

# O-H-Sr-Nd isotope constraints on the origin of the Famatinian magmatic arc, NW Argentina

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## ABSTRACT

We report a study of whole-rock O-H-Sr-Nd isotopes of Ordovician igneous and metamorphic rocks exposed at different crustal paleo-depths along ca. 750 km in the Sierras Pampeanas, NW Argentina. The isotope compositions preserved in the intermediate rocks (mostly tonalite) (av.  $\delta^{18}\text{O} = +8.7 \pm 0.5$  ‰,  $\delta\text{D} = -73 \pm 14$  ‰,  $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}_t = 0.7088 \pm 0.0001$  and  $\epsilon\text{Nd}_t = -4.5 \pm 0.6$ ) show no major difference from those of most of the mafic rocks (av.  $\delta^{18}\text{O} = +8 \pm 0.8$  ‰,  $\delta\text{D} = -84 \pm 18$  ‰,  $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}_t = 0.7082 \pm 0.0016$  and  $\epsilon\text{Nd}_t = -4 \pm 1.1$ ), suggesting that the most of their magmas acquired their "crustal" characteristics in the mantle. The estimate of assimilation of crustal material ( $\delta^{18}\text{O} = +12.2 \pm 1.7$ ‰,  $\delta\text{D} = -89 \pm 21$  ‰,  $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}_t = 0.7146 \pm 0.0034$  and  $\epsilon\text{Nd}_t = -6.9 \pm 0.7$ ) by the tonalite is in most samples within the range 10-15%. Felsic magmas that reached upper crustal levels had isotope values ( $\delta^{18}\text{O} = 9.9 \pm 1.5$  ‰,  $\delta\text{D} = -76 \pm 5$  ‰,  $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}_t = 0.7067 \pm 0.0010$ ,  $\epsilon\text{Nd}_t = -3.5 \pm 1.4$ ) that suggest that they were not derived by fractionation of the contaminated intermediate magmas, but evolved from different magma batches. Some rocks of the arc, both igneous (mostly gabbro and tonalite) and metamorphic, underwent restricted interaction with meteoric fluids. Reported values of  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  of magmatic zircons from the Famatinian arc rocks (+6 to +9 ‰) are comparable to our  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  whole-rock data, indicating that pervasive oxygen isotope exchange in the lower crust was not a major process after zircon crystallization.

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## 1. Introduction

The generation of **intermediate** rocks has been of great interest in modern geology because they are an essential component in the formation of the continental crust in Cordilleran-type arcs. Unlike felsic rocks that can be related to anatexis of supracrustal rocks or to fractional crystallization of mafic magma (e.g. Jagoutz and Klein 2018 and references therein), the formation of intermediate (**mostly tonalitic**) rocks in Cordilleran-type magmatic arcs is still under discussion. A large number of hypotheses have been proposed for their origin, including: (i) fractional crystallization of primary melts (e.g. Arth et al. 1978; Gill 1981; Rogers & Hawkesworth 1989; Müntener et al. 2001; Grove et al. 2003); (ii) partial melting of a variety of different sources, including mantle material (e.g. Moorbath 1975; Evans & Hanson 1996), amphibolite and eclogite (e.g. Rapp et al. 1991); (iii) mixing of basaltic magmas with crustal melts in a deep crustal hot zone (e.g. De Paolo 1981; Annen et al. 2006) and (iv) processes within the mantle by partial melting and/or reaction with subducted materials (Castro 2014).

The recognition of different "types" of tonalitic rocks implies more than one origin for the generation of tonalite magma. There is a consensus that the asthenospheric mantle is the source region for the most isotopically juvenile magmatism in Cordilleran magmatism (Grove et al. 2012), but less agreement exists about the origin of the isotopically evolved end-members. Most of the proposed petrogenetic processes require the involvement of the deep continental lithosphere, including subcontinental mantle and the lower crust. This can be as a source region for processes such as partial melting of mafic-ultramafic rocks and subsequent differentiation (e.g., Jagoutz and Klein, 2018 and reference therein) or as a region where primary magmas induce local melting of crustal material followed by assimilation and extensive mixing, i.e., the MASH zone (Hildreth & Moorbath 1988).

Favourable conditions for magma storage in the deeper parts of the crust, as for example in a MASH zone (hypothesis iii), could result in homogenization of discrete magma batches, obscuring any variability inherited after extraction from mantle (e.g. Hildreth and Moorbath 1988). Furthermore, hybridization in the lower crust would not only mask the primary isotopic heterogeneity but would also contribute to crustal isotopic signature (e.g. Lackey et al. 2008). However, if petrogenetic processes occur at still deeper levels where differentiation dominates over hybridization in the crust (hypotheses i and ii), the “crustal signature” of the magmas might be derived from the subducted slab and/or through metasomatism of the lithospheric mantle (e.g. Jagoutz and Klein 2018 and references therein). In such a situation, the magmas might then experience a short residence time in the lower crust or pass directly through it to shallower levels without crustal-scale homogenization of their isotopic systems.

A magmatic arc where two contrasting hypotheses on the formation of large volumes of tonalitic rocks have been proposed is the Famatinian Cordilleran-type arc in the Sierras Pampeanas, NW Argentina (24°–28° S). The generation of tonalites was related to either partial melting of a Proterozoic lithospheric crust-mantle section (e.g. Pankhurst et al. 2000; Dahlquist et al. 2008, 2013; Grosse et al. 2011; Rapela et al. 2018) or interaction between mafic magmas and supracrustal sedimentary rocks in the crust (Otamendi et al. 2012; Ducea et al. 2015). The aim of this paper is to review the magma source problem in this arc focusing mainly on O- and H-isotope studies combined with radiogenic isotope data (Sr and Nd) in the same rock set, which can provide valuable insights into this issue. Additionally, the O isotope composition of zircons of the Famatinian arc from the same study area reported by Rapela et al. (2018), which give information about the deeper source region, is compared with our O analyses of whole rocks that record the last stages of the magmatic system. We focus on tonalite–granodiorite genesis but also

consider the more mafic types, and explore the possibility of a genetic link between **intermediate** rocks and those of felsic composition (mostly monzogranite). Source region(s), melting depth(s), and the architecture of the Famatinian continental arc are also discussed, integrating field relationships, petrology, whole-rock geochemistry and whole-rock O, H, Sr and Nd isotope data.

## **2. The Famatinian Orogeny**

The Famatinian orogeny was a subduction-related accretionary orogeny that occurred in the Ordovician along the proto-Andean margin of Gondwana from Patagonia to Venezuela (Cawood et al. 2009). In the Sierras Pampeanas, it started with extension and marine sedimentation of the margin, followed by tectonic inversion and the setting up of a Cordilleran-type magmatic (I-type) arc that was coeval with shortening over a very short period of time of ca. 5 my, (e.g., Dahlquist et al. 2008; Cristofolini et al., 2012; Ducea et al., 2017; Rapela et al. 2018; Weinberg et al. 2018). Arc magmatism was largely coeval with the development of crustal thickening and high-temperature–low-pressure metamorphism resulting from advective heat at ca. 800°C and 7 kbar (Dahlquist et al. 2005; Murra and Baldo 2006; Gallien et al. 2010, 2012; Tibaldi et al. 2013; Larrovere et al., 2019).

Ordovician magmatism was long ago recognized in the Sierras Pampeanas of NW Argentina (e.g. Toselli 1992, Rapela et al. 1992, Bahlburg and Hervé 1997). Pankhurst et al. (2000) distinguished three distinct plutonic associations between latitudes 27°30' and 31°30'S: 1) voluminous metaluminous intrusions of gabbro to monzogranite with largely dominant tonalite and granodiorite. This association is exposed at different crustal paleo-depths over a length of ca. 750 km in the Sierras Pampeanas (Fig. 1); 2) more restricted but still voluminous peraluminous granites, and 3) minor tonalite–trondhjemite–granodiorite (TTG) type rocks in the Eastern

Sierras Pampeanas. More recently Rapela et al. (2018) divided the Famatinian orogenic belt into four domains (**Western, Central, Eastern and Foreland**) that show differences in the type of magmatism, metamorphism and geodynamic evolution: we focus here on the Central Domain, where a ca 470 Ma Cordilleran-type magmatic arc is exposed through an almost continuous crustal section up to the Ordovician paleosurface (Fig. 1).

### **3. The Cordilleran-type magmatic arc of the Famatinian Central Domain**

Ordovician magmatism took place between ca. 490 and 460 Ma (Rapela et al. 2018). However, the Cordilleran-type magmatic arc long recognized **in the Central Domain** was emplaced within ca. 10 Myr or less between ca. 468 and 478 Ma and is a case study of a magmatic flare-up (Ducea et al., 2017; Rapela et al. 2018). A possible model for magma formation involves foundering of the subcontinental pyroxenite mantle and upwelling mantle wedge peridotite (Alasino et al. 2016). Because of almost vertical pre-Triassic tilting of crustal blocks, a continuous crustal section of the arc from a depth of ca. 7 kbar to the paleosurface is exposed that can be divided into distinct depth levels (Fig. 1).

The deeper crustal level is exposed in the Sierra de Valle Fértil (area 1 in Fig. 1) corresponding to paleo-depths of between 15 and 25 km (Otamendi et al. 2012) and is assumed to be the uppermost lower crust (Otamendi et al. 2009; Tibaldi et al. 2013; and this work). Tonalite and diorite bodies dominate from ca. 20 to 25 km with gabbro and gabbro cumulates increasing downward. Host rocks attained medium-pressure upper amphibolite to granulite facies conditions (up to 7 kbar; Otamendi et al. 2012) and mainly consist of metapelites with minor marble and calc-silicate rocks of Cambrian age (Collo et al. 2009; Cristofolini et al. 2012; Rapela

et al. 2016). Migmatites are found as septa between igneous sheets and as partially assimilated blocks in tonalite (Otamendi et al. 2012).

At mid-crustal levels (about 15 km depth) there is evidence of large-scale interaction between partially molten country rocks and tonalitic magmas. Good exposures of this are found in the westernmost Sierra de Famatina, northeastern Cerro Aspercito and Cerro Toro near Villa Unión, and in the southwestern Sierra de Velasco (areas 2 and 3 in Fig. 1, e.g. Saavedra et al. 1992; Alasino et al. 2014; Bellos et al. 2015). At these localities, there are steeply dipping N–S-trending sheets of tonalite and less abundant granodiorite with scarce gabbro and mafic-ultramafic cumulates. Host rocks are high-grade metasedimentary rocks (ca. 4-5 kbar; Rossi & Toselli 2005; Alasino et al. 2014). Water-fluxed melting was invoked by Alasino et al. (2014) to explain the high degree of melting in the host rocks in the regional thermal aureoles. Hybrid granitoids were formed by variable mixing of anatectic leucogranite with tonalite at magma chamber margins (Alasino et al. 2014).

A still shallower section, between 10 and 8 km depth – upper crust, is preserved in the Sierra de Los Llanos and the central part of the Sierra de Famatina (areas 4 and 5 in Fig. 1). Here there are large elongated subvertical bodies consisting of granodiorite to biotite monzogranite and local gabbro, tonalite and leucogranite. Host rocks are medium- to low-grade metasedimentary rocks of the same age as the deeper ones (Pankhurst et al. 2000; Rapela et al. 2016). Local autochthonous to parautochthonous bodies of peraluminous two-mica cordierite monzogranites are formed by partial melting of metasedimentary rocks (Pankhurst et al. 2000) (Fig. 1).

The uppermost magmatic arc, corresponding to the subvolcanic environment and the paleosurface is preserved in the central and eastern part of Sierra de Famatina and in its northward continuation into the Sierra de Narvez –Las Planchadas (areas 5 and 6, Fig. 1). This

consists mainly of submarine volcanoclastic and rhyolites, scarce basalts and a few granitoid plutons (for a review see Rapela et al. 2018 and references therein).

Crystallization ages (U-Pb zircon) of Famatinian igneous rocks range from ca 468 to ca 482 Ma (90% of the samples) (Table 1 and Rapela et al., 2018 and references therein) distributed in two peaks (*c.* 470 and *c.* 480 Ma). In fact, the Cordilleran-type magmatic arc (best dated in the Sierra de Valle Fértil) was emplaced in a short interval of ca. 5 Ma between 467 and 472 Ma (U-Pb TIMS; Ducea et al. 2017). The older magmatism corresponding to the 480 Ma age peak is masked by the ca. 470 Ma one and is as yet poorly defined (e.g. Pankhurst et al. 2000; Dahlquist et al. 2013). Additionally, on the basis of field relations together with geochemical and isotopic data, Alasino et al. (2016) recognised two temporal suites for the mafic rocks: an older intrusive suite (> 480 Ma) and a younger suite, typically displaying subduction-related geochemical signatures, coeval with the magmatic flare-up at ca. 470 Ma.

Based on field evidence, chemistry and geochronology, five major igneous units form the *c.* 470 Ma Cordilleran-type magmatic arc: (i) an older gabbro suite (mostly coronitic metagabbros and gabbros); (ii) a subsequent suite of gabbros and diorites; (iii) voluminous tonalites to monzogranites coeval with the latter suite (or volcanic equivalents); (iv) granitoids with a crustal melt component including (iv.1) anatectic leucogranitoids (small bodies and veins) and (iv.2) two-mica ( $\pm$ cordierite) granitic bodies; and (v) hybrid rocks resulting from local mixing of tonalite with crustal melts. An unexposed basement of Mesoproterozoic age (Casquet et al. 2012) probably underlies the magmatic arc (Rapela et al. 2018). The root of the magmatic arc attained minimum 12 kbar, depths of ca. 40–45 km (Casquet et al. 2012), but no xenoliths of mantle or lower-crust have been recorded so far.

#### 4. Sampling, description and analytical methods

Rocks analysed for whole-rock O isotope composition were: one metagabbro, two gabbro-norite and eight gabbros of the older suite (i); four Bt±Hbl tonalite-granodiorite samples, two Bt-rich granodiorite-monzogranite samples, two rhyolites and one leucogranite (suite iii); one hybrid rock with migmatitic texture collected near the migmatitic host rock (sample FAM332) (suite v) and two migmatites, one gneiss and three two-mica (±cordierite) monzogranites of suite (iv) (Tables 1 and 2). The samples were collected from bottom to top of the exposed crustal section of the Central Domain (see above and Table 1). Some of these samples were also analyzed for H (see Table 2). Additionally, the dataset includes O analyses of one metagabbro and one gabbro of the older suite (i) with evidence of weak alteration (sample ASP221); two diorites of the younger suite (ii); one Bt±Hbl tonalite of suite (iii); one hybrid of granitic appearance (sample FAM7086) (suite v) and one migmatite and one gneiss previously reported by Alasino et al. (2016) (Tables 1 and 2). We have included for comparison two samples from the Sierra de Ancasti in the Eastern Famatinian Domain (Rapela et al., 2018 and references therein): one Pl-rich tonalite (ANC11030a) and one monzogranite (ANC11022) (Tables 1 and 2). They were almost coeval with the Cordilleran-arc of the Central Domain but emplaced away from the trench (at least 300 km) (Dahlquist et al., 2012).

Oxygen and hydrogen isotope analyses of 15 petrographically fresh rocks were analysed at the Scottish Universities Environmental Research Centre. O analyses were performed by a laser fluorination procedure, involving total sample reaction with excess ClF<sub>3</sub> using a CO<sub>2</sub> laser at temperatures in excess of 1500 °C (Sharp 1990). Samples were evacuated overnight, and pre-fluorinated for 90 seconds prior to fluorination. All fluorinations resulted in 100% release of O<sub>2</sub> from the silicate lattice. This O<sub>2</sub> was converted to CO<sub>2</sub> by reaction with hot graphite, and

analysed by a VG SIRA II spectrometer. Results are reported in standard notation ( $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ ) as per mil (‰) deviations from Vienna Standard Mean Ocean Water (V-SMOW). 2 standards were run with each whole rock analyses, giving an overall error of reproducibility typically less than  $\pm 0.3\%$  during analyses, with international standard UWG-2 giving an average value of  $5.7 \pm 0.1\%$  during these analyses. Hydrogen analysis was done by in vacuo bulk heating of around 100mg of whole rock analysed using the method of Donnelly et al. (2001) and a VG- Micromass Optima mass spectrometer. Samples were heated to  $>1000^\circ\text{C}$  by induction furnace to release included fluids. Results are reported in standard notation ( $\delta\text{D}$ ). Additionally, O isotope analyses of 15 petrographically fresh rocks and one gabbro with evidence of weak alteration (sample VCA7037) were carried out at the Servicio General de Análisis de Isótopos Estables (University of Salamanca, Spain) on whole-rock powders by laser fluorination (Clayton & Mayeda 1963), employing a Synrad 25 W  $\text{CO}_2$  laser (Sharp 1990) and  $\text{ClF}_3$  as reagent (e.g. Borthwick & Harmon 1982). Isotope ratios were measured on a VG-Isotech SIRA-II dual-inlet mass spectrometer. Both internal and international reference standards (NBS-28, NBS-30) were run to check accuracy and precision. Results are reported in  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  notation relative to V-SMOW (Vienna Standard Mean Ocean Water), using a  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  value of  $9.6\%$  for NBS-28 (quartz) for the mass spectrometer calibration (Table 2). Long-term reproducibility for repeated determination of reference samples was better than  $\pm 0.2\%$  ( $1\sigma$ ). Finally, D/H ratios of five samples from the last data set were measured on whole-rock powders using the technique of Godfrey (1962). Results are reported in standard notation ( $\delta\text{D}$ ) (Table 2).

New Sr and/or Nd isotope analyses for six samples (CTO30003, SFV40039, FAM40025, FAM303, ANC11030a and ANC11022) were carried out at the Geochronology and Isotope Geochemistry Center, Complutense University (Madrid, Spain) using an automated

multicollector VG® SECTOR 54 mass spectrometer (Table 3). Errors are quoted throughout as two standard deviations from measured or calculated values. Analytical uncertainties are estimated to be 0.006% for  $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$  and 0.1%  $^{147}\text{Sm}/^{144}\text{Nd}$ , the latter parameter determined by isotope dilution. Fifty-six analyses of La Jolla Nd-standard over one year gave a mean  $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$  ratio of  $0.511846 \pm 0.00003$ . These samples were analysed for whole-rock major oxides and trace elements using inductively coupled plasma–mass spectrometry (ICP-MS) at Activation Laboratories, Ancaster, Ontario, Canada, under the “4LithoResearch” package, following the procedure described at <http://www.actlabs.com> (supplementary data). Additionally, we have taken into consideration the Sr and Nd isotope analyses reported by Dahlquist et al. (2012), Rapela et al. (2018) and Alasino (2014, 2016) for the remaining samples in table 2 (all recalculated to 470 Ma) (Table 3).

A database of ca. 100 already reported geochemical analyses from the studied zone are included in figures 3b, 4a and 4b for the petrogenetic discussion (see supplementary data).

## 5. Isotope analysis

### 5.a. O and H data

Four main groups of rocks **from the Central Domain** are considered here on the basis of the O isotope composition (Table 2):

G1 consists of one gabbro from the deepest exposed crustal level and one granulite facies coronitic troctolitic gabbro from the intermediate level. They are the most juvenile rocks in terms of the O-isotope composition, with low  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  values of around + 5.3 ‰ (Table 2), i.e., mantle-like values (ca. +5.5‰; e.g. Hoefs 2009).

G2 comprises a variety of rocks with  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  values ranges from +6.2 to +9.5 ‰. This group includes: one coronitic gabbro, and 13 gabbro-diorite samples from the deepest and intermediate depths with  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  values between +6.6 and +9.4 ‰; five Bt±Hbl tonalite-granodiorite samples from the three deeper levels with  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  values from +7.8 to +9.3 ‰; two Bt-rich granodiorite-monzogranite samples, one leucogranite and three rhyolites (one with a superimposed low-grade metamorphism) are from the uppermost crustal section with  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  values from +6.2 to +9.5 ‰ (Table 2).

The G3 group consists of two hybrid **granitoids formed by variable mixing of the tonalitic magma with partially molten metasedimentary rocks in the regional thermal aureole**, with  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  values of +8.7 ‰ for FAM7086 and +9.9 ‰ for FAM332 (Table 2).

The G4 group consists of five metasedimentary rocks (migmatite and gneiss) from the deepest and intermediate depth and three peraluminous granites from intermediate to shallow depth that show the highest  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  values between +10.2 and +14.7 ‰ (Table 2).

Hydrogen isotope analysis of arc samples yielded: a value of -113 ‰ from one G1 gabbro;  $\delta\text{D}$  values between -58 and -101 ‰ from the G2 including two gabbros, two diorites, one tonalite, two granodiorites, one leucogranite and two rhyolites; one value of  $\delta\text{D} = -93$  from a hybrid of the G3; and values between -69 and -124 ‰ from five metasedimentary rocks and three Crd-granites of the G4 (Table 2).

**Rocks of the Eastern Famatinian Domain similar to the G2 group yielded  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  values of +9.2 ‰ for the tonalite (ANC11030a) and +8.7 ‰ for the monzogranite (ANC11022). The corresponding  $\delta\text{D}$  values are -99 ‰ and -72 ‰, respectively (Table 2).**

## **5.b. Sr and Nd data**

In terms of the Sr and Nd isotope composition (calculated at 470 Ma; Table 3) the G1 gabbros yield  $\epsilon\text{Nd}_t$  values close to  $-2$  and relatively radiogenic  $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}_t$  ratios of about 0.7085. The largest G2 group yielded values of  $\epsilon\text{Nd}_t$  between  $-0.9$  and  $-5.8$  and  $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}_t$  values between 0.7053 and 0.7113 with most of the samples falling within the ranges  $-3$  to  $-5$  and 0.7070 to 0.7090, respectively. The G3 hybrid granitoids show values of  $\epsilon\text{Nd}_t$  (ca.  $-6.1$ ) intermediate between those of G2 and G4, with  $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}_t$  values of 0.7084 for FAM7086 and 0.7125 for FAM332. The G4 group yields  $\epsilon\text{Nd}_t$  values between  $-5.4$  and  $-8.2$  and  $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}_t \geq 0.7102$ .

Tonalite and monzogranite of the Eastern Famatinian Domain yielded  $\epsilon\text{Nd}_t$  values of  $-4.3$  and  $-3.1$  and  $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}_t$  values of 0.7086 and 0.7056, respectively (Table 3).

## 6. Discussion

### 6.a. O-Sr-Nd isotopic composition of the Famatinian arc magmas

Oxygen isotope analyses were conducted on fresh rocks that do not exhibit significant post-magmatic alteration, except for two gabbro samples from Cerro Aspercito (ASP221 and VCA7037). There is no apparent correlation between the  $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}_t$  and  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  values in the G2 group (Fig. 2a). The G1 gabbros have the lowest  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  values but Sr isotope values similar to the G2 gabbros and tonalites-granodiorites, which strengthens this apparent lack of correlation between the two isotope systems. Migmatites form a group apart with  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  values typical of metasedimentary rocks (e.g. Hoefs 2009). A G2 gabbro that plots between the G2 rocks and the G4 host migmatites but does not show significant bulk contamination with crustal material in its composition suggests some fluid-rock interaction (see section 6.d). The G3 hybrid granitoids show much scatter: FAM7086 overlaps the field defined by G2 samples whereas FAM332 plots between the G2 rocks and the G4 host migmatites. A binary mixing model based on the  $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}_t$

ratios is consistent with variable crustal contribution (Table 4): the calculated percentages of assimilated metasedimentary rocks (and/or derived melts) are 6% and 39% for tonalites FAM7086 and FAM332, respectively. Mixing rates based on O-isotope data show similar values of 5 % and 40 %, respectively (Table 4).

Average  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  values of G2 and G4 igneous zircon of Famatinian age (c. 470 Ma; Rapela et al. 2018) and the corresponding whole-rock values correlate well with  $\Delta\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{WR-Zr}} \leq 2.4\text{‰}$  (Fig. 2b). This suggests that the whole-rock oxygen isotope composition is that of the magma and that a significant interaction with low  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  meteoric waters after crystallization did not play a role (*see section 6.d*). Some felsic rocks are exceptions, such as rhyolite CHA3008 which shows the largest  $\Delta\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{WR-Zr}}$  ( $\sim 4\text{‰}$ ). The low  $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}_t$  ratio (0.7059), high  $\epsilon\text{Nd}_t$  (-0.9), and low  $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{Zr}}$  (+4.9) of this rock points to some disequilibrium between zircon and the whole rock that did not affect the other isotope systematics. This implies that the rhyolite composition was not affected by bulk assimilation of supracrustal rocks but reflects either original magmatic differences or the effect of metamorphic fluids (*see section 6.d*).

Except for a potential negative correlation of the whole-rock O-isotope composition with the  $^{147}\text{Nd}/^{143}\text{Nd}_t$  ratio for G1 and G2 mafic rocks discussed in section 6.b, the remaining rocks of the G2 group (tonalites and other granitoids and volcanics) show that the isotope systematics (O, Sr and Nd) are largely uncoupled as was noted by Rapela et al. (2018) using O in zircon (Figs. 2a and 2c). Zircons analysed by Rapela et al. (2018) exhibit O isotope values within the same range as both the gabbros ( $\delta^{18}\text{O} = +6.5$  to  $+8.1\text{‰}$ ) and the tonalite-granodiorites ( $\delta^{18}\text{O} = +6.7$  to  $+9.5\text{‰}$ ). Moreover the range of zircon O-isotope values overlaps with the whole-rock O isotope values for the same rock types of the G2 group ( $\delta^{18}\text{O} = +6.6$  to  $+9.4\text{‰}$ ) (Table 2). This finding strengthens the idea that the oxygen isotopic composition did not change significantly after

zircon crystallization ( $T \sim 850 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ ) and that isotopic homogenization was not a major process operating on a regional scale.

### **6.b. Origin of the enriched sub-arc mantle in the Famatinian arc**

Unlike mid-ocean ridge basalts (MORBs) that derive from a fairly uniform melt-depleted upper mantle ( $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}_t \sim 0.703$ ,  $\epsilon\text{Nd}_t \sim +8$  and  $\delta^{18}\text{O} \sim +5.7 \text{ }‰$ ; Saunders et al. 1998; Harmon & Hoefs 1995), the Famatinian G1 and G2 gabbros-diorites are isotopically evolved in terms of Sr and Nd. They show average values of  $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}_t = 0.7085$ ,  $\epsilon\text{Nd}_t = -2$  and  $\delta^{18}\text{O} = +5.3 \text{ }‰$  (G1;  $n = 2$ ), and  $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}_t = 0.7081$ ,  $\epsilon\text{Nd}_t = -3.7$  and  $\delta^{18}\text{O} = +7.6 \text{ }‰$  (G2;  $n = 11$ , excluding samples ASP221, VCA7037 and SVF571 that probably underwent some modification in the crust –see below). The high initial  $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$  ratios and low  $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$  ratio of the two G1 meta-gabbro, with typical  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  mantle values suggest that these rocks acquired their isotope "crustal" characteristics at the source in the mantle. In the  $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}_t$  versus  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  plot, the isotope compositions of the G1 mafic rocks could result from assimilation of less than 5 % of a subduction-derived crustal component (Fig. 2a) (e.g., James 1981; Davidson et al. 2005). For the G2 mafic rocks, however, the primary magma would require approximately 40% of crustal material with a  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  value of +12.6 ‰ to reproduce the O-isotope data, which is inconsistent with the major element compositions (Fig. 2a). In this case, the contamination of mafic magmas by the host metasedimentary rocks played a minor role (e.g., Pankhurst et al. 2000; Walker Jr. et al. 2015; Alasino et al. 2016).

In continental arcs the isotope signature of enriched-mantle derived magmas is difficult to distinguish from that resulting from crustal assimilation of depleted mantle magmas. The latter interpretation commonly prevails in relation to continental arc magmatism (e.g. Bindeman 2008

and reference therein). However, the distinction remains controversial inasmuch as the root of the arcs is inaccessible and deep-seated igneous rocks with xenoliths are missing. This has been the case of the Famatinian arc, where assimilation of continental crust has been invoked (e.g. Otamendi et al. 2012; Walker et al. 2015). Walker et al. (2015) observed isotope decoupling as a product of prolonged but punctuated MASH processes in the lower crust of the arc. This view has recently been challenged by petrogenetic models involving enriched sub-arc mantle (Alasino et al. 2016; Rapela et al. 2018). Evidence for high  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  sources in the sub-arc mantle has been provided in some cases elsewhere. Eiler et al. (1998) reported  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  values of up to +12‰ in xenoliths from Papua-New Guinea, which they attributed to metasomatism of the sub-arc mantle by  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ -enriched fluids. Dorendorf et al. (2000) reported heavy O-isotope compositions in olivine and pyroxene from the Klyuchevskoy volcano, Kamchatka (Russia) implying magma with mean  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  values between +6.2 and +7.5‰: again slab-released hydrous melts with high  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  values were invoked. Liu et al. (2014) studied olivine from mantle xenoliths in basalts from South Tibet and concluded that magmas were derived from a sub-arc metasomatized mantle source with  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  values of  $+8.03 \pm 0.28$  ‰. Slab-derived fluid/melts with high  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  values are to be expected in subduction zones because weathered and hydrothermally altered upper oceanic crust has  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  values between +7 and +15‰ (review in Bindeman 2005).

Based on chemical and isotopic compositions of the mafic rocks exposed in both the forearc region (in the westernmost Sierras Pampeanas, see Ramacciotti et al. 2019) and the arc region studied here, garnet-pyroxenite (*sensu lato*) and peridotite were proposed as the sources of the mafic magmas in the arc (Alasino et al. 2016). These authors suggested that mixing between a subordinate primitive magma and an ‘enriched’ lithospheric mantle could explain both the range of  $\epsilon\text{Nd}_t$  values (from +4.8 to -6.0) and the  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  composition (from +5.3 to +9 ‰) in the mafic

samples (see compilation data in Alasino et al. 2016). The good negative correlation between  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  and  $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}_t$  ( $r = 0.7$ ; Fig. 3a) for our arc mafic rocks suggests that both were inherited from the source and could be acquired in a mixing process between the enriched lithospheric mantle and the depleted mantle. This interpretation is strengthened in a  $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$  vs. La/Sm plot (Fig. 3b), which shows the composition of melts from heterogeneous mantle sources (Stracke 2012). The mafic samples of the orogen scatter between an isotopically enriched source (subcontinental lithospheric mantle?) with an estimated value of  $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd} \sim 0.5122$  and depleted peridotite, i.e., the source of MORB-type magmas (Fig. 3b). This suggests that mafic melts can be extracted from a large range of depths with little melt mixing between these two protoliths, due to either the absence of a thick lithosphere or high excess mantle temperatures (e.g. Stracke 2012), producing the heterogeneity and the enrichment in their isotopic compositions.

In summary, we suggest that the sub-arc mantle was dominantly enriched and isotopically heterogeneous. Magmas produced by the melting of such metasomatized mantle (e.g., eclogite) may explain the characteristic geochemical signature of arc magmas formed in subduction zones (Rumble et al. 2003; Gonzaga et al. 2010; Chapman et al. 2017).

### 6.c. Origin of silicic magmas

There is no significant major difference in isotope composition between G2 mafic rocks thought to have been derived mostly from an enriched lithospheric mantle (av.  $\delta^{18}\text{O} = +8 \pm 0.8$  ‰,  $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}_t = 0.7082 \pm 0.0016$  and  $\epsilon\text{Nd}_t = -4 \pm 1.1$ ;  $n=14$ ) and tonalite-granodiorite rocks (av.  $\delta^{18}\text{O} = +8.7 \pm 0.5$  ‰,  $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}_t = 0.7088 \pm 0.0001$  and  $\epsilon\text{Nd}_t = -4.5 \pm 0.6$ ;  $n=5$ ). This observation also applies to the Eastern Famatian Domain, implying not only similar magmatic evolution in

both regions at approximately 470 Ma but also a ubiquitous occurrence of the source in the orogen (Fig. 2c). Therefore, an old lithospheric (evolved) mantle source is invoked rather than depleted mantle with assimilation of crustal material. The latter would require that each batch of mafic magma had assimilated just the right amount of extremely heterogeneous crustal material to generate the same range of isotope compositions over a wide area (see also Rapela et al. 2018).

However there is field and geochemical evidence that G2 intermediate magmas were modified to some extent by contamination with supracrustal rocks (e.g. Otamendi et al. 2012; Alasino et al. 2014; Walker Jr. et al. 2015). Contamination with host rocks is recognized in the  $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}_t$  vs.  $\text{K}_2\text{O}$  plot as a significant increase of the  $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}_t$  (up to ca. 0.720) along with increasing  $\text{K}_2\text{O}$  content (Fig. 4a). This trend is shown by some tonalites (5 out of 32 samples) found in the Sierra de Valle Fértil and the western Sierra de Famatina. The hybrid FAM7086, with an assimilation of approximately 6% of wall rock, remains quite uniformly within the G2 tonalite group, whereas the FAM332 with an assimilation rate near 40% follows the trend of contaminated rocks. The remarkable increase in the  $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}_t$  ratio of some tonalites from the Sierra de Valle Fértil (up to ca. 0.715), departing from the main differentiation trend in a plot against Sr concentration (Fig. 4b), strengthens this interpretation.

If an initial Sr-isotope value of 0.7073 (the mean for the three most primitive G2 tonalites in the dataset) is taken as the starting magma composition, and the more radiogenic composition of the metasedimentary rock (0.7216) is regarded as the contaminant, the rest of the G2 tonalites would require to assimilate up to 40% (in most cases 10–15%) pre-existing crust to reproduce the  $\text{Sr}_t$  value (Fig. 4b and Table 4). Magma mixing ratios based on O-isotope data yield similar values (Table 4). If the lightest  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  value of +7.8 ‰ from the G2 tonalites is taken as typical of

the starting magma and the mean of the five G4 rocks as representing the crustal contaminant ( $\delta^{18}\text{O} = +12.6 \text{ ‰}$ ), 25% contamination would be required to raise the  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  of the magma by 1‰.

Crustal assimilation is only recorded in tonalite-granodiorite, not in granite-rhyolite samples. In fact, the latter show a decrease of the  $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}_t$  ratio down to ca. 0.7059, with a complementary decrease of Sr content, suggesting that some of the felsic magmas evolved independently of the tonalite-granodiorite magmas, with a trend towards more juvenile isotopic composition (Fig. 4b). Likewise, in the  $^{147}\text{Nd}/^{143}\text{Nd}_t$  versus  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  plot the felsic rocks record values close to the most primitive mafic rocks (Fig. 2c).

#### 6.d. Crustal fluids in the Famatinian arc

The  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  vs  $\delta\text{D}$  plot (Fig. 5) shows that both igneous and sedimentary rocks display a wide range of  $\delta\text{D}$  values from  $-58$  to  $-124 \text{ ‰}$ , with a restricted range of  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  values for the Central Domain. Part of the G4 rocks (two migmatites, one gneiss and two Crd-granites with values  $\delta^{18}\text{O} \geq +10.5 \text{ ‰}$  and  $\delta\text{D} \sim -73 \text{ ‰}$ ) plot mostly outside of the metamorphic water box and to the right of the magmatic water box (Fig. 5). Moreover, some G4 samples yield low  $\delta\text{D}$  values (down to  $-124 \text{ ‰}$ ) likewise resulting from the same interaction with meteoric fluids. A group of samples of the G2 (mostly gabbro-diorite and monzogranite-rhyolite) with values of  $\delta^{18}\text{O} = +6.2$  to  $+8.1 \text{ ‰}$  and  $\delta\text{D} = -68$  to  $-79 \text{ ‰}$  are within the igneous box (Fig. 5). The rest of the G2 rocks and the G1 gabbro plot below the igneous box, suggesting some exchange with meteoric fluids small enough to affect the isotope composition of H but not that of O, thus implying low fluid/rock ratios. Moreover, the effect of metamorphic fluids on the isotope composition seems to be minor as most samples plot outside the corresponding box and a clear trend is not visible. The G3 sample

(a hybrid rock with approximately 40% contamination) falls consistently into the field of the metamorphic rock but close to igneous rocks.

## 6. Conclusions

The stable (O and H) and radiogenic (Sr and Nd) isotope data for representative whole-rock rocks from the main Famatinian arc in the Sierras Pampeanas, consisting of voluminous metaluminous gabbro to monzogranite magmas with tonalite and granodiorite dominant, preserve evidence that the sub-arc mantle was the main source region. The sub-arc mantle was isotopically heterogeneous, including an “enriched” domain ( $\delta^{18}\text{O} \sim +8 \text{‰}$ ) as well as a subordinate depleted member ( $\delta^{18}\text{O} \sim +5 \text{‰}$ ).

The diversity of magmatic isotope compositions preserved in the tonalite-granodiorite arc rocks (av.  $\delta^{18}\text{O} = +8.7 \pm 0.5 \text{‰}$ ,  $\delta\text{D} = -73 \pm 14 \text{‰}$ ,  $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}_t = 0.7088 \pm 0.0001$  and  $\epsilon\text{Nd}_t = -4.5 \pm 0.6$ ) shows no major difference from the isotopic composition of most of the contemporaneous mafic rocks (av.  $\delta^{18}\text{O} = +8 \pm 0.8 \text{‰}$ ,  $\delta\text{D} = -84 \pm 18 \text{‰}$ ,  $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}_t = 0.7082 \pm 0.0016$  and  $\epsilon\text{Nd}_t = -4 \pm 1.1$ ), suggesting that arc magmas acquired their "crustal" characteristics in the mantle source. The isotopic fingerprint of the tonalite-granodiorite suite acquired in the subcontinental mantle was then partially modified in the crust with the most samples explicable by 10–15% assimilation of crustal material ( $\delta^{18}\text{O} = +12.2 \pm 1.7 \text{‰}$ ,  $\delta\text{D} = -89 \pm 21 \text{‰}$ ,  $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}_t = 0.7146 \pm 0.0034$  and  $\epsilon\text{Nd}_t = -6.9 \pm 0.7$ ). The felsic magmas that reached upper crustal levels ( $\delta^{18}\text{O} = 9.9 \pm 1.5 \text{‰}$ ,  $\delta\text{D} = -76 \pm 5 \text{‰}$ ,  $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}_t = 0.7067 \pm 0.0010$ ,  $\epsilon\text{Nd}_t = -3.5 \pm 1.4$ ) were not derived by crustal assimilation and fractionation of the intermediate contaminated magmas, but evolved from different magma batches independently of the origin of the tonalite-granodiorite. Some rocks of the orogen, both igneous (mostly gabbro and tonalite) and metamorphic underwent restricted

interaction with meteoric fluids that did not significantly modify the O isotope composition but lowered whole-rock  $\delta D$  values.

Reported values of  $\delta^{18}O$  of zircon from the Famatinian arc rocks (+6 to +9 ‰) do not show differences from our whole-rock  $\delta^{18}O$  data, indicating that pervasive oxygen isotope exchange after zircon crystallization was not a major process in the lower crust during the magmatic flare-up at ~470 Ma. The Famatinian arc was built from multiple magma batches that evolved independently at variable depths suggesting that diversification processes, such as mixing and homogenization, in the continental crust play a secondary role in forming final compositional diversity in the studied arc. A representative magmatic column of the Famatinian arc is shown in figure 6.

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### Captions

Figure 1. Generalized sketch map of the Sierras Pampeanas and southern Puna showing the main lithologies and distribution of the Pampean and Famatinian orogenic belts. The study areas for this work are mostly included within the main region of the Famatinian arc. The pressure value for each crustal section is estimated from the emplacement of magma or the regional metamorphism (see text). Domains of the Famatinian orogen taken from Rapela et al (2018): (FFD) Foreland Famatinian Domain; (EFD) Eastern Famatinian Domain; (CFD) Central Famatinian Domain and (WFD) Western Famatinian Domain.

Figure 2. (a)  $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}_t$  vs.  $\delta^{18}\text{O} \text{‰}$  (WR), (b)  $\delta^{18}\text{O} \text{‰}$  (Zrn) vs.  $\delta^{18}\text{O} \text{‰}$  (WR) and (c)  $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}_t$  vs.  $\delta^{18}\text{O} \text{‰}$  for igneous and metamorphic rocks of the main arc region of the Famatinian orogen.  $\delta^{18}\text{O} \text{‰}$  (WR): values for whole-rock sample and  $\delta^{18}\text{O} \text{‰}$  (Zrn): values for zircon.

Figure 3. (a)  $\delta^{18}\text{O} \text{‰}$  vs.  $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}_t$  and (b)  $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$  vs. La/Sm for gabbros and diorites of the main arc region of the Famatinian orogen. **Note that trace element ratios involving a moderately incompatible element (e.g., La/Sm in figure b) are dominantly influenced by the**

melting process, whereas the isotope ratios only change in response to the relative contribution of the two source components. The La/Sm ratio is sensitive to the presence of residual garnet (and thus the depth of melting and/or the role of pyroxenite) (e.g., Stracke 2012). Data for figure (b): see supplementary data.

Figure 4. (a)  $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}_t$  vs.  $\text{K}_2\text{O}$  % and (b) Sr (ppm) vs.  $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}_t$  for igneous and metamorphic rocks of the main arc region of the Famatinian orogen. In (b) a simple mixing-equation based on the Sr isotope composition is used to estimate the crustal contamination in tonalite (see Table 4a). Data for figures (a) and (b) see supplementary data. Symbols are as figure 2.

Figure 5.  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  ‰ vs.  $\delta\text{D}$  ‰ for igneous and metamorphic rocks of the main arc region of the Famatinian orogen. Symbols are as figure 2.

Figure 6. Schematic cross-section through the Famatinian continental arc, representing a possible non-homogenized magmatic column with variable contamination both in mid-crustal regional contacts and in the deeper levels. SCLM: subcontinental lithospheric mantle.

**Table 1.** Summary of the samples from the Famatinian orogen

Samples	Lat. (S)	Long. (W)	Locality/Unit/Rock type	Age (Ma)
<b>G1</b>				
FAM392	29 00 44	68 09 30	Cerro Toro, W Sierra de Famatina [2], older mafic suite, meta-troctolitic gabbro	--
SVF500	30 46 53	67 34 37	W Sierra Valle Fértil [1], older mafic unit, gabbronorite	--
<b>G2</b>				
ASP350	29 00 30	68 14 12	Cerro Asperecito, W Sierra de Famatina [2], older mafic suite, hornblende gabbro	--
ASP221	29 00 47	68 14 09	Cerro Asperecito, W Sierra de Famatina [2], older mafic suite, hornblende gabbro	--
CTO30003	29 00 43	68 09 35	Cerro Toro, W Sierra de Famatina [2], older mafic suite, meta-troctolitic gabbro	--
FAM176	29 04 37	67 56 50	Central part of the Sierra de Famatina [5], younger mafic suite, diorite (Hbl + Pl)	--
SVF501	30 46 53	67 34 37	W Sierra Valle Fértil [1], older mafic suite, hornblende gabbro	--
SVF502	30 46 53	67 34 37	W Sierra Valle Fértil [1], older mafic suite, gabbro	--
SVF571	30 39 28	67 36 17	W Sierra Valle Fértil [1], older mafic suite, gabbro	--
SVF584	30 34 13	67 34 50	W Sierra Valle Fértil [1], older mafic suite, gabbronorite	--
SVF591	30 42 31	67 29 39	W Sierra Valle Fértil [1], younger mafic suite, hornblende gabbro	--
SVF605	30 44 24	67 34 41	W Sierra Valle Fértil [1], older mafic suite, coronitic gabbro	--
SVF3017	30 12 58	67 50 08	W Sierra Valle Fértil [1], older mafic suite, hornblende gabbro	--
SFV40039	30 47 48	67 34 40	W Sierra Valle Fértil [1], older mafic suite, hornblende gabbro	--
VCA1007	28 58 49	68 13 07	Cerro Asperecito, W Sierra de Famatina [2], younger mafic suite, diorite (Hbl + Pl)	467 ± 3
VCA7037	28 59 39	68 14 36	Cerro Asperecito, W Sierra de Famatina [2], older mafic suite, hornblende gabbro	--
FAM213	29 01 56	60 09 56	Cerro Toro, W Sierra de Famatina [2], Cerro Toro tonalite (Bt + Hbl)	--
SVF508	30 46 34	67 34 38	Central part of the Sierra de Valle Fértil [1], intermediate unit, Bt + Hbl tonalite	474 ± 4
SVF521	30 55 33	67 21 08	Central part of the Sierra de Valle Fértil [1], intermediate unit, Bt tonalite	--
VCA7039	28 56 55	68 16 01	Cerro Asperecito, W Sierra de Famatina [2], Cerro Toro tonalite (Bt)	--
NAC256	30 54 28	66 23 55	Sierra de Los Llanos [4], Nacate granodiorite (Hb + Bt)	474 ± 3
FAM303	29 02 50	68 05 32	W Sierra de Famatina [2], Ñuñorco granite, Bt monzogranite-granodiorite	--
FAM7083	29 03 56	67 56 47	Central part of the Sierra de Famatina [5], Ñuñorco granite, Bt monzogranite	463 ± 4
MIR1014	29 20 29	67 46 22	E Sierra de Famatina [5], Ñuñorco granite, Bt + Hb granodiorite	478 ± 4
CHA3008	27 47 44	68 03 10	Sierra de Las Planchadas [6], Chaschuil rhyolite	468 ± 3
FAM7081	29 02 17	67 56 04	Central part of the Sierra de Famatina [5], Potrero Grande rhyolite	477 ± 4
FAM40025	28 53 06	67 30 48	E Sierra de Famatina [5], metarhyolite	--
TUA1028	31 08 00	66 32 50	Sierra de Los Llanos [4], Tuani leucogranite	482 ± 3
ANC11030a	29 09 30	65 29 50	Sierra de Ancasti [8], Las Cañadas tonalite (Bt)	466 ± 6
ANC11022	29 09 30	65 29 50	Sierra de Ancasti [8], Las Cañadas granite, Bt monzogranite	470 ± 5
<b>G3</b>				
FAM332	29 01 32	68 10 34	Cerro Toro, W Sierra de Famatina [2], Bt tonalite	--
FAM7086	29 01 25	68 10 19	Cerro Toro, W Sierra de Famatina [2], Bt tonalite	481 ± 4
<b>G4</b>				
FAM 339	29 00 35	68 09 52	Cerro Toro, W Sierra de Famatina [2], Crd + Grt migmatite	--
FAM 349	29 00 33	68 14 18	Cerro Asperecito, W Sierra de Famatina [2], migmatite	--
FAM 391	28 59 24	68 15 52	Cerro Asperecito, W Sierra de Famatina [2], migmatitic gneiss	--
SVF709	31 17 17	67 32 00	Lomas de Las Chacras [7], W Sierra de Valle Fértil, migmatite	--
SVF515	30 45 27	67 35 05	Sierra Valle Fértil [1], cordierite gneiss	--
TUA1029	31 08 00	66 32 50	Sierra de Los Llanos [4], Tuani cordierite monzogranite	486 ± 7
VEL1026	29 20 49	67 15 08	SW Sierra de Velasco [3], La Puerta Bt monzogranite	482 ± 3
VEL3000	29 17 33	67 10 09	SW Sierra de Velasco [3], Crd monzogranite	481 ± 3

All ages are SHRIMP zircon U-Pb ages from Pankhurst et al. (2001), Dahlquist et al (2012) and Rapela et al. (2018). Numbers in brackets correspond to the areas of study in figure 1.

**Table 2.** O-H isotopic compositions from studied samples

Group samples	Rock type	$\delta^{18}\text{O}$ (‰)	$\delta\text{D}$ (‰)
ARC SAMPLES			
<b>G1</b>			
FAM392 <sup>+</sup>	metagabbro	+5.3	-113
SVF500 <sup>(2)</sup>	gabbro	+5.3	
<b>G2</b>			
ASP350 <sup>(2)</sup>	gabbro	+8.0	
ASP221 <sup>+</sup>	gabbro	+9.2	
CTO30003 <sup>(2)</sup>	gabbro	+6.6	
FAM176 <sup>+</sup>	diorite	+6.8	-76
SVF501 <sup>(2)</sup>	gabbro	+8.0	
SVF502 <sup>(2)</sup>	gabbro	+8.4	
SVF571 <sup>(2)</sup>	gabbro	+9.4	
SVF584 <sup>(2)</sup>	gabbro	+8.1	
SVF591 <sup>(2)</sup>	gabbro	+8.0	
SVF605 <sup>(2)</sup>	metagabbro	+7.5	
SVF3017 <sup>(2)</sup>	gabbro	+7.4	
SFV40039 <sup>(1)</sup>	gabbro	+7.5	-93
VCA1007 <sup>+</sup>	diorite	+8.1	-82
VCA7037 <sup>(2)</sup>	gabbro	+9.0	-58
FAM213 <sup>+</sup>	tonalite	+7.8	
SVF508 <sup>(1)</sup>	tonalite	+8.6	-101
SVF521 <sup>(2)</sup>	tonalite	+9.0	
VCA7039 <sup>(2)</sup>	tonalite	+9.3	
NAC256 <sup>(1)</sup>	granodiorite	+9.1	-73
FAM7083 <sup>(2)</sup>	monzogranite	+8.5	
MIR1014 <sup>(1)</sup>	granodiorite	+7.8	-68
CHA3008 <sup>(1)</sup>	rhyolite	+8.9	-75
FAM7081 <sup>(2)</sup>	rhyolite	+9.4	
FAM40025 <sup>(1)</sup>	metarhyolite	+6.2	-82
TUA1028 <sup>(1)</sup>	leucogranite	+9.5	-79
ANC11030a <sup>(1)</sup>	tonalite	+9.2	-99
ANC11022 <sup>(1)</sup>	monzogranite	+8.7	-72
<b>G3</b>			
FAM332 <sup>+</sup>	tonalite	+9.9	-93
FAM7086 <sup>(2)</sup>	tonalite	+8.7	
<b>G4</b>			
FAM339 <sup>+</sup>	migmatite	+10.5	-124
FAM349 <sup>(1)</sup>	migmatite	+14.7	-72
FAM391 <sup>+</sup>	gneiss	+13.8	-69
SVF709 <sup>(1)</sup>	migmatite	+10.9	-77
SVF515 <sup>(1)</sup>	gneiss	+11.2	-104
TUA1029 <sup>(1)</sup>	monzogranite	+11.8	-75
VEL1026 <sup>(1)</sup>	monzogranite	+10.2	-104
VEL3000 <sup>(1)</sup>	monzogranite	+10.5	-71

(1) Samples analyzed at the Scottish Universities Environmental Research Centre (UK). (2) Samples analyzed at the Servicio General de Análisis de Isótopos Estables (University of Salamanca, Spain). SAMPLE<sup>+</sup> isotopic composition from Alasino et al. (2016).

**Table 3.** Zircon O and whole rock Sr-Nd isotopic compositions from studied samples

Group samples	Rock type	Rb (ppm)	Sr (ppm)	<sup>87</sup> Rb/ <sup>86</sup> Sr	<sup>87</sup> Sr/ <sup>86</sup> Sr	<sup>87</sup> Sr/ <sup>86</sup> Sr <sub>t</sub>	Sm (ppm)	Nd (ppm)	<sup>147</sup> Sm/ <sup>144</sup> Nd	<sup>143</sup> Nd/ <sup>144</sup> Nd	<sup>143</sup> Nd/ <sup>144</sup> Nd <sub>t</sub>	εNd <sub>t</sub> <sup>#</sup>	TDM <sup>†</sup>	δ <sup>18</sup> O (‰)*
ARC SAMPLES														
<b>G1</b>														
FAM392 <sup>+</sup>	Mgb	10	166	0.1743	0.70935	0.70815	0.78	4	0.1179	0.51227	0.51190	-2.2	1.23	
SVF500	Gbn	0.5	99	0.0156	0.70906	0.70896	0.14	0.59	0.1484	0.51239	0.51193	-1.9	1.50	
<b>G2</b>														
ASP350	Gb	5.5	452	0.0353	0.70819	0.70958	0.58	2.78	0.1267	0.51233	0.51184	-3.7	1.40	
ASP221 <sup>+</sup>	Gb	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
CTO30003	Gb	20.8	111	0.5419	0.71128	0.70762	0.59	2.79	0.1278	0.51224	0.51184	-3.6	1.41	
FAM176 <sup>+</sup>	Di	48	202	0.6877	0.70997	0.70536	3.62	14.9	0.1469	0.51238	0.51193	-1.9	1.47	
SVF501	Gb	0.2	168	0.0035	0.70939	0.70936	1.71	4.69	0.2209	0.51251	0.51183	-3.8	--	
SVF502	Gb	11.8	144	0.2370	0.71100	0.70941	1.70	6.30	0.1636	0.51229	0.51179	-4.7	2.13	
SVF571	Gb	8.54	255	0.0967	0.71197	0.71132	1.92	17.5	0.0665	0.51195	0.51175	-5.4	1.13	
SVF584	Gbn	2.08	157	0.0385	0.70847	0.70821	0.73	2.70	0.1644	0.51236	0.51185	-3.5	1.99	
SVF591	Gb	29.4	197	0.4309	0.70949	0.70660	2.57	10.9	0.1432	0.51235	0.51191	-2.4	1.47	
SVF605	Mgb	0.13	171	0.0023	0.70904	0.70902	0.13	0.55	0.1414	0.51222	0.51179	-4.7	1.67	
SVF3017	Gb	3.0	231	0.0376	0.70748	0.70723	1.77	6.97	0.1535	0.51233	0.51186	-3.4	1.74	
SVF40039	Gb	4	119	0.0336	0.71070	0.71005	1.71	5.82	0.2938	0.51229	0.51174	-5.6	2.81	
VCA1007 <sup>+</sup>	Di	31.1	242	0.3710	0.70924	0.70675	5.46	23.5	0.1403	0.51227	0.51184	-3.7	1.56	
VCA7037	Gb	10	140	0.2067	0.70823	0.70685	1.62	6.15	0.1592	0.51222	0.51173	-5.8	2.15	
FAM 213 <sup>+</sup>	To	112	217	1.4947	0.71733	0.70732	3.98	14.3	0.1682	0.51229	0.51177	-5.0	2.31	
SVF508	To	59	174	3.1331	0.71725	0.71025	3.34	20.31	0.0994	0.51208	0.51177	-4.9	1.58	7.8
SVF521	To	98.6	161	1.7805	0.72101	0.70909	6.64	36.1	0.1112	0.51215	0.51180	-4.4	1.32	
VCA7039	To	70	194	1.0447	0.71533	0.70833	4.88	22.3	0.1323	0.51219	0.51178	-4.9	1.57	
NAC256	Gd	104	142	2.143	0.72389	0.70943	6.36	28.14	0.1216	0.51224	0.51186	-3.3	1.33	8.2
FAM303	Mz	104	45	6.6735	0.74981	0.70579	4.32	22.2	0.1177	0.51220	0.51185	-3.7	1.32	
FAM7083	Mz	100	72	4.0284	0.73317	0.70619	7.65	36.6	0.1264	0.51227	0.51188	-3.0	1.34	
MIR1014	Gd	124	99	3.628	0.73061	0.70593	6.6	34.1	0.1176	0.51219	0.51183	-3.8	1.50	6.4
CHA3008	Ry	73	44	4.809	0.73812	0.70597	8.0	35.3	0.1364	0.51240	0.51198	-0.9	1.26	4.9
FAM7081	Ry	203	48	12.327	0.78378	0.70124	5.72	18.5	0.1869	0.51245	0.51188	-2.9	2.84	
FAM40025	Mry	55	174	0.3161	0.71557	0.70945	5.36	23.8	0.2252	0.51218	0.51176	-5.3	1.65	
TUA1028	Lg	237	60	11.483	0.78599	0.70714	4.2	17.8	0.1416	0.51220	0.51176	-5.1	1.60	8.7
ANC11030a	To	78	405	0.5575	0.71238	0.70865	3.91	16.7	0.2334	0.51224	0.51181	-4.3	1.63	
ANC11022	Mz	199	105	5.5021	0.74251	0.70566	5.98	31.2	0.1982	0.51224	0.51187	-3.1	1.29	
<b>G3</b>														
FAM 332 <sup>+</sup>	To	112	123	2.6405	0.73025	0.71256	2.69	8.53	0.1906	0.51229	0.51171	-6.3	3.93	
FAM7086	To	176	122	4.1856	0.73643	0.70840	14.2	59.4	0.1445	0.51217	0.51172	-6.0	1.85	
<b>G4</b>														
FAM 339 <sup>+</sup>	Mg	137	115	3.4491	0.74265	0.71955	222	9.32	0.1261	0.51206	0.51167	-7.0	1.66	
FAM 349	Mg	211	106	5.7960	0.75260	0.71338	10.0	49.7	0.1218	0.51198	0.51168	-8.2	1.72	
FAM 391 <sup>+</sup>	Gn	100	147	1.9727	0.73122	0.71801	200	7.29	0.1130	0.51204	0.51169	-6.5	1.49	
SVF709	Mg	213	104	5.9540	0.75153	0.71124	9.98	52.23	0.1155	0.51204	0.51168	-6.8	1.54	
SVF515	Gn	37	136	0.791	0.71649	0.71120	10.5	61.7	0.1031	0.51203	0.51171	-6.2	1.67	
TUA1029	Mz	127	103	3.575	0.73945	0.71468	6.2	32.3	0.1208	0.51205	0.51167	-6.7	1.72	9.4
VEL1026	Mz	212	87	7.0594	0.75876	0.71028	7.64	34.36	0.1344	0.51216	0.51174	-5.4	1.65	10.1
VEL3000	Mz	101	104	2.8049	0.73168	0.71249	9.99	46.82	0.1290	0.51210	0.51169	-6.3	1.65	10.2

Note: The decay constants used in the calculations are the values  $\lambda^{87}\text{Rb} = 1.42 \times 10^{-11}$  and  $\lambda^{147}\text{Sm} = 6.54 \times 10^{-12}$  year<sup>-1</sup> recommended by the IUGS Subcommittee for Geochronology.

\*t = time used for the calculation of the isotopic initial ratios. t = 470Ma.

#Epsilon-Nd values were calculated relative to a chondrite present day (CHUR): (<sup>143</sup>Nd/<sup>144</sup>Nd) = 0.512638; (<sup>143</sup>Sm/<sup>144</sup>Nd) = 0.1967.

†TDM is depleted mantle model age with average crustal Sm/Nd prior to emplacement at 470 Ma, following DePaolo et al. (1991).

Rock type = Mtgb: metagabbro, Gbn: gabbro, Gb: gabbro, Di: diorite, To: tonalite, Ry: rhyolite, Mz: monzogranite, Lg: leucogranite,

Mry: metarhyolite, Mg: migmatite, Gn: gneiss.

\*Zircon O isotopic compositions are from Rapela et al. (2018). †Whole rock O-Sr-Nd isotopic compositions from Alasino et al. (2016). Whole rock Sr and Nd isotopic compositions are from Alasino et al. (2014) and Rapela et al. (2018), except the samples CTO30003, SVF40039, FAM40025, FAM303, ANC11030a (for Sr) and ANC11022 (for Sr) belonging to this work.

**Table 4.****a) Two-component mixtures using equation 9.1 from Faure (1986, page 141).**

(1) $X_M = f(X_A - X_B) + X_B$	<u>G3 hybrid samples</u>
(2) $X_M - X_B = f(X_A - X_B)$	$X_A = 0.7078$ (average of two tonalites from Cerro Toro: FAM213 and VCA7039)
(3) $X_M - X_B / (X_A - X_B) = f$	$X_B = 0.7169$ (average of three metasedimentary rocks from Cerro Toro: FAM 339, FAM 349 and FAM 391)
	$X_M = 0.7084$ (sample FAM7086) $f = 95\%$
	$X_M = 0.7125$ (sample FAM332) $f = 61\%$

Mixing model in figure 4b

$X_A = 0.7076$ (average of three tonalites: FAM175, FAM213 and KS128A)
$X_B = 0.7216$ (the more radiogenic composition of the metasedimentary rock: KS064B)
$X_M = 0.7073$ $f = 100\%$
$X_M = 0.7109$ $f = 75\%$
$X_M = 0.7145$ $f = 50\%$
$X_M = 0.7181$ $f = 25\%$
$X_M = 0.7216$ $f = 0\%$

**b) Mass-balance mixing equation**

(4) $\delta^{18}O_m = (1 - x)\delta^{18}O_m^0 + x\delta^{18}O_c$	<u>G3 hybrid samples</u>
	$\delta^{18}O_m^0 = +7.8\text{‰}$ (sample FAM213)
	$\delta^{18}O_c = +13\text{‰}$ (average of three metasedimentary rocks: FAM 339, FAM 349 and FAM 391)
	$\delta^{18}O_m = 8.7\text{‰}$ (sample FAM7086) $x = 5\%$
	$\delta^{18}O_m = 9.0\text{‰}$ (sample FAM332) $x = 40\%$

Mixing model

$\delta^{18}O_m^0 = 7.8\text{‰}$ (sample FAM213)
$\delta^{18}O_c = 12.6\text{‰}$ (average of five metasedimentary rocks of Table 2)
$\delta^{18}O_m = 9\text{‰}$ , $x = 25\%$

a)  $X_A$  is the initial Sr isotopic ratio ( $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}_i$ ) of the starting magma;  $X_B$  is the initial Sr isotopic ratio of the contaminant;  $X_M$  is the isotopic assumed mixed composition represented by studied samples of the Famatinian arc;  $f$  = the starting magma fraction in the mixture. Data used in the calculation from table 3 and supplementary data.

b)  $\delta^{18}O_m^0$  is the oxygen isotope composition of the starting magma;  $\delta^{18}O_c$  is the oxygen isotope composition of the contaminant;  $\delta^{18}O_m$  is the isotopic assumed mixed composition;  $x$  is the mass fraction of the component c. Data used in the calculation from table 2.

Figure 1. Alasino et al.

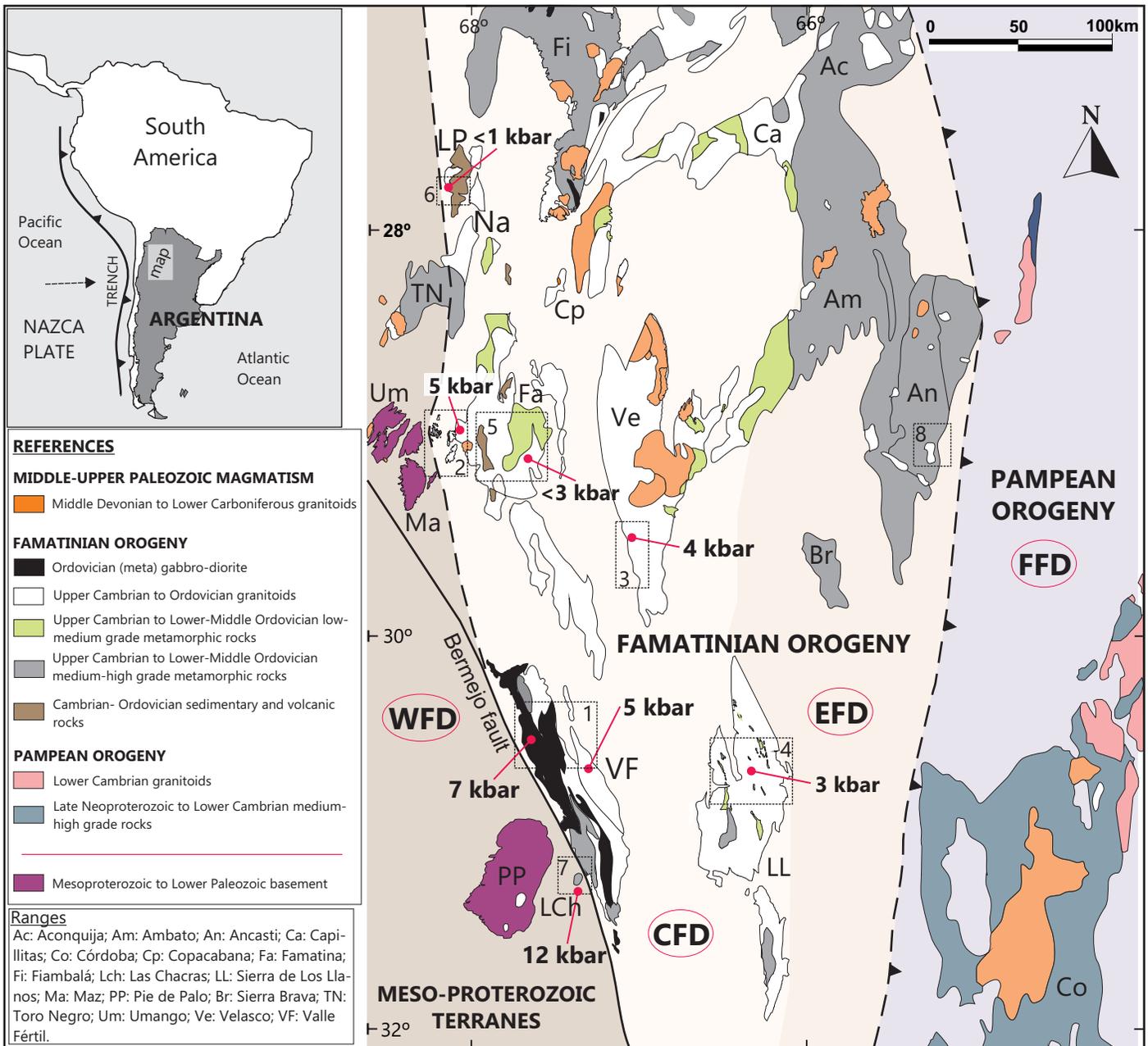


Figure 2. Alasino et al.

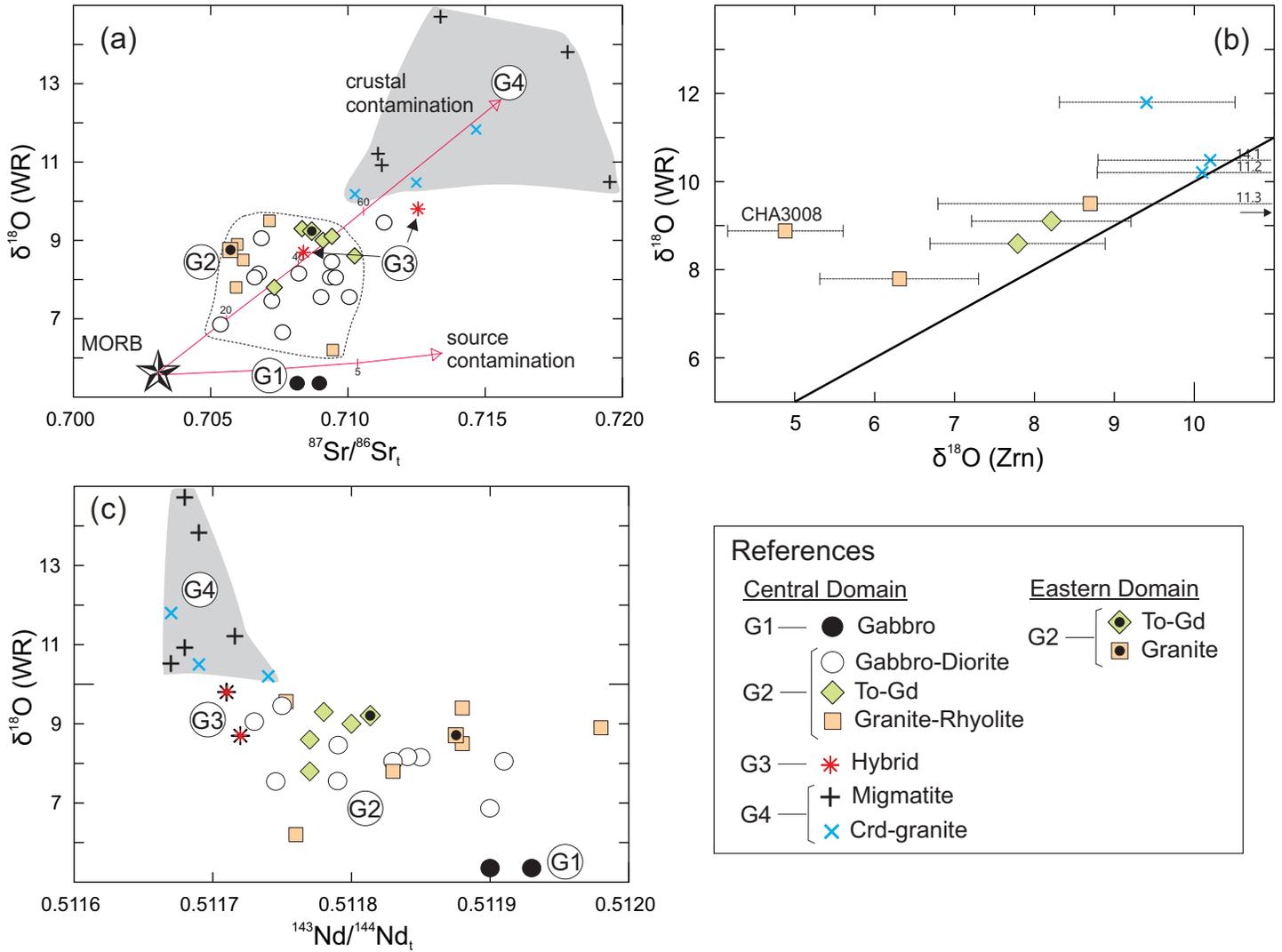


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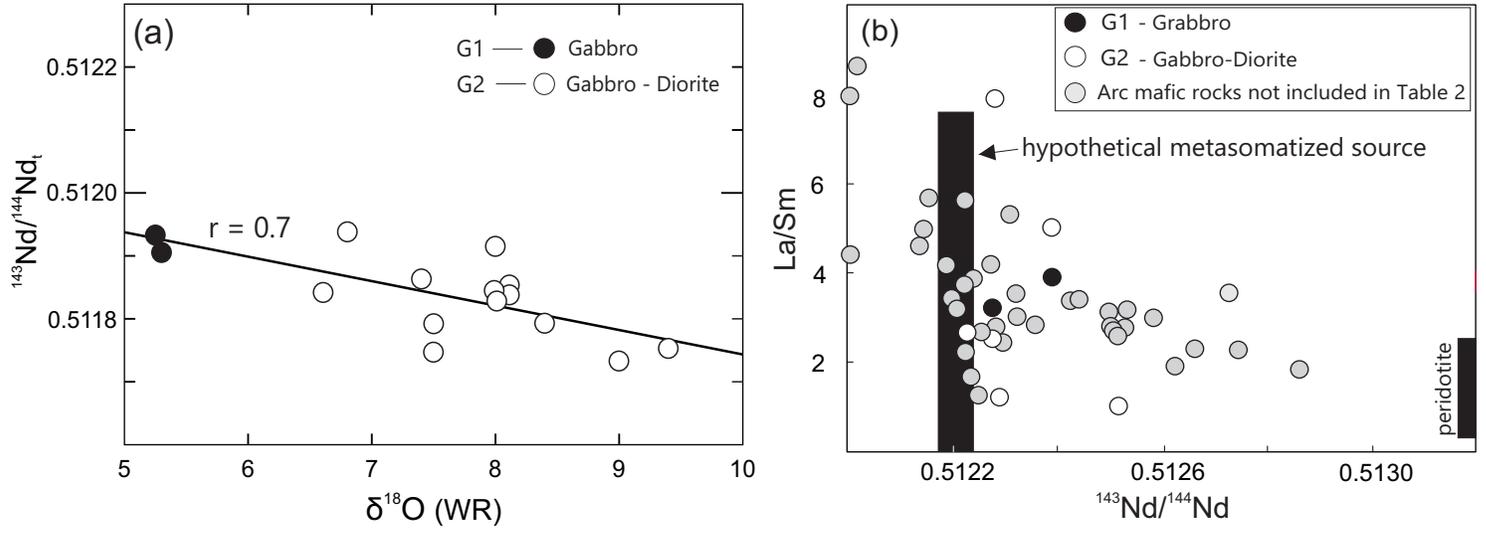


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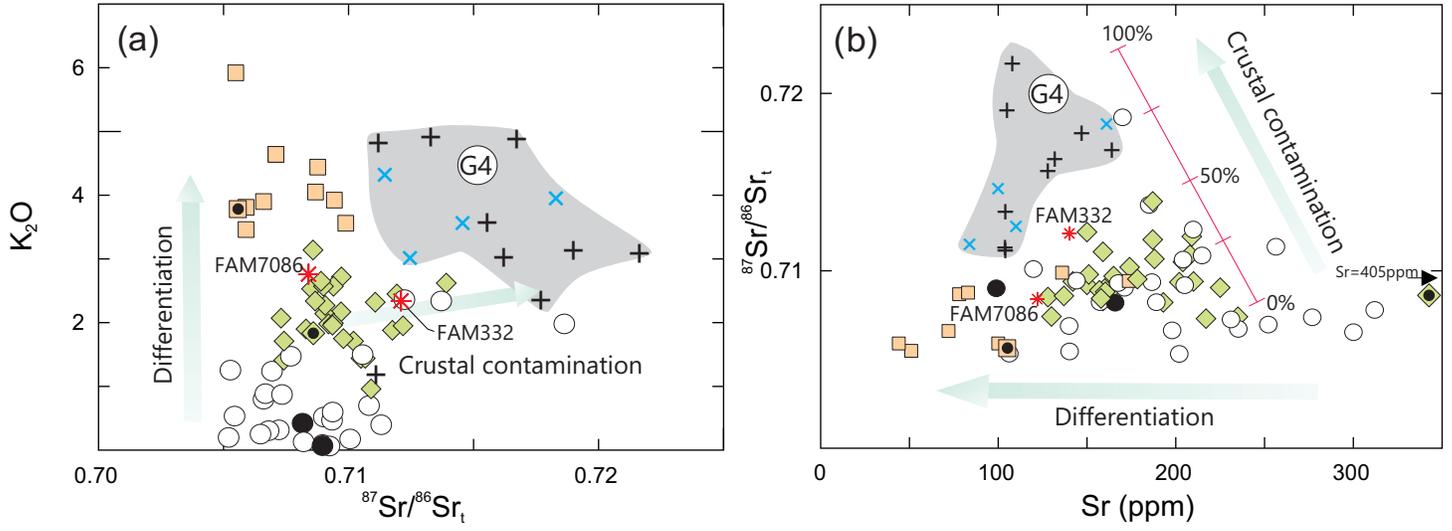


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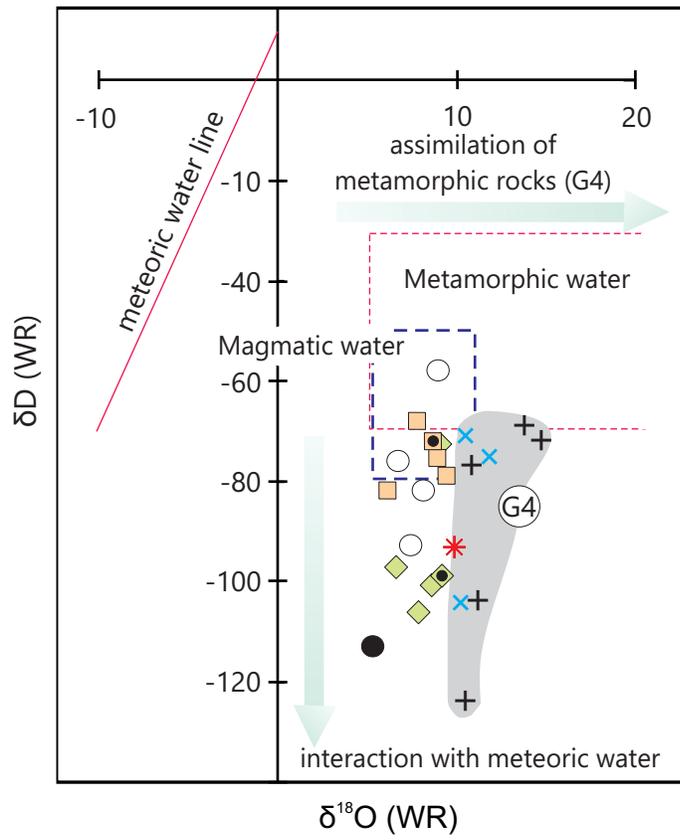


Figure 6. Alasino et al.

## Representative arc lithospheric section

