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1 **Comparative geochemical study on Furongian (Toledanian) and Ordovician**  
2 **(Sardic) felsic magmatic events in south-western Europe**

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24 **ABSTRACT**

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26 A geochemical comparison of Early Palaeozoic felsic magmatic episodes throughout  
27 the south-western European margin of Gondwana is analysed. The comparison is  
28 made between (i) Furongian–Early Ordovician (Toledanian) activities recorded in the  
29 Central Iberian and Galicia-Trás-os-Montes Zones of the Iberian Massif, and (ii) Early–  
30 Late Ordovician (Sardic) activities in the eastern Pyrenees, Occitan Domain (Albigeois,  
31 Montagne Noire and Mouthoumet massifs) and Sardinia. Both phases are related to  
32 uplift and denudation of an inherited palaeorelief, and stratigraphically preserved as  
33 distinct angular discordances and paraconformities involving gaps of up to 30 m.y. The  
34 geochemical features of the Toledanian and Sardic, felsic-dominant activities point to a  
35 predominance of byproducts derived from the melting of metasedimentary rocks, rich in  
36  $\text{SiO}_2$  and  $\text{K}_2\text{O}$  and with peraluminous character.  $\text{Zr}/\text{TiO}_2$ ,  $\text{Zr}/\text{Nb}$ ,  $\text{Nb}/\text{Y}$  and  $\text{Zr}$  vs.  $\text{Ga}/\text{Al}$   
37 ratios, and REE and  $\epsilon\text{Nd}$  values suggest the contemporaneity, for both phases, of two  
38 geochemical scenarios characterized by arc and extensional features evolving to  
39 distinct extensional and rifting conditions associated with the final outpouring of mafic  
40 tholeiitic-dominant lava flows. The Toledanian and Sardic phases are linked to neither  
41 metamorphism nor penetrative deformation; on the contrary, their unconformities are  
42 associated with foliation-free open folds subsequently affected by the Variscan  
43 deformation. The geochemical and structural framework precludes a subduction  
44 scenario reaching the crust in a magmatic arc to back-arc setting, but favours partial  
45 melting of sediments and/or granitoids in a continental lower crust triggered by the  
46 underplating of hot mafic magmas during extensional events related to the opening of  
47 the Rheic Ocean.

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51 **1. Introduction**

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53 A succession of stepwise Early–Palaeozoic magmatic episodes, ranging in age from  
54 Furongian to Late Ordovician, is widespread along the south-western European margin  
55 of Gondwana. Magmatic pulses are characterized by their preferential development in  
56 different palaeogeographic areas and linked to the development of stratigraphic  
57 unconformities, but they are related to neither metamorphism nor penetrative  
58 deformation. In the Central Iberian Zone of the Iberian Massif (representing the western  
59 branch of the Ibero-Armorican Arc), this magmatism is mainly represented by the Ollo  
60 de Sapó Formation, which has long been recognized as a Furongian–Early Ordovician  
61 (495–470 Ma) assemblage of felsic-dominant volcanic, subvolcanic and plutonic  
62 igneous rocks. This magmatic activity is contemporaneous with the development of the  
63 Toledanian Phase, which places Lower Ordovician (upper Tremadocian–Floian) rocks  
64 onlapping an inherited palaeorelief formed by Ediacaran–Cambrian rocks and involving  
65 a sedimentary gap of ca. 22 m.y. This unconformity can be correlated with the  
66 “Furongian gap” identified in the Ossa-Morena Zone of the Iberian Massif and in the  
67 Anti-Atlas Ranges of Morocco (Álvaro et al., 2007, 2018; Álvaro and Vizcaíno, 2018;  
68 Sánchez-García et al., 2019) and with the “Icaune normande” in the central and  
69 North-Armorican Domains (Le Corre et al., 1991).

70 Another felsic-dominant magmatic event, although younger (Early–Late Ordovician)  
71 in age, has been recognized in some massifs situated along the eastern branch of the  
72 Variscan Ibero-Armorican Arc, such as the eastern Pyrenees, the Occitan Domain and  
73 Sardinia. This magmatism is related to the Sardinic unconformity, where Furongian–  
74 Lower Ordovician rocks are unconformably overlain by those attributed to the  
75 Sandbian–lower Katian (former Caradoc). The Sardinic Phase is related to a  
76 sedimentary gap of ca. 16–20 m.y. and geometrically ranges from 90° (angular  
77 discordance) to 0° (paraconformity) (Barca and Cherchi, 2004; Funneda and Oggiano,  
78 2009; Álvaro et al., 2016, 2018; Casas et al., 2019).



79 Although a general consensus exists to associate this Furongian–Ordovician  
80 magmatism with the opening of the Rheic Ocean and the drift of Avalonia from  
81 northwestern Gondwana (Díez Montes et al., 2010; Nance et al., 2010; Thomson et al.,  
82 2010; Álvaro et al., 2014a), the origin of this magmatism has received different  
83 interpretations. In the Central Iberian Zone, for instance, proposals point to: (i) magmas  
84 formed in a subduction scenario reaching the crust in a magmatic arc to back-arc  
85 setting (Valverde-Vaquero and Dunning, 2000; Castro et al., 2009); (ii) magmas  
86 resulting from partial melting of sediments or granitoids in a continental lower crust  
87 affected by the underplating of hot mafic magmas during an extensional regime (Bea et  
88 al., 2007; Montero et al., 2009; Díez Montes et al., 2010); and (iii) magmas formed by  
89 post-collisional decompression melting of an earlier thickened continental crust, and  
90 without significant mantellic involvement (Villaseca et al., 2016). In the Occitan Domain  
91 (southern French Massif Central and Mouthoumet massifs) and the eastern Pyrenees,  
92 Marini (1988), Pouclet et al. (2017) and Puddu et al. (2019) have suggested a link to  
93 mantle thermal anomalies. Navidad et al. (2018) proposed that the Pyrenean  
94 magmatism was induced by progressive crustal thinning and uplift of lithospheric  
95 mantle isotherms. In Sardinia, Oggiano et al. (2010), Carmignani et al. (2001), Gaggero  
96 et al. (2012) and Cruciani et al. (2018) have suggested that a subduction scenario,  
97 mirroring an Andean-type active margin, originated the main Mid–Ordovician magmatic  
98 activity. In the Alps, the Sardinic counterpart is also interpreted as a result of the collision  
99 of the so-called Qaidam Arc with this Gondwanan margin, subsequently followed by the  
100 accretion of the Qilian Block (Von Raumer and Stampfli, 2008; Von Raumer et al.,  
101 2013, 2015). This geodynamic interpretation is mainly suggested for the Alpine  
102 Briançonnais-Austroalpine basement, where the volcanosedimentary complexes  
103 postdating the Sardinic tectonic inversion and folding stage portray a younger arc-arc  
104 oblique collision (450 Ma) of the eastern tail of the internal Alpine margin with the Hun  
105 terrane, succeeded by conspicuous exhumation in a transform margin setting (430 Ma)

106 (Zurbruggen et al., 1997; Schaltegger et al., 2003; Franz and Romer, 2007; Von  
107 Raumer and Stampfli, 2008; Von Raumer et al., 2013; Zurbruggen, 2015, 2017).

108 Till now the Toledanian and Sardic magmatism had been studied and interpreted  
109 separately on different areas without taking into account their similarities and  
110 differences. In this work, the geochemical affinities of the Furongian–Early Ordovician  
111 (Toledanian) and Early–Late Ordovician (Sardic) felsic magmatic activities recorded in  
112 the Central Iberian and Galicia-Trás-os-Montes Zones, Pyrenees, Occitan Domain and  
113 Sardinia are compared. This re-appraisal may contribute to a better understanding of  
114 the meaning and origin of this stepwise magmatism, and thus, to discuss the  
115 geodynamic scenario of this Gondwana margin (Fig. 1A) during Cambrian–Ordovician  
116 times, bracketed between the Cadomian and Variscan orogenies.

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## 118 **2. Geological setting of magmatic events**

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120 The following description follows a SW-NE palaeogeographic transect throughout the  
121 south-western European margin of Gondwana during Cambro–Ordovician times.

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### 123 **2.1. Central Iberian and Galicia-Trás-os-Montes Zones**

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125 In the Ossa Morena and southern Central Iberian Zones of the Iberian Massif (Fig. 1A–  
126 B), the so-called Toledanian Phase is recognized as an angular discordance that  
127 separates variably tilted Ediacaran–Cambrian Series 2 rifting volcanosedimentary  
128 packages from overlying passive-margin successions. The Toledanian gap comprises,  
129 at least, most of the Furongian and basal Ordovician, but the involved erosion can  
130 incise into the entire Cambrian and the upper Ediacaran Cadomian basement  
131 (Gutiérrez-Marco et al., 2019; Álvaro et al., 2019; Sánchez-García et al., 2019).  
132 Recently, Sánchez-García et al. (2019) have interpreted the Toledanian Phase as a  
133 break-up (or rift/drift) unconformity with the Armorican Quartzite (including the Purple



134 Series and Los Montes Beds; McDougall et al., 1987; Gutiérrez-Alonso et al., 2007;  
135 Shaw et al., 2012, 2014) sealing an inherited Toledanian palaeorelief (Fig. 2).

136 The phase of uplift and denudation of an inherited palaeorelief composed of upper  
137 Ediacaran–Cambrian rocks is associated with the massive outpouring of felsic-  
138 dominant calc-alkaline magmatic episodes related to neither metamorphic nor cleavage  
139 features. This magmatic activity is widely distributed throughout several areas of the  
140 Iberian Massif, such as the Cantabrian Zone and the easternmost flank of the West  
141 Asturian-Leonese Zone, where sills and rhyolitic lava flows and volcanoclastics mark  
142 the base of the Armorican Quartzite (dated at  $477.5 \pm 0.9$  Ma; Gutiérrez-Alonso et al.,  
143 2007, 2016), and the lower Tremadocian Borrachón Formation of the Iberian Chains  
144 (Álvaro et al., 2008). Similar ages have been reported in the igneous rocks of the Basal  
145 Allochthonous Units and the Schistose Domain in the Galicia-Trás-os-Montes Zone  
146 (500–462 Ma; Valverde-Vaquero et al., 2005, 2007; Montero et al., 2009; Talavera et  
147 al., 2008, 2013; Dias da Silva et al., 2012, 2014; Díez Fernández et al., 2012; Farias et  
148 al., 2014) and different areas of the Central Iberian Zone, including the contact  
149 between the Central Iberian and Ossa-Morena Zones, where the Carrascal and  
150 Portalegre batoliths are intruded and the felsic volcanosedimentary Urra Formation is  
151 interbedded (494–470 Ma, Solá et al., 2008; Antunes et al., 2009; Neiva et al., 2009;  
152 Romañó et al., 2010; Rubio-Ordóñez et al., 2012; Villaseca et al., 2013) (Fig. 1B).

153 The most voluminous Toledanian-related volcanic episode is represented by the  
154 Ollo de Sapo Formation, which covers the northeastern Central Iberian Zone. It mainly  
155 consists of felsic volcanosedimentary and volcanic rocks interbedded at the base of the  
156 Lower Ordovician strata and plutonic bodies. The Ollo de Sapo volcanosedimentary  
157 Formation has long been recognized as an enigmatic Furongian–Early Ordovician  
158 (495–470 Ma) magmatic event exposed along the core of a 600 km-long antiform  
159 (labelled as 77 in Fig. 1B) (Valverde-Vaquero and Dunning, 2000; Bea et al., 2006;  
160 Montero et al., 2007, 2009; Zeck et al., 2007; Castiñeiras et al., 2008a; Díez Montes et  
161 al., 2010; Navidad and Castiñeiras, 2011; Talavera et al., 2013; López-Sánchez et al.,

162 2015; Díaz-Alvarado et al., 2016; Villaseca et al., 2016; García-Arias et al., 2018). The  
163 peak of magmatic activity was reached at ca. 490–485 Ma and its most recognizable  
164 characteristic is the presence of abundant megacrysts of K-feldspar, plagioclase and  
165 blue quartz. There is no evident space-time relationship in its distribution (for a  
166 discussion, see López-Sánchez et al., 2015) and, collectively, the Ollo de Sapo  
167 Formation rocks constitute a major tectonothermal event whose expression can be  
168 found in most of the Variscan massifs of continental Europe including the Armorican  
169 and Bohemian massifs (e.g., von Quadt, 1997; Kröner and Willmer, 1998; Linnemann  
170 et al., 2000; Tichomirowa et al., 2001; Friedl et al., 2004; Mingram et al., 2004; Teipel  
171 et al., 2004; Ballèvre et al., 2012; El Korh et al., 2012; Tichomirowa et al., 2012; for a  
172 summary, see Casas and Murphy, 2018). The large amount of magmatic rocks located  
173 in the European Variscan Belt led some authors to propose the existence of a siliceous  
174 Large Igneous Province (LIP) (Díez Montes et al., 2010; Gutiérrez-Alonso et al., 2016),  
175 named Ibero-Armorican LIP by García-Arias et al. (2018).

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## 177 **2.2. Eastern Pyrenees**

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179 In the eastern Pyrenees, earliest Ordovician volcanic-free passive-margin conditions,  
180 represented by the Jujols Group (Padel et al., 2018), were followed by a late Early–Mid  
181 Ordovician phase of uplift and erosion that led to the onset of the Sardinian unconformity  
182 (Fig. 2). Uplift was associated with magmatic activity, which persisted until Late  
183 Ordovician times. An extensional pulsation took place then developing normal faults  
184 that controlled the sedimentation of post–Sardinian siliciclastic deposits infilling  
185 palaeoreliefs depressions. Acritarchs recovered in the uppermost part of the Jujols  
186 Group suggest a broad Furongian–earliest Ordovician age (Casas and Palacios, 2012),  
187 conterminous with a maximum depositional age of ca. 475 Ma, based on the age of the  
188 youngest detrital zircon populations (Margalef et al., 2016). On the other hand, a ca.  
189 459 Ma U–Pb age for the Upper Ordovician volcanic rocks overlying the Sardinian



190 Unconformity has been proposed in the eastern Pyrenees (Martí et al., 2019), and ca.  
191 455 and 452 Ma in the neighbouring Catalan Coastal Ranges, which represents the  
192 southern prolongation of the Pyrenees (Navidad et al., 2010; Martínez et al., 2011).  
193 Thus, a time gap of about 16–23 m.y. can be related to the Sardinian Phase in the eastern  
194 Pyrenees and the neighbouring Catalan Coastal Ranges.

195 Coeval with the late Early–Mid Ordovician phase of generalized uplift and  
196 denudation, a key magmatic activity led to the intrusion of voluminous granitoids, about  
197 500 to 3000 m thick and encased in strata of the Ediacaran–Lower Ordovician  
198 Canaveilles and Jujols groups (Fig. 2). These granitoids constitute the protoliths of the  
199 large orthogneissic laccoliths that punctuate the backbone of the eastern Pyrenees.  
200 These are, from west to east (Fig. 1D), the Aston ( $470 \pm 6$  Ma, Denèle et al., 2009;  $467$   
201  $\pm 2$  Ma, Mezger and Gerdes, 2016), Hospitalet ( $472 \pm 2$  Ma, Denèle et al., 2009),  
202 Canigó ( $472 \pm 6$  Ma, Cocherie et al., 2005;  $462 \pm 1.6$  Ma, Navidad et al., 2018), Roc de  
203 Frausa ( $477 \pm 4$  Ma, Cocherie et al., 2005;  $476 \pm 5$  Ma, Castiñeiras et al., 2008b) and  
204 Albera ( $470 \pm 3$  Ma, Liesa et al., 2011) massifs, which comprise a dominant Floian–  
205 Dapingian age. It is noticeable the fact that only a minor representation of coeval basic  
206 magmatic rocks are outcropped. The acidic volcanic equivalents have been  
207 documented in the Albera massif, where subvolcanic rhyolitic porphyroid rocks have  
208 yielded similar ages to those of the main gneissic bodies at  $465 \pm 4$ ,  $472 \pm 3$ ,  $473 \pm 2$   
209 and  $474 \pm 3$  Ma (Liesa et al., 2011). Similar acidic byproducts are represented by the  
210 rhyolitic sills of Pierrefite (Calvet et al., 1988).

211 The late Early–Mid Ordovician (“Sardinian”) phase of uplift was succeeded by a Late  
212 Ordovician extensional pulsation responsible for the opening of (half-)grabens infilled  
213 with the basal Upper Ordovician alluvial-to-fluvial conglomerates (La Rabassa  
214 Formation). At cartographic scale, a set of NE-SW trending normal faults abruptly  
215 disturbing the thickness of the basal Upper Ordovician formations can be recognized in  
216 the La Cerdanya area (Casas and Fernández, 2007; Casas, 2010). Sharp variations in  
217 the thickness of the Upper Ordovician strata have been documented by Hartevelt





218 (1970) and Casas and Fernández (2007). Drastic variations in grain size and thickness  
219 can be attributed to the development of palaeotopographies controlled by faults and  
220 subsequent erosion of uplifted palaeoreliefs, with subsequent infill of depressed areas  
221 by alluvial fan and fluvial deposition, finally sealed by Silurian sediments (Puddu et al.,  
222 2019). A Late Ordovician magmatic pulsation contemporaneously yielded a varied set  
223 of magmatic rocks. Small granitic bodies are encased in the Canaveilles and Jujols  
224 strata of the Canigó massif. They constitute the protoliths of the Cadí ( $456 \pm 5$  Ma,  
225 Casas et al., 2010), Casemí ( $446 \pm 5$  and  $452 \pm 5$  Ma, Casas et al., 2010), Núria ( $457 \pm$   
226  $4$  and  $457 \pm 5$  Ma, Martínez et al., 2011) and Canigó G-1 type ( $457 \pm 1.6$  Ma, Navidad  
227 et al., 2018) gneisses.

228 The lowermost part of the Canaveilles Group (the so-called Balaig Series) host  
229 metre-scale thick bodies of metadiorite interbeds related to an Upper Ordovician  
230 protolith, ( $453 \pm 4$  Ma, SHRIMP U–Pb in zircon, Casas et al., 2010). Coeval calc-  
231 alkaline ignimbrites, andesites and volcanoclastic rocks are interbedded in the Upper  
232 Ordovician succession of the Bruguera and Ribes de Freser areas (Robert and  
233 Thiebaut, 1976; Ayora, 1980; Robert, 1980; Martí et al., 1986, 2019). In the Ribes area,  
234 a granitic body with granophyric texture, dated at  $458 \pm 3$  Ma by Martínez et al. (2011),  
235 intruded at the base of the Upper Ordovician succession. In the La Pallaresa dome,  
236 some metre-scale rhyodacitic to dacitic subvolcanic sills, Late Ordovician in age (ca.  
237  $453$  Ma, Clariana et al., 2018), occur interbedded within the pre-unconformity strata  
238 and close to the base of the Upper Ordovician.

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### 240 **2.3. Occitan Domain: Albigeois, Montagne Noire and Mouthoumet massifs**

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242 The parautochthonous framework of the southern French Massif Central, named  
243 Occitan Domain by Pouclet et al., (2017), includes among others, from south to north,  
244 the Mouthoumet, Montagne Noire and Albigeois massifs. The domain represents an  
245 eastern prolongation of the Variscan South Armorican Zone (including southwestern



246 Bretagne and Vendée). Since Gèze (1949) and Arthaud (1970), the southern edge of  
247 the French Massif Central has been traditionally subdivided, from north to south, into  
248 the northern, axial and southern Montagne Noire (Fig. 1C). The Palaeozoic succession  
249 of the northern and southern sides includes sediments ranging from late Ediacaran to  
250 Silurian and from Terreneuvian (Cambrian) to Viséan in age, respectively. These  
251 successions are affected by large scale, south-verging recumbent folds that display a  
252 low to moderate metamorphic grade. Their emplacement took place in Late Viséan to  
253 Namurian times (Engel et al., 1980; Feist and Galtier, 1985; Echlter and Malavieille,  
254 1990). The Axial Zone consists of plutonic, migmatitic and metamorphic rocks globally  
255 arranged in a bulk dome oriented ENE-WSW (Fig. 1C), where four principal lithological  
256 units can be recognized (i) schists and micaschists, (ii) migmatitic orthogneisses, (iii)  
257 metapelitic metatexites, and (iv) diatexites and granites (Cocherie, 2003; Faure et al.,  
258 2004; Roger et al., 2004, 2015; Bé Mézème, 2005; Charles et al., 2009; Rabin et al.,  
259 2015). The Rosis micaschist synform subdivides the eastern Axial Zone into the  
260 Espinouse and Caroux sub-domes, whereas the southwestern edge of the Axial Zone  
261 comprises the Nore massif.

262 In the Occitan Domain, two main Cambro–Ordovician felsic events can be identified  
263 giving rise to the protoliths of (i) the Larroque metarhyolites in the northern Montagne  
264 Noire and Albigeois, thrust from Rouergue; and (ii) the migmatitic orthogneisses in the  
265 Axial Zone of the Montagne Noire (Fig. 2).

266 (i) The Larroque volcanosedimentary Complex is a thick (500–1000 m) package of  
267 porphyroclastic metarhyolites located on the northern Montagne Noire (Lacaune  
268 Mountains), Albigeois (St-Salvi-de-Carcavès and St-Sernin-sur-Rance nappes) and  
269 Rouergue; the Variscan setting of the formation is allochthonous in the Albigeois and  
270 parautochthonous in the rest. This volcanism emplaced above the Furongian strata and  
271 the so-called “Série schisto-gréseuse verte” (see Guérangé-Lozes et al., 1996;  
272 Guérangé-Lozes and Alabouvette, 1999), and is encased in the upper part of the  
273 Miaolingian La Gardie Formation (Pouclet et al., 2017) (Fig. 2). The Larroque volcanic



274 rocks consist of deformed microgranites or porphyroclastic rhyolites rich in largely  
275 fragmented, lacunous (rhyolitic) quartz and alkali feldspar phenocrysts. The  
276 metarhyolites occur as porphyritic lava flows, sills and other associated facies, such as  
277 aphyric lava flows, porphyritic and aphyric pyroclastic flows of welded or unwelded  
278 ignimbritic types, fine to coarse tephra deposits, and epiclastic and volcanoclastic  
279 deposits. Although these rocks are also named “augen gneiss”, they do not display a  
280 high-grade gneiss paragenesis but a general lower grade metamorphic mineralogy.  
281 The Occitan augen gneisses mimic the “Ollo de Sapo” facies from the Central Iberian  
282 Zone because of their large bluish quartz phenocrysts. Based on geochemical  
283 similarities and contemporaneous emplacement, Pouclet et al. (2017) suggested that  
284 this event also supplied the Davejean acidic volcanic rocks in the Mouthoumet Massif,  
285 which represent the southern prolongation of the southern Montagne Noire (Fig. 2),  
286 and the Génis rhyolitic unit of the western Limousin sector.

287 (ii) Some migmatitic orthogneisses make up the southern Axial Zone, from the  
288 western Cabardès to the eastern Caroux domes. The orthogneisses, derived from  
289 Ordovician metagranites bearing large K-feldspar phenocrysts, were emplaced at 471  
290  $\pm 4$  Ma (Somail Orthogneiss, Cocherie et al., 2005),  $456 \pm 3$  and  $450 \pm 6$  Ma (Pont de  
291 Larn and Gorges d'Héric gneisses, Roger et al., 2004) and  $455 \pm 2$  Ma (Saint Eutrope  
292 gneiss, Pitra et al., 2012). They intruded a metasedimentary pile, traditionally known as  
293 “Schistes X” and formally named St. Pons-Cabardès Group (Fig. 2). The latter consists  
294 of schists, greywackes, quartzites and subsidiary volcanic tuffs and marbles (Demange  
295 et al., 1996; Demange, 1999; Alabouvette et al., 2003; Roger et al., 2004; Cocherie et  
296 al., 2005). The group is topped by the Sériès Tuff, dated at  $545 \pm 15$  Ma (Lescuyer and  
297 Cocherie, 1992), which represents a contemporaneous equivalent of the Cadomian  
298 Rivernous rhyolitic tuff ( $542.5 \pm 1$  and  $537.1 \pm 2.5$  Ma) from the Lodève inlier of the  
299 northern Montagne Noire (Álvarez et al., 2014b, 2018; Padel et al., 2017). Migmatization  
300 has been dated by monacites from migmatites and anatectic granites at  $327 \pm 7$ ,  $333 \pm$

301 6 and  $333 \pm 4$  Ma (Bé Mézème, 2005; Charles et al., 2008); as a result, the 330–325  
302 Ma time interval can represent a Variscan crustal melting event in the Axial Zone.

303 As in the Pyrenees, the Middle Ordovician is absent in the Occitan Domain. Its gap  
304 allows distinction between a Lower Ordovician pre-unconformity sedimentary package  
305 para- to unconformably overlain by an Upper Ordovician–Silurian succession (Álvaro et  
306 al., 2016; Pouclet et al., 2017).

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#### 308 **2.4. Sardinia**

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310 In Sardinia the Cambro–Ordovician magmatism is well represented in the external  
311 (southern) and internal (northern) nappe zones of the exposed Variscan Belt (Fig. 1E),  
312 and ranges in age from late Furongian to Late Ordovician. A Furongian–Tremadocian  
313 (ca. 491–480 Ma) magmatic activity, predating the Sardinic phase, is mostly represented  
314 by felsic volcanic and subvolcanic rocks encased in the San Vito sandstone Formation.  
315 The Sardinic-related volcanic products differ from one nappe to another: intermediate  
316 and basic (mostly metandesites and andesitic basalts) are common in the nappe  
317 stacking of the central part of the island (Barbagia and Goceano), whereas felsic  
318 metavolcanites prevail in the southeastern units. Their age is bracketed between 465  
319 and 455 Ma (Giacomini et al., 2006; Oggiano et al., 2010; Pavanetto et al., 2012;  
320 Cruciani et al., 2018) and matches the Sardinic gap based on biostratigraphy (Barca et  
321 al., 1988).

322 Teichmüller (1931) and Stille (1939) were the first to recognize in southwestern  
323 Sardinia an intra–Ordovician stratigraphic hiatus. Its linked erosive unconformity is  
324 supported by a correlatable strong angular discordance in the Palaeozoic basement of  
325 the Iglesias-Sulcis area, External Zone (Carmignani et al., 2001). This major  
326 discontinuity separates the Cambrian–Lower Ordovician Nebida, Gonnese and Iglesias  
327 groups (Pillola et al., 1998) from the overlying coarse-grained (“Puddinga”) Monte  
328 Argentu metasediments (Leone et al., 1991, 2002; Laske et al., 1994). The gap



329 comprises a chronostratigraphically constrained minimum gap of about 18 m.y. that  
330 includes the Floian and Dapingian (Barca et al., 1987, 1988; Pillola et al., 1998; Barca  
331 and Cherchi, 2004) (Fig. 2). The hiatus is related to neither metamorphism nor  
332 cleavage, though some E-W folds have been documented in the Gonnese Anticline  
333 and the Iglesias Syncline (Cocco et al., 2018), which are overstepped by the  
334 “Puddinga” metaconglomerates. Both the E-W folds and the overlying  
335 metaconglomerates were subsequently affected by Variscan N-S folds (Cocco and  
336 Funneda, 2011, 2017). Sardinian-related volcanic rocks are not involved in this area, but  
337 Sardinian-inherited palaeoreliefs are lined with breccia slides that include metre- to  
338 decametre-scale carbonate boulders (“Olistoliti”), some of them hosting  
339 synsedimentary faults contemporaneously mineralized with ore bodies (Boni and  
340 Koepfel, 1985; Boni, 1986; Barca, 1991; Caron et al., 1997). The lower part of the  
341 unconformably overlying Monte Argentu Formation deposited in alluvial to fluvial  
342 environments (Martini et al., 1991; Loi et al., 1992; Loi and Dabard, 1997).

343 A similar gap was reported by Calvino (1972) in the Sarrabus-Gerrei units of the  
344 External Nappe Zone. The so-called “Sarrabese Phase” is related to the onset of thick,  
345 up to 500 m thick, volcanosedimentary complexes and volcanites (Barca et al., 1986;  
346 Di Pisa et al., 1992) with a Darriwilian age for the protoliths of the metavolcanic rocks  
347 ( $464 \pm 1$  Ma, Giacomini et al., 2006;  $465.4 \pm 1.9$  Ma, Oggiano et al., 2010). In the  
348 Ighesiente-Sulcis region (Fig. 1E), Carmignani et al. (1986, 1992, 1994, 2001)  
349 suggested that the “Sardinian-Sarrabese phase” should be associated with the  
350 compression of a Cambro–Ordovician back-arc basin that originated the migration of  
351 the Ordovician volcanic arc toward the Gondwanan margin.

352 Some gneissic bodies, interpreted as the plutonic counterpart of metavolcanic rocks,  
353 are located in the Bithia unit (Monte Filau areas,  $457.5 \pm 0.33$  and  $458.21 \pm 0.32$  Ma,  
354 Pavanetto et al., 2012) and in the internal units (Lodè orthogneiss,  $456 \pm 14$  Ma;  
355 Tanaunella orthogneiss,  $458 \pm 7$  Ma, Helbing and Tiepolo, 2005; Golfo Aranci  
356 orthogneiss,  $469 \pm 3.7$  Ma, Giacomini et al., 2006).



357 The Sardinian palaeorelief is sealed by Upper Ordovician transgressive deposits. The  
358 sedimentary facies show high variability, but the –mostly terrigenous– sediments vary  
359 from grey fine- to medium-sized sandstones, to muddy sandstones and mudstones.  
360 They are referred to the Katian Punta Serpeddi and Orroledu formations (Pistis et al.,  
361 2016). This post–Sardinian sedimentary succession is coeval with a new magmatic  
362 pulsation represented by alkaline to tholeiitic within-plate basalts (Di Pisa et al., 1992;  
363 Gaggero et al., 2012).

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### 365 **3. Geochemical data**

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367 The rocks selected for geochemical analysis (231 samples; geographically settled in  
368 Fig. 1 and stratigraphically in Fig. 2) have recorded different degrees of  
369 hydrothermalism and metamorphism, as a result of which only the most immobile  
370 elements have been considered. The geochemical calculations, in which the major  
371 elements take part, have been made from values recalculated to 100 in volatile free  
372 compositions; Fe is reported as FeO<sub>t</sub>.

373 The geochemical dataset of the Central Iberian Zone includes 152 published  
374 geochemical data, from which 85 are plutonic and 67 volcanic and volcanoclastic rocks  
375 from the Olla de Sapo Formation (Galicia, Sanabria and Guadarrama areas), and the  
376 contact between the Central Iberian and Ossa Morena Zones (Urza Formation and  
377 Portalegre and Carrascal granites). Other data were yielded from six volcanic rocks of  
378 the Galicia-Trás-os-Montes Zone (Saldanha area) (Fig. 1B; Repository Data).

379 The dataset of the eastern Pyrenees consists of 38 samples, six of which are upper  
380 Lower Ordovician volcanic rocks, and seven upper Lower Ordovician plutonic rocks,  
381 together with nine Upper Ordovician volcanic and 14 Upper Ordovician plutonic rocks  
382 (Repository Data). New data reported below include two samples of subvolcanic sills  
383 intercalated in the pre–Sardinian unconformity succession (Clariana et al., 2018; Margalef,  
384 unpubl.; Table 1).



385 The study samples from the Occitan Domain comprise six metavolcanites, four from  
386 the Larroque volcanosedimentary Complex in the Albigeois and northern Montagne  
387 Noire and two from the Mouthoumet massif (Pouclet et al., 2017) (Repository Data),  
388 and four new samples for the Axial Zone gneisses (Table 1).

389 In the Sardinian dataset, 25 published analyses are selected: five correspond to the  
390 Golfo Aranci orthogneiss (Giacomini et al., 2006), six to metavolcanites from the central  
391 part of the island (Giacomini et al., 2006; Cruciani et al., 2013), and five to  
392 metavolcanites and one to gneisses from the Bithia unit (Cruciani et al., 2018)  
393 (Repository Data). Ten new analyses are added from the Monte Filau and Capo  
394 Spartivento gneisses of the Bithia unit, and from the Punta Bianca gneisses embedded  
395 within the migmatites of the High-grade Metamorphic complex of the Inner Zone (Table  
396 1).

397 A general classification of these samples, following Winchester and Floyd (1977),  
398 can be seen in Figure 3A–B, and the geographical coordinates of the new samples in  
399 Table 1. For geochemical comparison (Table 2), two large groups or suites are  
400 differentiated in order to check the similarities and differences between the magmatic  
401 rocks, and to infer a possible geochemical trend following a palaeogeographic SW-to-  
402 NE transect. The description reported below follows the same palaeogeographic and  
403 chronological order.

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### 405 **3.1. Furongian–to–Mid Ordovician Suite**

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407 In the Central Iberian and Galicia-Trás-os-Montes Zones, the Furongian–to–Mid  
408 Ordovician magmatic activity is pervasive. Their main representative is the Ollo de  
409 Sapo Formation, which includes volcanic and subvolcanic rocks (67 samples) as well  
410 as plutonic rocks (85 samples) (data from Murphy et al., 2006; Díez-Montes, 2007;  
411 Montero et al., 2007, 2009; Solá, 2007; Solá et al., 2008; Talavera, 2009; Villaseca et  
412 al., 2016). From the Parautochthon Schistose Domain of the Galicia-Trás-os Montes



413 Zone, six samples of rhyolite tuffs of the Saldanha Formation (Dias da Silva et al.,  
414 2014) are selected, which share geochemical features with the Ollo de Sapo  
415 Formation.

416 (i) The composition of the Ollo de Sapo-facies orthogneisses (*OG* in the figures)  
417 ranges from potassium-rich dacite to rhyolite ( $60.3 < \text{SiO}_2 < 75$  wt. %;  $0.1 < \text{Na}_2\text{O} < 3.9$   
418 wt. %;  $3.4 < \text{K}_2\text{O} < 5.9$  wt. %; Figs. 3–4). This subgroup, with peraluminous *A/CNK* ratio  
419 ( $3.1\text{--}1.0$ ), includes samples of the Ollo de Sapo Formation from the Sanabria and  
420 Guadarrama areas, the former dated at  $472 \pm 1$  Ma (Díez-Montes, 2007) and the latter  
421 between  $488 \pm 3$  and  $473 \pm 8$  Ma (Valverde-Vaquero and Dunning, 2000; Navidad and  
422 Castiñeiras, 2011; Talavera et al., 2013; Villaseca et al., 2016).  $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}}$  values range from  
423  $-1.8$  to  $-5.1$ , and  $T_{\text{DM}}$  from 1.8 to 1.1 Ga (Montero et al., 2007, 2009; Villaseca et al.,  
424 2016).

425 (ii) The composition of the leucogneisses (*LG*) ranges from potassium-rich dacite to  
426 rhyolite ( $73.6 < \text{SiO}_2 < 75.9$  wt. %;  $2.7 < \text{Na}_2\text{O} < 3.1$  wt. %;  $4.2 < \text{K}_2\text{O} < 5.3$  wt. %; Figs.  
427 3–4). The *A/CNK* ratio is peraluminous ( $1.1\text{--}1.3$ ). This subgroup includes samples from  
428 the Guadarrama region.  $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}}$  values range from  $-4.9$  to  $-5.1$ , and  $T_{\text{DM}}$  is 4.1 Ga  
429 (Villaseca et al., 2016). These samples display erroneous  $T_{\text{DM}}$  values in two of the three  
430 considered samples, with high  $^{147}\text{Sm}/^{144}\text{Nd}$  ratios ( $> 0.13$ ), a character relatively  
431 common in felsic rocks (DePaolo, 1988; Martínez et al., 2011).

432 (iii) The composition of the granites (*GRA*) ranges from potassium-rich dacite to  
433 rhyolite ( $64.6 < \text{SiO}_2 < 77$  wt. %;  $0.5 < \text{Na}_2\text{O} < 4.8$  wt. %;  $2.5 < \text{K}_2\text{O} < 6.3$  wt. %; Figs.  
434 3–4). The *A/CNK* ratio is peraluminous ( $1.8\text{--}1.0$ ). This subgroup includes samples from  
435 the northeastern Central System, Sanabria, Miranda do Douro and the western Central  
436 Iberian Zone. The age of the involved metagranites is  $487 \pm 4$  Ma (Montero et al.,  
437 2009) and  $488 \pm 6$  Ma (Díez Montes, 2007);  $473 \pm 3$  Ma (Talavera, 2009) and  $496 \pm 2$   
438 Ma (Zeck et al., 2007) for the Miranda do Douro metagranites;  $489 \pm 5$  Ma for the  
439 Vitigudino metagranites;  $486 \pm 6$  for the Fermoselle metagranites; and  $471 \pm 7$  Ma for  
440 the Ledesma metagranite (Talavera, 2009). In the southern Central Iberian Zone, the



441 Carrascal metagranite has been dated between 479 to 486 Ma (Solá, 2007) and the  
442 Portalegre metagranite between  $482 \pm 4$  and  $492 \pm 3$  Ma (Solá, 2007).  $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}}$  values  
443 range from +2.6 to -5.2, and  $T_{\text{DM}}$  from 0.90 to 3.6 Ga (Montero et al., 2007; Solá, 2007;  
444 Talavera, 2009).

445 (iv) The composition of the volcanic rocks (*VOL*) ranges from andesite to rhyolite  
446 ( $64.6 < \text{SiO}_2 < 79.3$  wt. %;  $0.1 < \text{Na}_2\text{O} < 3.2$  wt. %;  $2.2 < \text{K}_2\text{O} < 6.3$  wt. %; Figs. 3–4).  
447 The *A/CNK* ratio is peraluminous (2.7–1.1). This subgroup includes samples from the  
448 Saldanha Formation in the Galicia-Trás-os-Montes Zone, the metavolcanic rocks of the  
449 Ollo de Sapo Formation in the Sanabria region and the Urra Formation.  $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}}$  values  
450 range from -1.6 to -5.5, and  $T_{\text{DM}}$  from 1.7 to 1.3 Ga (Montero et al., 2007; Solá, 2007).

451 (v) The composition of the San Sebastián orthogneisses (*OSS*) is rhyolitic ( $73.8 <$   
452  $\text{SiO}_2 < 75.4$  wt. %;  $2.5 < \text{Na}_2\text{O} < 3.1$  wt. %;  $4.9 < \text{K}_2\text{O} < 5.4$  wt. %; Figs. 3–4). The  
453 *A/CNK* ratio is peraluminous (1.2–1.1). The San Sebastián orthogneisses are located  
454 in the Sanabria region, on the northern Central Iberian Zone, and are dated at  $465 \pm 10$   
455 Ma (Lancelot et al., 1985) and 470 Ma (Talavera, 2009). They display weakly positive  
456  $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}}$  values (-0.0 to -4.0), and  $T_{\text{DM}}$  from 1.6 to 1.2 Ga (Talavera, 2009). This subgroup  
457 is mainly characterized by its alkaline character.

458 In the eastern Pyrenees, an Early–Mid Ordovician magmatic activity gave rise to the  
459 intrusion of voluminous (about 500–3000 m in size) aluminous granitic bodies, encased  
460 into the Canaveilles and Jujols beds (Álvaro et al., 2018; Casas et al., 2019). They  
461 constitute the protoliths of the large orthogneissic laccoliths that form the core of the  
462 domal massifs scattered throughout the backbone of the Pyrenees. Rocks of the  
463 Canigó, Roc de Frausa and Albera massifs have been taken into account in this work,  
464 in which volcanic rocks of the Pierrefite and Albera massifs, and the so-called *G3*  
465 orthogneisses by Guitard (1970) are also included. All subgroups vary compositionally  
466 from subalkaline andesite to rhyolite, as illustrated in the Pearce's (1996) diagram of  
467 Figure 4 (data compiled from Vilà et al., 2005; Castiñeiras et al., 2008b; Liesa et al.,  
468 2011; Navidad et al., 2018).

469 Although most rocks in this area are acidic, it is remarkable the presence of minor  
470 mafic bodies (Cortalet and Marialles metabasites, not studied in this work), which could  
471 indicate a mantellic connection with parental magmas during the Mid and Late  
472 Ordovician. As well, it should be noted that there are no andesitic rocks in the area.

473 (vi) The composition of the ocellar orthogneisses (*G2 sensu* Guitard, 1970) ranges  
474 from dacite to rhyolite ( $68.3 < \text{SiO}_2 < 73.6$  wt. %;  $3.2 < \text{Na}_2\text{O} < 3.9$  wt. %;  $2.5 < \text{K}_2\text{O} < 4.4$   
475 wt. %; Fig. 4). The age of this subgroup, with a peraluminous *A/CNK* ratio (1.2–1.1),  
476 ranges from 476 to 462 Ma,  $\epsilon\text{Nd}$  values from  $-4.4$  to  $-3.0$ , and  $T_{\text{DM}}$  from 1.20 to 1.44  
477 Ga (Vilà et al., 2005; Castiñeiras et al., 2008b; Liesa et al., 2011; Navidad et al., 2018).

478 (vii) The composition of the *G3* orthogneisses correspond to a potassium-rich dacite  
479 ( $68.4 < \text{SiO}_2 < 73.5$  wt. %;  $2.4 < \text{Na}_2\text{O} = 2.9$  wt. %;  $\text{K}_2\text{O} = 4.4$  wt. %; Fig. 4). The *A/CNK*  
480 ratio is peraluminous (1.2). These rocks are dated at  $463 \pm 1$  Ma (Navidad et al., 2018).  
481  $\epsilon\text{Nd}$  value is  $-4.2$  and  $T_{\text{DM}}$  is 1.33 Ga (Navidad et al., 2018).

482 (viii) The composition of the volcanic rocks (*V1*) is of a sodium-rich rhyolite ( $68.4 <$   
483  $\text{SiO}_2 < 73.5$  wt. %;  $2.4 < \text{Na}_2\text{O} < 7.88$  wt. %;  $1.27 < \text{K}_2\text{O} < 3.2$  wt. %; Fig. 4). The  
484 *A/CNK* ratio is peraluminous (2.0–1.1) (Calvet et al., 1988; Liesa et al., 2011). This  
485 subgroup includes samples from the Pierrefite Formation and the Albera massif. The  
486 latter has been dated from  $465 \pm 4$  to  $472 \pm 3$  Ma (Liesa et al., 2011).  $\epsilon\text{Nd}$  value ranges  
487 between  $-5.1$  and  $-2.6$ , and  $T_{\text{DM}}$  between 1.6 and 1.7 Ga (Liesa et. al., 2011;  
488 unpublised data).

489 In the Occitan Domain, six samples of the Larroque volcanosedimentary Complex  
490 (Early Tremadocian in age) consist of basin floors and subaerial explosive and effusive  
491 rhyolites (Poucllet et al., 2017). The porphyroclastic rocks of the Larroque metarhyolites  
492 were sampled in the Saint-Géraud and Larroque areas from the Saint-Sernin-sur-  
493 Rance nappe and the Saint-André klippe above the Saint-Salvi-de-Carcavès nappe  
494 (Poucllet et al., 2017).

495 (ix) The composition of the Occitan volcanic rocks (*VOL-OD*) ranges from  
496 potassium-rich dacite to rhyolite ( $66.7 < \text{SiO}_2 < 75.6$  wt. %;  $0.6 < \text{Na}_2\text{O} < 3.7$  wt. %;  $2.3$   
497  $< \text{K}_2\text{O} < 9.3$  wt. %; Fig. 4). The A/CNK ratio is peraluminous (2.4–1.3).

498 In the Middle Ordovician rocks of Sardinia, 11 samples are selected, five of which  
499 correspond to orthogneisses of the Aranci Gulf, in the Inner Zone of the NE island  
500 (Giacomini et al., 2006), completed with six volcanic rocks of the External Zone  
501 (Giacomini et al., 2006; Cruciani et al., 2018).

502 (x) The composition of the Sardinian orthogneisses (*OG-SMO*) corresponds to a  
503 potassium-rich rhyolite ( $74 < \text{SiO}_2 < 67.2$  wt. %;  $2.6 < \text{Na}_2\text{O} < 3.8$  wt. %;  $2.3 < \text{K}_2\text{O} < 5.8$   
504 wt. %; Fig. 4). These rocks, with a peraluminous A/CNK ratio (1.26–1.11), have been  
505 dated at  $469 \pm 1$  Ma (Giacomini et al., 2006).

506 (xi) Finally, the composition of the Sardinian volcanic rocks (*VOL-SMO*) ranges  
507 from potassium-rich dacite to rhyolite ( $67.6 < \text{SiO}_2 < 76.7$  wt. %;  $1.9 < \text{Na}_2\text{O} < 4.7$  wt.  
508 %;  $2.9 < \text{K}_2\text{O} < 5.4$  wt. %; Fig. 4). The age of these rocks vary between  $464 \pm 1$  Ma  
509 (Giacomini et al., 2006) and  $462 \pm 4.3$  Ma (Cruciani et al., 2018). The A/CNK ratio is  
510 peraluminous (2.02–1.22).

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### 512 3.2 Upper Ordovician Suite

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514 In the eastern Pyrenees, four Upper Ordovician subgroups are distinguished based on  
515 their field occurrence and geochemical and geochronological features: the *G1*-type  
516 orthogneisses *sensu* Guitard (1970); the Cadí and Casemí orthogneisses and the  
517 metavolcanic rocks that include the Ribes de Freser rhyolites; the Els Metges volcanic  
518 tuffs; and the rhyolites from Andorra and Pallaresa areas. Clariana et al. (2018) have  
519 dated the latter rhyolites at  $453.6 \pm 1.5$  Ma.

520 (i) The composition of the *G1*-type orthogneisses ranges from potassium-rich dacite  
521 to rhyodacite ( $73.45 < \text{SiO}_2 < 76.42$  wt. %;  $2.64 < \text{Na}_2\text{O} < 3.13$  wt. %;  $4.73 < \text{K}_2\text{O} < 5.27$   
522 wt. %; Fig. 4). The A/CNK ratio is peraluminous (1.24–1.16). These rocks have been

523 dated at  $457 \pm 1$  Ma (Navidad et al., 2018).  $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}}$  value ranges between  $-5.3$  and  $-3.1$ ,  
524 and  $T_{\text{DM}}$  between 1.47 and 2.72 Ga (Martínez et al., 2011; Navidad et al., 2018).

525 (ii) The *CADÍ* orthogneisses show a potassium-rich dacite to rhyodacite  
526 composition ( $\text{SiO}_2 = 69.38$  wt. %;  $\text{Na}_2\text{O} = 3.03$  wt. %;  $\text{K}_2\text{O} = 4.05$  wt. %; Fig. 4). The  
527  $A/\text{CNK}$  ratio is peraluminous (1.19). The age of this subgroup is  $456.1 \pm 4.8$  Ma (Casas  
528 et al., 2010).  $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}}$  value is  $-4.1$  and  $T_{\text{DM}}$  is 1.47 Ga (Navidad et al., 2010).

529 (iii) The composition of the *CASEMÍ* orthogneisses ranges from potassium-rich  
530 dacite/rhyodacite to rhyolite ( $71.87 < \text{SiO}_2 < 76.03$  wt. %;  $1.82 < \text{Na}_2\text{O} < 4.02$  wt. %;  
531  $3.24 < \text{K}_2\text{O} < 6.30$  wt. %) (Fig. 4). The  $A/\text{CNK}$  ratio is peraluminous (1.24–0.94). The  
532 age ranges between  $451.6 \pm 4.8$  Ma and  $445.9 \pm 4.8$  Ma (Casas et al., 2010).  $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}}$  value  
533 ranges between  $-3.6$  and  $-1.3$ , and  $T_{\text{DM}}$  between 1.27 and 2.63 Ga (Navidad et al.,  
534 2010).

535 (iv) The composition of the Pyrenean volcanic rocks (V2) is the most variable,  
536 ranging from andesite to dacite/rhyodacite ( $62.98 < \text{SiO}_2 < 86.06$  wt. %;  $0.05 < \text{Na}_2\text{O} <$   
537  $5.98$  wt. %;  $0.63 < \text{K}_2\text{O} < 4.33$  wt. %; Fig. 4). The  $A/\text{CNK}$  ratio is peraluminous (3.63–  
538 1.04). This subgroup includes the metarhyolites of Ribes de Freser, Andorra (dated at  
539  $457 \pm 1.5$  Ma), Pallaresa ( $453.6 \pm 1.5$  Ma) and Els Metges ( $455.2 \pm 1.8$  Ma, Navidad et  
540 al., 2010).  $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}}$  ranges between  $-5.1$  and  $-2.6$ , and  $T_{\text{DM}}$  between 1.62 and 1.71 Ga  
541 (Navidad et al., 2010; Martínez et al., 2011).

542 (v) In the Occitan Domain, four new samples (*OG-OD*) of orthogneisses from  
543 Gorges d' Heric (Caroux massif), S of Mazamet (Nore massif), S of Rouairoux (Agout  
544 massif) and Le Vintrou are analyzed. The composition of the orthogneisses (*OG-OD*)  
545 ranges from potassium-rich dacite to rhyolite ( $67.4 < \text{SiO}_2 < 73.9$  wt. %;  $2.8 < \text{Na}_2\text{O} <$   
546  $3.3$  wt. %;  $4.0 < \text{K}_2\text{O} < 4.7$  wt. %; Fig. 4). The  $A/\text{CNK}$  ratio is peraluminous (1.29–1.20).  
547 The orthogneisses of Gorges d' Heric have been dated at  $450 \pm 3$  Ma (Roger et al.,  
548 2004).  $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}}$  ranges between  $-3.5$  and  $-4.0$ , and  $T_{\text{DM}}$  between 1.8 and 1.4 Ga.

549 (vi) Fourteen samples are selected from the Upper Ordovician of Sardinia. Nine of  
550 them correspond to orthogneisses of the External Zone (*OG-SUD*, eight samples are

551 new data and one taken from Cruciani et al., 2018), and five samples to volcanic rocks  
552 from the Nappe Zone (*VOL-SUD*) (Cruciani et al., 2018). The composition of the  
553 orthogneisses ranges from potassium-rich dacite/rhyodacite to rhyolite ( $72.1 < \text{SiO}_2 <$   
554  $76.6$  wt. %;  $1.6 < \text{Na}_2\text{O} < 3.3$  wt. %;  $4.8 < \text{K}_2\text{O} < 7.8$  wt. %; Fig. 4). The A/CNK ratio is  
555 peraluminous (1.1–1.3). This subgroup has been dated at  $464 \pm 1$  Ma (Giacomini et al.,  
556 2006), and includes samples from Capo Spartivento, Cuile Culurgioni, Tuerredda,  
557 Monte Filau and Monte Settiballas.  $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}}$  value ranges from  $-1.6$  to  $-3.3$ , and  $T_{\text{DM}}$  from  
558 1.2 to 4.2 Ga. The composition of the associated volcanic rocks ranges from  
559 potassium-rich dacite to rhyodacite ( $70.7 < \text{SiO}_2 < 76.7$  wt. %;  $1.6 < \text{Na}_2\text{O} < 3.3$  wt. %;  
560  $4.8 < \text{K}_2\text{O} < 7.8$  wt. %; Fig. 4). The A/CNK ratio is peraluminous (1.1–1.3). This  
561 subgroup includes samples of the Truzzulla Formation at Monte Grighini.

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#### 563 **4. Geochemical framework**

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565 A geochemical comparison between the Furongian–Ordovician felsic rocks of all the  
566 above-reported groups offers the opportunity to characterize the successive sources of  
567 crustal-derived melts along the south-western European margin of Gondwana.

568 The geochemical features point to a predominance of materials derived from the  
569 melting of metasedimentary rocks, rich in  $\text{SiO}_2$  and  $\text{K}_2\text{O}$  (average  $\text{K}_2\text{O}/\text{Na}_2\text{O} = 2.25$ )  
570 and peraluminous ( $0.4 < C_{\text{norm}} < 4.5$  and  $0.94 < \text{A/CNK} > 3.12$ ), with only three samples  
571 with  $\text{A/CNK} < 1$  (samples 100786 of the Casemí subgroup, and T26 and T27 of the San  
572 Sebastián subgroup).

573 The result of plotting the REE content vs. average values of continental crust  
574 (Rudnick and Gao, 2004; Fig. 5) yields a flat spectra and a base level shared by most  
575 of the considered groups. The total content in REE is moderate to high (average REE =  
576 176 ppm, ranging between 482.2 and 26.0 ppm; Fig. 6), with a maximum in the  
577 subgroup of the Middle Ordovician volcanic rocks from Sardinia (average REE = 335  
578 ppm, *VOL-SMO*), and with LREE values more fractionated than HREE ones, and



579 negative anomalies of Eu, which would indicate a characteristic process of magmatic  
580 evolution with plagioclase fractionation. These features are common in peraluminous  
581 granitoids.

582 All subgroups display similar chondritic normalized REE patterns (Fig. 6), with an  
583 enrichment in LREE relative to HREE, which should indicate the involvement of crustal  
584 materials in their parental magmas. Nevertheless, some variations can be highlighted,  
585 such as the lesser fractionation in REE content of some subgroups. These are the  
586 leucogneisses from the Iberian massif (*LG*,  $La/Yb_n = 2.01$ ), the Upper Ordovician  
587 orthogneisses from Sardinia (*OG-SUO*,  $La/Yb_n = 2.94$ ), the Casemí orthogneisses  
588 ( $La/Yb_n = 4.42$ ) and the Middle Ordovician volcanic rocks from Sardinia (*OG-SUO*,  
589  $La/Yb_n = 2.94$ ). This may be interpreted as a greater degree of partial fusion in the  
590 origin of their parental magmas (Rollinson, 1993).

591 There are three geochemical groups displaying  $(Gd/Yb)_n$  values  $> 2$ , and  $(La/Yb)_n$   
592 values  $\geq 9$ . These groups are *OSS* (Central Iberian Zone), *VOL-OD* (Occitan Domain)  
593 and *G1* (Pyrenees), and share higher alkalinity features.

594 Some *V1* rocks from the Pyrenees (Pierrefite Formation) show no negative  
595 anomalies in Eu. Their parental magmas could have been derived from deeper origins  
596 and related to residual materials of the lower continental crust, in areas of production of  
597 K-rich granites (Taylor and McLennan, 1989).

598 The spider diagrams (Fig. 7), however, exhibit strong negative anomalies in Nb, Sr  
599 and Ti, which indicate a distinct crustal affiliation (Díez-Montes, 2007). Only the San  
600 Sebastián orthogneisses (*OSS*) show distinct discrepancies in respect of the remaining  
601 samples from the Ollo de Sapo Formation. They display lower negative anomalies in  
602 Nb and a more alkaline character by comparison with the rest of the Ollo de Sapo  
603 rocks, which point to alkaline affinities and greater negative anomalies in Nb.

604 Despite some small differences in the chemical ranges of some major elements,  
605 most felsic Ordovician rocks from the Iberian massif (Central Iberian and Galicia-Trás-  
606 os Montes Zones), eastern Pyrenees, Occitan Domain and Sardinia share a common



607 chemical pattern. The Lower–Middle Ordovician rocks of the eastern Pyrenees show  
608 less variation in the content of Zr and Nb (Fig. 7B). The volcanic rocks of these groups  
609 show a different REE behaviour, which would indicate different sources. Two groups  
610 are distinguished in Figure 6, one with greater enrichment in REE and negative  
611 anomaly of Eu, and another with lesser content of HREE and without Eu negative  
612 anomalies.

613 Figure 8 illustrates how the average of all the considered groups approximates the  
614 mean values of the Rudnick and Gao's (2003) Upper Continental Crust. In this figure,  
615 small deviations can be observed, some of them toward LCC values and others toward  
616 BCC, indicating variations in their parental magmas but with quite similar spectra.  
617 Overall chondrite-normalized patterns are close to the values that represent the upper  
618 continental crust, with slight enrichments in the Th/Nb, Th/La and Th/Yb ratios.

619 Finally, in the Occitan volcanic rocks (*VOL-OD*) the rare earth elements are  
620 enriched and fractionated ( $33.2 \text{ ppm} < \text{La} < 45.6 \text{ ppm}$ ;  $11.2 < \text{La/Yb} < 14.5$ ). The upper  
621 continental crust normalized diagram exhibits negative anomalies of Ti, V, Cr, Mn and  
622 Fe associated with oxide fractionation, of Zr and Hf linked to zircon fractionation, and of  
623 Eu related to plagioclase fractionation. The profiles are comparable to the Vendean  
624 Saint-Gilles rhyolitic ones. The Th vs. Rb/Ba features are also similar to those of the  
625 Saint-Gilles rhyolites, and the Iberian Olla de Sapo and Urra rhyolites (Solá et al.,  
626 2008; Díez Montes et al., 2010).

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#### 628 **4.1 Inferred tectonic settings**

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630 In order to clarify the evolution of geotectonic environments, the data have been  
631 represented in different geotectonic diagrams. The Zr/TiO<sub>2</sub> ratio (Lentz, 1996; Syme,  
632 1998) is a key index of compositional evolution for intermediate and felsic rocks. In the  
633 Syme diagram (Fig. 9), most rocks from the Central Iberian Zone represent a  
634 characteristic arc association, although there are some contemporaneous samples



635 characterized by extensional-related values ( $Zr/Ti = 0.10$ ,  $LG$ ). The rocks of the  
636 Middle–Ordovician San Sebastián orthogneisses ( $OSS$ ) show values of  $Zr/Ti = 0.08$ ,  
637 intermediate between extensional and arc conditions. This could be interpreted as a  
638 sharp change in geotectonic conditions toward the Mid Ordovician (Fig. 9A). For a  
639 better comparison, the samples of the San Sebastián orthogneisses ( $OSS$ ) and the  
640 granites ( $GRA$ ) have been distinguished with a shaded area in all the diagrams, since  
641 they have slightly different characteristics to the rest of the samples from the Ollo de  
642 Sapo group. The samples  $G1$  (Pyrenees) and  $VOL$  (Central Iberian Zone) broadly  
643 share similar values, as a result of which, the three latter groups ( $OSS$ ,  $G1$  and  $VOL$ )  
644 arrange following a good correlation line. The same trend seems to be inferred in the  
645 eastern Pyrenees (Fig. 9B), where the Middle Ordovician subgroups display arc  
646 features, but half of the Upper Ordovician subgroups show extensional affinities ( $G1$   
647 and Casemí orthogneisses). In the case of the Occitan orthogneisses (Fig. 9C), they  
648 show arc characters, which contrast with the contemporaneous volcanic rocks  
649 displaying extensional values with  $Zr/Ti = 0.10$ . This disparity between plutonic and  
650 volcanic rocks could be interpreted as different conditions for the origin of these  
651 magmas. In Sardinia (Fig. 9D), the same evolution from arc to extensional conditions is  
652 highlighted for the Upper Ordovician samples, although some Middle Ordovician  
653 volcanic rocks already shared extensional patterns ( $Zr/Ti = 0.09$ ). In summary, there  
654 seems to be a geochemical evolution in the Ordovician magmas grading from arc to  
655 extensional environments.

656 In the Nb–Y tectonic discriminating diagram of Pearce et al. (1984) (Fig. 10), most  
657 samples plot in the volcanic arc-type, though some subgroups project in the within-  
658 plate and anomalous ORG. The majority of samples display very similar  $Zr/Nb$  and  
659  $Nb/Y$  ratios, typical of island arc or active continental margin rhyolites (Díez-Montes et  
660 al., 2010). Only some samples plot separately:  $OSS$  samples with highest Nb contents  
661 ( $>20$  ppm), and some volcanic rocks of the Occitan Domain (average Nb = 16.87 ppm).  
662 In the eastern Pyrenees, the Middle Ordovician rocks plot in the volcanic arc field,





663 whereas the Upper Ordovician ones point in the ORG type, except the Casemí  
664 samples. This progress of magmatic sources agrees with the evolution seen in Figure  
665 9. In the Ocitan Domain, *VOL-OD* samples share values with those of the San  
666 Sebastián orthogneiss, while *OG-OD* shares values with those of *OG* from the Central  
667 Iberian Zone.

668 The Zr vs. Nb diagram (Leat et al., 1986; modified by Piercey, 2011) (Fig. 11)  
669 illustrates how magmas evolved toward richer values in Zr and Nb, which is consistent  
670 with what it is observed in the Syme diagram (Fig. 9). Figure 11A documents how most  
671 samples show a general positive trend where two groups are distinguished. These  
672 different groups correspond to the OSS and Portalegre granites, highlighted in the  
673 figure. The two groups indicate a tendency toward alkaline magmas. In the rest of the  
674 diagrams, the groups from the Central Iberian Zone are projected in blue. Some  
675 samples, such as the Pyrenean *G1*, some Occitan *VOL-OD* samples and some  
676 Sardinian *OG-UOS* samples share the same affinity, clearly distinguished from the  
677 general geochemical trend exhibited by the Central Iberian Zone.

678 After plotting the data in a Zr vs. Ga/Al diagram (Whalen et al., 1987) (Fig. 12), the  
679 samples depict an intermediate character between alkaline and I&S. In the Central  
680 Iberian Zone, samples from the San Sebastián orthogneisses and Portalegre granites  
681 show characters of A-type granites, while the remaining samples display affinities of  
682 I&S-type granites. For the Central Iberian Zone, a clear magmatic shift toward more  
683 extensional geotectonic environments is characterized. For the eastern Pyrenees, we  
684 find the same situation than for the Central Iberian Zone, with a magmatic evolution  
685 toward A-granite type characteristics, indicating more extensional geotectonic  
686 environments. In the Occitan Domain, the samples show a clear I&S character. In the  
687 Sardinian case, the same seems to happen as in the Central Iberian Zone: the Upper  
688 Ordovician orthogneisses suggest a more extensional character.

689 In summary, all the reported diagrams point to a magmatic evolution through time,  
690 grading from arc to extensional geotectonic environments (with increased Zr/Ti ratios)

691 and to granite type-A characters. This geotectonic framework is consistent with that  
692 illustrated in Figure 9. The geochemical characters of these rocks show a rhyodacite to  
693 dacite composition, peraluminous and calc-alkaline K-rich character, and an arc-  
694 volcanic affinity for most of samples, but without intermediate rocks associated with  
695 andesitic types. Hence a change in time is documented toward more alkaline magmas.

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#### 697 **4.2 Interpretation of $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}}$ values**

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699  $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}}$  values are useful to interpret the nature of magmatic sources. Most samples of the  
700 above-reported groups show no meaningful differences in isotopic  $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}}$  values, and  
701  $\text{Nd}_{\text{CHUR}}$  model ages (Fig. 13). Some exceptions are related to granites from the  
702 southern Central Iberian Zone, which display positive values (from +2.6 to -2.4) and  
703  $T_{\text{DM}}$  values from 0.90 to 3.46 Ga. This feature could be interpreted as a more primitive  
704 nature of their parental magmas, even though the samples with highest  $T_{\text{DM}}$  values are  
705 those that have higher  $^{147}\text{Sm}/^{144}\text{Nd}$  ratios ( $> 0.16$ ; Table 1). On the other hand, very  
706 high values of the  $^{147}\text{Sm}/^{144}\text{Nd}$  ratio ( $> 0.13$ ) could indicate post-magmatic hydrothermal  
707 alteration of the orthogneissic protoliths, as pointed out by Martínez et al. (2011).  
708 These are the case for samples from the Central Iberian Zone, VI-3 sample  
709 (Leucogneisses subgroup) and PORT2 and PORT15 of the Granites subgroup; as well  
710 as in the eastern Pyrenees, 99338 sample (G1 subgroup) and 100786 sample (Casemí  
711 subgroup). In Sardinia, CS5, CS8 and CC5 samples of the Upper Ordovician  
712 Orthogneisses subgroup show the highest values in  $T_{\text{DM}}$  (Table 2; Fig. 13).

713 The volcanic rocks of the Central Iberian Zone display some differences following a  
714 N-S transect, being  $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}}$  values more negative in the north ( $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}}$ : -4.0 to -5.0) than in  
715 the south ( $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}}$ : -1.6 to -5.5). The isotopic signature of the Urrea volcanoclastic rocks is  
716 compatible with magmas derived from young crustal rocks, with intermediate to felsic  
717 igneous compositions (Solá et al., 2008). The volcanic rocks of the northern Central  
718 Iberian Zone could be derived from old crustal rocks (Montero et al., 2007). The



719 isotopic composition of the granitoids from the southern Central Iberian Zone has more  
720 primitive characters than those of the northern Central Iberian Zone, suggesting  
721 different sources for both sides (Talavera et al., 2013). OSS shows lower inheritance  
722 patterns, more primitive Sr–Nd isotopic composition than other rocks of the Ollo de  
723 Sapo suite, and an age some 15 m.y. younger than most meta-igneous rocks of the  
724 Sanabria region (Montero et al., 2009), likely reflecting a greater mantle involvement in  
725 its genesis (Díez-Montes et al., 2008).

726 According to Talavera et al. (2013), the Cambro–Ordovician rocks of the Galicia-  
727 Trás-os-Montes Zone schistose area and the magmatic rocks of the northern Central  
728 Iberian Zone are contemporary. Both metavolcanic and metagranitic rocks almost  
729 share the same isotopic compositions.

730 The Upper Ordovician orthogneisses from the Occitan Domain show very little  
731 variation in  $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}}$  values (–3.5 to –4.0), typical of magmas derived from young crustal  
732 rocks. The variation in TDM values is also small (1.4 to 1.8 Ga) indicating short crustal  
733 residence times.

734 In Sardinia,  $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}}$  values present a greater variation (–1.6 to –3.3), but they are also  
735 included in the typical continental crustal range. As noted above, anomalous TDM values  
736 (between 1.2 to 4.5 Ga) may be due to post-magmatic hydrothermal alteration  
737 processes.

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## 739 **5. Geodynamic scenario**

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741 In the Iberian Massif, the Ediacaran–Cambrian transition was marked by  
742 paraconformities and angular discordances indicating the passage from Cadomian  
743 volcanic arc to rifting conditions. The axis of the so-called Ossa-Morena Rift lies along  
744 the homonymous Zone (Quesada, 1991; Sánchez-García et al., 2003, 2008, 2010)  
745 close to the remains of the Cadomian suture (Murphy et al., 2006). Rifting conditions  
746 were accompanied by a voluminous magmatism that changed from peraluminous acid

747 to bimodal (Sánchez-García et al., 2003, 2008, 2016, 2019). Some authors (Álvaro et  
748 al., 2014; Sánchez-García et al., 2019) propose that this rift resulted from a SW-to-NE  
749 inward migration, toward innermost parts of Gondwana, of rifting axes from the Anti-  
750 Atlas in Morocco to the Ossa-Morena Zone in the Iberian Massif. According to this  
751 proposal the rifting developed later (in Cambro–Ordovician times) in the Iberian,  
752 Armorican and Bohemian massifs.

753 The Furongian–Ordovician transition to drifting conditions is associated, in the  
754 Iberian Massif, Occitan Domain, Pyrenees and Sardinia, with a stepwise magmatic  
755 activity contemporaneous with the record of the Toledanian and Sardic unconformities.  
756 These, related to neither metamorphism nor penetrative deformations, are linked to  
757 uplift, erosion and irregularly distributed mesoscale deformation that gave rise to  
758 angular unconformities up to 90°. The time span involved in these gaps is similar (22  
759 m.y. in the Iberian Massif, 16–23 m.y. in the Pyrenees and 18 m.y. in Sardinia). This  
760 contrasts with the greater time span displayed by the magmatic activity (30–45 m.y.),  
761 which started before the unconformity formation (early Furongian in the Central Iberian  
762 Zone vs. Floian in the Pyrenees, Occitan Domain and Sardinia), pursuit during the  
763 unconformity formation (Furongian and early Tremadocian in the Central Iberian Zone  
764 vs. Floian–Darrivilian in the Pyrenees, Occitan Domain and Sardinia), and ended  
765 during the sealing of the uplifted and eroded palaeorelief (Tremadocian–Floian  
766 volcanoclastic rocks at the base of the Armorican Quartzite in the Central Iberian Zone  
767 vs. Sandbian–Katian volcanic rocks at the lowermost part of the Upper Ordovician  
768 successions in the Pyrenees, Occitan Domain and Sardinia; Gutiérrez-Alonso et al.,  
769 2007, 2016; Navidad et al., 2010; Martínez et al., 2011; Álvaro et al., 2016; Martí et al.,  
770 2019). In the Pyrenees, Upper Ordovician magmatism and sedimentation coexist with  
771 normal faults controlling marked thickness changes of the basal Upper Ordovician  
772 succession and cutting the lower part of this succession, the Sardic unconformity and  
773 the underlying Cambro–Ordovician sequence (Puddu et al., 2018, 2019).

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775 *Toledanian Phase*

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777 The Early Ordovician (Toledanian) magmatism of the Central Iberian Zone evolved to a  
778 typical passive-margin setting, with geochemical features dominated by acidic rocks,  
779 peraluminous and rich in K, and lacking any association with basic or intermediate  
780 rocks. Some of the orthogneisses of the Galicia-Trás-os-Montes Zone basal and  
781 allochthonous complex units share these same patterns. This fact has been interpreted  
782 by some authors as a basin environment subject to important episodes of crustal  
783 extension (Martínez-Catalán et al., 2007; Díez-Montes et al., 2010). In contrast,  
784 Villaseca et al. (2016) interpreted this absence as evidence against rifting conditions,  
785 though the absence of contemporary basic magmatism may be explained by the partial  
786 fusion of a thickened crust, through recycling of Neoproterozoic crustal materials. The  
787 thrust of a large metasedimentary sequence could generate dehydration and  
788 metasomatism of the rocks above this sequence, triggering partial fusion at different  
789 levels, although the increase in peraluminosity with the basicity of the ortogneisses is  
790 against any AFC process involving mantle materials. However, this increase in  
791 peraluminosity with the basicity has not been revealed in the samples studied above.  
792 Following Villaseca et al.'s (2016) model, a flat subduction of the southern part of the  
793 Central Iberian Zone would have taken place under its northern prolongation, whereas  
794 the reflection of such a subduction is not evident in the field. The calc-alkaline signature  
795 of this magmatism has also been taken into account as proof of its relationship with  
796 volcanic-arc environments (Valverde-Vaquero and Dunning, 2000). However, calc-  
797 alkaline features may be also interpreted as a result of a variable degree of continental  
798 crustal contamination and/or previously enriched mantle source (Sánchez-García et al.,  
799 2003, 2008, 2016, 2019; Díez-Montes et al., 2010). Finally, other granites not  
800 considered here of Tremadocian age have been reported in the southern Central  
801 Iberian Zone, such as the Oledo massif and the Beira Baixa-Central Extremadura,  
802 which display a I-type affinity (Antunes et al., 2009; Rubio Ordóñez et al., 2012). These



803 granites could represent different sources for the Ordovician magmatism in the Central  
804 Iberian Zone.

805 Sánchez-García et al. (2019) have proposed that the anomaly that produced the  
806 large magmatism throughout the Iberian Massif could have migrated from the rifting  
807 axis to inwards zones and the acid, peraluminous, K-rich rocks of Mid Ordovician in  
808 age should represent the initial stages of a new rifting pulse, resembling the  
809 peraluminous rocks of the Early Rift Event *sensu* Sánchez-García et al. (2003) from the  
810 Cambrian Epoch 2 of the Ossa-Morena Rift.

811 In the parautochthon of the Galicia-Trás-os-Montes Zone, the appearance of  
812 tholeiitic and alkaline-peralkaline magmatism in the Mid Ordovician would signal the  
813 first steps toward extensional conditions (Díez Fernández et al., 2012; Dias da Silva et  
814 al., 2016). In the Montagne Noire and the Mouthoumet massifs contemporaneous  
815 tholeiitic lavas indicate a similar change in the tectonic regimen (Álvaro et al., 2016).  
816 This gradual change in geodynamic conditions is also marked by the appearance of  
817 rocks with extensional characteristics in some of subgroups considered here, such as  
818 the Central Iberian Zone (San Sebastián orthogneisses), eastern Pyrenees (Casemí  
819 orthogneisses, and G1), volcanic rocks of the Occitan Domain, and the orthogneisses and  
820 volcanic rocks from Sardinia.

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#### 822 *Sardic Phase*

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824 In the eastern Pyrenees, two peaks of magmatic activity have been currently  
825 distinguished (Casas et al., 2019). Large Lower–Middle Ordovician peraluminous  
826 granite bodies are known representing the protoliths of numerous gneissic bodies with  
827 laccolithic morphologies. In the Canigó massif, the Upper Ordovician granite bodies  
828 (protoliths of Cadí, Casemí, G1) are encased in sediments of the Canaveilles and  
829 Jujols groups. During this time span, there was generalized uplift and erosion that  
830 culminated with the onset of the Sardic unconformity. The Sardic Phase was



831 succeeded by an extensional pulsation related to the formation of normal faults  
832 affecting the pre-unconformity strata (Puddu et al., 2018, 2019). The volcanic arc  
833 signature can be explain by crustal recycling (Navidad et al., 2010; Casas et al., 2010;  
834 Martínez et al., 2011), as in the case of the Toledanian Phase in the Central Iberian  
835 Zone, although, according to Casas et al. (2019), the Pyrenees and the Catalan  
836 Coastal Ranges were probably fringing the Gondwana margin in a different position  
837 than that occupied by the Iberian Massif. As a whole, the Ordovician magmatism in the  
838 eastern Pyrenees lasted about 30 m.y., from ca 477 to 446 Ma, in a time span  
839 contemporaneous with the formation of the Sardinic unconformity (Fig. 2). Recently,  
840 Puddu et al. (2019) proposed that a thermal doming, bracketted between 475 and 450  
841 Ma, should have stretched the Ordovician lithosphere. The emersion and denudation of  
842 the inherited Cambrian–Ordovician palaeorelief would have given rise to the onset of  
843 the Sardinic unconformity. According to these authors, thermal doming triggered by hot  
844 mafic magma underplating may also be responsible for the late Early–Late Ordovician  
845 coeval magmatic activity.

846 In the Occitan Domain, there was a dramatic volcanic event in early Tremadocian  
847 times, with the uprising of basin floors and the subsequent effusion of abundant  
848 rhyolitic activities under subaerial explosive conditions (Larroque volcanosedimentary  
849 Complex in the Montagne Noire, and Davejean acidic volcanic counterpart in the  
850 Mouthoumet Massif). Pouclet et al., (2017) interpreted this as a delayed Olo de Sapo-  
851 style outpouring where a massive crustal melting required a rather significant heat  
852 supply. Asthenospheric upwelling leading to the interplay of lithospheric doming,  
853 continental break-up, and a decompressionally driven mantle melting can explain such  
854 a great thermal anomaly. The magmatic products accumulated on the mantle-crust  
855 contact would provide enough heat transfer for crustal melting (Huppert and Sparks,  
856 1988). Subsequently, a post–Sardinic reactivation of rifting conditions is documented in  
857 the Cabrières klippen (southern Montagne Noire) and the Mouthoumet massif. There, a  
858 Late Ordovician fault-controlled subsidence linked to the record of rift-related tholeiites



859 (Roque de Bandies and Villerouge formations) were contemporaneous with the record  
860 of the Hirnantian glaciation (Álvaro et al., 2016). Re-opening of rifting branches  
861 (Montagne Noire and Mouthoumet massifs) was geometrically recorded as onlapping  
862 patterns and final sealing of Sardic palaeoreliefs by Silurian and Lower Devonian  
863 strata.

864 Sardinia illustrates an almost complete record of the Variscan Belt (Carmignani et  
865 al., 1994; Rossi et al., 2009). Some plutonic orthogneisses of the Inner Zone belong to  
866 this cycle, such as the orthogneisses of Golfo Aranci (Giacomini et al., 2006). Gaggero  
867 et al. (2012) described three magmatic cycles. The first cycle is well represented in the  
868 Sarrabus unit by Furongian–Tremadocian volcanic and subvolcanic interbeds within a  
869 terrigenous succession (San Vito Formation) which is topped by the Sardic  
870 unconformity. Some plutonic orthogneisses of the Inner Zone belong to this cycle, such  
871 as the orthogneisses of Golfo Aranci (Giacomini et al., 2006) and the PB orthogneiss of  
872 Punta Bianca). The second Mid–Ordovician cycle, about 50 m.y. postdating the  
873 previous cycle, is of an arc-volcanic type with calc-alkaline affinity and acidic-to-  
874 intermediate composition. The acidic metavolcanites are referred in the literature as  
875 “porphyroids”, which crop out in the External Nappe Zone and some localities of the  
876 Inner Zone. The intermediate to basic derivatives are widespread in Central Sardinia  
877 (Serra Tonnai Formation). Some plutonic rocks (Mt. Filau orthogneisses and Capo  
878 Spartivento) of the second cycle are discussed above. The third cycle consists of  
879 alkalic meta-epiclastites interbedded in post–Sandbian strata and metabasites marking  
880 the Ordovician/Silurian contact and reflecting rifting conditions. In this work only the first  
881 two cycles have been considered. Giacomini et al. (2006) cite coeval mafic rocks of  
882 felsic magmatism of Mid Ordovician age (Cortesogno et al., 2004; Palmeri et al., 2004;  
883 Giacomini et al., 2005), although they interpret a subduction scenario of the Hun terrain  
884 below Corsica and Sardinia in the Mid Ordovician.

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886 *Intracrustal siliceous melts*



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888 In this scenario, the key to generate large volumes of acidic rocks in an intraplate  
889 context would be the existence of a lower-middle crust, highly hydrated, in addition to a  
890 high heat flow, possibly caused by mafic magmas (Bryan et al., 2002; Díez-Montes,  
891 2007). This could be the scenario raised by the arrival of a thermal anomaly in a  
892 subduction-free area (Sánchez-García et al., 2003, 2008, 2019; Álvaro et al., 2016).  
893 The formation of large volumes of intracrustal siliceous melts could act as a viscous  
894 barrier, preventing the rise of mafic magmas within volcanic environments, and causing  
895 the underplating of these magmas at the contact between the lower crust and the  
896 mantle (Huppert and Sparks, 1988; Pankhurst et al., 1998; Bindeman and Valley,  
897 2003). The cooling of these magmas could lead to crustal thickening and in this case,  
898 the volcanic arc signature can be explained by crustal recycling (Navidad et al., 2010;  
899 Díez-Montes et al., 2010; Martínez et al., 2011).

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920 magmatic activity

921 A major continental break-up, leading to the so-called Tremadocian Tectonic Belt,  
922 was suggested by Pouclet et al. (2017), which initiated by upwelling of the  
923 asthenosphere and tectonic thinning of the lithosphere. Mantle-derived mafic magmas  
924 were underplated at the mantle-crust transition zone and intruded the crust. These  
925 magmas provided heat for crustal melting, which supplied the rhyolitic volcanism. After  
926 emptying the rhyolitic crustal reservoirs, the underlying mafic magmas finally rised and  
927 reached the surface. According to Pouclet et al. (2017), the acidic magmatic output  
928 associated with the onset of the Larroque metarhyolites resulted in massive crustal  
929 melting requiring a rather important heat supply. Asthenospheric upwelling leading to  
930 lithospheric doming, continental break-up, and a decompressionally driven mantle  
931 melting can explain such a great thermal anomaly. Magmatic products accumulated on  
932 the mantle-crust contact providing enough heat transfer for crustal melting.

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## 934 **6. Conclusions**

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936 A geochemical comparison of 231 plutonic and volcanic samples of two major suites,  
937 Furongian–Mid Ordovician and Late Ordovician in age, and recorded in the Central  
938 Iberian and Galicia-Trás-os-Montes Zones of the Iberian Massif and in the eastern  
939 Pyrenees, Occitan Domain (Albigeois, Montagne Noire and Mouthoumet massifs) and  
940 Sardinia, is made in this work. The comparison points to a predominance of materials  
941 derived from the melting of metasedimentary rocks, peraluminous and rich in SiO<sub>2</sub> and  
942 K<sub>2</sub>O. The total content in REE is moderate to high. Most felsic rocks display similar

943 chondritic normalized REE patterns, with an enrichment of LREE relative to HREE,  
944 which should indicate the involvement of crustal materials in their parental magmas.

945 Zr/TiO<sub>2</sub>, Zr/Nb, Nb/Y and Zr vs. Ga/Al ratios, and REE and εNd values reflect  
946 contemporaneous arc and extensional scenarios, which progressed to distinct  
947 extensional conditions finally associated with outpouring of mafic tholeiitic-dominant  
948 rifting lava flows. Magmatic events are contemporaneous with the formation of the  
949 Toledanian (Furongian–Early Ordovician) and Sardic (Early–Late Ordovician)  
950 unconformities, related to neither metamorphism nor penetrative deformation. The  
951 geochemical and structural framework precludes a subduction scenario reaching the  
952 crust in a magmatic arc to back-arc setting. On the contrary, it favours partial melting of  
953 sediments and/or granitoids in a continental lower crust triggered by the underplating of  
954 hot mafic magmas during extensional events related to the opening of the Rheic Ocean  
955 as a result of asthenospheric upwelling.

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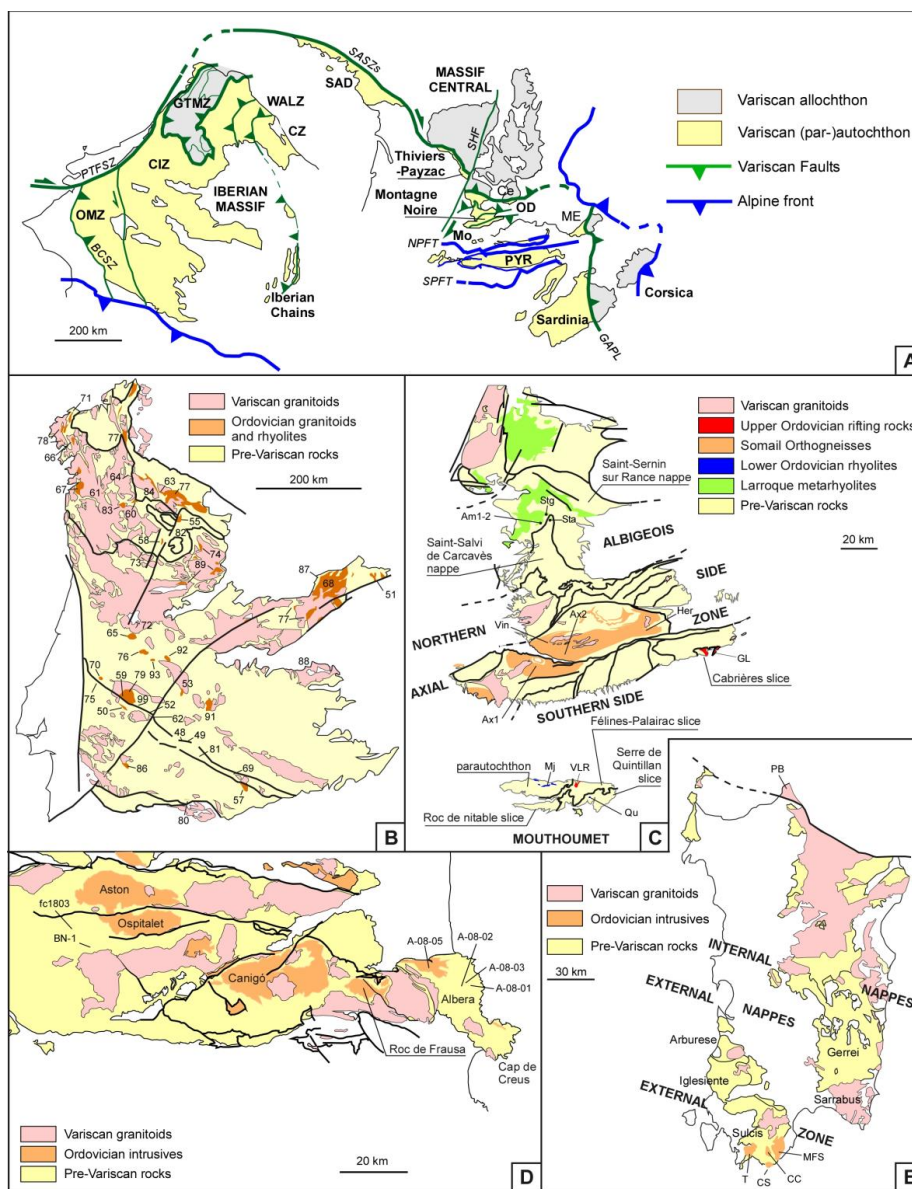


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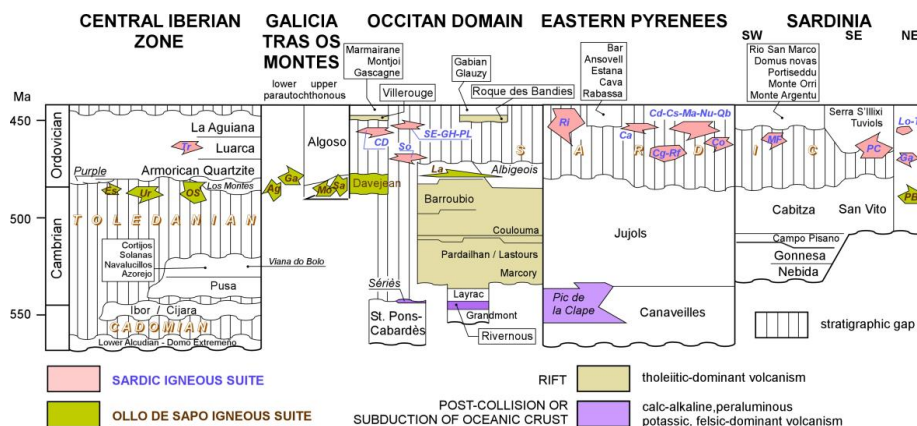


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 1574 Setting of samples in the Central Iberian and Galicia-Trás-os-Montes zones; 48-  
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1576 Arronches, 53- Arroyo de la Luz, 55- Bragança, 57- Cardenchosa, 58 -Carrapatas,  
1577 Facho & Valbenfeito, 59- Carrascal, 60- Carraxo, 61- Celanova-Bande, 62- Cevadais,  
1578 63- Covelo, 64- Os los Peares, 65- Fundao, 66- Galicia orthogneiss, 69- Las Minillas,  
1579 70- Maçao, 71- Malpica, 72- Manteigas, 73- Marão-Eucisia-Moncorvo, 74- Miranda do  
1580 Douro, 75- Mouriscas, 76- Oledo, 77- Ollo de Sapo, 78- Pontevedra-Sisargas, 79-  
1581 Portalegre, 80- Ribera deHuelva, 81- Rivera del Fresno, 82- Saldanha, 83- San  
1582 Mamede, 84-San Sebastián, 86- São Marcos do Campo, 87-Tenzuela, 88- Toledo  
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1587 Bandies, VLR- Villerouge-Termenès, VIN- Le Vintrou, HER- Gorges d'Héric (Caroux  
1588 massif), Ax1- S Mazamet (Nore massif), Ax2 (Rou)- S Rouayroux (Agout massif);  
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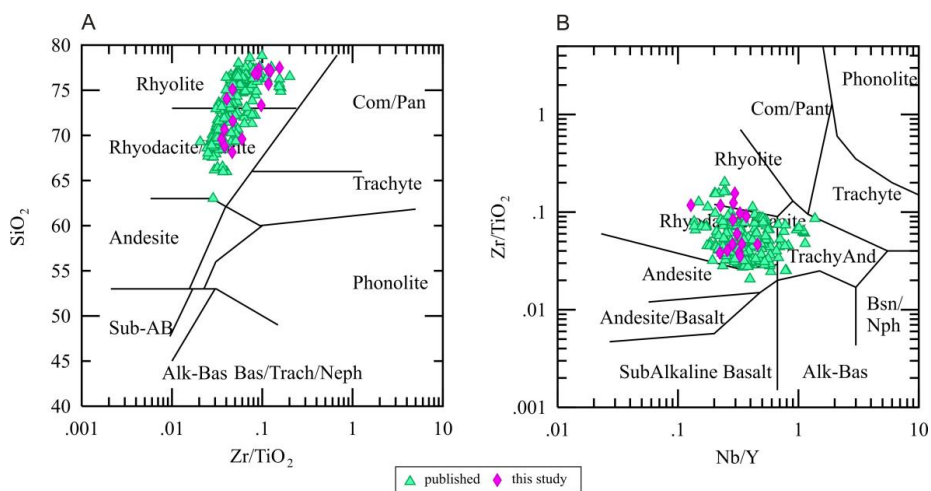


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1595 **Figure 2.** Stratigraphic comparison of the Cambro-Ordovician successions from the  
 1596 Central Iberian Zone, Galicia Trás-os-Montes Zone, Occitan Domain, Eastern  
 1597 Pyrenees and Sardinia; modified from Álvaro et al. (2014b, 2016, 2018), Pouclet et al.  
 1598 (2017) and Sánchez-García et al. (2019); abbreviations: *Ca* Campelles ignimbrites (ca.  
 1599 455 Ma, Martí et al., 2014), *CD* Cadí gneiss (456 ± 5 Ma, Casas et al., 2010), *Cg*  
 1600 Canigó gneiss (472–462 Ma, Cocherie et al., 2005; Navidad et al., 2018), *Co* Cortalets  
 1601 metabasite (460 ± 3 Ma, Navidad et al., 2018), *Cs* Casemí gneiss (446 ± 5 and 452 ± 5  
 1602 Ma, Casas et al., 2010), *Es* Estremoz rhyolites (499 Ma, Pereira et al., 2012), *Ga* Golfo  
 1603 Aranci orthogneiss (469 ± 3.7 Ma, Giacomini et al., 2006), *GH* Gorges d'Heric  
 1604 orthogneiss (450 ± 6 Ma, Roger et al., 2004), *La* Larroque Volcanic Complex, *Ma*  
 1605 Marialles microdiorite (453 ± 4 Ma, Casas et al., 2010), *Lo* Lodè orthogneiss (456 ± 14  
 1606 Ma, Helbing and Tiepolo, 2005), *MF* Monte Filau-Capo Spartivento orthogneiss (449 ±  
 1607 6 Ma, Ludwig and Turi, 1989; 457.5 ± 0,3 and 458.2 ± 0.3 Ma, Pavanetto et al., 2012),  
 1608 *Nu* Núria gneiss (457 ± 4 Ma, Martínez et al., 2011), *OS* Olla de Sapo rhyolites and  
 1609 ash-fall tuff beds (ca. 477 Ma., Gutiérrez-Alonso et al., 2016), *PL* Pont de Larn  
 1610 orthogneiss (456 ± 3 Ma, Roger et al., 2004), *Qb* Queralbs gneiss (457 ± 5 Ma,  
 1611 Martínez et al., 2011), *PB* Punta Bianca orthogneiss (broadly Furongian–Tremadocian  
 1612 in age), *PC* Porto Corallo dacites (465.4 ± 1.9 and 464 ± 1 Ma, Giacomini et al., 2006;  
 1613 Oggiano et al., 2010), *Ri* Ribes granophyre (458 ± 3 Ma, Martínez et al., 2011), *Rf* Roc



1614 de Frausa gneiss ( $477 \pm 4$ ,  $476 \pm 5$  Ma, Cocherie et al., 2005; Castiñeiras et al., 2008),  
1615 So Somain orthogneiss ( $471 \pm 4$  Ma, Cocherie et al. 2005), SE Saint Eutrope gneiss  
1616 ( $455 \pm 2$  Ma, Pitra et al., 2012), Ta Tanaunella orthogneiss  $458 \pm 7$  Ma (Helbing and  
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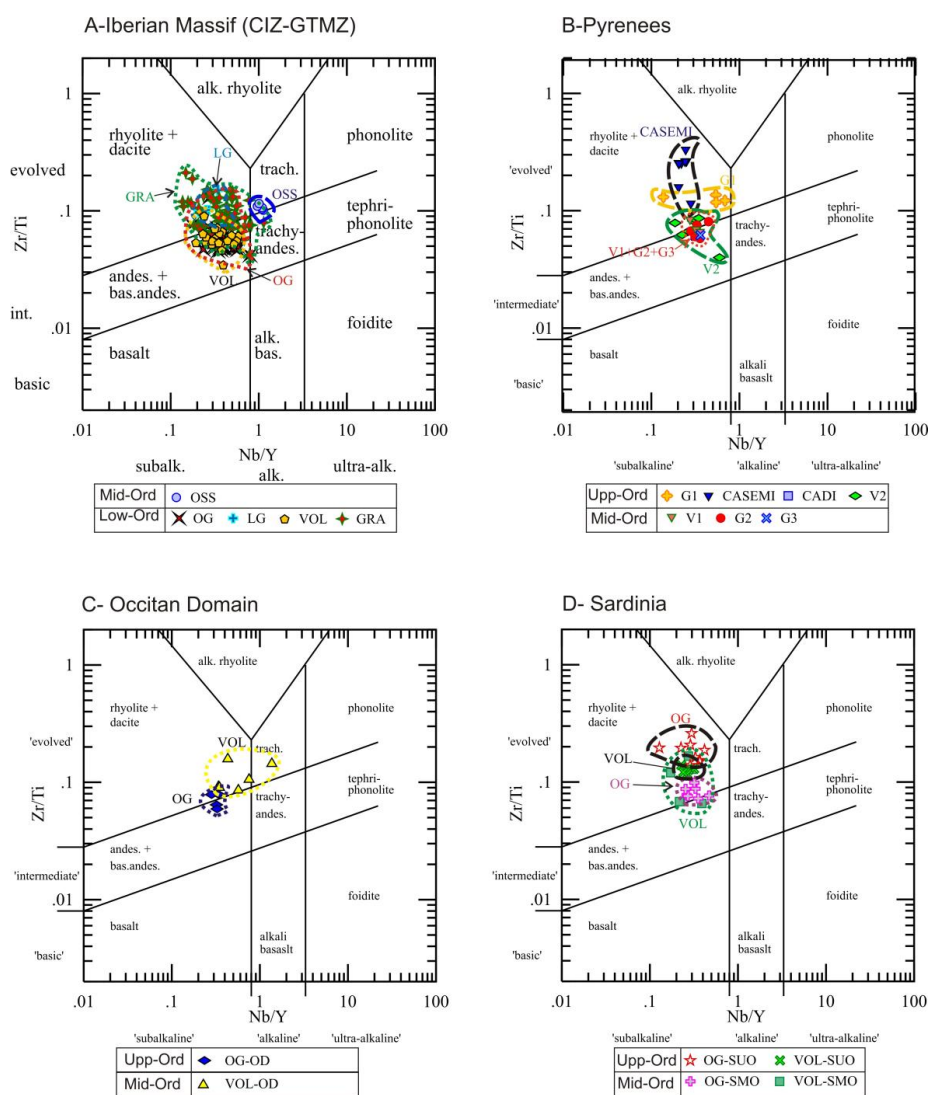
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1621 **Figure 3. SiO<sub>2</sub> vs. Zr/TiO<sub>2</sub> and Zr/TiO<sub>2</sub> vs. Nb/Y plots (Winchester and Floyd, 1977)**

1622 **showing the composition of new samples (purple diamonds) and those taken**

1623 **from the literature (green triangles).**

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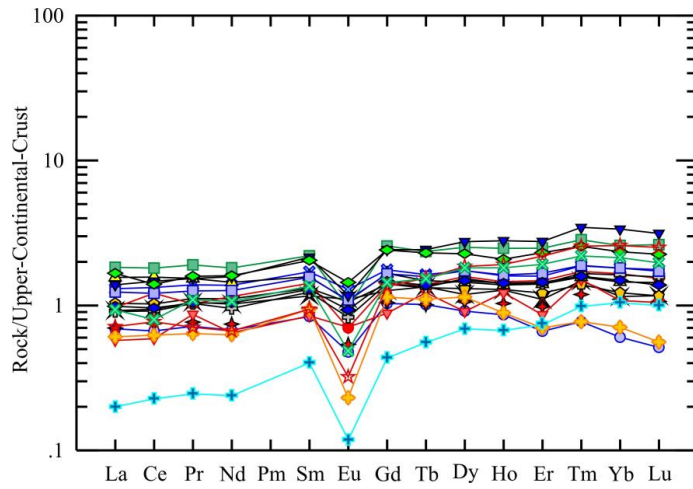


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1627 **Figure 4.** Zr/Ti vs. Nb/Y discrimination diagram (after Winchester and Floyd,  
 1628 1977; Pearce, 1996). **A.** Lower–Middle Ordovician rocks of Iberian Massif (Central  
 1629 Iberian and Galicia-Trás-os-Montes zones). **B.** Middle–Upper Ordovician rocks of  
 1630 the eastern Pyrenees. **C)** Middle Ordovician rocks of the Occitan Domain. **C–D.**  
 1631 Middle–Upper Ordovician rocks of Sardinia.

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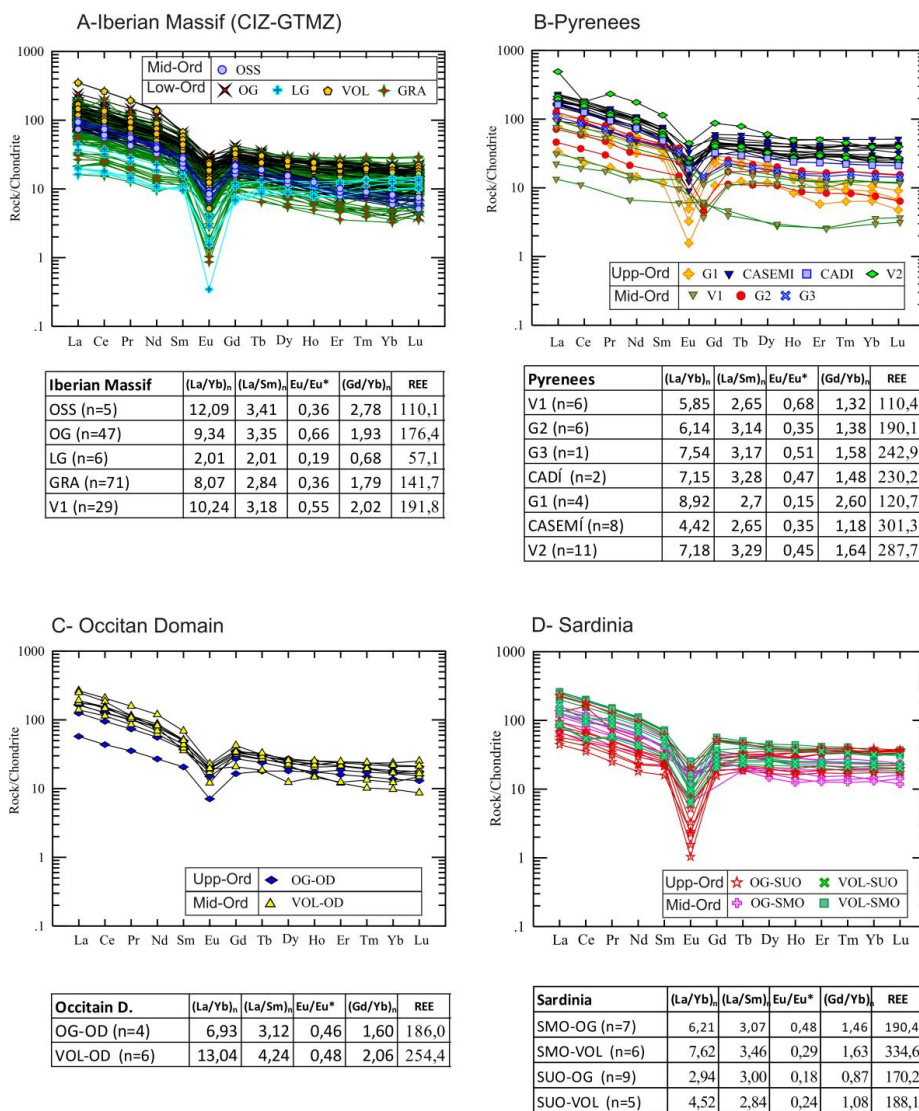


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1634 **Figure 5. Upper Crustal-normalized REE patterns (Rudnick and Gao, 2003) with**  
1635 **average values for all distinguished groups; symbols as in Figure 4.**

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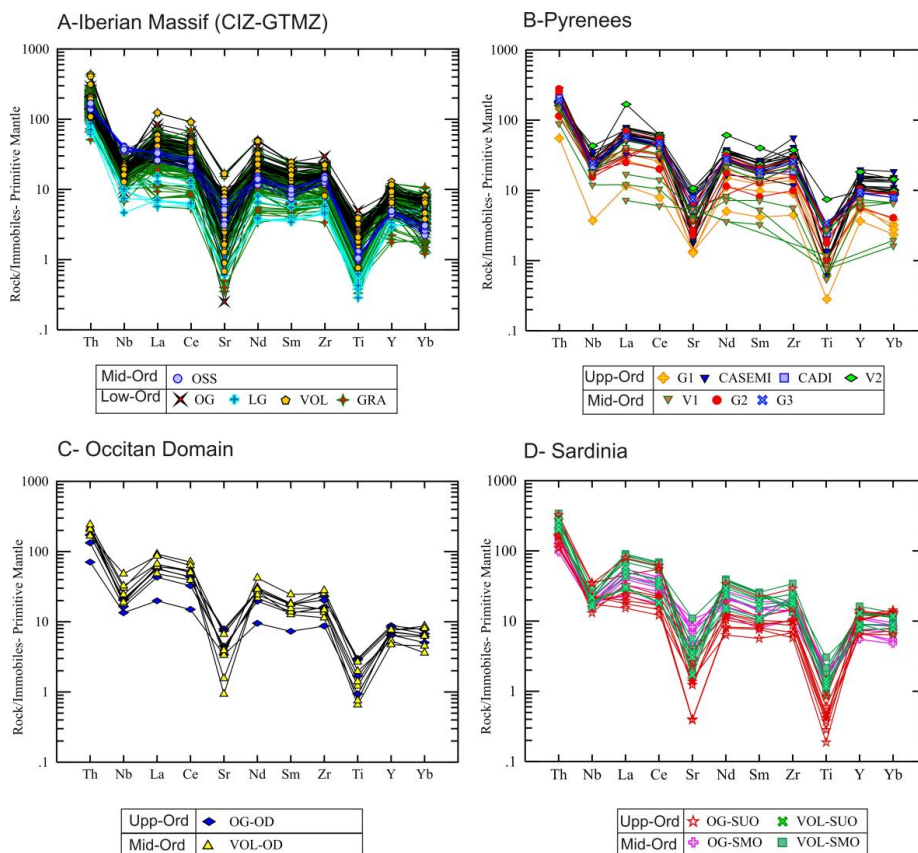


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1638 **Figure 6. Chondrite-normalized REE patterns (Sun and McDonough, 1989) for all**

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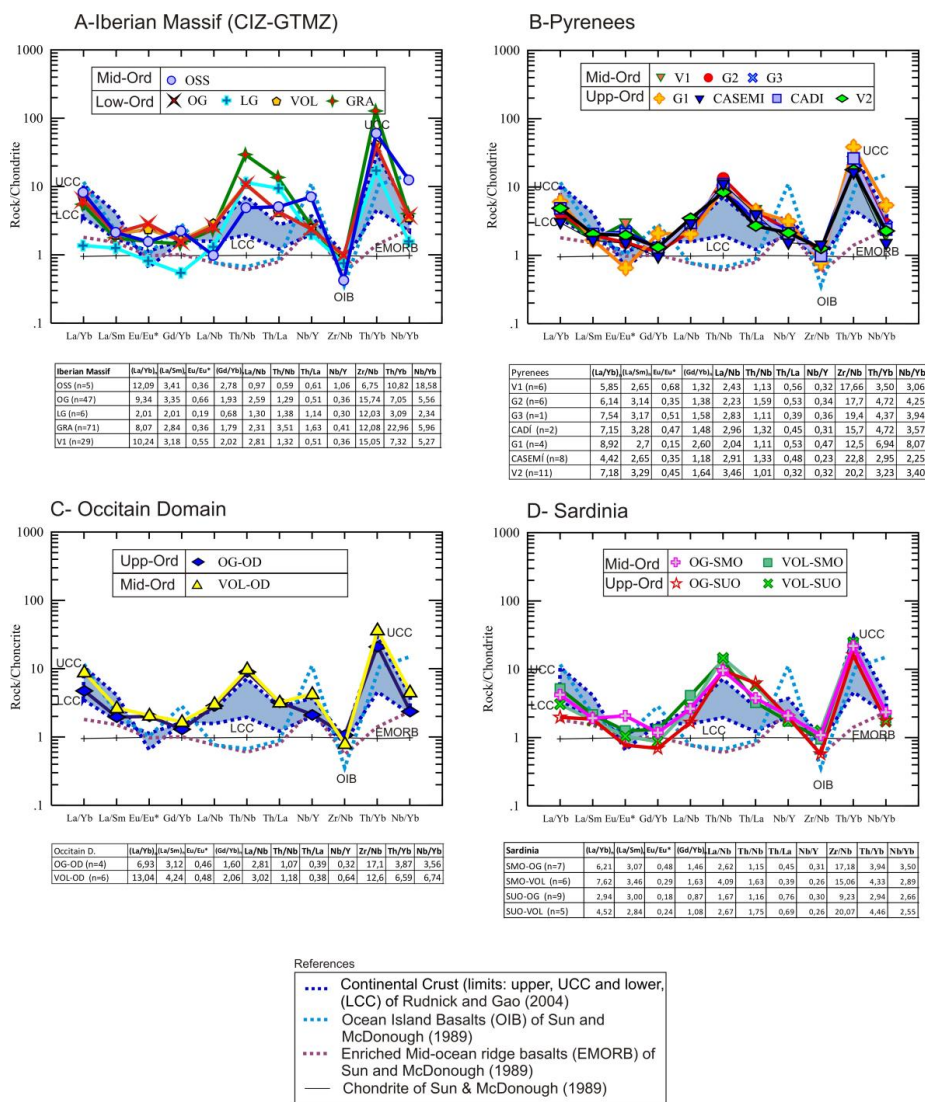
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**Figure 7. Multi-element diagram normalised to Primitive Mantle of Palme and**

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**O'Neill (2004) for all study samples.**

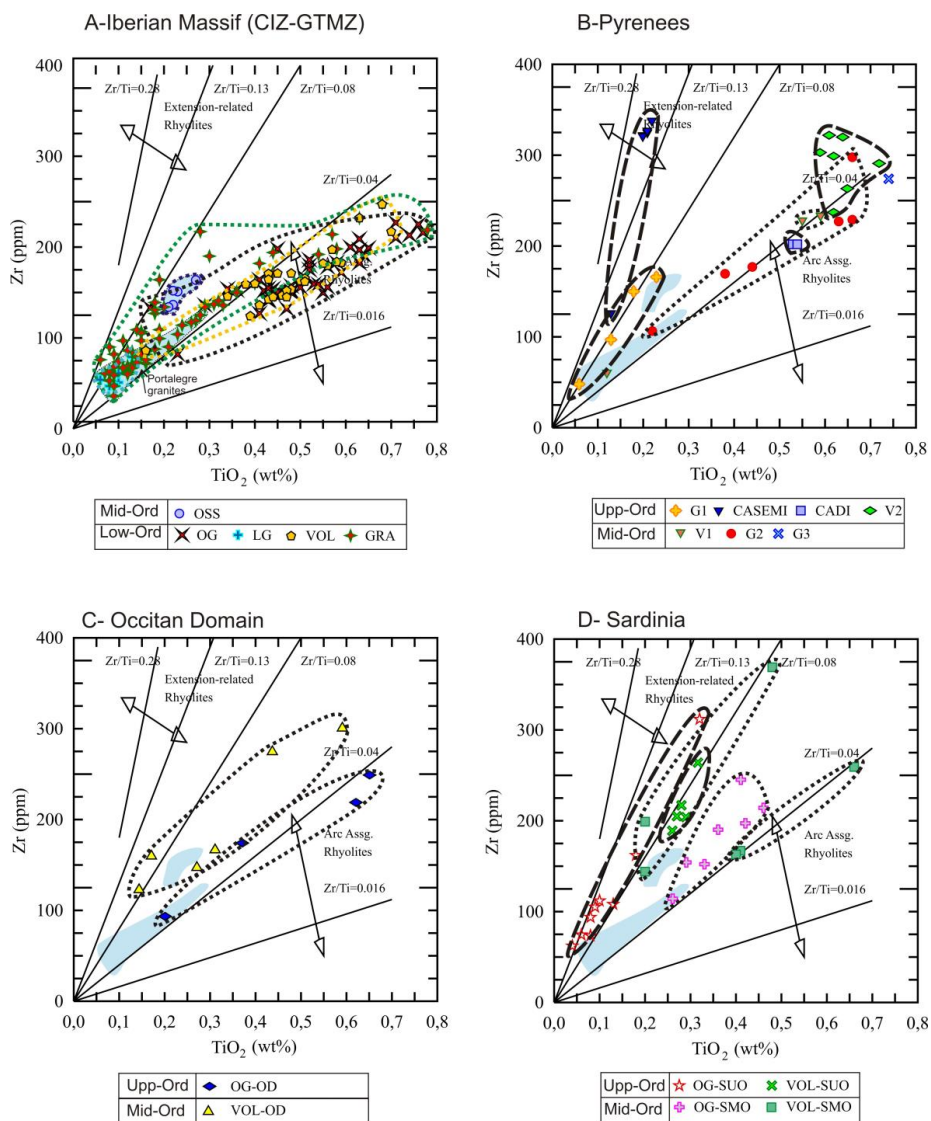
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1646 **Figure 8. Chondrite-normalised isotope ratio patterns (Sun and McDonough,**  
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 1648 **continental crustal values (Lower and Upper) of Rudnick and Gao (2003).**

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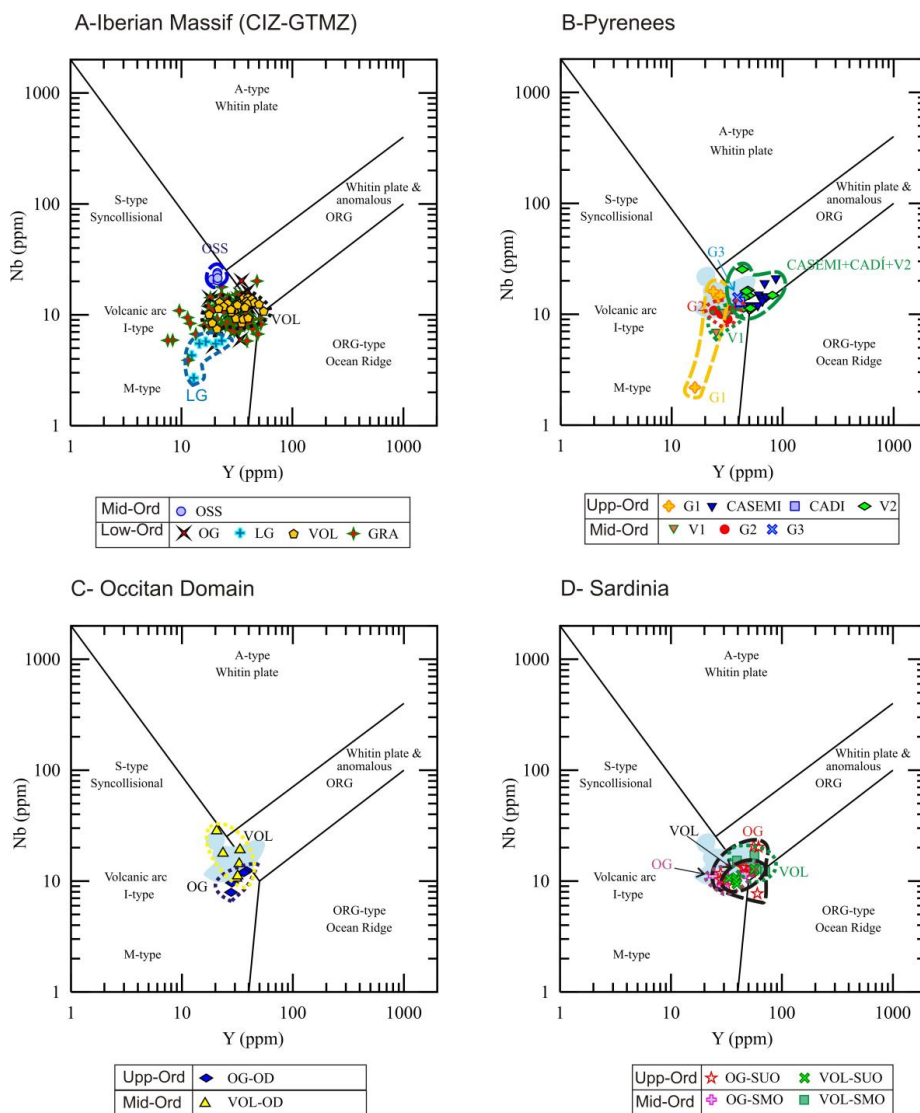


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1651 **Figure 9. Tectonic discriminating diagram of Zr vs. TiO<sub>2</sub> (Syme, 1998) for all study**

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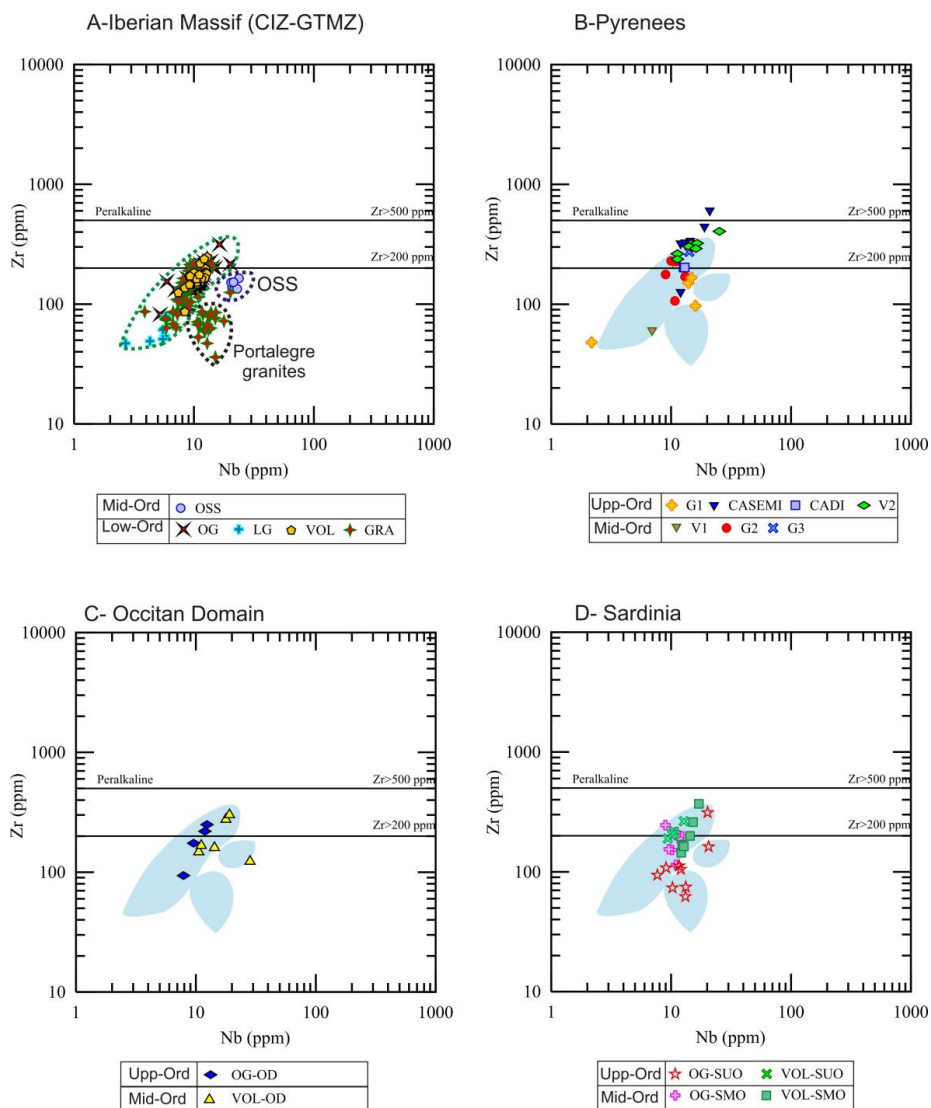


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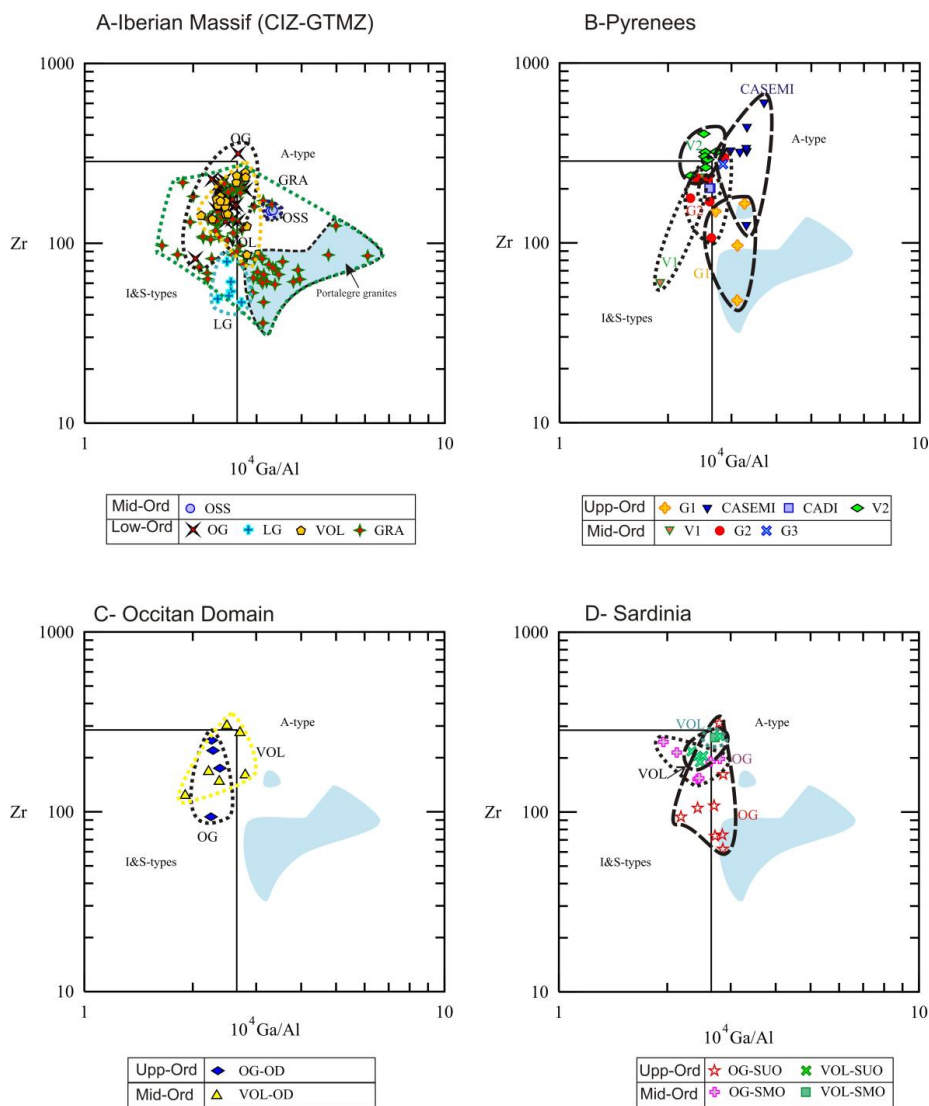


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1659 **Figure 11. Zr vs.  $10^4$  Ga/Al discrimination diagram (Whalen et al., 1987).**

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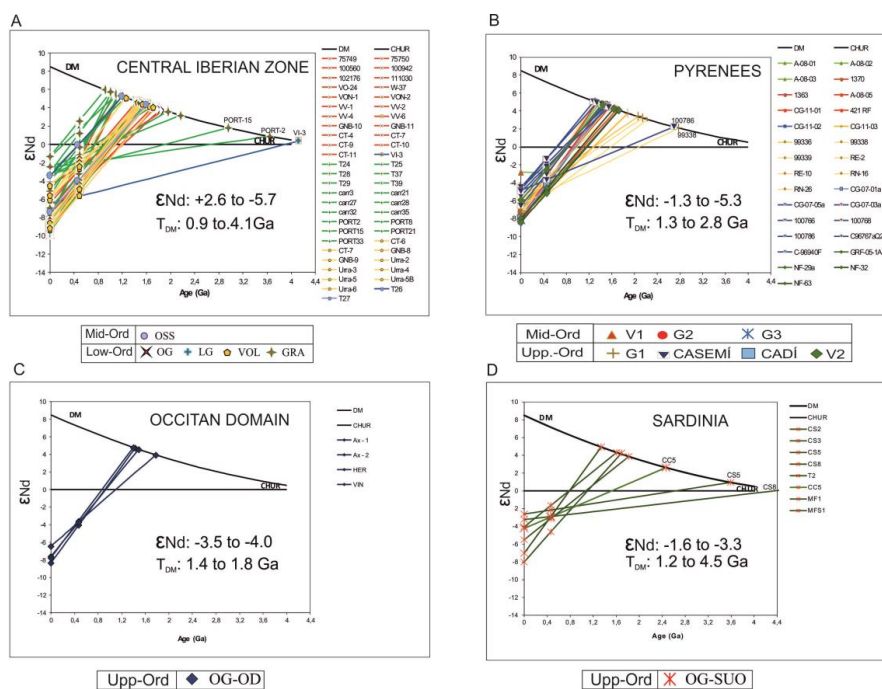




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1662 **Figure 12.** Zr–Nb plot diagram (Leat et al.,1986; modified by Piercey, 2011) for all  
 1663 study samples.

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1666 **Figure 13.  $\epsilon Nd(t)$  vs. age diagram (DePaolo and Wasserburg, 1976; DePaolo, 1981)**

1667 **for study sampled. A. Central Iberian and Galicia-Trás-os-Montes Zones. B.**

1668 **Eastern Pyrenees. C. Occitan Domain. D. Sardinia; see references in the text.**

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1670 TABLES

Sample	PYRENEES			MONTAGNE NOIRE				SARDINIA										
	Albera	Pallaresz	Andorra	Axial		Zone		Externa						Zone		Inner		Zone
	A-08-03	FC1803	BN 1	Ax - 1	Ax - 2	HER	VIN	CC 5	CS 2	CS 3	CS 5	CS 8	MF 1	MFS 1	T 2	PB50	PB100	
SiO <sub>2</sub>	68.38	71.67	69.18	70.38	67.43	68.31	73.97	76.43	75.14	76.52	76.61	76.36	72.13	75.94	75.55	68.93	67.24	
TiO <sub>2</sub>	0.57	0.63	0.61	0.36	0.64	0.61	0.20	0.08	0.08	0.09	0.04	0.06	0.31	0.13	0.18	0.41	0.46	
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	15.68	14.24	15.05	14.90	15.76	15.39	13.82	13.28	12.81	11.80	12.71	12.63	13.80	13.16	12.94	16.32	15.79	
Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	4.09	4.54	4.20	3.04	4.11	4.19	2.05	0.69	1.39	1.44	1.28	1.35	2.96	1.55	1.62	3.19	4.78	
MnO	0.07	0.06	0.05	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.03	0.04	0.08	0.08	
MgO	1.35	0.78	1.16	0.78	1.33	1.34	0.43	0.08	0.15	0.16	0.06	0.05	0.36	0.19	0.08	1.15	1.58	
CaO	0.21	0.53	1.78	1.22	1.44	1.58	0.62	0.32	0.25	0.15	0.20	0.35	0.61	0.38	0.17	3.05	2.70	
Na <sub>2</sub> O	4.07	1.67	3.40	3.33	2.78	2.93	2.87	3.04	1.71	1.58	2.91	3.35	2.89	2.57	2.53	3.85	3.43	
K <sub>2</sub> O	2.84	2.91	2.71	4.35	4.68	4.03	4.55	4.79	7.84	7.43	5.16	4.91	5.47	4.94	5.36	2.26	2.96	
P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	0.17	0.24	0.20	0.21	0.2	0.19	0.18	0.15	0.05	0.05	0.03	0.04	0.12	0.11	0.07	0.15	0.14	
L.O.I.	2.03	2.60	1.50	1.2	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.1	0.4	0.7	0.9	0.8	1.1	0.9	1.4	0.90	0.70	
<b>Total</b>	<b>99.05</b>	<b>99.42</b>	<b>99.42</b>	<b>99.51</b>	<b>99.30</b>	<b>99.39</b>	<b>99.73</b>	<b>99.90</b>	<b>99.69</b>	<b>99.79</b>	<b>99.78</b>	<b>99.78</b>	<b>99.47</b>	<b>99.75</b>	<b>99.78</b>	<b>99.97</b>	<b>99.37</b>	
As	77.20	1.70	6.80	2.50	6.00	1.80	1.90	0.70	1.00	0.50	2.80	1.10	1.80	101.10	4.00	5.00	5.00	
Ba	742.50	388.00	398.00	499	1050	767	256	60	467	109	21	27	784	194	192	689.00	600.00	
Be	2.44	3.00	2.00	4.00	2.00	5.00	3.00	6.00	3.00	1.00	9.00	2.00	7.00	3.00	7.00	3.00	5.00	
Bi	0.30	0.20	0.10	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.40	0.30	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.70	0.40	4.00	4.00	
Cd	0.18	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	
Co	5.84	4.60	6.20	5.20	5.20	5.40	2.70	0.50	1.60	1.00	0.80	0.60	2.30	1.50	1.20	5.00	14.00	
Cs	9.79	5.60	4.90	14.30	7.10	6.80	7.30	4.20	3.40	1.60	4.50	4.60	6.40	3.90	4.10	4.20	9.40	
Cu	16.34	13.20	10.30	7.20	7.40	10.10	8.70	4.70	4.60	8.20	26.80	2.50	5.00	5.50	5.00	10.00	60.00	
Ga	21.03	19.80	18.80	19.10	19.20	18.90	16.70	19.30	14.90	15.30	19.40	19.20	20.70	19.00	19.90	17.00	18.00	
Hf	6.40	7.30	6.40	5.00	6.90	5.70	3.10	3.10	4.10	4.30	3.50	3.80	8.80	3.70	5.80	5.90	5.30	
Mo	1.20	0.90	1.00	0.60	0.90	0.60	0.30	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.80	0.50	1.70	0.80	1.60	2.00	2.00	
Nb	10.49	11.30	11.30	9.60	12.40	11.90	7.90	10.30	7.70	12.10	13.20	13.30	20.20	9.10	20.60	9.00	11.00	
Ni	16.56	8.00	7.70	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	80.00	
Pb	7.94	9.80	22.90	3.50	4.60	5.10	3.60	2.90	7.40	8.60	4.50	5.50	5.10	6.30	5.50	21.00	24.00	
Rb	124.40	123.70	137.20	204.6	161.6	142.2	188.2	289.9	206.1	187.4	294.1	275.1	208.7	256.4	227.1	85.00	118.00	
Sb	2.27	0.10	0.30	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	5.00	5.00	
Sc		10.00	10.00	6.00	9.00	9.00	4.00	3.00	3.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	15.00	4.00	8.00	9.00	12.00	
Sn	2.11	5.00	5.00	9.00	3.00	3.00	7.00	9.00	4.00	3.00	13.00	15.00	7.00	15.00	12.00	3.00	3.00	
Sr	158.00	201.80	83.70	91.20	160.30	150.10	68.70	30.70	73.90	25.20	7.90	8.10	59.90	45.60	25.00	217.00	167.00	
Ta	1.07	1.10	1.10	0.80	1.00	0.80	0.70	2.10	0.90	1.10	3.40	1.70	1.60	1.70	2.30	1.00	1.20	
Th	11.90	15.70	13.50	11.10	14.40	14.30	5.90	9.10	14.10	17.00	13.50	13.10	22.80	10.20	26.90	13.30	11.50	
U	3.70	5.10	4.60	4.10	3.60	3.20	4.80	3.30	2.90	3.20	3.50	3.50	4.60	8.10	4.90	4.50	2.20	
V	44.49	49.00	36.00	36.00	63.00	68.00	22.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	15.00	8.00	10.00	62.00	53.00	
W	1.80	1.90	2.50	3.20	2.60	1.60	3.00	5.60	0.90	2.10	5.20	3.00	2.40	4.40	3.50	1.00	20.00	
Y	29.29	43.90	50.60	28.30	38.40	36.20	27.80	28.00	60.10	53.60	44.40	46.00	61.60	31.80	55.80	29.00	24.00	
Zn	63.71	52.00	70.00	55.00	71.00	78.00	46.00	7.00	35.00	39.00	15.00	24.00	37.00	30.00	22.00	70.00	70.00	
Zr	233.30	263.20	237.10	174.40	249.20	219.10	93.70	73.50	93.80	#####	62.20	74.50	311.80	108.10	161.90	245.00	214.00	

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La	27.90	45.30	38.00	29.60	39.50	38.70	13.60	10.50	22.70	19.50	12.10	13.40	54.20	17.90	31.30	26.90	34.30
Ce	59.00	86.90	75.50	58.10	77.00	78.20	26.70	21.60	42.10	39.70	26.20	29.90	109.80	37.40	97.60	53.20	70.50
Pr	7.26	9.80	8.47	6.99	9.41	9.55	3.36	2.36	4.73	4.85	3.00	3.24	11.94	4.07	6.86	5.88	8.20
Nd	27.83	35.60	31.20	26.00	36.40	36.40	12.60	8.40	16.60	17.10	10.50	10.90	44.70	15.00	24.00	21.60	29.40
Sm	5.80	7.69	7.16	5.70	7.55	7.63	3.15	2.43	4.10	4.41	3.28	3.44	9.37	3.88	4.93	4.70	6.00
Eu	0.98	1.05	1.03	0.87	1.27	1.15	0.41	0.14	0.43	0.13	0.06	0.09	1.17	0.30	0.19	0.95	0.93
Gd	5.22	8.32	7.89	5.59	7.28	7.05	3.38	3.20	5.60	5.50	4.42	4.69	10.60	4.50	6.34	4.00	5.10
Tb	0.87	1.26	1.27	0.89	1.17	1.10	0.67	0.69	1.13	1.18	1.03	1.07	1.70	0.82	1.27	0.70	0.80
Dy	5.30	6.68	8.00	5.09	6.89	6.39	4.59	4.30	7.69	8.23	7.31	7.66	10.28	5.24	9.00	3.70	4.30
Ho	1.06	1.52	1.73	0.99	1.42	1.30	0.98	0.91	1.91	1.91	1.59	1.65	2.13	1.12	2.01	0.70	0.80
Er	2.98	4.52	4.96	2.64	3.92	3.56	3.07	2.85	5.80	6.46	5.35	5.38	6.25	3.64	6.17	2.20	2.10
Tm	0.46	0.60	0.73	0.38	0.57	0.50	0.44	0.43	0.91	1.00	0.85	0.85	0.89	0.52	0.92	0.35	0.32
Yb	3.00	3.98	4.72	2.33	3.56	3.11	2.83	2.95	5.81	6.60	6.10	6.16	5.53	3.70	6.04	2.50	2.20
Lu	0.44	0.58	0.69	0.33	0.53	0.45	0.39	0.44	0.90	0.94	0.92	0.94	0.86	0.56	0.90	0.41	0.36

Longitude  $197^{\circ}39.5063''$   $1927^{\circ}43.71''$   $133^{\circ}29.3112''$   $113^{\circ}50.26''$   $133^{\circ}58.14''$   $125^{\circ}57.58.80''$   $211^{\circ}350.21''$   $150^{\circ}36.95''$   $150^{\circ}35.32''$   $150^{\circ}35.31''$   $150^{\circ}40.64''$   $150^{\circ}35.07''$   $150^{\circ}46.57''$   $152^{\circ}01.84''$   $159^{\circ}48.54.23''$   $9^{\circ}09.32''$   $9^{\circ}09.32''$  E

Latitude  $12^{\circ}25.2.931''$   $12^{\circ}36.0.93''$   $12^{\circ}32.30.5803''$   $132.52''$   $132^{\circ}29.3.27''$   $13^{\circ}34.32.52''$   $43^{\circ}17.45.6154''$   $15.913^{\circ}52.38.36''$   $152^{\circ}38.37''$   $152^{\circ}36.74''$   $152^{\circ}38.75''$   $154^{\circ}58.32''$   $153^{\circ}56.85''$   $153^{\circ}56.69''$   $141^{\circ}11.04''$   $141^{\circ}11.04''$  N

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1675 **Table 1.** Chemical analyses of magmatic rocks. ICP and ICP–MS methods at ACME–  
 1676 LABS in Canada.

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ZONES	SUBGROUPS	eNd <sub>age</sub>		Tdm Ga)		<sup>87</sup> Sr/ <sup>86</sup> Sr <sub>age</sub>	
CIZ & GTMZ	OG	-4,4	-3,8	1,58	2,2	0,709	0,701
	LG	-5,4		4,13		0,664	
	GRA	-1,6		1,59		0,698	
	VOL	-3,6		1,52		0,732	
	OSS	-2,0	-2,0	1,40	1,4	0,711	0,711
PYRENEES	V1	-2,9	-3,6	1,36	1,5		0,701
	G2	-3,8		1,49			
	G3	-4,2		1,50			
	G1	-4,2	-3,7	1,95	1,7		
	CADÍ	-4,1		1,48			
	CASEMÍ	-2,2		1,61		0,696	
	V2	-4,3		1,63		0,705	
Occitan D.	OG-MOD	-3,9	-3,9	1,52	1,5		
	VOL-MOD						
SARDINIA	OG-MOS						
	VOL-MOS						
	OG-USO	-3,9	-3,9	1,52	1,5		
	VOL-UOS						

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1679 **Table 2.** Average values of the different subgroups reported in the text.