does not reflect the principal minerals and structural features of the rocks under observation (Schmid *et al.* 2007). Moreover, some occurrences of metavolcanic mafic rocks in the MNGB preserve primary structures such as pillow lava. Therefore, the term metabasalt is used in this manuscript rather than amphibolite, which is also correctly used if the texture and mineral content are considered as proposed by Fettes & Desmons (2007).

The metabasalts are distributed along a north-south trend (Fig. 2) and are divided into two coeval groups based on petrography, supported by mineral chemistry analysis, and whole-rock chemical data. The first group, defined as the eastern metabasalt, occurs along the eastern portion of the MNGB and corresponds to the main outcrops of the sequence near Piritiba city and extending to Ruy Barbosa city (Fig. 2). The second group, defined as the western metabasalt, occurs along the western portion of the MNGB, mainly within the

Fazenda Coqueiro deposit (Mundo Novo city), and in a restricted area with a north-south trend near Piritiba city (Fig. 2).

4.1.1. Eastern metabasalt

The eastern metabasalt preserves the pillow lava structures that occur in a large area to the south of the MNGB (Fig. 3B). It is composed of anorthite (15 %), bytownite (15 %), magnesiohornblende and ferrohornblende (40 %), small amounts of oligoclase (5 %) and low percentages (20 % combined) of augite, edenite and quartz, as well as ilmenite and titanite as accessory minerals, and traces of pyrrhotite, chalcopyrite and igneous relicts of hypersthene micrograins identified only in microprobe analysis (5 %; Table 2; Figs. 5A, 5B, 5C and 5D). The minerals show polyhedral contacts with nematoblastic and granonematoblastic textures (Fig. 4B).

4.1.2. Western metabasalt

The western metabasalt hosts the Zn and Pb sulfides of the Fazenda Coqueiro deposit, particularly in carbonate hydrothermal alteration zones, and is easily observed from drill hole samples (Fig. 3C). Based on petrography and mineral chemistry results, this rock is very fine grained and is mainly composed of oligoclase and andesine (50 %), actinolite, magnesiohornblende and ferrotschermakite (30 %) with a low percentage of quartz, biotite and igneous relicts of hypersthene micrograins (15 %), as well as ilmenite and titanite as accessory minerals (5 %; Table 2; Figs. 5A, 5B, 5C and 5D). Traces of manganiferous ilmenite (Figs. 6A and 6B), pyrrhotite, pyrite, chalcopyrite, galena, sphalerite and arsenopyrite are also observed. The grains of biotite and actinolite are oriented and define highly developed planes of foliation (Fig. 4C).

Table 2. Electron microprobe data of minerals in the eastern and western metabasalts (wt. %)

Geologic unit	Sample ID	Mineral	SiO ₂	TiO ₂	Al ₂ O ₃	FeO	MnO	MgO	CaO	Na ₂ O	K ₂ O	Sum
Eastern metabasalt	RR-072	Anorthite	46.60	0.08	35.37	0.29	0	0.01	18.41	1.17	0.03	101.96
Eastern metabasalt	RR-072	Anorthite	46.15	0	35.53	0.38	0	0.01	18.34	1.09	0.02	101.52
Eastern metabasalt	RR-018A	Bytownite	49.26	0.08	32.93	0.16	0.11	0.02	15.80	2.56	0.10	101.02
Eastern metabasalt	RR-011C	Oligoclase	62.40	0	22.79	0.09	0	0	3.50	9.20	0.08	98.06
Eastern metabasalt	RR-072	Fe-Hornblende	44.13	0.3	14.20	17.28	0.19	8.92	11.76	1.08	0.24	98.1
Eastern metabasalt	RR-011C	Mg-Hornblende	48.25	0.12	7.27	12.51	0.24	14.27	11.07	1.53	0.14	95.40
Eastern metabasalt	RR-018A	Edenite	51.46	0.18	0.62	14.97	0.41	9.19	22.71	0.16	0.01	99.71
Eastern metabasalt	RR-072	Hypersthene	53.07	0.19	0.55	25.94	0.60	15.04	0.93	0.06	0	96.38
Eastern metabasalt	RR-072	Hypersthene	52.59	0.04	1.00	26.40	0.56	15.07	1.40	0.08	0	97.14
Eastern metabasalt	RR-072	Hypersthene	52.77	0.18	0.40	26.53	0.74	15.14	0.86	0.07	0	96.69
Eastern metabasalt	RR-072	Ilmenite	0.10	50.58	0.03	45.84	0.79	0.07	0.02	0.03	0.01	97.47
Eastern metabasalt	RR-072	Titanite	16.79	42.49	1.06	25.39	0.66	0.70	14.00	0.03	0	101.12
Western metabasalt	RR-F6-001	Oligoclase	59.95	0.23	23.20	0.04	0	0	5.09	8.71	0.04	97.26
Western metabasalt	RR-F6-010	Andesine	56.79	0.03	26.89	0.14	0	0	9.04	6.45	0.05	99.39
Western metabasalt	RR-F1-001	Mg-Hornblende	46.43	0.67	8.44	18.06	0.42	10.09	11.7	0.90	0.38	97.09
Western metabasalt	RR-F1-001	Fe-Tschermakite	40.86	0.88	11.69	27.16	0.33	3.85	11.67	0.92	1.13	98.49
Western metabasalt	RR-F6-010	Fe-Tschermakite	41.31	0.89	11.28	26.92	0.37	3.91	11.58	1.03	1.06	98.35
Western metabasalt	RR-F6-001	Hypersthene	51.63	0.07	0.86	27.03	0.66	15.62	0.73	0.13	0	96.73
Western metabasalt	RR-F1-001	Biotite	33.06	2.45	15.68	28.96	0.33	4.86	0.04	0.16	9.46	95.00
Western metabasalt	RR-F6-001	Ilmenite	0	54.86	0	46.66	2.32	0.06	0.07	0	0.01	103.98
Western metabasalt	RR-F1-001	Titanite	29.95	36.06	2.29	1.99	0.09	0.24	26.69	0.02	0.41	97.74

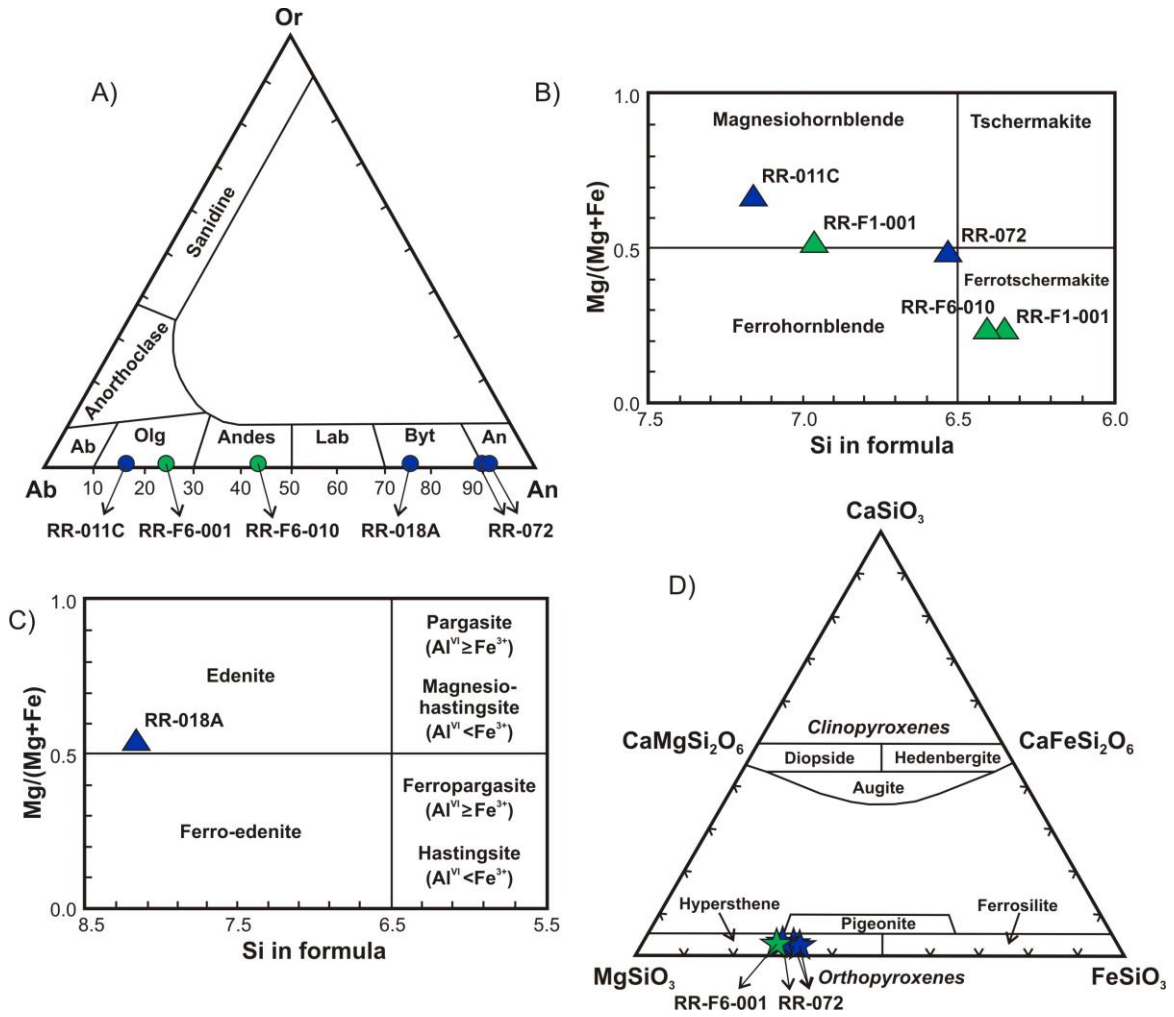


Figure 5. Classification diagrams of minerals in the eastern (blue symbols) and western (green symbols) metabasalts in the MNGB. A) Ternary diagram of feldspar: Ab: albite, Andes: andesine, An: anorthite, Byt: bytownite, Lab: labradorite, Olg: oligoclase, Or: orthoclase. B-C) Classification diagrams of the calcic amphiboles (Leake *et al.* 1997). D) Classification diagram of pyroxenes (Morimoto 1988).

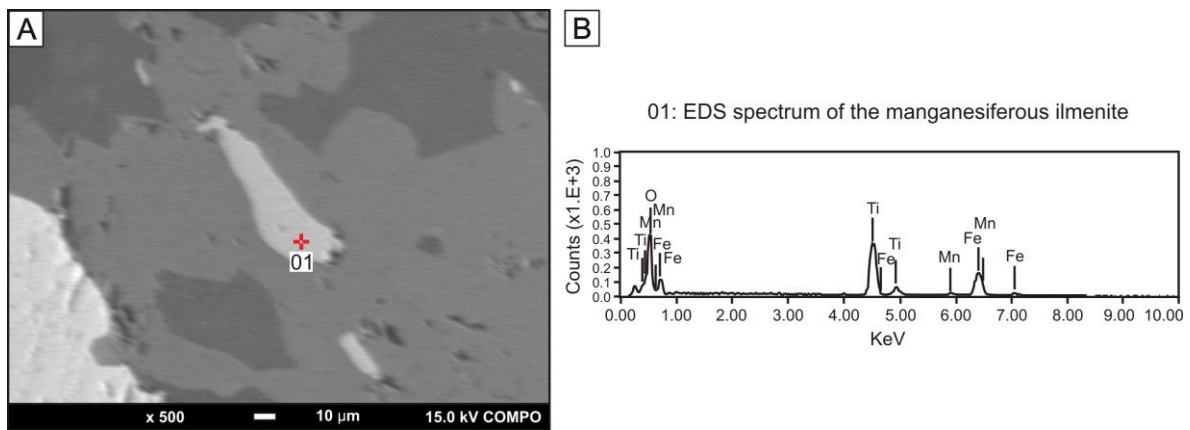


Figure 6. A) Backscattered electron image with the analysis spot and B) the EDS spectrum of the manganiferous ilmenite present in the western metabasalt of the MNGB, as evidence of an ocean floor setting (sample RR-F16-027).

4.1.3. Metadacite

Metadacite and subordinate metarhyolite have restricted occurrences and correspond to the top of the MNGB middle sequence based on field relationships and a felsic mineral content typical of the later stages of volcanism. These units occur to the northeast of Piritiba city and were identified in a drill hole sample obtained by CBPM and in outcrops. These rocks are distributed along a northeast-southwest trend and are in contact with eastern metabasalt and ferruginous metachert (Fig. 2).

The metadacite has a gray color, is strongly foliated and is not magnetic. This rock contains submillimetric porphyroclasts of plagioclase with sericitized borders and quartz (40 % of the rock), which are dispersed in a fine-grained groundmass composed of quartz, plagioclase, biotite, muscovite and sericite (60 % of the rock; Figs. 3D and 4D).

The subordinate metarhyolite has a gray color and is fine grained and foliated. It is composed of quartz (25 %), K-feldspar (40 %), plagioclase (20 %), biotite (10 %) and sericite (5 %). This rock contains granolepidoblastic grains that are submillimetric and highly oriented, tabular crystals of plagioclase (usually sericitized) and grains of quartz, fine biotite and opaque minerals.

5. Whole-rock chemical characterization

The lithochemistry characterization of the metavolcanic rocks in the Neoproterozoic MNGB was used to refine the classification of rocks previously classified on the basis of petrography and mineral chemistry and to evaluate the related petrological processes and tectonic settings. Therefore, this analysis also included samples of metakomatiite, eastern metabasalt, western metabasalt and metadacite in the MNGB. The whole-rock chemical data of those rocks are listed in Tables 3, 4 and 5.

Table 3. Whole-rock major and minor oxide chemical data (wt. %)

Unit and classification	Sample ID	W. Long.	S. Lat.	SiO ₂	TiO ₂	Al ₂ O ₃	Fe ₂ O _{3t}	MnO	MgO	CaO	Na ₂ O	K ₂ O	P ₂ O ₅	LOI	Sum
Mundo Novo greenstone belt															
Metakomatiite	RR-011B	40°25'02.20"	11°48'39.22"	47.01	0.25	7.33	10.18	0.22	24.46	2.99	0.08	0.03	0.005	5.49	98.05
Metakomatiite	FD-37-017	40°30'22.03"	11°41'07.33"	54.39	0.23	7.12	6.68	0.65	17.57	10.15	0.65	0.3	0.19	3.73	101.66
Metakomatiite	FD-058A	40°28'45.53"	11°41'43.47"	57.22	0.07	2.19	6.12	0.11	24.38	2.42	0.05	0.03	0.005	4.52	97.12
Metakomatiite	FD-070	40°28'36.03"	11°41'39.19"	55.02	0.07	2.81	9.38	0.23	18.91	7.4	0.11	0.03	0.005	4.03	98.00
Eastern metabasalt	RR-006	40°25'40.85"	11°53'04.26"	49.78	0.83	14.05	11.97	0.21	8.1	12.53	0.96	0.25	0.04	0.55	99.27
Eastern metabasalt	RR-011C	40°25'02.20"	11°48'39.22"	49.08	1.19	13.39	14.03	0.24	6.98	10.67	0.8	0.32	0.05	0.8	97.55
Eastern metabasalt	RR-014B	40°30'21.91"	11°41'40.20"	50.49	1	13.71	13.42	0.22	6.33	10.69	2.2	0.26	0.06	1.22	99.60
Eastern metabasalt	RR-018A	40°30'07.88"	12°13'43.29"	48.93	1.04	14.18	14.11	0.23	7.16	11.39	2.1	0.26	0.07	0.52	99.99
Eastern metabasalt	RR-018B	40°30'07.94"	12°13'43.35"	51.33	1.07	13.74	14.04	0.24	7.26	10.41	2.55	0.26	0.08	0.53	101.51
Eastern metabasalt	RR-018C	40°30'08.01"	12°13'43.42"	52.48	1.1	14.19	13.39	0.21	5.68	11.57	1.95	0.18	0.1	0.43	101.28
Eastern metabasalt	RR-018D	40°30'08.08"	12°13'43.48"	51.83	1.06	14.16	13.4	0.21	5.47	13.27	1.39	0.15	0.09	0.48	101.51
Eastern metabasalt	RR-071	40°28'39.28"	11°36'42.51"	54.77	1.46	13.32	15.76	0.26	6.36	10.05	0.65	0.23	0.03	0.85	103.74
Eastern metabasalt	RR-072	40°29'25.44"	11°37'14.46"	54.68	1.52	13.45	15.19	0.22	6.72	9.73	0.41	0.13	0.05	0.67	102.77
Eastern metabasalt	RR-078	40°28'06.14"	11°39'32.83"	52.46	1.15	13.76	13.35	0.21	6.49	10.56	1.68	0.19	0.04	0.63	100.52
Eastern metabasalt	RR-080	40°26'38.53"	11°40'09.08"	51.14	0.97	15.65	13.38	0.2	6.47	10.27	2.88	0.31	0.09	0.6	101.96
Eastern metabasalt	FD-37-001	40°30'22.03"	11°41'07.33"	50.14	0.97	14.33	12.6	0.22	6.47	10.84	1.98	0.09	0.08	0.9	98.62
Eastern metabasalt	FD-37-002	40°30'22.03"	11°41'07.33"	52.47	0.98	14.47	12.95	0.21	6.63	10.72	2.14	0.12	0.07	0.57	101.33
Eastern metabasalt	FD-37-004	40°30'22.03"	11°41'07.33"	51.5	1.11	14.03	14.35	0.23	5.49	9.95	2.08	0.16	0.09	0.36	99.35
Eastern metabasalt	FD-37-005	40°30'22.03"	11°41'07.33"	50.92	1.21	13.21	15.04	0.23	4.97	9.92	2.13	0.15	0.1	0.68	98.56
Eastern metabasalt	FD-37-006	40°30'22.03"	11°41'07.33"	50.81	0.71	15.59	11.17	0.18	7.74	11.18	2.22	0.15	0.06	0.89	100.70
Eastern metabasalt	FD-37-007	40°30'22.03"	11°41'07.33"	51.08	0.99	14.56	13.92	0.21	6.58	9.96	2.57	0.25	0.09	0.92	101.13
Eastern metabasalt	FD-37-009	40°30'22.03"	11°41'07.33"	52.74	0.93	14.95	13.57	0.21	7.53	10.68	2.38	0.18	0.08	0.61	103.86
Eastern metabasalt	FD-37-011	40°30'22.03"	11°41'07.33"	52.94	1.02	13.62	13.86	0.21	6.88	10.32	2.06	0.24	0.04	0.89	102.08

Eastern metabasalt	FD-37-012	40°30'22.03"	11°41'07.33"	53.63	1.23	14.07	15.43	0.25	5.07	10.01	2.36	0.16	0.12	0.88	103.21
Eastern metabasalt	FD-37-013	40°30'22.03"	11°41'07.33"	52.66	0.99	14.75	13.09	0.22	6.23	10.62	2.16	0.18	0.09	0.82	101.81
Eastern metabasalt	FD-37-015	40°30'22.03"	11°41'07.33"	48.91	1.12	15.58	14.27	0.24	6.58	11.58	2.33	0.21	0.1	0.93	101.85
Eastern metabasalt	FD-37-016	40°30'22.03"	11°41'07.33"	48.7	1.28	17.47	13.65	0.18	7.7	9.23	2.04	0.93	0.17	2.46	103.81
Eastern metabasalt	FD-37-019	40°30'22.03"	11°41'07.33"	53.15	0.99	14.19	13.06	0.22	6.16	10.68	2.39	0.13	0.1	0.77	101.84
Eastern metabasalt	FD-016	40°29'24.00"	11°42'01.07"	53.15	1.02	12.62	12.62	0.26	5.85	8.6	2.1	0.34	0.06	0.94	97.56
Eastern metabasalt	FD-028	40°26'43.09"	11°48'24.59"	52.18	1.27	13.24	12.86	0.21	5.74	12.44	1.58	0.24	0.07	0.78	100.61
Western metabasalt	RR-022	40°36'07.38"	12°18'51.47"	49.47	0.95	14.28	12.39	0.23	5.88	10.75	2.3	0.61	0.07	0.76	97.69
Western metabasalt	RR-F1-001	40°29'40.00"	11°53'22.35"	55.52	0.99	14.69	12.23	0.23	7.17	9.34	1.89	0.53	0.1	1.28	103.97
Western metabasalt	RR-F4-006	40°29'31.17"	11°54'14.89"	49.75	1.26	15.1	12.96	0.2	4.74	8.19	3.72	0.31	0.17	0.24	96.64
Western metabasalt	RR-F4-007	40°29'31.17"	11°54'14.89"	49.8	1.35	15.05	12.58	0.19	4.74	7.63	2.33	1.57	0.19	0.32	95.75
Western metabasalt	RR-F6-001	40°29'35.54"	11°53'35.26"	57.06	1.34	16.4	7.24	0.11	2.37	5.92	4.71	1.18	0.2	0.8	97.33
Western metabasalt	RR-F6-002	40°29'35.54"	11°53'35.26"	48.04	1.56	17.37	11.27	0.19	4.64	7.21	4.03	0.99	0.17	0.64	96.11
Western metabasalt	RR-F6-003	40°29'35.54"	11°53'35.26"	46.4	1.45	15.54	12.8	0.24	5.95	8.21	2.93	0.98	0.17	0.68	95.35
Western metabasalt	RR-F6-004	40°29'35.54"	11°53'35.26"	48.72	1.3	14.51	11.68	0.2	5.15	9.4	2.04	0.83	0.19	1.04	95.06
Western metabasalt	RR-F6-005	40°29'35.54"	11°53'35.26"	50.26	1.28	15.5	13.09	0.2	4.94	8.52	3.14	0.96	0.17	0.35	98.41
Western metabasalt	RR-F6-006	40°29'35.54"	11°53'35.26"	50.5	1.34	15.71	12.96	0.2	4.44	8.48	3.53	0.83	0.19	0.26	98.44
Western metabasalt	RR-F6-007	40°29'35.54"	11°53'35.26"	52.73	1.4	15.78	10.57	0.17	4.16	8.13	3.74	0.18	0.2	0.25	97.31
Western metabasalt	RR-F6-008	40°29'35.54"	11°53'35.26"	48.98	1.29	15.2	12.44	0.2	5.18	8.36	3.3	0.91	0.16	0.35	96.37
Western metabasalt	RR-F6-009	40°29'35.54"	11°53'35.26"	48.1	1.33	15.23	13.02	0.22	6.3	8.15	2.59	0.22	0.16	0.14	95.46
Western metabasalt	RR-F6-010	40°29'35.54"	11°53'35.26"	50.64	1.4	15.08	12.75	0.22	5.37	7.19	2.54	0.63	0.18	0.05	96.05
Western metabasalt	RR-F6-016	40°29'35.54"	11°53'35.26"	54.48	0.71	16.43	11.03	0.23	6.07	3.52	4.04	1.19	0.07	2.47	100.24
Western metabasalt	RR-F6-018	40°29'35.54"	11°53'35.26"	53.79	0.63	15.71	9.44	0.2	6.19	9.82	2.35	0.24	0.09	0.77	99.23
Western metabasalt	RR-F16-027	40°29'27.40"	11°53'33.16"	57.24	0.73	14.2	10.32	0.16	5.01	8.5	2.57	0.74	0.05	1.36	100.88
Metadacite	FD-052	40°29'26.72"	11°42'09.52"	70.98	0.34	14.22	5.08	0.07	2.09	1.24	2.02	2.46	0.04	1.55	100.09
Metarhyolite	RR-FST-002	40°29'33.55"	11°42'52.06"	73.2	0.41	11.49	6.58	0.08	1.63	1.81	1.41	2.69	0.08	0.74	100.12

Table 4. Whole-rock REE chemical data (ppm)

Unit and classification	Sample ID	La	Ce	Pr	Nd	Sm	Eu	Gd	Tb	Dy	Ho	Er	Tm	Yb	Lu
Mundo Novo greenstone belt															
Metakomatiite	RR-011B	9.5	13.2	1.18	3.8	0.6	0.2	0.68	0.12	0.74	0.16	0.49	0.07	0.5	0.07
Metakomatiite	FD-37-017	7.2	12.6	1.62	6.7	1.4	0.43	1.56	0.21	1.49	0.3	0.94	0.13	0.9	0.13
Metakomatiite	FD-058A	7.1	6.5	1.3	5.3	1.2	0.42	1.6	0.26	1.6	0.32	1	0.14	0.8	0.025
Metakomatiite	FD-070	4.9	3.7	1.17	4.7	1.3	0.51	1.74	0.29	1.81	0.41	1.11	0.19	1.1	0.11
Eastern metabasalt	RR-006	5	10.2	1.46	7	2.1	0.76	2.71	0.46	3.01	0.63	1.88	0.26	1.7	0.26
Eastern metabasalt	RR-011C	10.7	24.1	3.15	14.4	3.7	1.04	4.02	0.64	3.92	0.79	2.25	0.3	1.8	0.27
Eastern metabasalt	RR-014B	6.4	11.9	1.95	9.3	2.9	1	3.8	0.69	4.83	1.03	3.09	0.45	2.9	0.44
Eastern metabasalt	RR-018A	7	16.3	2.22	10.3	2.9	1	3.73	0.66	4.31	0.93	2.72	0.41	2.6	0.39
Eastern metabasalt	RR-018B	7.3	13.4	1.87	9.1	2.8	0.9	3.54	0.61	4.17	0.89	2.69	0.38	2.5	0.38
Eastern metabasalt	RR-018C	9.3	20.9	2.66	12.1	3.2	1.04	3.9	0.68	4.42	0.96	2.88	0.41	2.7	0.41
Eastern metabasalt	RR-018D	8	18	2.31	10.7	2.8	0.98	3.58	0.63	4.16	0.91	2.67	0.38	2.5	0.39
Eastern metabasalt	RR-071	11.6	19.1	2.9	13.1	3.4	1.06	4.63	0.69	4.52	0.87	2.54	0.33	2.1	0.32
Eastern metabasalt	RR-072	11	24.6	2.93	13.9	3.8	1.28	4.67	0.77	4.6	0.94	2.6	0.37	2.2	0.37
Eastern metabasalt	RR-078	10	12.8	2.19	10.3	3.1	1.17	4.41	0.75	5.28	1.09	3.39	0.5	3.3	0.51
Eastern metabasalt	RR-080	10.1	14.1	1.96	8.9	2.7	0.99	3.95	0.71	4.69	0.99	3.09	0.43	2.8	0.46
Eastern metabasalt	FD-37-001	6.1	12.6	1.83	8.9	2.5	0.99	3.62	0.64	4.28	0.88	2.76	0.38	2.6	0.4
Eastern metabasalt	FD-37-002	5	11.3	1.7	8.4	2.5	0.96	3.44	0.63	4.21	0.9	2.63	0.37	2.5	0.39
Eastern metabasalt	FD-37-004	5.7	13.7	2.08	9.9	3.4	1.22	4.39	0.79	5.28	1.15	3.22	0.5	3.3	0.49
Eastern metabasalt	FD-37-005	6.5	14.9	2.26	10.5	3.2	1.12	4.55	0.78	5.16	1.13	3.4	0.49	3.1	0.49
Eastern metabasalt	FD-37-006	4.9	8.4	1.2	6.2	1.9	0.7	2.73	0.49	3.09	0.68	1.96	0.3	1.9	0.28
Eastern metabasalt	FD-37-007	6.2	12	1.77	8.3	2.6	0.94	3.41	0.6	4.31	0.88	2.45	0.4	2.6	0.38
Eastern metabasalt	FD-37-009	5.7	11.7	1.61	7.9	2.4	0.86	3.31	0.59	4.05	0.83	2.54	0.38	2.4	0.37
Eastern metabasalt	FD-37-011	6.1	12.7	1.82	8.4	2.5	0.96	3.46	0.6	3.96	0.87	2.63	0.37	2.5	0.41
Eastern metabasalt	FD-37-012	6.3	14.1	2.02	10	3.3	1.16	4.49	0.77	5.42	1.11	3.33	0.49	3.3	0.48
Eastern metabasalt	FD-37-013	4.6	11.2	1.7	8.9	2.7	0.97	4	0.71	4.35	0.96	2.86	0.47	2.7	0.43
Eastern metabasalt	FD-37-015	6.9	12.9	1.91	9.2	3	1.07	4.21	0.73	4.82	1.06	3.12	0.46	3	0.5
Eastern metabasalt	FD-37-016	6.9	14.8	2.32	11.1	3.7	1.27	4.86	0.87	5.5	1.22	3.64	0.52	3.4	0.54
Eastern metabasalt	FD-37-019	7.1	14.1	1.95	9.3	2.8	1	3.62	0.67	4.45	0.96	2.81	0.42	2.8	0.46
Eastern metabasalt	FD-016	7.4	12	1.94	9	2.6	0.94	3.78	0.65	4.42	0.92	2.93	0.39	2.6	0.4
Eastern metabasalt	FD-028	5.7	13.1	1.99	10.2	3.2	1.12	4.34	0.72	4.82	1	2.92	0.44	2.9	0.42
Western metabasalt	RR-022	18.6	27.6	4.74	19.2	4.8	1.42	4.98	0.84	5.49	1.14	3.28	0.48	3.1	0.44

Western metabasalt	RR-F1-001	21.1	39.1	5.18	20	4.7	1.41	5.23	0.84	5.07	0.98	2.72	0.38	2.6	0.41
Western metabasalt	RR-F4-006	23	44.3	5.6	23.4	5.5	1.54	6.15	1	6.56	1.33	4	0.57	3.8	0.56
Western metabasalt	RR-F4-007	25	45.8	5.79	23.4	5.6	1.59	6.4	1.04	6.79	1.31	3.94	0.56	3.7	0.58
Western metabasalt	RR-F6-001	25.8	48.7	6.24	24.9	5.7	1.45	6.51	1.06	6.74	1.32	3.79	0.59	3.7	0.55
Western metabasalt	RR-F6-002	26.5	55.2	7.1	28.2	6.8	1.67	7.62	1.22	7.71	1.56	4.58	0.66	4.4	0.64
Western metabasalt	RR-F6-003	27.7	47.5	5.96	24.3	5.8	1.63	6.67	1.1	6.86	1.42	4.26	0.67	4	0.66
Western metabasalt	RR-F6-004	23.9	45.4	5.88	23.6	5.9	1.4	6.56	1.08	6.87	1.41	3.99	0.6	3.8	0.54
Western metabasalt	RR-F6-005	23.4	45.9	5.91	24.2	5.8	1.72	6.58	1.06	6.59	1.38	4.26	0.58	3.9	0.6
Western metabasalt	RR-F6-006	21.7	45.1	5.82	23	5.7	2.06	6.48	1	6.67	1.37	4.12	0.56	3.8	0.58
Western metabasalt	RR-F6-007	22.2	45.8	6.05	24.2	5.8	2.01	6.86	1.09	6.9	1.39	4.13	0.59	3.9	0.6
Western metabasalt	RR-F6-008	23.9	48	6.04	24.8	6	1.93	6.65	1.05	6.62	1.32	3.99	0.6	3.8	0.58
Western metabasalt	RR-F6-009	21.3	44.8	5.84	23.9	5.9	1.82	6.59	1.02	6.79	1.36	4.15	0.57	3.8	0.57
Western metabasalt	RR-F6-010	23	44.3	5.79	23.6	5.4	1.56	6.8	1.04	6.61	1.36	4	0.66	3.8	0.61
Western metabasalt	RR-F6-016	10.9	19.2	2.35	9.5	2	0.53	2.59	0.43	3.01	0.72	2.09	0.33	2.2	0.34
Western metabasalt	RR-F6-018	16.2	31.8	3.92	15.7	3.4	0.98	3.88	0.61	3.66	0.77	2.34	0.34	2.1	0.35
Western metabasalt	RR-F16-027	24.1	30.9	3.65	14.2	3.1	0.83	3.61	0.56	3.64	0.75	2.17	0.35	2.1	0.33
Metadacite	FD-052	16.3	29.8	2.97	12.4	2.8	0.69	2.62	0.43	2.81	0.52	1.54	0.18	1.3	0.16
Metarhyolite	RR-FST-002	35.5	64.4	6.27	23.9	4.4	0.94	4.09	0.6	3.66	0.73	2.25	0.27	2.2	0.26

Table 5. Whole-rock trace and minor element chemical data (ppm)

Unit and classification	Sample ID	Cs	Ba	Th	U	Ta	Nb	Zr	Hf	Ti	Y	Sr	Rb	Ni	V
Mundo Novo greenstone belt															
Metakomatiite	RR-011B	0.37	5	1.2	0.35	0.025	2.45	13	0.53	1500	4.47	12	1.2	945	2.5
Metakomatiite	FD-37-017	0.51	176	2.8	1.38	0.3	1.69	43	1.31	1380	8.83	49	10.3	644	42
Metakomatiite	FD-058A	0.06	42	2.6	0.72	0.36	1.27	20	0.63	420	10.47	5	1.6	587	2.5
Metakomatiite	FD-070	0.11	50	0.8	0.39	0.025	0.58	15	0.2	420	12.02	5	1	493	2.5
Eastern metabasalt	RR-006	0.76	104	0.5	0.16	0.025	3.3	40	1.27	4980	18.07	90	8.1	115	207
Eastern metabasalt	RR-011C	1.52	134	2.3	0.66	0.17	7.32	93	2.48	7140	21.67	100	8.1	110	232
Eastern metabasalt	RR-014B	0.13	122	0.8	0.13	0.025	2.66	69	1.96	6000	28.43	108	6.1	112	283
Eastern metabasalt	RR-018A	0.3	110	1.8	0.31	0.025	5.3	77	2.15	6240	26.24	109	4	112	295
Eastern metabasalt	RR-018B	0.21	80	1	0.27	0.025	3.59	67	1.87	6420	24.46	120	5.8	110	306
Eastern metabasalt	RR-018C	0.17	132	1.8	0.42	0.025	9.69	75	1.99	6600	27.2	128	2.1	112	306
Eastern metabasalt	RR-018D	0.16	119	2.7	0.42	0.34	7.56	72	2.07	6360	25.88	162	1.8	109	292
Eastern metabasalt	RR-071	0.77	73	2.3	0.31	0.025	5.52	84	2.52	8760	22.27	66	5.2	92	306
Eastern metabasalt	RR-072	0.36	30	1.1	0.29	0.025	4.77	88	2.71	9120	22.77	185	4	97	315
Eastern metabasalt	RR-078	0.25	242	0.8	0.29	0.025	3.08	69	2.23	6900	28.29	94	7.6	125	315
Eastern metabasalt	RR-080	0.27	102	0.9	0.39	0.025	2.91	83	2	5820	24.88	133	11.7	124	386
Eastern metabasalt	FD-37-001	0.2	108	0.4	0.35	0.025	2.26	78	1.97	5820	22.32	109	2.6	90	366
Eastern metabasalt	FD-37-002	0.17	46	0.1	0.22	0.025	1.93	69	1.99	5880	22.86	110	2.8	108	371
Eastern metabasalt	FD-37-004	0.09	40	0.4	0.23	0.025	2.46	85	2.28	6660	27.81	107	2.3	72	423
Eastern metabasalt	FD-37-005	0.07	34	0.4	0.26	0.025	2.75	91	2.36	7260	29.87	127	1.6	62	425
Eastern metabasalt	FD-37-006	0.41	53	0.05	0.18	0.025	1	48	1.37	4260	16.4	107	4.9	152	298
Eastern metabasalt	FD-37-007	0.42	232	0.3	0.24	0.025	1.99	79	1.91	5940	23.31	122	6.6	142	362
Eastern metabasalt	FD-37-009	0.24	185	0.2	0.24	0.025	1.84	73	1.87	5580	22.88	117	3.3	164	374
Eastern metabasalt	FD-37-011	0.29	127	0.5	0.27	0.025	4.03	56	1.69	6120	22.3	111	4.7	148	299
Eastern metabasalt	FD-37-012	0.12	40	0.4	0.27	0.025	3.5	96	2.41	7380	28.27	109	2	49	490
Eastern metabasalt	FD-37-013	0.41	54	0.05	0.21	0.025	2.23	73	1.93	5940	22.35	113	4.6	106	379
Eastern metabasalt	FD-37-015	0.51	116	0.2	0.27	0.025	2.62	87	2.15	6720	26.05	120	5.5	116	415
Eastern metabasalt	FD-37-016	1.29	768	5	0.47	1.61	4.5	96	3.96	7680	28.83	107	32.9	110	451
Eastern metabasalt	FD-37-019	0.09	35	0.7	0.27	0.025	2.52	77	2.16	5940	23.28	112	1.5	77	409
Eastern metabasalt	FD-016	0.32	161	1.5	0.36	0.14	2.64	78	2.09	6120	24.9	111	8.2	104	323
Eastern metabasalt	FD-028	0.92	56	0.7	0.21	0.17	2.92	75	1.91	7620	25.05	132	8.9	111	322
Western metabasalt	RR-022	0.31	78	1.9	0.46	0.32	5.25	87	2.36	5700	28.44	574	13.7	83	192
Western metabasalt	RR-F1-001	1.2	141	4.2	0.95	0.025	6.22	138	3.44	5940	25.4	127	16.3	148	257
Western metabasalt	RR-F4-006	0.12	72	3.4	1.06	0.15	7.06	169	4.5	7560	32.18	187	4.5	88	331
Western metabasalt	RR-F4-007	0.63	480	3.3	1.08	0.08	7.8	171	4.31	8100	35.3	180	46.2	89	338
Western metabasalt	RR-F6-001	1.6	216	4.4	1.39	0.26	9.05	177	4.94	8040	32.77	131	43.7	106	358
Western metabasalt	RR-F6-002	1.9	188	4.3	1.3	0.24	8.7	192	5.27	9360	40.14	108	29.5	91	312
Western metabasalt	RR-F6-003	1.11	244	3.6	1.16	0.025	8.05	183	4.73	8700	36.53	127	19.8	97	366
Western metabasalt	RR-F6-004	1.31	184	3.3	1.09	0.025	7.05	161	4.52	7800	33.53	80	20.9	93	310
Western metabasalt	RR-F6-005	2.57	278	3.3	1.09	0.025	7.1	171	4.45	7680	34.07	205	19.2	92	316

Western metabasalt	RR-F6-006	0.46	228	3.3	1.11	0.025	7.49	167	4.41	8040	36.03	214	16.5	91	322
Western metabasalt	RR-F6-007	0.12	98	3.4	1.11	0.025	7.34	172	4.32	8400	35.58	148	2.7	86	322
Western metabasalt	RR-F6-008	1.01	157	3.2	1.01	0.025	6.82	163	4.46	7740	34.29	152	16.5	88	326
Western metabasalt	RR-F6-009	0.19	55	3.2	1.03	0.025	7.48	162	4.4	7980	37.08	204	3.3	93	319
Western metabasalt	RR-F6-010	0.55	184	3.1	1.08	0.025	7.51	170	4.36	8400	34.44	171	12.2	89	328
Western metabasalt	RR-F6-016	2	130	2.8	0.96	0.025	4.54	130	3.07	4260	17.1	54	27.2	51	241
Western metabasalt	RR-F6-018	0.33	59	2.7	0.93	0.025	4.04	118	2.86	3780	20.71	220	4.3	82	221
Western metabasalt	RR-F16-027	0.55	136	3.1	1.08	0.31	2.85	121	2.82	4380	20.78	112	21.5	80	313
Metadacite	FD-052	3.29	553	7	5.24	1.01	9.57	83	2.72	2040	14.94	109	92.3	99	76
Metarhyolite	RR-FST-002	5.83	631	17.1	5.37	0.26	8.37	152	4.88	2460	19.91	144	95.3	49	67

5.1. Mundo Novo greenstone belt

The bivariate diagrams of TiO_2 and Al_2O_3 (the least mobile major elements), FeO_t and MgO (mobile major elements), Ni (conservative trace element), Y (immobile trace element), and La and Ce (light REE) against Zr were drawn for the metakomatiite from the lower sequence and the eastern and western metabasalts and metadacite from the middle sequence of the MNGB; the diagrams are shown in Figure 7, and show important correlations. Zr was used as a crystal fractionation index because of its immobility during alteration and metamorphism and its large range of concentration in igneous suites, resulting from varying degrees of partial melting and fractional crystallization (Furnes *et al.* 2013). The Zr concentrations are 13-43 ppm in the metakomatiite, 40-192 ppm in the eastern and western metabasalts and 83-152 ppm in the metadacite.

TiO_2 defines a positive pattern versus Zr, and the eastern and western metabasalts form separate groups with the same slope. The Al_2O_3 diagram features a positive asymptotic pattern in which the metakomatiite samples plot near the origin, the metabasalt samples form a trend where the western metabasalt exhibits relatively high values of Al_2O_3 , and the metadacite is approximately aligned in the trend. Four distinct and dispersed groups are formed in the FeO_t plot, possibly because of the mobility of Fe during the alteration. The negative asymptotic patterns in the MgO and Ni diagrams form highly defined trends that can be explained by the fractional crystallization of olivine and pyroxene in the metakomatiite and eastern and western metabasalts. Y, La and Ce, which are considered immobile elements, show highly defined positive correlations versus Zr. Therefore, they were used to demonstrate that the metakomatiite, eastern and western metabasalts and metadacite from the MNGB may be related by fractional crystallization.

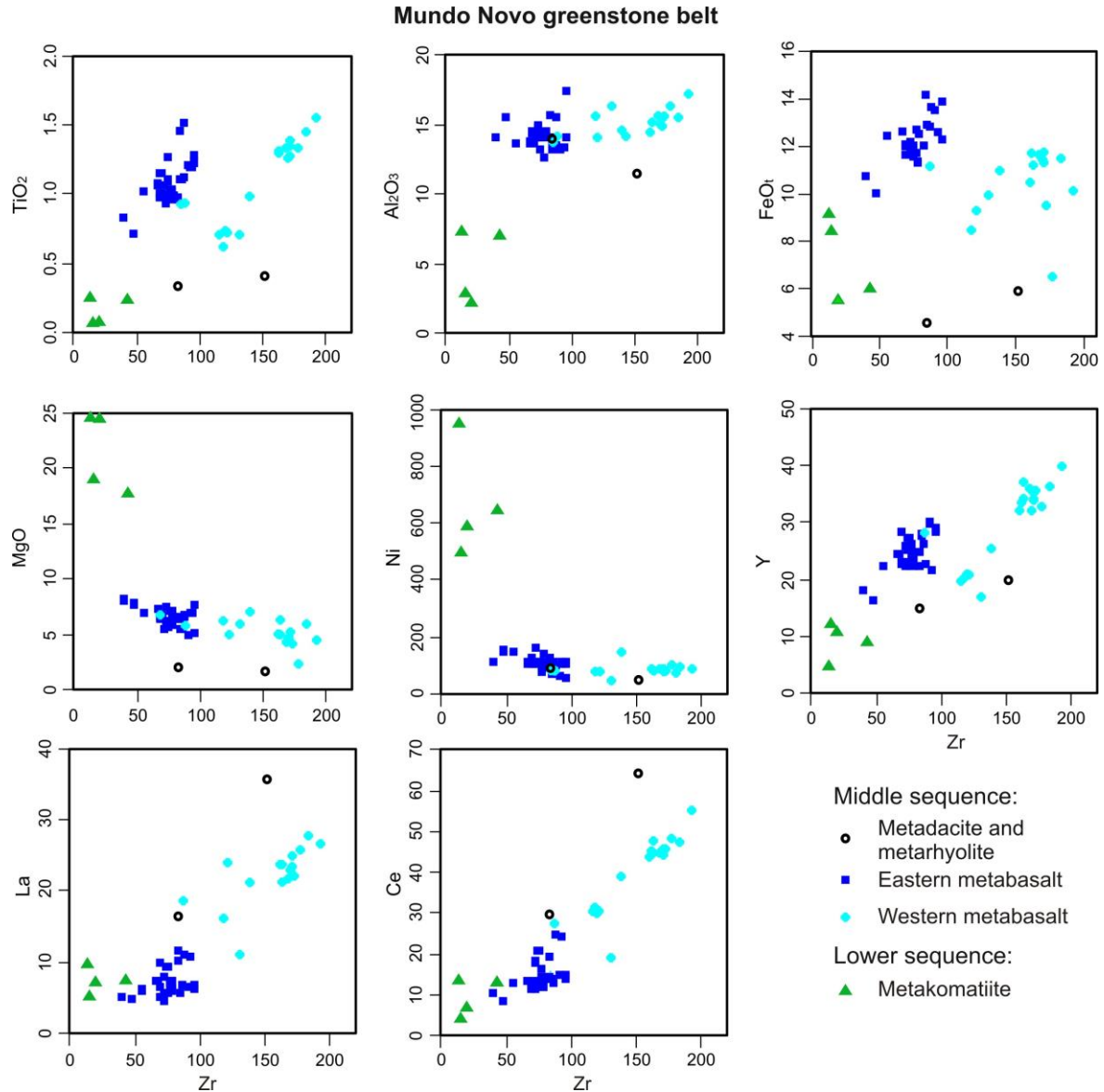


Figure 7. Binary plots using Zr as a differentiation index for the metavolcanic rocks of the MNGB.

Lower Sequence

The metakomatiite of the MNGB is peridotitic, with MgO concentrations of 17-25 wt. % (Fig. 8A), and plots near the MgO vertex in the AFM diagram (Irvine & Baragar 1971; Fig. 8B). The chondrite-normalized REE geochemical pattern (Boynnton 1984) indicates enrichment in light REE in the metakomatiite in the MNGB, similar to the komatiite pattern from the Onverwacht Suite of the Barberton greenstone belt, South Africa (Jahn *et al.* 1982; Fig. 8D). The $(La/Yb)_N$ ratios in the MNGB's metakomatiite show low values, with an average of approximately 5 and a minimum of 2.69.

The low values of Nb (≤ 2.45 ppm), Ti (≤ 0.150 ppm) and the Ti/Zr ratio (≤ 0.012), in addition to the enrichment in U and Th can be observed in Fig. 9A. High CaO/Al₂O₃ ratios (Herzberg 1995) in the metakomatiite of the MNGB, between 1.1 and 2.6, allow this rock to be classified as Al-depleted. In addition, the high $(Gd/Yb)_N$ ratios (Herzberg 1995) between 1.09 and 1.60 indicate partial melting at high pressures and that the garnet remained in the residue during the melting process.

In the multielement diagram normalized to N-MORB (Hofmann 1988), the Cs, Ba, Th and U elements show high and anomalous concentrations in the metakomatiite (Fig. 9A), a flat pattern from Lu to Nd and a negative anomaly of Nb.

The tectonic setting discrimination diagram of immobile elements, the Nb/Yb vs. Th/Yb diagram, indicates that the metakomatiite plots form a trend with other mafic volcanic rocks of the MNGB which extends from N-MORB point to volcanic arc array (Fig. 9E). This displacement of the plots oblique to MORB-ocean island basalt (OIB) array is a result of the transportation of subduction-mobile Th content (Pearce *et al.* 2005, Pearce 2008).

Middle Sequence

5.1.1. Eastern and western metabasalts

The division of MNGB metabasalt into the two eastern and western groups, as previously discussed based on petrography, was further confirmed by the REE pattern. REE patterns are reliable because of the immobility of these elements during low-grade metamorphism, weathering and hydrothermal alteration, and therefore, a degree of confidence can be placed in the obtained patterns (Rollinson 1993).

The two groups have subtle differences. The eastern metabasalt has higher percentages of Fe and Ti than the western metabasalt (Fig. 8A), which suggests a small andesitic trend in some western metabasalt samples. In the AFM diagram, two distinct groups of samples are also present, both in the tholeiitic series field, with just two samples of western metabasalt plotting in the calc-alkalic series field (Fig. 8B).

In the chondrite-normalized REE diagram (Boynnton 1984), the western metabasalt is more fractionated and enriched in light REE, with La normalized values near 100, than the eastern metabasalt, which shows a flat REE pattern and La normalized values between 10 and 40 (Figs. 8E and 8F). The fractionation difference is also observed in the average $(La/Yb)_N$ ratio: the western metabasalt has a value of 5.11 and the eastern metabasalt has a value of 1.91.

The geochemical patterns of the major and trace elements normalized to the fertile mantle MORB (FMM) values as a tectonic setting marker (Pearce & Parkinson 1993) are similar for both metabasalt types of the MNGB. The patterns in which normalized Nb (24.06) and Zr (11.48) > TiO₂ (6.47) and in which Y (6.98) and Yb (7.04) ≥ CaO (3.00), Al₂O₃ (3.91) and V (4.20) into the two metabasalts are similar to the patterns in ocean floor basalts in a back-arc basin setting, as demonstrated in the Barberton greenstone belt (Furnes *et al.* 2013).

In the multielement diagram of trace elements normalized to N-MORB (Hofmann 1988; Figs. 9B and 9C), both metabasalt groups show a flat pattern from Lu to Zr and a negative Ta anomaly. The difference between the two groups is subtle but consistent. The negative Ti anomaly is more accentuated in the western metabasalt than in the eastern metabasalt. The western metabasalt is more enriched in La, Ce and Nd than the eastern metabasalt, and the Th and Cs values of the western metabasalt (Th values greater than 10 and some values of Cs greater than 100) are greater than the values of the same elements in the eastern metabasalt (Th values smaller than 10 and Cs values between 20 and 30).

The Nb/Yb vs. Th/Yb discrimination diagram of immobile elements in the eastern and western metabasalts of the MNGB indicates a trend that extends from N-MORB in the MORB-OIB array to the volcanic arc array, with a principal axis of dispersion of the plots oblique to the MORB-OIB array (Fig. 9E). This pattern is similar to oceanic subduction-related basalts of the Mariana Arc and Isua, Barberton and South Abitibi Archean greenstone belts (Fig. 9E). The eastern metabasalt has an IAT-type pattern, with some samples

overlapping the MORB field, and the western metabasalt mainly features a MORB pattern with a few occurrences plotting in the within-plate basalt field (WPB; Fig. 9F).

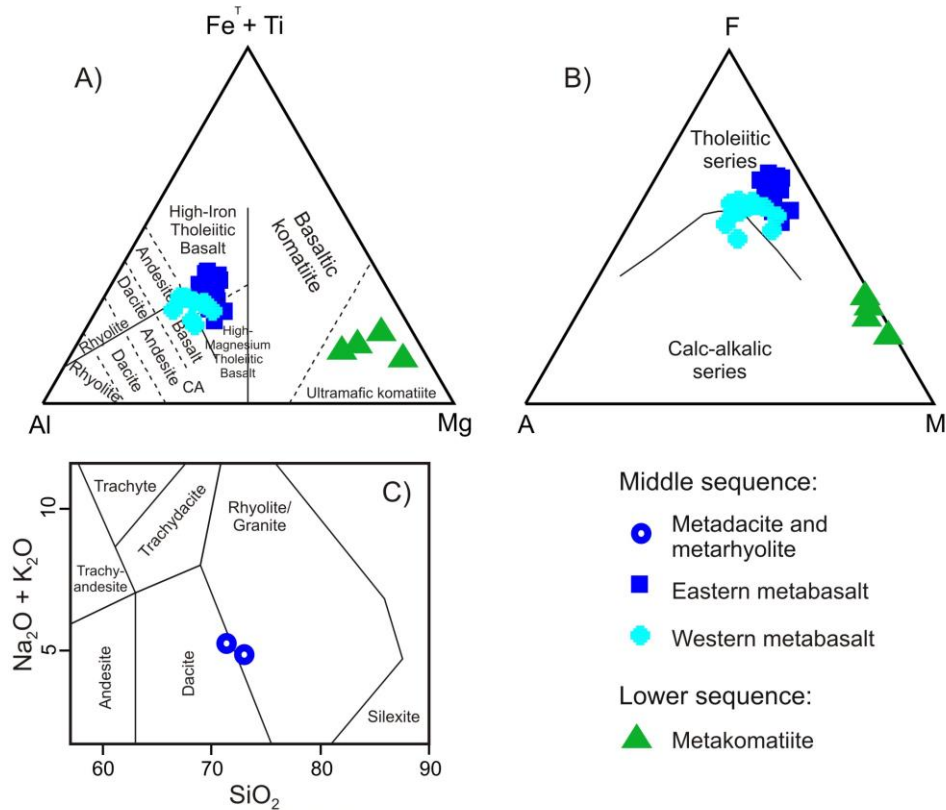
5.1.2 Metadacite

The felsic metavolcanic rocks of the middle sequence of the MNGB are classified as metadacite and subordinate metarhyolite in the SiO_2 vs. $\text{Na}_2\text{O} + \text{K}_2\text{O}$ diagram (Middlemost 1994; Fig. 8C). The chondrite-normalized REE diagram (Boynnton 1984) for these felsic metavolcanic rocks subtly slopes from Lu to Gd with a negative Eu anomaly (Fig. 8G), as indicated by the average Eu/Eu^* ratio of 0.64. There is enrichment in light REE with strong fractionation from Sm to La, and the average of the $(\text{La}/\text{Yb})_N$ ratio is 8.87.

In the N-MORB-normalized multielement diagram (Hofmann 1988; Fig. 9D), the metadacite is enriched in Nb and Ta; high Cs, Ba, Th and U values, a negative Ti anomaly and moderate values of Hf (2.72-4.88 ppm) and Zr (83-152 ppm) are shown. Moreover, the metadacite and subordinate metarhyolite plot in the volcanic arc field in the tectonic diagrams of Pearce *et al.* (1984; Figs. 9G and 9H) and do not match the anorogenic field of the A-type granitoid diagram (Whalen 1987; Fig. 9I) according to the observations of metakomatiite and eastern and western metabasalts in the MNGB.

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Classification diagrams:



Chondrite-normalized REE diagrams:

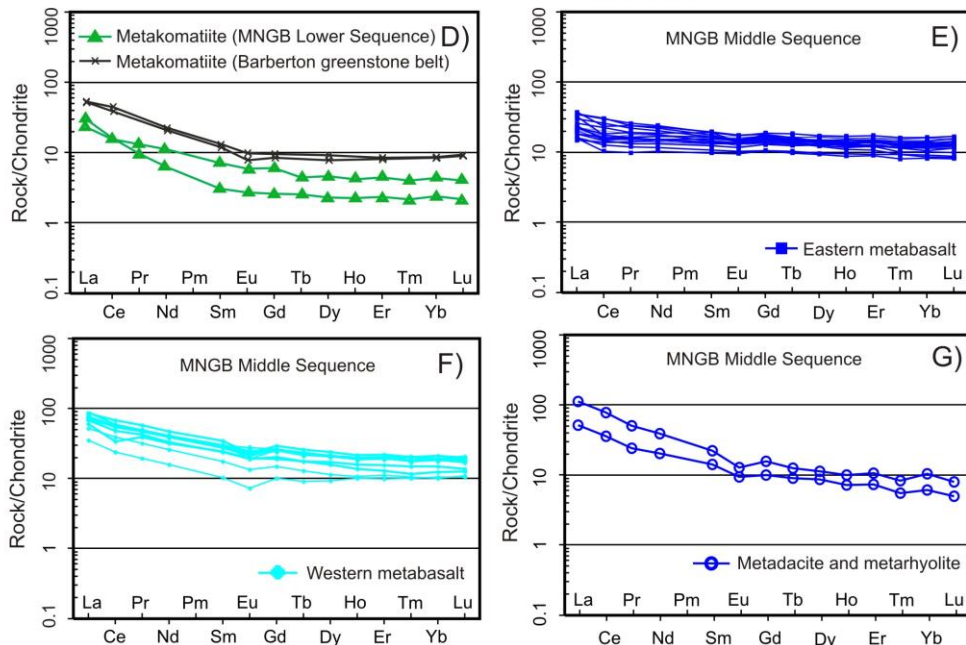
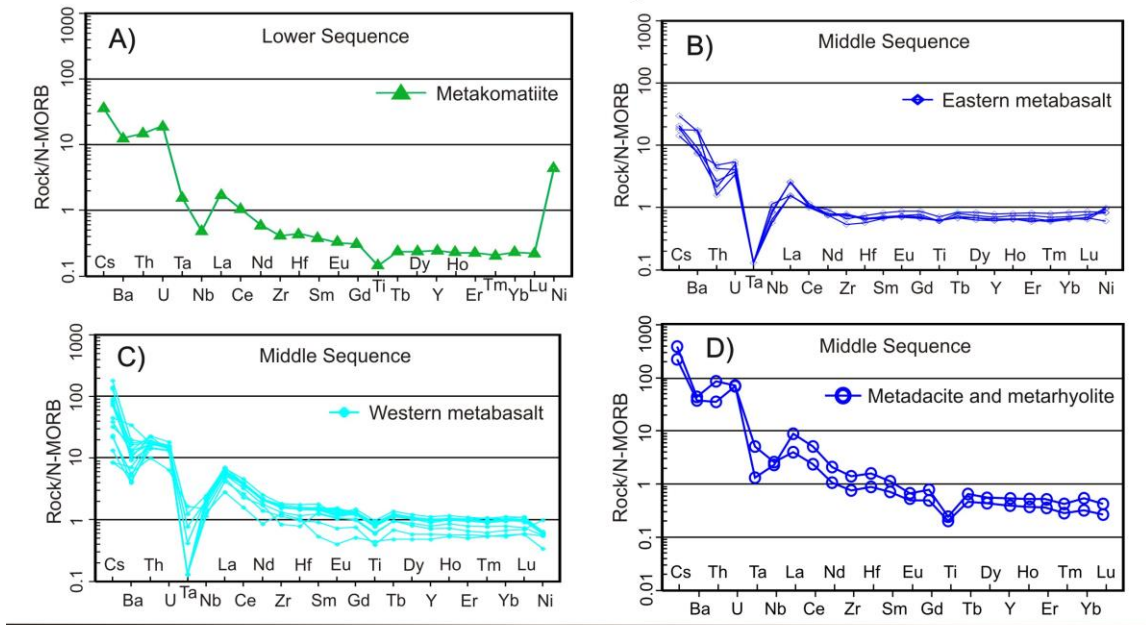


Figure 8. Lithochemical diagrams for MNGB rocks. A) Classification diagram of Jensen (1976): $Fe^T + Ti = FeO + Fe_2O_3 + TiO_2$; $Al = Al_2O_3$; $Mg = MgO$. B) AFM diagram, tholeiitic and calc-alkalic series (Irvine & Baragar 1971), $A = Na_2O + K_2O$; $F = FeO + 0.8998Fe_2O_3$; $M = MgO$. C) SiO_2 vs. $Na_2O + K_2O$ classification diagram (Middlemost 1994). Chondrite-normalized REE diagram (Boynnton 1984): D) Metakomatiite in the MNGB lower sequence compared to the metakomatiite in the Barberton greenstone belt (Jahn *et al.* 1982); E) eastern metabasalt in the MNGB middle sequence; F) western metabasalt in the MNGB middle sequence; and G) metadacite and metarhyolite in the MNGB middle sequence.

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Multielement diagrams:



Tectonic discrimination diagrams:

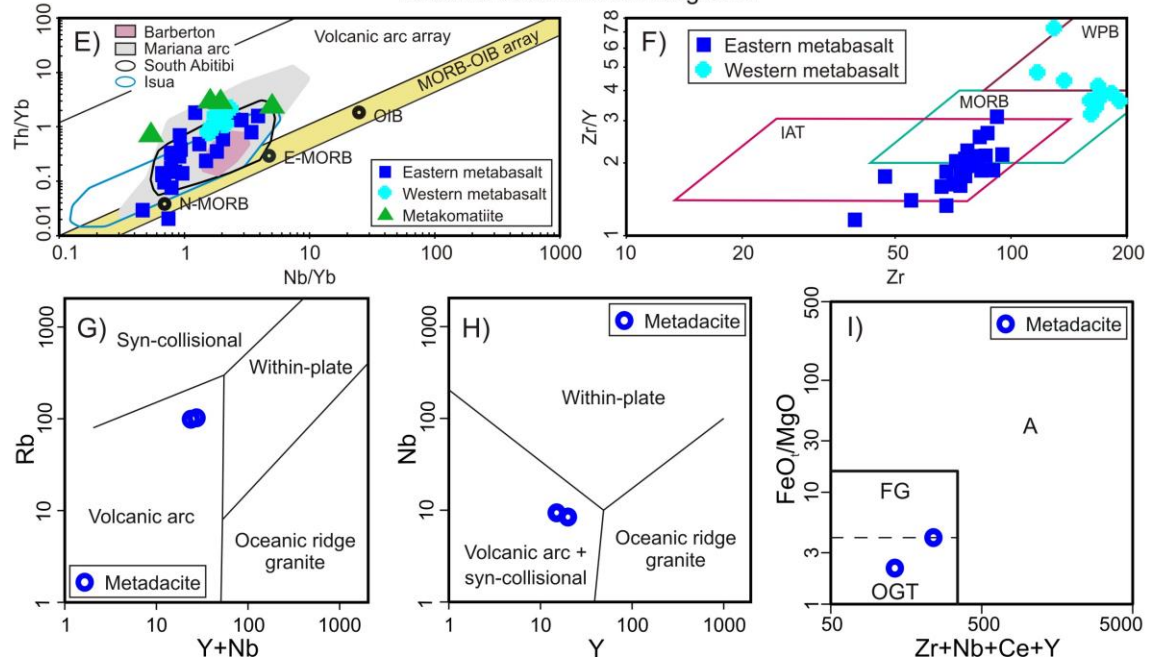


Figure 9. Lithochemical diagrams for MNGB rocks. Multielement diagram of trace elements normalized to N-MORB (Hofmann 1988): A) metakomatiite in the MNGB lower sequence; B) eastern metabasalt in the MNGB middle sequence; C) western metabasalt in the middle sequence and D) metadacite and metarhyolite in the MNGB middle sequence. Tectonic setting discrimination diagram: E) metakomatiite and eastern and western metabasalts in the MNGB lower and middle sequences plotted in the Nb/Yb vs. Th/Yb diagram (N-MORB: Normal – Middle ocean ridge basalts, E-MORB: Enriched – Middle ocean ridge basalts, OIB: Ocean island basalts; Pearce 2008) compared with basalts from South Abitibi (Kerrich & Xie 2002, Xie & Kerrich 1994), Barberton (Jochum *et al.* 1991, Parman *et al.* 1997, Chavagnac 2004) and Isua Archean greenstone belts (Polat & Hofmann 2003, Polat *et al.* 2002) and the Mariana Arc (Pearce *et al.* 2005); F) eastern and western metabasalts in the MNGB middle sequence plotted in the Zr vs. Zr/Y diagram (IAT: Island arc tholeiitic, MORB: Middle ocean ridge basalts, WPB: Within-plate basalts); G-H) metadacite in the MNGB middle sequence plotted in the Y + Nb vs. Rb and Y vs. Nb diagrams (Pearce *et al.* 1984); and I) in the Zr + Nb + Ce + Y vs. FeO/MgO diagram (A: A-type granites, FG: fractionated felsic granites, OGT: M-, I- and S-type granites; Whalen 1987).

6. Discussion

The fine-grained texture of the metakomatiite in the MNGB is composed of skeletal grains with planar growths that intersect each other and do not intercept former structures, which indicates a relict spinifex texture preserved in chilled margins of the komatiite flows. This spinifex texture in the metakomatiite and the occurrence of pillow lava structure in the eastern metabasalt suggest rapid and subaquatic crystallization such as that widely observed and interpreted in other greenstone belt terrains (Anhaeusser 2014). The recovery of the volcanic rocks of the MNGB composed of metachert and BIF by lithological association, the absence of zircon xenocrysts, the manganese ilmenite occurrence in the western metabasalt and the carbonate and argillic-chloritic hydrothermal alteration zones developed on the western metabasalt indicate ocean floor settings (Zucchetti *et al.* 2000a, 2000b, Grachev *et al.* 2011, Spreafico 2017, Spreafico *et al.* 2018).

Enrichments of Cs, Ba, Th and light REE relative to Ta, Nb, Zr, Hf, Ti, Y and heavy REE and the flat pattern from Lu to Nd in the multielement diagram (Figs. 9A, 9B and 9C) show that the metakomatiite and the two metabasalts of the MNGB were generated from the metasomatized mantle above the subducting altered oceanic crust; Furnes *et al.* (2013) interpreted a similar enrichment in the Onverwacht Suite in the Barberton greenstone belt. However, the enrichment of light REE relative to heavy REE in the chondrite-normalized REE diagram (Boynnton 1984; Figs. 8E and 8F) was more accentuated in the tholeiitic-calc-alkalic western metabasalt relative to the tholeiitic eastern metabasalt, indicating stronger assimilation processes in the western metabasalt that must have been accentuated by the metamorphic events during the Rhyacian-Orosirian period.

The effect of the heterogeneous crustal assimilation and metamorphism in the eastern and western metabasalts of the MNGB in the Paleoproterozoic may explain the differences in the mineral paragenesis. The eastern metabasalt, for example, is composed mainly of anorthite, bytownite, magnesiohornblende, ferrohornblende, augite, edenite and quartz; the western metabasalt comprises oligoclase, andesine, actinolite, ferrotschermakite, magnesiohornblende, biotite and quartz.

Both the eastern and western metabasalt samples of the MNGB plot in the IAT, MORB and WPB fields in the Zr vs. Zr/Y diagram (Fig. 9F); the eastern metabasalt plots in the IAT and MORB fields and the western metabasalt plots in the MORB and WPB field. The duplicity of fields by each metabasalt type appears initially uncertain; however, the proximity of settings during volcanism and the transition from one setting to other due to subsequent tectonic events with crustal enrichment must be considered. Therefore, the eastern and western metabasalts must be cogenetic and consistent with nearby intraoceanic settings in the MNGB, with different levels of crustal contamination during the formation in the oceanic crust by subduction components or intraoceanic contamination, and during metamorphism that probably occurred during the Rhyacian-Orosirian period. The stronger crustal assimilation in the western metabasalt displaces the plots to the WPB field, which is not observed in the eastern metabasalt plots.

The plots of the metakomatiite and eastern and western metabasalts of the MNGB in the Nb/Yb vs. Th/Yb diagram feature a steep vector oblique to the MORB-OIB array (Fig. 9E). Those MNGB plots extend from near the N-MORB point, in the MORB-OIB array, and enter the field of the volcanic arc array, avoiding the OIB point. This plot distribution is similar to the South Abitibi (Kerrick & Xie 2002, Xie & Kerrich 1994), Barberton (Jochum *et al.* 1991, Parman *et al.* 1997, Chavagnac 2004) and Isua (Polat & Hofmann 2003, Polat *et al.* 2002) Archean greenstone belts (Fig. 9E), which are interpreted as an intraoceanic provenance as discussed in Pearce (2008), and similar to the modern Mariana intraoceanic arc-basin system (Pearce *et al.* 2005). Moreover, the MNGB geochemical pattern observed in

the Nb/Yb vs. Th/Yb diagram shows that a subduction-related setting, in this case an intraoceanic arc, contributes to the increase in Th content in the rocks displacing the samples from the MORB-OIB array to the volcanic arc array. However, the eastern metabasalt samples remaining in the MORB-OIB array register the initial ocean crust and back-arc setting in the MNGB and, with increasing island arc proximity, the plots displace from the MORB-OIB array. The samples most affected by tectonothermal Rhyacian-Orosirian events would be those most displaced from the MORB-OIB array and with higher Th content, such as the western metabasalt samples.

The metadacite samples of the MNGB in which feldspars were removed from the melt via crystal fractionation plot in the volcanic arc field in the diagrams of Pearce *et al.* (1984; Figs. 9G and 9H) and do not match the anorogenic-type field in the diagram of Whalen (1987; Fig. 9I), thus excluding intracratonic possibilities. In addition, the average $(La/Yb)_N$ ratio of 8.87 in the metadacite may be interpreted as an oceanic crust setting with a slight crustal contamination subducting the oceanic crust according to Condie & Kroner (2013).

Rios (2017) interpreted an intraoceanic setting with a back-arc provenance for basalts in the Neoproterozoic Contendas-Mirante volcano-sedimentary sequence, which is also inserted in the Contendas-Jacobina Lineament (southern part); this volcano-sedimentary sequence is similar and coeval relative to the MNGB. In the Archean Rio das Velhas greenstone belt, southern São Francisco Craton, ocean floor metabasalts and the felsic volcanic rocks were interpreted as occurrences of island arc or back-arc basin settings (Zucchetti *et al.* 2000a, 2000b), which we also interpreted in the MNGB.

An intracontinental provenance has been described for the Umburanas greenstone belt, in the southern part of the Gavião Block in the eastern São Francisco Craton (Leal *et al.* 2003), with deposition over a continental crust. This provenance suggests a diversity of settings for the greenstone belts in the eastern part of the São Francisco Craton, more specifically in the Gavião Block; alternatively, the crustal contamination and tectonism may have intensively altered the mineralogical and geochemical pattern of the rocks, making identification of the former oceanic crust difficult.

Therefore, the intraoceanic arc-basin system appears suitable for defining the tectonic setting of the Neoproterozoic MNGB. The final amalgamation of the oceanic crust between the cratonic blocks (Gavião, Mairi and Serrinha blocks and Itabuna-Salvador-Curaçá Belt) of the northern and eastern São Francisco Craton in the Orosirian period (Leite 2002; Figs. 10A and 10B) contributed to changing mineralogical and geochemical patterns that hid the primary oceanic crust signatures in the MNGB rocks.

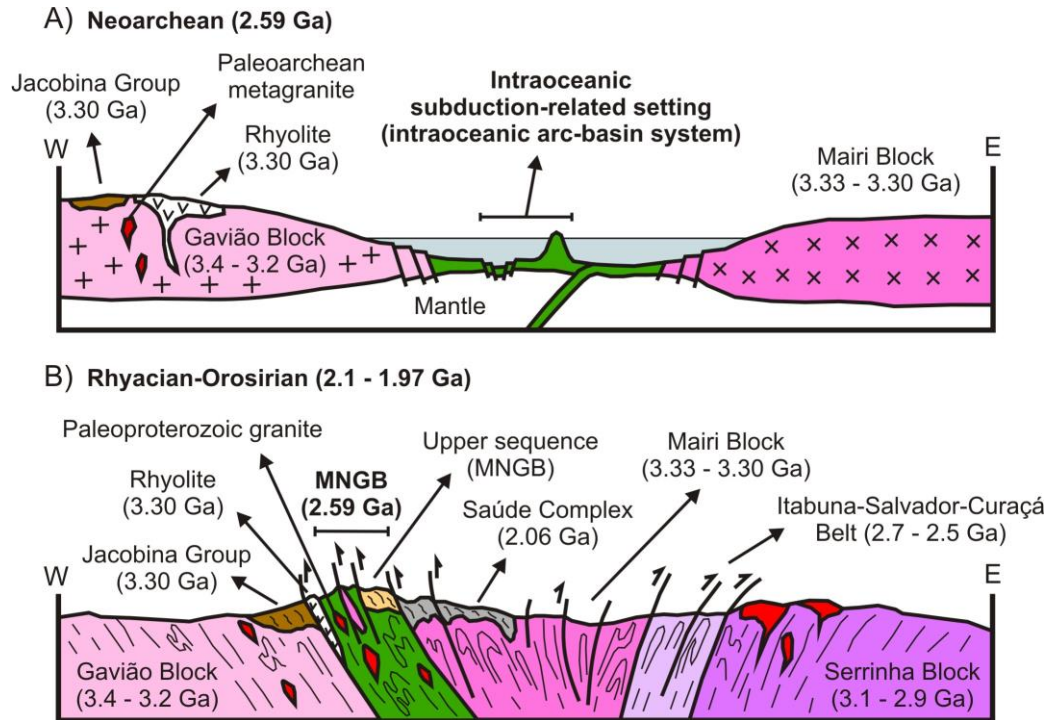


Figure 10. Intraoceanic setting proposed for the MNGB formation based on new data presented in this study and compiled ages for the Gavião Block, MNGB and Rhyacian-Orosirian granites (Mougeot 1996, Leite 2002, Peucat *et al.* 2002, Zincone *et al.* 2016, Spreafico 2017, Spreafico *et al.* 2018), Mairi Block (Sousa *et al.* 2018), Jacobina Group (Teles 2013, Teles *et al.* 2015, Barbuena *et al.* 2016), Serrinha Block (Oliveira *et al.* 2002a, 2002b, Rios *et al.* 2009), Itabuna-Salvador-Curaçá Belt (Silva *et al.* 1997, Oliveira *et al.* 2010) and Saúde Complex (Barbuena *et al.* 2016, Zincone *et al.* 2017). A) Oceanic crust between the Gavião and Mairi blocks and formation of the MNGB at 2595 Ma. B) Rhyacian-Orosirian tectonic event that compressed the MNGB between the cratonic blocks of the eastern São Francisco Craton.

7. Conclusions

1. The intraoceanic and intracontinental provenance of Archean greenstone belts are described in the Gavião Block, eastern São Francisco Craton. However, those greenstones or volcano-sedimentary sequences inserted into regional tectonic lineaments show lithological and geochemical patterns of intraoceanic provenances, such as the MNGB and the Contendas-Mirante volcano-sedimentary sequence; both of which are placed in the Contendas-Jacobina Lineament. The MNGB has geological and tectonic similarities relative to other greenstones in other regions of the São Francisco Craton, such as the Rio das Velhas greenstone belt in the metallogenic province of the Quadrilátero Ferrífero.

2. The volcanism in the MNGB was formed in an intraoceanic arc-basin system. The metakomatiite, eastern metabasalt and western metabasalt were formed in the near back-arc basin and island arc settings, mainly with MORB and IAT geochemical patterns. The tectonic processes in the oceanic arc systems enriched the Cs, Ba, Th and light REE content in the volcanic rocks. However, the compressional Rhyacian-Orosirian tectonothermal event contributed to accentuating the enrichment, mainly in the western metabasalt that was directly affected by Gavião Block rocks during compressional tectonism, forming tectonic slices emplaced in the basement to the west of the MNGB. The metakomatiite and eastern metabasalt were mainly affected by intraoceanic assimilations and the Rhyacian-Orosirian tectonism may have been heterogeneous in these rocks, which preserved primary textures such as spinifex in the metakomatiite and primary structures such as pillow lava in the eastern metabasalt.

3. The mineralogical particularities between eastern and western metabasalts are products of enrichment processes during the metamorphism in the Rhyacian-Orosirian. However, primary mineralogical differences can remain, since the volcanism is in nearby but different settings such as the back-arc basin and island arc.
4. The Neoproterozoic MNGB, formed in an intraoceanic arc-basin system, was compressed between cratonic blocks (Gavião, Mairi and Serrinha blocks and Itabuna-Salvador-Curaçá Belt) of the eastern São Francisco Craton during the Rhyacian-Orosirian period (Leite 2002; Figs. 10A and 10B), thus forming the Contendas-Jacobina Lineament within which the greenstone was accommodated. After the Rhyacian-Orosirian compressional tectonothermal event, the MNGB was juxtaposed to the Paleoproterozoic Gavião Block to the west and south, the Paleoproterozoic Jacobina Group to the northwest and the Paleoproterozoic Mairi Block to the east, beyond the Rhyacian-Orosirian intrusion of granites. The formation of the siliciclastic metasedimentary rocks of the upper sequence of the MNGB and the Saúde Complex are interpreted as coeval to the Rhyacian-Orosirian event.
5. For improving the geological and petrological interpretations present in this manuscript, we recommend geochronological and Nd and Sr isotope studies of the metavolcanic rocks for a more thorough understanding of the tectonic setting during the formation of the MNGB.

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CAPÍTULO 3

**ARTIGO 2 - TECTONIC EVOLUTION OF THE
NEOARCHEAN MUNDO NOVO GREENSTONE BELT,
EASTERN SÃO FRANCISCO CRATON, NE BRAZIL:
PETROLOGY, U-Pb GEOCHRONOLOGY, AND Nd AND Sr
ISOTOPIC CONSTRAINTS**

Abstract

Field, petrographic, lithochemical, LA-ICP-MS in situ U-Pb zircon geochronology, and Nd and Sr isotopic data were used to determine the geologic evolution, timing of volcanism and tectonic setting of the Mundo Novo greenstone belt (MNGB) including nearby units, such as the basement and younger granitic rocks in the eastern São Francisco Craton (NE Brazil). The basement of the greenstone belt corresponds to the Gavião Block, which comprises tonalite-trondhjemite-granodiorite orthogneisses, migmatites and subordinate metarhyolites and metagranites. The MNGB is divided into three lithological sequences: (i) the lowermost unit is composed of metakomatiites; (ii) the middle unit is composed mainly of metabasalts, metadacites and metasedimentary chemical rocks; and (iii) the uppermost unit is composed of metasedimentary siliciclastic rocks. Additionally, two Rhyacian-Orosirian granitic plutons occur in the area, the Areia Branca and Jequitibá metagranites. U-Pb zircon data from the Miguel Calmon and Fazenda Coqueiro metagranites in the Gavião Block yield crystallization ages of 3355 ± 16 Ma and 3227 ± 23 Ma, respectively, and both metagranites were derived from the lower continental crust based on low $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}_i$ values (0.699 and 0.705, respectively) and negative values of $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}(t)}$ (-3.7 and -3.6, respectively). The 2595 ± 21 Ma U-Pb zircon crystallization age of the metadacites allowed the determination of the timing of volcanism in the middle sequence of the MNGB. The 2106 ± 71 Ma and 1975 ± 36 Ma U-Pb zircon crystallization ages for the Areia Branca and Jequitibá metagranites, respectively, which are both interpreted as derived from crustal protoliths based on high $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}_i$ values (0.744 and 0.730, respectively) and negative values of $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}(t)}$ (-7.7 and -6.5, respectively), record a Rhyacian-Orosirian tectonothermal event that affected the MNGB and the adjoining region. The whole-rock geochemical data in tectonic discrimination and multielement diagrams show that the volcanic rocks of the MNGB formed in island arc and back-arc basin settings related to the oceanic crust. Therefore, the following five stages are proposed for the tectonic evolution of the study region: stages (i) and (ii) were characterized by the establishment of the TTG basement by 3.35 Ga, when the Miguel Calmon granite was consolidated, followed by a rifting that formed the rhyolites, and subsequent granite formations occurred at 3.22 Ga (Fazenda Coqueiro granite formation), followed by the abort of the rift and a closure event. The volcanism during stage (iii) at 2.59 Ga in the MNGB occurred in island arc and back-arc basins in the oceanic crust between Archean cratonic blocks, and stages (iv) and (v) between 2.10 Ga and 1.97 Ga represent two stages of a progressive collision event in which the oceanic crust was compressed between the Gavião, Mairi, Jequié and Serrinha blocks and the Itabuna-Salvador-Curaçá Belt from the eastern part of the São Francisco Craton. The collisional event of stages (iv) and (v) was coeval with the Rhyacian-Orosirian formation of

granites and basins such as that where the uppermost siliciclastic sequence of the MNGB was deposited.

Keywords: Mundo Novo greenstone belt; Neoproterozoic; U-Pb geochronology; São Francisco Craton; Brazil

1. Introduction

Greenstone belts are extremely varied Archean geological entities. These belts contain highly diverse rocks that have generally experienced multiple stages of deformation, metamorphism, and metasomatic alteration because of their great age and geotectonic settings and that have been intruded by mafic, ultramafic and granitoid rocks (Anhaeusser, 2014). Moreover, the predominance of basalts and komatiites deposited subaqueously has resulted in a wide variety of geotectonic settings proposed for greenstone belts, ranging from island arcs to plume-related submarine plateaus, mid-ocean ridges (including ophiolites) and back-arc basins (De Wit et al., 1987; Storey et al., 1991; Parman et al., 2001; Chavagnac, 2004; Furnes et al., 2013). The adjoining granite-gneiss terranes in the adjacencies of greenstone belts possibly represent an exhumed mid- to lower-crustal complex that formed the basement of greenstone belts (Dziggel et al., 2002). Tectonism may also contribute to the thrusting of the greenstone terranes on the granite-gneiss terranes during the amalgamation process. The understanding of the geologic setting of greenstone belts and their relationships with the granite-gneiss adjoining units is important in characterizing the genesis and tectonic evolution of these terranes.

The greenstone belt terrain in the eastern portion of the São Francisco Craton, Bahia State, NE Brazil (Fig. 1A-B), has been intensively studied since 1970, when the first geological map of the Mundo Novo region was completed (Couto et al., 1978; Loureiro, 1991) and the base metal deposit of Fazenda Coqueiro was discovered (Fig. 1C). The metavolcano-sedimentary sequence of Mundo Novo, defined as a greenstone belt terrain by Mascarenhas and Silva (1994), has been the subject of a recent geological survey by Companhia Baiana de Pesquisa Mineral (CBPM), Brazil, and new geological, petrological and geochronological data, mainly from outcrops and drill hole samples available from CBPM, are presented in this paper. The new komatiite occurrences discovered in the central portion of the Mundo Novo greenstone belt (MNGB), for example, allow better understanding of the Archean granite-greenstone terrains of the São Francisco Craton. Moreover, the Fazenda Coqueiro base metal deposit (Fig. 1C-2) has long been studied and has enhanced the interest in the MNGB because its existence suggests that the MNGB may host other important mineral deposits (Souza et al., 2002; Monteiro et al., 2009).

The first consideration regarding the existence of a greenstone belt in the Mundo Novo and Piritiba regions (Mascarenhas and Silva, 1994) included a larger area than that defined today (Fig. 1C). Thus, the ultramafic rocks and tholeiitic basalts of the Jacobina Group (Leo et al., 1964; Mascarenhas et al., 1998), the volcano-sedimentary association to the east of the Jacobina Ridge (Couto et al., 1978; Loureiro, 1991) and the metarhyolites of the Fazenda Coqueiro deposit, for example, are no longer considered part of the MNGB (Zincone et al., 2016; Spreafico, 2017; Reis et al., 2017; Barbosa et al., 2018). In this manner, the area assumed to be the MNGB in this paper, based on the geological, petrological and geochronological data presented herein, is shown in Fig. 2.

The felsic metavolcanic rocks that occur near the Fazenda Coqueiro deposit, with a previously published age of 3305 ± 9 Ma (Peucat et al., 2002; Zincone et al., 2016), are actually interpreted as part of the basement of the MNGB (Zincone et al., 2016). This interpretation has left open questions regarding the timing of the ocean floor volcanism in the

MNGB and the tectonic evolution of the MNGB and surrounding rocks. The geologic history of the study area extends from the formation of the basement during the Paleoproterozoic (Mougeot, 1996) until the last tectonothermal event recorded in the region, which was marked by Rhyacian-Orosirian granitogenesis (Leite, 2002) and was coeval with the formation of Paleoproterozoic basins, such as the uppermost unit in the MNGB and the Saúde Basin (Barbuena et al., 2016; Zincone et al., 2017).

Laser ablation inductively coupled plasma mass spectrometry (LA-ICP-MS) U-Pb zircon ages and thermal ionization mass spectrometry (TIMS) Nd and Sr isotopic data have been combined with petrographic, mineral chemistry and whole-rock geochemical data from the MNGB and adjoining rocks. Two metagranites in the basement, one felsic metavolcanic rock related to the metamorphosed mafic and ultramafic rocks in the MNGB and two late metagranites were analyzed. The objective was to propose a model for the tectonic evolution of the MNGB in the eastern portion of the São Francisco Craton. Therefore, this study analyzes the formation of the cratonic basement during the Paleoproterozoic, the timing and tectonic setting of the volcanism in the MNGB, the amalgamation of the MNGB between cratonic blocks during the Paleoproterozoic orogeny, and the subsequent tectonic stability and late sedimentary events.

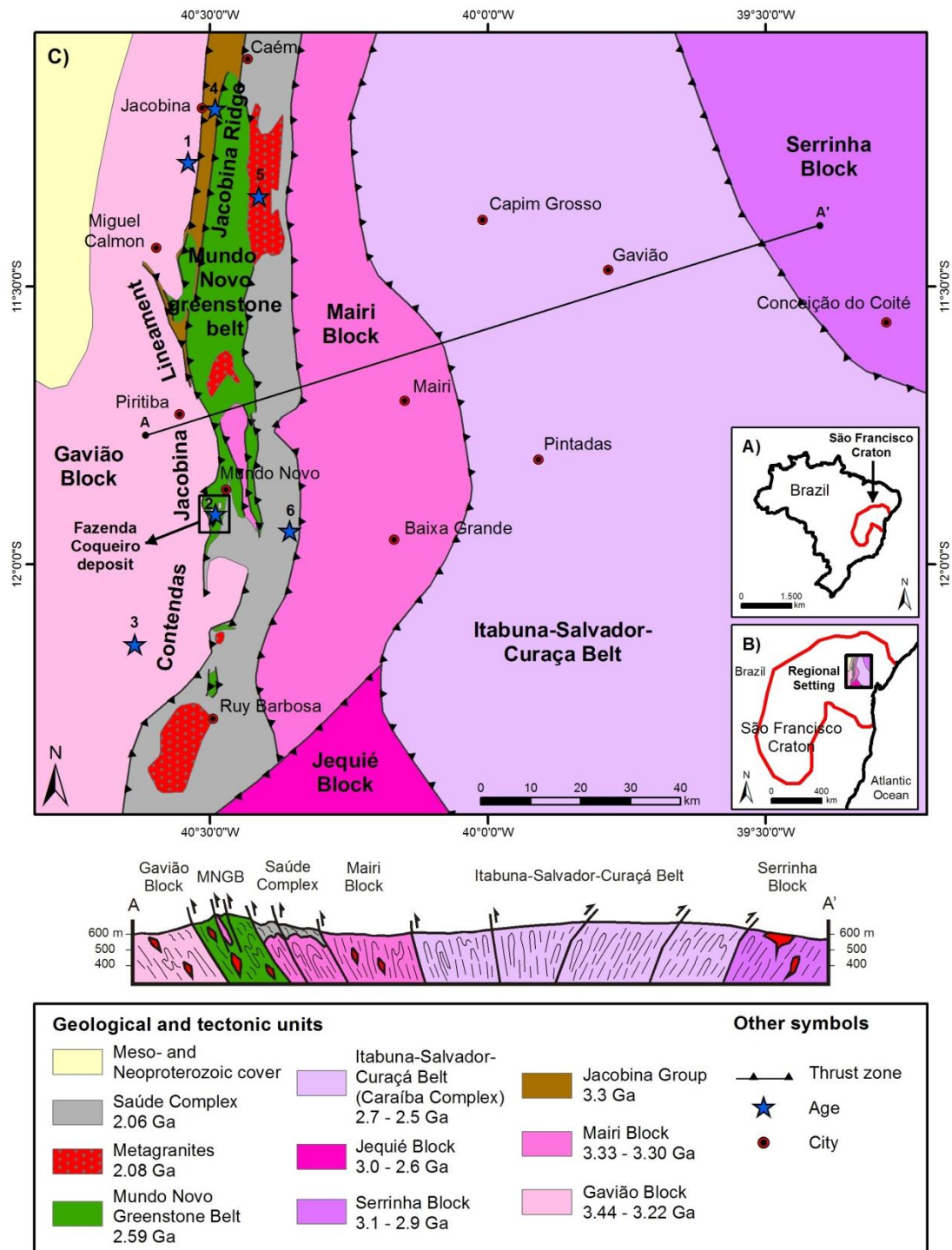


Fig. 1. A) Location of the São Francisco Craton in NE Brazil. B) Study area in the eastern portion of the São Francisco Craton. C) Regional tectonic setting of the MNGB (modified from Barbosa and Sabaté, 2002, 2003, 2004). Ages in the points highlighted on the map: 1- 3442 ± 2 Ma (ID-TIMS U-Pb zircon, TTG; Mougeot, 1996); 2- 3303 ± 11 Ma (LA-ICP-MS U-Pb zircon, metarhyolite from the Gavião Block; Zincone et al., 2016); 3- 3292 ± 3 Ma (LA-ICP-MS U-Pb zircon, metagranite from the Gavião Block; Zincone et al., 2016); 4- $3500 - 3220$ Ma (LA-MC-ICP-MS U-Pb zircon, quartzite from the Jacobina Group; Teles et al., 2015); 5- 2080 ± 18 Ma (Electron Microprobe U-Pb monazite, Cachoeira Grande granite; Leite, 2002); 6- 2068 ± 12 Ma (LA-MC-ICP-MS U-Pb zircon, biotite schist from the Saúde Complex; Zincone et al., 2017).

2. Regional geologic setting of the MNGB and surrounding units

The MNGB is situated in the eastern portion of the São Francisco Craton, NE Brazil, more precisely, on the eastern boundary of the Gavião Block (Barbosa and Sabaté, 2002, 2003, 2004) and in the Contendas-Jacobina Lineament setting (Sabaté et al., 1990) (Fig. 1C).

The eastern portion of the São Francisco Craton, where the MNGB is situated (Bahia State), formed through the amalgamation of four Archean blocks during Paleoproterozoic continent-continent collisions (Barbosa and Sabaté, 2002, 2003, 2004), including the Gavião, Serrinha and Jequié blocks and the Itabuna-Salvador-Curaçá Belt (Fig. 1C). The Paleoproterozoic event captured oceanic crust between the cratonic blocks, and the uplift caused by this event possibly resulted in erosion and the formation of Paleoproterozoic sedimentary basins, such as the uppermost sequence of the MNGB and the Saúde Complex.

Briefly, the MNGB is in contact to the west with 3.4 Ga (Mougeot, 1996) tonalite-trondhjemite-granodiorite (TTG) basement rocks and subordinate metagranites in the Gavião Block and to the east and south with paragneisses in the Saúde Complex with a maximum age between 2.20 and 2.06 Ga (Zincone et al., 2017) (Fig. 2). To the north and northwest, the MNGB is in contact with quartzites of the Jacobina Group, which were deposited between 3.55 and 3.22 Ga (Teles et al., 2015), and Paleoproterozoic granitic intrusives.

Additionally, the geologic setting includes granulites (2.9 Ga) and multiple charnockite intrusions (2.7 and 2.6 Ga) in the Jequié Block (Wilson, 1987; Silva et al., 2002), the Itabuna-Salvador-Curaçá Belt, and the Mairi and Serrinha blocks. Although the Itabuna-Salvador-Curaçá Belt and Serrinha Block are far from the MNGB, they are important for understanding the tectonic evolution of the study area (Fig. 1C; Table 1).

The eastern margin of the Gavião Block is in tectonic contact with the MNGB along a north-south-trending thrust zone with a west vergence (Fig. 1C) and is composed of TTG gneisses and migmatites that host mafic rock enclaves (Barbosa et al., 2012a), metagranites and metarhyolites (Zincone et al., 2016). This block corresponds to the basement of the MNGB. Three groups of TTG gneisses are described in the Gavião Block: two groups are trondhjemitic with U-Pb zircon ages (SHRIMP) of 3403 ± 5 Ma and 3158 ± 5 Ma (Barbosa, 1997; Leal, 1998), and the other group, with a granodioritic composition, includes the 3225 ± 10 Ma Aracatu granitoid (Barbosa et al., 2012a). The age of the Gavião Block is 3.4 Ga (Mougeot, 1996), but metarhyolites with ages of 3303 ± 11 Ma and metagranites, such as Boa Sorte at 3291 ± 2.5 Ma, occur as well (Zincone et al., 2016).

The Mairi Block, composed of gneisses, migmatites, and granitic and tonalitic orthogneisses, with some occurrences of basic and ultrabasic bodies (Peucat et al., 2002) to the east and southeast of the MNGB and Saúde Complex, is in tectonic contact along north-south-trending thrust zones with a west vergence. The LA-ICP-MS U-Pb zircon ages of 3.33 Ga and 3.30 Ga (Sousa et al., 2018) for the orthogneisses in the Mairi Block indicate contemporaneity with the Gavião Block. Therefore, these blocks may have been joined at the time of their formation.

The Jacobina Group is in tectonic contact with the MNGB along thrust zones, all of which strike north-south and are vergent to the west (Fig. 1C), with the Gavião Block in the footwall. The Jacobina Group comprises metaconglomerates, quartzites, metarenites, phyllites, chlorite schists and quartz-sericite schists (Mascarenhas et al., 1998) deposited in a passive margin setting (Reis et al., 2018). This group has a depositional age, based on detrital zircons, of between 3500 Ma and 3220 Ma (Magee et al., 2001; Teles, 2013; Teles et al., 2015; Barbuena et al., 2016). Jacobina Ridge represents an Archean supracrustal sequence with a maximum depositional age of 3.22 Ga, and its sources are likely rocks from both the plutonic-volcanic system and the TTG suite in the Gavião Block (Zincone et al., 2016).

The Serrinha Block is in the northeast portion of the São Francisco Craton (Fig. 1C), and its oldest part is composed of Mesoarchean protolith (Barbosa et al., 2012a). The Serrinha Block mainly comprises gneisses, migmatites with ages of 3152 ± 5 Ma (Oliveira et al., 2002a; Oliveira et al., 2002b), and granitoids with ages of 3162 ± 26 Ma, 3072 ± 2 Ma and 2989 ± 11 Ma (Rios et al., 2009), as well as quartzite lenses, sillimanite-garnet-cordierite gneiss bands and subordinate amphibolites. An age of 2076 ± 10 Ma (Oliveira et al., 2002a) obtained from the rims of detrital zircons indicates the timing of regional metamorphism in the Serrinha Block.

The Jequié Block is approximately 10 km to the southeast of the MNGB, and reverse faults with northwest vergences mark its tectonic contact with the Mairi Block and Saúde Complex (Fig. 1C). The Jequié Block is composed of 3.0 Ga orthoderived granulites with subordinate mafic facies (Wilson, 1987) and a 2.7 and 2.6 Ga unit composed of enderbitic, charnoenderbitic and charnockitic granulites (Silva et al., 2002). Monazite ages of 2052 ± 2 Ma from S-type leucogranites are interpreted as the age of the regional deformation and granulitic metamorphism (Barbosa et al., 2004).

The Itabuna-Salvador-Curaçá Belt is situated between the Gavião and Serrinha blocks (Fig. 1C) and has a north-south extent of approximately 600 km (Oliveira et al., 2004). The Itabuna-Salvador-Curaçá Belt contains high-grade and ultrahigh-temperature granulitic rocks (Leite et al., 2009), with a limited area of amphibolite-facie rocks to the south (Barbosa et al., 2012a). The protolith age of the enderbite (orthopyroxene tonalite) is 2695 ± 12 Ma (Silva et al., 1997), and the tonalitic granulite has an age of 2574 ± 6 Ma (Oliveira et al., 2010). Metamorphic zircon ages of 2083 ± 1.9 Ma indicate the timing of metamorphism in the Itabuna-Salvador-Curaçá Belt (Peucat et al., 2011).

The MNGB is divided into three stratigraphic sequences (Spreafico, 2017) – a lower sequence (ultramafic rocks), a middle sequence (mafic and felsic igneous rocks and clastic and chemical metasedimentary rocks) and an upper sequence composed of siliciclastic metasedimentary rocks with an inherited age of 2133 ± 14 Ma (Barbuena et al., 2016). Two ductile and progressive Paleoproterozoic deformational phases are described in the MNGB (Spreafico, 2017). The D_1 deformational phase is characterized by isoclinal and recumbent folds vergent to the west that generated greenschist metamorphic-facie rocks. The D_2 deformational phase is characterized by a refolding that generated vertical and subvertical axial planes that eventually resulted in the formation of coaxial interference patterns or compressive and transpressive shear zones, which bound the MNGB lithologies and generated rocks of greenschist to amphibolite metamorphic facies. The most prominent brittle structures are east-trending faults and fractures. The age of the MNGB has been the subject of study, and the possibility of Neoproterozoic volcanism (Spreafico et al., 2018) with Paleoproterozoic sedimentation on the top of the sequence (Barbuena et al., 2016), coeval with the Paleoproterozoic tectonothermal event (Leite, 2002), has been considered, as will be explained later in this paper.

The Saúde Complex occurs to the east of the MNGB (Fig. 1C), where the two units are in tectonic contact along west-vergent thrust zones, and it is distributed along of the Contendas-Jacobina Lineament. The Saúde Complex comprises aluminous paragneisses, biotite gneisses and subordinate quartzites widely distributed in a north-south trend with significant occurrences in the Mundo Novo region and in the eastern portion of Jacobina Ridge (Couto et al., 1978; Mascarenhas et al., 1998; Leite et al., 2007; Reis et al., 2017) (Fig. 1C). The maximal depositional age of 2.06 Ga (Zincone et al., 2017) for the Saúde Complex again indicates the presence of a basin near the MNGB in the Paleoproterozoic; however, the rocks in the Saúde Complex were subjected to a higher metamorphic grade than were the sedimentary rocks at the top of the MNGB along the tectonic contact.

Finally, Paleoproterozoic granites are present along the Contendas-Jacobina Lineament (Fig. 1C) (Leite, 2002). In general, these granites are undeformed leucogranites, comprising quartz, feldspar, biotite and muscovite, with some occurrences of garnet and sillimanite (Barbosa et al., 2012b). The Cachoeira Grande granite, for example, is a peraluminous leucogranite situated to the northeast of the MNGB that has an average age of 2080 ± 18 Ma (Leite, 2002), coeval with the Rhyacian-Orosirian granitic intrusions in the MNGB.

Table 1. Compilation of regional geochronological data of the MNGB and adjoining units

Geologic/tectonic unit	Lithotype	Age*	Method	Mineral dated	Author
Saúde Complex	Biotite schist	2068 ± 12 Ma	U-Pb	Detrital zircon (inherited age)	Zincone et al. (2017)
Cachoeira Grande granite ¹	Leucogranite	2080 ± 18 Ma	U-Pb	Monazite (crystallization age)	Leite (2002)
Upper sequence (MNGB) ²	Quartzite	2133 ± 14 Ma	U-Pb	Detrital zircon (inherited age)	Barbuena et al. (2016)
Itabuna-Salvador-Curaçá Belt	Tonalitic granulite	2574 ± 6 Ma	U-Pb	Zircon (crystallization age)	Oliveira et al. (2010)
	Enderbite	2695 ± 12 Ma	U-Pb	Zircon (crystallization age)	Silva et al. (1997)
Jequié Block	Granulite	2715 ± 29 Ma	U-Pb	Zircon (crystallization age)	Silva et al. (2002)
	Charnockite	2900 ± 24 Ma	Rb-Sr	Whole-rock (crystallization age)	Wilson (1987)
Serrinha Block	Granitoid	2989 ± 11 Ma	U-Pb	Zircon (crystallization age)	Rios et al. (2009)
		3072 ± 2 Ma			
		3162 ± 26 Ma			
Gneiss, migmatite	3152 ± 5 Ma	U-Pb	Zircon (crystallization age)	Oliveira et al. (2002a);	
				Oliveira et al. (2002b)	
Jacobina Group	Quartzite	3500 - 3220 Ma	U-Pb	Detrital zircon (inherited age)	Magee et al. (2001); Teles (2013); Teles et al. (2015); Barbuena et al. (2016)
Mairi Block	Orthogneiss	3.33 - 3.30 Ga	U-Pb	Zircon (crystallization age)	Sousa et al. (2018)
Gavião Block ³	Metagranite	3291 ± 2.5 Ma	U-Pb	Zircon (crystallization age)	Zincone et al. (2016)
	Metarhyolite	3303 ± 11 Ma	U-Pb	Zircon (crystallization age)	Peucat et al. (2002); Zincone et al. (2016)
	TTG	3442 ± 2 Ma	U-Pb	Zircon (crystallization age)	Mougeot (1996)

Note: 1. Paleoproterozoic granitic intrusive in the MNGB. 2. Sedimentary rock from the uppermost sequence of the MNGB. 3. Basement of the MNGB. *For U-Pb ages, the data correspond to the upper intercept in the concordia diagram.

3. Analytical methodology

The study of the basement rocks and volcanism of the MNGB and intrusive granites involved petrographic, mineral chemistry, litho-geochemistry, geochronologic and isotopic analyses.

For petrography, we analyzed thin sections to determine the mineralogical composition, textures and microstructures of the rocks using a ZEISS Axio Scope.A1 microscope provided by CBPM. One of the thin sections was used for mineral chemistry analysis using a CAMECA SX50 electron microprobe at the University of Brasília. In this analysis, energy dispersive spectroscopy (EDS) data were used to identify specific minerals, and a backscattered electron image was obtained.

The whole-rock chemical analysis was conducted in the SGS-Geosol laboratory. The samples were dried and crushed so that 75% of the sample was smaller than 3 mm. A 300 g sample was quartered and pulverized (until 95% was smaller than 105 microns) to form a

powder for subsequent processes. The powder was melted at a high temperature with lithium metaborate, and the major, minor, trace, and rare earth elements (REE) were determined using ICP-MS and inductively coupled plasma optical emission spectrometry (ICP-OES) analysis. The international standard samples used were TILL-3 (description and values in Lynch, 1996) and GRE-05 (reference material from Geostats PTY Ltd.). The error for all analyzed elements in each sample was calculated based on the analytical accuracy according to the content of the analyte in the sample, the statistical detection limit and the repeatability limit and is presented in terms of the standard deviation (1σ) (Thompson, 1988). The coefficient of variation of the analytical results for each element by sample was predominantly lower than 15%, which corresponds to well-represented results around the arithmetic mean. Only the samples with loss on ignition (LOI) values of $\leq 5\%$ were considered. The geochemical data were plotted and interpreted using the GCDKit software (Janousek et al., 2006). The REE were normalized with the chondrite values of Boynton (1984) and the multielement diagram against N-MORB (normal mid-ocean ridge basalt) values (Hofmann, 1988).

The U-Pb geochronologic analyses were conducted at the Center of Geochronology Research at the Institute of Geosciences, University of São Paulo. The zircon grains from each sample were separated using binocular microscopy and placed in a 2.5 cm epoxy support. Then, the zircons were polished with sandpaper, and photomicrographs were captured. The internal structures of the zircon grains were characterized using cathodoluminescence (CL) images obtained by an FEI Quanta 250 scanning electron microscope (SEM) and a XMAX CL detector (Oxford Instruments), and the analysis was acquired using in situ LA-ICP-MS. The analysis was performed with a Neptune (Thermo) multicollector instrument and an ArF-193 nm Photon laser system (frequency of 6 Hz) with a spot size diameter of 32 μm . The final results match the average obtained after the calculation of two standard deviations. Isotopic ratios are reported at the 1σ level. Finally, the discordant values for the zircon data greater than 10% were eliminated. Corrections for the laser-induced elemental fractionation of the $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U}$ ratio and instrumental discrimination were based on the GJ-1 zircon standard (U-Pb mean age of 601 ± 3.5 Ma; Elhlou et al., 2006), which yielded an age of 600.7 ± 0.69 Ma in the analysis period. The raw data were processed on-line and reduced in an Excel worksheet adapted from SQUID 1.02 (Ludwig, 2001). The data were plotted on concordia diagrams using ISOPLOT/Ex@3.00 (Ludwig, 2003).

The samples dated using the U-Pb method were also analyzed to determine their Nd and Sr isotopic compositions to better understand the associated petrological processes. The Nd and Sr isotopic compositions were measured using the Triton-Thermo Scientific TIMS technique at the Center of Geochronology Research at the Institute of Geosciences, University of São Paulo. Sm and Nd were separated using HCl elution and RE and LN cationic exchange columns (EiChroM Industries Inc.), as described in Petronilho (2009). The isotopic ratios of $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$ were normalized to the value of $^{146}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd} = 0.7219$ (Wasserburg et al., 1981). The parameter $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}(0)}$ was calculated according to the equation $= \{[(^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd})_{\text{sample}}/0.512638] - 1\} \times 10^4$, where $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}_{\text{CHUR}} = 0.512638$ (Hamilton et al., 1983). The parameter $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}(t)}$ was obtained using the equation $= \epsilon_{\text{Nd}(0)} - f_{\text{Sm}/\text{Nd}} - 25.13 \times T$ where $f_{\text{Sm}/\text{Nd}} = [(^{147}\text{Sm}/^{144}\text{Nd})_{\text{sample}}/0.1967] - 1$ (De Paolo, 1981). The Nd blank during the analysis was 22 pg, and the average value for the $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$ ratio of the standard JNdi-1 between April 2017 and March 2018 was 0.512109 ± 0.000004 . The Sm-Nd depleted mantle model ages (T_{DM}) were obtained following the T_{DM} method of De Paolo (1981) according to the equation $= 1/\lambda \times \text{Ln} \times \{[(^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd})_{\text{sample}} - (^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd})_{\text{DM}}] / [(^{147}\text{Sm}/^{144}\text{Nd})_{\text{sample}} - (^{147}\text{Sm}/^{144}\text{Nd})_{\text{DM}}]\}$. The $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}(t)}$ parameters and the T_{DM} were calculated based on the whole-rock geochemical results for Sm and Nd, such as the $^{147}\text{Sm}/^{144}\text{Nd}$ ratios, which were calculated according to the equation $= [\text{Sm (ppm)}/\text{Nd (ppm)}] \times (1/1.645)$.

The Sr isotopic analysis results were calculated with an absolute standard error of 2σ and involved an average of 100 measurements. The $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ isotopic ratios were normalized to the value $^{86}\text{Sr}/^{88}\text{Sr} = 0.1194$. The Sr blank sample used during the analysis was 67 pg. The average value for the $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ ratio for the standard NBS-987 between April 2017 and March 2018 was 0.710247 ± 0.000017 . The final quoted errors were calculated based on replicate analyses of the SrCO_3 standard NBS-987, which yielded a mean ratio of 0.710251 ± 0.000043 during the period of the analyses. The decay constants used were those recommended by Steiger and Jäger (1977). The $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}_i$ values were calculated according to the equation $= (^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr})_{\text{sample}} - (^{87}\text{Rb}/^{86}\text{Sr})_{\text{sample}} \times [\exp(\lambda \times T) - 1]$, and the $^{87}\text{Rb}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ ratios were calculated based on the whole-rock geochemical results for Rb and Sr according to the equation $^{87}\text{Rb}/^{86}\text{Sr} = [\text{Rb (ppm)}/\text{Sr (ppm)}] \times (1/0.341)$.

4. Local geology

4.1. Gavião Block

The TTG orthogneiss and subordinate migmatites, metagranites and metarhyolites of the Gavião Block, which comprise the basement of the MNGB, occur mainly west of the greenstone. The Miguel Calmon and Fazenda Coqueiro metagranites (Fig. 2), which are important because of their occurrence near the MNGB, are deformed and metamorphosed plutons in which igneous textures and the mineralogical features of protoliths are still observable.

The metagranites are weakly deformed, whitish gray, and fine- to medium-grained. The Miguel Calmon metagranite has a gray color, is medium- to coarse-grained and has weak magnetism (Fig. 3A), and the Fazenda Coqueiro metagranite is pink and fine- to medium-grained, with incipient foliation and moderate magnetism (Fig. 3B).

The metarhyolites and subordinate metadacites in the basement mainly occur in the central portion of the MNGB and near the Fazenda Coqueiro deposit (Fig. 2). These units were tectonically emplaced between the mafic and metasedimentary rocks of the MNGB. One occurrence of metacomendite/metapantellerite was observed to the south of the MNGB. The metarhyolites have a gray color and are fine- to medium-grained, foliated, and, at some points, magnetic. Notably, some granitic bodies are spatially related to these metavolcanic rocks, and the mineralogical composition of these granites has a certain similarity to that of the metarhyolites.

To the south of the Fazenda Coqueiro deposit, metadacites occur in north-south-trending tectonic slices in contact to the west with gneisses and migmatites in the Gavião Block and to the east with siliciclastic metasedimentary rocks in the MNGB. The occurrence of metacomendite/metapantellerite appears to be restricted to the south of the MNGB, forming a north-south-trending lenticular feature inside the Gavião Block (Fig. 2).

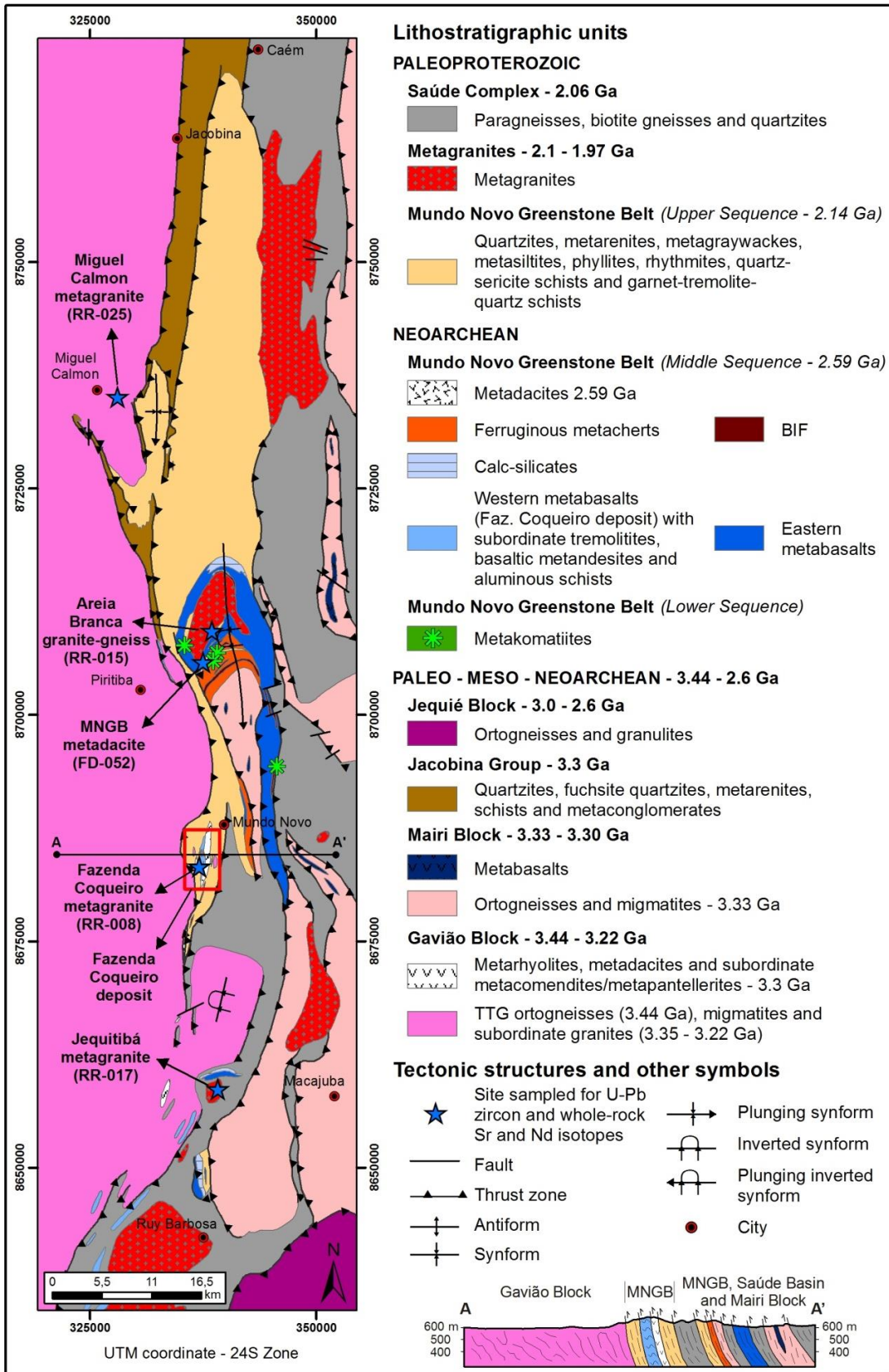


Fig. 2. Geological map of the MNGB and adjoining units, the new stratigraphy proposed and the location of the samples for U-Pb zircon geochronology and Nd and Sr isotopic analysis in the present study. Modified and updated from Loureiro (1991), Mascarenhas and Silva (1994) and Souza et al. (2002).

4.2. Mundo Novo greenstone belt

Many Paleo- to Neoproterozoic greenstone belts have been characterized as volcano-sedimentary sequences that have been deformed and metamorphosed at low to medium grades that show, from the base to the top, a progressive variation from volcanic to sedimentary rocks commonly associated with orthogneisses; this variation is intruded by syn- to posttectonic granites (Anhaeusser, 2014).

Based on these concepts, the MNGB is interpreted as part of a typical greenstone belt terrain divided into three stratigraphic sequences, considering that fractional crystallization processes controlled the order of formation of the ultramafic (first sequence), mafic and felsic (last sequences) volcanic rocks. Therefore, the **lower sequence** is composed of metakomatiites; the **middle sequence** is composed of metabasalts and, subordinately, tremolites, calc-silicate rocks, aluminous schists, banded iron formations (BIFs), ferruginous metacherts, basaltic metandesites, metadacites and metarhyolites; and the **upper sequence** is composed of siliciclastic metasedimentary rocks, such as metarenites, quartzites, metagraywackes, metasiltites, phyllites, rhythmites, quartz-sericite schists and garnet-tremolite-quartz schists.

Lower Sequence

The lower sequence of the MNGB is composed of metakomatiites comprising ultramafic metavolcanics that have a light green color, a silky aspect and are not magnetic (Fig. 3C). The metakomatiites are in contact with the mafic metavolcanic rocks of the middle sequence; however, these rocks are separated into different sequences because of the mineral content, which allows the rocks to be classified as ultramafic or mafic, even if they are from the same source, by fractional crystallization, for example, and due to the textural particularities described below. There are four restricted occurrences of metakomatiites in the central portion of the MNGB (Fig. 2), northeast of Mundo Novo city and northeast of Piritiba city.

Middle Sequence

The middle sequence of the MNGB is composed of metabasalts and, subordinately, tremolites, calc-silicate rocks, aluminous schists, BIFs, ferruginous metacherts, basaltic metandesites, metadacites and metarhyolites. This study focuses on the metabasalts and metadacites.

Metabasalt and metadacite are the terms used in this paper to define the metamorphosed mafic and felsic volcanic components, respectively, of the middle sequence of the MNGB. The metabasalts are distributed along a north-south trend (Fig. 2) and have been divided into two coeval groups based on petrographic and lithogeochemical data. The first group, defined as the eastern metabasalt, corresponds to the main outcrops of the sequence near Mundo Novo and Piritiba cities and extending to Ruy Barbosa city (Fig. 2). The second group, defined as the western metabasalt, mainly corresponds to the metabasalts that occur in the Fazenda Coqueiro deposit (Mundo Novo city) and in a restricted area with a north-south trend near Piritiba city (Fig. 2).

The eastern metabasalts contain pillow lava structures that occur in a large area to the south of the MNGB (Fig. 3D). Thus, these rocks show evidence of quickly chilled mafic volcanism in an underwater setting. The western metabasalts, with subordinate basaltic metandesites, are important because they host the Zn and Pb sulfides of the Fazenda Coqueiro

deposit, particularly in carbonate hydrothermal alteration zones, and are well-observed from drill hole samples (Fig. 3E).

Metadacites and metarhyolites have restricted occurrences and correspond to the top of the MNGB middle sequence based on field relationships and a felsic mineral content typical of the later stages of volcanism. These units occur to the northeast of Piritiba city and have been identified in drill hole samples obtained by CBPM and in outcrops (Fig. 3F). These rocks are distributed along a northeast-southwest trend and are in contact with eastern metabasalts and ferruginous metacherts (Fig. 2).

Upper Sequence

The upper sequence of the MNGB is composed of siliciclastic metasedimentary rocks, such as metarenites, quartzites, metagraywackes, metasiltites, and phyllites, which together account for approximately one-half of the rocks of the greenstone belt sequence (Fig. 2).

In the northern part of the MNGB, the area of metasedimentary rocks reaches a width of 12 km, and the rocks are in tectonic contact to the west and northwest with the metasedimentary rocks of the Jacobina Group and to the east with the paragneisses of the Saúde Complex (Fig. 2). These rocks are also extensively exposed between the cities of Mundo Novo and Piritiba and to the west of the Fazenda Coqueiro deposit, where they reach a thickness of 3 km (Fig. 2), and in the southern part of the MNGB, where they reach a thickness of less than 1 km. In the latter two areas, the siliciclastic metasedimentary rocks are in contact with, near or include fragments of the metabasalts of the middle sequence.

4.3. Paleoproterozoic metagranites

The syntectonic granites that intruded the MNGB are regionally distributed and aligned along a north-south trend. Three granitic bodies (Fig. 2) are defined herein and described and interpreted as typical of a greenstone belt terrain according to Anhaeusser (2014).

Three granites identified during geological mapping are as follows: (i) the Areia Branca granite-gneiss, which is gray in color and medium- to coarse-grained (Fig. 3G), is situated in the central portion of the MNGB; (ii) the Jequitibá metagranite, which is gray in color, fine- to medium-grained and foliated (Fig. 3H), is situated in the southern portion of the MNGB and retains igneous textures and the mineralogical features of the protolith, even after deformation and metamorphism; and (iii) the Cachoeira Grande granite, which is hypidiomorphic and medium-grained and has a pink color, is situated in the northeastern portion of the MNGB (Fig. 2).

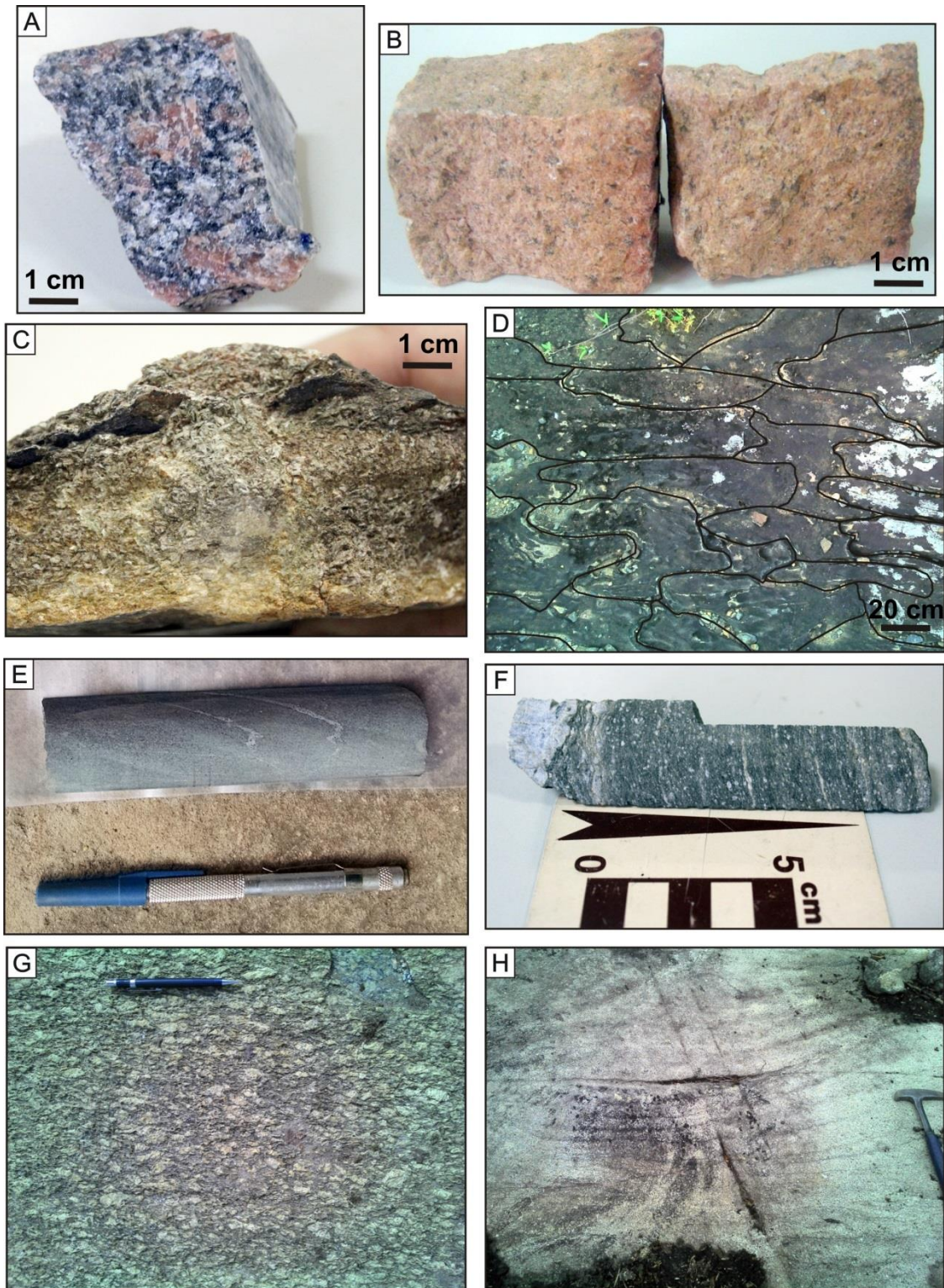


Fig. 3. A) Medium- to very coarse-grained Miguel Calmon metagranite. B) Fine- to medium-grained phaneritic texture of Fazenda Coqueiro metagranite. C) The fine-grained texture of the MNGB metakomatiites. D) Highlighted pillow lava structure of the eastern metabasalt from south of the MNGB. E) Drill hole sample of the very fine-grained western metabasalt in the MNGB. F) Drill hole sample of the porphyroclastic metadacite with porphyroclasts of plagioclase and quartz in the MNGB. G) Augen gneiss structure of the Areia Branca metagranite. H) Fine to medium-grained and foliated Jequitibá metagranite.

5. Petrography and mineral chemistry

5.1. Gavião Block

The Miguel Calmon metagranite preserves a porphyritic texture, and the phenocrysts are primarily microcline (50%) without perthitic exsolution (>16.0 mm) dispersed in a fine-grained groundmass composed of inequigranular and prismatic albite crystals (20%, 3.5 mm), quartz (20%) and fine biotite grains (10%) (Fig. 4A).

Based on petrographic analysis, the Fazenda Coqueiro metagranite comprises quartz (30%, minimum size of 0.2 mm), microcline (45%, a maximum size of 1.5 mm) without perthitic exsolution, albite (20%), biotite and stretched grains of muscovite (4%) forming incipient foliation (Fig. 4B). In this case, hydrothermal processes may explain the development of muscovite from the K-feldspar during deformation. The texture is mainly equigranular and finely to moderately phaneritic with subordinate mylonitic microstructures, along which some elements, such as K, Na, Al and Fe, were remobilized. A few euhedral titanite crystals that formed from the melt, magnetite grains, and rare zircon crystals are also present (1%, 0.25 mm in size).

The metarhyolites have a porphyroclastic microstructure and contain quartz, sanidine and albite porphyroclasts with a grain size of approximately 6.5 mm (35% of the rock). The larger minerals are dispersed in a fine-grained groundmass mainly composed of quartz, feldspar and fine biotite and muscovite grains that form up to 65% of the rock. In general, all grains are stretched and oriented, forming a foliation, which is in accordance with the ductile deformation that affected these rocks.

5.2. Mundo Novo greenstone belt

Lower Sequence

The olivine and pyroxene crystals in the metakomatiites are entirely replaced by acicular and prismatic pseudomorphic grains of anthophyllite and tremolite (80% of the rock) with a grain size of 0.5 mm (Fig. 4C). The fine-grained groundmass is composed of talc and clinocllore (20% of the rock) without a preferred orientation. Traces of pyrite and pyrrhotite are dispersed in the sample. Generally, the metakomatiites of the MNGB have a relict spinifex texture composed of skeletal grains with planar growths that intersect each other (Fig. 4C) and do not intercept the former structures, which Arndt (1994) described for igneous relict textures in komatiites. The fine-grained spinifex texture is identified only in hand samples or by using a hand lens or microscope, suggesting a relict spinifex texture preserved in the chilled margins of the komatiite flow.

Middle Sequence

5.2.1. Eastern metabasalts

The eastern metabasalts are composed mainly of hornblende (40%), bytownite (30%), small amounts of albite (5%) and low percentages (20% combined) of augite, tremolite, actinolite and quartz, as well as ilmenite as an accessory mineral and traces of pyrrhotite and chalcopyrite (5%) (Fig. 4D). The minerals show polyhedral contacts with nematoblastic and granonematoblastic textures, which may result from an amphibolitization process.

5.2.2. Western metabasalts

Based on petrography and mineral chemistry results, the western metabasalts are very fine-grained and are mainly composed of actinolite (20%) and oligoclase (65%), with a low percentage of augite, quartz and biotite (10%), as well as ilmenite and titanite as accessory minerals (Fig. 4E) and traces of pyrrhotite, pyrite, chalcopyrite, galena, sphalerite and arsenopyrite (5%). The grains of biotite and actinolite are oriented and define well-developed planes of foliation. The granonematoblastic textures of some samples show evidence of an amphibolitization process, and the occurrence of manganiferous ilmenite (Fig. 5A-B) indicates that these rocks formed via ocean-floor volcanism (Grachev et al., 2011).

5.2.3. Metadacites and metarhyolites

The metadacites contain submillimetric porphyroclasts of plagioclase with sericitized borders and quartz (40% of the rock), which are dispersed in a fine-grained groundmass composed of quartz, plagioclase, biotite, muscovite and sericite (60% of the rock) (Fig. 4F). The metarhyolites are fine-grained and foliated. They are composed of quartz (25%), K-feldspar (40%), plagioclase (20%), biotite (10%) and sericite (5%). These rocks contain granolepidoblastic grains that are submillimetric and well-oriented, tabular crystals of plagioclase (usually sericitized) and grains of quartz, fine biotite and opaque minerals.

5.3. Paleoproterozoic metagranites

The Areia Branca granite-gneiss is composed of quartz (30%), orthoclase (25%), microcline (15%), albite (20%) and biotite (10%) (Fig. 4G). This unit has an augen gneiss to protomylonitic microstructure with megacrystals of orthoclase (> 8.0 mm) and grains of microcline (2.0 mm) without perthitic exsolution, quartz (2.0 mm) and albite (2.0 mm) dispersed in a fine-grained groundmass composed of quartz, albite, biotite and muscovite. Coexisting orthoclase and microcline suggests that the metamorphic mineral assemblage formed in the transition temperature between them, which is 500° C and is compatible with greenschist to amphibolite metamorphic facies.

Based on petrography analysis, the Jequitibá metagranite is composed of quartz (25%), microcline (30%), orthoclase (10%), oligoclase (30%) and biotite (5%), which are the dominant minerals, and zircon and monazite are present as accessory minerals (Fig. 4H). This unit has a medium phaneritic texture composed of oligoclase (2.0 mm), microcline (3.0 mm), orthoclase (2.0 mm) without perthitic exsolution, quartz (2.5 mm), and biotite and a few muscovite grains that can form protomylonitic microstructures. Rare euhedral and submillimetric crystals of apatite occur within the microcline. Coexisting orthoclase and microcline, such as occur in Areia Branca granite-gneiss, may indicate the temperature of transition between them of 500° C (greenschist to amphibolite metamorphic facies).

The Cachoeira Grande granite is composed of plagioclase (40%), microcline with perthitic exsolution (35%), quartz (20%), biotite (2.5%) and muscovite (2.5%). Some grains of microcline and plagioclase are sericitized, and the muscovite is locally in contact with biotite.

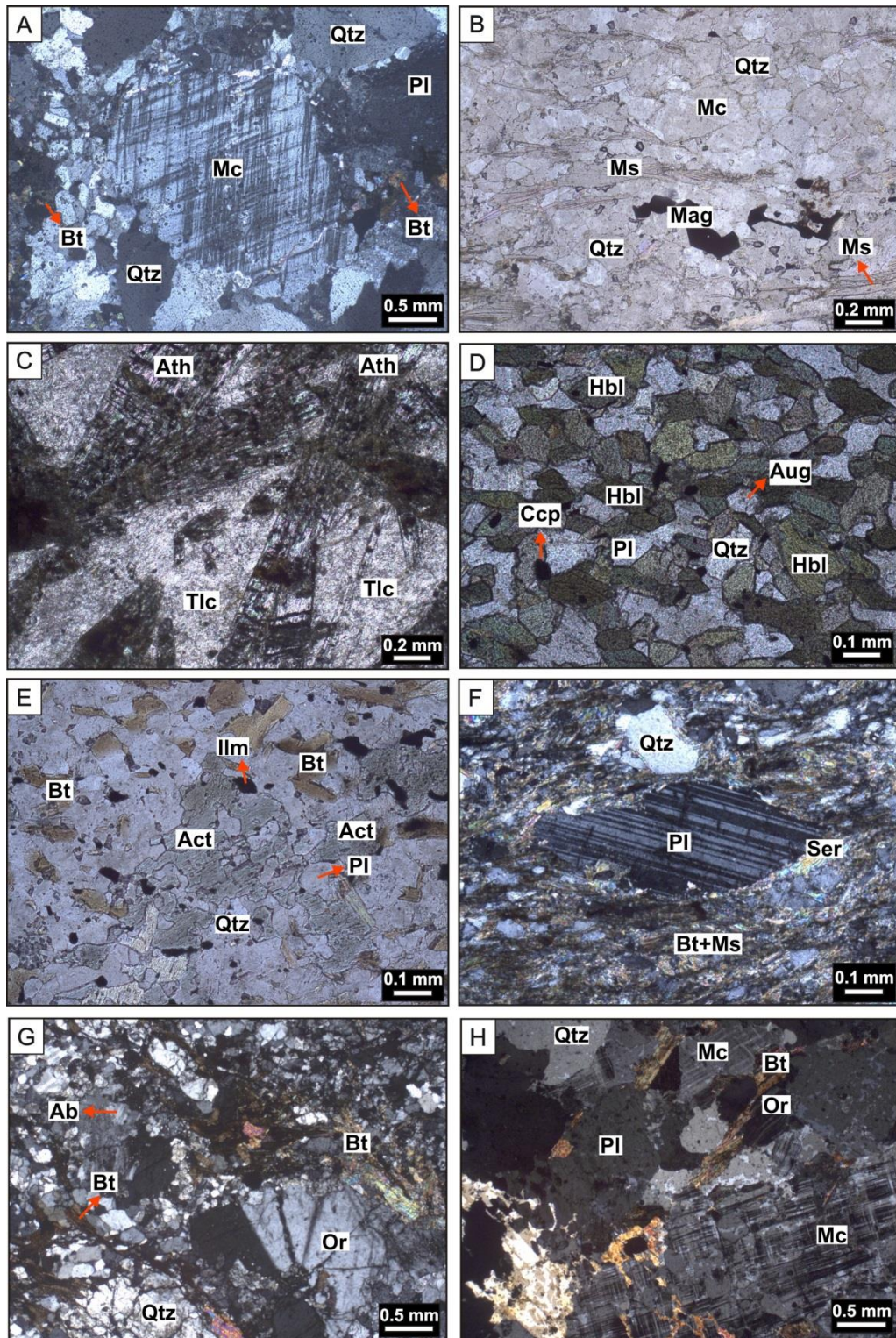


Fig. 4. Petrographic images of the MNGB and surrounding rocks. A) Porphyritic texture (relict of K-feldspar phenocryst) of the Miguel Calmon metagranite (XP; sample RR-025). B) Fine- to medium-grained texture and incipient foliation of the Fazenda Coqueiro metagranite (PPL; sample RR-008). C) Anthophyllite laths in a fine-grained groundmass of talc interpreted as pseudomorphs of spinifex texture of metakomatiites (PPL; sample FD-058A). D) Granoblastic texture of the amphibolitized eastern basalts. The main plagioclase is bytownite (PPL; sample RR-018A). E) Typical very fine-grained texture of the amphibolitized western basalts and subordinate basaltic metandesites. The plagioclase is oligoclase (PPL; sample RR-F6-001). F) Porphyroclast of plagioclase with sericitized border in a fine-grained groundmass of quartz, biotite and muscovite in the metadacite of the middle sequence of the MNGB (XP; sample FD-052). G) Protomylonitic augen gneiss of the Areia Branca granite-gneiss (XP; sample RR-015). H) Medium-grained Jequitibá metagranite with

protomylonitic microstructures produced by biotite and muscovite. The plagioclase is oligoclase (XP; sample RR-017). Mineral abbreviations (Kretz, 1983; Siivola and Schmid, 2007): Act: actinolite, Ab: albite, Ath: anthophyllite, Aug: augite, Bt: biotite, Ccp: chalcopyrite, Hbl: hornblende, Ilm: ilmenite, Mag: magnetite, Mc: microcline, Ms: muscovite, Or: orthoclase, Pl: plagioclase, Qtz: quartz, Ser: sericite, Tlc: talc. XP: crossed polarizers; PPL: uncrossed polarizers.

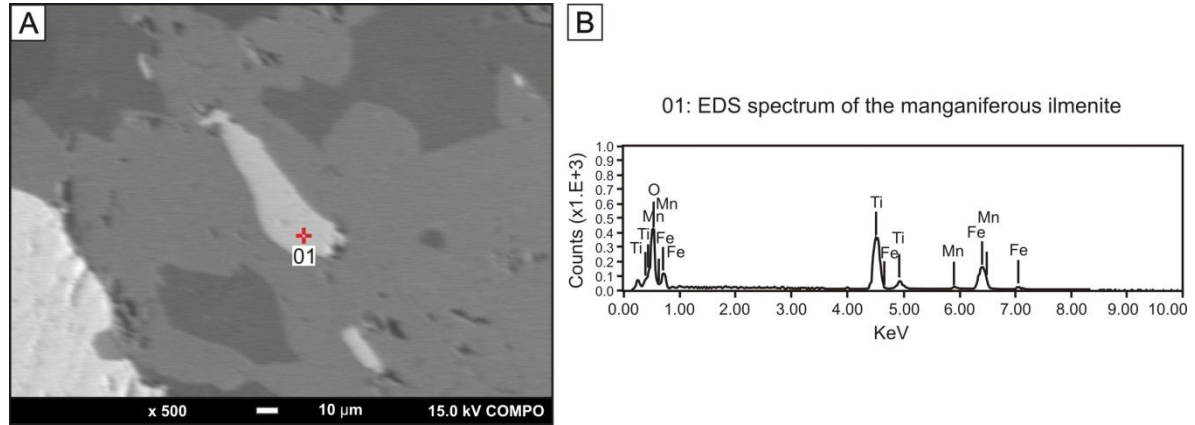


Fig. 5. A) Backscattered electron image with the analysis spot and B) the energy dispersive spectroscopy (EDS) spectrum of the manganiferous ilmenite present in the basaltic metandesite, which is part of the western metabasalts of the MNGB, as evidence of an ocean floor setting (sample RR-F16-027).

6. U-Pb geochronology in zircon

For U-Pb zircon age determination, four granites and one metadacite were selected (see sample sites in Fig. 2). The first samples corresponded to the Miguel Calmon (sample RR-025) and Fazenda Coqueiro (sample RR-008) metagranites from the basement (Gavião Block) and the Areia Branca (sample RR-015) and Jequitibá (sample RR-017) metagranites from the MNGB. The metadacite sample FD-052 represents the middle sequence of the MNGB.

6.1 Gavião Block

The U-Pb age of sample **RR-025** (Miguel Calmon metagranite) was determined from transparent to translucent zircons that vary from pale yellow to brown. The zircons are euhedral and prismatic with rounded terminations, ranging in size from 118 to 250 μm in length and ranging in aspect ratio from 1.4 to 3.5. In the CL images, oscillatory and concentric zoning and unzoned grains are apparent. Grains with metamict structures, fracturing, igneous overgrowth and resorption in the center were not analyzed. Fifteen zircon analyses (Table 2) were conducted, mostly in cores of oscillatory zoned zircons, seven of which yielded an upper intercept of 3355 ± 16 Ma (MSWD = 0.56; Fig. 6A), which was assumed to represent the crystallization age of the Miguel Calmon metagranite. The age of 583 ± 36 Ma of the lower intercept indicates the loss of Pb, and this effect occurring as the result of a weak geologic event at this time is not totally discarded. The Th/U values vary from 0.10 to 2.50, which correspond to the values of igneous zircons (Th/U > 0.1) (Lopez-Sanchez et al., 2016). The negative Th and Th/U values can be explained by Th values near zero, which were not well measured by the detector. The nearly concordant $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{206}\text{Pb}$ ages, 3340 ± 29 Ma (97% concordance) and 3353 ± 27 Ma (96% concordance), are practically identical to the upper intercept age in the concordia diagram.

The zircon population of sample **RR-008** (Fazenda Coqueiro metagranite) consists of translucent to transparent crystals varying from pale brown to dark brown that are from 100 to

238.5 μm in length and from 1.6 to 2.0 in aspect ratio. Most grains are fractured, and some are subhedral, prismatic and show rounded terminations. The CL images show weak concentric oscillatory zoning, and some grains are unzoned or resorbed. Twenty-four spots (Table 3), measured mainly in oscillatory and zoned grains, were analyzed using LA-ICP-MS, and sixteen zircon data were used to calculate the age, in which a concordance of approximately 100% was observed. The Th/U values range from 0.19 to 0.82 and correspond to the values of igneous zircons. The negative U, Th and Th/U values correspond to low concentrations of U and Th, which were not well calculated by the detector. The discordance line intercepts the curve of the concordia in the upper intercept at 3227 ± 23 Ma, and the MSWD = 1.08 (Fig. 6B); thus, this age is considered to represent the crystallization age. The oscillatory and concentric zoning of the grains may suggest that the crystallization age obtained for Fazenda Coqueiro metagranite was not affected by inherited zircons from the protolith. However, in the grains with the possibility of the occurrence of inherited cores, the ages were obtained from the edges. The lower intercept at 632 ± 140 Ma indicates a loss of Pb, possibly due to the occurrence of a weak geologic event at this time.

6.2 *Mundo Novo greenstone belt*

Zircons in the **FD-052** sample (MNGB metadacite) are light to dark brown, translucent, subhedral and prismatic with subrounded terminations. The grain lengths range from 77 to 550 μm , and the aspect ratios range from 2.0 to 3.0. Some crystals show concentric oscillatory zoning, and some are unzoned. Generally, the zircons present thin metamorphic rims and resorbed portions. Twenty-four analyses (Table 4) were performed in the cores, and the results define the crystallization age. The data in the concordia diagram yield an upper intercept age of 2595 ± 21 Ma, and the MSWD = 2.3 (Fig. 6C); thus, this age is considered to represent the crystallization age. These data present concordances of between 55 and 91%, and the Th/U values range from 0.31 to 1.03 (values of igneous zircons). The lower intercept age of 616 ± 25 Ma also indicates a loss of Pb, possibly from low-intensity geological processes.

6.3 *Paleoproterozoic metagranites*

The U-Pb age of the **RR-015** sample (Areia Branca granite-gneiss) was determined from a population of translucent zircons that ranges in color from light to dark brown. The crystals form prisms, some with subrounded and rounded terminations, and range in length from 56.2 to 300 μm and in aspect ratio from 1.5 to 2.6. The grains show fracturing, resorption, thin metamorphic rims, concentric oscillatory zoning and a lack of zoning in the CL images. Twenty-four spot analyses (Table 5) were conducted in the zircon cores, and the concordances are between 38 and 120%. Six spot data (red circles; Fig. 6D) were selected for age determination. Eighteen analytical points in metamictized grains were not considered because of Pb loss in the zircon. Additionally, the Th/U values range from 0.15 to 0.99 (values of igneous zircons), and the upper intercept provided an age of 2106 ± 71 Ma and a MSWD = 3.1. This age is considered to represent the crystallization age. The lower intercept provided an age of 630 ± 103 Ma, which can suggest weak geological processes during this time.

The **RR-017** sample (Jequitibá metagranite) presents zircons that are light to dark brown in color, translucent to opaque, prismatic and subeuhedral. Most grains have rounded to subrounded terminations, lengths between 125 and 359.5 μm and aspect ratios between 3.4 and 4. The crystals show concentric oscillatory zoning and recrystallized rims, while others have unzoned portions and resorption textures. Thirty-six U-Pb zircon analyses (Table 6)

were performed, and seventeen provided an upper intercept of 1975 ± 36 Ma and a MSWD = 1.7 (Fig. 6E). This age is considered to represent the crystallization age. The lower intercept provided a younger age of 452 ± 42 , which does not seem related to any geologic event reported in the São Francisco Craton. The Th/U values range from 0.15 to 4.72, with one value as high as 14.37 (these are values of igneous zircons). These high Th/U values suggest the crystallization of zircon in a high degree of disequilibrium with the melt (Xiang et al., 2011).

Table 2. U-Pb geochronological data, sample RR-025: Miguel Calmon metagranite (3355 ± 16 Ma)

Spot	U ppm	Th ppm	Th/U	Pb _{com}	²⁰⁷ Pb/ ²⁰⁶ Pb	1σ	²⁰⁷ Pb/ ²³⁵ U	1σ	²⁰⁶ Pb/ ²³⁸ U	1σ	²⁰⁷ Pb/ ²⁰⁶ Pb age (Ma)	1σ	%Conc.	Error cor.
1.1	70.7	19.4	0.274	8.85	0.2244	0.0057	6.7197	0.1893	0.2172	0.0028	3.012	0.041	42	0.99
2.1	71.1	5.8	0.081	0.75	0.2369	0.0047	12.7163	0.2824	0.3893	0.0040	3.099	0.031	68	0.93
3.1	70.9	28.1	0.396	0.70	0.2511	0.0054	24.3970	0.5158	0.7046	0.0076	3.192	0.034	107	0.86
4.1	6.1	-15.4	-2.504	0	0.2514	0.0047	13.1981	0.2663	0.3808	0.0035	3.193	0.029	65	0.88
4.2	22.4	-0.1	-0.004	0.36	0.2224	0.0044	6.8924	0.1437	0.2247	0.0020	2.998	0.031	43	0.96
5.1	162.9	38.6	0.237	6.50	0.2680	0.0055	19.0844	0.3926	0.5164	0.0051	3.295	0.032	81	0.94
6.1	24.1	-0.5	-0.020	1.90	0.2411	0.0048	14.0696	0.3006	0.4233	0.0043	3.127	0.032	72	0.94
7.1	95	27.5	0.289	0.31	0.2448	0.0047	13.3775	0.2612	0.3963	0.0034	3.152	0.029	68	0.97
8.1	443.3	99.2	0.224	6.00	0.1696	0.0042	1.6813	0.0457	0.0719	0.0008	2.554	0.036	17	0.99
9.1	166	28.4	0.171	3.63	0.1789	0.0046	4.3265	0.2337	0.1754	0.0032	2.643	0.031	39	0.99
10.1	217.9	112.3	0.516	2.43	0.2126	0.0040	9.3068	0.1701	0.3175	0.0024	2.925	0.030	60	0.90
11.1	123.2	63.6	0.516	0.55	0.2760	0.0051	25.1706	0.4531	0.6615	0.0056	3.340	0.029	97	0.98
12.1	133.1	58.8	0.436	0.96	0.2782	0.0048	25.0211	0.4403	0.6523	0.0049	3.353	0.027	96	0.99
13.1	27.2	19.3	0.707	2.63	0.2766	0.0048	22.9411	0.4002	0.6015	0.0044	3.344	0.027	90	0.66
14.1	60	21	0.350	2.98	0.2320	0.0042	9.7089	0.1948	0.3036	0.0024	3.066	0.029	55	0.95

Table 3. U-Pb geochronological data, sample RR-008: Fazenda Coqueiro metagranite (3227 ± 23 Ma)

Spot	U ppm	Th ppm	Th/U	Pb _{com}	²⁰⁷ Pb/ ²⁰⁶ Pb	1σ	²⁰⁷ Pb/ ²³⁵ U	1σ	²⁰⁶ Pb/ ²³⁸ U	1σ	²⁰⁷ Pb/ ²⁰⁶ Pb age (Ma)	1σ	%Conc.	Error cor.
1.1	96	75.6	0.788	0.90	0.2281	0.0053	9.2902	0.2726	0.2954	0.0040	3.039	0.036	54	0.89
2.1	4.9	1.3	0.263	12.39	0.2424	0.0143	19.7512	1.2632	0.5909	0.0196	3.136	0.100	95	0.01
3.1	24.4	15.3	0.627	2.71	0.2412	0.0104	22.6466	1.0109	0.6809	0.0157	3.128	0.075	107	0.23
4.1	10.5	-5.3	-0.510	7.31	0.2400	0.0066	16.1683	0.4650	0.4886	0.0067	3.120	0.044	82	0.67
5.1	27.2	17.7	0.651	4.88	0.2317	0.0066	13.1954	0.4626	0.4130	0.0069	3.064	0.043	72	0.93
6.1	14.9	7.5	0.505	2.86	0.2560	0.0105	23.9784	1.0431	0.6794	0.0159	3.222	0.068	103	0.49
7.1	9	5.7	0.630	5.89	0.2523	0.0067	21.1156	0.6286	0.6069	0.0091	3.199	0.042	95	0.39
8.1	34.6	23	0.664	2.21	0.2283	0.0074	19.4445	0.6781	0.6177	0.0104	3.040	0.052	101	0.94
9.1	-13.8	-11.1	0.806	-5.61	0.2333	0.0056	11.5548	0.3843	0.3592	0.0053	3.075	0.037	64	0.87
10.1	175.9	141.2	0.803	0.21	0.2699	0.0061	23.3634	0.5726	0.6277	0.0079	3.306	0.036	95	0.96
11.1	15.4	6.9	0.446	3.46	0.2720	0.0060	26.4286	0.6715	0.7048	0.0086	3.317	0.033	103	0.45
12.1	34.1	21.7	0.636	1.19	0.2329	0.0115	22.3139	1.1085	0.6949	0.0166	3.072	0.074	110	0.65
13.1	37.7	21.2	0.562	1.59	0.2359	0.0066	22.4587	0.7898	0.6906	0.0120	3.092	0.042	109	0.56
13.2	85.7	46	0.537	0.55	0.2647	0.0062	25.2886	0.7517	0.6929	0.0110	3.275	0.038	103	0.17
14.1	34.1	27.1	0.794	1.52	0.2523	0.0061	22.0668	0.6582	0.6343	0.0100	3.199	0.038	98	0.85
15.1	41.2	22.8	0.554	1.59	0.2638	0.0061	24.7763	0.7336	0.6813	0.0106	3.269	0.037	102	0.36
16.1	33.8	23.5	0.697	1.90	0.2651	0.0065	25.1389	0.7645	0.6877	0.0110	3.277	0.038	102	0.27
17.1	33.7	12.7	0.378	1.06	0.2611	0.0063	23.0693	0.6872	0.6408	0.0103	3.253	0.037	98	0.18
18.1	66.5	44.5	0.669	0.90	0.2476	0.0063	22.8091	0.7030	0.6680	0.0105	3.170	0.039	104	0.03
19.1	32.7	19.1	0.584	2.50	0.2465	0.0059	22.1553	0.7034	0.6520	0.0103	3.162	0.037	102	0.50
20.1	22.4	13	0.580	3.39	0.2541	0.0061	23.7592	0.6818	0.6782	0.0105	3.210	0.037	103	0.37
21.1	78.6	50.7	0.645	0.51	0.2435	0.0058	16.2424	0.4875	0.4839	0.0078	3.143	0.038	80	0.81
22.1	18	3.4	0.187	1.37	0.2624	0.0059	24.6943	0.6996	0.6825	0.0102	3.261	0.036	102	0.83
23.1	329.9	269.2	0.816	0.30	0.2646	0.0059	26.1063	0.7326	0.7156	0.0106	3.274	0.035	106	0.90

Table 4. U-Pb geochronological data, sample FD-052: metadacite from the middle sequence of the MNGB (2595 ± 21)

Spot	U ppm	Th ppm	Th/U	Pb _{com}	²⁰⁷ Pb/ ²⁰⁶ Pb	1σ	²⁰⁷ Pb/ ²³⁵ U	1σ	²⁰⁶ Pb/ ²³⁸ U	1σ	²⁰⁷ Pb/ ²⁰⁶ Pb age (Ma)	1σ	%Conc.	Error cor.
1.1	658.4	275.8	0.419	1.25	2.6011	0.1320	0.1667	0.0049	5.9986	0.1771	1.851	0.063	53	0.98
2.1	616.1	277.4	0.450	2.53	3.2253	0.1528	0.1887	0.0056	5.2998	0.1561	2.014	0.061	55	0.92
3.1	101.7	43.7	0.430	0.42	10.4939	0.4770	0.4391	0.0133	2.2776	0.0692	2.590	0.050	90	0.78
4.1	728.8	408	0.560	1.90	1.5881	0.0810	0.1275	0.0038	7.8457	0.2310	1.433	0.077	53	0.96
5.1	452.6	253.4	0.560	4.34	6.1109	0.2648	0.2899	0.0081	3.4494	0.0968	2.378	0.052	69	0.99
6.1	599	298	0.498	0.09	2.3350	0.1107	0.1497	0.0044	6.6794	0.1945	1.850	0.064	48	0.98
7.1	385.1	164.7	0.428	0.37	4.3756	0.1945	0.2258	0.0064	4.4288	0.1246	2.234	0.057	58	0.99
8.1	415.9	198.2	0.477	0.08	2.2921	0.1151	0.1508	0.0045	6.6297	0.1965	1.803	0.067	50	0.97
9.1	372.7	152.8	0.410	0.05	4.2641	0.1927	0.2212	0.0064	4.5215	0.1312	2.225	0.056	57	0.97
10.1	283.1	113.6	0.401	0.04	7.3544	0.3155	0.3365	0.0094	2.9720	0.0830	2.440	0.052	76	0.90
11.1	388	156.1	0.402	0.78	4.5986	0.2045	0.2332	0.0066	4.2885	0.1216	2.264	0.055	59	0.98
12.1	450.1	205.3	0.456	0.55	2.3444	0.1156	0.1531	0.0045	6.5328	0.1934	1.817	0.066	50	0.98
13.1	406.3	160.6	0.395	0.06	3.4443	0.1674	0.1995	0.0061	5.0133	0.1540	2.032	0.062	57	0.49
14.1	193.1	73.7	0.382	0.21	8.2819	0.3658	0.3638	0.0109	2.7491	0.0827	2.509	0.055	79	0.35
15.1	329.7	128.6	0.390	0.18	6.6123	0.3050	0.3032	0.0094	3.2986	0.1025	2.436	0.055	70	0.99
16.1	300.9	113.2	0.376	0.31	8.5090	0.3625	0.3804	0.0109	2.6287	0.0750	2.479	0.055	83	0.98
17.1	351.1	182.4	0.520	0.13	5.6869	0.2459	0.2766	0.0082	3.6159	0.1069	2.336	0.058	67	0.87
18.1	327.6	171.5	0.524	0.49	4.0965	0.1937	0.2147	0.0068	4.6585	0.1467	2.207	0.064	56	0.88
19.1	435.1	203.3	0.467	0.37	2.9071	0.1374	0.1726	0.0054	5.7929	0.1824	1.988	0.063	51	0.97
20.1	618.3	339.5	0.549	0.04	1.6806	0.0784	0.1288	0.0039	7.7629	0.2344	1.520	0.070	51	0.97
21.1	242.3	75	0.310	0.51	7.0616	0.3039	0.3297	0.0095	3.0326	0.0878	2.405	0.056	76	0.88
22.1	480.2	204.1	0.425	0.54	2.5025	0.1152	0.1625	0.0049	6.1542	0.1866	1.827	0.066	53	0.87
23.1	585.9	291.2	0.497	0.38	1.6196	0.0764	0.1275	0.0038	7.8418	0.2358	1.470	0.072	52	0.97
24.1	452.8	467	1.031	0.28	4.5256	0.2037	0.2310	0.0069	4.3296	0.1303	2.253	0.058	59	0.99

Table 5. U-Pb geochronological data, sample RR-015: Areia Branca granite-gneiss (2106 ± 71)

Spot	U ppm	Th ppm	Th/U	Pb _{com}	²⁰⁷ Pb/ ²⁰⁶ Pb	1σ	²⁰⁷ Pb/ ²³⁵ U	1σ	²⁰⁶ Pb/ ²³⁸ U	1σ	²⁰⁷ Pb/ ²⁰⁶ Pb age (Ma)	1σ	%Conc.	Error cor.
1.1	232	34.4	0.148	16.40	0.1428	0.0037	5.5026	0.1401	0.2795	0.0026	2.261	0.044	70	0.76
2.1	289.1	117.4	0.406	12.26	0.1565	0.0040	6.3817	0.1756	0.2957	0.0032	2.418	0.044	69	0.90
3.1	232	118	0.509	0.20	0.1360	0.0040	7.9259	0.2223	0.4228	0.0044	2.177	0.050	104	0.83
4.1	462.2	152.5	0.330	3.76	0.1477	0.0038	6.1203	0.1610	0.3005	0.0030	2.320	0.045	73	0.98
5.1	402.4	126	0.313	3.26	0.1350	0.0038	4.2998	0.1189	0.2311	0.0024	2.163	0.049	61	0.83
6.1	309.2	115.1	0.372	0.83	0.1590	0.0039	10.5756	0.2529	0.4824	0.0045	2.445	0.042	103	0.99
7.1	343.9	114.9	0.334	14.82	0.1427	0.0037	6.3221	0.1540	0.3213	0.0030	2.260	0.045	79	0.74
8.1	449.3	132.2	0.294	1.76	0.1486	0.0039	5.9285	0.1508	0.2894	0.0028	2.330	0.046	70	0.73
9.1	71.7	49.9	0.696	1.40	0.2007	0.0050	14.4996	0.3337	0.5240	0.0048	2.832	0.041	95	0.85
10.1	702.4	696.2	0.991	8.98	0.1642	0.0040	6.8281	0.1662	0.3016	0.0029	2.499	0.042	67	0.99
11.1	552.6	174.6	0.316	8.92	0.1322	0.0037	6.1432	0.1632	0.3369	0.0033	2.128	0.051	87	0.96
12.1	343.8	160.8	0.468	4.63	0.1495	0.0047	4.6104	0.1561	0.2236	0.0029	2.340	0.051	55	0.99
13.1	436.3	103.3	0.237	34.65	0.1093	0.0026	1.7083	0.0419	0.1134	0.0011	1.787	0.045	38	0.85
14.1	255.7	53.6	0.210	13.29	0.1258	0.0027	3.7471	0.0821	0.2161	0.0020	2.039	0.037	61	0.98
15.1	374.7	118.6	0.316	15.25	0.1028	0.0030	1.9433	0.0518	0.1371	0.0014	1.675	0.055	49	0.87
16.1	48.7	14.9	0.306	62.03	0.0949	0.0037	2.7994	0.1002	0.2141	0.0028	1.525	0.060	81	0.30
17.1	306.8	125.1	0.408	6.31	0.1275	0.0027	7.5484	0.1401	0.4292	0.0034	2.064	0.037	111	0.93
18.1	81.7	19	0.233	26.27	0.1387	0.0028	5.8849	0.1195	0.3078	0.0026	2.211	0.034	78	0.78
19.1	115	27.7	0.241	4.83	0.1508	0.0030	5.2514	0.1027	0.2526	0.0022	2.355	0.035	61	0.76
20.1	127.9	39.4	0.308	3.20	0.1555	0.0030	8.8652	0.1753	0.4135	0.0035	2.407	0.033	92	0.85
21.1	294.8	62.4	0.212	7.74	0.1314	0.0028	4.2364	0.0828	0.2339	0.0019	2.116	0.036	64	0.93
22.1	353.1	186.7	0.529	5.86	0.1558	0.0028	12.2618	0.2156	0.5709	0.0044	2.410	0.031	120	0.93
23.1	80.3	28.1	0.350	4.08	0.1472	0.0028	10.8090	0.2114	0.5327	0.0045	2.313	0.032	119	0.91
24.1	248.5	190.2	0.765	0.81	0.1259	0.0027	7.0833	0.1455	0.4079	0.0035	2.042	0.038	108	0.98

Table 6. U-Pb geochronological data, sample RR-017: Jequitibá metagranite (1975 ± 36)

Spot	U ppm	Th ppm	Th/U	Pb _{com}	$\frac{^{207}\text{Pb}}{^{206}\text{Pb}}$	1 σ	$\frac{^{207}\text{Pb}}{^{235}\text{U}}$	1 σ	$\frac{^{206}\text{Pb}}{^{238}\text{U}}$	1 σ	$\frac{^{207}\text{Pb}}{^{206}\text{Pb}}$ age (Ma)	1 σ	%Conc.	Error cor.
1.1	343.4	102.2	0.298	4.49	0.1136	0.0024	3.7039	0.0765	0.2365	0.0018	1.857	0.039	73	0.9
2.1	332.6	132.1	0.397	8.31	0.1084	0.0026	3.0348	0.0664	0.2031	0.0017	1.772	0.045	67	0.93
3.1	861.2	216.8	0.252	7.35	0.1010	0.0021	1.7988	0.0366	0.1292	0.0009	1.642	0.038	47	0.98
4.1	650.1	125	0.192	8.54	0.0906	0.0021	1.5694	0.0344	0.1256	0.0010	1.438	0.044	53	0.99
5.1	875.4	278.9	0.319	8.29	0.0848	0.0020	1.1906	0.0264	0.1019	0.0008	1.310	0.046	47	0.87
6.1	473.1	152.9	0.323	8.88	0.0918	0.0022	1.8208	0.0387	0.1439	0.0011	1.462	0.044	59	0.95
7.1	755.5	314	0.416	10.32	0.0864	0.0020	1.2709	0.0291	0.1066	0.0008	1.348	0.042	48	0.95
8.1	345.3	92.8	0.269	11.17	0.1131	0.0024	3.0326	0.0615	0.1945	0.0015	1.850	0.039	61	0.87
9.1	469	73.3	0.156	6.16	0.0990	0.0023	2.1936	0.0469	0.1608	0.0013	1.604	0.043	59	0.76
10.1	603.6	139.5	0.231	8.71	0.1080	0.0023	2.1343	0.0420	0.1433	0.0010	1.767	0.038	48	0.98
11.1	1163.5	426.5	0.367	20.65	0.0922	0.0021	1.0873	0.0230	0.0855	0.0006	1.472	0.043	35	0.82
12.1	1038.4	281.8	0.271	8.86	0.0975	0.0020	1.8797	0.0364	0.1398	0.0010	1.577	0.038	53	0.89
13.1	466.5	144.4	0.310	11.24	0.0980	0.0032	2.1768	0.0717	0.1611	0.0018	1.587	0.061	60	0.97
13.2	959.6	303.9	0.317	13.41	0.0954	0.0029	1.7984	0.0546	0.1367	0.0013	1.536	0.057	53	0.97
14.1	514.9	2430.5	4.720	5.47	0.1050	0.0030	2.5800	0.0757	0.1782	0.0018	1.714	0.053	61	0.83
15.1	1258.1	512.3	0.407	5.24	0.0923	0.0024	1.3319	0.0370	0.1047	0.0010	1.473	0.049	43	0.98
16.1	431.5	131.7	0.305	5.08	0.1052	0.0024	2.7162	0.0691	0.1872	0.0017	1.718	0.041	64	0.64
17.1	882.2	324.5	0.368	10.24	0.0985	0.0025	1.8784	0.0502	0.1384	0.0013	1.595	0.047	52	0.86
18.1	149.9	95.7	0.639	1.09	0.1653	0.0041	11.8589	0.2906	0.5204	0.0050	2.510	0.041	107	0.71
18.2	260.5	183.9	0.706	1.66	0.1638	0.0045	11.0734	0.2919	0.4904	0.0044	2.495	0.046	103	0.74
19.1	1040.8	205.7	0.198	9.42	0.0910	0.0025	1.2156	0.0342	0.0969	0.0009	1.446	0.053	41	0.77
19.2	1277.2	198.7	0.156	18.70	0.0908	0.0030	1.0051	0.0336	0.0803	0.0008	1.442	0.064	34	0.90
20.1	438.5	93.7	0.214	3.14	0.1051	0.0028	2.9570	0.0841	0.2041	0.0020	1.716	0.049	69	0.99
21.1	849.5	157.1	0.185	7.33	0.0957	0.0024	2.1887	0.0580	0.1659	0.0015	1.542	0.047	64	0.83
22.1	515.1	116.3	0.226	7.31	0.1054	0.0026	2.8482	0.0728	0.1960	0.0017	1.721	0.045	67	0.89
22.2	1065.2	649.6	0.610	12.00	0.0957	0.0025	1.5753	0.0435	0.1194	0.0011	1.542	0.048	47	0.98
23.1	478.5	108.8	0.227	2.95	0.1160	0.0027	3.8318	0.0998	0.2395	0.0022	1.896	0.043	72	0.96
14.2	958.1	196.8	0.205	4.99	0.0958	0.0028	1.8690	0.0537	0.1415	0.0013	1.544	0.054	55	0.99
15.2	384.8	5531.4	14.376	1.64	0.0905	0.0026	1.1649	0.0391	0.0933	0.0010	1.437	0.055	40	0.96
16.2	1011	281.6	0.279	6.92	0.0959	0.0027	1.9501	0.0574	0.1474	0.0013	1.547	0.053	57	0.93
17.2	339.3	106.9	0.315	7.52	0.1057	0.0029	2.7251	0.0712	0.1871	0.0016	1.726	0.05	64	0.76
20.2	501.6	102.8	0.205	2.72	0.1061	0.0033	2.8664	0.0997	0.1958	0.0021	1.734	0.055	66	0.99
21.2	652.6	200.5	0.307	3.73	0.1029	0.0027	3.2459	0.0860	0.2287	0.0019	1.678	0.048	79	0.53
22.3	1289.9	294.5	0.228	9.30	0.1052	0.0028	2.4977	0.0639	0.1721	0.0014	1.718	0.05	59	0.91
22.4	659.8	145.8	0.221	7.25	0.0839	0.0029	1.5017	0.0490	0.1297	0.0013	1.291	0.068	60	0.87
23.2	483.5	102.7	0.212	2.79	0.1185	0.0033	4.9118	0.1349	0.3007	0.0027	1.933	0.049	87	0.93

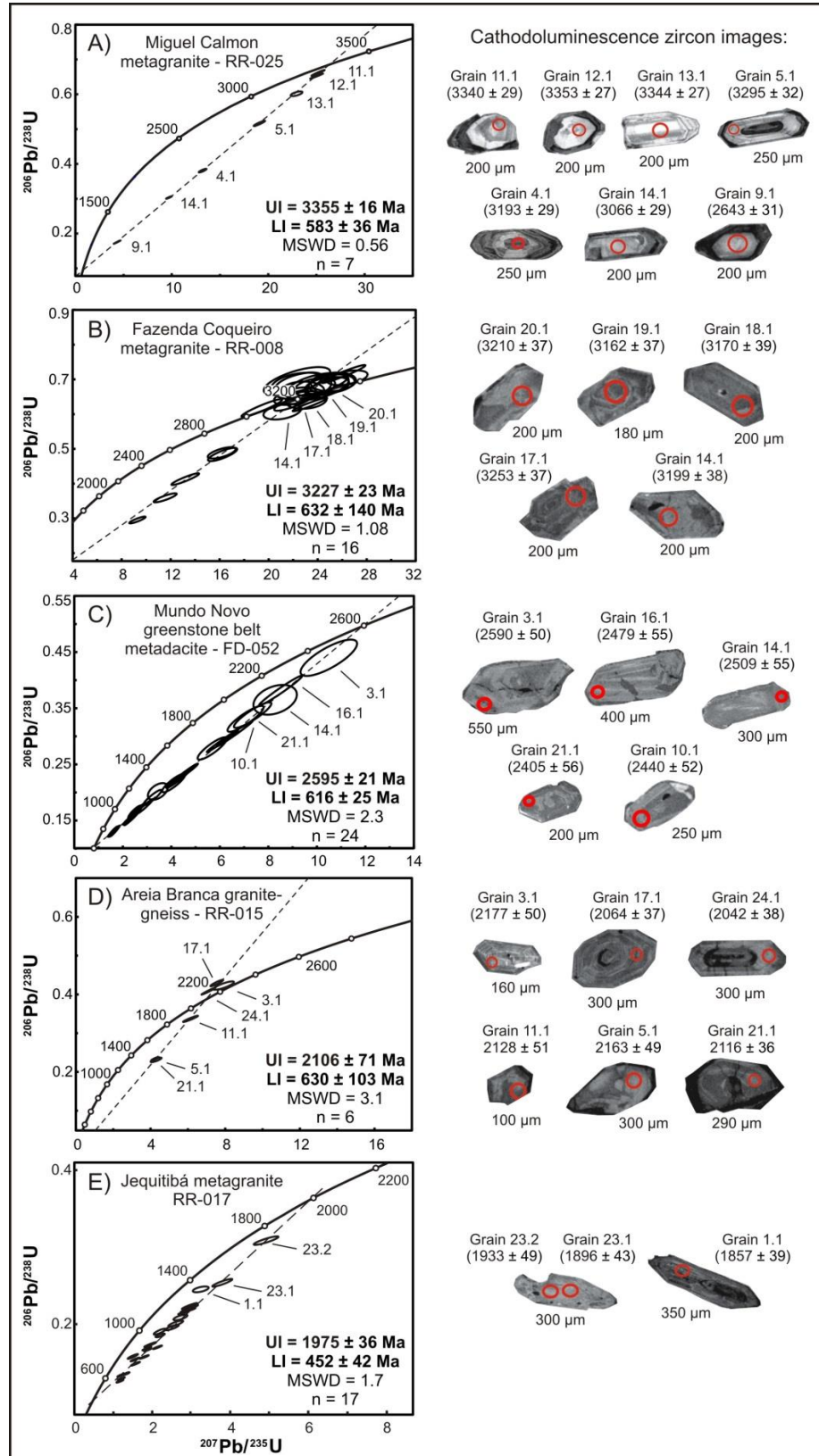


Fig. 6. U-Pb concordia diagram of the LA-ICP-MS data for the studied samples: a) Miguel Calmon metagranite (crystallization age of 3355 ± 16 Ma); b) Fazenda Coqueiro metagranite (crystallization age of 3227 ± 23 Ma); c) MNGB metadacite (crystallization age of 2595 ± 21 Ma); d) Areia Branca granite-gneiss (crystallization age of 2106 ± 71 Ma); e) Jequitibá metagranite (crystallization age of 1975 ± 36 Ma). Circles in the cathodoluminescence zircon images represent the spot size; the ages are reported in million years and the lengths are reported for each grain separately. UI: upper intercept, LI: lower intercept.

7. Nd and Sr isotopic analysis

The same samples analyzed by the U-Pb method were studied to investigate the petrogenetic processes, including the Miguel Calmon (sample RR-025) and Fazenda Coqueiro (sample RR-008) metagranites from the Gavião Block, the metadacite from the MNGB (sample FD-052) and the Paleoproterozoic Areia Branca (sample RR-015) and Jequitibá (sample RR-017) metagranites. The Nd and Sr isotopic data are shown in Table 7.

The dataset shows two groups of rocks: one associated with the Archean rocks and the other associated with the Paleoproterozoic rocks (Fig. 7). Samples RR-008 (Fazenda Coqueiro metagranite) and RR-025 (Miguel Calmon metagranite) of the Archean rocks show $\epsilon_{Nd(t)}$ values of -3.6 and -3.7 calculated for the crystallization ages of 3.22 and 3.35 Ga, respectively. These values suggest crustal residence time. The T_{DM} ages are 3.7 Ga for sample RR-008 (Fazenda Coqueiro metagranite) and 3.6 Ga for sample RR-025 (Miguel Calmon metagranite). In contrast, the younger rocks, Areia Branca granite-gneiss (sample RR-015) and Jequitibá metagranite (sample RR-017), have crystallization ages of 2.1 and 1.97 Ga, $\epsilon_{Nd(t)}$ values of -7.7 and -6.5 and Archean T_{DM} ages of 2.9 and 2.7 Ga, respectively. This set of data from the Areia Branca and Jequitibá granites indicates derivation from crustal protoliths comprised of TTG gneisses and other Archean rocks.

In the Rb-Sr system, samples RR-008 (Fazenda Coqueiro metagranite) and RR-025 (Miguel Calmon metagranite), with U-Pb zircon crystallization ages of 3.2 and 3.3, respectively, present low $^{87}Sr/^{86}Sr_i$ ratios of approximately 0.700 (Fig. 7). These data imply a genesis from partial melting of the lower continental crust (mafic or intermediate granulitic rocks and TTG plutons, for example) added to the negative $\epsilon_{Nd(t)}$ values of -3.6 (Fazenda Coqueiro metagranite) and -3.7 (Miguel Calmon metagranite) (De Paolo, 1988). The fractionation of the $^{87}Rb/^{86}Sr$ ratio by processes occurring after the formation of the rock, as evidenced by the formation of igneous overgrowth zones in some zircons, may also have contributed to the low $^{87}Sr/^{86}Sr_i$ values of the Miguel Calmon (0.699) and Fazenda Coqueiro (0.705) metagranites.

The rocks with crystallization ages of 2.1 (Areia Branca granite-gneiss) and 1.97 Ga (Jequitibá metagranite) have $^{87}Sr/^{86}Sr_i$ ratio values that are extremely high, between 0.744 and 0.730, and $\epsilon_{Nd(t)}$ values of -7.7 and -6.5, respectively, and plot strictly in the crustal source field (Fig. 7). Thus, these rocks are interpreted to be derived from continental crust with a longer time of crustal residence. The possibility of crustal contamination in the Areia Branca and Jequitibá granites may be contributed to the high $^{87}Sr/^{86}Sr_i$ ratio values.

The metadacite in the MNGB middle sequence (FD-052) was derived predominantly from a juvenile source and had a primitive evolution from the mantle based on the $\epsilon_{Nd(t)}$ value of +1.5. However, this value also indicates the existence of a subordinate crustal component (De Paolo, 1988). Its $^{87}Sr/^{86}Sr_i$ ratio is lower than the basaltic achondrite best initial (BABI) value of 0.69899. This difference may be a result of sericitic alteration, which homogenized the initial $^{87}Sr/^{86}Sr$ after the formation of the rock (Alderton et al., 1998).

Table 7. Sm-Nd and Rb-Sr isotopic data for samples of the Gavião Block, MNGB and Paleoproterozoic granites

Unit/Sample ID	Sm (ppm)	Nd (ppm)	$^{147}\text{Sm}/^{144}\text{Nd}$	$^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$	Error (2 σ)	T _{DM} (Ma)	T (Ma)	$\epsilon_{\text{Nd}(t)}$	Rb (ppm)	Sr (ppm)	$^{87}\text{Rb}/^{86}\text{Sr}$	$^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$	Error (2 σ)	$^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}_i$
Paleoproterozoic metagranites														
Jequitibá (RR-017)	9.6	53.2	0.1091	0.511171	0.000004	2752	1975	-6.5	312.2	59.0	15.5176699	1.170177	0.000024	0.7299
Areia Branca (RR-015)	3.5	20.6	0.1061	0.510997	0.000004	2931	2106	-7.7	118.6	43.0	10.1958525	1.052428	0.000025	0.7438
MNGB														
Metadacite (FD-052)	49.3	228.7	0.1304	0.511617	0.000004	2630	2595	+1.5	79.0	56.0	4.1369952	0.807358	0.000018	0.6821
Gavião Block metagranites														
Faz. Coqueiro (RR-008)	10.3	49.4	0.1261	0.510962	0.000004	3717	3227	-3.6	73.6	22.0	9.8107171	1.155501	0.000024	0.7059
M. Calmon (RR-025)	2.4	18.4	0.0789	0.510000	0.000004	3658	3355	-3.7	74.2	333.0	0.6534393	0.729151	0.000020	0.6992

Note: $^{147}\text{Sm}/^{144}\text{Nd} = [\text{Sm (ppm)} / \text{Nd (ppm)}] \times (1/1.645)$; $^{87}\text{Rb}/^{86}\text{Sr} = [\text{Rb (ppm)} / \text{Sr (ppm)}] \times (1/0.341)$; T (Ma) = U-Pb zircon age; (T_{DM}) Sm-Nd depleted mantle model age (De Paolo, 1981).

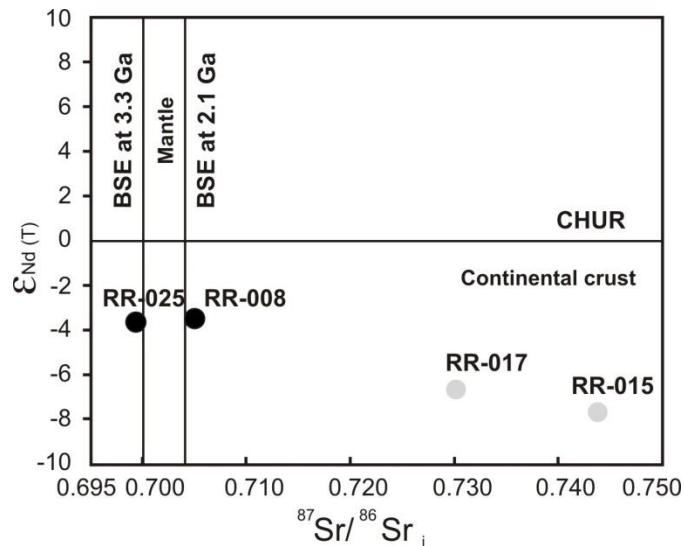


Fig. 7. $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}_i$ vs. $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}(t)}$ diagram for studied rocks. RR-025: Miguel Calmon metagranite, RR-008: Fazenda Coqueiro metagranite, RR-017: Jequitibá metagranite, RR-015: Areia Branca granite-gneiss. BSE: bulk silicate earth and CHUR: chondritic uniform reservoir (Dickin, 2005).

8. Whole-rock geochemistry results

Whole-rock geochemical analysis of the major, minor, and trace elements, including REE, of 16 rock samples from the Gavião Block, 49 rock samples from the MNGB and 3 samples from the Paleoproterozoic metagranites was performed using the ICP-MS technique at the SGS-Geosol laboratory. This analysis was used to refine the classification of rocks previously classified on the basis of petrography and mineral chemistry and to characterize the petrological processes and tectonic settings. Therefore, this analysis included samples of metagranites and metarhyolites related to the TTG basement, samples of the metakomatiites, eastern metabasalts, western metabasalts and metadacites in the MNGB and samples of younger granites. The litho-geochemical data of all those rocks are listed in Tables 8, 9 and 10.

Table 8. Whole-rock major and minor oxide geochemical data (wt.%)

Unit and classification	Sample ID	W. Long.	S. Lat.	SiO₂	TiO₂	Al₂O₃	Fe₂O_{3t}	MnO	MgO	CaO	Na₂O	K₂O	P₂O₅	LOI	Sum
Gavião Block															
Faz. Coqueiro metagranite	RR-008	40°29'45.57"	11°54'25.27"	76.62	0.09	11.46	1.88	0.01	0.12	0.4	2.91	4.03	0.01	0.2	97.73
M. Calmon metagranite	RR-025	40°34'33.48"	11°26'15.07"	71.19	0.14	13.98	2.05	0.03	0.34	1.36	3.87	3.49	0.04	0.39	96.88
Metarhyolite/ metadacite	RR-007	40°29'12.58"	11°54'06.82"	75.07	0.14	10.25	3.16	0.03	0.71	0.15	3.18	2.27	0.005	0.49	95.46
Metarhyolite/ metadacite	RR-009	40°30'00.00"	11°54'10.84"	73.82	0.13	10.74	3.39	0.06	0.58	0.69	2.95	2.65	0.005	0.39	95.41
Metarhyolite/ metadacite	RR-374	40°31'51.99"	12°08'05.51"	79.93	0.25	8.5	3.65	0.05	0.42	0.91	2.81	1.27	0.005	0.36	98.16
Metarhyolite/ metadacite	RR-595	40°31'10.49"	11°58'43.29"	76.55	0.62	12.32	4.31	0.08	0.7	1.72	4.53	2.16	0.12	0.53	103.64
Metarhyolite/ metadacite	RR-598	40°31'05.66"	11°58'43.35"	76.44	0.43	12.63	3.69	0.04	0.47	1.36	3.68	4.04	0.06	0.29	103.13
Metarhyolite/ metadacite	RR-783B	40°30'43.04"	11°58'59.13"	76.39	0.39	12.41	3.47	0.03	1.18	0.44	3.8	4.02	0.04	0.34	102.51
Metarhyolite/ metadacite	RR-786	40°31'15.07"	11°59'10.90"	79.16	0.17	10.65	3.39	0.05	0.4	0.63	3.45	2.91	0.005	0.34	101.16
Metarhyolite/ metadacite	RR-896	40°30'01.87"	11°55'51.85"	72.39	0.23	12.26	3.7	0.05	1	0.4	4.05	3.94	0.005	0.48	98.51
Metarhyolite/ metadacite	RR-F16-001	40°29'27.40"	11°53'33.16"	79.52	0.18	11.63	4.11	0.03	0.64	0.26	3.62	2.98	0.005	0.2	103.18
Metarhyolite/ metadacite	RR-F16-004	40°29'27.40"	11°53'33.16"	80.14	0.18	11.21	4.85	0.04	1.28	0.15	3	2.17	0.005	0.72	103.75
Metarhyolite/ metadacite	RR-F16-005	40°29'27.40"	11°53'33.16"	81.07	0.17	10.94	4.45	0.03	0.95	0.13	3.1	1.87	0.005	0.7	103.42
Metarhyolite/ metadacite	RR-F16-007	40°29'27.40"	11°53'33.16"	81.27	0.18	10.94	3.92	0.03	1.13	0.23	4.19	1.08	0.005	0.38	103.36
Metarhyolite/ metadacite	RR-F16-008	40°29'27.40"	11°53'33.16"	80.59	0.17	10.68	4.64	0.05	1.85	0.2	2.27	1.73	0.005	1.08	103.27
Metarhyolite/ metadacite	RR-F16-009	40°29'27.40"	11°53'33.16"	78.36	0.15	10.07	3.92	0.04	1.18	0.25	2.95	1.42	0.005	0.55	98.90
Mundo Novo greenstone belt															
Metakomatiite	RR-011B	40°25'02.20"	11°48'39.22"	47.01	0.25	7.33	10.18	0.22	24.46	2.99	0.08	0.03	0.005	5.49	98.05
Metakomatiite	FD-37-017	40°30'22.03"	11°41'07.33"	54.39	0.23	7.12	6.68	0.65	17.57	10.15	0.65	0.3	0.19	3.73	101.66
Metakomatiite	FD-058A	40°28'45.53"	11°41'43.47"	57.22	0.07	2.19	6.12	0.11	24.38	2.42	0.05	0.03	0.005	4.52	97.12
Metakomatiite	FD-070	40°28'36.03"	11°41'39.19"	55.02	0.07	2.81	9.38	0.23	18.91	7.4	0.11	0.03	0.005	4.03	98.00
Eastern metabasalt	RR-006	40°25'40.85"	11°53'04.26"	49.78	0.83	14.05	11.97	0.21	8.1	12.53	0.96	0.25	0.04	0.55	99.27
Eastern metabasalt	RR-011C	40°25'02.20"	11°48'39.22"	49.08	1.19	13.39	14.03	0.24	6.98	10.67	0.8	0.32	0.05	0.8	97.55
Eastern metabasalt	RR-014B	40°30'21.91"	11°41'40.20"	50.49	1	13.71	13.42	0.22	6.33	10.69	2.2	0.26	0.06	1.22	99.60
Eastern metabasalt	RR-018A	40°30'07.88"	12°13'43.29"	48.93	1.04	14.18	14.11	0.23	7.16	11.39	2.1	0.26	0.07	0.52	99.99
Eastern metabasalt	RR-018B	40°30'07.94"	12°13'43.35"	51.33	1.07	13.74	14.04	0.24	7.26	10.41	2.55	0.26	0.08	0.53	101.51
Eastern metabasalt	RR-018C	40°30'08.01"	12°13'43.42"	52.48	1.1	14.19	13.39	0.21	5.68	11.57	1.95	0.18	0.1	0.43	101.28
Eastern metabasalt	RR-018D	40°30'08.08"	12°13'43.48"	51.83	1.06	14.16	13.4	0.21	5.47	13.27	1.39	0.15	0.09	0.48	101.51
Eastern metabasalt	RR-071	40°28'39.28"	11°36'42.51"	54.77	1.46	13.32	15.76	0.26	6.36	10.05	0.65	0.23	0.03	0.85	103.74
Eastern metabasalt	RR-072	40°29'25.44"	11°37'14.46"	54.68	1.52	13.45	15.19	0.22	6.72	9.73	0.41	0.13	0.05	0.67	102.77
Eastern metabasalt	RR-078	40°28'06.14"	11°39'32.83"	52.46	1.15	13.76	13.35	0.21	6.49	10.56	1.68	0.19	0.04	0.63	100.52
Eastern metabasalt	RR-080	40°26'38.53"	11°40'09.08"	51.14	0.97	15.65	13.38	0.2	6.47	10.27	2.88	0.31	0.09	0.6	101.96
Eastern metabasalt	FD-37-001	40°30'22.03"	11°41'07.33"	50.14	0.97	14.33	12.6	0.22	6.47	10.84	1.98	0.09	0.08	0.9	98.62
Eastern metabasalt	FD-37-002	40°30'22.03"	11°41'07.33"	52.47	0.98	14.47	12.95	0.21	6.63	10.72	2.14	0.12	0.07	0.57	101.33
Eastern metabasalt	FD-37-004	40°30'22.03"	11°41'07.33"	51.5	1.11	14.03	14.35	0.23	5.49	9.95	2.08	0.16	0.09	0.36	99.35
Eastern metabasalt	FD-37-005	40°30'22.03"	11°41'07.33"	50.92	1.21	13.21	15.04	0.23	4.97	9.92	2.13	0.15	0.1	0.68	98.56
Eastern metabasalt	FD-37-006	40°30'22.03"	11°41'07.33"	50.81	0.71	15.59	11.17	0.18	7.74	11.18	2.22	0.15	0.06	0.89	100.70
Eastern metabasalt	FD-37-007	40°30'22.03"	11°41'07.33"	51.08	0.99	14.56	13.92	0.21	6.58	9.96	2.57	0.25	0.09	0.92	101.13
Eastern metabasalt	FD-37-009	40°30'22.03"	11°41'07.33"	52.74	0.93	14.95	13.57	0.21	7.53	10.68	2.38	0.18	0.08	0.61	103.86
Eastern metabasalt	FD-37-011	40°30'22.03"	11°41'07.33"	52.94	1.02	13.62	13.86	0.21	6.88	10.32	2.06	0.24	0.04	0.89	102.08
Eastern metabasalt	FD-37-012	40°30'22.03"	11°41'07.33"	53.63	1.23	14.07	15.43	0.25	5.07	10.01	2.36	0.16	0.12	0.88	103.21
Eastern metabasalt	FD-37-013	40°30'22.03"	11°41'07.33"	52.66	0.99	14.75	13.09	0.22	6.23	10.62	2.16	0.18	0.09	0.82	101.81
Eastern metabasalt	FD-37-015	40°30'22.03"	11°41'07.33"	48.91	1.12	15.58	14.27	0.24	6.58	11.58	2.33	0.21	0.1	0.93	101.85

Eastern metabasalt	FD-37-016	40°30'22.03"	11°41'07.33"	48.7	1.28	17.47	13.65	0.18	7.7	9.23	2.04	0.93	0.17	2.46	103.81
Eastern metabasalt	FD-37-019	40°30'22.03"	11°41'07.33"	53.15	0.99	14.19	13.06	0.22	6.16	10.68	2.39	0.13	0.1	0.77	101.84
Eastern metabasalt	FD-016	40°29'24.00"	11°42'01.07"	53.15	1.02	12.62	12.62	0.26	5.85	8.6	2.1	0.34	0.06	0.94	97.56
Eastern metabasalt	FD-028	40°26'43.09"	11°48'24.59"	52.18	1.27	13.24	12.86	0.21	5.74	12.44	1.58	0.24	0.07	0.78	100.61
Western metabasalt	RR-022	40°36'07.38"	12°18'51.47"	49.47	0.95	14.28	12.39	0.23	5.88	10.75	2.3	0.61	0.07	0.76	97.69
Western basaltic metandesite	RR-F1-001	40°29'40.00"	11°53'22.35"	55.52	0.99	14.69	12.23	0.23	7.17	9.34	1.89	0.53	0.1	1.28	103.97
Western metabasalt	RR-F4-006	40°29'31.17"	11°54'14.89"	49.75	1.26	15.1	12.96	0.2	4.74	8.19	3.72	0.31	0.17	0.24	96.64
Western metabasalt	RR-F4-007	40°29'31.17"	11°54'14.89"	49.8	1.35	15.05	12.58	0.19	4.74	7.63	2.33	1.57	0.19	0.32	95.75
Western basaltic metandesite	RR-F6-001	40°29'35.54"	11°53'35.26"	57.06	1.34	16.4	7.24	0.11	2.37	5.92	4.71	1.18	0.2	0.8	97.33
Western metabasalt	RR-F6-002	40°29'35.54"	11°53'35.26"	48.04	1.56	17.37	11.27	0.19	4.64	7.21	4.03	0.99	0.17	0.64	96.11
Western metabasalt	RR-F6-003	40°29'35.54"	11°53'35.26"	46.4	1.45	15.54	12.8	0.24	5.95	8.21	2.93	0.98	0.17	0.68	95.35
Western metabasalt	RR-F6-004	40°29'35.54"	11°53'35.26"	48.72	1.3	14.51	11.68	0.2	5.15	9.4	2.04	0.83	0.19	1.04	95.06
Western metabasalt	RR-F6-005	40°29'35.54"	11°53'35.26"	50.26	1.28	15.5	13.09	0.2	4.94	8.52	3.14	0.96	0.17	0.35	98.41
Western metabasalt	RR-F6-006	40°29'35.54"	11°53'35.26"	50.5	1.34	15.71	12.96	0.2	4.44	8.48	3.53	0.83	0.19	0.26	98.44
Western metabasalt	RR-F6-007	40°29'35.54"	11°53'35.26"	52.73	1.4	15.78	10.57	0.17	4.16	8.13	3.74	0.18	0.2	0.25	97.31
Western metabasalt	RR-F6-008	40°29'35.54"	11°53'35.26"	48.98	1.29	15.2	12.44	0.2	5.18	8.36	3.3	0.91	0.16	0.35	96.37
Western metabasalt	RR-F6-009	40°29'35.54"	11°53'35.26"	48.1	1.33	15.23	13.02	0.22	6.3	8.15	2.59	0.22	0.16	0.14	95.46
Western metabasalt	RR-F6-010	40°29'35.54"	11°53'35.26"	50.64	1.4	15.08	12.75	0.22	5.37	7.19	2.54	0.63	0.18	0.05	96.05
Western metabasalt	RR-F6-016	40°29'35.54"	11°53'35.26"	54.48	0.71	16.43	11.03	0.23	6.07	3.52	4.04	1.19	0.07	2.47	100.24
Western metabasalt	RR-F6-018	40°29'35.54"	11°53'35.26"	53.79	0.63	15.71	9.44	0.2	6.19	9.82	2.35	0.24	0.09	0.77	99.23
Western basaltic metandesite	RR-F16-027	40°29'27.40"	11°53'33.16"	57.24	0.73	14.2	10.32	0.16	5.01	8.5	2.57	0.74	0.05	1.36	100.88
Metadacite	FD-052	40°29'26.72"	11°42'09.52"	70.98	0.34	14.22	5.08	0.07	2.09	1.24	2.02	2.46	0.04	1.55	100.09
Metarhyolite	RR-FST-002	40°29'33.55"	11°42'52.06"	73.2	0.41	11.49	6.58	0.08	1.63	1.81	1.41	2.69	0.08	0.74	100.12
Paleoproterozoic granites															
Jequitibá metagranite	RR-017	40°28'42.22"	12°07'46.24"	69.4	0.32	14.25	2.78	0.02	0.58	0.77	2.28	5.76	0.18	0.7	97.04
Areia Branca granite-gneiss	RR-015	40°28'53.96"	11°40'18.19"	77.35	0.19	14.58	2.18	0.03	0.35	0.63	3.11	5.56	0.06	0.5	104.54
Cachoeira Grande granite	RR-026	40°24'41.53"	11°25'44.37"	77.27	0.11	13.43	1.73	0.04	0.27	0.76	3.12	4.45	0.07	0.49	101.74

Note: Error interval for each element considering all samples analyzed and represented in terms of standard deviation (1σ) (Thompson, 1988): SiO₂ (1.55 - 2.71), TiO₂ (0.01 - 0.06), Al₂O₃ (0.08 - 0.59), Fe₂O₃t (0.06 - 0.53), MnO (0 - 0.03), MgO (0.01 - 0.82), CaO (0.01 - 0.45), Na₂O (0.01 - 0.17), K₂O (0 - 0.20), and P₂O₅ (0 - 0.01).

Table 9. Whole-rock REE geochemical data (ppm)

Unit and classification	Sample ID	La	Ce	Pr	Nd	Sm	Eu	Gd	Tb	Dy	Ho	Er	Tm	Yb	Lu
Gavião Block															
Fazenda Coqueiro metagranite	RR-008	54	119.8	13.13	49.4	10.3	0.89	10.42	1.83	11.5	2.46	7.35	1.1	7.4	1.08
Miguel Calmon metagranite	RR-025	32.5	54.2	5.62	18.4	2.4	0.63	1.34	0.15	0.7	0.12	0.38	0.025	0.3	0.025
Metarhyolite/metadacite	RR-007	51.1	0.49	11.96	46.6	9.3	1.65	9.49	1.54	9.67	1.98	6.16	0.93	6	0.92
Metarhyolite/metadacite	RR-009	52.1	0.39	12.13	47.3	9.5	1.76	9.64	1.61	10.29	2.18	6.58	0.95	6.2	0.92
Metarhyolite/metadacite	RR-374	96.9	0.36	19.56	72.9	14.4	1.29	11.79	1.58	8.56	1.46	3.42	0.46	2.9	0.43
Metarhyolite/metadacite	RR-595	54.4	0.53	12.16	44.7	8.1	1.3	6.97	1.21	7.91	1.74	4.91	0.75	5.2	0.69
Metarhyolite/metadacite	RR-598	36.9	0.29	7.09	27.2	5.2	0.97	5.41	0.87	5.73	1.2	3.57	0.58	3.7	0.58
Metarhyolite/metadacite	RR-783B	67.2	0.34	13.86	52.6	10.5	1.07	9.8	1.57	10.37	2.2	6.76	1.05	6.9	1.08
Metarhyolite/metadacite	RR-786	35.4	0.34	5.73	22.5	5	1.03	5.94	1.08	8.36	1.95	6.6	1.09	7.5	1.18
Metarhyolite/metadacite	RR-896	65.5	0.48	15.65	59.7	12.5	2.16	13.28	2.22	14.49	3.05	9.09	1.38	8.7	1.27
Metarhyolite/metadacite	RR-F16-001	72	0.2	15.75	61.7	11.8	2.02	11.26	1.8	11.81	2.56	7.64	1.13	7.7	1.11
Metarhyolite/metadacite	RR-F16-004	56.6	0.72	11.94	46.9	10	1.78	10.42	1.73	11.49	2.41	7.36	1.07	7.3	1.03
Metarhyolite/metadacite	RR-F16-005	53.5	0.7	11.81	45.8	9.5	1.64	9.71	1.62	10.53	2.17	6.41	0.98	6.6	0.99
Metarhyolite/metadacite	RR-F16-007	56.3	0.38	12.2	47.6	10.1	1.79	10.55	1.72	11.25	2.39	7.37	1.06	7.2	1.05
Metarhyolite/metadacite	RR-F16-008	50.3	1.08	10.87	42.7	9.1	1.69	9.37	1.64	10.8	2.28	7.03	1.04	7	1.05
Metarhyolite/metadacite	RR-F16-009	58.3	0.55	12.77	50.4	10.2	1.73	10.09	1.63	10.84	2.24	6.89	1	6.6	1
Mundo Novo greenstone belt															
Metakomatiite	RR-011B	9.5	13.2	1.18	3.8	0.6	0.2	0.68	0.12	0.74	0.16	0.49	0.07	0.5	0.07
Metakomatiite	FD-37-017	7.2	12.6	1.62	6.7	1.4	0.43	1.56	0.21	1.49	0.3	0.94	0.13	0.9	0.13
Metakomatiite	FD-058A	7.1	6.5	1.3	5.3	1.2	0.42	1.6	0.26	1.6	0.32	1	0.14	0.8	0.025
Metakomatiite	FD-070	4.9	3.7	1.17	4.7	1.3	0.51	1.74	0.29	1.81	0.41	1.11	0.19	1.1	0.11
Eastern metabasalt	RR-006	5	10.2	1.46	7	2.1	0.76	2.71	0.46	3.01	0.63	1.88	0.26	1.7	0.26
Eastern metabasalt	RR-011C	10.7	24.1	3.15	14.4	3.7	1.04	4.02	0.64	3.92	0.79	2.25	0.3	1.8	0.27
Eastern metabasalt	RR-014B	6.4	11.9	1.95	9.3	2.9	1	3.8	0.69	4.83	1.03	3.09	0.45	2.9	0.44
Eastern metabasalt	RR-018A	7	16.3	2.22	10.3	2.9	1	3.73	0.66	4.31	0.93	2.72	0.41	2.6	0.39
Eastern metabasalt	RR-018B	7.3	13.4	1.87	9.1	2.8	0.9	3.54	0.61	4.17	0.89	2.69	0.38	2.5	0.38
Eastern metabasalt	RR-018C	9.3	20.9	2.66	12.1	3.2	1.04	3.9	0.68	4.42	0.96	2.88	0.41	2.7	0.41
Eastern metabasalt	RR-018D	8	18	2.31	10.7	2.8	0.98	3.58	0.63	4.16	0.91	2.67	0.38	2.5	0.39
Eastern metabasalt	RR-071	11.6	19.1	2.9	13.1	3.4	1.06	4.63	0.69	4.52	0.87	2.54	0.33	2.1	0.32
Eastern metabasalt	RR-072	11	24.6	2.93	13.9	3.8	1.28	4.67	0.77	4.6	0.94	2.6	0.37	2.2	0.37
Eastern metabasalt	RR-078	10	12.8	2.19	10.3	3.1	1.17	4.41	0.75	5.28	1.09	3.39	0.5	3.3	0.51
Eastern metabasalt	RR-080	10.1	14.1	1.96	8.9	2.7	0.99	3.95	0.71	4.69	0.99	3.09	0.43	2.8	0.46
Eastern metabasalt	FD-37-001	6.1	12.6	1.83	8.9	2.5	0.99	3.62	0.64	4.28	0.88	2.76	0.38	2.6	0.4
Eastern metabasalt	FD-37-002	5	11.3	1.7	8.4	2.5	0.96	3.44	0.63	4.21	0.9	2.63	0.37	2.5	0.39
Eastern metabasalt	FD-37-004	5.7	13.7	2.08	9.9	3.4	1.22	4.39	0.79	5.28	1.15	3.22	0.5	3.3	0.49
Eastern metabasalt	FD-37-005	6.5	14.9	2.26	10.5	3.2	1.12	4.55	0.78	5.16	1.13	3.4	0.49	3.1	0.49
Eastern metabasalt	FD-37-006	4.9	8.4	1.2	6.2	1.9	0.7	2.73	0.49	3.09	0.68	1.96	0.3	1.9	0.28
Eastern metabasalt	FD-37-007	6.2	12	1.77	8.3	2.6	0.94	3.41	0.6	4.31	0.88	2.45	0.4	2.6	0.38
Eastern metabasalt	FD-37-009	5.7	11.7	1.61	7.9	2.4	0.86	3.31	0.59	4.05	0.83	2.54	0.38	2.4	0.37
Eastern metabasalt	FD-37-011	6.1	12.7	1.82	8.4	2.5	0.96	3.46	0.6	3.96	0.87	2.63	0.37	2.5	0.41
Eastern metabasalt	FD-37-012	6.3	14.1	2.02	10	3.3	1.16	4.49	0.77	5.42	1.11	3.33	0.49	3.3	0.48
Eastern metabasalt	FD-37-013	4.6	11.2	1.7	8.9	2.7	0.97	4	0.71	4.35	0.96	2.86	0.47	2.7	0.43
Eastern metabasalt	FD-37-015	6.9	12.9	1.91	9.2	3	1.07	4.21	0.73	4.82	1.06	3.12	0.46	3	0.5
Eastern metabasalt	FD-37-016	6.9	14.8	2.32	11.1	3.7	1.27	4.86	0.87	5.5	1.22	3.64	0.52	3.4	0.54
Eastern metabasalt	FD-37-019	7.1	14.1	1.95	9.3	2.8	1	3.62	0.67	4.45	0.96	2.81	0.42	2.8	0.46
Eastern metabasalt	FD-016	7.4	12	1.94	9	2.6	0.94	3.78	0.65	4.42	0.92	2.93	0.39	2.6	0.4
Eastern metabasalt	FD-028	5.7	13.1	1.99	10.2	3.2	1.12	4.34	0.72	4.82	1	2.92	0.44	2.9	0.42
Western metabasalt	RR-022	18.6	27.6	4.74	19.2	4.8	1.42	4.98	0.84	5.49	1.14	3.28	0.48	3.1	0.44
Western basaltic metandesite	RR-F1-001	21.1	39.1	5.18	20	4.7	1.41	5.23	0.84	5.07	0.98	2.72	0.38	2.6	0.41
Western metabasalt	RR-F4-006	23	44.3	5.6	23.4	5.5	1.54	6.15	1	6.56	1.33	4	0.57	3.8	0.56
Western metabasalt	RR-F4-007	25	45.8	5.79	23.4	5.6	1.59	6.4	1.04	6.79	1.31	3.94	0.56	3.7	0.58
Western basaltic metandesite	RR-F6-001	25.8	48.7	6.24	24.9	5.7	1.45	6.51	1.06	6.74	1.32	3.79	0.59	3.7	0.55
Western metabasalt	RR-F6-002	26.5	55.2	7.1	28.2	6.8	1.67	7.62	1.22	7.71	1.56	4.58	0.66	4.4	0.64
Western metabasalt	RR-F6-003	27.7	47.5	5.96	24.3	5.8	1.63	6.67	1.1	6.86	1.42	4.26	0.67	4	0.66

Western metabasalt	RR-F6-004	23.9	45.4	5.88	23.6	5.9	1.4	6.56	1.08	6.87	1.41	3.99	0.6	3.8	0.54	
Western metabasalt	RR-F6-005	23.4	45.9	5.91	24.2	5.8	1.72	6.58	1.06	6.59	1.38	4.26	0.58	3.9	0.6	
Western metabasalt	RR-F6-006	21.7	45.1	5.82	23	5.7	2.06	6.48	1	6.67	1.37	4.12	0.56	3.8	0.58	
Western metabasalt	RR-F6-007	22.2	45.8	6.05	24.2	5.8	2.01	6.86	1.09	6.9	1.39	4.13	0.59	3.9	0.6	
Western metabasalt	RR-F6-008	23.9	48	6.04	24.8	6	1.93	6.65	1.05	6.62	1.32	3.99	0.6	3.8	0.58	
Western metabasalt	RR-F6-009	21.3	44.8	5.84	23.9	5.9	1.82	6.59	1.02	6.79	1.36	4.15	0.57	3.8	0.57	
Western metabasalt	RR-F6-010	23	44.3	5.79	23.6	5.4	1.56	6.8	1.04	6.61	1.36	4	0.66	3.8	0.61	
Western metabasalt	RR-F6-016	10.9	19.2	2.35	9.5	2	0.53	2.59	0.43	3.01	0.72	2.09	0.33	2.2	0.34	
Western metabasalt	RR-F6-018	16.2	31.8	3.92	15.7	3.4	0.98	3.88	0.61	3.66	0.77	2.34	0.34	2.1	0.35	
Western basaltic metandesite	RR-F16-027	24.1	30.9	3.65	14.2	3.1	0.83	3.61	0.56	3.64	0.75	2.17	0.35	2.1	0.33	
Metadacite	FD-052	16.3	29.8	2.97	12.4	2.8	0.69	2.62	0.43	2.81	0.52	1.54	0.18	1.3	0.16	
Metarhyolite	RR-FST-002	35.5	64.4	6.27	23.9	4.4	0.94	4.09	0.6	3.66	0.73	2.25	0.27	2.2	0.26	
Paleoproterozoic																
granites																
Jequitibá metagranite	RR-017	61	131.7	14.83	53.2	9.6	0.73	5.14	0.55	2.06	0.29	0.68	0.08	0.4	0.05	
Areia Branca granite-gneiss	RR-015	34.4	62.1	6.38	20.6	3.5	0.34	2.91	0.39	1.75	0.26	0.64	0.08	0.4	0.06	
Cachoeira Grande granite	RR-026	22.5	42.9	4.55	15.5	3.5	0.45	3.15	0.5	2.8	0.49	1.36	0.19	1.2	0.17	

Note: Error interval for each element considering all samples analyzed and represented in terms of standard deviation (1σ) (Thompson, 1988): La (0.23 - 3.31), Ce (0.09 - 4.47), Pr (0.08 - 0.69), Nd (0.21 - 2.51), Sm (0.10 - 0.56), Eu (0.05 - 0.11), Gd (0.06 - 0.48), Tb (0.04 - 0.11), Dy (0.06 - 0.52), Ho (0.04 - 0.14), Er (0.05 - 0.34), Tm (0.04 - 0.08), Yb (0.09 - 0.37), and Lu (0.04 - 0.08).

Table 10. Whole-rock trace and minor element geochemical data (ppm)

Unit and classification	Sample ID	Cs	Ba	Th	U	Ta	Nb	Zr	Hf	Ti	Y	Sr	Rb	Ni	V
Gavião Block															
Fazenda Coqueiro metagranite	RR-008	0.28	442	15.3	3.47	1.83	27.96	280	9.3	540	63.39	22	73.6	2.5	2.5
Miguel Calmon metagranite	RR-025	0.39	598	6	1.14	0.27	4.28	122	3.32	840	3.58	333	74.2	6	2.5
Metarhyolite/metadacite	RR-007	0.53	609	9.7	2.17	0.95	16.45	326	8.47	840	60.45	54	38	2.5	2.5
Metarhyolite/metadacite	RR-009	18.79	625	9.9	2.47	0.73	17.05	327	8.55	780	62.44	58	73.5	2.5	2.5
Metarhyolite/metadacite	RR-374	1.49	196	31.7	4.85	1.35	45.02	613	16.5	1500	35.25	60	93.1	32	104
Metarhyolite/metadacite	RR-595	0.78	631	10.6	1.7	1.19	18.86	417	10.57	3720	43.76	133	35.5	6	37
Metarhyolite/metadacite	RR-598	8.65	651	10.1	2.14	1.04	15.43	389	9.59	2580	30.78	123	87.2	8	73
Metarhyolite/metadacite	RR-783B	3.35	531	13.9	4.5	1.6	19.02	379	9.7	2340	61.91	75	79.5	30	145
Metarhyolite/metadacite	RR-786	1	579	11.8	3.58	2.24	20.71	436	11.85	1020	55.79	78	59.3	30	170
Metarhyolite/metadacite	RR-896	21.29	939	15	3.22	0.82	20.15	404	11.77	1380	79.99	73	112.1	6	2.5
Metarhyolite/metadacite	RR-F16-001	2.98	663	11.7	2.89	1.21	16.21	413	10.34	1080	69.77	45	39.9	16	69
Metarhyolite/metadacite	RR-F16-004	1.72	753	11.2	2.9	1.27	16.03	433	10.53	1080	65.51	42	42.8	16	121
Metarhyolite/metadacite	RR-F16-005	1.25	853	11	3.35	1.23	15.32	381	9.58	1020	60.09	36	36.3	6	27
Metarhyolite/metadacite	RR-F16-007	0.72	596	10.9	3.15	1.25	16.17	391	9.39	1080	64.62	67	22.8	23	91
Metarhyolite/metadacite	RR-F16-008	0.4	673	11.3	2.64	1.19	15.72	371	9.56	1020	62.32	33	37.8	15	69
Metarhyolite/metadacite	RR-F16-009	0.28	693	11.3	2.72	1.14	15.53	348	9.23	900	62.6	36	31.8	23	79
Mundo Novo greenstone belt															
Metakomatiite	RR-011B	0.37	5	1.2	0.35	0.025	2.45	13	0.53	1500	4.47	12	1.2	945	2.5
Metakomatiite	FD-37-017	0.51	176	2.8	1.38	0.3	1.69	43	1.31	1380	8.83	49	10.3	644	42
Metakomatiite	FD-058A	0.06	42	2.6	0.72	0.36	1.27	20	0.63	420	10.47	5	1.6	587	2.5
Metakomatiite	FD-070	0.11	50	0.8	0.39	0.025	0.58	15	0.2	420	12.02	5	1	493	2.5
Eastern metabasalt	RR-006	0.76	104	0.5	0.16	0.025	3.3	40	1.27	4980	18.07	90	8.1	115	207
Eastern metabasalt	RR-011C	1.52	134	2.3	0.66	0.17	7.32	93	2.48	7140	21.67	100	8.1	110	232
Eastern metabasalt	RR-014B	0.13	122	0.8	0.13	0.025	2.66	69	1.96	6000	28.43	108	6.1	112	283
Eastern metabasalt	RR-018A	0.3	110	1.8	0.31	0.025	5.3	77	2.15	6240	26.24	109	4	112	295
Eastern metabasalt	RR-018B	0.21	80	1	0.27	0.025	3.59	67	1.87	6420	24.46	120	5.8	110	306
Eastern metabasalt	RR-018C	0.17	132	1.8	0.42	0.025	9.69	75	1.99	6600	27.2	128	2.1	112	306
Eastern metabasalt	RR-018D	0.16	119	2.7	0.42	0.34	7.56	72	2.07	6360	25.88	162	1.8	109	292
Eastern metabasalt	RR-071	0.77	73	2.3	0.31	0.025	5.52	84	2.52	8760	22.27	66	5.2	92	306
Eastern metabasalt	RR-072	0.36	30	1.1	0.29	0.025	4.77	88	2.71	9120	22.77	185	4	97	315
Eastern metabasalt	RR-078	0.25	242	0.8	0.29	0.025	3.08	69	2.23	6900	28.29	94	7.6	125	315
Eastern metabasalt	RR-080	0.27	102	0.9	0.39	0.025	2.91	83	2	5820	24.88	133	11.7	124	386
Eastern metabasalt	FD-37-001	0.2	108	0.4	0.35	0.025	2.26	78	1.97	5820	22.32	109	2.6	90	366
Eastern metabasalt	FD-37-002	0.17	46	0.1	0.22	0.025	1.93	69	1.99	5880	22.86	110	2.8	108	371
Eastern metabasalt	FD-37-004	0.09	40	0.4	0.23	0.025	2.46	85	2.28	6660	27.81	107	2.3	72	423
Eastern metabasalt	FD-37-005	0.07	34	0.4	0.26	0.025	2.75	91	2.36	7260	29.87	127	1.6	62	425
Eastern metabasalt	FD-37-006	0.41	53	0.05	0.18	0.025	1	48	1.37	4260	16.4	107	4.9	152	298
Eastern metabasalt	FD-37-007	0.42	232	0.3	0.24	0.025	1.99	79	1.91	5940	23.31	122	6.6	142	362
Eastern metabasalt	FD-37-009	0.24	185	0.2	0.24	0.025	1.84	73	1.87	5580	22.88	117	3.3	164	374
Eastern metabasalt	FD-37-011	0.29	127	0.5	0.27	0.025	4.03	56	1.69	6120	22.3	111	4.7	148	299
Eastern metabasalt	FD-37-012	0.12	40	0.4	0.27	0.025	3.5	96	2.41	7380	28.27	109	2	49	490
Eastern metabasalt	FD-37-013	0.41	54	0.05	0.21	0.025	2.23	73	1.93	5940	22.35	113	4.6	106	379
Eastern metabasalt	FD-37-015	0.51	116	0.2	0.27	0.025	2.62	87	2.15	6720	26.05	120	5.5	116	415
Eastern metabasalt	FD-37-016	1.29	768	5	0.47	1.61	4.5	96	3.96	7680	28.83	107	32.9	110	451
Eastern metabasalt	FD-37-019	0.09	35	0.7	0.27	0.025	2.52	77	2.16	5940	23.28	112	1.5	77	409
Eastern metabasalt	FD-016	0.32	161	1.5	0.36	0.14	2.64	78	2.09	6120	24.9	111	8.2	104	323
Eastern metabasalt	FD-028	0.92	56	0.7	0.21	0.17	2.92	75	1.91	7620	25.05	132	8.9	111	322
Western metabasalt	RR-022	0.31	78	1.9	0.46	0.32	5.25	87	2.36	5700	28.44	574	13.7	83	192
Western basaltic metandesite	RR-F1-001	1.2	141	4.2	0.95	0.025	6.22	138	3.44	5940	25.4	127	16.3	148	257
Western metabasalt	RR-F4-006	0.12	72	3.4	1.06	0.15	7.06	169	4.5	7560	32.18	187	4.5	88	331
Western metabasalt	RR-F4-007	0.63	480	3.3	1.08	0.08	7.8	171	4.31	8100	35.3	180	46.2	89	338
Western basaltic metandesite	RR-F6-001	1.6	216	4.4	1.39	0.26	9.05	177	4.94	8040	32.77	131	43.7	106	358
Western metabasalt	RR-F6-002	1.9	188	4.3	1.3	0.24	8.7	192	5.27	9360	40.14	108	29.5	91	312
Western metabasalt	RR-F6-003	1.11	244	3.6	1.16	0.025	8.05	183	4.73	8700	36.53	127	19.8	97	366
Western metabasalt	RR-F6-004	1.31	184	3.3	1.09	0.025	7.05	161	4.52	7800	33.53	80	20.9	93	310
Western metabasalt	RR-F6-005	2.57	278	3.3	1.09	0.025	7.1	171	4.45	7680	34.07	205	19.2	92	316
Western metabasalt	RR-F6-006	0.46	228	3.3	1.11	0.025	7.49	167	4.41	8040	36.03	214	16.5	91	322

Western metabasalt	RR-F6-007	0.12	98	3.4	1.11	0.025	7.34	172	4.32	8400	35.58	148	2.7	86	322
Western metabasalt	RR-F6-008	1.01	157	3.2	1.01	0.025	6.82	163	4.46	7740	34.29	152	16.5	88	326
Western metabasalt	RR-F6-009	0.19	55	3.2	1.03	0.025	7.48	162	4.4	7980	37.08	204	3.3	93	319
Western metabasalt	RR-F6-010	0.55	184	3.1	1.08	0.025	7.51	170	4.36	8400	34.44	171	12.2	89	328
Western metabasalt	RR-F6-016	2	130	2.8	0.96	0.025	4.54	130	3.07	4260	17.1	54	27.2	51	241
Western metabasalt	RR-F6-018	0.33	59	2.7	0.93	0.025	4.04	118	2.86	3780	20.71	220	4.3	82	221
Western basaltic metandesite	RR-F16-027	0.55	136	3.1	1.08	0.31	2.85	121	2.82	4380	20.78	112	21.5	80	313
Metadacite	FD-052	3.29	553	7	5.24	1.01	9.57	83	2.72	2040	14.94	109	92.3	99	76
Metarhyolite	RR-FST-002	5.83	631	17.1	5.37	0.26	8.37	152	4.88	2460	19.91	144	95.3	49	67
Paleoproterozoic granites															
Jequitibá metagranite	RR-017	3.55	395	58.3	10.98	0.2	12.16	172	5.11	1920	9.35	59	312.2	12	2.5
Areia Branca granite-gneiss	RR-015	0.51	872	22.8	4.55	0.1	6.27	173	2.49	1140	13.71	43	118.6	2.5	2.5
Cachoeira Grande granite	RR-026	3.62	347	17.6	6.74	1.48	17.81	55	2.08	660	14.25	71	233.9	6	2.5

Note: Error interval for each element considering all samples analyzed and represented in terms of standard deviation (1σ) (Thompson, 1988): Cs (0.04 - 0.75), Ba (8.5 - 39.63), Th (0.08 - 2.02), U (0.04 - 0.40), Ta (0.04 - 0.11), Nb (0.06 - 1.54), Zr (8.77 - 28.77), Hf (0.05 - 0.59), Ti (see TiO_2 error in the Note of the Table 8), Y (0.16 - 2.71), Sr (8.50 - 27.46), Rb (0.2 - 10.57), Ni (4.25 - 35.67), and V (0.50 - 16.75).

8.1. Gavião Block

The granitic composition of the studied rocks of the Gavião Block was confirmed in the lithological classification diagram (Fig. 8A-B), and the data points slightly overlap the peraluminous field in the granite discrimination diagram based on the primary mineralogy (Maniar and Piccoli, 1989) (Fig. 8C). The chondrite-normalized REE patterns (Boynton, 1984) for the Miguel Calmon and Fazenda Coqueiro granitic bodies are distinct. The REE pattern of the Miguel Calmon metagranite is more fractionated than that of the Fazenda Coqueiro metagranite (Fig. 8D-E). The Miguel Calmon metagranite yields a Eu/Eu^* ratio of 1.07, indicating a positive Eu anomaly ($\text{Eu}/\text{Eu}^* > 1$: from Rollinson, 1993), unlike the Fazenda Coqueiro metagranite, which yields a Eu/Eu^* value of 0.26 indicative of a negative Eu anomaly ($\text{Eu}/\text{Eu}^* < 1$: from Rollinson, 1993) (Fig. 8D-E). This difference may be because of significant quantities of feldspar in the source of the latter unit or different temperature and oxidation conditions during magmatic crystallization of the two granitic bodies.

The felsic metavolcanic rocks of the Gavião Block were classified as metarhyolites and metadacites (Fig. 8A-B) and are slightly metaluminous to strongly peraluminous, probably because of the formation of muscovite and biotite during metamorphic and hydrothermal processes (Fig. 8C). However, the high SiO_2 contents in some of the metarhyolite and metadacite samples, some of which are approximately 80 wt.% (Table 8), suggest extraction from a protolith with a residual melt that was highly silicic.

The chondrite-normalized REE pattern of the felsic metavolcanic rocks (Boynton, 1984) (Fig. 8E) shows a flat pattern from Lu to Gd, with normalized values between 10 and 100, indicating that hornblende was not present in the liquid, and light REE fractionation from Sm to La, with La normalized values of approximately 200, which may mean that some crustal contamination occurred during magma ascent or during metamorphic processes. The average Eu/Eu^* ratio of 0.51 is evidence of a negative Eu anomaly resulting from the retention of feldspar in the source during partial melting or early feldspar crystallization from the melt by fractional crystallization. Furthermore, the changing oxidation conditions during differentiation could also explain the negative Eu anomalies in the metarhyolites and metadacites.

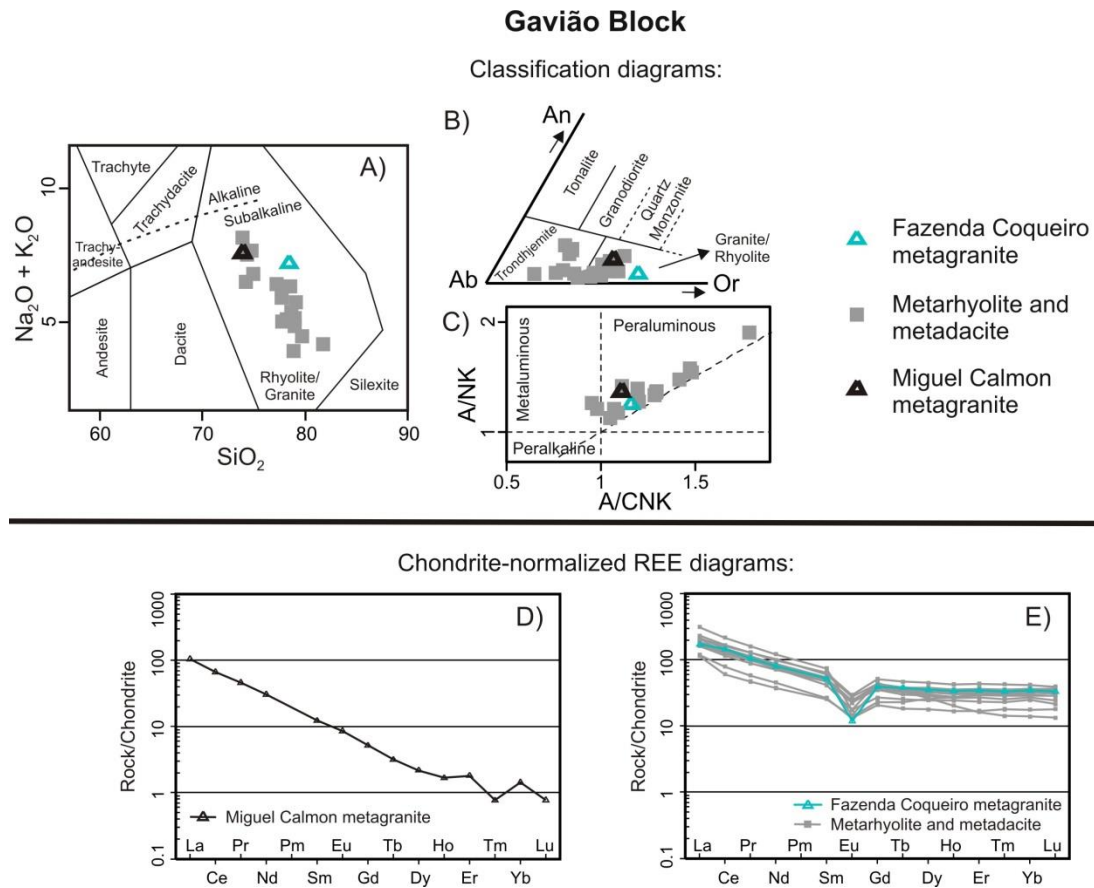


Fig. 8. Lithogeochemical diagrams for Gavião Block rocks. A) SiO₂ vs. Na₂O + K₂O classification diagram (Middlemost, 1994). B) Ternary diagram of feldspar: Ab: albite, An: anorthite, Or: orthoclase (O'Connor, 1965). C) Molar concentration [Al₂O₃ / (CaO + Na₂O + K₂O)] vs. Molar concentration [Al₂O₃ / (Na₂O + K₂O)] diagram (Maniar and Piccoli, 1989). D-E) Chondrite-normalized REE diagram (Boynnton, 1984).

8.2. Mundo Novo greenstone belt

The bivariate diagrams of TiO₂ and Al₂O₃ (the least mobile major elements), FeO_t and MgO (mobile major elements), Ni (conservative trace element), Y (immobile trace element), and La and Ce (light REE) versus Zr have been drawn for the metakomatiites from the lower sequence and the eastern and western metabasalts and metadacites from the middle sequence of the MNGB, as shown in Fig. 9, and show important correlations. Zr was used as a crystal fractionation index because of its immobility during alteration and metamorphism and its large range of concentration in igneous suites resulting from varying degrees of partial melting and fractional crystallization (Furnes et al., 2013). The Zr concentrations are 13-43 ppm in the metakomatiites, 40-192 ppm in the eastern and western metabasalts and 83-152 ppm in the metadacites.

TiO₂ defines a positive pattern versus Zr, and the eastern and western metabasalts form separate groups with the same slope. The Al₂O₃ diagram features a positive asymptotic pattern, in which the metakomatiite samples plot near the origin, the metabasalt samples form a trend where the western metabasalts exhibit relatively high values of Al₂O₃, and the metadacites are approximately aligned with this trend. Four distinct and dispersed groups are present in the FeO_t plot, possibly because of the mobility of Fe during alteration. The negative asymptotic patterns in the MgO and Ni diagrams form well-defined trends that can be explained by the fractional crystallization of olivine and pyroxene in the metakomatiites and metabasalts. Y, La and Ce, which are considered immobile elements, show well-defined positive correlations versus Zr. Therefore, they were used to demonstrate that the

metakomatiites, eastern and western metabasalts and metadacites from the MNGB could be related by fractional crystallization.

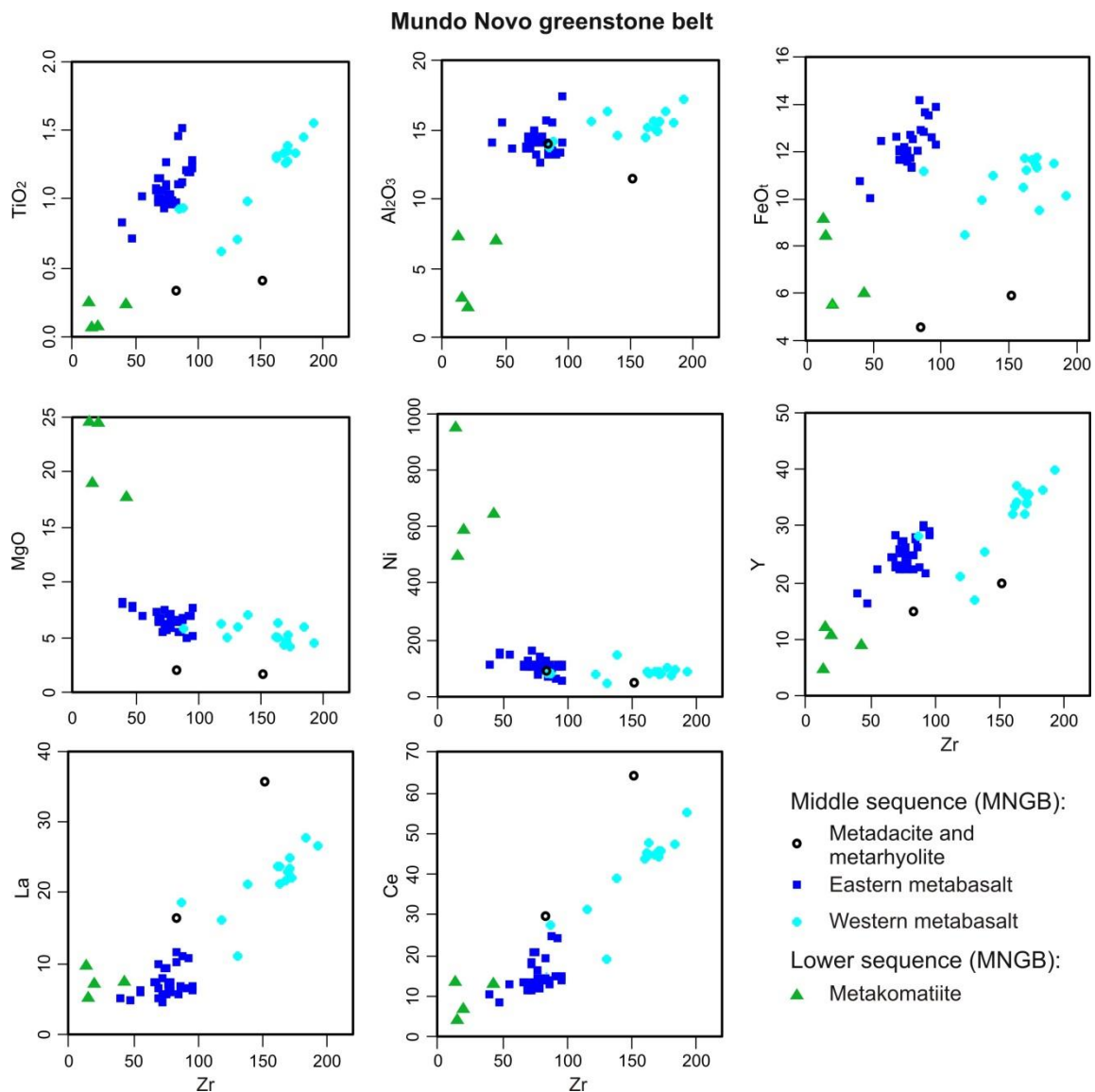


Fig. 9. Binary plots using Zr as a differentiation index for the metavolcanic rocks of the MNGB.

Lower Sequence

The metakomatiites of the MNGB are peridotitic, with MgO concentrations of 17-25 wt.% (Fig. 10A), and plot near the MgO vertex in the AFM diagram (Irvine and Baragar, 1971) (Fig. 10B). The high silica contents (greater than 50 wt.%) (Table 8) suggest the introduction of silica by ocean-floor hydrothermal activity. The chondrite-normalized REE geochemical pattern (Boynnton, 1984) indicates enrichment in light REE in at least two samples of the metakomatiites in the MNGB, similar to the komatiite pattern from the Onverwacht Suite of the Barberton greenstone belt, South Africa (Jahn et al., 1982) (Fig. 10D). The other two samples did not show a representative pattern in the chondrite-normalized REE diagram. The $(La/Yb)_N$ ratios in the metakomatiites in the MNGB are low, with an average of approximately 5 and a minimum of 2.69. However, the low values of Nb (≤ 2.45 ppm) and Ti (≤ 0.150 ppm) and the Ti/Zr ratio (≤ 0.012), in addition to the enrichment in U and Th, may indicate possible crustal enrichment in the MNGB metakomatiites.

Middle Sequence

8.2.1. Eastern and western metabasalts

The division of MNGB metabasalts into the two eastern and western groups, as previously discussed based on petrography, was further confirmed by the REE patterns. The two groups have subtle geochemical differences. The eastern metabasalts have higher percentages of Fe and Ti than do the western metabasalts (Fig. 10A), with some western metabasalt samples showing a small andesitic trend. In the AFM diagram, it is also possible to see two distinct groups of samples, both in the tholeiitic series field, with just three samples of western metabasalts plotting in the calc-alkalic series field (Fig. 10B). These differences between the metabasalts may indicate different levels of crustal assimilation during the ascension of the magma or during metamorphic processes. The samples in the calc-alkalic series field correspond to basaltic metandesites related to the western metabasalts unit.

In the chondrite-normalized REE diagram (Boynnton, 1984), the western metabasalts are more fractionated and enriched in light REE, with La normalized values near 100, than the eastern metabasalts, which show a flat REE pattern (Fig. 10E-F). The fractionation difference is also observed in the average $(La/Yb)_N$ ratio, in which the western metabasalts have a value of 5.11, and the eastern metabasalts have a value of 1.91. Moreover, the negative Ti anomaly is more accentuated in the western metabasalts than in the eastern metabasalts, and the western metabasalts are more enriched in Th, Cs, La, Ce and Nd than are the eastern metabasalt rocks.

However, both eastern and western metabasalts seem to be cogenetic and consistent with the nearby settings in the MNGB, but they experienced different levels of crustal assimilation during magma ascent, during volcanic processes in the ocean floor or through posterior tectonic processes.

8.2.2 Metadacites and metarhyolites

The felsic metavolcanic rocks of the middle sequence of the MNGB are classified as metadacites and metarhyolites (Fig. 10C). The chondrite-normalized REE diagram (Boynnton, 1984) for these rocks subtly slopes from Lu to Gd, with a negative Eu anomaly (Fig. 10G), as indicated by the average Eu/Eu^* ratio of 0.64. The Eu anomaly is likely due to the retention of feldspar in the source during partial melting or the removal of feldspar from the melt via crystal fractionation. Enrichment in light REE with strong fractionation from Sm through La is also observed.

The metadacites and metarhyolites in the MNGB have peculiar litho-geochemical characteristics that differ from those of the felsic metavolcanic rocks of the Gavião Block (metarhyolites and metadacites). The REE values of the MNGB rocks are lower, and the pattern implies slightly more fractionation than in the Gavião Block rock pattern. In addition, the values of Hf and Zr are lower and the depletion in Ti is more discrete in the MNGB metadacites than in the metarhyolites in the Gavião Block on the N-MORB-normalized multielement diagram of the trace elements, showing more crustal influence in the metarhyolites in the Gavião Block.

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Classification diagrams:

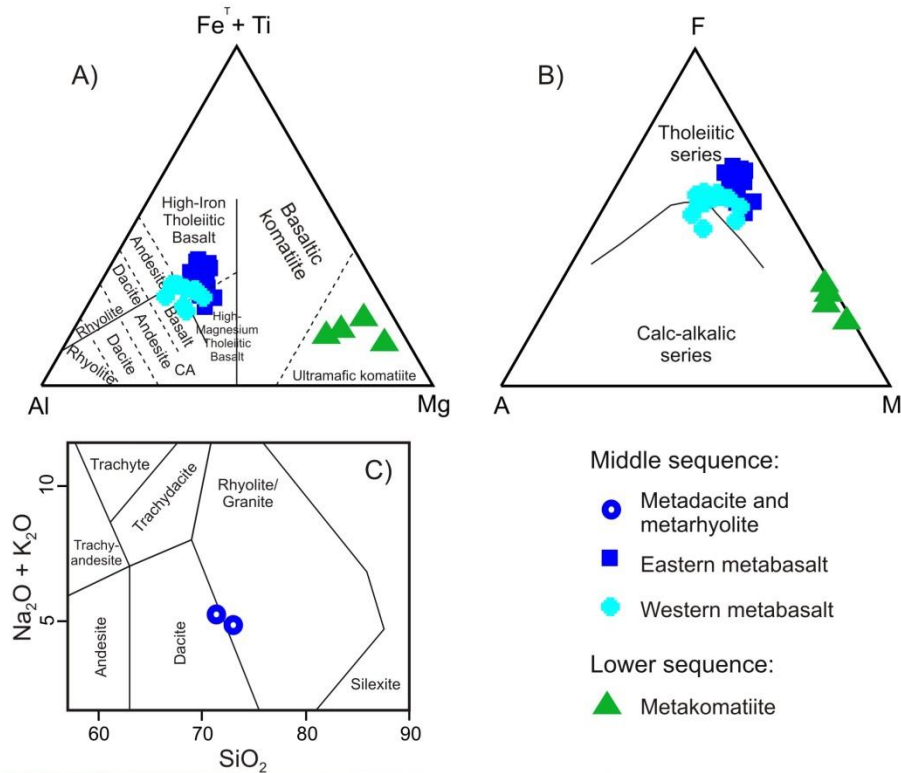


Fig. 10. Lithochemical diagrams for MNGB rocks. A) Classification diagram of Jensen (1976): $Fe^T + Ti = FeO + Fe_2O_3 + TiO_2$; $Al = Al_2O_3$; $Mg = MgO$. B) AFM diagram, tholeiitic and calc-alkalic series (Irvine and Baragar, 1971), $A = Na_2O + K_2O$; $F = 0.8998Fe_2O_3$; $M = MgO$. C) SiO_2 vs. $Na_2O + K_2O$ classification diagram (Middlemost, 1994). Chondrite-normalized REE diagram (Boynton, 1984): D) Metakomatiites in the MNGB lower sequence; E) Eastern metabasalts in the MNGB middle sequence; F) Western metabasalts in the MNGB middle sequence; G) Metadacite and metarhyolite in the MNGB middle sequence.

8.3. Paleoproterozoic metagranites

The Areia Branca, Cachoeira Grande and Jequitibá metagranites in the MNGB region were confirmed to be granitic in composition, as evidenced by the lithological classification diagram (Fig. 11A-B), and slightly peraluminous, as evidenced by the granite discrimination diagram based on the primary mineralogy (Maniar and Piccoli, 1989) (Fig. 11C).

The chondrite-normalized REE patterns (Boynnton, 1984) for the three granites vary (Fig. 11D); however, all three generally have a high proportion of light REE relative to heavy REE, likely because of the crustal assimilation of felsic melt. The negative Eu anomalies (Fig. 11D) evidenced by the Eu/Eu* ratios of 0.32 (Areia Branca granite-gneiss), 0.40 (Cachoeira Grande granite) and 0.31 (Jequitibá metagranite) may imply significant quantities of feldspar in the source of the felsic melt.

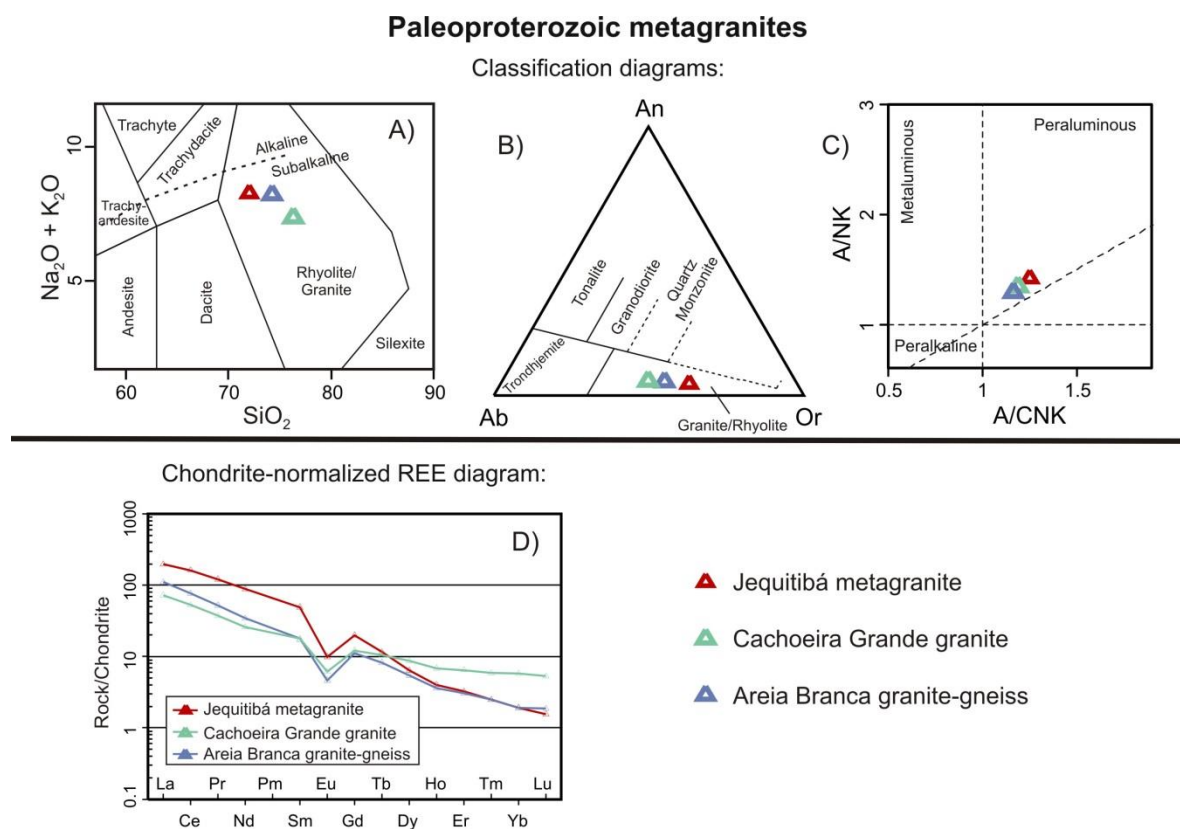


Fig. 11. Lithogeochemical diagrams for the Paleoproterozoic metagranites. A) SiO_2 vs. $\text{Na}_2\text{O} + \text{K}_2\text{O}$ diagram (Middlemost, 1994). B) Ternary diagram of feldspar: Ab: albite, An: anorthite, Or: orthoclase (O'Connor, 1965). C) Molar concentration $[\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3 / (\text{CaO} + \text{Na}_2\text{O} + \text{K}_2\text{O})]$ vs. Molar concentration $[\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3 / (\text{Na}_2\text{O} + \text{K}_2\text{O})]$ diagram (Maniar and Piccoli, 1989). D) Chondrite-normalized REE diagram (Boynnton, 1984).

9. Discussion

9.1. Tectonic setting

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The multielement diagram normalized to N-MORB (Hofmann, 1988) indicates negative Ta and Nb anomalies in the Miguel Calmon metagranite, which may indicate association with a syn-collisional and subduction setting (Fig. 12A). These characteristics differ from those of the Fazenda Coqueiro metagranite, which showed higher values for these elements, suggesting a within-plate setting (Fig. 12B). Both granites probably experienced crustal contamination, given the high values of Cs, Ba, Th and U and the negative Ti anomaly.

In the tectonic discrimination diagram (Pearce et al., 1984), the Fazenda Coqueiro metagranite plots in the within-plate granite field, and the Miguel Calmon metagranite plots in the syn-collisional and volcanic arc granite fields (Fig. 12C-D), confirming the previous diagrams. The Miguel Calmon metagranite is characterized by a high $(La/Yb)_N$ ratio of 73.03, indicating intrusion in a continental setting (Condie and Kroner, 2013) and possibly the occurrence of hornblende in the felsic melt (Rollinson, 1993). The Fazenda Coqueiro metagranite exhibits a low $(La/Yb)_N$ ratio of 4.91, which is a transitional value for igneous rocks generated between continental and oceanic crust settings (Condie and Kroner, 2013). According to A (anorogenic)-type granitoid studies (Whalen et al., 1987), only the Fazenda Coqueiro metagranite overlaps the A-type granite field. Although these two granites feature distinct litho-geochemistry patterns and tectonic settings, the Miguel Calmon and Fazenda Coqueiro metagranites coexist in the same Paleoproterozoic basement related to the Gavião Block.

The multielement diagram normalized to N-MORB (Hofmann, 1988) (Fig. 12B) shows high Cs, Ba, Th and U values for metarhyolites and metadacites, indicating crustal contamination. The negative Ti anomaly could evidence fractionation of Ti-enriched phases, such as ilmenite and Ti-magnetite; however, the possibility of crustal contamination having contributed to these anomalies cannot be ruled out. The high normalized values for Ta and Nb, which are greater than 3 (Fig. 12B), may show that the felsic metavolcanic rocks are not related to a syn-collisional or subduction setting. The low average $(La/Yb)_N$ ratio of 6.67 may indicate felsic igneous components formed in the transitional setting between continental and oceanic crust (Condie and Kroner, 2013), possibly during a growth phase of oceanic crust related to a rifting process.

In general, the metarhyolites and metadacites should have originated in a within-plate tectonic setting (Fig. 12C-D) and may have contributed to the crustal contamination of the younger Fazenda Coqueiro metagranite, as indicated by the chemical similarities between them (Zincone et al., 2016; Spreafico et al., 2018). This relation would be possible through a plutonic-volcanic system that may have existed in the TTG basement of the Gavião Block (Zincone et al., 2016). It is important to emphasize that the metarhyolites and metadacites are part of the Paleoproterozoic basement of the MNGB sequence.

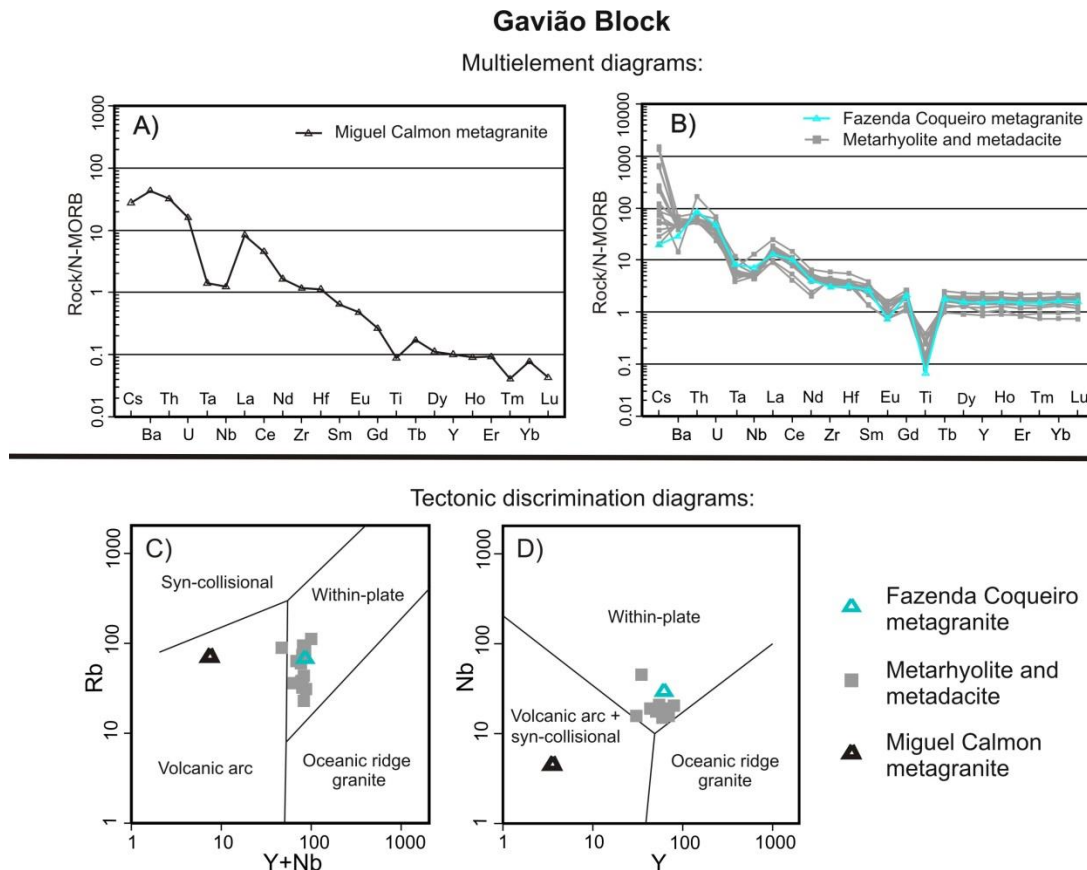


Fig. 12. Lithochemical diagrams for Gavião Block rocks. A-B) Multielement diagram of trace elements normalized to N-MORB (Hofmann, 1988). C-D) Y + Nb vs. Rb and Y vs. Nb tectonic setting discrimination diagrams (Pearce et al., 1984).

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The high $\text{CaO}/\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$ ratios (Herzberg, 1995) in the metakomatiites in the MNGB, which are between 1.1 and 2.6, allow these rocks to be classified as Al-depleted. In addition, the high $(\text{Gd}/\text{Yb})_N$ ratios (Herzberg, 1995), at between 1.09 and 1.60, indicate that the komatiitic magma was generated by partial melting at high pressures and that garnet remained in the residue during the melting process. Even so, the occurrence of garnet in the source implies the derivation of the komatiitic magma from deep levels corresponding to the upper mantle, possibly at an approximate depth of 350-400 km (Jayananda et al., 2008).

The high and anomalous concentrations of Cs, Ba, Th and U in the metakomatiites observed in the multielement diagram normalized to N-MORB (Hofmann, 1988) (Fig. 13A) may indicate that the komatiitic magma was related to a subduction zone (Furnes et al., 2013). The consistent enrichment of Cs, the flat pattern from Lu to Nd and the negative anomalies of Ta and Nb in the metakomatiites in the multielement diagram are equivalent to the geochemical pattern of lavas related to subduction in modern oceanic arcs (Furnes et al., 2013). Moreover, the tectonic setting discrimination diagram of immobile elements, Nb/Yb vs. Th/Yb (Pearce, 2008), indicates that the metakomatiites formed in a volcanic arc setting (Fig. 13E) that was active during the formation of the MNGB.

The geochemical patterns of the major and trace elements normalized to fertile mantle MORB (FMM) values as a tectonic setting marker (Pearce and Parkinson, 1993) are similar for both metabasalt types in the MNGB. The patterns in which normalized Nb (24.06) and Zr (11.48) > TiO_2 (6.47) and in which Y (6.98) and Yb (7.04) \geq CaO (3.00), Al_2O_3 (3.91)

and V (4.20) in the metabasalts are similar to those in ocean floor basalts in a back-arc basin setting, as demonstrated in the Barberton greenstone belt (Furnes et al., 2013).

In the multielement diagram of trace elements normalized to N-MORB (Hofmann, 1988) (Fig. 13B-C), both metabasalt groups show a flat pattern from Lu to Zr and a negative Ta anomaly, indicating a relation to orogenic systems. Discrimination diagrams of immobile elements, Nb/Yb vs. Th/Yb (Pearce, 2008), in the eastern and western metabasalts of the MNGB indicate a volcanism process in an ocean floor setting, evidenced by the plots in the MORB-OIB array, such as a back-arc basin, with a subsequent Th enrichment produced by the subduction oceanic processes evidenced by the plots that tend toward a volcanic arc array (Fig. 13E). This plot distribution is similar to those of the South Abitibi (Xie and Kerrich, 1994) and Barberton (Chavagnac, 2004) Archean greenstone belts, which are interpreted as intraoceanic provenances, as discussed in Pearce (2008), and similar to the modern Mariana intraoceanic arc-basin system (Pearce et al., 2005).

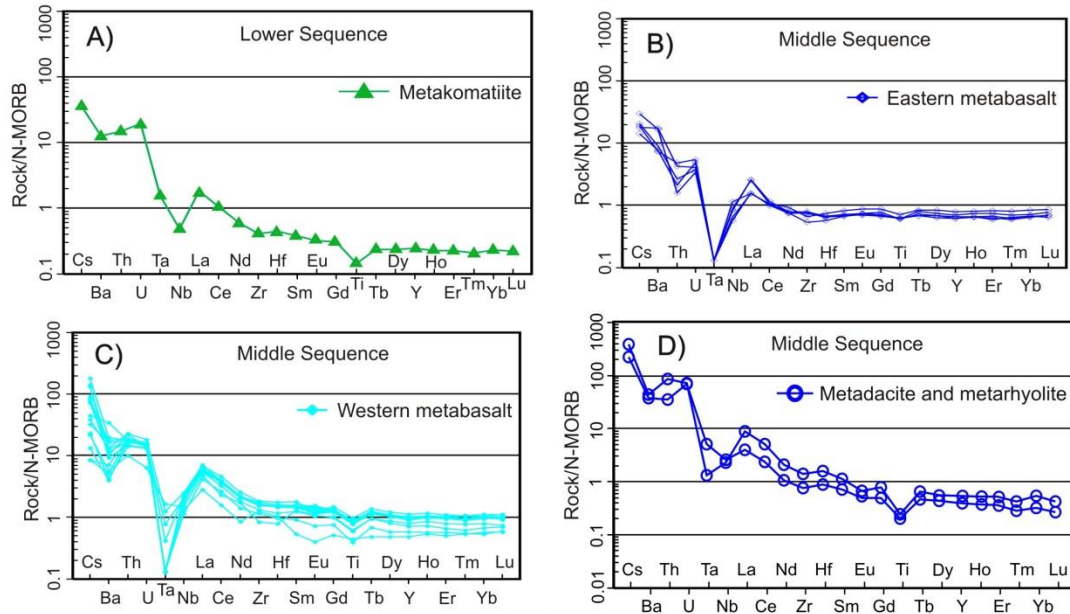
The eastern metabasalts have an island arc tholeiitic (IAT)-type pattern, with some samples overlapping the MORB field, and the western metabasalts feature mainly a MORB pattern, with a few occurrences plotting in the within-plate basalts field (WPB) in the Zr vs. Zr/Y diagram. These patterns suggest proximity of the settings during volcanism, the transition from one setting to the other due subsequent tectonic event and crustal contamination, indicated mainly by the WPB pattern observed in some western metabasalt samples (Fig. 13F).

The fractionation of the light REE relative to the heavy REE in the metadacites of the MNGB suggests crustal contamination. The average $(La/Yb)_N$ ratio of 8.87 could be related to an oceanic crust setting (Condie and Kroner, 2013) with slight crustal assimilation of felsic magma. In the N-MORB-normalized multielement diagram (Hofmann, 1988) (Fig. 13D), the negative anomalies of Nb and Ta are potentially related to a syn-collisional or subduction setting. High Cs, Ba, Th and U values may indicate crustal contamination, similar to the negative Ti anomaly.

Therefore, the metadacites originated in a volcanic arc tectonic setting (Fig. 13G-H), interpreted as an island arc, similar to the setting suggested for the metakomatiites and metabasalts of the Neoproterozoic MNGB.

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Multielement diagrams:



Tectonic discrimination diagrams:

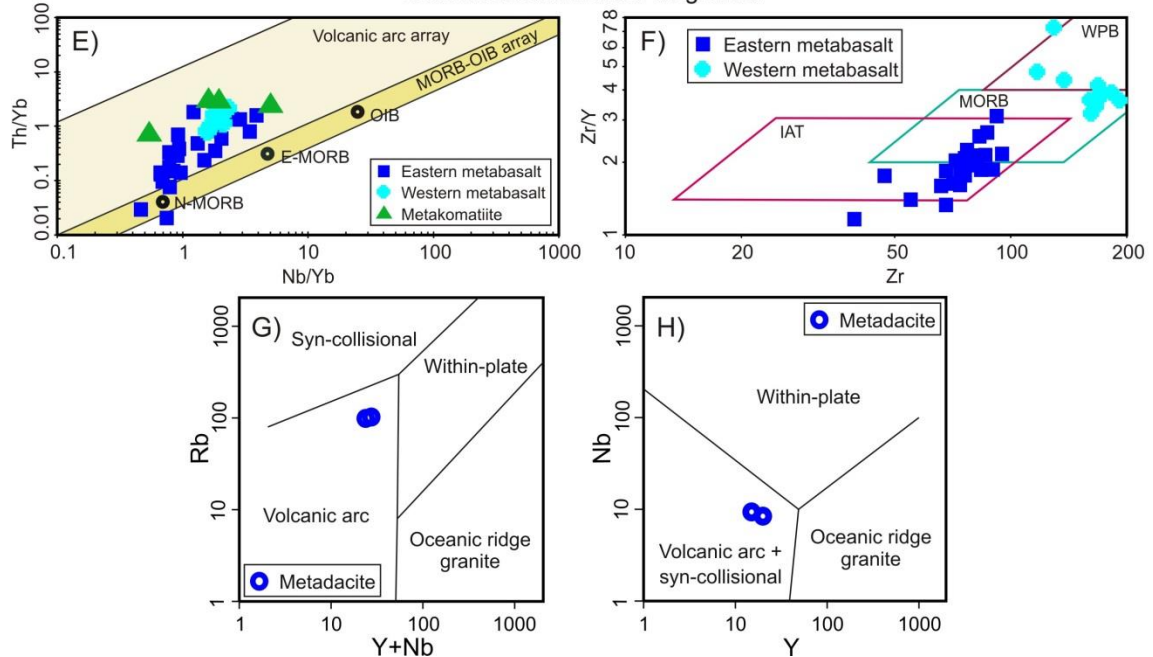


Fig. 13. Lithogeochemical diagrams for MNGB rocks. Multielement diagram of trace elements normalized to N-MORB (Hofmann, 1988): A) metakomatiites in the MNGB lower sequence; B) eastern metabasalts in the MNGB middle sequence; C) western metabasalts in the middle sequence and D) metadacite and metarhyolite in the MNGB middle sequence. Tectonic setting discrimination diagrams: E) metakomatiites and eastern and western metabasalts in the MNGB lower and middle sequence plotted in the Nb/Yb vs. Th/Yb diagram (N-MORB: normal mid-ocean ridge basalts, E-MORB: enriched mid-ocean ridge basalts, OIB: ocean island basalts) (Pearce, 2008); F) eastern and western metabasalts in the MNGB middle sequence plotted in the Zr vs. Zr/Y diagram (IAT: island arc tholeiitic, MORB: mid-ocean ridge basalts, WPB: within-plate basalts) and G-H) metadacites in the MNGB middle sequence plotted in the Y + Nb vs. Rb and Y vs. Nb diagrams (Pearce et al., 1984).

Paleoproterozoic metagranites

The three Paleoproterozoic granitic bodies in the MNGB, the Jequitibá, Areia Branca and Cachoeira Grande metagranites, show negative Ta anomalies in the multielement diagram normalized to N-MORB (Hofmann, 1988) (Fig. 14A), suggesting a subduction setting related to their origin. The high Th and U values may indicate crustal contamination, and the negative Ti anomaly demonstrates a crustal process related to the formation of these granites.

The Areia Branca, Cachoeira Grande and Jequitibá metagranites yield high $(La/Yb)_N$ ratios of 58.09, 12.64 and 102.81, respectively, which may indicate a continental collision setting (Condie and Kroner, 2013). In the discrimination tectonic diagrams (Pearce et al., 1984), the Jequitibá, Areia Branca and Cachoeira Grande metagranites overlap the syn-collisional and volcanic arc fields (Fig. 14B-C). As they are aligned along a north-south trend (Fig. 2) and possibly formed in a collisional tectonic setting, these three granitic bodies probably formed during the same tectonothermal Paleoproterozoic event.

Therefore, the Paleoproterozoic granites mark the last tectonic event registered in the MNGB, which was initially characterized by a continent-ocean compressional tectonic setting that gradationally changed to a west-vergent continent-continent collision. It is assumed that this collision amalgamated the MNGB along with the Gavião, Jequié and Serrinha blocks and generated the Itabuna-Salvador-Curaçá orogen (Barbosa et al., 2012a; Barbosa and Sabaté, 2002, 2003, 2004).

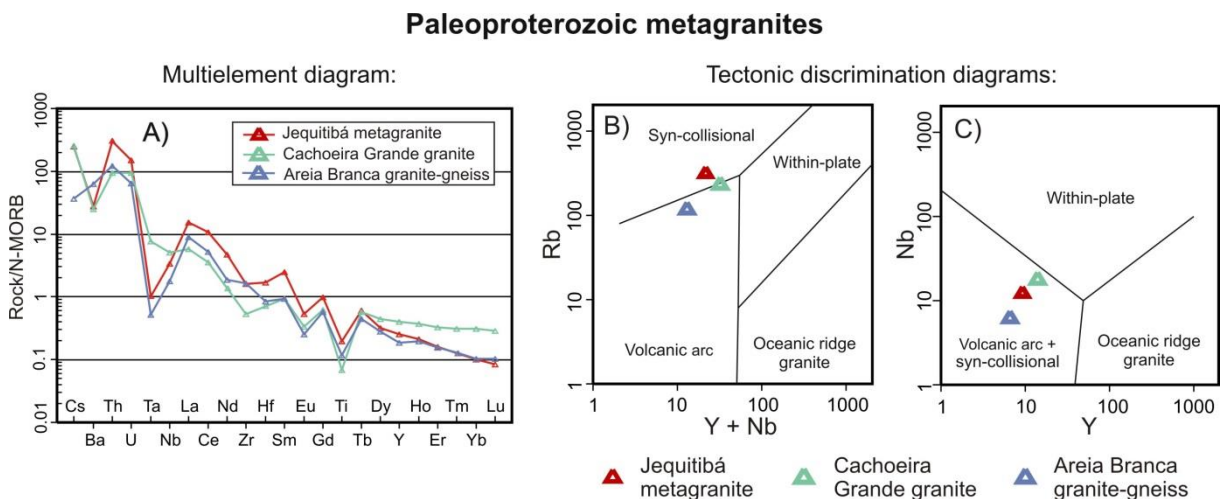


Fig. 14. Lithogeochemical diagrams for the Paleoproterozoic metagranites. A) Multielement diagram of trace elements normalized to N-MORB (Hofmann, 1988). B-C) Tectonic setting discrimination fields in the Y + Nb vs. Rb and Y vs. Nb diagrams (Pearce et al., 1984).

9.2. Tectonic evolution from the Paleoproterozoic to the Paleoproterozoic

The chronological history of the MNGB and adjoining rocks extends from the Paleoproterozoic, with the formation of the basement blocks, such as the Gavião Block, to subsequent tectonic events that led to the formation of rifts, the development of Neoproterozoic oceanic crust (in which the greenstone belt formed), and the final amalgamation of the cratonic blocks with the eastern part of the São Francisco Craton during the Orosirian period.

At least five stages can be identified in the tectonic evolution of the MNGB and surrounding region (Fig. 15):

1. The first stage corresponds to the consolidation of the Gavião Block, culminating with the formation of the Miguel Calmon granite by 3355 ± 16 Ma. This stage also represents the rifting process that resulted in an extensional tectonic event at 3305 ± 9 Ma (Peucat et al.,

2002; Zincone et al., 2016), during which the rhyolites and dacites in the basement formed. Subsequently, the Fazenda Coqueiro granite formed in the lower continental crust at 3227 ± 23 Ma from TTG plutons and likely mafic or intermediate granulitic rocks, with contamination from the rhyolitic and dacitic rocks during its emplacement in the upper continental crust (Fig. 15A). These rocks provided detritus during the formation of the Jacobina Basin (Jacobina Group) at this stage.

2. The second stage represents a tectonic inversion event during the Paleoproterozoic, resulting in an aborted rift and a collage of rhyolites and dacites inside the Gavião Block (Fig. 15B).

3. The third stage represents the beginning of a complete orogenic cycle with the break-up of the eastern border of the Gavião Block and the separation of a fragment known as the Mairi Block. This event resulted in the formation of oceanic crust between the Gavião Block to the west and the Mairi Block to the east, and the volcanism of the MNGB occurred in back-arc and island arc settings at approximately 2595 ± 21 Ma (Fig. 15C).

4. The fourth stage, which likely began at 2106 ± 71 Ma during the Rhyacian period, was characterized by the beginning of a collision of cratonic blocks, such as the Gavião Block, Mairi Block, Itabuna-Salvador-Curaçá Belt and Serrinha Block, and the consequent initiation of the amalgamation of the MNGB between the Gavião and Mairi blocks (Fig. 15D). This collisional tectonic process generated the first deformational phase (D_1) in the MNGB rocks, which is characterized by west-vergent recumbent folds with subhorizontal axial planes (S_1). During this stage, it is possible that the formation of Paleoproterozoic granitic bodies occurred, such as the syn-collisional Areia Branca granite, which was derived from crustal protoliths, including the TTG gneisses and other Archean rocks.

5. The fifth and last stage represents the end of the orogenic cycle and likely extended to 1975 ± 36 Ma during the Orosirian period. This stage was characterized by the continuation of the amalgamation event, resulting in the progressive deformation that refolded the structures of the previous phase during a second deformational phase (D_2). This second deformation phase produced folds with subvertical axial planes (S_2) and west-vergent compressional to transpressional shear zones (Fig. 15E). During this stage, the last Paleoproterozoic granitic bodies likely formed, such as the syn-collisional Jequitibá granite, for example, which was derived from crustal protoliths, including the TTG gneisses and other Archean rocks, likely formed in a continent-continent collisional setting. By the end of the fifth stage, the current geologic configuration observed in the MNGB region had formed. However, a weak geologic event at approximately 600 Ma may have occurred, although there is no consistent evidence for any expressive geologic event in the study region in the eastern part of the São Francisco Craton at that time.

9.3 Late sedimentary events

The uplift generated during the Rhyacian-Orosirian convergent tectonic event could have exposed large portions of the MNGB and intrusive granites to erosion, and the resulting material may have been transported and deposited in nearby sedimentary basins (Fig. 15D). Such basins are represented by the siliciclastic rocks in the upper sequence of the MNGB, which lay discordantly on the metavolcanic rocks of the MNGB, and the Saúde Basin (Saúde Complex). The deposits in the Saúde Basin have experienced higher stress levels and higher metamorphic grades than have those in the MNGB. Later, the metasedimentary siliciclastic rocks in the upper sequence of the MNGB and the Saúde Complex were tectonically juxtaposed at the same crustal level, placing side-by-side metasedimentary rocks of different metamorphic grades separated by a tectonic contact (Fig. 15E).

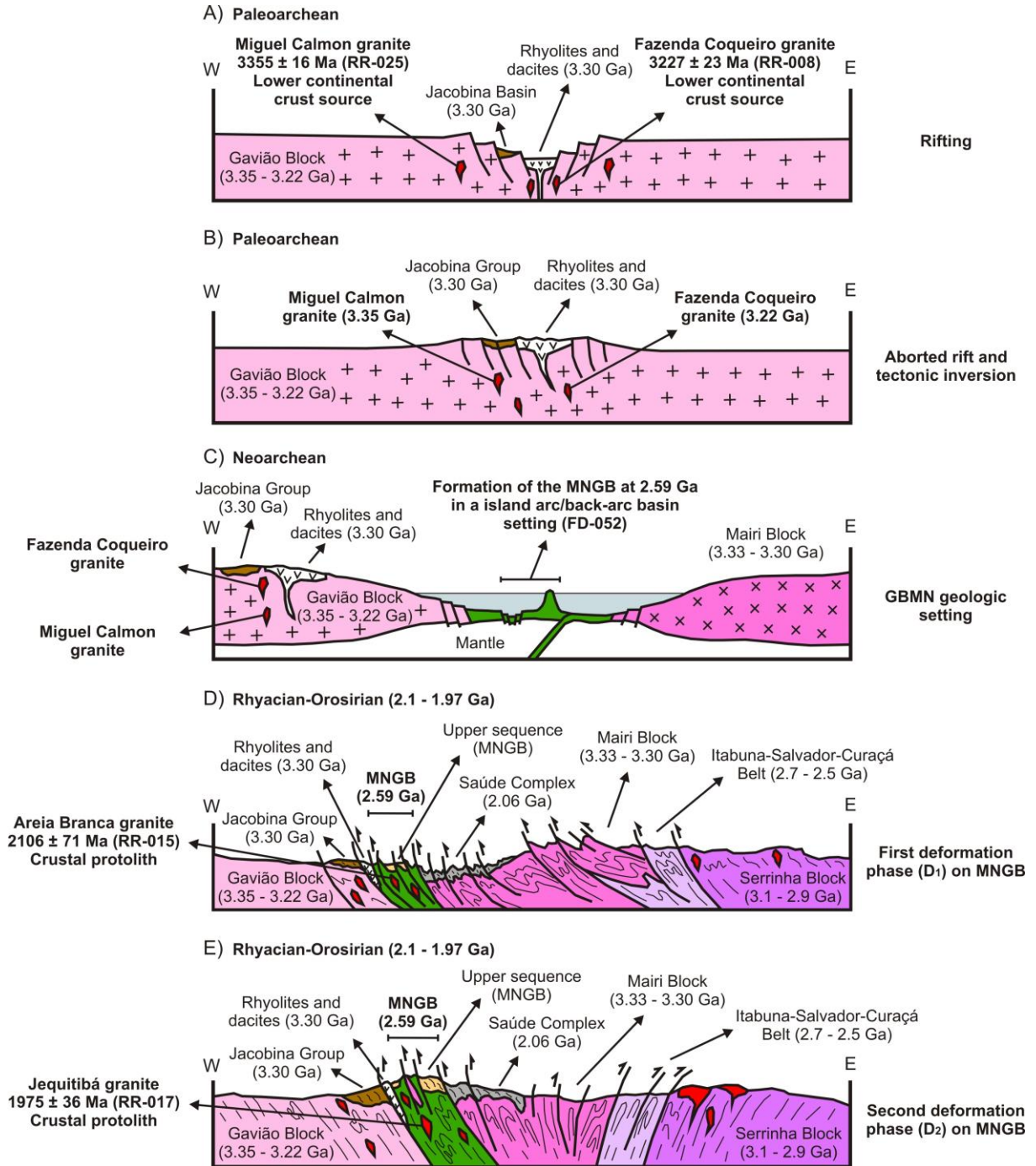


Fig. 15. Tectonic evolution proposed for the MNGB and adjoining units based on new ages presented in this study from samples RR-025 (Miguel Calmon metagranite), RR-008 (Fazenda Coqueiro metagranite), FD-052 (metadacite from MNGB), RR-015 (Areia Branca granite-gneiss) and RR-017 (Jequitibá metagranite) and compiled ages for rhyolites (Peucat et al., 2002; Zincone et al., 2016), the Mairi Block (Sousa et al., 2018), the Jacobina Group (Teles, 2013; Teles et al., 2015; Barbuena et al., 2016), Serrinha Block (Oliveira et al., 2002a; Oliveira et al., 2002b; Rios et al., 2009), Itabuna-Salvador-Curaçá Belt (Silva et al., 1997; Oliveira et al., 2010) and the Saúde Complex (Barbuena et al., 2016; Zincone et al., 2017). A) Rifting and the formation of the rhyolites and the Miguel Calmon and Fazenda Coqueiro granites in the Gavião Block. B) Aborted rifting and tectonic inversion of the Gavião Block. C) Formation of oceanic crust between the Gavião and Mairi blocks and formation of the MNGB at 2595 Ma. D-E) Rhyacian-Orosirian tectonic event that compressed the MNGB between the cratonic blocks.

The long gap of 455 Ma between the volcanism of the lower and middle sequences and the siliciclastic rocks of the upper sequence of the MNGB probably does not represent the time of existence of the oceanic crust. The siliciclastic rocks were likely deposited during the Rhyacian-Orosirian continent-continent collision, and they lay in the same site of the metavolcanic rocks in the MNGB. The basin would have also been filled by detrital grains from the MNGB, among other nearby sources. Therefore, despite being much younger, the siliciclastic rocks are interpreted as a stratigraphic sequence of the MNGB and are likely in geologic contact with the metavolcanic rocks by unconformity. A similar evolution was described for the Barberton greenstone belt by De Ronde and De Wit (1994), in which the rocks recorded a geological history of at least 490 Ma, beginning with mid-ocean ridge-like processes until sedimentary basin formation after amalgamation by accretion-like convergent processes.

10. Conclusions

Based on the new geological, petrographic, lithochemical, geochronological and isotopic data of the present study, combined with pre-existing regional data, we conclude the following:

- The Gavião Block, which had stabilized by 3.35 Ga (Miguel Calmon granite), was fractured by a rift process that generated rhyolites. Subsequently, granites such as the anorogenic Fazenda Coqueiro granite formed at 3.22 Ga and were derived from the lower continental crust from TTG plutons and mafic or intermediate granulitic rocks.
- The metakomatiites in the lower sequence and the eastern and western metabasalts and metadacites in the middle sequence of the MNGB seem to be related by fractional crystallization. Therefore, the 2.59 Ga metadacite, the metakomatiites and the metabasalts are evidence of Neoproterozoic island arc and back-arc volcanisms in the MNGB in an ocean floor setting.
- The Rhyacian-Orosirian closure of the oceanic crust was marked by granitogenesis that produced the slightly peraluminous Areia Branca and Jequitibá granites, which were derived from crustal protoliths, such as the TTG gneisses and other Archean rocks. This event was also marked by the formation of west-vergent thrusts and folds. During the closing process and resulting uplift, rocks in the MNGB and Rhyacian-Orosirian intrusive granites may have contributed material to the formation of sedimentary rocks in the upper sequence of the MNGB. Moreover, the Saúde Basin possibly formed at the same time as did the upper sequence; however, the former was subjected to a higher metamorphic grade. For a better understanding of the relationship between the rocks of the upper sequence and the Saúde Complex we consider that future contributions may bring new interpretations.
- We propose five stages in the tectonic evolution of the MNGB region: stages (i) and (ii) between 3.35 Ga and 3.22 Ga correspond to the rifting and closing tectonic processes in the Gavião Block; stage (iii) at 2.59 Ga corresponds to volcanism in the MNGB in the oceanic crust formed between the Gavião and Mairi blocks, and stages (iv) and (v) between 2.10 Ga and 1.97 Ga correspond to the two stages of progressive collision, in which the oceanic crust and the MNGB were compressed between cratonic blocks from the eastern part of the São Francisco Craton.

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CAPÍTULO 4

ARTIGO 3 - TIMS Pb-Pb GEOCHRONOLOGY OF SULFIDES IN THE FAZENDA COQUEIRO VMS DEPOSIT, SÃO FRANCISCO CRATON, NE BRAZIL: TIMING AND GENESIS CONSTRAINTS ON THE MINERALIZATION

Abstract

TIMS Pb-Pb geochronologic data allow determination of the timing and genesis of the Fazenda Coqueiro volcanogenic massive sulfide (VMS) Zn-Pb deposit hosted in the Neoproterozoic Mundo Novo greenstone belt (MNGB), NE São Francisco Craton. The deposit is inserted in the Rhyacian-Orosirian Contendas-Jacobina lineament between Paleoproterozoic tectonic blocks. The basement of the deposit is composed of a Paleoproterozoic metagranite and metarhyolite nucleus tectonically emplaced in the supracrustal rocks. The volcanic-sedimentary rocks comprise the ocean floor western metabasalt, calc-silicate rock, aluminous schist, metachert, banded iron formation and tremolite of the middle sequence and metasedimentary siliciclastic rocks of the upper sequence of the MNGB. The western metabasalt hosts two hydrothermal alteration zones: one carbonate (calc-silicate rock), proximal, hosting massive sulfides (eight meters thick) composed mainly of sphalerite and galena with minor chalcopyrite; and the other argillic and chloritic (aluminous schist), distal, hosting mainly disseminated chalcopyrite. Pb-Pb galena, chalcopyrite and sphalerite data from the massive and disseminated zones in the Fazenda Coqueiro deposit yield model ages of 2804 ± 11.15 Ma, 2794 ± 11.2 Ma and 2767 ± 11.1 Ma, respectively, sourced from the upper crust, based on the uranium and thorogenic diagrams. The Pb-Pb isochron crystallization age of 2747 ± 16 Ma obtained from chalcopyrite and sphalerite samples from the massive and disseminated zones suggests that the sulfides are coeval and were not strongly affected by later hydrothermal events. Therefore, the Fazenda Coqueiro deposit would have formed from Neoproterozoic ocean floor volcanic rocks interlayered with carbonate and pelitic sediments. The Rhyacian-Orosirian tectonic event compressed the deposit between Paleoproterozoic blocks along the Contendas-Jacobina lineament, preserving the sulfides from recrystallization processes.

Keywords: Fazenda Coqueiro Zn-Pb deposit; Pb-Pb geochronology; Neoproterozoic; VMS; Cogenetic sulfides; São Francisco Craton.

Resumo

Dados geocronológicos TIMS Pb-Pb permitiram determinar o tempo e a gênese do depósito de Zn-Pb do tipo *volcanogenic massive sulfide* (VMS) da Fazenda Coqueiro, hospedado no *greenstone belt* Mundo Novo (GBMN), NE do Cráton do São Francisco. O depósito está inserido no lineamento Riachão-Orosiriano Contendas-Jacobina, entre blocos tectônicos Paleoarqueanos. O seu embasamento é composto de núcleos metagraníticos e metariolíticos Paleoarqueanos, tectonicamente colocados entre as rochas supracrustais. As rochas metavulcanossedimentares de fundo oceânico compreendem metabasalto oeste, calciossilicática, xisto aluminoso, metachert, formação ferrífera bandada e tremolítico da sequência média e rochas metassedimentares siliciclásticas da sequência superior do GBMN. O metabasalto oeste hospeda duas zonas de alteração hidrotermal: uma carbonática (calciossilicática), proximal, que hospeda o sulfeto maciço (oito metros de espessura), composta principalmente de esfalerita e galena, além de menores concentrações de calcopirita; e outra, argílica e clorítica (xisto aluminoso), distal, que hospeda principalmente calcopirita disseminada. Dados Pb-Pb em galena, calcopirita e esfalerita das zonas maciça e disseminada geraram idades modelo de $2804 \pm 11,15$ Ma, $2794 \pm 11,2$ Ma e $2767 \pm 11,1$ Ma, respectivamente, originadas na crosta superior com base nos diagramas uranogênico e torogênico. Uma idade de cristalização isocrônica de 2747 ± 16 Ma, obtida de amostras de calcopirita e esfalerita das zonas maciça e disseminada, sugere que os sulfetos sejam cogenéticos e que não tenham sido fortemente afetados por eventos hidrotermais posteriores. Portanto, o depósito da Fazenda Coqueiro teria se formado a partir de vulcanismos Neoarqueanos de fundo oceânico, intercalados por sedimentos carbonáticos e pelíticos. O evento tectônico Riachão-Orosiriano comprimiu o depósito entre blocos Paleoarqueanos ao longo do lineamento Contendas-Jacobina, preservando os sulfetos de processos de recristalização.

Palavras-chave: Depósito de Zn-Pb Fazenda Coqueiro; Geocronologia Pb-Pb; Neoarqueano; VMS; Sulfetos cogenéticos; Cráton do São Francisco.

INTRODUCTION

Volcanogenic massive sulfide (VMS) deposits are stratabound sulfide accumulations at or near the ocean floor that are spatially, temporally and genetically associated with contemporaneous volcanism (Franklin et al., 2005). Thus, the Fazenda Coqueiro VMS Zn-Pb deposit, hosted in the Mundo Novo greenstone belt (MNGB), eastern São Francisco Craton and NE Brazil (Figures 1A, 1B and 1C), is important evidence of ocean floor hydrothermal activity with sulfide precipitation during the formation of the greenstone belt. Deformation during collisional tectonic events, the great depth of the deposit and the sulfide occurrences identified only in drill hole cores make it difficult to clearly define the typology features and the metallogenetic model of the deposit, as observed by Souza et al. (2002) and Monteiro et al. (2009).

The Fazenda Coqueiro deposit is hosted in the western metabasalt of the middle sequence of the MNGB, which is interlayered with two hydrothermal alteration zones that control the sulfide distribution. The carbonate hydrothermal alteration zone is the main portion of the deposit and hosts massive sphalerite and galena occurrences, and the argillic-chloritic hydrothermal alteration zone is peripheral and hosts disseminated chalcopyrite (Spreafico, 2017). A Rhyacian-Orosirian tectonic event (Leite, 2002) deformed the Fazenda Coqueiro deposit, obliterating the initial features, making it difficult to interpret the metallogenetic model and leading to an interpretation of the possibility of post-hydrothermal processes in the study area. In addition, new geochronological data from metavolcanic felsic rock of the MNGB show Neoproterozoic ages for the MNGB (Spreafico et al., 2019), indicating that the Fazenda Coqueiro deposit should be coeval with those rocks.

Therefore, geological and thermal ionization mass spectrometry (TIMS) Pb-Pb geochronological studies of sulfides from the Fazenda Coqueiro deposit were conducted to more accurately understand and interpret the timing and genesis of the VMS deposit. An analogy with early VMS pipe components, the styles, controls and sources of mineralization, the Rhyacian-Orosirian deformation process and the relation to the Contendas-Jacobina lineament, in addition to the possibility of late sulfide remobilization processes, were also covered.

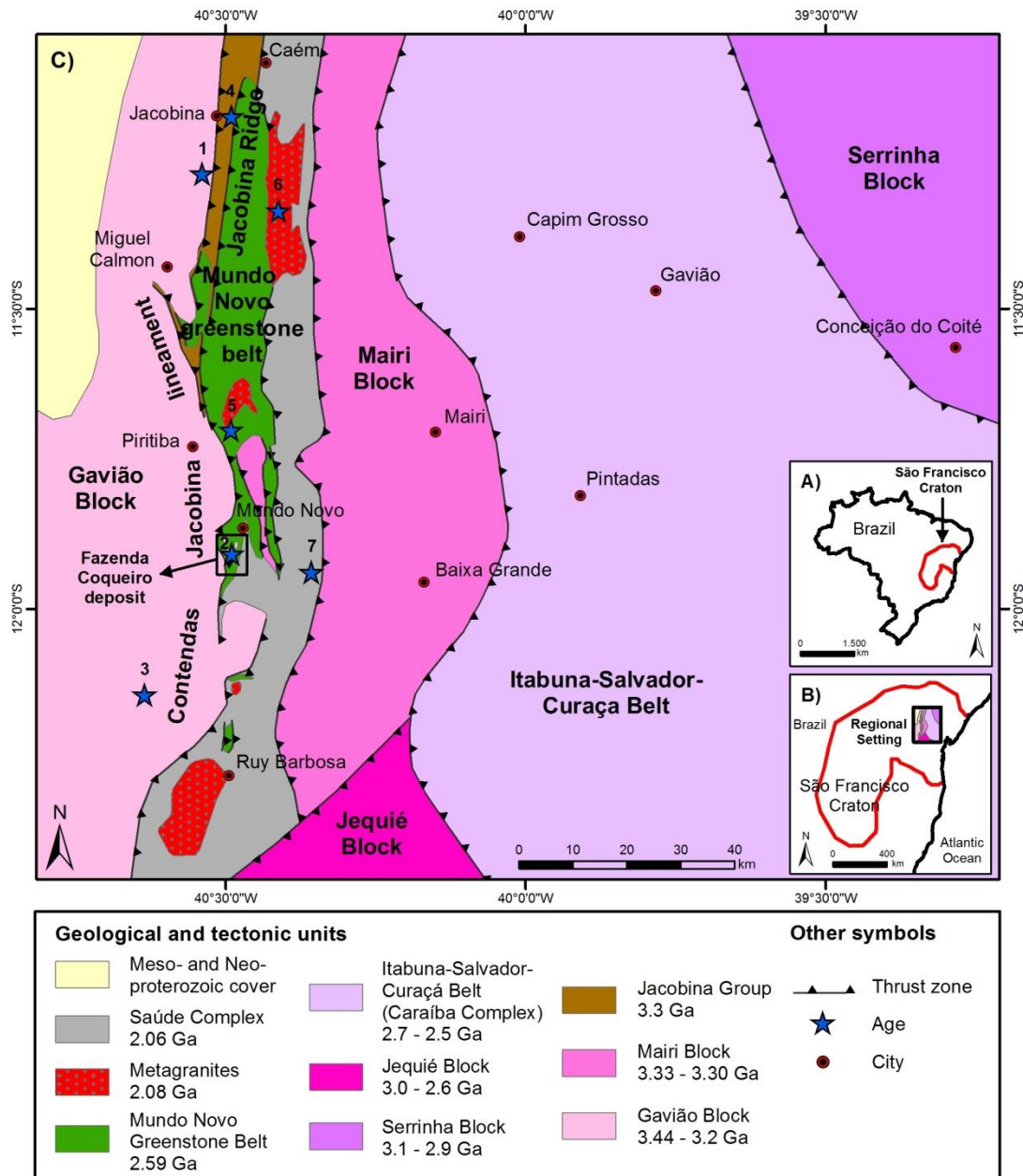


Figure 1. A) Location of the São Francisco Craton in NE Brazil. B) Regional setting in the eastern portion of the São Francisco Craton. C) Regional tectonic setting where the MNGB and the Fazenda Coqueiro deposit are inserted (modified from Barbosa and Sabaté, 2002, 2003, 2004). Ages at the points highlighted on the map: 1- 3442 ± 2 Ma (U-Pb zircon, TTG; Mougeot, 1996); 2- 3303 ± 11 Ma (U-Pb zircon, metarhyolite from the Gavião Block obtained by Zincone et al., 2016); 3- 3292 ± 3 Ma (U-Pb zircon, metagranite from the Gavião Block obtained by Zincone et al., 2016); 4- 3500 - 3220 Ma (U-Pb zircon, quartzite from the Jacobina Group obtained by Teles et al., 2015); 5- 2595 ± 21 Ma (U-Pb zircon, metadacite from the MNGB obtained by Spreafico et al., 2019); 6- 2080 ± 18 Ma (U-Pb monazite, Cachoeira Grande granite obtained by Leite, 2002); 7- 2068 ± 12 Ma (U-Pb zircon, biotite schist from the Saúde Complex obtained by Zincone et al., 2017).

GEOLOGICAL SETTING

The eastern portion of the São Francisco Craton, where the MNGB and the Fazenda Coqueiro deposit are situated (NE Bahia), was formed through the amalgamation of four Archean blocks during Paleoproterozoic continent-continent collisions (Barbosa and Sabaté, 2002, 2003, 2004): the Gavião, Serrinha and Jequié blocks and the Itabuna-Salvador-Curaça Belt (Figure 1C). The Paleoproterozoic event captured the MNGB and surrounding crust between the cratonic blocks, resulting in the formation of the Contendas-Jacobina lineament.

The uplift caused by this event possibly resulted in erosion and the formation of Paleoproterozoic sedimentary basins, such as the uppermost sequence of the MNGB.

Briefly, the MNGB is in contact to the west with 3.4 Ga (Mougeot, 1996) tonalite-trondhjemite-granodiorite (TTG) basement rocks and subordinate metagranites in the Gavião Block and to the east and south with paragneisses in the Saúde Complex with maximum ages between 2.20 and 2.06 Ga (Zincone et al., 2017) (Figure 2). To the north and northwest, the MNGB is in contact with quartzites of the Jacobina Group that were deposited between 3.55 and 3.22 Ga (Teles et al., 2015) and Paleoproterozoic granitic intrusives.

Additionally, the geologic setting includes granulites (2.9 Ga) and multiple charnockite intrusions (2.7 and 2.6 Ga) in the Jequié Block (Wilson, 1987; Silva et al., 2002), tonalitic granulite (2.57 Ga) and enderbite (2.7 Ga) of the Itabuna-Salvador-Curaçá Belt (Silva et al., 1997; Oliveira et al., 2010), and the Mairi (3.33 - 3.30 Ga) and Serrinha (3.1 – 2.9 Ga) blocks (Oliveira et al., 2002a, 2002b; Rios et al., 2009; Sousa et al., 2018) (Figure 1C and Table 1). Although the Itabuna-Salvador-Curaçá Belt and Serrinha Block are far from the MNGB, they are important for understanding the tectonic evolution of the study area.

Table 1. Compilation of regional geochronological data from the MNGB and adjoining units.

Geological/tectonic unit	Lithotype	Age	Method	Mineral dated	Author
Saúde Complex	Biotite schist	2068 ± 12 Ma	U-Pb (LA-MC-ICP-MS)	Detrital zircon	Zincone et al. (2017)
Cachoeira Grande granite	Leucogranite	2080 ± 18 Ma	U-Pb (electron microprobe)	Monazite (crystallization age)	Leite (2002)
Upper sequence (MNGB)	Quartzite	2133 ± 14 Ma	U-Pb (LA-ICP-MS)	Detrital zircon	Barbuena et al. (2016)
MNGB (metavolcanic rocks)	Metadacite	2595 ± 21 Ma	U-Pb (LA-ICP-MS)	Zircon (crystallization age)	Spreafico et al. (2019)
Itabuna-Salvador-Curaçá Belt	Tonalitic granulite	2574 ± 6 Ma	U-Pb (SHRIMP)	Zircon (crystallization age)	Oliveira et al. (2010)
	Enderbite	2695 ± 12 Ma	U-Pb (SHRIMP)	Zircon (crystallization age)	Silva et al. (1997)
Jequié Block	Granulites	2715 ± 29 Ma	U-Pb (SHRIMP)	Zircon (crystallization age)	Silva et al. (2002)
	Charnockite	2900 ± 24 Ma	Rb-Sr	Whole-rock (crystallization age)	Wilson (1987)
Serrinha Block	Granitoid	2989 ± 11 Ma 3072 ± 2 Ma 3162 ± 26 Ma	U-Pb (SHRIMP)	Zircon (crystallization age)	Rios et al. (2009)
	Gneiss, migmatite	3152 ± 5 Ma	U-Pb (SHRIMP)	Zircon (crystallization age)	Oliveira et al. (2002a, 2002b)
Jacobina Group	Quartzite	3500 - 3220 Ma	U-Pb (LA-MC-ICP-MS)	Detrital zircon	Magee et al. (2001); Teles (2013); Teles et al. (2015); Barbuena et al. (2016)
Mairi Block	Orthogneiss	3.33 - 3.30 Ga	U-Pb (LA-SF-ICP-MS)	Zircon (crystallization age)	Sousa et al. (2018)
	Metagranite	3291 ± 2.5 Ma	U-Pb (LA-ICP-MS)	Zircon (crystallization age)	Zincone et al. (2016)
Gavião Block	Metarhyolite*	3303 ± 11 Ma	U-Pb (LA-ICP-MS and SHRIMP)	Zircon (crystallization age)	Peucat et al. (2002); Zincone et al. (2016)
	TTG	3442 ± 2 Ma	U-Pb (ID-TIMS)	Zircon (crystallization age)	Mougeot (1996)

* The metarhyolite with an age of 3303 ± 11 Ma is part of the basement (Gavião Block) of the Fazenda Coqueiro deposit.

The eastern margin of the Gavião Block is in tectonic contact with the MNGB along a north-south-trending thrust zone with a west vergence (Figure 1C) and is composed of TTG gneisses and migmatites that host mafic rock enclaves (Barbosa et al., 2012a), metagranites and metarhyolites (Zincone et al., 2016). This block corresponds to the basement of the MNGB. Three groups of TTG gneisses are described in the Gavião Block; two groups are trondhjemitic with U-Pb zircon ages (SHRIMP) of 3403 ± 5 Ma and 3158 ± 5 Ma (Barbosa, 1997; Leal, 1998), and the third group, with a granodioritic composition, includes the 3225 ± 10 Ma Aracatu granitoid (Barbosa et al., 2012a). The age of the Gavião Block is 3.4 Ga (Mougeot, 1996), but metarhyolites with ages of 3303 ± 11 Ma and metagranites, such as Boa Sorte at 3291 ± 2.5 Ma, occur as well (Zincone et al., 2016).

The Jacobina Group is in tectonic contact with the MNGB along thrust zones, all of which strike north-south and are vergent to the west (Figure 1C), with the Gavião Block in the footwall. The Jacobina Group comprises metaconglomerates, quartzites, metarenites, phyllites, chlorite schists and quartz-sericite schists (Mascarenhas et al., 1998) deposited in a passive margin setting (Reis et al., 2018). This group has a depositional age, based on detrital zircons, between 3500 Ma and 3220 Ma (Magee et al., 2001; Teles, 2013; Teles et al., 2015; Barbuena et al., 2016). Jacobina Ridge represents an Archean supracrustal sequence with a maximum depositional age of 3.22 Ga, and its sources are likely rocks from both the plutonic-volcanic system and the TTG suite in the Gavião Block (Zincone et al., 2016).

The MNGB is divided into three stratigraphic sequences (Spreafico et al., 2019): a lower sequence (ultramafic rocks), a middle sequence (mafic and felsic igneous rocks and clastic and chemical metasedimentary rocks) and an upper sequence composed of siliciclastic metasedimentary rocks with an inherited age of 2133 ± 14 Ma (Barbuena et al., 2016) (Figure 2). Two ductile and progressive Paleoproterozoic deformational phases are described in the MNGB. The D₁ deformational phase is characterized by isoclinal and recumbent folds vergent to the west that generated greenschist-facies metamorphic rocks. The D₂ deformational phase is characterized by refolding that generated vertical and subvertical axial planes and eventually resulted in the formation of coaxial interference patterns or compressive and transpressive shear zones, which bounded the MNGB lithologies and generated rocks of greenschist- to amphibolite-facies metamorphism. The most prominent brittle structures are east-trending faults and fractures. The Neoproterozoic volcanism in the MNGB (Spreafico et al., 2019) with Paleoproterozoic sedimentation at the top of the sequence (Barbuena et al., 2016) and the coeval Paleoproterozoic tectonic event (Leite, 2002) have been considered the main geological and tectonic events in the study area. Drill hole programs previously realized by Companhia Baiana de Pesquisa Mineral (CBPM) in the Fazenda Coqueiro deposit quantified resources of 4,200,000 t in the massive sulfide body at 6.12% Zn and 0.41% Pb and one intersection with a length of one meter that reached 28 g/t Ag content (Monteiro et al., 2009). Gold occurrences related to the massive sulfides reached 2.75 g/t in an intersection with a length of two meters, and one Cu-rich disseminated zone in an intersection with a length of four meters reached 0.75% average Cu content (Monteiro et al., 2009).

The Saúde Complex occurs to the east of the MNGB (Figure 1C), where the two units are in tectonic contact along west-vergent thrust zones, and it is distributed along the Contendas-Jacobina lineament. The Saúde Complex comprises aluminous paragneisses, biotite gneisses and subordinate quartzites widely distributed in a north-south trend with significant occurrences in the Mundo Novo region and in the eastern portion of Jacobina Ridge (Couto et al., 1978; Mascarenhas et al., 1998; Leite et al., 2007; Reis et al., 2017) (Figure 1C). The maximal depositional age of 2.06 Ga (Zincone et al., 2017) for the Saúde Complex again indicates the presence of a basin near the MNGB in the Paleoproterozoic that was later subjected to a high-grade metamorphic process.

Finally, Paleoproterozoic granites are present along the Contendas-Jacobina lineament (Figure 1C) (Leite, 2002); however, occurrences near the Fazenda Coqueiro deposit have not been found (Spreafico et al., 2019). In general, these granites are undeformed leucogranites, comprising quartz, feldspar, biotite and muscovite, with some occurrences of garnet and sillimanite (Barbosa et al., 2012b). The Cachoeira Grande granite, for example, is a peraluminous leucogranite situated to the northeast of the MNGB that has an average age of 2080 ± 18 Ma (Leite, 2002), coeval with the Rhyacian-Orosirian granitic intrusions in the MNGB.

ANALYTICAL METHODOLOGY

The geological and TIMS Pb-Pb geochronological studies on the Fazenda Coqueiro deposit involved the description of five drill hole cores acquired by CBPM (Figure 3) in the 1990s and the collection of sulfides and hydrothermal alteration samples from three of these drill holes for timing and genesis constraints on the mineralization.

The description of drill hole cores was represented in a geological and structural section and in a diagram block, where the hydrothermal alteration zones were represented and the locations of collected samples for geochronological study were indicated. To better illustrate the mineral paragenesis of the host rocks, we used backscattered electron images of polished thin sections from a Kevex energy dispersive spectroscope (EDS) in a CAMECA SX50 electron microprobe at the University of Brasília. The standards used were synthetics with defined compositions, such as AsGa (for the element As), ZnS (for the element Zn), PbS (for the element Pb), pyrite (for the element Fe), CuFeS₂ (for the element Cu) and Ni. The mineral abbreviations used in the figures mainly follow those of Kretz (1983) and Siivola & Schmid (2007).

With regard to the geochronology, twelve samples of sulfides from the Fazenda Coqueiro deposit were selected to determine their model and crystallization ages using the Pb-Pb method on sulfides. The Pb-Pb geochronology was carried out at the Isotope Geology Laboratory of the Institute of Geosciences, Federal University of Pará. The sulfide grains from each sample were separated using binocular microscopy. To determine the Pb isotope compositions from galena, sphalerite and chalcopyrite, three different techniques were applied: whole digestion, leached fractions and galena analysis. Before acid digestion, 100 µg samples were cleaned, alternating among deionized H₂O (three times), 1 ml HCl 6N (50°C, five minutes) and five minutes in ultrasound (twice). For whole digestion, 2 ml of a 6N HCl + HNO₃ cc (1:1) solution plus 1 drop of 8N HBr were introduced twice in the sample, left for twenty-four and six hours, separated by five minutes of ultrasound and finally evaporated. For leaching fractions, 4 ml of 4N HBr + 2N HCl (12:1) solution was introduced into the sample and left for fifteen minutes at 110°C. In sequence, the supernatant was collected and evaporated. The residue was evaporated, and 4 ml of 2N HBr was introduced and left for four hours at 110°C. The procedure was repeated, but the acid solution was changed to 4 ml of 4N HCl for twelve hours at 110°C; 4 ml of 6N HCl for six hours at 110°C; and 4 ml of 50% aqua regia for twenty-four hours at 110°C until the whole sample was consumed, which generated a maximum of five leaching fractions. For galena digestion, three drops of 8N HBr were introduced into the sample and evaporated, followed by 2 ml of 13N HNO₃ and evaporation; another 2 ml of 13N HNO₃ plus 4 ml of deionized H₂O was added, and finally, 20 µl of H₃PO₄ (0.125M) was introduced, and the solution was evaporated. Except for galena solution, the others were processed in a chromatographic separation column filled with Dowex AG 1×8 resin in the following sequence: cleaning of the resin (6N HCl, deionized H₂O, 0.5N HBr twice), introduction of the sample solution into the column, and elution four times with 0.5N HBr; finally, the Pb was recovered with 6N HCl. Before evaporation, 10 µL of 0.125N H₃PO₄

was introduced for analysis in a Finnigan Mat 262 TIMS. The final results were plotted in the Pb-Pb diagrams for model and isochron age determination, as well as plumbotectonic models, using the Isoplot Excel program.

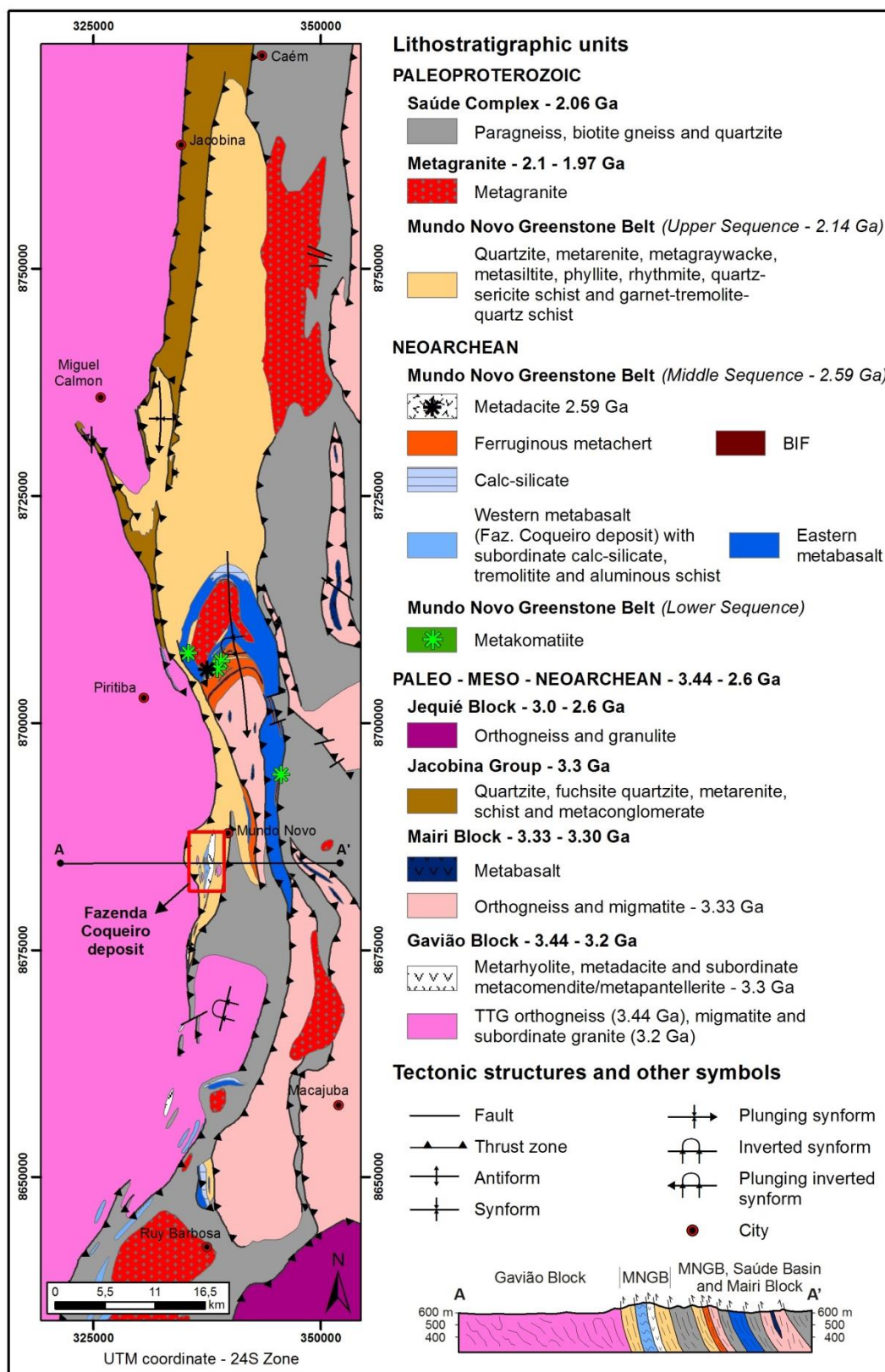


Figure 2. Geologic map of the MNGB and adjoining units. From Spreafico et al. (2019).

RESULTS

Geology of the Fazenda Coqueiro VMS deposit

The MNGB is divided into three stratigraphic sequences according to Spreafico et al. (2019): the lowermost sequence, composed of metakomatiite; the middle sequence, composed of eastern and western metabasalts and, subordinate tremolitite, calc-silicate rock, aluminous schist, banded iron formation, ferruginous metachert, basaltic metandesite, metadacite and metarhyolite; and the uppermost sequence, composed of siliciclastic metasedimentary rocks, such as metarenites, quartzites, metagraywackes, metasiltites, phyllites, rhythmites, quartz-sericite schists and garnet-tremolite-quartz schists.

In the Fazenda Coqueiro deposit, two supracrustal lithological sequences of the MNGB are present and tectonically related to basement rocks (Figure 3). The Paleoproterozoic metagranite and metarhyolite of the Gavião Block occur as tectonic slices emplaced in the rocks of the middle and uppermost sequence of the MNGB. The lithotypes of the middle sequence in the Fazenda Coqueiro deposit consist of the western metabasalt with aluminous schist and calc-silicate interlayered, in addition to tremolitite, ferruginous metachert and banded iron formation occurrences. The metasedimentary rocks of the upper sequence in the Fazenda Coqueiro deposit comprise mainly metarenites, quartzites, metagraywackes, metasiltites, phyllites and rhythmites in the eastern and western contacts of the deposit where these rocks can reach three kilometers in thickness.

The geological and geochronological studies of the Fazenda Coqueiro VMS deposit focused on galena, chalcopyrite and sphalerite grains from the western metabasalt (host rock), aluminous schist (metamorphosed argillic-chloritic hydrothermal alteration zone) and calc-silicates (metamorphosed carbonate hydrothermal alteration zone) of the middle sequence of the MNGB.

Host rock

The western metabasalt hosts two distinct metamorphosed hydrothermal alteration zones and is distributed along a north-south trend in the Fazenda Coqueiro deposit (Figure 3). The western metabasalt differs from the eastern metabasalt by enrichment in light rare earth elements and higher crustal contamination; however, the two metabasalts are inserted in the same ocean floor geological context as described in Spreafico et al. (2019).

These rocks are very fine-grained, mainly composed of actinolite and oligoclase, with low percentages of augite, quartz and biotite, as well as ilmenite and titanite as accessory minerals and traces of pyrrhotite, pyrite, chalcopyrite, galena, sphalerite and arsenopyrite (Figures 4A and 5A). The grains of biotite and actinolite are oriented and define well-developed planes of foliation.

The western metabasalts are five hundred meters thick and five to six kilometers long in the deposit and constitute the central and main portion of the mineralization (Figure 6). They make tectonic contact along thrust zones with metarhyolites of the basement to the east and with siliciclastic metasedimentary rocks to the west (Figure 3).

Two metamorphosed hydrothermal alteration zones occur interlayered within the western metabasalt: one is a proximal carbonate zone that hosts massive sulfides in the Fazenda Coqueiro deposit composed mainly of sphalerite and galena; and the other is a distal argillic-chloritic zone that hosts disseminated sulfides composed mainly of chalcopyrite.

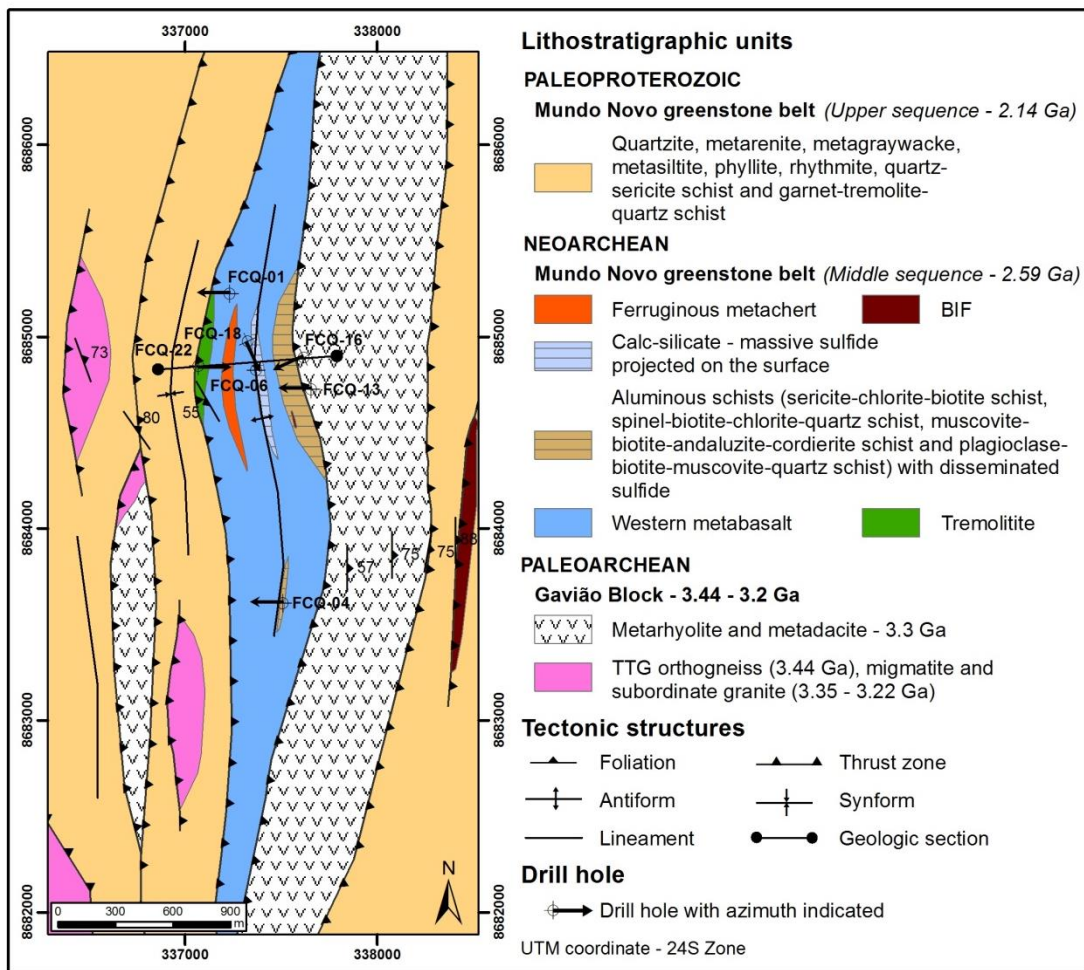


Figure 3. Geologic map of the Fazenda Coqueiro VMS deposit and the sites of drill holes where the sulfide samples were collected for Pb-Pb analyses.

Argillic-chloritic hydrothermal alteration zone (aluminous schist)

The argillic-chloritic alteration zone corresponds to aluminous schist (metapelitic) occurrences (Figure 4B), is pervasive and distal in relation to volcanic sources and is observable mainly in drill cores. This alteration zone hosts disseminated and lower content sulfide with a predominance of chalcopyrite that normally precedes the main mineralization formed by ocean floor hydrothermal processes. The metamorphic products of the argillic-chloritic alteration zone are aluminous schists, such as sericite-chlorite-biotite schist (Figures 5B and 5D), spinel-biotite-chlorite-quartz schist, muscovite-biotite-andalusite-cordierite schist and plagioclase-biotite-muscovite-quartz schist. A thin silicate level can occur between the argillic-chloritic and the carbonate zone, hosting mainly galena and chalcopyrite disseminated grains (Figure 5C).

The aluminous schist is interlayered with the western metabasalt at different levels and comprises the footwall of the massive sulfide level (Figures 6 and 7). Beyond chalcopyrite occurrences, paragenesis also involves galena and pyrrhotite (Figure 5C), in addition to pyrite, pentlandite and rutile (Figure 5D).

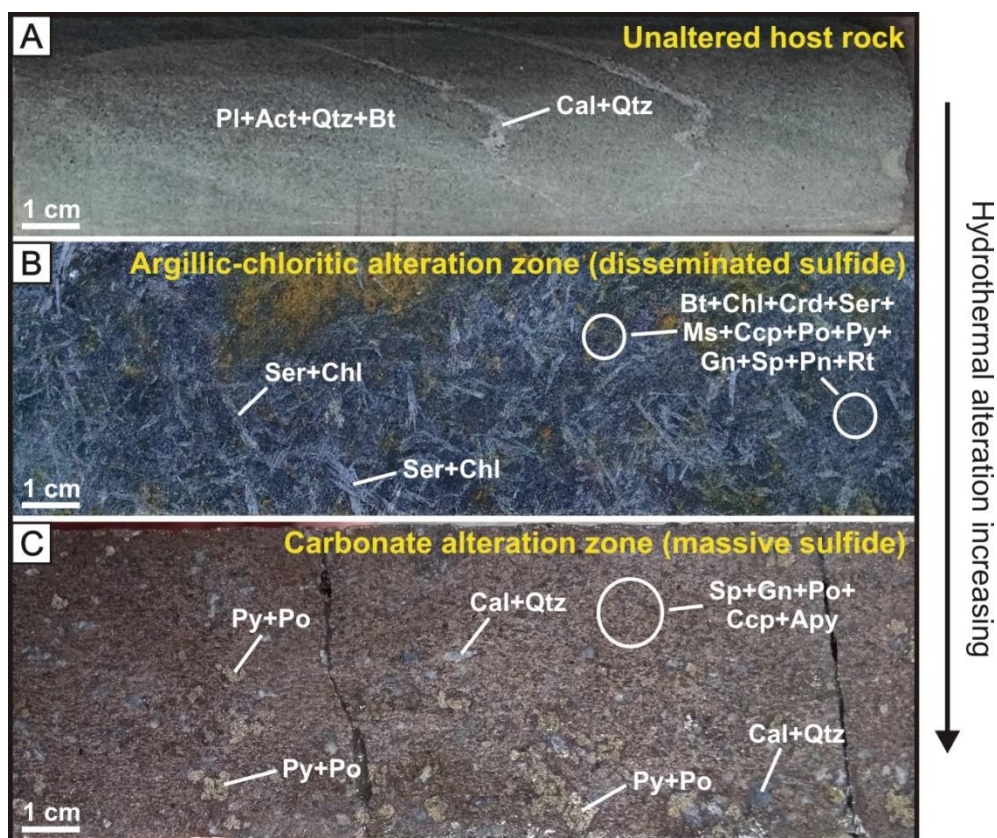


Figure 4. Core samples of the host rock and hydrothermal alteration zones in the Fazenda Coqueiro VMS deposit with the hydrothermal alteration increasing from the unaltered western metabasalt to the carbonate hydrothermal alteration zone. A) Unaltered western metabasalt host rock composed of plagioclase, actinolite, quartz and biotite intersected by calcic-quartz veins. B) Argillic-chloritic hydrothermal alteration zone (aluminous schist) composed of sericite, chlorite, biotite, cordierite and muscovite with disseminated chalcopyrite and traces of pyrrhotite, pyrite, galena, sphalerite, pentlandite and rutile. C) Carbonate hydrothermal alteration zone (calc-silicate rock) composed of calcite and quartz with paragenesis composed of massive sphalerite and traces of galena, pyrrhotite, pyrite and arsenopyrite. Mineral abbreviations: Act: actinolite, Apy: arsenopyrite, Bt: biotite, Cal: calcite, Ccp: chalcopyrite, Chl: chlorite, Crd: cordierite, Gn: galena, Ms: muscovite, Pl: plagioclase, Pn: pentlandite, Po: pyrrhotite, Py: pyrite, Qtz: quartz, Rt: rutile, Ser: sericite and Sp: sphalerite.

Carbonate hydrothermal alteration zone (calc-silicate)

The carbonate alteration zone, observable only in the drill cores, hosts massive and higher content sulfides and is proximal to volcanic sources. This massive sulfide is stratabound and composed mainly of sphalerite with minor amounts of galena, chalcopyrite, pyrrhotite and pyrite resulting from the final process of mineralization on the ocean floor. The metamorphic product of the carbonate alteration zone is a calc-silicate rock composed of calcite, quartz and diopside (Figures 4C and 5E). The ore paragenesis comprises sphalerite, often with inclusions of galena (Figure 5F) and pyrrhotite, with minor occurrences of chalcopyrite and pyrite and restricted occurrences of silver and gold.

The carbonate alteration zone forms a subvertical lens in the eastern limb of a tight antiform with a north-south and subhorizontal hinge line plunging southward (Figure 6). The hanging wall is composed of the western metabasalt, and the footwall consists of one level of aluminous schist, where thin silicate levels can occur with low contents of galena, chalcopyrite, pyrrhotite and arsenopyrite. The carbonate lens is eight meters thick and at least one hundred meters long along the north-south direction, based on available drill hole data, with the top at a depth of approximately three hundred seventy meters (Figure 7). However, the extent of the massive sulfide lens at greater depths is yet unknown.

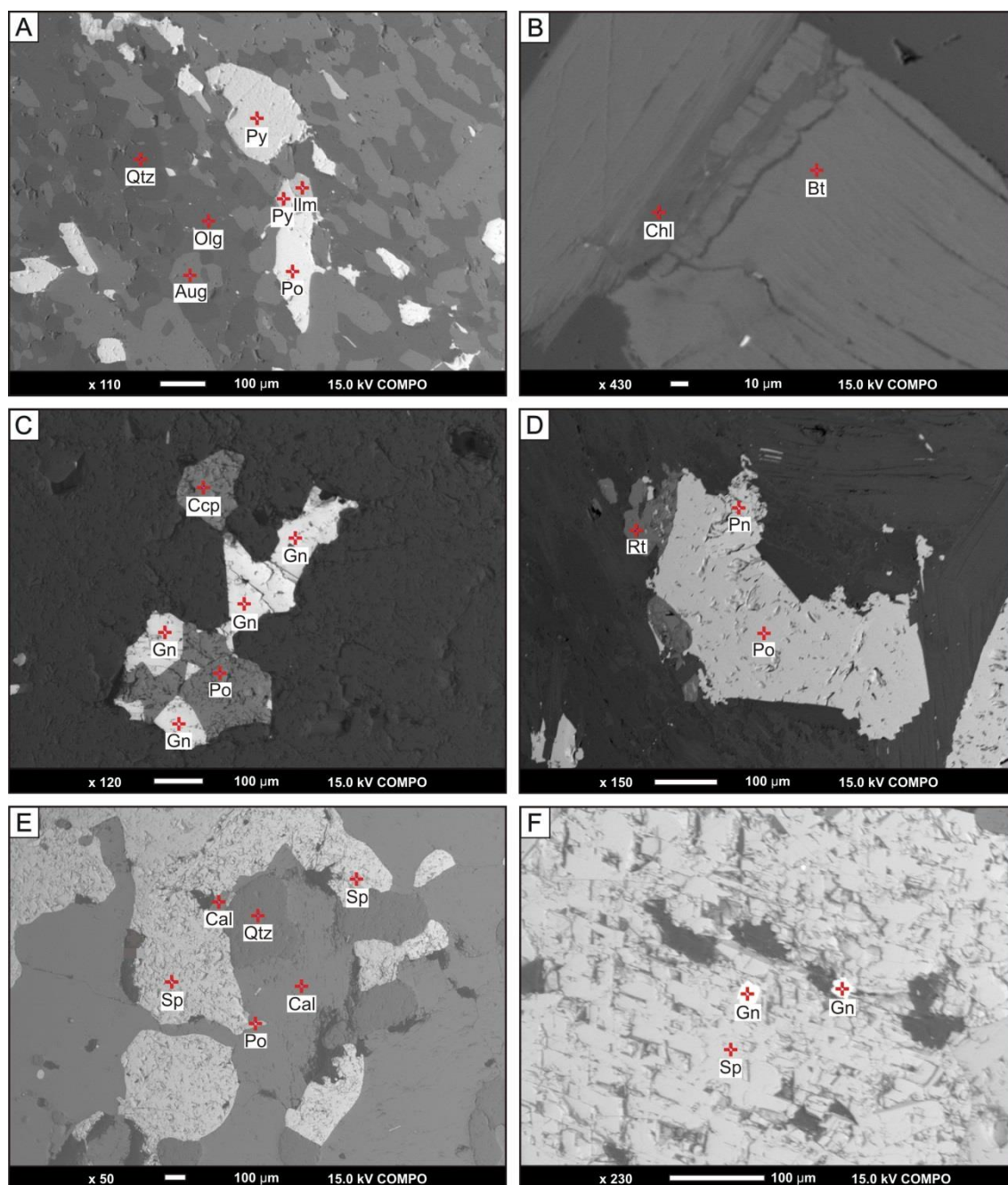


Figure 5. Backscattered electron images with the analytical spots in the core samples of the Fazenda Coqueiro VMS deposit. A) Mineral paragenesis in the western metabasalt: B) Chlorite and biotite relation in the aluminous schist. C) Mineral paragenesis of the silica-rich level in the aluminous schist composed of chalcopyrite, galena and pyrrhotite. D) Mineral paragenesis of the aluminous schist composed of pyrrhotite, pentlandite and rutile. E) Interstitial sphalerite and pyrrhotite in calcite and quartz grains of the calc-silicate rock. F) Inclusions of galena grains in sphalerite hosted in the calc-silicate rock. Mineral abbreviations: Aug: augite, Bt: biotite, Cal: calcite, Ccp: chalcopyrite, Chl: chlorite, Gn: galena, Ilm: ilmenite, Olg: oligoclase, Pn: pentlandite, Po: pyrrhotite, Py: pyrite, Qtz: quartz, Rt: rutile and Sp: sphalerite.

Structural geology

The rocks of the Fazenda Coqueiro deposit were affected by two progressive and west vergent deformational phases related to the Rhyacian-Orosirian tectonic event described for the MNGB (Leite, 2002; Spreafico et al., 2019). The result was a tectonic tightening of the rocks with slices of the basement metarhyolites emplaced in the supracrustal rocks along thrust zones. Therefore, the metarhyolites overlapped on the western metabasalts of the

middle sequence in the eastern part of the deposit, and the western metabasalts overlapped on the metasedimentary siliciclastic rocks of the upper sequence in the western part of the deposit (Figure 6).

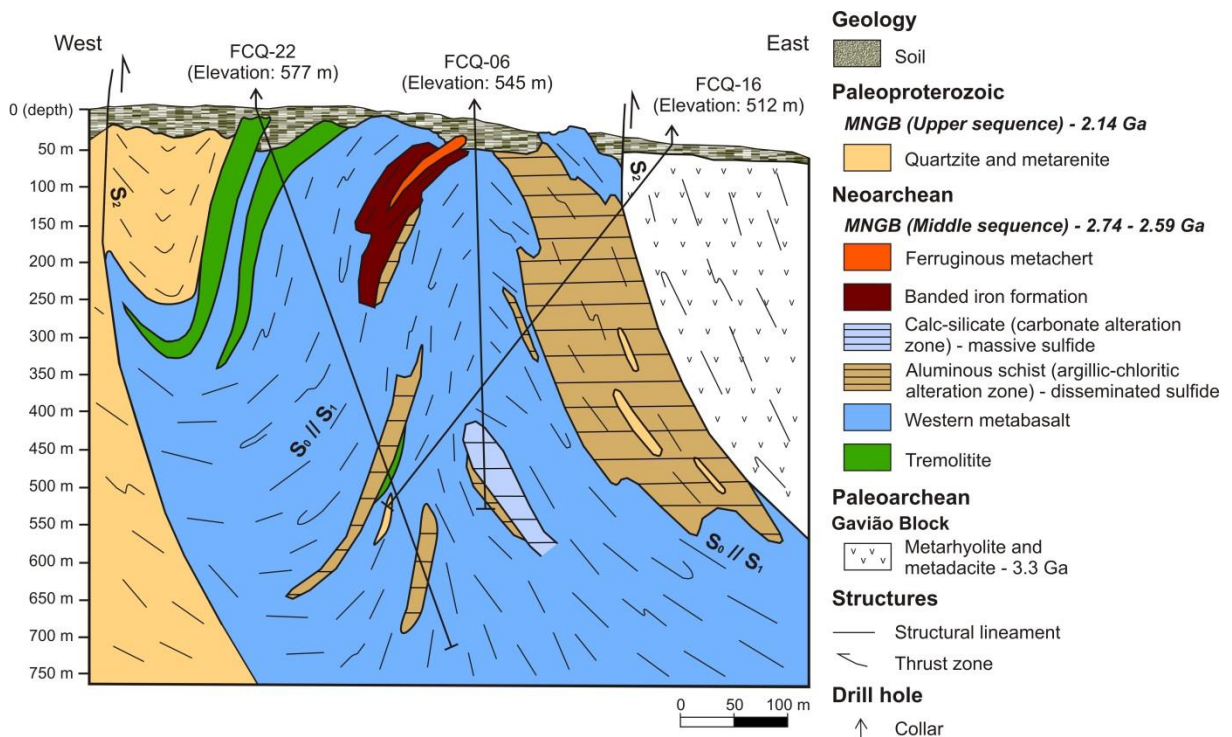


Figure 6. Geologic cross section of the Fazenda Coqueiro VMS deposit showing the antiform, the distribution of the western metabasalt and the hydrothermal alteration zones (calc-silicate rock and aluminous schist) based on outcrops and drill core descriptions. The site of the geologic cross section is represented in the geologic map of Figure 3.

The antiform outlined by the carbonate and argillic-chloritic hydrothermal alteration zones (Figure 7) encloses the Fazenda Coqueiro deposit and continues to a synform to the west. Like the antiform, the synform also has a north-south hinge line plunging to the south and limbs with high-angle dips.

The S_0 and S_1 structures were parallelized during the first west vergent deformational phase constituting the limbs of the antiform and synform that developed during the second west vergent deformational phase. This second deformational phase produced subvertical axial planes and thrust zones, both interpreted as S_2 structures. The concordance of the massive sulfide lens with the S_0 and S_1 structures and its subvertical position suggest that the massive sulfide zone may also be parallel to the subvertical S_2 structures.

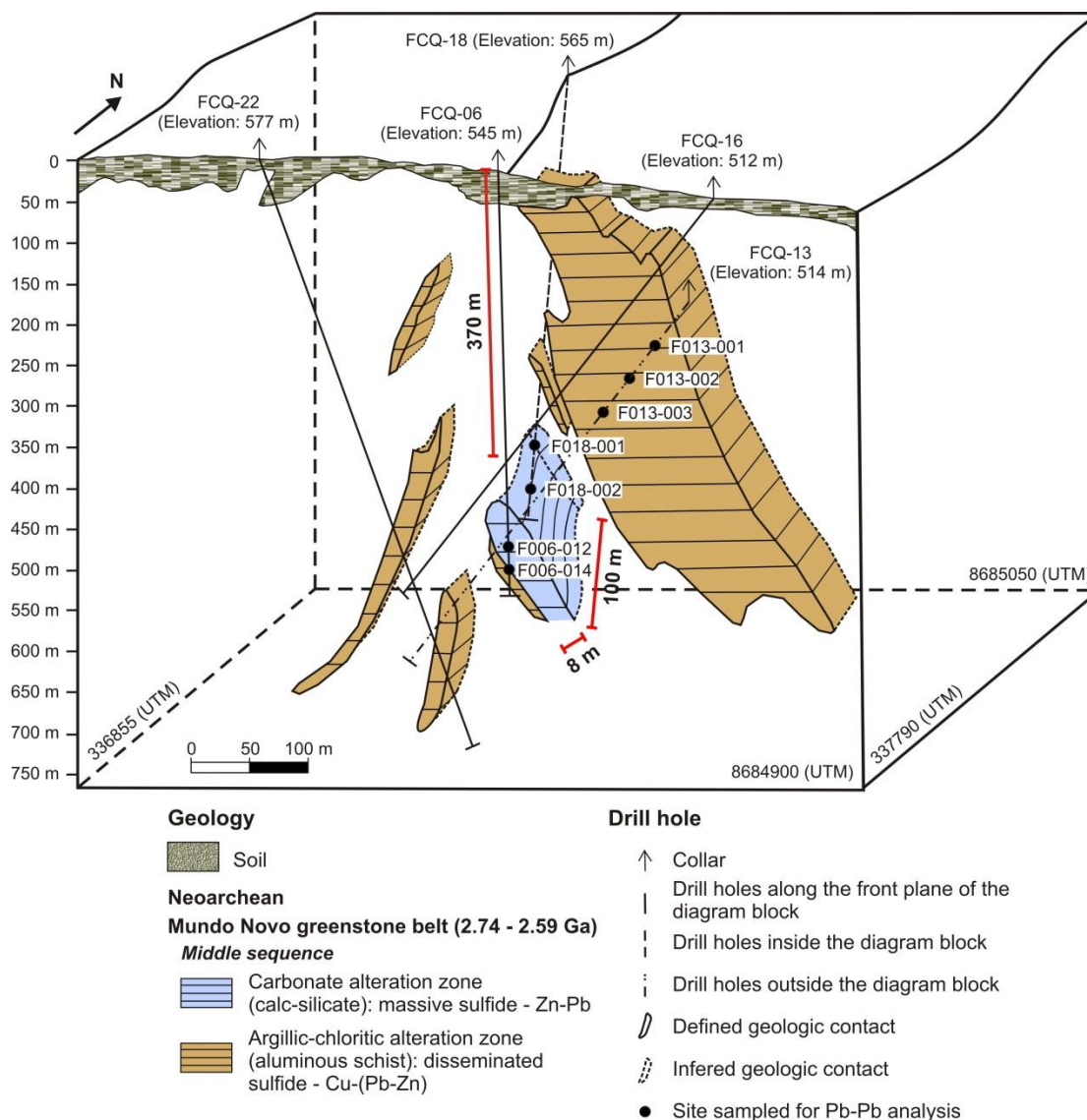


Figure 7. Block diagram of the Fazenda Coqueiro VMS deposit showing the distribution and geometry interpreted for hydrothermal alteration halos, the associated mineralization and the sites sampled for Pb-Pb analysis. Collar coordinates of the drill holes sampled: FCQ-06: W. Long.: 40° 29' 35.54"/ S. Lat.: 11° 53' 35.25"; FCQ-013: W. Long.: 40° 29' 24.71"/ S. Lat.: 11° 53' 37.09"; FCQ-018: W. Long.: 40° 29' 37.04"/ S. Lat.: 11° 53' 30.44".

Pb-Pb geochronology of sulfides

The twelve sulfide samples for Pb-Pb geochronology analysis were collected from cores of three drill holes in the Fazenda Coqueiro deposit: FCQ-06, FCQ-12 and FCQ-18 (Figures 3 and 7). The five samples collected from drill hole FCQ-06 are F006-012a, F006-012b, F006-012c, F006-012d and F006-014; the three samples collected from drill hole FCQ-13 are F013-001, F013-002 and F013-003; and the four samples collected from drill hole FCQ-18 are F018-001a, F018-001b, F018-002 and F018-002L (Figure 8). The F018-002L sample generated three more samples through the leached preparation technique, which were used in the tectonic source diagrams. All isotopic results obtained and used for diagram plots are presented in Table 2.

Table 2. Isotopic data for sulfide samples from the Fazenda Coqueiro VMS deposit used for geochronological study.

Sample	Mineral* analyzed	Host rock	Preparation technique	$^{206}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$	2σ	$^{207}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$	2σ	$^{208}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$	2σ
F006-12a	Sp	Carbonate zone	Whole digestion	13.884	0.002	14.855	0.002	33.662	0.006
F006-12b	Sp	Carbonate zone	Whole digestion	13.783	0.001	14.825	0.001	33.547	0.003
F006-12c	Sp	Carbonate zone	Whole digestion	13.849	0.002	14.837	0.002	33.616	0.005
F006-12d	Sp	Carbonate zone	Whole digestion	13.766	0.002	14.824	0.002	33.528	0.005
F006-014	Gn	Rich-silica level	Galena analysis	13.742	0.002	14.816	0.002	33.495	0.010
F013-001	Ccp	Argillic-chloritic zone	Whole digestion	24.836	0.043	16.952	0.028	43.039	0.073
F013-002	Ccp	Argillic-chloritic zone	Whole digestion	17.143	0.044	15.355	0.040	36.853	0.100
F013-003	Ccp	Argillic-chloritic zone	Whole digestion	16.460	0.022	15.369	0.022	36.148	0.053
F018-001a	Sp	Carbonate zone	Whole digestion	36.809	0.028	17.220	0.013	36.941	0.027
F018-001b	Sp	Carbonate zone	Whole digestion	13.759	0.001	14.832	0.002	33.556	0.006
F018-002	Ccp	Carbonate zone	Whole digestion	13.819	0.001	14.856	0.001	33.614	0.004
F018-002-L1	Ccp	Carbonate zone	Leached fraction	13.814	0.001	14.905	0.002	33.749	0.004
F018-002-L2	Ccp	Carbonate zone	Leached fraction	13.798	0.003	14.883	0.003	33.684	0.008
F018-002-L3	Ccp	Carbonate zone	Leached fraction	13.842	0.004	14.951	0.004	33.885	0.009

*Mineral abbreviations: Ccp: chalcopyrite, Gn: galena and Sp: sphalerite.

A galena grain sampled from a silica-rich level of the argillic-chloritic alteration zone in the FCQ-06 drill hole and sphalerite and chalcopyrite grains sampled from the carbonate alteration zone (massive sulfide) in the FCQ-18 drill hole core were used to determine the model ages. These ages have naturally high errors because they take into consideration Pb evolution in the Earth according the Stacey and Kramers (1975) model, which is certainly not obeyed in all geological cases. However, the similarity (we can say that the ages are the same) of the results obtained for the three samples show that the model was obeyed, in addition to indicating a unique and isotopically homogeneous source for the three analyzed sulfides. Thus, the galena yields a model age of 2804 ± 11.15 Ma (Figure 9A), the chalcopyrite yields a model age of 2794 ± 11.2 Ma (Figure 9B), and the sphalerite yields a model age of 2767 ± 11.1 Ma (Figure 9C), indicating the moment that Pb was separated from the terrestrial reservoir to form the analyzed minerals.

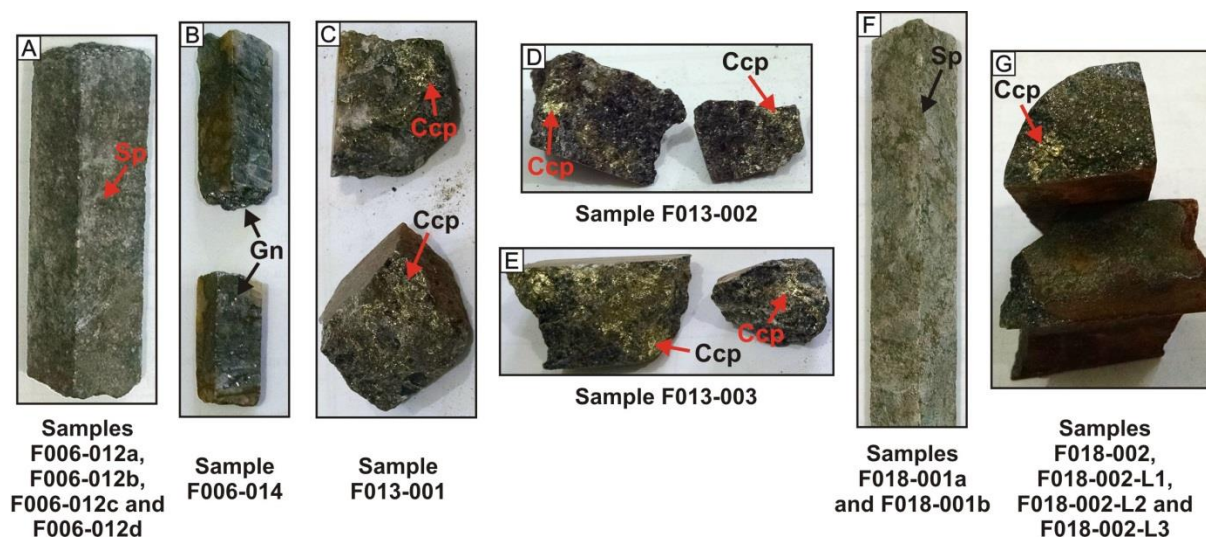


Figure 8. Drill cores used for Pb-Pb geochronological study of sulfides from the Fazenda Coqueiro VMS deposit. A) Carbonate hydrothermal alteration core with massive sphalerite from which four samples were obtained for the source study. B) Silica-rich core level in the argillic-chloritic alteration zone with galena sampled for model age study. C), D) and E) Argillic-chloritic hydrothermal alteration cores with disseminated chalcopyrite sampled for crystallization age and source study. F) Carbonate hydrothermal alteration core with massive sphalerite from which two samples were obtained for model and crystallization ages and source study. G) Carbonate hydrothermal alteration core with chalcopyrite from which four samples (whole digestion and leached fractions) were obtained for model and crystallization ages and source study. Mineral abbreviations: Ccp: chalcopyrite, Gn: galena and Sp: sphalerite.

Samples F013-001 (chalcopyrite), F013-002 (chalcopyrite) and F013-003 (chalcopyrite) collected from the argillic-chloritic alteration zone in drill hole FCQ-013 and samples F018-001b (sphalerite) and F018-002 (chalcopyrite) collected from the carbonate alteration zone (massive sulfide) in drill hole FCQ-18 were used for isochron determination according to the Ludwig (2008) algorithm. The first isochron yielded a crystallization age of 2753 Ma with a deviation of 210 Ma and a very high MSWD of 68 (Figure 10A). However, using three points, samples F013-001 (chalcopyrite) and F013-003 (chalcopyrite) from the argillic-chloritic alteration zone and sample F018-002 (chalcopyrite) from the carbonate alteration zone, the isochron yielded a crystallization age of 2747 ± 16 Ma with a deviation satisfactorily low and an ideal MSWD near one (Figure 10B). The age obtained using a greater diversity of samples, including sphalerite, is practically the same as the age obtained using three chalcopyrite samples. However, the last age obtained is more accurate. Therefore, 2747 ± 16 Ma is interpreted as the crystallization age of the sulfides analyzed.

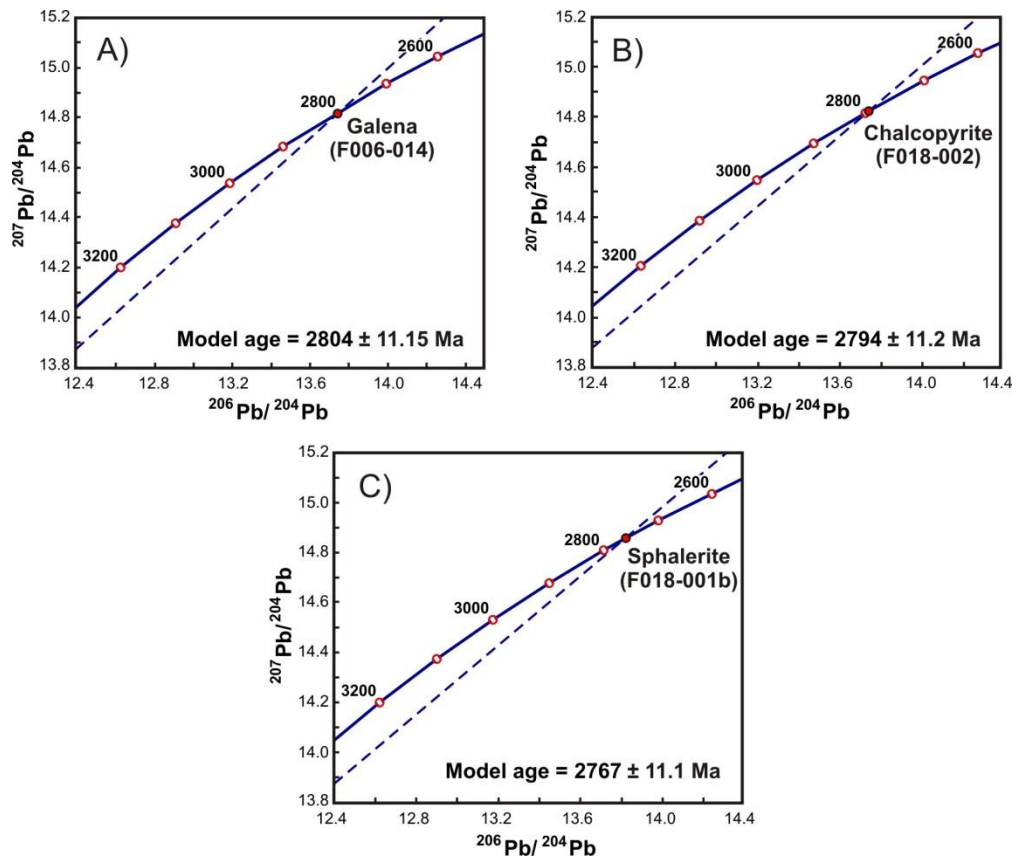


Figure 9. $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$ vs. $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$ diagram for model age determination for three sulfide samples from the Fazenda Coqueiro VMS deposit: A) Galena sample from the silica-rich level in the argillic-chloritic alteration zone. B) Chalcopyrite sample from the carbonate and massive sulfide zone. C). Sphalerite sample from the carbonate and massive sulfide zone.

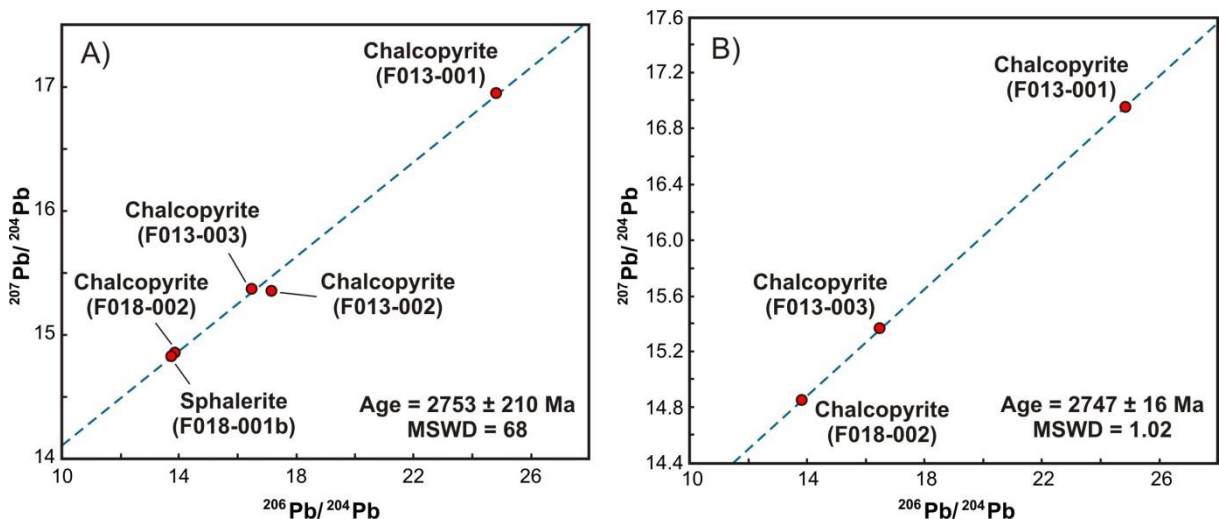


Figure 10. Detail of the isochron on the $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$ vs. $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$ diagram to determine the crystallization age of sulfides from the Fazenda Coqueiro VMS deposit. A) Detailed isochron using five sulfide samples yields an age of 2753 ± 210 Ma with, however, a high MSWD of 68. B) Detailed isochron using one sample of chalcopyrite from the massive sulfide zone (F018-002) and two samples of chalcopyrite from the disseminated sulfide zone in the argillic-chloritic alteration halo (F013-001 and F013-003) that yield an age of 2747 ± 16 Ma and MSWD of 1.02.

The thorogenic (^{208}Pb - ^{206}Pb) and uraniumogenic (^{207}Pb - ^{206}Pb) diagrams follow the Zartman and Doe (1981) model, where the curves represent the tectonic settings of mantle, lower crust, upper crust and orogen/mixture. On the thorogenic diagram (Figure 11A), the samples plot near the upper crust curve, but they are nearer the mantle and orogen curves,

which are close together in this diagram. On the uraniumogenic diagram (Figure 11B), the samples are near the upper crust and orogen, but they move away from the mantle curve. Only two points are far from the set and are near the mantle and lower crust curves. Therefore, in terms of tectonic setting, according to these models, we suggest that the Pb that composes the sulfides would be more coherent with an origin from the upper crust.

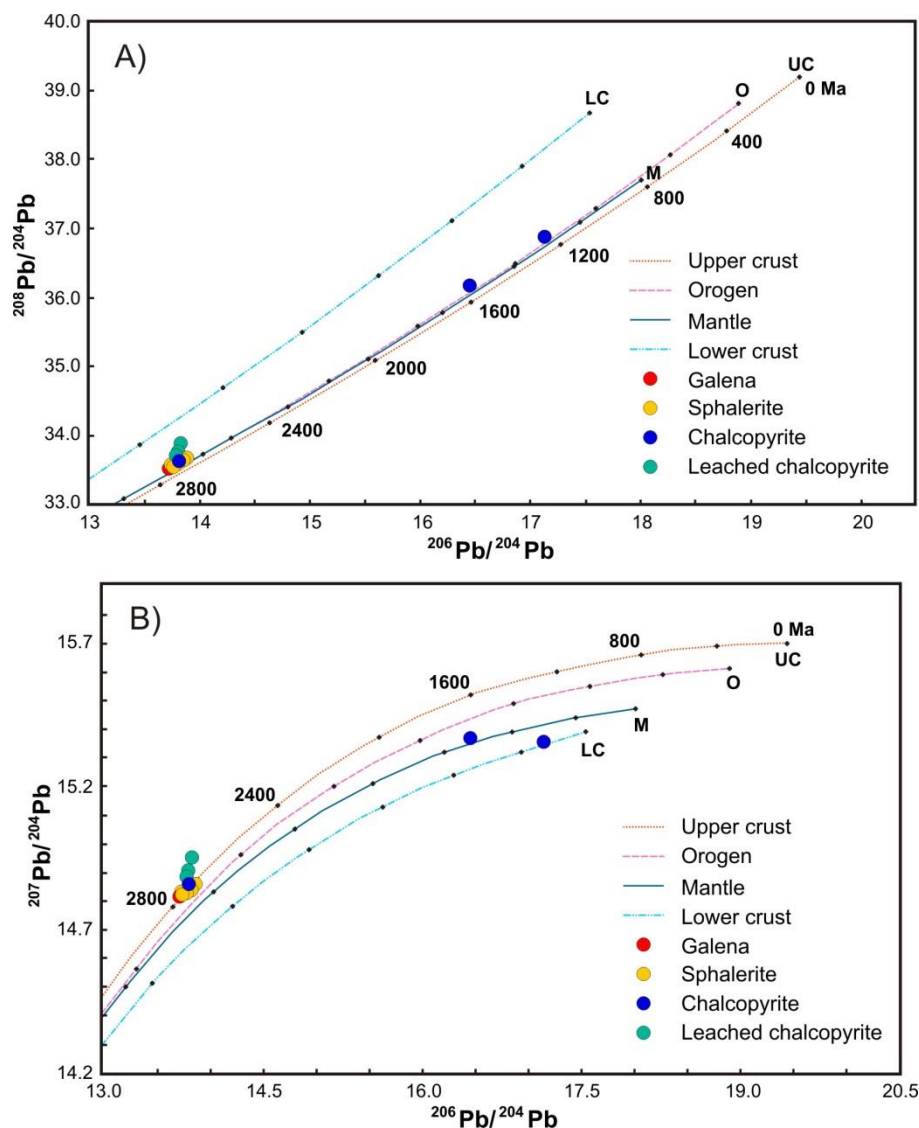


Figure 11. A) Thorogenic and B) uraniumogenic diagrams (Zartman and Doe, 1981) used for source study of the sphalerite, galena and chalcopyrite samples from the Fazenda Coqueiro VMS deposit.

DISCUSSION

The sphalerite analyses from samples F006-12a, F006-12b, F006-12c and F006-12d, each with different mass, yield isotopic results that are close but not exactly the same, such as the different isotopic values for sphalerite from samples F018-001a and F018-001b. This result indicates that the sphalerite grains analyzed from the massive sulfide zone are distinct, suggesting that they are not perfectly homogeneous or show inclusions or blends with other minerals.

The similarity among the model ages of galena, chalcopyrite and sphalerite, 2804 ± 11.15 Ma, 2794 ± 11.2 Ma and 2767 ± 11.1 Ma, respectively, and the isochron age of 2747 ± 16 Ma suggest coherence in the data set, indicating an initial isotopic homogeneity and a

common evolutionary history until the formation of the sulfides. The crystallization age of sulfides obtained by the isochron is approximately 2595 Ma (Spreafico et al., 2019) from a metadacite occurrence in the central-north portion of the MNGB. Further, the isochron age of 2747 Ma can be interpreted as synchronous to ocean floor basaltic volcanism, and the interval of 152 Ma can be estimated as the period of existence of oceanic crust during the Neoproterozoic when the Fazenda Coqueiro VMS deposit formed.

The geochronological data suggest a coeval paragenesis for sulfides in both the massive and disseminated mineralized zones. The genesis of the western metabasalt and the argillic-chloritic and carbonate alteration zones seems to be related to the same ocean floor volcanic event. Moreover, a possible sulfide remobilization during the Rhyacian-Orosirian tectonic event is not confirmed based on Pb-Pb sulfide geochronological data. The broad distribution and variety of sulfide samples collected in different parageneses and rocks among the deposit and the absence of substitution and interdigitated textures observed in the backscattered images reinforce the hypothesis of low or no Paleoproterozoic activity able to considerably remobilize and recrystallize the sulfides previously formed during the Neoproterozoic.

Although the actinolite and plagioclase contents of the western metabasalt indicate low- to medium-temperature metamorphic facies between greenschist and amphibolite, showing that there was heat in the system, the absence of recrystallization in the sulfides suggests that the tensional structures developed were restricted and that the Rhyacian-Orosirian tectonic event was probably heterogeneous at the mineralization site. Therefore, the non-recrystallized sulfides show that a nucleus of less intense deformation along the limbs of folds in the Fazenda Coqueiro deposit may have been preserved.

The VMS model

Based on metabasalt and ocean floor hydrothermal halo occurrences, the syngenetic origin, and the back-arc and island arc patterns of the western metabasalt described in Spreafico et al. (2019), we propose the initial morphology of the Fazenda Coqueiro deposit according to the classical VMS model of Hannington et al. (1998) and Galley et al. (2007) (Figure 12).

The central upflow zone, also described as silicified and pyritic stockworks or stringers in the VMS model, may yet be observed in the footwall of the deposit where the high-silica level, with mainly galena occurrences, occurs inserted in the argillic-chloritic alteration zone. However, this silicified level could also be interpreted as secondary conduits of the main deposit.

The argillic-chloritic alteration halo seems to be related to the chloritized halo of the VMS model of Hannington et al. (1998) and Galley et al. (2007). However, deposition of pelitic sediments on the ocean floor must also have contributed to the development of the aluminous halos distal to volcanic sources in the debris flow and metalliferous sediment zone of the VMS model (Figure 12). The formation of the massive sulfide comprising mainly sphalerite corresponds to compact ore and Zn-rich marginal facies of the model of Hannington et al. (1998) and Galley et al. (2007) (Figure 12). Carbonate precipitation on the ocean floor concomitant with volcanism seems to be a determinant for the massive concentration of sphalerite, showing the importance of carbonate as a chemical metallotect.

According to the VMS classification of Barrie and Hannington (1999), the Fazenda Coqueiro deposit is closer to the mafic-siliciclastic type, which contains significant amounts of carbonate within the siliciclastic rocks. In relation to the VMS deposit classification of Franklin et al. (2005), the pelitic-mafic mature oceanic back-arc seems more appropriate to classify the Fazenda Coqueiro deposit, where the predominant basaltic and subordinate pelitic

rocks of back-arc successions occur in juvenile and accreted arc assemblages. In both cases, the absence of felsic rocks (flows or volcanoclastic) coeval to the stratigraphic package of the Fazenda Coqueiro deposit also conforms with these classifications. Moreover, the pelitic contents in the Fazenda Coqueiro would be smaller than the mafic contents together with the absence of coarser siliciclastic rocks.

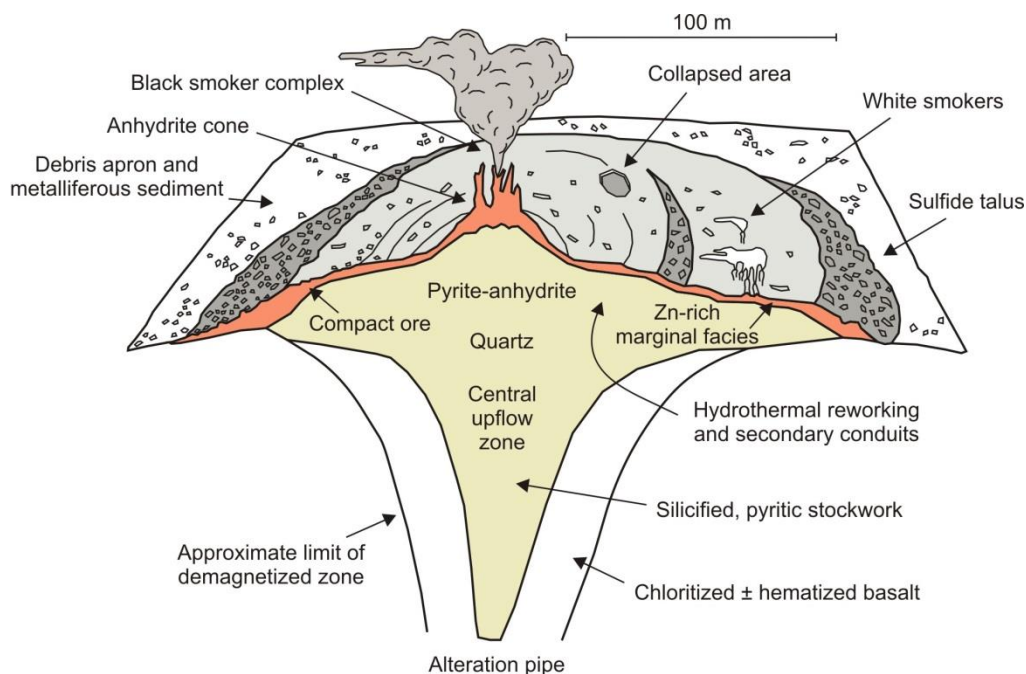


Figure 12. Classic cross section of a volcanogenic massive sulfide deposit. The concordant massive sulfide deposit is underlain by a discordant stockwork vein system (Central upflow zone) and associated alteration halo (alteration pipe). From Hannington et al. (1998) and Galley et al. (2007).

Regarding the source of the metals in the Fazenda Coqueiro deposit, contributions from the upper crust may have played an important role according to the thorogenic and uranium diagrams for the Pb element. Therefore, the metals were probably transported during volcanism from the upper crust until their distribution and precipitation in the ocean floor setting, as proposed for the formation of the Fazenda Coqueiro VMS deposit. This proposal agrees with the most widely accepted source for metals and sulfur, where these elements are derived through high-temperature interactions between modified seawater and rock within the footwall strata of the VMS deposit (Franklin et al., 2005). The Cu precipitation correlated with temperature and the Zn content related primarily to pH, as discussed in Franklin et al. (2005), may explain the zoning of Cu occurrence in the alteration halos of the stringer zone and the Zn concentration in the strata on the ocean floor in the case of the Fazenda Coqueiro deposit.

The chemical trap on the ocean floor observed in the Fazenda Coqueiro deposit can be satisfactorily compared to the Garpenberg, Dammsjö and Garpenberg Norra VMS deposits in the Garpenberg District, Sweden. These deposits are interpreted as limestone-skarn Zn-Pb-Ag-Cu-Au deposits and as syn-volcanic stratabound subseafloor replacements (Allen et al., 1996). The relatively shallow water and limestone-associated variations in volcanic-associated massive sulfide ores and the ore deposition occurred by reaction of the ascending hydrothermal solutions with limestones below the ocean floor (Allen et al., 1996). This interpretation would be applicable to the genesis of the Zn-Pb massive sulfide deposit, with Ag and Au occurrences hosted in the carbonate alteration zone of the Fazenda Coqueiro deposit.

Regarding a more regional interpretation, the Fazenda Coqueiro deposit would have formed in a Neoproterozoic oceanic crust, most likely in a back-arc and/or island arc setting, developed between the Gavião and Mairi blocks (Figure 13A). Finally, the oceanic crust was compressed by the Rhyacian-Orosirian tectonic event imbricating the basement and the middle and upper sequences in the Fazenda Coqueiro deposit (Figure 13B). This event was coeval to the formation of the Contendas-Jacobina lineament when the area reached tectonic stability.

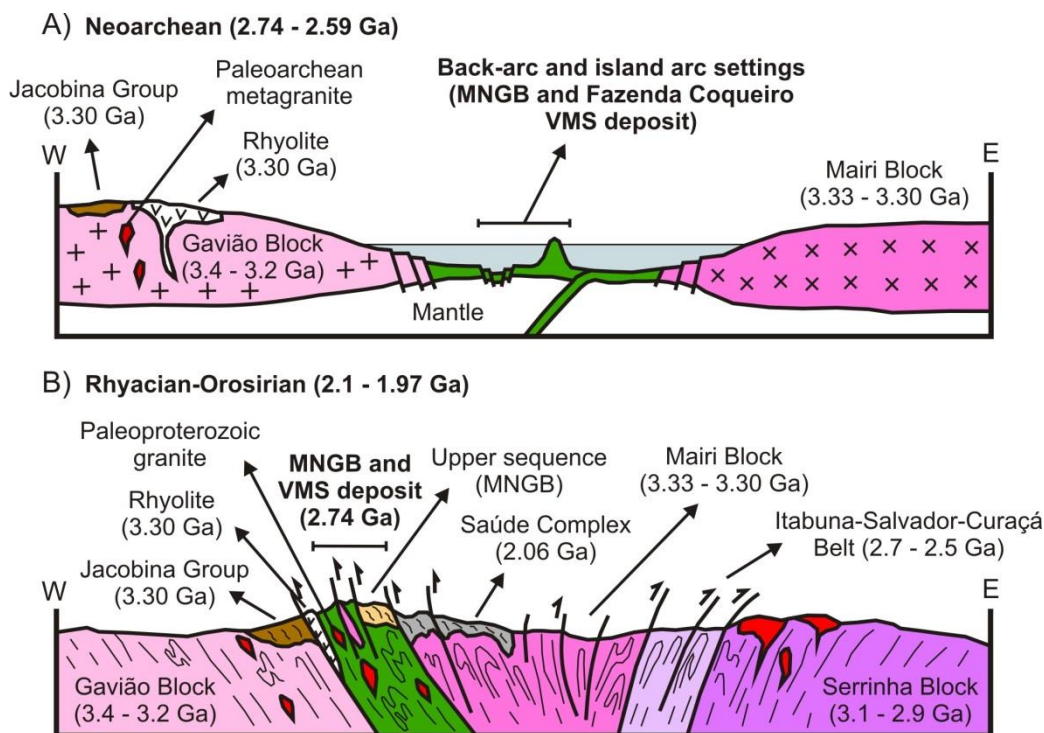


Figure 13. Intraoceanic setting of the MNGB and Fazenda Coqueiro deposit based on new data presented in this study and compiled ages for the Gavião Block, MNGB and Rhyacian-Orosirian granites (Mougeot, 1996; Leite, 2002; Peucat et al., 2002; Zincone et al., 2016; Spreafico et al., 2019), Mairi Block (Sousa et al., 2018), Jacobina Group (Teles, 2013; Teles et al., 2015; Barbuena et al., 2016), Serrinha Block (Oliveira et al., 2002a, 2002b; Rios et al., 2009), Itabuna-Salvador-Curaçá Belt (Silva et al., 1997; Oliveira et al., 2010) and Saúde Complex (Barbuena et al., 2016; Zincone et al., 2017). A) Oceanic crust between the Gavião and Mairi blocks and formation of the Fazenda Coqueiro deposit at 2747 Ma. B) Rhyacian-Orosirian tectonic event that compressed the MNGB and the Fazenda Coqueiro deposit between the cratonic blocks of the eastern São Francisco Craton.

CONCLUSIONS

The Zn-Pb-rich massive sulfide lens of the Fazenda Coqueiro deposit is stratabound and hosted in the metamorphosed carbonate hydrothermal alteration zone that consists of previous carbonate-rich strata on the ocean floor. The Cu-rich disseminated sulfide levels are hosted in the metamorphosed argillic-chloritic hydrothermal alteration zone that is composed of previous pelitic strata on the ocean floor. Both alteration zones are interlayered in the western metabasalt.

According to the classic VMS model, the massive body of the Fazenda Coqueiro deposit corresponds to the Zn-rich marginal facies of the mound with lower occurrences of Pb, Cu, Ag and Au, and the Cu disseminated levels are associated with the distal halos of the main volcanic conduit in the alteration pipe or the debris apron with metalliferous sediments.

The Pb in galena, chalcopyrite and sphalerite was sourced from the upper crust between 2804 Ma and 2767 Ma, and the sulfides crystallized at 2747 Ma during volcanic processes in an ocean floor setting such as a back-arc basin or an island arc. Therefore, we

suggest that a main carbonate chemical trap reacted with hydrothermal solutions in a volcanic setting, changing the pH of the system and contributing to the formation of conditions for the precipitation of the Zn-Pb-rich massive sulfide. However, the temperature contrast between the proximal and distal zones relative to the volcanic source controlled the precipitation of disseminated chalcopyrite in pelitic zones.

Paleoproterozoic remobilization of the sulfides is not supported by the data presented in this study, suggesting that the Rhyacian-Orosirian tectonic event was heterogeneous at the mineralization site of the Fazenda Coqueiro deposit, preserving portions from deformation.

Based on the present model, remnant fragments of oceanic crust along the Contendas-Jacobina lineament with evidence of ocean floor hydrothermal activity are good guides to prospecting for VMS-type deposits similar to the Fazenda Coqueiro deposit.

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CAPÍTULO 5

CONCLUSÕES

Com base em novos dados geológicos, petrográficos, litogeoquímicos, geocronológicos e isotópicos obtidos no GBMN e no depósito de Zn e Pb da Fazenda Coqueiro, apresentados nesta Tese, conclui-se que:

- O GBMN mostra padrões litológicos e geoquímicos de proveniência intraoceânica, semelhante a outras sequências metavulcanossedimentares inseridas no Lineamento Contendas-Jacobina, incluindo a sequência metavulcanossedimentar Contendas-Mirante. O GBMN também possui similaridades geológicas, como estruturas *pillow lavas* e associações com sedimentos químicos e rochas vulcânicas, e similaridades tectônicas, como origem em ambientes de fundo oceânico, com relação a outros *greenstone belts* de outras regiões do Cráton do São Francisco, como por exemplo, o *greenstone belt* Rio das Velhas, no estado de Minas Gerais.
- O metakomatiito e os metabasaltos leste e oeste se formaram em ambientes próximos, como bacia de *back-arc* e arco de ilha, com padrões geoquímicos do tipo MORB, principalmente para o metabasalto oeste, mas também para algumas amostras do metabasalto leste, e IAT, somente para o metabasalto leste. Possíveis assimilações crustais das rochas vulcânicas no sistema arco-bacia levaram ao enriquecimento destas rochas em Cs, Ba, Th e ETR leves. Entretanto, o evento tectonotermal compressional Riacyano-Orosiriano deve ter contribuído para um maior enriquecimento destes elementos no metabasalto oeste, que foi sobreposto às rochas do Bloco Gavião durante o tectonismo compressional e também formou lascas tectônicas no embasamento oeste do GBMN. Por sua vez, tanto o metakomatiito quanto o metabasalto leste, diferentemente do anterior, devem ter sido afetados principalmente pelas assimilações intraoceânicas. O tectonismo Riacyano-Orosiriano, no entanto, deve ter sido heterogêneo nestas rochas, pois as texturas primárias como a *spinifex* no metakomatiito, e as estruturas primárias no metabasalto leste, como as *pillow lavas*, foram preservadas.
- As particularidades mineralógicas entre os metabasaltos leste e oeste do GBMN são produtos de assimilações crustais durante processos metamórficos do Riacyano-Orosiriano. Entretanto, diferenças mineralógicas primárias podem ter permanecido, visto que os processos vulcânicos ocorreram em ambientes distintos, porém, próximos (*back-arc* e arco de ilha).
- O Bloco Gavião, estabilizado desde 3,35 Ga (representado pelo granito Miguel Calmon), foi fraturado pelo processo de rifteamento que gerou riolitos. Posteriormente, granitos, como o anorogênico Fazenda Coqueiro, se formaram em 3,22 Ga, provavelmente derivados da crosta inferior tendo como fonte plútons TTG e granulitos máficos ou intermediários.
- O metakomatiito da sequência inferior do GBMN e os metabasaltos leste e oeste e o metadacito da sequência média do GBMN parecem estar relacionados pelo processo de cristalização fracionada. Portanto, o metadacito formado em 2,59 Ga, o metakomatiito e os metabasaltos são evidências de vulcanismos Neoarqueanos formados no sistema arco-bacia em ambiente de fundo oceânico.
- A colisão dos blocos Gavião e Mairi, no Riacyano-Orosiriano, incluindo a crosta oceânica do GBMN, foi marcada por uma granitogênese tardia que produziu granitos levemente peraluminosos como o Areia Branca e o Jequitibá, derivados de protólitos crustais

Arqueanos. Este evento foi marcado também pela existência de cavalgamentos e dobras vergentes para oeste. Durante o processo de fechamento e do *uplift* resultante, rochas do GBMN e os granitos Riaccianos-Orosirianos devem ter contribuído com material detrítico para a formação das rochas sedimentares da sequência superior do GBMN. Além disso, o Complexo Saúde se formou possivelmente no mesmo tempo da sequência superior do GBMN, embora o primeiro tenha sido submetido a um grau metamórfico mais alto.

- Cinco estágios são propostos para a evolução tectônica do GBMN: estágios (i) e (ii), entre 3,35 Ga e 3,22 Ga, que correspondem aos processos de rifteamento e fechamento tectônico no Bloco Gavião; estágio (iii) em 2,59 Ga, que corresponde ao vulcanismo komatiítico, basáltico e dacítico entre os blocos Gavião e Mairi, e estágios (iv) e (v), entre 2,10 Ga e 1,97 Ga, que correspondem aos dois estágios de colisão progressiva no qual o GBMN foi amalgamado entre os blocos cratônicos da porção leste do Cráton do São Francisco.

- A lente de sulfeto maciço rica em Zn e Pb do depósito da Fazenda Coqueiro é *stratabound* e está hospedada na zona de alteração hidrotermal carbonática, metamorfisada na fácies anfíbolito, que consiste de estratos ricos em carbonato superpostos ao assoalho oceânico. Os níveis de sulfeto de Cu disseminado estão hospedados em zona de alteração hidrotermal argílica-clorítica, representante de estratos pelíticos de fundo oceânico. Ambas as zonas de alteração estão intercaladas no metabasalto oeste.

- De acordo com o modelo clássico de depósitos do tipo VMS, o corpo maciço do depósito da Fazenda Coqueiro corresponde à fácies marginal do *mount*, rica em Zn, com menores ocorrências de Pb, Cu, Ag e Au. Deve-se ressaltar que os níveis de sulfeto de Cu disseminado estão associados aos halos distais do conduto vulcânico principal do pipe de alteração ou aos desníveis distais onde se acumularam sedimentos metalíferos.

- O Pb que ocorre na galena, na calcopirita e na esfalerita se originou na crosta vulcânica entre 2804 Ma e 2767 Ma, embora os sulfetos tenham se cristalizado em 2747 Ma durante processos vulcânicos em ambientes de fundo oceânico, tais como arco de ilha e bacia de *back-arc*. Portanto, sugere-se que um metalotecto químico e carbonático principal reagiu com soluções hidrotermais no ambiente vulcânico, alterando o pH do sistema e contribuindo para a formação de condições redutoras que levaram à precipitação de esfalerita no nível de sulfeto maciço. Entretanto, o contraste de temperatura entre as zonas proximais and distais, em relação à fonte vulcânica, deve ter controlado a precipitação da calcopirita nas porções pelíticas.

- Processos de remobilização de sulfetos durante o Paleoproterozoico não são significativos diante dos dados apresentados neste trabalho, sugerindo que o evento tectônico Riacciano-Orosiriano tenha sido heterogêneo no local da mineralização da Fazenda Coqueiro. Dessa forma, porções da mineralização teriam sido preservadas durante o processo de deformação.

- Por fim, com base no modelo apresentado para a gênese do depósito da Fazenda Coqueiro, sugere-se que fragmentos remanescentes de crosta oceânica, ao longo do Lineamento Contendas-Jacobina, com evidências de atividade hidrotermal de fundo oceânico, sejam bons guias para a prospecção de depósitos do tipo VMS, similares ao depósito da Fazenda Coqueiro.

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Tectonic evolution of the Neoproterozoic Mundo Novo greenstone belt, eastern São Francisco Craton, NE Brazil: Petrology, U-Pb geochronology, and Nd and Sr isotopic constraints

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The Neoproterozoic Mundo Novo greenstone belt, eastern São Francisco Craton, NE Brazil, is a tectonically complex area. The geology and petrology of the belt are described, and the tectonic setting is discussed. The U-Pb geochronology of zircon and the Nd and Sr isotopic compositions of whole-rock samples are presented. The results indicate that the belt was formed during the Neoproterozoic, and its tectonic evolution is related to the São Francisco Craton. The petrology of the rocks is consistent with a magmatic arc setting. The U-Pb geochronology of zircon indicates that the belt was formed during the Neoproterozoic, and the Nd and Sr isotopic compositions of whole-rock samples are consistent with a magmatic arc setting.

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