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16 **ABSTRACT**

17 Dating the timing of motion on crustal shear zones is of tremendous importance for understanding the
18 assembly of orogenic terranes. This objective is achieved in this paper by combining petrological and
19 structural observations with novel developments in *in situ* U-Th-Pb geochronology of allanite. A
20 greenschist facies shear zone within the Mont Blanc Massif is documented. Allanite is synkinematic
21 and belongs to the mylonitic assemblage. LA-ICP-MS U-Th-Pb isotope analyses of allanite reveal
22 high contents and highly radiogenic isotopic compositions of the common-Pb component. The use of
23 measured Pb-isotope compositions of associated minerals (feldspars and chlorite) is critical for

24 accurate common-Pb correction, and provides a powerful mechanism for linking allanite growth to the
25 metamorphic assemblage. A mean $^{208}\text{Pb}/^{232}\text{Th}$ age of 29.44 ± 0.95 Ma is accordingly taken for
26 synkinematic allanite crystallisation under greenschist facies conditions. This age reflects the timing of
27 the Mont Blanc underthrusting below the Penninic Front and highlights the potential of directly dating
28 deformation with allanite.

29 **Introduction**

30 Resolving the timing and rates of crustal deformation is fundamental to our understanding of
31 tectonic and orogenic processes. Direct dating of deformation features by isotopic techniques has great
32 potential to provide new insights into the complexities of orogenesis and tectonics in general. Of
33 particular interest are shear zones, which can accommodate vast lateral and vertical crustal motions,
34 control the development of tectonic features, and provide important pathways for orogenic and ore-
35 forming fluids.

36 In contrast to constraining deformation ages through cross-cutting structural relationships, the
37 direct-dating approach focuses upon isotopic analysis of synkinematic minerals that belong to the
38 metamorphic assemblage associated with deformation. Previous efforts at directly dating deformation
39 focused upon Rb-Sr dating of high Rb/Sr phases (e.g. Freeman *et al.*, 1997) and $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{39}\text{Ar}$ dating of
40 white mica, amphibole and feldspar (e.g. Simon-Labric *et al.*, 2009). *In situ* $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{39}\text{Ar}$ dating of
41 recrystallised micas by laser-heating techniques has successfully been applied to mylonites in low
42 temperature conditions, but potential cm-scale mobility of Ar and excess-Ar may compromise
43 successful thermochronology (Kelley, 2002, Mulch *et al.*, 2005). Texturally controlled Rb-Sr dating
44 also has great potential, but is prone to resetting by post deformation fluid circulation (e.g. Wickman
45 *et al.*, 1983) and isotopic disequilibrium on the thin-section scale (Frey *et al.*, 1976).

46 Uranium and thorium rich accessory phases, such as zircon and monazite, provide robust ages in
47 many geological settings. Although mechanical modification of zircons in shear zones is relatively
48 common, chemical modifications, and hence age resetting, are not (e.g. Wayne and Sinha, 1992,
49 Moser *et al.*, 2009). To a lesser extent, U-Pb techniques have been successfully applied to dynamically

50 recrystallised titanite and monazite (Resor *et al.*, 1996; Storey *et al.*, 2004). Another accessory phase
51 that is a prime target for geochronology in these environments is allanite, which is a rare earth element
52 (REE) rich end-member of the epidote solid solution series ($[\text{Ca,REE,Th}]_2[\text{Fe,Al}]_3\text{Si}_3\text{O}_{12}[\text{OH}]$). The
53 mineral is key to the storage and mobility of REE, Th and U (Hermann, 2002, Gieré and Sorensen,
54 2004), and offers geochronological information that can be linked with physico-chemical conditions
55 (e.g., pressure, temperature conditions), based upon petrological observations. Allanite is also
56 commonly found associated to monazite (Janots *et al.*, 2008). Epidote and clinozoisite generally
57 surround allanite. As thermodynamic stabilities of these phases can be calculated, it is possible to
58 make quantitative links between the timing of monazite/allanite/clinozoisite/epidote growth and *PT*
59 conditions (e.g. Smye *et al.*, 2010).

60 A number of studies have reported on the textural and chemical relationships of allanite to rock-
61 forming minerals, and on evidence of its stability in *PT*-space (Gregory *et al.*, 2009; Hermann, 2002;
62 Janots *et al.*, 2008; Gregory *et al.*, 2012). Recent advances in allanite *in situ* U-Th-Pb dating yield
63 reliable ages, despite the fact that allanite contains significant amounts of common Pb (Gregory *et al.*,
64 2007; Smith *et al.*, 2009; Darling *et al.*, 2012a). Whereas the petrology and geochemistry of allanite
65 have been addressed repeatedly, little is known so far regarding the effects of deformation and
66 recrystallization on allanite U-Th-Pb systematics (Cenki-Tok *et al.*, 2011).

67 Accordingly, we have investigated allanite-bearing samples from a greenschist facies shear zone of
68 the Mont Blanc massif (MBM). The principal aims of this study are to: (a) investigate U-Th-Pb
69 isotope systematics of synkinematic allanite using newly developed methods, taking into account the
70 common-Pb composition reflecting the crystallization environment; (b) test whether allanite may be
71 used to directly date the age of deformation and metasomatism.

72 **Geological setting of the Mont Blanc shear zones**

73 The MBM belongs to a suite of Variscan external crystalline massifs of the western Alps (Fig. 1). It
74 is composed of gneisses and a granitic batholith that crystallized at 300 ± 3 Ma (Bussy and von
75 Raumer, 1994). The general deformation pattern of the MBM consists of subvertical narrow (1 to 50

76 m) shear zones, arranged in a fan-like geometry, separated by low strain domains (100 to 500 m).
77 Deformation, strain localization and associated upper greenschist facies metamorphism in the MBM
78 have been considered Alpine in age (Rolland *et al.*, 2008).

79 The majority of shear zones are transpressive and form a complex network of anastomosing NNE-
80 SSW (N40-60°E) and N-S (N160-20°E) components with sub-vertical stretching lineations (Fig. 1).
81 These two groups of shear zones have a dextral and sinistral component, respectively, resulting in a
82 NW-SE compression regime (Rossi *et al.*, 2005). In addition, domains of distinct mineral assemblages
83 within shear zones can be recognized with an NW to SE zoning (Fig. 1). In the NW part, the dominant
84 assemblage is epidote, quartz and muscovite, in the central part, phlogopite, chlorite and quartz are
85 present, and in the SE part, phengite dominates.

86 **Microstructure and petrology of the sample**

87 This study focuses on a greenschist facies shear zone in the chlorite- and phlogopite-bearing
88 domain (central domain of Fig. 1). This shear zone may be observed along-strike inside the Mont
89 Blanc tunnel, emphasizing its regional 2-dimensional exposure. Lineations are subvertical and shear
90 sense indicators reflect exclusively pure shear: i.e. horizontal shortening. The main mylonitic foliation
91 is marked by chlorite, elongated K-feldspars and recrystallised quartz. Locally, phlogopite is present
92 as larger crystals, and albite crystals occur in low strain parts of the sections of the shear zone.
93 Thermodynamic phase equilibria indicate that shear zone recrystallisation occurred at 0.51 ± 0.05 GPa
94 and 400 ± 25 °C (Rolland *et al.*, 2003).

95 The contact between high-strain domains and low-strain granite pods is anastomosing and finger-
96 like. In addition, a low Fe-content of fabric minerals is associated to high bulk-rock Mg/(Mg+Fe)
97 values compared to the unaltered, undeformed granite. These evidence suggest a localized fluid
98 alteration front associated with greenschist facies metamorphism. These are Mg-rich fluids percolating
99 upwards in the core of the MBM, with high fluid/rock ratios (Rossi *et al.*, 2005).

100 Small (< 100 μm), newly crystallised REE-rich phases are parallel to, or occasionally overgrow,
101 the main greenschist facies mylonitic foliation (Fig. 2). New aeschynite and elongate allanite crystals

102 are idioblastic and contain chlorite, albite and uraninite inclusions. In addition, there are clear
103 differences in zoning, texture, composition and REE patterns between allanite in the host granite and
104 in the shear zone (Rolland *et al.*, 2003), with the shear zone grains being homogeneous in major and
105 REE elements composition (Fig. 3). These observations indicate that, texturally, allanite is not
106 inherited, is in equilibrium with the mylonitic assemblage and therefore synkinematic.

107 **Allanite dating methods**

108 Laser ablation (LA)-ICP-MS U-Th-Pb isotope analyses were undertaken at the University of
109 Portsmouth, using a New Wave 213 nm Nd:YAG laser coupled with an Agilent 7500cs ICP-MS.
110 Analytical protocols and instrument conditions are described in detail by Darling *et al.* (2012a). Key
111 points of the methodology are: (a) line-raster ablation, in order to minimize time-dependent elemental
112 fractionation; (b) external normalisation to the zircon standard Plešovice (Slama *et al.*, 2008); (c) the
113 use of measured ^{204}Pb to correct for inherited common-Pb. Accuracy was monitored via analyses of
114 the allanite reference materials Tara, Mucrone, BONA and SISS (von Blanckenburg, 1992; Gregory *et al.*,
115 *et al.*, 2007; Cenki-Tok *et al.*, 2011), for each of which mean common-Pb corrected $^{208}\text{Pb}/^{232}\text{Th}$ ages are
116 within uncertainty of reference values, with uncertainties of 0.5 to 1.5 percent (2σ ; Table 1).

117 Pb-isotope measurements of albite and chlorite were undertaken in a polished block of the studied
118 sample at the University of Bristol, using a New Wave Research 193 nm ArF Excimer laser coupled
119 with a ThermoFinnigan Neptune multi-collector (MC)-ICP-MS. Analytical procedures followed those
120 of Foster and Vance (2006) and Darling *et al.* (2012b). Sample measurements were normalised to the
121 NIST 610 glass standard, and NIST 612 was used to monitor accuracy and precision, yielding mean
122 $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$, $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$ and $^{208}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$ values of 17.105 ± 0.008 , 15.521 ± 0.006 , and 37.035 ± 0.013
123 respectively (120 μm nominal beam diameter; $n = 12$; all uncertainties 2σ).

124 **Allanite U-Th-Pb systematics**

125 The results of allanite analyses are detailed in Table 2, and key points are summarised in Figure 4.
126 The measured grains typically have high common-Pb contents, with measured $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$ and

127 $^{208}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$ varying from 32-184 and 60-474 respectively. A Tera-Wasserburg type concordia plot
128 (Figure 4A) highlights the dominance of common-Pb. The regression has a poorly defined lower
129 intercept of 21 ± 18 Ma (all uncertainties 2σ , unless otherwise stated), but interestingly has a very low
130 y-intercept (0.41 ± 0.02), which reflects the $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{206}\text{Pb}$ composition of the common-Pb component
131 (Tera and Wasserburg, 1972). This value is far removed from model terrestrial Pb isotope evolution
132 curves (total $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{206}\text{Pb}$ range 0.84 to 1.11; Stacey and Kramers, 1975).

133 The isotopic composition of common-Pb in the metamorphic assemblage associated with allanite
134 was further investigated via LA-MC-ICP-MS Pb isotope measurements of albite and chlorite from the
135 same sample (Table 3). The measured albite crystals have highly radiogenic age-corrected Pb-isotope
136 values, with weighted mean $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}_i$, $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}_i$ and $^{208}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}_i$ values of 29.75 ± 0.39 , $16.08 \pm$
137 0.12 and 46.05 ± 0.34 respectively (Figure 4B). These ratios were age corrected to 28.2 ± 2.6 Ma (the
138 allanite Th-Pb isochron age; Fig. 4C) using measured $^{238}\text{U}/^{204}\text{Pb}$ and $^{232}\text{Th}/^{204}\text{Pb}$, although the
139 magnitude of this correction is less than analytical uncertainty in albites due to low $^{238}\text{U}/^{204}\text{Pb}$ (<5.1)
140 and $^{232}\text{Th}/^{204}\text{Pb}$ (<0.11). The single measurement of chlorite has $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}_i$, $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}_i$ and
141 $^{208}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}_i$ values within uncertainty of the albite mean. Two further analyses of chlorite were
142 rejected due to ablation through Pb-rich inclusions and very low Pb concentration in one case.
143 Importantly, these measured albite and chlorite values are within uncertainty of the initial $^{208}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$
144 and $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$ values provided by the Th-Pb and U-Pb isochrons (Fig. 4C-D). As suggested by
145 textural and geochemical evidence, this indicates that allanite is in equilibrium with the mylonitic
146 assemblage and offers new opportunities for accurate common-Pb correction.

147 Previous studies have advocated the use of assumed common-Pb compositions taken from model
148 terrestrial Pb-isotope evolution curves (Stacey and Kramers, 1975), in order to correct Pb isotope
149 signals for common-Pb in magmatic allanite (e.g. Gregory *et al.*, 2007). However, as shown in Figure
150 4E, Th/Pb ages corrected using a Stacey and Kramers (1975) composition are scattered and do not
151 define a single age population. In contrast, when the measured Pb-isotope composition is used for
152 correction, the data define a single age population, with a weighted mean of 29.44 ± 0.95 Ma (MSWD
153 = 0.85; $n = 30$; Figure 4F). This value is within uncertainty of the Th-Pb isochron age for these data

154 (28.2 ± 2.6 Ma; Figure 5), which is independent of common-Pb correction. A necessary pre-requisite
155 for this approach is that metamorphic allanite, chlorite and albite have equilibrated in the same
156 common-Pb reservoir. In this case, this condition is fulfilled as i) allanites contain chlorite and albite
157 inclusions; ii) initial $^{208}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$ from the allanite Th-Pb isochron (47.1 ± 2.3) is within error of the
158 measured albite and chlorite values. There is minor variability in the initial Pb-isotope values of
159 matrix phases that is greater than analytical precision. For example $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}_i$ in albites range from
160 29.53 ± 0.28 to 30.40 ± 0.31. Further analyses are required to test the scale of Pb-isotope heterogeneity
161 in such metamorphic systems, although this range of variability has a minor effect on calculated ages
162 compared to uncertainty in measurement of ^{204}Pb in this study. In combination, this analysis of Pb-
163 isotope systematics in allanite and other phases of the metamorphic assemblage provides confidence
164 that the weighted-mean $^{208}\text{Pb}/^{232}\text{Th}$ age represents the best estimate of crystallization age of allanites in
165 the studied sample.

166 Common Pb corrected $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U}$ ages are highly variable, and significantly older than Th-Pb ages.
167 The slope of the U-Pb isochron (Fig. 4D) also provides a significantly older age (122 ± 32 Ma). Two
168 lines of evidence suggest that the ^{238}U - ^{206}Pb system is compromised by excess ^{206}Pb , either from ^{230}Th
169 disequilibrium (e.g. Scharer, 1984; von Blanckenburg, 1992), inherited radiogenic Pb from a U rich
170 precursor (Romer and Siegesmund, 2003), labile ^{206}Pb from another source, or a combination of these
171 factors: (1) the initial $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$ provided by the U-Pb regression is within uncertainty of the
172 composition of albite and chlorite, suggesting variable levels of ^{206}Pb incorporation into different
173 grains of allanite; (b) the low $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{206}\text{Pb}$ intercept of the Tera-Wasserburg regression (0.41 ± 0.02)
174 compared to the albite-chlorite initial value (0.540 ± 0.014). Furthermore, there is a positive
175 correlation between the Th/U ratios and $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U}$ ages of the allanite population, which suggests that
176 U-Th fractionation during crystallization of allanite, causing initial ^{230}Th disequilibrium ($t_{1/2} = 75$ kyr;
177 e.g. Scharer, 1984; von Blanckenburg, 1992), may be the dominant control on excess ^{206}Pb .

178

179 **Discussion and conclusion**

180 Significant improvement in understanding the petrology and geochemistry of allanite were made in
181 the past decade (e.g. Janots *et al.*, 2008), but the effects of deformation and recrystallization on allanite
182 U-Th-Pb systematics have as yet been little studied. A first attempt to test whether allanite may be
183 used to infer the age of mylonitisation revealed that the mineral can be remarkably resistant to
184 deformation in relatively dry conditions at eclogite facies due to mechanical shielding that prevents
185 chemical equilibration (Cenki-Tok *et al.*, 2011). This study shows that new crystallisation of allanite
186 may occur in shear zones associated to fluid flux, which can efficiently reset U-Th-Pb isotopic ratios.
187 In the studied shear zone, allanite texturally belongs to the greenschist-facies assemblage. As shown
188 by recent studies (e.g. Janots *et al.*, 2008), allanite is expected to be stable at these PT conditions (ca.
189 0.5 GPa and 400 °C, Rolland *et al.*, 2003).

190 The U-Th-Pb closure temperature of allanite is estimated to be above 700 °C (Heaman and Parrish,
191 1991), because i) allanite has been shown to remain closed to Pb loss and retain trace element and Sr-
192 Nd isotope zonation during prolonged magmatic conditions (Oberli *et al.*, 2004; Gregory *et al.*, 2009);
193 ii) in general zoning patterns developed in allanites during prograde metamorphic growth may be
194 retained through peak conditions (Janots *et al.*, 2008). Due to the high closure temperature of allanite,
195 the age of this study is interpreted as a crystallization age that records shear zone activation under
196 greenschist facies conditions.

197 The allanite U-Th-Pb *in situ* isotope data from this study also highlights the importance of using
198 measured Pb-isotope compositions for common-Pb, particularly in metamorphic rocks in which
199 several processes may fractionate Th/Pb, U/Pb or Th/U. Measured albite and chlorite indicate that
200 fluids associated with the metasomatic event (Rossi *et al.*, 2005) had highly radiogenic Pb-isotope
201 compositions. Similar fluid compositions have already been recognised in this zone of the MBM
202 (Marshall *et al.*, 1998). These were interpreted as being related to the emplacement of the Penninic
203 Front that tapped fluid from deep crustal and mantle sources (Rossi *et al.*, 2005). Indeed,
204 metasomatised rocks with similar $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ calcite ratios may also be found at the Penninic Front itself
205 (Rossi *et al.*, 2005).

206 In summary, the mean Th-Pb age of 29.4 ± 1.0 Ma is taken as the crystallisation age of allanites in
207 the studied shear zone, and hence the age of deformation and fluid percolation. In the SE domain of
208 the MBM (Fig. 1), shear zones yielded younger ^{40}Ar - ^{39}Ar crystallization ages (16 Ma; Rolland *et al.*,
209 2008). The diachroneity revealed by these two studies highlights a succession of previously
210 unrecognized events in the MBM including: i) ductile deformation and fluid percolation at ca. 29 Ma
211 ascribed to activation of the Penninic Front, which is also recognised further to the South in the
212 Pelvoux Massif (Simon-Labric *et al.* 2009); ii) reactivation of the shear zones at 16-14 Ma is ascribed
213 to the onset of exhumation in relation with the rotation of Apulia (Rolland *et al.*, 2012).

214 More generally, allanite may be found in a wide variety of lithologies (felsic, pelitic and mafic). It
215 is a petrologically important mineral in greenschist to amphibolite grade rocks typical of the upper-
216 mid crust, particularly when found together with monazite. As its closure temperature is well above
217 these moderate mid-crustal temperatures (ca. 700 °C; Oberli, 1994), allanite ages in these
218 environments are likely to record crystallization rather than cooling. Allanite therefore helps us
219 understand the timing and rates of low to medium temperature processes, which are known to be
220 difficult to date.

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335 **Figure and table caption :**

336 Figure 1: Simplified geological map and cross-section (without vertical exaggeration) of the Mont
337 Blanc Massif with main structural features and mineral assemblages (modified from Rolland *et al.*,
338 2008). UTM Coordinates of studied sample : (WGS84): N5084.005; E343.502.

339 Figure 2: Plane polarized light microphotographs of allanite crystals within the studied greenschist
340 facies shear zone.

341 Figure 3: REE versus Al diagram (after Petrik *et al.*, 1995), showing the compositions of allanites
342 measured by electron microprobe in this study.

343 Figure 4: Allanite U-Th-Pb ICP-MS isotope data for sample C33. (A): Tera-Wasserburg plot of
344 allanite analyses uncorrected for common Pb. (B): Age corrected Pb isotope compositions of albites
345 and chlorite. (C) Th-Pb and (D) U-Pb isochron plots for the allanite analyses of this study. A
346 calculated U-Pb isochron corresponding to an age of 30 Ma, and using the albite and chlorite
347 measured Pb isotope composition, is also shown in B for comparison. Data are not corrected for
348 common-Pb. All uncertainties are at the 95% confidence level. (E)-(F): Common-Pb corrected Pb/Th
349 ages of allanites, showing the importance of using measured Pb isotope ratios for common Pb
350 correction.

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352 Table 1: Summary of allanite U-Th-Pb isotope data for reference materials. The reference ages
353 were measured by Thermal Ionisation Mass Spectrometry (TIMS; von Blanckenburg, 1992) or
354 Sensitive High Resolution Ion Microprobe (SHRIMP; Gregory *et al.*, 2007; Cenki-Tok *et al.*, 2011).

355 Table 2: Allanite U-Th-Pb isotope data for Mont Blanc sample C33

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Table 1: Summary of allanite U-Th-Pb isotope data for reference materials

All analyses at the School of Earth and Environmental Science, University of Portsmouth, United Kingdom

Material	No. analyses	Raster (μm^2)	Mean ratios and common-Pb contents										Tera-Wasserburg Regression		Mean common-Pb corrected ages				Ref. Age (Ma)	Notes	Ref.
			$^{206}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$	1σ	$^{208}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$	1σ	^{206}com %	1σ	^{207}com %	1σ	^{208}com %	1σ	Intercept (Ma)	1σ abs	$^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U}$	2σ abs	$^{208}\text{Pb}/^{232}\text{Th}$	2σ abs			
SISS	4	25 x 40	31	2	57	4	59	3	93	4	38	3	48	33	35.3	2.5	32.9	2.2	31.5 ± 0.35	Large ^{206}Pb excess	von Blanckenburg (1992)
BONA	4	25 x 40	24	4	219	50	79	14	96	5	18	4	82	25	45	35	31.0	0.7	30.1 ± 0.4	Large ^{206}Pb excess	von Blanckenburg (1992)
Tara	6	25 x 40	459	625	19232	32090	16	15	65	60	1	1	420	14	424	11	416.4	3.4	414.9 ± 3.3		Gregory et al., (2007)
Mucrone	4	25 x 40	90	40	588	150	23	9	76	8	7	2	265	34	316	55	286.6	5.5	287 ± 7		Cenki-Tok et al. (2011)

Table 2: Allanite U-Th-Pb isotope data for Mont Blanc sample C33

All analyses at the School of Earth and Environmental Science, University of Portsmouth, United Kingdom

C33 - Mont Blanc					Common-Pb contents²							Data for Tera-Wasserburg plot³				Common-Pb corrected ages⁴						
Identifier	Raster (µm) ¹	²⁰⁴ Pb cps	Th /U	1σ %	²⁰⁶ Pb / ²⁰⁴ Pb	1σ %	²⁰⁸ Pb/ ²⁰⁴ Pb %	1σ %	²⁰⁶ com %	²⁰⁷ com %	²⁰⁸ com %	²³⁸ U/ ²⁰⁶ Pb	1σ abs	²⁰⁷ Pb/ ²⁰⁶ Pb	1σ abs	²⁰⁸ Pb/ ²⁰⁶ Pb	²⁰⁸ Pb/ ²³² Th	1σ %	²⁰⁶ Pb/ ²³⁸ U	2σ abs	²⁰⁸ Pb/ ²³² Th	2σ abs
Au16C07	25 x 40	81	25	4	43	8	79	8	70	99	58	15.4	0.5	0.37	0.02	1.8	0.0036	2.3	127	36	31.3	6.5
Au16C08	25 x 40	64	16	6	45	7	73	6	67	97	63	16.7	1.3	0.37	0.02	1.6	0.0049	2.9	125	65	37.6	9.2
Au16C09	25 x 40	76	15	7	42	5	70	4	72	96	66	18.8	1.1	0.39	0.02	1.6	0.0048	3.2	97	44	33.9	9.1
Au16C10	25 x 40	85	16	6	41	13	72	10	74	100	64	20.4	0.5	0.39	0.01	1.7	0.0045	2.2	82	23	33.1	7.5
Au16C11	25 x 40	65	35	4	41	13	74	10	73	96	62	12.6	0.4	0.40	0.02	1.8	0.0036	2.5	136	43	28.3	6.5
Au16C12	25 x 40	125	21	5	43	11	70	4	71	99	66	11.9	0.3	0.38	0.01	1.6	0.0049	1.7	158	41	34.7	7.7
Au17c05	25 x 40	45	71	5	48	17	103	8	62	84	45	12.7	0.5	0.40	0.03	2.1	0.0024	2.3	188	54	27.1	4.3
Au17c06	25 x 40	73	36	6	55	16	108	8	55	78	43	20.9	0.5	0.38	0.01	1.9	0.0027	1.5	137	27	31.1	4.3
Au17c07	25 x 40	36	34	4	39	18	70	9	77	100	66	13.6	0.9	0.39	0.03	1.7	0.0040	3.6	111	66	28.1	8.0
Au17c08	25 x 40	15	52	5	184	7	474	5	16	17	10	31.5	1.9	0.39	0.03	2.5	0.0016	3.9	169	26	29.5	2.7
Au17c09	25 x 40	42	62	5	54	11	96	9	56	80	48	10.5	0.5	0.37	0.03	1.7	0.0028	4.0	266	77	29.7	6.2
Au17c10	25 x 40	29	53	5	41	19	87	9	74	94	53	14.7	0.7	0.42	0.03	2.1	0.0027	3.7	114	50	25.9	5.8
Au17c11	25 x 40	19	36	6	72	8	164	6	42	63	28	29.2	3.6	0.35	0.02	2.2	0.0022	2.2	127	56	31.7	3.3
Au17c12	25 x 40	35	64	5	51	13	103	10	59	80	45	13.1	0.6	0.40	0.03	2.0	0.0025	1.9	199	57	27.7	4.2
Au17c13	25 x 40	19	71	5	46	16	108	12	65	79	43	16.1	2.4	0.43	0.03	2.3	0.0021	7.2	140	123	24.0	6.8
Au17c14	25 x 40	81	60	5	54	14	112	7	56	78	41	14.0	0.4	0.38	0.02	2.0	0.0025	1.7	202	42	29.9	4.1
Au17c15	25 x 40	51	32	5	42	14	71	7	71	99	64	15.3	0.4	0.39	0.02	1.7	0.0035	2.3	119	33	25.2	5.8
Au17c16	25 x 40	34	38	5	40	17	73	9	76	100	63	14.2	0.7	0.39	0.02	1.8	0.0036	3.3	110	53	26.9	6.9
Au17d05	25 x 40	58	43	5	39	12	74	6	71	96	57	15.0	0.4	0.39	0.02	2.0	0.0033	2.8	125	35	28.9	6.1
Au17d06	25 x 40	52	63	5	32	18	70	10	77	98	54	13.1	0.5	0.42	0.03	2.3	0.0030	2.1	111	46	27.7	5.1
Au17d07	25 x 40	56	36	6	39	10	72	6	68	84	56	17.6	0.9	0.43	0.03	1.9	0.0033	2.8	117	44	28.7	6.1
Au17d08	25 x 40	15	72	5	98	22	184	16	71	99	48	11.3	0.6	0.38	0.02	1.9	0.0031	2.6	166	66	32.9	5.7
Fe14d05	30 x 45	121	35	4	39	4	72	2	76	100	64	12.0	0.3	0.41	0.01	2.1	0.0038	1.8	130	39	27.5	5.9
Fe14d06	30 x 45	199	7	7	43	3	60	2	69	98	76	26.1	0.7	0.37	0.02	1.6	0.0067	2.2	78	20	32.1	9.4
Fe14d07	30 x 45	13	24	4	41	17	75	9	72	99	62	19.2	1.3	0.39	0.03	2.1	0.0034	3.7	93	50	26.7	7.1
Fe14d08	30 x 45	29	32	5	62	13	127	7	48	69	36	22.0	0.5	0.37	0.01	2.3	0.0024	1.8	152	26	30.5	3.8
Fe14d09	30 x 45	65	29	5	39	9	65	4	76	99	71	10.4	0.3	0.41	0.01	1.9	0.0050	2.3	148	51	29.7	7.8
Fe14d10	30 x 45	19	29	5	41	18	71	8	72	99	65	12.0	0.4	0.39	0.02	2.0	0.0043	2.2	150	45	30.5	7.1
Fe14d11	30 x 45	26	35	6	50	14	89	7	60	95	52	13.2	0.5	0.37	0.02	2.1	0.0033	2.1	192	50	31.9	5.7
Fe14d12	30 x 45	53	14	4	44	9	73	4	68	96	63	28.5	1.9	0.38	0.01	1.9	0.0035	2.4	71	33	25.9	5.9

¹ Nominal beam diameter and line raster length.² Ratio of common-Pb to total Pb signal, given as percentage.³ Data not corrected for common-Pb.⁴ Common-Pb corrected using measured Pb isotope ratios from feldspars and chlorites. Decay constants of Jaffey et al (1971) used

Table 3: Laser ablation MC-ICPMS Pb isotope data

Analyses at the Department of Earth Sciences, University of Bristol, United Kingdom

Identifier	Phase	Beam (μm) ¹	Pb _{total} (V) ²	Measured Ratios								U-Th-Pb data ³					Age corrected ratios ⁴							
				²⁰⁶ Pb/ ²⁰⁴ Pb	2 σ abs	²⁰⁷ Pb/ ²⁰⁴ Pb	2 σ abs	²⁰⁸ Pb/ ²⁰⁴ Pb	2 σ abs	²⁰⁷ Pb/ ²⁰⁶ Pb	2 σ abs	²⁰⁸ Pb/ ²⁰⁶ Pb	2 σ abs	Pb (ppm)	²³⁸ U/ ²⁰⁴ Pb	2 σ abs	²³² Th/ ²⁰⁴ Pb	2 σ abs	²⁰⁶ Pb/ ²⁰⁴ Pb	2 σ abs	²⁰⁷ Pb/ ²⁰⁴ Pb	2 σ abs	²⁰⁸ Pb/ ²⁰⁴ Pb	2 σ abs
C33_01	Albite	120	0.26	29.88	0.23	16.18	0.10	46.28	0.31	0.542	0.002	1.550	0.004	1.5	5.1	0.3	0.09	0.01	29.63	0.23	16.16	0.10	46.27	0.31
C33_02	Albite	120	0.26	29.92	0.23	16.11	0.12	46.18	0.34	0.539	0.002	1.544	0.003	1.7	4.1	0.2	0.10	0.01	29.72	0.23	16.10	0.12	46.18	0.34
C33_03	Albite	90	0.18	29.78	0.28	16.11	0.15	46.02	0.44	0.541	0.001	1.547	0.001	2.1	4.9	0.3	0.11	0.01	29.53	0.28	16.10	0.15	46.02	0.44
C33_04	Albite	90	0.14	29.87	0.36	15.88	0.19	45.48	0.55	0.532	0.001	1.524	0.002	2.8	5.0	0.3	0.09	0.01	29.62	0.36	15.87	0.19	45.48	0.55
C33_05	Albite	120	0.22	30.64	0.31	16.03	0.14	45.82	0.41	0.523	0.002	1.497	0.004	1.6	4.9	0.3	0.10	0.01	30.40	0.31	16.02	0.14	45.82	0.41
C33_06	Chlorite	120	0.18	31.65	0.39	16.20	0.19	46.65	0.56	0.512	0.001	1.475	0.002	1.1	45.0	2.6	5.00	0.28	29.43	0.39	16.09	0.19	46.57	0.56

¹ Nominal beam diameter² Total Pb signal in volts, using 10¹¹ Ω resistors for all isotopes.³ U-Th-Pb concentrations and ratios measured at the University of Bern, utilising a GeoLas 193nm excimer laser coupled with a Elan DRC-e (quadrupole) ICPMS. Analyses were normalised to NIST SRM 610, and NIST SRM 612 was used as a consistency standard. ²⁹Si was used as an internal standard.⁴ Pb isotope ratios corrected for in-growth of radiogenic Pb to 30 Ma. Note that the magnitude of correction is small compared to analytical uncertainties on Pb isotope ratio measurements.

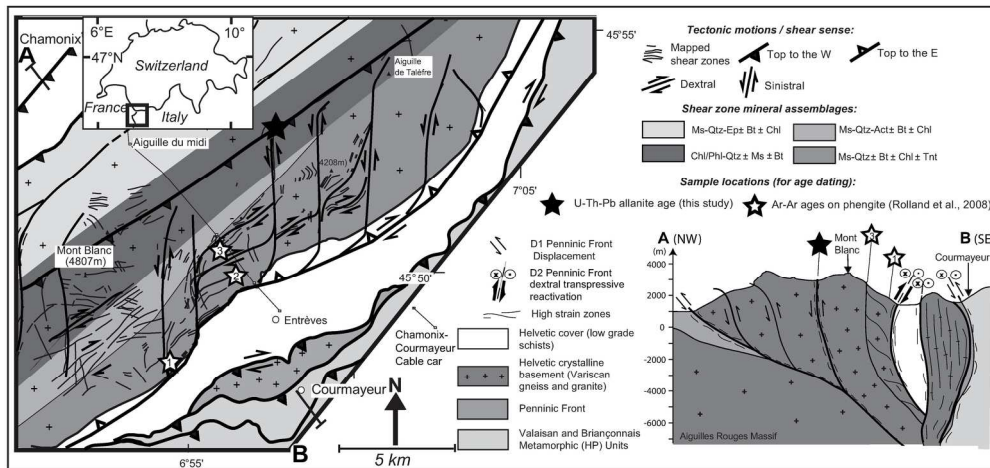


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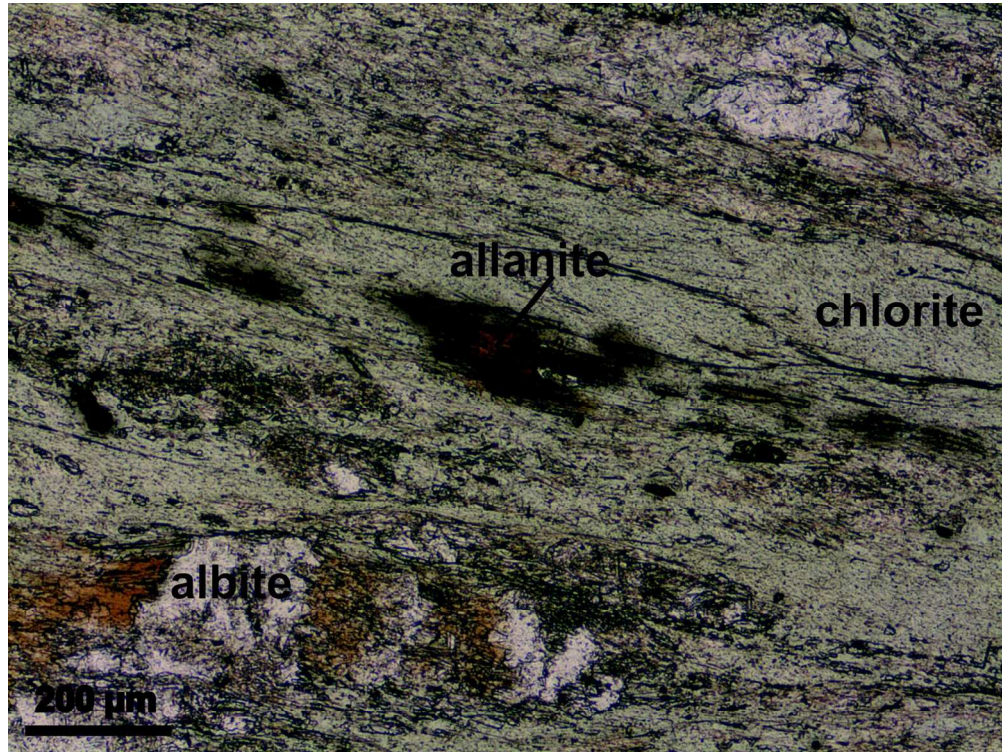


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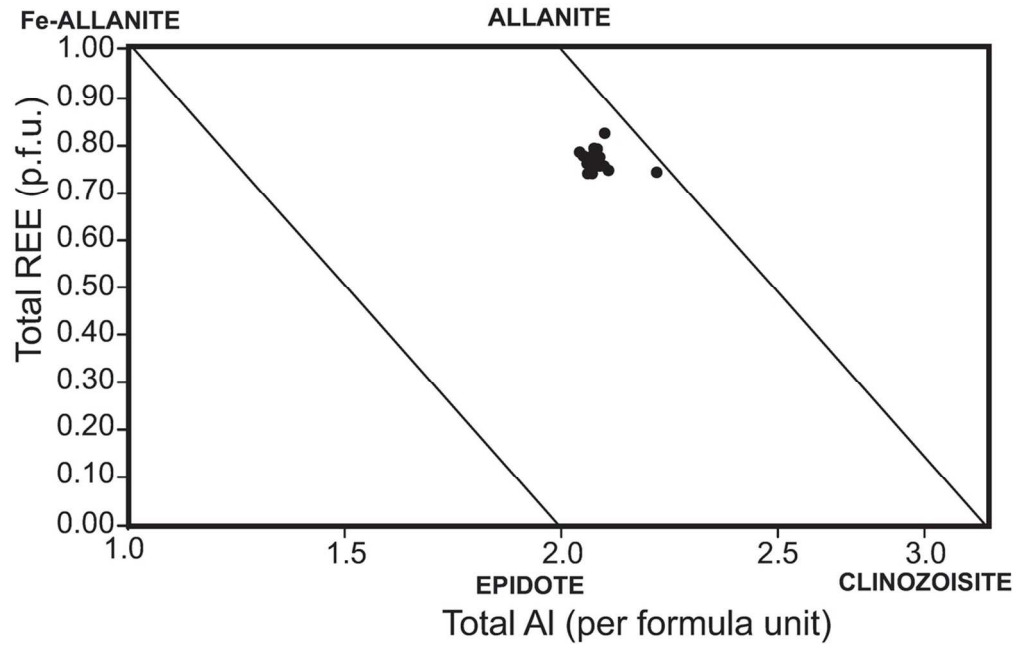
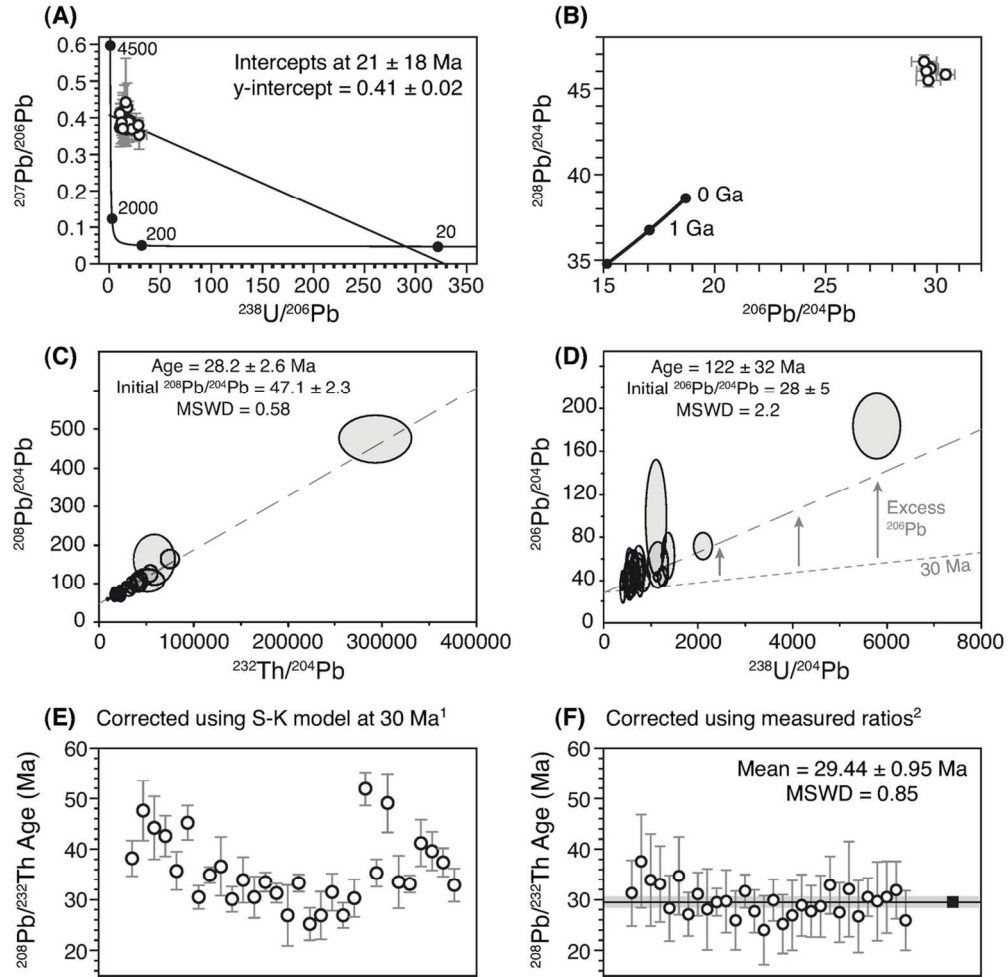


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