



Tectonometamorphic discontinuities within the Greater Himalayan Sequence in Western Nepal (Central Himalaya): Insights on the exhumation of crystalline rocks

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ABSTRACT

The core of the Greater Himalayan Sequence in the Mugu-Karnali area (Western Nepal) is affected by a thick shear zone with development of nearly 4 km of mylonites (Mangri shear zone). It is a contractional shear zone showing a top-to-the-SW and WSW sense of shear. The shear zone developed during the decompression, in the sillimanite stability field, of rocks that previously underwent relatively high-pressure metamorphism deformed under the kyanite stability field. P–T conditions indicate that the footwall experienced higher pressure (1.0–0.9 GPa) than the hanging wall (0.7 GPa) and similar temperatures (675°–700 °C). U–Pb in-situ dating of monazites indicate a continuous activity of the shear zone between 25 and 18 Ma. Samples from the lower part of the Greater Himalayan Sequence underwent similar ductile shearing at ~17–13 Ma. These ages and the associated P–T–t paths revealed that peak metamorphic conditions were reached ~5–7 Ma later in the footwall of the shear zone with respect to the hanging-wall pointing to a diachronicity in the metamorphism triggered by the shear zone itself.

Mangri Shear Zone, with the other recently documented tectonic and metamorphic discontinuities within the Greater Himalayan Sequence, point to the occurrence of a regional tectonic feature, the High Himalayan Discontinuity, running for more than 500 km along the strike of the Central Himalayas. It was responsible of the exhumation of the upper part of the Greater Himalayan Sequence starting from 28 Ma, well before the activation of the Main Central Thrust and the South Tibetan Detachment.

Our data point out that exhumation of the Greater Himalayan Sequence was partitioned in space and time and different slices were exhumed in different times, starting from the older in the upper part to the younger in the lower one.

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1. Introduction

Plate tectonics well-accounts for the occurrence of high-pressure metamorphism in collisional settings. However, the mechanisms explaining the exhumation of deep seated metamorphic rocks are not well-explained by the paradigms of plate tectonics and are nowadays debated. One of the main problem to face is the occurrence of HP or UHP rocks exhumed in the same collisional cycle in which they formed in still contractional tectonics. This is the case in the Alps and in the Himalayas (Platt, 1993). Their occurrence ruled out

two of the main mechanisms generally adopted for the exhumation of deep-seated rocks such as erosion and extensional tectonics. In the nineties the discovery of thrusts and normal faults active on the same vertical section, in a still active collisional belt, leads to the formulation of a new model of extrusion both by observation in the Himalayas (Hodges et al., 1992) and analogue modelling (Chemenda et al., 1995). This one was the first model able to explain rapid syn-convergence exhumation of deep seated rocks in the Himalayas.

The Himalayan belt, derived from the collision at ~55 Ma between India and Asia, is the most classical example of continent–continent collisional belt and it is a natural laboratory where several exhumation mechanisms were first described, so that it is the best place to test some of the generally accepted exhumation models.

Several first-order tectonic discontinuities have been recognised in the Himalayas that from bottom to top are: Main Frontal Thrust, Main Boundary Thrust, Main Central Thrust (MCT) and South Tibetan

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Detachment (STD) (Gansser, 1964; Le Fort, 1975; Hodges, 2000 with references). The belt is characterised by the impressive continuity of these main structural discontinuities and tectonic units for nearly 2500 km. Among these the MCT and STD bound the Greater Himalayan Sequence (GHS), containing the most metamorphic rocks of the Himalayas.

The main tectonic models proposed for the exhumation of GHS are (Fig. 1):

- 1) channel flow (Beaumont et al., 2001), in which the GHS represents a partially molten lower/middle crust (hot-channel) that tunnels southwards during the Eocene–Oligocene, a process driven by the lateral pressure gradient created by the gravitational potential difference between the Tibetan plateau and its margins. In this model MCT and STDS are contemporaneous and remain parallel and sub-horizontal;
- 2) wedge extrusion in which the GHS extruded southwards as a northward-tapering wedge, by combining thrust along MCT at its base and extension along STDS at the top of the unit, as: a) a rigid wedge (Hodges et al., 1992), b) a ductilely deformed wedge undergoing simple shear (Grujic et al., 1996), or c) a wedge deformed by non-coaxial general flow (Vannay and Grasemann, 2001);
- 3) channel flow followed by extrusion (Godin et al., 2006) in which the hot-channel is finally exhumed to the surface by extrusion, with the geometry of model 1), and enhanced by focused erosion at the topographic front of the orogen;
- 4) wedge insertion (Webb et al., 2007) in which the GHS is regarded as a wedge but differently from model 1), it has a southward-tapering geometry and the STDS is regarded as a back-thrust;
- 5) critical taper wedge (Kohn, 2008) in which the Himalayas are considered as a Coulomb wedge (Davis et al., 1983; Platt, 1993) undergoing overall shortening when the wedge was thinned and undergoing extension when the wedge was overthickened. In this model the contemporaneous shearing along the STDS and MCT is not required.

According to the above proposed models of exhumation most of the attention of the researchers was paid to the bounding shear zones and faults of the GHS. As a consequence during the last decades less attention has been put on the internal structure of the GHS and, moreover, faults and/or shear zones recognised within its core has been mainly regarded as out-of-sequence thrusts (see Mukherjee et al., 2011 for a review): Central Himalayas: Kalopani shear zone

(Vannay and Hodges, 1996) and Modi Khola shear zone (Hodges et al., 1996) and in Bhutan Himalayas: Kakhtang thrust (Daniel et al., 2003; Davidson et al., 1997) and Laya Thrust (Grujic et al., 2012).

However, recent works identified several ductile shear zones in the core of the GHS active before the activation of the MCT (Fig. 2): Sikkim (Rubatto et al., 2012); Eastern Nepal: High Himalayan Thrust (Goscombe et al., 2006; Imayama et al., 2012); Western Nepal: Tojiem shear zone (Carosi et al., 2007, 2010) and metamorphic discontinuity between upper and lower GHS (Larson et al., 2010; Yakymchuck and Godin, 2012).

These findings shed new light on the internal structure of the GHS and even on exhumation mechanisms of the unit itself. The shearing along shear zone within the GHS affected the metamorphic evolution of the two portions of the GHS separated by the shear zone itself causing its early exhumation, some Ma before the onset of MCT activity and, consequently, before the classical activation of extrusion/channel flow mechanisms of exhumation (Carosi et al., 2010).

In this view the occurrence, geometry, kinematics, extension and timing of shear zones in the core of the GHS is crucial in the discussion of the exhumation mechanisms.

Recent field works, in the remote region of Mugu-Karnali (Western Nepal), allowed to recognise one of the thickest shear zone within the GHS: the Mangri shear zone localized in its core, showing a thickness of ~4 km.

The aim of this paper is to describe the geometry, the kinematic, the P and T evolution of the Mangri shear zone in the crystalline rocks of the Central Himalayas, as well as its timing by U–Pb in-situ analyses on monazite, and to discuss the new results in the light of the most popular models for the exhumation of deeply seated metamorphic rocks in the Himalayas.

2. Geological outline

The Himalayan orogen (Fig. 2) is divided into four tectonic units from south to north: Sub-Himalayas molasses, Lesser Himalayan Sequence, Greater Himalayan Sequence and Tibetan Sedimentary Sequence. These units run parallel to the belt for more than 2400 km and are bounded by the Main Frontal Thrust, Main Boundary Thrust, Main Central Thrust and South Tibetan Detachment (Hodges, 2000 and references therein).

The Lesser Himalayan Sequence (LHS) is made by impure quartzite, marble, phyllites, orthogneisses and metabasaltic rocks. These rocks are affected by a greenschist to lower amphibolite facies metamorphism (Hodges, 2000; Upreti, 1999). The LHS is subdivided in two

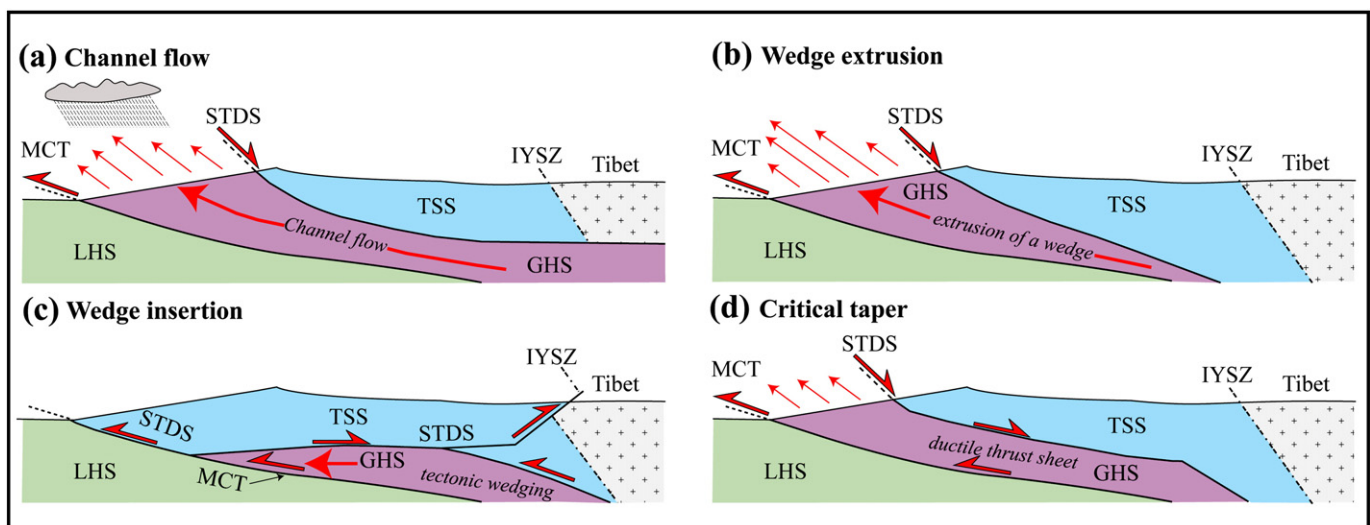


Fig. 1. Schematic drawings of main current tectonic models for exhumation of GHS rocks between the Main Central Thrust (MCT) and the South Tibetan Detachment System (STDS). a) Channel flow; b) wedge extrusion; c) wedge insertion; d) critical taper (IYSZ: Indus–Yarlung Suture Zone). (TSS: Tethyan sedimentary Sequence; GHS: Greater Himalayan Sequence; LHS: Lesser Himalayan sequence).

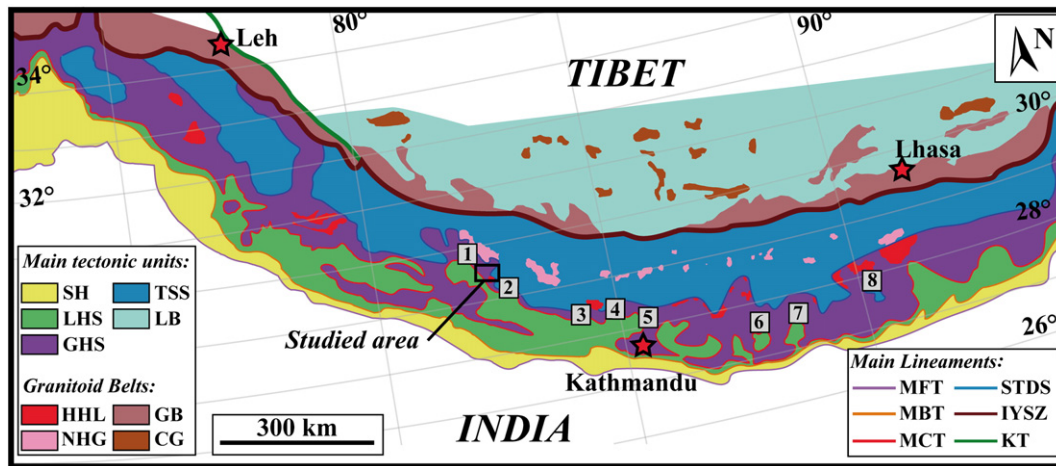


Fig. 2. Simplified geological map of the Himalayan orogen and location of the studied area in Western Nepal. SH = Siwalik Hills–Subhimalyan Molasse; LHS = Lesser Himalayan Sequence; GHS = Greater Himalayan Sequence, TSS = Tibetan Sedimentary Sequence; LB = Lasa Block; HHL = High Himalayan Leucogranites; NHG = North Himalayan Granitoid; GB = Gangdese Batholith; CG = Cretaceous Granite; MFT = Main Frontal Thrust; MBT = Main Boundary Thrust; MCT = Main Central Thrust; STDS = South Tibetan Detachment System; IYSZ = Indus–Yarlung Suture Zone; KT = Karakorum Fault. Numbered squares refer to the main tectonic and/or metamorphic discontinuities recognised along the belt (1: Yakymchuck and Godin, 2012; 2: Carosi et al., 2007, 2010; 3: Corrie and Kohn, 2011; Martin et al., 2010; 4: Larson et al., 2010; 5: Fraser et al., 2000; Harris and Massey, 1994; Kohn, 2008; Kohn et al., 2005; Macfarlane, 1993; Reddy et al., 1993; 6: Goscombe et al., 2006; Groppo et al., 2009; Imai et al., 2010, 2012; 7: Rubatto et al., 2012; 8: Swapp and Hollister, 1991, see text for discussion). Modified after Bertoldi et al. (2011).

groups separated by an unconformity. The lower group, called “Lower Lesser Himalaya”, is made by sedimentary–volcaniclastic rocks and orthogneisses ranging in age from Paleo-Proterozoic to Meso-Proterozoic. The upper one, “Upper Lesser Himalaya” is made by carbonatic and associated quartzites and graphitic rich rocks of middle Proterozoic age and unconformably overlain by Upper Palaeozoic to Cenozoic rocks of Gondwanan affinity (Upreti, 1999).

The top-to-the-south Main Central thrust, dipping to the north, divides the lower LHS by the upper Greater Himalayan Sequence (Heim and Gansser, 1939; Hodges, 2000; Upreti, 1999).

The GHS is a 20–30 km thick sequence of medium- to high-grade metamorphic rocks, comprising upper amphibolite-grade schists, gneisses, migmatites and calc-silicates, that encompasses the areas with highest topographic relief. Most of the metasediments in the GHS are late Proterozoic to late Cambrian with lower Palaeozoic intrusions. This unit reaches its minimum thickness of only 2–3 km in Western Nepal (Carosi et al., 2007). Oligo-Miocene leucogranites (Higher Himalayan Leucogranites: HHL) are associated with migmatitic gneisses (Visonà et al., 2012). These HHL are peraluminous granites of minimum melt composition that contain quartz + plagioclase + K-feldspar + muscovite with variable amounts of biotite, garnet, cordierite and aluminosilicates, tourmaline and accessory apatite, monazite, zircon and beryl (Visonà and Lombardo, 2002; Visonà et al., 2012). Most leucogranites yield U–Pb monazite ages around 24–19 Ma (Searle and Godin, 2003 and references therein), with some younger leucogranites between 14 and 7 Ma (Leech, 2008, and references therein; Kellett et al., 2010).

The GHS is separated from the overlying Tethyan Sedimentary Sequence (TSS) by a system of top-down-to-the-north shear zones and faults (STDS; Burchfiel et al., 1992; Burg et al., 1984; Caby et al., 1983; Carosi et al., 1998; Searle, 1999; Searle et al., 2003).

The TSS, which is north bounded by the Indus–Yarlung suture zone (Figs. 2, 3), is a folded sequence of marine sediments of Cambrian to Eocene age that were deposited on the northern Indian continental margin of the Tethyan Ocean (Antolín et al., 2011). The lower part of the TSS is made of low-grade metamorphic rocks derived from Cambro-Ordovician impure limestones, calc-schists and quartzites (Carosi et al., 2002, 2007; Crouzet et al., 2007; Dunkl et al., 2011; Frank and Fuchs, 1970; Myrow et al., 2009).

A HHL covering an area on nearly 110 km² with a thickness of ~6 km, named Bura Buri Leucogranite, has been recognised in between

Mugu–Karnali and Jumla village (Bertoldi et al., 2011). It is one of the few granites in the Himalayas cross-cutting both the HHC and the bottom of the TSS (Carosi et al., 2012). It is pretty undeformed and U–Pb ages from zircons and monazites extracted from the main granitic body and dikes intruded in the TSS point to an emplacement age at ~23–24 Ma (Carosi et al., in press).

2.1. Geology of the Mugu–Karnali transect

The study transect provides an ~30 km thick almost continuous section of the main tectonic units of the belt and it runs from the LHS through the MCT zone to the SW up to the contact with the TSS to the NE along the Mugu–Karnali and Puwa Khola valley (Fig. 4).

The lower part of the study transect, between Gamgadhi village and Rara lake (Fig. 4), is characterised by poorly deformed very-low-grade metamorphic quartzites, belonging to the Lesser Himalaya Sequence, showing primary sedimentary structures, such as planar and cross-bedding (Fig. 5a). Tight to isoclinal folds, affecting sedimentary bedding, trend N110 and plunge 40° to the SE. The main foliation is a fine continuous foliation defined by Ms, Qz and Cal (abbreviations after Whitney and Evans, 2010) and strikes N130/N140 and dips to the NE. Phyllites, often very rich in carbonaceous material and dolomites and dolomitic limestones are also present. Widespread lenses of metabasites are made by Amp + Chl + Pl + Ep + Qz + Opq and show a heterogeneous continuous foliation.

The Main Central Thrust Zone (MCTZ) is located near Gamgadhi village (Fig. 4), and it affects the low-grade metamorphic quartzite of the Lesser Himalaya and phyllites, micaschists and orthogneisses, similar to the Ulleri orthogneiss (Le Fort and Rai, 1999), of the GHS.

Several zones of inverted metamorphic grade has been recognised and each metamorphic zone showing a thickness of 0.5–1 km from kyanite zone (Fig. 5b) in the upper part to chlorite zone in the lower one.

The main foliation, in the MCTZ, is a continuous foliation striking N130 and dipping to the N from 20 to 40°. Mineral lineation is well developed on the mylonitic foliation and trends mostly N170 and plunge 30–50° to the N.

Kinematic indicators develop at all scales and show a top-to-the-SW sense of shear. In the lower part of the MCTZ small-scale duplexes (Fig. 6), affected by low-angle synthetic faults, have been observed in

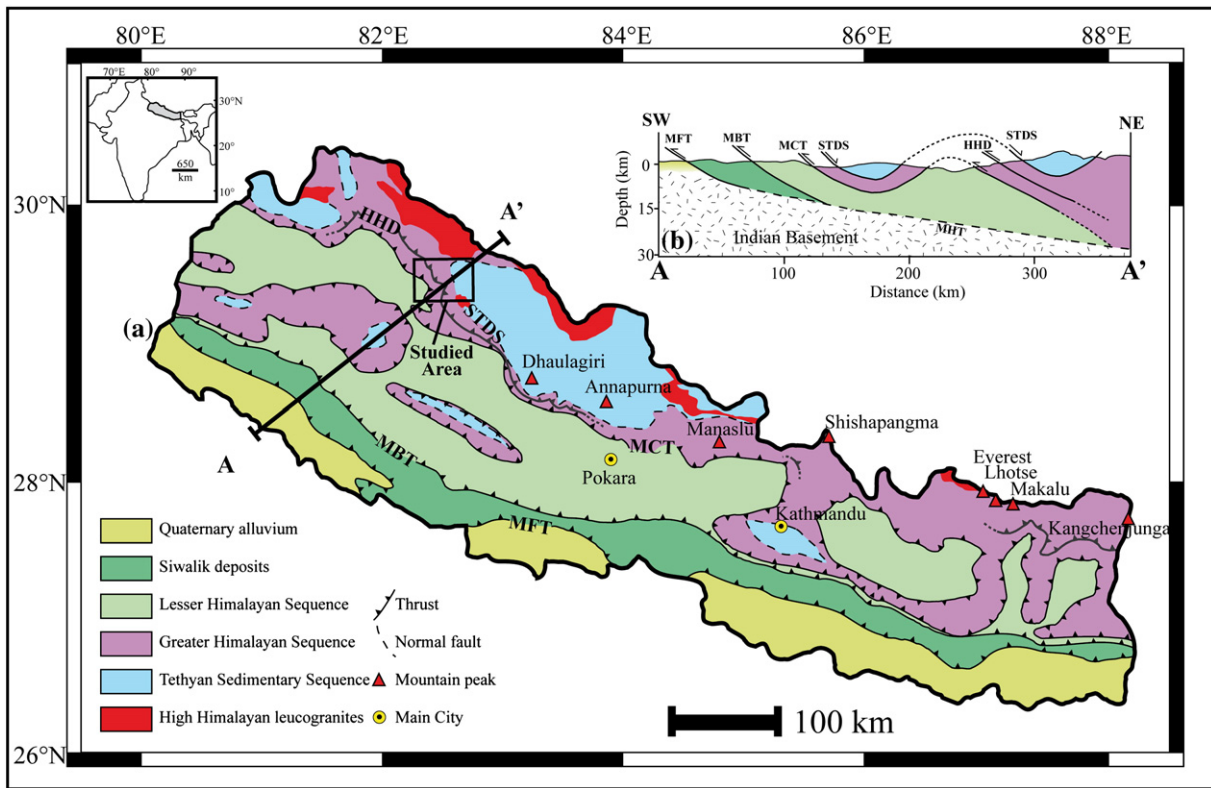


Fig. 3. Schematic geological map of Nepal Himalayas with location of the study area (a). A–A' trace of geological cross section in (b) (MFT: Main Frontal Thrust; MBT: Main Boundary Thrust; MCT: Main Central Thrust; HHD: High Himalayan Discontinuity; STDS: South Tibetan Detachment System) (Modified after Corrie and Kohn, 2011).

quartzites. Sigmoidal quartz in phyllites is common and confirms the top-to-the-SW sense of shear. In micaschists and phyllites kinematic indicators are mainly represented by C–S fabric and asymmetric rotated porphyroclasts.

Few kilometres above the upper limit of the inverted metamorphic sequence sillimanite bearing micaschist and migmatitic orthogneiss crop out. In the migmatites (Fig. 5c) sheath folds in quartzitic levels are well developed (Fig. 5d). After a few hundreds of metres we

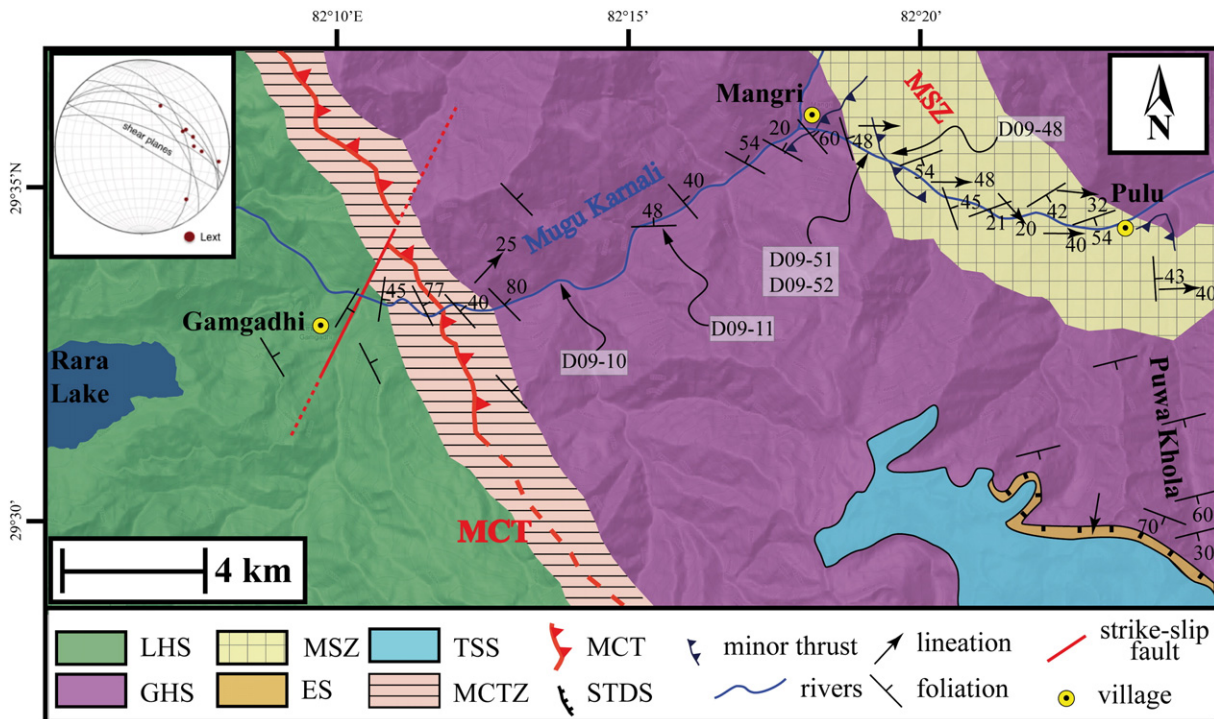


Fig. 4. Schematic geological map of the study area. Abbreviation as in Fig. 2 plus: MCTZ = Main Central Thrust Zone; MSZ = Mangri Shear Zone; ES = Everest Series. In the insert, upper left, stereographic projection (lower hemisphere) of shear planes and related mineralogical lineations (Lext) of the Mangri Shear zone are represented.

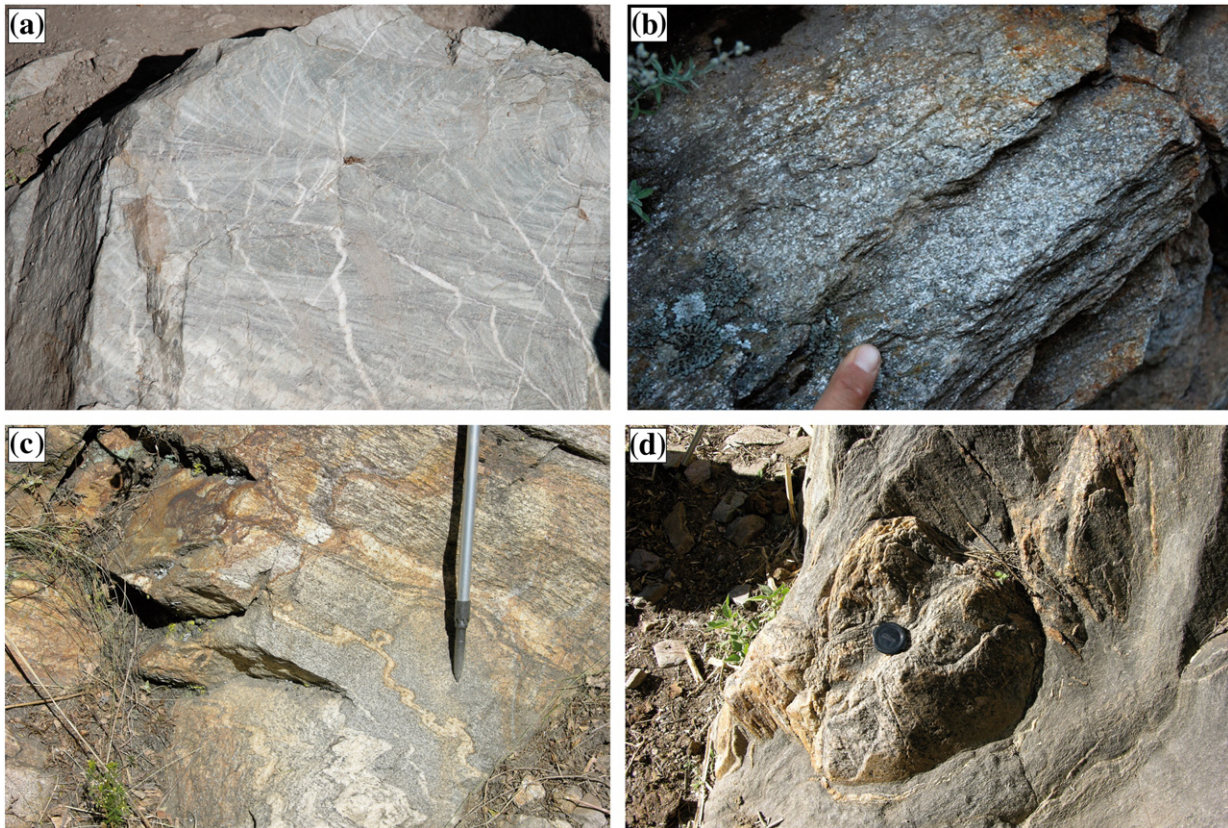


Fig. 5. Structures and rock types across the study transect: (a) primary structures in quartzites (cross-bedding); (b) Ky-bearing gneiss belonging to the GHS; (c) outcrop of stromatic migmatites in the upper part of the GHS; and (d) sheath fold in migmatitic gneisses belonging to GHS.

encounter the first mylonites of the Mangri Shear Zone (Fig. 4), just after Mangri village (see Section 3).

In the upper drainage of the Puwa Khola valley (Fig. 4) a thin portion of metamorphic rocks belonging to the Everest Schists has been found in between the upper portion of the GHS and the low-grade metamorphics at the bottom of the Tibetan Sedimentary Sequence. The mineral assemblage is characterised by staurolite, kyanite (?), biotite and garnet with an HT–LP overprint by cordierite (rimming staurolite and garnet) and andalusite, as described by Jessup et al. (2008) in the Mt. Everest area.

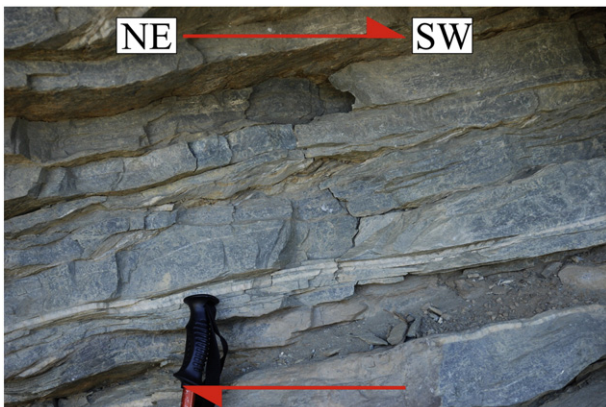


Fig. 6. Small-scale duplexes in the Main Central Thrust Zone in the phyllites of the Lesser Himalayan Sequence showing a top-to-the-SW sense of shear.

TSS is made by very-low to low-metamorphic grade rocks: metaconglomerates, biotite-bearing metasandstones and quartzites with well-preserved sedimentary structures (i.e. cross-bedding in calcareous sandstones). TSS rocks are affected by ENE–WSW trending folds with a low-grade penetrative axial planar foliation defined by Chl + Cal + Qz. The main foliation varies from a continuous to a spaced disjunctive cleavage marked by biotite, muscovite, rare actinolitic hornblende, quartz, calcite and epidote. This foliation is frequently overgrown by random and coarser post-tectonic biotite grains.

A network of leucogranite dykes and sills occurs in the Tethyan rocks up to nearly 5500 m of altitude. Some of them are deformed and boudinaged along the main foliation whereas others are undeformed and cross-cut the main fabric of the host rocks.

After the pass from Puwa Khola valley and the main peaks dividing Mugu-Karnali drainage from Jumla area we encounter the upper portion of the Bura Buri granite (Bertoldi et al., 2011; Carosi et al., in press) intruded in the lower part of the TSS and cross-cutting upright folds.

3. Mangri shear zone

The Mangri shear zone affects paragneiss (Fig. 7a), micaschist, migmatitic gneiss and orthogneiss (Fig. 7b) showing a thickness of nearly 4 km exhibiting fault rocks from protomylonites to mylonites with heterogeneous deformation.

Mylonitic foliation in the shear zone is concordant with the prominent foliation in the wall rocks and strikes ~N130–N150 and dips from 20° to 50° towards the NE (inset in Fig. 4). Mineral lineation trends from 90 to 140° and plunges 30–40° to the E and SE (inset in Fig. 4). Mylonitic foliation is affected by later open folds causing change of the strike and dip.

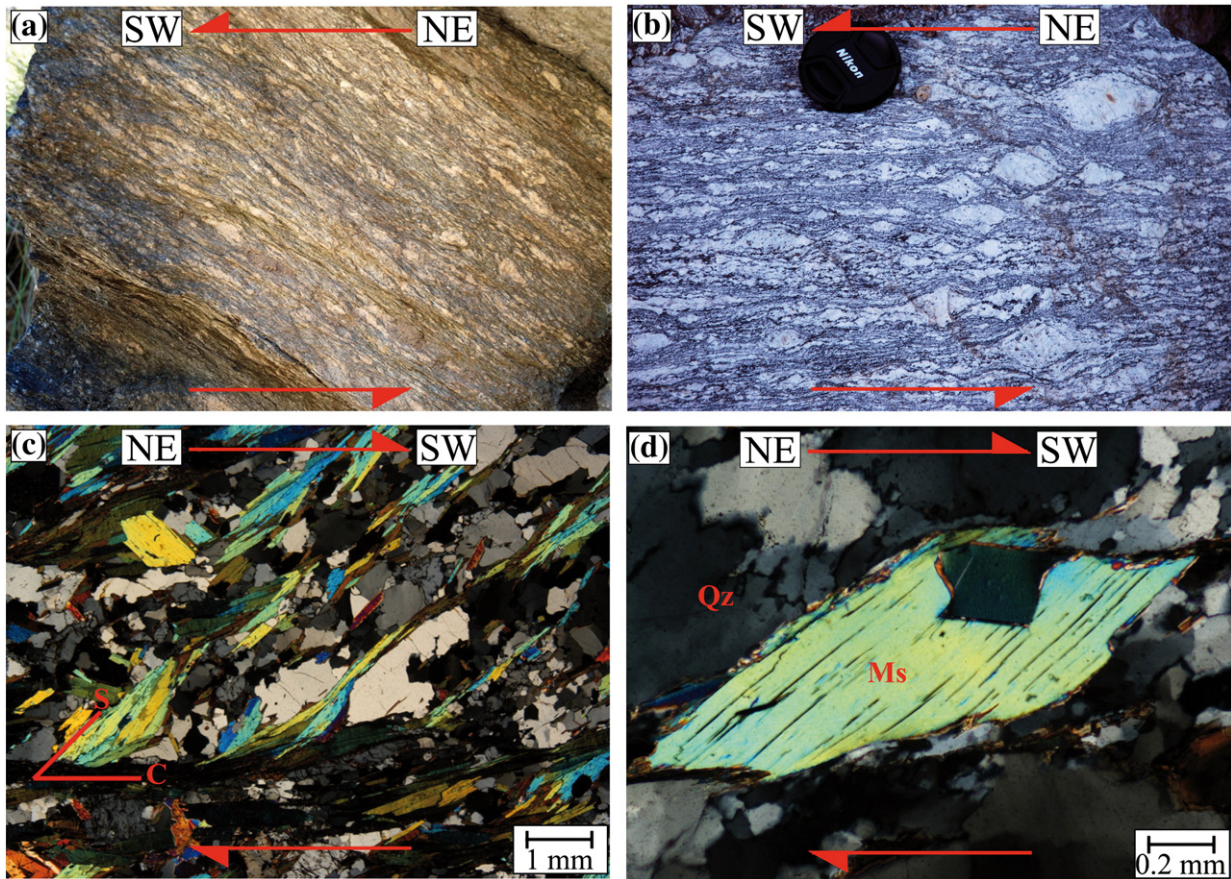


Fig. 7. Meso and microstructures of the Mangri shear zone. Top to-the-SW sense of shear in all photos. (a) mylonites in paragneiss; (b) mylonitic augen orthogneiss; (c) S-C fabric in thin section of the Mangri shear zone mylonites; and (d) mica fish.

Kinematic indicators, at the outcrop scale are represented by S-C-C' fabric, rotated σ -type porphyroclasts (mainly quartz and feldspar crystals), minor asymmetric folds and deflected foliation (Fig. 7a–b). Kinematic indicators at the microscale, observed on sections cut parallel to the mineral lineation and perpendicular to the main foliation, are represented by well-developed mica-fish (Groups 1 & 4 sensu Passchier and Trouw, 2005) and S-C-C' fabric (Fig. 7c and d).

The mylonitic foliation can be classified as an anastomosing disjunctive foliation. Along the foliation syn-kinematic recrystallisation of Ms, Bt, Sil, Qz, Opq and Tur has been observed. The foliation wraps around Grt, Pl and Tur porphyroclasts.

In the granoblastic domain (Q-Domain) quartz and plagioclase show lobate grain boundaries. Quartz shows undulose extinction, chessboard subgrains (Fig. 8) and presents pinning microstructures. Plagioclase shows flame twinning, is fractured locally and rarely myrmekites developed. Microstructures highlight a regime of dynamic recrystallisation compatible with T higher than 650 °C (Passchier and Trouw, 2005) in agreement with the recrystallisation of sillimanite along the mylonitic foliation.

4. Mineral chemistry, major element zoning and P-T estimates

4.1. Study samples

Five samples have been selected from different structural positions: samples D09-52, D09-51 and D09-48 came from the Mangri shear zone's hanging-wall, whereas samples D09-10 and D09-11 are from its footwall. Geothermobarometric and geochronological analyses have

been performed on samples from both hanging-wall and footwall of the shear zone (Table 1).

Sample D09-52 is a mylonitic paragneiss with mineral assemblage of Grt, Bt, Sil, Ms, Pl and Qz. The main foliation (Sp) is characterised by an S-C fabric with dynamic recrystallisation of Sil + Bt. Late retrograde Chl is locally found near garnet edges and along foliation planes. Sample

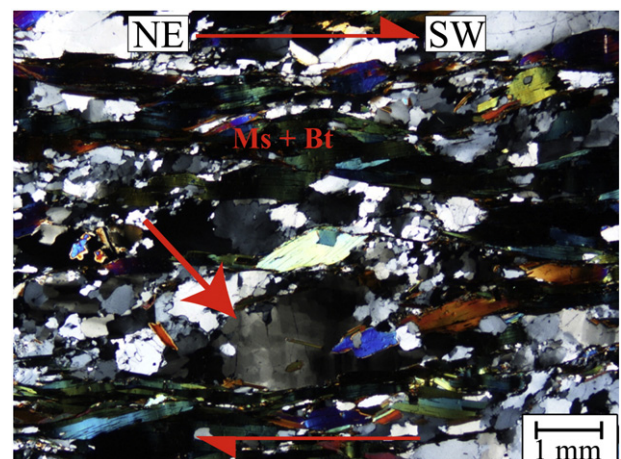


Fig. 8. Chessboard structure in quartz (red arrow) pointing out a high T regime of deformation.

Table 1
Summary of the studied samples and of the methods applied for each sample.

Sample	Structural position	Paragenesis	P–T estimates	Mnz geochronology
D09-10	Footwall	Grt–St–Bt–Ms–Pl–Qz ± Ky	X	X
D09-11	Footwall	Grt–Ky–Bt–Ms–Pl–Qz	X	
D09-48	Hanging-wall	Bt–Ms–Pl–Qtz		X
D09-51	Hanging-wall	Grt–Bt–Ms–Pl–Qz	X	X
D09-52	Hanging-wall	Grt–Sil–Bt–Ms–Pl–Qz	X	X

D09-51 is a mylonitic paragneiss with an S–C fabric and the same mineralogy of the D09-52 sample, but lacking of Sil, probably reflecting a minor aluminous content of the original pelite. Sample D09-48 is a mylonitic micaschist with mineral assemblage consisting of Bt, Ms, Pl and Qz. Garnet in samples D09-52 and D09-51 is pecilitic, with inclusions of Bt, Pl, Qz and Ms. Locally, the inclusions are aligned and define an internal foliation (Si) discordant with the external one (Sp). An internal foliation, defined by Gr, Bt and rare Qz + Pl inclusions discordant with the main foliation (Sp), occurs also within Ms porphyroclasts that locally show deformation of the cleavage planes. Sample D09-48 presents a foliation marked by Ms and Bt, alternating to granoblastic quartz-feldspatic layers. An older foliation is marked by flakes of Ms and Bt crystals at high-angle with respect to the main foliation. Common accessories in the matrix are Tur, Gr, Ilm, Ap, Zrn, Mnz and ± Xtm.

Sample D09-10, from the footwall of the MSZ, is a Grt, St, Bt, Ms, Qz and ± Ky micaschist. The main foliation is defined by Ms and Bt growth, with rare Ky often showing kinking. Sp foliation can be classified as spaced anastomosing disjunctive schistosity. Grt has an inclusion rich core (of Bt, Ms, Chl, Pl, Gr, Rt–Ilm, Qz), defining an Si and an inclusion free rim. St has also an Si made with the same mineral assemblage plus Tur, but sometimes this internal foliation is in continuity with the external one. In this view Grt rim and St growth are pre- to syn-kinematic with respect to the main foliation. It is also worth to note that Rt inclusions are rimmed by Ilm. Common accessories in the matrix are Tur, Gr, Zrn, Mnz, Ilm (rarely with a Rt core), Xtm and Ap. Chlorite and sericite have been rarely found near rims of both garnet and kyanite.

Sample D09-11 is a Grt + Ky micaschist. Grt is present as large (up to 2 cm in diameter) porphyroblast with a folded internal foliation (Si) defined by the orientation of Bt, Qz, Rt and Aln, discordant with respect to the main external foliation. The main foliation is defined by the alternation of lepidoblastic layers made by Ms, Bt and Ky with granoblastic layers of Pl and Qz and is classified as an anastomosing disjunctive schistosity. Within Grt rims, tiny crystals of St are found. Ky is present as matrix porphyroblast along the main foliation (Sp) and frequently contains Rt inclusions. Common accessories are Tur, Ap, Aln, Zrn and Ilm, the latter mainly occurs as rim on Rt. Locally Ttn rims on Ilm are observed, in association with retrograde Chl within pressure shadows near the Grt.

4.2. Mineral chemistry and major element zoning

Quantitative chemical analyses of minerals (i.e. Grt, St, Ms, Bt, Pl, Ilm, Mnz) were performed with JEOL 8200 Super Probe equipped with five WDS at the Earth Sciences Department of Milan University. Analysis were performed using an accelerating voltage of 15 kV and 5 nA beam current and a beam size of ~1 µm. Staurolite analyses were carried out in a separate analytical session, without Na, in order to avoid Zn–Na interference. Defocused beam of ~5 µm were used for micas. Raw data were corrected applying a ZAF correction.

Monazite were analysed following the method suggested by Pyle et al. (2002). Pure oxide, natural and synthetic minerals were used for calibration. Multi-point analyses and/or mineral transects were made in order to detect zoning in minerals. Representative analyses for major and accessory phases are reported in Tables 2a, 2b and 3.

4.2.1. Hanging-wall rocks

Samples from the shear zone hanging-wall (D09-52 and D09-51) contain garnet with less evident chemical zoning from core to rim with respect to the samples from the footwall probably due to diffusion processes at temperature peak. Garnet in sample D09-51 shows a decrease of XMn and Fe/(Fe + Mg) ratio (hereafter referred as Fe#) from core (0.08 and 0.90) to rim (0.05 and 0.88), a quite constant XFe between 0.78 and 0.79 and XCa (between 0.05 and 0.08) and an increase in XMg from 0.09 to 0.10. The outermost rims show a sharp increase of XMn (~0.12) and Fe# (~0.91), confirming the occurrence of retrograde net transfer reactions (Kohn and Spear, 2000). The same pattern is present in D09-52 garnet, where XMn decreases from 0.11 from core position to 0.03 near rim and Fe# from 0.90 to 0.85. XCa varies from quite constant (<0.05) to a decreasing trend (0.09 to 0.04) in larger grains. Also in this sample it is evident that the outermost rims are affected by retrograde net transfer reactions as outlined by increase of XMn (0.12) and XFe (0.91).

In both samples, plagioclase, occurring as garnet inclusions, has an anorthitic composition higher than that of matrix plagioclase (An_{27–25} to An_{20–18}). Biotite chemistry shows a regular variation of Ti and XMg according to textural position of minerals in both samples. Grains within garnet have a minor Ti and a larger XMg contents with respect to matrix grains. Ti varies from 0.10–0.12 a.p.f.u. to 0.15–0.18 a.p.f.u. while XMg decreases from 0.41 to 0.32 in sample D09-51; in sample D09-52 Ti increases from 0.09–0.10 a.p.f.u. to 0.15–0.18 and XMg decreases from 0.45–0.50 to 0.36–0.38.

Muscovite does not show a clear correlation between chemistry and textural position like biotites, since Ms inclusions have Si⁴⁺ a.p.f.u between 3.09 and 3.15 overlapping the quite constant Si⁴⁺ content of Ms along the foliation planes (3.10–3.12 a.p.f.u). The Ms porphyroclasts, occurring in both samples, show a chemical zoning characterised by a decrease of silica from core to rim (Si⁴⁺ from 3.25 to ~3.12 a.p.f.u., see Table 2a). It is interesting to note that the Si⁴⁺ contents of the rims are very close to those of micas along the foliation planes, while core compositions show a higher Si⁴⁺ content.

4.2.2. Footwall rocks

Garnet shows a decrease of Mn, Ca and Fe# and an increase of Mg and Fe from core to rim.

D09-10 shows a clear core to rim zoning with XMn and XCa decreasing from core (XMn ~ 0.12, XCa ~ 0.18) to rim (XMn ~ 0.01, XCa ~ 0.06) balanced by an increase of Mg (XMg ~ 0.04 vs XMg ~ 0.14) and Fe (XFe ~ 0.66 vs XFe ~ 0.80). Fe# ratio decrease from core (Fe# ~ 0.95) to rim (Fe# ~ 0.85). Garnets from sample D09-11 have a quite constant core to rim composition of XMn (~0.01) and XCa (~0.15), a slight decrease of XFe (0.67 to 0.64) and Fe# (0.79 to 0.76), while XMg increases (0.18 to 0.20) rimward. The outermost garnet rim is affected by retrograde reactions as suggested by upturns of XMn (~0.02) and of XFe (0.68) as highlighted by Kohn and Spear (2000).

Staurolite porphyroblast in sample D09-10 presents a low ZnO concentration (below 0.5 wt.%) and shows an increase of XFe from core to rim (0.80 to 0.83), coupled with a decrease of Mg and Zn from core (XMg 0.18, XZn ~ 0.02) to rim (XMg ~ 0.16, XZn ~ 0.01) probably related to a growth zoning. Staurolite in sample D09-11 is present only as tiny inclusions in garnet and it has slightly higher ZnO content (> 1 wt.%).

Plagioclase inclusions within garnet are present only in sample D09-10 and show a higher anorthitic content (An_{40–An30}) than the plagioclase in the matrix (An₁₀) which is quite homogeneous. This trend is typical of plagioclase coexisting with the growth of garnet as these two minerals have the higher calcium content (Spear et al., 1991). In sample D09-11 plagioclase inclusions within garnet are lacking. Matrix plagioclase is homogeneous in composition with a much higher anorthitic composition (An_{80–An70}) with respect to the plagioclase from the D09-10 sample. This high anorthitic content is probably due to a higher Ca bulk composition of the protolith as also

Table 2a

Electron Microprobe Analyses (EMPA) mineral chemistry of hanging-wall samples (D09-51 and D09-52).

Mineral	D09-51	D09-51	D09-51	D09-51	D09-51	D09-51	D09-51	D09-51	D09-51	D09-52	D09-52	D09-52	D09-52	D09-52	D09-52	D09-52	D09-52	D09-52	
	Grt core	Grt near rim	Bt in Grt	Bt matrix	Ms in Grt	Ms matrix	Ms P.clast	Pl in Grt	Pl matrix	Grt core	Grt near rim	Bt in Grt	Bt matrix	Ms in Grt	Ms matrix	Ms P.clast	Pl in Grt	Pl matrix	
wt.%																			
SiO ₂	37.90	37.96	36.56	34.82	47.60	47.52	49.19	62.28	62.24	37.15	38.14	36.44	35.82	48.36	47.9	50.08	63.89	64.80	
TiO ₂	0.03	0.03	1.73	3.07	0.43	0.65	1.20	–	–	0.03	0.03	1.24	3.2	0.56	0.73	0.96	–	–	
Al ₂ O ₃	20.60	20.52	19.52	19.01	35.17	34.00	32.17	24.83	22.48	21.36	20.71	19.98	18.92	35.52	35.88	33.05	22.91	23.15	
Cr ₂ O ₃	0.04	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.06	0.03	0.00	–	–	0.00	0.00	0.05	0.03	0.00	0.01	0.00	–	–	
FeO	35.44	36.05	21.40	23.91	1.52	1.48	1.80	0.17	0.08	35.2	36.43	18.74	22.41	1.19	1.13	1.62	0.18	0.03	
ZnO	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	
MnO	3.46	2.14	0.13	0.13	0.03	0.01	0.03	–	–	4.97	1.39	0.07	0.08	0.07	0.05	0.04	–	–	
MgO	2.19	2.64	8.41	6.27	0.72	0.55	1.02	–	–	1.88	3.51	9.62	6.98	0.61	0.49	1.04	–	–	
CaO	1.92	2.39	0.03	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.00	4.90	4.10	1.09	1.69	0.07	0.01	0.03	0.01	0.03	4.12	4.17	
Na ₂ O	–	–	0.22	0.11	0.53	0.62	0.48	8.44	8.89	–	–	0.19	0.36	0.83	0.93	0.73	9.05	8.98	
K ₂ O	–	–	9.17	9.42	9.41	9.75	9.31	0.17	0.22	–	–	8.61	8.65	9.29	9.03	8.75	0.08	0.09	
Tot.	101.58	101.73	97.86	96.77	95.49	94.63	95.19	100.79	98.01	101.68	101.90	95.01	96.46	96.47	96.16	96.30	100.23	101.23	
O basis	12	12	11	11	11	11	11	32	32	12	12	11	11	11	11	11	32	32	
Si	3.03	3.02	2.74	2.67	3.14	3.17	3.25	10.94	11.22	2.97	3.01	2.75	2.72	3.15	3.12	3.25	11.05	11.28	
Al ^{IV}	0.00	0.00	1.26	1.33	0.87	0.83	0.75	5.14	4.78	0.03	0.00	1.25	1.28	0.85	0.88	0.75	4.83	4.75	
Al ^{VI}	1.94	1.92	0.46	0.39	1.87	1.84	1.76	–	–	1.99	1.93	0.52	0.41	1.87	1.88	1.79	–	–	
Ti	0.00	0.00	0.10	0.18	0.02	0.03	0.06	–	–	0.00	0.00	0.07	0.18	0.03	0.04	0.05	–	–	
Cr	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	–	–	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	–	–	
Fe ³⁺	0.00	0.04	–	–	–	–	–	0.02	0.01	0.04	0.04	–	–	–	–	–	0.05	0.00	
Fe ²⁺	2.37	2.36	1.34	1.53	0.08	0.08	0.1	–	–	2.32	2.37	1.18	1.42	0.07	0.06	0.09	–	–	
Zn	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	
Mn	0.23	0.14	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	–	–	0.34	0.09	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	–	–	
Mg	0.26	0.31	0.94	0.72	0.07	0.06	0.10	–	–	0.22	0.41	1.08	0.79	0.06	0.05	0.10	–	–	
Ca	0.16	0.2	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.92	0.79	0.09	0.14	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.97	0.78	
Na	–	–	0.03	0.02	0.07	0.08	0.06	2.87	3.11	–	–	0.03	0.05	0.11	0.12	0.09	2.89	3.03	
K	–	–	0.88	0.92	0.79	0.83	0.79	0.04	0.05	–	–	0.83	0.84	0.77	0.75	0.73	0.01	0.02	
Tot.	8.00	8.00	7.76	7.76	6.91	6.92	6.86	19.93	19.96	8.00	8.00	7.72	7.70	6.90	6.90	6.84	19.90	19.86	

Table 2b
Electron Microprobe Analyses (EMPA) mineral chemistry of footwall samples (D09-10 and D09-11).

Mineral	D09-10	D09-10	D09-10	D09-10	D09-10	D09-10	D09-10	D09-10	D09-10	D09-10	D09-11	D09-11	D09-11	D09-11	D09-11	D09-11	D09-11	D09-11	
	Grt core	Grt near rim	Bt in Grt	Bt matrix	Ms in Grt	Ms matrix	Pl in Grt	Pl matrix	St core	St rim	Grt core	Grt near rim	Bt in Grt	Bt matrix	Ms in Grt	Ms matrix	Pl matrix	St in Grt	
wt.%																			
SiO ₂	37.68	37.74	35.78	36.24	47.13	47.77	61.19	63.28	28.00	28.20	38.04	38.49	36.86	35.49	44.63	47.87	50.63	27.60	
TiO ₂	0.05	0.06	1.02	0.83	0.48	0.45	-	-	0.69	0.54	0.08	0.01	2.10	2.50	0.70	0.35	-	0.61	
Al ₂ O ₃	20.22	20.78	17.68	19.29	36.89	36.09	23.77	22.32	52.11	52.66	22.34	22.59	19.43	20.12	34.98	32.14	32.93	54.54	
Cr ₂ O ₃	0.00	0.03	0.00	0.01	0.04	0.10	-	-	0.00	0.01	0.16	0.24	0.17	0.20	0.31	0.38	-	0.55	
FeO	29.98	36.78	23.69	21.92	0.95	0.77	0.42	0.04	13.81	14.09	30.82	29.66	18.01	16.94	1.39	1.56	0.12	12.86	
ZnO	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.38	0.23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.64	
MnO	5.41	0.24	0.03	0.01	0.01	0.03	-	-	0.09	0.02	0.33	0.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	-	0.12	
MgO	0.89	3.51	8.49	8.93	0.45	0.44	-	-	1.75	1.55	4.63	5.13	10.59	9.85	0.91	1.76	-	1.55	
CaO	6.49	2.03	0.14	0.03	0.03	0.10	6.25	2.27	0.00	0.01	5.17	5.47	0.04	0.10	0.04	0.02	14.31	0.01	
Na ₂ O	-	-	0.18	0.21	1.99	1.75	8.02	10.44	-	-	-	-	0.23	0.25	0.60	0.47	3.19	-	
K ₂ O	-	-	7.63	7.95	7.07	6.96	0.06	0.19	0.02	0.00	-	-	8.97	8.86	9.73	10.16	0.06	0.00	
Tot.	100.72	101.17	94.63	95.42	95.04	94.44	99.71	98.54	96.85	97.30	101.57	101.90	96.40	94.31	93.29	94.71	101.15	99.48	
O basis	12	12	11	11	11	11	32	32	46	46	12	12	11	11	11	11	32	46	
Si	3.03	3.00	2.77	2.74	3.08	3.13	10.91	11.33	7.87	7.88	2.95	2.96	2.73	2.68	3.03	3.20	9.10	7.58	
Al ^{IV}	0.00	0.00	1.23	1.26	0.92	0.87	5.00	4.71	0.13	0.12	0.05	0.04	0.27	0.32	0.97	0.80	6.98	0.42	
Al ^{VI}	1.92	1.95	0.39	0.39	1.93	1.92	-	-	17.13	17.23	2.00	2.01	1.48	1.47	1.83	1.73	-	17.22	
Ti	0.00	0.00	0.06	0.09	0.02	0.02	-	-	0.15	0.12	0.00	0.00	0.13	0.14	0.04	0.02	-	0.15	
Cr	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	-	-	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.02	-	0.13	
Fe ³⁺	0.02	0.05	-	-	-	-	0.06	0.01	-	-	0.03	0.01	-	-	-	-	0.02	-	
Fe ²⁺	2.00	2.40	1.53	1.35	0.05	0.04	-	-	3.24	3.29	1.97	1.91	1.08	1.07	0.08	0.09	-	2.95	
Zn	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.08	0.05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.33	
Mn	0.37	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-	-	0.02	0.00	0.02	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-	0.03	
Mg	0.11	0.42	0.98	1.11	0.04	0.04	-	-	0.73	0.64	0.54	0.59	1.15	1.11	0.09	0.18	-	0.63	
Ca	0.56	0.17	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.01	1.19	0.44	0.00	0.00	0.43	0.45	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.74	0.00	
Na	-	-	0.03	0.03	0.25	0.22	2.77	3.62	-	-	-	-	0.02	0.04	0.08	0.06	1.11	-	
K	-	-	0.75	0.77	0.59	0.58	0.01	0.04	0.00	0.00	-	-	0.87	0.86	0.84	0.87	0.01	0.00	
Tot.	8.00	8.00	7.75	7.75	6.89	6.85	19.94	20.15	29.35	29.33	8.00	8.00	7.73	7.72	6.98	6.97	19.96	29.42	

Table 3

Representative Electron Microprobe analyses (EMPA) of monazite grains (normalised to 4 O) in the selected samples for geochronology (c = cores, m = mantles, r = rims).

	D09-52						D09-51						D09-48						D09-10					
	c	c	c	r	r	r	c	c	c	r	r	r	c	c	c	r	r	r	c	c	m	m	r	r
wt.%																								
P ₂ O ₅	30.76	30.94	31.32	31.71	31.20	32.68	31.88	30.60	31.97	33.69	33.04	31.24	32.42	31.96	31.53	31.56	31.77	31.21	29.15	29.45	29.43	31.55	31.65	30.62
SiO ₂	0.40	0.52	0.18	0.06	0.22	0.07	0.34	0.80	0.19	0.56	0.26	0.50	0.33	0.27	0.33	0.37	0.36	0.41	0.33	0.19	0.32	0.22	0.11	0.04
ThO ₂	4.73	5.74	4.65	4.21	5.06	5.13	4.01	7.53	2.44	4.85	4.13	3.77	4.05	3.39	4.35	4.32	4.85	5.10	4.80	3.55	4.86	3.84	4.02	4.19
UO ₂	0.55	0.73	0.37	0.65	0.84	0.63	0.64	0.82	0.42	0.56	0.63	0.46	0.55	0.63	0.52	0.54	0.82	0.93	0.45	0.48	0.60	0.61	0.73	0.88
Al ₂ O ₃	0.04	0.04	0.02	0.03	0.01	0.02	0.09	0.01	0.03	0.06	0.19	0.05	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
La ₂ O ₃	13.63	13.24	13.50	12.38	12.06	11.85	13.05	12.88	13.38	11.85	12.30	13.27	13.43	13.64	13.15	13.33	12.59	12.83	14.31	14.42	13.91	14.48	11.94	13.10
Ce ₂ O ₃	28.87	28.41	28.91	26.80	26.11	25.97	29.30	27.11	31.75	27.09	27.86	29.86	27.99	27.52	27.38	27.42	26.62	26.95	28.42	28.30	29.67	30.08	27.76	27.82
Pr ₂ O ₃	5.59	5.47	5.67	5.17	5.05	5.03	5.43	5.19	5.58	4.86	5.06	5.41	5.60	5.39	5.31	5.48	5.17	5.29	3.49	3.74	3.79	3.58	3.33	3.56
Nd ₂ O ₃	11.88	11.73	12.02	11.41	11.55	11.48	11.60	11.49	11.89	10.80	10.91	11.29	11.14	11.42	10.99	11.07	10.93	11.38	12.82	13.47	13.24	12.99	12.45	11.94
Sm ₂ O ₃	2.63	2.63	2.65	2.69	2.86	2.84	2.72	2.69	2.72	2.54	2.60	2.48	2.40	2.55	2.41	2.42	2.44	2.61	2.64	2.69	2.41	2.41	2.56	2.28
Gd ₂ O ₃	1.41	1.43	1.49	2.14	2.52	2.61	1.69	1.40	1.55	1.97	1.96	1.59	1.69	1.94	1.76	1.80	1.85	2.00	1.93	2.16	1.34	1.36	2.28	2.25
Dy ₂ O ₃	0.09	0.06	0.10	0.86	0.72	0.91	0.30	0.11	0.18	0.88	0.83	0.45	0.74	0.79	0.79	0.76	0.85	0.62	0.17	0.10	0.01	0.02	0.84	0.53
Y ₂ O ₃	0.05	0.00	0.06	1.98	1.20	1.67	0.47	0.02	0.23	2.17	2.09	1.07	1.80	2.11	1.96	1.93	2.21	1.24	0.40	0.45	0.00	0.02	1.92	1.98
CaO	0.84	1.03	0.95	0.99	1.15	1.18	0.81	1.16	0.43	1.02	0.88	0.54	0.75	0.65	0.80	0.77	0.93	1.01	0.84	0.69	0.86	0.80	1.04	1.05
Tot.	101.47	101.96	101.88	101.09	100.55	102.08	102.34	101.81	102.77	102.91	102.75	101.98	102.90	102.28	101.29	101.77	101.40	101.58	99.74	99.70	100.44	101.96	100.63	100.25
P	1.00	1.00	1.01	1.02	1.01	1.03	1.03	1.03	1.01	1.00	1.01	1.02	1.02	1.01	1.01	1.01	1.01	1.01	0.98	0.99	0.98	1.01	1.02	1.01
Si	0.02	0.02	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00
Th	0.04	0.05	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.03	0.04	0.05	0.04	0.04	0.02	0.03	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.03	0.04	0.03	0.03	0.04
U	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
Al	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
La	0.19	0.19	0.19	0.17	0.17	0.16	0.17	0.16	0.18	0.19	0.19	0.19	0.18	0.19	0.18	0.19	0.18	0.18	0.21	0.21	0.20	0.20	0.17	0.19
Ce	0.41	0.40	0.40	0.37	0.37	0.35	0.37	0.36	0.38	0.42	0.41	0.44	0.38	0.38	0.38	0.38	0.37	0.38	0.41	0.41	0.43	0.42	0.39	0.40
Pr	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.06	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.08	0.08	0.07	0.07	0.08	0.07	0.07	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05
Nd	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.15	0.16	0.15	0.14	0.14	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.16	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.18	0.19	0.19	0.18	0.17	0.17
Sm	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.04	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03
Gd	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.02	0.02	0.03	0.03
Dy	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.01
Y	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.02	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.03	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.03
Ca	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.05	0.05	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.03	0.03	0.02	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.03	0.04	0.03	0.04	0.04
Tot.	1.99	1.99	1.99	1.99	1.99	1.98	1.98	1.97	1.98	1.99	1.98	1.98	1.98	1.98	1.98	1.98	1.99	1.98	1.99	2.01	2.00	1.99	2.00	2.00
Th/U	8.85	8.02	12.85	6.62	6.16	8.27	6.75	8.80	8.45	5.43	6.06	5.89	7.51	5.51	8.64	8.20	6.08	5.59	11.00	7.57	8.23	6.44	5.66	4.88

suggested by the occurrence of stable Aln well above the St-in isograd where Mnz should be the main LREE-bearing phase (Rubatto et al., 2001; Spear, 2010).

Biotite within garnet in sample D09-10 has lower XMg of ~0.40 and Ti of ~0.10 a.p.f.u. with respect to matrix biotite (XMg: 0.45–0.50; Ti: 0.15–0.18 a.p.f.u.). This difference is not so marked in sample D09-11, where XMg and Ti a.p.f.u. slightly increase from 0.51 and 0.13–0.14 a.p.f.u. to 0.51–0.53 and 0.14–0.16 a.p.f.u. for biotite within Grt and biotite along foliation planes, respectively. Muscovite of sample D09-10 has the higher paragonite content of the studied samples ($\text{Na}_2\text{O} > 1.5 \text{ wt.}\%$) in accordance with the values expected for the muscovites crystallised in the staurolite zones (Cipriani et al., 1971). Muscovite in Grt is characterised by a lower Si^{4+} content (3.08–3.10) with respect to muscovite along foliation (Si^{4+} of 3.13–3.16). This trend is also present in muscovite of D09-11, where Si^{4+} varies from 3.03 to 3.06 of included grains to 3.18–3.20 of matrix muscovite.

4.3. Geothermometry, geobarometry, P–T–t paths

In order to assess P–T conditions from the hanging-wall and foot-wall rocks of shear zone we applied an internally consistent set of geothermobarometers on the selected samples (Fig. 4, Table 1).

Wu and Cheng (2006) made an extensive comparison of Grt–Bt (GARb) and Grt–Als–Qtz–Pl (GASP) geothermobarometer calibrations present in literature (at least 32 for GARb calibrations) in order to test the validity of the different calibrations in reproducing experimental data and the reliability for their extrapolation to natural samples. Following their results, we applied the GARb calibration of Holdaway (2000) in combination, where Als was present (samples D09-52, D09-10, D09-11), with GASP barometer of Holdaway (2001) and with garnet–biotite–plagioclase–quartz (GBPQ) and garnet–muscovite–plagioclase–quartz equilibria (GMPQ), respectively of Wu et al. (2004) and Wu and Zhao (2006). These last two barometers are very useful especially where no Als are present in the sample (i.e. D09-51). All these barometers are internally consistent with GARb and GASP calibrations of Holdaway (2000, 2001) and reproduce similar pressure estimates of the GASP (Wu and Zhao, 2006; Wu et al., 2004) (see Appendix 1 for more details on the P–T estimation procedure).

4.3.1. Results and interpretation

P–T results are reported in Table 4 and plotted on a KFMASH petrogenetic grid (Fig. 9) drawn with GIBBS software of Spear and Menard (1989), using the thermodynamic data file SpAc(1-2001). The retrograde path on the petrogenetic grid, for MSZ samples is constrained by the presence of sillimanite and the absence of K-feldspar and staurolite in the assemblage, while in the footwall rocks the retrograde path is constrained by the stability of kyanite \pm staurolite and the absence of chloritoid during the retrograde path.

A strong consistency between geothermobarometers is evident (Table 4), except for the GASP pressure estimates of sample D09-52. Taking into account their coherence with petrogenetic grid a good degree of equilibration of the samples (e.g. Spear, 1993) can be highlighted strengthening the meaning and the differences in the P–T estimates.

Table 4

P–T results of the geothermobarometric investigation.

Sample	T (°C)	GARB	P (GPa)	GASP	P (GPa)	GBPQ	P (GPa)	GMPQ
D09-10	666		1.15		1.01		1.04	
D09-11	699		0.92		0.92		0.95	
D09-51	686		–		0.76		0.73	
D09-52	698		0.82		0.70		0.70	

Estimated errors according to authors: ± 25 °C (GARb), ± 0.08 GPa (GASP), ± 0.12 GPa (GBPQ), and ± 0.15 GPa (GMPQ).

One explanation for the slightly higher P value (i.e. 0.82 GPa) obtained with GASP in the sample D09-52 could be found if we consider that XGr of garnet composition used for P–T estimates is below 0.05 (in particular 0.047, the lowest of the studied samples), a critical value for GASP barometer, since large discrepancy could be present when the grossular component is highly diluted in garnet, as pointed out by Todd (1998). It is worth to note that P median values are the same for both the study samples from shear zone hanging-wall (0.74 GPa) and they are significantly lower than P values detected for footwall samples (1.0–0.9 GPa).

Application of internally consistent geothermobarometers clearly reveals a break of pressure array in correspondence of the MSZ. In particular MSZ juxtaposes lower pressure rocks (~0.74 GPa) above higher pressure (~1.0–0.9 GPa) rocks with a gap in pressure of ~0.2 GPa.

5. U–Pb geochronology

It is well established that monazite, (LREE, Th)PO₄, is able to record deformation events (e.g. Williams and Jercinovic, 2002) and metamorphic reactions (e.g. Spear, 2010; Spear and Pyle, 2002, 2010 and reference therein) due to the ability of this mineral to undergo dissolution–(re-) precipitation at different P–T conditions (e.g. Dumond et al., 2008). Monazite results are also a good geochronometer (e.g. Parrish, 1990) and the in situ geochronological techniques offer the possibility of linking absolute ages to particular chemical domains related to metamorphic reactions and/or deformation events (e.g. Foster and Parrish, 2003; Foster et al., 2000; Gibson et al., 2004). For these reasons, monazites from samples of different structural positions were investigated, in order to compare the P–T–D–t evolution of rocks from footwall and hanging-wall of the MSZ.

5.1. Monazite textural setting, chemistry and zoning

Monazite grains from all study samples (D09-52, D09-51, D09-48, D09-10) have been characterised for textural position, shape, size, inclusions and internal features by both optical and electron microscope (SEM).

In hanging-wall samples (D09-52, D09-51, D09-48) monazite is present as small crystals that rarely exceed 100 μm in length. Monazite grains lie only along the mylonitic foliation and locally they coexist, or are in contact, with xenotime. Monazite and xenotime are absent within garnet where only tiny allanite grains were found. Monazite crystals contain different inclusions as function of the textural position: monazite grains within Q-Domain (quartz rich domain, Shelley, 1993) contain quartz inclusions whereas Wm, Bt and Grt have been observed within monazite grains from the P-Domains (phyllosilicate-rich domain, Shelley, 1993). Rare Zrn inclusions occur. SEM-BSE images do not allow the recognition of a clear chemical variation, however a chemical variation of some elements, such as yttrium, cannot be excluded (e.g. Gibson et al., 2004).

Electron microprobe analysis (EMPA) observations, instead, revealed a more complex zoning pattern (Fig. 10a), with the clear identification of two distinct chemical domains within monazite grains from samples D09-52 and D09-51. These two domains are mainly characterised by a different Y₂O₃ contents: >1.0 and <0.5 wt.%. The two groups of Mnz, in the hanging-wall samples, are defined as: (i) Mnz 1_(hw) with low Y + HREE content (<0.04 a.p.f.u.) forming the interior of the crystals and (ii) Mnz 2_(hw) with high Y + HREE (>0.06 a.p.f.u.) forming discontinuous rims and mottled zone on the previous one. This trend is present only in two samples (i.e. D09-51, D09-52), while it is not so evident in the third sample (D09-48) (Fig. 10a). It is also important to note the anticorrelation between HREE and LREE, suggesting mainly a substitution between REEs for incorporation of HREE in monazite structure.

In the footwall sample (D09-10) monazite is present as very tiny inclusions (<10 μm) coexisting with xenotime as Grt inclusions and as large crystals (up to 400 μm) in the matrix. In one case, Mnz was also

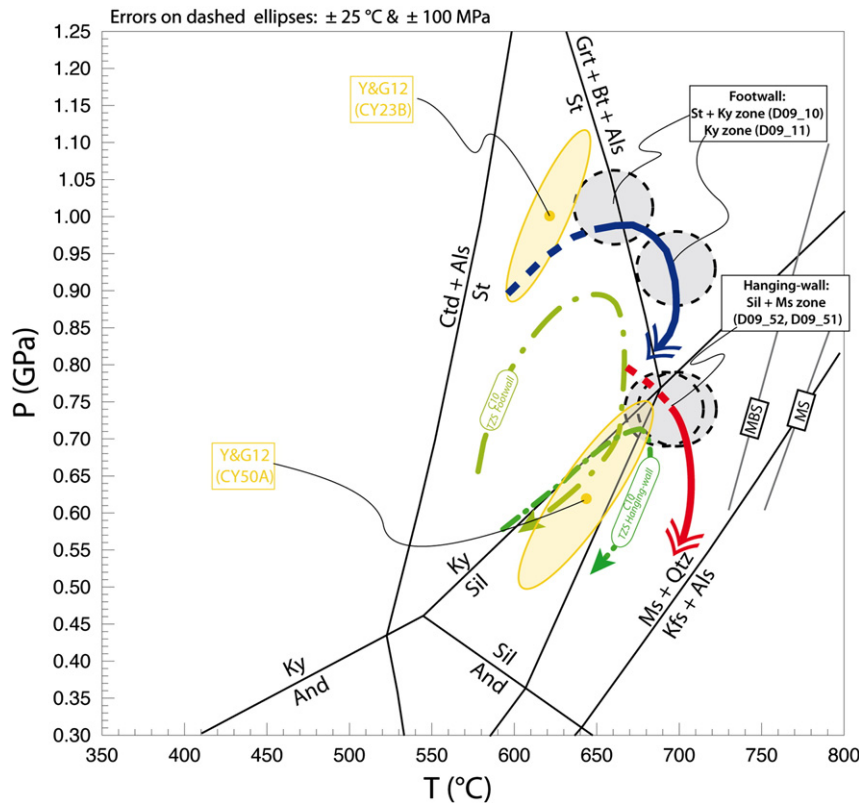


Fig. 9. Summary of P–T path estimates for Mangri Shear Zone footwall (red line) and hanging-wall samples (blue line) plotted on KFMASH grid (black solid lines). The present findings are compared with the Tojiam shear zone (TSZ) of Carosi et al. (2010), (C10, green lines) and with the metamorphic discontinuity (MD) of Yakymchuck and Godin (2012), (yellow ellipses, where CY23B is the structurally higher sample below MD and CY50A is the first sample above MD). P–T data points out that MSZ juxtaposes rocks with at least 0.2–0.3 GPa of pressure difference. Light grey curves (MBS and MS) are experimentally-derived dehydration melting curves for muscovite–biotite (MBS) and muscovite (MS) bearing schists from GHS (Patiño-Douce and Harris, 1998).

detected along internal foliation in St porphyroblasts. Other phosphate minerals present in the matrix are Ap and Xtm. The latter is always present with texturally late biotite as a garnet breakdown product. Chemically, monazite in Grt is characterised by an Y + HREE variable composition (Fig. 10a) from very rich composition (between 0.06 and 0.09 a.p.f.u.) to medium composition (0.04–0.05). Matrix monazite can be subdivided into three main groups (Fig. 10a): (i) $Mnz\ 1_{(fw)}$ occurring as cores with medium Y + HREE content not so far from the composition of same Mnz inside the garnet (0.035–0.04 a.p.f.u.), (ii) $Mnz\ 2_{(fw)}$ with low Y + HREE (below 0.025 a.p.f.u.) forming rims around the $Mnz\ 1_{(fw)}$ and (iii) $Mnz\ 3_{(fw)}$ forming a discontinuous tiny rim (≤ 10 – $15\ \mu\text{m}$) on the previous generation of $Mnz\ 2_{(fw)}$ with a composition enriched in Y and HREE.

All monazite analyses, according to Linthout (2007), plot quite near the monazite end-member apex in the triangular plot monazite–huttonite–cheralite (Fig. 10b). The entrance of Th and U in the crystal structure of monazite is well explainable with a combination of cheralite plus huttonite vector substitution (Fig. 10b).

Anomalous values of Y, Th, U and Th/U ratio (in combination with chronological/textural information) can help to detect late stage (younger) monazite related to late fluid infiltration (e.g. Corrie and Kohn, 2011; Kohn et al., 2005). Since we do not found these evidences, late stage fluids infiltration could be excluded.

5.2. In situ monazite U–(Th)–Pb LA-ICP-MS geochronology

Monazite grains were analysed in situ by laser-ablation, inductively coupled, plasma mass spectrometry (LA-ICP-MS) on 30- μm -thick sections at the CNR–Istituto di Geoscienze e Georisorse U.O. Pavia (Italy) using an Ar–F 193-nm excimer laser (GeolLas 102 from Micro-Las) coupled with a magnetic sector ICP-MS (Element 1 from Thermo-Finnigan). The full description of analytical procedure is reported in Paquette and Tiepolo (2007) and Tiepolo (2003). Single analyses were performed by one-minute acquisition of the background signal followed by the acquisition of the ablation signal of masses of ^{202}Hg , $^{204}(\text{Hg} + \text{Pb})$, ^{206}Pb , ^{207}Pb , ^{208}Pb , ^{232}Th , and ^{238}U , for at least 30 s. ^{202}Hg is acquired in order to correct the isobaric interference of ^{204}Hg on ^{204}Pb and to evaluate the presence of common lead in the sample. The ^{235}U is calculated from ^{238}U on the basis of constant natural ratio $^{238}\text{U}/^{235}\text{U} = 137.88$. Analytical conditions were $12\ \text{J cm}^{-2}$ of energy density, 3 Hz of repetition rate and $10\ \mu\text{m}$ diameter of spot size. Time resolved signal were carefully inspected to verify the presence of perturbations related to inclusions, fractures or mixing of different age domains. Laser-induced elemental fractionation and mass bias were corrected using matrix-matched external monazite standard (Moacir monazite: Cruz et al., 1996; Seydoux-Guillaume et al., 2002a,b) considering the values, re-calibrated for isotopic disequilibrium, reported by

Fig. 10. (a) Plot of monazite Y + HREE vs LREE showing different Mnz populations (microchemical domain) for footwall and hanging-wall samples. In two hanging-wall samples (D09-51, D09-52) monazites recrystallized along the mylonitic foliation (filled symbols), have been subdivided in two groups ($Mnz\ 1_{(fw)}$, $Mnz\ 2_{(fw)}$) showing different compositions from cores to rims. The third sample, D09-48, lacks of any apparent variations. In footwall sample Mnz is located in three structural domains: within Grt (unfilled symbols), within St (half-filled symbols) and along the foliation (filled symbols). Mnz along the foliation show different composition and we distinguished three main groups ($Mnz\ 1_{(fw)}$, $Mnz\ 2_{(fw)}$, $Mnz\ 3_{(fw)}$) corresponding to cores, mantles and rims. (b) Plot of monazite composition illustrating chemical exchange vectors. Th and U are accommodated by a combination of cheralite + huttonite substitutions as suggested by the strong linear correlation.

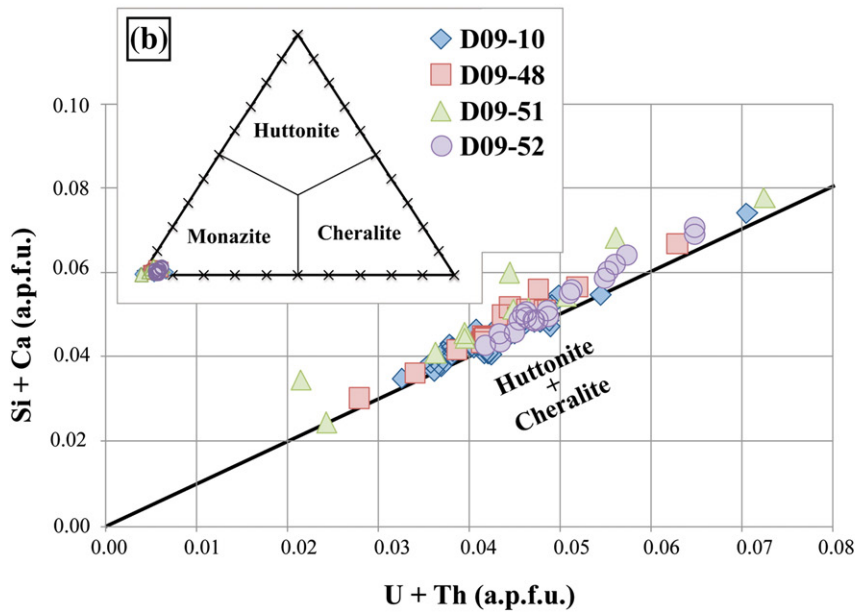
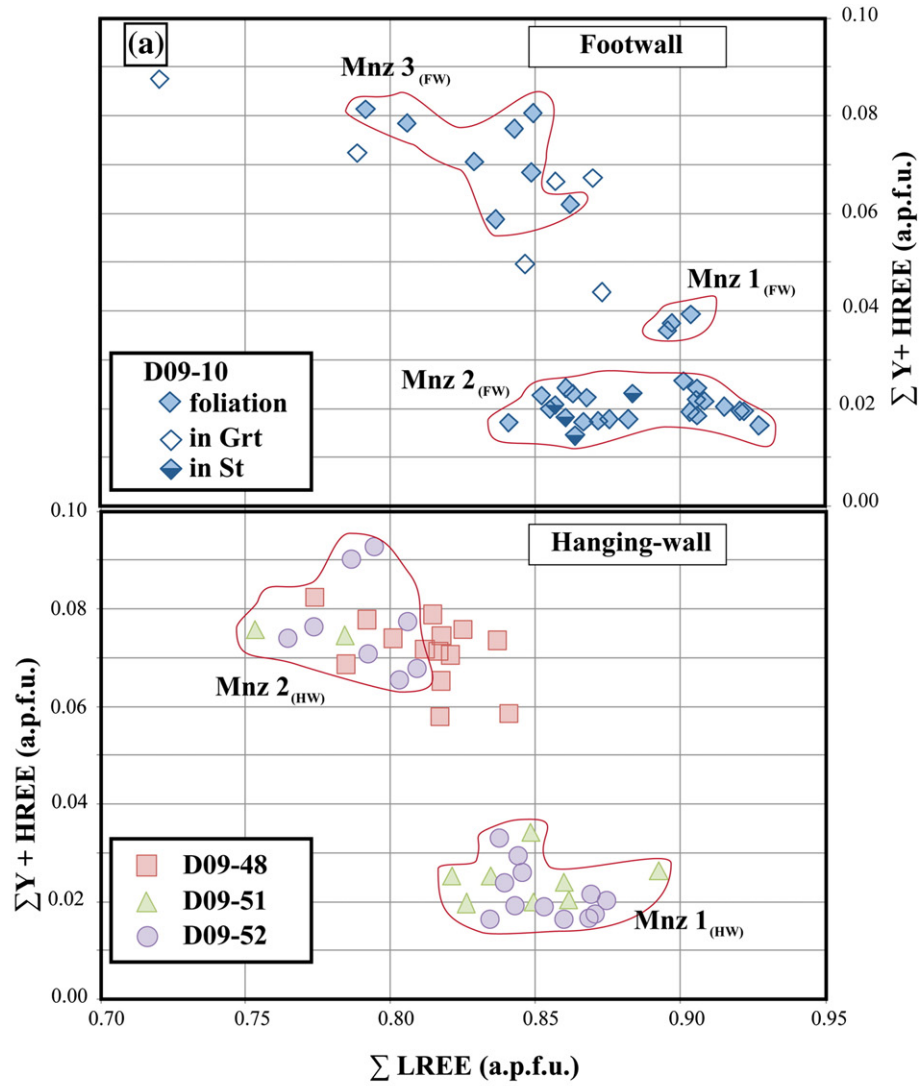


Table 5a
Mnz features, isotopic ratios and ages for hanging-wall sample D09-52 (l = length, w = width).

Mnz grain	Grain position	Area (μm^2)	l * w (μm)	Spot position	Isotopic ratio						Ages			
					$^{207}\text{Pb}/^{206}\text{Pb}$	1 σ %	$^{207}\text{Pb}/^{235}\text{U}$	1 σ %	$^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U}$	1 σ %	$^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U}$	2 σ abs	$^{207}\text{Pb}/^{235}\text{U}$	2 σ abs
137	P domain	16112	187 * 110	Rim	0.10499	0.51%	0.05213	0.27%	0.00360	0.01%	23	0.78	52	3.34
137	"	"	"	Core	0.13603	0.61%	0.06257	0.31%	0.00333	0.01%	21	0.72	62	3.40
137	"	"	"	Rim	0.12481	0.59%	0.05004	0.26%	0.00290	0.01%	19	0.66	50	3.10
200	P domain	"	"	Core	0.10699	0.53%	0.03899	0.21%	0.00264	0.01%	17	0.60	39	2.66
133	P domain	3982	93 * 54	Rim	0.14993	0.66%	0.07341	0.36%	0.00355	0.01%	23	0.76	72	3.68
133	"	"	"	Core	0.11885	0.56%	0.05399	0.28%	0.00329	0.01%	21	0.72	53	3.26
131	P domain	4523	98 * 59	Rim	0.11320	0.55%	0.04522	0.24%	0.00289	0.01%	19	0.64	45	2.94
131	"	"	"	Core	0.11036	0.52%	0.04930	0.25%	0.00324	0.01%	21	0.70	49	3.06
134	P domain	2723	76 * 46	Rim	0.09356	0.46%	0.03376	0.18%	0.00261	0.01%	17	0.56	34	2.32
134	"	"	"	Rim	0.12372	0.64%	0.04483	0.25%	0.00262	0.01%	17	0.62	45	3.28
66	P domain	5992	116 * 66	Rim	0.18975	0.78%	0.09105	0.42%	0.00348	0.01%	22	0.72	89	3.78
66	"	"	"	Rim	0.16123	0.72%	0.06930	0.34%	0.00311	0.01%	20	0.68	68	3.68
139	P domain	6329	101 * 80	Rim	0.15498	0.67%	0.06897	0.33%	0.00322	0.01%	21	0.68	68	3.36
139	"	"	"	Rim	0.14799	0.60%	0.07297	0.34%	0.00357	0.01%	23	0.70	72	3.04
140	P domain	6896	132 * 67	Core	0.12412	0.59%	0.05256	0.27%	0.00307	0.01%	20	0.68	52	3.26
140	"	"	"	Rim	0.14357	0.70%	0.06332	0.33%	0.00320	0.01%	21	0.74	62	4.10
201	P domain	4282	89 * 61	Core	0.10612	0.53%	0.04317	0.23%	0.00294	0.01%	19	0.66	43	3.00
201	"	"	"	Rim	0.12923	0.66%	0.04789	0.26%	0.00268	0.01%	17	0.62	48	3.38
143	P domain	3556	102 * 44	Near rim	0.11064	0.54%	0.04560	0.24%	0.00299	0.01%	19	0.66	45	3.02
143	"	"	"	Rim	0.13800	1.08%	0.05076	0.40%	0.00268	0.01%	17	0.96	50	6.54
208	P domain	6953	134 * 66	Core	0.11504	0.73%	0.04473	0.29%	0.00283	0.01%	18	0.78	44	4.50
208	"	"	"	Rim	0.11366	0.70%	0.04603	0.29%	0.00295	0.01%	19	0.78	46	4.44
208bis	P domain	3112	97 * 41	Core	0.09980	0.67%	0.03775	0.26%	0.00275	0.01%	18	0.78	38	4.12
159	P domain	4404	97 * 58	Core	0.16349	0.93%	0.07088	0.42%	0.00315	0.01%	20	0.88	70	5.76
25	Tur	3098	102 * 39	Near rim	0.14644	0.67%	0.06264	0.31%	0.00310	0.01%	20	0.68	62	3.56
25 bis	Tur	3382	87 * 49	Core	0.08998	0.47%	0.03874	0.22%	0.00311	0.01%	20	0.68	39	2.94
148	Q domain	4344	86 * 64	Core	0.18313	0.97%	0.08793	0.49%	0.00349	0.01%	22	0.94	86	6.22
156	P domain	9794	152 * 82	Rim	0.11012	0.66%	0.04007	0.25%	0.00263	0.01%	17	0.66	40	3.68
156	"	"	"	Core	0.16442	0.95%	0.07324	0.43%	0.00327	0.01%	21	0.94	72	5.98
156	"	"	"	Rim	0.09799	0.60%	0.03740	0.24%	0.00277	0.01%	18	0.72	37	3.60
209	"	"	"	Core	0.13397	0.70%	0.05501	0.30%	0.00297	0.01%	19	0.72	54	4.00
210	P domain	587	29 * 26	Core	0.13918	0.71%	0.05075	0.27%	0.00264	0.01%	17	0.64	50	3.48
153	"	2120	60 * 45	Core	0.08289	0.52%	0.03332	0.22%	0.00292	0.01%	19	0.74	33	3.34
153	"	"	"	Rim	0.11540	0.65%	0.04703	0.28%	0.00296	0.01%	19	0.72	47	3.90

Gasquet et al. (2010). External standard and unknowns were integrated over the same time intervals to ensure the efficient correction of fractionation effects. Data reduction was carried with the software package GLITTER® (van Achterbergh et al., 2001). In order to have a better estimate of uncertainty affecting the isotopic ratios, the individual uncertainties given by GLITTER®, were propagated relative to respective

reproducibility of the standard following the procedure as reported in Horstwood et al. (2003). After this error propagation each analysis is retained accurate within quoted errors. Analytical details and results of unknown and standards are reported in Tables 5a, 5b, 5c and 5d and Appendix 2, respectively. Data processing and graphic representation were made with Isoplot 3.0 software (Ludwig, 2000). Mixing of

Table 5b
Mnz features, isotopic ratios and ages for hanging-wall sample D09-51 (l = length, w = width).

Mnz grain	Grain position	Area (μm^2)	l * w (μm)	Spot position	Isotopic ratio						Ages			
					$^{207}\text{Pb}/^{206}\text{Pb}$	1 σ %	$^{207}\text{Pb}/^{235}\text{U}$	1 σ %	$^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U}$	1 σ %	$^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U}$	2 σ abs	$^{207}\text{Pb}/^{235}\text{U}$	2 σ abs
305bis	P domain	4108	105 * 50	Core	0.12275	0.45%	0.05583	0.19%	0.00330	0.01%	21	0.78	55	3.34
171	Q domain	2126	65 * 41	Core	0.12812	0.29%	0.06492	0.13%	0.00368	0.01%	24	0.70	64	1.96
174	Q domain	174	38 * 26	Core	0.10629	0.28%	0.04563	0.11%	0.00312	0.01%	20	0.60	45	1.78
190	P domain	1443	74 * 25	Core	0.06970	0.18%	0.02776	0.07%	0.00289	0.00%	19	0.54	28	1.10
128	P domain	3794	116 * 42	Core	0.18009	0.40%	0.08841	0.17%	0.00356	0.01%	23	0.66	86	2.40
126	P domain	2944	118 * 32	Core	0.17866	0.40%	0.09725	0.19%	0.00395	0.01%	25	0.74	94	2.66
126	"	"	"	Core	0.16105	0.36%	0.08567	0.17%	0.00386	0.01%	25	0.72	84	2.42
310	P domain	573	33 * 22	Core	0.14194	0.47%	0.06365	0.19%	0.00325	0.01%	21	0.74	63	3.32
123	P domain	1102	47 * 32	Core	0.13432	0.32%	0.06302	0.13%	0.00341	0.01%	22	0.64	62	2.00
113	Q domain	667	34 * 25	Core	0.13464	0.53%	0.05867	0.21%	0.00318	0.01%	21	0.80	58	3.82
312	Q domain	1102	47 * 30	Core	0.10425	0.25%	0.04372	0.09%	0.00304	0.00%	20	0.56	44	1.40
313a	Q domain	4560	109 * 53	Rim	0.10153	0.24%	0.04226	0.09%	0.00302	0.00%	19	0.56	42	1.40
313a	"	"	"	Rim	0.10756	0.25%	0.04600	0.09%	0.00310	0.00%	20	0.56	46	1.40
26	Q domain	22859	210 * 138	Rim	0.09763	0.23%	0.04318	0.09%	0.00321	0.01%	21	0.58	43	1.42
26	"	"	"	Core	0.09001	0.22%	0.03933	0.09%	0.00317	0.01%	20	0.58	39	1.40
26	"	"	"	Rim	0.10104	0.26%	0.04356	0.10%	0.00313	0.01%	20	0.58	43	1.62
26	"	"	"	Core	0.12300	0.30%	0.05702	0.13%	0.00336	0.01%	22	0.62	56	1.92
26	"	"	"	Rim	0.12793	0.44%	0.05647	0.18%	0.00321	0.01%	21	0.72	56	3.08
86	P domain	3804	86 * 56	Rim	0.15806	0.48%	0.07620	0.21%	0.00350	0.01%	23	0.72	75	3.40
86	"	"	"	Rim	0.15637	0.46%	0.08130	0.22%	0.00377	0.01%	24	0.78	79	3.56
86bis	P domain	1177	52 * 29	Rim	0.14214	0.37%	0.06817	0.16%	0.00348	0.01%	22	0.66	67	2.44
94bis	P domain	1959	62 * 40	Rim	0.16024	0.62%	0.07811	0.28%	0.00353	0.01%	23	0.86	76	4.82
74	P domain	1459	44 * 42	Near rim	0.12826	0.34%	0.06498	0.15%	0.00368	0.01%	24	0.70	64	2.46

Table 5c

Mnz features, isotopic ratios and ages for hanging-wall sample D09-48 (l = length, w = width).

Mnz grain	Grain position	Area (μm^2)	l * w (μm)	Spot position	Isotopic ratio					Ages				
					$^{207}\text{Pb}/^{206}\text{Pb}$	1 σ %	$^{207}\text{Pb}/^{235}\text{U}$	1 σ %	$^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U}$	1 σ %	$^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U}$	2 σ abs	$^{207}\text{Pb}/^{235}\text{U}$	2 σ abs
16	Q domain	1824	53 * 44	Core	0.09178	0.53%	0.03712	0.01%	0.00294	0.21%	19	0.78	37	1.81
35	Q domain	2452	90 * 35	Rim	0.12511	0.52%	0.04971	0.01%	0.00288	0.20%	19	0.70	49	1.52
36	"	"	"	Core	0.28959	1.12%	0.16243	0.01%	0.00409	0.59%	26	1.10	153	3.80
29	P domain	4877	100 * 62	Rim	0.05250	0.24%	0.01983	0.01%	0.00274	0.09%	18	0.60	20	0.74
29	"	"	"	Rim	0.07489	0.32%	0.03027	0.01%	0.00293	0.12%	19	0.66	30	0.99
50	P domain	4372	121 * 56	Rim	0.06224	0.31%	0.02297	0.01%	0.00268	0.11%	17	0.62	23	0.94
50	"	"	"	Rim	0.05287	0.26%	0.01922	0.01%	0.00264	0.09%	17	0.60	19	0.80
51	Q domain	4242	113 * 48	Rim	0.06553	0.31%	0.02516	0.01%	0.00279	0.12%	18	0.64	25	0.97
51	"	"	"	Rim	0.06489	0.35%	0.02457	0.01%	0.00275	0.13%	18	0.66	25	1.11
53	P domain	2128	89 * 30	Rim	0.11791	0.63%	0.04434	0.01%	0.00273	0.23%	18	0.78	44	1.94
301	P domain	2195	79 * 36	Rim	0.05179	0.29%	0.01977	0.01%	0.00277	0.11%	18	0.66	20	0.98
58	P domain	3528	90 * 50	Rim	0.31722	0.98%	0.17811	0.01%	0.00407	0.52%	26	0.84	166	2.53
81	P domain	3320	109 * 39	Rim	0.24628	0.75%	0.11993	0.01%	0.00353	0.35%	23	0.72	115	1.79
85	P domain	2120	83 * 54	Rim	0.05858	0.30%	0.02124	0.01%	0.00263	0.11%	17	0.62	21	0.92
85	"	"	"	Near rim	0.17703	0.62%	0.08027	0.01%	0.00329	0.27%	21	0.74	78	1.75
94	Q domain	1800	61 * 38	Near rim	0.24049	0.83%	0.13382	0.01%	0.00403	0.43%	26	0.92	128	2.60
94	"	"	"	Near rim	0.10279	0.39%	0.03713	0.00%	0.00262	0.14%	17	0.58	37	1.01

age/chemical domains due to small size of both monazites and their chemical domain could be common (e.g. Kellett et al., 2010; Streule et al., 2010), therefore, we carefully check with EMPA all the analysed area by laser ablation.

Due to the young age expected and to the presence of common lead, we regressed the $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{206}\text{Pb}$ and $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U}$ ratios on an inverse isochron plot (Tera and Wasserburg, 1972; Fig. 11a–d), following Kohn and Vervoort (2008). This plot, coupled with chemical and microstructural data can help to deconvolve and constrain end member mixing of ages (e.g. Cottle et al., 2009; Streule et al., 2010).

Monazite grains show length varying from 60 to 120 μm in samples D09-52 and D09-48, they vary from 30 to 120 μm in sample D09_51 and are bigger in sample D09-10 varying from 100 to 490 μm . Sizes of each dated monazite grains are reported in Tables 5a, 5b, 5c and 5d.

5.3. Results and interpretation

Geochronological results for all dated samples are presented in Fig. 11. Isotopic ratio are reported in Tables 5a, 5b, 5c and 5d.

5.3.1. Hanging-wall samples

A total of 34 analyses have been performed on 23 monazite grains from D09-52 (Fig. 11a). Five analyses from 5 crystals define a Discordia line with a lower intercept at 23.8 ± 1.9 (green ellipses),

whereas 9 analyses from 7 monazite grains define a Discordia line with a lower intercept at 17.6 ± 1.2 Ma (yellow ellipses). 20 analyses from 15 crystals fall between the two main alignments (unfilled ellipses).

A total of 23 analyses were made on 17 monazite grains from sample D09-51 (Fig. 11b). Also in this case U–Pb data define two Discordia lines with lower intercept ages at 21.2 ± 0.3 (5 analyses, 4 grains) and 18.0 ± 0.6 Ma (8 analyses, 7 grains), respectively (grey ellipses and yellow ellipses). Ten analyses from 7 crystals fall between the two main alignments (unfilled ellipses).

A total of 17 analyses on 14 monazite grains from sample D09-48 have been collected (Fig. 11c). Also in this sample the Tera–Wasserburg plot shows that U–Pb monazite data define two Discordia lines with lower intercept ages at 25.3 ± 3.9 (3 analyses, 3 grains, green ellipses) and 17.6 ± 0.4 Ma (9 analyses, 7 grains, yellow ellipses), respectively, with 4 analyses falling between the two intercepts.

In both the paragneisses (D09-52 and D09-51) U–Pb data show a correlation with the chemical composition of the analysed domains. Isotopic ratios defining the oldest alignments correspond to the Y_2O_3 -poor chemical domains, whereas the U–Pb data defining the youngest alignments have been obtained from the relatively Y_2O_3 -rich domains. Despite U–Pb data giving comparable intercept ages with respect to the previous samples, a clear correlation between Y_2O_3 content and isotopic composition has not been observed for sample D09-48. Here,

Table 5d

Mnz features, isotopic ratios and ages for footwall sample D09-10 (l = length, w = width).

Mnz grain	Grain position	Area (μm^2)	l * w (μm)	Spot position	Isotopic ratio					Ages				
					$^{207}\text{Pb}/^{206}\text{Pb}$	1 σ %	$^{207}\text{Pb}/^{235}\text{U}$	1 σ %	$^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U}$	1 σ %	$^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U}$	2 σ abs	$^{207}\text{Pb}/^{235}\text{U}$	2 σ abs
Mnz 203	P domain	60097	341 * 224	Core	0.14762	0.48%	0.06662	0.21%	0.00329	0.01%	21	0.66	65	4.19
Mnz 203	P domain	"	"	Near core	0.18510	0.50%	0.08383	0.22%	0.00329	0.01%	21	0.66	82	4.38
Mnz 5	P domain	12309	187 * 83	Core	0.16001	0.45%	0.06641	0.18%	0.00301	0.00%	19	0.54	65	3.62
Mnz 5	P domain	"	"	Rim	0.15077	0.59%	0.04914	0.19%	0.00237	0.00%	15	0.59	49	3.69
Mnz 202	P domain	24472	272 * 115	Core	0.19754	0.47%	0.09054	0.22%	0.00333	0.00%	21	0.57	88	4.23
Mnz 202	P domain	"	"	Near core	0.16661	0.39%	0.07735	0.18%	0.00337	0.00%	22	0.57	76	3.55
Mnz 202	P domain	"	"	Rim	0.13716	0.40%	0.04413	0.13%	0.00234	0.00%	15	0.49	44	2.49
Mnz9	in St	4908	84 * 73	Core	0.16010	0.40%	0.07058	0.18%	0.00320	0.00%	21	0.56	69	3.50
Mnz9	in St	"	"	Near core	0.17561	0.43%	0.08126	0.20%	0.00336	0.00%	22	0.57	79	3.88
Mnz9	in St	"	"	Rim	0.16352	0.37%	0.07337	0.17%	0.00326	0.00%	21	0.56	72	3.31
Mnz1_to	P domain	62733	488 * 164	Near core	0.14200	0.69%	0.05926	0.24%	0.00303	0.00%	20	0.62	58	4.77
Mnz1_to	P domain	"	"	Near core	0.12806	0.63%	0.05086	0.21%	0.00289	0.00%	19	0.60	50	4.17
Mnz 2_to	P domain	63888	397 * 204	Core	0.17222	0.90%	0.07715	0.34%	0.00325	0.01%	21	0.73	75	6.69
Mnz 2_to	P domain	"	"	Rim	0.13778	0.71%	0.03966	0.17%	0.00209	0.00%	13	0.42	39	3.47
Mnz 6_to	P domain	41263	471 * 112	Rim	0.12673	0.64%	0.04285	0.18%	0.00245	0.00%	16	0.55	43	3.60
Mnz 5_to	P domain	102071	385 * 337	Core	0.16813	0.84%	0.07788	0.32%	0.00337	0.01%	22	0.75	76	6.35
Mnz 5_to	P domain	"	"	Rim	0.10092	0.50%	0.02881	0.12%	0.00207	0.00%	13	0.42	29	2.40
Mnz 5_to	P domain	"	"	Near core	0.16104	0.77%	0.06778	0.27%	0.00306	0.00%	20	0.62	67	5.29

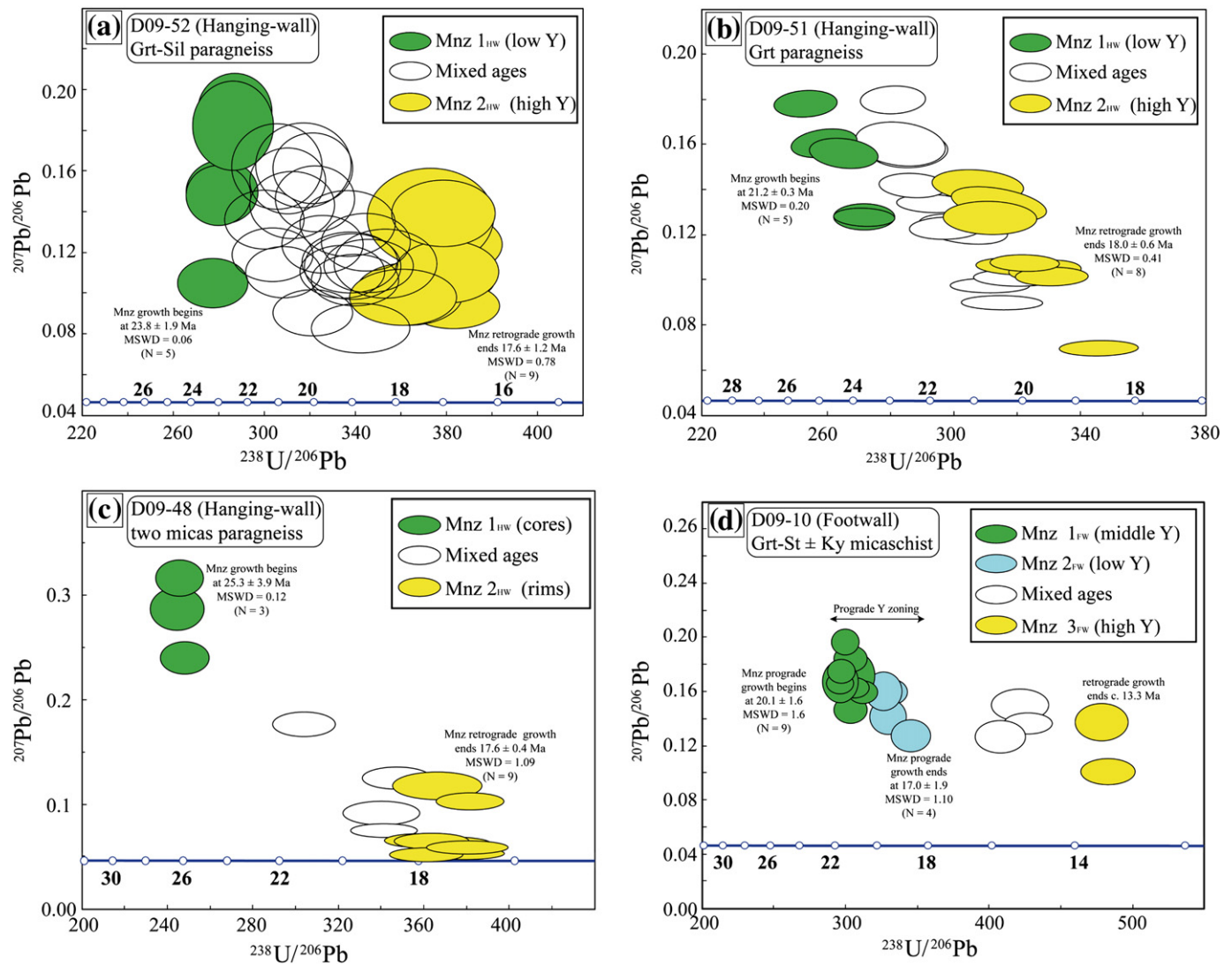


Fig. 11. Tera–Wasserburg inverse isochron plot for the Mugu–Karnali samples. (a) All dated monazite in the hanging-wall sample D09-52, with regression of the two populations; (b) monazite analyses for the second hanging-wall sample D09-51 with regression of the two populations; (c) dated monazite in the third hanging-wall sample D09-48 with regression of the two populations; and (d) geochronological results for the footwall sample D09-10 with the interpretation of Mnz growth steps.

isotopic ratios seem to be related to the analytical spot position: the oldest intercept age is mainly defined by U–Pb data from monazite cores.

Microstructurally equivalent monazite may contain different age populations which can be correlated with chemical and/or textural (e.g. core vs rim) domains (e.g. Cottle et al., 2009; Gibson et al., 2004; Langone et al., 2011; Martins et al., 2009). Monazite grains from two of the studied hanging-wall samples show a clear correlation between isotopic composition and Y_2O_3 content of the analysed domains suggesting two main episodes of monazite growth. The first generation of monazite (Mnz 1_(hw)) characterised by low Y_2O_3 (and HREE) content formed after the break-down of allanite under P–T conditions where garnet was still stable, at the metamorphic peak or at the beginning of the decompression/exhumation. The second episode of monazite growth (Mnz 2_(hw)) occurred coevally to garnet break-down during decompression and shearing along the MSZ. These two episodes of monazite growth have been recorded also by the Grt-free D09-48 sample. The lack of chemical (i.e. Y_2O_3 content, see Fig. 10a) vs age domains in this sample is probably due to the absence of garnet as major Y and HREE controlling phase. According to the structural and microstructural data (textural position; chemical analyses and isotopic composition of monazite), the shearing activity along the MSZ can be constrained between

~25 and ~18 Ma. The difference between the oldest lower intercept ages of the D09-52 and D09-51 samples could be related to different CaO and Al_2O_3 contents of bulk rock compositions. According to Janots et al. (2008) and Spear (2010), the temperature of the allanite to monazite transition is strongly dependent on the bulk rock CaO and Al_2O_3 contents. This chemical control exerted by the bulk rock composition on the monazite (re-)crystallisation may also explain the systematic difference of monazite sizes observed between the two samples. The D09-52 sample is characterised by larger monazite grains, yielding the older lower intercept age, with respect to the D09-51 sample.

5.3.2. Footwall sample

A total of 18 analyses have been performed on 9 monazite grains from D09-10 (Fig. 11d). Nine analyses from 5 crystals cores define a Discordia line with a lower intercept at 20.1 ± 1.6 Ma (green ellipses in Fig. 11d), whereas 4 analyses from 3 monazite grains define a Discordia line with a lower intercept at 17.0 ± 1.9 Ma (light blue ellipses in Fig. 11d). 3 analyses from 3 crystals fall between the two main alignments (unfilled ellipses in Fig. 11d). 2 youngest ages (yellow ellipses in Fig. 11d) at 13.3 Ma from 2 crystals rims also occur.

Monazite grains show a clear correlation between isotopic composition and Y_2O_3 content of the analysed chemical domains suggesting two

main episodes of monazite growth. The first one (Mnz 1_(fw)–Mnz 2_(fw)), between 20 and 17 Ma, is interpreted as a prograde (two steps) growth where the internal monazite domains coexist with Grt and Xtm (as Y buffer) whereas the mantle domains coexist only with Grt as Xtm was totally consumed (Rayleigh fractionation model, see for example Pyle and Spear, 1999; Foster and Parrish, 2003; Kohn et al., 2005). The second main episode of Mnz growth (Mnz 3_(fw)) at 13.3 Ma, is associated with Grt breakdown along the retrograde (decompression) path where Mnz (and possibly Xtm) was growing at expense of Grt (e.g. Foster and Parrish, 2003).

6. Discussion and interpretation

Detailed meso- and microstructural analyses led to the recognition of a thick (4 km) shear zone (Mangri Shear Zone) in the core of the GHS. The shear zone, moderately dipping to the NE, shows a top-to-the-SW sense of shear. Its geometry and kinematics are coherent with contractional tectonics.

The age of the MSZ has been constrained between ~25 and ~18 Ma by U–Pb on monazites along the mylonitic foliation.

P and T data by conventional geothermometers and geobarometers point to different P–T–t paths in the hanging-wall and footwall rocks of the MSZ. Whereas the temperatures registered in the hanging-wall and in the footwall are pretty similar the difference in pressure is at least ~0.2 GPa. This means that the activity of the MSZ for nearly 7 Ma affected the metamorphic evolution of the GHS at the point that the hanging-wall rocks underwent a lower pressure (~0.2 GPa) with respect to the footwall rocks. In this frame the MSZ was responsible for the exhumation of part of GHS rocks (i.e. the hanging-wall of the MSZ) in the 25–18 Ma time span.

Peak metamorphic conditions were reached at ~25 Ma in the upper part of GHS whereas in the lower part of GHS were reached only 5–7 Ma later, at 17 Ma (the ages of low Y domain Mnz2_(FW)). Geochronological results coupled with field, textural and geothermobarometers information points out an important result on the P–T–t history of GHS rocks. In the same time span while Mnz from hanging-wall had a retrograde path (high Y + HREE domains in monazite), the footwall monazites show a prograde growth history with low Y + HREE domains.

These observations point out a diachronisms in the metamorphisms (and shearing) between the samples from the upper and the lower GHS.

The results are well-comparable for the same structural level with the ones obtained for an analogous shear zone reported by Carosi et al. (2007, 2010) within the analytical errors, in Western Nepal.

6.1. Regional occurrence of tectono-metamorphic discontinuities in the GHS

Swapp and Hollister (1991) and Harris and Massey (1994) proposed the occurrence of a metamorphic discontinuity at the sillimanite/kyanite isograd between the upper part of the GHS with sillimanite from the lower part with kyanite in Eastern and in Central Himalayas (Langtang section), respectively.

In Central and Eastern Nepal the presence of metamorphic discontinuities have been inferred based only by differences in the P–T–t paths of hanging-wall and footwall rocks but without detecting kinematic indicators e.g., Langtang (Fraser et al., 2000; Kohn, 2008; Kohn et al., 2005; Macfarlane, 1993; Reddy et al., 1993), Annapurna massif (Corrie and Kohn, 2011; Martin et al., 2010) and Arun valley (Groppo et al., 2009). The kinematics has been inferred by difference in metamorphic grade leading to interpret the metamorphic discontinuities both as contractional or normal sense shear zones. However, without clear kinematic indicators several mechanisms (both compressive and extensional) could account for the difference in metamorphic grade of hanging-wall and footwall rocks (Carosi et al., 2010). Since the shape of P–T–t path and the absolute P–T values at peak

conditions are not distinctive for a particular exhumation mechanism in collisional orogens, they should be used in combination with geochronological and structural constrains.

In the last few years further studies progressively added structural, metamorphic and geochronological evidences of such a metamorphic discontinuity stretching from India, Western Nepal (Carosi et al., 2007, 2010; Yakymchuck and Godin, 2012) to Nepal–Sikkim (Goscombe et al., 2006; Imayama et al., 2010, 2012; Rubatto et al., 2012) for more than 500 km along strike of the belt (Carosi et al., 2012).

The kinematic, geochronological and P–T–t data from the Mangri Shear Zone are in good agreement with the ones obtained for the Tojiam shear zone, localized within the GHS nearly 40 km southeastward of the study area (Carosi et al., 2007, 2010).

Considering the tectonometamorphic discontinuity reported at a wider scale along the belt (Figs. 2, 3) in the nearby Karnali area to the NW (Yakymchuck and Godin, 2012), the Mangri and the Tojiam shear zones in the Jumla and Mugu–Karnali areas, the metamorphic discontinuity in Himalaya to the East of the study area (Larson et al., 2010, 2011) and the ones recognised in Eastern Nepal (Goscombe et al., 2006; Groppo et al., 2009; Imayama et al., 2010, 2012) and Sikkim (Rubatto et al., 2012) it is evident that the core of the GHS is characterised by a major tectonic and metamorphic discontinuity for several hundreds of km along strike of the belt allowing shearing and exhumation of GHS rocks in a time span from ~28–26 to 17 Ma. We refer it in general as the High Himalayan Discontinuity since it is not a simple thrust because it exhibits a ductile behaviour. But also the term “shear zone” could be reductive considering the large occurrence of metamorphic discontinuities without occurrence of well-expressed shear zones (“hidden discontinuities”). On the other hand not all the thrusts or shear zones can cause a difference of metamorphism between hanging-wall and footwall. The use of the term “discontinuity” is intended to be comprehensive for both tectonic features (both ductile and brittle shear zones and related kinematic indicators) and detectable metamorphic differences between hanging-wall and footwall triggered by it.

In addition, by connecting the tectonic–metamorphic discontinuities in Central and Eastern Himalaya (Fig. 2) it is evident the regional occurrence of High Himalayan Discontinuity, roughly at the same level in the GHS, separating the sillimanite-bearing gneiss and schist in the upper part of the GHS (GHS_U, Larson et al., 2010) from the kyanite bearing gneiss and schists in the lower part (GHS_L, Larson et al., 2010). The finding of a tectono-metamorphic discontinuity in the middle of the GHS allow the separation of the GHS in two distinct portions: the upper GHS (GHS_U) and the lower GHS (GHS_L).

This regional tectonic–metamorphic discontinuity triggered the earlier exhumation of the GHS_U, before the classical onset of MCT (Carosi et al., 2010; Imayama et al., 2012). Tectonic discontinuities within the GHS have been regarded in most cases as out of sequence thrusts with respect to MCT (Mukherjee et al., 2011). Our study demonstrates the wide occurrence of in-sequence ductile shear zones active before MCT and the limiting occurrence of out of sequence thrusts in Central Himalayas.

6.2. Consequences for exhumation mechanisms of the GHS

A decreasing pressure going upward in the GHS has been observed by several authors (Beaumont et al., 2001; Groppo et al., 2009; Imayama et al., 2012; Yakymchuck and Godin, 2012) and it is usually interpreted to confirm, or at least to be in agreement, with channel flow model PT predictions (Jamieson et al., 2004). However, this feature alone is not diagnostic for channel flow model because other tectonic mechanisms can well account for such a pressure pattern (Carosi et al., 2010; Imayama et al., 2012). Rubatto et al. (2012) emphasised that even if the shape of P–T–t paths is similar to those predicted by channel flow, their timing is different.

In addition to this, the tectono-metamorphic discontinuity caused a different behaviour of the GHS_U and GHS_L as well as their different exhumation timing. The GHS_U and GHS_L reached maximum P and T conditions in different times and were exhumed with a difference of nearly 5 Myr.

These data are not in agreement with channel flow and wedge extrusion models of exhumation for the GHS because both models require the contemporaneous activity of the STD and MCT for several Myr (Fig. 1). The two models predict that all the GHS underwent the same tectono-metamorphic behaviour as a coherent unit and it was exhumed at the same time, at least in sections perpendicular to the main tectonic boundaries.

A contemporaneous activity of the MCT and STDs is predicted also by the wedge insertion model (Webb et al., 2007), with the MCT and STD tapering towards the South developing a leading edge geometry, so that the GHS is exhumed as a unique coherent tectonic unit (Fig. 1). The MSZ divides the GHS in two different tectonic slices that cannot be easily included in this model unless we consider the MCT equivalent to MSZ, and that it is not the case both for the structural position and timing. Anyway the wedge geometry of the upper GHS, delimited by the MSZ at the bottom and the STD to the top, needs to be demonstrated.

The critical taper (Kohn, 2008) model (Fig. 1), considering the Himalayas as a Coulomb wedge (Davis et al., 1983; Platt, 1993) explains normal faulting along the STD as a consequence of vertical overthickening caused by underplating. It is worth to note that differently from channel flow or wedge extrusion in the critical taper model STD and MCT are not contemporaneous but they alternate in motion (see also Chambers et al., 2011). This model could explain the occurrence of thrusts above the MCT in the inner part of the belt, as a response to the thinning of the wedge, but only as out-of-sequence thrusts, i.e. active after the motion of the MCT. However, the MSZ is not an out-of-sequence thrust because our geochronological data demonstrate that it is nearly 5 Myr older than the MCT across the same section. For this reason our data cannot support the critical taper model.

Moreover, the progressive activation of shear zones from the upper and inner part of the GHS toward the lower and external part is in agreement with the progressive incorporation in the belt of crustal slices from the Indian continent. In this picture progressive new slices are incorporated in the belt by underthrusting. In this stage they reach their maximum P and T conditions. When a new shear zone or thrust is activated in front of the last incorporated slice it became exhumed as the hanging-wall moves up to the foreland.

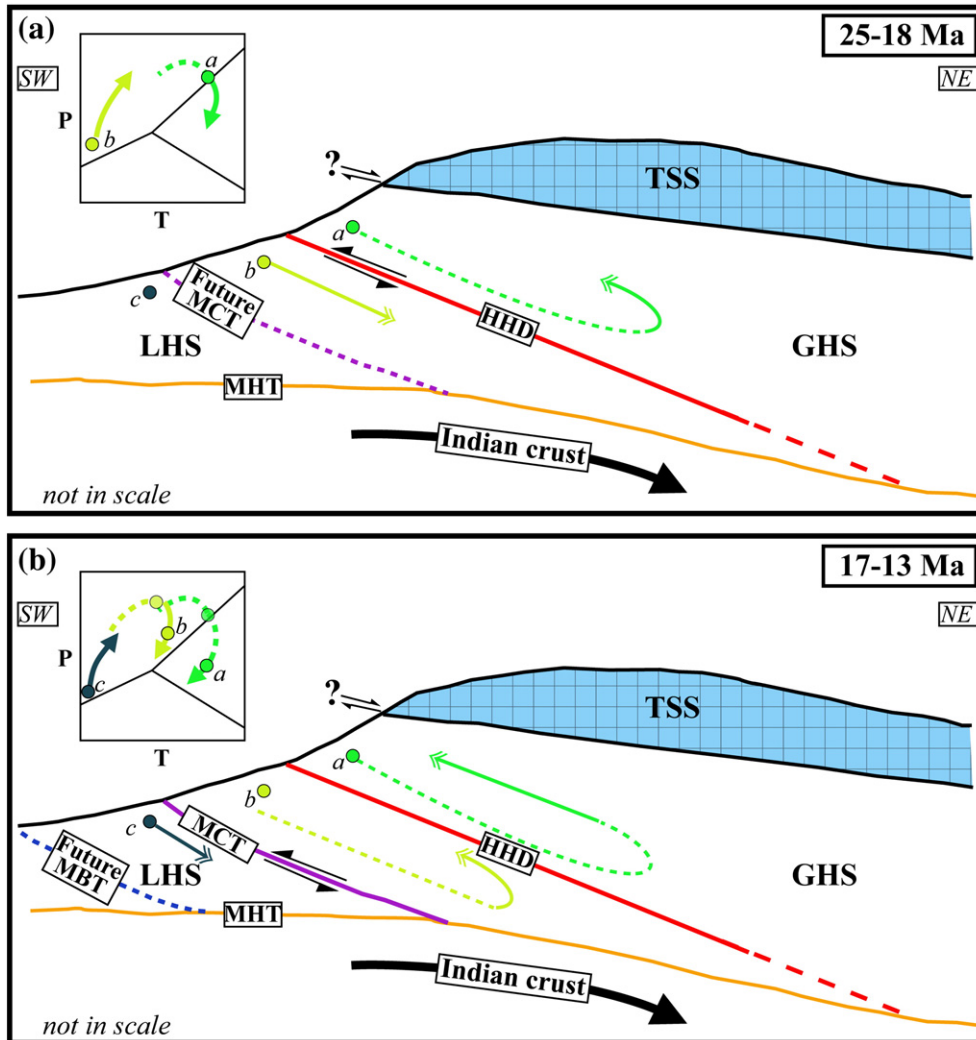


Fig. 12. Sketch of the geological evolution of Himalayan belt in a context of deformation propagation toward the foreland supported by shear zones activation during two different time intervals: (a) 25–18 Ma and (b) 17–13 Ma. It is worth to note the diachronism of metamorphism and shearing. Upper left insets, in both figures, represent schematic P–T paths of different rocks located at different structural levels (a, b and c). (TSS: Tethyan Sedimentary Sequence; HHD: High Himalayan Discontinuity; GHS: Greater Himalayan Sequence; LHS: Lesser Himalayan Sequence; MCT: Main Central Thrust; MBT: Main Boundary Thrust; MHT: Main Himalayan Thrust).

Moreover, contractional shear zones occurring in the core of GHS for several hundred kilometres along strike could account for the lower pressure recorded in the upper part of the GHS tectonic unit (e.g. [Beaumont et al., 2001](#)). To explain this we have to take into consideration the complex interplay between the activation of shear zones in the GHS and the overall exhumation pattern of the GHS ([Carosi et al., 2010](#)). Geochronology investigation on Mnz and Zrn points to an activity between ~28–26 and 17 Ma. This time span is crucial because it falls both in the underthrusting stage of the GHS and in its exhumation stage between 23 and 17 Ma. On initial activation of the main contractional shear zone in the middle part of the GHS the hanging-wall rocks started to exhume after they reached their maximum depth whereas footwall rock continued to be buried reaching higher pressure with respect to hanging-wall rocks. When all the GHS underwent exhumation all the rocks within it moved toward the surface. However, the displacement of rocks caused by the overall exhumation partly overlies to the displacement caused by the older shear zone leading to different velocities in the paths of the hanging-wall and footwall rocks, being the higher velocities of exhumation in the hanging-wall. In the latter case the velocity of the shear zone summed up to the velocity of the overall exhumation path, whereas in the former velocity the shear zone goes into contrast with the velocity of the overall exhumation, causing a decreasing exhumation velocity.

[Larson et al. \(2010\)](#) and [Yakymchuck and Godin \(2012\)](#) regard the tectono-metamorphic discontinuity in the GHS as a boundary between the upper hot channel and a lower portion of the GHS undergoing extrusion so that they limit the thickness of the channel to the GHS structurally located above the regional shear zone.

However, this restriction of the hot channel causes problems in the required minimum thickness to activate a channel flow, well below the 20–30 km indicated as necessary by [Beaumont et al. \(2001\)](#) and [Godin et al. \(2006\)](#).

These results and considerations are in keeping with the recent finding of undeformed leucogranite intruding both the GHS and TSS at ~23–24 Ma close to the study area ([Bertoldi et al., 2011](#); [Carosi et al., in press](#)), limiting to a very short time span the simultaneous movement of STD and MCT in the study area ([Carosi et al., 2012](#)). So that if extrusion and channel flow played a role in the exhumation of the GHS it was for a very short time span.

We conclude that exhumation of GHS rocks in Central Himalayas was driven by ductile shear zones within its core starting from 26 up to 17 Ma. Older shear zones (Higher Himalayan Thrust) up to ~28 Ma with the same meaning have been reported in Eastern Nepal by [Imayama et al. \(2012\)](#).

The activation of lower ductile shear zones in the footwall of the MSZ at 17–13 Ma testifies a progressive migration of shearing from the middle part of the GHS to the lower zone ([Fig. 12](#)). This causes the rocks of the upper GHS to reach peak metamorphic conditions at 26–25 Ma, i.e. 5–8 Ma earlier with respect to the rocks of the lower GHS reaching their climax at 20–18 Ma. The proposed mechanism progressively involves slices of continental crust that reach peak conditions during burial and are exhumed in meanwhile a shear zone is activated to its base and the lower slice in the footwall undergoes burial following a very similar path, but shifted some Ma later ([Fig. 12](#)).

The new structural, thermobarometric and geochronological data confirm that GHS is not a single tectonic unit in which P and T were reached simultaneously everywhere (even if P–T–t paths exhibit the same shape, as suggested also by [Rubatto et al., 2012](#)) but there is a regional tectonic and metamorphic discontinuity (the High Himalayan Discontinuity, [Fig. 12](#)) and a younging direction of the structural and metamorphic processes to the south and southwest.

The presented structural, metamorphic and geochronological data leave no enough room for channel flow model of exhumation models of exhumation in a large part of the Central Himalayan belt.

7. Conclusions

In this paper we documented the occurrence of a prominent ductile and high-temperature contractional shear zone within the GHS, showing a top-to-the-SW sense of shear, producing a thickness of nearly 4 km of mylonites.

U–Pb dating on monazites crystallized along the mylonitic foliation suggests a continuous activity of the shear zone between 25 and 17 Ma pointing out that the MSZ cannot be interpreted as an out of sequence thrust. Moreover an in-sequence activation of ductile shear zones is proved by the ~20 Ma deformation age of the samples in the lower part of the GHS, in the footwall of the MSZ.

Rocks from the MSZ registered pressures around 0.7 GPa whereas footwall rock underwent a pressure of 1.0–0.9 GPa showing a pressure difference of at least 0.2 GPa. Geochronology suggests that peak metamorphic conditions were reached ~5 Myr later in the footwall of the MSZ with respect to the hanging-wall, pointing out a diachronisms in the metamorphisms triggered by the shear zones itself.

MSZ together with the other recently documented discontinuities in the GHS testifies to the occurrence of a regional tectonic and metamorphic discontinuity in Central Himalayas: the High Himalayan Discontinuity. The High Himalayan Discontinuity was responsible of the exhumation of the upper part of the GHS starting from 28 Ma ([Imayama et al., 2012](#)) well before the initiation of the activity of the MCT and the STD.

Exhumation mechanisms based on the contemporaneous activity of MCT and STD, such as channel flow and ductile extrusion, played a secondary role in the exhumation of crystalline rocks of the GHS. Moreover the occurrence of partially molten rocks having a thickness of 20–30 km and flowing at 23–17 Ma have not been confirmed in the study area, ruling out a major role of the channel flow mechanism in this part of the orogen.

The new acquired data point to a progressive migration of deformation and metamorphism with activation of progressively younger shear zones in the GHS to the south and southwest ([Fig. 12](#)).

Exhumation of the GHS didn't happen at the same time everywhere but it was partitioned in space and time and different slices were exhumed in different times, starting from the older in the upper part to the younger in the lower one.

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Appendix 1

Samples used for P–T estimations were chosen according to the textural equilibrium among phases. In order to take the garnet composition closer to the highest metamorphic grade, we used Grt composition with the lowest Fe/(Fe + Mg) and Mn content (rim/near rim position) and then combine with matrix phases.

[Wu et al. \(2004\)](#) reported two GBPQ barometers model (Mg- and Fe models) and [Wu and Zhao \(2006\)](#) reported four different calibration for the GMPQ, Mg- and Fe-, each of one split in two models to account iron oxidation state in Ms (0% and 50% of total iron as Fe³⁺). We observed no substantial difference in the P values reported (less than 0.01–0.03 GPa), so an average P value is presented.

Appendix 2. Table of Moacir standards

Analysis	Position	Isotopic ratios								Ages							
		²⁰⁷ Pb/ ²⁰⁸ Pb	1σ %	²⁰⁶ Pb/ ²³⁸ U	1σ %	²⁰⁷ Pb/ ²³⁵ U	1σ %	²⁰⁸ Pb/ ²³² Th	1σ %	²⁰⁷ Pb/ ²⁰⁸ Pb	1σ %	²⁰⁶ Pb/ ²³⁸ U	1σ (abs)	²⁰⁷ Pb/ ²³⁵ U	1σ (abs)	²⁰⁸ Pb/ ²³² Th	1σ (abs)
<i>I run</i>																	
De13a002	Begin	0.05551	0.12%	0.08278	0.13%	0.63343	1.25%	0.02523	0.04%	433	27	513	7	498	6	504	7
De13a003	Begin	0.05758	0.12%	0.08226	0.13%	0.65281	1.27%	0.02527	0.04%	514	26	510	7	510	6	504	7
De13a018	Middle	0.05685	0.12%	0.08250	0.12%	0.64644	1.23%	0.02557	0.04%	523	29	511	7	506	5	510	6
De13a019	Middle	0.05543	0.12%	0.08329	0.12%	0.63611	1.22%	0.02529	0.04%	437	30	516	7	500	5	505	6
De13a020	Middle	0.05691	0.12%	0.08224	0.12%	0.64515	1.22%	0.02487	0.04%	485	26	510	7	506	5	496	6
De13a037	End	0.05783	0.13%	0.08212	0.12%	0.65437	1.30%	0.02523	0.04%	429	26	509	7	511	6	504	6
De13a038	End	0.05561	0.13%	0.08295	0.12%	0.63564	1.28%	0.02530	0.04%	488	25	514	7	500	6	505	6
<i>II run</i>																	
De13i001	Begin	0.05652	0.23%	0.08276	0.17%	0.02985	2.22%	0.02497	0.04%	472	48	513	7	506	9	499	6
De13i002	Begin	0.05489	0.22%	0.08122	0.17%	0.02875	2.32%	0.02515	0.04%	408	50	503	7	487	9	502	6
De13i003	Begin	0.05777	0.23%	0.08345	0.17%	0.03041	2.11%	0.02555	0.04%	521	45	517	7	518	9	510	6
De13i020	Middle	0.05619	0.23%	0.08065	0.17%	0.02939	2.38%	0.02525	0.04%	459	51	500	7	493	9	504	6
De13i021	Middle	0.05805	0.24%	0.08390	0.17%	0.03168	2.40%	0.02535	0.04%	531	52	519	7	522	10	506	6
De13i022	Middle	0.0555	0.23%	0.08350	0.17%	0.03048	2.51%	0.02510	0.04%	432	54	517	7	502	10	501	6
De13i047	End	0.0578	#REF!	0.08203	0.17%	0.03136	2.56%	0.02501	0.04%	522	56	508	7	511	10	499	6
De13i048	End	0.05278	#REF!	0.08211	0.17%	0.02883	2.62%	0.02505	0.04%	319	58	509	7	493	9	500	6
De13i049	End	0.05783	#REF!	0.08454	0.18%	0.03247	2.60%	0.02546	0.04%	523	56	523	7	522	10	508	6
De13i050	End	0.0594	#REF!	0.08157	0.17%	0.03220	2.60%	0.02549	0.04%	582	56	506	7	502	10	509	6
<i>III run</i>																	
Jl05a001	Begin	0.05665	0.16%	0.08326	0.14%	0.64978	1.84%	0.02582	0.04%	477	26	516	8	508	6	515	6
Jl05a002	Begin	0.05629	0.16%	0.08262	0.14%	0.64076	1.82%	0.02527	0.04%	463	27	512	7	503	6	504	5
Jl05a003	Begin	0.05451	0.16%	0.08262	0.14%	0.62045	1.76%	0.02514	0.04%	392	27	512	7	490	6	502	5
Jl05a004	Begin	0.05921	0.17%	0.08149	0.14%	0.66482	1.88%	0.02471	0.04%	575	26	505	7	518	6	493	5
Jl05a029	End	0.05689	0.17%	0.08208	0.14%	0.64362	1.85%	0.02536	0.04%	487	29	509	7	505	6	506	5
Jl05a030	End	0.05812	0.17%	0.08272	0.14%	0.66266	1.90%	0.02532	0.04%	534	29	512	7	516	6	505	5
Jl05a031	End	0.05529	0.16%	0.08220	0.14%	0.62650	1.80%	0.02491	0.04%	424	29	509	7	494	6	497	5
Jl05a032	End	0.0559	0.17%	0.08331	0.14%	0.64190	1.80%	0.02547	0.04%	448	29	516	7	504	6	508	5
<i>IV run</i>																	
Oc02a002	Begin	0.05504	0.06%	0.08376	0.08%	0.63392	0.62%	0.02523	0.03%	414	19	499	19	519	8	504	6
Oc02a003	Begin	0.05595	0.06%	0.0824	0.07%	0.63390	0.64%	0.02538	0.03%	450	21	499	19	510	8	507	6
Oc02a004	Begin	0.06011	0.07%	0.08094	0.07%	0.66903	0.67%	0.02514	0.03%	608	28	520	20	502	8	502	6
Oc02a022	End	0.05884	0.07%	0.0828	0.08%	0.67127	0.79%	0.02507	0.03%	561	26	521	20	513	8	500	6
Oc02a023	End	0.05401	0.07%	0.08283	0.08%	0.61644	0.73%	0.02543	0.03%	371	18	488	19	513	8	508	6
<i>V run</i>																	
Oc02b001	Begin	0.05555	0.07%	0.08210	0.07%	0.62893	0.67%	0.02517	0.02%	434	9	495	11	509	7	502	6
Oc02b002	Begin	0.05772	0.07%	0.08327	0.07%	0.66266	0.72%	0.02530	0.02%	519	11	516	11	516	7	505	6
Oc02b019	End	0.05751	0.07%	0.08170	0.08%	0.64766	0.74%	0.02552	0.03%	511	11	507	11	506	7	509	6
Oc02b020	End	0.05632	0.07%	0.08231	0.08%	0.63891	0.75%	0.02526	0.03%	465	10	502	11	510	7	504	6
Oc02b022	End	0.05571	0.07%	0.08360	0.08%	0.64208	0.77%	0.02500	0.03%	441	10	504	11	518	7	499	6

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