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Figure A1. (a) Subhedral, single andalusite crystal interstitial to plagioclase and quartz, partly replaced by muscovite. Photomicrograph with crossed polarizers. (b) Andalusite, sillimanite, and muscovite along a leucogranite micro-shear band. Andalusite is randomly oriented (different grey scales in image), and rimmed by oriented sillimanite and muscovite. Photomicrograph with crossed polarizers. (c) Temperature and pressure locations of experimentally-determined stability fields for aluminum silicate polymorphs and wet granite solidi curves. Solidi are from Scaillet et al. (1995) and from Holtz et al. (2001); aluminum silicate stability fields are from Richardson et al. (1969) (R 69), Holdaway (1971) (H 71), and Pattison (1992) (P 92). The light grey field outlines the estimated maximum stability field for andalusite in our samples. The dark grey field highlights the estimated pressure for the crystallization and re-equilibration of muscovite along shear bands (after Masonne and Schreyer, 1987). The black field shows the most probable pressure and temperature conditions for muscovite formation and re-equilibration. The star marks the estimated conditions for the final crystallization of leucogranite BH 225.

Figure B1. Zircon characterization. (a) and (f) are imaged by cathodoluminescence (CL) only, while for (b)-(e), back-scattered electron images are on the left and CL images of the same grains are on the right. Dashed circles denote spots for U-Pb analyses while dotted circles denote spots for both U-Pb and Ti-in-zircon analyses.

Appendix A: Thermobarometry of magmatic andalusite

Andalusite makes up to ≤ 3 vol % of BH 225, forming ≤ 1 mm large, subhedral to euhedral single crystals, or clusters of crystals that are $\sim 50\text{--}1000 \mu\text{m}$ large, anhedral to subhedral, and randomly oriented (Fig. A1a). Most andalusite grains display concentric or sector zoning, are inclusion-free and are partially replaced by sillimanite and muscovite. Andalusite occurs in interstitial spaces between phenocrysts, along grain boundaries, or as marginal inclusions in zoned magmatic plagioclase and cordierite. Similar andalusite has previously been described from Miocene leucogranites of the Everest-Makalu region (e.g., Searle, 1999; Visonà and Lombardo, 2002). The andalusite- and sillimanite-bearing leucogranites of the Everest-Makalu region have been interpreted as peritectic magmatic minerals and possibly as restite crystals (Visonà and Lombardo, 2002).

The presence of andalusite in BH 225 therefore indicates that the leucogranite crystallized at low pressures. The maximum P-T-X stability for andalusite remains controversial, given difficulties to constrain the exact locations of the andalusite–sillimanite field boundary and the position of the granite solidus for specific compositional systems (e.g., Clarke et al., 2004). Assuming the water-saturated granite solidi of Scaillet et al. (1995) or Holtz et al. (2001), and the andalusite–sillimanite stability field proposed by Richardson (1969), andalusite may crystallize at a pressure as high as ca. 4.8–5.2 kbar at 630–650 °C. Assuming the andalusite–sillimanite stability field proposed by Pattison (1992), which has found support in most recent studies (e.g., Cesare

et al., 2003; Johnson et al., 2003; Wei et al., 2007), andalusite may have its maximum stability at only 2.6-3.0 kbar at 640-660 °C.

For BH 225, we suggest that andalusite crystallized close to or at the solidus (given its interstitial occurrence), and therefore at a pressure of probably ≤ 2.8 kbar (medium grey field, Fig. A1c), or at maximum ≤ 5.0 kbar (light grey field, Fig. A1c).

Evidence for significant deformation during magmatic evolution is lacking. The rock fabrics discussed above indicate that the leucogranites were deformed at sub-solidus conditions. Locally developed shear bands host muscovite and fibrolitic sillimanite, which partly rim magmatic andalusite. To crystallize sillimanite following andalusite, pressure or temperature must have increased, or the composition of the system must have changed in a way that reduced the andalusite stability to lower temperatures or pressures (e.g., by reducing Mn or Fe³⁺ concentrations; Grambling and Williams, 1985). A pressure increase seems unlikely since all thermobarometric studies to date suggest continuous decompression for the GHS at that time (e.g., Hollister and Grujic, 2006 and references therein). On the other hand, a small, short-term temperature increase and/or compositional modification of the system during high-temperature, sub-solidus deformation, seem both probable. Hot fluids, liberated from large granite intrusions may have facilitated deformation, and percolated along the shear bands, permitting the crystallization of sillimanite over magmatic andalusite.

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Appendix B. SHRIMP-RG analytical procedures, U-Pb geochronology and trace element geochemistry, and zircon characterization

Analytical procedures

Minerals, concentrated by standard heavy mineral separation processes and hand picked for final purity, were mounted on double-stick tape on glass slides in 1 x 6 mm rows, cast in epoxy, ground and polished to a 1 micron finish on a 25 mm diameter by 4 mm thick disc. All grains were imaged with transmitted light and reflected light (and incident light if needed) on a petrographic microscope, and with cathodoluminescence and back scattered electrons (for older zircons) as needed on a JEOL 5600 SEM to identify internal structure, inclusions and physical defects. Fractures observed in the zircons during imaging are likely a result of the separation process (crushing and milling) since the least fractured grains are found in sample BH 225, which was separated by Selfrag. The fractures also coincide with porous areas of the zircon grains, which are likely weaker zones. The mounted grains were washed with 1N HCl or EDTA solution (if acid soluble) and distilled water, dried in a vacuum oven, and coated with Au. Mounts typically sat in a loading chamber at high pressure (10-7 torr) for several hours before being moved into the source chamber of the SHRIMP-RG. Secondary ions were generated from the target spot with an O₂⁻ primary ion beam varying from 4-6 nA. The primary ion beam produced a spot with a diameter of 20-40 microns and a depth of 1-2 microns for an analysis time of 9-12 minutes. Nine peaks were measured sequentially for zircons (the SHRIMP-RG is limited to a single collector, usually an EDP electron multiplier): ⁹⁰Zr₂¹⁶O, ²⁰⁴Pb, Bgd (0.050 mass units above ²⁰⁴Pb), ²⁰⁶Pb, ²⁰⁷Pb, ²⁰⁸Pb, ²³⁸U,

$^{248}\text{Th}^{16}\text{O}$, $^{254}\text{U}^{16}\text{O}$. Autocentering on selected peaks and guide peaks for low or variable abundance peaks (i.e. $^{96}\text{Zr}^{216}\text{O}$ 0.165 mass unit below ^{204}Pb) were used to improve the reliability of locating peak centers. The number of scans through the mass sequence and counting times on each peak were varied according to sample age and U and Th concentrations to improve counting statistics and age precision. Measurements were made at mass resolutions of 6000-8000 (10% peak height) which eliminated all interfering atomic species. The SHRIMP-RG was designed to provide higher mass resolution than the standard forward geometry of the SHRIMP I and II (Clement and Compston, 1994). This design also provides very clean backgrounds and combined with the high mass resolution, the acid washing of the mount, and rastering the primary beam for 90-120 seconds over the area to analyzed before data is collected, assures that any counts found at mass ^{204}Pb are actually Pb from the zircon and not surface contamination. In practice greater than 95% of the spots analyzed have no common Pb. Concentration data for zircons are standardized against zircon standard R33 (419 Ma, quartz diorite of Braintree complex, Vermont, John Aleinikoff, pers. comm.) which are analyzed repeatedly throughout the duration of the analytical session. Data reduction follows the methods described by Williams (1997) and Ireland and Williams (2003) and uses the Squid and Isoplot programs of Ken Ludwig. Between U-Pb analyses and Ti-in-zircon analyses the zircon mounts were repolished and recoated with gold.

Zircon characterization

Zircons were imaged under cathodoluminescence (CL) and back-scattered electrons (BSE) using a JEOL scanning electron microscope (Fig. A1; Hanchar and

Miller, 1993). The five samples collected from leucogranites within the hanging wall of the lower STD share many characteristics. Sample DBH 003 zircons are small (50-200 m along long axis), while the other grains range from 150-500 m. Some grains display both terminations, but many are fractured, possibly by crushing during sample preparation due to the porous structure of many of the grains. DBH 003 and DBH 036 yielded a few zircons with distinctive bright xenocrystic cores rimmed by either thick, sector-zoned, dark under CL (low U) rims (i.e., Fig. A1a, grains 11 and 14) or by zircon with a mottled texture (i.e., Fig. A1a, grains 8 and 9). However, most of the grains lack xenocrystic cores and the interiors of the zircons are mottled, containing numerous holes and inclusions, while their concentrically-zoned igneous-type rims are typically free of holes and inclusions (see BSE images, Fig. A1b) (run a few grains in the microprobe to determine mineralogy of the inclusions). In sample DBH 031 zoned rims are typically observed only at pyramid terminations, not along the prism faces, and there are thin, bright under CL (low U) rims ringing some crystals, perhaps indicating late local recrystallization (Corfu et al., 2003; see CL images, Fig. A1c). Sample DBH 036 zircons generally exhibit thick (≤ 50 m thick), concentrically-zoned rims (Fig. A1d) and grain interiors composed of mottled zircon with holes and inclusions (Fig. A1d grain 3), except for one grain that has a more complex internal texture of zonation (Fig. A1d grain 10). DBH 080 zircons rims are only locally concentrically-zoned. Grain interiors have the mottled texture, with abundant inclusions and holes, although some sections also appear cloudy and dark under CL (e.g., Fig. A1e).

There are at least three texturally-distinct growth phases present in the zircons described above. Bright xenocrystic cores in DBH 003 and the zoned core in DBH 036

are probably relicts from protoliths. All samples (with the exception of DBH 003) contain zircons with concentrically zoned rims, although growth zoning is only locally observed in DBH 080. Oscillatory rims are widely described as in the literature as magmatic. Here the oscillatory, concentrically zoned rims likely grew during crystallization of the leucogranites. The dark (under CL, light under BSE) color of both the rims and the mottled texture indicates the generally high U content of the zircons (Rubatto and Gebauer, 2000). The origin of the mottled zircon texture, which comprises a significant component of almost all zircon grains, is uncertain. It has been observed elsewhere in zircons from leucogranites derived from partial melting and crystallization under low P/low T conditions (Booth et al., 2004). A locally observed faint oscillatory zonation (e.g., Fig. 4a grain 8) and young intermediate ages (between detrital core and magmatic rim ages) suggest sub-solidus recrystallization. However, the texture is not one typically observed in recrystallized zircons (i.e., Rubatto and Gebauer, 2000). It could possibly be a product of a highly fractionated, trace element-rich early partial melt. The high U content, abundant holes and inclusions and uncertain origin of the mottled zircon texture make it difficult to interpret U-Pb results from this phase. Thus, they will not be considered further, and interpretation of U-Pb ages will be confined to the cores and rims, although results from mottled zircon are included in the data tables. Thin bright rims found surrounding some zircon crystals (e.g., Fig. A1c grain 5) may reflect another growth phase but as these rims are too thin to sample, their ages cannot be determined.

BH 225 zircons are texturally distinct from the lower STD zircons described above, and contain from two to four distinct growth phases. In general, cores display a range of sector zoning (Fig. A1f grain 65), concentric zoning (Fig. A1f grain 25), or more

complex convoluted zoning (Fig. A1f grain 53), suggesting a sedimentary protolith (Rubatto and Gebauer, 2000). Cores are often embayed and surrounded by grey-under-CL zircon with weak or no concentric zoning (i.e., Fig. A1f grain 2) and then rimmed by zircon that is concentrically zoned and dark under CL. The grey-under-CL zircon may be magmatic or metamorphic. Dating of this texture yielded detrital ages, mixed ages and ages coincident with dark rims. Again, the dark, oscillatory-zoned rims are likely magmatic in origin, crystallizing in the leucogranite. The mottled texture ubiquitous to zircons found in the lower STD is not observed in this sample, and the grains are relatively free of holes and inclusions, except for isolated large inclusions of? commonly observed in the cores (i.e., Fig. A1f grain 59).

Trace element geochemistry of mottled zircon

The trace element geochemistry of mottled zircon is similar to that of the zircon rims. Most of the mottled zircons display a small positive Ce anomaly, and a large negative Eu anomaly. Mottled zircon from sample DBH 003 is variable and distinct from the other samples, ranging from a small positive to a small negative Ce anomaly, a small to no Eu anomaly and an abundance of light rare earth elements (LREEs). This variability in trace element geochemistry may indicate contamination by inclusions, a different protolith source, or that it is not an analogous growth phase to the mottled zircon in the other four samples.

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Appendix D. $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{39}\text{Ar}$ step heating analytical procedures

We followed the principles and method of $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{39}\text{Ar}$ dating described in McDougall and Harrison (1988). Coarse, pristine muscovite grains were hand picked from material crushed by a jaw crusher. The separated mica concentrates were individually wrapped in aluminum foil, and then stacked in an aluminum irradiation canister. Interspersed among the samples were five to seven aliquots of the flux monitor, Fish Canyon tuff sanidine, which has an apparent K-Ar age of 28.205 ± 0.046 Ma (Kuiper et al. 2008). The canister was irradiated with fast neutrons in the nuclear reactor at McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada. At Dalhousie University, a double-vacuum tantalum resistance furnace was used to carry out the step-heating. Isotopic analyses were made in a VG3600 mass spectrometer using both Faraday and electron multiplier collectors to measure the abundance of ^{39}Ar for $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{39}\text{Ar}$ and $^{36}\text{Ar}/^{39}\text{Ar}$ ratios, respectively. Errors are reported at the 2σ level and include the uncertainty in the irradiation parameter, J, but do not incorporate uncertainty in the assumed age of the flux monitor.

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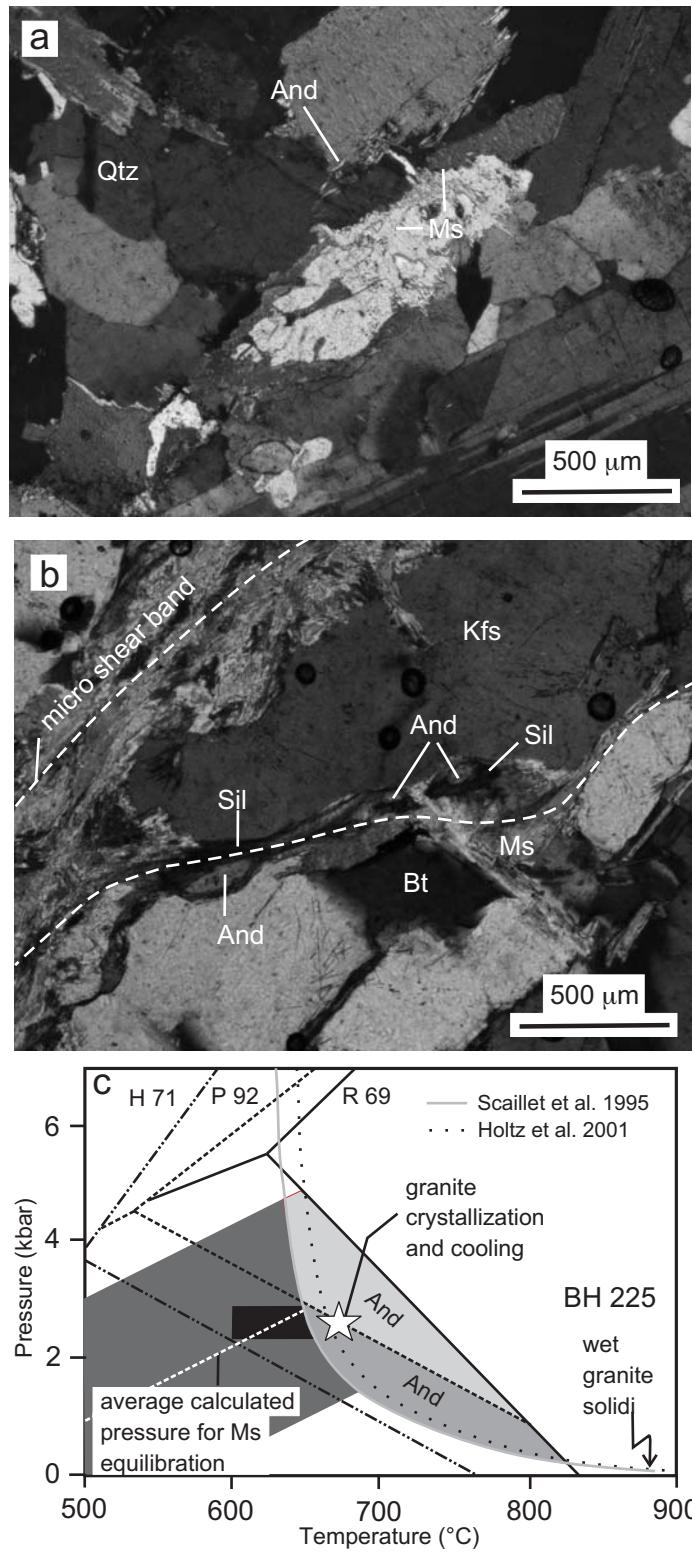


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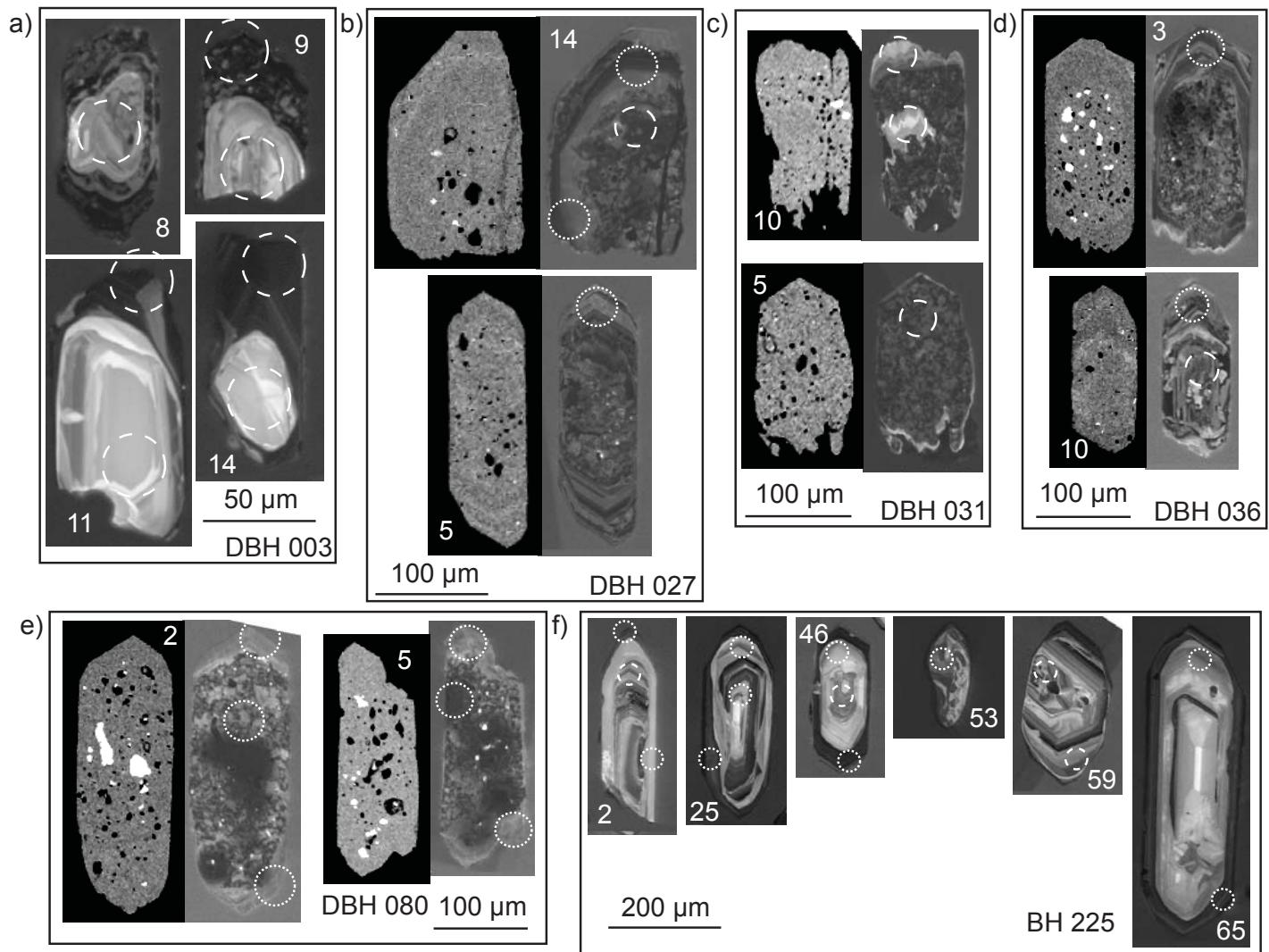


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