

Supplement to Augustsson et al. (2011)---LA-ICP-MS zircon U-Pb dating method and data

Method

After sieving, the heavy minerals of the < 250 µm fraction were separated with a sodium polytungstate liquid with a density of ca. 3 g/cm³. Magnetic heavy minerals were removed with a Frantz magnetic separator (only SRT1). A random selection of the total zircon population was mounted in epoxy and polished to expose the centers of the grains. Zircon regions suitable for analysis were identified from CL and back-scatter electron imaging.

Zircon U-Pb geochronology in Sydney was performed using the method described by Adams et al. (2007). Spot size was 30 µm. Total ablation time was 60 s preceded by 60 s background measurement. Wash-out times were set to 60-120 s. The reference zircons GJ-1, MT-1 (Mud Tank), and 91500 were used as standards (Wiedenbeck et al., 1995; Jackson et al., 2004). The U and Pb isotope data were processed offline using the in-house GLITTER software (Jackson et al., 2004).

In Münster, the method outlined in Kooijman (2009) was used. The spot size was 25-35 µm. Total ablation time was 55 s, which included 20 s with the shutter closed to measure the background. Wash-out times were set to 90 s for AP20, AP27 and Chm3. For all analyzes in AP25, measurements 129.1 to 196.1 in AP20 and 82.1 to 144.1 in AP27, each spot was preablated with three laser shots using a 45 µm beam to remove surface common Pb. For these zircons, wash-out times were reduced to 45 s. External standardisation was done using the GJ-1 reference zircon (Jackson et al., 2004). Measurement of the 91500 standard zircon (Wiedenbeck et al. 1995) as unknown indicated a reproducibility of 2.5 % for ²⁰⁶Pb/²³⁸U and 3.0 % for ²⁰⁷Pb/²⁰⁶Pb. The U and Pb isotope data were processed offline using an in-house Excel[®] spreadsheet (Kooijman, 2009). Common-Pb correction generally was applied to zircons having ²⁰⁶Pb/²⁰⁴Pb < 5,000 using the Pb evolution model of Stacey and Kramers (1975). For zircons older than 1000 Ma, ²⁰⁷Pb/²⁰⁶Pb ages were used for age calculation and ²⁰⁶Pb/²³⁸U ages were used for younger zircons.

Isoplot/Ex 2.49 (Ludwig, 2001) was used for age calculations (assuming $\lambda(^{238}\text{U}) = 1.551 \cdot 10^{-10} \text{a}^{-1}$ and $\lambda(^{235}\text{U}) = 9.849 \cdot 10^{-10} \text{a}^{-1}$; Jaffey et al. 1971) and statistical treatment of U-Pb data from zircons of all analyzed samples. Probability curves were calculated using AgeDisplay/Ex (Sircombe, 2004).

U-Pb data of the Santa Rosa de Tastil batholith (SRT1)*

| Grain .spot | Isotope ratios | | | | | | | | Ages (Ma) | | | | | | | |
|----------------|---|--------|--|--------|--|-------|---|--------|---|-----|--|----|---------------------------------------|----|---|-----|
| | ²⁰⁸ Pb/ ²³² Th | 2σ | ²⁰⁶ Pb/ ²³⁸ U | 2σ | ²⁰⁷ Pb/ ²³⁵ U | 2σ | ²⁰⁷ Pb/ ²⁰⁶ Pb | 2σ | ²⁰⁸ Pb/ ²³² Th | 2σ | ²⁰⁶ Pb/ ²³⁸ U | 2σ | ²⁰⁷ Pb ²³⁵ U | 2σ | ²⁰⁷ Pb/ ²⁰⁶ Pb | 2σ |
| 01.1 | 0.0253 | 0.0018 | 0.0825 | 0.0018 | 0.681 | 0.028 | 0.0599 | 0.0026 | 506 | 36 | 511 | 10 | 527 | 16 | 599 | 96 |
| 02.1 | 0.0247 | 0.0015 | 0.0906 | 0.0020 | 0.737 | 0.026 | 0.0591 | 0.0021 | 492 | 28 | 559 | 12 | 561 | 14 | 569 | 80 |
| 03.1 | 0.0239 | 0.0011 | 0.0818 | 0.0017 | 0.651 | 0.018 | 0.0578 | 0.0017 | 478 | 22 | 507 | 10 | 509 | 10 | 522 | 64 |
| 04.1 | 0.0245 | 0.0015 | 0.0806 | 0.0017 | 0.656 | 0.024 | 0.0590 | 0.0023 | 489 | 30 | 500 | 10 | 512 | 14 | 568 | 86 |
| 05.1 | 0.0280 | 0.0037 | 0.0821 | 0.0027 | 0.659 | 0.046 | 0.0583 | 0.0042 | 559 | 72 | 508 | 16 | 514 | 28 | 540 | 160 |
| 06.1 | 0.0275 | 0.0024 | 0.0877 | 0.0023 | 0.709 | 0.027 | 0.0586 | 0.0022 | 549 | 48 | 542 | 14 | 544 | 16 | 553 | 82 |
| 07.1 | 0.0264 | 0.0035 | 0.0830 | 0.0029 | 0.664 | 0.050 | 0.0581 | 0.0045 | 526 | 68 | 514 | 18 | 517 | 30 | 532 | 176 |
| 08.1 | 0.0265 | 0.0024 | 0.0875 | 0.0020 | 0.706 | 0.028 | 0.0585 | 0.0025 | 529 | 48 | 541 | 12 | 542 | 16 | 549 | 94 |
| 09.1 | 0.0261 | 0.0027 | 0.0829 | 0.0023 | 0.704 | 0.032 | 0.0616 | 0.0028 | 520 | 52 | 513 | 14 | 541 | 20 | 660 | 100 |
| 10.1 | 0.0271 | 0.0016 | 0.0832 | 0.0018 | 0.674 | 0.020 | 0.0588 | 0.0018 | 540 | 32 | 515 | 10 | 523 | 12 | 558 | 70 |
| 11.1 | 0.0242 | 0.0016 | 0.0830 | 0.0018 | 0.673 | 0.022 | 0.0589 | 0.0020 | 484 | 32 | 514 | 10 | 523 | 14 | 562 | 76 |
| 12.1 | 0.0502 | 0.0059 | 0.1437 | 0.0035 | 1.466 | 0.066 | 0.0740 | 0.0035 | 990 | 112 | 866 | 20 | 917 | 28 | 1041 | 98 |
| 13.1 | 0.0271 | 0.0022 | 0.0839 | 0.0021 | 0.684 | 0.026 | 0.0592 | 0.0022 | 541 | 44 | 519 | 12 | 529 | 16 | 573 | 84 |

*Values in italics were not used for intrusion age calculation

U-Pb data of the Mesón Group

| Grain #/ .spot | Round- ness | Grain Shape ² | Grain length (nm) | Isotope ratios: | | | | | | Ages (Ma): | | | | | | Concordance (%) ⁵ | | |
|--------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|--|--------|--|-------|---|--------|--|--|-----|---------------------------------------|-----|---|---------------------------------|----|----------|
| | | | | ²⁰⁶ Pb/ ²³⁸ U | 2σ | ²⁰⁷ Pb/ ²³⁵ U | 2σ | ²⁰⁷ Pb/ ²⁰⁶ Pb | 2σ | ²⁰⁶ Pb/ ²⁰⁴ Pb ³ | ²⁰⁶ Pb/ ²³⁸ U | 2σ | ²⁰⁷ Pb ²³⁵ U | 2σ | ²⁰⁷ Pb/ ²⁰⁶ Pb | | 2σ | |
| AP20 (Lizotte Fm.) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 01.1 | # | sa-sr | elongated | 110 | 0.0743 | 0.0043 | 0.589 | 0.037 | 0.0575 | 0.0014 | 10476 | 462 | 26 | 470 | 24 | 511 | 54 | 90 |
| 02.1 | ~ | sa-sr | round | 80 | 0.0997 | 0.0057 | 0.827 | 0.050 | 0.0601 | 0.0012 | 7655 | 613 | 33 | 612 | 28 | 609 | 42 | 101 |
| 03.1 | # | euhedral | oval | 120 | 0.0647 | 0.0041 | 0.518 | 0.037 | 0.0581 | 0.0019 | 3662* | 404 | 25 | 424 | 25 | 533 | 71 | 76 (93) |
| 04.1 | mix | | | | 0.0805 | 0.0046 | 0.614 | 0.039 | 0.0553 | 0.0015 | 677* | 499 | 27 | 486 | 24 | 426 | 60 | 117 (97) |
| 05.1 | # | sa-sr | round | 100 | 0.0760 | 0.0044 | 0.601 | 0.040 | 0.0574 | 0.0018 | 8865 | 472 | 26 | 478 | 25 | 507 | 67 | 93 |

| Grain #/~ ¹ .spot | Round- ness | Grain Shape ² | Grain length (nm) | Isotope ratios: | | | | | | Ages (Ma): | | | | | | Concordance (%) ⁵ | |
|---------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|--|--------|--|-------|---|--------|--|--|----|--|----|---|---------------------------------|---------|
| | | | | ²⁰⁶ Pb/ ²³⁸ U | 2σ | ²⁰⁷ Pb/ ²³⁵ U | 2σ | ²⁰⁷ Pb/ ²⁰⁶ Pb | 2σ | ²⁰⁶ Pb/ ²⁰⁴ Pb ³ | ²⁰⁶ Pb/ ²³⁸ U | 2σ | ²⁰⁷ Pb/ ²³⁵ U | 2σ | ²⁰⁷ Pb/ ²⁰⁶ Pb | | 2σ |
| 123.1 | # | sa-sr elongated | 110 | 0.0902 | 0.0033 | 0.732 | 0.029 | 0.0589 | 0.0008 | 25210 | 556 | 19 | 558 | 17 | 564 | 31 | 99 |
| 124.1 | ~ | rounded round | 120 | 0.1080 | 0.0054 | 0.974 | 0.051 | 0.0654 | 0.0010 | 4735 | 661 | 31 | 691 | 26 | 788 | 34 | 84 (92) |
| 125.1 | # | sa-sr elongated | 100 | 0.2051 | 0.0090 | 2.335 | 0.106 | 0.0826 | 0.0010 | 5730 | 1203 | 48 | 1223 | 32 | 1259 | 24 | 96 |
| 126.1 | | | | 0.0807 | 0.0046 | 0.705 | 0.043 | 0.0633 | 0.0013 | 10776 | 500 | 27 | 542 | 25 | 720 | 44 | 70 |
| 127.1 | # | rounded elongated | 190 | 0.1112 | 0.0049 | 0.947 | 0.044 | 0.0618 | 0.0011 | 6169 | 679 | 28 | 677 | 23 | 667 | 37 | 102 |

n. d. = not detected, sa-sr = subangular to subrounded

¹# = Zoning interpreted to be of magmatic origin; ~ = zoning and homogeneous areas estimated to be of metamorphic origin; c = core / inner zoning; mix = more than one crystallisation phase was analysed – corresponding ages were not used further.

²Length to width ratios are > 1.6 for elongated grains, 1.3-1.6 for oval grains and < 1.3 for round grains.

³Correction for common Pb was made using the measured ²⁰⁶Pb/²⁰⁴Pb ratio (marked with *).

⁴f₂₀₆ = percentage of ²⁰⁶Pb that is common Pb.

⁵100 % denotes a concordant analysis. Ages with < 90 % and > 110 % concordance when the 2σ uncertainties are considered (marked in brackets) were not used further.

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