

Late Triassic detrital zircons in meta-turbidites of the Chonos Metamorphic Complex, southern Chile

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ABSTRACT

Sensitive High Resolution Ion MicroProbe (SHRIMP) U-Pb age determinations of detrital zircons from metasandstones of the Chonos Metamorphic Complex reveal a significant population of Late Triassic ages. One of the samples is immediately underlying the coquinaceous bed containing fossils which were initially identified as Late Silurian-Early Devonian, and more recently as Late Triassic faunas. The zircon data confirm the latter age as the depositional age of the fossil bearing rocks, excluding completely the possibility of a Paleozoic depositional age. Similar U-Pb detrital zircon ages are recorded in two other samples, one of which was collected in the vicinity of strata containing *Lima* sp., confirming that a Late Triassic depositional age is widespread in the Eastern belt of the Chonos Metamorphic Complex. However, in a fourth sample, the youngest detrital zircons are Carboniferous in age. Construction of the accretionary prism was thus active in the Late Triassic, and its metamorphism probably took place during the Jurassic, in contrast with a previously accepted Late Paleozoic age.

Key words: Late Triassic, U-Pb ages, Chonos Metamorphic Complex, Southern Chile.

RESUMEN

Circones detríticos del Triásico tardío en metaturbiditas del Complejo Metamórfico Chonos, sur de Chile. Las edades U-Pb de circones detríticos, obtenidas con el SHRIMP en metareniscas del Complejo Metamórfico de Chonos, revelan una abundante población de circones con edades correspondientes al Triásico Superior. Una de las muestras proviene del estrato que se ubica inmediatamente bajo la capa coquinácea con fósiles que inicialmente otros autores asignaron al Silúrico Superior-Devónico Inferior, y recientemente al Triásico Superior. Las edades de circones detríticos concuerdan totalmente con esta última, y eliminan la posibilidad de una edad paleozoica de deposición de las rocas fosilíferas. Otras dos muestras, una de las cuales proviene de las vecindades de un estrato que contiene *Lima* sp., dan resultados similares, lo que indica que esta edad de deposición tiene amplia distribución en la franja oriental del Complejo Metamórfico de los Chonos. En cambio, en una cuarta muestra la edad más joven de circones detríticos es carbonífera. La construcción del prisma de acreción estaba activa en el Triásico Superior, y su metamorfismo tuvo lugar, probablemente, durante el Jurásico, contrariamente a la edad paleozoica superior que se le asignaba hasta ahora.

Palabras claves: Triásico tardío, Edades U-Pb, Complejo Metamórfico Chonos, Sur de Chile.

INTRODUCTION

The Chonos Metamorphic Complex (CMC) is part of an accretionary complex which crops out as a continuous belt in the coastal area of Chile from Pichilemu (34°S) to the Taitao Peninsula (47°S), and discontinuously from there to the southernmost tip of South America.

The time frame proposed for the evolution of the low grade Chonos Metamorphic Complex (Davidson *et al.*, 1987), and for all the accretionary complex (*e.g.*, Hervé, 1988), has been strongly influenced by the identification by Miller and Sprechmann (1978) of a Late Silurian-Early Devonian fossil fauna in a coquinaceous metaturbidite bed in the southern end of Isla Patranca and in a small unnamed islet 5 km to the north. These fossiliferous localities, unique within the whole complex, were re-examined by Fang *et al.* (1998) who identified more recently collected fossil specimens as a Late Triassic *Monotis* species in Isla Patranca (named Potranca in Miller and Sprechmann, 1978) and *Lima* sp., of a Permian to Triassic age range.

The Chonos Metamorphic Complex has been studied previously by Miller (1979) and Hervé *et al.* (1981). Detailed field and structural studies led Miller (1979) to recognize three stratigraphic units, the Canal King, Potranca and Canal Pérez Sur informal formations, interpreted to be progressively younger successions, separated by unconformities. However, the three units share a common structural grain, characterized by northwest trending fold axes and stretching lineations. The fossil assemblages noted above occur in the middle Potranca formation, which was assigned to the Late Silurian-Early Devonian. It follows that the underlying Canal King formation is older and that the overlying Canal Pérez Sur formation is younger.

In an alternative view, Hervé *et al.* (1981) distinguishes an Eastern belt* where primary sedimentary structures are preserved, which grades into a Western belt where all primary structures have been lost due to increasing deformation and metamorphism. This interpretation is based on both structural continuity and a progressive increase in metamorphic grade from one belt to the other. The Eastern belt is considered to have a Devonian protholith, and be composed of the Patranca facies and the Teresa facies, roughly equivalent to the Potranca and Canal Pérez Sur formations of Miller (1979), respectively. Davidson *et al.* (1987) presented Rb-Sr whole rock ages of ca. 220 Ma on slates from the Eastern belt which were interpreted as the age of the D2 metamorphic episode in the complex. They presented Rb-Sr errorchron data on the schists from the Western belt of ca. 140 Ma and ca. 168 Ma which they interpreted as indicating a Jurassic 'reactivation' of the subduction complex.

Willner *et al.* (2000) have shown that the metamorphism within the Eastern belt of the Chonos Metamorphic Complex took place under peak P-T conditions of 5.5 Kbar and 250-280°C and 8-10 Kbar and 380-500°C in the Western belt. These rather high P-T gradients are in accordance with a subduction zone environment of metamorphism.

The purpose of this paper is to present the results of SHRIMP U-Pb age determinations for detrital zircons from rocks of the fossiliferous unit. These results elucidate the contradiction between the two previously published paleontological age interpretations and they establish constraints on the age of deposition and metamorphism of the Potranca formation in the Chonos Metamorphic Complex.

SAMPLES AND METHODOLOGY

Three metasedimentary rock samples of the turbiditic unit (Potranca formation or Patranca facies of the Eastern belt) which contain the fossiliferous strata in the Chonos Metamorphic Complex

were collected for U-Th-Pb dating of zircon by SHRIMP (Sensitive High Resolution Ion MicroProbe) at The Australian National University. An additional metasedimentary rock from the Teresa facies (Ca-

* The terms Eastern and Western belts as used here should not be confused with the terms Western and Eastern Series, terminology that has been the formal nomenclature since Aguirre *et al.* (1972), used with the accretionary complex north of Chiloé and more recently by Martin *et al.* (1999), for rocks found between 38 and 41°S.

nal Pérez Sur formation) was also analysed. Zircons were separated using standard crushing, heavy liquid and Frantz isodynamic methods. Grains from the total zircon population were sprinkled onto double sided tape and cast in an epoxy disk together with the Duluth Gabbro reference zircon, AS3 (see Paces and Miller, 1993). The ion microprobe procedures used essentially follow those given in Compston *et al.* (1992) and Williams (1998). The U/Pb ratios have been calibrated relative to the AS3 zircons, which have an age of 1099 Ma (Paces and Miller, 1993). One spot was analyzed in each crystal, unless specified in the tables by a number of the form n.2, usually in the outer rim.

The age spectra of individual rock units can be used to obtain an inferred maximum depositional age of the original sediments; the depositional age can be no older than the youngest concordant U-Pb zircon age. Where a number of analyses (from different grains) have the same radiogenic $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U}$ ratios to within analytical uncertainty, weighted mean ages have been calculated and those are reported, with uncertainties given at the 95% confidence level.

All samples analysed belong to the Eastern Belt of the Chonos Metamorphic Complex. Their location is indicated in figure 1.

CE9603 is a metasandstone with L-tectonite fabric reflecting the intersection of two cleavages in northwest direction. It was collected from a turbidite succession devoid of fossils.

FO9606 is a medium grained metasandstone with convolute bedding. It was collected near the

southern end of Isla Patranca, from an horizon immediately underlying the coarse grained fossil bearing coquinaceous bed from which Miller and Sprechman (1978) and Fang *et al.* (1998) have identified Late Silurian-Early Devonian and Late Triassic fossils respectively. The coquinaceous bed from this location shows clear indications of having previously been sampled. The authors, therefore, believe that this coquinaceous bed was sampled to produce the Miller and Sprechman (1978) fossils, and the authors know with absolute certainty that this is the location described in Fang *et al.* (1998) since the material was collected by the senior author. The contact between the metasandstone sampled for this U-Pb zircon study and the coquinaceous bed used for the fossil age determinations is of normal conformable sedimentary nature.

CE9625 is a low grade fine grained metaconglomerate collected in the islet where *Lima sp.* was identified by Fang *et al.* (1998). Continuous slate beds form only 5% of the succession, which is mainly composed here by turbidites with sole marks, dewatering structures, convolute bedding and rip clasts of shale. The rocks are cleaved and have a northwest lineation.

FO9640 is a fine grained metasandstone from the southeastern corner of Isla Yechica, where an inverted succession of turbidites with interbedded banded cherts crops out. Beds are typically 0.5 m thick, bioturbated, and with a subhorizontal tectonic lamination, axial planar to ENE folds of the stratification.

GEOCHRONOLOGICAL RESULTS

The SHRIMP U-Pb detrital zircon results for the samples CE9603, FO9606 and CE9625 (Patranca facies or Potranca formation) are presented in tables 1-4, p. 101-104. The results for sample FO9640 (Teresa facies or Canal Pérez Sur formation) are presented in table 4. The data are shown on the Tera-Wasserburg diagrams in figure 2, and on relative probability plots in figure 3, respectively.

The three samples of the Potranca facies record similar results, with a wide range of ages. The age spectra are complex revealing multiple source provenance for the detrital zircon grains.

However, some common aspects between the samples can be highlighted:

- Most of the zircons are igneous in origin, they have euhedral to subhedral outlines and cathodoluminescence (CL) images of the sectioned grains show well developed, simple magmatic zoning.
- The youngest zircon analysis in each sample, with isotopic ratios plotting within uncertainty of the Tera-Wasserburg concordia, are ca. 210 Ma (212, 216 and 208 Ma, respectively). There are few analyses which are younger, however these are discordant and so the ages are not considered to

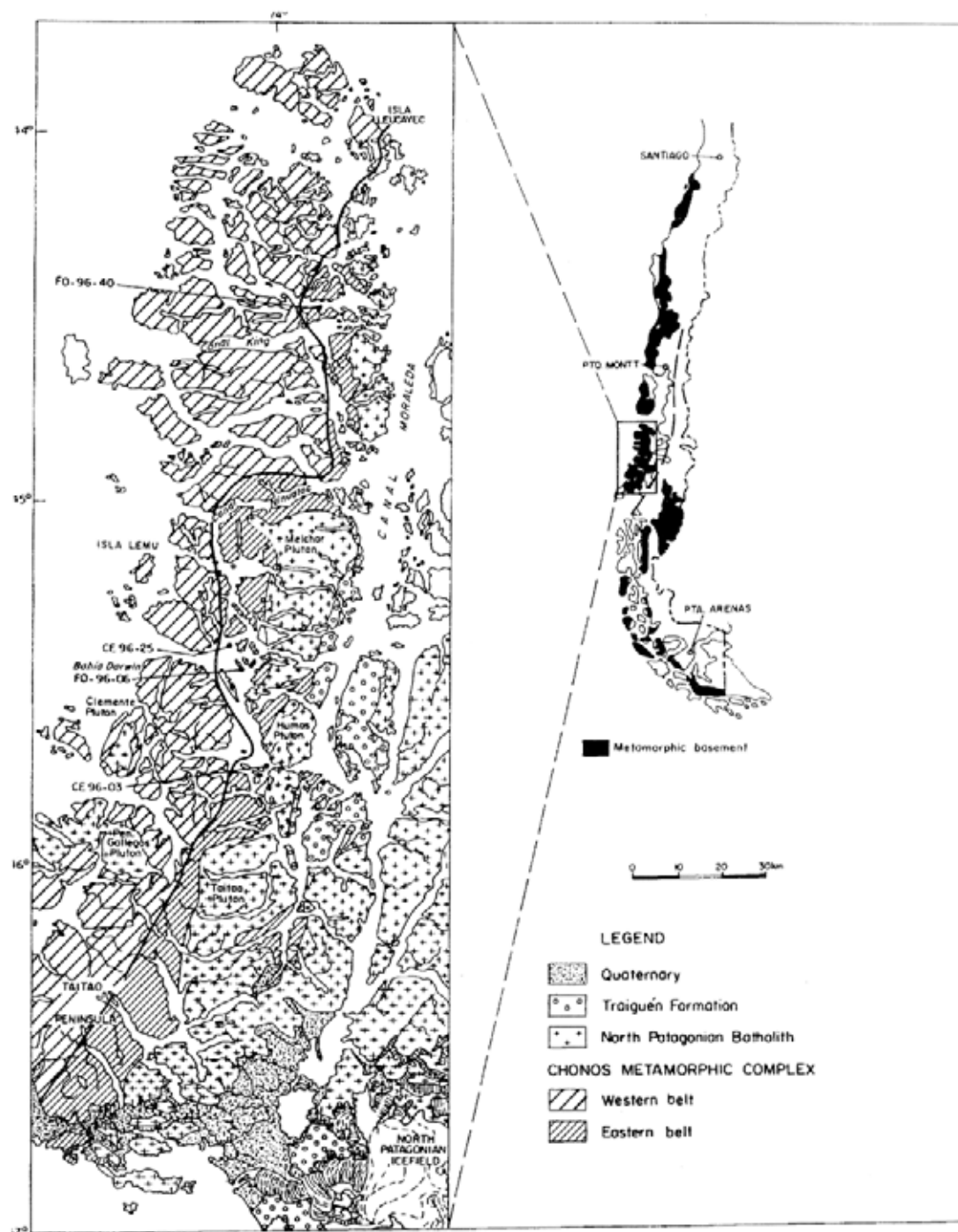


FIG. 1. Geologic sketch map of the Chonos Archipelago region, with indication of geologic units as in Davidson *et al.* (1987) and location of the analysed samples.

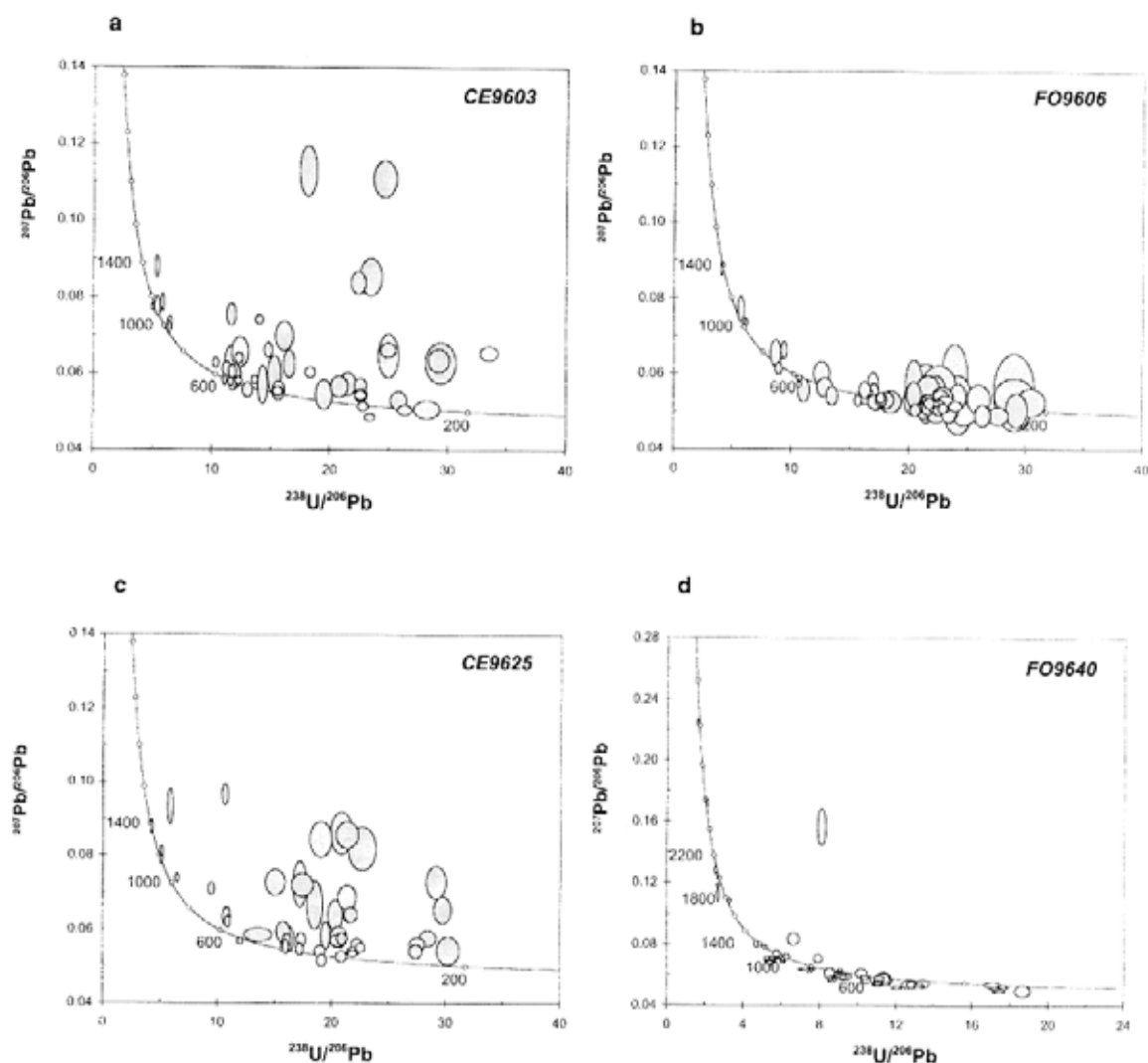


FIG. 2. Tera and Wasserburg (1972) concordia diagrams for **a**- sample CE9603; **b**- sample FO9606; **c**- sample CE9625, and **d**- sample CE9640. The calibrated $^{238}\text{U}/^{206}\text{Pb}$ ratios versus the total $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{206}\text{Pb}$ ratios have been plotted as one sigma error ellipses. Note that an analysis that is not within uncertainty of the concordia curve may not necessarily signify a discordant analysis. It may simply reflect that a significant amount of common Pb has been detected in that analysis. The U/Pb isotopic data are given in the tables as both uncorrected and ^{207}Pb corrected radiogenic ratios (see Compston *et al.*, 1992).

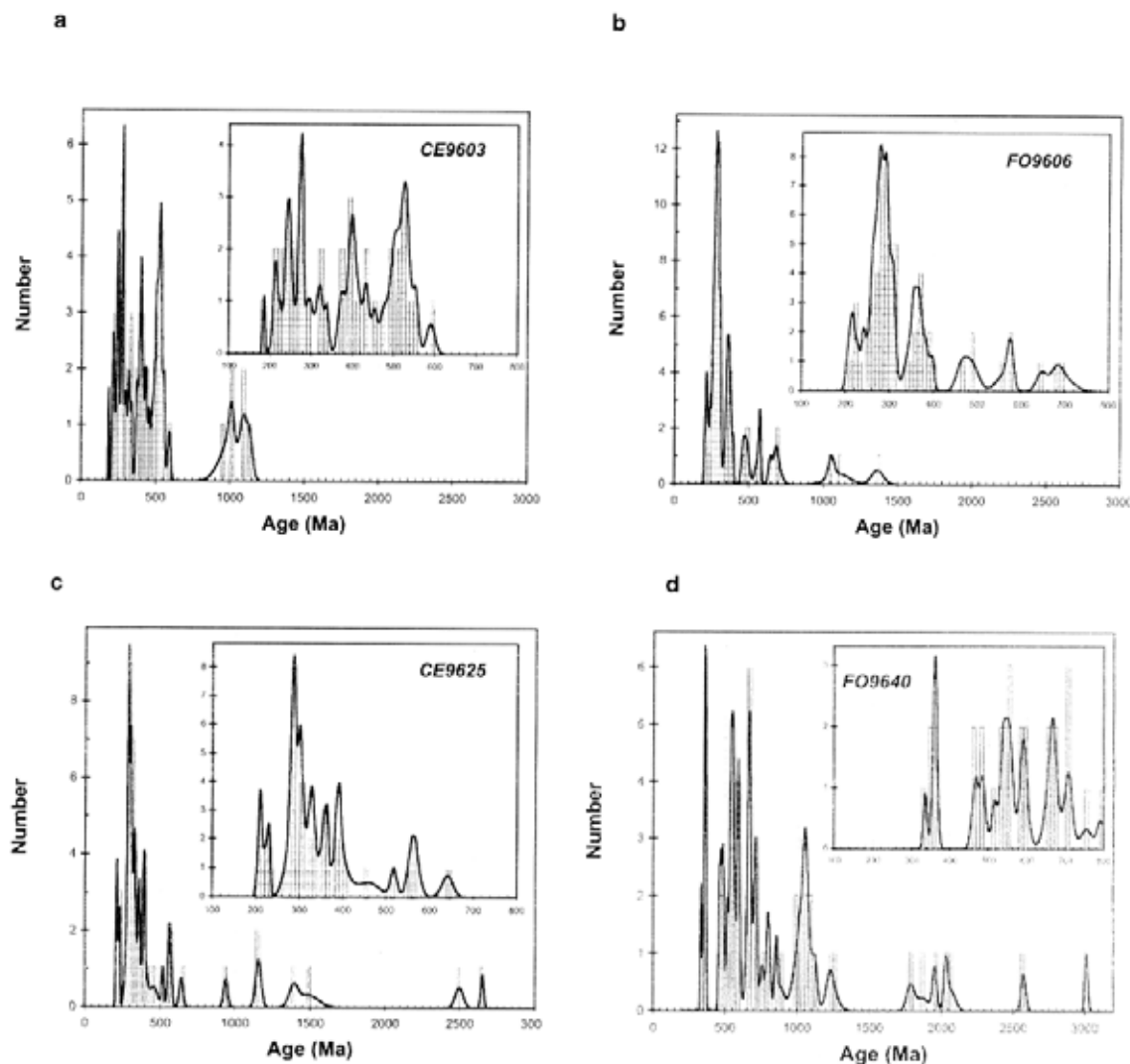


FIG. 3. Age versus probability diagrams for **a**- sample CE9603; **b**- sample FO9606; **c**- sample CE9625, and **d**- sample FO9640. The relative probability curve takes into account the age and age uncertainty for each analysis. The stacked histogram indicates the number of analyses that contribute to the various peaks in the relative probability curve.

necessarily represent the time of crystallisation of the zircons. The youngest concordant ages form a grouping at ca. 220 Ma in all three samples.

- Most (>80%) of the zircons analysed are Paleozoic in age, and they show a complex distribution with age peaks (Figs. 1b, 2b, 3b) at ca. 280 Ma, at 330-350 Ma, at 400 Ma, with very few zircons between 400 and 530 Ma, and a further peak at ca. 550 Ma.

- Proterozoic zircons are scarce, they are mainly concentrated in the 1300-1600 Ma age range, and

are absent at 800 ± 50 Ma.

- Only two Late Archean and/or Paleoproterozoic zircons are present in one of the samples.

The results for sample FO9640 (from the Teresa facies or Canal Pérez Sur formation) differ quite substantially from the above. The younger date for detrital zircons in this sample is 336 ± 5 Ma (Early Carboniferous), and the proportion of Proterozoic grains is larger than in the three previous samples. Two Archean grains are present.

DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSIONS

The U-Pb SHRIMP zircon age data obtained in this study strongly support the Late Triassic (Late Norian) depositional age determination made by Fang *et al.* (1998) based on the study of fossils in the Chonos Metamorphic Complex, and is in contradiction with the previously proposed Late Silurian-Early Devonian age by Miller and Sprechmann (1978). The fact that three samples from the same unit (the Potranca formation or Patranca facies) of the Chonos Metamorphic Complex show similar minimum ages indicates that the Late Triassic rocks are extensive and not simply restricted to the fossiliferous localities.

The coincidence between the radioisotopic zircon ages and the biostratigraphic depositional ages (Gradstein and Ogg, 1996) is remarkable, and probably indicates that active magmatism was occurring in the provenance area of the turbidite sequence during their deposition.

This provenance area is almost instinctively looked for in Patagonia, to the east of the analysed samples. However, in the Chilean slope of the Andes, igneous rocks of Late Triassic age are not known. A few granitic bodies of Late Triassic age do exist in the North Patagonian Massif (Cingolani *et al.*, 1992), hundreds of kilometers inland from the location of the Chonos Archipelago. A Carboniferous magmatic arc in the Lake District of Chile, was

exhumated and eroded previously to the Late Triassic (Martin, 1999). Also, the Mesoproterozoic and Late Proterozoic zircons, might have come from the presently covered basement of Patagonia, or they may be far travelled grains coming from the Namaquan belts of southern Africa, which was side by side to Patagonia in the Late Triassic.

Another possible source area for the detrital material is the Antarctic Peninsula (Fig. 4), whose exact position in the Early Mesozoic is not well known, but that in recent paleogeographic reconstructions, is located with its northern tip near the present latitude of the Golfo de Penas (47°S) (Lawver *et al.*, 1998). Turbidites of Norian age in the Trinity Peninsula Group occur near the northern tip of the Antarctic peninsula interbedded with acid volcanic rocks in the Legoupil Formation (Thomson, 1975). Early Triassic turbidites occur in the Myers Bluff Formation of Livingston Island (Willan *et al.*, 1994). Various detrital zircon age population diagrams have been published by Löske *et al.* (1985) which give strong evidence for Carboniferous and Late Proterozoic source regions.

The confirmation of the Late Triassic depositional age for at least a significant part of the Chonos Metamorphic Complex, implies that its metamorphism took place during the Mesozoic or Cenozoic. However, this metamorphism was probably Jurassic,

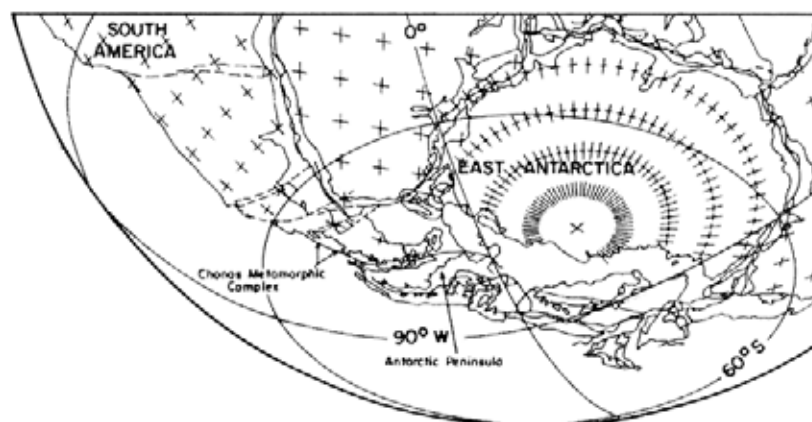


FIG. 4. Part of the tight fit paleogeographic reconstruction of Gondwana at 200 Ma (after Lawver *et al.*, 1998), showing that the present location of the Chonos Metamorphic Complex is just north of the tip of the Antarctic Peninsula in the Triassic-Jurassic boundary times.

as the Chonos Metamorphic Complex was intruded by the Early Cretaceous components of the North Patagonian Batholith (Pankhurst *et al.*, 1999), when it had already acquired its main structural characteristics. Also, Thomson *et al.* (2000) combining some of the SHRIMP data presented here and Fission Track age determinations conclude that the metamorphism in the CMC took place in the Early Jurassic. This allows a more confident interpretation of the Late Triassic to Jurassic Rb-Sr age data on rocks of the same unit (*in* Hervé, 1988) as related to the metamorphism or Early diagenesis of the complex.

However, the structurally homogeneous rock units within this metamorphic complex are not necessarily time-restricted depositional units. For example, the metaturbidite from the Teresa facies (Davidson *et al.*, 1987) of the Eastern Belt has given a detrital zircon age spectra which differs from those of the Patranca facies, in that the younger concordant zircon is 336 Ma, and the age *versus* probability pattern is different. They may represent older deposits.

The geographic and lithologic continuity of the Chonos Metamorphic Complex with the Paleozoic Metamorphic Complex of the Coastal Range of southcentral Chile and of the Chiloé island must now be considered carefully. The consequences of the data presented herein lead to significant changes in the interpreted age of deposition and metamorphism of the so-called Paleozoic basement rocks that previously had been considered on the basis of lithological (structural and metamorphic) criteria to form a simple single 'basement' package. Recent work by Duhart *et al.* (1997, 1999); and by Martin *et al.* (1999) in the Lake district of southern Chile, have documented that the Western Series of the paleozoic metamorphic basement includes sedimentary components younger than Early Permian. These same authors indicated that a regional cooling between 220 and 250 Ma is registered in the metamorphic complex, and that it took place after the main deformation and metamorphic event. Söllner *et al.* (2000) reported the presence of Late Carboniferous-Early Permian acid volcanic rocks in the 'basement' near Puerto Montt.

The Late Triassic turbidites of the Chonos Metamorphic complex dated here, are time equivalent to the Panguipulli Formation of the lake district, but the latter, which sits unconformably over the

metamorphic basement, has not experienced the high P/T metamorphism recorded in the CMC. So, the studied rocks were involved in deep subduction during the Late Triassic-Early Jurassic, which took place beneath the western continental margin of Gondwana while the Panguipulli rocks remained on the upper plate near the surface. In the Lake Region, Martin *et al.* (1999) suggested that the Western Series and the Late Carboniferous magmatic arc were exposed after the middle Permian to Middle Triassic exhumation and that initial transpressional deformation of the subduction-arc complex associated with an event of dextral oblique convergence along the margin took place during the Late Triassic-Early Jurassic. This scenario is based on structural observations on the rocks of the Western Series, and on previous paleomagnetic studies (Forsythe *et al.*, 1987) indicating northward translation of portions of the Coast Range, now situated near 30°S during Late Triassic to Late Jurassic. It is interesting to note here that starting in the Early Jurassic, the Antarctic Peninsula migrated southward, with a sinistral movement along the margin of Gondwana after the paleogeographic reconstructions (Scotese, 1997). The Chonos area is thus a portion of the margin where continental margin parallel strike slip movements during the Late Triassic to Early Jurassic seem to diverge, in a way similar to what would be expected when the subduction of a rise or indenter, beneath the continental margin occurs.

The oblique subduction which occurred in the area (Martin *et al.*, 1999) during the Late Triassic-Early Jurassic, together with a low subduction angle, could have resulted in the paucity of the production of magmatic rocks observed during this interval. The most conspicuous contemporaneous arc-like igneous complex is the Sub-cordilleran batholith (Haller *et al.*, 1999) in the eastern slope of the present Andes, which might be genetically related to the subduction event giving rise to the Chonos Metamorphic Complex.

It seems clear that the metamorphic basement of southern Chile certainly includes rocks varying widely in ages of deposition and metamorphism, which otherwise are very similar in structure and metamorphic mineralogy. Precise dating of deposition and metamorphism is a needed basis for understanding its evolution.

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TABLE 1. SHRIMP U-Th-Pb RESULTS FOR ZIRCONS FROM SAMPLE CE9603

Grain, spot	U (ppm)	Th (ppm)	Th/U	Pb ²⁰⁶ /Pb ²³⁸ (ppm)	Pb ²⁰⁷ /Pb ²³⁸ (ppm)	I ₂₀₆ %	Total ratios				Radiogenic Ratios				Ages (Ma) ± error (1 σ)				Conc. %	
							²⁰⁶ Pb/ ²³⁸ U	²⁰⁷ Pb/ ²³⁸ U	²⁰⁶ Pb/ ²⁰⁷ Pb	\pm	²⁰⁶ Pb/ ²³⁸ U	²⁰⁷ Pb/ ²³⁸ U	²⁰⁶ Pb/ ²⁰⁷ Pb	\pm	²⁰⁶ Pb/ ²³⁸ U	²⁰⁷ Pb/ ²³⁸ U	²⁰⁶ Pb/ ²⁰⁷ Pb	\pm		²⁰⁶ Pb/ ²³⁸ U
1.1	83	67	0.81	11	0.001712	2.07	16.18	0.51	0.0709	0.0025	0.0605	0.0019	0.0400	0.0019	12	379	12	379		
2.1	188	488	2.59	20	0.000125	0.17	28.30	0.73	0.0522	0.0015	0.0353	0.0009	0.0638	0.0012	6	223	6	223		
3.1	436	285	0.65	76	0.000099	0.12	11.76	0.19	0.0557	0.0013	0.0848	0.0014	0.0645	0.0011	8	525	8	525		
4.1	696	193	0.28	90	0.000448	2.42	14.05	0.23	0.0750	0.0008	0.0694	0.0007	0.0438	0.0007	4	433	4	433		
5.1	424	181	0.43	36	0.000579	0.48	22.74	0.37	0.0557	0.0011	0.0438	0.0007	0.0694	0.0007	4	276	4	276		
6.1	91	28	0.30	32	0.000718	1.31	5.36	0.11	0.0865	0.0016	0.1842	0.0040	0.0392	0.0007	20	1050	22	1112	63	
7.1	412	269	0.65	32	0.001033	2.02	25.01	0.43	0.0673	0.0012	0.0392	0.0007	0.0694	0.0011	4	248	4	248	178	
8.1	80	30	0.33	28	0.000282	0.48	5.41	0.18	0.0784	0.0017	0.1840	0.0062	0.0392	0.0007	34	1077	34	1077	103	
9.1	163	53	0.33	19	0.000802	0.30	15.74	0.33	0.0571	0.0014	0.0633	0.0013	0.0438	0.0007	6	395	6	395		
10.1	734	337	0.54	93	0.000277	0.26	15.64	0.28	0.0568	0.0008	0.0638	0.0012	0.0438	0.0007	7	399	7	399		
11.1	298	226	0.75	53	0.000432	0.38	12.00	0.34	0.0605	0.0021	0.0630	0.0024	0.0438	0.0012	14	514	14	514		
12.1	230	130	0.55	39	0.000559	0.49	11.74	0.21	0.0617	0.0012	0.0848	0.0015	0.0392	0.0009	9	524	9	524		
13.1	177	241	1.35	17	0.005195	1.83	25.03	0.57	0.0659	0.0037	0.0392	0.0009	0.0694	0.0012	6	248	6	248		
14.1	183	238	1.30	16	0.004159	7.50	24.69	0.64	0.1112	0.0032	0.0375	0.0010	0.0438	0.0006	4	237	4	237		
15.1	645	338	0.52	56	0.000386	0.13	22.87	0.30	0.0529	0.0005	0.0438	0.0006	0.0694	0.0012	4	276	4	276		
16.1	130	73	0.55	12	0.000530	0.84	21.58	0.47	0.0586	0.0019	0.0400	0.0010	0.0694	0.0012	6	290	6	290		
17.1	79	25	0.32	13	0.000435	0.88	11.65	0.36	0.0632	0.0033	0.0852	0.0026	0.0438	0.0010	16	527	16	527		
18.1	652	820	1.24	112	0.000126	0.46	13.65	0.19	0.0597	0.0007	0.0729	0.0010	0.0694	0.0012	6	453	6	453		
19.1	372	165	0.44	62	0.000079	0.13	11.65	0.16	0.0591	0.0008	0.0858	0.0012	0.0636	0.0012	7	530	7	530		
20.1	206	55	0.27	24	0.000284	0.19	15.69	0.30	0.0582	0.0012	0.0636	0.0012	0.0438	0.0008	5	398	5	398		
21.1	196	103	0.52	17	0.002063	4.13	22.48	0.42	0.0847	0.0019	0.0427	0.0008	0.0694	0.0012	5	259	5	259		
22.1	75	23	0.30	12	0.001498	2.29	11.67	0.25	0.0784	0.0019	0.0637	0.0016	0.0438	0.0010	11	518	11	518		
23.1	102	95	0.94	14	0.000276	0.78	15.38	0.37	0.0610	0.0033	0.0646	0.0016	0.0694	0.0012	10	404	10	404		
24.1	63	44	0.70	11	0.000627	1.20	12.45	0.48	0.0657	0.0026	0.0794	0.0031	0.0438	0.0010	18	492	18	492		
25.1	593	547	0.92	49	0.000010	0.15	26.45	0.42	0.0520	0.0009	0.0378	0.0006	0.0694	0.0012	4	239	4	239		
26.1	368	133	0.36	67	0.000489	0.53	10.37	0.18	0.0640	0.0009	0.0392	0.0007	0.0694	0.0012	10	590	10	590		
27.1	714	234	0.33	63	0.001174	0.80	22.67	0.35	0.0583	0.0012	0.0438	0.0007	0.0694	0.0012	4	276	4	276		
28.1	552	151	0.27	211	0.000058	0.10	4.99	0.07	0.0783	0.0007	0.2002	0.0029	0.0438	0.0008	16	1176	16	1176	13	
29.1	128	51	0.40	17	0.000326	0.35	14.38	0.29	0.0583	0.0032	0.0594	0.0014	0.0694	0.0012	9	433	9	433	1134	
30.1	171	62	0.36	56	0.000421	0.72	5.85	0.10	0.0794	0.0015	0.1696	0.0030	0.0694	0.0012	16	1010	16	1010	25	
31.1	310	107	0.34	52	0.000769	0.51	11.29	0.25	0.0624	0.0012	0.0881	0.0020	0.0694	0.0012	12	544	12	544	1023	
32.1	115	159	1.38	9	-	-	1.66	29.27	0.88	0.0640	0.0035	0.0334	0.0010	2	2	2	2			
33.1	138	83	0.60	13	0.000882	0.70	20.85	0.48	0.0580	0.0018	0.0476	0.0011	0.0694	0.0012	7	300	7	300		
34.1	169	70	0.42	51	0.000211	0.36	6.47	0.13	0.0741	0.0012	0.1539	0.0030	0.0694	0.0012	17	923	17	923	959	
35.1	253	54	0.21	27	0.002389	1.18	16.81	0.34	0.0637	0.0024	0.0595	0.0012	0.0694	0.0012	7	373	7	373		
36.1	111	81	0.73	9	0.003769	4.34	23.52	0.61	0.0861	0.0031	0.0407	0.0011	0.0694	0.0012	7	257	7	257		
37.1	219	190	0.90	19	0.001762	0.39	25.90	0.45	0.0543	0.0016	0.0385	0.0007	0.0694	0.0012	4	243	4	243		
38.1	967	352	0.36	79	0.000052	-0.01	23.45	0.29	0.0501	0.0007	0.0427	0.0005	0.0694	0.0012	3	270	3	270		
39.1	400	202	0.50	126	0.000032	0.05	6.38	0.09	0.0730	0.0012	0.1567	0.0025	0.0694	0.0012	13	938	13	938	38	
40.1	1080	1134	1.05	220	0.000037	0.13	11.13	0.13	0.0586	0.0008	0.0897	0.0010	0.0694	0.0012	6	554	6	554		
41.1	188	109	0.58	19	0.000149	0.38	19.57	0.47	0.0558	0.0025	0.0509	0.0012	0.0694	0.0012	7	360	7	360		
42.1	215	68	0.32	31	0.000337	0.04	13.06	0.29	0.0571	0.0013	0.0765	0.0017	0.0694	0.0012	10	475	10	475		
43.1	552	563	0.95	62	0.000419	0.49	22.65	0.32	0.0558	0.0008	0.0439	0.0006	0.0694	0.0012	4	277	4	277		
44.1	782	401	0.51	45	0.000964	2.05	33.57	0.51	0.0565	0.0012	0.0292	0.0004	0.0694	0.0012	3	185	3	185		
45.1	254	87	0.34	32	0.001223	1.52	14.84	0.24	0.0872	0.0013	0.0864	0.0011	0.0694	0.0012	6	414	6	414		
46.1	486	82	0.17	47	0.000261	1.00	18.40	0.29	0.0816	0.0009	0.0538	0.0008	0.0694	0.0012	5	338	5	338		
47.1	403	195	0.48	26	0.001158	1.73	29.33	0.59	0.0648	0.0019	0.0335	0.0007	0.0694	0.0012	4	212	4	212		
48.1	558	25	0.05	78	0.000575	1.02	12.34	0.23	0.0652	0.0009	0.0802	0.0015	0.0694	0.0012	9	499	9	499		
49.1	71	16	0.22	7	0.012475	7.52	18.16	0.48	0.1132	0.0043	0.0509	0.0014	0.0694	0.0012	9	320	9	320		
50.1	507	24	0.05	72	-	-	0.26	12.29	0.18	0.0593	0.0007	0.0811	0.0012	0.0694	0.0012	7	503	7	503	

Notes 1 - uncertainties given at the 1 σ level; 2 - I₂₀₆% denotes the percentage of ²⁰⁶Pb that is common Pb; 3 - For areas >800 Ma, correction for common Pb made using the measured ²⁰⁶Pb/²³⁸U ratio; 4 - For areas <800 Ma, correction for common Pb made using the measured ²⁰⁶Pb/²³⁸U and ²⁰⁷Pb/²³⁸U following Teri and Wasserburg (1972) as outlined in Compston *et al.* (1992); 5 - For % Conc., 100% denotes a concordant analysis

TABLE 3. SUMMARY OF SHRIMP U-Pb ZIRCON RESULTS FOR SAMPLE CE9625.

				Total ratios				Radiogenic ratios				Age (Ma) ± error (1 σ)			
Grain. spot	U (ppm)	Th (ppm)	Pb (ppm)	²⁰⁶ Pb/ ²³⁸ U	²⁰⁷ Pb/ ²³⁵ U	²⁰⁶ Pb/ ²⁰⁷ Pb	²⁰⁶ Pb/ ²³⁸ U	²⁰⁷ Pb/ ²³⁵ U	²⁰⁶ Pb/ ²⁰⁷ Pb	²⁰⁶ Pb/ ²³⁸ U	²⁰⁷ Pb/ ²³⁵ U	²⁰⁶ Pb/ ²⁰⁷ Pb	Age (Ma)	± error	(1 σ)
1.1	680	331	0.49	55	0.000309	0.40	13.55	0.81	0.0595	0.0012	0.0735	0.0044	27	457	
2.1	155	52	0.34	9	0.001318	2.35	17.43	0.63	0.0726	0.0020	0.0560	0.0020	351	12	
3.1	317	212	0.67	18	1.53	20.31	0.31	0.43	0.0645	0.0038	0.0485	0.0010	305	6	
4.1	65	30	0.46	3	0.007027	17.20	17.25	0.91	0.1922	0.0328	0.0480	0.0035	302	21	
5.1	367	174	0.49	42	0.001054	1.26	9.45	0.19	0.0716	0.0011	0.1045	0.0021	641	12	
6.1	407	201	0.49	21	0.001052	1.85	21.44	0.36	0.0671	0.0029	0.0458	0.0008	289	5	
7.1	241	39	0.16	1	0.002525	4.20	21.35	0.64	0.0850	0.0024	0.0449	0.0014	283	8	
8.1	66	52	0.79	4	0.004030	12.25	17.77	1.07	0.523	0.0080	0.0439	0.0014	311	19	
9.1	80	48	0.60	5	0.000049	<0.01	5.84	0.16	0.0536	0.0032	0.172	0.0048	1019	28	1179
10.1	84	48	0.60	5	0.001652	3.96	19.04	0.65	0.0848	0.0032	0.1504	0.0018	317	11	
11.1	397	156	0.39	21	0.004391	0.80	20.61	0.48	0.0588	0.0019	0.0481	0.0011	303	7	
12.1	331	161	0.49	17	0.001428	2.12	21.35	0.53	0.0693	0.0021	0.0458	0.0011	289	7	
13.1	167	72	0.43	8	0.001607	4.26	20.84	0.85	0.0895	0.0038	0.0459	0.0015	290	9	
14.1	138	134	0.97	11	0.001987	2.26	15.05	0.66	0.0732	0.0023	0.0350	0.0024	406	15	
15.1	165	140	0.69	10	0.00197	0.61	30.24	0.66	0.0552	0.0028	0.0329	0.0007	208	5	
15.2	185	128	0.69	10	0.00326	0.99	28.45	0.60	0.0585	0.0013	0.0348	0.0006	221	4	
16.1	821	224	0.27	55	0.000001	0.23	17.19	0.20	0.0556	0.0011	0.0580	0.0007	364	4	
17.1	333	131	0.39	18	0.000292	1.58	21.68	0.39	0.0648	0.0013	0.0454	0.0007	286	5	
18.1	614	461	0.75	36	0.000172	<0.01	4.23	0.27	0.0580	0.0008	0.0441	0.0005	278	3	
19.1	115	111	0.96	39	-	-	2.00	0.03	0.0581	0.0013	2.860	0.068	1368	21	1377
20.1	328	29	0.09	201	0.000049	0.08	2.00	0.03	0.1924	0.0010	0.003	0.0005	2815	28	2835
21.1	123	94	0.76	5	0.002367	2.89	29.16	0.68	0.0734	0.0029	0.0333	0.0007	211	4	
21.2	153	189	1.24	9	0.000579	1.97	29.74	0.51	0.0651	0.0024	0.0330	0.0006	209	4	
22.1	446	133	0.30	32	0.000282	0.43	16.08	0.24	0.0579	0.0012	0.0619	0.0009	387	6	
23.1	762	208	0.27	55	0.000026	0.23	15.97	0.19	0.0563	0.0012	0.0625	0.0007	391	4	
24.1	211	176	0.83	17	0.000256	0.81	19.49	0.28	0.0593	0.0025	0.0509	0.0007	320	5	
25.1	172	127	0.74	25	0.000422	0.51	10.87	0.16	0.0529	0.0010	0.0915	0.0014	565	8	
26.1	64	28	0.44	19	0.000128	0.13	5.07	0.09	0.0504	0.0016	0.1967	0.0035	1157	19	1159
27.1	49	28	0.58	4	0.004250	2.37	17.19	0.39	0.0729	0.0041	0.0503	0.0013	356	8	
28.1	259	48	0.19	121	0.000014	<0.01	3.20	0.06	0.1941	0.0025	0.3125	0.0057	1753	28	2119
29.1	113	64	0.75	17	0.000349	0.67	10.77	0.22	0.0543	0.0016	0.0922	0.0019	589	11	
30.1	297	258	0.87	17	0.000390	0.54	27.38	0.38	0.0550	0.0013	0.0363	0.0005	230	3	
31.1	302	140	0.46	20	0.000387	0.62	22.21	0.34	0.0568	0.0011	0.0448	0.0007	282	4	
32.1	115	81	0.71	11	0.000010	0.01	16.11	0.38	0.0583	0.0023	0.0418	0.0015	386	4	
33.1	195	105	0.53	47	0.000010	0.01	6.39	0.10	0.0744	0.0008	0.1565	0.0025	937	14	971
34.1	636	95	0.15	72	0.000074	<0.01	11.97	0.17	0.0576	0.0006	0.1565	0.0025	517	7	
35.1	184	68	0.37	33	0.001129	4.67	10.59	0.17	0.0969	0.0019	0.0900	0.0015	555	9	
36.1	479	223	0.47	22	0.000165	0.38	21.97	0.34	0.0550	0.0008	0.0455	0.0007	287	4	
37.1	252	272	1.08	16	0.000254	0.77	27.52	0.45	0.0569	0.0012	0.0301	0.0006	226	4	
38.1	115	97	0.84	37	0.000238	0.41	5.08	0.09	0.0816	0.0010	0.1961	0.0034	1154	18	1154
39.1	43	8	0.15	2	0.004525	3.83	22.66	0.82	0.0823	0.0039	0.0225	0.0015	266	10	
40.1	51	15	0.30	4	0.001992	1.77	18.50	0.45	0.0672	0.0043	0.0531	0.0014	268	8	
41.1	85	54	0.63	6	0.002080	0.68	15.74	0.39	0.0602	0.0018	0.0631	0.0016	333	8	
42.1	301	98	0.32	20	0.003224	0.76	20.92	0.30	0.0584	0.0018	0.0631	0.0016	395	10	
43.1	238	72	0.30	16	0.003464	0.69	20.50	0.41	0.0579	0.0011	0.0475	0.0007	299	4	
44.1	750	286	0.38	49	0.000159	0.30	21.84	0.26	0.0544	0.0006	0.0456	0.0010	305	6	
45.1	390	201	0.51	28	0.000501	0.16	20.85	0.31	0.0535	0.0010	0.0479	0.0007	302	4	
46.1	245	127	0.52	21	0.000377	0.54	17.32	0.27	0.0581	0.0013	0.0574	0.0009	360	6	
47.1	393	526	1.34	37	0.000268	<0.01	19.10	0.28	0.0526	0.0011	0.0524	0.0008	329	5	
48.1	354	209	0.59	28	0.000190	0.25	16.99	0.31	0.0550	0.0010	0.0525	0.0009	330	5	

Notes. 1- uncertainties given at the 1 σ level; 2- f₂₀₆ % denotes the percentage of ²⁰⁶Pb that is common Pb; 3- for areas >800 Ma, correction for common Pb made using the measured ²⁰⁶Pb/²⁰⁷Pb ratio; 4- for areas <800 Ma, correction for common Pb made using the measured ²⁰⁶Pb/²³⁸U and ²⁰⁷Pb/²³⁵U following Tera and Wasserburg (1972) as outlined in Compston et al. (1992); 5- for % Conc., 100% denotes a concordant analysis.

TABLE 4. SUMMARY OF SHRIMP U-Pb ZIRCON RESULTS FOR SAMPLE F09640.

Grain spot	U (ppm)	Th (ppm)	Th/U	Pb* (ppm)	²⁰⁶ Pb/ ²³⁸ Pb	f ₂₀₆ %	Radiogenic ratios				Ages (Ma) ± error (1 σ)				Conc. %				
							²⁰⁶ Pb/ ²³⁸ Pb ±	²⁰⁷ Pb/ ²³⁵ Pb ±	²⁰⁷ Pb/ ²⁰⁶ Pb ±	²⁰⁷ Pb/ ²³⁸ Pb ±	²⁰⁶ Pb/ ²³⁸ Pb ±	²⁰⁷ Pb/ ²³⁸ Pb ±	²⁰⁶ Pb/ ²³⁸ Pb ±	²⁰⁷ Pb/ ²³⁸ Pb ±					
1.1	76	59	0.78	15	0.00103	0.23	0.1164	0.0025	1.844	0.032	0.0743	0.0067	710	15	1061	11	1049	19	102
2.1	489	40	0.10	128	0.00032	<0.01	0.1800	0.0024	1.844	0.032	0.0743	0.0067	1067	13	1061	11	1049	19	102
3.1	1324	30	0.02	265	0.00030	<0.01	0.1415	0.0017	1.844	0.032	0.0743	0.0067	853	10	1061	11	1049	19	102
4.1	435	379	0.87	43	0.00030	0.25	0.0570	0.0009	6.429	0.038	0.1252	0.0010	357	6	2036	14	2032	14	100
5.1	358	116	0.32	213	0.00032	0.05	0.3724	0.0046	6.429	0.038	0.1252	0.0010	2041	22	2036	14	2032	14	100
6.1	160	260	1.63	26	0.00243	0.06	0.0788	0.0014	5.882	0.194	0.1142	0.0030	489	8	1959	29	1867	48	110
7.1	210	102	0.49	129	0.00020	0.03	0.3737	0.0064	5.882	0.194	0.1142	0.0030	2047	30	1959	29	1867	48	110
8.1	297	263	0.88	82	0.00077	0.13	0.1630	0.0024	6.050	0.041	0.0724	0.0013	981	14	1989	21	1953	14	104
9.1	159	262	1.64	123	0.00072	0.11	0.3587	0.0078	6.050	0.041	0.0724	0.0013	2023	37	1989	21	1953	14	104
10.1	116	40	0.35	34	0.00072	<0.01	0.1899	0.0031	1.870	0.072	0.0752	0.0023	1121	17	1105	25	1075	63	104
11.1	1217	63	0.05	186	0.00064	0.60	0.1091	0.0012	1.870	0.072	0.0752	0.0023	667	7	1105	25	1075	63	104
12.1	749	90	0.12	126	0.00035	<0.01	0.1164	0.0014	1.870	0.072	0.0752	0.0023	710	8	1105	25	1075	63	104
13.1	436	814	1.41	66	0.00082	0.03	0.0777	0.0010	1.870	0.072	0.0752	0.0023	482	6	1105	25	1075	63	104
14.1	120	107	0.89	23	0.00446	0.10	0.1097	0.0019	1.870	0.072	0.0752	0.0023	671	11	1105	25	1075	63	104
15.1	280	168	0.60	34	0.000199	0.21	0.0742	0.0013	1.827	0.078	0.0721	0.0025	1087	21	1055	29	989	73	110
16.1	269	44	0.16	73	0.00037	<0.01	0.1838	0.0038	1.763	0.041	0.0725	0.0010	1058	17	1059	15	1000	27	106
17.1	241	105	0.44	68	0.00037	0.06	0.1783	0.0031	1.763	0.041	0.0725	0.0010	865	14	1059	15	1000	27	106
18.1	134	17	0.13	20	0.005754	11.75	0.0876	0.0023	6.825	0.190	0.1278	0.0022	541	13	2069	24	2068	31	102
19.1	97	33	0.34	13	0.00166	0.32	0.0876	0.0022	6.825	0.190	0.1278	0.0022	2111	32	2069	24	2068	31	102
20.1	85	38	0.45	54	0.000217	0.25	0.3874	0.0069	6.825	0.190	0.1278	0.0022	552	9	2069	24	2068	31	102
21.1	223	324	1.45	39	0.00217	0.31	0.0894	0.0016	6.825	0.190	0.1278	0.0022	552	9	2069	24	2068	31	102
22.1	46	35	0.77	11	0.02882	2.30	0.1467	0.0017	6.825	0.190	0.1278	0.0022	883	27	2069	24	2068	31	102
23.1	776	329	0.42	158	0.00010	0.30	0.1309	0.0017	1.761	0.023	0.0743	0.0004	793	10	1031	8	1050	11	97
24.1	1135	545	0.48	314	0.00032	0.05	0.1719	0.0019	1.761	0.023	0.0743	0.0004	1023	10	1031	8	1050	11	97
25.1	113	106	0.94	18	0.000578	0.22	0.0873	0.0023	2.170	0.044	0.0812	0.0010	540	14	1171	14	1227	23	93
26.1	230	65	0.28	69	0.00023	0.04	0.1937	0.0029	2.170	0.044	0.0812	0.0010	1442	16	1171	14	1227	23	93
27.1	430	45	1.05	44	0.00065	<0.01	0.0573	0.0008	2.170	0.044	0.0812	0.0010	359	5	1171	14	1227	23	93
28.1	224	68	0.29	45	0.00320	0.15	0.1328	0.0021	2.170	0.044	0.0812	0.0010	804	12	1171	14	1227	23	93
29.1	756	459	0.60	113	0.00010	0.01	0.0898	0.0015	2.170	0.044	0.0812	0.0010	555	9	1171	14	1227	23	93
30.1	125	55	0.44	25	0.00054	1.14	0.1244	0.0024	2.170	0.044	0.0812	0.0010	756	14	1171	14	1227	23	93
31.1	156	153	1.05	31	0.000201	0.27	0.1097	0.0025	2.170	0.044	0.0812	0.0010	514	7	1171	14	1227	23	93
32.1	482	391	0.81	63	0.00031	<0.01	0.0631	0.0011	2.170	0.044	0.0812	0.0010	469	6	1171	14	1227	23	93
33.1	445	44	0.10	53	0.00031	<0.01	0.0631	0.0011	2.170	0.044	0.0812	0.0010	514	7	1171	14	1227	23	93
34.1	311	170	0.56	87	0.00010	0.02	0.1801	0.0026	1.834	0.040	0.0738	0.0011	1068	14	1038	14	1037	30	103
35.1	281	158	0.56	24	0.00010	<0.01	0.0535	0.0008	1.834	0.040	0.0738	0.0011	336	5	1038	14	1037	30	103
36.1	282	20	0.07	38	0.00036	0.28	0.0959	0.0013	1.834	0.040	0.0738	0.0011	336	5	1038	14	1037	30	103
37.1	348	198	0.57	33	0.00188	0.46	0.0582	0.0009	1.834	0.040	0.0738	0.0011	590	8	1038	14	1037	30	103
38.1	110	44	0.40	53	0.00113	0.18	0.3024	0.0051	4.546	0.105	0.1090	0.0015	365	6	1739	19	1783	25	96
39.1	125	50	0.40	34	0.00052	0.43	0.1722	0.0036	4.546	0.105	0.1090	0.0015	1703	25	1739	19	1783	25	96
40.1	193	99	0.65	49	0.00027	<0.01	0.1903	0.0029	1.736	0.068	0.0731	0.0022	1024	20	1022	26	1018	63	101
41.1	157	35	0.23	25	0.000297	0.10	0.1066	0.0025	2.041	0.125	0.0779	0.0045	1123	15	1129	43	1141	119	99
42.1	91	75	0.82	108	0.00044	0.06	0.6242	0.0119	19.32	0.40	0.2245	0.0015	853	14	3058	20	3013	11	104
43.1	356	157	0.44	65	0.00029	<0.01	0.1153	0.0017	19.32	0.40	0.2245	0.0015	3127	47	3058	20	3013	11	104
44.1	203	119	0.57	31	0.00073	<0.01	0.0903	0.0015	19.32	0.40	0.2245	0.0015	704	10	3058	20	3013	11	104
45.1	119	98	0.45	73	0.00073	0.12	0.2116	0.0036	2.400	0.055	0.0823	0.0016	1237	19	1243	20	1252	38	99
46.1	648	306	0.47	59	0.00139	0.12	0.0578	0.0007	2.400	0.055	0.0823	0.0016	557	9	1243	20	1252	38	99
47.1	548	62	0.11	68	0.000003	<0.01	0.0868	0.0011	2.400	0.055	0.0823	0.0016	352	4	1243	20	1252	38	99
48.1	158	70	0.45	41	0.00039	0.07	0.1634	0.0027	1.631	0.043	0.0724	0.0014	976	15	982	17	997	38	98
49.1	120	67	0.56	100	0.000161	0.22	0.4779	0.0105	11.29	0.28	0.1713	0.0017	2518	45	2547	24	2570	17	98
50.1	352	156	0.44	60	0.00019	0.08	0.1077	0.0018	11.29	0.28	0.1713	0.0017	660	10	2547	24	2570	17	98
51.1	311	246	0.79	31	0.00034	0.59	0.1077	0.0018	11.29	0.28	0.1713	0.0017	660	10	2547	24	2570	17	98
52.1	647	229	0.35	56	0.00010	0.02	0.0953	0.0015	11.29	0.28	0.1713	0.0017	587	9	2547	24	2570	17	98
53.1	567	264	0.47	51	0.00082	0.22	0.0953	0.0015	11.29	0.28	0.1713	0.0017	587	9	2547	24	2570	17	98
54.1	347	141	0.41	28	0.00082	0.22	0.0953	0.0015	11.29	0.28	0.1713	0.0017	587	9	2547	24	2570	17	98
55.1	314	160	0.51	47	0.000112	0.21	0.1588	0.0031	1.611	0.047	0.0726	0.0014	950	17	975	18	1030	40	92

Notes: 1- uncertainties given at the 1 σ level; 2- f₂₀₆ % denotes the percentage of ²⁰⁶Pb that is common Pb; 3- for areas >800 Ma, correction for common Pb made using the measured ²⁰⁶Pb/²³⁸Pb ratio; 4- for areas <800 Ma, correction for common Pb made using the measured ²⁰⁷Pb/²³⁵Pb and ²⁰⁷Pb/²³⁸Pb following Terz and Wasserburg (1972) as outlined in Compston et al. (1992); 5- for % Conc. 100% denotes a concordant analysis.