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## Abstract

Garnet and zircon geochronology combined with trace element partitioning and petrological studies provide tight constraints on evolution of the UHT-(U)HP terrain of the Orlica-Śnieżnik Dome (OSD) in the NE Bohemian massif. Lu-Hf dating of peritectic garnet from two mesocratic granulites constrained the time of its initial growth at  $346.9 \pm 1.2$  and  $348.3 \pm 2.0$  Ma recording peak 2.5 GPa pressure and 950 °C temperature. In situ, U-Pb SHRIMP dating of zircon from the same granulite gave a younger age of  $341.9 \pm 3.4$  Ma. Ti-in-zircon thermometry indicates crystallization at 810-860 °C pointing to zircon formation on the retrograde path. Lu partitioning between garnet rim and zircon suggest equilibrium growth and thus U-Pb zircon age constrain the terminal phase of garnet crystallization which lasted about 6 Ma.

All Sm-Nd garnet ages obtained for mesocratic and mafic granulites are identical and consistently younger than the corresponding Lu-Hf dates. They are interpreted as reflecting cooling of granulites through the Sm-Nd closure temperature at about 337 Ma.

The estimated PTt path documents the ca. 10 Ma evolution cycle of the OSD characterized by two distinct periods: (1) 347 - >342 Ma period corresponds to nearly isothermal decompression resulting from crustal scale folding and vertical extrusion of granulites, and (2) at >342-337 Ma which corresponds to a fast, nearly isobaric cooling.

Keywords: garnet and zircon geochronology, granulites, trace element partitioning, exhumation of UHP-UHT rocks, Bohemian Massif.

## 1. Introduction

In the Bohemian Massif of central Europe numerous occurrences of ultra-high-temperature (UHT) and high or ultra-high-pressure (UHP) granulites-eclogites offer an insight into geochemical and isotopic processes occurring at extreme conditions. One of the challenges in reconstructing the evolution of such rocks is their reliable dating and link between isotopic ages and the petrological record. U-Pb zircon dating is commonly the method of choice for dating high temperature metamorphism. This is due to the well acknowledged fact of U-Pb system in zircons being capable of quantitative retention of U and Pb even at extreme temperature conditions (Cherniak and Watson, 2003). Lu-Hf dating of garnets is a potential alternative for dating granulite facies rocks. As demonstrated by Anczkiewicz et al. (2007) under “dry”, high temperature conditions Lu-Hf system in garnet may preserve the time of growth even in excess of 900 °C. Because of garnet involvement in most reactions used for constraining PT conditions the Lu-Hf garnet dating technique has a strong advantage over U-Pb method due to a relative ease of linking an isotopic age with metamorphic conditions. Zircon ages can be indirectly linked to metamorphic conditions using textures, mineral inclusions and trace element partitioning between garnet and zircon (e.g. Hermann and Rubatto, 2003; Kelly and Harley, 2005). Previous studies in Stary Gieraltów region of the Bohemian Massif in SW Poland suggested that the two geochronometers could behave very differently under such extreme conditions. On the basis of Lu-Hf garnet ages, Anczkiewicz et al. (2007) postulated the occurrence of a 380-390 Ma metamorphic episode that preceded the commonly accepted c. 340-350 Ma granulite facies event which had been earlier suggested on the basis of U-Pb zircon ages (Brueckner et al., 1991; Klemd and Bröcker, 1999; Turniak et al., 2000; Lange et al., 2002; Štípská et al., 2004; Lange et al., 2005; Schneider et al., 2006;; Bröcker et al., 2009).

In this study we investigate relative and absolute timing of garnet and zircon growth in the granulites using Lu-Hf garnet and U-Pb zircon dating combined with trace element

partitioning study. Additionally, we investigated the influence of UHT conditions on Lu-Hf isotope systematics in garnet. Finally, we provide tight time constraints on tectonic evolution of the OSD.

## 2. Regional geology

The Orlica-Śnieżnik Dome (OSD) is located on the northeastern margin of the Bohemian Massif (BM) in SW Poland (Fig. 1). The dome is mainly composed of amphibolite-grade, partly migmatized orthogneisses hosting mafic and mesocratic (U)HP-UHT rock inliers. Locally, orthogneisses alternate with belts of biotite to staurolite grade supracrustal rocks (Don et al., 1990). Orthogneisses are the dominant lithology and are subdivided into two main groups: porphyritic Śnieżnik gneisses and migmatitic Gierałtów gneisses. They reflect different strain facies of the same granitic precursor dated at 520 to 490 Ma (Oliver et al., 1993; Turniak et al., 2000; Kröner et al., 2001; Štípská et al., 2004; Lange et al., 2005) which intruded supracrustal sedimentary successions of Neoproterozoic to Ordovician age (Gunia, 1984; Gunia and Wierzchołowski, 1979; Gunia, 1989; Jastrzębski et al. 2010, Mazur et al., 2012; Mazur et al., 2015; Szczepański and Ilnicki, 2014). The whole sequence was metamorphosed and deformed during Variscan orogeny in response to collision of Saxo-Thuringia and Brunia terrains.

High and ultra-high pressure rocks within orthogneisses are represented by numerous, but relatively small, eclogite bodies. An exception is large body of mesocratic ultra-high temperature granulites with mafic inliers located in the Złote and Rychleby Mts (Fig. 1). Estimates of P-T conditions for (U)HP and UHT granulites cropping out at the Polish – Czech border suggest peak pressures of 2.5-3.5 GPa at 900-1100 °C (Bakun-Czubarow, 1992; Bröcker and Klemd, 1996; Klemd and Bröcker, 1999; Kryza et al., 1996). Štípská et al.

(2004) questioned the existence of an UHP event and claimed significantly lower peak pressure of 1.8 GPa at temperature of 900 °C. Slightly higher peak PT conditions of 20–22 kbar and ca. 900–920 °C for Gierałtów granulites were postulated by Jastrzębski et al. (2015). Ferrero et al. (2015) documented nano-granite inclusions within garnets in mesocratic granulites from the Gierałtów area and estimated near UHP conditions of formation at 2.7 GPa and  $\geq 875$  °C. Mafic granulites bear a strong record of retrogression under amphibolite facies conditions at about 750 to 550 °C and 1.4 - 1.0 GPa pressure (Steltenpohl et al., 1993; Klemd and Bröcker, 1999; Štípská et al., 2004).

Numerous geochronometers have been applied in order to determine the timing of eclogite facies metamorphism in the OSD. The oldest ages range from 390-370 Ma and were obtained on (U)HP granulites and surrounding metapelites (Anczkiewicz et al., 2007; Gordon et al., 2005; Bröcker et al., 2009). The geological meaning of this episode still remains enigmatic and was lately questioned by Bröcker et al. (2009 and 2010). Most U-Pb zircon and Sm-Nd garnet ages group around 350-330 Ma and were interpreted as representing peak (U)HP metamorphism or as a temperature peak associated with partial melting (Brueckner et al., 1991; Klemd and Bröcker, 1999; Turniak et al., 2000; Lange et al., 2002; Štípská et al., 2004; Lange et al., 2005; Schneider et al., 2006; Anczkiewicz et al., 2007; Bröcker et al., 2009). Younger Ar-Ar ages spread from 350 to 320 Ma commonly are interpreted as cooling ages reflecting rapid uplift of the massif to shallow crustal levels (Steltenpohl et al., 1993; Maluski et al., 1995; Marheine et al., 2002; Lange et al., 2002; Gordon et al., 2005; Anczkiewicz et al., 2007; Chopin et al., 2012b).

### **3. Analytical methods**

#### *3.1. Electron microprobe major elements analyses*

Major elements profiles in garnets and back-scattered electron (BSE) images of selected minerals were obtained with Cameca SX-100 in Electron Microprobe Laboratory at Warsaw University. Standard operating conditions were: acceleration voltage 15 kV, beam current 10 nA (biotite, feldspars), 20 nA (amphibole, pyroxene, garnet), beam diameter ~1  $\mu\text{m}$ . Natural and synthetic silicate or oxide minerals were used for calibration. The raw data were corrected by ZAF procedure by use of PAP software provided by CAMECA.

### *3.2. Laser ablation ICP MS trace elements analyses*

The trace elements analyses of garnet and zircon from mesocratic granulite (WPT4/1) were determined by laser ablation inductively coupled plasma mass spectrometer (LA ICP MS) at the Research School of Earth Sciences (RSES), Australian National University (ANU) using ArF excimer laser with 120 mJ output energy and 5 Hz repetition rate, coupled to an Agilent 7500 quadrupole ICP MS. Laser spot size was 40 or 53  $\mu\text{m}$  for garnet and 24 or 32  $\mu\text{m}$  for zircon analyses. NIST 612 synthetic glass was used as an external calibration, BCR standard was also monitored during zircon analyses. Ca (measured by EMP) or Si (stoichiometric value) content were used as internal standards for garnet and zircon. The trace elements analyses of garnet in mafic granulite (WPT4/2a) were carried out with New Wave UP 213 Laser Ablation System (Nd:YAG laser; 5 J/cm<sup>2</sup> energy density and 10 Hz repetition rate) coupled with Termo Finnigan Element 2 High Resolution ICP MS in the Bergen Geoanalytical Facility (BGF), University of Bergen. Spot size of 53  $\mu\text{m}$  was used for all garnet analyses. NIST 612 glass was used as an external standard and Ca as measured by EMP was used for internal normalization. BCR-2 and NIST 610 glasses were monitored during analysis. The trace elements analyses of garnet in mesocratic granulite G05/3 were



carried out in Kraków Research Centre, Institute of Geological Sciences, Polish Academy of Sciences with RESOLUTION M-50 ArF excimer laser coupled with XSeriesII quadrupole ICPMS. Energy density of about 8 J/cm<sup>2</sup>, beam size of 33 and 24 μm diameter and 5 Hz repetition rate were applied during the measurements. The results were normalized to NIST612 primary standard using recommended values of Jochum et al. (2011). Stoichiometric Si content was used as an internal standard. MPI-DING glasses served as secondary standards (Jochum et al. 2011).

### 3.3. Sm-Nd and Lu-Hf dating

Mineral and whole rock fractions were prepared by crushing, sieving, magnetic and heavy liquids separation. In the last step, garnet fractions were purified by hand-picking under a stereo-microscope. In order to verify the benefit of the time consuming hand-picking process, garnet fractions Grt3 were processed without hand-picking step. Representative splits of whole rock gravel size fractions were grounded to powder in an automated agate mortar. Sm-Nd and Lu-Hf dating was conducted in Kraków Research Centre, Institute of Geological Sciences, Polish Academy of Sciences. Isotopic ratios measurements were carried out using a Thermo Fisher MC-ICPMS *Neptune*. Details of sample digestion, ion exchange chromatography, mass spectrometric procedures follow modified procedures of Anczkiewicz et al. (2004) and Thirlwall and Anczkiewicz (2004). Normalizing ratios, decay constants and standards reproducibility are given in the footnote to Table 1. Age calculations were performed using ISOPLLOT 3.0 (Ludwig, 2003) and age uncertainties are given at 2σ level.

### 3.4. U-Pb SHRIMP dating

Zircons separated from WPT4/1 mesocratic granulite were mounted in an epoxy resin and polished. Cathodoluminescence (CL) imaging was performed with Hitachi S2250-N at the Electron Microscope Unit, at the Research School of Earth Sciences (RSES), Australian National University (ANU) in Canberra. U-Pb isotopic analyses were performed using the Sensitive High Resolution Ion Microprobe (SHRIMP II) at RSES, ANU. Instrumental conditions and data acquisition for zircon analyses followed that of Williams (1998). The U-Pb isotopic ratios were corrected using TEMORA 1 reference zircon (Black et al., 2003). The data were corrected for common lead using measured  $^{208}\text{Pb}/^{206}\text{Pb}$  (Williams, 1998). Common lead composition was assumed to be that of Broken Hill which approximates laboratory common lead background at the RSES laboratories. U-Th-Pb data processing was carried out with SQUID Excel macro of Ludwig (2000), and ISOPLOT 3.0 (Ludwig, 2003). Uncertainty of age estimate is given at  $2\sigma$  level.

#### **4. Phase equilibria calculations and PT path for the mesocratic granulite**

We conducted PT estimates for mesocratic granulite WPT 4/1 for which we have the most complete data set. Samples petrography, photomicrographs (Fig. S1) and mineral chemistry (Table S1) used for the calculations are presented in the supplementary material. The equilibrium phase diagram was calculated in the system  $\text{SiO}_2\text{-TiO}_2\text{-Al}_2\text{O}_3\text{-FeO-MgO-MnO-CaO-Na}_2\text{O-K}_2\text{O-H}_2\text{O}$  (KNCFMASHT) using the Perple\_X software (Connolly, 2005) with the internally consistent thermodynamic dataset of Holland and Powell (1998). Water content was established using loss on ignition (LOI) value which corresponds to the maximum  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  content in the system (Halpin et al. 2007; Johnson and White, 2011). Rather small  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  content estimated as 0.6 wt. % corresponds well with very minor amount of hydrous minerals (biotite and amphibole) found in the rock. We used the following non-ideal

solution models: garnet (White et al., 2007), orthopyroxene (Powell and Holland, 1999), clinopyroxene (Green et al., 2007), ternary feldspar (Benisek et al., 2010), muscovite (Coggon and Holland, 2002), amphibole (Massonne and Willner, 2008), ideal ilmenite-geikielite-pyrophanite solution and a hydrous silicate melt (Holland and Powell, 2001). We also performed calculations involving biotite (White et al., 2007) which show that the latter mineral occupies similar PT space as amphibole and do not influence topology and isopleths of HT and HP mineral assemblages.

The calculated P-T pseudosection (Fig. 2) documents a relatively wide stability field of the assemblage quartz + K-feldspar + phengitic muscovite + garnet + omphacite + zircon + rutile which in the analyzed P-T space is stable above 675 °C at 1.0 GPa and 1000 °C at 3.0 GPa. Generally, below this limit muscovite becomes unstable and partial melting starts. Under such conditions, mineral paragenesis are expected to contain one or two feldspars + quartz ± pyroxene ± garnet ± kyanite ± zircon ± Ti-rich phase (rutile or ilmenite depending on pressure). Our modeling indicates that cpx is stable almost in the considered PT range, except for a relatively small area below 750 °C and 1.2 GPa. The amount of cpx drastically drops to 1-2 vol% in PT conditions below 675 °C at 1.0 GPa and 1000 °C at 3.0 GPa (Fig. 2c) suggesting that during exhumation to medium PT conditions nearly all cpx may react out. The latter conclusion is in agreement with the absence of cpx in the mesocratic granulites. In order to decipher PT evolution of the granulites we used chemical zonation patterns recorded by two garnet types with different zonation trends interpreted as: 1) relic growth zonation observed in larger crystals and 2) thermally relaxed profiles observed in vast majority of the remaining, smaller grains (Fig. S2). The cores of the first type of garnets (Grs<sub>32-33</sub>Py<sub>7-8</sub>Alm<sub>58-60</sub>Sps<sub>1</sub>) is consistent with crystallization above solidus in the ultra-high pressure field at P= 3.0-3.5 GPa and T ≥ 850-920 °C, in the coesite stability field (Fig. 2B, field I). Due to possible diffusional modification of the major element composition, T

estimates should be taken as minimum. The P estimate also requires some caution as coesite has so far not been found in these rocks. However, the presence of pseudomorphs after coesite was postulated by Bakun-Czubarow (1991, 1992) which later was questioned by Štípská et al., (2004). PT conditions recorded by the second type garnet (with core composition Grs<sub>28-30</sub>Py<sub>8-13</sub>Alm<sub>55-58</sub>Sps<sub>1</sub>) are just below the solidus. These garnets contain nanogranites in their cores indicating the onset of crystallization in the presence of melt. Around this rather narrow PT range the modeling predicts a reduction of cpx abundance from >10 vol.% above solidus to < 2 vol.% below solidus (Fig. 2B, field II). This change is accompanied by garnet increase by 2 – 4 vol.%, which is most likely a consequence of omphacite breakdown and garnet growth (Fig. 2C, D).

Rims of larger garnet grains with relic growth zonation have the same composition as edges of the diffused smaller garnet crystals (Grs<sub>26-27</sub>Py<sub>11-12</sub>Alm<sub>55-58</sub>Sps<sub>1</sub>, Fig. S2). Grossular and pyrope isopleths define relatively a narrow PT space between ca. 1.75 – 2.00 GPa at 900–950 °C where this garnet composition is stable (Fig. 2B, field III). Consequently, metamorphic evolution of mesocratic granulites between points II and III suggests nearly isothermal decompression by ca. 1.0 to 1.5 GPa.

Further constraints on the PT history of the investigated granulite come from amphibole composition. Amphiboles in mesocratic granulite have Ca content between 1.87 – 1.90 a p.f.u. In the PT space isopleths corresponding to 1.9 Ca a p.f.u. content (not shown) trend along the upper margin of amphibole stability field corresponding to about 1.20 – 1.25 GPa and  $\geq$  690 – 760 °C. (Fig. 2B, field IV). Importantly, the last stage of the documented PT path is outside cpx stability field, which agrees well with our petrographic observations.

Thus, the second part of the PT path bounded by fields III and IV defines nearly isobaric cooling.

Sub-vertical zircon isopleths indicate that the main zircon growth event should be associated with the isobaric cooling portion of the reconstructed PT path. Changes in garnet volume during metamorphic evolution of the granulite are rather subtle and vary within a relatively narrow range from 12 – 16 vol% (Fig. 2D).

## 5. Trace elements composition in garnet

Unlike major elements which display diffused or some relic prograde growth zonation profiles, some trace elements show considerable rim-to-rim variations especially in the mesocratic granulites. The chondrite-normalized Rare Earth Elements (REE) patterns in all samples show a typical enrichment in heavy relatively to light REE. However, garnet in the mafic granulite is significantly poorer in REE and shows a smaller degree of HREE enrichment (Fig. 3a and Fig. 4), which most likely reflects differences in bulk rock composition and mineralogy. The mesocratic granulite garnet shows a moderate to strong HREE decrease from core to rim, particularly in sample G05/3, with  $Lu_N/Gd_N$  ( $N =$  normalized to chondrite) below unity in the rim (Fig. 3a). On the other hand, garnet in mafic granulite lacks significant zonation (Fig. 3a).

Rim-to-rim distribution profiles across garnet grains of key elements for our geochronological study (Nd, Sm, Lu and Hf or Zr) confirm the general observations depicted from the chondrite normalized plots (Fig. 4). Sm and Nd do not seem to show any regular rim-to-rim pattern and are nearly flat with random minor peaks or valleys. In contrast, Lu content in garnets from mesocratic granulites shows strong enrichment towards the core, forming a bell shape profile (Fig. 4a,b). The profiles reveal a small enrichment in HREE in the garnet core of the mafic granulite, however, the zonation trend is significantly less

pronounced and shows resorbed rims (Fig. 4c). Opposite to the HREE, Zr and Hf show gentle increase from core to rim (Fig. 4a,b,c).

## 6. Zircon internal structure and trace elements composition

Zircon grains separated from WPT4/1 mesocratic granulite are of two types: (1) light pink colour, isometric grains seldom forming soccer ball shape crystals (e.g. Fig. 5a: grains 1, 30, 41) and (2) colourless or light yellow, elongated grains with rounded edges (e.g. Fig. 5a: grains 15, 31, 35). Similarly to previous studies (Štípská et al., 2004; Lange et al., 2005; Bröcker et al., 2010) CL and BSE imaging revealed two distinct internal domains in zircons: (i) low CL emission and well-defined oscillatory zoning, typically located in cores (Fig. 5a: grains 8, 31, 45, 49), and (ii) very bright CL pattern with weak oscillatory (e.g. Fig. 5a; grains 8, 36 overgrowths) or radial sector zoning (e.g. Fig. 5a: grains 26, 30), typically forming overgrowths around cores. The overgrowths are volumetrically dominant in the isometric crystals. BSE imaging (Fig. 5b) additionally revealed frequent inclusions of tiny apatite, quartz and feldspar in the cores, whereas the overgrowths are virtually inclusions free. The zircon cores have relatively high U (353-593 ppm) and Y (1320-1930 ppm) contents, high Th/U (0.45-0.74), and high  $\text{Lu}_N/\text{Gd}_N$  (21.0-26.5) reflecting enrichment in HREE relative to MREE (Fig. 3b).

The zircon overgrowths have relatively low U (37-135 ppm) and Y (35-95 ppm) content, variable Th/U (0.02-0.39 ppm), low  $\text{Lu}_N/\text{Gd}_N$  (0.92-1.43) ratios reflecting lack of enrichment in HREE with respect to MREE (Fig. 3b). Such REE patterns have been frequently observed in granulite facies zircons (Rubatto 2002, Herman and Rubatto, 2003; Harley et al., 2007). Both zircon core and overgrowth domains display negative Eu-anomalies, however, in the cores the anomaly is much stronger (average  $\text{Eu}/\text{Eu}^* < 0.1$ ) than in the overgrowths (average

Eu/Eu\* = 0.5). Content of Ti in the metamorphic overgrowths ranges from 19 to 30 ppm which corresponds to temperatures of 810-860°C (Ferry and Watson 2007).

## 7. Geochronology

### 7.1. Sm-Nd and Lu-Hf garnet dating

Summary of the Sm-Nd and Lu-Hf garnet dating results is presented in Table 1 and Fig. 6.

In all three samples Sm/Nd ratios in garnet determined by the isotope dilution method are in agreement with LA ICPMS Sm/Nd analyses indicating high purity of the analysed fractions and negligible contamination by Nd bearing minerals (Table 1 and Fig.4).

Sm-Nd dating of the two mesocratic granulites resulted in good quality isochrons (MSWD < 1) defining  $332.4 \pm 5.2$  and  $337.6 \pm 2.3$  Ma ages for WPT4/1 and G05/3, respectively (Fig. 6a,c). Considerably better precision of the latter age is due to much larger Sm/Nd fractionation in G05/3 garnets and consequently much higher  $^{147}\text{Sm}/^{144}\text{Nd}$  and  $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$  ratios than in WPT4/1 garnets. Dating of mafic granulite was more problematic. All five fractions define a poor precision  $346 \pm 22$  Ma date (MSWD = 11). Closer inspection of the data shows that the excessive scatter is caused by the two whole rock analyses. When the whole-rock data are not considered and the calculations are based on clinopyroxene analyses, an age of  $336.9 \pm 6.0$  Ma (MSWD = 0.41) is obtained which agrees with the results obtained for the mesocratic granulite (Fig. 6e). In the two mesocratic granulites, fractions Grt3, which were not purified by hand picking, do not show any handicap relatively to other garnet fractions and fit very well on the isochrons.

Although all three ages are identical within their uncertainties, the samples do show significant variations in isotopic systematics. The possible reason for the whole rock fraction

being unsuitable for initial ratio correction is the strong retrogression of the mafic granulite likely caused by infiltration by external fluids which could have modified the Nd isotopic composition of some matrix minerals, while the usually robust garnets remained a closed system. Alternatively, some unidentified inherited Nd is present in the matrix minerals, which shifted the whole rock analyses below the preferred isochron defined by garnet and clinopyroxene. Neither of the two explanations can be ruled out but the very good agreement of  $336.9 \pm 6.0$  Ma grt-cpx isochron age with the ages obtained for the mesocratic granulites makes the use of clinopyroxene more credible.

The same mineral and whole rock fractions were used for Lu-Hf dating (Fig. 6b,d and f). The non-purified garnet fractions Grt3 in mesocratic granulites show a significant departure from the isochrons defined by the remaining data. Clearly, handpicking helped to improve the quality of Lu-Hf dating but had no detectable effect on Sm-Nd dating (see above). This is likely due to the fact, that Hf concentration in garnet is very low, and thus garnet is very sensitive to any contaminating Hf from inclusions. On the contrary, reasonably high Sm/Nd ratios are accompanied by extraordinarily high Nd content, which makes this system much less sensitive to contamination. Thus, fractions Grt3 were excluded from the final Lu-Hf age estimates which resulted in ages of  $348.3 \pm 2.0$  Ma and  $346.9 \pm 1.2$  Ma for the two mesocratic granulites WPT4/1 and G05/3, respectively (Fig. 6b,d).  $^{176}\text{Lu}/^{177}\text{Hf}$  garnet ratios significantly vary between the two mesocratic granulites. This is the consequence of real differences between the two samples and not an analytical artifact (Table 1) as indicated by considerably higher HREE content in G05/03 garnets (Fig. 3a; Fig. 4b).

The Lu-Hf isochron for mafic granulite WPT4/2A defines an age of  $343.2 \pm 1.6$  Ma (Fig. 6f). Unlike the Sm-Nd system, the whole rock and clinopyroxene fractions fall on the same isochron.



## 7.2. U-Pb SHRIMP zircon dating

U-Pb isotopic data for WPT4/1 mesocratic granulite are presented in Fig. 7 and in supplementary data Table S2. Apparent ages of zircon core spread over a wide range from c. 370 to 500 Ma, with some analyses being concordant, while others show various degree of discordance (Fig. 7). Mixing between different age component with post-crystallisation changes in the U-Pb systematics prior to 340 Ma event or a discordance due to common Pb carried in apatite inclusions (often present in zircon cores), are all possible explanation for observed data scatter.

The U-Pb dating results of 44 zircon overgrowths form a tight cluster and yield a weighted mean age of  $341.9 \pm 3.4$  Ma (Fig. 7). One discordant analysis was excluded from age calculations.

## 8. Interpretation and discussion

### 8.1. Major and trace elements in garnet

Similarly to previous studies, we observed two different types of major element zonation trends in garnets, which are interpreted as: 1) relic growth zonation observed in larger crystals and 2) thermally relaxed profiles observed in vast majority of the remaining, smaller grains (Fig. S2). Trace element zonation in garnet is more pronounced. Sm and Nd show flat patterns in both types of granulites in all analyzed crystals (Fig. 4). Whether this is a result of high temperature equilibration or pristine growth feature is difficult to judge. Typically, the degree of Nd and Sm zonation is expected to be small (e.g. Kohn, 2009), but observations in some metapelites show that even under granulite facies temperature light REE zonation can

be significant especially in larger crystals, whereas smaller crystals tend to have flat profiles suggesting origin due to thermal relaxation (Anczkiewicz et al., 2012). Taking into account the very small size of the dated garnets and bearing in mind that the studied granulites are of magmatic protolith, we tentatively interpret the origin of Nd and Sm zonation as a result of thermal relaxation.

Heavy REE distribution in all studied garnets (Fig. 4) consistently shows enriched cores and depleted rims, resembling Rayleigh type zonation (Holister, 1966). The zonation is much stronger in the mesocratic (Fig. 4a,b) than in the mafic granulite. The difference is probably a consequence of different HREE partitioning between garnet and co-existing minerals in different bulk rock compositions. The reversed Lu zonation in some garnet rims (Fig. 4c) is likely related to resorption which locally is relatively strong, especially in the mafic granulite, where it is linked to the retrogressive amphibolitization event. Rayleigh zonation in garnet suggests that Lu profiles reflect the time of prograde garnet crystallization. Similarly Zr and Hf concentrations in all studied garnets increase gently from core to rim (Fig. 4) which is typical of growth zonation of incompatible elements (e.g. Yang and Rivers, 2002) and conforms with a common acceptance of very slow diffusivity of these elements in garnet (Van Orman et al., 2002; Bloch et al. 2015; Bloch and Ganguly 2015).

## 8.2. *Relative timing of garnet and zircon growth*

The inherited zircon cores have a well-developed oscillatory zoning, a high Th/U ratio and the trace element composition strongly enriched in heavy REE with a high HREE/MREE ratio (Fig. 3b) typical of zircon growing under magmatic conditions (e.g. Rubatto and Gebauer, 2000; Rubatto, 2002; Hoskin and Schaltegger 2003). Apparent U-Pb ages obtained for magmatic zircons show strong discordance and scatter from c. 370 Ma to c. 500 Ma (Fig.

7), preventing the determination of the precise age of the magmatic protolith. Admitting Pb loss as a major cause of age scatter, a minimum protolith age of ca. 500 Ma can be suggested which is in broad agreement with previous studies (Bröcker et al. 2010; Oliver et al. 1993; Turniak et al. 2000; and Kröner et al. 2001).

A  $341.9 \pm 3.4$  Ma age of the zircon overgrowths comes within the range of Lu-Hf and Sm-Nd garnet dates which implies that zircon crystallization is a part of the same metamorphic history. The Ti-in-zircon thermometry returns temperature of 810–860 °C, well below peak temperatures of about 900 °C postulated in this and most previous studies (e.g. Štípská et al., 2004; Kryza et al., 1996; Bakun-Czubarow, 1992; Klemd and Bröcker, 1999). Such temperature range along with the weak oscillatory zoning within zircon overgrowths may suggest crystallization in the presence of melt. This is supported by the relatively high Th/U ratios (0.03-0.5) more typical of magmatic zircons. Rather high variability among Th/U ratios in the zircon overgrowths may be due to changing modal abundance of a Th-rich phase (e.g. monazite), for example due to dissolution in melt, during zircon crystallization.

The trace elements distribution between zircon and garnet in mesocratic granulite WPT4/1 (Fig. 3b, Fig. 8) provides an additional insight into relative timing of garnet and zircon growth. Garnet and metamorphic zircon qualitatively show very similar chondrite normalized REE patterns. The differences are confined to positive Ce anomaly present only in zircon and an overall higher REE content in garnet, particularly in its core (Fig. 3b). This is an indication that zircon likely grew in a bulk compositions depleted in M-HREE due to the presence of garnet. When the apparent partitioning garnet core–zircon and garnet rim–zircon are calculated (Fig. 8), the garnet core–zircon yield  $D_{\text{zirc/g.core}}$  values around 0.1, far away from the proposed partitioning at UHT conditions under which  $D_{\text{zirc/g.rim}}$  close to unity are expected (Harley et al., 2001, 2007; Rubatto and Hermann, 2007; Taylor et al., 2015) indicating that zircon did not crystallize in equilibrium with the garnet core, and thus likely later. For the

garnet rim composition, the  $D_{\text{zirc/g.rim}}$  values are close to the expected value for the HREE from Er to Lu, whereas for REE larger than Er they fall increasingly below unity, i.e. below the preferred value (Harley et al. 2007; and Rubatto and Hermann 2007; Kotková and Harley, 2010). The  $D_{\text{zirc/g.rim}}$  value is best constrained for HREE due to their higher abundance in both minerals. Additionally, diffusional homogenization of MREE in garnet as suggested by the flat zonation patterns (see above) will return wrong partitioning values for these elements. The exact value for the partitioning also depends on temperature and garnet composition (Rubatto and Hermann 2007; Van Westrenen and Draper, 2007; Taylor et al., 2015). Despite these uncertainties, the overall trend of  $D_{\text{zirc/g.rim}}$  for HREE suggests that the garnet rim composition and metamorphic zircon likely crystallized in equilibrium. Our results are very similar to those of Kotková and Harley (2010) who studied similar UHT granulites and also interpreted their data as reflected equilibrium HREE partitioning between garnet rim and metamorphic zircon.

### *8.3. Garnet and zircon geochronology in the context of trace elements distribution*

Preservation of strong zonation of HREE in mesocratic granulites along with the accepted view of slow diffusivity of Hf in garnet (Ganguly et al., 1998; Van Orman et al., 2002; Bloch et al., 2010) indicate that the Lu-Hf system recorded the time of garnet crystallization. Some caution, however, is required due to extremely high temperatures experienced by these rocks. Steep Lu zonation profiles do not necessarily exclude some degree of diffusional redistribution (partial diffusion would leave a similar record). Studies of trace element alone, although very helpful, are insufficient to make a firm conclusion in this respect (see also discussion in Anczkiewicz et al. 2012). Nevertheless, combined trace elements and

geochronological study of garnet and zircon allows building a coherent scenario that is outlined below.

The Lu-Hf garnet ages of  $348.3 \pm 2.0$  and  $346.9 \pm 1.2$  Ma obtained for the mesocratic granulites represent the oldest ages related to metamorphism. Garnet in the mafic granulite also yielded a precise but younger Lu-Hf age of  $343.2 \pm 1.6$  Ma. Comparison of Lu concentrations determined by ID and *in situ* LA ICP MS methods shows that, in the absence of Lu-rich inclusions, the ID measurements recover the average Lu content in garnet (Fig. 4 and Table 1). The difference in Lu-Hf age between mesocratic and mafic granulite can be an apparent difference if garnet crystallization occurred over an extended period of time. This would lead to underestimating the age precision which represents purely analytical uncertainty. If our interpretation of HREE partitioning between garnet and zircon in mesocratic granulite is correct (i.e. zircon crystallized in equilibrium with garnet rim), we can constrain minimum duration of garnet growth in this sample. The  $6.4 \pm 3.9$  Ma duration of garnet growth is bracketed by the age difference between Lu-Hf garnet age (approximating the time of the core formation) and U-Pb zircon age (approximating the time of rim formation) and clearly indicates that precision our Lu-Hf ages does not take into account such a prolonged crystallization time.

However, we would be reluctant to ascribe the age difference between Lu-Hf garnet ages in mesocratic and mafic granulites fully to prolonged duration of garnet growth and overestimated age precision. Firstly, timing and duration of garnet growth in mafic protolith did not have to be the same. Secondly, a younger age for the garnet in the mafic granulite could be caused by post growth alterations such as garnet resorption which is more pronounced in amphibolitised mafic granulites and could shift the age towards a younger value (Kelly et al. 2011). Such garnet rim resorption would produce loss of incompatible Hf and back-diffusion of compatible Lu into garnet. The resorbed rims, however, are rather

narrow and the amount of back diffused Lu would not be particularly high. Although resorption probably influenced the Lu-Hf systematics, its effect on the final age was small, if not negligible. In our view, the Lu-Hf garnet age difference between mesocratic and mafic granulite could be related to a real difference in timing of growth in different bulk rock composition and/or, what at present seems more likely, to different Lu zonation styles in garnet. Lapen et al. (2003) proposed that in steeply zoned, enriched in Lu garnet core, the age can be biased towards early growth phase, whereas flatter profiles cause relative shift of ages towards volumetrically more significant rim. This confirms our observations showing that garnet from the mafic granulite, where core-to-rim Lu gradient is fairly small (Fig. 4c), records a younger age than garnet from the mesocratic granulite where core-to-rim Lu gradient is very steep (Fig. 4a,b). The garnet that preserves prograde Lu zoning is about  $6 \pm 4$  Ma older than the  $341.9 \pm 3.4$  Ma metamorphic zircon that formed in equilibrium with the garnet rim (considering HREE distribution between garnet and zircon, see above). Based on zircon crystallization temperatures (c.  $800$  °C) lower than the peak metamorphic temperature (c.  $900$  °C), it is concluded that zircon formed during cooling of the mesocratic granulite. This is supported by thermodynamic modelling that shows increase of zircon abundance at the beginning of fast cooling (Fig. 2D).

All three Sm-Nd isochrons yield statistically identical ages of  $332.4 \pm 5.2$ ,  $337.6 \pm 2.3$  and  $336.9 \pm 6.0$  Ma for WPT4/1, G05/3 and WPT4/2a granulites respectively (Fig. 6a,c and e; Table 1). Flat Nd and Sm patterns observed in all samples suggest diffusional re-equilibration, and together with the ages significantly younger than their Lu-Hf counterparts, the Sm-Nd ages are taken to constrain the time of cooling below the Sm-Nd closure in garnets. This is in line with experimental studies that postulate closure temperature of  $700 \pm 50$  °C for Sm-Nd system in garnet (Tirone et al., 2005; van Orman et al., 2002), which is at least  $150$  °C below the peak metamorphic temperature in the studied rocks.

#### 8.4. Timing of UHT granulite facies metamorphism and the rise of the Orlica-Śnieżnik Dome

One of the most debated issues in the studies of timing of the OSD metamorphism is the interpretation of an older group of ages suggesting the presence of pre-350 Ma metamorphism. Klemd and Bröcker (1999) reported 360 – 369 Ma Pb-Pb zircon ages (mafic granulite) interpreted as reflecting time of zircon crystallization from melt which took place before or during the early stages of high-grade metamorphism. Lange et al. (2005) linked the obtained 360 – 370 Ma U-Pb zircon SHRIMP ages (mafic granulite) to an early stage of HT metamorphism. Similar, 372 Ma Th-Pb monazite date reported for a gneiss from the Orlica Mountains (western part of the OSD) was interpreted as approximating the time of UHP metamorphism (Gordon et al., 2005). Anczkiewicz et al. (2007) obtained  $373.8 \pm 4.0$  and  $386.6 \pm 4.9$  Ma Lu-Hf garnet dates (for mafic and mesocratic granulite, respectively) which they linked to prograde path of UHT metamorphism and considered c. 344 Ma ages obtained by U-Pb zircon and Sm-Nd garnet dating as younger metamorphic event on the retrograde path. The data from this study allow addressing this discrepancy between zircon and garnet geochronology.

We dated mesocratic and mafic granulites from the same outcrop in Stary Gierałtów as sampled by Anczkiewicz et al. (2007) using the same analytical protocols. Our results did not reproduce c. 380 Ma garnet ages postulated in the earlier study. Figure 9 plots our results for the mesocratic granulite WPT4/1 together with the analyses from Anczkiewicz et al. (2007). This plot clearly shows reproducible garnet analyses in both studies, but also shows large difference in whole rock Hf isotope composition. In order to verify the accuracy of the Hf isotope composition measured by the latter authors, we performed additional whole rock analyses of sample 99-2. The results of Anczkiewicz et al. (2007) were well reproduced and

show the same low values of  $^{176}\text{Lu}/^{177}\text{Hf}$  and  $^{176}\text{Hf}/^{177}\text{Hf}$  isotope ratios. The inconsistency with the data presented in this study can be explained by the contribution from inherited Hf that strongly affected the whole rock ratios in sample 99-2. This inheritance is indicated by considerably higher Hf content and consequently lower  $^{176}\text{Lu}/^{177}\text{Hf}$  accompanied by low  $^{176}\text{Hf}/^{177}\text{Hf}$  ratios (Table 1; Fig. 9) in the Anczkiewicz et al. (2007) measurements. Thus, we treat Lu-Hf garnet dating of Anczkiewicz et al. (2007) as inaccurate due to inappropriate initial ratio correction. It seems rather likely, that old U-Th-Pb metamorphic zircon and monazite dates reported for the Orlica-Śnieżnik Dome suffered from similar problems and should be treated with caution.

Geochronological data obtained in this study along with thermodynamic and petrological estimates allow to place tighter constraints on early evolution of the Orlica-Śnieżnik Dome. The Lu-Hf ages obtained for garnets from the mesocratic granulites reflect early garnet growth which took place in the presence of melt as indicated by the presence of nanogranite inclusions in the garnet cores (Fig. S1c,d). Study of Ferrero et al. (2015) interpreted these garnets as peritectic and determined conditions of melt formation as c. 875 °C at 2.7 GPa. Thus, these conditions correspond to the onset of garnet crystallization and are in a good agreement with metamorphic conditions recorded by type 2 garnets in this study.

Consequently, Lu-Hf garnet ages of mesocratic granulites date near peak conditions at about 347 Ma (Fig. 2B, field III). The time of formation of garnet rim is indirectly determined by U-Pb dating of zircon that crystallized in equilibrium with garnet rim and gave  $341.9 \pm 3.4$  Ma age. Taking into account Ti thermometer, the temperature of zircon (and indirectly also garnet rim) formation was in the range of 810–860 °C indicating about 100 °C cooling from the metamorphic peak in about 5 Ma. The  $343.2 \pm 1.6$  Ma age of garnet from mafic granulites coincides with the termination of garnet growth in mesocratic granulite. Additionally, the latter dates provide a maximum age for the end of decompression which pre-dated zircon and



garnet rim crystallization in mesocratic granulite (Fig. 2B). Further 100 °C of cooling, down to c. 750-770 °C, was achieved by 337 Ma as documented by Sm-Nd garnet cooling ages (Fig. 2B). Importantly, a late stage of this isobaric cooling was very rapid as inferred on the basis of identical cooling ages recorded by isotopic systems with wide range of closure temperatures such as Sm-Nd in garnet and Ar-Ar in hornblende and micas.

The presented PTt path for the mesocratic granulite along with the remaining geochronological data provide more precise constraints for the tectonic model of the OSD formation proposed by Štíspka et al., (2004) and further developed by Chopin et al., (2012b). According to the latter model, the formation of the dome is a consequence of the collisional process involving subduction of the Saxothuringian continental crust beneath the Teplá-Barrandian terrane and subsequent collision of the Saxothuringian passive margin with the Brunovistulian terrane. Indentation of the Saxothuringia in front of the Brunovistulian terrane resulted in large-scale folding and exhumation of subducted crust. Exemplification of this process is the OSD which is a crustal scale antiform that started to rise by 347 Ma as indicated by dating results of initial garnet growth. Coeval melting lowered competence of the crust and increased its buoyancy which facilitated almost isothermal decompression from some 95 km depth (2.5 GPa pressure) to ca. 55 km (1.5 GPa pressure) within  $6\pm 4$  Ma. Little cooling during decompression was likely caused by significant heat advection into thickened and hot crust as indicated by the presence of magmatic bodies such as Jawornik granitoids dated at 353 and 342 Ma (Skrzypek et al., 2014) or Bielice tonalite dated at 339 Ma (Parry et al., 1997). At this stage, the OSD granulites underwent fast exhumation at rate of ca. 7-8 mm/yr, which ended prior to 342 Ma and was followed by isobaric cooling. Initial cooling (about 100 °C in >5 Ma) accelerated around 337 Ma (see above) and was associated with little exhumation, not exceeding 1 mm/yr. Therefore, we correlate isobaric cooling with horizontal spreading of the

uplifted OSD rocks (Štípska et al., 2004; Chopin et al., 2012b), which explains high cooling rates with little exhumation taking place.

The proposed OSD cooling history outlined above differ from the model of Štípska et al. (2004) who proposed fast cooling and fast exhumation during decompression and slow cooling during horizontal spreading. Štípska et al. (2004) pointed out that cooling history they proposed contradicts numerical modelling results (Grasemann et al., 1998; Thompson et al., 1997) and differs significantly from the majority of studies conducted on UHP granulites in other regions. PTt path constrained in this study suggests that cooling pattern of the OSD UHP-UHT granulites, in general, follows the numerical modelling predictions and was no different from those observed in other metamorphic terrains (e.g. Duchêne et al., 1997; Romer and Rötzler, 2001).

## 9. Conclusions

We combined garnet and zircon geochronology with trace element geochemistry and petrology to constrain the evolution of granulites from the UHT-(U)HP terrain of the Orlica-Śnieżnik Dome. Our PT constraints suggest the presence of an UHP episode preserved in larger garnet crystals. Lu-Hf garnet dating of mesocratic granulites yielded  $346.9 \pm 1.2$  and  $348.3 \pm 2.0$  Ma ages while garnets from mafic granulite gave a  $343.2 \pm 1.6$  Ma date. The age difference between the two types of granulites is attributed to REE zonation patterns and differences in bulk rock compositions.

Zircon growth in mesocratic granulite took place on a retrograde path at  $341.9 \pm 3.4$  Ma which, according to Ti thermometry, corresponds to temperatures of 810-860 °C. Heavy REE partitioning study indicates equilibrium Lu partitioning between zircon and garnet rim at this

temperature. Thus, Lu-Hf ages along with U-Pb zircon date allow to place indirect constraints on duration of garnet growth in mesocratic granulite which lasted  $6\pm 4$  Ma.

All Sm-Nd garnet ages, regardless of protolith, are identical and consistently younger than the corresponding Lu-Hf dates. They are interpreted as cooling of granulites through Sm-Nd closure temperature at about 337 Ma.

The obtained PTt path documents about 10 Ma evolution of the OSD granulites consisting of two distinct periods: 1) an earlier phase between  $\leq 347$  and 342 Ma of nearly isothermal decompression accompanied by fast exhumation followed by 2) slow exhumation during rapid, nearly isobaric cooling which lasted until 337 Ma. This simple two stage cooling history of the OSD region is similar to cooling histories commonly observed in ultra-high grade metamorphic terrains elsewhere.

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### Figure Captions

Fig. 1. Geological sketch map of the Orlica–Śnieżnik Dome (OSD) with inset map of the Bohemian Massif. BU-Bardo Unit; ISF – Intra Sudetic Fault; KMC – Kłodzko Metamorphic Complex; MSNC – Moravo-Silesian Nappe Complex; NMU – Nové Město Unit; OPH – Sudetic ophiolite; OSD – Orlica–Śnieżnik Dome; SMB – Staré Město Belt; SZ- Skrzyna Zone, VG – Vrbno Group. Inset: EFZ – Elbe Fault Zone; MO – Moldanubian Zone; MS – Moravo–Silesian Zone; ST – Saxothuringian Zone. Modified after Mazur et al. (2006).

Fig. 2. Pressure–temperature pseudosection of mesocratic granulite sample WPT 4/1 for KNCFMASHT system. Bulk rock composition (in % wt) used for the calculations: SiO<sub>2</sub>(66.548), Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>(15.045), FeO(6.693), MnO(0.101), MgO( 0.865), CaO(3.661), Na<sub>2</sub>O(3.429), K<sub>2</sub>O(2.323) and TiO<sub>2</sub>(0.694), melt in low pressure side, cpx out marks the line of cpx out mineral reaction. Cpx – clinopyroxene, Fsp – ternary feldspar, Mica – white mica, Gt – garnet, Melt – melt, Ilm – ilmenite, ky – kyanite, zrc – zirconium, ru – rutile, q – quartz. Phase assemblages are listed in supplementary data set.

(b) Same pseudosection showing garnet for  $x_{Ca}$ =molar  $Ca/(Ca+Mg+Fe)$ ,  $x_{Fe}$ =molar  $Fe/(Fe+Mg)$  and phengite composition isopleths; (c) cpx and melt volume %; (d) garnet and zircon volume %.

Fig. 3. (a) Chondrite-normalized rare earth elements patterns of garnets from mesocratic and mafic granulites from the Orlica-Śnieżnik Dome. (b) Chondrite-normalized REE patterns in both zircon domains and in garnets from WPT4/1 mesocratic granulite.

Fig. 4. Rim-to-rim zonation patterns of Lu, Zr/Hf, Nd and Sm in garnets from mesocratic (a,b), and mafic (c) granulites. Note the different vertical scale for different elements.

Fig. 5. Images of zircon crystals from WPT4/1 mesocratic granulite. (a) Cathodoluminescence images, circles indicate analysed spots, labels give analytical label (upper number) and  $^{206}Pb/^{238}U$  age  $\pm 1$  sigma error in Ma (lower number). (b) Back-scattered electron images of zircons showing the inclusion-rich cores and the inclusion-free rims. See text for discussion.

Fig. 6. Sm-Nd and Lu-Hf isochron plots. Grt- garnet, wr – whole rock, cpx – clinopyroxene. Not-filled symbols represent data that were not included in the isochron calculation.

Fig. 7. U-Pb concordia diagram for zircon analyses from WPT4/1 mesocratic granulite.

Fig. 8. Zircon - garnet REE distribution coefficients  $D(zrc/grt)$  for middle and heavy REE in mesocratic granulite sample (WPT4/1) compared with previous experimental (Rubatto & Hermann, 2007) and empirical (Kotková & Harley, 2010; Harley et al., 2007)  $D(zrc/grt)$  values. Grt6 represents REE values for typical WPT4/1 mesocratic granulite garnet.



Fig. 9. Comparison of Lu-Hf data presented in this study (black squares) and in Anczkiewicz et al., 2007 (grey diamonds, dashed line). Age calculated for garnet and whole rock fractions from this article and garnet fractions from Anczkiewicz et al., 2007

Table 1. Summary of the Sm-Nd and Lu-Hf isotopic results.

Footnote to Table 1.

Abbreviations: Grt – garnet, WR – whole rock, Cpx – clinopyroxene. Uncertainties on Hf and Nd isotope ratio measurements are 2SE (standard errors) and refer to the last significant digits.  $^{176}\text{Lu}/^{177}\text{Hf}$  errors are 0.5%, JMC475 yielded  $0.282157 \pm 13$  2SD (standard deviation) over the period of analyses. Mass bias correction to  $^{179}\text{Hf}/^{177}\text{Hf} = 0.7325$ . Decay constant  $\lambda_{176\text{Lu}} = 1.865 \times 10^{-11} \text{ yr}^{-1}$  (Scherer et al., 2001).  $^{147}\text{Sm}/^{144}\text{Nd}$  errors are 0.3%, reproducibility of JNdi-1 Nd standard over whole period of analyses  $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd} = 0.512097 \pm 13$  (2SD). Decay constant  $\lambda_{147\text{Sm}} = 6.54 \times 10^{-12} \text{ yr}^{-1}$ . Age calculations conducted using Isoplot v. 4.15. Where *in run* errors were smaller than the external precision, propagated errors were used for age calculations. Age uncertainties are  $2\sigma$ .

#### SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIALS:

Samples petrography.

Fig. S1. Photomicrographs (a-c) and BSE images (d) of analysed samples: (a) typical mesocratic granulite (WPT4/1) texture, (b) typical mafic granulite (WPT4/2A) texture with primary clinopyroxene, (c) cluster of nanogranite in garnet core (mesocratic granulite WPT4/1), (d) BSE image of negative garnet shape nanogranite in mesocratic granulite (WPT4/1) garnet.

Fig. S2. Rim-to-rim major elements zonation patterns in garnets from: (a-c) WPT4/1 mesocratic granulite zonation profiles used for phase diagram calculations (see text for details).  $\#Fe = Fe / (Fe + Mg)$ . (d) G05/3 mesocratic granulite and (e) WPT4/2A mafic granulite.

Table S1. Microprobe analyses of garnets from the studied granulites.

Table S.2. Summary of the U-Pb zircon analyses for mesocratic granulite WPT4/1 zircons.

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Fig. 1



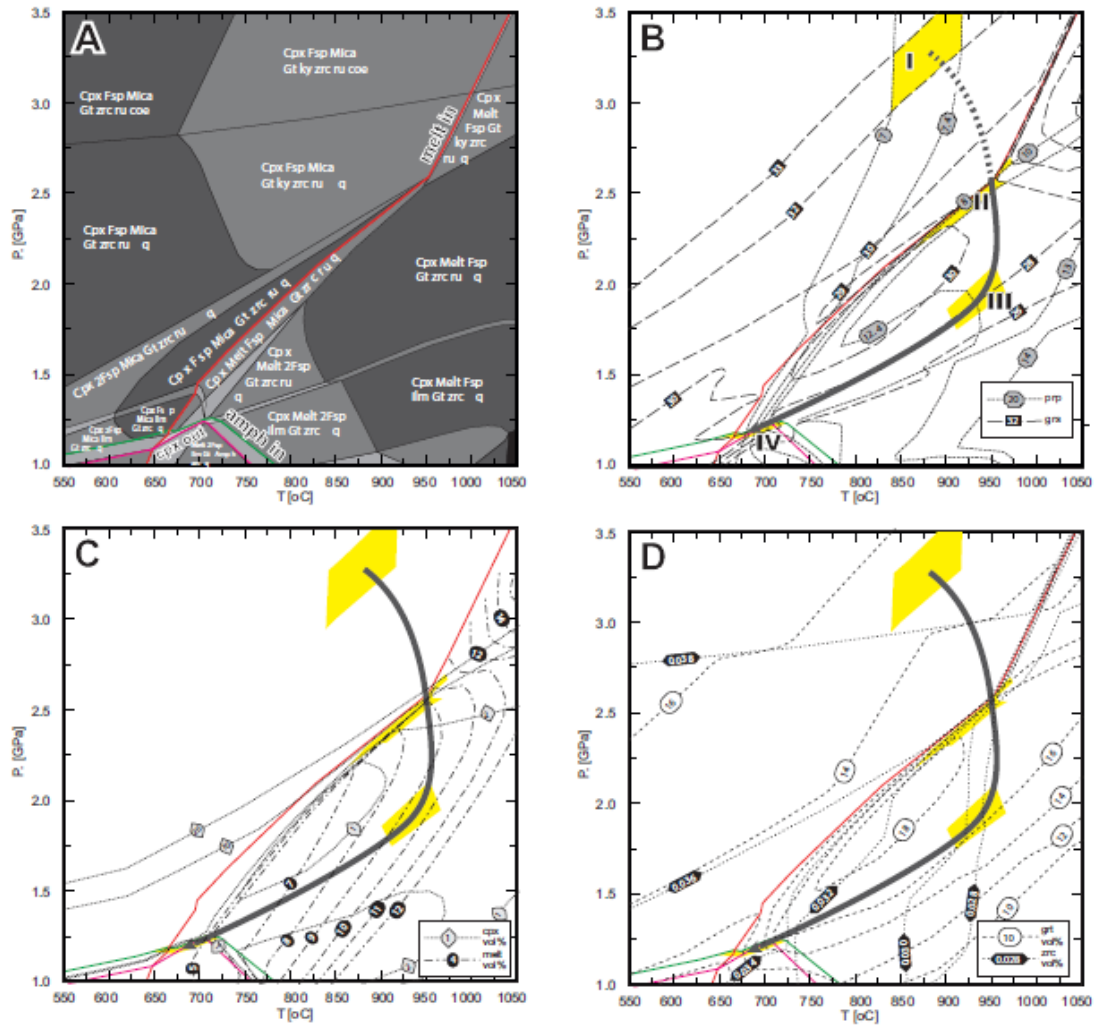


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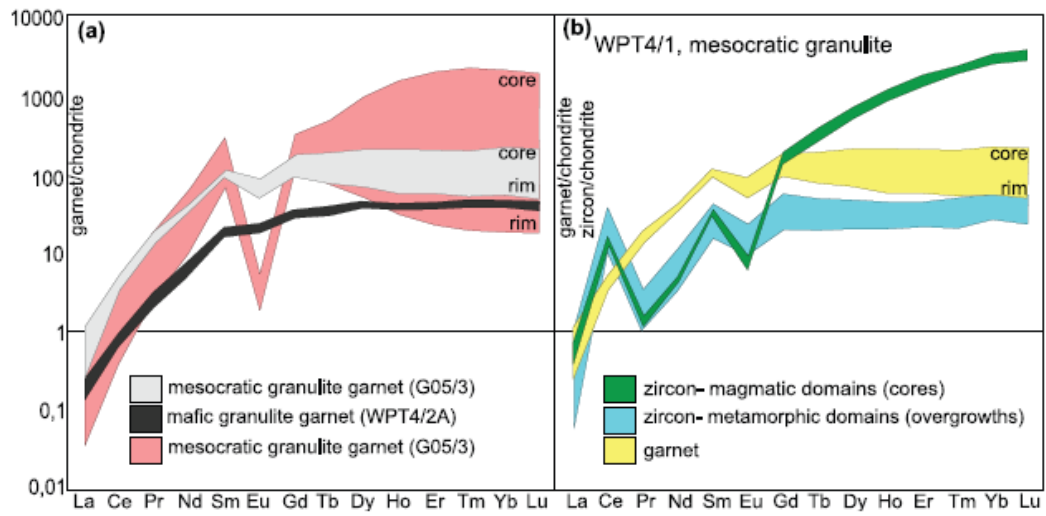


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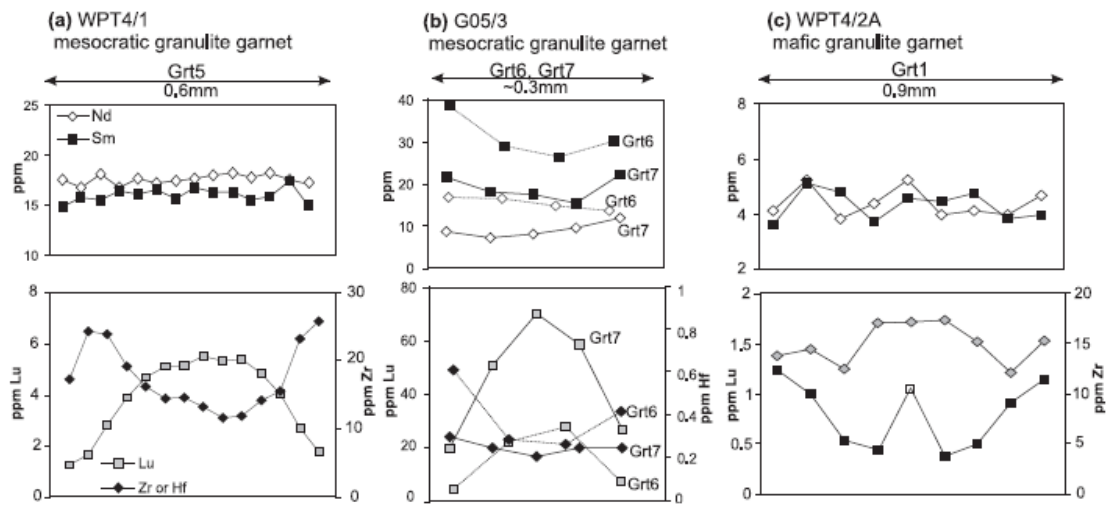


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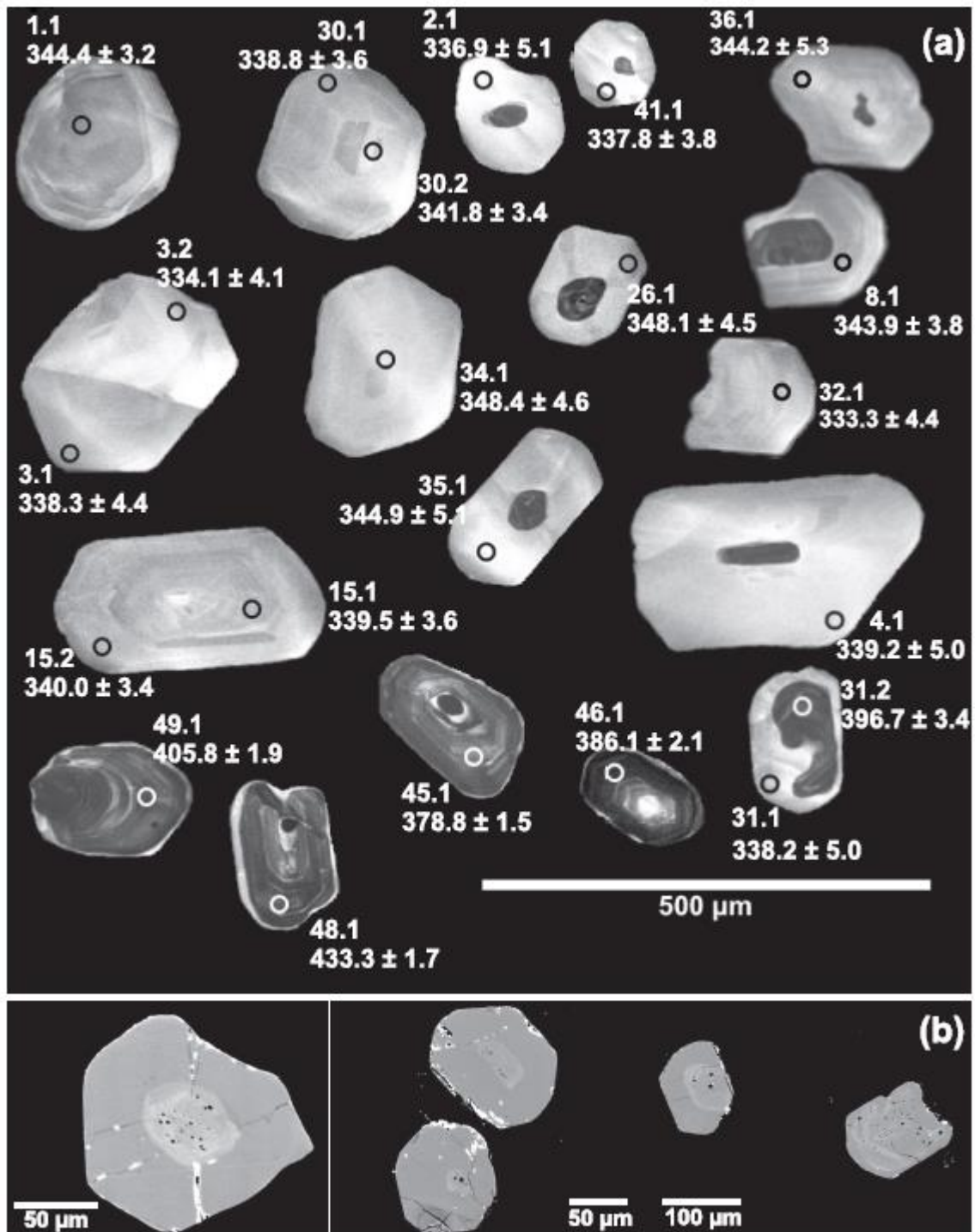


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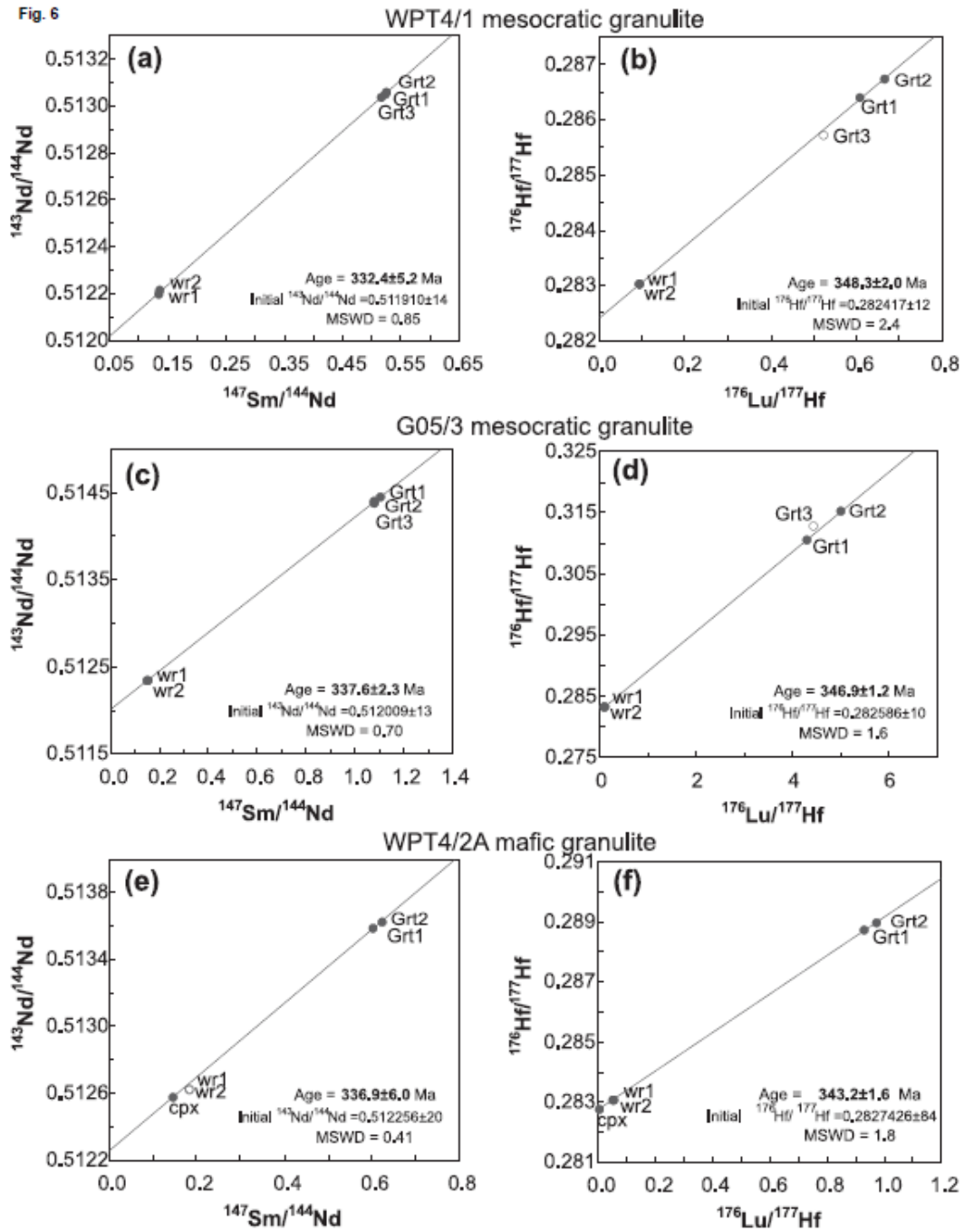


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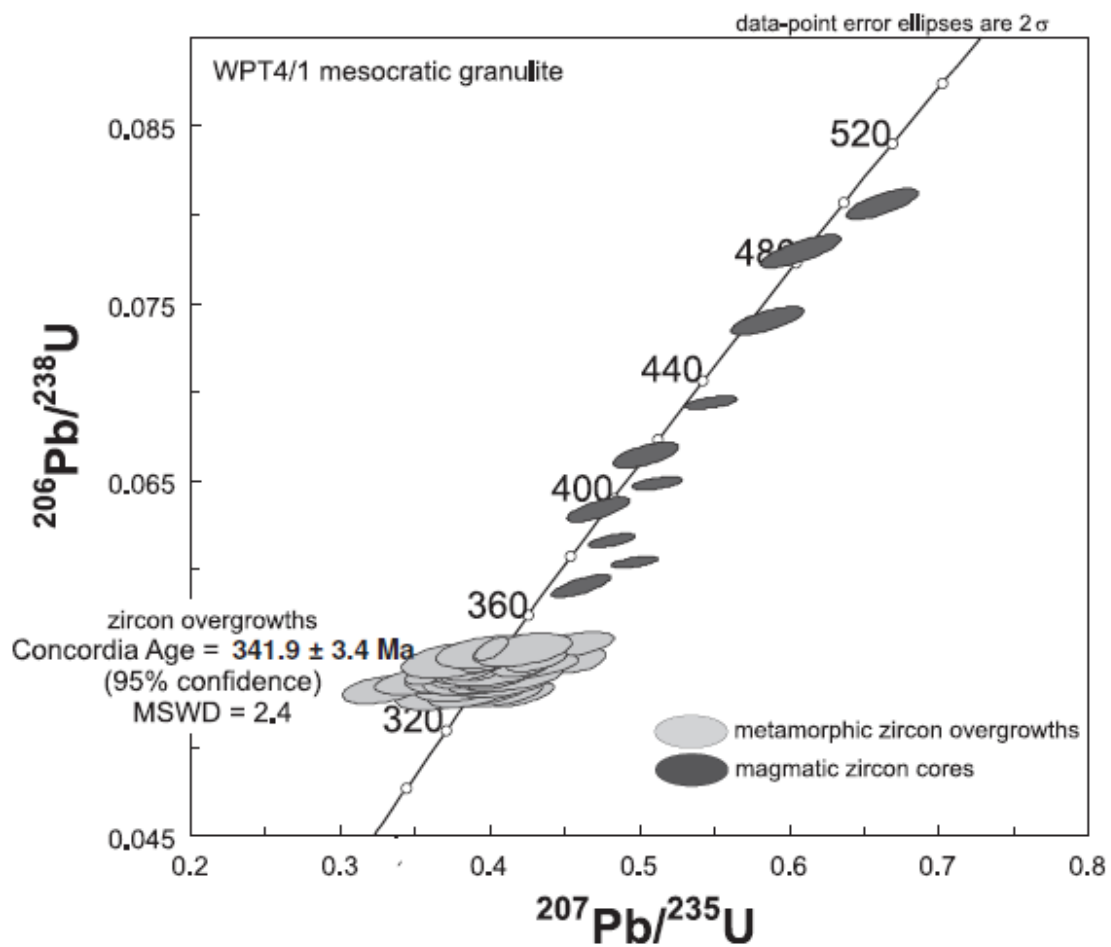


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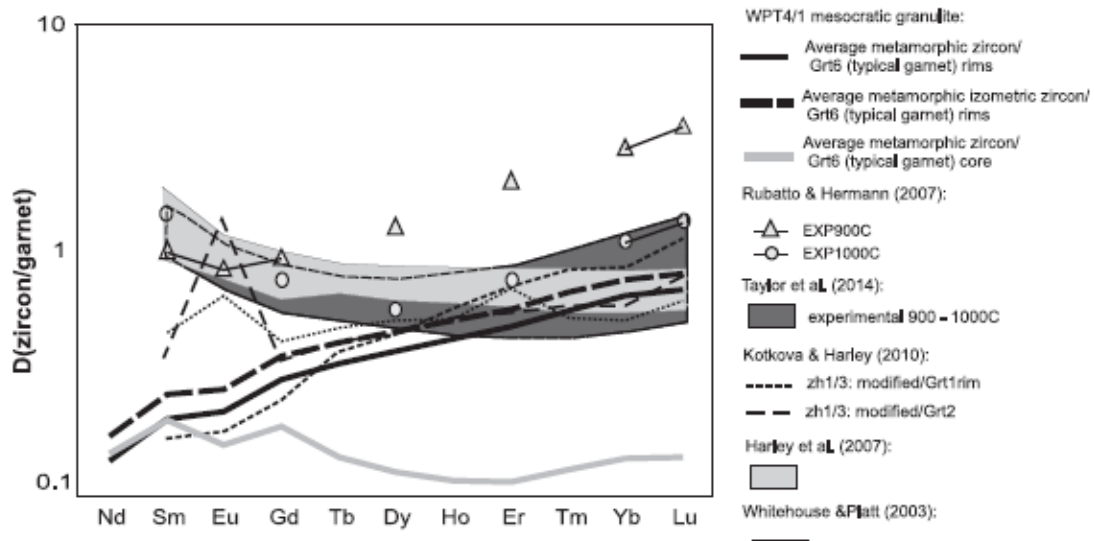


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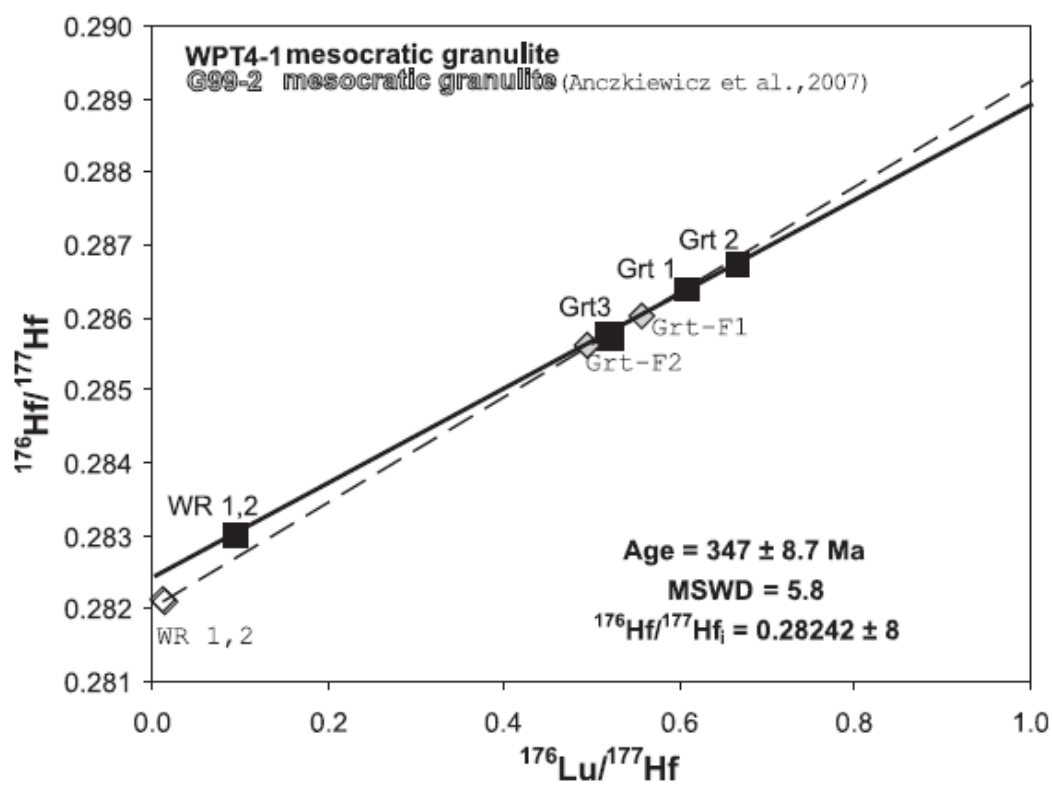


Figure 9

**Table 1.** Summary of the Sm-Nd and Lu-Hf isotopic results.

Lab el	Sam ple wt [g]	Sm [pp m]	Nd [pp m]	$^{147}\text{Sm}/$ $^{144}\text{Nd}$	$^{143}\text{Nd}/$ $^{144}\text{Nd}$	Age [Ma]	Lu (pp m)	Hf (pp m)	$^{176}\text{Lu}/$ $^{177}\text{Hf}$	$^{176}\text{Hf}/^{177}\text{Hf}$	Age [Ma]	
<i>Felsic granulite WPT4/1; Stary Gieraltów</i>												
Grt 1	0.04 41	17.7 37	20.4 46	0.5245	0.513 049± 9	<b>332.4 ± 5.2</b>	2.96 2	0.6 89	0.608 2	0.2863 99±5	<b>348.3 ± 2.0</b>	
Grt 2	0.04 54	18.1 27	20.8 48	0.5257	0.513 057± 5		3.02 2	0.6 43	0.665 5	0.2867 34±8		
Grt 3	0.04 77	17.9 51	20.9 67	0.5177	0.513 037± 6		3.00 2	0.8 17	0.520 1	0.2857 55±5		
WR 1	0.08 74	7.85 5	35.0 74	0.1354	0.512 197± 7		0.72 8	1.0 90	0.094 4	0.2830 28±6		
WR 2	0.10 06	7.82 2	34.7 25	0.1362	0.512 215± 6		0.73 2	1.1 06	0.093 6	0.2830 30±4		
<i>Mafic granulite WPT4/2a; Stary Gieraltów</i>												
Grt 1	0.05 20	4.26 0	4.28 1	0.6018	0.513 587± 8	<b>336.9 ± 6.0</b>	1.26 3	0.1 92	0.929 7	0.2887 33±16	<b>343.2 ± 1.6</b>	
Grt 2	0.05 14	4.26 4	4.13 9	0.6230	0.513 627± 7		1.28 6	0.1 87	0.972 3	0.2889 68±18		
cpx	0.05 45	2.75 0	11.4 35	0.1454	0.512 577± 8		0.03 5	1.8 32	0.002 7	0.2827 70±5		
WR 1	0.11 17	3.75 9	12.2 53	0.1855	0.512 626± 8		351.8 ± 5.3	0.58 8	1.5 70	0.053 0		0.2830 78±7
WR 2	0.10 00	3.78 5	12.3 58	0.1851	0.512 620± 7		0.59 6	1.6 20	0.052 0	0.2830 70±5		
<i>Felsic granulite G05/3;</i>												
Grt 1	0.05 01	49.9 67	27.3 14	1.1065	0.514 454± 7	<b>337.6 ± 2.3</b>	25.6 61	0.8 46	4.313 1	0.3105 00±5	<b>346.9 ± 1.2</b>	
Grt 2	0.05 15	48.9 62	27.4 15	1.0802	0.514 405± 8		26.4 99	0.7 53	5.006 5	0.3151 73±7		
Grt 3	0.05 01	49.0 75	27.4 83	1.0800	0.514 389± 6		24.6 52	0.7 90	4.451 7	0.3125 29±9		
WR 1	0.08 83	4.60 8	18.2 96	0.1522	0.512 342± 8		0.76 3	1.0 63	0.101 5	0.2832 40±3		

WR	0.08	4.79	19.5		0.512								
2	02	0	75	0.1479	339±		0.75	1.1	0.092	0.2831			
					9		2	48	6	91±7			
<i>Felsic granulite G99-2, Anczkiewicz et al., 2007</i>													
Grt-	0.02	19.7	24.7	0.4814	0.512	<b>320.5</b>	2.69	0.6	0.558	0.2860	<b>386.6 ±</b>		
F1	64	10	44		942±		9	90	2	27±11		<b>4.9</b>	
					8								
Grt-	0.03	23.2	26.7	0.5254	0.513		2.98	0.8	0.496	0.2856			
F2	75	77	80		037±	7	52	3	10±319				
					7								
WR	0.09	8.01	35.2	0.1376	0.512				0.012	0.2821			
1	65	6	24		217±				7	30±4			
					8								
WR	0.07	8.33	36.7	0.1371	0.512		0.83	7.5	0.015	0.2821			
2	78	8	53		224±		0	81	5	00±10			
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Grt – garnet, WR – whole rock, cpx – clinopyroxene. Age errors were calculated using Isoplot (Ludwig, 2003), errors are 95% confidence level.

Errors are 2SE. Age errors were calculated using Isoplot (Ludwig, 2003) and are 95% confidence level. Age errors and initial ratios errors are propagated for daily standard reproducibility.

$^{147}\text{Sm}/^{144}\text{Nd}$  errors are 0.3%. Reproducibility of JNdi-1 Nd standard was  $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd} = 0.512097 \pm 13(2\text{SD})$  over whole period of analyses.  $^{176}\text{Lu}/^{177}\text{Hf}$  errors are 0.5%. Reproducibility of JMC475 Hf standard was  $^{176}\text{Hf}/^{177}\text{Hf} = 0.282157 \pm (2\text{SD})$  over whole period of analyses. Decay constant  $\lambda_{176\text{Lu}} = 1,865 \times 10^{-11} \text{rok}^{-1}$  (Scherer et al., 2001) was used for Lu-Hf age calculations.

**Highlights**

Garnet rim/zircon HREE partitioning indicates equilibrium growth on a retrograde path

Lu-Hf and U-Pb geochronology constrains 5 Ma duration of peritectic garnet growth

PTt path documents two stage, c. 10 Ma cooling/exhumation cycle of UHP-UHT granulites

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