

# Dynamics of Early Neoproterozoic accretion, west-central India: I. Geochronology and Geochemistry

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## ABSTRACT

The Godhra-Chhota Udepur (GC) sector (west-central India) is the zone of convergence between two crustal-scale accretion zones, i.e. the N/NE-striking Aravalli Delhi Fold Belt (ADFB) against the E-striking Central Indian Tectonic Zone (CITZ). In this study, we demonstrate the two orogens welded during the Early Neoproterozoic.

In the GC sector, recumbently folded basement gneisses, shallow-dipping granitoid mylonites and a suite of allochthonous supracrustal rocks experienced top-to-the south thrusting and nappe formation (D2 deformation). The shallow-dipping crustal domain was modified by the superposition of a network of WNW/W-striking transpressional shear zones and related folds (D3 deformation). The D2-D3 deformations occurred due to oblique crustal convergence marked by the emplacement of pre-D2, post-D2 and syn-D3 granitoids. The post-D2, syn-D3 granite-granodiorites are weakly peraluminous, calc-alkalic, having ferroan to magnesian affinity, and characterised by LREE-enriched moderately fractionated REE patterns with variable negative Eu anomalies. Trace element geochemistry and whole rock Sr-Nd systematics suggest the granitoids were derived from dominantly meta-greywacke precursors.

In South-GC, U-Pb zircons in the basement gneisses yield upper intercept/Concordia dates at 1.65–1.60 Ga for high-grade metamorphism. The lower intercept/Concordia dates in the gneisses coincide with the 0.95–0.93 Ga emplacement age of post-D2/syn-D3 granitoids throughout GC. However, the pre-D2 granitoids in South-GC are older, ~1.03 Ga. By contrast, pre-D2 granitoids in North-GC yield Late Neoproterozoic (2.5 Ga) Concordia/upper intercept emplacement ages, identical to the emplacement age of the Archean granites in the ADFB; the lower intercept/Concordia age is 0.95–0.93 Ga. The 2.5 Ga granites did not experience the 1.65–1.60 Ga high-grade metamorphism, but both the lithodemic units shared the 0.95–0.93 Ga D2-D3 deformation-metamorphism and the emplacement of post-D2 and syn-D3 0.95–0.93 Ga granitoids. The juxtaposition of the ~2.5 Ga granitoids and the 1.65–1.60 Ga gneisses is attributed to the 1.03–0.93 Ga ADFB-CITZ oblique accretion that involved contemporaneous emplacement of syn-collisional S-type granitoids.

## 1. Introduction

The dynamics of accretion-induced processes of superposed deformation, shear zone nucleation, magma generation and emplacement, and thermal perturbations are best understood at juxtapositions and terminations of orogenic belts (Goscombe et al., 2017). These key locales are a storehouse of natural processes, and analyses of these processes are crucial for understanding the dynamical aspects of accretion of disparately evolved crustal blocks at a global scale vis-à-vis Supercontinent assembly. Granitoid suites from such key locales have been extensively used as proxies to understand crustal evolutionary histories

(Hinchey, 2021).

The Great Indian Proterozoic Fold Belt (GIPFOB; Leelanandam et al., 2006) is considered to be a crustal-scale (~1600 km long) tectonic zone. The highly-tectonized zone seemingly “bends” around the North India Block (NIB) which comprises the crescent-shaped Archean Bundelkhand Craton (Fig. 1). The E-striking southern arm of the GIPFOB, also termed as the Central Indian Tectonic Zone (CITZ) (Sharma, 2009) is sandwiched between the NIB and the South India Block (SIB) consisting of the Archean Cratons of Singhbhum and Bastar. This arm consists of the coherently evolved Late Paleoproterozoic to Early Neoproterozoic crustal domains of the Chottanagpur Gneiss Complex (CGC) and the

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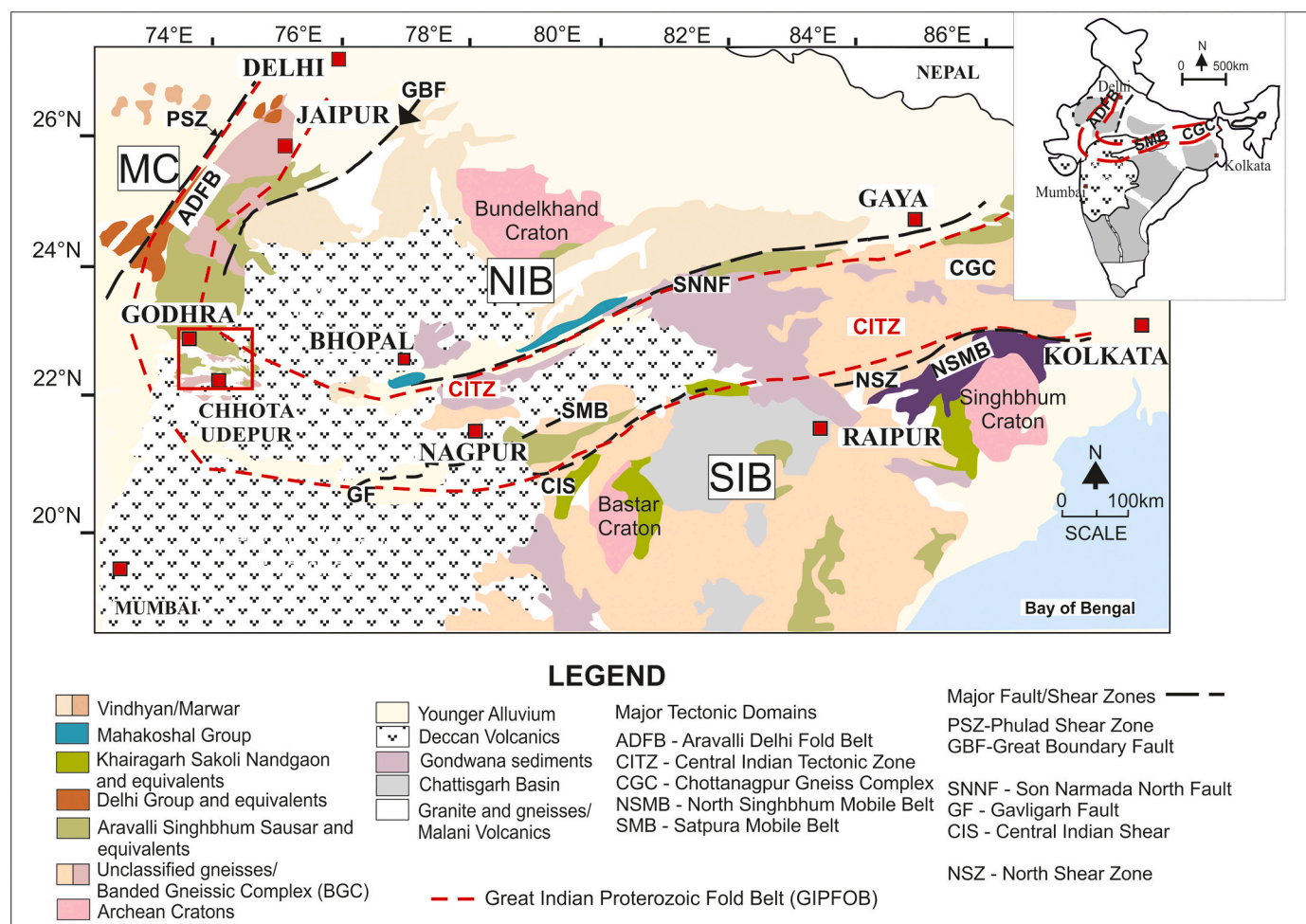
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**Fig. 1.** Generalized geological map of the northern part of India (see inset) showing the Great Indian Proterozoic Fold Belt (GIPFOB) in red dashes (modified from Banerjee et al., 2021, 2022a). The sub-domains of the GIPFOB namely the Aravalli Delhi Fold Belt (ADFB), the Satpura Mobile Belt (SMB) and the Chottanagpur Gneiss Complex (CGC) are marked. The CGC-SMB composite together constitute the Central Indian Tectonic Zone (CITZ). NIB, SIB and MC are the acronyms for the North India Block, the South India Block and the Marwar Craton respectively. The Godhra-Chhota Udepur sector is shown as rectangle in red at the southern tip of the Aravalli Delhi Fold Belt. Important cities shown are for reference only. (For interpretation of the references to colour in this figure legend, the reader is referred to the web version of this article.)

southern and central domains of the Satpura Mobile Belt (SMB), extending west up to the Godhra-Chhota Udepur sector (Banerjee et al., 2021, 2022a). On the other hand, the N/NNE-striking western arm of the GIPFOB comprises the Neoproterozoic to Early Neoproterozoic Aravalli Delhi Fold Belt (ADFB) juxtaposed between the Marwar Craton (MC) in the west, and the NIB in the east (Fig. 1).

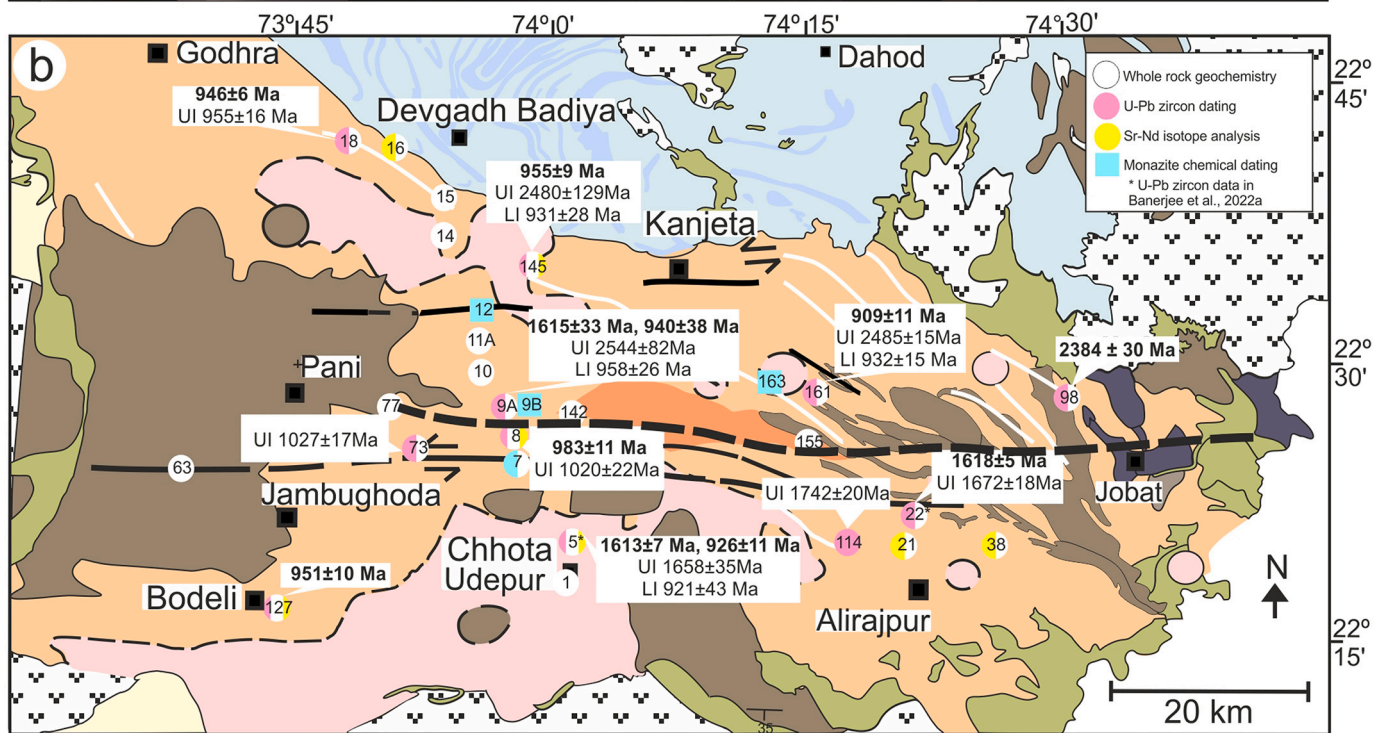
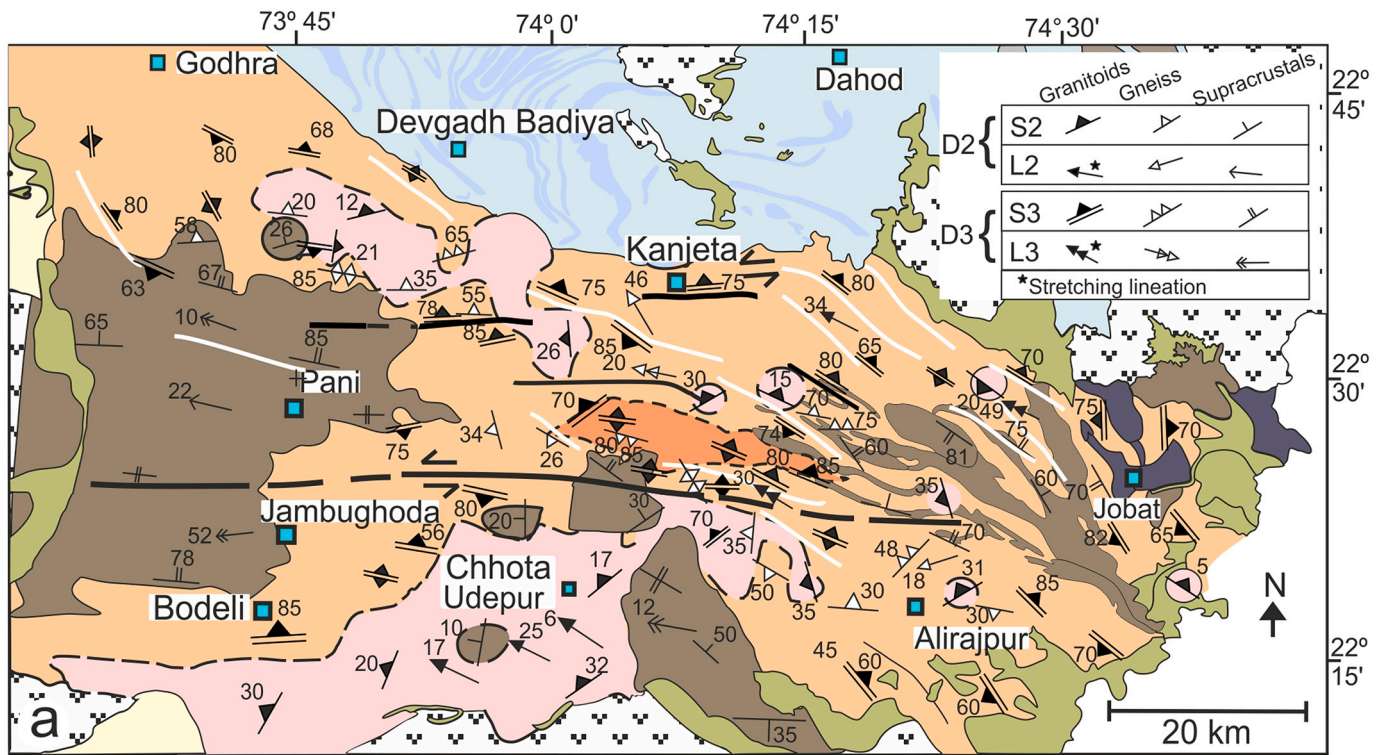
Banerjee et al. (2021, 2022a) demonstrate that the curvilinear geometry of the GIPFOB is not due to the bending of a single accretion zone around an “indenter” (cf. Weil and Sussman, 2004) such as the Bundelkhand Craton. Instead the broad “bend” in the southern parts of the ADFB is the result of the juxtaposition of two Early Neoproterozoic accretion zones, with the older N/NNE-striking ADFB terminating against the E-striking southern arm or the CITZ with sinistral kinematics (Banerjee et al., 2021, 2022a), similar to the ones reported elsewhere (cf. Macedo and Marshak, 1999; Velandia et al., 2020). But the dynamics of the Early Neoproterozoic accretion of the two orogens are unexplained primarily due to the lack of robust geochronological data of the lithodemic units and geochemical data of the expansive Early Neoproterozoic granitoids that partly obscure the accretion zone. We aim to address this issue in a set of two articles in sequel, of which this manuscript is the first part. In this part, we present the results of the analyses of (i) mesoscale structures, (ii) Laser Ablation Inductively Coupled Plasma Mass Spectrometric (LA-ICP-MS) U-Pb zircon dating,

(iii) electron probe microanalysis (EPMA) monazite dating, (iv) whole rock major and trace element geochemistry and (v) Rb-Sr and Sm-Nd isotope compositions in granitoids. The Godhra-Chhota Udepur (GC) sector, where the two accretion zones converge (Banerjee et al., 2021, 2022a), has thus been adopted for this study.

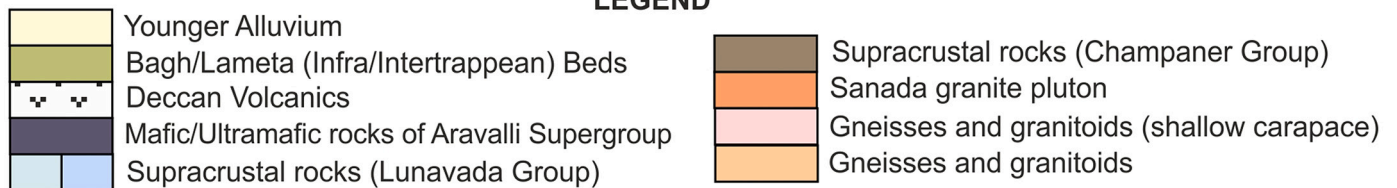
## 2. Geological background

Four lithodemic units constitute the Precambrian crystalline rocks in the Godhra-Chhota Udepur sector (Fig. 2). The sector is dominated by variably deformed (massive, foliated, mylonitic) blastoporphyratic granitoids, collectively termed as the “Godhra granite” (Gupta et al., 1995). Some of the granitoids are intrusive into poly-deformed anatectic quartzofeldspathic gneisses (Mamtani and Greiling, 2005). The next dominant lithodemic unit comprises greenschist/epidote-amphibolite facies white mica-chlorite schists, micaceous quartzite, foliated and gneissose meta-carbonates, Mn-rich horizons, meta-arenites, deformed oligomict conglomerates and amphibolites of the Champaner Group of the Aravalli Supergroup (Fig. 2a). The Champaner Group of metasediments (Gupta et al., 1995; Joshi and Limaye, 2014) were previously thought to share an erosional contact with the anatectic gneisses and granitoids but some units of the Godhra granite were however inferred to be intrusive into the supracrustal unit (Joshi and Limaye, 2014). Some





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**Fig. 2.** (a) Simplified lithological map of the Godhra-Chhota Udepur sector – compiled from District Resource Maps of the Geological Survey of India and modified from Banerjee et al. (2022a) – showing the major structural elements. The location of the Sanada granite pluton (Banerjee et al., 2022a) is shown. The bold black lines in the map represent the W-striking D3 mylonite zones; the white lines are the D3 sinistral shear zones and foliations. (b) Locations of samples used for geochronology and geochemistry (see later) are shown. The figure shows the spatial disposition of U-Pb zircon dates for the 3 gneiss and 8 granitoid samples (this study, and Banerjee et al., 2022a). The sample locations (circled) and the corresponding concordant dates (bold), upper intercept (UI) and lower intercept (LI) Discordia dates are shown in comment boxes wherever applicable. Locations of samples used for monazite chemical dating, whole rock major and trace element geochemistry and whole rock Sr-Nd systematics used in this study are also shown. The different colors in the circles with the sample numbers pertain to the different types of analyses performed on the sample. The bold broken line is taken to separate the domains with ~2.5 Ga dates from the ~1.65 Ga dates. See section 3 for details.

ultramafic rocks (pyroxenite, serpentinite) of unknown association also occur in the eastern part of the GC Sector near Jobat (Fig. 2a). The Lunavada Group of the Aravalli Supergroup consisting of greenschist facies quartzite, phyllite, schist and minor carbonates (Gupta et al., 1995) occur to the north of the Godhra-Chhota Udepur Sector (Fig. 2a). The Precambrian crystalline rocks in the southern part of the GC sector are obscured by the Upper Cretaceous Deccan volcanics, the intra-trappean Lameta Formation and the intertrappean Bagh beds (terminology after Sahni et al., 1994) (Fig. 2a).

The emplacement ages of the Godhra granite vary between Late Mesoproterozoic to Early Neoproterozoic, e.g.  $955 \pm 20$  Ma, (Rb-Sr, Gopalan et al., 1979),  $1168 \pm 30$  Ma (Rb-Sr, Srimal and Das, 1998),  $965 \pm 40$  Ma, (Rb-Sr, Goyal et al., 2001), and  $1050 \pm 50$  Ma, (Sm-Nd, Shivkumar et al., 1993). The 955 Ma age of Gopalan et al. (1979) is the most cited age for the emplacement of the Godhra granite (Mamtani and Greiling, 2005 and references therein). Recently Banerjee et al. (2022a) carried out U-Pb LA-ICP-MS zircon dating of an anatectic gneiss and a blastoporphyratic granite. The high-grade anatexis-metamorphism in the anatectic gneiss occurred at ~1.65 Ga, and the emplacement age of the granitoid was 0.95–0.90 Ga, consistent with the existing Early Neoproterozoic Rb-Sr and Sm-Nd isochron dates in the Godhra granite.

The lithological, field relation and analysis of mesoscale to regional structures and deformation kinematics are discussed by Banerjee et al. (2021, 2022a, and 2022b, accompanying article). In this section, we highlight the structural aspects vis-à-vis stages of granitoid emplacement relevant to this article (Fig. 3a). The most significant feature in the GC sector is a shallowly-dipping to gently-inclined structural domain (D2 deformation) composed of mylonitic to foliated granitoids, recumbently folded anatectic gneisses and the Champaner group of greenschist to amphibolite facies supracrustal rocks (Fig. 3b, c) inferred to be an allochthonous unit (Banerjee et al., 2022a). The W/WNW-plunging D2 recumbent folds in the gneisses formed on D1a, b metatexite layers; limited syn-D2 anatexis (<2 vol% of rock) was observed in a couple of biotite-rich gneiss outcrops. By contrast, the W/WNW-plunging D2 folds in the supracrustal rocks formed on a pre-D2 axial planar fabric defined by the shape preferred aggregates of white mica-chlorite assemblages in mica schists, talc-tremolite-antigorite in meta-carbonate, and amphibole-plagioclase-clinozoisite-chlorite in amphibolites (details in accompanying article; Banerjee et al., 2022b). The hinges of D2 folds in the gneisses and rocks in the supracrustal unit are broadly collinear with the D2 stretching lineation in the pre-D2 granitoids (Fig. 3b, c).

The shallow-dipping tectonic mélange formed by top-to-the-south thrusting of the supracrustal rocks over the basement rocks leading to the folding and interleaving of the rock units (Fig. 3a). The tectonic mélange is traversed by a network of W/WNW-striking steep-dipping transpressional shear zones (D3) with sinistral and dominantly N-down kinematics (Fig. 3a); S-down movement along the D3 shears occur in a few outcrops. In the vicinity of these D3 shears (Fig. 3d, e) the gneisses and the supracrustal rocks exhibit upright folds and the granitoids evolve into steep-dipping L and L-S tectonites (Fig. 2b). Locally-developed steep-dipping conjugate shear zones (D4) striking NNE (dextral) and ENE (sinistral) in the D4 high-strain zones are melt-hosted within the granite mylonites, and are deemed to be coeval with the D3 deformation (Fig. 2a). As with the D2 deformation event, the D3 stretching lineations and broadly collinear D3 fold axes plunge at low to moderate angles to the W and WNW (Banerjee et al., 2022a). The thrust-dominated (D2) and wrench-dominated (D3) deformations are inferred

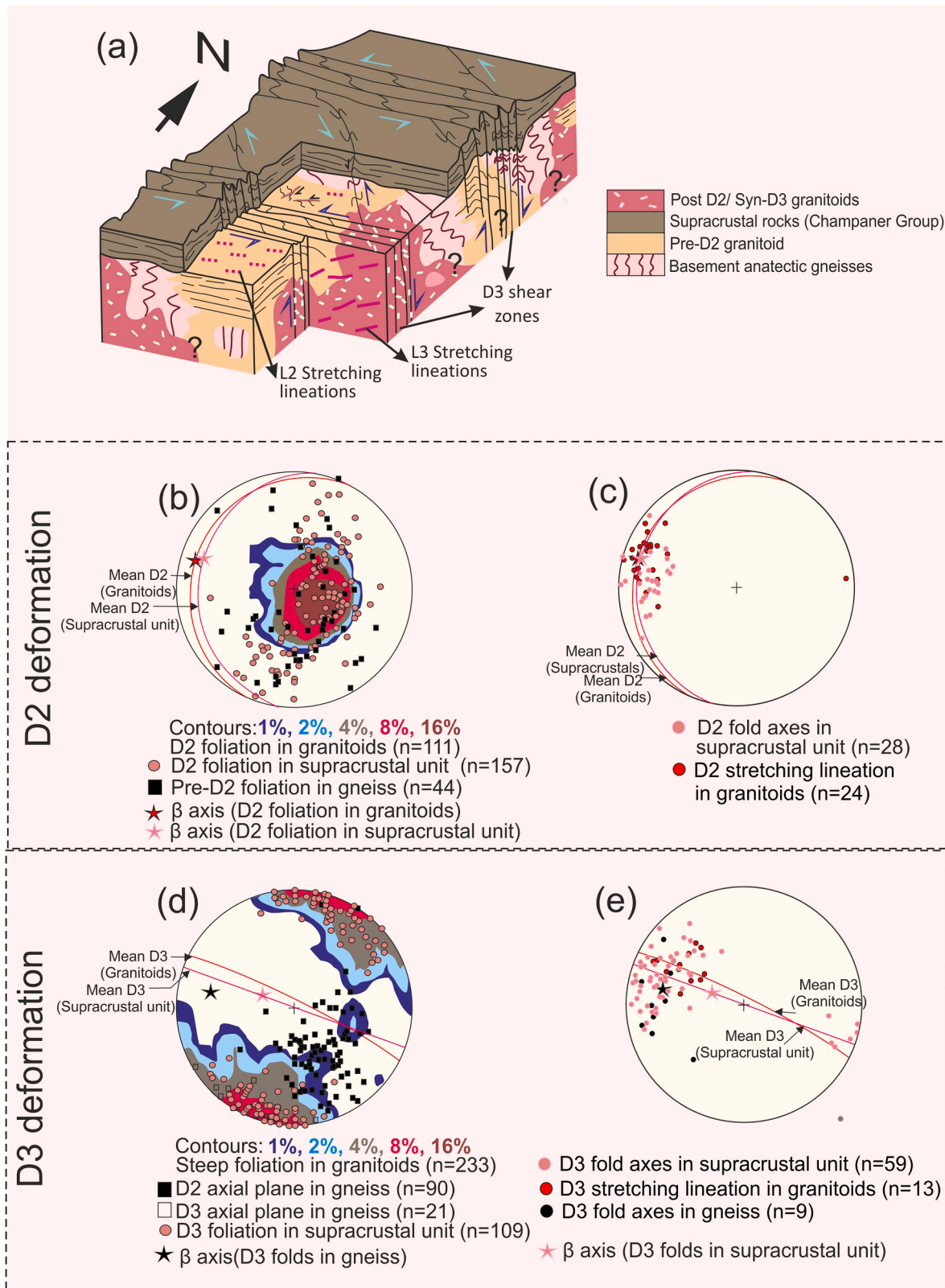
to be a part of the progressive NNE-SSW crustal shortening that caused orogen-parallel stretching (Banerjee et al., 2022a).

The granitoids in the area are dominantly post-D2 to syn-D3; the granitoids occur as lens-shaped bodies, exemplified by the Sanada granitoid pluton (Fig. 2a; Banerjee et al., 2022a). The pre-D2 granitoids cover a smaller area. Post-D3 granites are lacking in the Godhra-Chhota Udepur sector. All structural types of granitoids are blastoporphyratic, foliated and dynamically recrystallized. The pre-D2 granitoids possess a prominent tectonic foliation (D2) and contain cm-sized elliptical to round K-feldspar porphyries that constitute <2 vol% of the rock (Fig. 4a). Some of the pre-D2 granitoids are found to be interleaved with the anatectic gneisses, and the D2 foliation in the granitoid is axial planar to the D2 folds in the gneisses (Fig. 4b). In the post-D2 granitoids, K-feldspar porphyries are euhedral to subhedral, large (long axes up to 6 cm) and constitute up to 50 vol% of rock in the interiors of E-W striking plutons (Fig. 4c). In these granitoids, trains of euhedral K-feldspar porphyries and imbrications among euhedral porphyries are inferred to be magmatic flow textures; tectonic fabrics in these granitoids are weakly developed or lacking. But towards the pluton margins, the flow-textured and massive granitoids grade into intensely foliated (steep-dipping D3) varieties (Fig. 4d). In the syn-D3 granitoids, K-feldspar porphyries constitute up to 75% of the rock, and trains and imbrications among large euhedral K-feldspar porphyries dominate the rocks. Some of these porphyries develop asymmetric tails (sinistral sense) that are drawn out sub-parallel to quartz lentils and aggregates of shape-preferred biotite flakes forming the warping D3 foliation (Fig. 4e). The pre-D2 granitoids are sometimes preserved as small relicts within the post-D2 and the syn-D3 granitoids that exhibit intrusive margins; at other places mineralogically different types of granitoids share sharp contacts (Fig. 4f).

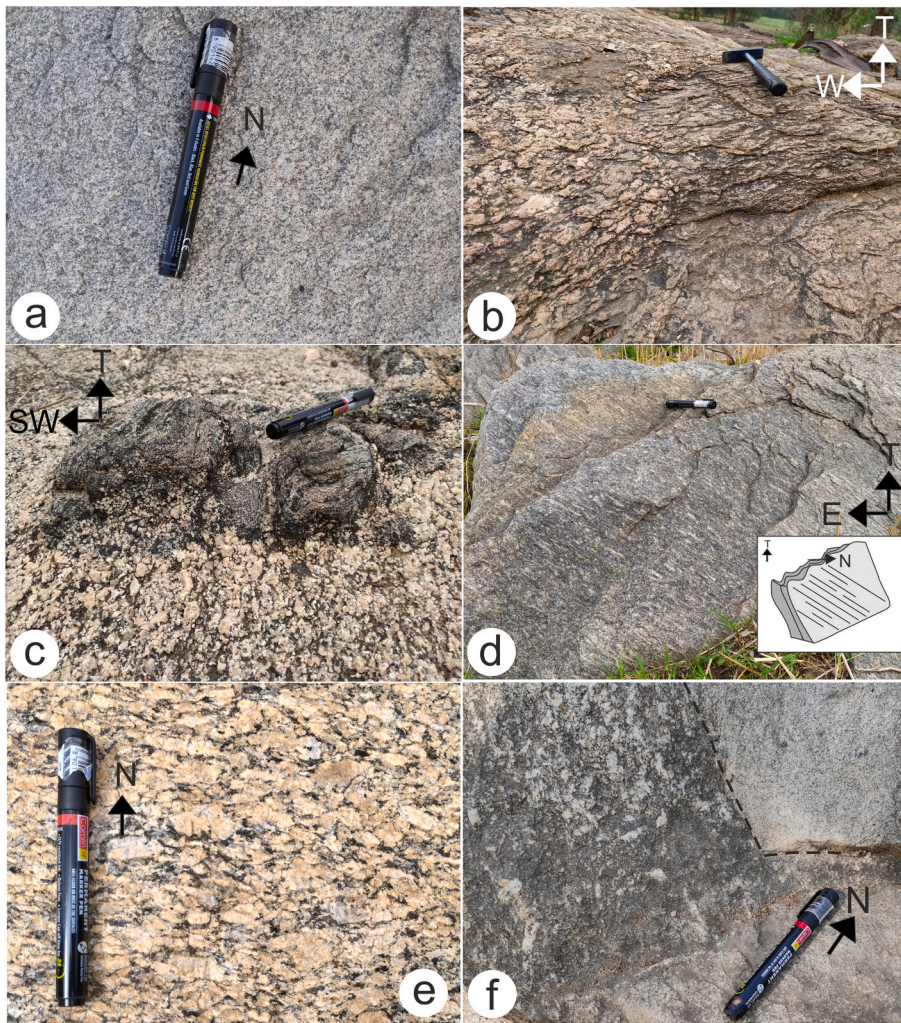
### 2.1. Deformation microstructures in granitoids

The granitoids within the D2 shallow-dipping domains are fine to medium grained, well-foliated and contain porphyries of subhedral feldspar (Fig. 5a). The D2 foliation in the rocks is primarily defined by the shape-preferred biotite flakes (Fig. 5a; hornblende is rare), and xenoblastic mono- and poly-crystalline quartz lentils, commonly exhibiting strain wavy extinction and sub-grains (Fig. 5b); the mosaic of dynamically recrystallized alkali feldspar (microcline), plagioclase and internally-strained quartz grains share serrated (high energy) grain and phase boundaries (Fig. 5b, c), and are anchored to the D2 biotite and quartz lentils (Fig. 5c). Triple junctions among feldspar are rare. Coarse porphyries of magmatic K-feldspar and plagioclase within the finer grained mineral mosaic exhibit patchy chemical zoning and core-mantle structures; the margins of these feldspar grains exhibit serrated to lobate-cusped margins against the quartz grains (Fig. 5d). By contrast, the post-D2 granitoids are invariably coarse-grained, weakly foliated, and blastoporphyratic (Fig. 5e). The D3 fabric in the granitoids is defined by trains and imbrications among euhedral feldspar grains (Fig. 5f), crude alignment among flaky biotite, and internally strained quartz lentils; the quartz lentils have smaller aspect ratio (length/width) relative to those in the pre-D2 granitoids. The foliation is somewhat sinuous and wraps around coarser microcline phenocrysts within the mosaic of recrystallized minerals. The feldspar grains are weakly-strained internally and largely preserve their magmatic shapes (Fig. 5f). But within the mosaic, these feldspar grains share lobate-cusped margins against the quartz lentils which in turn commonly show chess-board sub-grain





**Fig. 3.** (a) A 3-D block diagram depicting the litho-structural elements in the GC sector. The shallow-dipping D2 tectonic mélangé is intersected by basement-piercing steep dipping, sinistral, transpressional D3 shear zones. Recumbent folds in the gneisses and the gently inclined folds in the supracrustal rocks are transposed into upright folds neighboring the steep-dipping D3 shears. The broadly collinear L2 and L3 stretching lineations, and NNE-striking and ENE-striking D4 conjugate shears are shown. (b–e) Lower hemisphere stereoplots of mesoscale structures in the basement gneisses, the supracrustal unit and the granitoids. Mesoscale structures corresponding with D2 are shown in (b–c) and for D3 are in (d–e). The stereoplots are modified from Banerjee et al. (2022a).



**Fig. 4.** Field photographs showing mesoscale textures and structures of granitoids in the GC sector. The head of the marker pen (14 cm long) points to the north (N) for plan view images and to the top (T) for section view images. (a) Grey coloured, massive (no mesoscale fabric), dynamically recrystallized (sugary appearance) granitoid with low abundance of ferromagnesian minerals (b) Shallow-dipping foliation (D2) defined by augen of K-feldspar phenocrysts and aggregates of biotite in blastoporphyritic foliated granitoid. (c) Enclave of anatectic gneiss in a foliated porphyroblastic granitoid. Note that the steeply-dipping D3 protomylonite granite is intrusive into the gneiss that preserves a former D2 foliation. The fabric in the granitoid is axial planar to the open D3 folds in the gneiss; (d) Steeply-dipping granite mylonite in the D3 shear zone with oblique stretching lineations (e) S-C fabric showing sinistral kinematics in a deformed blastoporphyritic pink granitoid. Note K-feldspar phenocrysts are augen and recrystallized into a sugary white mosaic. (f) Blocky nature of the Godhra granite. Note the sharp intrusive contact between the blastoporphyritic granitoid containing euhedral K-feldspar phenocrysts and the finer-grained granitoid devoid of phenocrysts (towards north). (For interpretation of the references to colour in this figure legend, the reader is referred to the web version of this article.)

structures (Fig. 5g). Intensely sheared post-D2 granitoids exhibit mylonitic fabric defined by internally strained quartz ribbons, and core-mantle structured dynamically recrystallized feldspars that share lobate-cusped grain and phase boundaries against other minerals (Fig. 5h).

Overall, the post-D2 granitoids are weakly strained relative to the pre-D2 granitoids in the shallow-dipping carapace; this is manifested by the finer grain size and the paucity of relic magmatic porphyries in the pre-D2 granitoids. But the common occurrences of chess-board microstructures in quartz suggest the post-D2 granitoids were hot ( $T > 650$  °C; Kruhl, 1996) during D3 deformation. Chess-board microstructures in quartz in the post-D2 granitoids are highlighted by several authors (Banerjee et al., 2022a; Mamtani and Greiling, 2005); by contrast the pre-D2 granitoids lack this deformation microstructure. If we therefore combine the mesoscale field relations with the deformation microstructures, the emplacement of the post-D2 granitoids appears to be broadly synchronous with the D3 deformation induced by the N-S convergence, but this deformation outlasted the solidification of the post-D2 granitoids.

### 3. Geochronology

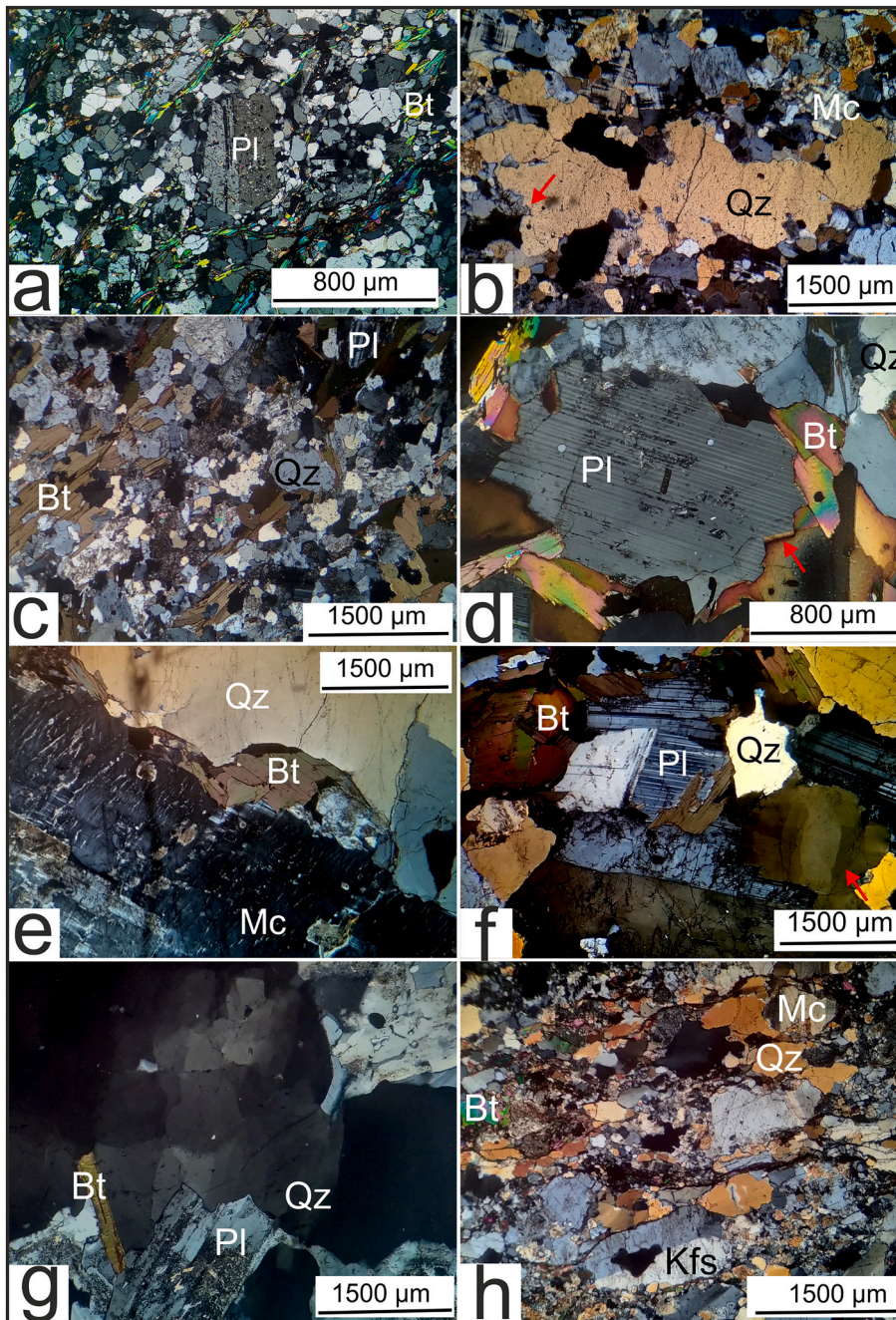
In this section, we present Laser Ablation ICP-MS U-Pb zircon dates in nine structurally constrained samples (2 anatectic gneisses, and 7 granitoids) and chemical dates from monazite in four samples (2 anatectic gneisses, and 2 granitoids) obtained from different parts of the

Godhra-Chhota Udepur sector (locations in Fig. 2b). A brief summary of mineral assemblages, texture, zircon and monazite morphology in the 13 samples used in geochronology are presented in Table 1. The results are designed to constrain the age of the different magmatic, metamorphic and deformation events crucial for a tectonic restoration of the dynamics of accretion between the ADFB and the CITZ orogenic belts. In the nine samples, cathodoluminescence (CL) images of representative zircons along with the analyzed spots and corresponding  $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{206}\text{Pb}$  dates are shown in Fig. 6. Throughout the text, figures and tables, the uncertainties are shown at  $2\sigma$  level. The concordia plots are shown in Fig. 7. Representative monazite X-ray elemental images with embedded spot dates in Ma, BSE images depicting textural setting of the monazite grains and probability-density plots showing mean populations dates (in Ma) are shown in Fig. 8. Fig. 2b provides the spatial distribution of the zircon dates in this study and those in the two samples analyzed by Banerjee et al. (2022a).

#### 3.1. Zircon geochronology

LA-ICP-MS U-Pb zircon dating was performed on two gneisses (AW 161, AW 114) and seven pre-D2 to syn-D3 granitoids (AW 98, AW 145, AW 127, AW 18, AW 73, AW 8, AW 9A). The zircon grains were analyzed at the Plateforme GeOHeLiS, Géosciences Rennes, University of Rennes, France. The analytical procedure and instrument operating conditions are detailed in the Appendix A. Zircons from both the gneiss and granite samples are large ( $\sim 200$ – $300$   $\mu\text{m}$  long), well-faceted,





**Fig. 5.** Crossed polars photomicrographs of deformation microstructures in the pre-D2 granitoids (a–d) and the post-D2 granitoids (e–h). (a) Euhedral plagioclase grain in a medium-grained mosaic of dynamically recrystallized quartz and feldspars. Note the D2 fabric defined by shape preferred biotite aggregates wraps around the magmatic plagioclase grain. (b) Strain wavy xenoblastic lentils of quartz showing sub-grains and serrated grain and phase boundaries (arrow). (c) Medium-grained matrix comprising aggregates of dynamically recrystallized feldspar grains that are anchored to biotite flakes aligned defining the D2 fabric. (d) Weakly zoned (patchy) euhedral plagioclase grains show serrated margins against biotite flakes. (e) Part of a large microcline grains showing Carlsbad twinning; the adjacent quartz grains showing sub-grains and undulose extinction. (f) Trains and imbrications of euhedral plagioclase and microcline grains defining syn-D3 magmatic flow texture. Recrystallized quartz grain (in yellow in right centre, red arrow) shows chessboard sub-grain structure. (g) Chess-board sub-grain structure in quartz grains. (h) Intensely deformed post-D2 granitoid exhibiting flaser texture in zone of high-D3 strain. Note the occurrence of quartz ribbons and the recrystallized nature of feldspars. (For interpretation of the references to colour in this figure legend, the reader is referred to the web version of this article.)

prismatic to square in shape, and pink to honey-yellow in colour (details of individual samples are in Table 1a). Plots of Th/U vs.  $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{206}\text{Pb}$  ages in zircons are shown in Fig. 6a. CL images of the zircons show oscillatory zoning (alternating light and dark bands surrounding a core), patchy zoning (localized clusters of bright domains in a homogenous dark grain), overgrowths truncating earlier zoning or completely recrystallized textures (dark CL response, no texture) (Fig. 6b–i). Age spots were analyzed in each of these domains. The U-Pb analysis and the age data obtained from the individual samples are provided in Supplementary Material<sup>1</sup> and a brief description of each sample is provided in Table 1a and discussed below. All uncertainties are quoted at  $2\sigma$  level; see Appendix for details about propagation of uncertainties.

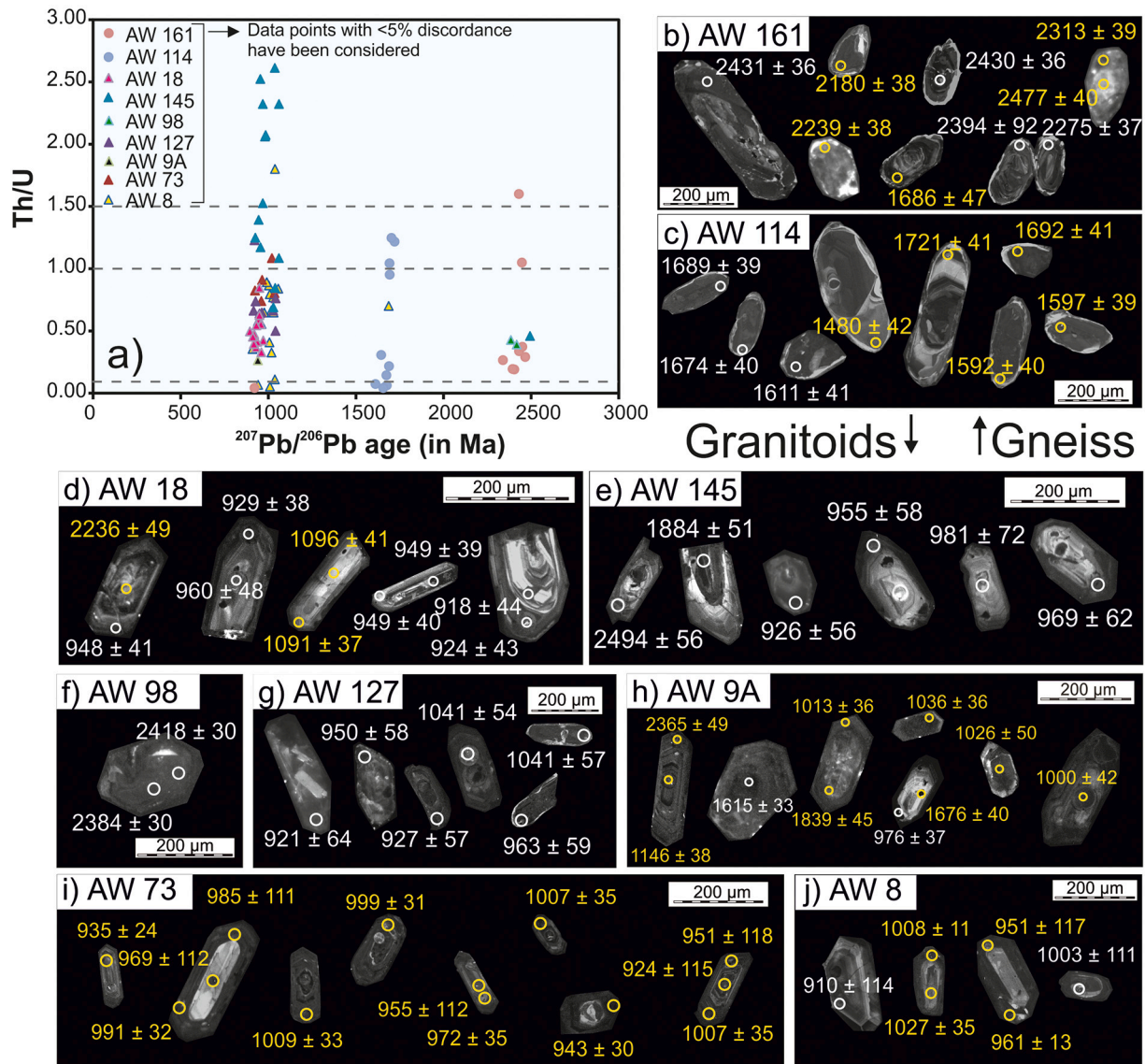
### 3.2. Gneisses

Sample AW 161 is a quartzofeldspathic gneiss. The prominent

mineral segregation banding in the rock bears one set of prominent D3 tight to open folds with steep dipping E-W striking axial planes and moderate plunge to the WNW. Pre-D3 folds are rare, but metatextite layers are lacking. A total of 35 spots were analyzed in 23 zircon grains. The zircon grains do not show prominent core-rim structures in the CL images (Fig. 6b). Th/U ratios of the grains vary in the range 0.04–1.60 (Fig. 6a); the values  $<0.1$  (4 points) correspond to CL-dark zones. Two spots from the same grain (CL-dark zone, Th/U  $\sim 0.04$ ) furnish concordant age of  $909 \pm 11$  ( $\pm 36$ ) Ma (MSWD = 0.51; Fig. 7a). On the other hand, 33 of the 35 analyzed spots describe a well-defined Discordia with the upper intercept at  $2485 \pm 15$  ( $\pm 96$ ) Ma and the lower intercept at  $932 \pm 15$  ( $\pm 39$ ) Ma (MSWD = 1) (Fig. 7a). The younger date ( $\sim 0.93$  Ga) is inferred to be the age of deformation-metamorphism in the rock; the older date ( $\sim 2.5$  Ga) corresponds to either the age of formation of the rock or the age of inherited zircons in the rock.

Sample AW 114 is an anatectic gneiss from a D3 high-strain domain





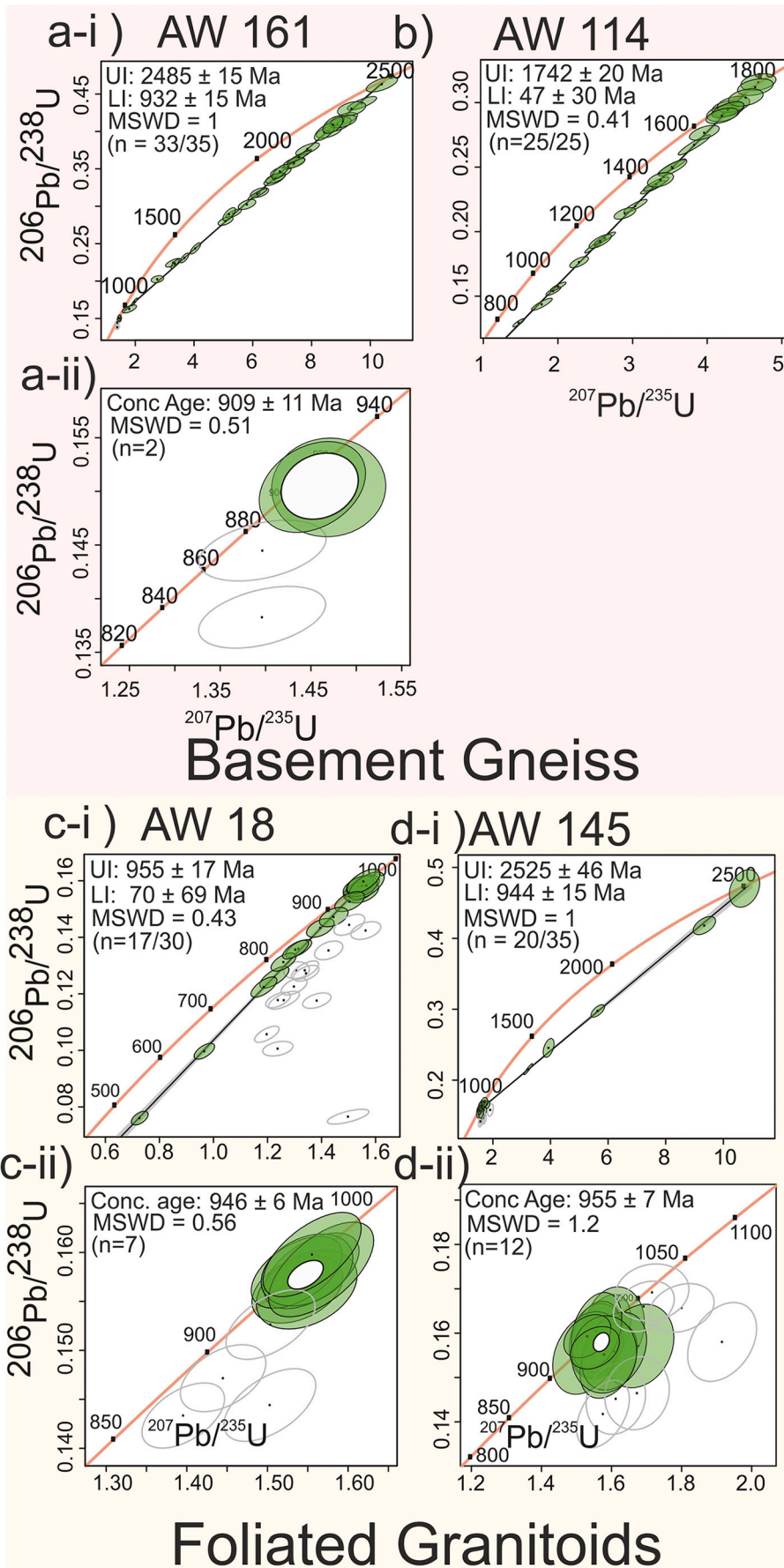
**Fig. 6.** (a) Th/U versus  $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{206}\text{Pb}$  age (in Ma) plot for analyzed zircon spots in granitoids and gneisses that yielded concordant ages. (b–j) Representative zircon cathodoluminescence (CL) images showing analyzed spots (circled) and corresponding  $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{206}\text{Pb}$  ages with  $2\sigma$  errors for the gneisses (b–c) and granitoids (d–j) in the Godhra-Chhota Udepur sector. The white circles represent concordant spots (>98% concordance); yellow circles pertain to discordant spots used to draw the Discordia. (For interpretation of the references to colour in this figure legend, the reader is referred to the web version of this article.)

in the southern part of the GC sector (Fig. 2b). The metatexite gneiss comprising alternate biotite-rich and leucosome layers describe prominent D2 recumbent folds. The metatexite layers are pre-D2. The recumbent folds are wrapped by locally penetrative isoclinal to tight folds forming a ramp and flat structure related to the D4 dextral shears. A total of 25 spots were analyzed in 24 grains in the sample. Most of the grains show core-rim textures, although some grains are homogenous, recrystallized and appear dark in CL images (Fig. 6c). The Th/U ratios of the zircon grains vary from 0.04–1.25 (Fig. 6a), the values <0.2 correspond to CL dark domains and are mostly from the recrystallized and homogenous grains. All the 25 spots define a Discordia with upper intercept date of  $1742 \pm 20$  ( $\pm 69$ ) Ma and a lower intercept date of  $470 \pm 30$  ( $\pm 35$ ) Ma (MSWD = 0.41; Fig. 7b). We consider that the Pan African lower intercept date ( $\sim 0.5$  Ga) has no physical significance in view of the fact that monazites which are especially susceptible to fluid-induced alteration even at greenschist facies condition does not yield dates younger than Early Neoproterozoic in the diverse lithodemic units (including anatectic gneisses) from the GC sector examined by Banerjee et al. (2021) and in this study (see later).

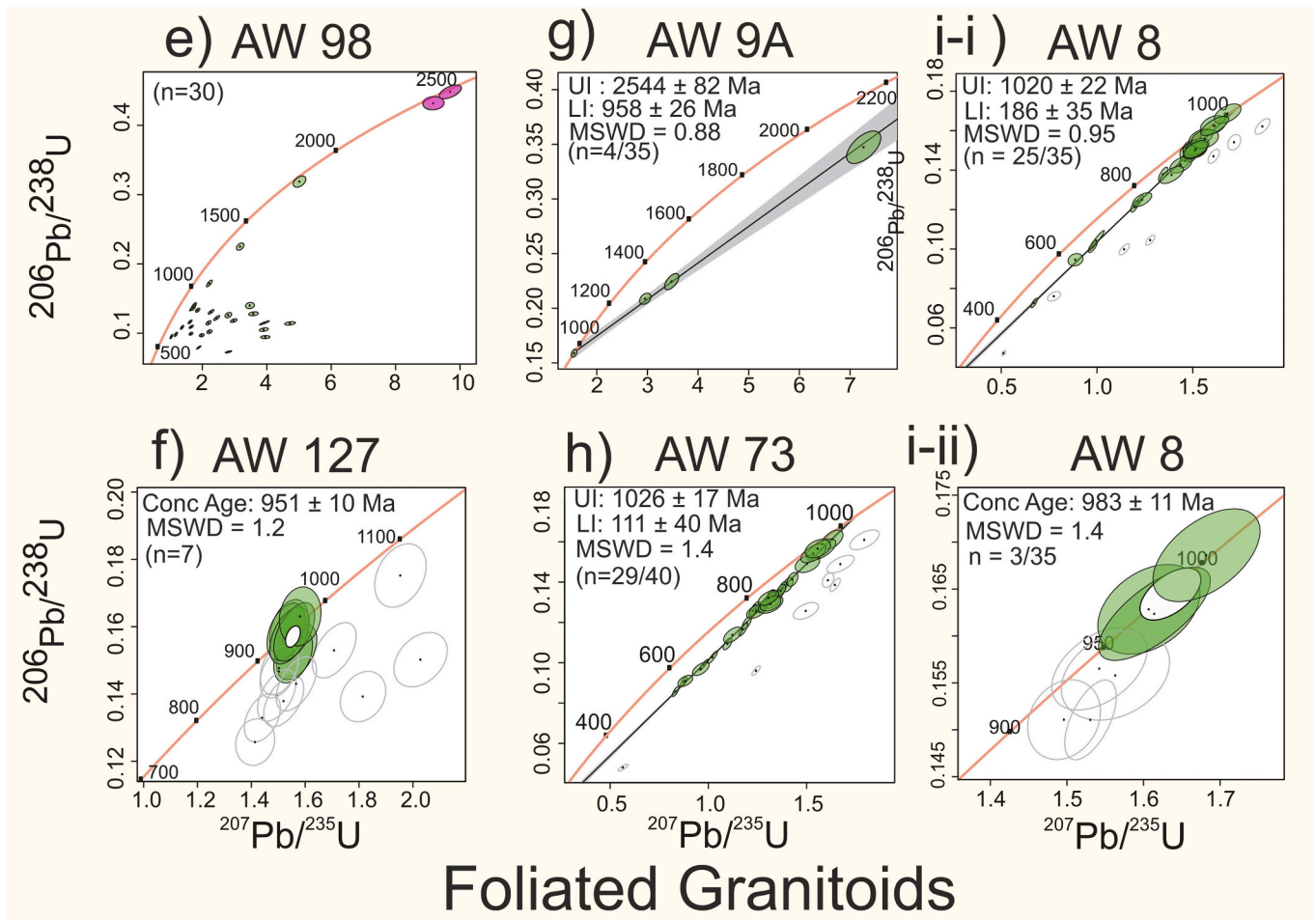
### 3.2.1. Granitoids

Two samples, AW 18 and AW 145, are post-D2 blastoporphyratic granitoids sampled from D3 high strain domains (Fig. 2b). Sample AW 18 is the northernmost dated sample of pink blastoporphyratic granitoid neighboring Godhra; the alignment of euhedral K-feldspar porphyries defines N110° striking magmatic fabric. Sample AW 145 is a weakly foliated pink granitoid consisting of K-feldspar porphyries and biotite defining the N110° steep fabric. Sample AW 98 is a granite phyllonite with steep NNE-trending fabrics corresponding to the D4 shears.

Thirty spots were analyzed in 15 grains from the sample AW 18. The zircon grains show well developed core-rim structures with oscillatory zoning (Fig. 6d). Th/U ratios in these grains vary from 0.3–1.91 (Fig. 6a), except for 2 spots with Th/U ratio of 0.16 and 0.18 corresponding to two CL-dark rims of zircon grains. Seven concordant analyses yield a concordia age of  $946 \pm 6$  ( $\pm 37$ ) Ma (MSWD = 0.54; Fig. 7c). These seven points lie at the upper intercept of a Discordia defined by seventeen other spots from both cores and rims of zircon grains (Fig. 7c). The lower intercept of the Discordia does not have significance. No difference in dates could be deciphered between the



**Fig. 7.** U-Pb Concordia and Discordia plots for gneisses (a–b) and granitoids (c–i). In the Discordia plots (i) upper intercept (UI) ages and lower intercept (LI) ages with their  $2\sigma$  errors are shown along with the MSWD. The total number of analyzed points (y) versus number of grain analyses used to define the Discordia (x) is also indicated as “n = x/y”. The concordant points for each sample are plotted in (ii) and the number of concordant spots is “n”. Green filled ellipses are the analyses kept for age calculations, while grey open ellipses are the discarded points. (For interpretation of the references to colour in this figure legend, the reader is referred to the web version of this article.)



**Fig. 7.** (continued).

core and rims of the zircon grains.

In the sample AW 145, 35 spots were analyzed in 19 grains (Fig. 6d). The Th/U ratios of the analyzed spots range from 0.37–2.52 (Fig. 6a), with only three spots marked by Th/U ratios  $< 0.1$ . These three spots pertain to CL-dark domains within the zircon grains and yield highly discordant ages and have not been considered. Twelve concordant spots yield a concordia age of  $955 \pm 7$  ( $\pm 37$ ) Ma (MSWD = 1.2) and define a Discordia with 8 other points with an upper intercept at  $2525 \pm 46$  ( $\pm 106$ ) Ma and lower intercept at  $944 \pm 15$  ( $\pm 39$ ) Ma (MSWD = 1; Fig. 7d). The overlapping concordia and lower intercept dates correspond to the post-D2 emplacement age of the granitoid, whereas the Neoproterozoic upper intercept date possibly represents the age of the protolith.

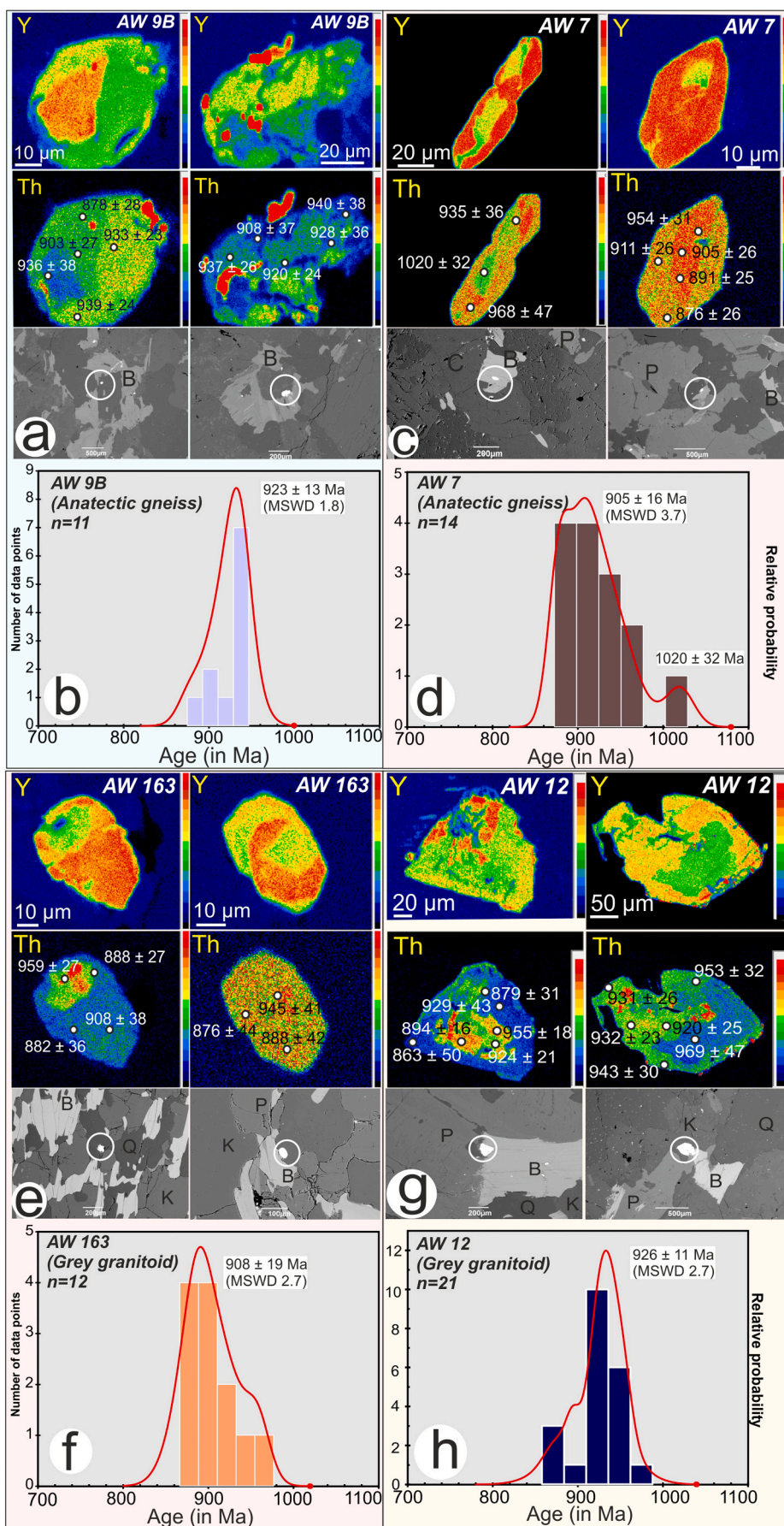
A total of 30 spots in 14 grains were analyzed in sample AW 98. The analyzed spots mostly have high common lead and their Th/U ratios range from 0.09–1.82. No alignment is found in the Wetherill plot (Fig. 7e). However, two concordant spots (shown in pink colour in Fig. 7e), with no common lead, and Th/U ratio of 0.39 and 0.43 (Fig. 6a) are obtained with  $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{206}\text{Pb}$  dates of  $2418 \pm 30$  Ma and  $2384 \pm 30$  Ma respectively (Fig. 6f) that possibly correspond with the age of emplacement ( $\sim 2.4$  Ga) of the granitoid.

Sample AW127 is pink granitoid collected from a large outcrop in the Orsang river bed south of Bodeli in the southern GC sector (Fig. 2b). The

granitoid is very coarse-grained and studded with end-to-end touching and imbricate grains of large ( $> 6$  cm long crystals), euhedral to subhedral, un-recrystallized K-feldspar laths exhibiting zoning and Carlsbad twins. An ill-defined steep E-striking D3 fabric in the rock is described by trains of feldspar laths. The weak planar fabric, the coarse-grained nature of the granites, and the unrecrystallized feldspar laths suggest that the rock represents the last episode of granite emplacement in the region. Twenty-five spots have been analyzed in 21 zircon grains (Fig. 6g). Seven of the 25 spots furnished a concordant date of  $951 \pm 10$  ( $\pm 37$ ) Ma (MSWD = 1.2; Fig. 7f). All the seven spots are from the rims of the zircon grains while the cores yield discordant dates. This date is inferred to correspond to the emplacement age of the *syn*-D3 granitoid.

Sample AW 9A is a massive (no mesoscale fabric) post-D2 white coloured granitoid impoverished in ferromagnesian minerals. The sugary appearance of the rocks is due to dynamic recrystallization of feldspars. The granite is apophytic into an ensemble of multiply-deformed quartzofeldspathic and interleaved calc-silicate gneisses that experienced multiple deformation events. A total of 30 spots were analyzed in 13 grains (Fig. 6h). Although most of the analyzed spots are discordant and have some amount of common lead, 2 spots from the CL-dark core of a zircon grain yield a concordant date of  $1607 \pm 24$  Ma (MSWD = 0.40) while a single concordant analysis with  $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U}$  date of  $951 \pm 17$  Ma is obtained from the CL-dark core of another zircon grain. A Discordia is





**Fig. 8.** Y and Th zoning maps and embedded spot dates ( $\pm 2\sigma$ ) in Ma of representative grains (two grains each) of analyzed monazite in AW-9B, 7, 163 and 12. Backscatter electron images (in shades of grey) correspond to the textural settings of the monazites. Probability-density plots show mean populations dates (in Ma with  $2\sigma$  errors and MSWD) in monazites in the four samples: (a–b) anatectic gneiss (AW 9B), (c–d) anatectic gneiss (AW 7), (e–f) steeply foliated garnetiferous grey granitoid (AW 163) and (g–h) steeply foliated grey granitoid (AW 12). Acronyms used for minerals: plagioclase (P), K-feldspar (K), quartz (Q), muscovite/biotite (M/B). Monazites are circled.

**Table 1a**

Summary of lithology and mineral assemblage, zircon morphology, Th/U ratio in zircon, and concordant and discordant dates. Isotope ratios and spotwise dates in zircons are in Supplementary Material<sup>1</sup>.

| Sample No. | Rock type and mineral assemblage  | Zircon morphology   | Number of analyzed grains and spots | Th/U ratios | Concordant and discordant dates (Ma) ( $\pm 2\sigma$ )   |
|------------|---|---|-------------------------------------|-------------|--|
| AW 161     | Quartzofeldspathic gneiss. D1 fabric defined by alternate layers of Hbl-Bt- Ms. and Pl + Kfs-Qz; Rt, Opq and Zrn are accessory phases.  | Zircon grains are long prismatic, width (80–100 $\mu\text{m}$ ), length (200–300 $\mu\text{m}$ ). The CL images exhibit core-rim textures; cores exhibit oscillatory or convolute zoning; rims appear to be recrystallized overgrowths (Fig. 6b). Zircon grains are prismatic to square shaped; some prismatic grains are fragmented (Fig. 6c). Width (60–80 $\mu\text{m}$ ) and length (100–300 $\mu\text{m}$ ). CL images exhibit core-rim textures; the zircon cores mostly have a CL dark response, faint traces of oscillatory zoning is preserved in some of these cores. The rims on the zircon grains are overgrowths which have a bright CL response. Few grains are devoid of core-rim textures, are recrystallized, and have CL dark response. | 23 grains/ 35 spots                 | 0.04–1.60   | Concordant date: 909 $\pm$ 11 ( $\pm 36$ ) Ma (MSWD: 0.51); Discordia dates: Upper intercept 2485 $\pm$ 15 ( $\pm 96$ ) Ma, Lower intercept 932 $\pm$ 15 ( $\pm 39$ ) Ma (MSWD: 1)   |
| AW 114     | Anatectic gneiss with alternate Hbl + Bt and Pl + Qz + Kfs layers; Rut, Zrn and Ilm are accessory phases.   | Zircon grains are prismatic: width (60–100 $\mu\text{m}$ ), length (100–150 $\mu\text{m}$ ). In CL (Fig. 6d) the grains display well-defined oscillatory zoning; some of the grains have xenocrystic cores surrounded by new magmatic overgrowths.  | 24 grains/25 spots                  | 0.04–1.25   | Discordia dates: Upper intercept 1742 $\pm$ 20 ( $\pm 69$ ) Ma, Lower intercept 470 $\pm$ 30 ( $\pm 35$ ) Ma (MSWD: 0.41)  |
| AW 18      | Syn-D3 pink blastoporphyritic granitoid; Kfs + Pl + Qz + Bt; Sph, Zrn and Opq grains occur as accessory minerals.   | Zircon grains are prismatic, wdt (50–80 $\mu\text{m}$ ) and length (100–150 $\mu\text{m}$ ). Magmatic oscillatory zoning observed in most grains in CL images (Fig. 6e), some grains exhibit overgrowth of homogenous metamorphic rim mantling magmatic cores.  | 15 grains/30 spots                  | 0.3–1.91    | Concordant date: 946 $\pm$ 6 ( $\pm 37$ ) Ma (MSWD: 0.54); Discordia dates: Upper intercept 955 $\pm$ 17 ( $\pm 40$ ) Ma, Lower Intercept 70 $\pm$ 68 ( $\pm 69$ ) Ma (MSWD: 0.43)   |
| AW 145     | Post-D2 blastoporphyritic granite; coarse grained rock comprising large (>1 cm) grains of Kfs, Qz, Pl; Hbl + Bt + Ms. occurs in subordinate amount; Zrn and Opq are accessory minerals.                           | Zircon grains are long prismatic; width (60–80 $\mu\text{m}$ ) and length (150–300 $\mu\text{m}$ ). The grains exhibit magmatic oscillatory zoned cores with homogenous metamorphic overgrowths; in a few grains the core exhibits convolute zoning (Fig. 6f).  | 19 grains/35 spots                  | 0.37–2.52   | Concordant date: 955 $\pm$ 7 ( $\pm 37$ ) Ma (MSWD: 1.2); Discordia dates: Upper intercept 2525 $\pm$ 46 ( $\pm 106$ ) Ma, Lower Intercept 944 $\pm$ 15 ( $\pm 39$ ) Ma (MSWD: 1)    |
| AW 98      | D3 blastoporphyritic granite comprising large grains Qz lentils and Kfs in a fine-grained mosaic of Qz + Kfs + Pl + Ms.; Hbl and Bt occur as accessory phase along with Zrn and Fe-Oxide minerals                 | Zircon grains are long prismatic; width (80–120 $\mu\text{m}$ ) and length (200–300 $\mu\text{m}$ ). The grains exhibit magmatic oscillatory zoning in CL images (Fig. 6g). A few grains also show recrystallization textures and generally have CL dark response.  | 14 grains/30 spots                  | 0.09–1.82   | No alignment on Wetherill Concordia diagram  |
| AW 127     | D3 pegmatoidal granitoid with end-to-end touching imbricate Kfs grains (>6 cm long) showing Caribad twins. Kfs grains are euhedral to subhedral; Pl grains are weakly zoned; feldspars are weakly recrystallized. | Zircon grains are prismatic; while some grains are long and slender others are short and stout as is evident from their length to width ratios of 4–5 and 1.2–1.6 respectively. The cores of these zircon grains are completely recrystallized and have a CL dark response which is surrounded by oscillatory zoned overgrowths in some cases (Fig. 6h); in other grains the rims are homogenous and have a CL bright response (Fig. 6h).   | 21 grains/25 spots                  | 0.22–1.41   | Concordant date: 951 $\pm$ 10 ( $\pm 37$ ) Ma (MSWD:1.2)   |
| AW 9A      | Coarse-grained post-D2 granitoid comprising majorly Qz-Kfs-Pl and Bt; Zrn, Ap, and opaque minerals occur as accessory phases; randomly oriented retrograde muscovite is associated with Kfs                       | Zircon grains are prismatic; width (40–80 $\mu\text{m}$ ), length (100–300 $\mu\text{m}$ ). The grains exhibit core-rim texture in CL images; the cores have CL dark and bright responses, the rims bear oscillatory zoning indicative of magmatic overgrowths.   | 13 grains/30 spots                  | 0.09–1.82   | Discordia dates: Upper Intercept 2544 $\pm$ 82 ( $\pm 127$ ) Ma, Lower Intercept 958 $\pm$ 26 ( $\pm 45$ ) Ma (MSWD: 0.88)   |
| AW 73      | Pre-D2 blastoporphyritic granitoid comprising Kfs-Pl-Qz-Bt-Hbl-Ms; Zrn and Opq minerals occurs as accessory phases  | Zircon grains are prismatic; width (40–80 $\mu\text{m}$ ), length (100–300 $\mu\text{m}$ ). The grains exhibit core-rim texture in CL images; the cores have CL dark and bright responses, the rims bear oscillatory zoning indicative of magmatic overgrowths.   | 18 grains/40 spots                  | 0.08–1.08   | Discordia dates: Upper Intercept 1026 $\pm$ 17 ( $\pm 43$ ) Ma, Lower Intercept 111 $\pm$ 40 ( $\pm 40$ ) Ma (MSWD: 1.4)   |
| AW 8       | Pre-D2 granitoid, relatively fine-grained, comprising Kfs + Pl + Qz + Bt + Hb + Ms.; Zrn-occurs as accessory phase  | The zircon grains are short prismatic to rectangular shaped; length to width ratio varying from 1.5–2. Some grains exhibit core-rim textures in CL, others are concentrically zoned.  | 22 grains/40 spots                  | 0.07–1.80   | Concordant date: 983 $\pm$ 11 ( $\pm 39$ ) Ma (MSWD: 1.4); Discordia dates: Upper Intercept 1020 $\pm$ 22 ( $\pm 45$ ) Ma, Lower Intercept 186 $\pm$ 35 ( $\pm 36$ ) Ma (MSWD: 0.95) |

**Table 1b**

Brief summary of lithology, mineral assemblage and summary of monazite textures, composition and chemical dates. Spot wise chemical composition, age, and 2 $\sigma$  errors (in Ma) of monazites are provided in Supplementary Material<sup>2</sup>.

| Sample No. | Rock type and mineral assemblage  | Textural setting of monazites   | Zoning pattern and chemical variations in monazites  | No. of analyzed grains and spots | Range of spot dates ( $\pm 2\sigma$ ) and mean dates ( $\pm 2\sigma$ ) in Ma |
|------------|---|---|--|----------------------------------|--|
| AW 9B      | Basement anatectic gneiss comprising coarse-grained mosaic of Kfs-Qz-Pl-Bt-Hbl; calcite veins occur in the rock at places. Mnz is accessory mineral | Rounded to short prismatic grains of 60–80 $\mu$ m (long axes) occur associated with Bt   | Zoning is patchy-nebulous. ThO <sub>2</sub> (5.37–12.64 wt%), UO <sub>2</sub> (0.01–0.65 wt%), PbO (0.25–0.59), Y <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> (0.50–2.48)                    | 3 grains/11 spots                | 878 $\pm$ 28 to 940 $\pm$ 38 Ma; 923 $\pm$ 13 (MSWD:1.8)                     |
| AW 7       | Coarse grained quartzofeldspathic gneiss (Kfs-Pl-Qz-Ms-Bt); Cpx occurs as an accessory phase with Hbl, Chl and Mnz.                                 | Long and short prismatic grains of 60–100 $\mu$ m (long axes); occur associated with the Bt grain aggregates  | Zoning is patchy-nebulous. ThO <sub>2</sub> (6.06–9.70 wt%), UO <sub>2</sub> (0.14–1.69 wt%), PbO (0.23–0.62), Y <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> (1.11–2.62)                     | 5 grains/14 spots                | 876 $\pm$ 26 to 1020 $\pm$ 32 Ma; 911 $\pm$ 22 (MSWD: 7.1)                   |
| AW 163     | Post D2 granitoid with fine grained mosaic of Bt-Ms-Hb-Qz-Pl-Kfs-Grt. Zrn-Rt-Mnz-Opq occur as accessory phases.                                     | Short prismatic grains with long axis > 50 $\mu$ m; associated with foliated Bt, and also in the recrystallized quartz-feldspar mosaic.             | Zoning is patchy-nebulous; rarely concentric. ThO <sub>2</sub> (2.96–10.64 wt%), UO <sub>2</sub> (0.24–1.25 wt%), PbO (0.21–0.47), Y <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> (1.69–3.09) | 5 grains/12 spots                | 872 $\pm$ 47 to 959 $\pm$ 27 Ma; 908 $\pm$ 19 (MSWD: 2.7)                    |
| AW 12      | Post-D2 blastoporphyratic granitoid comprising Bt-Ms-Kfs-Qz-Pl assemblage. Mnz is an accessory phase.   | Sub-rounded to elliptical grains (long axis 100–150 $\mu$ m) occur within aggregates/individual Bt grains; monazite exhibits no preferred alignment | Zoning is patchy-nebulous. ThO <sub>2</sub> (4.48–14.07 wt%), UO <sub>2</sub> (0.15–1.02 wt%), PbO (0.19–0.83), Y <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> (0.88–2.56)                    | 5 grains/21 spots                | 863 $\pm$ 50 to 969 $\pm$ 47 Ma; 926 $\pm$ 11 (MSWD: 3.3)                    |

Mineral abbreviations: Biotite (Bt), chlorite (Chl), garnet (Grt), hornblende (Hb), ilmenite (Ilm), K-feldspar (Kfs), monazite (Mnz), muscovite (Ms), opaque phase (Opq); plagioclase (Pl), quartz (Qtz); rutile (Rt), zircon (Zrn).

defined with four spot ages (no common lead, Th/U ratios between 0.26 and 0.79, all from cores of zircon grains, with an upper intercept age of 2544  $\pm$  82 ( $\pm$  127) Ma and a lower intercept age of 958  $\pm$  26 ( $\pm$  45) Ma (MSWD = 0.88; Fig. 7g). The youngest dates (951  $\pm$  17 Ma, 958  $\pm$  26 Ma) in the deformed and recrystallized granite with no mesoscale fabric possibly correspond with the age of emplacement of the intrusive. The older date at  $\sim$ 1.61 Ga closely corresponds to the age of high-grade metamorphism in the anatectic gneisses (Banerjee et al., 2021); the  $\sim$ 2.54 Ga date is coeval with the emplacement age of the granite or the protolith age of the gneisses in the northern part of the GC sector. Notably though no Discordia exists between 2.54 Ga and 1.61 Ga.

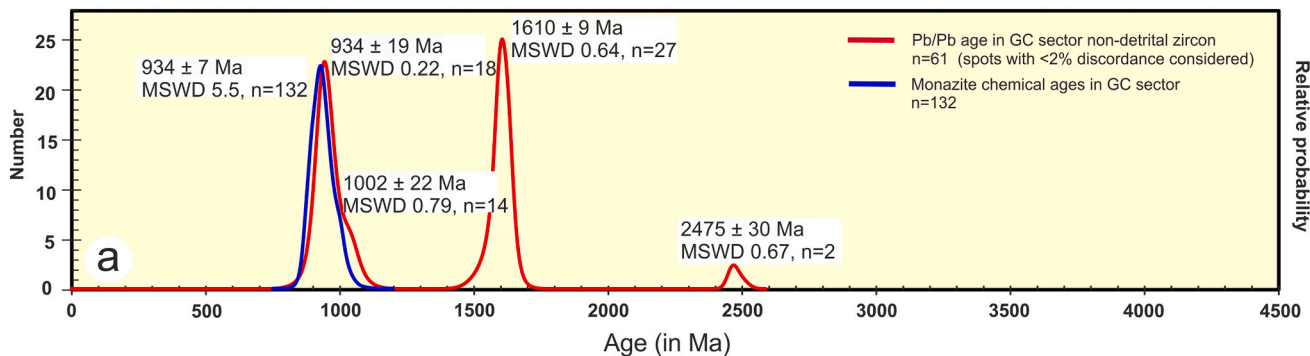
Two pre-D2 grey-coloured granitoids were dated from the southern domain, AW 8 and AW 73 (Fig. 7h). The sample AW 73 is from a large hillock, whereas AW 8 was sampled from a hummocky sheeted outcrop. Both samples are characterised by low proportions (< 2 vol%) of cm-sized circular-shaped K-feldspar phenocrysts and high modal amounts of biotite. The rocks possess biotite-defined weak shallowly-dipping D2 fabrics in a mosaic of dynamically recrystallized feldspars and quartz.

For AW 73 (Fig. 6i), 40 spots were analyzed in 18 grains and no concordant spots were obtained. However, 29 spots define a Discordia with upper and lower intercepts at 1026  $\pm$  17 ( $\pm$  43) Ma and 111  $\pm$  40 ( $\pm$  40) Ma (MSWD = 1.4; Fig. 7h). In sample AW 8 (Fig. 6j), 40 spots were analyzed in 22 grains. Three spots from the rims of three zircon

grains yield a concordant date of 983  $\pm$  11 ( $\pm$  39) Ma (MSWD = 1.4; Fig. 7i). These three spots along with 21 other spots corresponding to both cores and rims of zircon grains define a Discordia with upper and lower intercepts at 1020  $\pm$  22 ( $\pm$  45) Ma and 186  $\pm$  35 ( $\pm$  36) Ma (MSWD = 0.95) respectively (Fig. 7i). For both the foliated granitoids, the upper intercept (1.03–1.02 Ga) dates are inferred to correspond with the emplacement ages of the granitoids. The significance of the slightly younger concordant dates ( $\sim$ 0.98 Ga) obtained from the rims of the zircon grains may correspond with thrusting and associated shallow-dipping fabric formation. The lower intercept dates are not considered to be significant.

### 3.3. Monazite chemical dating

Two samples each of anatectic gneisses (AW 7, AW 9B) and grey granitoids (AW 12, AW 163) with steep E-striking D3 fabrics were analyzed for monazite chemical dating following the procedure of Montel et al. (1996) at the Department of Earth Sciences, Indian Institute of Technology Bombay (Powai). A brief description of the methodology is provided in Appendix B. The locations of the analyzed samples are shown in Fig. 2b and the data is presented in Supplementary Material<sup>2</sup>. A brief description of the rocks, textural chemical characteristics, and summary dates in monazite are provided in Table 1b. The monazite



**Fig. 9.** (a) Probability-density plots for <sup>207</sup>Pb-<sup>206</sup>Pb zircon ages (in granites and gneisses) and monazite chemical ages (in granitoids, gneisses and schists) in the Godhra-Chhota Udepur sector (this study; Banerjee et al., 2022a). The Pb-Pb zircon dates correspond to analyses with less than 2% discordance. The age peaks are shown with their 2 $\sigma$  errors and MSWD. “n” indicates the number of analyses used.



**Table 2**  
Major and trace element compositions of granitoids and gneisses in the GC sector.

| Sample                         | Pink Granitoids |       |         |       |       |       |        |        |        |       | Grey Granitoids |       |         |       |       |       |        |        | Gneiss |        |       |        |         |        |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|-------|---------|-------|-------|-------|--------|--------|--------|-------|-----------------|-------|---------|-------|-------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|--------|---------|--------|
|                                | pre-D2          |       | post-D2 |       |       |       |        |        |        |       | pre-D2          |       | post-D2 |       |       |       |        |        | AW-7   | AW-11B | AW-22 | AW-161 | AW-142B |        |
|                                | AW-1            | AW-5  | AW-18   | AW-21 | AW-98 | AW-10 | AW-127 | AW-145 | AW-155 | AW-8  | AW-73           | AW-14 | AW-15   | AW-16 | AW-38 | AW-63 | AW-11A | AW-77A |        |        |       |        |         | AW-9A  |
| SiO <sub>2</sub>               | 74.7            | 67.5  | 67.9    | 69.0  | 71.3  | 72.4  | 68.8   | 75.7   | 55.2   | 71.9  | 72.1            | 63.3  | 68.7    | 71.9  | 66.5  | 76.0  | 73.4   | 73.1   | 73.4   | 68.9   | 71.3  | 69.7   | 59.9    | 61.6   |
| Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> | 13.8            | 15.0  | 14.3    | 16.4  | 14.4  | 13.4  | 13.7   | 11.9   | 17.7   | 14.0  | 14.2            | 15.0  | 15.0    | 14.3  | 15.5  | 10.2  | 13.9   | 14.1   | 14.3   | 13.8   | 12.2  | 14.0   | 15.7    | 16.2   |
| Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> | 1.50            | 3.76  | 3.84    | 1.70  | 2.66  | 2.79  | 3.92   | 2.07   | 6.55   | 2.09  | 2.12            | 6.17  | 3.38    | 2.00  | 3.51  | 1.67  | 1.42   | 1.66   | 0.54   | 4.78   | 3.93  | 3.21   | 7.12    | 8.36   |
| FeO                            | 1.35            | 3.38  | 3.45    | 1.53  | 2.39  | 2.51  | 3.53   | 1.86   | 5.89   | 1.88  | 1.91            | 5.55  | 3.04    | 1.80  | 3.16  | 1.50  | 1.28   | 1.49   | 0.49   | 4.30   | 3.54  | 2.89   | 6.41    | 7.52   |
| MgO                            | 0.38            | 0.90  | 1.36    | 0.69  | 0.42  | 0.42  | 1.26   | 0.32   | 2.87   | 0.36  | 0.38            | 1.82  | 0.99    | 0.46  | 1.25  | 1.25  | 0.23   | 0.30   | 0.18   | 2.06   | 1.54  | 2.17   | 2.82    | 3.96   |
| CaO                            | 0.24            | 2.07  | 2.49    | 3.31  | 1.50  | 1.13  | 1.95   | 0.60   | 4.76   | 1.10  | 1.40            | 2.86  | 1.84    | 1.41  | 2.83  | 1.51  | 0.87   | 1.17   | 1.02   | 1.39   | 0.34  | 2.35   | 3.76    | 0.95   |
| Na <sub>2</sub> O              | 4.80            | 3.50  | 3.20    | 4.17  | 3.34  | 3.00  | 2.68   | 2.40   | 3.61   | 2.88  | 3.47            | 3.10  | 2.90    | 3.06  | 3.37  | 0.68  | 3.34   | 3.33   | 2.51   | 3.45   | 1.20  | 4.00   | 4.17    | 0.82   |
| K <sub>2</sub> O               | 2.59            | 4.62  | 4.44    | 2.73  | 4.24  | 5.12  | 4.94   | 5.87   | 5.42   | 5.79  | 4.94            | 4.53  | 5.03    | 5.28  | 4.18  | 4.89  | 5.27   | 5.10   | 6.88   | 2.84   | 7.56  | 2.26   | 3.72    | 4.36   |
| TiO <sub>2</sub>               | 0.21            | 0.58  | 0.60    | 0.20  | 0.24  | 0.26  | 0.53   | 0.18   | 1.00   | 0.26  | 0.26            | 1.22  | 0.50    | 0.28  | 0.59  | 0.14  | 0.17   | 0.19   | 0.06   | 0.65   | 0.53  | 0.47   | 0.93    | 0.75   |
| P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>  | 0.05            | 0.28  | 0.27    | 0.09  | 0.07  | 0.13  | 0.24   | 0.03   | 0.67   | 0.08  | 0.09            | 0.45  | 0.17    | 0.12  | 0.16  | 0.06  | 0.06   | 0.08   | 0.06   | 0.20   | 0.21  | 0.10   | 0.61    | 0.27   |
| MnO                            | 0.03            | 0.05  | 0.06    | 0.05  | 0.04  | 0.06  | 0.06   | 0.02   | 0.09   | 0.02  | 0.04            | 0.08  | 0.04    | 0.03  | 0.04  | 0.04  | 0.03   | 0.03   | bdl    | 0.04   | 0.05  | 0.05   | 0.09    | 0.06   |
| Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> | bdl             | bdl   | 0.01    | bdl   | bdl   | bdl   | bdl    | bdl    | 0.01   | bdl   | bdl             | 0.01  | bdl     | bdl   | 0.01  | bdl   | bdl    | bdl    | bdl    | 0.01   | 0.01  | 0.01   | bdl     | 0.01   |
| LOI                            | 1.50            | 1.30  | 1.10    | 1.30  | 1.50  | 1.00  | 1.40   | 0.40   | 1.30   | 1.10  | 0.60            | 1.00  | 1.10    | 0.90  | 1.60  | 3.30  | 1.00   | 0.70   | 0.70   | 1.60   | 0.80  | 1.30   | 0.80    | 2.30   |
| Sum                            | 99.8            | 99.8  | 99.8    | 99.9  | 99.8  | 99.8  | 99.8   | 99.7   | 99.8   | 99.7  | 99.8            | 99.7  | 99.8    | 99.8  | 99.8  | 99.8  | 99.8   | 99.8   | 99.8   | 99.8   | 99.8  | 99.8   | 99.8    | 99.8   |
| A/CNK                          | 1.24            | 1.03  | 0.98    | 1.04  | 1.12  | 1.07  | 1.03   | 1.04   | 0.86   | 1.07  | 1.05            | 0.99  | 1.11    | 1.07  | 1.02  | 1.11  | 1.09   | 1.08   | 1.07   | 1.02   | 1.21  | 1.17   | 0.72    | 0.71   |
| Fe#                            | 0.67            | 0.68  | 0.59    | 0.55  | 0.76  | 0.77  | 0.61   | 0.77   | 0.54   | 0.75  | 0.74            | 0.63  | 0.63    | 0.69  | 0.59  | 0.40  | 0.76   | 0.74   | 0.60   | 0.38   | 0.07  | 0.47   | 0.36    | 0.09   |
| Be                             | 4.00            | 3.00  | 2.00    | 3.00  | 2.00  | 3.00  | 4.00   | 2.00   | 2.00   | 3.00  | 4.00            | 2.00  | 3.00    | 5.00  | 4.00  | bdl   | 5.00   | 3.00   | 1.00   | 5.00   | 2.00  | 5.00   | 5.00    | bdl    |
| Sc                             | 3.00            | 5.00  | 9.00    | 4.00  | 5.00  | 30.00 | 10.00  | 2.00   | 14.00  | 5.00  | 5.00            | 11.0  | 7.00    | 4.00  | 8.00  | 4.00  | 3.00   | 4.00   | 2.00   | 11.0   | 9.00  | 9.00   | 13.0    | 20.0   |
| V                              | 18.0            | 41.0  | 53.0    | 22.0  | 19.0  | 18.0  | 54.0   | 11.0   | 112.0  | 13.0  | 18.0            | 81.0  | 43.0    | 20.0  | 60.0  | 38.0  | 11.0   | 13.0   | 13.0   | 53.0   | 48.0  | 39.0   | 125.0   | 146.00 |
| Co                             | 74.4            | 83.4  | 118.6   | 74.8  | 82.4  | 136.6 | 91.2   | 161.3  | 57.0   | 159.4 | 131.5           | 89.4  | 112.3   | 120.9 | 101.5 | 80.4  | 85.8   | 115.0  | 142.3  | 77.5   | 106.7 | 115.5  | 89.6    | 141.50 |
| Ni                             | bdl             | bdl   | bdl     | bdl   | bdl   | bdl   | bdl    | bdl    | 26.00  | bdl   | bdl             | bdl   | bdl     | bdl   | bdl   | bdl   | bdl    | bdl    | bdl    | 21.0   | 26.0  | 65.0   | 32.0    | 34.00  |
| Ga                             | 20.2            | 18.4  | 17.5    | 15.3  | 20.9  | 17.3  | 16.7   | 18.7   | 20.5   | 17.0  | 19.9            | 20.1  | 18.4    | 20.7  | 21.1  | 8.6   | 18.7   | 19.2   | 13.8   | 16.6   | 13.5  | 19.8   | 23.0    | 22.60  |
| Rb                             | 97.2            | 156.8 | 182.9   | 87.5  | 183.1 | 250.8 | 172.9  | 162.8  | 113.8  | 232.0 | 251.7           | 152.5 | 224.1   | 272.2 | 147.5 | 111.8 | 217.6  | 301.1  | 235.3  | 140.4  | 334.2 | 129.8  | 165.2   | 233.4  |
| Sr                             | 44.7            | 377.8 | 323.5   | 528.1 | 97.6  | 114.0 | 444.1  | 190.3  | 1479.2 | 128.5 | 119.4           | 366.2 | 232.5   | 144.1 | 671.6 | 100.4 | 135.6  | 113.3  | 119.4  | 79.4   | 74.6  | 206.9  | 597.4   | 53.2   |
| Y                              | 63.8            | 24.4  | 27.6    | 9.60  | 22.1  | 46.5  | 25.8   | 12.4   | 31.1   | 11.0  | 15.0            | 30.9  | 19.3    | 13.4  | 17.9  | 4.9   | 13.2   | 27.5   | 10.3   | 31.0   | 22.5  | 10.1   | 24.6    | 26.4   |
| Zr                             | 249.5           | 445.2 | 311.6   | 100.3 | 230.3 | 271.5 | 371.7  | 502.2  | 674.0  | 246.8 | 228.0           | 540.7 | 229.1   | 198.9 | 233.6 | 78.4  | 133.5  | 162.4  | 121.3  | 376.0  | 377.1 | 437.2  | 330.8   | 176.4  |
| Nb                             | 20.50           | 14.80 | 20.30   | 6.60  | 17.70 | 16.90 | 17.00  | 8.70   | 17.90  | 14.9  | 23.3            | 32.4  | 14.2    | 15.5  | 10.7  | 3.40  | 13.4   | 17.3   | 3.10   | 14.6   | 11.0  | 16.1   | 12.9    | 13.1   |
| Sn                             | 5.00            | 4.00  | 3.00    | bdl   | 5.00  | 3.00  | 2.00   | 2.00   | 2.00   | bdl   | 6.00            | 2.00  | 2.00    | 5.00  | 2.00  | bdl   | 2.00   | 5.00   | bdl    | 2.00   | 2.00  | 2.00   | 2.00    | 2.00   |
| Cs                             | 1.20            | 1.60  | 5.10    | 2.50  | 1.00  | 4.80  | 2.60   | 1.50   | 1.10   | 2.60  | 3.90            | 2.00  | 4.20    | 7.20  | 3.10  | 1.50  | 5.40   | 6.90   | 4.10   | 5.90   | 4.80  | 3.80   | 1.40    | 10.10  |
| Ba                             | 195             | 1356  | 882     | 1108  | 414   | 642   | 1416   | 1073   | 3100   | 741   | 653             | 1472  | 988     | 640   | 1485  | 1259  | 724    | 508    | 558    | 248    | 1240  | 468    | 1108    | 434    |
| La                             | 100.8           | 184.6 | 110.2   | 27.6  | 97.8  | 79.6  | 212.3  | 63.1   | 277.1  | 117.5 | 75.5            | 101.1 | 72.8    | 79.0  | 67.2  | 22.9  | 39.7   | 64.1   | 33.1   | 55.4   | 48.5  | 25.8   | 93.6    | 64.4   |
| Ce                             | 160.8           | 329.0 | 187.6   | 47.6  | 205.5 | 144.7 | 360.2  | 115.8  | 466.1  | 201.8 | 144.7           | 187.0 | 132.2   | 150.0 | 118.3 | 37.7  | 66.8   | 117.1  | 54.5   | 106.3  | 93.4  | 46.4   | 179.6   | 117.8  |
| Pr                             | 23.5            | 32.9  | 20.4    | 5.1   | 19.7  | 15.4  | 35.3   | 12.4   | 49.3   | 20.5  | 14.4            | 20.2  | 14.4    | 16.0  | 12.5  | 3.8   | 7.2    | 11.8   | 5.7    | 11.2   | 9.8   | 5.1    | 21.2    | 13.1   |
| Nd                             | 85.3            | 104.5 | 68.6    | 18.1  | 64.0  | 52.5  | 110.0  | 43.3   | 162.1  | 64.1  | 46.0            | 70.7  | 50.1    | 52.6  | 42.3  | 12.8  | 23.7   | 39.6   | 18.8   | 39.1   | 34.0  | 18.6   | 75.8    | 46.5   |
| Sm                             | 14.56           | 13.96 | 10.11   | 2.83  | 10.09 | 9.55  | 13.75  | 6.58   | 21.59  | 8.71  | 7.03            | 10.82 | 7.47    | 8.24  | 6.00  | 1.95  | 4.10   | 6.27   | 2.90   | 7.15   | 6.29  | 3.12   | 12.01   | 8.53   |
| Eu                             | 0.34            | 1.57  | 1.43    | 0.65  | 0.77  | 0.87  | 2.29   | 0.71   | 4.49   | 0.88  | 0.73            | 2.12  | 1.33    | 0.89  | 1.23  | 0.54  | 0.61   | 0.64   | 0.66   | 1.37   | 1.24  | 1.09   | 2.21    | 1.57   |
| Gd                             | 12.82           | 8.86  | 7.18    | 2.01  | 7.01  | 9.38  | 8.56   | 4.61   | 12.63  | 5.20  | 4.99            | 8.44  | 5.35    | 4.93  | 4.20  | 1.38  | 3.18   | 5.04   | 2.23   | 6.36   | 5.37  | 2.70   | 8.39    | 7.35   |
| Tb                             | 1.90            | 1.10  | 0.96    | 0.29  | 0.94  | 1.57  | 1.07   | 0.58   | 1.45   | 0.54  | 0.64            | 1.12  | 0.71    | 0.58  | 0.55  | 0.19  | 0.43   | 0.75   | 0.33   | 0.96   | 0.76  | 0.34   | 0.98    | 1.02   |

|                     |       |       |       |       |       |        |       |        |        |        |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |     |     |     |     |     |     |
|---------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|-------|--------|--------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Dy                  | 11.06 | 5.34  | 5.11  | 1.60  | 4.73  | 9.36   | 5.19  | 2.67   | 6.69   | 2.31   | 3.25  | 5.90  | 3.63  | 2.69  | 3.09  | 0.99  | 2.49  | 4.41  | 1.75  | 5.75  | 4.39  | 1.96  | 4.87  | 5.60  |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| Ho                  | 2.23  | 0.92  | 0.93  | 0.32  | 0.78  | 1.89   | 0.91  | 0.46   | 1.12   | 0.35   | 0.54  | 1.11  | 0.69  | 0.44  | 0.58  | 0.19  | 0.48  | 0.93  | 0.37  | 1.13  | 0.86  | 0.37  | 0.85  | 0.94  |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| Er                  | 6.27  | 2.20  | 2.64  | 0.93  | 1.95  | 5.02   | 2.56  | 1.17   | 2.67   | 0.94   | 1.40  | 3.06  | 1.87  | 1.22  | 1.73  | 0.58  | 1.34  | 2.69  | 0.95  | 3.25  | 2.48  | 1.02  | 2.25  | 2.41  |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| Tm                  | 0.94  | 0.31  | 0.40  | 0.14  | 0.26  | 0.67   | 0.36  | 0.17   | 0.39   | 0.13   | 0.17  | 0.42  | 0.26  | 0.17  | 0.25  | 0.07  | 0.19  | 0.39  | 0.14  | 0.45  | 0.33  | 0.15  | 0.31  | 0.27  |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| Yb                  | 6.14  | 2.03  | 2.48  | 0.99  | 1.57  | 4.03   | 2.34  | 1.34   | 2.39   | 0.90   | 1.06  | 2.79  | 1.70  | 1.14  | 1.66  | 0.55  | 1.42  | 2.64  | 1.08  | 3.06  | 2.13  | 1.09  | 2.01  | 1.63  |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| Lu                  | 0.90  | 0.32  | 0.37  | 0.16  | 0.23  | 0.57   | 0.34  | 0.24   | 0.35   | 0.13   | 0.15  | 0.43  | 0.26  | 0.17  | 0.22  | 0.08  | 0.22  | 0.38  | 0.15  | 0.44  | 0.34  | 0.19  | 0.29  | 0.24  |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| Hf                  | 7.20  | 10.20 | 7.70  | 2.70  | 6.60  | 7.80   | 9.20  | 12.90  | 16.60  | 7.20   | 6.40  | 12.30 | 6.00  | 5.90  | 6.20  | 2.10  | 4.10  | 4.90  | 3.30  | 10.20 | 10.30 | 11.40 | 7.80  | 5.10  |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| Ta                  | 5.52  | 1.10  | 1.70  | 0.60  | 1.80  | 1.20   | 1.10  | 0.60   | 1.00   | 0.80   | 2.40  | 1.50  | 1.10  | 1.90  | 1.40  | 0.50  | 1.70  | 2.70  | 0.60  | 1.50  | 1.00  | 0.90  | 0.60  | 1.20  |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| W                   | 552.5 | 711.9 | 842.5 | 647.8 | 527.0 | 1063.5 | 669.5 | 1210.8 | 346.3  | 1125.6 | 971.7 | 658.5 | 674.1 | 916.7 | 739.4 | 723.2 | 803.5 | 814.3 | 929.3 | 593.0 | 694.9 | 838.0 | 492.6 | 924.6 |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| Th                  | 35.1  | 38.1  | 38.3  | 14.1  | 62.0  | 32.7   | 49.0  | 24.4   | 71.3   | 63.4   | 34.6  | 19.3  | 37.9  | 46.1  | 29.1  | 12.3  | 19.9  | 44.5  | 29.2  | 39.7  | 26.0  | 8.6   | 12.4  | 26.4  |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| U                   | 6.80  | 3.20  | 4.80  | 1.90  | 6.10  | 2.70   | 2.60  | 4.80   | 2.60   | 5.70   | 4.20  | 2.10  | 4.30  | 4.10  | 4.40  | 1.30  | 2.60  | 6.20  | 10.70 | 6.00  | 5.50  | 2.70  | 1.10  | 3.50  |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| ΣREE                | 427.5 | 687.6 | 418.4 | 108.3 | 415.3 | 335.1  | 755.2 | 253.1  | 1008.4 | 424.0  | 300.5 | 415.3 | 292.8 | 318.0 | 259.9 | 83.7  | 151.8 | 256.8 | 122.6 | 241.9 | 209.9 | 107.9 | 404.3 | 271.4 |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| Eu/Eu*              | 0.08  | 0.43  | 0.51  | 0.83  | 0.28  | 0.28   | 0.64  | 0.39   | 0.83   | 0.40   | 0.38  | 0.68  | 0.64  | 0.43  | 0.75  | 1.00  | 0.51  | 0.35  | 0.79  | 0.62  | 0.65  | 1.14  | 0.67  | 0.60  |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| T <sub>Z</sub> WH88 | 846   | 872   | 831   | 741   | 824   | 836    | 859   | 900    | 854    | 827    | 817   | 879   | 818   | 807   | 806   | 741   | 775   | 791   | 765   | 827   | 817   | 879   | 839   | 777   | 764 | 758 | 693 | 729 | 746 | 717 |
| T <sub>Z</sub> B13  | 819   | 836   | 786   | 685   | 787   | 798    | 823   | 878    | 790    | 788    | 775   | 839   | 777   | 764   | 758   | 693   | 729   | 746   | 717   | 788   | 775   | 839   | 777   | 764   | 758 | 693 | 729 | 746 | 717 |     |

bdl: below detection limit.  
A/CNK = molar Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>/CaO + Na<sub>2</sub>O + K<sub>2</sub>O.  
Fe# = molar FeO/FeO + MgO.  
Eu/Eu\* = Eu<sub>N</sub>/√(Sm<sub>N</sub>\*Gd<sub>N</sub>).  
WH88: Watson and Harrison, 1988; B13: Boehnke et al., 2013

grains mostly occur within biotite-rich aggregates, and only few monazites are hosted within quartz-feldspar aggregates (Fig. 8a, c, e, g). The grains are ellipsoidal to prismatic, xenoblastic to sub-idioblastic and chemically zoned in Th, Y and U (rarely Pb) (Fig. 8a, c, e, g). Based on X-ray element maps for Th, U, Pb and Y and back-scattered electron images, 58 spot dates were obtained in chemically distinct domains in the four samples. The monazite spot ages in the four samples (Fig. 8b, d, f, h) taken together yield dates between 863 ± 50 Ma to 969 ± 47 Ma, with an average age of around ~918 Ma; one outlier spot is dated at 1020 ± 32 Ma. The mean dates obtained for the samples are identical at 2σ level. Anatectic gneisses AW 9B and AW 7 yield mean dates of 923 ± 13 Ma (MSWD = 1.8, n = 11) and 905 ± 16 Ma (MSWD = 3.7, n = 14) respectively (Fig. 8b, d). The granitoid AW 163 yields a mean date of 908 ± 19 Ma (MSWD = 2.7, n = 12), and 21 spots in the granitoid AW 12 yield a mean date of 926 ± 11 Ma (MSWD = 3.3) (Fig. 8f, h).

### 3.4. Summary of age data

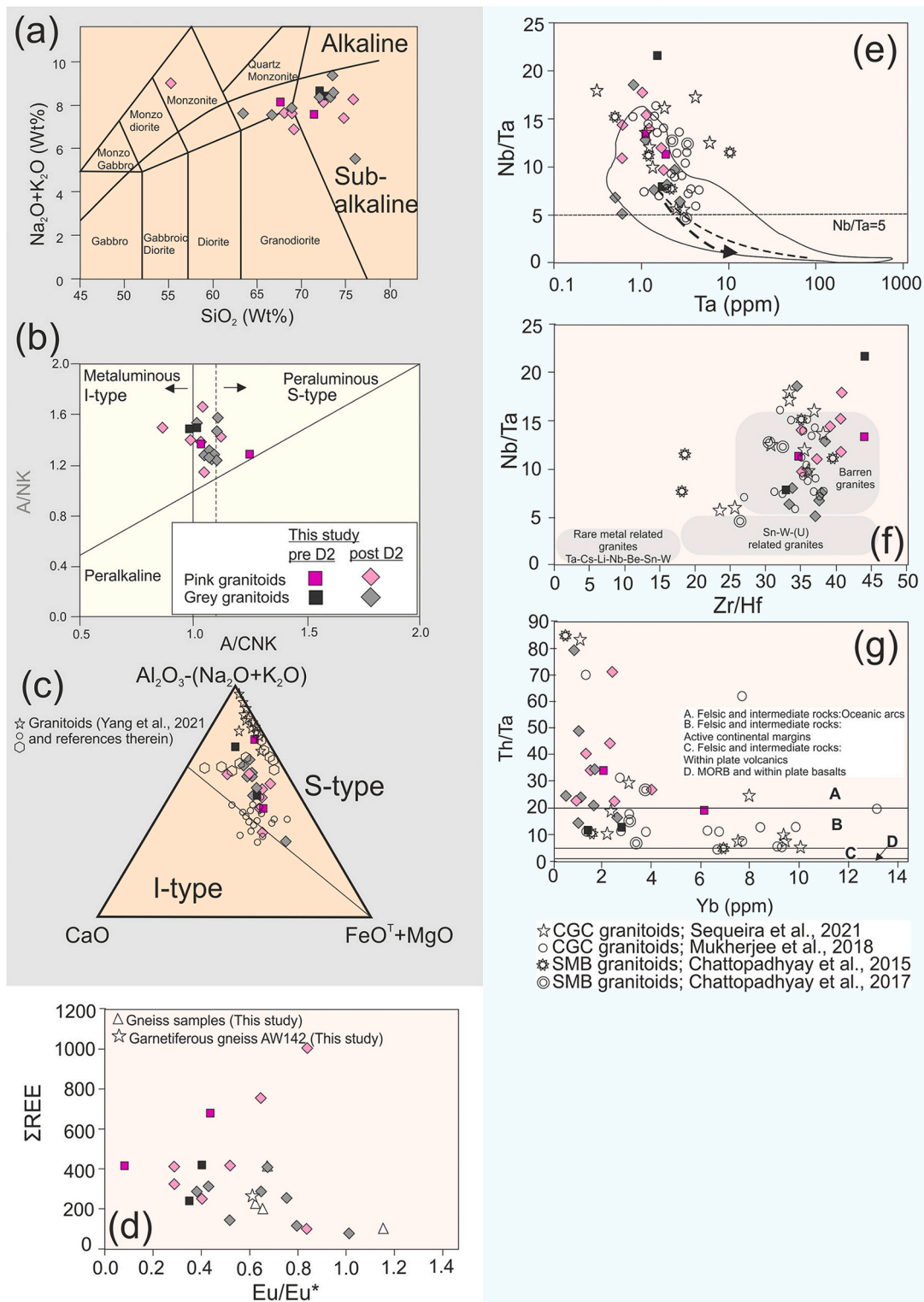
The LA-ICP-MS U-Pb zircon dates obtained in the nine samples, combined with two zircon-dated samples in Banerjee et al. (2022a), may be grouped into four age populations, e.g. 2.5–2.4 Ga, 1.7–1.6 Ga, 1.03–1.02 Ga and 0.95–0.93 Ga (Fig. 9). The monazite chemical dates in this study and those in Banerjee et al. (2022a) in gneisses, granitoids, and greenschist/amphibolite facies supracrustal rocks overlap with the youngest population of U-Pb zircon dates. The youngest age population (0.95–0.93 Ga) corresponds to the emplacement of the post-D2 granitoids including the syn-D3 granitoids. The age population (1.03–1.02 Ga) corresponds to the emplacement of the younger set of pre-D2 granitoids. Pre-D2 high-grade metamorphism-anatexis in the anatectic gneisses occurred at 1.65–1.6 Ga (cf. Banerjee et al., 2021, 2022a, 2022b). The oldest Concordant and upper intercept Discordia dates (2.5–2.4 Ga) in zircons are obtained from pre-D2 foliated granites and non-anatectic gneisses located in the northern part of the GC sector based on the results of LA-ICP-MS zircon U-Pb analysis from a total of 11 samples (Fig. 2b). There is no evidence to suggest that these Neoproterozoic rocks, lacking in the southern part of the GC sector, experienced the 1.65–1.60 Ga high-grade metamorphism recorded in the anatectic gneisses (Fig. 2b). The consequences of these observations are discussed in section 5.

## 4. Geochemistry of 1.03–0.93 Ga granites

### 4.1. Whole rock major and trace element geochemistry

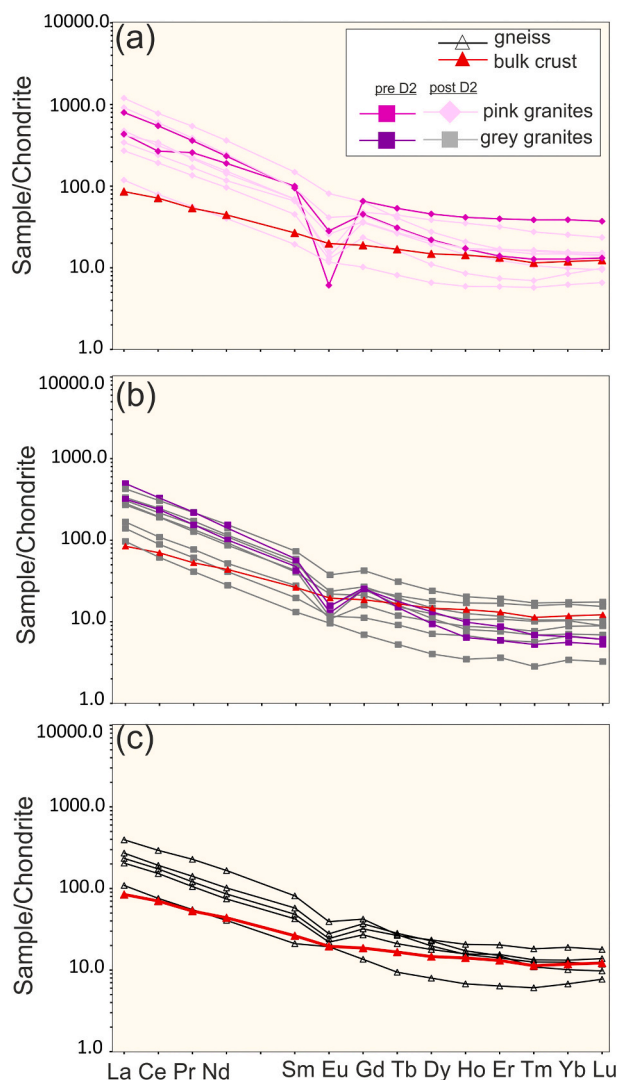
Whole rock geochemical analyses were performed on 9 pink granitoids, 10 grey granitoids and 5 anatectic gneisses (locations in Fig. 2b). The details of sample processing and protocols for analyses done by Inductively Coupled Plasma Emission Spectrometry (ICP-ES) for major elements, and Inductively Coupled Plasma Mass Spectrometer (ICP-MS) for trace elements at the ACME Lab, Bureau Veritas, Vancouver, Canada are described in the Appendix C. The results are provided in Table 2 and used in various discrimination plots in Fig. 10. Chondrite normalized REE diagrams and bulk continental crust normalized trace element spider diagrams for the granitoid and gneiss samples are presented in Figs. 11 and 12 respectively.

The major element oxide contents in the pre-D2 ~ 1.03 Ga granitoids and post-D2 0.95–0.93 Ga granitoids are variable, e.g. SiO<sub>2</sub> (63.27–75.74 wt%), Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (10.15–15.48 wt%), Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> total (0.54–6.17 wt%), MgO (0.32–1.82 wt%), K<sub>2</sub>O (2.59–6.88 wt%), Na<sub>2</sub>O (0.68–4.8 wt%), CaO (0.24–3.31 wt%), and TiO<sub>2</sub> (0.06–1.22 wt%) (Table 2). The Fe# (molar FeO/FeO + MgO) of these granitoids lie between 0.40 and 0.77 (Table 2). The granitoids are granite-granodiorite in composition (Fig. 10a), with the exception of AW 155 which plots in the field for monzonite. The alumina saturation index (ASI) in the granitoids, calculated as molar Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>/(CaO + Na<sub>2</sub>O + K<sub>2</sub>O), lies in the range 0.98–1.24; the granitoids therefore are weakly peraluminous (Fig. 10b),



**Fig. 10.** Geochemical plots and discrimination diagrams for the granitoids in the GC sector (data in Table 2). Square-shaped symbols are for pre-D2 granitoids, and diamonds are for post-D2 granitoids. The grey and pink fills in the symbols are for grey and pink granitoids respectively. (a) Total Alkali versus Silica (TAS) diagram with  $\text{SiO}_2$  (wt%) versus  $\text{Na}_2\text{O} + \text{K}_2\text{O}$  (wt%). (b) molar  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3/(\text{Na}_2\text{O} + \text{K}_2\text{O})$  versus  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3/(\text{CaO} + \text{Na}_2\text{O} + \text{K}_2\text{O})$  plot. (c) ACF diagram for discriminating I and S-type granites (Yang et al., 2021); data for I and S-type granitoids from Lhasa block (Yang et al., 2021 and references therein) included for reference. (d)  $\Sigma\text{REE}$  versus  $(\text{Eu}/\text{Eu}^*)_{\text{CN}}$  plot for the GC granitoids and gneisses. (e) Nb/Ta versus Ta plot after Ballouard et al. (2016); field shows the range of A-type granites after Ballouard et al. (2016); arrows show increasing fractionation trends suggested by the authors, e.g. trends with 10 wt% biotite +10 wt% muscovite +80 wt% quartz indicated by dotted line; broken line is the trend with 10 wt% biotite +10 wt% muscovite +0.5 wt% ilmenite +79.5 wt% (quartz + feldspar). (f) Nb/Ta versus Zr/Hf plots after Ballouard et al. (2016). Data for granitoids in CGC (Mukherjee et al., 2018; Sequeira et al., 2021) and SMB (Chattopadhyay et al., 2015, 2017) are added for comparison (e–g). (g) Th/Ta versus Yb after Gorton and Schandl (2000). (For interpretation of the references to colour in this figure legend, the reader is referred to the web version of this article.)





**Fig. 11.** Chondrite normalized REE patterns for (a) pink granitoids (b) grey granitoids and (c) gneisses in the GC sector (data in Table 2). The chondrite normalized (data from McDonough and Sun, 1995) bulk crust composition (Rudnick and Gao, 2003) is plotted for comparison. (For interpretation of the references to colour in this figure legend, the reader is referred to the web version of this article.)

with AW 155 (ASI value: 0.86) being the only exception. The granitoids plot in the field of S-type granitoid (Fig. 10c). Within the granitoids,  $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$  (total), MgO and CaO decrease with increasing  $\text{SiO}_2$ ;  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  exhibits a weak negative correlation with  $\text{SiO}_2$ , and  $\text{K}_2\text{O}$  exhibits the opposite trend (Supplementary Material<sup>3</sup>). The compositions of the anatectic gneisses overlap with those in granitoids; however MgO contents in the gneisses are higher and Fe# are lower relative to the granitoids in the GC sector (Supplementary Material<sup>3</sup>).

The  $\sum\text{REE}$  in the pink granitoids vary between 108 ppm and 751 ppm; the corresponding value for the grey granitoids range between 84 and 424 ppm (Fig. 10d, Table 2). Sample AW 155 has the highest REE abundance, 1008 ppm (Fig. 10d, Table 2). The chondrite normalized REEs in the granitoids are LREE enriched [ $(\text{La}/\text{Yb})_{\text{CN}} = 11\text{--}89$ ] and the HREEs exhibit relatively flat patterns [ $(\text{Gd}/\text{Yb})_{\text{CN}} = 1.54\text{--}4.67$ ] (Fig. 11). The granitoids are characterised by small but variable negative Eu anomalies (computed as  $(\text{Eu}_{\text{CN}}/\text{Eu}^*)$ ; Fig. 11), where  $\text{Eu}^*$  is calculated as  $(\sqrt{\text{Sm}_{\text{CN}} \cdot \text{Gd}_{\text{CN}}})$  for the pink granitoids and range between 0.08 and 0.83; a grey granitoid (AW 63) has a Eu anomaly value of 1.00 (Table 2; Fig. 10d).

The Nb/Ta values for the GC granitoids (5.2–21.6) are typical for peraluminous granites unmodified by hydrothermal activity ( $> 5$ ; Ballouard et al., 2016). The negative trend of Nb/Ta versus Ta (Fig. 10e) is attributed to mica fractionation (Ballouard et al., 2016). In the Nb/Ta versus Zr/Hf diagram (Fig. 10f), the GC granitoids plot in the field for peraluminous “barren” granites (Ballouard et al., 2016). On the Th/Ta versus Yb plot (Gorton and Schandl, 2000) (Fig. 10g), some of the pink granitoids lie in the field of active continental margins; the rest of the granitoids plot in the field of oceanic arcs.

Chondrite normalized REE diagrams and bulk continental crust normalized trace element spider diagrams for the granitoids and gneisses in the GC sector are presented in Figs. 11 and 12 respectively. The trace element abundances of the S-type granitoids normalized to the bulk continental crust composition (Rudnick and Gao, 2003) show an overall enrichment of incompatible elements in the granitoids (Fig. 12a–b). Similar trace element enrichment is also observed in the gneisses with respect to the bulk continental crust (Fig. 12c). An average gneiss composition (blue bold line in Fig. 12c) for the GC samples also mimics the enriched trend of the gneisses relative to the bulk crust. Assuming the anatectic gneisses were the source rocks for the granitoids (see Discussion), we normalized the granitoid trace element abundances to the average composition of the 5 basement gneisses (Fig. 12d–e). Relative to the average gneiss (Fig. 12c), the pink granitoids are enriched in Ba, Th and LREEs and depleted in P, Eu, Ti and HREEs (Fig. 10d); the grey granitoids on the other hand show enrichment of Rb, Ba, Th, U, K, Nb, Ta and LREEs, and depletion of P, Ti Zr, Hf, Sm, Eu, Y and HREEs (Fig. 12e).

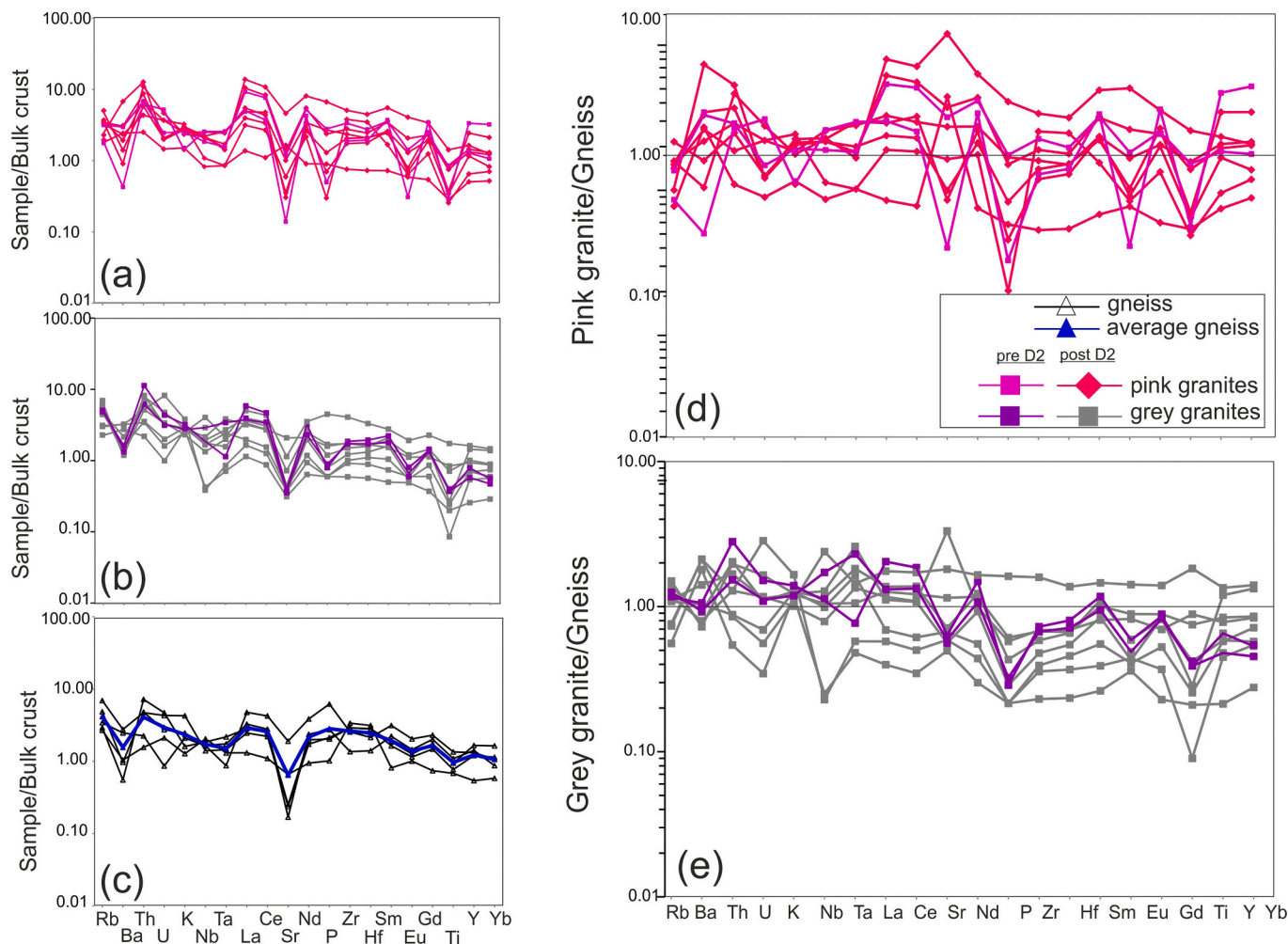
The Zr concentrations of the granitoids were used to calculate the zircon saturation temperature ( $T_{\text{Zr}}$ ) (Clemens, 2003) which may be used as a proxy for obtaining crystallization temperature of the melts (Watson and Harrison, 1983). The  $T_{\text{Zr}}$  was calculated for the GC granitoids (Table 2) using the formulation of Watson and Harrison (1983) and Boehnke et al. (2013). The average temperature estimate obtained for the pink granitoids is 840 °C and 800 °C by the Watson and Harrison (1983) and Boehnke et al. (2013) formulations respectively; while the  $T_{\text{Zr}}$  for the grey granitoids vary between 800 °C and 760 °C.

#### 4.2. Whole rock Sr-Nd systematic in granitoids

Whole rock Rb-Sr and Sm-Nd isotopic analyses were performed on 4 pink and 3 grey granitoids (Table 3). The methodology is described in Appendix D. The granitoids have a wide range of  $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$  ratios (0.7156–0.7950). The  $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$  ratios for these granitoids are tightly constrained between 0.511033 and 0.511407 (Table 3). The  $\epsilon\text{Nd}(0)$  for these granitoids are strongly negative (–23.9 to –31.2) (Fig. 13a; Table 3). The  $\epsilon\text{Nd}(t)$  at  $t = 1030$  Ma for pre-D2 granitoids and at  $t = 950$  Ma for post-D2 granitoids range from –11.1 to –18.6 (Fig. 13b, Table 3). In the  $\epsilon\text{Nd}(t)$  versus  $T_{2\text{DM}}$  plots (Fig. 13c), the GC granitoids also have negative  $\epsilon\text{Nd}(t)$  values. The ranges of  $T_{\text{CHUR}}$ ,  $T_{\text{DM}}$  and  $T_{2\text{DM}}$  estimates for the GC granitoids are 1.65–2.18 Ga, 2.05–2.53 Ga and 2.43–3.05 Ga respectively. The  $T_{\text{DM}}$  and  $T_{2\text{DM}}$  are better approximations relative to CHUR for most post-Archean rocks since significant amounts of crust formed in the Archean by repeated melt extractions from the mantle (Patchett, 1989). The  $\epsilon\text{Nd}(t)$  versus the  $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$  initial ratios for the GC granitoids (Fig. 13b) also show crustal values ( $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr} > 0.706$ ,  $\epsilon\text{Nd}$  negative; Winter, 2001).

## 5. Discussion

In Table 4, the important mesoscale structural features and the gamut of age data generated in this study and in Banerjee et al. (2022a) are integrated to highlight the significant tectonic features in the Godhra-Chhota Udepur Sector.



**Fig. 12.** Bulk crust normalized (Rudnick and Gao, 2003) trace element patterns for (a) pink granitoids, (b) grey granitoids and (c) gneisses from the GC sector. An average gneiss composition calculated for the GC gneisses is shown with the bold blue line in (c). The GC average gneiss normalized trace element patterns for (d) pink granitoids and (e) grey granitoids. (For interpretation of the references to colour in this figure legend, the reader is referred to the web version of this article.)

### 5.1. Tectonic interleaving at 1.03–0.95 Ga

The spatial distribution (Fig. 2b) of LA-ICP-MS U-Pb zircon dates obtained in this study (Fig. 7a–i) and by Banerjee et al. (2022a) in the Godhra-Chhota Udepur sector (Fig. 9) reveal intriguing features unknown earlier. First, the Late Neoproterozoic Discordant upper intercept ages and the Concordant ages in the pre-D2 granitoids are restricted to the northern parts of the sector (Fig. 2b). By contrast, the Late Paleoproterozoic (1.7–1.6 Ga) age of pre-D2 high-grade metamorphism in the anatectic gneisses and the younger Late Mesoproterozoic (~1.03 Ga) pre-D2 granitoids occur exclusively in the southern part. And second, the Discordia lower intercept and the Concordant ages for the emplacement of the post-D2 granitoids (including syn-D3 granitoids) across the north-south divide are tightly constrained between 0.95 and 0.93 Ga. These ages are identical to the ones obtained from the existing Rb-Sr and Sm-Nd isochron ages (Gopalan et al., 1979; Goyal et al., 2001; Shivkumar et al., 1993; Srimal and Das, 1998). In view of the large variations in the emplacement ages of the granitoids, the term “Godhra granite” coined by Gopalan et al. (1979) and adopted by later workers (Goyal et al., 2001; Shivkumar et al., 1993; Srimal and Das, 1998) for the gamut of felsic intrusives in the sector is a misnomer, and needs to be discontinued. It may be recalled that several researchers (Mamtani and Greiling, 2005) based on field investigations had also suggested that the “Godhra granite” is a composite unit (Banerjee et al., 2021, 2022a; this study).

The pre-D2 Neoproterozoic granitoids with single shallow-dipping tectonic foliation do not exhibit the multiple folds and imprints of the younger Late Paleoproterozoic high-grade metamorphism and anatexis typical of the basement gneisses in the different crustal domains of the CITZ that extends eastwards from the Godhra-Chhota Udepur sector into the central and southern domains of the Satpura Mobile Belt (SMB) in central India, and the Chottanagpur Gneiss Complex (CGC) further to the east (Banerjee et al., 2021). Also the Late Paleoproterozoic basement gneisses in the Godhra-Chhota Udepur sector do not provide evidence of Neoproterozoic or older inheritance in the analyzed zircon grains. Yet zircon U-Pb systematics show that both the Neoproterozoic granitoids and the Late Paleoproterozoic gneisses bear Early Neoproterozoic imprints either as lower intercept Discordia and/or concordant dates, identical to the emplacement ages (0.95–0.93 Ga) of the post-D2 and syn-D3 granitoids (Figs. 7–9).

The Late Neoproterozoic granitoids are unlikely to be the basement for the younger Late Paleoproterozoic gneisses, for it would be impossible for the Neoproterozoic granitoids to escape the pervasive 1.65–1.60 Ga metamorphism-anatexis at  $T \geq 750$  °C (accompanying article: Banerjee et al., 2022b). It therefore is reasonable to assume that the 2.5–2.4 Ga granitoids are slivers of crustal domains that are tectonically interleaved with the Late Paleoproterozoic gneisses and the younger (~1.03 Ga) granitoids of the CITZ. These chronologically diverse lithodemic units experienced a shared syn to post-D2 history, and were intruded by 0.95–0.93 Ga post-D2 granitoids. We infer, therefore, that the tectonic

**Table 3**  
Whole rock Sr and Nd isotopic data for granitoid samples from the GC sector.

| Sample | Granite type | $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ | Sm (ppm) | Nd (ppm) | $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$ | T DM     | T 2DM    | T CHUR   | f(Sm/Nd) | $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}}(0)$ | Time T (Ma) |
|--------|--------------|---------------------------------|----------|----------|-----------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|---------------------------|-------------|
| AW 5   | Pink Granite | 0.7322                          | 13.96    | 104.5    | 0.511407                          | 2.05E+09 | 2.43E+09 | 1.65E+09 | -0.6     | -23.9                     | 1030        |
| AW 21  | Pink Granite | 0.7156                          | 2.83     | 18.1     | 0.511318                          | 2.42E+09 | 2.75E+09 | 2.03E+09 | -0.5     | -25.6                     | 950         |
| AW 127 | Pink Granite | 0.7231                          | 13.75    | 110      | 0.511110                          | 2.30E+09 | 2.89E+09 | 1.96E+09 | -0.6     | -29.7                     | 950         |
| AW 145 | Pink Granite | 0.7562                          | 6.58     | 43.3     | 0.511318                          | 2.36E+09 | 2.72E+09 | 1.97E+09 | -0.5     | -25.6                     | 950         |
| AW 8   | Grey Granite | 0.7889                          | 8.71     | 64.1     | 0.511033                          | 2.51E+09 | 3.05E+09 | 2.18E+09 | -0.6     | -31.2                     | 1030        |
| AW 16  | Grey Granite | 0.7910                          | 8.24     | 52.6     | 0.511235                          | 2.53E+09 | 2.89E+09 | 2.16E+09 | -0.5     | -27.2                     | 950         |
| AW 38  | Grey Granite | 0.7185                          | 6.00     | 42.3     | 0.511281                          | 2.28E+09 | 2.72E+09 | 1.91E+09 | -0.5     | -26.3                     | 950         |

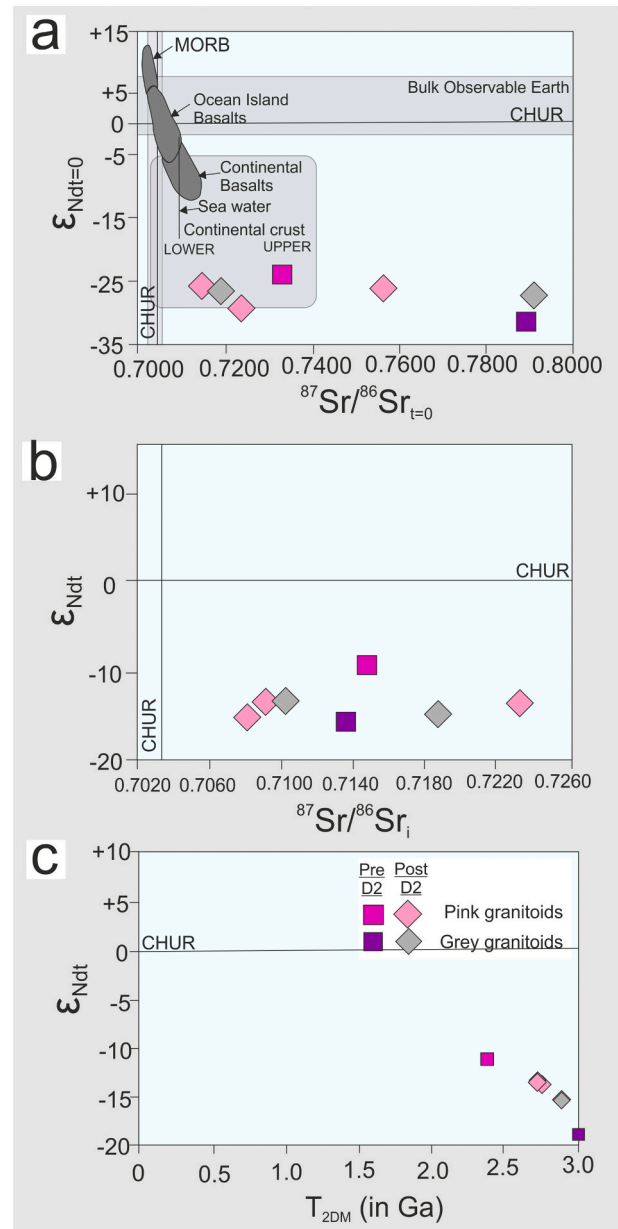
$^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd} = 0.512630$ ,  $^{147}\text{Sm}/^{144}\text{Nd} = 0.1960$  of CHUR (Bouvier et al., 2008).

$^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd} = 0.513151$ ,  $^{147}\text{Sm}/^{144}\text{Nd} = 0.2136$  of Depleted Mantle (DM) (Goldstein and Jacobsen, 1988).

$\lambda^{147}\text{Sm} = 6.54 \times 10^{-12} \text{ yr}^{-1}$  (Lugmair and Marti, 1978).

$\lambda^{87}\text{Rb} = 1.42 \times 10^{-11} \text{ yr}^{-1}$  (Steiger and Jäger, 1977).

Abbreviations: CHUR = Chondrite Uniform Reservoir, DM = Depleted Mantle.



**Fig. 13.** Plots (data in Table 3) for GC sector granitoids. (a)  $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}}(t=0)$  versus  $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}_{t=0}$  for all granitoids; (b)  $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}}(t=1.03\text{Ga})$  (pre-D2 granitoids) and  $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}}(t=0.95\text{Ga})$  (post-D2 granitoids) versus  $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}_i$ . (c)  $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}}(t=1.03\text{Ga})$  (pre-D2 granitoids) and  $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}}(t=0.95\text{Ga})$  (post-D2 granitoids) versus  $T_{2\text{DM}}$ .

interleaving of the lithodemic units occurred between  $\sim 0.93$  Ga (age of post-D2 granitoids) and the 1.03–1.02 Ga pre-D2 granitoids in the tectonic melange.

### 5.2. 1.03–0.93 Ga granitoids: Petrogenesis

Large volumes of S-type magmas may be generated from melting of metasedimentary protoliths of metagreywacke, metapelitic or meta-tonalitic compositions (Clemens, 2003). Zhu et al. (2020) argue that turbidite sequences in accretionary prisms comprising banded shale and greywackes undergo melting towards the end of orogenic cycles following initial continent-continent collision and accretionary prism development to generate S-type magmas. The GC granitoids show high molar  $\text{CaO}/\text{MgO} + \text{FeO}_T$  (0.42–0.74) and  $\text{CaO}/\text{Na}_2\text{O}$  (0.3–2.5) ratios (Fig. 14a, b) indicating they were mostly derived from plagioclase-rich



Table 4

Summary of pre-D2, D2 and D3 deformation features, age and tectonic significances in the three lithodemic units, e.g. the basement gneisses, the supracrustal unit, and pre- and post-D2 granitoids.

| Deformation events | Basement gneiss (autochthonous)  | Granitoids   | Supracrustal Unit (allochthonous)   | Tectonic significance  | U-Pb zircon and monazite ages  |
|--------------------|--|--|---|--|--|
| <b>Pre-D2</b>      | Granulite facies anatectic metamorphism manifested by two high-temperature fabrics D1a and D1b   | Post-D1a, b granitoids intrusive into the anatectic basement gneisses; older granitoids do not share the D1a,b fabrics in the gneisses.  | Recumbent isoclinal folds on colour banding (S0) in the supracrustal unit, with the development of penetrative S1 fabric at greenschist-epidote amphibolite facies.   | The high temperature anatectic event in the gneisses is not reflected in the supracrustal unit. Similarly, the high-T D1a, b events in the gneisses are not shared by the pre-D2 granitoids.   | High-grade metamorphism in gneisses occurred at 1.7–1.6 Ga. Pre-D2 granitoids belong to two age clusters, e.g. 2.5–2.4 Ga, and 1.03–1.02 Ga.                         |
| <b>D2</b>          | Recumbent folds developed on anatectic layers in gneisses with gentle WNW plunging fold axes; pervasive axial plane fabric not observed  | Pre-D2 granitoids develop shallow dipping mylonitic foliation (S2) with WNW plunging stretching lineations (L2)  | Recumbent D2 folds develop on S0-S1 fabrics in the allochthonous supracrustal rocks; the deformation produces gently dipping axial planes (S2) and WNW gently plunging fold axes (L2)   | Overthrusting (top-to-the-south) of the allochthonous supracrustal unit over the gneiss-granitoid basement due to N-S shortening   | This deformation post-dates the emplacement of ~1.03–1.02 Ga, and juxtaposes the 2.5–2.4 Ga granites with the 1.7–1.6 Ga gneisses, and low-grade supracrustal rocks. |
| <b>D3</b>          | Upright folds on D2 recumbent folds on D1a-D1b gneissic layers in anatectic gneisses; The WNW plunging gentle to moderately plunging folds do not possess pervasive axial plane fabric | Post-D2 to syn-D3 granitoid emplacements; these D3 granitoids exhibit steep dipping mylonitic foliation (S3) with moderate WNW plunging stretching lineations (L3) in vicinity of D3 shears. | Moderately plunging upright folds on D2 recumbent folds and shallow-dipping phengite-chlorite S2 axial planes in micaceous rocks in the supracrustal unit, at the vicinity of E-striking D3 shears with E-W striking axial planes (S3) and WNW moderately plunging fold axes (L3) | Progressive N-S shortening led to a switchover from the thrust regime (D2) to a wrench dominated deformation (D3) involving flipping of Z strain axes from vertical to horizontal for the same E-W orogen parallel stretching; this led to nucleation of E-W striking, basement piercing, steep dipping, sinistral, transpressional D3 shear zones | ~0.95–0.93 Ga age of post D2 to syn D3 granitoids, and the 1.03 Ga pre-D2 granitoids thus constrain the D2-D3 crustal convergence between 1.03–0.93 Ga.              |

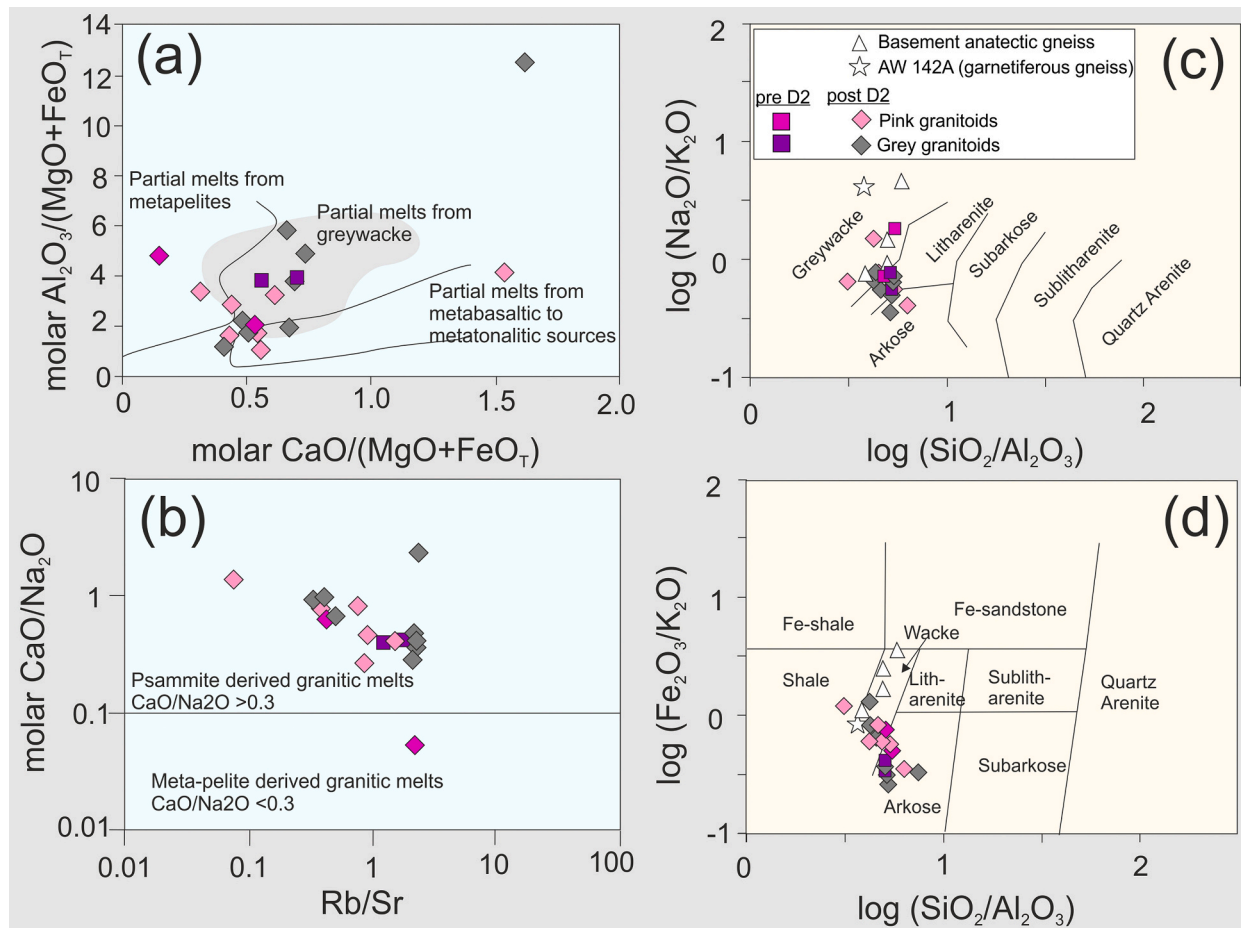
greYWackes; however, a few samples also show relatively low molar  $\text{CaO/MgO} + \text{FeO}_T$  (0.15–0.32) and  $\text{CaO/Na}_2\text{O}$  (<0.1) ratios which are interpreted to be derived from metapelitic melts (Sylvester, 1998). Two granitoids (AW 9A, AW 21) have a high molar  $\text{CaO/MgO} + \text{FeO}_T$  ratio (1.62, 1.54). The post-D2 white-coloured granitoid AW 9A has the highest molar  $\text{CaO/MgO} + \text{FeO}_T$  ratio (1.62) and high molar  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3/\text{MgO} + \text{FeO}_T$  (12.5). The corresponding values for the other granitoid AW-21 are 1.54 and 4.18 respectively. These samples may be derived from source rocks having meta-tonalite affinity (Sylvester, 1998). The GC granitoids thus appear to be melting products of heterogeneous metasedimentary protoliths, dominated by metagreywackes.

The spread in the  $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$  (0.71564–0.79103) and  $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$  (0.511033 to 0.511407) ratios (Fig. 13) may also be attributed to this heterogeneity of the protolith characters (Clemens et al., 2009) or may have been caused by mixing with other crustal melts (Collins, 1996). Strongly negative  $\epsilon\text{Nd}$  (–23.9 to –31.2) values suggest the derivation of the granitoids from recycled crustal sources. The  $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}_i$  ratios (0.7074–0.7217) and the negative  $\epsilon\text{Nd}(t)$  (–11.1 to –18.6) calculated at ~1.03 Ga for pre-D2 granitoids and 0.95 Ga post-D2 granitoids (Fig. 13b) also imply that crustal protoliths were the source rocks for the granitoids, and preclude significant contributions from mantle-derived melts (Allègre and Ben Othman, 1980).

The anatectic gneisses in the GC sector plot in the field for greywacke in the litho-chemical classification diagrams (Basei et al., 2011) (Fig. 14c, d); the gneisses in the GC sector are thus considered to be majorly metagreywackes. The higher MgO abundances and the lower Fe# of the gneisses relative to the granitoids (Supplementary material<sup>3</sup>, Table 2) suggest a restitic character for these gneisses. The mesocratic

biotite ± hornblende gneisses interleaved with minor amounts of garnet-free amphibolites are the dominant basement rocks exposed in the Godhra-Chhota Udepur sector, followed by the garnetiferous biotite-cordierite-sillimanite bearing melanocratic gneisses. In the granitoids, sporadic grains of mm-sized garnet porphyroblasts are noted only in a couple of outcrops, and sillimanite and cordierite are lacking. Assuming the gneisses continue to the depth where the granitoids originated, the mineralogical evidence and the geochemical signatures (Fig. 10–13) suggest that the mesocratic gneisses chemically resembling metagreywacke (Fig. 14) were the likely protolith for the S-type *syn*-collisional granitoids. The expansive granitoids are likely to have formed by partial melting via the model congruent melting reaction quartz + plagioclase + K-feldspar + biotite + garnet → melt (cf. Patiño Douce and Beard, 1996). The melting of the metagreywacke dominated protoliths (Vielzeuf and Schmidt, 2001) possibly occurred at 800–840 °C for the pink granitoids and 760–800 °C for the grey granitoids, inferred from zircon saturation temperature ( $T_{Zr}$ ).

Based on the crystal-melt partition co-efficient of elements compiled by Rollinson and Pease (Rollinson and Pease, 2021; Table 4.3 therein), the molar proportion of garnet in the model reaction should be small to account for the slight depletion of Y and HREEs in the granitoids relative to the gneisses; the enrichment of Nb, Ta, Th and U in the granitoids on the other hand precludes the involvement of Fe–Ti oxide phases (ilmenite) in the congruent melting reaction. Given the compatible nature of Nb (4–9.5) and Ta (1.2–1.9) (Rollinson and Pease, 2021), the modal proportion of biotite in the melting reaction is unlikely to be high. The Nb/Ta ratio is a measure of the degree of fractionation of the granitic magmas (Nb/Ta < 5 indicating fractionation; Ballouard et al.,



**Fig. 14.** (a) Molar ( $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3/\text{MgO} + \text{FeO}_T$ ) versus molar ( $\text{CaO}/\text{MgO} + \text{FeO}_T$ ) plot (after Altherr et al., 2000), and (b) Rb/Sr versus molar  $\text{CaO}/\text{Na}_2\text{O}$  diagram for the GC granitoids. Litho-chemical classification diagrams (after Basei et al., 2011) (c)  $\log(\text{Na}_2\text{O}/\text{K}_2\text{O})$  versus  $\log(\text{SiO}_2/\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3)$  plot and (d)  $\log(\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3/\text{K}_2\text{O})$  versus  $\log(\text{SiO}_2/\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3)$  plot for gneisses of the GC sector. Legend for symbols are in (c). Data in Table 2.

2016) whereas the Zr/Hf ratio is a measure of fertility of the magma in terms of metallogenic minerals like Sn, W, Mo, Be and Ta (Ballouard et al., 2016); the melts producing the GC granitoids were unfractionated (Fig. 10e) and “barren” in terms of metallic content (Fig. 10f) (Ballouard et al., 2016). The SMB and CGC granitoids also show similar unfractionated and barren characteristics although the CGC granitoids originated as A-type magmas. S-type granites may exhibit geochemical characteristics similar to A-type granites (Whalen et al., 1987).

According to the Th/Ta versus Yb plot (Fig. 10g), these granitoids are from oceanic arcs and active continental settings. S-type granites are common in syn to post-collisional settings (Chappell and White, 2001; Sylvester, 1998). The syn-collisional nature of the granitoids is supported by the high-T deformation microstructures (Fig. 5f, g) and the magmatic flow textures (Fig. 4e) in these granitoids hosted within D3 shears. The field relations, the microstructures and the geochemical characteristics together suggest that the granitoids originated as a part of the Neoproterozoic accretion event in a syn-collisional setting. These granitoids are typical of the global Grenvillian-age felsic magmatism during Rodinia assembly (Chen et al., 2018).

### 5.3. 2.5 Ga granitoids: The ADFB connection

A brief summary of the lithological, structural and chronological aspects of the Aravalli-Delhi Fold Belt is presented below to understand the Early Neoproterozoic accretion tectonics between the ADFB and the CITZ. The 700 km long N/NNE-striking Aravalli Delhi Fold Belt (ADFB) comprises Proterozoic Aravalli and Delhi supracrustal successions

overlying an older basement referred to be the Banded Gneissic Complex (BGC) (Heron, 1953). The Archean nucleus in central and southern ADFB is known as BGC-I (Sharma, 2009). Archean granitoid bodies as in Untala, Gingla, Jagat, Berach and Ahar River areas, dated between 2.6 Ga and 2.4 Ga (Kaur et al., 2019; Roy and Kröner, 1996; Sivaraman and Odom, 1982; Wiedenbeck et al., 1996) constitute a major lithologic component in BGC-I. On the other hand, BGC-II is a more reworked component mantling the northern fringes of BGC-I (Sharma, 2009). BGC-II comprising the Sandmata-Mangalwar Complex and the basement rocks underlying the Eastern Aravalli Terrane yield Late Paleoproterozoic dates, 1.8–1.75 Ga (Bhowmik et al., 2010; Buick et al., 2006, 2010; Kaur et al., 2019), deemed to represent the age of high-grade metamorphism in the ADFB. The poly-deformed Aravalli and Delhi Supergroups are Proterozoic in age (Bhowmik et al., 2010; Buick et al., 2006, 2010; D’Souza et al., 2019; Kaur et al., 2017; McKenzie et al., 2013). Archean dates obtained from detrital zircons in these rocks (D’Souza et al., 2019; Wang et al., 2017) suggest inherited components from an older basement.

The 2.5 Ga granitoids and gneisses are lacking in the CGC (Sequeira et al., 2020, 2021; Sequeira and Bhattacharya, 2021), in the southern and central domains of the SMB (Banerjee et al., 2021), and the southern part of the Godhra-Chhota Udepur sector (Fig. 7b). It appears, therefore, that the ~2.5 Ga granitoids in the northern domain of the Godhra-Chhota-Udepur sector correspond to the BGC-I ~ 2.5 Ga granitoids identified in several areas including Berach in the Aravalli-Delhi Fold Belt. These ~2.5 Ga foliated granitoids of the ADFB were tectonically juxtaposed with the Late Paleoproterozoic gneisses in the tectonic



mélange in the GC sector (Fig. 2b). It is however unclear if the ~2.5 Ga granitoids occurred as tens-of-meters to couple-of-hundreds of meters wide slivers inter-leaved with the 1.7–1.6 Ga anatectic gneisses of the CITZ or these granitoids (and gneisses) constitute tens-of-kilometre wide disparately evolved crustal segments juxtaposed with the Late Paleoproterozoic CITZ gneisses along the broken line in Fig. 2b. Nevertheless the gamut of evidence points to an accretion between the ADFB and the CITZ in the Godhra-Chhota Udepur sector. This accretion was contemporaneous with Early Neoproterozoic oblique D2-D3 crustal convergence (Banerjee et al., 2022a) and the coeval emplacement of 1.03–0.93 Ga S-type granites that originated by partial melting of sedimentary protoliths dominated by metagreywacke.

## 6. Conclusions

The gamut of evidence from field studies, LA-ICP-MS U-Pb (zircon) geochronology, chemical monazite dating and granite geochemistry indicates that the Archean (2.5–2.4 Ga) lithodemic units of the N/NNE-striking Aravalli-Delhi Fold Belt and the Late Paleoproterozoic (1.65–1.60 Ga) high-grade anatectic gneisses of the E-striking Central Indian Tectonic Zone were juxtaposed during oblique crustal accretion between the two terranes. The N-S crustal accretion involving top-to-the-south thrusting (D2 deformation) and nucleation of transpressional steep-dipping shear zones (D3 deformation) occurred between 1.03 and 0.93 Ga. Mesoscale structures (Figs. 2, 3 and 4) and deformation microstructures (Fig. 5) indicate that the D3 contractional deformation was broadly contemporaneous with the expansive emplacement of S-type syn-collisional granites formed by the partial melting of basement rocks dominated by metagreywacke, but the

## Appendix A

### A.1. LA-ICP-MS U-Pb zircon dating

For separating zircons, the rocks were crushed, sieved and followed by panning to remove the lighter fractions. The heavier fractions were then passed through a column of bromoform to retrieve the heavy mineral fraction, and magnetic separation. The zircons were handpicked from the non-magnetic sample using a stereomicroscope. Araldite mounts were prepared for the embedded zircon grains; the mounts were polished to expose the internal structures of the grains.

The CL imaging of the zircon grains were done using the RELION CL instrument at the Plateforme GeOHeLiS, Géosciences Rennes, University of Rennes as well as with the Cameca SX-100 electron probe microanalyzer at the Department of Earth Sciences, Indian Institute of Technology Bombay, Mumbai. LA-ICP-MS U-Pb analyses of zircons were performed at the Plateforme GeOHeLiS, Géosciences Rennes, University of Rennes. A summary of instrumentation and analytical protocols are provided in Supplementary Material<sup>4</sup>. The analytical data for the zircon standard GJ-1 during the five analytical sessions is provided in the Supplementary Material<sup>1</sup>. The long-term uncertainty (1.9%) is only applied to population age and is quoted in italics between brackets in the text. All uncertainties are quoted at  $\pm 2\sigma$ . Concordia diagrams are generated using IsoplotR (Vermeesch, 2018), and the reported MSWD are for concordance and equivalence.

No common Pb correction has been applied to the data as the measurement of  $^{204}\text{Pb}$  is not precise enough on a Q-ICP-MS instrument. However, the presence of common lead has been qualitatively assessed using the f206c indicator which is calculated as follow:

$$f_{206c} = \left( \frac{{}^{207}\text{Pb}/{}^{206}\text{Pb}_m - {}^{207}\text{Pb}/{}^{206}\text{Pb}^*}{{}^{207}\text{Pb}/{}^{206}\text{Pb}_c - {}^{207}\text{Pb}/{}^{206}\text{Pb}^*} \right) \times 100$$

where  $^{207}\text{Pb}/{}^{206}\text{Pb}_m$  is the measured ratio,  $^{207}\text{Pb}/{}^{206}\text{Pb}^*$  is the radiogenic expected ratio given a defined age ( $^{206}\text{Pb}/{}^{238}\text{U}$  age if it is <1000 Ma,  $^{207}\text{Pb}/{}^{206}\text{Pb}$  age if not) and  $^{207}\text{Pb}/{}^{206}\text{Pb}_c$  is the common Pb ratio based on the Stacey and Kramers (1975) Pb evolution model. As this factor relies on assumptions made on the age and on the Pb model it is only indicative, however we are confident that the data used for date calculation do not show high level of common Pb.

### A.2. Monazite chemical dating

Monazite dating (Montel et al., 1996) was carried out in the Department of Earth Sciences, Indian Institute of Technology Bombay (Powai). The protocol for monazite analyses is detailed in Deshmukh et al. (2017) and only a brief summary is presented here. U-Th-total Pb monazite dating was performed using a CAMECA SX-FIVE electron probe microanalyzer (EPMA). Monazite analyses were determined with a 15 kV accelerating voltage, 200 nA beam current and 1  $\mu\text{m}$  beam diameter. Pb  $M_a$ , Th  $M_a$ , and U  $M_b$  spectral lines were calibrated using crocoite ( $\text{PbCrO}_4$ ), Th-glass ( $\text{ThO}_2 = 5 \text{ wt } \%$ ) and U-glass ( $\text{UO}_2 = 5 \text{ wt } \%$ ) standards, and were simultaneously measured in two LPET crystals for 240 s, 160 s, and 160 s, respectively. The peak and background intensities of Pb  $M_a$ , Th  $M_a$ , and U  $M_b$  were acquired with a five-cycle sub-counting methodology (Deshmukh et al., 2017; Prabhakar, 2013). The Pb  $M_a$  counts were determined using an exponential background fit to precisely define the distinctly located background positions (cf.

deformation outlasted the emplacement of the granitoids.

Table 1: Summary of lithology and mineral assemblage, morphology/texture of (a) zircon and (b) monazite, composition and dates in the 13 samples used for geochronology.

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The authors declare that they have no known competing financial interests or personal relationships that could have appeared to influence the work reported in this paper.

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Jercinovic and Williams, 2005; Spear et al., 2009). The matrix effects (ZAF) were reduced using the X-PHI approach (Merlet, 1992). The overlapping X-ray lines of Th M<sub>2</sub>-O<sub>4</sub>, Th M<sub>1</sub>, Th M<sub>2</sub>, YL<sub>C2</sub>, YL<sub>C3</sub>, La L<sub>a</sub> on Pb M<sub>a</sub> and Th M<sub>c</sub>, Th M<sub>3</sub>-N<sub>4</sub> on U M<sub>b</sub> were corrected using the CAMECA Peak Sight software (version 6.1). Monazite dates were verified by analysing the Steenkampskraal monazite standard (SHRIMP age: 1030 ± 6 Ma; Knöper et al., 2000) during quantification. Also, samples were chosen such that the abundances of the elements ThO<sub>2</sub> (2.96–20.65 wt%), UO<sub>2</sub> (0.01–1.72 wt%), PbO (0.19–0.83 wt%) and Y<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (0.5–3.09 wt%) were high to keep errors in background measurement low; only spots with 2σ errors < 6% error [100 × 2σ errors/total age in Ma] (Prabhakar, 2013) were considered. Based on X-ray element maps Th, U, Pb and Y (Fig. 6) and back-scattered electron images, 58 spot in chemically distinct domains were analyzed. The mean age population were statistically resolved using Isoplot 3.0 (Ludwig, 2012). Monazite analytical data and spot ages (±2σ errors) are presented in the Supplementary Material<sup>2</sup>.

### A.3. Whole rock major and trace element geochemistry

About 3–4 kg of rocks were broken into chips and crushed to less than 8 mm diameter in a Fritsch jaw crusher. The internal parts of the jaw crusher and the plastic collector was cleaned by ethyl alcohol and air dried before and after sample insertion. Sample contamination was avoided by flushing the channel by passing crushed rock chips and emptying the collector several times before starting the final crushing stage. After several rounds of cone and quartering, the representative fractions of the crushed rocks were powdered to less than 200mesh in a puck and ring Fritsch pulveriser. For the samples, at each step, both equipments were cleaned with water and soap, air dried, and wiped clean by ethyl alcohol. The samples were analyzed at ACME Lab, Bureau Veritas, Vancouver, Canada. Sample digestion was done by lithium borate fusion method. Analysis was done by Inductively Coupled Plasma Emission Spectrometry (ICP-ES) for major elements (package code: LF300), and Inductively Coupled Plasma Mass Spectrometer (ICP-MS) (package code: LF100) for trace elements. For the packages, the detection limits are 0.01 wt% for all major elements (detection limit is 0.002 wt% for Cr<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>). For trace elements, the detection limits are 0.01 to 0.1 ppm for REEs, 0.1–0.5 ppm for the other elements, except Ba, Be and Sn (1 ppm) and V (8 ppm). The analytical accuracy was controlled using the internal geological reference materials STD SO-19. The accuracy was better than ±5%. The precision was verified by duplicated samples in each analytical set and the 2SD% (2SD/average\*100) was also within ±5%.

### A.4. Sr and Nd isotope analysis

A set of seven granitoid samples were analyzed to determine for Sr and Nd isotopic ratios at the Radiogenic Isotope Laboratory, IIT Kharagpur. The analysis was performed following protocols as in Mukherjee et al. (2019). About ~80 mg of whole rock powders (as in Appendix C) from each of the samples and one rock standard BCR2 (Columbia River Basalt, U.S. Geological Survey) were weighed, dissolved in screw capped Teflon vials with HF + HNO<sub>3</sub> for three days and evaporated to bone dryness, followed by aqua regia attack steps for complete digestion. These digested samples were then evaporated to dryness and dissolved in 1 M HCl and 0.1 M HF solution for cation separation by ion exchange chromatography. Sr from the samples was eluted with 1.5 N HCl and LREE fractions were collected in 6 N HCl on Teflon columns packed with 2 mL BioRad AG50W x 8, 200e400 mesh cation exchange resin. All fractions were made to ~2 mL in 0.2% HNO<sub>3</sub> to obtain < 1 mV background intensity for their respective pilot masses. Determination of isotope compositions was carried out in static mode on a Thermo Fisher Neptune Plus MC-ICPMS. Typical operating parameters during isotope measurement are given in the table:

|                              |  |
|------------------------------|--|
| MC- ICP conditions           |  |
| RF forward power             | 1200 W                                 |
| Torch                        | Quartz torch                           |
| Sample gas flow              | 1.01 L min <sup>-1</sup>               |
| Auxiliary gas flow           | 0.8 L min <sup>-1</sup>                |
| Cool gas flow                | 16 L min <sup>-1</sup>                 |
| Interface                    |  |
| Sample cone                  | Nickel                                 |
| Skimmer cone                 | Nickel                                 |
| Data acquisitions conditions |  |
| Wash (OPZ) meas. Time        | 16 min (4–7 blocks of 10 cycles each)  |
| Sampling meas. Mode          | 20 min (6–10 blocks of 10 cycles each) |
| Integration time             | 4.194 s cycle <sup>-1</sup>            |
| Idle time                    | 3 s                                    |

For Sr measurements, the isobaric interferences of Kr on <sup>84</sup>Sr and <sup>86</sup>Sr, and of Rb on <sup>87</sup>Sr were corrected using <sup>83</sup>Kr and <sup>85</sup>Rb, respectively; for correction of interfering <sup>144</sup>Sm on <sup>144</sup>Nd, both <sup>147</sup>Sm and <sup>149</sup>Sm were measured and <sup>144</sup>Nd corrected using an exponential law. Finally the blank on Peak Zero (OPZ) voltage intensities were subtracted from the sample intensities following the protocol of Thirlwall and Anczkiewicz (2004) for intensity correction. The isotope analysis per sample consisted of a single sequence measuring 8 blocks, with each block consisting of 10 cycles having an integration time of 4.194 s per cycle/sequence. The blank OPZ analyses consisted of 4 blocks, with 10 cycles per block. For IC measurements in samples, in-run mass bias was calculated from individual measurements using normalization to <sup>88</sup>Sr/<sup>86</sup>Sr ratio = 8.37521 and <sup>146</sup>Nd/<sup>144</sup>Nd = 0.7219 by exponential mass fractionation correction. The mass fractionation correction factors were calculated from the sample-standard bracketing method using 20210226 Sr standard for Sr and JNdi 20210302 standard (Tanaka et al., 2000) for Nd isotopes. The precision and accuracy of the data is checked on the reference material BCR-2 which was run along with the samples; values of <sup>87</sup>Sr/<sup>86</sup>Sr = 0.70475 ± 0.00006 (2σ) and <sup>143</sup>Nd/<sup>144</sup>Nd = 0.512795 ± 0.000030 (2σ) were obtained which is well within the accepted limits. For all calculations, <sup>147</sup>Sm-<sup>143</sup>Nd decay constant (λ = 6.54 × 10<sup>-12</sup> year<sup>-1</sup>) is used after Lugmair and Marti (1978). The <sub>e</sub>Nd(T) and Nd model ages (T<sub>DM</sub>) were calculated using <sup>143</sup>Nd/<sup>144</sup>Nd = 0.512630, <sup>147</sup>Sm/<sup>144</sup>Nd = 0.1960 of CHUR (Bouvier et al., 2008) and for depleted mantle <sup>143</sup>Nd/<sup>144</sup>Nd = 0.513151 and <sup>147</sup>Sm/<sup>144</sup>Nd = 0.2136 (Goldstein and Jacobsen, 1988), respectively. The value for <sup>87</sup>Rb-<sup>86</sup>Sr decay constant (λ = 1.42 × 10<sup>-11</sup> year<sup>-1</sup>) is used after Steiger and Jäger (1977).

## Appendix B. Supplementary data

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