



Geochemistry and isotopic signatures of metavolcanic and metaplutonic rocks of the Faina and Serra de Santa Rita greenstone belts, Central Brazil: Evidences for a Mesoarchean intraoceanic arc



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ABSTRACT

The Archean–Paleoproterozoic Terrane of Goiás, Central Brazil, is an allochthonous block within the Neoproterozoic Tocantins Province and consists of an association of Archean TTG complexes and gold-bearing Archean–Paleoproterozoic greenstone belts. The Faina and Serra Santa Rita greenstone belts, located in the southern portion of the terrane, are investigated using geochemistry and isotope geology to establish the time of magmatism and tectonic environment. Our data show that the ultramafic rocks have some chemical characteristics similar to modern boninites, whereas the amphibolites are subdivided into two groups: the type 1 basalts group are tholeiites with flat REE patterns and are similar to back-arc basin basalts; the type 2 basalts group have high Nb contents and are comparable to Nb-enriched basalts. Felsic to intermediate rocks present some of the main chemical diagnostic features of adakites, in which the metandesites and metatonalites are comparable to high-SiO₂ adakites, and the metadiorites, characterized by very high MgO, Cr and Ni contents, are comparable to low-SiO₂ adakites or high-Mg andesites. Metavolcanic and metaplutonic rocks show two main periods of magmatic crystallization ages with juvenile and slightly crustal contaminated rocks. The first occurred at 2.96–2.92 Ga with positive $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}}(t)$ values of +2.16 to +2.77, while the second formed at 2.8 Ga with slightly negative $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}}(t)$ value of –0.15. The volcanic and plutonic protoliths of the two greenstone belts were formed in an intraoceanic forearc–arc–back–arc system. The initial stage corresponds to ultramafic lava eruption in the forearc region of a proto-island arc, at 2.96 Ga. The evolution of the island arc and subduction progression led to oceanic slab-melting and generation of adakites. At 2.92 Ga, the adakitic melt was totally consumed by peridotite mantle and the subsequent melting of these hybridized mantle wedge generated high-Mg andesites that lodged in the crust as dioritic intrusions with high MgO, Cr and Ni contents. The late-stage corresponds to a continental arc formation at 2.8 Ga, marked by tonalitic magmatism and amalgamation with other island arcs and continental arcs of the TTG complexes of the Archean–Paleoproterozoic Terrane of Goiás.

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1. Introduction

Archean greenstone belts are components of several cratons and present a wide variety of igneous and sedimentary rocks that carry the imprint of different tectonic environments, magmatic episodes and stages of metamorphism, deformation, metasomatism and mineralization (Anhaeusser, 2014; Pearce, 2014). The geochemical studies on metavolcanic rocks of greenstone belts

have revealed two main types of associations: (1) a plume-related association composed of komatiites and tholeiitic basalts in oceanic and continental plateaus (e.g. Campbell et al., 1989; Herzberg, 1992; Xie et al., 1993; Arndt, 1994; Dostal and Mueller, 1997, 2004; Puchtel et al., 1998; Polat, 2009); and (2) a subduction-related association composed of calc-alkaline basalts, andesites, dacites and rhyolites, with minor occurrences of boninites, picrites, adakites, high-Mg andesites and Nb-enriched basalts. (e.g. Kerrich et al., 1998; Hollings and Kerrich, 2000; Wyman et al., 2000; Polat and Kerrich, 2004; Hollings, 2002; Percival et al., 2003; Polat and Hofmann, 2003; Shchinpasky

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et al., 2004; Polat and Kerrich, 2006; Ujike et al., 2007; Manikyamba et al., 2009; Khanna et al., 2015).

The Archean–Paleoproterozoic Terrane of Goiás, located in Central Brazil, is an allochthonous part of the Neoproterozoic Tocantins Province, a large Brasiliano/Pan-African orogen of the South American Platform formed during the Brasiliano orogeny. The terrane amalgamated to the province during the late stages of the orogeny and consists of an association of six Archean TTG complexes (tonalite-trondhjemite-granodiorite orthogneisses) and five Archean to Paleoproterozoic (Rhyacian) greenstone belts (Jost et al., 2013). The greenstone belts comprise lower units of metakomatiites overlain by metabasalts and upper units of metasedimentary rocks and host diverse types of gold deposits (Jost et al., 2014). The available data regarding the region are currently not sufficient for a detailed reconstruction of the magmatism and the different periods of crustal accretion, and to outline the tectonic environment in which the different units were formed.

The main purpose of this study is to provide an interpretation of the tectonic setting of the Faina and Serra de Santa Rita greenstone belts, located in the southern portion of the Archean–Paleoproterozoic Terrane of Goiás, based on new geochemical and isotopic data of metavolcanic and metaplutonic rocks. We suggest that these rocks constitute an association generated in subduction zone settings, which include adakite-like rocks, high-Mg andesites and Nb-enriched basalts occurrences. We intend to contribute to the different juvenile crustal accretion characterization, which preceded the formation of the Archean orogenic systems, and to comprehend the mechanism of crustal growth involved in the formation of the southern portion of the Archean–Paleoproterozoic Terrane of Goiás.

2. Geological setting

The Tocantins Province (Almeida et al., 1981) represents a large Brasiliano/Pan-African orogen of the South American Platform formed by the collision of the Amazonian, São Francisco–Congo and Paranapanema cratons (the latter is currently covered by Cenozoic rocks of the Paraná Basin) that led to the amalgamation of the supercontinent Western Gondwana in the Neoproterozoic. The province consists of three fold belts: the Paraguai Belt, on the southwestern portion, the Araguaia Belt, on the northern portion, and the Brasília Belt, that borders the western edge of the São Francisco Craton (Pimentel et al., 2000).

The Brasília Belt is divided into a NE–SW northern branch and a NW–SE southern branch. The separation of these two branches is established by the Pirineus Syntaxis that marks the change of the structural directions and configures the juxtaposing of the northern structures onto the southern counterparts by a large set of E–W shear zones (Araújo Filho, 2000). Both branches are divided into the External and Internal zones (Fig. 1). The External Zone includes thick sequences of low-grade metasedimentary rocks and their basements structured in fold-and-thrust belts verging towards the São Francisco Craton. The Internal Zone comprises: (1) the metamorphic core of the orogen, known as Anápolis-Itaçu Granulitic Complex (Piuzana et al., 2003) and Uruaçu Complex (DellaGiustina et al., 2009), distal metasedimentary rocks of the Araxá Group (Seer et al., 2001) and ophiolitic fragments (Strieder and Nilson, 1992); (2) the Goiás Massif, composed of allochthonous cratonic fragments that constitute the Archean–Paleoproterozoic Terrane of Goiás (Jost et al., 2013), a Paleoproterozoic metasedimentary cover and Meso- to Neoproterozoic mafic-ultramafic layered complexes associated with metavolcanosedimentary sequences (Ferreira Filho et al., 1992, 1994; Moraes et al., 2000); and (3) the Neoproterozoic Goiás Magmatic Arc, composed of metavolcanosedimentary sequences and orthogneisses disposed

on a broad area of juvenile and continental crust generated during plate convergence between 990 and 630 Ma (Pimentel et al., 1991, 1997; Pimentel and Fuck, 1992; Pimentel et al., 2000, 2004; Junges et al., 2002, 2003; Laux et al., 2005) (Fig. 1).

2.1. The Archean–Paleoproterozoic Terrane of Goiás

The Archean–Paleoproterozoic Terrane of Goiás is located in the midwestern portion of the Brasília Belt (Fig. 2A), Central Brazil, and is composed of an association of six Archean TTG complexes (orthogneisses) and five Archean to Paleoproterozoic greenstone belts (Fig. 2B). The cratonization of the Archean substrate occurred at around 2.7 Ga and the region was also subject to Paleoproterozoic magmatic activity related to crustal extension during the Siderian and closing of the orogen in the Rhyacian (Danni et al., 1986; Jost et al., 1992, 1993, 2010, 2014; Queiroz, 2000; Corrêa da Costa, 2003). The amalgamation of the Archean–Paleoproterozoic Terrane of Goiás to the Brasília Belt during the Brasiliano orogeny in the Neoproterozoic resulted in broadly distributed granitic intrusions, partial anatexis of Archean orthogneisses and hydrothermal alteration (Fortes, 1996; Fortes et al., 2003; Pimentel et al., 2003; Jost et al., 2005, 2008, 2014; Tassinari et al., 2006; Queiroz et al., 2008; Rodrigues, 2011).

2.1.1. The TTG complexes

The TTG complexes comprise tonalitic to granodioritic and minor granitic orthogneisses that differ in the structural framework, lithology associations and magmatic crystallization ages. In the northern portion of the terrane, are located the Anta, Caiamar, Moquéim and Hidrolina complexes, and in the southern portion, the Caiçara and Uvã complexes (Fig. 2B). Two stages of magmatism were recognized in the northern complexes. The first stage corresponds to juvenile poly-deformed tonalitic, granodioritic and granitic orthogneisses of the Hidrolina and Caiamar complexes and part of the Anta Complex, with U–Pb zircon crystallization ages between 2845 and 2785 Ma and initial ϵ_{Nd} values of -1.0 to $+2.41$. Inherited zircon crystals of 3.3–3.15 Ga and Sm–Nd model age of 3.0 Ga indicate that these magmas were contaminated by older continental crust (Queiroz et al., 2008). The second stage, restricted to the Moquéim Complex and part of the Anta Complex, corresponds to sheet-like granitic to granodioritic intrusions of crustal derivation with U–Pb zircon crystallization ages between 2792 and 2707 Ma and initial ϵ_{Nd} value of -2.2 (Queiroz et al., 2008).

The Caiçara Complex, located in the southern portion of the terrane, is composed predominantly of tonalitic orthogneisses with U–Pb zircon crystallization age of 3.14 Ga and minimum Sm–Nd model age of 3.1 Ga (Beghelli Junior, 2012). The tonalitic orthogneisses are intruded by smaller granodiorites, granites and charnockites with U–Pb crystallization ages of 2.8 Ga and Sm–Nd model ages of 2.9 Ga (Beghelli Junior, 2012). The Uvã Complex is located in the southernmost portion of the terrane and consists of two groups of orthogneisses (Jost et al., 2005, 2013). The dominant group is the oldest and includes poly-deformed tonalitic to granodioritic orthogneisses and a diorite stock. The tonalitic orthogneisses present U–Pb zircon crystallization ages between 3040 and 2930 Ma (Jost et al., 2013) and the diorite stock presents U–Pb zircon crystallization age of 2934 ± 5 Ma (Pimentel et al., 2003). The second group corresponds to sheet-like tonalite and monzogranite intrusions with U–Pb zircon crystallization age of 2846 and 2764 Ma (Jost et al., 2005, 2013). Therefore, the Archean substrate of the region is polyphase and the TTG complexes of the southern portion of the Archean–Paleoproterozoic Terrane of Goiás are older than the northern counterparts.

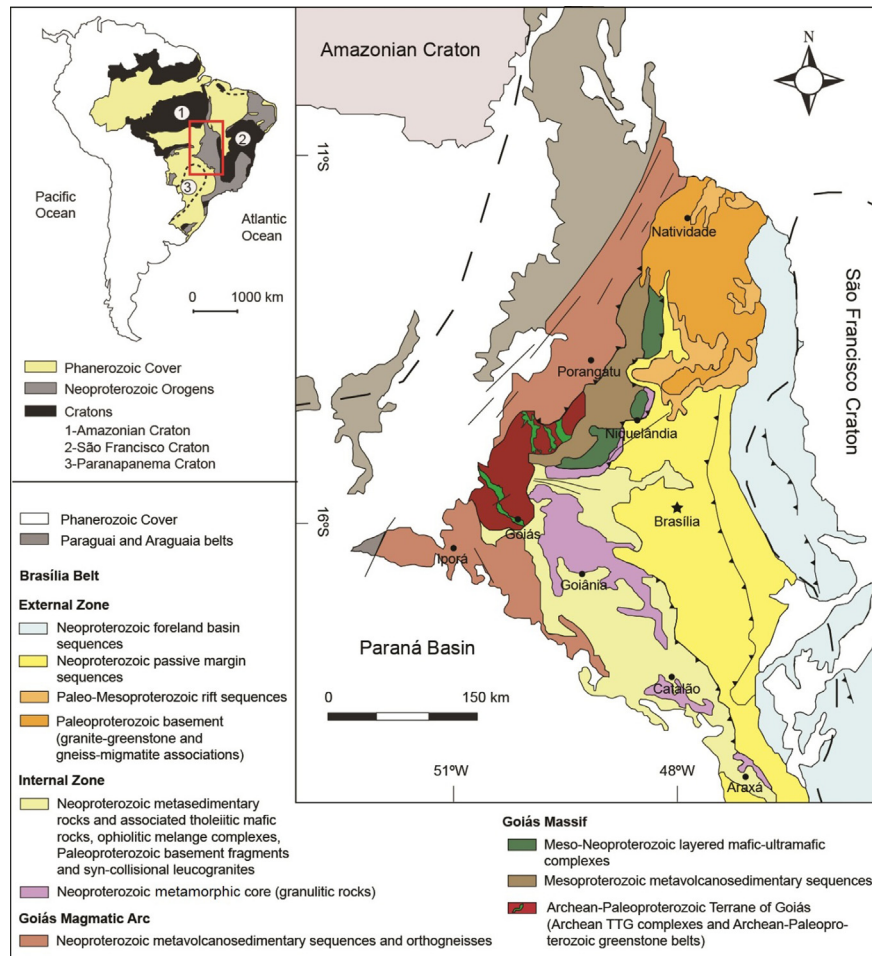


Fig. 1. Location of the Brasília Belt and its main components. The Archean–Paleoproterozoic Terrane of Goiás is located in the midwestern portion of the belt (Modified after Pimentel et al., 2004).

2.1.2. The greenstone belts

The greenstone belts occur as five elongated and irregularly shaped sequences situated between the TTG complexes. In the northern portion, are located the Crixás, Guarinos and Pilar de Goiás greenstone belts, and in the southern portion, the Faina and Serra de Santa Rita greenstone belts (Fig. 2B). Their contacts with the adjacent TTG rocks are tectonic and marked by northwest-verging thrust faults (Jost et al., 2005, 2013). The stratigraphy of the greenstone belts comprises lower metavolcanic sequences of metakomatiites overlain by metabasalts and upper metasedimentary sequences. The rocks underwent a greenschist to amphibolite facies metamorphism and the stratigraphic reconstruction is complex due to the fragmentary state, polycyclic deformation, thinning, thickening and the rarity of marker horizons, which hinders the correlation through the structural and igneous discontinuities (Jost et al., 2014).

Primary volcanic features are locally preserved and include pillow lavas, spinifex and cumulate textures, polyhedral joints, flux breccia and vesicles (Danni et al., 1981, 1986; Teixeira, 1981; Teixeira et al., 1981; Kuyumjian and Teixeira, 1982; Profumo, 1993; Jost et al., 1995). Intercalation of banded iron formation, gondite and metachert occur in different proportions among the metavolcanic rocks. The crystallization ages of the volcanic protoliths of the five greenstone belts range from Archean to Paleoproterozoic. The metakomatiites of the Crixás greenstone belt presented Sm–Nd isochron age of 3.00 ± 0.07 Ga (Fortes et al., 2003). On the other hand, U–Pb zircon data for the Guarinos and

Pilar de Goiás greenstone belts suggest that the metabasalts are from the Rhyacian, with ages at around 2.1 Ga (Jost et al., 2012, 2014). New LA–ICP–MS U–Pb zircon data for the Faina and Serra de Santa Rita greenstone belts are presented here and indicate a Mesoarchean age for their metavolcanic sequences (2.96 Ga).

The metasedimentary sequences of the five greenstone belts are markedly contrasting (Danni and Ribeiro, 1978; Jost and Oliveira, 1991; Resende and Jost, 1994, 1995a, 1995b; Jost et al., 1995, 2012; Resende et al., 1998). Several isotopic data have shown provenance of the clastic load from the Archean to the Paleoproterozoic (Rhyacian) (Resende et al., 1999; Fortes et al., 2003; Tassinari et al., 2006; Jost et al., 2008, 2012, 2014; Brant et al., 2015). Isotopic data of metadolomites of the northern greenstone belts and of the first sedimentary cycle of the southern greenstone belts revealed highly positive $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ values, variable from +10 to +14‰ (Fortes, 1996; Resende et al., 1998; Jost et al., 2008; Santos et al., 2008). These values are comparable to the first $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ positive anomaly in Earth's dolomites that is worldwide distributed between 2.2 and 2.06 Ga, known as Lomagundi–Jatuli positive $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ excursion (Melezhik et al., 2007). These data suggest that the deposition of the dolomites of these greenstone belts occurred due to the Huronian glaciation (Snowball Earth) decay, between the end of the Siderian and the beginning of the Rhyacian (Jost et al., 2014). In the Faina greenstone belt, the $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ values in metadolomites of the second sedimentary cycle fell between -0.66 and $+0.66$ ‰, suggesting that the deposition occurred at the end of the Lomagundi–Jatuli anomaly, but still during the Rhyacian, with

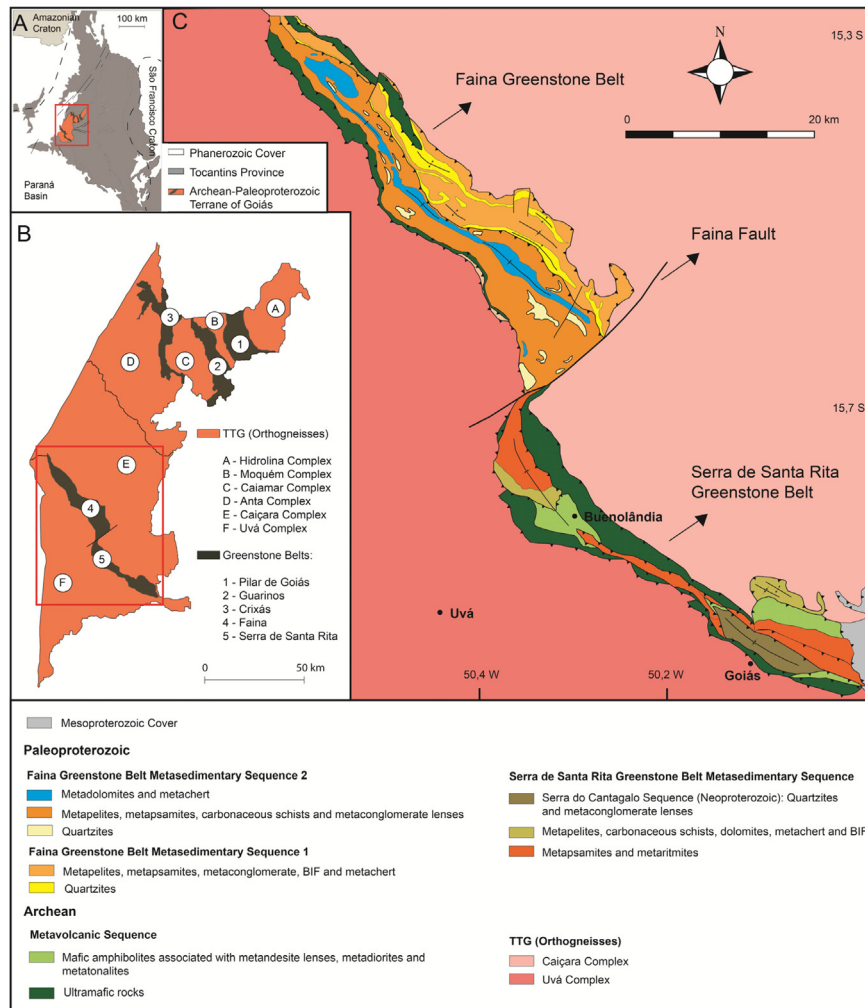


Fig. 2. The Archean-Paleoproterozoic Terrane of Goiás and the Faina and Serra de Santa Rita greenstone belts, located in the southern portion of the terrane. (A) Location of the Archean-Paleoproterozoic Terrane of Goiás in the Brasília Belt. (B) Distribution of the TTG complexes and greenstone belts that constitute the Archean-Paleoproterozoic Terrane of Goiás; the Faina and Serra de Santa Rita greenstone belts are highlighted. (C) Geological map of the Faina and Serra de Santa Rita greenstone belts (Modified after Baêta Júnior et al., 2000 and Toledo et al., 2014).

likely extension into the early Orosirian (Resende et al., 1999; Jost et al., 2014).

In summary, the available isotopic data indicate that the metasedimentary rocks of the five greenstone belts of the Archean-Paleoproterozoic Terrane of Goiás and the metavolcanic rocks of the Guarinos and Pilar de Goiás greenstone belts have Paleoproterozoic (Rhyacian) ages, whereas the metavolcanic rocks of the Crixás, Faina and Serra de Santa Rita greenstone belts have Mesoarchean ages.

2.1.3. The Faina and Serra de Santa Rita greenstone belts

The Faina and Serra de Santa Rita greenstone belts, located in the southern portion of the Archean-Paleoproterozoic Terrane of Goiás, are disposed in a NW-SE synform and are separated by the Faina Fault (Fig. 2C). These greenstone belts are located between the Caíçara and Uvã complexes and their contacts are tectonic and marked by high-angle northeast-verging shear zones that completely obliterate their original architecture (Resende et al., 1998; Jost et al., 2005). Both greenstone belts comprise lower metavolcanic sequences unconformably overlain by metasedimentary rocks. The metavolcanic rocks predominate in the Serra de Santa Rita greenstone belt and in the northern portion of the Faina greenstone belt and are mainly ultramafic in composition (Fig. 2C).

The mafic metavolcanic rocks correspond to amphibolites restricted to the Serra de Santa Rita greenstone belt and are associated with lenses of metandesites and metavolcanoclastic rocks. Dioritic to tonalitic poly-deformed intrusions also occur among these rocks. The metavolcanic sequences were affected by at least two greenschist to amphibolite facies metamorphic events. The overlying metasedimentary sequences record only the greenschist facies metamorphism. As described by Jost et al. (2005), the metavolcanic rocks, mostly ultramafics, of both greenstone belts extend towards south until the southern limit of the terrane as klippen that cover about 60% of the Uvã Complex orthogneisses.

The metasedimentary sequences of the Faina and Serra de Santa Rita greenstone belts differ from each other in several aspects and were probably developed under different conditions and sedimentary environments. Two metasedimentary sequences separated by a thrust fault occur in the Faina greenstone belt (metasedimentary sequences 1 and 2) (Fig. 2C). These two sequences represent two transgressive cycles of increasing depth (Resende et al., 1998). The base of both sequences is composed of metaconglomerates, followed by metarenites, thick packages of metapelites and metadolomites overlain by banded iron formation. The basal metaconglomerate of the first sedimentary cycle is in contact with the lower metavolcanic unit by an erosive unconformity and occurs

as metadiamictite lenses with clasts of metabasalt, metakomatiite and milky quartz. This conglomerate protolith was fed with clasts from a mafic-ultramafic source area, possibly the underlying metavolcanic rocks (Resende et al., 1998). The basal metaconglomerate of the second cycle is associated with impure metarenites and metapelites. The nature of the clasts indicates that this conglomerate protolith was formed by the erosion of rocks from the first sedimentary cycle and cratonic source areas (Resende et al., 1998; Carvalho et al., 2013).

The sedimentation in the Serra de Santa Rita greenstone belt occurred in a deep marine environment progressing to a shallow water. The metasedimentary sequence is composed of lower carbonaceous schists overlain by metachert, banded iron formation and metadolomites. These rocks are overlain by metaturbidites that are interpreted as an “extravasation” of the second sedimentary cycle of the Faina greenstone belt through a continental break towards the deeper marine environment of the Serra de Santa Rita greenstone belt (Resende et al., 1998).

3. Sampling and analytical methods

3.1. Sampling

The studied samples were collected during two field seasons of geological mapping of the Faina greenstone belt and part of the Serra de Santa Rita greenstone belt on a 1:25,000 scale. The samples of ultramafic rocks were collected from outcrops along the Faina and Serra de Santa Rita greenstone belts. The samples of amphibolites, metandesites, metadiorites and metatonalites were collected from outcrops in specific areas of the Serra de Santa Rita greenstone belt. In addition to the rocks collected from outcrops, this study includes data of four metandesite samples from drilling cores located in the southern portion of the Serra de Santa Rita greenstone belt. The most representative and preserved samples

were selected for petrographic, geochemical and isotopic studies. The coordinates of the samples are listed in Table 1.

3.2. Whole-rock geochemistry

The samples selected for whole rock geochemical analyses were pulverized and analyzed at the ALS Geochemistry Laboratory in Goiânia, Brazil, following standard laboratory procedures. Major elements were determined by X-ray Fluorescence (XRF) and are presented in weight oxides percentages. The rare earth elements (REE), high field strength elements (HFSE) and large ion lithophile elements (LILE) were determined by ICP-MS and the metals Ag, As, Cd, Co, Cu, Li, Mo, Ni, Pb, Sc, Tl and Zn were determined by ICP-AES. Major element analyses were recalculated to 100 wt.% anhydrous basis for inter-comparisons. Chondrite and primitive mantle compositions, used for normalizations, and the N-MORB composition are those of Sun and McDonough (1989). Europium (Eu/Eu*) and cerium (Ce/Ce*) anomalies were calculated with respect to the neighboring elements on chondrite-normalized REE diagrams, following method of Taylor and McLennan (1985). Mg-numbers (Mg#) were calculated as the molecular ratios of Mg/(Mg + Fe²⁺) × 100. Major and trace elements data are listed in Table 2.

3.3. U-Pb geochronology

The initial preparation of five selected samples for U-Pb zircon dating was conducted at the Geochronology Laboratory of the Universidade de Brasília (UnB) by traditional methods of crushing, milling and sieving. The concentration of non-magnetic grains was conducted using a Frantz isodynamic magnetic separator. The individual zircon crystals were manually separated from the non-magnetic concentrate under a binocular microscope. All zircon grains were mounted in epoxy mounts and polished to expose the core. Images of zircon were obtained using optical, cathodolu-

Table 1

Coordinates of the studied samples of metavolcanic and metaplutonic rocks of the Faina and Serra de Santa Rita greenstone belts. Datum: WGS 84/UTM zone 22S.

Sample	Rock type	Location	E	N
TF14-0	Pillowed komatiite	Serra de Santa Rita GB	595604	8242442
TF14-I-003	Ultramafic cumulate	Faina GB	550838	8301340
TF14-I-004A	Ultramafic cumulate	Faina GB	550624	8301244
TF14-I-075B	Ultramafic schist	Faina GB	550113	8301266
TF14-I-098A	Ultramafic schist	Faina GB	543998	8304892
TF14-I-099	Chloritite	Faina GB	544033	8304924
TF14-II-125A	Ultramafic schist	Faina GB	574611	8255516
TF14-V-133	Ultramafic schist	Faina GB	563256	8287986
TF14-VII-012B	Chloritite	Faina GB	563806	8279585
TF14-XI-016	Chloritite	Serra de Santa Rita GB	568539	8260278
TF14-XII-079B	Mafic schist	Serra de Santa Rita GB	569280	8260068
TF14-XII-015A	Mylonitized diorite	Serra de Santa Rita GB	574116	8252818
TF14-XII-015B	Amphibolite (type 2 basalts)	Serra de Santa Rita GB	574116	8252818
TF14-XII-093	Ultramafic schist	Serra de Santa Rita GB	568419	8253089
TF14-XII-167	Ultramafic schist	Serra de Santa Rita GB	577167	8252313
TF14-XII-178	Amphibolite (type 2 basalts)	Serra de Santa Rita GB	574505	8252410
TF14-XII-183	Metatonalite	Serra de Santa Rita GB	572842	8253857
PFG-CA-004A	Metadiorite	Serra de Santa Rita GB	572842	8253857
PFG-CA-004B	Metadiorite	Serra de Santa Rita GB	573802	8252860
PFG-CA-004D	Metadiorite	Serra de Santa Rita GB	573802	8252860
PFG-CA-004E	Metadiorite	Serra de Santa Rita GB	573802	8252860
PFG-CA-004G	Metadiorite	Serra de Santa Rita GB	573802	8252860
PFG-CA-016A	Amphibolite (type 1 basalts)	Serra de Santa Rita GB	574121	8252906
PFG-CA-016B	Mylonitized diorite	Serra de Santa Rita GB	574121	8252906
PFG-CA-017A	Amphibolite (type 1 basalts)	Serra de Santa Rita GB	573838	8253571
PFG-CA-019A	Amphibolite (type 1 basalts)	Serra de Santa Rita GB	573757	8253538
PFG-CA-019B	Amphibolite (type 1 basalts)	Serra de Santa Rita GB	573757	8253538
PFG-CA-030	Metandesite	Serra de Santa Rita GB	596209	8240176
D22	Metandesite (Drill hole sample)	Serra de Santa Rita GB	596209	8240176
D23	Metandesite (Drill hole sample)	Serra de Santa Rita GB	596209	8240176
D24	Metandesite (Drill hole sample)	Serra de Santa Rita GB	596209	8240176
D26	Metandesite (Drill hole sample)	Serra de Santa Rita GB	596209	8240176

Table 2

Major element (wt.%) and trace-element (ppm) data for metavolcanic and metaplutonic rocks of the Faina and Serra de Santa Rita greenstone belts.

Samples	Ultramafic rocks							Chloritites		
	TF14-000	TF14-I-003	TF14-I-004A	TF14-I-075B	TF14-II-125A	TF14-V-133	TF14-XII-093	TF14-XII-167	TF14-VII-12B	
SiO ₂	51.5	45.5	45.1	46.9	46.7	54.9	48.7	31.2	32.3	
TiO ₂	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.6	1.4	1.2	
Al ₂ O ₃	2.9	5.8	4.4	5.7	6.8	6.2	7.7	22.9	21.7	
Fe ₂ O ₃	10.1	15.1	15.9	14.4	10.2	8.5	13.5	15.5	13.5	
MnO	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	
MgO	32.5	27.9	30.9	27.9	31.9	29.8	20.3	28.8	31.1	
CaO	1.8	5.1	2.9	5.0	4.1	0.01	8.4	0.5	0.5	
Na ₂ O	LDL	0.1	0.1	0.04	0.1	0.01	0.3	0.03	LDL	
K ₂ O	LDL	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.04	0.04	LDL	LDL	
P ₂ O ₅	0.02	0.02	0.03	0.01	0.01	LDL	0.1	0.4	0.4	
LOI	8.9	6.9	8.3	6.8	8.0	6.4	4.3	10.9	11.2	
#Mg	86	79	79	79	86	87	75	79	82	
Sc	13.4	24.0	21.7	25.3	20.0	18.9	28.0	19.3	11.0	
V	62	124	116	105	89	85	141	213	174	
Cr	2910	1680	1990	1700	2550	1320	2220	164	80	
Co	127	113	121	113	82.0	91.0	93.0	76.0	51.0	
Ni	2460	1105	1475	1275	1630	1590	905	352	110	
Rb	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.6	1.7	2.4	0.3	0.4	
Sr	9.1	4.4	2.9	3.4	19.3	2.2	28.5	32.3	13.0	
Y	1.3	9.5	9.6	4.4	5.2	5.7	17.3	21.7	18.2	
Zr	LDL	8.2	8.4	1.9	9.0	2.9	34.0	175	424	
Hf	LDL	0.3	0.3	0.1	LDL	0.1	0.9	3.9	8.7	
Nb	0.6	0.6	0.8	0.4	1.2	0.1	1.5	3.4	22.1	
Cs	0.1	LDL	LDL	LDL	0.1	0.2	0.2	LDL	0.03	
Ba	LDL	10.0	LDL	LDL	3.6	20.0	5.7	30.0	6.9	
Ta	0.2	0.1	0.1	LDL	LDL	LDL	0.1	0.3	0.9	
Samples	Ultramafic rocks							Chloritites		
	TF14-000	TF14-I-003	TF14-I-004A	TF14-I-075B	TF14-II-125A	TF14-V-133	TF14-XII-093	TF14-XII-167	TF14-VII-012B	
Pb	1.4	0.5	LDL	0.5	LDL	5.1	LDL	1.1	LDL	
Th	LDL	LDL	LDL	LDL	0.1	LDL	0.4	4.7	6.4	
U	0.1	0.1	LDL	LDL	LDL	0.3	0.1	0.7	1.2	
La	0.8	1.1	3.0	0.6	0.7	3.9	10.8	53.4	69.5	
Ce	1.6	2.2	2.2	1.4	1.4	2.4	5.1	105	137	
Pr	0.2	0.4	0.9	0.2	0.2	0.7	2.6	13.0	14.7	
Nd	1.0	2.2	4.0	1.1	0.9	2.8	10.7	52.0	55.0	
Sm	0.3	0.7	1.1	0.4	0.2	0.6	2.3	8.8	9.0	
Eu	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.9	3.5	1.8	
Gd	0.3	1.0	1.4	0.5	0.5	0.7	3.3	6.7	6.0	
Tb	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.5	0.8	0.8	
Dy	0.3	1.6	1.9	0.9	0.7	0.8	3.1	4.2	3.8	
Ho	0.1	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.6	0.8	0.7	
Er	0.2	1.1	1.0	0.6	0.6	0.5	1.7	1.9	1.9	
Tm	0.02	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.3	
Yb	0.2	1.1	1.0	0.7	0.6	0.4	1.4	1.6	1.8	
Lu	0.03	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.3	
La/Yb _{cn}	3.38	0.70	2.22	0.61	0.84	6.36	5.53	24.71	27.09	
La/Sm _{cn}	1.91	1.01	1.76	1.05	1.88	4.27	3.02	3.91	4.97	
Gd/Yb _{cn}	1.41	0.75	1.17	0.59	0.73	1.37	1.94	3.58	2.69	
(Eu/Eu)*	0.55	0.86	0.80	0.84	0.94	0.93	0.96	1.40	0.73	
(Ce/Ce)*	0.98	0.77	0.34	0.96	0.97	0.35	0.24	0.98	1.05	
Nb/Th _{pm}	–	–	–	–	1.19	–	0.51	0.09	0.41	
Ti/Sm _{pm}	1.58	0.78	0.61	0.99	1.18	0.45	0.49	0.28	0.24	
Zr/Sm _{pm}	0.00	0.46	0.30	0.20	1.49	0.19	0.58	0.79	1.86	
∑REE	9	13	18	8	8	20	38	214	250	
Samples	Chloritites		Amphibolites (Type 1 basalts)				Amphibolites (Type 2 basalts)		Metandesites	
	TF14-XI-016	PFG-CA-017A	PFG-CA-019A	PFG-CA-019B	TF14-XI-079B	TF14-XII-178	TF14-XII-015B	PFG-CA-016A	PFG-CA-030	
SiO ₂	31.5	54.3	53.7	53.6	52.6	55.0	52.5	54.3	67.6	
TiO ₂	1.0	0.9	0.7	0.7	0.4	0.9	1.2	1.2	0.5	
Al ₂ O ₃	21.4	11.1	8.8	10.1	10.7	15.6	14.5	13.4	15.8	
Fe ₂ O ₃	17.1	11.7	11.2	11.8	11.6	8.9	9.2	11.3	5.1	
MnO	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.04	
MgO	28.4	8.8	12.2	11.4	15.1	9.0	6.9	7.2	2.7	
CaO	0.2	9.5	11.2	11.0	7.6	5.9	13.5	9.7	2.7	
Na ₂ O	LDL	3.5	1.8	1.8	2.2	4.5	2.5	2.6	4.0	
K ₂ O	LDL	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.3	1.5	
P ₂ O ₅	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.02	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	
LOI	10.8	1.0	1.6	1.7	3.1	2.8	1.3	1.7	3.8	
#Mg	77	60	68	66	72	67	60	56	51	
Sc	23.0	37.0	41.0	41.0	35.0	18.9	34.0	32.0	8.0	
V	164	302	272	280	186	134	235	245	75	

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Samples	Amphibolites (Type 1 basalts)					Amphibolites (Type 2 basalts)				Metandesites
	TF14-XI-016	PFG-CA-017A	PFG-CA-019A	PFG-CA-019B	TF14-XI-079B	TF14-XII-178	TF14-XII-015B	PFG-CA-016A	PFG-CA-030	
Cr	940	570	870	600	1280	430	350	340	110	
Co	71.0	52.0	57.0	58.0	63.0	37.3	23.0	49.0	13.0	
Ni	410	191	275	256	384	237	128	110	51	
Rb	0.3	1.3	1.0	0.8	0.8	2.1	1.3	7.6	38.5	
Sr	11.1	342	177	143	114.5	474	422	331	186	
Y	12.0	17.7	14.1	14.6	10.4	16.7	28.4	25.8	14.9	
Zr	163	47	36	38	20	106	97	90	170	
Hf	3.6	2.5	2.7	2.6	1.3	1.1	1.1	0.3	4.5	
Nb	8.8	2.1	1.5	1.4	0.8	12.2	5.3	8.6	7.0	
Cs	0.02	0.03	0.02	0.01	0.04	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.3	
Ba	8.8	19.0	13.9	20.2	29.5	43.3	18.9	51.3	168	
Ta	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.2	LDL	0.5	0.3	0.4	0.5	
Samples	Chloritites	Amphibolites (Type 1 basalts)				Amphibolites (Type 2 basalts)				Metandesites
	TF14-XI-016	PFG-CA-017A	PFG-CA-019A	PFG-CA-019B	TF14-XI-079B	TF14-XII-178	TF14-XII-015B	PFG-CA-016A	PFG-CA-030	
Pb	LDL	3.0	LDL	6.0	LDL	LDL	LDL	2.0	8.0	
Th	3.8	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	1.2	0.9	0.8	3.2	
U	0.8	0.1	0.1	0.1	LDL	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.8	
La	20.0	2.6	2.2	2.5	1.3	15.1	9.5	7.7	25.2	
Ce	40.1	6.4	4.6	4.9	3.4	31.5	15.4	18.6	47.5	
Pr	4.3	1.0	0.9	0.8	0.5	3.8	2.5	2.6	5.9	
Nd	16.2	4.9	3.7	4.1	2.5	15.4	10.9	11.6	21.9	
Sm	3.0	1.7	1.3	1.4	0.9	3.6	2.9	3.1	4.0	
Eu	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.4	1.2	1.0	1.2	1.3	
Gd	2.5	2.6	2.3	2.4	1.4	3.7	4.4	4.3	3.5	
Tb	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.5	0.8	0.7	0.6	
Dy	2.3	3.2	2.6	2.7	1.6	3.0	4.7	4.8	3.1	
Ho	0.4	0.7	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.6	1.0	1.0	0.6	
Er	1.3	2.0	1.6	1.4	1.2	1.5	3.1	2.9	1.4	
Tm	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.5	0.4	0.2	
Yb	1.3	1.6	1.4	1.2	1.2	1.6	2.7	2.7	1.2	
Lu	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.5	0.4	0.2	
La/Yb _{cn}	11.12	1.17	1.14	1.53	0.79	6.90	2.51	2.04	14.58	
La/Sm _{cn}	4.28	1.01	1.09	1.14	0.94	2.73	2.11	1.62	4.12	
Gd/Yb _{cn}	1.60	1.35	1.37	1.67	1.00	1.95	1.34	1.31	2.34	
(Eu/Eu)*	0.72	1.04	1.24	0.92	0.98	1.04	0.89	1.04	1.07	
(Ce/Ce)*	1.06	0.99	0.82	0.84	1.01	1.03	0.78	1.02	0.96	
Nb/Th _{pm}	0.28	1.04	0.99	0.88	0.95	1.17	0.68	1.27	0.26	
Ti/Sm _{pm}	0.61	1.06	1.12	1.04	0.94	0.49	0.84	0.79	0.27	
Zr/Sm _{pm}	2.14	1.12	1.10	1.06	0.89	1.18	1.33	1.16	1.71	
∑REE	84	27	22	23	15	73	52	55	104	
Samples	Metandesites	Metadiorites								
	D22	D23	D24	D26	PFG-CA-004A	PFG-CA-004B	PFG-CA-004D	PFG-CA-004E	PFG-CA-004G	
SiO ₂	63.2	57.5	61.3	56.0	58.2	55.6	56.2	54.4	55.4	
TiO ₂	0.7	0.8	0.7	1.1	0.6	1.2	0.3	0.6	1.1	
Al ₂ O ₃	15.9	16.2	16.7	20.5	15.1	13.1	14.5	12.6	14.6	
Fe ₂ O ₃	5.3	7.3	6.3	7.7	7.6	8.0	9.8	9.4	7.1	
MnO	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	
MgO	4.2	5.8	4.9	4.6	8.8	11.9	11.2	12.5	9.9	
CaO	5.6	6.4	5.8	5.6	5.3	6.3	4.7	6.2	5.5	
Na ₂ O	5.0	5.2	5.1	6.0	5.1	4.3	4.1	3.6	5.3	
K ₂ O	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	
P ₂ O ₅	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.1	0.3	0.6	
LOI	2.4	2.5	2.1	2.8	2.4	2.6	3.1	2.9	2.4	
#Mg	61	61	61	54	70	75	69	72	74	
Sc	-	-	-	-	16.0	21.0	13.0	14.0	21.0	
V	104	140	119	167	97	134	80	99	145	
Cr	180	230	240	60	440	910	780	840	710	
Co	21.4	30.1	22.9	23.4	37.0	43.0	44.0	45.0	40.0	
Ni	99	128	110	78	231	247	347	473	200	
Rb	8.2	7.7	6.8	1.6	1.7	3.9	1.6	2.0	4.0	
Sr	584	606	616	494	485	309	264	200	481	
Y	14.3	14.7	14.1	27.4	12.4	17.0	8.4	11.4	16.8	
Zr	164	126	114	171	82	136	54	153	252	
Hf	4.3	3.5	2.9	4.5	2.2	3.5	1.4	3.5	5.2	
Nb	7.9	5.5	5.5	7.2	4.9	10.3	2.6	4.7	11.0	
Cs	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.03	0.1	0.2	0.03	0.1	0.2	
Ba	97.9	43.5	88.3	15.4	53.7	38.3	17.6	30.7	59.5	
Ta	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.6	0.2	0.3	0.6	

Table 2 (continued)

Samples	Metandesites				Metadiorites				
	D22	D23	D24	D26	PFG-CA-004A	PFG-CA-004B	PFG-CA-004D	PFG-CA-004E	PFG-CA-004G
Pb	8.0	10.0	10.0	7.0	LDL	3.0	LDL	LDL	LDL
Th	3.6	2.3	2.4	2.4	1.5	1.8	0.4	0.9	1.7
U	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.5	0.5	0.1	0.3	0.6
La	22.4	15.7	17.3	16.5	14.8	29.4	10.8	17.9	31.4
Ce	46.8	33.3	35.5	37.8	30.5	66.7	22.5	38.0	67.2
Pr	5.1	3.8	4.0	4.3	3.8	8.6	2.8	4.9	8.4
Nd	19.1	16.3	15.9	18.2	13.6	34.3	11.4	19.3	33.2
Sm	3.8	3.5	3.3	4.2	2.9	6.5	2.2	3.3	6.3
Eu	1.3	1.3	1.1	1.5	1.0	1.9	1.0	1.1	2.0
Gd	3.5	3.4	3.7	5.1	2.7	5.5	2.2	3.1	5.4
Tb	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.8	0.4	0.7	0.3	0.4	0.7
Dy	2.6	2.9	2.5	4.9	2.3	3.7	1.7	2.3	3.7
Ho	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.9	0.4	0.6	0.3	0.4	0.7
Er	1.3	1.3	1.5	2.3	1.3	1.7	0.9	1.1	1.6
Tm	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2
Yb	1.5	1.6	1.4	2.5	1.3	1.2	0.7	1.0	1.2
Lu	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2
La/Yb _{cn}	10.43	7.08	9.06	4.70	8.49	18.34	11.07	12.84	18.61
La/Sm _{cn}	3.79	2.87	3.34	2.55	3.34	2.93	3.24	3.47	3.24
Gd/Yb _{cn}	1.86	1.75	2.24	1.66	1.81	3.93	2.58	2.59	3.69
(Eu/Eu)*	1.09	1.12	0.96	1.02	1.07	0.98	1.37	1.05	1.05
(Ce/Ce)*	1.08	1.06	1.05	1.11	1.00	1.03	1.00	0.99	1.01
Nb/Th _{pm}	0.26	0.28	0.28	0.35	0.39	0.67	0.84	0.63	0.77
Ti/Sm _{pm}	0.36	0.45	0.41	0.53	0.41	0.35	0.24	0.38	0.35
Zr/Sm _{pm}	1.70	1.42	1.35	1.62	1.14	0.83	1.00	1.82	1.60
∑REE	96	75	79	86	69	144	58	87	144
Samples	Metadiorites			Metatonalite					
	TF14-XII-015A	PFG-CA-016B	TF14-XII-183						
SiO ₂	56.7	54.8	66.0						
TiO ₂	0.4	0.8	0.7						
Al ₂ O ₃	12.6	12.7	15.0						
Fe ₂ O ₃	6.8	8.8	4.8						
MnO	0.1	0.2	0.1						
MgO	14.6	12.5	1.7						
CaO	5.7	7.4	7.3						
Na ₂ O	1.2	3.2	4.9						
K ₂ O	1.4	0.5	0.1						
P ₂ O ₅	0.1	0.3	0.1						
LOI	3.9	2.5	0.6						
#Mg	81	74	42						
Sc	18.0	13.0	12.2						
V	111	99	96						
Cr	1060	1000	330						
Co	43.0	48.0	16.4						
Ni	456	378	120						
Rb	30.6	14.6	1.0						
Sr	44.1	167.0	925.0						
Y	9.7	13.5	8.1						
Zr	67	140	145						
Hf	1.5	3.6	3.3						
Nb	2.6	12.8	5.0						
Cs	0.4	0.4	0.1						
Ba	618	230	16.2						
Ta	LDL	0.8	0.3						
Pb	LDL	LDL	LDL						
Th	1.4	2.6	1.7						
U	0.5	0.6	0.6						
La	11.9	26.2	13.5						
Ce	17.5	53.7	27.6						
Pr	2.5	6.2	3.2						
Nd	9.1	23.1	13.7						
Sm	1.9	4.1	3.0						
Eu	0.5	1.2	1.1						
Gd	1.8	3.5	2.1						
Tb	0.3	0.5	0.3						
Dy	1.8	2.7	1.5						
Ho	0.3	0.5	0.3						
Er	1.1	1.3	1.0						
Tm	0.1	0.2	0.1						
Yb	0.9	1.1	0.8						
Lu	0.1	0.2	0.1						
La/Yb _{cn}	9.93	16.78	12.58						

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Table 2 (continued)

Samples	Metadiorites		Metatonalite
	TF14-XII-015A	PFG-CA-016B	TF14-XII-183
La/Sm _{cn}	4.13	4.18	2.91
Gd/Yb _{cn}	1.75	2.56	2.22
(Eu/Eu) [*]	0.81	0.98	1.30
(Ce/Ce) [*]	0.79	1.03	1.02
Nb/Th _{pm}	0.22	0.59	0.34
Ti/Sm _{pm}	0.43	0.39	0.45
Zr/Sm _{pm}	1.43	1.37	1.92
∑REE	49	113	67

minescence and back-scatter electron microscopes. The zircon crystals were dated by the LA-MC-ICP-MS method at the Geochronology Laboratory of the Universidade de Brasília (UnB) and with the LA-SF-ICP-MS method at the Geochronology Laboratory of the Universidade Federal de Ouro Preto (UFOP). Sample TF14-XI-016 (chloritite) was dated using a laser ablation system (New Wave UP213) coupled to a MC-ICP-MS (Neptune) at the UnB. Isotope data were acquired using static mode with spot size of 30 μm. Samples TF14-I-099 (chloritite), TF14-XII-178 (amphibolite), PFG-CA-04A (metadiorite) and TF14-XI-183 (metatonalite) were dated by the SF-LA-ICP-MS method using a Thermo-Finnigan Element 2 sector field ICP-MS coupled to a CETAC213 ultraviolet laser system at the UFOP. Laser spot size of 20 μm was used and data were acquired in peak jumping mode during 20 s background measurement followed by 20 s sample ablation.

For both laboratories, raw data were corrected for background signal, and laser-induced elemental fractional and instrumental mass discrimination were corrected by the reference zircon (GJ-1) (Jackson et al., 2004). The common Pb correction was based on the Pb composition model (Stacey and Kramers 1975). To evaluate the accuracy and precision of the laser-ablation results, 91500 zircon (1065.4 ± 0.6 Ma; Wiedenbeck et al. 1995) was analyzed at the UnB laboratory, while at the UFOP laboratory, the Plešovice zircon (337 ± 1 Ma; Sláma et al. 2008), M127 zircon (524.35 ± 0.92 Ma; Klötzi et al. 2009) and 91500 zircon were analyzed. The external error is calculated after propagation error of the GJ-1 mean and the individual zircon sample (or spot). Bühn et al. (2009) and Santos (2015) described the detailed analytical methods and data treatment. The age calculation was carried out using Isoplot-Ex (Ludwig, 2003). The LA-MC-ICP-MS and LA-SF-ICP-MS U-Pb isotopic analytical data are listed in Tables 3.1–3.5.

3.4. Sm-Nd isotopes

The five selected samples for whole-rock Sm-Nd isotopic analyses were pulverized using an agate mill and analyzed at the Geochronology Laboratory of the Universidade de Brasília (UnB). Whole-rock powders (~100 mg of sample powder) were spiked with a combined ¹⁵⁰Nd-¹⁴⁹Sm tracer and dissolved using a solution of 5:1 HF-HNO₃ in Savillex[®] vials on a hot plate. After cooling and evaporation of the HF-HNO₃ solution, samples were re-dissolved in the Savillex[®] vials with 7 ml of 6 N HCl, evaporated, and then taken up in 3 ml of 2.5 N HCl. The chemical extraction of Sm and Nd follows the conventional chromatographic procedure described by Gioia and Pimentel (2000). Each sample was dried out to a solid and then loaded with 0.25 N H₃PO₄ on appropriated filament (Ta for Sm and Re for Nd). All samples were analyzed using a Thermo Scientific TRITON[™] Plus Thermal Ionization Mass Spectrometer (TIMS) operating in the static multi-collector mode at the UnB. 100–120 ratios were collected with a 0.5 to 1-V ¹⁴⁴Nd beam. Nd ratios were normalized to ¹⁴⁶Nd/¹⁴⁴Nd = 0.7219. All analyses were

adjusted for variations in instrumental bias due to periodic adjustment of collector positions as monitored by measurements of our internal standards. Repeated measurements on the USGS BHVO-1 standard gave ¹⁴³Nd/¹⁴⁴Nd = 0.512996 ± 0.000006 (2SD; n = 7) during the course of this study. Average blank values were <100 pg for Sr and Sm, and <500 pg for Nd. Correction for blank was insignificant for Nd isotopic compositions and generally insignificant for Sm/Nd ratios. Sm-Nd isotopic data are listed in Table 4.

4. Field aspects and petrography

4.1. Ultramafic rocks and chloritites

The metavolcanic rocks of ultramafic composition are the most abundant in the Faina and Serra de Santa Rita greenstone belts. These rocks are predominantly ultramafic schists and fine- to medium-grained massive rocks. Primary igneous features are locally preserved and comprise pillow lavas and cumulate-textured zones. The pillow lavas occur in massive fine-grained rocks in the southern portion of the Serra de Santa Rita greenstone belt and attest the subaqueous volcanic character of these ultramafic rocks (Fig. 3A). The ultramafic schists are composed of variable quantities of chlorite, talc and tremolite, which mark the tectonic foliation of these rocks. Magnetite, chromite and apatite occur as accessory minerals. Syn- to post-tectonic euhedral tremolite porphyroblasts and post-tectonic magnetite porphyroblasts are common (Fig. 4A).

The rocks with preserved cumulate textures are massive and characterized by pseudomorphs of cumulus olivine totally replaced by serpentine. The olivine pseudomorphs are encompassed by tremolite, Mg-hornblende and talc that substituted the original igneous intercumulus minerals, characterizing mesocumulate and orthocumulate reliquiar textures (Fig. 4B). Similar cumulate textures are recognized at the base of thick komatiite lava flows of several worldwide greenstone belts (Arndt et al., 2008). However, the texture variations observed in the classical layered komatiite flow occurrences, such as spinifex-textured horizons, were not recognized in ultramafic rocks of the Faina and Serra de Santa Rita greenstone belts.

Some centimeter- to meter-thick irregular chloritite layers are interleaved with ultramafic schists and cumulate-textured rocks. The chloritites are composed mainly of Mg-chlorite (>95%) in a diablastic texture or rarely oriented according to the tectonic foliation. Apatite, magnetite and zircon are accessory minerals in these rocks.

4.2. Amphibolites

The mafic metavolcanic rocks are restricted to the Serra de Santa Rita greenstone belt and are represented by fine- to medium-grained amphibolites (Fig. 3B). These rocks are composed

Table 3.1
U-Pb zircon in situ data from sample TF14-I-099 (chloritite of the Faina greenstone belt) (LA-MC-ICP-MS).

Spot number	f_{206}^a	Pb (ppm)	Th (ppm)	U (ppm)	Isotope ratio ^b				Ages (Ma)				Conc (%) ^f						
					$^{207}\text{Pb}/^{235}\text{U}$	$^{207}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U}$	1 s (%)	$^{207}\text{Pb}/^{206}\text{Pb}^c$	1 s (%)	$^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U}$	1 s abs	$^{207}\text{Pb}/^{235}\text{U}$		1 s abs	$^{207}\text{Pb}/^{206}\text{Pb}$	1 s abs			
Std 15-Pleisovice	0.0051	38.4	34.2	708.4	0.3925	3.39	0.0535	1.95	0.58	0.0532	2.77	336.1	6.6	336.2	11.4	337.3	9.3	99.6	
Std 16-Pleisovice	0.0028	74.0	115.6	1324.6	0.3948	3.13	0.0538	1.89	0.60	0.0532	2.50	337.9	6.4	337.9	10.6	337.7	8.4	100.1	
Std 18	0.0056	137.0	116.0	419.6	8.8437	1.91	0.3207	1.55	0.81	0.2000	1.12	1793.2	27.8	2322.0	44.5	2826.1	31.7	63.5	
Std 19	0.0017	165.4	107.1	317.2	0.34	3.52	0.4559	3.28	0.93	0.2087	1.28	2421.3	79.3	2688.4	94.6	2895.8	37.2	83.6	
Std 20	0.0015	183.1	101.9	332.4	0.31	3.54	0.4492	3.30	0.93	0.2085	1.28	2391.5	79.0	2673.1	94.7	2893.6	37.0	82.6	
Std 21	0.0064	113.2	60.9	289.2	0.21	16.0711	2.62	0.5407	2.33	0.89	0.2156	1.20	2786.2	65.0	2881.0	75.5	2948.0	35.3	94.5
Std 22	0.0017	109.3	37.0	234.7	0.16	12.6174	1.53	0.4476	1.31	0.85	0.2045	0.79	2384.5	31.2	2651.5	40.5	2862.1	22.7	83.3
Std 23	0.0048	117.7	80.5	291.9	0.28	8.3358	2.37	0.3136	2.08	0.88	0.1928	1.13	1758.4	36.6	2766.1	53.7	2766.1	31.3	63.6
Std 24	0.0080	138.8	152.8	315.2	0.49	10.9635	1.46	0.3994	1.22	0.83	0.1991	0.81	2166.2	26.4	2520.0	36.8	2818.8	22.7	76.8
Std 26	0.0024	135.6	67.4	225.7	0.30	16.6505	1.30	0.5605	1.08	0.83	0.2155	0.72	2868.6	31.1	2914.9	37.9	2947.1	21.3	97.3
Std 27	0.0028	128.5	144.7	289.6	0.50	10.5008	2.40	0.3896	1.65	0.69	0.1955	1.74	2120.8	35.0	2480.0	59.4	2789.0	48.4	76.0
Std 40-Pleisovice	0.0036	53.1	58.4	964.4	0.06	0.3948	3.19	0.0538	1.96	0.61	0.0532	2.52	337.8	6.6	337.9	10.8	338.0	8.5	100.0
Std 41-Pleisovice	0.0031	71.3	111.6	1284.4	0.09	0.3937	3.27	0.0537	2.12	0.65	0.0532	2.48	337.1	7.2	337.1	11.0	336.8	8.4	100.1

^a Fraction of the non-radiogenic ^{206}Pb in the analyzed zircon spot, where $f_{206} = \frac{^{206}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}}{^{206}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb} + ^{204}\text{Pb}}$ (c = common; s = sample).

^b Th/U ratios and amount of Pb, Th and U (in ppm) are calculated relative to 91500 reference zircon.

^c Corrected for background and within-run Pb/U fractionation and normalized to reference zircon GJ-1 (ID-TIMS values/measured value); $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{235}\text{U}$ calculated using $(^{207}\text{Pb}/^{206}\text{Pb}) / (^{238}\text{U}/^{206}\text{Pb} * 1/137.88)$.

^d Rho is the error correlation defined as the quotient of the propagated errors of the $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U}$ and the $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{235}\text{U}$ ratio.

^e Corrected for mass-bias by normalising to GJ-1 reference zircon and common Pb using the model Pb composition of Stacey and Kramers (1975).

^f Degree of concordance = $(^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U} \text{ age} * 100 / ^{207}\text{Pb}/^{206}\text{Pb} \text{ age})$.

mainly of Mg-hornblende and plagioclase (albite), with subordinate epidote, actinolite, chlorite and biotite. Magnetite, titanite and apatite are accessory minerals. Tectonic foliation is well marked by the preferential orientation of amphiboles and chlorite. The primary igneous texture is rarely preserved; it is characterized by subhedral plagioclase phenocrysts composing reliquiar porphyritic texture and minor intergranular texture domains. The mineral assemblage includes hornblende + plagioclase (albite) ± epidote and indicates that the metamorphic peak reached amphibolite facies. Nonetheless, retrometamorphic processes under greenschist facies are evidenced by the presence of chlorite, actinolite and biotite, which substitute in several degrees the hornblende crystals, predominantly at the edges (Fig. 4C and D). The plagioclase is partially replaced by epidote and has a sodic composition (An₁₋₃). The albitic composition of the plagioclase must be related to retrometamorphic processes under greenschist facies, but can also be result of late hydrothermal alteration processes.

4.3. Metandesites

Metandesite lenses occur among the amphibolites in the southern portion of the Serra de Santa Rita greenstone belt. The metandesites are interlayered with metavolcaniclastic rocks, metapelites, carbonaceous schists and metacherts with sulfide dissemination (Fig. 3C and D). Normally, the metamorphism and deformation obliterate the primary structures making it difficult to recognize the protoliths of these rocks. In the less deformed regions, the metandesites present preserved igneous texture and consist of euhedral to subhedral plagioclase (albite) phenocrysts embedded in a fine-grained groundmass of quartz, plagioclase (albite), muscovite and biotite (Fig. 4E). The plagioclase is partially replaced by epidote and the biotite is partially or fully substituted by chlorite. The strongly albitic composition of the plagioclase (An_{0.1-0.4}) may reflect the superimposed greenschist facies retrometamorphism and hydrothermal alteration. In the most deformed rocks, the original porphyritic texture is obliterated; the plagioclase phenocrysts are less preserved and highly saussuritized and the biotite is fully replaced by chlorite. Carbonate-rich veinlets oriented according to the foliation of the rocks are common.

4.4. Metadiorites and metatonalites

Dioritic intrusions also metamorphosed under amphibolite facies occur among the amphibolites of the Serra de Santa Rita greenstone belt. At the edges of these intrusions occur angular enclaves of fine-grained amphibolites that are possibly xenoliths of the greenstone belt's metavolcanic rocks (Fig. 3E and F). Mafic microgranular xenoliths are locally observed which may represent mingling features. The metadiorites are medium- to coarse-grained rocks composed of Mg-hornblende, plagioclase (albite) and quartz. Titanite, magnetite and zircon are accessory minerals. Hornblende may be partially substituted by actinolite and very often encompassed by films of chlorite related to the greenschist facies retrometamorphism. Plagioclase is highly replaced by epidote and has an albitic composition (An_{0.7-2.4}) that is probably also a result of the greenschist facies retrometamorphism and hydrothermal alteration. The least deformed rocks present original subhedral granular texture and minor intergranular texture domains (Fig. 4F). In the deformed rocks, the foliation is well marked by the preferential orientation of amphiboles and chlorite. In narrow shear zones, milonites are formed and the hornblende and plagioclase are fully substituted by actinolite and epidote, respectively. Subordinated to the metadiorites occur highly deformed tonalitic intrusions composed of quartz, plagioclase (albite) and Mg-hornblende. In these rocks, the hornblende is replaced by actinolite and chlorite, and the plagioclase is strongly saussuritized.

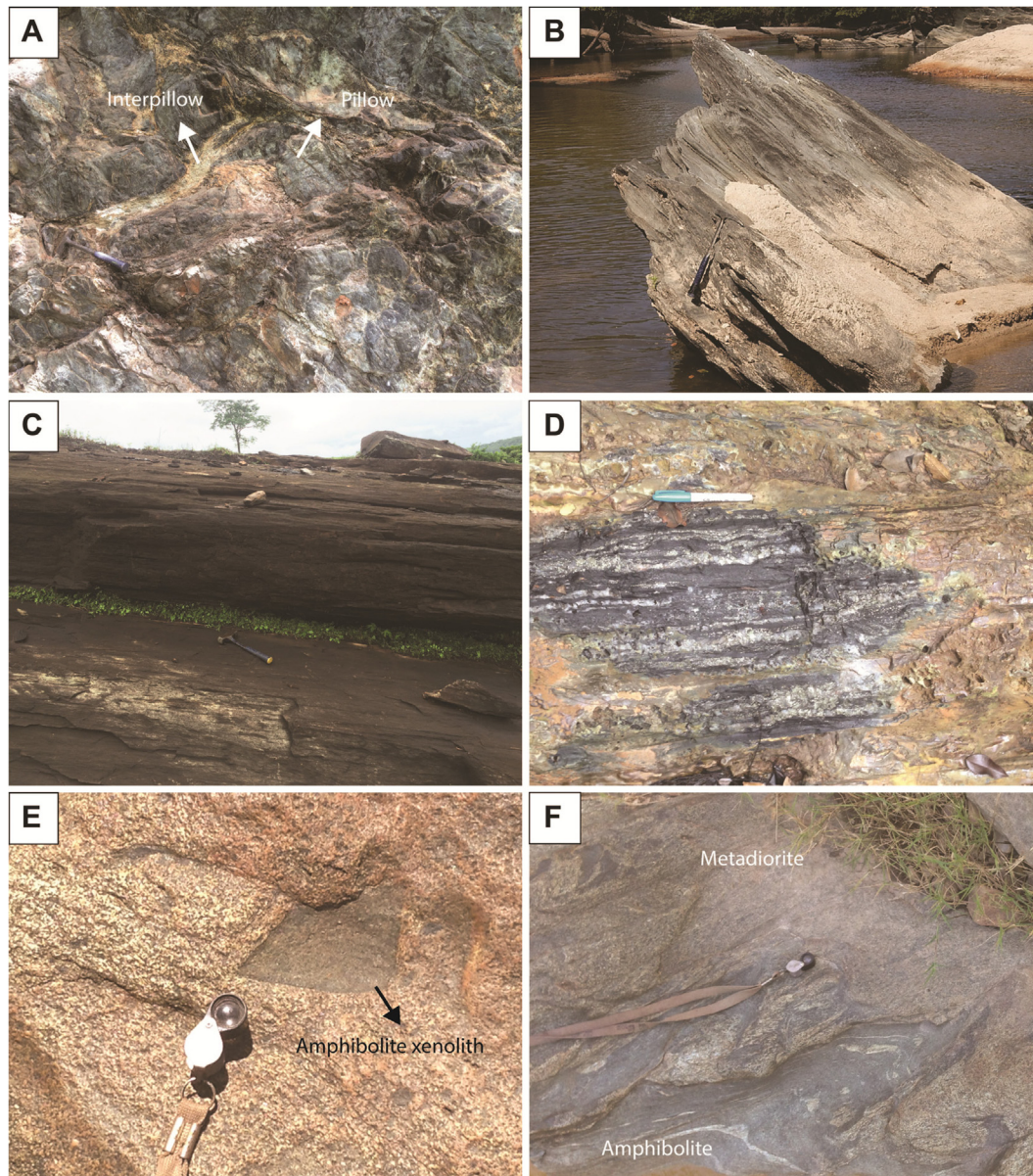


Fig. 3. Field characteristics of metavolcanic and metaplutonic rocks of the Faina and Serra de Santa Rita greenstone belts. (A) Pillow lavas in ultramafic rocks. (B) Foliated amphibolite outcrop. (C) Foliated metandesite outcrop. (D) Intercalation of metachert and carbonaceous schist that are associated with metandesites and metavolcanoclastic rocks. (E) Angular fine-grained amphibolite (metabasalt) xenolith in coarse-grained metadiorite. (F) Highly deformed irregular contact between metadiorite (upper) and amphibolite (lower).

rocks and the spatial association of metachert and carbonaceous schist interlayered with amphibolites and metandesites. Such characteristics are more consistent with an oceanic rather than a continental setting for the volcanism. The positive initial ϵ_{Nd} values (+2.16 to +2.77) observed in the amphibolite and metadiorites with magmatic crystallization ages between 2.96 and 2.92 Ga are also not consistent with continental crust interaction in this period. The metatonalite that presented magmatic crystallization age of 2.8 Ga and initial ϵ_{Nd} of -0.15 indicates that interaction with continental crust might have occurred in this second period.

7.2. Origin of the ultramafic rocks and similarities with boninites

Spinifex textures are well described in metakomatiites of the Crixás greenstone belt, in the northern portion of the Archean-Paleoproterozoic Terrane of Goiás (Sabóia and Teixeira, 1980;

Teixeira, 1981; Teixeira et al., 1981; Kuyumjian and Teixeira, 1982), but textures of this kind are not yet recognized in the Faina and Serra de Santa Rita greenstone belts. However, the presence of pillowed structures in ultramafic rocks of the Serra de Santa Rita greenstone belt is extremely important because it indicates the subaqueous volcanic character of these sequences. Therefore, the ultramafic protoliths of the Faina and Serra de Santa Rita greenstone belts are correlated to komatiites.

The komatiites are traditionally divided into two groups: alumina depleted komatiites (ADK) and alumina undepleted komatiites (AUK) (Nestbitt et al., 1979; Arndt, 1994). The ADK are characterized by low $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3/\text{TiO}_2$ (≤ 10), high $\text{CaO}/\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$ (~ 1.5) and $\text{Gd}/\text{Yb}_{\text{cn}} = 1.1$ – 1.7 . The AUK have nearly chondritic $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3/\text{TiO}_2$ ratios (~ 20), $\text{CaO}/\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$ (~ 1) and flat chondrite-normalized HREE patterns. The ultramafic rocks of the Faina and Serra de Santa Rita greenstone belts are characterized by $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3/\text{TiO}_2$ (12.3–44.8), $\text{CaO}/$

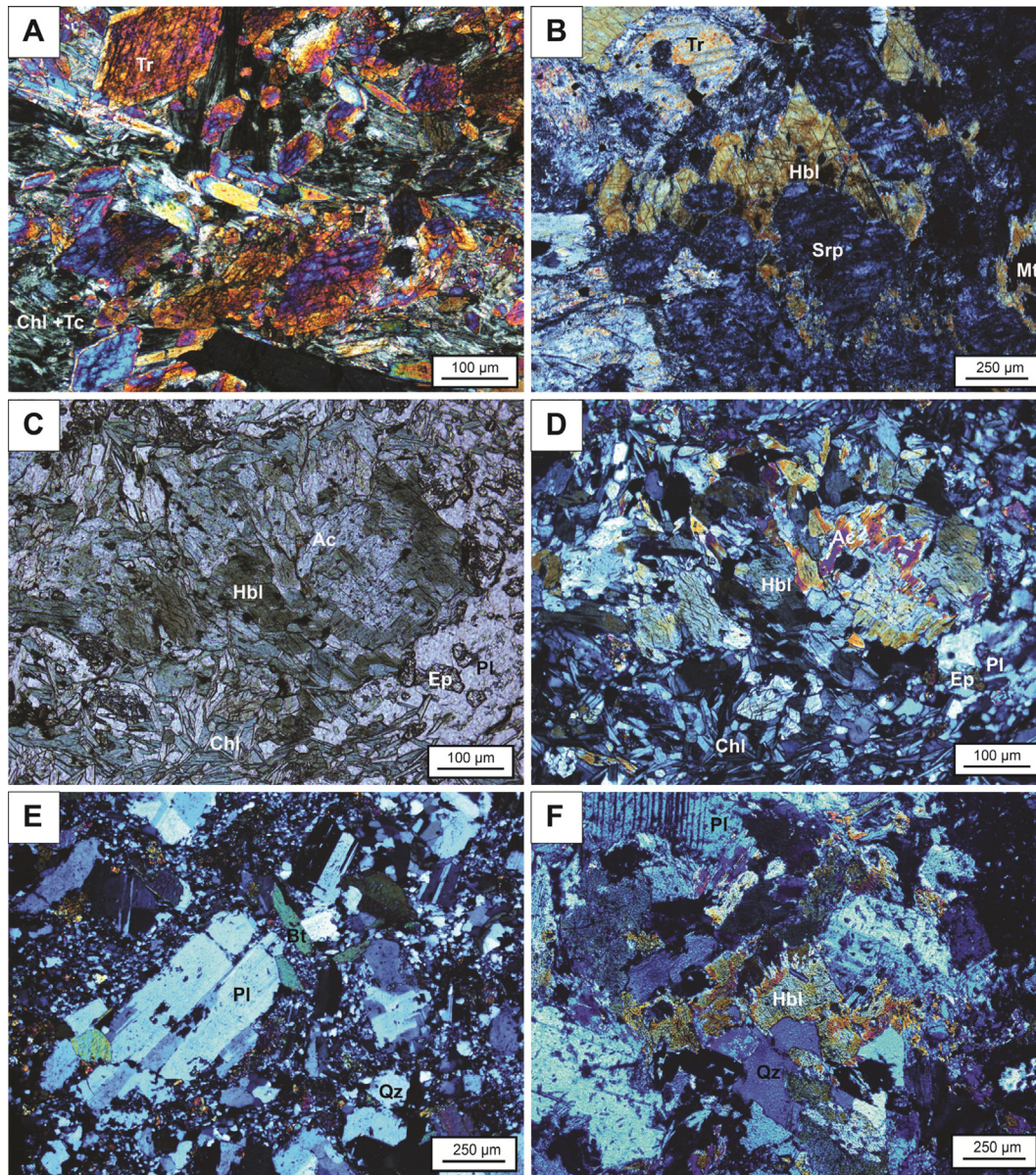


Fig. 4. Photomicrographs of metavolcanic and metaplutonic rocks of the Faina and Serra de Santa Rita greenstone belts. (A) Tremolite porphyroblasts in ultramafic schist composed of tremolite, chlorite and talc. (B) Pseudomorphs of olivine totally serpentinized and encompassed by Mg-hornblende and tremolite. (C–D) Amphibolite composed of Mg-hornblende partially substituted by actinolite and chlorite, and plagioclase replaced by epidote. (E) Metadesite with preserved plagioclase phenocrysts embedded in a fine-grained groundmass of quartz, plagioclase, muscovite and biotite. (F) Metadiorite composed of Mg-hornblende, plagioclase and quartz with original intergranular texture. Crossed polarized light: A, B, D, E and F. Plane polarized light: D. Abbreviations: Ac (actinolite); Chl (chlorite); Ep (epidote); Hbl (hornblende); Mt (magnetite); Pl (plagioclase); Qz (quartz); Tr (tremolite).

Al_2O_3 (0.6–1.1) and Gd/Yb_{cn} (0.7–1.9) ratios quite varied, which hinders their classification into one of the two komatiite groups, although they still present more similarity with AUK. This complexity may be related to different sources for komatiitic lava in the region, but the element mobility due to post-magmatic processes cannot be ruled out.

The origin of komatiites in greenstone belts has been commonly attributed to high-temperature mantle plumes generating a typical tholeiite-komatiite association (e.g. Campbell et al., 1989; Herzberg, 1992; Xie et al., 1993; Arndt, 1994; Condie, 1994; Dostal and Mueller, 1997, 2004; Puchtel et al., 1998; Polat, 2009). Nonetheless, studies have also suggested an origin related to subduction zones, in forearc environments, for some Archean komatiites and komatiitic basalts in analogy with Phanerozoic boninites (e.g. Barberton greenstone belt; Parman et al., 2001,

2004; Parman and Grove, 2004). The boninites are characterized by high SiO_2 (>53 wt.%) and $Mg\#$ (>60), and low TiO_2 (<0.5 wt.%) and are exclusive of subduction zones. The boninitic magmas are generated by hydrous melting of a refractory mantle at shallow depths (Crawford et al., 1989). The boninites are normally associated to forearc regions in the initial stages of subduction in intraoceanic arcs (Pearce et al., 1992). According to experimental data, komatiitic magma can also be produced by mantle hydrous melting at relatively low temperatures, between 1500 and 1600 °C. These temperatures are significantly cooler than estimates of mantle temperatures assuming an anhydrous plume origin for komatiites (>1900 °C) (Parman et al., 2001).

The ultramafic rocks of the Faina and Serra de Santa Rita greenstone belts have some chemical characteristics comparable to boninites, such as low TiO_2 (0.1–0.6 wt.%), negative Nb and Ti

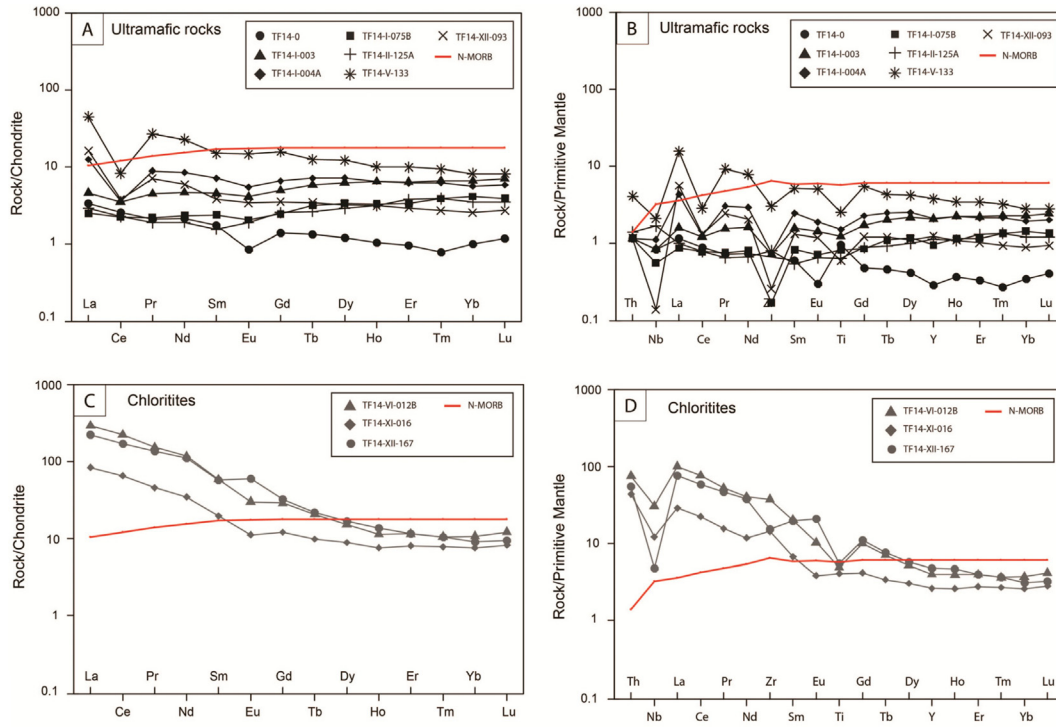


Fig. 5. Chondrite- and primitive mantle-normalized diagrams for ultramafic rocks and chloritites of the Faina and Serra de Santa Rita greenstone belts. (A–B) Ultramafic schists and cumulate-textured rocks. (C–D) Chloritites. Normalization values and N-MORB composition are those of Sun and McDonough (1989).

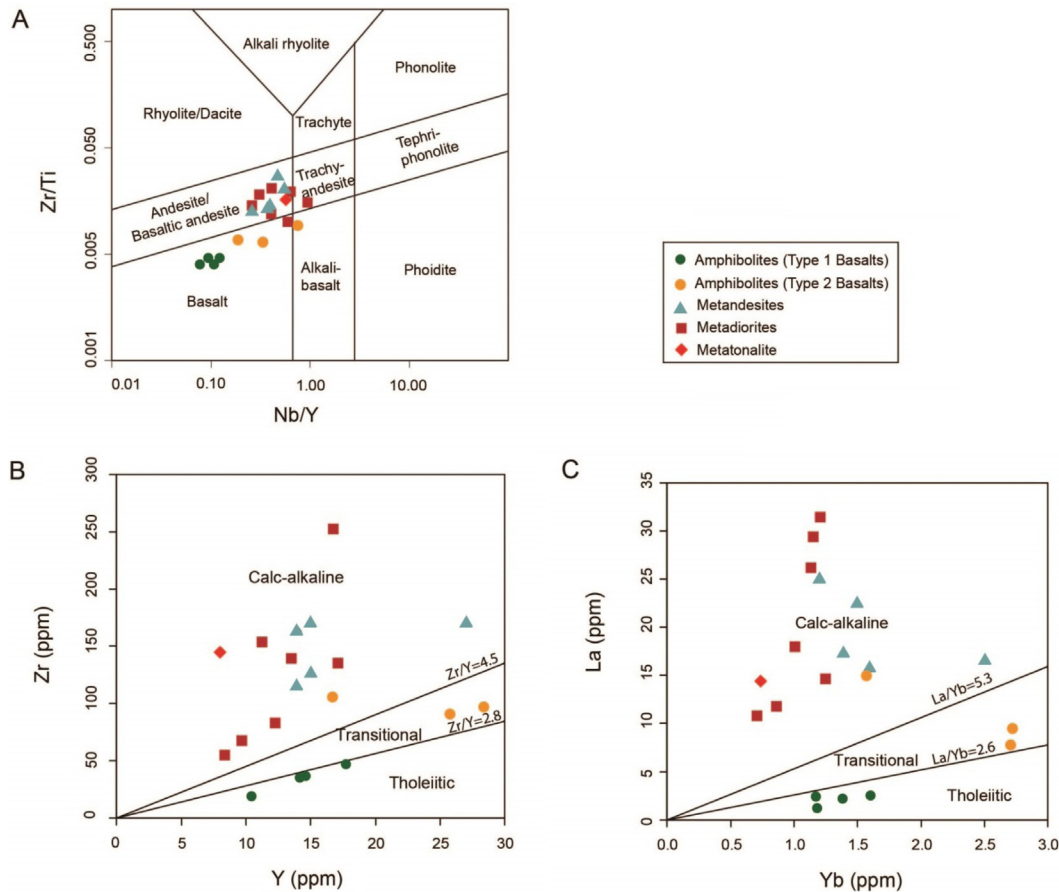


Fig. 6. Classification diagrams for metavolcanic and metaplutonic rocks of the Faina and Serra de Santa Rita greenstone belts. (A) Nb/Y vs. Zr/Ti classification diagram (Winchester and Floyd, 1977). (B–C) Y vs. Zr and Yb vs. La discriminant diagrams of magmatic affinity (Ross and Bédard, 2009).

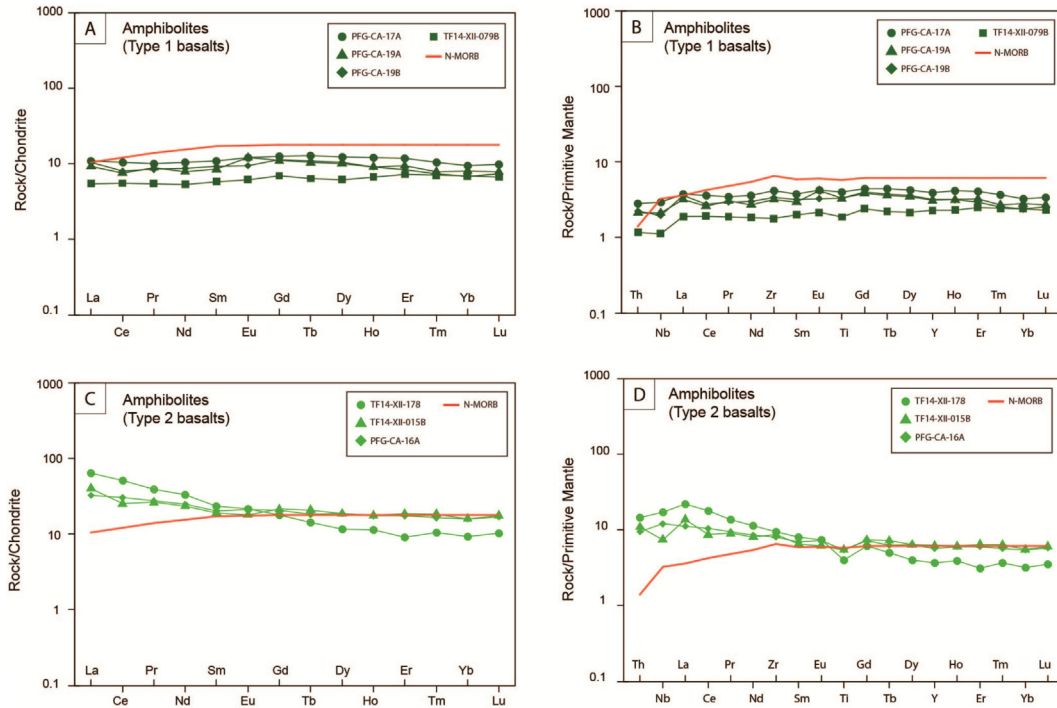


Fig. 7. Chondrite- and primitive mantle-normalized diagrams for amphibolites of the Faina and Serra de Santa Rita greenstone belts. (A–B) Amphibolites of the type 1 basalts group. (C–D) Amphibolites of the type 2 basalts group. Normalization values and N-MORB composition are those of Sun and McDonough (1989).

anomalies observed in some samples (Fig. 5B), and the slightly U-shaped REE patterns, which are observed in two samples (TF14-I-075B and TF14-II-125A) (Fig. 5A). Based on these chemical characteristics and also on the context of the other metavolcanic and metaplutonic rocks associated with the ultramafic rocks of the Faina and Serra de Santa Rita greenstone belts, as will be discussed

that are related to subduction zones, we suggest that the komatiites of the Faina and Serra de Santa Rita greenstone belts were generated by hydrous melting of a depleted mantle in a forearc setting, as analogous to boninites. The Mesozoic high geothermal gradient favored the production of komatiitic magma in these environments.

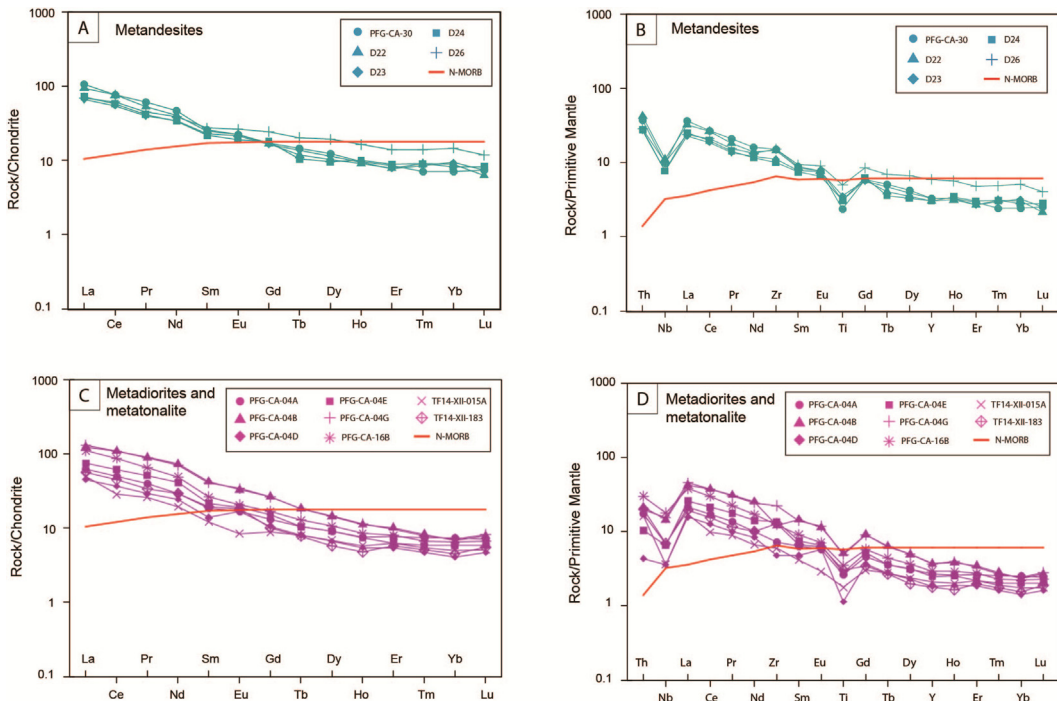


Fig. 8. Chondrite- and primitive mantle-normalized diagrams for metadesites, metadiorites and metatonalites of the Faina and Serra de Santa Rita greenstone belts. (A–B) Metadesites. (C–D) Metadiorites and metatonalites. Normalization values and N-MORB composition are those of Sun and McDonough (1989).

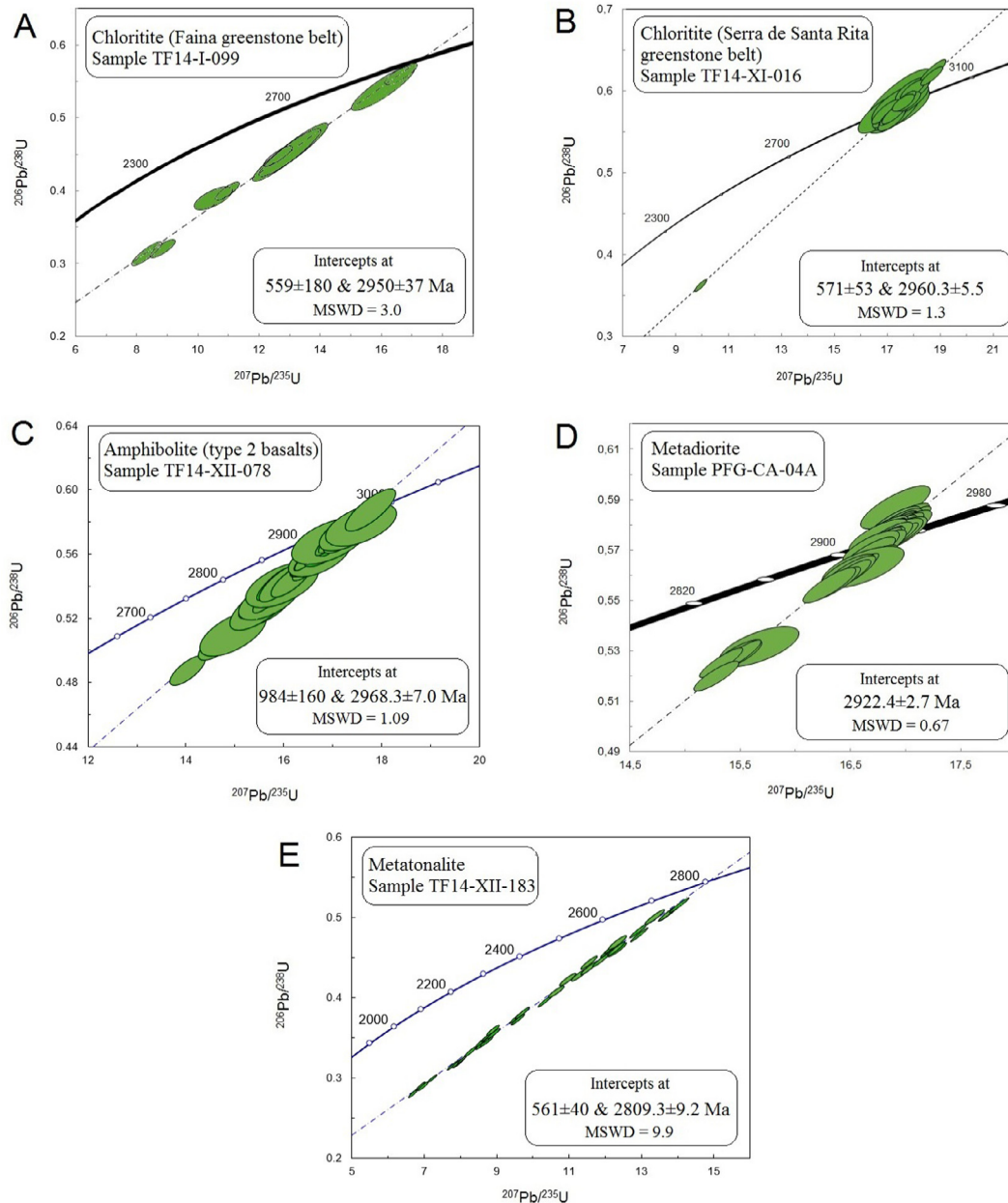


Fig. 9. LA-ICP-MS U-Pb zircon ages of metavolcanic and metaplutonic rocks of the Faina and Serra de Santa Rita greenstone belts. (A) TF14-I-099 (chloritite of the Faina greenstone belt). (B) TF14-XI-016 (chloritite of the Serra de Santa Rita greenstone belt). (C) TF14-XII-178 (amphibolite of the type 2 basalts group). (D) PFG-CA04A (metadiorite) and (E) TF14-XII-183 (metatonalite).

7.3. Origin of the chloritites

The mineralogy and chemical composition of the chloritites indicate that these rocks underwent intense hydrothermal alteration that resulted in the extremely low SiO_2 (31–32 wt.%) and high Al_2O_3 (21–23 wt.%). Even with the high values of loss on ignition (LOI = 11 wt.%), the chloritites do not show Ce anomalies ($\text{Ce}/\text{Ce}^* = 0.98\text{--}1.06$) like some of the Faina and Serra de Santa Rita ultramafic rocks. The chloritites present chemical characteristics characterized by enriched LREE patterns and negative Nb and Ti anomalies, typical features of subduction-related magmas (Perfit et al., 1980; Saunders et al., 1991; Hawkesworth et al., 1993; Pearce and Peate, 1995; Kelemen et al., 2003; Pearce, 2008). At subduction zones, the mantle wedge is metasomatized by slab-derived fluids produced by dehydration of the subducting oceanic

crust. These fluids do not transport Nb and Ta (Tatsumi et al., 1986; Tatsumi and Nakamura, 1986), which are concentrated in the subducting slab and gives origin to the Nb and Ta depletion of arc magmas generated by fluid-induced melting of the mantle wedge. The magmas with subduction signature are also enriched in LILE and LREE, while the residual slab is recycled into the mantle (McCulloch and Gamble, 1991). Considering that the trace-element composition of the chloritites can be used to interpret the primary composition of their protoliths, it is likely that those protoliths are subduction-related.

The chloritites are spatially associated to ultramafic schists and cumulate-textured rocks, which may suggest that their protoliths could also be komatiites that were quite submitted to hydrothermal alteration. However, although the ultramafic rocks of the Faina and Serra de Santa Rita greenstone belts are here interpreted as

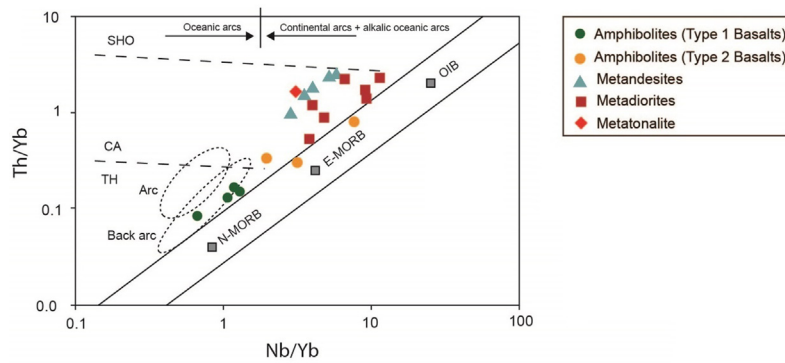


Fig. 10. Nb/Yb vs. Th/Yb discriminant diagram (Pearce, 2008) for metavolcanic and metaplutonic rocks of the Faina and Serra de Santa Rita greenstone belts. Dotted fields represent tholeiitic (TH), calc-alkaline (CA) and shoshonitic (SHO) rocks of convergent margins. Phanerozoic arc and back-arc fields are from Metcalf and Shervais (2008).

komatiites erupted in a forearc setting, similar to modern boninites, the chloritites differ from them by much higher TiO_2 (1.0–1.4 wt.%), P_2O_5 (0.1–0.4 wt.%) and LREE enrichment. On the other hand, the chondrite- and primitive mantle-normalized patterns of the chloritites (Fig. 5C and D) are also similar to the amphibolites (type 2 basalts group) patterns (Fig. 7C and D); and these rocks present geochemical characteristics consistent with subduction zones. Moreover, the two chloritite samples that were dated presented U–Pb zircon ages of 2.96 Ga and 2.95 Ga, similar to the obtained age for the amphibolite sample (2.96 Ga). Thus, it is more likely that the chloritites are also metabasalts that were intensely hydrothermalized and share the same protolith with the amphibolites of the type 2 basalts group.

7.4. Type 1 basalts: back-arc basin basalts (BABB)

The amphibolites corresponding to the type 1 basalts of the Serra de Santa Rita greenstone belt are characterized by tholeiitic magmatic affinity and flat chondrite-normalized REE patterns (Fig. 7A). These characteristics are similar to transitional MORB type basalts (T-MORB), but are also related to Phanerozoic oceanic plateau basalts (OPB) (e.g. Mahoney et al., 1995; Kerr et al., 1997) and to Archean intra-oceanic tholeiitic flows (e.g. Polat and Kerrich, 2000). Several of the Archean oceanic plateau tholeiitic basalts are interlayered with komatiites in a typical plume-related tholeiite-komatiite association (e.g. Campbell et al., 1989; Herzberg, 1992; Xie et al., 1993; Arndt, 1994; Condie, 1994; Dostal and Mueller, 1997, 2004; Puchtel et al., 1998; Polat, 2009). In general, the Phanerozoic OPB are chemically uniform, with $\text{La}/\text{Sm}_{\text{cn}} = 0.6\text{--}0.7$, $\text{Ce}/\text{Yb}_{\text{cn}} = 0.8\text{--}0.9$ and low Zr/Nb (10–16), Zr/Ta (260–275) and La/Ta (15–17) ratios (Floyd, 1989). However, the type 1 basalts of the Serra de Santa Rita greenstone belt are characterized by higher $\text{La}/\text{Sm}_{\text{cn}} = 0.9\text{--}1.1$ and $\text{Ce}/\text{Yb}_{\text{cn}} = 0.8\text{--}1.2$, and different $\text{Zr}/\text{Nb} = 22\text{--}27$, $\text{Zr}/\text{Ta} = 180\text{--}235$ and $\text{La}/\text{Ta} = 11\text{--}13$ ratios than the average values of OPB.

On Nb/Yb vs. Th/Yb diagram, mantle plume-derived intraplate basalts and MORB without relation to subduction zones plot in the MORB–OIB field, while volcanic rocks related to subduction zones and crustal contamination plot obliquely and subparallel to the MORB–OIB field. This indicates addition of Th relatively to Yb by subduction processes or crustal assimilation. On this diagram, the Serra de Santa Rita greenstone belt plot above the MORB–OIB field, in the region of the Phanerozoic back-arc basin basalts (BABB) (Fig. 10). The Nb/Yb ratio of most of the type 1 basalts samples ($\text{Nb}/\text{Yb} = 1.1\text{--}1.3$) are higher than average for the N-MORB ($\text{Nb}/\text{Yb} = 0.76$; Sun and McDonough, 1989), which indicates that the mantle source of these basalts is more enriched in Nb relatively to the N-MORB, but similar to some back-arc basin basalts (e.g. Pearce et al., 2005; Khanna et al., 2015).

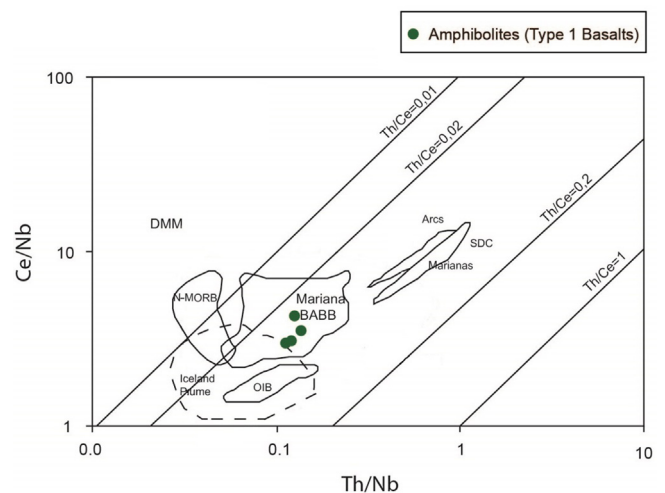


Fig. 11. Th/Nb vs. Ce/Nb discriminant diagram (modified after Saunders et al., 1988 and Khanna et al., 2015) for amphibolites of the type 1 basalts group of the Serra de Santa Rita greenstone belt; these rocks plot in the Phanerozoic Mariana back-arc basalts field (BABB; Pearce et al., 2005). Abbreviations: DMM (depleted MORB mantle component); SDC (subduction zone component).

The discriminant diagram Tb/Nb vs. Ce/Nb (Fig. 11) can be used to test the magmatic source in oceanic basins. In this model, the compositional heterogeneity of basaltic lava flow in oceanic basins is due to the variable mixture of three basic components: (1) a depleted mantle (MORB) with low Th/Nb ratio and high Ce/Nb ratio; (2) a subduction zone component with high Th/Nb and Ce/Nb ratios; and (3) a residual plate component. On this diagram, the type 1 basalts of the Serra de Santa Rita greenstone belt plot between the MORB and arc fields, and in the region where the composition of the Phanerozoic Mariana back-arc basin basalts concentrate (Pearce et al., 2005). Thus, the type 1 basalts of the Serra de Santa Rita greenstone belt have chemical characteristics that are similar to modern back-arc basin basalts (BABB) and are here interpreted as tholeiite flows originated by shallow decompression mantle melting related to the opening of a back-arc basin in the Mesoproterozoic.

7.5. Type 2 basalts: Nb-enriched basalts (NEB)

The amphibolites corresponding to the type 2 basalts of the Serra de Santa Rita greenstone belt are characterized by sub-alkaline transitional to calc-alkaline magmatic affinity, enriched chondrite-normalized LREE patterns, slightly negative to positive

Nb anomalies, and negative Ti anomalies (Fig. 7C and D). The LREE enrichment and negative Ti and Nb anomalies are typical features of intraoceanic arc basalts (Perfit et al., 1980; Tatsumi et al., 1986; Tatsumi and Nakamura, 1986; Saunders et al., 1991; Hawkesworth et al., 1993; Pearce and Peate, 1995; Kelemen et al., 2003; Pearce, 2008).

The type 2 basalts are also characterized by high Nb contents (5.3–12.2 ppm), higher than in typical intraoceanic arc basalts (~3 ppm) and comparable to Nb-enriched basalts (NEB; $7 < \text{Nb} < 20$ ppm; Regan and Gill, 1989; Defant et al., 1992). The NEB were first documented in hot Cenozoic intraoceanic arcs, associated with high-Mg andesites and adakites, characterized by the subduction of young oceanic plate (<20 Ma). Sajona et al. (1996) proposed that the NEB are genetically linked to adakites and were generated by melting of a mantle wedge that had been previously metasomatized by adakitic melt. The adakitic melt originated by oceanic slab melting percolates through the mantle wedge and hybridize with it. In this mantle/melt interaction, the original peridotite mineralogy (olivine, orthopyroxene, clinopyroxene and spinel) is destabilized and substituted by new mineral phases, such as pargasitic amphibole, garnet, phlogopite, Na-clinopyroxene and Fe-orthopyroxene (Carroll and Wyllie, 1989; Johnston and Wyllie, 1989; Adam et al., 1993; Sen and Dunn, 1994; Kepezhinskas et al., 1995; Rapp et al., 1999; Prouteau et al., 2001). Subsequent melting of this Nb-enriched metasomatized mantle generates the NEB magma.

Nb-enriched basalts characterized by LREE enrichment and negative to positive Nb anomalies have been recognized in some Phanerozoic island arc volcanic associations, showing that some volcanic rocks with chemical characteristics similar to ocean island basalts (OIB) can also originate in subduction zones. (Defant et al., 1992; Kepezhinskas et al., 1996; Sajona et al., 1996; Aguillón-Robles et al., 2001; Wang et al., 2007).

On Nb/Yb vs. Th/Yb discriminant diagram, two samples of type 2 basalts of the Serra de Santa Rita greenstone belt plot in the MORB–OIB field, next to E-MORB, but almost in the boundary with the subduction-related volcanic rocks field, and one sample plot in the subduction zone field (Fig. 10). The Nb contents of these rocks are “anomalous” and cause the higher Nb/Yb. On MgO vs. Nb/La (Fig. 12A) and Nb vs. Nb/U (Fig. 12B) diagrams, the type 2 basalts plot consistently in the NEB field. The exception is the TiO₂ vs. P₂O₅ diagram, where the samples share lower TiO₂ and P₂O₅ contents than NEB (Fig. 12C).

In the Serra de Santa Rita greenstone belt, the type 2 basalts are spatially associated with the metandesites and metadiorites that have clear geochemical affinity with magmatic arcs, as enhanced by the Nb/Yb vs. Th/Yb discriminant diagram (Fig. 10). The metandesites and metadiorites also share some similarities with adakites and high-Mg andesites (HMA), respectively, as will be discussed. Thus, these rocks must represent an association between NEB, HMA and adakites. This association has also been recognized in several Archean greenstone belts (e.g. Hollings and Kerrich, 2000; Wyman et al., 2000; Polat and Kerrich, 2001; Hollings, 2002; Shchinpasky et al., 2004; Manikyamba and Khanna, 2007; Manikyamba et al., 2007; Kerrich and Manikyamba, 2012), in which petrogenesis has been interpreted as analogous to the modern equivalents, therefore being extremely important for the understanding of the Archean geodynamics.

7.6. Correlations between the metandesites, metadiorites and metatonalites with adakites and high-Mg andesites

As originally defined by Defant and Drummond (1990), adakites are a suite of intermediate to felsic rocks with SiO₂ ≥ 56 wt.%, Al₂O₃ ≥ 15 wt.%, high Na₂O contents (Na₂O = 3.5–7.5 wt.%), low K₂O/Na₂O ratio (~0.42), MgO usually < 3 wt.% and high contents of Sr

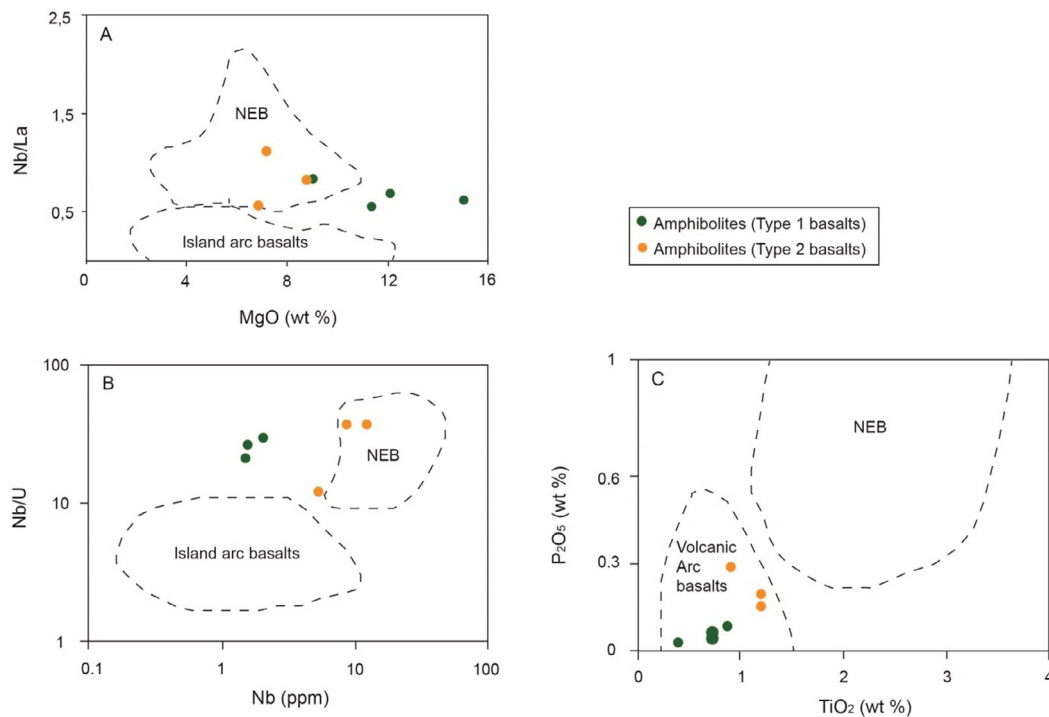


Fig. 12. Discriminant diagrams distinguishing Nb-enriched basalts (NEB) from classical volcanic arc basalts for the amphibolites of the Serra de Santa Rita greenstone belt. (A) Nb vs. Nb/U diagram (Kepezhinskas et al., 1996). (B) MgO vs. Nb/La diagram (Kepezhinskas et al., 1996). (C) TiO₂ vs. P₂O₅ diagram (Defant et al., 1992). The amphibolites of the type 2 basalts group plot in the NEB field on MgO vs. Nb/La and Nb vs. Nb/U diagrams, while on TiO₂ vs. P₂O₅ diagram these rocks plot outside. The amphibolites of the type 1 basalts group plot outside the NEB field on all diagrams.

(≥ 400 ppm). Adakites are also characterized by strongly fractionated REE patterns ($\text{La}/\text{Yb}_{\text{cn}} > 10$) and low contents of $\text{Y} \leq 18$ ppm and $\text{Yb} \leq 1.9$ ppm. They were initially introduced as Na-rich volcanic and plutonic rocks formed in Cenozoic magmatic arcs associated with subduction of young (≤ 25 Ma) and hot oceanic lithosphere. Based on SiO_2 and MgO contents, Martin et al. (2005) divided the adakites into two broad groups: the high-silica adakites (HSA; $\text{SiO}_2 > 60$ wt.%, $\text{MgO} \leq 4$ wt.% and $\text{Mg\#} \leq 50$) and the low silica-adakites (LSA; also referred as high-Mg andesites; $\text{SiO}_2 < 60$ wt.%, $\text{MgO} = 4\text{--}9$ wt.% and $\text{Mg\#} \geq 60$). The LSA are also characterized by higher Sr contents (> 1000 ppm) than HSA (< 1100 ppm).

The metandesites of the Serra de Santa Rita greenstone belt have fractionated REE patterns ($\text{La}/\text{Yb}_{\text{cn}} = 7\text{--}15$) and low contents of Yb (1.2–1.6 ppm) and Y (14–15). The only exception is one metandesite sample (D26) that exhibits values of $\text{La}/\text{Yb}_{\text{cn}}$, Yb and Y (5, 2.5 and 27 ppm, respectively) contrasting from the other samples. The metadiorites and the analyzed metatonalite sample have higher REE fractionated patterns ($\text{La}/\text{Yb} = 8\text{--}19$) and lower contents of Yb (0.7–1.2 ppm) and Y (8–17 ppm) than the metandesites. On Sr/Y vs. Y (Fig. 13A) and (La/Yb)_{cn} vs. Yb_{cn} (Fig. 13B) discriminant diagrams, most of the metandesite, metadiorite and metatonalite samples plot in the adakite field.

The above characteristics show that the metandesites, metadiorites and metatonalites of the Serra de Santa Rita greenstone

belt present some of the typical diagnostic features of adakites. However, it is important to point out that adakites are characterized by high Sr contents and related high Sr/Y ratio (> 50), which is not observed in the metandesites and metadiorites, in which Sr/Y ratios are lower and quite variable (12–44 for the metandesites and 5–38 ppm for the metadiorites) than those of adakites. The metatonalite sample, otherwise, have very high Sr/Y ratio (114), consistent with adakites. Adakitic magmas with high Sr contents are produced by partial melting of Sr-rich eclogite in a descending slab (as there is no plagioclase in the restite). Fractional crystallization of these magmas at shallower depths could reduce the Sr contents by plagioclase removal (Kamber et al., 2002; Samaniego et al., 2002). Thus, the metandesites, metadiorites and metatonalites of the Serra de Santa Rita greenstone belt are adakite-like rocks that were possibly affected by different degrees of fractional crystallization processes.

The metandesites are characterized by relative high contents of MgO (2–6 wt.%) and Mg# (51–61), values near to those of LSA, otherwise, their SiO_2 contents (56–68 wt.%) show that some of the samples are more consistent with HSA. The metatonalite sample have lower contents of MgO (2 wt.%) and Mg# (42), and higher contents of SiO_2 (66 wt.%), also consistent with HSA. On SiO_2 vs. MgO and SiO_2 vs. Nb diagrams, most of the metandesite samples and the metatonalite sample plot in the HSA field (Fig. 13C and D), and some of the metandesite samples plot in

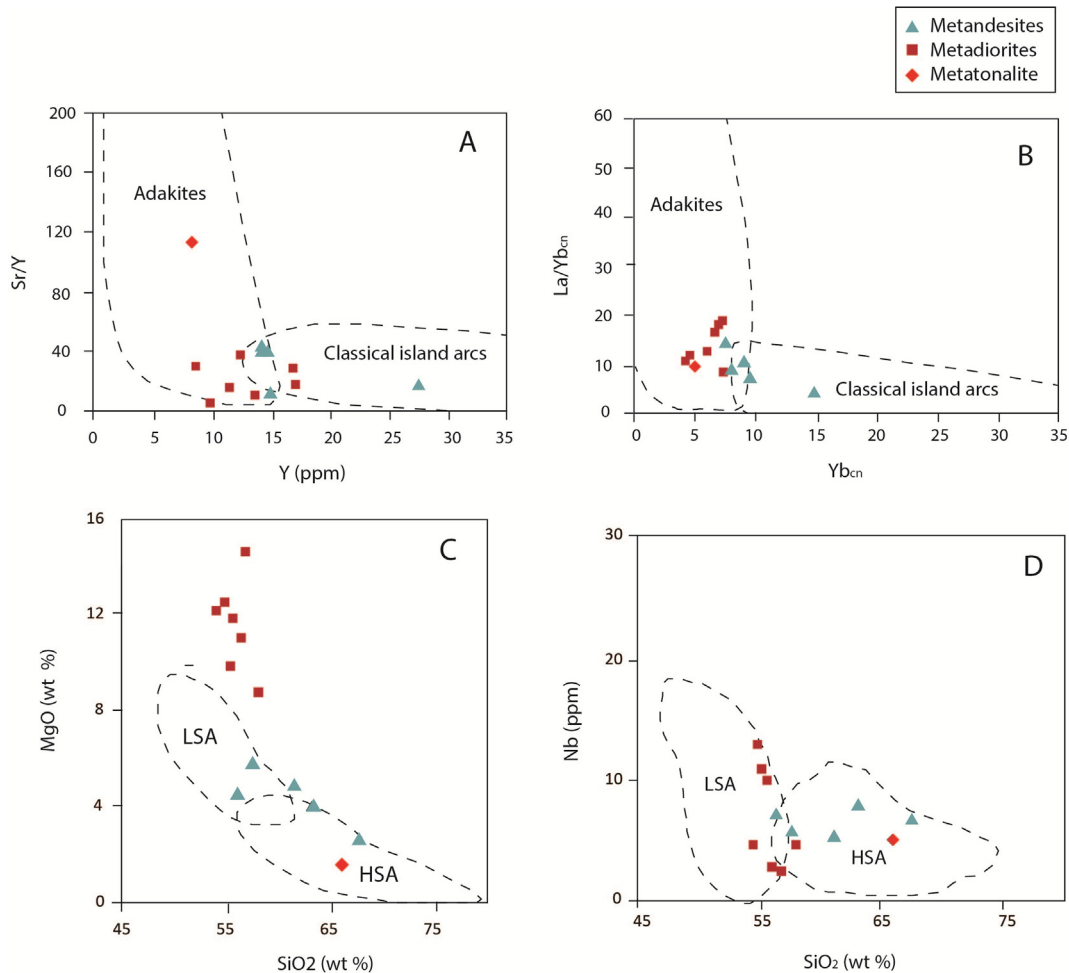


Fig. 13. Discriminant diagrams distinguishing adakites from classical calc-alkaline island arc volcanic rocks (A–B) and high-SiO₂ adakites from low-SiO₂ adakites (C–D) for the metandesites, metadiorites and metatonalites of the Serra de Santa Rita greenstone belt. (A) Y vs. Sr/Y diagram (Defant and Drummond, 1990). (B) Y_{cn} vs. La/Yb_{cn} diagram (Martin, 1987, 1999). (C) SiO₂ vs. MgO diagram (Martin et al., 2005). (D) SiO₂ vs. Nb diagram (Martin et al., 2005). The rocks plot predominantly in the adakite fields on Y vs. Sr/Y and Y_{cn} vs. La/Yb_{cn} diagrams. The metandesites and metatonalite plot predominantly in the HSA fields on SiO₂ vs. MgO and SiO₂ vs. Nb diagrams, while the metadiorites plot in the LSA field on SiO₂ vs. Nb diagram and extrapolates the LSA field on SiO₂ vs. MgO diagram due to their very high MgO contents.

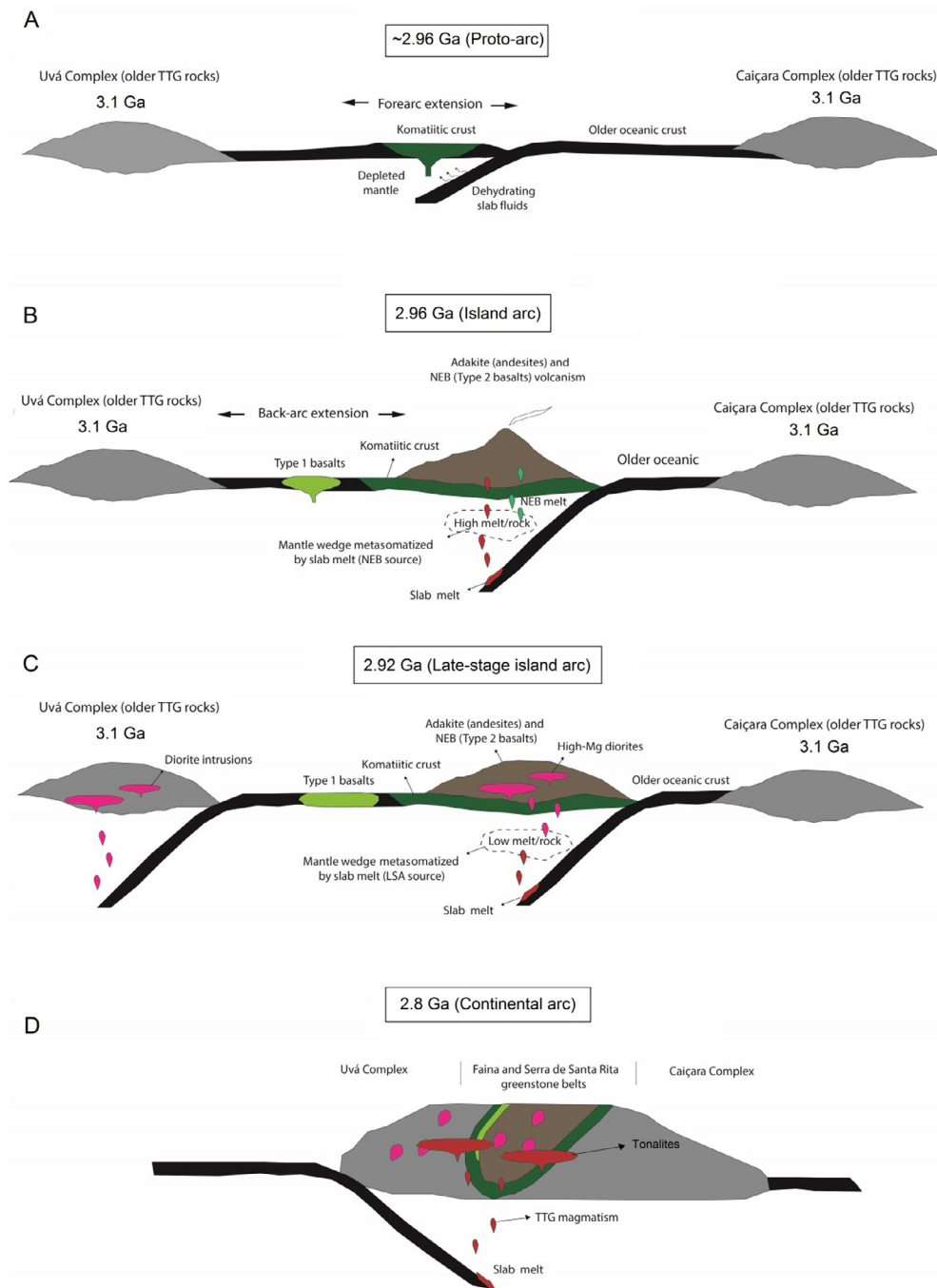


Fig. 14. Geodynamic setting evolution stages proposed for the Faina and Serra de Santa Rita greenstone belts. The volcanic and plutonic rocks are inserted into an island arc evolution at 2.96–2.92 Ga and continental arc at 2.8 Ga. The Uvá and Caiçara complexes are represented by their oldest TTG rocks (~3.1 Ga).

the LSA field on SiO_2 vs. MgO diagram (Fig. 13C). The metadiorites are characterized by very high contents of MgO (9–15%) and Mg\# (70–81), and low contents of SiO_2 (54–58 wt.%), being comparable to LSA. All metadiorite samples plot in the LSA field on SiO_2 vs. Nb diagram (Fig. 13D), and extrapolate the LSA field on SiO_2 vs. MgO diagram due to their extremely high MgO contents (Fig. 13C).

Although modern adakites occur in subduction zones that show unusually high heat-flow, which is the case of young oceanic slab subduction, several other mechanisms have also been proposed to account for the origin of specific adakite-like rocks in different tectonic settings. Some of these mechanisms include: crustal assimilation and fractional crystallization from basaltic magmas (e.g. Castillo et al., 1999); partial melting of hydrated mafic rocks in the base of thickened crust (e.g. Atherton and Petford, 1993;

Condie, 2005); and partial melting of delaminated lower crust (Gao et al., 2004; Wang et al., 2006). However, apparently there is no evidence of any older continental crust contamination in the metandesites and metadiorites of the Faina and Serra de Santa Rita greenstone belts. Moreover, the adakites which are generated from crustal melting processes have relatively high K and Th contents ($\text{K}_2\text{O} \sim 3$ wt.% and $\text{Th} = 10\text{--}20$ ppm), due to the greater involvement with felsic crustal material (Condie, 2005), which is clearly not the case of the metandesites, metadiorites and metatonalites of the Serra de Santa Rita greenstone belt ($\text{K}_2\text{O} = 0.1\text{--}1.4$ wt.%; $\text{Th} = 0.4\text{--}3.2$ ppm). Thus, these rocks were probably not derived from melting processes of lower thickened crust; and it is more likely that they were produced by partial melting of subducting oceanic slab.

In this subduction-related context, the difference between HSA and LSA is not simply a subtle difference in chemistry or an artefact of classification. Rather, it reflects a fundamental difference in petrogenesis, and specifically in different sources (Martin et al., 2005). The HSA are generated by direct melting of subducted oceanic crust transformed into garnet-bearing amphibolite or eclogite (Defant and Drummond, 1990; Martin, 1999; Gutscher et al., 2000; Martin et al., 2005). Those slab-melts are variably contaminated by peridotite assimilation as they ascend through the mantle wedge (Martin et al., 2005). The LSA (or high-Mg andesites; HMA) are generated in two distinct episodes; complete consumption of slab-melt during melt-peridotite interaction, followed by melting of this metasomatized mantle source (Rapp et al., 1999; Martin et al., 2005). The unifying petrogenetic feature of the HSA and LSA magmas is that both are directly or indirectly linked to slab-melts (Martin et al., 2005).

The adakitic melt not only assimilates the peridotite during its ascent, but also hybridize with the mantle wedge, being progressively consumed. When the melt/rock (adakitic melt/peridotite) is high, not all adakitic melt is consumed during the mantle metasomatism, and the melt can erupt as adakitic lavas. When the melt/rock is low, all adakitic melt is consumed in the metasomatic reaction with the mantle. Melting of this metasomatized mantle also produces magma that preserves strong adakite-like signatures (Rapp et al., 1999).

The metandesites and metatonalites of the Serra de Santa Rita greenstone belt have more similarities with HSA and, attributing a similar petrogenesis, these rocks may represent melting of subducting oceanic slab that variably interacted with the mantle during its ascent, thus explaining the MgO, Cr and Ni enrichment in the metandesites. The metadiorites are more similar to LSA or high-Mg andesites, although these rocks have lower Sr (167–616 ppm) than the common high Sr contents of LSA (>1000 ppm). The high contents of MgO, Cr and Ni of the metadiorites indicate presumably that these magmas were in equilibrium with the peridotite mantle (Tatsumi and Ishizaka, 1982; Yagodzinski et al., 1994). The origin of these magmas is interpreted as melting of mantle wedge that was previously metasomatized by adakitic melt, similar to the petrogenesis assigned to LSA.

8. Geodynamic setting

Discussions of the presented data indicate that the protoliths of the metavolcanic and metaplutonic rocks of the Faina and Serra de Santa Rita greenstone belts are related to subduction zones. The komatiites, basalts, andesites and diorites constitute a Mesoarchean intraoceanic forearc-arc-back-arc assembly, formed between 2.96 and 2.92 Ga. These ages were obtained by U-Pb zircon dating of the amphibolite (type 2 basalts group) and chloritite samples (2.96 Ga), and the metadiorite sample (2.92 Ga). Positive and homogeneous values of initial ϵ_{Nd} (+2.16 to +2.77) suggest that these rocks were derived from a juvenile arc. The system later progressed to a continental arc setting with tonalitic magmatism at around 2.8 Ga. This age was obtained by U-Pb zircon dating of the metatonalite sample that presented slightly negative initial ϵ_{Nd} of -0.15 , indicating a crustal contribution to this magmatism.

Therefore, the evolution model of the Faina and Serra de Santa Rita greenstone belts' igneous protoliths proposed in this study is summarized in four main stages:

1. The initial stage is represented by ultramafic volcanism in a forearc setting under shallow hydrous high melting degrees of the refractory mantle in the early stages of an island arc formation, at around 2.96 Ga (Fig. 14A);

2. The subduction progression led to subducting slab melting and adakite production. The high-SiO₂ adakitic melt hybridized with the peridotite mantle during its ascent, variably increasing the MgO, Cr and Ni contents; the high melt/rock ratio allowed the magma to reach the surface as adakitic lavas that are now represented by the metandesites of the Serra de Santa Rita greenstone belt. Melting of the residual mantle that was previously metasomatized by adakitic melt led to Nb-enriched basalts formation, that are now represented by the amphibolites of the type 2 basalts group of the Serra de Santa Rita greenstone belt. Decompression mantle melting in the back-arc region led to the generation of tholeiitic basalt flows that are now represented by the amphibolites of the type 1 basalts group of the Serra de Santa Rita greenstone belt (Fig. 14B);
3. The low melt/rock ratio, at around 2.92 Ga, led to the consumption of all adakitic melt by the peridotite mantle in the metasomatic reaction. Melting of this hybridized mantle, that preserves the chemical imprint of the slab-melt, generated high-Mg andesitic magma with very high contents of MgO, Cr and Ni, comparable to low-SiO₂ adakites or high-Mg andesites. The magma did not reach the surface as new andesitic lava flows, and lodged as dioritic plutons that intruded the volcanic sequences (Fig. 14C);
4. The final stage, at around 2.8 Ga, is related to the generation of tonalitic magma in a continental arc setting in the late Mesoarchean and early Neoproterozoic. This stage corresponds to the initial agglutination and cratonization of the Archean substrate of the southern portion of the Archean-Paleoproterozoic Terrane of Goiás and is also recorded in the Caiçara and Uvã complexes by TTG magmatism with ages at around 2.8 Ga (Jost et al., 2005, 2013; Beggelli Junior, 2012) (Fig. 14D).

9. Conclusions

The petrographic, geochemical and isotopic studies of the metavolcanic and metaplutonic rocks of the Faina and Serra de Santa Rita greenstone belts presented in this study allowed the following conclusions:

1. The basal metavolcanic sequences of the Faina and Serra de Santa Rita greenstone belts are composed mainly of ultramafic rocks. The mafic rocks correspond to amphibolites restricted to the Serra de Santa Rita greenstone belt and are associated with metandesite lenses and dioritic to tonalitic poly-deformed intrusions. These rocks were metamorphosed under amphibolite facies and are overlain by Paleoproterozoic metasedimentary sequences metamorphosed under greenschist facies;
2. The geochemical signatures of the ultramafic rocks have some similarities with boninites. The amphibolites can be divided into two groups based on their trace-element behavior: type 1 basalts and type 2 basalts. The type 1 basalts are similar to back-arc basin basalts, while the type 2 basalts are similar to Nb-enriched basalts. The metandesites, metadiorites and metatonalites are adakite-like rocks; the metandesites and metatonalites have some similarities with high-SiO₂ adakites, while the metadiorites are characterized by very high MgO, Cr and Ni contents, being similar to low-silica adakites or high-Mg andesites. The association between adakites, high-Mg andesites and Nb-enriched basalts occur in some hot Cenozoic subduction zones and is also described in several Archean greenstone belts;
3. The chloritites are spatially associated to the ultramafic schist and cumulate-textured rocks but they have different geochemical signatures from them. On the other hand, the trace-elements features and U-Pb zircon ages of the chloritites are

more consistent with the amphibolites of the type 2 basalts group. Thus, these rocks are probably metabasalts that were strongly hydrothermalized;

4. LA-ICP-MS U-Pb zircon dating were conducted in five samples: a chloritite of the Faina greenstone belt, a chloritite of the Serra de Santa Rita greenstone belt, an amphibolite of the type 2 basalts group, a metadiorite and a metatonalite. With the exception of the chloritite of the Serra de Santa Rita greenstone belt sample, the zircon crystals data of all dated samples provided discordia diagrams and ages defined by upper intercepts. The chloritite sample from the Faina greenstone belt yielded the age of 2950 ± 37 Ma. The chloritite sample from the Serra de Santa Rita greenstone belt yielded the concordant age of 2960.3 ± 6 Ma. The amphibolite sample yielded the age of 2968.3 ± 7 Ma. The metadiorite sample yielded the age of 2922.8 ± 3 Ma. The metatonalite sample yielded the age of 2809.3 ± 9.2 Ma. These results are interpreted as the best approximations of the protoliths' crystallization ages and mark two main periods of igneous activity: 2.96–2.92 Ga and 2.8 Ga;
5. Isotopic Sm-Nd analyses were carried out in four samples: an amphibolite of the type 2 basalts group, two metadiorites and a metatonalite. The amphibolite presented T_{DM} of 3.08 Ga and initial ϵ_{Nd} of +2.26. The metadiorites presented T_{DM} of 3.03 and 2.99 Ga, and initial ϵ_{Nd} of +2.16 and +2.77. These data indicate juvenile magmatic signatures and absence of older sialic crust contamination for the rocks crystallized in the first period (2.96–2.92 Ga). The metatonalite sample crystallized at 2.8 Ga shows T_{DM} of 3.13 Ga and initial ϵ_{Nd} of -0.15, indicating crustal contribution in this second period;
6. The geodynamic model for the volcanic and plutonic protoliths that constitute the Faina and Serra de Santa Rita greenstone belts is inserted into an intraoceanic forearc-arc-back-arc setting. The initial stage corresponds to eruption of ultramafic lavas in the forearc region of a proto-island arc, at around 2.96 Ga. The evolution of the island arc and subduction progression led to oceanic slab-melting and generation of adakites (metandesites of the Serra de Santa Rita greenstone belt). Melting of the enriched residual mantle that was metasomatized with adakitic melt generated Nb-enriched basalts (amphibolites of the type 2 basalts group of the Serra de Santa Rita greenstone belt). Decompression mantle melting at the back-arc region generated tholeiitic basaltic flows (amphibolites of the type 1 basalts group of the Serra de Santa Rita greenstone belt). At around 2.92, the adakitic melt was totally consumed by peridotite mantle and the subsequent melting of these hybridized mantle wedge generated high-Mg andesites that lodged in the crust as dioritic intrusions with very high contents of MgO, Cr and Ni (metadiorites of the Serra de Santa Rita greenstone belt). The late stage corresponds to a continental arc formation at around 2.8 Ga, marked by tonalitic magmatism and amalgamation with other island arcs and continental arcs that constitute the TTG Uva and Caiara complexes to form the Archean substrate of the southern portion of the Archean-Paleoproterozoic Terrane of Goias.

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