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1 **JURASSIC COOLING AGES IN PALEOZOIC TO EARLY MESOZOIC**
2 **GRANITOIDS OF NORTHEASTERN PATAGONIA: $^{40}\text{AR}/^{39}\text{AR}$, ^{40}K - ^{40}AR MICA**
3 **AND U-PB ZIRCON EVIDENCE**

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23 **ABSTRACT**

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25 U-Pb SHRIMP zircon crystallization ages and Ar-Ar and K-Ar mica cooling ages for basement rocks of the
26 Yaminué and Nahuel Niyeu areas in northeastern Patagonia are presented. Granitoids that cover the time span
27 from Ordovician to Early Triassic constitute the main outcrops of the western sector of the Yaminué block. The
28 southern Yaminué Metagneous Complex comprises highly deformed Ordovician and Permian granitoids cross-
29 cut by undeformed leucogranite dikes (U-Pb SHRIMP zircon age of 254 ± 2 Ma). Mica separates from highly
30 deformed granitoids from the southern sector yielded an Ar-Ar muscovite age of 182 ± 3 Ma and a K-Ar biotite
31 age of 186 ± 2 Ma. Moderately to highly deformed Permian to early Triassic granitoids made up the northern
32 Yaminué Complex. The late Permian to early Triassic (U-Pb SHRIMP zircon age of 252 ± 6 Ma) Cabeza de
33 Vaca Granite of the Yaminué block yielded Jurassic mica K-Ar cooling ages (198 ± 2 Ma, 191 ± 1 Ma, and 190
34 ± 2 Ma). At the boundary between the Yaminué and Nahuel Niyeu blocks, K-Ar muscovite ages of 188 ± 3 and
35 193 ± 5 Ma were calculated for the Flores Granite whereas the early Permian Navarrete granodiorite, located in
36 the Nahuel Niyeu block, yielded a K-Ar biotite age of 274 ± 4 Ma. The Jurassic thermal history is not regionally
37 uniform. In the supracrustal exposures of the Nahuel Niyeu block, the Early Permian granitoids of its western
38 sector as well as other Permian plutons and Ordovician leucogranites located further east show no evidence of
39 cooling age reset since mica ages suggest cooling in the wake of crystallization of these intrusive rocks. In
40 contrast, deeper crustal levels are inferred for Permian-Early Triassic granitoids in the Yaminué block since
41 cooling ages for these rocks are of Jurassic age (198-182 Ma). Jurassic resetting is contemporaneous with the
42 massive Lower Jurassic Flores Granite, and the Marifil and Chon Aike volcanic provinces. This intraplate
43 deformational pulse that affected northeastern Patagonia during the Early Jurassic (Sinemurian- Pliensbachian)
44 was responsible for the partial (re)exhumation of the mid-crustal Paleozoic basement along reactivated discrete
45 NE-SW to ENE-WSW lineaments and the resetting of isotopic systems. This new thermochronological data
46 indicates that Early Permian magmatic rocks of the Nahuel Niyeu block were below 300°C for ca. 20 Ma prior to
47 the onset of the main magmatic episode of the Late Permian to Triassic igneous and metaigneous rocks of the
48 Yaminué block.

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53 1. INTRODUCTION

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55 The thermal history of magmatic rocks can provide important insights into the tectonic processes that lead to the
56 exhumation of plutonic rocks. In the present paper we explore part of the cooling history of granitoids of the
57 northeastern corner of the North Patagonian Massif. The late Paleozoic to early Mesozoic tectonic evolution of
58 Patagonia and its relation with the continental blocks located to the north of the Río Colorado is not well
59 established (figure 1a). Despite much progress in the last decade concerning the geological evolution of northern
60 Patagonia, there are still open questions due to a paucity of well dated rocks in the region. Recent studies provide
61 evidence that the northeastern sector of the North Patagonian Massif is either an allochthonous block that
62 collided with Gondwana in the late Paleozoic (Ramos, 1984; Chernicoff et al., 2013) or was already part of
63 Gondwana (Pankhurst et al., 2006; Gregori et al., 2008, 2013) but was remobilized following rifting during early
64 Paleozoic times (López de Luchi et al., 2010; Rapalini et al., 2010, 2013). The collisional hypothesis is not fully
65 supported by existing evidence, and many questions remain regarding geochemical signature and tectonic
66 significance of the late Paleozoic to Triassic magmatism, the timing of the collision, and the metamorphic
67 overprint in terms of evolving P-T conditions preserved in the affected rocks. The best record of the late
68 Paleozoic-Early Triassic tectonic evolution of the North Patagonian Massif is found in rocks outcropping along
69 state road 23 and further south between the towns of Yaminué and Valcheta (figure 1b) (Pankhurst et al., 2014).
70 Widespread Permian to middle Triassic magmatic rocks dominate this region, with magmatism separated into
71 two main groups of granitoids: the older episode dated at ca. 280 Ma, the Early Permian granitoids (Navarrete
72 Plutonic Complex, Pankhurst et al., 2006, 2014; López de Luchi et al., 2010) and the younger event (<260 to 245
73 Ma) that is made up of several igneous complexes: the intensely deformed Yaminué Metaigneous Complex
74 (López de Luchi et al., 2010; Chernicoff et al., 2013; Pankhurst et al., 2014), the Cabeza de Vaca Granite (López
75 de Luchi et al., 2010), the Ramos Mexia Igneous Complex and the Madsen Tonalite (López de Luchi et al.,
76 2015) (figure 1b). The late Permian-Middle Triassic rocks of the Yaminué Metaigneous Complex (Chenicoff et
77 al., 2013; Pankhurst et al., 2014; López de Luchi et al., 2015) are inferred to represent the implied syncollisional
78 and postcollisional stages of the cycle. On the other hand, Ordovician ages (~460 Ma) have been determined for
79 metaigneous rocks located at the southern area of the Yaminué Metaigneous Complex (Rapalini et al., 2013).
80 The youngest geological unit in the region is the Triassic to Jurassic (?) Treneta Volcano- Plutonic Complex
81 (Caminos et al., 2001). This complex has been interpreted as the result of orogenic collapse that triggered the
82 opening of the Neuquén basin in northwestern Patagonia (Franzese and Spalletti, 2001). These events are

83 correlated with extensional episodes associated with massive silicic magmatism along Patagonia and the
84 Antarctic Peninsula (Pankhurst et al., 2000).

85 The aims of this contribution are a) to provide new U-Pb crystallization zircon ages and Ar/Ar and K-Ar mica
86 cooling ages for the Yaminué Metagneous Complex, Cabeza de Vaca Granite, Navarrete Plutonic Complex and
87 Flores Granite of the Treneta Volcano-Plutonic Complex, b) to integrate the new data with all published
88 geochronological and geological data, and c) to present a geodynamic model for the late Paleozoic to Jurassic
89 deformational and magmatic events of that occurred in the northeast of the North Patagonian Massif.

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92 **2. GEOLOGICAL SETTING**

93 The northeastern sector of the North Patagonian Massif consists of northeast-southwest trending stacked blocks
94 of basement that represent different segments of Paleozoic crust (figure 1) (López de Luchi et al., 2010;
95 Chernicoff et al., 2013; Gregori et al., 2013). At least two peaks of metamorphic activity (Middle Ordovician
96 and Permian) have been ascribed to this region, including regional deformation as well as multiple episodes of
97 calc-alkaline magmatism during Ordovician, Permian, Triassic and Jurassic times (Caminos, 2001; Rapalini et
98 al., 2013; Chernicoff et al., 2013; Pankhurst et al., 2014 among others). Field evidence indicates that in every
99 case the magmatism postdates the peak metamorphic conditions (Gozálvez, 2009a; López de Luchi et al., 2010;
100 Greco et al., 2015). From west to east these blocks are known as the Yaminué, Nahuel Niyeu (figure 1b) and
101 Gonzalito/Tembrao blocks. The blocks themselves are separated by steep NE-SW and NW-SE shear zones and/
102 or faults (Von Gosen, 2003) or lineaments that bound gravimetric and aeromagnetic anomalies (Croce et al.,
103 2009; Lince Klinger et al., 2010, 2014; Chernicoff et al., 2013; figure 1b). These anomalies coincide with the
104 exposures of the Triassic to Jurassic (?) Treneta Volcanic- Plutonic Complex. This contribution will focus on the
105 Yaminué and Nahuel Niyeu blocks; the Gonzalito block (Giacosa, 1997; González et al., 2014; Gregori et al.,
106 2008, 2013) to the east will not be discussed.

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108 The oldest geological unit of the area, the early Cambrian Tardugno Granodiorite (U-Pb SHRIMP ages on
109 igneous zircons between 522 ± 3 and 529 ± 4 Ma; Rapalini et al., 2013; Pankhurst et al., 2014) is sandwiched
110 between the Yaminué and the Nahuel Niyeu blocks. The body displays a porphyritic, coarse-grained, biotite-
111 bearing gneissic fabric with a granodioritic- monzogranitic chemistry. The boundaries of the Tardugno
112 Granodiorite are strongly sheared, and the body is locally intruded by the 252 ± 3 Ma Madsen Tonalite

113 (Pankhurst et al., 2014; López de Luchi et al., 2015) and covered by the early Mesozoic Treneta volcanic rocks
114 and fine grained leucogranites (figure 1b).

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116 2.1 Yaminué Block

117 The Yaminué block lies in the western portion of the study area (figure 1b). This block exposes the deepest
118 section of early Paleozoic crust in the region. The main units correspond to (a) the intensively deformed
119 Yaminué Metagneous Complex, (b) the Cabeza de Vaca Granite and (c) the Ramos Mexia Igneous Complex
120 (López de Luchi et al., 2010, 2015; Rapalini et al., 2013; Pankhurst et al., 2014). The latter is locally covered by
121 ignimbrites of the Treneta Volcanic-Plutonic Complex and intruded by epizonal Jurassic leucogranites that could
122 belong to the Flores Granite (Caminos, 2001; Pankhurst et al., 1993).

123 (a) *The Yaminué Metagneous Complex*: The term “Yaminué Complex” was originally employed by Chernicoff
124 and Caminos (1996) to include all the deformed intrusive and metamorphic units of the area. The complex is
125 made of sheet-like bodies of a coarse to medium grained porphyritic granodiorite-monzogranite, and less
126 common tonalite (López de Luchi et al., 2010). These units are separated by sub-concordant sheets of tonalitic
127 biotite-orthogneiss, and pegmatoid to porphyritic leucogranite. Locally undeformed biotite leucogranite cuts
128 across the penetrative fabric. The complex was originally considered to be Precambrian in age, on the basis of
129 poor-quality radiometric dating (Caminos et al., 1994). This view began to change with the reports by Basei et al.
130 (2002) and, after, by Pankhurst et al. (2014), who re-examined localities and presented late Permian to early
131 Triassic SHRIMP U-Pb zircon igneous ages (*ca.* 250 Ma, see figure 1b). These results complemented the
132 findings of Chernicoff et al. (2013), who reported a U-Pb SHRIMP zircon age for a tonalite orthogneiss of 261.3
133 ± 2.7 Ma. On the other hand, U-Pb SHRIMP ages of a strongly foliated tonalite/granodiorite orthogneiss of the
134 classical locality of the Yaminué Complex at Puesto Peynecura (southern sector) (figure 1b) yielded a
135 crystallization age of 466.6 ± 6.7 Ma (Rapalini et al., 2013). These data suggest that the “Yaminué Complex”
136 includes at least two pulses of magmatic activity: Ordovician (*ca.* 470 Ma) and Permian (260-250 Ma). The
137 southern Yaminué Metagneous Complex (López de Luchi et al., 2015). comprises N-S striking sheets of
138 orthogneisses that consist of coarse to medium-grained porphyritic biotite-granodiorite-tonalite (López de Luchi
139 et al., 2010) that occur in shallowly east or west dipping sheets. The fabric of the orthogneiss sheets are sub-
140 concordant with medium-grained, leucogranites, which cross-cuts the gneissic foliation in some outcrops.
141 Further south of the main outcrops, near Puesto Peynecura (figure 1 b), small blocks of white and black marbles
142 as well as rare amphibolite bodies are in fault contact with the orthogneisses. Although these metamorphic

143 lithologies are scarce in Valcheta- Yaminué area, their abundance is greater in the east, in the Mina Gonzalito
144 Block, where the main metamorphic peak has been constrained to *ca.* 472 Ma (U-Pb SHRIMP zircon, Pankhurst
145 et al., 2006). At Puesto Peynecura, Chernicoff et al. (2013) described a metaclastic biotite-plagioclase-muscovite
146 gneiss that exhibits a strong inheritance of Ordovician magmatic zircons (maximum probability peak at 475 Ma)
147 with overprinting metamorphic rims of Ordovician and Devonian age (main maximum probability peaks at 450
148 Ma and 380 Ma). The youngest single zircon from this rock was dated as 318 ± 5 Ma (U-Pb SHRIMP dating,
149 Chernicoff et al., 2013).

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151 The northern sector of the Yaminué Metaigneous Complex has been dated as late Permian to Middle Triassic
152 (260-245 Ma) (Tohver et al., 2008; Chernicoff et al., 2013; Pankhurst et al., 2014). These rocks encompass
153 shallowly NE-dipping sheet-like bodies of variably foliated biotite-bearing porphyritic granodiorite, tonalite,
154 biotite \pm amphibole granodiorites, and biotite monzogranites layers (López de Luchi et al., 2010). The sheet-like
155 bodies are separated by sub-concordant sheets of light pink fine-grained biotite bearing leucogranites and some
156 pegmatite dikes.

157 (b) *Cabeza de Vaca Leucogranite*: It is composed of non-foliated plutons as well as foliated leucogranitic sheets
158 and dikes that occur as either isolated or concordantly intruding the granodiorite-monzogranite rocks of the
159 Yaminué Metaigneous Complex (López de Luchi et al., 2010). These sheets were deformed into tight folds with
160 northwest to north trending axes (Chernicoff and Caminos, 1996) and later affected by open folds with NE
161 trending axes.

162 (c) *Ramos Mexia Igneous Complex*: The complex is made up by the Robaina Granite and the Guanacos Granite,
163 which are variably foliated biotite monzogranites and biotite amphibole granodiorites (López de Luchi et al.,
164 2010). Rock fabrics that developed under ductile conditions were identified in the Robaina Granite towards the
165 western border close to the western outcrops of the Yaminué Metaigneous Complex.

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167 2.2 Nahuel Niyeu Block

168 Exposures of this block extend from the lower reaches of Treneta Creek to the east and southeast to the town of
169 Valcheta. The most conspicuous unit in this area is the low to medium grade metavolcanic and metaclastic rocks
170 of the Nahuel Niyeu Formation (Cagnoni et al., 1993; Caminos, 2001; Martínez Dopico et al., 2014; Greco et al.,
171 2015). Provenance studies are consistent with a Neoproterozoic to Early Paleozoic tectonic setting associated
172 with subduction in a continental margin or island arc (Cagnoni et al., 1993; Pankhurst et al., 2006). Maximum

173 depositional ages of the unit at Puesto Navarrete and Puesto Aranda are ca. 515 Ma (very low grade
174 metamorphic metaclastic rocks) based on U-Pb SHRIMP detrital zircon dating (Pankhurst et al., 2006; Rapalini
175 et al., 2013). Towards the east, the metamorphic grade increases and the metaclastic and metavolcanic rocks are
176 intruded by several Late Cambrian (?) to Ordovician leucogranites (Gozálvez, 2009a; Martínez Dopico et al.,
177 2010a) and covered by Silurian-Devonian iron-bearing sedimentary rocks of Sierra Grande Formation (Caminos
178 1981; Zanettini 1981; Uriz et al., 2011). The Early Permian Navarrete Plutonic Complex (281 ± 3 Ma; Pankhurst
179 et al., 2006) intrudes the supracrustal sequence of the Nahuel Niyeu Block (Caminos, 1983; López de Luchi et
180 al., 2010; Pankhurst et al., 2014) at its type locality near Puesto Navarrete. Since the Navarrete Complex *sensu*
181 *lato* encompasses large geochemical variations and styles of emplacement (López de Luchi et al., 2010), we have
182 preferred to restrict this complex to its type area. An erosional unconformity (Caminos, 2001) separates these
183 rocks from the Treneta Volcanic-Plutonic Complex that is made up by the Triassic to Jurassic (?) andesites,
184 rhyolitic and dacitic ignimbrites of the Treneta Formation and the early Jurassic undeformed biotite-bearing
185 Flores Granite, which represents the late stage of the epizonal plutonic activity in the region. No age has been
186 obtained for the Treneta volcanic rocks. However, an andesitic dike swarm in the Mina Gonzalito area (figure
187 1a) yielded a Middle Triassic age (243.6 ± 1.7 Ma, González et al., 2014). Pankhurst et al. (1993) calculated a
188 whole rock Rb-Sr isochron age of 188 ± 3 Ma for the Flores Granite based on samples from the coarse and fine
189 grained facies of the body. Therefore, this intrusive event is coeval with the rhyolitic flows of the Marifil
190 Volcanic Complex (Pankhurst and Rapela, 1995; Féraud et al., 1999; Márquez et al., 2010).

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193 3. SAMPLING STRATEGY AND GEOCHRONOLOGICAL METHODS

194 Five to ten kilograms samples were collected at nine localities (two U-Pb zircon and nine K-Ar or Ar/Ar mica
195 dating) of the main Paleozoic to early Mesozoic plutonic units including the southern and northern Yaminué
196 Metaigneous Complex, the Cabeza de Vaca Granite, the Navarrete Plutonic Complex (figure 1b), and the fine
197 grained facies of the Flores Granite.

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199 3.1. K-Ar and Ar-Ar Dating

200 Selected samples for K-Ar and Ar-Ar dating were crushed in a steel jaw crusher and sieved to isolate the 300–
201 400 μm size fraction. These fractions were carefully processed by magnetic separation. Mica grains from each
202 sample were handpicked under a binocular microscope. The purity of the mineral separates is $> 99\%$. Biotite and

203 muscovite were purified and ground in pure alcohol using a rough surface porcelain mortar and pestle to remove
204 potential altered rims that might have suffered a loss of Ar or K.

205 K-Ar mica dating was performed in the Geowissenschaftliches Zentrum of the University of Göttingen
206 (Germany). Details of the K-Ar analyses of the laboratory are given in Wemmer (1991). For all samples,
207 atmospheric ^{40}Ar was below 5%, the isotopic composition of Ar was measured with a Thermo-Scientific
208 ARGUS VI TM multi-collector noble gas mass spectrometer. K_2O values were determined in duplicate using a
209 BWB-XP TM flame photometer. $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{39}\text{Ar}$ analyses were carried out in at the Western Australian Argon Isotope
210 Facility at Curtin University. Procedures and applied corrections for the Ar-dating are those described in Tohver
211 et al. (2012). Detailed data are available in Appendix A.

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213 3.2 U-Pb zircon SHRIMP dating

214 Zircon were extracted by crushing and sieving of samples, followed by Wilfley table and heavy liquid
215 separation. Separated grains were handpicked using a binocular microscope, and mounted in epoxy resin for
216 polishing prior to scanning electron microscope and cathodoluminescence imaging. The epoxy mounts were
217 gold-coated to have a uniform electrical conductivity for SHRIMP analysis. The zircon standard used was
218 BR266 (Stern, 2001). The isotopic composition of the minerals was determined using the SHRIMP II housed at
219 Curtin University. The common Pb correction was carried out using the measured amount of ^{204}Pb . Isotope data
220 was reduced using the SQUID2 software (Ludwig, 2009). Between 10 and 11 zircon grains were dated for each
221 sample, discordant and inherited zircon data was discarded. Data was plotted on concordia diagrams using the
222 Concordia Age tool of Isoplot 4.16 software (Ludwig, 2012), with 2-sigma error ellipses on the concordia plots
223 and all the ages reported at the 2-sigma confidence level in the text. The parameters of the sessions were
224 presented in Rapalini et al. (2013). The data are available in Appendix B.

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227 4. RESULTS AND INTERPRETATION OF THE COOLING AGES

228 The K-Ar and Ar-Ar mica as well as the U-Pb SHRIMP zircon ages are presented in Table 1. Three new K-Ar
229 cooling ages on muscovite for the Yaminué Block yielded Early Jurassic ages. The first sample was coarse
230 grained foliated garnet-muscovite bearing leucogranite from the southern sector in the area of Puesto Peynecura
231 (sample V79-1 - Yaminué Metagneous Complex). An U-Pb SHRIMP zircon age identified the crystallization
232 age for these rocks as 466.6 ± 6.7 Ma (Rapalini et al., 2013) (figure 2a, b). Muscovite grains define the shallow

233 ESE dipping foliation, which is concordant with the fabric of the granodiorites and tonalites. Muscovite
234 separated from this sample yielded a K-Ar age of 182.4 ± 2.9 Ma. Sample V69, a separate of muscovite booklets
235 of pegmatitic miaroles in a foliated NE trending leucogranite dike that intrudes the Robaina Granite of the
236 Ramos Mexia Plutonic Complex, gave an age of 190.1 ± 2.0 Ma. Muscovite concentrates of sample Val55,
237 yielded a K-Ar age of 198.2 ± 2.2 Ma. This sample corresponds to a medium to coarse grained sheeted-like
238 leucogranite in which muscovite defines the NW-SE foliation, which is slightly discordant respect to the main
239 WNW-ESE trending fabric of the host granodiorite, both locally folded around an ENE trending axis.
240 Leucogranites interlayered with granodiorites and tonalites of the northern Yaminué Metagneous Complex are
241 interpreted as belonging to the Cabeza de Vaca granites by López de Luchi et al. (2010). Muscovite grains from
242 an undeformed monzogranite of the Navarrete Plutonic Complex (V75) sampled nearby Puesto Aranda (30 km
243 south of Puesto Navarrete) gave a K-Ar age of 274.3 ± 4.1 Ma. Muscovite from two pegmatitic miaroles (V27b
244 and V8E) were obtained of the Flores Granite, and yielded ages of 188.2 ± 2.9 Ma and 193.3 ± 4.5 Ma,
245 respectively. These muscovite booklets up to 3-4 cm long together with K-feldspar and minor plagioclase made
246 up the miaroles in the fine grained leucogranite facies of this pluton.

247 Muscovite and biotite grains selected for $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{39}\text{Ar}$ dating correspond to the Nahuel Niyeu Formation and the
248 Southern Yaminué Complex and Cabeza de Vaca Granite (Table 1, figure 2b, d, f). V79 is a strongly foliated
249 granodiorite at Puesto Peynecura, with a SHRIMP U-Pb zircon age of 466.6 ± 6.7 Ma reported by Rapalini et al.
250 (2013) (figure 2a). The biotite plateau indicates an age of 185.8 ± 1.5 Ma (figure 2b). It is important to highlight
251 that this sample is interlayered with the leucogranite sampled for K-Ar (V79-1), with a K-Ar muscovite cooling
252 age of 182.4 ± 2.9 Ma. V58 is a massive biotite bearing granite of the Cabeza de Vaca Granite near Estancia
253 Cabeza de Vaca in the northernmost corner of the block. U-Pb SHRIMP zircon crystallization age of this rock is
254 252.6 ± 2.8 Ma whereas the $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{39}\text{Ar}$ biotite plateau age is 191.4 ± 1.4 Ma (figure 2c, d). In Puesto Navarrete,
255 muscovite blasts from the contact aureole in the low grade metasediments of the Nahuel Niyeu Formation with
256 the Navarrete Plutonic Complex gave a $^{39}\text{Ar}/^{40}\text{Ar}$ plateau age of 264.8 ± 1.9 Ma (figure 2f).

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259 **5. DISCUSSION**

260 Available and new U-Pb zircon SHRIMP dating in concert with K-Ar and Ar-Ar thermochronology on
261 muscovite and biotite allow characterising the crystallization and thermal history of the NE sector of the North
262 Patagonian Massif. These new age data provide geo-thermochronological constraints and illustrate the nature of

263 orogenic processes (e.g., Kirscher et al., 2003; Steenken et al., 2004; Hansma et al., 2015). K-Ar white mica ages
264 document the closure temperature for ‘normal’ fine to coarse-grained rocks below 350 ± 50 °C (Purdy and Jäger,
265 1976). More recently, Harrison et al. (2009) conducted diffusion experiments on muscovite and indicated a
266 closure temperature (T_c) of 425 °C for a 100 μm radius grain cooling at 10 °C/Ma at 10 kbar ($T_c = 405^\circ\text{C}$ at 5
267 kbar). The typical closure temperature for biotite in the K-Ar isotopic system is lower, around 300 °C. The
268 dependence of the closure temperature on the grain-size of the mica (McDougall and Harrison, 1999) must be
269 considered for muscovite-booklets of pegmatitic grain-size because as the effective diffusion lengths of Ar loss
270 are high, effective closure temperatures are significantly above the ‘commonly accepted’ values (Büttner et al.,
271 2005). This effect might be enhanced by the absence of pervasive deformation of the pegmatite and the lack of
272 recrystallization of the booklets. This would be the case for the data obtained for the non-deformed mica of the
273 miaroles of the Flores Granite. Therefore, we interpret these ages as a primary cooling for the Flores Granite. In
274 contrast, white mica and biotite ages obtained from several sectors of the highly deformed rocks of the Yaminué
275 Complex and dikes intruding Ramos Mexía Complex more likely represent a resetting related to a deformational
276 rather than a protracted cooling as suggested when Lower Jurassic Ar-Ar mica dating is compared to the Permian
277 to Early Triassic U-Pb zircon crystallization ages obtained herein and by Pankhurst et al. (2006, 2014) and
278 Rapalini et al. (2013) among others (figure 1 b). Since the main deformational event that controlled pervasive
279 ductile high temperature deformation of part of these rocks is, in most cases, synkinematic, it does not seem to
280 be Jurassic in age. Therefore our new set of ages provides evidence of different deformational and magmatic
281 events that affected from a local to a regional scale the late Paleozoic to Triassic units of the North Patagonian
282 Massif. All the geochronological information published for the study area is displayed in figure 3.

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284 **5.1 Cooling and deformation in the Yaminué block**

285 Our new zircon ages, together with recently published data from the southern Yaminué Metagneous Complex
286 indicate three periods of significant geological activity. Regional basement comprises Ordovician igneous rocks
287 to biotite-bearing paragneisses with inherited detritus from Devonian to Carboniferous sources. Finally, late
288 Permian to Middle Triassic igneous intrusions are regionally widespread (figure 3). The Ordovician magmatic
289 episode has been dated by Rapalini et al. (2013) at Puesto Peynecura as 466.6 ± 6.7 Ma. The precise age of
290 crystallization is clouded by some dispersion of ages from individual zircon grains, perhaps reflecting
291 differential Pb loss during later magmatic/metamorphic episodes. The presence of inherited Ordovician-aged
292 zircon in < 318 Ma biotite paragneiss (Chernicoff et al., 2013) from Puesto Peynecura might reflect the short

293 detrital transport distances from a proximal Ordovician magmatic source (figure 4). This Ordovician
294 crystallization age cluster is coincident with the age of the metamorphic episode dated in the Gonzalito
295 Metamorphic Complex and the hybrid magmatism of the Punta Sierra Plutonic Complex (Gonzalito Block,
296 Pankhurst et al., 2006) as well as with the leucogranite and granites of the Valcheta Pluton (Nahuel Niyeu Block;
297 Gozálvéz, 2009a; Martínez Dopico et al., 2010b). The < 318 Ma age of the biotite paragneiss (Chernicoff et al.,
298 2013) shows a Devonian to Carboniferous magmatic or metamorphic detrital supply which could be coming
299 from sources present in the western Patagonian region (Pankhurst et al., 2006). The 318 Ma age is interpreted as
300 the maximum depositional age for the rock, which constraints the metamorphic and deformational event as
301 younger than 318 Ma and synchronous with the intrusion of the northern Yaminué Complex that is considered to
302 be syn-kinematic. U-Pb zircon age dating for Yaminué Granites is broadly bracketed between late middle
303 Permian and Middle Triassic (Figure 1b; Chernicoff et al., 2013; Tohver et al., 2008), but most of the
304 crystallization ages are ca 250 Ma (this paper, Pankhurst et al., 2014; figure 4).

305 Thermobarometric constraints on the emplacement of a 251 ± 2 Ma foliated granodiorite of the northern
306 Yaminué Complex (Pankhurst et al., 2014) suggest ca 5-6 Kbar (Rapalini et al., 2010). On the other hand, the
307 245.2 ± 1.5 Ma Robaina facies of the Ramos Mexia Complex in the northeastern part of the block is emplaced in
308 the Cambrian metasedimentary rocks of the Nahuel Niyeu Formation and develops a contact aureole with
309 andalusite blasts (ca 2 Kbar). Both units exhibit ~188 Ma Early Jurassic mica cooling ages (figure 4), which
310 suggests that these two complexes were exhumed at this time.

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312 **5.2 Cooling and Deformation in the Nahuel Niyeu Block**

313 Mica cooling ages provided by K-Ar and $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{39}\text{Ar}$ indicate that these units were at the ca. 350° C isotherm in the
314 middle Permian. The new muscovite cooling age herein provided for a sample of the Navarrete Plutonic
315 Complex north of Puesto Aranda is 274.3 ± 4.1 Ma. At the type locality of this unit, a SHRIMP age on zircon of
316 283 ± 2 Ma for an undeformed granodiorite intruding very low grade phyllites (mottled schists) of the Nahuel
317 Niyeu Formation was calculated by Pankhurst et al. (2006). Muscovite grains from these schists yielded
318 $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{39}\text{Ar}$ age of 264.8 ± 1.9 Ma, confirming thermal overprint associated with Early Permian magmatism
319 represented by the Navarrete Plutonic Complex as proposed by Pankhurst et al. (2006). If so, regional cooling of
320 the Navarrete Plutonic Complex to ~300°C would have taken place over ca. 20 Ma. Zr thermometry of the
321 Navarrete Plutonic Complex indicates temperatures around 780-800°C (Rapalini et al., 2010) which implies a
322 cooling rate of ca. 30 °C/Ma for the period 283-265 Ma. Because the contact metamorphic assemblages in the

323 Nahuel Niyeu Formation include andalusite, now present as sericite pseudomorphs, the Navarrete Plutonic
324 Complex is considered to have intruded at shallow depths. Thus, the late Paleozoic history of magmatism for the
325 Nahuel Niyeu block is one of shallow intrusions ending at ca. 260 Ma. Subsequent reactivation in the Jurassic
326 resulted in the deposition of Marifil Formation that discordantly overlies the Nahuel Niyeu Formation. The
327 crystallization age range obtained for all the late Permian to Triassic units in the Yaminué Block do not overlap
328 the time span (283-260 Ma) proposed for the Navarrete Plutonic Complex (Pankhurst et al., 2006, and this
329 paper), San Martín Pluton (figure 1, Gozávez, 2009b), or for the Pailemán Plutonic Complex (located further
330 east of the studied area; Giacosa, 1999; Grecco and Gregori, 2011).

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332 **5.3 Regional framework for the Lower Jurassic deformational event**

333 Thermo-mechanical overprinting of the Yaminué block is recorded by Lower Jurassic cooling ages in mica. The
334 K-Ar ages of 182.4 ± 2.9 Ma from deformed muscovite is similar to the Ar-Ar 185.6 ± 1.5 Ma biotite cooling
335 age of the foliated granodiorite (Table 1). Since cooling ages are Lower Jurassic (ca. 188 Ma) at different
336 localities of the Yaminué Metagneous Complex and Cabeza de Vaca Granite, the simplest hypothesis is that
337 cooling was protracted and very slow or, alternatively, that this crustal segment might have experienced a
338 Jurassic uplift and at least partial exhumation as indicated by the outcrops of the Robaina facies that are partially
339 covered by the Treneta Volcanic-Plutonic Complex. Given the difference in closure temperature for the dated
340 minerals ($\approx 280^\circ\text{C}$ for biotite, $300\text{-}350^\circ\text{C}$, Harrison et al., 1985; Dahl, 1996; 425°C for muscovite, Harrison et
341 al., 2009), the concordance of Ar-Ar and K-Ar ages indicates relatively fast cooling of mylonitized gneisses and
342 granodiorites, as well as the less deformed granites. In this context, it is suggested that fast cooling after a period
343 of quiescence could have been triggered by deformation with partial removal of the foot wall rocks (Yaminué
344 Metagneous Complex), promoting fast ascent of isotherms to upper crustal levels and the resetting of the
345 isotopic system of the micas.

346 The next recorded magmatic event is the emplacement of the undeformed epizonal Flores Granite, located in the
347 boundary between the Yaminué and Nahuel Niyeu blocks. The ca. 190 Ma Flores Granite (Rb-Sr WR isochron)
348 would be coeval with the silica rich Marifil Complex, according to Jurassic ages presented here and those
349 previously provided by Pankhurst et al. (1993). The Lower Jurassic ages for muscovite booklets of the Flores
350 Granite support the WR Rb-Sr isochrons because their closure temperature would be around 500°C . All these
351 data are minimum ages of intrusion, which are expected to be close to the crystallization age for shallow
352 intrusions into cool upper crust. Our field observations in areas close to the samples that were dated indicate that

353 fine grained pink-biotite leucogranites intrude coarse grained facies assigned to the same unit but from which
354 precise ages are lacking. This fact fosters an older age for the coarse grained facies, in agreement with other
355 similar leucogranite units in the North Patagonian Massif as the Calvo Granite (250 Ma, Pankhurst et al., 2006)
356 or even, Cabeza de Vaca Granite of the Yaminué Block (López de Luchi et al., 2010).

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358 **5.4 Regional Synthesis**

359 A late Ordovician or early Silurian episode of exhumation occurred across the study region since magmatic
360 Ordovician zircons are the main detrital contribution not only in the Sierra Grande Formation (Uriz et al., 2011),
361 which overlies the Nahuel Niyeu Formation, but also in the Yaminué block in the medium grade metaclastic
362 rocks that host the Yaminué Metagneous Complex (Rapalini et al., 2013) (figure 3). After this episode each
363 block shows an independent evolution. Granitoids of the Navarrete Plutonic Complex in the Nahuel Niyeu block
364 were at ca. 280-300 °C in the middle Permian whereas the granitoids of the Yaminué block (re)attained this
365 temperature in the Jurassic. The cooling was faster in the Nahuel Niyeu block and the 274-260 Ma cooling ages
366 would correspond to the beginning of a magmatic gap in high levels of the crust that would extend up to the
367 early Jurassic.

368 The Yaminué block records the track of Devonian and Carboniferous sedimentation (374 to 395 Ma, Tohver et
369 al., 2008; Chernicoff et al., 2013, respectively) and/or later metamorphism at 320 Ma (Chernicoff et al., 2013) as
370 shown by the detrital zircons of biotite paragneisses that host the Yaminué granites. The comparison of the
371 probability density plots (figure 4) indicates the inheritance is unequivocally Ordovician (main probability
372 density peaks at ca. 460 Ma, and minor at ca. 380 Ma and 530 Ma). A possible igneous source for the 380-395
373 Ma detrital contribution could be tracked to the westernmost part of the North Patagonian Massif (San Martín de
374 los Andes Tonalite) or granites near Gastre (Pankhurst et al., 2006; figure 1a). As Chernicoff et al. (2013)
375 indicated, although there is no magmatic record ca. 320 Ma in the northeastern sector of the North Patagonian
376 Massif, further southwest, a magmatic calc-alkaline arc in Paso del Sapo, Cordón del Serrucho and part of the
377 Sierra de Mamil Choique, exhibits a clear magmatic record of an age range between 330-280 Ma (Pankhurst et
378 al., 2006).

379 If metamorphism in the Yaminué block is synchronous with deformation as suggested by the synkinematic
380 emplacement age of northern Yaminué Metagneous Complex, the event would be bracketed between 252 and
381 248 Ma. The 10 Ma discrepancy between this cluster and the age of Chernicoff et al. (2013) of 261 ± 3 Ma U-Pb
382 SHRIMP zircon dating from an outcrop apparently less than 5 km away from Pankhurst et al. (2014) U-Pb

383 SHRIMP dating localities, is still not easy to explain unless the interplay between emplacement and deformation
384 would be more complex. No record of metamorphism of this age range is found in the Nahuel Niyeu Formation
385 (Pankhurst et al., 2006), however, this could be biased by the exposed crustal level.

386 The ~261 and ~248 Ma episode of widespread synkinematic magmatism of the northern Yaminué Metagneous
387 Complex is associated with leucogranite intrusions (~252 Ma, Cabeza de Vaca Granites). Evidence for this event
388 is absent from the Nahuel Niyeu supracrustal block but magmatism of this age is found in the Madsen Tonalite,
389 which intrudes the Tardugno granodiorite (Pankhurst et al., 2014). A possible explanation for the lack of late
390 Permian-Triassic magmatism in the Nahuel Niyeu block is provided by the Early Permian cooling age found in
391 the Navarrete Plutonic Complex, which suggest the exposed level of the crust was below 300° C isotherm in the
392 Late Permian. Besides the evidence that Yaminué and Nahuel Niyeu blocks expose different crustal levels,
393 different thermobarometric data for the complexes of the two blocks support this idea. The Navarrete Plutonic
394 Complex yielded 2.1 ± 0.5 kbar (sample V74, Rapalini et al., 2010) and $2.5-3.1 \pm 0.5$ kbar (Musters Pluton,
395 López de Luchi et al., 2013), whereas 5.1 ± 0.6 kbar were calculated for the interlayered unit of the Ramos
396 Mexía Complex. These differences are consistent with the gravimetric model that suggests around 10 km of
397 uplifting of Yaminué block with respect to the outcrops of the Nahuel Niyeu block (Lince Klinger et al., 2010).
398 In this case, cooling ages from micas would reinforce this difference in crustal levels because only the deeper
399 seated early Permian to early Triassic intrusions of the western block might have recorded the Jurassic resetting.
400 Circa 80 km to the southeast of Valcheta town, in the Mina Gonzalito block, highly deformed S-type
401 synkinematic magmatism is dated at ~260 Ma in the Tembrao area (^{39}Ar - ^{40}Ar ages in Grecco and Gregori, 2011,
402 Tohver et al., 2008). Moreover, hydrothermal fluids have been classically proposed as responsible for age and
403 magnetic resetting during Permian (~260 Ma) and Jurassic times (~190 Ma) in several Ordovician, Permian and
404 Jurassic igneous rocks in the easternmost sector of the North Patagonian Massif, close to Sierra Grande, Mina
405 Gonzalito and Las Grutas areas (Busteros et al., 1998; Aragón et al., 1999; Sato et al., 2004; Varela et al., 2009;
406 Tomezzoli et al., 2013), perhaps associated to the development and/or later extensional reactivation of the El
407 Jagüelito Shear Zone as well as other NW-SE shear zones (Giacosa, 1997; 2001).

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410 **6. CONCLUDING REMARKS**

411 The new cooling and crystallization age data presented herein provide clear evidence for the resetting of several
412 Paleozoic to early Mesozoic intrusive units exposed in the northeastern North Patagonian Massif during the

413 Jurassic (198-182 Ma). This set of ages (~190 Ma) is located in the westernmost part of the area, Yaminué block,
414 where early and late Paleozoic to Early Triassic deeper crustal levels are exposed. In addition, one cooling age of
415 274 ± 4 Ma confirms an early Permian crystallization age for an undeformed monzogranite in the eastern Nahuel
416 Niyeu block. At present, no evidence for resetting has been found in Nahuel Niyeu block. There, the Jurassic
417 age of the fine grained facies of the undeformed Flores granite has been confirmed and is likely to represent the
418 primary cooling of the pluton. Magmatic ages around ~190 Ma for part of the Flores Granite are consistent with
419 the intraplate Lower Jurassic magmatic event (V1- between 178 and 188 Ma; Marifil Volcanic Event: Pankhurst
420 et al., 2000) related to the westward spreading Karoo thermal anomaly (Jourdan et al., 2005) that affected the
421 North Patagonian and the Deseado massifs. This massive Jurassic magmatic event might have also triggered an
422 intraplate deformational pulse (evidenced by the deformed muscovite grains of the Ordovician rocks of the
423 Yaminué Complex) that could be responsible for the (re)exhumation and deformation of part of the Paleozoic
424 basement of the westernmost Yaminué block through the reactivation of discrete fragile NE-SW to ENE-WSW
425 fault systems and related shear zones as well as the resetting of isotopic systems (190-180 Ma). The Jurassic
426 reactivation of previous late Permian to Triassic NE-SW shear zones related to the amalgamation of the
427 Patagonia blocks, might have led to the current level of crustal exposure. Thus, the timing and duration (between
428 190 and 180 Ma) of localized intraplate deformation and isotopic reset of low temperature isotopic systems (K-
429 Ar, Ar-Ar and, presumably, Rb-Sr) in the Paleozoic to Triassic basement of the northeastern Patagonia closely
430 overlaps in time with discrete episodes of contraction described in Patagonia. Other evidence of Jurassic
431 intraplate deformation are referred in the wake of uplift of the Huincul High, NW of Patagonia (Naipauer et al.,
432 2012) and the discrete events of tectonic inversion of the West-Gondwana break up related depocenters in the
433 Deseado Massif (Navarrete et al., 2016).

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603 CAPTIONS

604 **Figure 1.** Geological setting of northeastern Patagonia (North Patagonian Massif) a) Regional map. Localities
605 referred to in the text are indicated; PB, Pampean Belt; FB, Famatinian Belt; PT, Precordillera Terrane; b)
606 Geological map between Valcheta and Nihuel Niyeu towns based on Rapalini et al. (2013) and Pankhurst et al.
607 (2014). The location of the Ar-Ar, K-Ar mica, and U-Pb zircon ages is indicated in blue and black and white
608 bolded ballons, respectively. White ballons correspond to previous U-Pb zircon SHRIMP dating (black text,
609 Pankhurst et al., 2006, 2013; Tohver et al. 2008; Chernicoff et al., 2013; Rapalini et al., 2013) and black ballons
610 represent the detrital maximum depositional ages (Pankhurst et al., 2006; Tohver et al., 2008; Chernicoff et al.,

611 2013; Rapalini et al., 2013). The black double line represents the contact lineament between the Yaminué block
612 and the Nahuel Niyeu block according to the gravimetrical model of Lince et al. (2010, 2014), Rapalini et al.
613 (2010) and magnetometrical data of Chernicoff et al. (2013).

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615 **Figure 2.** Results of the combined U-Pb SHRIMP zircon and/or $^{39}\text{Ar}/^{40}\text{Ar}$ mica ages on samples a) U-Pb
616 Concordia diagram for sample SA100, foliated granodiorite/ tonalite of the southern Yaminué Complex taken
617 from Rapalini et al. (2013); b) $^{39}\text{Ar}/^{40}\text{Ar}$ spectra of biotite of a foliated granodiorite layer of the southern
618 Yaminué Complex, (sample V79) in the same locality of SA100; c) U-Pb Concordia crystallization age for an
619 undeformed monzogranite of the Cabeza de Vaca Granite (Sample 104); d) Ar/Ar spectra of biotite extracted of
620 the monzogranite of sample SA104 (separate V58); e) U-Pb Concordia crystallization age of a leucogranite dike
621 (sample SA101); f) $^{39}\text{Ar}/^{40}\text{Ar}$ step heating for the muscovite blasts within the Nahuel Niyeu Formation (sample
622 SA115). Blasts are related to the contact aureole of the Navarrete Granodiorite in Puesto Navarrete locality.

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624 **Figure 3:** Summary of the new and already published geochronologic data and events for northeastern Patagonia
625 (time is shown in Y-axis in Ma from Cambrian to Jurassic) along a southwest to northeast traverse across the
626 towns of Yaminué, Nahuel Niyeu and Valcheta towns (geological unit X- axis). Geochronological data
627 comprises zircon U-Pb crystallization ages and detrital ages peaks (magmatic ages in rectangles), maximum
628 depositional ages (stars), Ar-Ar and K-Ar cooling ages in biotite, muscovite and whole rock (in circles) and Rb-
629 Sr whole rock isochron (triangles). New ages are labelled as ‘N’ whereas published ages sources are referred
630 with numbers: 1- Foliated Granodiorite (Rapalini et al. 2013); 2- Bt Paragneiss (Tohver et al. 2008); 3- Bt
631 paragneiss (Chernicoff et al. 2013); 4- Orthogneiss (Chernicoff et al. 2013); 5,6,7- Granite (Pankhurst et al.
632 2014); 8- Andesite Dike in Mina Gonzalito Area (González et al. 2014); 9- Leucogranite (Pankhurst et al. 1993);
633 10- Bt tonalite (Pankhurst et al. 2014); 11- Granodiorite (Pankhurst et al. 2006); 12- Bt-Ms granite (Pankhurst et
634 al. 2006, Gozávez 2008a, López de Luchi et al. 2008); 13- Porphyritic Granite (Rapalini et al. 2013; Pankhurst
635 et al., 2014); 14- Metaclastic rock (Pankhurst et al. 2006; Rapalini et al. 2013); 15- Volcaniclastic level
636 (Rapalini et al. 2013); 16- Ms blast in phyllite; 17- Ms (bt) Granites (Gozávez et al. 2008a; Rapalini et al. 2013);
637 18- Ignimbrite/ Rhyolites (Pankhurst et al.1998; Márquez et al. 2012); 19- Magmatic sill in Aguada Cecilio
638 (Greco et al. 2015); 20- Sandstone (Youngest Zircon 428 Ma, Uriz et al. 2011); 21- Conglomerates (Zanettini
639 1980). Dashed blue line represents the location of the Tardugno Fault. Metamorphic events are marked as swung
640 dashes (ca. 470 Ma-Lower Ordovician- for Mina Gonzalito Complex, further southeast of the studied area

641 (Pankhurst et al., 2006) and late Permian (between 260 and 250 Ma, Chernicoff et al., 2013; Pankhurst et al.,
642 2014, respectively).

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644 **Figure 4.** Probability density plot and histogram of the detrital zircons U-Pb ages of the metaclastic host of the
645 Yaminué granites obtained in Tohver et al. (2008) (N=28) and Chernicoff et al. (2013) (N= 20). Concordance
646 level is over 90%. Bin width 50 Ma.

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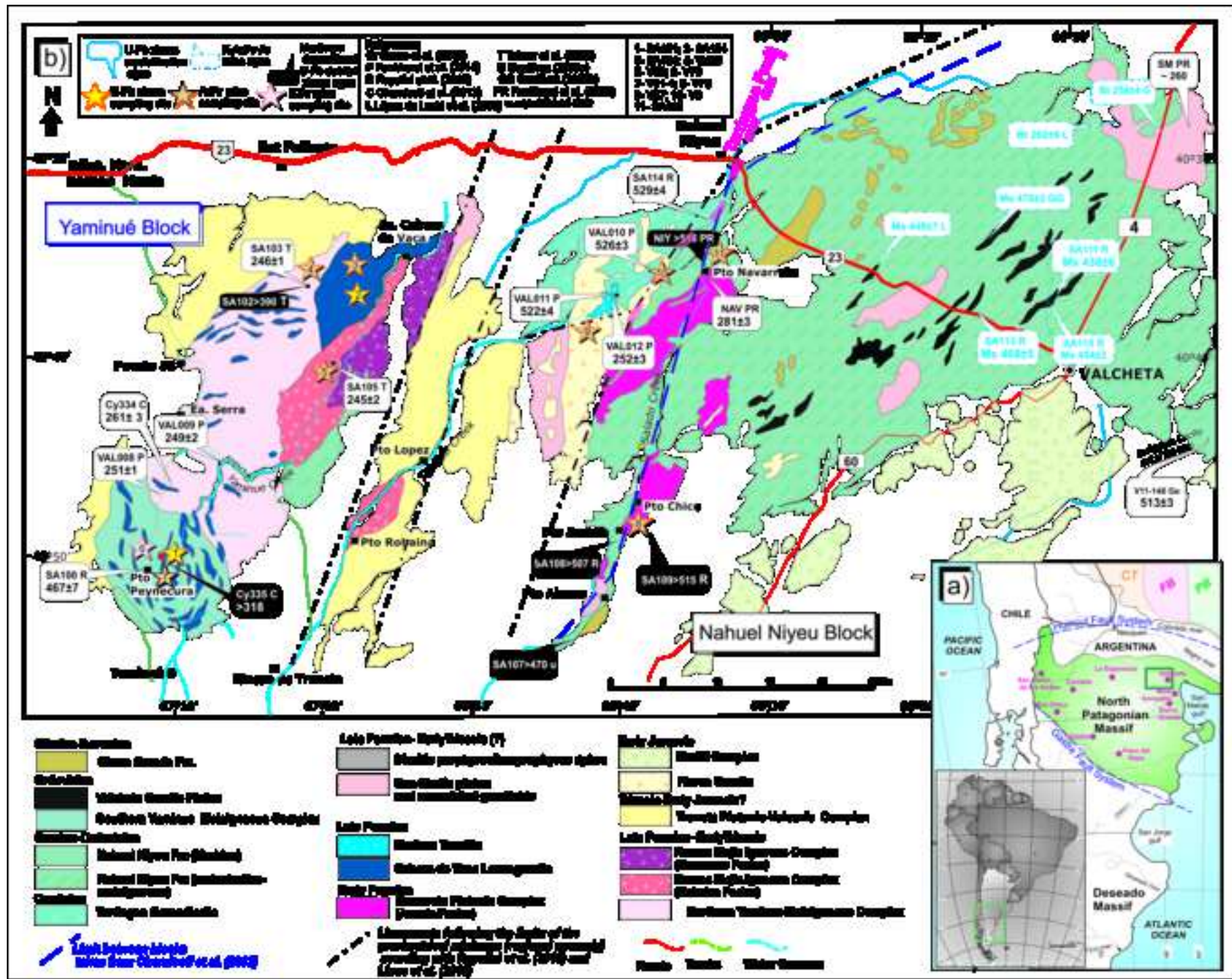
648 **Table 1.** Summary of mica K-Ar, $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{39}\text{Ar}$ and zircon U-Pb SHRIMP age results. See the details and analytical
649 data in the text and appendix A and B, respectively.

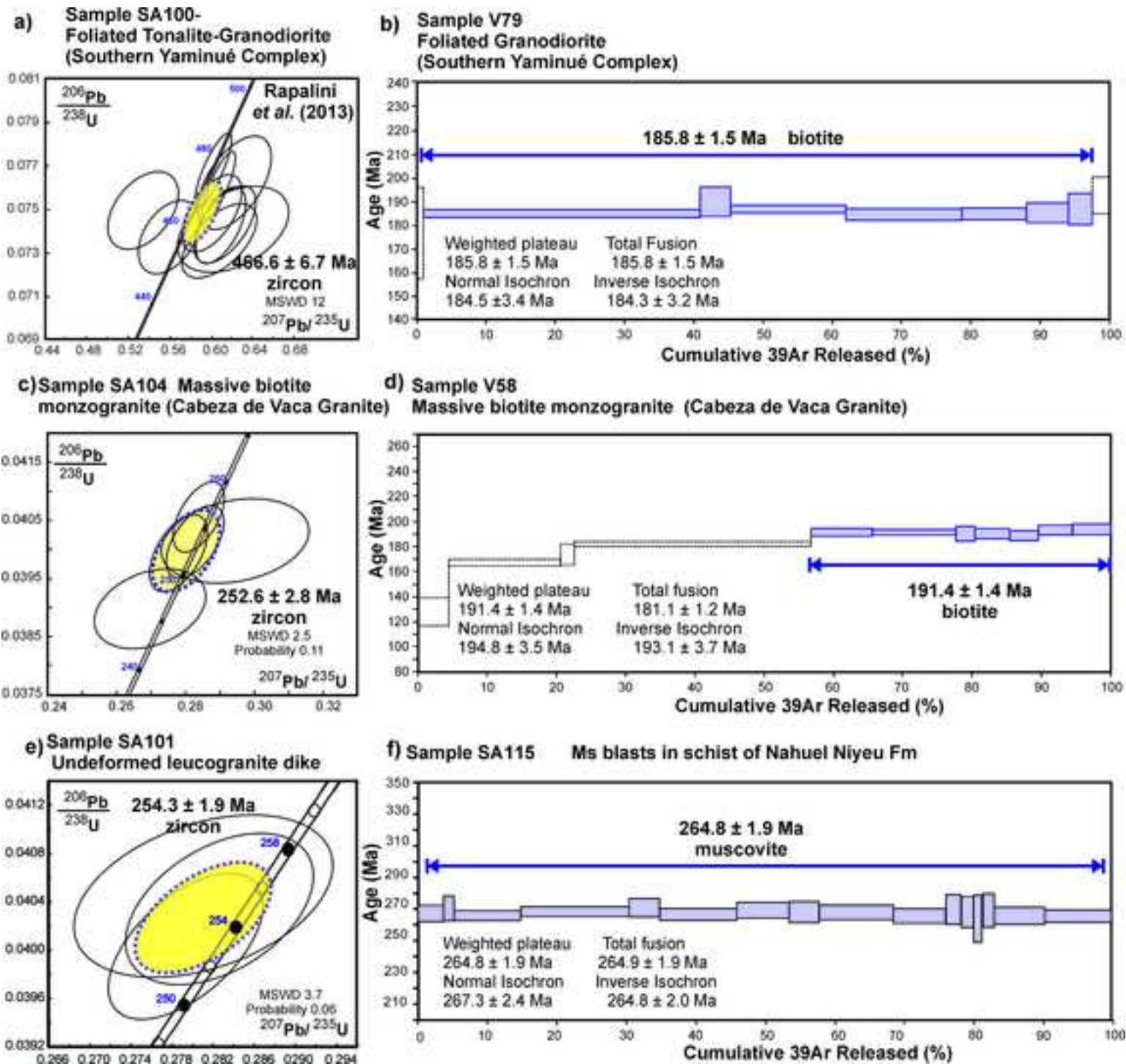
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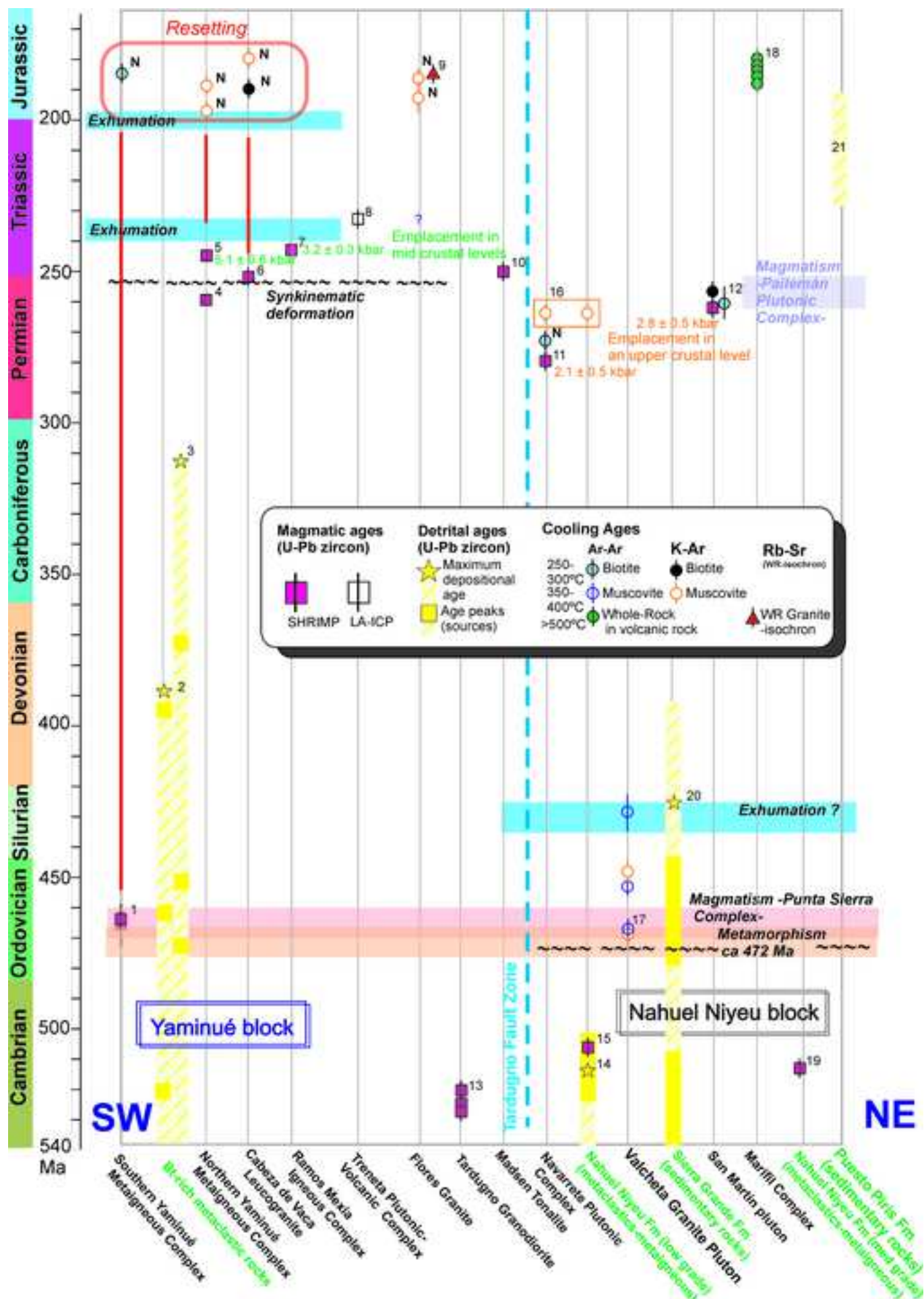
651 **Appendix A:** Ar-Ar and K-Ar analytical data.

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653 **Appendix B:** U-Pb SHRIMP zircon data.







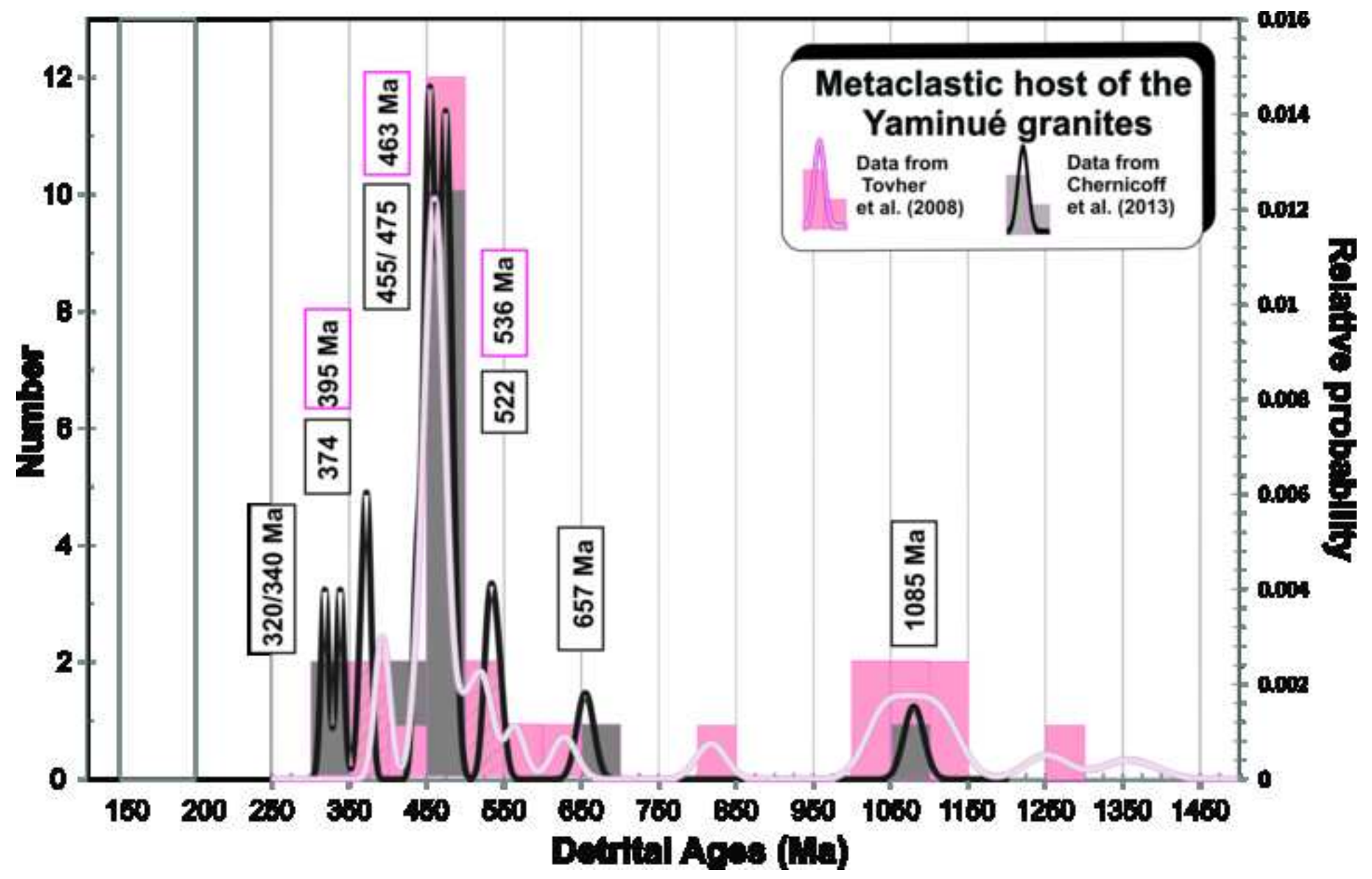


Table 1 R2

	Sample	Mineral	Lithology	Unit	Age [Ma]	2s-Error [Ma]
U-Pb SHRIMP	SA101	Zrc	Slightly deformed leucogranite dike intruding V79	Yaminué Metaigneous Complex (south)	254.3	3.8
	SA104/ V58	Zrc	Massive bt- granite	Cabeza de Vaca Granite	252.6	5.6
Ar-Ar	SA115	Ms	Muscovite blasts in phyllite	Nahuel Niyeu Fm	264.8	1.9
	V58	Bt	Massive bt- granite	Cabeza de Vaca Granite	191.4	1.4
	V79	Bt	Foliated granodiorite	Yaminué Metaigneous Complex (south)	185.8	1.5
K-Ar	V75	Ms	Undeformed Monzogranite	Navarrete Plutonic Complex	274.3	4.1
	V69	Ms	Ms booklets of a miarole of foliated leucogranite dyke discordant with the main facies of the Ramos Mexía Complex	Cabeza de Vaca Granite	190.1	2.0
	V79-1	Ms	Ms- fine grained-leucogranite dike concordant with the host	Yaminué Metaigneous Complex (south)	182.4	2.9
	VAL55	Ms	Ms booklets of a miarole of foliated leucogranite dyke	Cabeza de Vaca Granite	198.2	2.2
	V8E	Ms	Pegmatite in fine grained leucogranite	Flores Granite	193.3	4.5
	V27b	Ms	Pegmatite in fine grained leucogranite	Flores Granite	188.2	2.9



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	Sample	Mineral	Location -UTM 19G (m)		K2O	40 Ar *	40 Ar *	Age	2s-Error
			E	S	[Wt. %]	[nl/g]	[%]	[Ma]	[Ma]
K-Ar	V75	Ms	694721.84	5474430.97	9.71	92.76	97.35	274.3	4.1
	V69	Ms	666977.79	5495311.79	10.67	68.99	97.08	190.1	2
	V79-1	Ms	652638.39	5477758.17	10.76	66.6	97.87	182.4	2.9
	VAL55	Ms	667073.98	5501161.11	10.67	72.11	93.93	198.2	2.2
	V8E	Ms	701630.06	5503625.41	10.52	69.24	95.53	193.3	4.5
	V27b	Ms	696415.99	5501265.17	10.54	67.43	98.09	188.2	2.9
Ar-Ar	SA115	Ms	705633.17	5503762.84	-	-	-	264.8	1.9
	V58	Bt	671771.72	5504188.83	-	-	-	191.4	1.4
	V79	Bt	652638.39	5477758.17	-	-	-	185.6	1.5

Spot												Age (Ma)		% Discordancy											Notes
	$^{204}\text{Pb}/^{206}\text{Pb}$	$\pm\%$	$^{207}\text{Pb}/^{206}\text{Pb}$	$\pm\%$	$^{208}\text{Pb}/^{206}\text{Pb}$	$\pm\%$	Obs $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U}$	$\pm\%$	% common ^{206}Pb	U (ppm)	Th (ppm)	Corr $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U}$	$^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U}$ (1)		$^{207}\text{Pb}/^{206}\text{Pb}$ (1)	$^{238}\text{U}/^{206}\text{Pb}$	$\pm\%$	$r/^{206}\text{Pb}$	$^{207}\text{Pb}/r/^{206}\text{Pb}$	$\pm\%$	$^{207}\text{Pb}/r/^{235}\text{U}$	$\pm\%$	$^{206}\text{Pb}/r/^{238}\text{U}$	$\pm\%$	
Sample SA101 (UTM 19G 652638.39E, 5477758.17S) Undeformed dike crosscutting V79																									
SA101-07-01	1.6E-4	35	0.074	0.9	0.109	1.3	0.470	0.8	0.28	295	105	0.169	1006.0 ±12.5	965 ±31	-4	5.921	1.3	0.071	1.5	1.659	2.0	0.169	1.3	0.660	Inh
SA101-07-02	1.4E-4	33	0.053	1.2	0.399	0.8	0.117	0.4	0.26	1064	1384	0.040	253.0 ±3.1	224 ±43	-11	24.981	1.3	0.051	1.8	0.279	2.2	0.040	1.3	0.564	*
SA101-07-03	2.6E-4	38	0.054	1.7	0.048	3.0	0.114	0.7	0.47	484	59	0.041	255.6 ±3.4	213 ±79	-17	24.721	1.3	0.050	3.4	0.281	3.7	0.040	1.3	0.368	*
SA101-07-05	1.7E-4	27	0.073	0.9	0.456	1.0	0.460	1.0	0.30	362	521	0.160	952.8 ±12.6	957 ±27	0	6.278	1.4	0.071	1.3	1.559	1.9	0.159	1.4	0.733	Inh
SA101-07-06	8.8E-5	16	0.052	0.3	0.050	0.6	0.157	0.6	0.16	10333	1618	0.047	296.6 ±3.5	225 ±13	-24	21.238	1.2	0.051	0.6	0.329	1.3	0.047	1.2	0.904	
SA101-07-07	5.8E-4	25	0.057	2.4	0.326	1.1	0.114	0.5	1.07	671	697	0.037	234.6 ±3.1	125 ±128	-47	26.982	1.3	0.049	5.4	0.248	5.6	0.037	1.3	0.238	
SA101-07-08	1.8E-4	33	0.053	1.3	0.468	0.8	0.112	0.9	0.33	822	1215	0.040	254.9 ±3.2	232 ±53	-9	24.796	1.3	0.051	2.3	0.282	2.6	0.040	1.3	0.490	*
SA101-07-09	2.0E-3	13	0.072	1.3	0.328	2.6	0.096	2.0	3.61	733	634	0.039	239.0 ±3.3	-156 ±253	-165	26.477	1.4	0.043	10.2	0.225	10.3	0.038	1.4	0.136	
SA101-07-10	8.1E-5	44	0.126	0.5	0.028	3.6	0.258	1.0	0.14	1298	108	0.092	567.6 ±6.9	2031 ±11	258	10.864	1.3	0.125	0.6	1.589	1.4	0.092	1.3	0.901	
SA101-07-12	7.4E-4	28	0.062	3.0	0.124	2.4	0.211	0.8	1.32	175	66	0.076	466.5 ±6.9	252 ±163	-46	13.326	1.5	0.051	7.1	0.530	7.2	0.075	1.5	0.211	
SA101-07-13	1.2E-6	2913	0.058	1.5	0.028	2.5	0.189	0.4	0.00	759	51	0.063	393.8 ±5.1	535 ±38	36	15.874	1.3	0.058	1.7	0.505	2.2	0.063	1.3	0.612	
Sample SA104 (UTM 19G 671771.72E, 5504188.83S)- Undeformed biotite monzogranite																									
SA104-07-1	1.3E-4	45	0.052	1.1	0.491	0.8	0.112	0.6	0.24	1179	1814	40.500	252.3 ±3.3	219 ±48	-13	25.049	1.3	0.051	2.1	0.278	2.5	0.040	1.3	0.542	*
SA104-07-10	8.3E-5	55	0.060	1.7	0.144	1.2	0.236	0.4	0.15	529	236	39.600	538.8 ±6.7	553 ±46	3	11.471	1.3	0.059	2.1	0.705	2.5	0.087	1.3	0.525	Inh
SA104-07-11	2.6E-4	33	0.058	1.3	0.408	0.9	0.115	0.4	0.48	840	1071	30.200	262.8 ±3.3	362 ±62	38	24.036	1.3	0.054	2.8	0.309	3.0	0.042	1.3	0.421	
SA104-07-12	1.3E-4	28	0.053	1.3	0.355	0.6	0.124	0.3	0.23	1804	2169	63.000	256.3 ±3.1	230 ±39	-10	24.659	1.2	0.051	1.7	0.284	2.1	0.041	1.2	0.587	*
SA104-07-2	5.2E-5	114	0.052	1.1	0.621	0.6	0.118	0.4	0.10	1232	2478	42.500	253.6 ±3.1	246 ±47	-3	24.922	1.3	0.051	2.0	0.283	2.4	0.040	1.3	0.522	*
SA104-07-3	1.7E-4	14	0.059	0.9	0.213	0.8	0.196	0.3	0.31	1035	662	58.700	410.9 ±5.5	467 ±26	14	15.195	1.4	0.056	1.2	0.511	1.8	0.066	1.4	0.770	
SA104-07-4	2.1E-4	66	0.053	2.0	0.470	1.2	0.112	0.6	0.39	373	573	12.600	246.5 ±3.5	203 ±108	-18	25.652	1.4	0.050	4.7	0.270	4.9	0.039	1.4	0.295	*
SA104-07-5	1.3E-4	89	0.058	1.4	0.082	2.0	0.194	0.5	0.24	417	92	23.600	410.1 ±5.3	447 ±76	9	15.223	1.3	0.056	3.4	0.506	3.7	0.066	1.3	0.363	
SA104-07-6	3.5E-4	36	0.060	1.9	0.216	2.0	0.211	0.5	0.62	387	234	24.200	450.2 ±5.9	422 ±88	-6	13.823	1.4	0.055	3.9	0.551	4.2	0.072	1.4	0.325	
SA104-07-7	5.8E-4	48	0.061	3.2	0.417	2.2	0.111	1.1	1.06	128	165	4.340	246.5 ±4.2	311 ±200	26	25.653	1.7	0.053	8.8	0.283	9.0	0.039	1.7	0.195	
SA104-07-8	1.1E-3	30	0.058	3.3	0.649	1.5	0.112	0.9	1.93	181	374	6.330	252.6 ±4.1	-197 ±311	-178	25.019	1.7	0.042	12.4	0.234	12.5	0.040	1.7	0.132	
SA104-07-9	3.2E-4	57	0.058	2.3	0.354	1.7	0.111	0.8	0.59	254	281	8.800	253.8 ±3.7	336 ±130	32	24.904	1.5	0.053	5.7	0.294	5.9	0.040	1.5	0.251	*

Pb_c and Pb⁺ indicate the common and radiogenic portions, respectively. (1) Corrected for common Pb using measured ²⁰⁴Pb; *Stars indicate the zircons used in the calculation of Concordia ages. Inh Inherited.