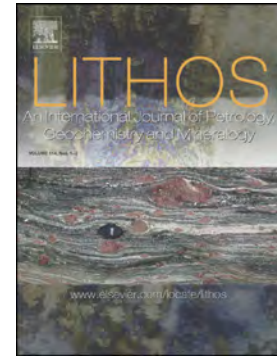


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Abstract:

The evolution of continental crust in convergent margins can be explored in southernmost South America (54-56°S). Plutonic rocks of the Fuegian Batholith and the rear-arc satellite Ushuaia Pluton were emplaced within the magmatic arc and the Fuegian fold-and-thrust belt, respectively. They record subduction zone processes in two distinct tectonic settings during the evolution of the Rocas Verdes Basin. We report new U-Pb zircon geochronology, bulk rock chemistry, Sr-Nd isotope data, and EPMA and in-situ LA-ICP-MS analyses of amphibole from 'hornblendites' and gabbroic-granitoid suites in order to evaluate the origin and evolution of the magmatic plumbing systems in the upper plate of the subduction zone. Textural relationships and amphibole compositions in hornblendite indicate crystallization at lower crustal depths with pressures of 7-8 kbar in the Fuegian Batholith and of 5-6 kbar in the Ushuaia Pluton. Lower Cretaceous suites of hornblendite and calc-alkaline hornblende-gabbro, diorite and tonalite in the Fuegian Batholith have $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}t}$ values ranging between +2 and +4. They were emplaced within an island arc coeval with mid-oceanic type spreading in the Rocas Verdes back-arc basin. Isotope ratios and amphibole compositions in hornblendite indicate crystallization from primitive and hydrous sub-alkaline basaltic melts with relatively low LREE/HREE and low alkali contents. The Late Cretaceous plutons in the fold-and-thrust belt were emplaced after the tectonic juxtaposition of Rocas Verdes ophiolitic complexes. The Ushuaia Pluton, consisting of clinopyroxene-hornblende cumulates, hornblende-gabbro, diorite and monzodiorite, was emplaced during the waning stage of Late Cretaceous magmatism. In this case hornblendite amphiboles show high contents of alkalis, LREE and incompatible elements with a strong crustal affinity (Th, Ba, Rb). The enriched incompatible trace element patterns indicate their derivation from K-rich transitional magmas formed in supra-subduction settings. Chemical variations in amphibole from hornblendites and spatially

related plutonic rocks are evaluated in terms of fluid flux from the subducted slab and partial melting of the sub-arc mantle, ultimately controlled by the thermal state of the subducted slab and convergence rates.

Keywords: Fuegian Batholith; Ushuaia Pluton; Cretaceous magmatism; Hornblendites; Amphibole; Rocas Verdes Basin

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1. Introduction

Magmatism in convergent margins on Earth involves processes of partial melting of mantle lithosphere, crustal recycling, mountain building and volcanism. Magma evolution in Pacific-type magmatic arcs has been extensively studied on volcanic successions and composite batholiths, emplaced at different crustal depths. As lower crustal sections are rarely exposed, the origin of intermediate to silicic igneous rocks and the evolution of the continental crust is still debated. The andesite-dacite bulk composition of the continental crust cannot result directly from single-stage generation of mantle-derived magmas and requires processes such as differentiation of primary basaltic magmas by fractional crystallization within the uppermost mantle and lower crust (Gill, 1981; Grove and Kinzler, 1986; Hildreth and Moorbath, 1988; Müntener et al., 2001; Arnen et al., 2006; Davidson et al., 2007) and partial melting of crustal rocks (e.g. Atherton and Petford, 1993; Chappell and White, 2001; Annen et al., 2006). The site of basalt injection and melt generation in the lower crust is thought of as a deep crustal hot zone where melts ultimately derive from the crystallization of mantle-derived basalts (residual melts) and partial melting of the lower continental crust (crustal melts). If melts are efficiently extracted within the magma batches in the lower continental crust, the residual mafic minerals will have a cumulate character, with associated high densities and seismic velocities (Debari and Coleman, 1989). The upward segregation of melts is accompanied by complex interplay of processes such as destabilization of magma batches, formation of "negative" cumulate diapirs and migration to shallow crustal depths (Cashman et al., 2017). Segregation of interstitial melt within a crystal mush can lead to its accumulation and formation of a new magma. The interconnected magma conduits and reservoirs, which store magma as it evolves into a crystal mush and is ultimately fed from a zone of partial

melting constitutes the magma plumbing system (Magee et al., 2018). Segregation of melt from lower crustal crystal mushes has been used to explain the extensive geochemical evidence for fractionation as a major process in the evolution of plutonic igneous rocks (Solano et al., 2012; Lee et al., 2014; Cashman et al., 2017; Edmonds et al., 2019). Differentiation in the lower arc crust may exert a dominant control on the geochemical and isotopic composition of magmas (e.g., Hildreth and Moorbath 1988; Davidson et al. 2007), whereas textural and petrographic aspects are predominantly acquired during shallow storage (e.g., Annen et al. 2006).

It is widely accepted that arc magmas can undergo significant modification at the base of the arc crust without leaving evidence in their mineral assemblages, due to cumulate–melt reaction, as seen in deep crustal sections worldwide (e.g., Debari & Coleman, 1989; Debari, 1997; Larocque and Canil, 2009, Tiepolo et al., 2011; 2012; Dessimoz et al. 2012; Nandedkar et al., 2016). Increasing attention has been paid to amphibole-rich cumulates, aiming to constrain the structural depth of differentiation processes within the arc crust (e.g., Müntener and Ulmer, 2006; Smith 2014). Additionally, Arc cumulates have the potential to record textural and chemical information from hidden and deep-seated crustal physicochemical processes in the first stages of magma differentiation. Nevertheless, there is a missing link regarding the diversity of magmatic processes between the chemical composition of cumulate assemblages and that of evolved plutonic rocks. Amphibole is one of the most important hydrous minerals in the middle and lower continental crust in arc settings. Its fractionation exerts a first-order effect on the formation of intermediate to silica-rich magmas (Sisson 1993; Hilyard et al. 2000; Müntener et al. 2001; Davidson et al. 2007; Nandedkar et al., 2016). The felsic average composition of extensive upper crustal batholiths suggests the existence of

'hidden' and deep-seated amphibole reservoirs (Davidson et al., 2007) represented by amphibole-rich mafic and ultramafic intrusive rocks (e.g. hornblendite, amphibole-gabbro and amphibole-diorite).

This study presents new petrographic, mineralogical, geochemical (whole-rock and in-situ major and trace elements), geochronological and isotope data on ultramafic, mafic and intermediate rocks from the Fuegian Batholith and Ushuaia Pluton, a rear-arc satellite pluton, in southernmost South America. Using new analyses of hornblendites, gabbros, granitoids and lamprophyres, we address the role played by amphibole (and other mafic phases) in the genesis of two distinct magmatic arcs formed during the late evolution of the Rocas Verdes back-arc basin following the tectonic emplacement of ophiolitic complexes (cf. Stern and de Wit, 2003; Klepeis et al., 2010; Calderón et al., 2012). The contrasting geochemical signatures are related to the origin of the hornblendites and their petrogenetic significance, providing insights into the structure of the magmatic plumbing systems in the Fuegian magmatic arc. It is shown that the trace element composition of amphibole can be used as a tracer of magmatic processes and as a proxy of the amount of H₂O-rich fluids involved in magma evolution.

2. Geological Setting

The Patagonian Batholith extends continuously along the continental margin of southern South America between 40°S and 56°S (Fig. 1). It represents the roots of a Mesozoic to Cenozoic magmatic arc built-up by episodically assembled calc-alkaline plutons (Hervé et al., 1984, 2007; Pankhurst et al., 1999). The crust into which the early plutons of the Patagonian Batholith were emplaced underwent regional extension linked to Gondwana break-

up from early Jurassic times (Pankhurst et al., 2000; Hervé et al., 2007; Dalziel et al., 2013). Lithospheric thinning along the southwestern continental margin resulted in the generation of silicic, mafic and bimodal magmatic suites linked to continental rifting and oceanic-type spreading in the overriding and attenuated continental crust (Bruhn et al., 1978; Hervé et al., 1981; Pankhurst et al., 2000; Stern and de Wit, 2003; Calderón et al., 2007a). Silicic volcanism is represented by subaqueous pyroclastic rocks and rhyolites of the Tobífera Formation, which unconformably overlie Paleozoic metamorphic complexes (Bruhn et al., 1978; Allen, 1982; Pankhurst et al., 2000; Calderón et al., 2007a, 2013).

Continuous extension in a supra-subduction setting triggered the development of the Late Jurassic–Early Cretaceous Rocas Verdes marginal basin and the formation of oceanic-type crust (Dalziel et al., 1974; Mukasa and Dalziel, 1996; Stern and de Wit, 2003; Calderón et al., 2007a, 2013). Remnants of the Rocas Verdes basin, from north to south, are represented by the Sarmiento, Capitán Aracena and Tortuga ophiolitic complexes (Fig. 1). Further to the south, the oceanic floor may have been linked to the opening of the Weddell Sea (de Wit, 1977; Grunow, 1993; Mukasa and Dalziel, 1996). The Rocas Verdes basin in-fill consists of Late Jurassic–Early Cretaceous hemipelagic sedimentary successions of the Yaghan and Zapata Formations (Katz and Watters, 1966; Dott et al., 1977; Suárez et al., 1981; Olivero and Malumián, 2008; Barbeau et al., 2009; Klepeis et al., 2010): they reach an estimated thickness of 3000–6000 m (Dott et al., 1977). The Rocas Verdes basin was bounded to the west by an Early Cretaceous magmatic arc (Calderón et al., 2007a). In the Fuegian Andes the products of this arc form the mainly intermediate and silicic volcanic and volcanoclastic rocks of the Hardy Formation (Suárez et al., 1985; Miller et al., 1994).

The Rocas Verdes basin started to close at the end of the Early Cretaceous (Aptian–Albian) (Halpern and Rex, 1972; Dalziel, 1981; Hervé et al., 1984; Cunningham, 1994),

involving underthrusting of its oceanic seafloor until Late Cretaceous time (Klepeis et al., 2010; Calderón et al., 2012) and post-tectonic lamprophyre emplacement. At the latitudes of the Fuegian Andes these processes culminated in the collision of the magmatic arcs and/or peripheral crustal block against the continent, as recorded in high-P and high-T metamorphic rocks of the Cordillera Darwin Metamorphic Complex (Nelson et al., 1978; Kohn et al., 1995; Klepeis et al., 2010; Maloney et al., 2011). Mid-Cretaceous crustal shortening was probably controlled by obduction at ~86 Ma and underthrusting of the South American continental crust at a pressure of ~12 kbar (Klepeis et al., 2010; Maloney et al., 2011). The Paleozoic basement and rift-related Jurassic volcanic and volcanoclastic rocks of the Cordillera Darwin Metamorphic Complex registered this phase of contraction (Klepeis et al., 2010; Hervé et al., 2010). The tectonic emplacement of ophiolites, tectonic loading and shortening marked the early development of the Magallanes–Austrial foreland basin and of the Magallanes fold-and-thrust belt (Fildani et al., 2003; Ghignone and Ramos, 2008; Romans et al., 2010; Fosdick et al., 2011; Torres Carbonell et al., 2017).

The southernmost segment of the Patagonian Batholith, south of the Magellan Strait and extending to the southern continental edge at 53–56°S, is known as the Fuegian Batholith. Geochemical and spatial relationships along with available K-Ar mineral radiometric data allowed Hervé et al. (1984) to define three main plutonic groups: the Gabbro Complex (141 to 103 Ma), the Canal Beagle plutonic group (113 to 81 Ma) and the Seno Año Nuevo plutonic group (60 to 43 Ma). The emplacement of plutons belonging to the first two was in part coeval with closure of the Rocas Verdes Basin (Hervé et al., 1984; Klepeis et al., 2010); whereas rocks of the Tertiary Seno Año Nuevo plutonic group were intruded to the south of the Cretaceous Andean orogen (following a southward shift of the magmatic arc; Hervé et al., 1984) after a tectonothermal event related to inversion of the Rocas Verdes basin.

Satellite plutons located to the north of the Fuegian Batholith, such as the Santa Rosa and Castores plutons (ca. 92–81 Ma, K-Ar in hornblende and biotite; Suárez et al., 1986) in Isla Navarino and the Península Dumas pluton (ca. 85 Ma; Suárez et al., 1977), collectively known as the Beagle Channel Plutonic Complex. The whole-rock composition of granodiorites from Península Dumas indicates a high K calc-alkaline to calc-alkaline affinity (Suárez et al., 1977). Rear-arc plutonic rocks, located north of the Beagle Channel, are represented by isolated km-sized plutons, such as the Ushuaia, Moat, Kranck and Jeu-Jepén plutons: they range in age between 113 and 71 Ma (Acevedo et al., 2002; Peroni et al., 2009; González-Guillot et al., 2009, 2018). In northern latitudes (52–53°S), migration of magmatism towards the continent has been related to progressive flattening of the subduction angle in mid-Cretaceous times (Stern et al., 1991).

3. Analytical Techniques

The U–Pb SHRIMP Zircon ages determined for this investigation were obtained using SHRIMP II at RSES, ANU, Canberra. The measurement techniques employed followed those of Williams (1998) and Ireland et al. (2008). FC1 was used as the standard throughout and data were reduced using SQUID (Ludwig, 2001a) and Isoplot/Ex (Ludwig, 2001).

Representative samples were selected for whole-rock geochemistry. Major and trace elements were analysed by inductively-coupled plasma mass-spectrometry at Activation Analytical Laboratories in Vancouver, Canada.

The Sr and Nd isotope determinations were carried out at Geochronological Research Center at the Universidade de São Paulo, Brazil. The rock powders (100 mg) were dissolved in Savillex beakers with HF and HNO₃ on a hot plate for 5 days at ~110 °C and were dried down

on a hot plate; the residue was dissolved in 6 M HCl at 110 °C for 24 hours. The HCl solution was dried down and concentrated HNO₃ was added on the residues. Samples were taken to dryness prior to re-dissolution for ion exchange purification. Sr was purified using Eichrom Sr-Spec® resin and eluted with 0.05 M HNO₃. Nd was purified using two steps of ion-exchange columns with RE-Spec® and LN-Spec®; Nd was eluted in 0.26 M HCl.

The Sr isotope ratios were determined on a Triton TIMS (thermo-ionization mass spectrometer) in dynamic mode. The ratios were normalized to $^{86}\text{Sr}/^{88}\text{Sr} = 0.1194$ and analysis for $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ for the NBS987 standard during this study gave a mean value of 0.710250 ± 0.000018 (2σ). The Sr blanks were about 128 pg. The Nd isotope ratios were determined on a Thermo Scientific Neptune multicollector ICP-MS. The ratios were normalized to $^{146}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd} = 0.7219$, and the $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$ average for the JNDi-1 standard during this study was 0.512197 ± 0.000004 (2σ). The analytical blanks were about 270 pg.

The major element compositions of amphibole from hornblendites, gabbros, granitoids and lamprophyres were determined at the Institut für Mineralogie und Kristallchemie, Universität Stuttgart, Germany, using a Cameca SX 100 electron microprobe. Operating conditions were set at 15 kV acceleration voltages and 15 nA beam current on both samples. Amphibole crystals were analysed *in situ* in polished thin sections.

Trace element mineral composition of amphibole was determined by laser-ablation inductively-coupled plasma mass-spectrometry (LA-ICPMS) at Institut für Mineralogie und Kristallchemie, Universität Stuttgart, Germany. For the LA-ICPMS measurements, an Agilent 7700 ICPMS was coupled to an LSX 213 laser equipment from Cetac (Ohio, Nebraska, USA). At 213 nm, the maximum laser energy is 4 mJ (pulse length < 5 ns) at a spot diameter of 200 microns. Laser excitation was carried out at an energy of 50% at a spot diameter of 50 microns

and a laser pulse frequency of 10 Hz. The data acquisition was performed using the Agilent Mass Hunter software (version B.01.01). Each analysis comprised the acquisition of background ion intensities (gas-blank) for roughly 25 s followed by the acquisition of the ion intensities on laser irradiation of the sample spot for roughly 60 s. Background-corrected individual ion intensities were integrated over a selected appropriate interval of the ablation time profile. This integral was divided by the integral of the corrected intensity of the selected isotope of the internal reference element. The software used for calibration and data evaluation was developed by J. Opitz (Massonne et al., 2013).

DLH7 and DLH8 glasses from P&H Developments Ltd. and NIST612 and NIST610 glasses from National Institute of Standards and Technology, USA, were used as standards. Relative elemental concentrations were calculated from the abundance of the corresponding isotope assuming a natural isotopic distribution and an individual calibration factor which was determined under the same experimental conditions. The silicon elemental concentration, as calculated from the ^{29}Si isotope, was used as internal standard and set to the value obtained by EMPA.

4. Samples and petrography

Samples of gabbro, tonalite and hornblendite from the Fuegian Batholith and of monzodiorite and hornblendite from the Ushuaia Pluton were collected at different localities (Fig. 1). A sample of lamprophyre was collected from a metre-thick dyke cross-cutting the Tortuga ophiolite. Table 1 presents a summary of field relationships and descriptions of the different plutonic complexes in the Fuegian Batholith (Suárez et al., 1977, 1979; Hervé et al.,

1984) and of the Ushuaia Pluton (Acevedo et al., 2002; González-Guillot et al., 2018). Representative photomicrographs of the samples are illustrated in Figure 2.

4.1. Fuegian Batholith

Mafic and ultramafic rocks in the Fuegian Batholith have been grouped as a single gabbroic assemblage referred to as the Gabbro Complex, whereas tonalite is the main lithology of the Canal Beagle Plutonic Complex (Hervé et al., 1984). Gabbros belonging to the Seno Año Nuevo Plutonic Group (Paleogene) were also considered in the set of studied samples.

In the northeastern portion of the Isla Londonderry, hornblende gabbro and hornblendite are exposed as isolated outcrops and tonalite is the volumetrically most important lithology. The mafic and ultramafic bodies are mapped as ‘mega-inclusions’ within the tonalite plutons (cf. Hervé et al., 1984), showing contact relationships that vary from sharp to gradational. The amphibole-rich cumulates vary from mid- to fine-grained hornblendite to pegmatitic hornblendite (Figs. 2a-b).

The medium-grained ‘host’ tonalite (FC1854; Fig. 2c) in Isla Londonderry is composed of plagioclase (1–3mm), quartz (500 μm –2 mm), amphibole (1–4 mm), biotite (500 μm –1 mm) and accessory titanite (500–600 μm), Fe-Ti oxides (<400 μm), apatite (<400 μm) and zircon (<300 μm). Plagioclase is generally fresh with no visible zonation. Amphibole is more abundant than biotite, and both are partially chloritized. Titanite occurs as inclusions within amphibole, between grains or along fractures. Plagioclase from tonalite samples has an anorthite content of 45–53 mol %.

The hornblendite sample (13AP01-30; Fig. 2a) is mainly composed of mid- to fine-grained idiomorphic and equigranular hornblende (cumulus hornblende ranges from 1 to 3 mm and intercumulus hornblende crystals are $<600 \mu\text{m}$), occasionally skeletal, with minor inclusions of exsolved Fe-Ti oxides and interstitial anorthositic plagioclase ($<600 \mu\text{m}$). Amphibole crystals are randomly orientated and grain boundaries are commonly smooth, curvilinear and sutured. Euhedral hornblende displays orthocumulate texture with intercumulus plagioclase, suggesting high-temperature crystallization for the amphibole, prior to plagioclase. Neither reaction textures nor relicts are observed in this section. Accessory phases are disseminated granular magnetite-ilmenite pairs ($<500 \mu\text{m}$) that occur on the interfaces of plagioclase and amphibole, as well as inclusions on the edge of amphibole grains. Minor amounts of primary spinel ($<400 \mu\text{m}$) and secondary epidote ($<350 \mu\text{m}$) are also present.

The pegmatitic hornblendite dyke (13AP01-31; Fig. 2b), which cuts fine-grained hornblendites, is composed of idiomorphic coarse-grained amphibole (some up to 15 cm long) with fine-grained interstitial plagioclase (2–3 mm), magnetite-ilmenite pairs ($<800 \mu\text{m}$) with minor apatite, and late chlorite. Amphibole crystals are well preserved with elongated and crystallographically aligned exsolution lamellae of acicular rutile. Plagioclase is subhedral and partially replaced by fine-grained white mica.

On the northern shore of the Isla Thomas, dark plutonic rocks have been mapped as gabbroic rocks locally intruded by felsic plutons and late andesitic dykes (Suárez et al., 1985; Gómez et al., 2015). A medium-grained gabbro (AA1418; Fig. 2d) consists mainly of plagioclase (2–4 mm) and lesser amounts of amphibole (800 μm –2 mm) with relic inclusions of clinopyroxene, interstitial biotite (500–700 μm), magnetite ($<400 \mu\text{m}$), ilmenite ($<400 \mu\text{m}$),

sulfides and trace amounts of secondary epidote, chlorite and white mica. Amphibole is partially replaced by actinolite. A hornblende-biotite tonalite sample (AA1419) was collected from an ellipsoidal meter-sized late stage segregation body within the layered gabbros for U-Pb zircon geochronology to constrain the minimum crystallization age of mafic rocks.

A sample of fine- to medium-grained gabbro (FC1811; Fig. 2e) was collected from an isolated pluton intruding ophiolitic rocks in Hardy Peninsula (Seno Año Nuevo Plutonic Complex; Fig. 1). It is composed of plagioclase (800 μm –2 mm), clinopyroxene (500 μm –1 mm), amphibole (400 μm –1 mm), rare interstitial K-feldspar ($<100 \mu\text{m}$), ilmenite ($<350 \mu\text{m}$), magnetite ($<350 \mu\text{m}$) and accessory apatite and zircon ($<2 \text{ mm}$). The plagioclase does not show compositional zoning and the borders of clinopyroxene and amphibole are weakly replaced by actinolite and chlorite.

4.2. Ushuaia Pluton

The Ushuaia Pluton crops out immediately east of the city, along the northern coast of Beagle Channel (Fig. 1), and can be subdivided into two sections: an early ultramafic–mafic assemblage and a late-stage body composed mainly of monzodiorite and quartz-monzodiorite intruding the ultramafic section (González-Guillot et al., 2018). The ultramafic–mafic section forms a partly concentrically-zoned structure with a nucleus of hornblende pyroxenite and an envelope of hornblendite followed by an outermost zone of gabbro, diorite and quartz-diorite. There is a transition from hornblende pyroxenite through pyroxene hornblendite to hornblendite and then mingled hornblendite and gabbro, accompanied by a reduction in grain size (González-Guillot et al., 2018).

The studied hornblendite (MT289; Fig. 2g) is mainly composed of idiomorphic amphibole with Fe-Ti oxide inclusions. Plagioclase, titanite and magmatic epidote are minor constituents. Scarce relicts of clinopyroxene are observed in the core of some amphibole crystals. Amphibole replaces clinopyroxene along cracks and cleavage planes but also mantles clinopyroxene with less clear textural evidence for reaction-replacement. At the centre of some amphibole crystals subhedral remnants of a former mineral phase are observed that may be clinopyroxene completely replaced by chlorite. Amphibole crystals are generally arranged randomly and grain boundaries are commonly smooth, subplanar and sutured with adcumulus texture. Coarse-grained hornblendites are mainly composed of idiomorphic amphibole and lesser amounts of apatite, Ti-magnetite and titanite, with secondary epidote and chlorite. Amphibole crystals are larger than 500 μm and up to 2 mm with inclusions of plagioclase ($<350 \mu\text{m}$), opaque minerals ($<300 \mu\text{m}$), occasional clinopyroxene and apatite. Plagioclase is rarely observed as inclusions in amphibole and K-feldspar ($<300 \mu\text{m}$) is restricted to interstitial sites. Phlogopite, primary epidote and plagioclase are present in some specimens.

The medium-grained monzodiorite (MT112; Fig. 2h) consists of amphibole (2–3 mm), plagioclase (500 μm –2 mm), titanite (1 mm) with minor K-feldspar (500–600 μm), zircon ($<250 \mu\text{m}$) and opaque minerals ($<400 \mu\text{m}$). Hornblende is abundant and partially chloritized. Plagioclase is unzoned and partly replaced by white mica. Subhedral titanite crystals are isolated and K-feldspar is a minor and interstitial constituent. Other monzodiorites of the suite contain clinopyroxene and minor biotite (González-Guillot et al., 2018).

4.3. Lamprophyre

In Isla Navarino (Fig. 1) the Tortuga Ophiolitic Complex is intruded by plutons of 100–80 Ma belonging to the Canal Beagle Plutonic Group (Hervé et al., 1984) cropping out north of the Fuegian Batholith. The fine-grained spessartitic lamprophyre sample (TN0713C; Fig. 2f) was collected from a metre-thick dyke intruding pillow basalts. It displays microporphyritic texture with phenocrysts of amphibole (1–2 mm), clinopyroxene (<600 µm) and chlorite pseudomorphs after olivine. Amphibole crystals are euhedral and often weakly zoned. The groundmass (<600 µm) consists of plagioclase, amphibole, chlorite pseudomorphs, opaque minerals and secondary actinolite, epidote and titanite.

5. Geochronology

Previous geochronological studies in the northeast portion of Isla Londonderry by Hervé et al. (1984) presented K-Ar data for primary amphibole in gabbro (Gabbro Complex) and biotite in tonalite (Canal Beagle Plutonic Complex), yielding ages of ca. 130 Ma and ca. 109 Ma, respectively. Poblete et al. (2015) determined an amphibole $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{39}\text{Ar}$ plateau age of 102.0 ± 0.4 Ma for hornblendite.

Hornblendites in the Ushuaia Pluton have been dated by K-Ar whole rock analysis yielding an age of 113 ± 5 Ma (Acevedo et al., 2002) and 102 ± 3 Ma (Peroni et al., 2009). However, González-Guillot et al. (2018), using LA-ICP-MS U-Pb dating of zircons from a gabbro segregation contained in the hornblende pyroxenite and a monzodiorite, yielded

average ages of 75.0 ± 1.0 and 74.0 ± 0.4 Ma, respectively, which they interpreted as the emplacement and crystallization age of the Ushuaia Pluton.

We present new U–Pb zircon ages for a tonalite and two gabbros from the Fuegian Batholith (Table 2). The new results and representative age probability plots for individual samples are shown (Fig. 3).

Thirty zircon grains from the amphibole–biotite tonalite from Isla Londonderry (FC1854), located near the contact with the mega-inclusion of gabbros and hornblendites, were analysed. Crystals are elongated and mixed with rhomboidal crystals with bi-pyramidal terminations, many multifaceted. Zoning parallel to the length of the crystals can be distinguished, as well as sector zoning. The U–Pb determinations yielded a dominant crystallization age of 122 ± 1 Ma (MSWD = 1.1^c, Fig. 3a).

Based on field, mineralogical and geochemical data, the sigmoidal segregation of tonalite (AA1419) within layered amphibole gabbros in Isla Thomas has been interpreted as a late magmatic product during the crystallization of the gabbros (Gómez, 2015). Twenty-six zircon grains were analysed from this sample. Zircon crystals are 100–300 μm long, pseudo-prismatic and elongated to equidimensional. We distinguished igneous structures characteristic of mafic igneous zircons: wide to weak zonation, sectorized zones or wide zones parallel to the length of the crystal. A few grains are subrounded, suggesting incipient resorption during interaction with the host magma. The U–Pb determinations yielded a weighted mean of 123 ± 1 Ma (MSWD 1.5; Fig. 3b), which is interpreted as the crystallization age of the tonalite and considered representative of the (minimum) age of the host gabbro.

Twenty-six zircon grains from the clinopyroxene-hornblende gabbro (FC1811) located on Hardy Peninsula were analysed. U–Pb measurements in twenty-nine spots yielded a

weighted mean age of 60.5 ± 0.6 Ma (MSWD 1.07; Fig. 3c), which is interpreted as the crystallization age.

6. Whole-rock geochemistry

6.1 Major elements

The bulk rock geochemical compositions are presented in Table 3. Data for the Fuegian Batholith follow a calc-alkaline trend, ranging in composition from gabbro to granodiorite, as in Hervé et al. (1984). Jurassic granites in Cordillera Darwin (Hervé et al., 1981, 2010; Klepeis et al., 2010), outside the limits of the Fuegian Batholith, were formed during the rifting stage of the Rocas Verdes basin formation. The geochemical data for the Ushuaia Pluton (Acevedo et al., 2002; González-Guillot et al. 2018) indicate that monzodiorites and minor quartz-monzodiorites plot in the transitional field between high-K calc-alkaline and alkaline magma series (González-Guillot, 2016).

6.2 REE and incompatible elements

The chondrite-normalized pattern of Rare Earth Elements (REE; Fig. 4a) in hornblendites from the Fuegian Batholith is convex upward with enrichment in middle-REE (MREE) relative to light-REE (LREE) and heavy-REE (HREE), as expected for a rock composed of >90% hornblende, which has a partition coefficient consistent with this pattern (e.g. Tiepolo et al., 2007; Nandedkar et al., 2014). No Eu anomaly is observed, consistent with late crystallization of plagioclase.

The REE pattern of the Aptian tonalite in the Fuegian Batholith (FC1854) is flat and shows minor enrichment in LREE relative to MREE and HREE, with no Eu anomaly (Fig. 4c). Incompatible trace elements show enrichment in LILE, negligible Nb-Ta and Ti anomalies, a positive Pb anomaly and low Ba contents (Fig.4b). The gabbros display essentially flat REE patterns with positive Eu anomalies, indicating plagioclase accumulation. The multi-element pattern of the Aptian hornblende-clinopyroxene gabbro (AA1418; Fig.4b) shows depletion in LILE, with slight Nb-Ta depletion and a positive Pb anomaly. In contrast, the Paleocene hornblende-clinopyroxene gabbro (FC1811) shows enrichment in LILE, a negative Nb-Ta anomaly and low contents of Eu and Ti (Fig. 4d).

Monzodiorite from Ushuaia Pluton shows a slightly convex REE pattern with enrichment in LREE relative to HREE and no Eu anomaly (Fig. 4e).

The chondrite-normalized REE pattern of the lamprophyre sample displays a marked enrichment of LREE relative to MREE and HREE, with no Eu anomaly (Fig. 4f). The incompatible trace element pattern shows enrichment in LILE with a Nb-Ta anomaly and slight Ti depletion.

6.3 Sr-Nd isotopic composition

Sr and Nd data for samples from the Fuegian Batholith data are reported in Table 4 and shown in Figure 5. The isotopic composition of hornblendites and tonalites from the Fuegian Batholith was recalculated at 120 Ma. The hornblendite (hb) and pegmatitic hornblendite (p-hb) have initial $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ ratios of 0.7040 and 0.7039 and positive ϵNd_t values of +1.9 and +3.7, respectively. The two tonalites have similar initial $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ ratios of 0.7039 and positive

ϵNd values of +3.1. The Paleocene hornblende gabbro has initial $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ ratios of 0.7037 and ϵNd of +5.0. These isotopic signatures signify the primitive origin of precursor magmas, derived from a sub-arc mantle source. The data plot in the same field as those of Cretaceous tonalites and granodiorites from the South Patagonian Batholith (cf. Hervé et al., 2007).

7. Amphibole composition

The major and trace element composition of amphibole from the studied samples is reported in Tables 5 and 6 respectively.

7.1 Hornblendites

The hornblendite from the Fuegian Batholith (13AP01-30) consists of amphibole crystals with a relatively homogenous major element composition: they are magnesium-rich ($\text{Mg} > \text{Fe}$) and Al-rich (11–13 wt.% Al_2O_3) calcic amphiboles. Following the nomenclature of Leake et al. (1997) the composition is mainly magnesio-hastingsite ($^{\text{VI}}\text{Al} < \text{Fe}^{+3}$) with slight variations to tschermakitic hornblende and pargasite (Fig. 6). These amphiboles are mainly characterized by $\text{Mg}\# \sim 0.7$, $\text{Al}_{\text{tot}} \sim 2.57$ a.p.f.u., alkali content ($\text{Na} + \text{K}$) in the range 0.59–0.72 a.p.f.u and Ti content up to 0.19 a.p.f.u. The Cr and Ni contents are up to 112 and 29 ppm. The chondrite-normalized REE patterns show depletion of LREE ($\text{La}_\text{N}/\text{Sm}_\text{N} = 0.15\text{--}0.27$) and HREE ($\text{Gd}_\text{N}/\text{Yb}_\text{N} = 1.54\text{--}1.93$) relative to MREE (Fig. 6a). No significant Eu anomaly is observed, indicating that amphibole crystallized prior to plagioclase. A multi-element trace pattern reveals depletion in Nb and positive anomalies in Sr, Zr and Ti, relative to elements with similar incompatibility: however, these anomalies correspond to an extremely low concentration of REE rather than an enrichment in those elements. In this rock plagioclase is

interstitial and is almost pure anorthite (An_{87-98}). The lack of chemical zonation suggests fast cooling or re-equilibration at high temperature.

The composition of hornblende from the Ushuaia Pluton hornblendite (MT289) varies from magnesio-hastingsite ($^{VI}Al < Fe^{+3}$) to pargasite ($^{VI}Al > Fe^{+3}$). These amphiboles are relatively similar to those in the Fuegian Batholith, with Ti contents, up to 0.22 a.p.f.u., slightly lower Mg# with values of ~ 0.64 , in the same range as amphibole in other hornblendites from the Ushuaia Pluton (Mg# of 0.65–0.58; Acevedo et al., 2002), and Al_{tot} content around 2.36 a.p.f.u. Alkali content (Na + K) ranges from 0.93 to 1.01 a.p.f.u., the most notable difference from the Fuegian Batholith amphiboles in terms of major elements. Rim compositions vary slightly, being more enriched in LREE. The Ni contents are comparable to magnesio-hastingsite in the hornblendite of the Fuegian Batholith (29–35 ppm), but the Cr contents are considerably lower (up to ~ 2 ppm). Another common feature between the magnesio-hastingsite of hornblendites in the Fuegian Batholith and Ushuaia pluton, compared to the hornblende from gabbros and granitoids, is the higher Sr content relative to LREE ($Sr/Nd > 20$ in hornblendites and $Sr/Nd < 5$ in gabbros and granitoids) and their high Eu/Eu* ratios (> 0.8). However, despite these similarities, the trace element signature is substantially different from that of amphiboles in the Fuegian Batholith, showing LREE enrichment relative to MREE ($La_N/Sm_N = 0.58–1.43$). LREE concentrations in amphibole from the Ushuaia Pluton are almost three times those from the Fuegian Batholith. Multi-element patterns show depletion in Nb, Zr and Ti relative to other elements.

7.2 Gabbros and granitoids

The amphibole in gabbros is magnesio-hornblende, with higher Mg# and lower Eu/Eu* than those in the hornblendites. The Mg# of ~0.75 in the Aptian Gabbro of Isla Thomas (AA1418) is slightly lower than for the Paleocene gabbro (FC1811) with an average of ~0.79. Amphiboles are characterized by Ti contents of 0.05 (AA1418) and 0.22 a.p.f.u. (FC1811), with average Al_{tot} values up to 1.0 and 1.2 a.p.f.u., respectively. The chondrite-normalized REE pattern varies from convex upward to flat (Fig. 7b). Amphibole in the Aptian gabbro shows a marked depletion in LREE (La_N/Yb_N=0.16–0.27) and enrichment in MREE with a negative Eu anomaly (Fig. 7b). The incompatible trace element diagram displays depletion in Nb, Sr, Zr and Ti relative to REE for both gabbros, but this is more pronounced in AA1418. The Ni and Cr are 27 and 59 ppm, respectively, for the Aptian gabbro, and 2 and 26 ppm, respectively, for the Paleogene gabbro.

In the Aptian tonalite (FC1854) of Isla Londonderry, the amphibole is mainly magnesio-hornblende and minor edenite. It has low Ti contents, up to 0.11 a.p.f.u., along with an average Al_{tot} value of 1.76 a.p.f.u. The average Mg# value is 0.63. The chondrite-normalized pattern varies from flat to slightly convex upward with a negative Eu anomaly and a slight depletion in LREE (La_N/Sm_N= 0.25–0.41) relative to MREE and HREE (Fig. 7c). The incompatible trace element pattern reveals depletion in Sr, Zr and Ti relative to REE. The Cr and Ni contents are 21 and 23 ppm, respectively.

Amphibole in the Campanian monzodiorite (MT112) from the Ushuaia Pluton is mainly hastingsite (^{VI}Al<Fe⁺³) but edenite, ferro-edenite, magnesio-hornblende and ferro-hornblende compositions are also identified. The average Mg# value is 0.48. Amphibole in monzodiorite is characterized by Ti contents up to 0.2 a.p.f.u, Al_{tot} averages 1.94 a.p.f.u. and

alkali contents range from 0.5 to 0.8 a.p.f.u. Among all the studied samples, this is the only one whose amphibole has a concave upward chondrite-normalized pattern ($Dy/Dy^* < 1$) that exhibits LREE enrichment relative to MREE and HREE (Fig. 7c). The incompatible trace element pattern reveals depletion in Sr and Zr. The Cr content has an average value of 10 ppm. The Ni contents are comparable with those of the tonalite samples from the Fuegian Batholith (23 ppm).

7.3 Lamprophyre

The major element composition of euhedral amphibole phenocrysts in the Cenomanian lamprophyre (TN0713C) is relatively homogeneous and of similar composition to amphibole in the groundmass. Amphibole phenocrysts are mainly magnesio-hastingsite although pargasite, tschermakitic hornblende and magnesio-hornblende compositions are also measured. The Cr and Ni contents (up to 1640 and 257 ppm, respectively) and the Mg# (average ~0.87) are the highest of all the studied samples. The Ti content is up to 0.25 a.p.f.u. and Al_{tot} is up to 2.49 a.p.f.u. The alkali content ranges from 0.47 to 0.82 a.p.f.u. The chondrite-normalized REE pattern displays MREE enrichment relative to HREE and LREE and a negligible negative Eu anomaly (Fig. 8d). The multi-element trace elements pattern displays enrichment in Ba and Sr and depletion in Zr relative to other elements.

8. Discussion

8.1. Thermobarometry

The study of mafic and ultramafic cumulates in Andean-type batholiths can be used to constrain the structural depth of pluton emplacement and differentiation within magmatic arcs (e.g. Müntener and Ulmer, 2006). Generally, the emplacement depth of plutons is rather difficult to constrain due to the lack of appropriate number of phases in the mineral assemblages for geobarometry. However, the mineralogy of the amphibole-rich cumulates can potentially be used to constrain the minimum temperature for crystallization and to quantify the depths at which subsolidus reactions occurred (cf. Yavuz and Döner, 2017). Although the total Al_2O_3 content of amphibole is mainly dependent on melt composition and temperature, the Al^{VI} content has a significant pressure dependency (e.g., Holloway and Burnham 1972; Putirka 2016). The single amphibole barometer of Ridolfi et al. (2010) would be suitable for the hornblende samples, but we do not use this because of concerns raised by Erdmann et al. (2014) and Putirka (2016). Experiments conducted in basalts with high Mg-numbers at various pressure conditions provide a correlation between pressure and Al^{VI} in hornblende that can be used as an empirical barometer (Larocque and Canil, 2009). A recalibration was suggested by Krawczynski et al. (2012) based on a wider range of bulk rock compositions. Temperature was calculated using Putirka's (2016) pressure-independent thermometer (Equation 5) based on Si, Ti, Na and Fe content, with an uncertainty of $\pm 30^\circ\text{C}$. In the case of tonalite and granodiorite, the geobarometers that use Al^{VI} in hornblende (e.g. Ridolfi et al., 2010) did not give consistent results with the rest of the classic geobarometers, so we estimate the depth of crystallization using experimental and empirical amphibole geobarometers based on the Al^{tot} content, derived from the structural formula of amphibole (Hammarstrom and Zen, 1986; Hollister et al., 1987; Johnson and Rutherford, 1989; Schmidt, 1992).

In the studied hornblendites, the average estimates of the pressure for amphibole crystallization is 7–8 kbar in the Fuegian Batholith and 5–6 kbar in the Ushuaia Pluton. The

thermometers yield temperatures ranging between 980 and 1010 °C and between 945 and 970 °C, respectively. Pressure estimations by González Guillot et al. (2018) also range between 5 and 7 kbar for the hornblendite in Ushuaia Pluton. The average hornblende-derived pressure of crystallization for the Aptian tonalite (FC1854) is ca. 5 kbar at a temperature of 700 °C, reflecting near-solidus chemical re-equilibration. The average pressure for hornblende crystallization in the monzodiorite of the Ushuaia Pluton is ca. 3 kbar.

According to P–T constraints in the hornblendite from the Fuegian Batholith, amphibole crystallization occurred around 7–8 kbar, approximately at 25–30 km depth. This corresponds to the lower arc crust, roughly the crustal thickness in the Fuegian Batholith during mid-Cretaceous. Geothermobarometric constraints are consistent with experimental studies and the occurrence of Mg-rich amphibole with high Al^{VI} content (Fig. 8b) in similar amphibole-bearing ultramafic cumulates in other lower crustal sections (Himmelberg and Loney, 1995; Müntener and Ulmer, 2006; Larocque and Canil, 2009; Tiepolo et al., 2011; Dessimoz et al., 2012; Blatter et al., 2013; Nandedkar et al., 2014; Melekhova et al., 2015), but such results have not been previously found in Patagonian arc cumulates. The late emplacement of large tonalite magma batches in intermediate magma storage systems, as suggested by subsolidus re-equilibration of amphibole in the analysed Aptian tonalite (at ca. 5 kbar; approximately 15 km depth), suggests that hornblendites were exhumed by as much as 3–6 km from their initial position, by means of volcanic arc erosion, tectonism and magmatic underplating.

8.2. Petrogenesis of hornblendites and granitoids

The amphibole composition is relevant to identifying the magmatic processes active during the emplacement of the Fuegian Batholith and Ushuaia Pluton. In the following paragraphs, discussion will be centered on the hornblendite–tonalite and hornblendite–monzodiorite suites recognized in the batholith and in the Fuegian fold-and-thrust belt. It will be assumed that: (i) clinopyroxene, a near-ubiquitous mineral in arc magmas, can crystallize independent of initial water content, unlike orthopyroxene (Bonechi et al., 2017); the early stage of clinopyroxene (and olivine) fractionation would result in the bulk decrease of Mg# of late mafic phases, an increase of the alkali content and H₂O content in residual melts, and amphibole crystallization in a basaltic melt at near constant SiO₂ content.

(ii) plagioclase fractionation in precursor basaltic melts can be suppressed by high H₂O contents and/or depth of magma evolution (cf. Baker and Eggler, 1983; Sisson and Grove 1993; Müntener et al. 2001; Kelemen et al., 2003; Müntener and Ulmer 2006; Pichavant and Macdonald 2007; Nandedkar et al. 2014; Melekhova et al. 2015).

Cumulate rocks are strictly igneous in origin, but their bulk compositions do not represent the composition of original melts from which they crystallized (Cox, 1979). Nevertheless several features of those magmas can be interpreted from the textural and geochemical signatures of cumulate minerals. While cumulates are forming, the interstitial melt remaining in the crystal mush will be depleted in those elements incorporated into the structure of amphibole and/or other mafic phases. Depending on the rates of undercooling of interstitial melts, these will crystallize to form late intercumulus phases, or could interact and modify the early-formed cumulus crystals. The orthocumulate texture of hornblendites and plagioclase-rich hornblendites from the Fuegian Batholith, with interstitial Ca-rich plagioclase and subordinate amounts of spinel and magnetite-ilmenite pairs, was formed from rapid undercooling of intercumulus melt trapped within magnesio-hastingsite crystal mush.

Conversely, adcumulate texture and the trace element composition of core and rims in amphibole of hornblendites from the Ushuaia Pluton indicate re-equilibration between amphibole and the intercumulus liquid, resulting in late growth of cumulus grains of different composition. Complexities arise when considering that these processes would have been accompanied by late extraction and segregation of intercumulus melts into the adjacent magma reservoir, or melt infiltration from the magma reservoir or country rocks.

In the Fuegian Batholith, we interpret plagioclase-hornblendites as the result of progressive fractional crystallization of a primitive, hydrous sub-alkaline basaltic melt, constituting a high-pressure (7–8 Kbar) hydrous crystallization trend. Due to the lack of other mafic phases, it is assumed that amphibole either formed by a peritectic reaction consuming clinopyroxene, leaving no trace/relict, or that it crystallized directly from the melt. In either case, early and cryptic crystallization of clinopyroxene and/or olivine in earlier magmatic reservoirs cannot be discarded. The early stabilization of amphibole is reflected by the combination of high Mg# (0.71) and Al^{VI} which indicates crystallization at lower crustal pressures. Magnesio-hastingsite and pargasite, present in hornblendites and monzodiorites of the Ushuaia Pluton and Fuegian Batholith, have been reported in different arc root complexes (Tiepolo et al., 2011; Tiepolo et al., 2011; Larocque and Canil, 2010; Dessimoz et al., 2012) and are considered as “early” phases formed at high temperatures with low Si content and high (Na+K) content (Fig. 8a). By contrast, the magnesio-hornblende composition of amphibole in gabbros and tonalites of the Fuegian Batholith can be assigned to “late” phases, restricted to the low temperature consolidation of magma batches. Estimated crystallization temperatures for amphibole with >1.5 wt. % TiO_2 are consistent with those of amphiboles in primary hydrous magmas (Molina et al., 2009). This, along with textural evidence, also supports the early (high temperature) character of magnesio-hastingsite and pargasite from hornblendites.

They display high Mg# and Eu/Eu* values ranging between 0.8 and 1.0 (Fig. 8b-c-d) indicating negligible plagioclase fractionation in the early stages of magma evolution. The trace element compositions of amphibole indicate that the primitive magma had relatively low LREE contents. The low LREE abundances in the whole rock and amphibole from gabbros and tonalites (Figs. 4 b-c) are probably linked to high degrees of partial melting of the mantle source beneath an island arc (e.g., >20% partial melting of a mantle source with more than 0.2 wt.% H₂O; cf. Kushiro, 2007) or depletion processes by melt extraction in the sub-continental lithospheric mantle.

The low La/Sm values and Eu/Eu* of ~ 0.8–1.0 in hornblendite amphiboles suggest crystallization prior to plagioclase in early sub-alkaline hydrous basaltic magmas with high H₂O content (> 3 wt.%; cf. Müntener, 2001). The increase of La/Sm values recorded in the tonalite amphibole is accompanied by a decrease in Mg# and Eu/Eu* values, indicating crystallization after plagioclase and early amphibole (and/or clinopyroxene), in the middle section of the crust-scale magmatic column. Late amphibole in gabbros of the Fuegian Batholith, with high Mg# (~0.7-0.8) and Eu/Eu* of ~0.5-0.7 (Fig. 9 b-d), also crystallized after plagioclase and clinopyroxene fractionation, at the site of pluton emplacement and by interaction between clinopyroxene and intergranular basaltic melts with relatively high H₂O content.

Conversely, in the Ushuaia Pluton, cumulates form a compositional and textural continuum from hornblende pyroxenite through pyroxene hornblendite to pure hornblendite and an outer zone of mingled hornblendite and gabbro/diorite (González Guillot et al., 2018). Hornblendite reflects the early crystallization of anhydrous mafic phases in crystal mushes, as indicated by the low Mg-number (Mg#~63). Clinopyroxene is replaced by amphibole along cleavage planes and rims. Subhedral clinopyroxene inclusions in amphibole suggest that

residual melts did not strongly interact with early mafic phases and amphibole crystallization proceeded once the H₂O content in the melt was higher than 3 wt.%. It is thus envisaged that hornblende crystallized from hydrous residual melts locally distributed in the margins and/or magmatic conduits of the Ushuaia Pluton.

Amphiboles from hornblende in the Ushuaia Pluton show higher contents of alkalis, LREE and incompatible elements with a strong crustal affinity (Th, Ba, Rb), which reflects crystallization from more enriched residual melts established after the early-stage crystallization of clinopyroxene-rich mushes. Furthermore, the difference of trace element abundances between the two analysed grains in this hornblende reflects cryptic stages of amphibole crystallization (Figs. 7-8a), with a more enriched composition in the outer rims of crystals. Although melts derived from younger magma injections or partial melts derived from the host rock could also have infiltrated the mush, we consider that this possibility is less likely given the small size of the Ushuaia Pluton (emplaced probably in a time span of 100 ka). This is also supported by the high rate of magma injection proposed for pluton emplacement based on local textural evidence of incomplete consolidation of magma batches (González Guillot et al. 2018).

The low Dy/D_{y*} and high Dy/Yb values in hornblendites (Fig. 8e) allow us to infer the presence of sedimentary components in a metasomatized mantle source (cf. Davidson et al., 2012). The crystal mushes were emplaced at shallow levels of the crust within the Fuegian fold-and-thrust belt and continued to differentiate with the segregation of residual melts. The increase of La/Sm values in amphibole from hornblende to monzodiorite in the Ushuaia Pluton, at nearly constant values Eu/Eu* (of ~ 0.8-1.0), indicate that suppression of plagioclase fractionation and the high-H₂O content of residual magmas persisted until the crystallization of monzodiorites.

There are similar trace element abundances in amphibole of the Ushuaia Pluton hornblendite and the lamprophyre dyke. High Mg# (of ca.85–90) and high contents of Cr and Ni of lamprophyre indicates that the magmas were initially equilibrated with the mantle source, without being significantly affected by fractional crystallization or crustal contamination during ascent. We tentatively suggest the lamprophyres as likely candidates to represent the precursor mantle-derived hydrous basaltic melts of the rear-arc satellite plutons; this could explain the high contents of (Na+K) and LREE and negligible Eu anomalies in the Ushuaia Pluton amphiboles (Figs. 7a and d). This is also supported by the occurrence of lamprophyres dykes within the ophiolites and plutons of the Fuegian fold-and-thrust belt, emplaced after the tectonic emplacement of the Rocas Verdes ophiolitic complexes.

8.3. Geodynamic and magmatic evolution

Hornblende-rich cumulates and spatially associated gabbroic and granitoid rocks of the Fuegian Batholith and Ushuaia Pluton provide constraints on the origin of precursor primary basaltic magmas and on the partial melting degree of the mantle source. The trace element composition of amphibole in the suite of studied samples, with distinctive negative Nb and Ti anomalies (Fig. 7), support their origin in the upper plate of a subduction zone, as previously indicated by bulk-rock chemical affinities with magmatic arc products (Fig. 4; Hervé et al. 1984; González Guillot et al., 2018). Plutonic rocks of the Fuegian Batholith show calc-alkaline affinities, whereas those of the Fuegian fold-and-thrust belt have been classified as mildly alkaline or transitional (Gonzalez Guillot et al. 2009, 2018), formed at greater distances from the oceanic trench than the calc-alkaline suites (Morrison, 1980). In particular, the amphibole chemistry of the Ushuaia Pluton shows calc-alkaline indications but their enriched

incompatible trace element patterns distinguish them from those of typical arc magmas, rather suggesting a K-rich transitional type. Here, it is emphasized the key petrological significance of hornblendites that provide a glimpse of the earliest stages of magmatic differentiation and record the multi-stage evolutionary process at different crustal depths. According to available geochronological data and the geographical position of the Ushuaia Pluton and lamprophyres to the north and outside the limits of the Fuegian Batholith, it is considered that Cretaceous magmatism, between 125 and 65 Ma, occurred in two different magmatic arcs during the tectonic evolution of the proto-margin of Patagonia.

The Aptian magmatic arc, represented by calc-alkaline gabbro-tonalite-granodiorite suites and amphibole-rich cumulates in the Fuegian Batholith (Hervé et al., 1984), was contemporaneous with steep subduction of the oceanic slab and oceanic-spreading in the Rocas Verdes Basin. As for mature island arcs in subduction settings, the primary magmas probably originated as high-degree melts (>20%) of mantle sources, as suggested by flat REE patterns in whole rocks. The Nd isotopic signature in tonalites and hornblendites (ϵ_{Nd} : +1.9 to +3.7; Fig. 5) verifies the primitive origin of precursor magmas derived from an enriched sub-arc mantle source, variably metasomatized by slab- or crustal-derived components. The late amphibole of the gabbros, formed after plagioclase and clinopyroxene fractionation, indicates lower contents of H₂O in the precursor basaltic magmas. The high Mg# (~0.7-0.8) of amphiboles suggests minor fractionation of olivine and clinopyroxene in the lower arc crust (Fig. 9).

Hornblendites were generated from magmas with high H₂O contents (>3 wt.%) that stabilized at lower crustal depths (approximately 25–30 km) within the island arc. The subtle negative Eu anomaly in amphiboles indicates that amphibole fractionation was in part coeval with late interstitial plagioclase. The amphibole in the tonalite, with La/Yb ~ 2.0 and without

Eu anomaly, was derived from residual melts generated after the fractionational crystallization of olivine, clinopyroxene and plagioclase at lower crustal depths. Evolved magmas were segregated and ascended to the middle crust (~15 km) where they stalled and crystallized as tonalites. The more evolved plutonic rocks of the Fuegian Batholith (tonalites and granodiorites), which are volumetrically dominant, may have crystallized in the middle crust within a melt-rich layer (or magma chamber) several hundreds of metres thick, leaving behind a thick melt-poor cumulate pile of gabbroic rocks and hornblendites.

The construction of the Upper Cretaceous magmatic arc started after the closure of the Rocas Verdes basin and early tectonic emplacement of ophiolitic complexes. The early phase of basin inversion was related to changes in subduction parameters along the continental margin of southernmost South America, linked to rapid spreading in the southern Atlantic Ocean and fast convergence rates of the proto-Pacific oceanic lithosphere (Dalziel, 1990; Stern et al., 1991).

The Upper Cretaceous plutons are mainly located to the north and outside the margins of the Fuegian Batholith, such as the Castores and Santa Rosa plutons in Isla Navarino (Fig. 1), together with the Ushuaia Pluton and similar bodies in the Fuegian fold-and-thrust belt. Their geographic location suggests a northeastward migration of the subduction-related magmatism that began in the mid-Cretaceous, related to the flattening of the subducted oceanic slab of the proto-Pacific Ocean (Stern et al., 1991; de Wit, 1997; Gonzalez Guillot et al., 2011). In this scenario, we propose that slab-derived fluid flux into the mantle source decreased with time and thus the degree of partial melting also diminished. Low melting degrees favored the generation of primitive magmas with high contents of H₂O (> 3 wt.%), Mg, (Na + K) and LREE similar to those resulting in lamprophyres.

The origin of the major enrichment in LILE and LREE, along with a depletion in Nb-

Ta-Ti as observed in hornblendites and late-stage monzodiorite suite from Ushuaia Pluton, could be derived from subduction-related metasomatism in the lithospheric mantle (e.g., Pearce and Peate, 1995; Turner, 2005; Altherr et al., 2008; Boari et al., 2009). Additionally, the slight depletion in High Field Strength Elements (HFSE) may be attributed to the retention of these elements in the subducting slab during progressive dehydration, whereas the LILE and LREE were transported upwards by slab-derived fluids, melts and or recycled sediments (Hawkesworth et al., 1993; Munker et al., 2004). It has been suggested that the transitional late-stage monzodiorite suites are the result of AFC (combined assimilation and fractionation) processes and incorporation of sedimentary material during the ascent of magmas (Gonzalez Guillot et al., 2009), as evidenced by metasedimentary xenoliths. Additionally, the wide range of Nd isotopic compositions in plutons of the Fuegian fold-and-thrust belt (such as the Moat Pluton with ϵ_{Nd} +4.3 to -1.4; Gonzalez Guillot et al., 2009), probably reflects partial assimilation of supra-crustal components during ascent and emplacement. However, the incorporation of sediments and metasomatism of the mantle source cannot be ruled out, as suggested by low Dy/Dy* and high Dy/Yb values in hornblendite amphibole of the Ushuaia Pluton (Fig. 8e).

The protracted evolution of the Aptian and Upper Cretaceous arcs culminated with the emplacement of Paleogene plutons to the south, in the main axis of the Fuegian Batholith (Fig. 1b), interpreted as reflecting the southward migration of the magmatic loci (Hervé et al., 1984).

9. Concluding remarks

The comprehensive geochemical study of amphibole from Cretaceous hornblendites, gabbros and tonalites of the Fuegian Batholith and hornblendites and monzodiorites of the Ushuaia Pluton, provides insights into the complex magmatic evolution of two distinct magmatic arcs of the Fuegian Andes developed during the tectonic evolution of the Rocas Verdes Basin. The main conclusions that can be drawn from this study are:

1. The contrasting geochemical characteristics of plutonic rocks and amphibole in the Fuegian Batholith and Ushuaia Pluton were controlled by changes in the subduction parameters and thermal state of the subducted slab which ultimately controlled fluid–flux from the slab and the partial melting degree of the sub-arc mantle. More detailed and systematic isotopic studies would be necessary to evaluate the role of recycled sediment in the mantle source of magmas.
2. The Lower Cretaceous plutonic rocks of the Fuegian Batholith, formed during the extensional phase of the Rocas Verdes Basin (steep subduction), record the early fractionation of mafic phases and accumulation in deep crustal magma reservoirs above subduction zones. Textural and geochemical constraints support a primary origin for magnesio–hastingsite and pargasite from hornblendites that crystallized from primary sub-alkaline hydrous melts.
3. The Upper Cretaceous Ushuaia Pluton, formed after the tectonic emplacement of the Rocas Verdes Basin ophiolites (flat subduction), record the evolution from clinopyroxene hornblendites and hornblendites to amphibole-bearing gabbros and monzodiorites. Although most amphibole in hornblendites crystallized from primary magmas some may have formed at the expense of clinopyroxene. Minor enrichment in LREE and incompatible elements in amphibole suggests a transitional magmatic affinity.

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Figure Captions.

Figure 1. Geological sketch map of the southernmost Andes of South America (modified from Suárez et al., 1985 and Sernageomin, 2003). Paleozoic and Mesozoic lithostratigraphic units are illustrated, including the Rocas Verdes ophiolites, folded and sheared volcanic and sedimentary successions of the Tobífera, Hardy, Zapata, Yahgán formations, the Patagonian and Fuegian batholiths, and metamorphic complexes. **b.** Inset shows the location of samples from the Fuegian Batholith and other geological units in Tierra del Fuego as well as main geological units. Abbreviations are: BC, Beagle Channel; CD, Cordillera Darwin; IL, Isla Londonderry; IT, Isla Thomas; IN, Isla Navarino; U, Ushuaia.

Figure 2. Representative mineral assemblages of samples. **a.** Overview of medium-grained hornblendite (FB) with idiomorphic hornblende and exsolved Fe-Ti oxides and interstitial plagioclase. **b.** Pegmatitic hornblendite dyke with coarse amphibole and interstitial plagioclase that occurs as fine-grained aggregates. **c.** Tonalite with plagioclase, quartz, amphibole, biotite and titanite. All phases are homogenous and lack compositional zoning. **d.** Gabbro assemblage with plagioclase and minor amphibole with relict inclusions of clinopyroxene, interstitial biotite and Fe-Ti oxides. **e.** Medium-grained gabbro with homogenous plagioclase, clinopyroxene and amphibole weakly replaced by chlorite. **f.** Lamprophyre dyke with microporphyritic texture and phenocrysts of amphibole and clinopyroxene in a groundmass of plagioclase, amphibole and chlorite pseudomorphs. **g.** hornblendite (UP) with amphibole, plagioclase and magmatic epidote. In some amphibole crystals, rare relicts of presumed clinopyroxene are observed. **h.** Main assemblage of hornblende-monzodiorite, amphibole, plagioclase, large titanite crystals with minor interstitial k-feldspar.

Figure 3. SHRIMP U-Pb isotopic data from zircon. **a**, **b** and **c**, show Tera–Wasserberg concordia plots, calculated mean ages (with errors reported at 2σ level) for analysed zircon samples FC1854 (hornblende tonalite), AA1419 (segregation tonalite) FC1811 and (clinopyroxene-hornblende gabbro), respectively.

Figure 4. Whole-rock chondrite-normalized REE patterns (Sun and McDonough, 1989) in comparison with amphibole patterns (shaded gray). **a**. Hornblendites (FB). **b,c,d** Gabbro–tonalite samples. **e**. Monzodiorite (UP). **f**. Lamprophyre.

Figure 5. Comparison of ϵNd_i vs $(^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr})_i$ from the South Patagonian Batholith (Hervé et al., 2007), hornblendites and tonalite from the Fuegian Batholith (hb: hornblendite; hb-p: hornblendite pegmatitic; ton: tonalite).

Figure 6. EMPA composition of amphibole in selected samples. Classification after Leake et al. (1997). FB: Fuegian Batholith. UP: Ushuaia Pluton.

Figure 7. Chondrite-normalized REE and incompatible element patterns for amphibole. Normalization values are from Sun and McDonough (1989).

Figure 8. EMPA and LA-ICP-MS composition of amphibole. **a**. Si (a.p.f.u) vs. Na + K in Ca-amphibole. The dash line separates the Mg-hastingsite and pargasite domain (early amphibole) from the Mg-hornblende to tsch-hornblende domains (late amphibole). **b**. Al^{VI} vs Mg# in Ca-

amphibole. **c.** Eu/Eu* vs La/Sm in Ca-amphibole. **d.** Eu/Eu* vs Mg#. **e.** Dy/Dy* vs Dy/Yb after Davidson et al. (2012).

Figure 9. Sketches illustrating the evolution of the Fuegian Batholith and Fuegian orogen in the tectonic framework of the Rocas Verdes Basin.

Table titles

Table 1. Summary of the different plutonic complexes and main features of the Fuegian Batholith (Suárez et al., 1977, 1979; Hervé et al., 1984) and the Ushuaia Pluton (Acevedo et al., 2002; González-Guillot et al., 2009, 2018).

Fuegian Batholith	Age	Lithology	Features
Gabbro Complex	141 - 103 Ma (K-Ar whole rock)	Gabbros and hornblendites	Common cumulate textures with no penetrative foliation.
Canal Beagle Plutonic Complex	113 - 81 Ma (K-Ar whole rock; Rb-Sr isochron)	Tonalite and granodiorite with subordinate quartz-monzodiorites and quartz-diorites	Penetrative foliation of synmagmatic origin
Seno Año Nuevo Plutonic Complex	60 - 34 Ma (K-Ar whole rock; Rb-Sr isochron)	Quartz-diorites to granites, with tonalite and quartz monzodiorites as the most common.	Slight K enrichment with no penetrative magmatic foliation
Ushuaia	Age	Lithology	Features
Ushuaia Pluton	113 ± 5 Ma (K-Ar whole rock) 101.9 ± 2.8 Ma (K-Ar amph) 75 ± 1 Ma (U-Pb in gabbro pocket)	hornblende pyroxenite, hornblendites, gabbros and monzodiorite and quartz-monzodiorite	Two lithologically distinct sections; ultramafic and intermediate with K enrichment

Moat Pluton	115 ± 3 Ma (Rb-Sr isochron)	Diorite, gabbros, monzodiorites, monzogabbros and monzonites with isolated hornblende and pyroxenite.	Ultramafic rocks are common as autoliths arranged parallel to the magmatic foliation or layered in isolated outcrops
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Table 2. SHRIMP U-Pb zircon results on samples hornblende tonalite (FC1854), segregation of tonalite (AA1419) and clinopyroxene-hornblende gabbro (FC1811).

Table 2a. Summary of SHRIMP U-Pb results for zircons from hornblende tonalite sample FC1854.

Grain spot	U (ppm)	Th (ppm)	Th/U	²⁰⁶ Pb/b* (ppm)	²⁰⁴ Pb/ ²⁰⁶ Pb	f _{206%}	²³⁸ U/ ²⁰⁶ Pb	Total ±	²⁰⁷ Pb/ ²⁰⁶ Pb ±	Radio genic ²⁰⁶ Pb/ ²³⁸ U ±	Age (Ma) ±
1.1	123.9347002	45.01692991	0.363231039	2.0	-	<0.01	52.8866839	0.808930385	0.00478	0.009	12.089
2.1	197.0640407	87.54046632	0.44422341	3.3	-	0.091898221	50.75731224	0.90315484	0.00493	0.007	12.572
3.1	355.6766755	193.1005103	0.542910243	6.1	0.000436	0.367774076	50.45828805	0.629635821	0.00515	0.007	12.606
4.1	476.6770699	367.1730329	0.770276265	7.9	0.000590	0.110837447	51.91940797	0.725240107	0.00494	0.002	12.287
5.1	250.4844897	132.577016	0.529282337	4.2	-	0.156601108	51.43025246	0.661068368	0.00497	0.004	12.396
6.1	313.1142016	169.1188224	0.540118658	5.2	0.000453	<0.01	52.08782713	0.63215508	0.00479	0.002	12.275

7.1	274. 234 608 9	118. 793 915 8	0.43 318 352 9	4.8	0.0 008 50	<0.0 1	49.3 691 685 8	0.66 236 733 8	0.0 482	0. 00 14	0.020 3	0. 00 03	12 9.3	1 . 7
8.1	112. 836 371 9	65.4 864 352 3	0.58 036 636 7	1.9	0.0 005 01	0.11 018 984 6	51.9 911 401 3	0.82 145 707 8	0.0 494	0. 00 22	0.019 2	0. 00 03	12 2.7	2 . 0
9.1	154. 678 066 1	58.4 805 274 5	0.37 807 899 3	2.6	0.0 010 94	0.17 275 738 3	51.3 864 315 2	0.73 155 298 4	0.0 499	0. 00 18	0.019 4	0. 00 03	12 4.0	1 . 8
10. 1	288. 222 164 8	240. 991 852 2	0.83 613 226 8	4.8	0.0 002 27	0.09 627 679 5	51.5 670 284 7	0.63 305 638 5	0.0 493	0. 00 12	0.019 4	0. 00 02	12 3.7	1 . 5
11. 1	298. 965 888 3	209. 551 117 4	0.70 091 982 3	4.9	-	<0.0 1	52.8 536 860 8	0.65 673 873 4	0.0 484	0. 00 13	0.018 9	0. 00 02	12 0.8	1 . 5
12. 1	178. 033 945 4	135. 992 529 7	0.76 385 730 5	3.0	-	<0.0 1	50.7 507 872 3	0.77 163 372 4	0.0 477	0. 00 17	0.019 7	0. 00 03	12 5.9	1 . 7
13. 1	130. 499 231	53.0 146 218 2	0.40 624 470 7	2.1	0.0 003 02	0.69 535 77	52.2 367 224 4	0.77 321 188 7	0.0 540	0. 00 20	0.019 0	0. 00 03	12 1.4	1 . 8
14. 1	171. 864 962 7	101. 234 637 5	0.58 903 592 6	2.8	-	<0.0 1	52.9 831 200 4	0.74 404 379	0.0 469	0. 00 17	0.018 9	0. 00 03	12 0.8	1 . 7
15. 1	157. 296 970 9	60.1 915 252 7	0.38 266 169 4	2.3	-	<0.0 1	53.3 167 405	0.75 465 526 7	0.0 471	0. 00 18	0.018 8	0. 00 03	12 0.0	1 . 7
15. 2	311. 471 238 5	265. 295 175 783	0.85 175 05	5.1	0.0 016 52	0.02 702 155 6	52.6 059 380 3	0.65 703 463	0.0 487	0. 00 13	0.019 0	0. 00 02	12 1.4	1 . 5
16. 1	226. 830 705 4	112. 945 223 7	0.49 792 740 2	3.7	0.0 009 82	<0.0 1	52.8 057 604 6	0.68 907 264 4	0.0 483	0. 00 16	0.018 9	0. 00 03	12 1.0	1 . 6
17. 1	230. 010 350 3	185. 267 767 8	0.80 547 578 6	3.7	0.0 000 22	0.07 285 403 9	53.2 592 536 9	0.68 327 414 6	0.0 490	0. 00 19	0.018 8	0. 00 02	11 9.8	1 . 6
18. 1	121. 476 416 2	40.5 509 899 3	0.33 381 779 9	2.0	0.0 018 67	<0.0 1	53.2 638 325 9	0.81 004 997 4	0.0 477	0. 00 20	0.018 8	0. 00 03	12 0.0	1 . 8
19. 1	204. 730 568	74.5 257 872	0.36 401 885	3.3	0.0 002 70	<0.0 1	52.9 158 340	0.70 612 724	0.0 483	0. 00 15	0.018 9	0. 00 03	12 0.7	1 . 6

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20. 1	105. 720 618	39.9 667 705 8	0.37 804 140 1	1.7	0.0 015 91	0.59 140 449 1	52.5 733 362 4	0.83 467 677 7	0.0 531	0. 00 23	0.018 9	0. 00 03	12 0.8	1 . 9
20. 2	187. 268 885 8	82.4 029 878 3	0.44 002 498	3.1	0.0 006 77	0.00 102 563 9	52.4 912 616 1	0.71 302 776 5	0.0 485	0. 00 16	0.019 1	0. 00 03	12 1.7	1 . 7
21. 1	323. 630 223 2	154. 615 744 8	0.47 775 434 4	5.3	0.0 005 05	0.08 426 458 6	52.3 618 483 8	0.63 986 371 4	0.0 491	0. 00 15	0.019 1	0. 00 02	12 1.9	1 . 5
22. 1	139. 602 659 7	51.1 328 970 7	0.36 627 451 9	2.3	0.0 022 02	0.02 728 033 2	51.8 103 501 2	0.94 081 970 7	0.0 487	0. 00 18	0.019 3	0. 00 04	12 3.2	2 . 2
23. 1	239. 218 799 3	118. 576 270 9	0.49 568 123 9	4.0	0.0 000 04	0.06 453 157 9	50.8 301 955 4	0.80 928 876 2	0.0 490	0. 00 14	0.019 7	0. 00 03	12 5.5	2 . 0
24. 1	125. 731 744 7	46.1 246 100 3	0.36 684 936	1.9	0.0 032 61	0.05 585 339 2	57.3 011 650 5	0.95 212 995 4	0.0 487	0. 00 28	0.017 4	0. 00 03	11 1.5	2 . 0
25. 1	367. 483 386 1	202. 624 699 8	0.55 138 465 4	6.0	0.0 001 25	<0.0 030 798 8	52.9 018 490 3	0.63 018 490 3	0.0 478	0. 00 11	0.018 9	0. 00 02	12 0.8	1 . 4
26. 1	178. 402 729 6	104. 010 136 7	0.58 300 754 1	2.9	0.0 001 13	<0.0 184 491 5	52.1 184 491 5	0.71 379 145 6	0.0 483	0. 00 16	0.019 2	0. 00 03	12 2.5	1 . 7
27. 1	59.8 051 032 4	18.3 969 687 4	0.30 761 536 6	1.0	0.0 019 05	0.16 282 472 7	52.8 403 471 2	1.02 477 452 6	0.0 497	0. 00 37	0.018 9	0. 00 04	12 0.7	2 . 4
28. 1	217. 374 427 5	134. 255 208 2	0.61 762 100 6	3.6	0.0 000 50	<0.0 662 628 4	51.5 662 628 4	0.67 385 927	0.0 474	0. 00 27	0.019 4	0. 00 03	12 4.0	1 . 7

Calculated U-Pb zircon age: 122.3 ± 0.8

Notes: 1. Uncertainties given at the one σ level.

2. Error in Temora reference zircon calibration was 0.34% for the analytical session.

(not included in above errors but required when comparing data from different mounts).

3. f_{206} % denotes the percentage of ^{206}Pb that is common Pb.

4. Correction for common Pb for the U/Pb data has been made using the measured $^{238}\text{U}/^{206}\text{Pb}$ and $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{206}\text{Pb}$ ratios following Tera and Wasserburg (1972) as outlined in Williams (1998).

Table 2b. Summary of SHRIMP U-Pb results for zircons from tonalite segregation sample

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								Total				Radio			Age
															(Ma)
Grain spot	U (ppm)	Th (ppm)	Th/U	²⁰⁶ Pb* (ppm)	²⁰⁴ Pb/ ²⁰⁶ Pb	f _{206%}	²³⁸ U/ ²⁰⁶ Pb	±	²⁰⁷ Pb/ ²⁰⁶ Pb	±	²⁰⁶ Pb/ ²³⁸ U	±	²⁰⁶ Pb/ ²³⁸ U	±	
1.1	522 1.94 553 8	376 2.22 496 6	0.72 046 422 9	88.2	-	<0.0 1	50.8 700 041 4	0.52 021 583	0.0 484	0.00 03	0.019 7	0.00 02	12 5.5	1 .3	
2.1	366. 337 071 4	135. 212 694 5	0.36 909 367 1	6.0	0.0 000 93	0.17 061 176	52.0 295 185 4	0.64 106 667 6	0.0 190 11	0.00 11	0.019 2	0.00 02	12 2.5	1 .5	
3.1	251. 732 582 8	119. 199 495 5	0.47 351 635 7	4.1	0.0 002 16	0.41 965 244 3	52.7 419 994 8	0.71 338 586 5	0.0 518	0.00 14	0.018 9	0.00 03	12 0.6	1 .6	
4.1	184 8.78 786 7	156 7.37 537 5	0.84 778 540 5	29.2	-	0.09 823 923 6	51.5 405 193 5	0.59 795 448	0.0 491	0.00 05	0.018 3	0.00 02	11 7.0	1 .3	
5.1	433. 844 954 1	335. 751 929 3	0.77 389 843 1	7.2	0.0 003 33	0.17 380 665 9	51.8 824 017 8	0.62 131 710 6	0.0 496	0.00 10	0.019 2	0.00 02	12 2.9	1 .5	
6.1	642. 356 181 3	256. 364 255 5	0.39 909 985	10.4	0.0 000 23	0.05 283 042 6	52.9 628 730 3	0.60 247 592 7	0.0 489	0.00 08	0.018 9	0.00 02	12 0.5	1 .4	
7.1	112 1.77 935 9	554. 368 058 8	0.49 418 633 1	18.2	0.0 000 01	0.15 177 707 3	53.0 828 104 3	0.59 360 232 2	0.0 496	0.00 06	0.018 8	0.00 02	12 0.1	1 .3	
8.1	329 5.89 051 4	221 1.20 162 5	0.67 089 656 5	55.4	0.0 000 32	0.02 375 415	51.1 070 303 8	0.52 507 522 6	0.0 487	0.00 04	0.019 6	0.00 02	12 4.9	1 .3	
9.1	128 7.44 074 4	621. 641 892 6	0.48 285 087 7	21.0	0.0 000 83	0.04 877 672 9	52.6 721 904 7	0.56 364 114 9	0.0 488	0.00 06	0.019 0	0.00 02	12 1.2	1 .3	
10.1	367. 160 349	214. 801 58	0.58 503 479 6	6.0	-	0.23 030 698 6	52.2 684 953 2	0.63 841 183 1	0.0 503	0.00 17	0.019 1	0.00 02	12 1.9	1 .5	
11.1	237. 077 838 7	89.8 034 914 6	0.37 879 327 7	4.0	-	0.20 576 450 4	51.2 219 174 1	0.67 459 697 3	0.0 501	0.00 14	0.019 5	0.00 03	12 4.4	1 .6	

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23.	149	119	0.79				52.9	0.56							
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Calculated U-Pb zircon age : 122.9 ± 0.7

Notes: 1. Uncertainties given at the one σ level.

2. Error in Temora reference zircon calibration was 0.39% for the analytical session.

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3. f_{206} % denotes the percentage of ^{206}Pb that is common Pb.

4. Correction for common Pb for the U/Pb data has been made using the measured $^{238}\text{U}/^{206}\text{Pb}$ and $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{206}\text{Pb}$ ratios following Tera and Wasserburg (1972) as outlined in Williams (1998).

Table 2c. Summary of SHRIMP U-Pb results for zircons from clinopyroxene-hornblende gabbro sample FC1811.

Grain spot	U (ppm)	Th (ppm)	T h/ U	$^{206}\text{Pb}^*$ (ppm)	$^{204}\text{Pb}/^{206}\text{Pb}$	f_{206} %	$^{238}\text{U}/^{206}\text{Pb}$	\pm	$^{207}\text{Pb}/^{206}\text{Pb}$	\pm	$^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U}$	\pm	$^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U}$	\pm
1.2	105	52	0.49	0.8	-	<0.01	106.85	2.42	0.0444	0.0039	0.00939	0.00022	60.3	1.4
2.2	132	72	0.55	1.1	0.002141	<0.01	99.73	2.18	0.0461	0.0032	0.00974	0.00022	62.5	1.4
3.2	170	97	0.57	1.3	0.001757	<0.01	112.40	2.10	0.0464	0.0029	0.00912	0.00019	58.5	1.2
4.1	101	56	0.56	0.9	0.001447	0.017	100.61	2.23	0.0486	0.0039	0.00992	0.00023	63.6	1.4
5.1	584	718	1.23	4.8	0.000805	0.015	104.12	1.76	0.0484	0.0016	0.00959	0.00016	61.5	1.0

6.1	616	514	0.83	5.0	0.00458	<0.01	106.74	1.44	0.0467	0.0017	0.00937	0.00013	60.1	0.8
7.1	199	108	0.54	1.6	0.001243	0.73	107.39	1.93	0.0529	0.0029	0.00924	0.00017	59.3	1.1
8.1	293	244	0.83	2.4	0.001202	0.39	107.03	1.72	0.0503	0.0023	0.00931	0.00015	59.7	1.0
9.1	62	29	0.47	0.5	0.002196	0.52	108.30	3.11	0.0513	0.0052	0.00919	0.00027	58.9	1.7
10.1	94	49	0.52	0.8	0.004209	<0.01	104.52	2.45	0.0461	0.0032	0.00958	0.00023	61.5	1.5
11.1	170	80	0.47	1.4	0.001610	0.39	107.20	2.05	0.0503	0.0042	0.00929	0.00019	59.6	1.2
12.1	77	39	0.51	0.6	0.002369	1.16	107.12	2.75	0.0504	0.0048	0.00923	0.00024	59.2	1.6
13.1	75	40	0.54	0.6	0.003577	0.30	102.34	2.70	0.0496	0.0044	0.00974	0.00025	62.5	1.6
13.2	139	114	0.82	1.2	0.001503	0.57	108.50	3.76	0.0519	0.0033	0.00981	0.00021	62.9	1.4
14.1	273	186	0.68	2.3	0.000215	<0.01	102.84	1.68	0.0458	0.0024	0.00974	0.00016	62.5	1.0
15.1	112	62	0.55	0.9	0.000415	0.35	103.30	2.28	0.0500	0.0039	0.00965	0.00022	61.9	1.4
16.1	166	95	0.57	1.0	0.004653	0.43	107.73	2.04	0.0506	0.0030	0.00924	0.00018	59.3	1.1
17.1	58	30	0.51	0.5	0.002424	0.55	109.35	3.19	0.0515	0.0052	0.00909	0.00027	58.4	1.7
18.1	91	54	0.59	0.7	0.000941	<0.01	104.61	2.54	0.0461	0.0043	0.00957	0.00024	61.4	1.5
19.1	162	78	0.48	1.3	0.002357	0.52	103.94	2.01	0.0513	0.0035	0.00957	0.00019	61.4	1.2
19.2	48	22	0.45	0.4	0.006110	0.42	105.35	3.27	0.0505	0.0056	0.00945	0.00030	60.6	1.9
20.1	75	33	0.44	0.6	0.001953	0.64	107.67	2.83	0.0523	0.0048	0.00923	0.00025	59.2	1.6
21.1	336	377	1.12	2.7	0.001193	<0.01	104.87	1.57	0.0452	0.0020	0.00956	0.00015	61.3	0.9
22.1	173	110	0.0	1.4	0.00	1.0	107.0	2.0	0.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	58.9	1.0

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25.1	106	54	0. 5 1	0.8	0.00 2489	0. 14	113. 57	2. 6 4	0.04 82	0.0 03 9		0.00 887	0.0 002 3		56.9	1 .5
26.1	122	62	0. 5 1	1.0	0.00 1767	0. 29	107. 71	2. 3 6	0.04 95	0.0 03 6		0.00 926	0.0 002 1		59.4	1 .3
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Calculated U-Pb zircon age : 60.5 ± 0.6

Notes: 1. Uncertainties given at the one σ level.

2. Error in Temora reference zircon calibration was 0.50% for the analytical session.

(not included in above errors but required when comparing data from different mounts).

3. f_{206} % denotes the percentage of ^{206}Pb that is common Pb.

4. Correction for common Pb for the U/Pb data has been made using the measured $^{238}\text{U}/^{206}\text{Pb}$ and $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{206}\text{Pb}$ ratios following Tera and Wasserburg (1972) as outlined in Williams (1998).

Table 3. Bulk rock major element (wt. %), trace and rare earth elements (ppm) of the Fuegian Batholith, lamprophyre and hornblende and monzodiorite from the Ushuaia Pluton.

Sample No	130 A POI-030	130 A POI-031	130 A POI-041	FC1 254	FC1 811	AA1 418	TNO 713 C	FO 218 B	ST03 36B	FC08 35	MT2 89	MTF 1	MT7 0
Locality	Fuegian Batholith	Fuegian Batholith	Fuegian Batholith	Fuegian Batholith	Fuegian Batholith	Fuegian Batholith	Tortuga Complex	SP B	Sarmiento Complex	Sarmiento Complex	Ushuaia Pluton	Ushuaia Pluton	Ushuaia Pluton
Lithology	Hornblende	Hornblende	Tonalite	Tonalite	Gabbro	Gabbro	Lamprophyre	Lamprophyre	Lamprophyre	Lamprophyre	Hornblende	Hornblende	Monzodiorite
Age	102.0*			122.3**	60.5**	112.9**	98.7*						
Si O ₂	38.90	43.18	70.93	57.49	47.01	45.5	48.05	44.47	40.61	45.21	39.99	43.00	55.62
Ti O ₂	1.43	1.33	0.48	0.75	0.99	0.4	0.96	1.34	1.15	1.05	1.61	1.51	0.72
Al ₂ O ₃	21.21	19.43	13.91	17.88	19.52	28.18	16.35	14.18	11.68	13.22	15.47	12.19	17.05
Fe OT	13.22	8.60	4.35	7.5	11.45	5.46	3.50	8.79	9.59	8.31	13.97	13.82	7.17

Mn O	0.12	0.13	0.09	0.18	0.18	0.07	0.17	0.1 6	0.22	0.28	0.21	0.17	0.19
Mg O	8.89	10.8	1.18	3.68	5.06	2.63	11.9 2	8.2 6	12.27	8.12	12.6 6	12.3 2	3.26
Ca O	12.8 7	13.1 9	3.93	7.37	10.5 7	15.7 9	9.98	8.2 2	10.77	9.63	11.0 8	12.6 8	8.04
Na ₂ O	1.54	1.79	3.58	3.39	3.38	1.24	3.50	2.4 3	2.33	3.89	1.71	1.24	3.43
K ₂ O	0.34	0.56	0.99	0.72	0.43	0.09	1.27	1.9 9	0.35	0.62	1.3	1.3	3.33
Su m	100. 0	100. 0	100. 0	100. 0	100. 0	100. 0	100. 0	100. 0	100.0	100.0	100. 0	100. 0	100. 0
La	0.88	1.89	8.59	5.61	6.22	0.9	25	32. 5	22.8	23.6			26.8 0
Ce	3.18	5.56	20.7	14.4	13	1.7	52	57	48.0	47.4			61.6 0
Pr	0.66	0.97	2.8	2.2	1.63	0.25	3.86	6.2 9	3.4	6.33			7.51
Nd	4.52	5.44	12.7	10.3	7.11	1.1	29	24. 3	26.2	24.2			30.8 0
Sm	1.93	2.14	3.66	3.11	2	0.4	5.53	5	5.3	4.8			6.31
Eu	0.73	0.90	1.04	1.04	0.84	0.3	1.6	1.5 0	1.39	1.57			1.60
Gd	3.03	2.95	4.41	2.96	2	0.4	5.33	4.3	4.2	3.8			4.99
Tb	0.46	0.49	0.78	0.49	0.32	< 0.1		0.7	0.6	0.5			0.76
Dy	2.99	3.01	5.36	3.3	1.99	0.4	0.65	3.6	3.1	3			3.62
Ho	0.58	0.6	1.09	0.68	0.42	< 0.1	0.65	0.7	0.6	0.5			0.66
Er	1.7	1.61	3.31	1.81	1.26	0.2	1.57	1.8	1.5	1.5			2.04
Tm	0.22	0.23	0.49	0.27 7	0.19	< 0.05		0.2 5	0.2	0.21			0.27
Yb	1.31	1.4	3.34	1.75	1.28	0.2	1.61	1.6	1.2	1.3			1.98
Lu	0.18	0.20	0.54	0.32	0.21	< 0.04	0.25	0.2 3	0.16	0.17			0.30
Cs	0.3	1.1	0.3	0.3	0.6	0.7		0.9	< 0.5	< 0.5			
Rb	4	11	2.1	20	10	40		65	5	7			
Ba	56	70	20.5	205	168	0.5	390	404	241	282			
Th	0.05	0.19	3.57	0.51	0.99	0.1	5.92	6.5	5.3	8.1			
U	0.05	0.28	1.18	0.64	0.69	0.1		1.6	1.1	2.2			
Nb	0.6	0.8	1.7	2.7	0.7	2	8.44	17	6	10			
Ta	0.01	0.04	0.12	0.51	0.01	0.1	0.37	1.5	0.4	0.8			
Pb	5	5	5	6	5	5		< 5	< 5	< 5			
Sr	383	319	206	444	776	22	645	386	287	358			
Zr	13	15	146	89	30	5	58	120	91	109			
Hf	0.4	0.5	4.3	2.1	0.8	0.2	4.2	2.9	2.5	2.7			
Y	15	15.2	31.9	19.1	11.3	1	21	17	15	14			

* ⁴⁰Ar/³⁹Ar in amphibole; ** U-Pb in zircon

Table 4. New Sm-Nd and Rb-Sr isotopes data for samples of the Fuegian Batholith and lamprophyre. Also, the isotopic composition of different plutonic rocks belonging to the Southern Patagonian Batholith (Hervé et al., 2007) is shown.

Sample	Locality	Lithology	Age	Sm (ppm)	Nd (ppm)	$^{147}\text{Sm}/^{143}\text{Nd}$	$^{146}\text{Sm}/^{143}\text{Nd}$	$^{143}\text{Nd}/^{147}\text{Sm}$	ϵNd	Tchur	Tdm	DP	Tdm2	Rb	Sr	Rb/Srwt	$^{87}\text{Rb}/^{86}\text{Sr}$	$^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$	$^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$	eps (Sr)	T Bulk
13 APO1-30	Fuegian Batholith	Hornblende	1000	1.93	4.52	0.258	0.5128	0.5126	1.897342995	341.222	-1441.81	1909.579	592.037	4000	383.000	0.010	0.030	0.704	0.704	-5.475	603.280
13 APO1-31	Fuegian Batholith	Hbl pegmatite	1000	2.14	5.44	0.238	0.5129	0.5127	3.73971261	302.596	-252.9106	1652.299	458.357	11000	319.000	0.034	0.100	0.704	0.704	-6.386	-192.6934
13 APO1-41	Fuegian Batholith	Hbl tonalite	1200	3.66	12.7	0.111	0.5128	0.5126	3.183862305	-998.8669	988.827	1751.873	513.836	20000	206.000	0.102	0.295	0.704	0.704	-6.939	-43.065
FC1811	Fuegian Batholith	Px-Hbl gabbro	600	2	7.11	0.170	0.5129	0.5128	5.037603262	-1443.4809	617.537	1399.816	333.881	10000	776.000	0.013	0.037	0.704	0.704	-10.851	1204.053
FC1854	Fuegian Batholith	Hbl tonalite	1200	3.11	10.3	0.183	0.5128	0.5127	3.947413725	-2009.5840	1019.985	1639.896	458.435	20000	444.000	0.045	0.130	0.704	0.704	-5.413	-460.258
ST02	Fuegia	Lamp	75	2.47	12.1	0.15	0.55	0.55	3.99	-3	44	50	42	3	25	0	0.03	0.7	0	0	54.

Highlights

- Magma evolution in crustal plumbing systems
- Amphibole geochemistry as a proxy for magmatic processes in subduction zones
- Hornblendites and their link with deep-seated crustal physicochemical processes
- Origin of primitive hydrous magmas in steep and flat subduction subduction zones

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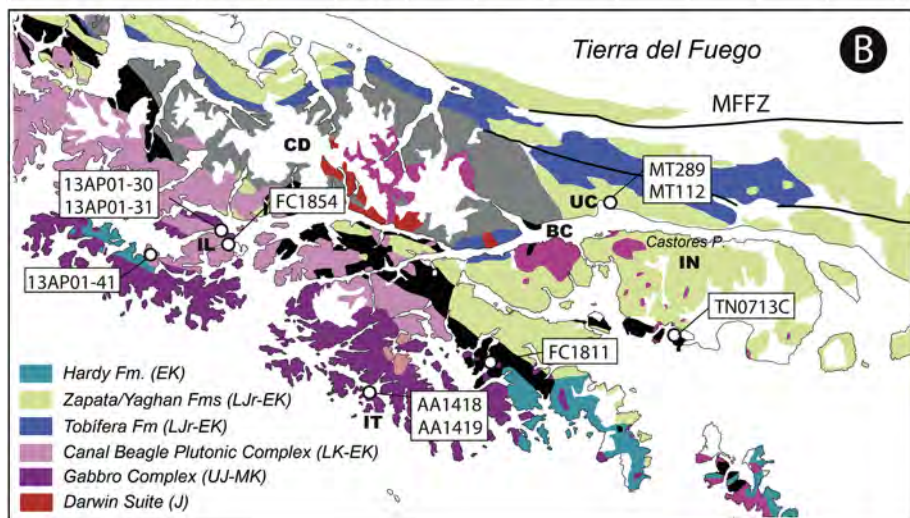
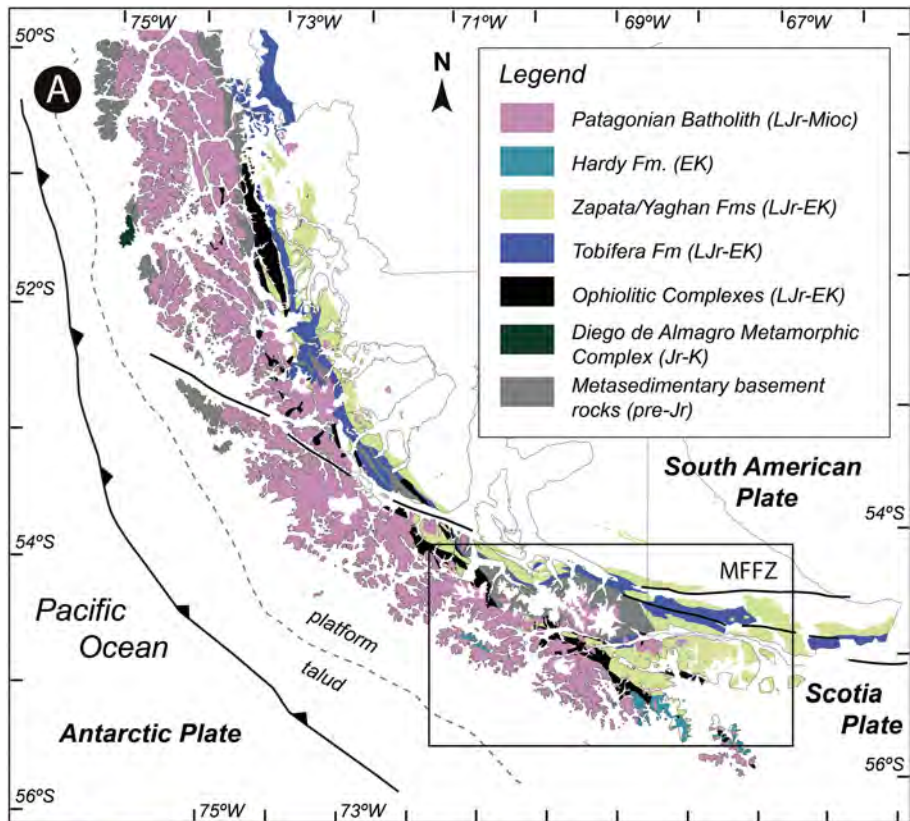


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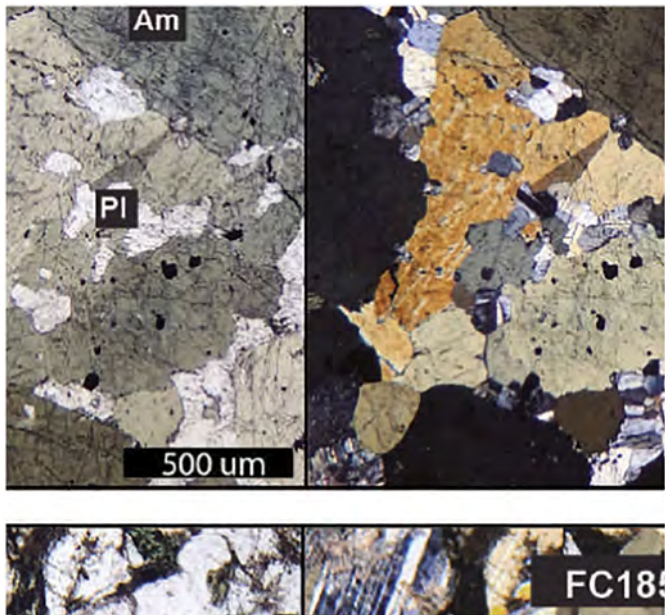


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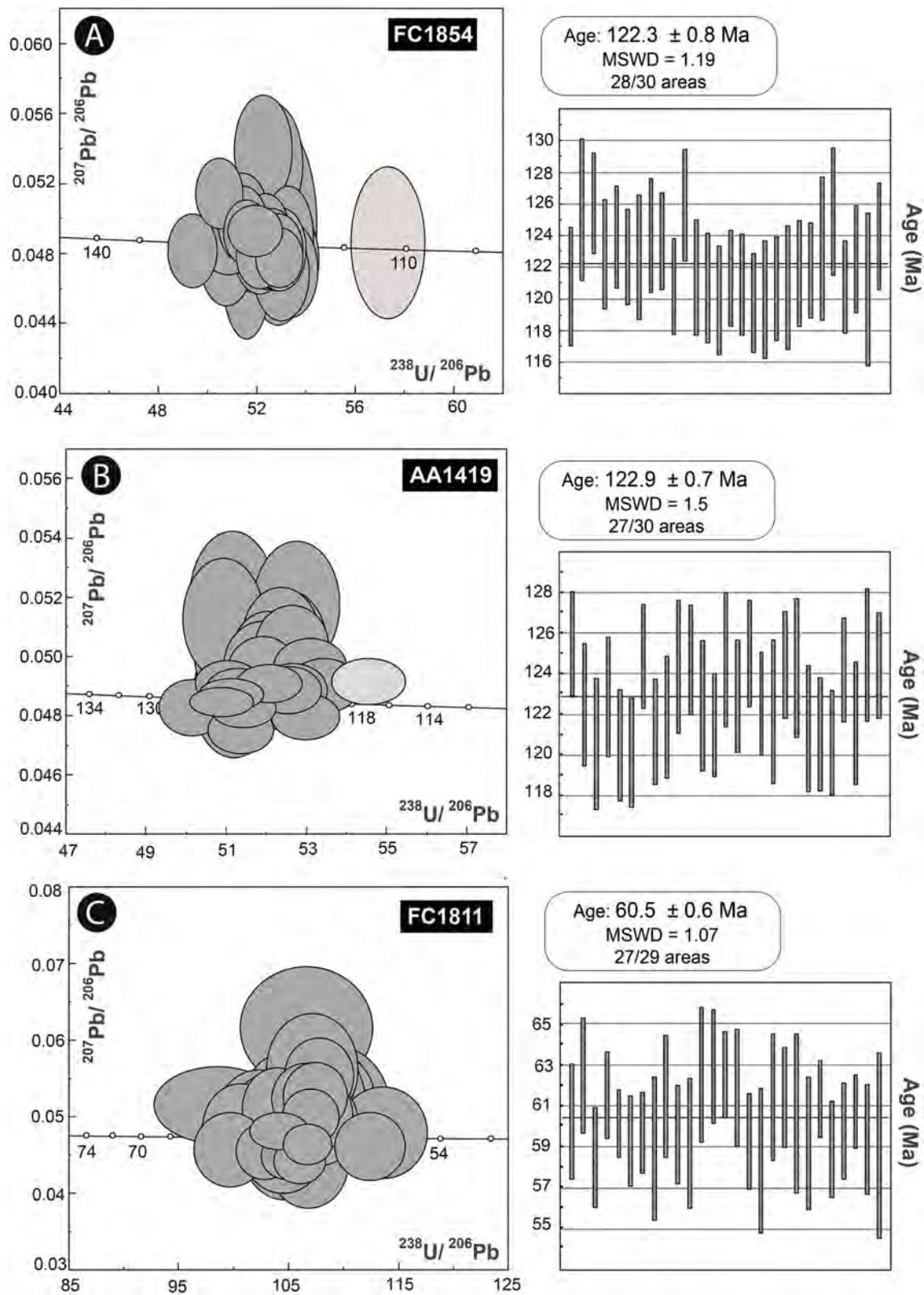


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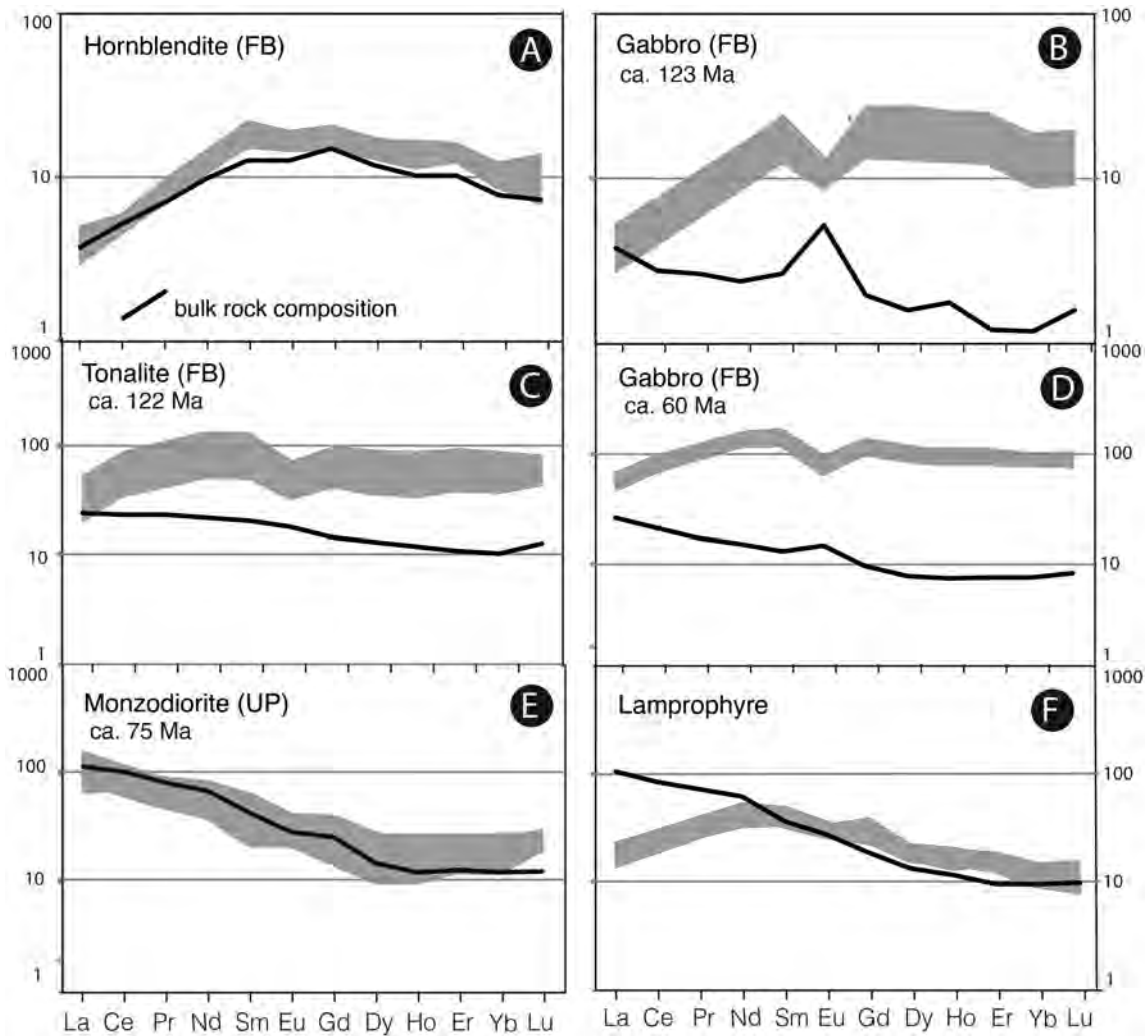
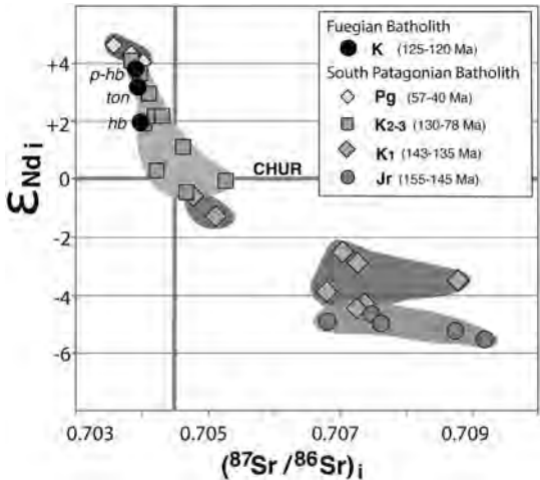


Figure 4



Calcic amphiboles

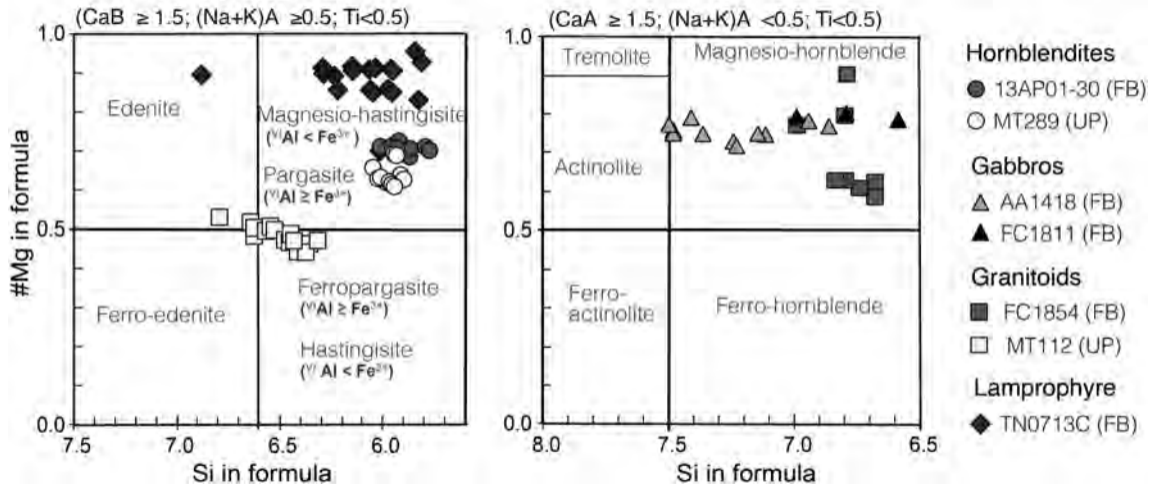


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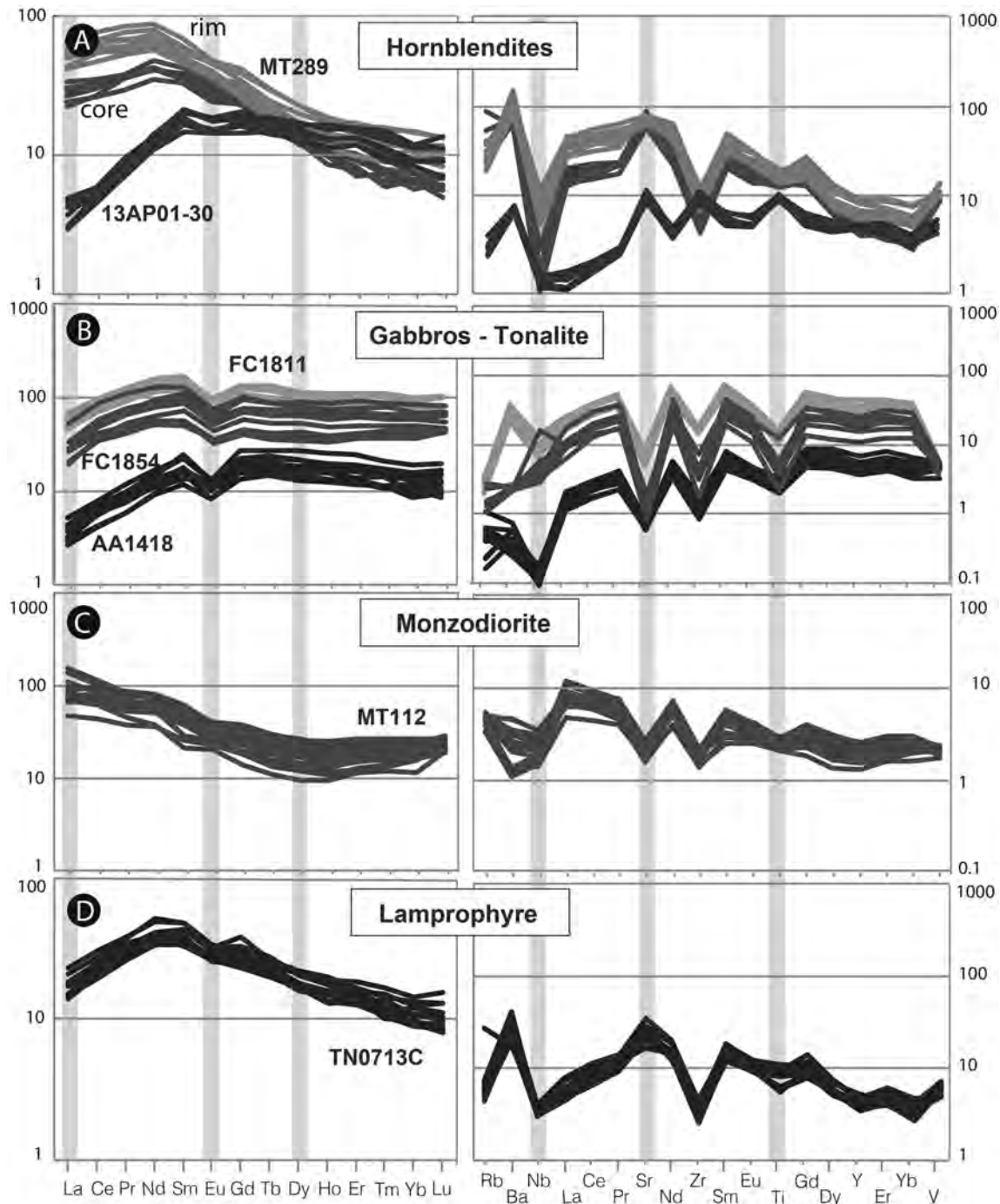


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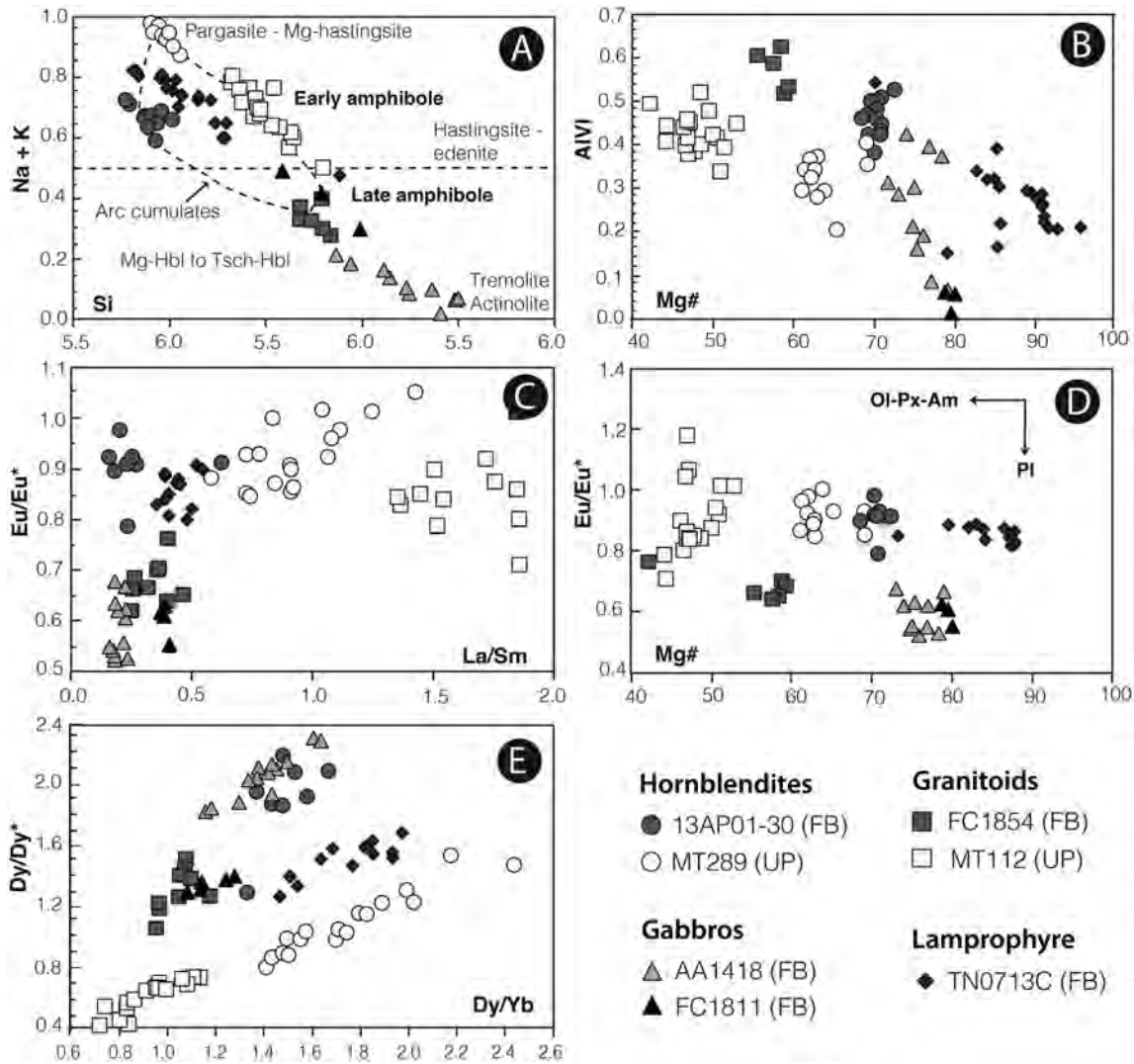


Figure 8

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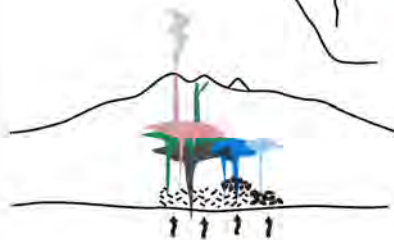
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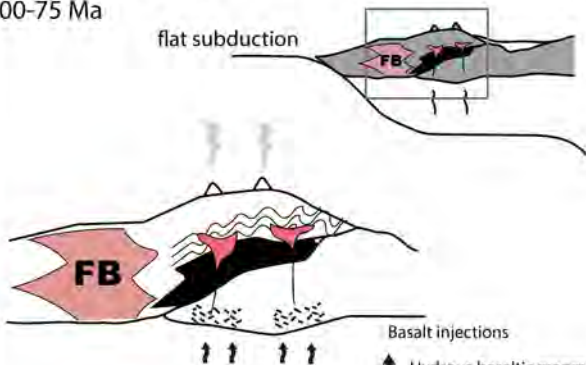
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flat subduction



Basalt injections

Hydrous basaltic magmas
(eg. lamprophyre)
High Na-K-LREE-LILE
H₂O > 3 wt%

Figure 9