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Key Points

- δD values of synkinematic hydrous minerals document the presence of 300 Ma-old meteoric fluids in a key Variscan detachment zone.
- Meteoric fluid-rock interactions occurred during high-temperature deformation (>500°C) in the Quiberon detachment footwall.
- Coeval detachment activity, leucogranite emplacement and migmatization allowed the hydrothermal system to be maintained for ~17 Myr.

Keywords

Variscan; detachment; shear zone; hydrous silicates; hydrogen isotope; $^{40}Ar/^{39}Ar$; U(-Th)/Pb; geochronology; fluid-rock interaction; meteoric fluids

Abstract

Assessing the geochemical signature and the role of fluids in a key Variscan detachment zone demonstrates the link between crustal deformation, thermo-mechanical events and Variscan mineralization. We document meteoric fluid infiltration into the ductile segment of the Late-Carboniferous Quiberon detachment zone (QDZ), when synkinematic muscovite and tourmaline crystallized and equilibrated with deuterium-depleted surface-derived fluids during high-temperature deformation. Titanium-in-muscovite thermometry supported by microstructures indicate that syntectonic isotope exchange between fluids and hydrous minerals occurred above 500°C. $^{40}Ar/^{39}Ar$ muscovite data (~319 to ~303 Ma) and U(-Th)/Pb geochronology on zircon, monazite and apatite (~318 to ~305 Ma) from syntectonic leucogranites together with microstructural and geochemical (U and REE contents) data suggest that meteoric fluid-rock-deformation interaction started at ~320 Ma and played a major

role in leaching uranium at ~305 Ma. U-Th/Pb data (~330 to ~290 Ma) from migmatites located below the QDZ strengthen the idea that meteoric fluid infiltration, detachment activity, syntectonic leucogranite emplacement and migmatization were coeval and allowed the development of a sustained hydrothermal system.

Plain Language Summary

We document the presence of 300-million-year-old rainwater in a normal fault that was in the internal zones of an eroded mountain range called the Variscan Belt, now outcropping at the surface in Brittany (France). Water-bearing minerals preserved the hydrogen isotope composition of the water that penetrated the fault zone at depth. The same minerals can be dated based on the radioactive decay of Argon. Combined with other dating methods applied to various minerals, we conclude that the rainwater infiltrated the fault zone 320 to 300 million years ago. This study allows a better insight of how fluids circulate in the Earth's crust, which is critical for our understanding of mineralization processes that form ore deposits.

1 Introduction

Extensional shear zones play a major role during lithospheric extension as they control mass transport through lateral and vertical displacements in mid to lower levels of the continental crust (e.g. Teyssier & Whitney, 2002; Tirel et al., 2008; Whitney et al., 2013). The zones of planar weakness that separate the relatively cool upper crust from the hotter middle-lower crust may act as fluid conduits and, therefore, represent sites of strong fluid-rock interaction where meteoric, metamorphic and magmatic fluids interact (e.g. Dusséaux et al., 2019; Famin et al., 2004; Gébelin et al., 2011, 2015, 2017; Gottardi et al., 2011, 2018; Methner et al., 2015; Morrison & Anderson, 1998; Nesbitt & Muehlenbachs, 1995). Assessing the source of fluids in such hydrothermal systems has a range of applications including constraining the conditions for mineralization and ore deposition (Ballouard et al., 2017, 2018a; Beaudoin et al., 1991; Boiron et al., 2003) or paleoaltimetry reconstructions if surface-derived (meteoric) fluids are present (e.g. Dusséaux et al., 2021; Gébelin et al., 2012, 2013; Grambling et al., 2022; Mulch et al., 2004).

Based on the low hydrogen (δD) and oxygen ($\delta^{18}O$) isotope values of synkinematic hydrous silicates (e.g. $\delta D_{Muscovite}$ values < -90‰), meteoric water infiltration has been documented in the footwall of detachment zones, e.g. in the North American Cordillera (e.g. Gébelin et al., 2011, 2015; Mulch et al., 2004; Person et al., 2007), in the Himalayas (e.g. Gébelin et al., 2017, 2013), and in the Variscan belt of Western Europe (e.g. Ballouard et al., 2018a, 2017, 2015; Dusséaux et al., 2021, 2019). Some of these studies (e.g. Dusséaux et al., 2019, 2021; Gébelin et al., 2012, 2013) highlight three main conditions essential for the downward infiltration of meteoric fluids: (1) the development of brittle normal faults and associated fracture networks in the upper crust that facilitate permeability of the crust in the brittle domain, (2) a high geothermal gradient with advection of partially molten material in the footwall that provides heat to support an active convection system, and (3) the presence of a hydraulic head provided by topography.

In this study, we focus on the Quiberon detachment shear zone (QDZ; Figure 1; Southern domain, Armorican Massif, France), an extensional shear zone with excellent exposures, that was active during the Late Carboniferous and developed as a result of late-orogenic extension (e.g. Gapais et al., 2015, 1993). The QDZ represents an excellent target to look at fluid-rock-deformation interactions and understand how, why and when fluids circulated in the crust during the Late Carboniferous because: (1) hydrogen isotope ratios (δD) of hydrous minerals indicate that meteoric fluids infiltrated the mylonitic footwall of the QDZ (Dusséaux et al., 2019), (2) the structural, metamorphic, and geochronological record of the region is relatively well established (e.g. Gapais et al., 2015, 1993; Turrillot, 2010; Turrillot et al., 2011); (3) brittle normal faults have been identified in the hanging wall of the QDZ (Figure 2A; Ballouard et al., 2015); (4) the QDZ is considered to have played a major role in the exhumation of high-grade metamorphic rocks (Brown & Dallmeyer, 1996; Gapais et al., 2015), and (5) the region was characterized by a high geothermal gradient in part generated by the emplacement of peraluminous syntectonic leucogranites and migmatites (e.g. Ballouard et al., 2015; Brown and Dallmeyer, 1996; Gapais et al., 2015).

In addition, different tools (hydrogen and oxygen isotopes of whole rock, minerals and fluid inclusions) applied on diverse geological materials (e.g undeformed and mylonitic granites, host rocks and quartz veins) across the strike-slip South Armorican Shear Zone (Ballouard et al., 2018a; Dusséaux et al., 2019; Lemarchand et al., 2012; Tartèse et al., 2013), within the footwall of nearby detachment zones (Ballouard et al., 2017, 2015; Dusséaux, 2019; Dusséaux et al., 2019) and in kilometer-scale quartz veins cutting through the lower crustal units in the southern Armorican domain (Lemarchand et al., 2012), as well as on shear zones of the western French Massif Central (Dusséaux et al., 2021) that constitutes the SE prolongation of the southern Armorican domain, all agree with the idea that cold meteoric fluids infiltrated the upper plate during Late-Carboniferous extensional processes and reached significant depths (10-15 km) while mixing with deep crustal fluids. These Earth's surface-derived fluids played a major role in the coupled grain-scale physical and geochemical processes resulting from fluid-rock-deformation interactions that influenced the thermomechanical evolution of Variscan deformation zones and led to the formation of uranium ore deposits (e.g. Ballouard et al., 2017, 2018a; Boulvais et al., 2019).

Here, we present structural, microstructural, electron backscatter diffraction (EBSD) petrofabrics, Ti-in-muscovite thermometry, hydrogen isotope (δD), geochemical and geochronological data ($^{40}Ar/^{39}Ar$ and U-Th/Pb) from mylonitic leucogranites exposed in the QDZ footwall and associated high-grade metamorphic rocks. This new dataset supports previous premises that surface-derived fluids penetrated the ductile segment of the QDZ at ~320 Ma while at the same time high-grade metamorphic rocks were emplacing in the lower crust. In addition, this study indicates that meteoric fluid-rock-deformation interaction lasted for about 17 million years.

2 Tectonic context and timing of metamorphism in the southern Armorican domain

The Armorican Massif (Western France) is part of the Ibero-Armorican arc, which forms the internal zone of the Variscan belt of Western Europe (Figure 1A). Three main domains, characterized by contrasting tectonic, geochronological and metamorphic features, are delimited by two major dextral strike-slip shear zones, the North Armorican Shear Zone (NASZ) to the north and the South Armorican Shear Zone (SASZ) to the south. In contrast to the northern and central domains, the southern domain underwent substantial Carboniferous crustal thickening and high-pressure metamorphism (e.g. Ballèvre et al., 2013). From top to bottom three main units can be identified in the southern domain (Figures 1A and 1B): (1) The upper unit comprising blueschists (1.4-1.8 GPa, 550°C) and metavolcanics (0.8 GPa, 350-400°C; Bosse et al., 2002; Le Hebel et al., 2002, 2007); (2) The intermediate unit characterized by micaschists that preserved greenschist and amphibolite-facies metamorphism (Bossière, 1988; Goujou, 1992; Triboulet & Audren, 1988); and (3) The lower unit represented by (S-type) syntectonic leucogranites and high-grade metamorphic rocks (0.8 GPa, 700-750°C; Jones and Brown, 1990). Peak high-pressure metamorphism in the upper unit (1.8-2.0 GPa and 450-

500°C) and amphibolite-facies in the intermediate unit (0.9 GPa for 650-700°C) have been dated between ~370 Ma and ~345 Ma, respectively (U/Pb, $^{40}Ar/^{39}Ar$ and Rb/Sr; e.g. (Bosse et al., 2005, 2002; El Korh et al., 2011; Le Hébel et al., 2002; Paquette et al., 2017). Strike-slip ductile shear zones at ~350-345 Ma are responsible for the exhumation of these two units (e.g. Ballèvre et al., 2013; Ballouard et al., 2018b; Bosse et al., 2002, 2005; El Korh et al., 2011; Jegouzo, 1980; Tartèse et al., 2011a, 2011b, 2011c; Tartèse and Boulvais, 2010).

In contrast, Late-Carboniferous detachment zones played a major role in the exhumation of migmatites and associated syntectonic leucogranites that form the lower unit, and mark the interface that separates the ductile lower crust from blueschist and metavolcanics systematically located stratigraphically above (e.g. Ballouard et al., 2017, 2015; Brown and Dallmeyer, 1996; Cagnard et al., 2004; Gapais et al., 2015, 1993; Goujou, 1992; Turrillot et al., 2011). In agreement with a high Variscan geothermal gradient (~35ºC/km, e.g. Vanderhaeghe et al., 2020), extreme thermal gradients across detachment zones (e.g. Gottardi et al., 2013), and gravity modelling (e.g. Gébelin et al., 2006), syntectonic leucogranites, including the Quiberon granite (Figure 1), emplaced at shallow depths (~3 to 10 km) in the footwall of detachment zones by relatively cold (<850°C) partial melting of metasediments (e.g. Ballouard et al., 2017; Capdevila, 2012; Gapais et al., 2015; Le Hebel et al., 2007). This is consistent with the emplacement conditions estimated for garnet-cordierite-rich syntectonic leucogranites (~0.5-0.6 GPa, 750-800°C; Gébelin et al., 2009) that represent the granitic melt fraction of biotite-garnet-sillimanite-cordierite metapelites in the western part of the French Massif Central (SE extension of the southern Armorican domain).

At the scale of the southern domain, detachment shear zones predominantly trend N-S to NW-SE and are associated with top-to-the-west sense of shear (e.g. Gapais et al., 2015) observed parallel to the stretching lineations that have orientations that vary locally (see Quiberon: top to the WNW, Sarzeau: top to the ESE and Piriac: top to the NNE on Figure 1A). These near-horizontal shear zones developed due to WNW-ESE crustal extension and are connected by dextral transfer zones parallel to the SASZ (e.g. Turrillot et al., 2011). Both strike-slip and detachment shear zones were active during the Late-Carboniferous and served as conduits for aqueous fluids and/or melt migration (e.g. Gapais et al., 2015).

3 Results

3.1 Structural study

3.1.1 Outcrop description

The Quiberon peninsula provides exceptional exposures of the Quiberon Variscan detachment footwall represented by a ~2 km-thick high-strain zone (Figure 1; Gapais et al., 1993). The contact between the footwall and hanging wall of the QDZ is currently located below sea level at ≥ 500m from the coast (Figures 1 and 2C). Therefore, the location of the samples in the footwall was estimated based on their structural position from the hanging wall/footwall contact as it is marked on the geological map of the continental margin (Thinon et al., 2008), and taking into consideration a dip of ~38° to the WNW for the foliation (see description below and Figures 1 and 2, Table 1). Our study is based on two representative outcrops of coarse-grained mylonitic leucogranite in the Quiberon detachment footwall: 1) QUIB01, located at ~300m beneath the QDZ, and 2) QUIB03 at ~322m beneath the QDZ. Both outcrops are characterized by a shallow to moderate (10-20°) WSW-dipping foliation (S plane) with a ESE-WNW trending stretching lineation highlighted by quartz and muscovite grains (~N280) (Figures 1 and 2). S-planes, emphasized by sheared feldspar and muscovite grains and quartz ribbons, are affected by C-planes dipping with an angle of ~30° to the WNW (Figures 1D and

2D). The 2 – 5 cm spaced C-planes are emphasized by large deformed muscovite (> 0.5 cm) oriented parallel to the shear zone boundary and together with S-planes form shear bands indicating a top-to-the-WNW sense of shear (Figures 2C and 2D). Shear bands form a heterogeneous and anastomosing network that isolates sigmoidal quartz veins and micaschist lenses (Figure 2B).

Pegmatites intrude the mylonitic leucogranites in different places and especially between QUIB01 and QUIB03 that form their upper and lower boundaries (Figure 2F). Here, pegmatites are intensively deformed and form corridors from a few centimeters up to 1- to 2-meter thick which are near-parallel to the mylonitic leucogranite foliation (Figure 2F). As observed in the leucogranites, pegmatite and quartz veins display a ESE-WNW stretching lineation marked by tourmaline and quartz grains (Figures 2E and 3A). Based on their spatial geometric relationships with the mylonitic leucogranites and their fabrics indicative of recrystallisation during deformation, we interpret their syntectonic emplacement during the Quiberon detachment activity (samples QUIB03-06; Figure 3A). In the same area, undeformed pegmatites and quartz veins crosscut the mylonitic leucogranite foliation with an angle of 30-50° (QUIB09; figure 2E). Structurally lower in the section, C-S structures progressively disappear due to an increased heat-flow leading to a high granitic melt fraction with biotite schlieren highlighting the primary near-horizontal foliation (Figure 3B).

In addition to those observed in the lower part of the Quiberon section, migmatitic rocks outcrop further east at Port Navalo (Gapais et al., 1993, 2015). Here, two main rock types characterize these high-grade rocks: biotite-garnet-sillimanite-cordierite metasedimentary gneiss and garnet-cordierite leucogranite. The metasediments, representing the migmatite paleosome/mesosome, display a NNW-SSE striking foliation that dips steeply to the ENE (>65°) and contains a near horizontal stretching lineation defined by cordierite and garnet (Figure 3C). Pressure shadows formed by cordierite-sillimanite-biotite assemblages surround large garnet grains (> 2 cm) (Figure 3C). In some places, the garnet-cordierite leucogranite forms dykes near-parallel to the foliation, illustrating the increasing granitic melt fraction from the paleosome/melanosome (Figure 3D). These alternating quartzo-feldspathic-rich (leucosome) and ferromagnesian-rich (paleosome/melanosome) layers are folded and based on the fold axial surface indicate a syn-to-post migmatitic NNE-SSW shortening event (Figure 3D).

3.1.2 Microstructures

At the microscopic scale, muscovite mica fish from mylonitic leucogranites (i.e. QUIB01 and QUIB03) develop along both shear (C) and schistosity (S) planes (Figures 4A and 4D). Phyllosilicate mineral cleavages are parallel to S planes and are relatively displaced by C planes made of finely recrystallized material (e.g. Figures 4B, 4E and 4H; Berthé et al., 1979; Lister and Snoke, 1984). Together, they form C-S structures that support the idea that leucogranites were emplaced while the Quiberon detachment was active (Figures 4A and 4D). Overall, C-S structures indicate a top-to-the-WNW sense of shear (Figure 4A), but opposite shear sense can be observed in some leucogranite samples (Figure 4D). Following the mica fish morphological grouping proposed by ten Grotenhuis et al. (2003), the truncated upper and lower parts of lenticular muscovite grains (group 1) indicate that they underwent rotation and solution-precipitation during deformation (Figure 4F, 4G and 4B). Some of these group 1 muscovite fish evolve into group 2 by drag along micro shear planes that developed along the upper and lower sides of the grain, resulting in bent tips and cleavage planes (Figures 4G). While muscovite grains in sample QUIB01 display clear boundaries (Figures 4F and 4G), mica fish in sample QUIB03 shows recrystallization of tiny muscovite grains (<50 µm) along the rims and in pressure shadows (Figure 4B). In mylonitic leucogranite, tourmaline grains are oriented with their long axis parallel to the foliation and perpendicular to the lineation, indicating that they rotated along the shear plane (Figure 4H). Sub-solidus deformation microstructures such as rectangular and castellated quartz grain boundaries (Figures 4C and 4I) indicate that grain boundary migration (regime 3; Hirth and Tullis, 1992) was the dominant dynamic recrystallization process that affected the mylonitic syntectonic leucogranite, reflecting a high recovery: strain accumulation ratio resulting from high-temperature or low strain rate deformation (e.g. Kilian & Heilbronner, 2017). Feldspar microstructures such as perthite and abundant micro-fracturing indicate both ductile and brittle deformation close to the brittle-ductile transition for feldspar (~450 ± 50°C) and are consistent with a top to the WNW sense of shear (Figures 4A, 4D and 4E). In addition, microfractures, brecciation and sericitization of feldspar and grain boundaries, as well as minor chloritic alteration along biotite grain boundaries and shear planes overprinted the previous deformation fabrics in both mylonitic leucogranite samples and provide evidence for hydrothermal alteration (Figures 4A and 4D).

The ultramylonitic pegmatite displays a foliation (S) supported by fine grains of feldspar and quartz (< 100 μm) that form ribbons wrapping some remains of K-feldspar porphyroclasts (QUIB04; Figures 5A, 5B and 5C). C-planes marked by mica fish layers make an angle of ~30° with S-planes. In agreement with microstructures from mylonitic leucogranites, pegmatites display C-S structures depicting a top-to-the-WNW sense of shear that confirm their syntectonic emplacement (e.g. Gapais & Boundi, 2014). This kinematic inference is supported by drag or quarter folds made by quartz and feldspar-rich layers (Figure 5B) and discontinuous C' shear planes (Figure 5C). This top-to-the WNW kinematic is also strengthen by asymmetric sigmoidal feldspars (Figures 5A and 5D). Biotite in ultramylonitic pegmatite is more frequent than in leucogranite and marks the 0.25 cm-spaced shear planes (Figures 5A, 5B and 5D). The mylonitic foliation is overprinted by lower-grade microstructures. Narrow zones of cataclasite and ultracataclasite developed parallel to the shear plane in mica-poor areas (Figure 5A). Feldspars are commonly affected by fractures that are sometimes filled by muscovite or quartz (Figure 5B, 5D and 5E). Recrystallized quartz surrounds feldspar grains in pressure shadows (Figures 5D and 5E). Also, sericitization of feldspar and muscovite is frequent including in pressure shadows and along shear planes (Figures 5C and 5D).

The observation of high-grade metamorphic rocks at the microscopic scale confirms the presence of biotite, garnet, sillimanite, and cordierite in addition to K-feldspar, plagioclase and quartz in the melanosome/mesosome part (Figure 5F). At the macroscopic scale (Figure 3C), sillimanite and cordierite are observed in pressure shadows around garnet. The leucosome part exhibits a medium-grained fabric (>1 mm) made of K-feldspar, plagioclase, quartz, biotite, garnet, and large cordierite minerals that form ~50% of the matrix/sample (Figure 5G).

3.1.3 EBSD on quartz grains

The crystallographic-preferred orientation (CPO) of quartz grains from sample QUIB01 is used here to obtain information about the quartz slip system operated in mylonitic granite from the QDZ footwall (Figure 6; Text 2 of the supplementary material). As observed in thin section, the quartz grain maps obtained by EBSD reveal sigmoidal quartz ribbons made of quartz grains (re)crystallizing by grain boundary migration (Figures 6A and 6B). Quartz c-axis pole figures exhibit four maxima symmetrically distributed at ~25° around the shear plane (C) and the lineation direction (Figure 6C), indicating crystal plastic deformation dominated by prismatic ‹c› glide during coaxial strain with either constriction or plane strain (see framed model on Figure 6 from Barth et al., 2010). The c-axes data also show two maxima located at ~70° with a monoclinic symmetry to the direction of the lineation which reflect activation of basal [a] slip (e.g. Stipp et al., 2002). The activation of the prismatic <c> slip system is also supported by quartz a-axes that form a single asymmetric girdle indicating a non-coaxial kinematic to the

WNW (see framed model on Figure 6 from Barth et al., 2010). Based on the a-axes defining a girdle rather than point maxima we propose that deformation occurred more likely under constriction than under plane strain (e.g. Barth et al., 2010). Both quartz c- and a-axes point to the activation of prism <c> glide (e.g. Blumenfeld et al., 1986).

3.2 Hydrogen isotope geochemistry

The hydrogen isotope ratios (δD) of muscovite and tourmaline from fractions > 250 µm were measured in 11 samples of sheared leucogranite, pegmatite, micaschist and quartz veins collected across 300m of structural section into the underlying mylonitic footwall of the QDZ (Figure 7 and Table 1). Analyses were performed at the Goethe University-Senckenberg BiK-F Stable Isotope Facility, Frankfurt (analytical procedure detailed in Text 1 of the supplementary material). Samples presented here include δD values for muscovite previously reported in Dusséaux et al. (2019).

Muscovite from leucogranite samples displays $\delta D_{Muscovite}$ values of -85 to -79‰ at distances of 250-322m beneath the QDZ. These $\delta D_{Muscovite}$ values are lower than those from the ultramylonitic pegmatites that show $\delta D_{Muscovite}$ values ranging between -75 and -64‰. Muscovite from quartz veins and micaschist yields intermediate $\delta D_{Muscovite}$ values that range from -80 to -76‰. Tourmaline in leucogranite samples yields lower $\delta D_{Tourmaline}$ values (-87 to -86‰) than those from pegmatites (-80‰). Tourmaline from quartz veins has intermediate $\delta D_{Tourmaline}$ values that vary between -85 and -81‰.

3.3 Muscovite geochemistry and Ti-in-Ms geothermometry

We measured the chemical composition of muscovite from QUIB01 and QUIB03 to determine (1) the hydrothermal or magmatic origin of muscovite and, (2) the temperature of muscovite crystallization using the Titanium-in-muscovite thermometer (Wu & Chen, 2015; Text 3 and Table 1 of the supplementary material).

We first focused on muscovite from QUIB01 from which the lowest $\delta D_{Muscovite}$ values have been obtained (-85‰) that were previously interpreted to reflect interaction with surface-derived fluids (Dusséaux et al., 2019). The titanium, magnesium and sodium contents attain values of $0.02 < Ti < 0.05$ apfu, $0.08 < Mg < 0.10$ apfu and $0.02 < Na < 0.03$ apfu, respectively, indicating a magmatic to hydrothermal origin as also highlighted in a Ti-Na-Mg ternary diagram (Figure 8) (Miller et al., 1981). We then focused on muscovite grains from QUIB03 that yielded slightly higher $\delta D_{Muscovite}$ values (-82‰). Their titanium ($0.02 < Ti < 0.03$ apfu) and sodium ($0.02 < Na < 0.03$ apfu) contents are similar to those obtained for the QUIB01 muscovite, but a higher Mg content ($0.09 < Mg < 0.11$ apfu) makes them plot towards the hydrothermal muscovite field (Figure 8).

We then applied the Titanium-in-muscovite thermometer (Ti-in-Ms; Wu and Chen, 2015) to determine the metamorphic temperature conditions using a pressure estimate of 0.4 ± 0.1 GPa (Text 4 and Table 1 of the supplementary material; e.g. Gapais et al., 1993; Turrillot, 2010). Results from the two samples are consistent with a temperature of 569 ± 42°C for QUIB01 and 546 ± 41°C for QUIB03.

3.4 δD_{Water} values of syntectonic fluids

To calculate the hydrogen isotopic composition of the fluid present during the synkinematic crystallization of muscovite (δD_{Water}), we used the temperatures of 569 ± 42°C and 546 ± 41°C (average = 558 ± 42°C) determined using the Titanium-in-muscovite thermometer applied for QUIB01 and QUIB03, respectively, which are consistent with temperature estimates deduced from quartz microstructures and quartz c axes fabrics (~550-600°C; see above).

Using a temperature of 569 ± 42°C, a $\delta D_{Muscovite}$ value of -85‰ and the muscovite-water hydrogen isotope fractionation factor of Suzuoki and Epstein (1976), we calculated a δD_{Water} value of -73 ± 4‰ for QUIB01. This value is consistent with the δD_{Water} value of -68 ± 4‰ calculated for QUIB03, using a $\delta D_{Muscovite}$ value of -82‰, a temperature of isotopic exchange of 546 ± 41°C and the hydrogen isotope muscovite-water fractionation of Suzuoki and Epstein (1976).

Using the average temperature of 558 ± 42°C obtained from QUIB01 and QUIB03, the equation of Suzuoki and Epstein (1976) and the $\delta D_{Muscovite}$ values of each individual sample from the Quiberon section, we obtained δD_{Water} values ranging from -73 to -66 ± 4‰ in mylonitic leucogranite, from -67 to -63 ± 4‰ in quartz veins and micaschist, and from -62 to -51 ± 4‰ in ultramylonitic pegmatite (Table 1). Using the hydrogen isotope composition of tourmaline in equilibrium with muscovite, the hydrogen water-tourmaline isotope fractionation factor of Kotzer et al. (1993) and the average temperature of 558 ± 42°C, we calculated δD_{Water} values ranging from -77 to -74 ± 5‰ in mylonitic leucogranite, from -74 to -70 ± 4‰ in quartz veins, and -69 ± 4‰ in ultramylonitic pegmatite (Table 1). The δD_{Water} values calculated from the $\delta D_{Tourmaline}$ values ($-77 \leq \delta D_{Water} \leq -69$‰) are 4 to 9‰ lower than the ones calculated from the $\delta D_{Muscovite}$ values ($-73 \leq \delta D_{Water} \leq -60$‰), but both are comparable within uncertainty (< ± 5‰).

3.5 Geochronology

3.5.1 Muscovite $^{40}Ar/^{39}Ar$ dating of mylonitic leucogranite

Four single muscovite grains from QUIB01 and QUIB03 were step-heated for $^{40}Ar/^{39}Ar$ analyses using a CO_2 laser probe coupled with a MAP215 mass spectrometer (Figure 8; Text 5 and Tables 2 and 3 of the supplementary material). The experiments were carried out in Geosciences Rennes, France. The analytical procedure described by Ruffet et al. (1995, 1991) is provided as supplementary material (Text 5) with parameters used for calculations (Table 2). Analytical data are available in Table 3 of the supplementary material.

Two muscovite grains from QUIB03 provide consistent plateau ages in the 305 - 303.5 Ma range (mean at 304.1 ± 1.4 Ma), calculated over more than 90% of the total degassed $^{39}Ar_K$.

In contrast, two muscovite grains from QUIB01 yield older ages. One of the grains provides a perfectly flat age spectrum allowing a plateau age to be calculated at 319.5 ± 1.9 Ma (2σ). The age spectrum obtained on the other grain indicates younger apparent ages, in the range of 306-309 Ma, and a characteristic saddle shape which will be discussed below.

3.5.2 Monazite, zircon and apatite U-Th/Pb dating of leucogranite

Two samples of weakly deformed (QUIB21) and mylonitic (QUIB20) leucogranite from the QDZ footwall were dated in the GeOHeLiS analytical platform (Univ Rennes 1), France, using zircon, monazite and apatite LA-Q-ICP-MS U(-Th)/Pb dating (See location on the simplified stratigraphic column of Figure 2, Figure 9; Text 6 and Tables 4, 5, 6 and 7 of the supplementary material).

Monazite grains extracted from the weakly deformed leucogranite sample QUIB21 plot in a concordant position in the $^{206}Pb/^{238}U$ versus $^{208}Pb/^{232}Th$ concordia diagram (Figure 9), with apparent $^{206}Pb/^{238}U$ ages ranging from 335 Ma down to 285 Ma (Table 5 of the supplementary material). A group of twelve consistent and concordant analyses yield a date of 318 ± 2.2 Ma (MSDW = 0.5; Figure 9A). Analyses 13 and 22 are within error with this concordant group, although they yield older apparent ages. The remaining data plot along the concordia curve yielding apparent ages between 300 and 285 Ma. Apatite grains from the same sample yield a

^{207}Pb corrected date of 312.9 ± 2.2 Ma (MSDW = 0.5) equivalent within error with both the free- (323 ± 12 Ma) and anchored- (313.2 ± 3.3 Ma) isochron dates (Figure 9B; Table 7 of the supplementary material). Note that these apatite crystals are characterized by very consistent REE spectra and a U content of ~70 ppm (Figure 9C).

For the more deformed sample QUIB20, 23 measurements out of 34 zircon grains were performed. Plotted in a Tera-Wasserburg diagram (Figure 9D), data are concordant to discordant with $^{206}Pb/^{238}U$ apparent ages ranging from 875 down to 315 Ma (Table 5 of the supplementary material). Three groups of concordant data can be distinguished. The first and oldest group yields a concordant date of 676 ± 2.3 Ma (n=4, Zr 18 & 19), the second a concordant date of 335 ± 2.3 Ma (n=4, Zr 19 & 26) and the youngest one a concordant date of 317 ± 4 Ma (n=5, MSDW = 1.2; Zr 3, 8, 16 & 19). In this sample, the REE spectra for the apatite grains are different from one to the other and associated with a U content of ~50 ppm (Figure 9F). The QUIB20 apatite yield a ^{207}Pb corrected date of 304.9 ± 3.2 Ma (MSDW = 0.9) that is comparable with the free (310 ± 14 Ma) and anchored (302.9 ± 4.3 Ma) isochron dates (Figure 9E; Table 7 of the supplementary material).

3.5.3 Monazite U-Th/Pb REE petrochronology of migmatite

The melanosome/mesosome part of the Port Navalo migmatite located in the QDZ footwall was dated and characterized using in-situ laser ablation petrochronology techniques at the University of Portsmouth, UK (Full methodology and results can be found in Text 7 and Tables 8 and 9 of the supplementary material). Sample NAV04 yields a spread of concordant U-Pb analyses (Figures 10A-10D) that range in $^{206}Pb/^{238}U$ and $^{208}Pb/^{232}Th$ apparent age from ~330 to 290 Ma (n = 35; Figure 10A). This spread is not statistically resolvable into separate populations. All monazite analyses yield consistent trace element signatures, with relative enrichments in LREE, significant Eu anomalies and a slight range in HREE (Figure 10F). Monazite grains show faint zoning in BSE (Figure 10G) and some variation in their Y concentrations (Table 8 of the Supplementary material). However, there is no systematic variation in either REE or Y concentration with age, and in grains where multiple spots were analyzed, they were within uncertainty and therefore non-resolvable.

4 Discussion

4.1 Interpretation of geochronological data

4.1.1 Monazite petrochronology

Monazite grains from both the leucogranite and migmatite analyzed in this study yielded a spread of apparent $^{206}Pb/^{238}U$ ages that almost overlap within uncertainty e.g. 319 ± 8 Ma – 283 ± 8 Ma (leucogranite) and 329 ± 9 Ma – 288 ± 8 Ma (migmatite). This spread can be interpreted either as Pb loss, incomplete resetting during fluid-related dissolution precipitation (e.g. Grand'Homme et al., 2016), or due to a genuine spread in geological ages (e.g. Foster et al., 2004, and commonly seen in Himalayan monazite ages). Monazite is resistant to Pb-loss by volume diffusion alone (e.g. Cherniak et al., 2004; Gardés et al., 2007, 2006; Parrish, 1990), however is prone to dissolution-precipitation (recrystallization; e.g. Hetherington et al., 2017). This may result in the formation of patchy zoning at grain scale and discordance in the U-Th-Pb system (e.g. Krohe and Wawrzenitz., 2000; Seydoux-Guillaume et al., 2012; Wawrzenitz et al., 2015) causing disruption of the isotopic age due to incomplete resetting, and a trend of data towards the right of a Tera Wasserburg Concordia diagram (Grand'Homme et al., 2016). Monazites in our studied migmatite sample contain patchy zoning (Figure 10G) that could be interpreted as evidence for dissolution-precipitation or growth zoning. The spread seen in the data could therefore be interpreted as incomplete resetting or could represent a spread of analyses between two populations. It is not possible within the precision of our dataset to distinguish between these scenarios.

Monazite trace elements in the migmatite yield consistent Eu anomalies that can be interpreted as peritectic monazite crystallization with feldspar from (partial) melt (Figure 10F). This is consistent with observations of selvages of quartz and feldspar and lobate grain boundaries (Figure 10E) as well as the presence of cordierite (Figure 5G) in thin section, microstructures indicative of partial melting within the migmatitic host rock. Together with the U-Th-Pb data, it can be interpreted that monazite grew during melting between ~330–290 Ma, either during several stages (e.g. Foster et al., 2004; Mottram et al., 2014), or due to the older peritectic monazite being partially reset during later fluid flow event(s) (e.g. Grand'Homme et al., 2016).

4.1.2 Interpretation of Ar/Ar and U(-Th)/Pb ages

4.1.2.1 Syntectonic leucogranite emplacement in the QDZ footwall

To determine the timing of meteoric fluid infiltration and subsequent meteoric fluid-rock interactions that occurred in the QDZ footwall, we applied different geochronology methods (U(-Th)/Pb on zircon, monazite, apatite and $^{40}Ar/^{39}Ar$ on muscovite) to date both highly and weakly deformed leucogranites (see summary in Figure 11).

We interpret the U-Th/Pb age of 318 ± 3 Ma obtained on monazite from a weakly deformed leucogranite (QUIB21) as its age of emplacement. This age is comparable to the U/Pb age of 317 ± 4 Ma obtained on magmatic zircon from a similar but intensively deformed leucogranite (QUIB20) collected at the top of the section that we also interpret to reflect the period of syntectonic emplacement. Both ages are in agreement with the $^{40}Ar/^{39}Ar$ age of 319.7 ± 1.9 Ma (2σ) obtained on muscovite from the QUIB01 mylonitic leucogranite sample (this study), which is similar to the muscovite $^{40}Ar/^{39}Ar$ age of 319.2 ± 1.8 Ma (2σ) obtained in the Questembert granite emplaced along the SASZ (Tartèse et al., 2011b, 2011c).

The similarity of the U(-Th)/Pb and $^{40}Ar/^{39}Ar$ ages at ~318 Ma on the weakly and more deformed granite types indicate that following their emplacement, leucogranites have experienced a rapid cooling through the isotopic closure temperature (T_c) of argon in muscovite. Based on Harrison et al. (2009)'s experimental determinations of muscovite diffusion coefficients, (Pitra et al., 2010) calculated a T_c of ~540°C for a diffusion radius of 1 mm and a cooling rate of 100°C/Ma. Therefore, our data agree with a rapid cooling and suggest that, as proposed by Gapais et al. (1993), the QDZ may have played a major role in exhuming rocks from the lower unit.

The presence of C-S structures in mylonitic leucogranites within the top ~500 m of the section supports a syntectonic crystallization age of monazite at 318 ± 3 Ma, and although such fabrics are not clearly observed within the weakly deformed leucogranite from the bottom of the section (~700 m) and dated at 317 ± 4 Ma on zircon, the presence of biotite schlieren and their orientations related to the magmatic lineation suggest that they emplaced while the detachment zone was already active. Based on the similarity of the U(-Th)/Pb and $^{40}Ar/^{39}Ar$ ages at ~318 Ma on the weakly and more deformed granite types, we conclude that 1) the QDZ was already active at that time, 2) based on the structural and microstructural features, the mylonitic and weakly deformed leucogranites emplaced during the QDZ activity, and that the deformation was heterogenous over a thickness of ~700 m with highly deformed rocks at the top and weakly deformed rocks at the bottom.

To help reconstructing the cooling history, we acquired additional $^{40}Ar/^{39}Ar$ data from sample QUIB03 from which two muscovite grains yielded two concordant ages of 304.8 ± 2.1 Ma and

303.4 ± 2.1 Ma (2σ) (Figure 8). A similar age of 305 ± 3 Ma has been obtained on apatite using U/Pb geochronology from the mylonitic leucogranite QUIB20. The spread REE spectrum of apatite supports the idea that these minerals experienced a partial leaching of REE during hydrothermal alteration (see Ballouard et al., 2018a).

Although showing a saddle shape spectrum, a single muscovite grain from QUIB01 provides a plateau age of 307.7 ± 1.7 Ma with apparent ages ranging between 309.0 ± 1.5 Ma and 305.9 ± 1.5 Ma. When comparing with the plateau age of ~319.5 Ma provided by a single muscovite grain from the same sample (see above), these ages are younger and close to those obtained from the QUIB03 muscovite and QUIB20 apatite grains (Figure 11). It is known that the partial re/neo-crystallization of white mica can generate saddle-shaped age spectra that result from distinctive degassing patterns of the initial/inherited and re/neo-crystallized domains for a given crystal (see Alexandrov et al., 2002; Castonguay et al., 2007; Cheilletz et al., 1999; Tartèse et al., 2011c; Tremblay et al., 2011). The observed saddle shape can result from two distinct phenomena: (1) the mixing of two distinct radiogenic components that are imperfectly separated, an initial/inherited one which could be as old as ~319.5 Ma and a re/neo-crystallized one which could be as young as ~304 Ma; (2) the isotopic record of period of long protracted recrystallization history from ~309 to 306 Ma linked to deformation and/or fluids. However, the relatively young ages obtained for mylonitic leucogranite (QUIB03 muscovite $^{40}Ar/^{39}Ar$ ages of ~305 and ~303.5 Ma and QUIB20 apatite U/Pb age of ~305 Ma) and the associated apatite REE and muscovite δD results seem to be in favor of the second option, involving the syntectonic fluid-assisted (re)crystallization of mica through time.

Apatite from weakly deformed leucogranites (QUIB21) yielded a U/Pb date of 313 ± 2 Ma. In agreement with the magmatic structures observed at the mesoscopic scale on the weakly deformed leucogranite (Figure 3B), apatite display a narrow REE distribution pattern. Based on the theoretical closure temperature of apatite ranging between 350 and 550°C (e.g. Chew and Spikings, 2015; Pochon et al., 2016), we interpret this U/Pb date of 313 ± 2 Ma as a cooling age.

To summarize, two main events can be defined from these geochronological results:

1) An early phase at ~318 Ma (U-Th/Pb on monazite and U/Pb on magmatic zircon) marked by leucogranite emplacement in the Quiberon detachment footwall while the shear zone was active. Following their emplacement, these leucogranites ensued a rapid cooling as highlighted by $^{40}Ar/^{39}Ar$ ages from the QUIB01 muscovite grains.

2) A late phase at ~305 Ma characterized by a main magmatic-hydrothermal event highlighted by apatite U/Pb and muscovite $^{40}Ar/^{39}Ar$ ages, and apatite REE spectra and uranium content from mylonitic leucogranites. Both apatite U/Pb and muscovite $^{40}Ar/^{39}Ar$ ages of ~305 Ma are in agreement with previous published muscovite $^{40}Ar/^{39}Ar$ ages between ~304 and 301 Ma measured in similar mylonitic leucogranite from Quiberon (Gapais et al., 2015; Turrillot, 2010) and U/Pb ages of ~303 Ma acquired on zircon and monazite from an aplitic dyke of the neighboring Guérande leucogranite (Ballouard et al., 2015).

4.1.2.2 Migmatization in the QDZ footwall

U-Th/Pb monazite from the Port Navalo migmatite provided a spread of apparent ages between ~330–290 Ma. A more precise age would be useful to explore the exact tectono-magmatic and metamorphic link between the migmatites and leucogranites. However, our relatively imprecise age range demonstrates that the lower-crustal migmatites were partially melting while monazite crystallized coevally in the syntectonic leucogranite. Our dates also suggest that there was several (tens) of millions of years of metamorphism and fluid-flow that potentially (partially) reset the ages. This is consistent with a lower-crustal setting where rocks are deformed, metamorphosed and experience partial melting in the presence of fluids over prolonged periods of time (such as in the Himalaya; Mottram et al., 2014).

4.2 Syntectonic hydrothermal alteration during high-temperature deformation

4.2.1 Source of fluids

Hydrogen isotopes measured on syntectonic muscovite from mylonitic leucogranite, ultramylonitic pegmatite and quartz veins allow to calculate δD_{Water} values from -73 to -51 ± 5‰ that correspond to the hydrogen isotopic composition of water that equilibrated with muscovite in the detachment footwall (Table 1). Muscovite from mylonitic leucogranite samples provides the lowest calculated δD_{Water} values (-73 to -66‰) whereas the highest δD_{Water} values (-62 to -51‰) have been obtained from muscovite from ultramylonitic pegmatite. Quartz veins and micaschist indicate intermediate δD_{Water} values (-67 to -63‰).

The difference of up to 22‰ between the δD_{Water} values extracted from the Quiberon mylonitic leucogranites and ultramylonitic pegmatites allow to identify two different reservoirs of fluids that have triggered intense fluid-rock interactions in the Quiberon detachment footwall. The new hydrogen dataset presented here extracted from various lithologies from the QDZ footwall (Figure 7) is in good agreement with the results published in Dusséaux et al. (2019) showing a regional-scale mixing relationship between deep crustal fluids (δD_{Water} values up to -33‰) and surface-derived fluids (δD_{Water} values down to -74‰) in syntectonic leucogranite emplaced at different crustal levels in the southern Armorican domain. Fluid inclusions aligned along synkinematic structural planes in quartz grains from detachment footwalls (Quiberon and Piriac; Dusséaux, 2019) contain very low to medium salinity water (0 to 7 wt% eq. NaCl) and yield δD and $\delta^{18}O$ values plotting between the meteoric water line and the metamorphic/magmatic ranges, further strengthening this interpretation. This mixing relationship has also been demonstrated based on δD_{water} values from syntectonic leucogranites, pegmatites, quartz veins and episyenites in the western part of the French Massif Central (merging to the northwest with the southern Armorican domain) where high δD_{water} values of up to ~-30‰ reveal a signature of deep crustal fluids and δD_{water} values as low as -104 ‰ indicate a contribution of meteoric fluids sourced at high elevation (Dusséaux et al., 2021; Turpin et al., 1990).

In the Iberian Massif, other studies involving measurements of hydrogen and oxygen isotope ratios of hydrous minerals (phengite, chlorite) from altered granites and host metasediments (Rodríguez-Terente et al., 2018), or fluid inclusions from granite, mineralized veins and skarns (Tornos et al., 2000) systematically point to the mixing of fluids from different sources (magmatic/metamorphic and meteoric). For instance, δD_{Water} values from barren quartz veins ranging from -70 to -35‰ are interpreted to reflect strong meteoric water/rock interactions in the Iberian Massif (Martín Crespo et al., 2002). As a consequence, based on previous studies conducted in similar geological objects, the hydrogen isotope values obtained from syntectonic muscovite from the Quiberon granite are consistent with a mixing relationship between deuterium-depleted fluids and metamorphic/magmatic water with high δD values.

Due to the presence of graphite in the overlying micaschist, metavolcanics and quartz veins of the upper crust (e.g. Ballouard et al., 2017; Caroff et al., 2016), we cannot rule out the possibility that graphite crystallization from a methane-bearing fluid could have played a role in lowering the $\delta D_{Muscovite}$ values from the Quiberon granitic samples (see Craw, 2002). However, the significant number of previous geochemical studies conducted in the southern Armorican domain and the western French Massif Central (See introduction, Ballouard et al., 2015, 2017, 2018a; Dusséaux, 2019; Dusséaux et al., 2019, 2021; Lemarchand et al., 2012; Tartèse et al., 2012, 2013), constitute a tangible proof that meteoric fluids penetrated the extending and fractured upper crust to significant depths in the active footwall of detachment zones during the Late Carboniferous, sometimes leading to the formation of uranium ore deposits (Ballouard et al., 2017; Boulvais et al., 2019).

The δD_{Water} values found in pegmatites ($-62 \leq \delta D_{Water}$ values $\leq -51‰$) are typical of deep crustal fluids ($-70‰ < \delta D_{metamorphic\ fluids} < -20‰$ and/or $-80‰ < \delta D_{magmatic\ fluids} < -40‰$; e.g. Field and Fifarek, 1985). However, the 11 ‰ difference (-62 to -51‰) within the δD_{Water} values can be explained by variable meteoric fluid-rock ratios (e.g. Dusséaux et al., 2019). In a rock-buffered system, pegmatites that intruded mylonitic leucogranites during the latest stages of deformation may not have had enough time to equilibrate with meteoric fluids. In accordance with pegmatite successive emplacement during syntectonic crystallization of late magmatic fluids (Gapais & Boundi, 2014) and the regional-scale mixing relationship of Dusséaux et al. (2019), we consider that the highest δD_{Water} value of -51‰ most closely approximate the hydrogen isotope composition of a magmatic fluid.

In contrast, the lowest δD_{Water} values (-73 to -66‰) obtained from mylonitic leucogranite suggest that muscovite interacted with surface-derived deuterium-depleted fluids during deformation (Dusséaux et al., 2019). As mentioned above, lozenge-shaped muscovite grains (mica fish) located along shear bands and their associated low δD_{Water} values suggest that the growth of micas occurred through solution-precipitation mechanisms during the QDZ activity which was the site of intense meteoric water-rock interaction. These low δD_{Water} values are strengthened by those down to -77‰ obtained from tourmaline in mylonitic leucogranite (Figure 7). In agreement with a ~5‰ difference in hydrogen isotope fractionation between the muscovite and the tourmaline at 550°C and 0.3 GPa (Blamart et al., 1989), the $\delta D_{Tourmaline}$ values are systematically 3 to 7 ± 2‰ lower than the $\delta D_{Muscovite}$ values (Figure 7 and Table 1) indicating that these two minerals have reached hydrogen isotope equilibrium during high-temperature deformation. These δD_{Water} values down to -77‰ corroborate previous studies that interpreted δD_{Water} values down to -74‰ provided by syntectonic leucogranites to reflect an interaction with meteoric fluids during the activity of the Piriac and Quiberon detachment zones (Dusséaux et al., 2019). However, the δD_{water} value of Late Carboniferous meteoric fluids at the surface may have been more negative than −74‰ due to deuterium enrichment during the downward penetration of meteoric and consequent meteoric fluid- rock interactions at low meteoric-fluid rock ratios (e.g. Dusséaux et al., 2021; Gébelin et al., 2012).

4.2.2 Timing and duration of fluid-rock interactions

Four lines of evidences lead us to conclude that the ~319 Ma muscovite samples (QUIB01; Figure 11) crystallized in presence of meteoric fluids during high temperature deformation in the QDZ footwall: (1) muscovite from this sample provides the lowest $\delta D_{Muscovite}$ value (-85‰; Figure 7), which is 22‰ lower than the ones in pegmatite, and has been interpreted to reflect the highest meteoric fluid-rock ratio found in the QDZ footwall (Dusséaux et al., 2019); (2) recrystallization involving solution-precipitation is indicated by primary lenticular mica fish (Group 1; ten Grotenhuis et al., 2003) that evolved through time into a more bent secondary mica fish with deflected tips due to continuous shearing (Group 2; ten Grotenhuis et al., 2003) (Figure 4); (3) the chemical composition of these mica fish plot in both the primary and secondary muscovite fields ($0.02 < Ti < 0.05$ apfu; Figure 8); (4) the Ti-in-muscovite thermometry results obtained from muscovite fish associated with low $\delta D_{Muscovite}$ values (Figure 7) indicated that they formed during high temperature deformation (> 500°C) which is consistent with quartz grain boundary migration. Therefore, we conclude that 319.5 ± 1.9 Ma represents a minimum argon age for the infiltration of meteoric fluids which interacted with synkinematic muscovite during high temperature deformation in the QDZ footwall.

Lenticular muscovite grains from the QUIB03 sample provide younger $^{40}Ar/^{39}Ar$ ages of ~305 - 303 Ma (Figure 11) that could reflect a period of intense hydrothermal activity because (1) muscovite grains provide low $\delta D_{Muscovite}$ values (<-80‰; Figure 7), (2) the chemical composition of these mica fish have a tendency to plot into the field of hydrothermal muscovite (0.02 < Ti < 0.03 apfu), (3) group 1 mica fish (ten Grotenhuis et al., 2003) show evidence of secondary newly recrystallized grains on the grains boundaries, (4) apatite from the same mylonitic leucogranites that yield similar ages (305 ± 4 Ma; Figure 9) are associated with varied REE spectra reflecting hydrothermal alteration.

We propose that meteoric fluid-rock interactions occurred in the footwall of the QDZ during high-temperature deformation at least between 319.5 ± 1.9 Ma and 303.4 ± 2.1 Ma, supported by syntectonic mica growth (see section 4 above; e.g. Gébelin et al., 2011; Kelley, 2002; Tartèse et al., 2011b).

Field observations show that the walls of planar ultramylonitic pegmatite veins form an angle of ~10° with mylonitic leucogranite foliation suggesting syntectonic pegmatite emplacement within the high strain zone while the ductile deformation was still active (Figure 2F). The high δD_{Water} values calculated from syntectonic muscovite from deformed pegmatites ranging from -62‰ to -51‰ do not reflect a meteoric fluid signature but rather a magmatic imprint. By comparison with mylonitic leucogranites from which δD_{Water} values between -77 and -66‰ have been deduced, we interpret the difference in reconstructed hydrogen isotopic composition of meteoric water to reflect a difference in microstructure, chemical composition and permeability of the rock and/or a short period of meteoric fluid-rock interactions.

The geochronological results presented in this study do not preclude the possibility that meteoric fluid infiltration and detachment activity may have occurred before ~320 Ma and/or after ~303 Ma. The δD values measured in leucogranite can be interpreted as the presence of surface-derived fluids in the footwall during this time period (see paragraph 4.2.1). In addition, sericitization along muscovite rims and in pressure shadows in mylonitic leucogranite (e.g. Figure 4B) support fluid-assisted dissolution-precipitation during the final stages of the QSZ activity as indicated by $^{40}Ar/^{39}Ar$ ages of ~305 and ~303.5 Ma. Moreover, both mylonitic and cataclastic fabrics revealed in mylonitic leucogranite and pegmatite reveal a normal sense of movement suggesting that brittle fabrics formed during exhumation of metamorphic footwall rocks to the hanging wall along the Quiberon detachment zone while syntectonic granites were crossing the brittle-ductile transition. A late, intense fluid circulation event sustained by high (paleo-) geothermal gradient likely occurred in the Quiberon detachment footwall until ~298 Ma as indicated by monazite U/Pb dates of 297 ± 8 Ma and 298 ± 8 Ma from the Port Navalo migmatites (Figure 10) and shown by ~298 Ma muscovite $^{40}Ar/^{39}Ar$ ages obtained on late shear bands and deformed pegmatite from the Quiberon peninsula (Gapais et al., 2015; Turrillot, 2010).

4.2.3 Implications for elemental mobility

REE spectra from apatite grains show a difference in the uranium content from high (~70 ppm) in the weakly deformed granite to low (~50 ppm) in the mylonitic leucogranite. Based on the ages obtained for these two granites, we can say that the uranium content decreased through time from at least ~313 Ma (QUIB21) to ~305 Ma (QUIB20). These observations agree with the deuterium depletion in muscovite and tourmaline identified in the younger granite, associated to a spread REE spectrum reflecting REE partial leaching from apatite. Therefore, we propose that the depletion in uranium and rare earth elements in apatite and in deuterium detected in muscovite and tourmaline are related to a same fluid-rock interaction event that occurred during the final stage of the Quiberon magmatic-hydrothermal system activity. This agrees with studies of uranium deposits in the southern Armorican domain (e.g. Ballouard et al., 2017, 2018a, 2018b; Boulvais et al., 2019; Tartèse et al., 2013) showing that meteoric fluids leached uranium from the magmatic uraninite in syntectonic peraluminous granites emplaced in the footwall of detachments (Piriac, and in this study, Quiberon) or along the SASZ (e.g. Pontivy, Questembert). On their way back to the surface, the oxidized uranium-bearing fluids interacted with reducing black schists and triggered the precipitation of hydrothermal uraninite. At the broader scale of the Variscan belt of Western Europe, coeval late-orogenic extensional shear zones, hydrothermal fluid flow, leucogranite syntectonic emplacement and granulite-facies metamorphism in the lower crust led to U, W, Au, Sb, P and rare earth element mineralization (e.g. Ballouard et al., 2017; Boiron et al., 2003; Bouchot et al., 2005; Cuney et al., 2002; Cuney, 2014; Harlaux et al., 2018).

4.3 Mechanisms and depth of meteoric fluid infiltration

The infiltration of surface-derived fluids down to the detachment footwall could be explained through fractures and steep normal faults (Figure 2A) that developed in the extending brittle upper crust and soled down on to the QDZ (e.g. Gébelin et al., 2017, 2015, 2013, 2011; Mulch et al., 2006, 2004; Person et al., 2007). In addition to brittle structures that could have served as conduits for fluids and generated the necessary porosity for fluid percolation from the surface down to the middle crust, anastomosing C-S structures (Figures 2, 4 and 5) localize the strain, weaken the rock and promote permeability (e.g. Bauer et al., 2000; Hunter et al., 2016; McCaig, 1988; Tartèse et al., 2013). Meteoric fluid infiltration to substantial depths involves the presence of both hydraulic (e.g. Person et al., 2007) and hydrostatic heads (e.g. Sutherland et al., 2017; Upton & Sutherland, 2014) and can be achieved through dip slip faulting-related dilatancy (e.g. Nüchter and Ellis, 2011) that episodically injects small amount of meteoric fluids and leads to protracted periods of fluid-rock interactions (e.g. Sibson, 1981; Upton et al., 1995) in agreement with our rock- buffered meteoric fluid signatures.

In addition, driving forces are essential to maintain fluid-rock interactions for more than 15 Ma in the active ductile segment of the QDZ. As suggested for other fossil hydrothermal systems (e.g. Gébelin et al., 2011, 2015, 2017; Methner et al., 2015; Person et al., 2007), advection of partially molten materials in the lower crust can sustain buoyancy-driven fluid convection while the detachment is active and continuously exhume rocks from the footwall to the hanging wall. Together with radioactive heat production (e.g. Jolivet et al., 1989; Vigneresse et al., 1989), partial melting and leucogranite emplacement in the southern Armorican domain from ~320 to ~305 Ma (Figure 11; e.g. Augier et al., 2015; Ballouard, 2016; Ballouard et al., 2018a; Lemarchand et al., 2012; Peucat, 1983; Tartèse et al., 2012, 2011a, 2011c; Turrillot et al., 2011, 2009; Turrillot, 2010), the new U-Th/Pb ages acquired on the Port Navalo migmatites ranging from ~330 to ~ 290 Ma (Figure 10) suggest that high heat flow occurred at the same time as the mylonitization across the QDZ ($^{40}Ar/^{39}Ar$ on muscovite and U/Pb on apatite and monazite from the leucogranite; Figures 8 and 9), helping to sustain the hydrothermal system.

Coeval lower crustal migmatization and syntectonic leucogranite emplacement has been dated in similar rocks at ~315 Ma in the western part of the French Massif Central that constitutes the eastern extent of the southern Armorican domain (e.g. Gébelin et al., 2009). In the broader framework of the Variscan belt, the results from this study fit well with coeval syntectonic leucogranite emplacement along ductile shear zones and lower crustal partial melting recognized widely in the European Variscan hinterlands at the end of the Carboniferous (e.g. Ballouard et al., 2015; Gébelin et al., 2009; López-Moro et al., 2012; Padovano et al., 2014; Rolland et al., 2009; Tartèse et al., 2012). Age-equivalent migmatization and leucogranite emplacement was also recognized in the Montagne Noire (southern part of the French Massif

Central), considered as the foreland of the belt (e.g. Pitra et al., 2021; Poujol et al., 2017; Whitney et al., 2015).

A hydraulic head generated in high-relief areas is also essential for the penetration of surface-derived fluids at depth. As demonstrated by stable isotope paleoaltimetry estimates for the western French Massif Central (minimum mean elevation of 3400 ± 700m; Dusséaux et al., 2021), the Variscan Belt of Western Europe was standing at high elevation during the late Carboniferous. These paleoaltimetry results cannot necessarily be applied to our study area that represents the north-western extension of the French Massif Central. However, based on the internally thickened crust (e.g. Ballèvre et al., 2013) and preliminary stable isotope paleoaltimetry results indicating a mean paleoelevation of ~2500 m for the southern Armorican domain (Dusséaux, 2019), this region probably imposed a high regional hydraulic head that allowed fluids to migrate down to the brittle-ductile transition and reach the QDZ footwall (e.g. Gébelin et al., 2013, 2012; Raphaël Gottardi et al., 2013; Person et al., 2007).

Although it is difficult to define accurately the depth of meteoric water incursion, we propose that meteoric fluids reached the brittle-ductile transition zone at a depth of ~8 km based on a 300°C isotherm approximately corresponding to the start of brittle-ductile deformation in quartzo-feldspathic rocks (Stöckhert et al., 1999) and a warm Variscan geothermal gradient of ~35-40°C/km (e.g. Vanderhaeghe et al., 2020). However, the local depth of the brittle-ductile transition may be shallower as the active QDZ together with hot material advection may have led to extreme geothermal gradient and tight isotherms across the detachment zone (e.g. Gottardi et al., 2011; Gébelin et al., 2011).

5 Conclusion

This study documents the infiltration of meteoric fluids in the footwall of one of the best exposed Variscan extensional shear zones, the Quiberon detachment (QDZ) in the southern domain of the Armorican Massif (France). Combined structural, hydrogen isotope, geochemical and geochronological data from syntectonic leucogranites emplaced in the QDZ footwall allow meteoric fluid-rock interactions at depth to be bracketed between ~320 and 303 Ma. Synkinematic hydrous minerals recrystallized and equilibrated in the QDZ footwall with deuterium-depleted water during high temperature deformation (~500°C) deduced from microstructural observations and titanium-in-muscovite thermometry. Mica fish provide $^{40}Ar/^{39}Ar$ ages between ~320 and ~303 Ma that, together with microstructural observations, suggest that fluid-rock interactions occurred for at least 17 Ma. This interpretation is in good agreement with U(-Th)/Pb data obtained on magmatic zircon and monazite from the same leucogranites that indicate an age of emplacement of ~318 Ma. In addition, U/Pb ages, REE spectra and uranium content of apatite in leucogranites strengthen the idea that meteoric fluid-rock interactions occurred for several million years and played a major role in leaching uranium at 305 ± 3 Ma. U-Th/Pb ages from ~330 to 290 Ma acquired on migmatites that form the lower crust suggest that, as demonstrated in Metamorphic Core Complexes of the Western part of the US (e.g. Gébelin et al., 2015, 2011; Mulch et al., 2004), high heat flow below the detachment is essential to sustain convection of fluids at depth while the upper crust undergoes extension as demonstrated by brittle fractures and late shear bands dated at ~302 – 298 Ma (Gapais et al., 2015; Turrillot, 2010).

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Table 1. GPS locations, hydrogen isotope composition (δD) of muscovite (Ms) and tourmaline (To) from leucogranite, micaschist, quartz vein and pegmatite found in the mylonitic footwall of Quiberon detachment zone. δD_{Water} values have been calculated by using the hydrogen isotope muscovite-water and tourmaline-water fractionation factors (α) of Suzuoki and Epstein [1976] and Kotzer et al. [1993], respectively, and using temperatures indicated by the Ti-in-Ms thermometer (546 and 569 ± 42°C for QUIB03 and QUIB01 respectively, and the average temperature of 558 ± 42°C for the other samples). Calculated δD_{water} values have propagated uncertainties of ± 5.2‰, considering the precision of isotopic analyses ($\delta D_{hydrous\ silicate}$ ± 2‰) and the uncertainties linked to the temperature of recrystallization (T ± 42˚C results in δD_{Water} uncertainties of ± 5‰). Structural distances of samples below the estimated detachment interface are indicated in m (see text for explanation).

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Name	Rock type	Distance (m)	$\delta D_{Muscovite}$ (‰) ± 2‰ 250 µm < f	$\delta D_{Tourmaline}$ (‰) ± 2‰ 250 µm < f	δD_{Ms} - δD_{To} (‰)	Temperature (°C) based on Ti-in-Ms thermometry	± (°C)	δD_{Water} (‰) based on the $\delta D_{Muscovite}$ values and the Ti-in-Ms thermometry			δD_{Water} (‰) based on the $\delta D_{Tourmaline}$ values and the Ti-in-Ms thermometry			Location	
								δD_{Water} (‰)	-	+	δD_{Water} (‰)	-	+	Latitude (DD)	Longitude (DD)
QUIB 07	Micaschist	200	-76			558	42	-63	-3	4				47°30'21.85"N	03°09'00.54"W
QUIB 08	Quarz vein	250	-76	-81	5	558	42	-63	-3	4	-70	-4	4	47°30'26.2"N	03°08'58.6"W
QUIB 09	Quarz vein	255	-76			558	42	-63	-3	4				47°30'26.1"N	03°08'58.6"W
QUIB 01	Mylonitic leucogranite	300	-85	-87	2	**569**	**42**	-73	-2	4	-77	-3	5	47°29'0.85"N	3° 8'42.68"W
QUIB 02	Mylonitic leucogranite	305	-79			558	42	-66	-3	4				47°29'0.85"N	3° 8'42.68"W
QUIB 06	Ultramylonitic pegmatite	320	-75			558	42	-62	-3	4				47°29'0.85"N	3° 8'42.68"W
QUIB 04	Ultramylonitic pegmatite	321	-64			558	42	-51	-3	4				47°29'0.85"N	3° 8'42.68"W
QUIB 05	Ultramylonitic pegmatite	321.5	-73	-80	7	558	42	-60	-3	4	-69	-4	4	47°29'0.85"N	3° 8'42.68"W
QUIB 03	Mylonitic leucogranite	322	-82	-86	4	**546**	**41**	-68	-4	3	-74	-5	3	47°29'0.85"N	3° 8'42.68"W
QUIB 16	Quarz vein	465	-79			558	42	-66	-3	4				47°28'54.5"N	03°08'11.0"W
QUIB 17	Quarz vein	500	-80	-85	5	558	42	-67	-3	4	-74	-4	4	47°28'54.3"N	03°08'07.8"W

Propagated uncertainties	Error	Error (‰)	Propagated error in δD_{Water}
Isotopic analysis (δD)	± 2‰	± 2‰	± 5.2‰
Temperature deduced from Ti-in-Ms geothermometry	± 42°C	± 5‰	

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Figure 1.

(A) Map of the southern Armorican domain. SASZ: South Armorican Shear zone; (B) W-E cross-section across the Quiberon detachment and the SASZ; (C) Map of the Quiberon island; (D) W-E cross-section and (E) stereographic projections showing the main structures and rock types found in the Quiberon leucogranite footwall. Modified after Gapais et al (1993, 2015), Thinon et al., (2008) and Turillot (2010). Sample coordinates are indicated in Table 1.

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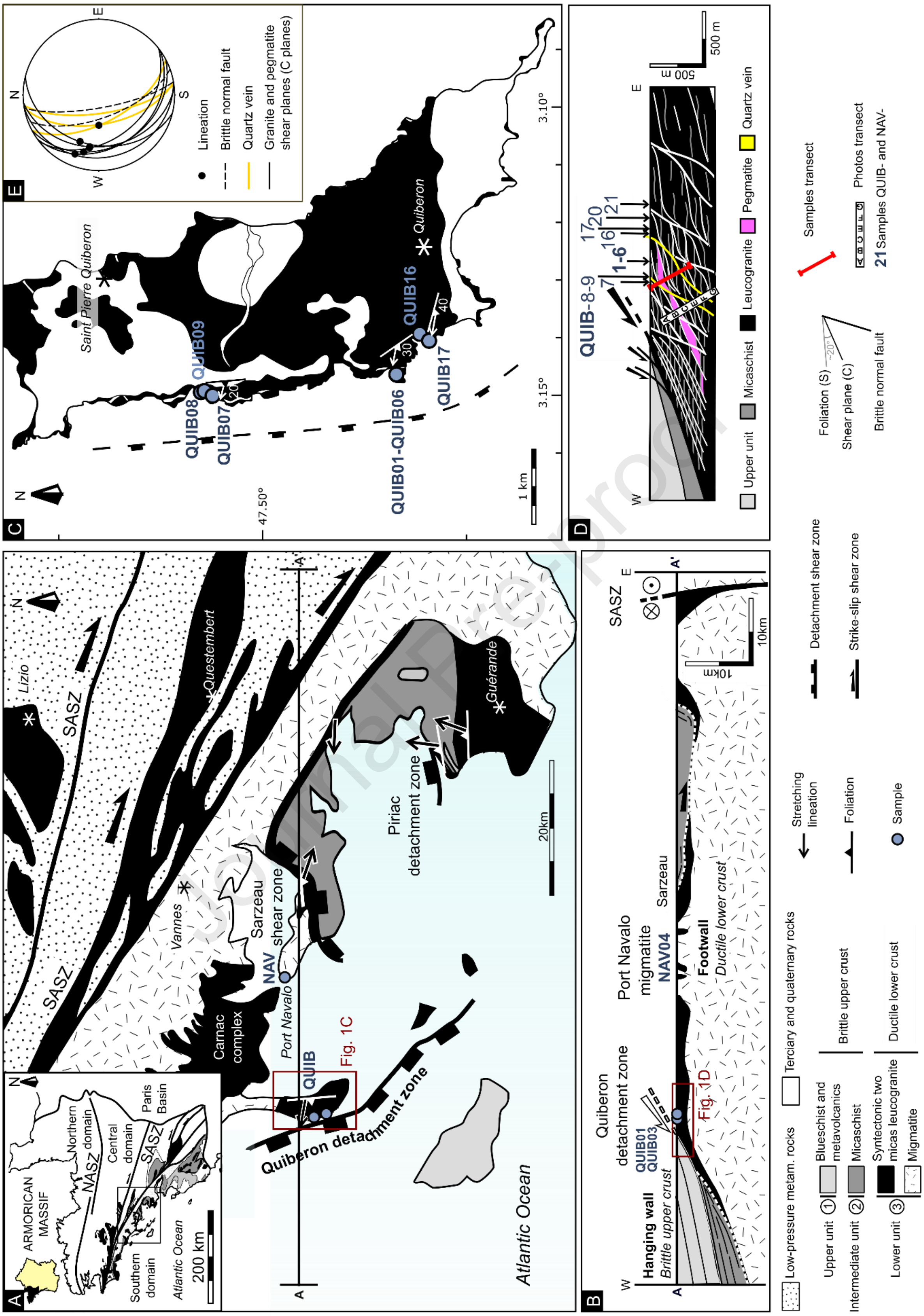
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Hanging wall
Brittle upper crust
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Pegmatite
Quartz vein
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Syntectonic two micas leucogranite
Migmatite
Ductile lower crust
Stretching lineation
Foliation
Sample
Detachment shear zone
Strike-slip shear zone
Foliation (S)
Shear plane (C)
Brittle normal fault
Samples transect
Photos transect
21 Samples QUIB- and NAV-


QUIB- samples
Distance from hanging wall (m)
UNDERWATER
UNDER WATER
QUIB01 Ar/Ar
QUIB03 Ar/Ar
QUIB20 U-(Th)/Pb
QUIB21 U-(Th)/Pb
NAV04 U-(Th)/Pb
A
WNW
Brittle normal faults
C
S
B
WNW
Mica schist
QUIB07
C
W
Quiberon detachment zone
Mylonitic leucogranite
D
W
Mylonitic leucogranite
E
QUIB09
WNW
Quartz vein
F
WNW
Pegmatite
Leucogranite
Leucogranite
Ultramylonitic pegmatite

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Figure 2. Lithologic section in the Quiberon detachment footwall and associated field pictures; (A) Brittle normal faults in micaschist, (B) Sigmoidal quartz in micaschist (sample QUIB07), (C) Syntectonic leucogranite emplaced in the footwall of the Quiberon detachment zone, (D) Mylonitic leucogranite with C-S structures highlighting a top-to-the-WNW sense of shear, (E) West-dipping quartz vein with WNW-ESE trending lineation supported by tourmaline; (F) High-strain zone made of ultramylonitic pegmatite (see text for explanation and Table 10 of the supplementary material for GPS coordinates).

Figure 3. Lithologic section in the Quiberon detachment footwall and associated field pictures; (A) Ultramylonitic pegmatite (QUIB04, 05, 06) intruding coarser-grained mylonitic leucogranite (QUIB01, 02, 03), (B) Magmatic foliation in weakly deformed leucogranite, (C) and (D) Folded paleosome/mesosome and leucosome layers characterizing the migmatites at Port-Navalo (see text for explanation and Table 10 of the supplementary material for GPS coordinates).

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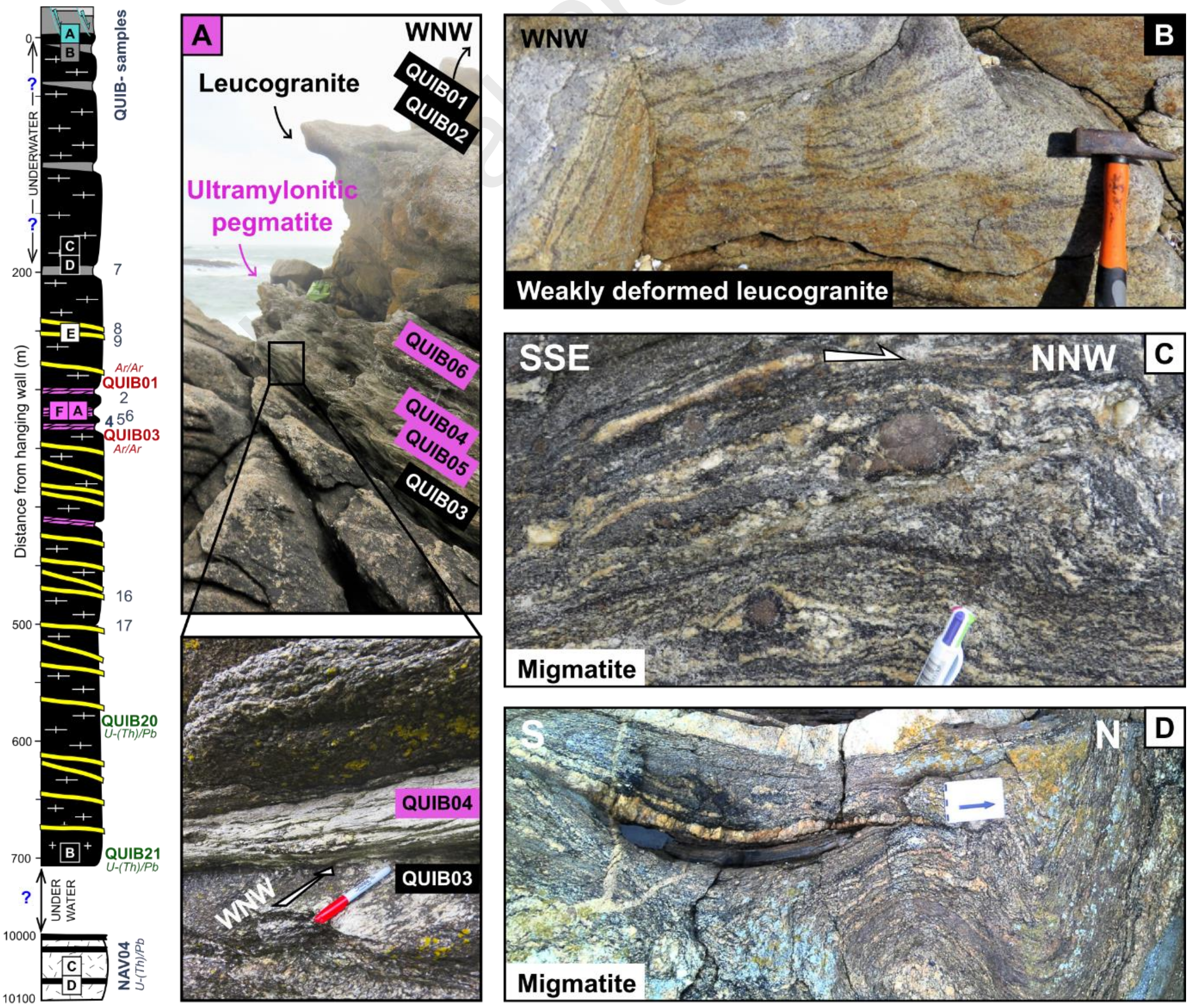

Figure 4. Microstructures from the Quiberon detachment footwall. Sections are cut perpendicular to foliation and parallel to lineation. Ms: muscovite; Qz: quartz; Fp: felspar; To: Tourmaline. (A-E) Mylonitic leucogranite (QUIB01); (B) C-S structures; (C) Lenticular muscovite fish (group 1 of ten Grotenhuis et al., 2003); (D) Group 2 mica fish that form C-S structures indicating a top-to-the-WNW sense of shear; (E) muscovite fish in equilibrium with tourmaline form shear planes in mylonitic leucogranite; (F) Sub-solidus deformation microstructures such as rectangular and castellate quartz grain boundaries suggest that grain boundary migration (regime 3, Hirth & Tullis, 1992) was the dominant dynamic recrystallization process; (G-I) Mylonitic leucogranite (QUIB03); (H) Group 1 micafish; (I) castellated quartz grain boundary. See text for explanation and Table 10 of the supplementary material for GPS coordinates.

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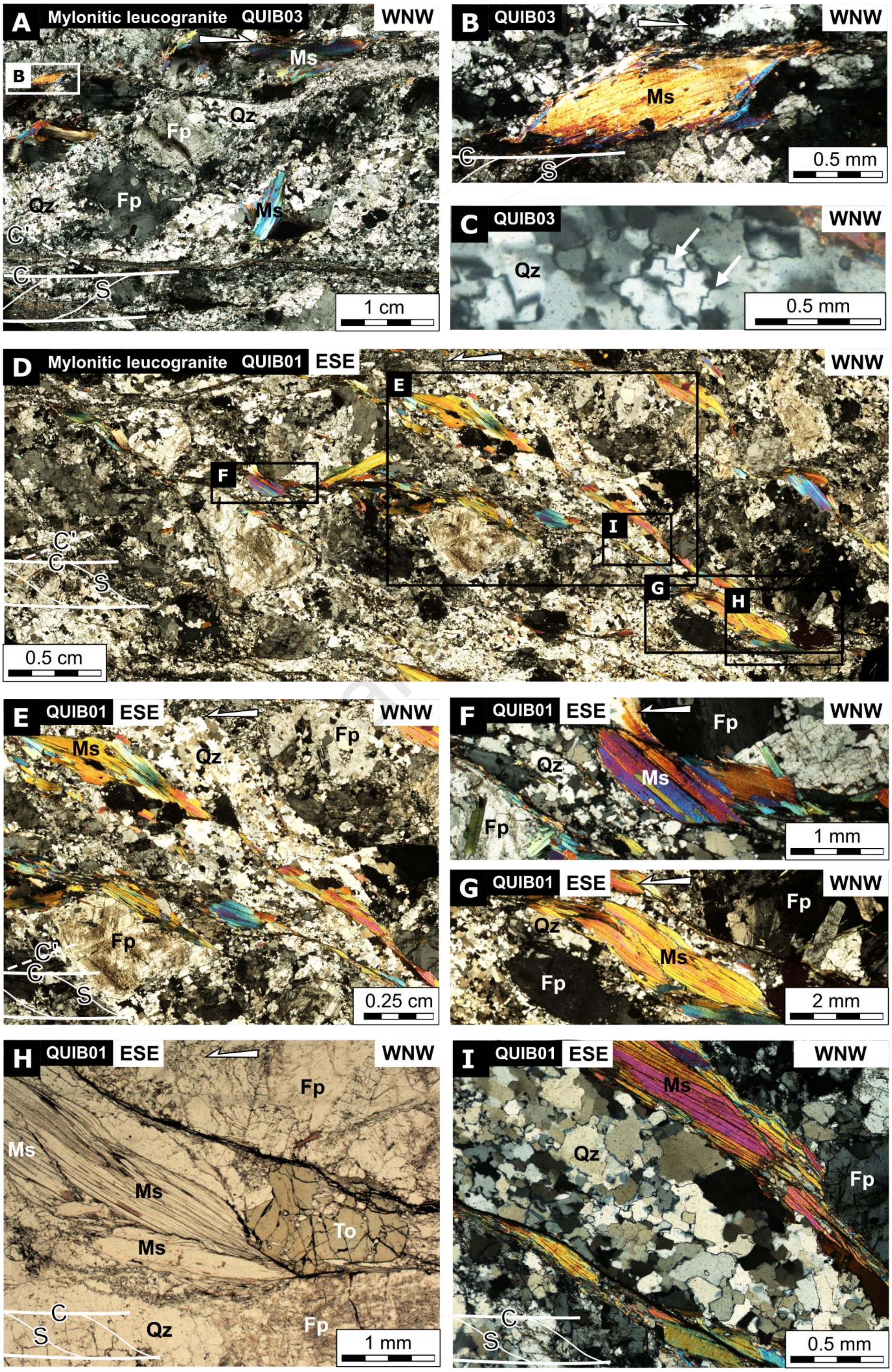
A
Mylonitic leucogranite QUIB03
WNW
B
Ms
Qz
Fp
Fp
Qz
Ms
C'
C
S
1 cm
B
QUIB03
WNW
Ms
C
S
0.5 mm
C
QUIB03
WNW
Qz
0.5 mm
D
Mylonitic leucogranite QUIB01
ESE
WNW
E
F
I
G
H
C'
C
S
0.5 cm
E
QUIB01
ESE
WNW
Ms
Qz
Fp
Fp
C'
C
S
0.25 cm
F
QUIB01
ESE
WNW
Fp
Qz
Ms
Fp
1 mm
G
QUIB01
ESE
WNW
Fp
Qz
Ms
Fp
2 mm
H
QUIB01
ESE
WNW
Fp
Ms
Ms
Ms
To
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ESE
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0.5 mm

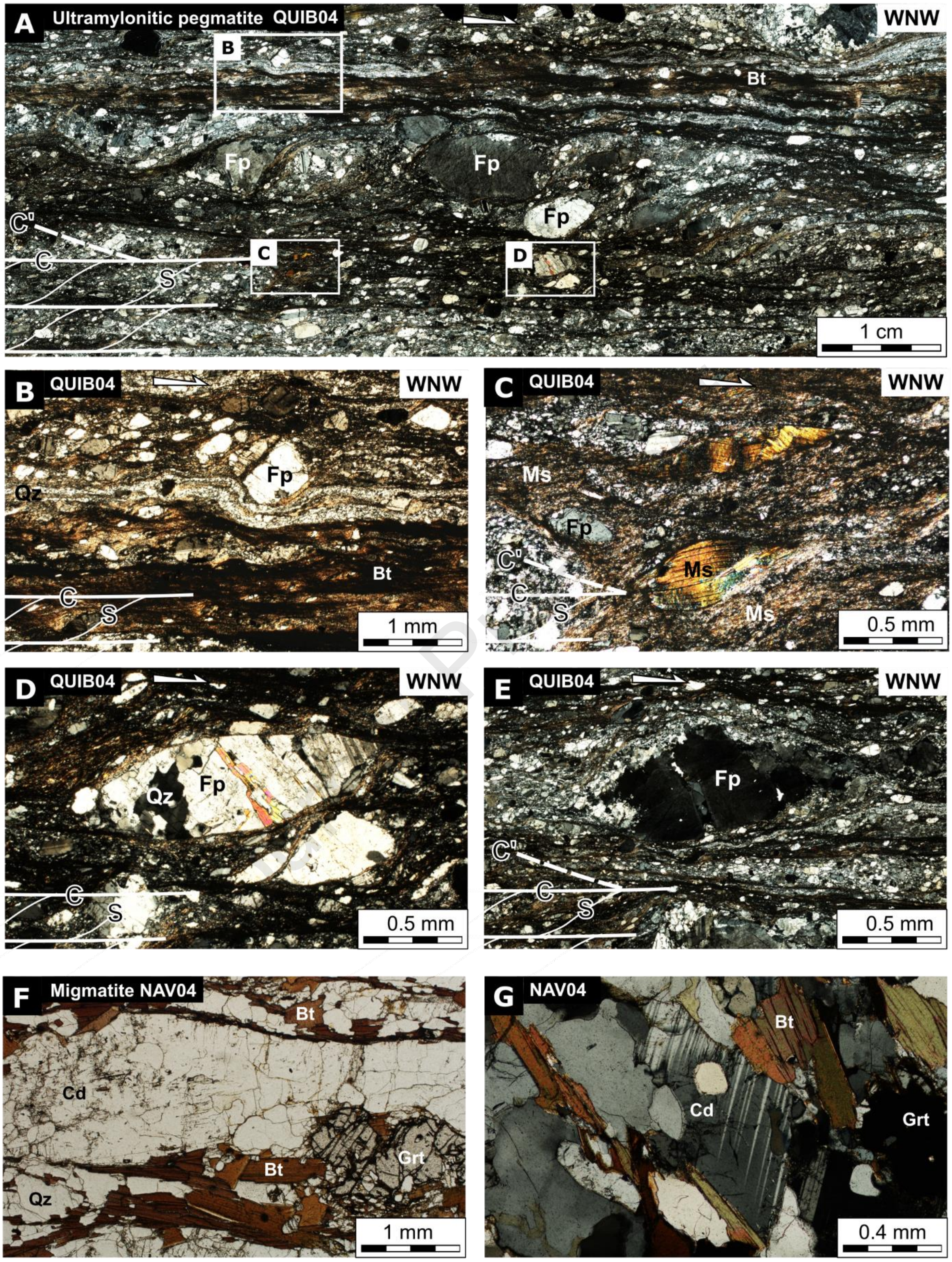

Figure 5. Microstructures from the Quiberon detachment footwall. Sections are cut perpendicular to foliation and parallel to lineation. Ms: muscovite; Qz: quartz; Fp: feldspar; Bt: biotite; Cd: cordierite; Grt: garnet. (A-C) Ultramylonitic pegmatite (QUIB04); (D-E) Garnet-cordierite-bearing migmatite from Port Navalo (NAV04). See text for explanation and Table 10 of the supplementary material for GPS coordinates.

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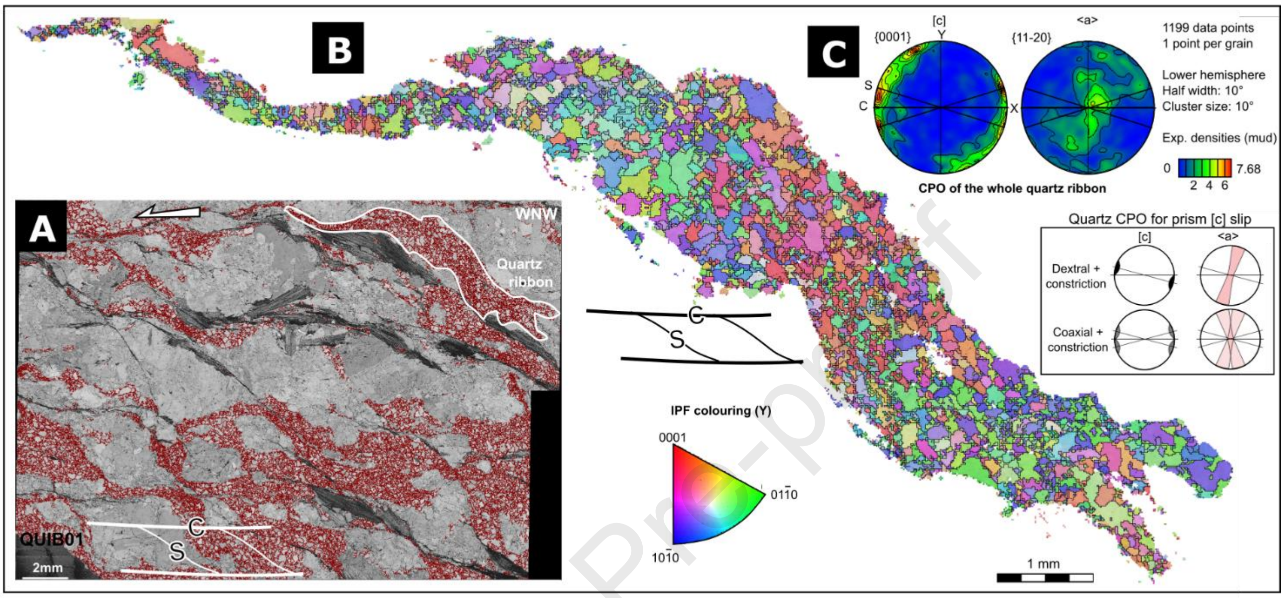

Figure 6. Microstructure and Crystallographic Preferred Orientation (CPO) of quartz grains from the QUIB01 mylonitic leucogranite sample measured using EBSD. Equal-area projection, Lower hemisphere. Foliation (XY plane) is vertical, and lineation (X) is horizontal in this plane. (A) Band contrast map with quartz grain boundary highlighted in red, (B) Map of a quartz ribbon quartz grain boundary with Inverse Pole Figure (IPF) coloring (Y represents the lineation direction) and (C) corresponding CPO. Framed quartz CPO for prism <c> slip come from *Barth et al.* [2010].

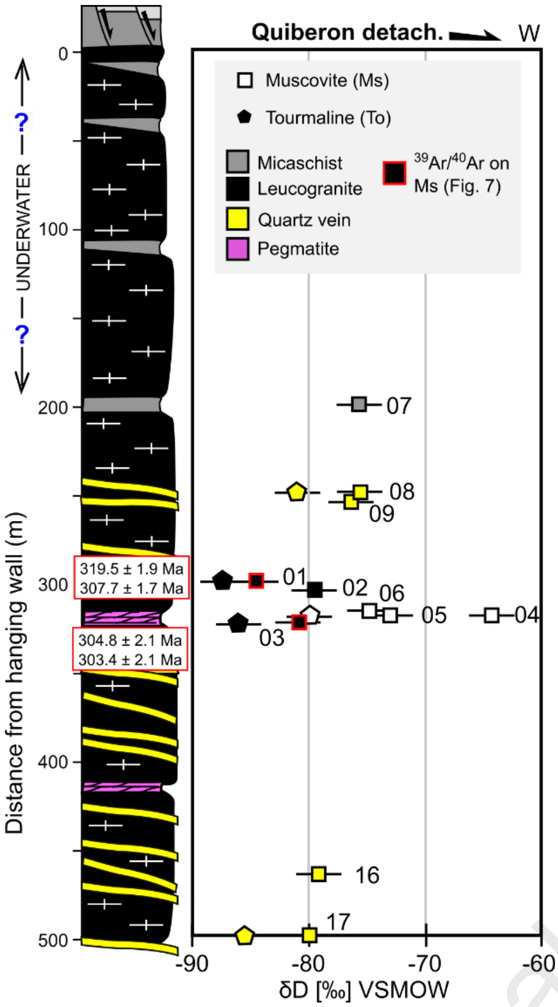

Figure 7. Hydrogen isotope analysis (δD [‰] VSMOW ±2‰) of hydrous silicates (muscovite and tourmaline) from micaschist, leucogranite, quartz veins and pegmatite located in the footwall of the Quiberon detachment zone with respect to the distance from the hanging wall (~200 to 500 m).

Table 1. GPS locations, hydrogen isotope composition (δD) of muscovite (Ms) and tourmaline (To) from leucogranite, micaschist, quartz vein and pegmatite found in the mylonitic footwall of Quiberon detachment zone. δD_{Water} values have been calculated by using the hydrogen isotope muscovite-water and tourmaline-water fractionation factors (α) of Suzuoki and Epstein [1976] and Kotzer et al. [1993], respectively, and using temperatures indicated by the Ti-in-Ms thermometer (546 and 569 ± 42°C for QUIB03 and QUIB01 respectively, and the average temperature of 558 ± 42°C for the other samples). Calculated δD_{water} values have propagated uncertainties of ± 5.2‰, considering the precision of isotopic analyses ($\delta D_{hydrous\ silicate}$ ± 2‰) and the uncertainties linked to the temperature of recrystallization (T ± 42˚C results in δD_{Water} uncertainties of ± 5‰). Structural distances of samples below the estimated detachment interface are indicated in m (see text for explanation).

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Name	Rock type	Distance (m)	$\delta D_{Muscovite}$ (‰) ± 2‰ 250 µm < f	$\delta D_{Tourmaline}$ (‰) ± 2‰ 250 µm < f	δD_{Ms} - δD_{To} (‰)	Temperature (°C) based on Ti-in-Ms thermometry	± (°C)	δD_{Water} (‰) based on the $\delta D_{Muscovite}$ values and the Ti-in-Ms thermometry			δD_{Water} (‰) based on the $\delta D_{Tourmaline}$ values and the Ti-in-Ms thermometry			Location	
								δD_{Water} (‰)	-	+	δD_{Water} (‰)	-	+	Latitude (DD)	Longitude (DD)
QUIB 07	Micaschist	200	-76			558	42	-63	-3	4				47°30'21.85"N	03°09'00.54"W
QUIB 08	Quarz vein	250	-76	-81	5	558	42	-63	-3	4	-70	-4	4	47°30'26.2"N	03°08'58.6"W
QUIB 09	Quarz vein	255	-76			558	42	-63	-3	4				47°30'26.1"N	03°08'58.6"W
QUIB 01	Mylonitic leucogranite	300	-85	-87	2	**569**	**42**	-73	-2	4	-77	-3	5	47°29'0.85"N	3° 8'42.68"W
QUIB 02	Mylonitic leucogranite	305	-79			558	42	-66	-3	4				47°29'0.85"N	3° 8'42.68"W
QUIB 06	Ultramylonitic pegmatite	320	-75			558	42	-62	-3	4				47°29'0.85"N	3° 8'42.68"W
QUIB 04	Ultramylonitic pegmatite	321	-64			558	42	-51	-3	4				47°29'0.85"N	3° 8'42.68"W
QUIB 05	Ultramylonitic pegmatite	321.5	-73	-80	7	558	42	-60	-3	4	-69	-4	4	47°29'0.85"N	3° 8'42.68"W
QUIB 03	Mylonitic leucogranite	322	-82	-86	4	**546**	**41**	-68	-4	3	-74	-5	3	47°29'0.85"N	3° 8'42.68"W
QUIB 16	Quarz vein	465	-79			558	42	-66	-3	4				47°28'54.5"N	03°08'11.0"W
QUIB 17	Quarz vein	500	-80	-85	5	558	42	-67	-3	4	-74	-4	4	47°28'54.3"N	03°08'07.8"W

Propagated uncertainties	Error	Error (‰)	Propagated error in δD_{Water}
Isotopic analysis (δD)	± 2‰	± 2‰	± 5.2‰
Temperature deduced from Ti-in-Ms geothermometry	± 42°C	± 5‰	

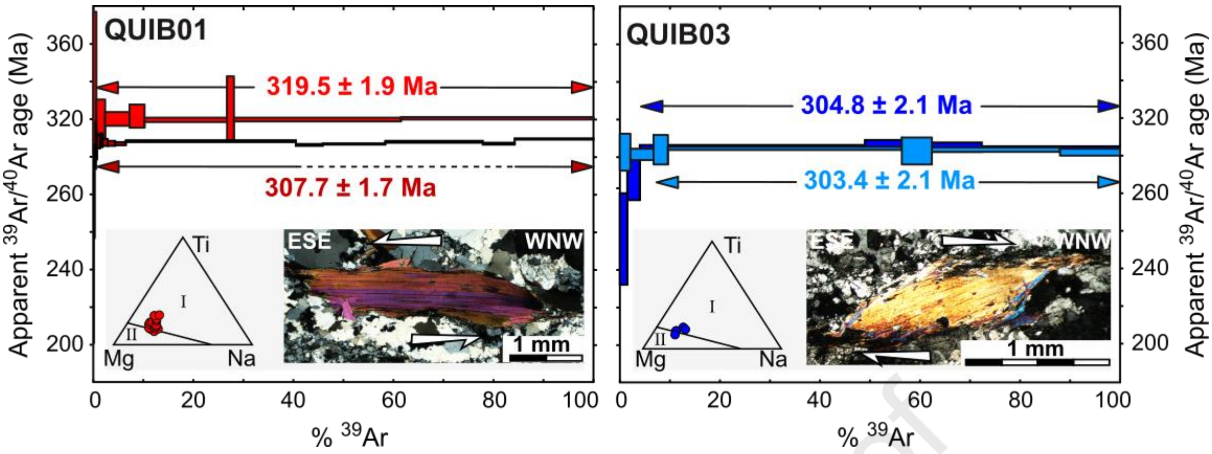

Figure 8. $^{40}Ar/^{39}Ar$ step-heating spectra of muscovite from mylonitic leucogranite samples QUIB01 and QUIB03, with associated ternary Mg–Ti–Na diagram for each analyzed muscovite grain that allow to decipher between (I) the primary and (II) the secondary muscovite fields (Miller et al., 1981) and aspect of muscovite fish (see text). Note that micafish of QUIB01 show clear grain boundaries whereas QUIB03 micafish display secondary recrystallization of small mica grains on rims. Apparent age errors are plotted at the 1σ level and calculated ages are indicated at 2σ.

Figure 9. Monazite, zircon and apatite U-Th/Pb dating of weakly deformed (QUIB21) and mylonitic (QUIB20) Quiberon leucogranite samples. Results from the weakly deformed leucogranite sample: (A) $^{206}Pb/^{238}U$ versus $^{208}Pb/^{232}Th$ concordia diagram for monazite; (B) $^{238}U/^{206}Pb$ versus $^{207}Pb/^{206}Pb$ diagram with free- and anchored- isochron dates and weighted mean of the ^{207}Pb corrected dates obtained on apatite (unforced age in red and forced age in black); (C) apatite REE spectra. Results from the mylonitic leucogranite: (D) Tera-Wasserburg diagram for zircon; (E) $^{238}U/^{206}Pb$ versus $^{207}Pb/^{206}Pb$ diagram with free- and anchored- isochron dates and weighted mean of the ^{207}Pb corrected dates obtained on apatite; (F) apatite REE spectra. Note that apatite REE spectra is homogeneous in the weakly deformed sample (QUIB20) compared to the variable REE spectra in the mylonitic leucogranite sample (QUIB21). S&K: Stacey and Kramers [1975] lead evolution model.

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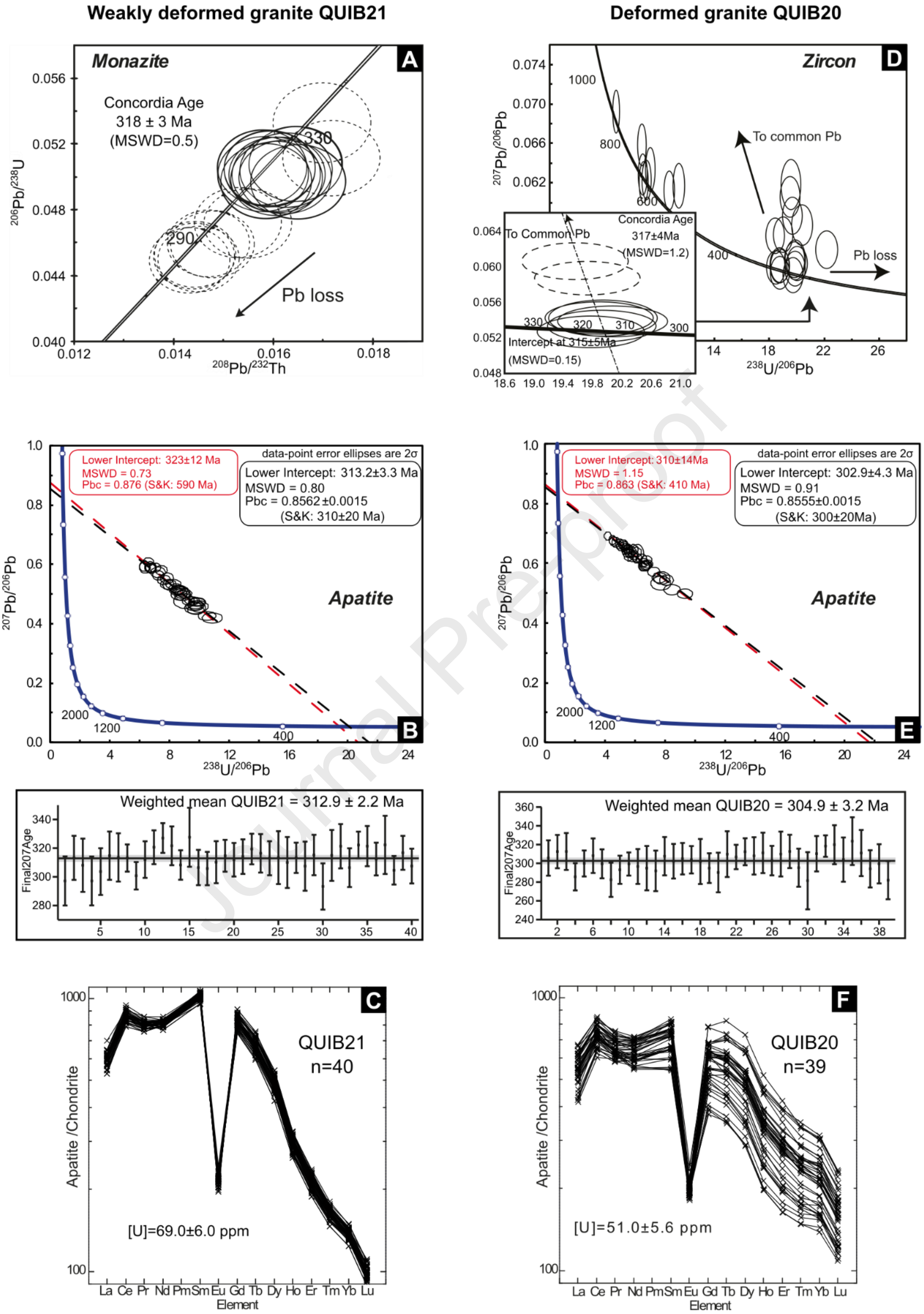

Weakly deformed granite QUIB21
Deformed granite QUIB20
Monazite
A
Concordia Age
318 ± 3 Ma
(MSWD=0.5)
Pb loss
Zircon
D
To common Pb
Pb loss
Concordia Age
317±4Ma
(MSWD=1.2)
To Common Pb
Intercept at 315±5Ma
(MSWD=0.15)
Lower Intercept: 323±12 Ma
MSWD = 0.73
Pbc = 0.876 (S&K: 590 Ma)
data-point error ellipses are 2σ
Lower Intercept: 313.2±3.3 Ma
MSWD = 0.80
Pbc = 0.8562±0.0015
(S&K: 310±20 Ma)
Apatite
B
Lower Intercept: 310±14Ma
MSWD = 1.15
Pbc = 0.863 (S&K: 410 Ma)
Lower Intercept: 302.9±4.3 Ma
MSWD = 0.91
Pbc = 0.8555±0.0015
(S&K: 300±20Ma)
E
Weighted mean QUIB21 = 312.9 ± 2.2 Ma
Weighted mean QUIB20 = 304.9 ± 3.2 Ma
Final207Age
C
QUIB21
n=40
[U]=69.0±6.0 ppm
Apatite /Chondrite
F
QUIB20
n=39
[U]=51.0±5.6 ppm
La Ce Pr Nd Pm Sm Eu Gd Tb Dy Ho Er Tm Yb Lu
Element

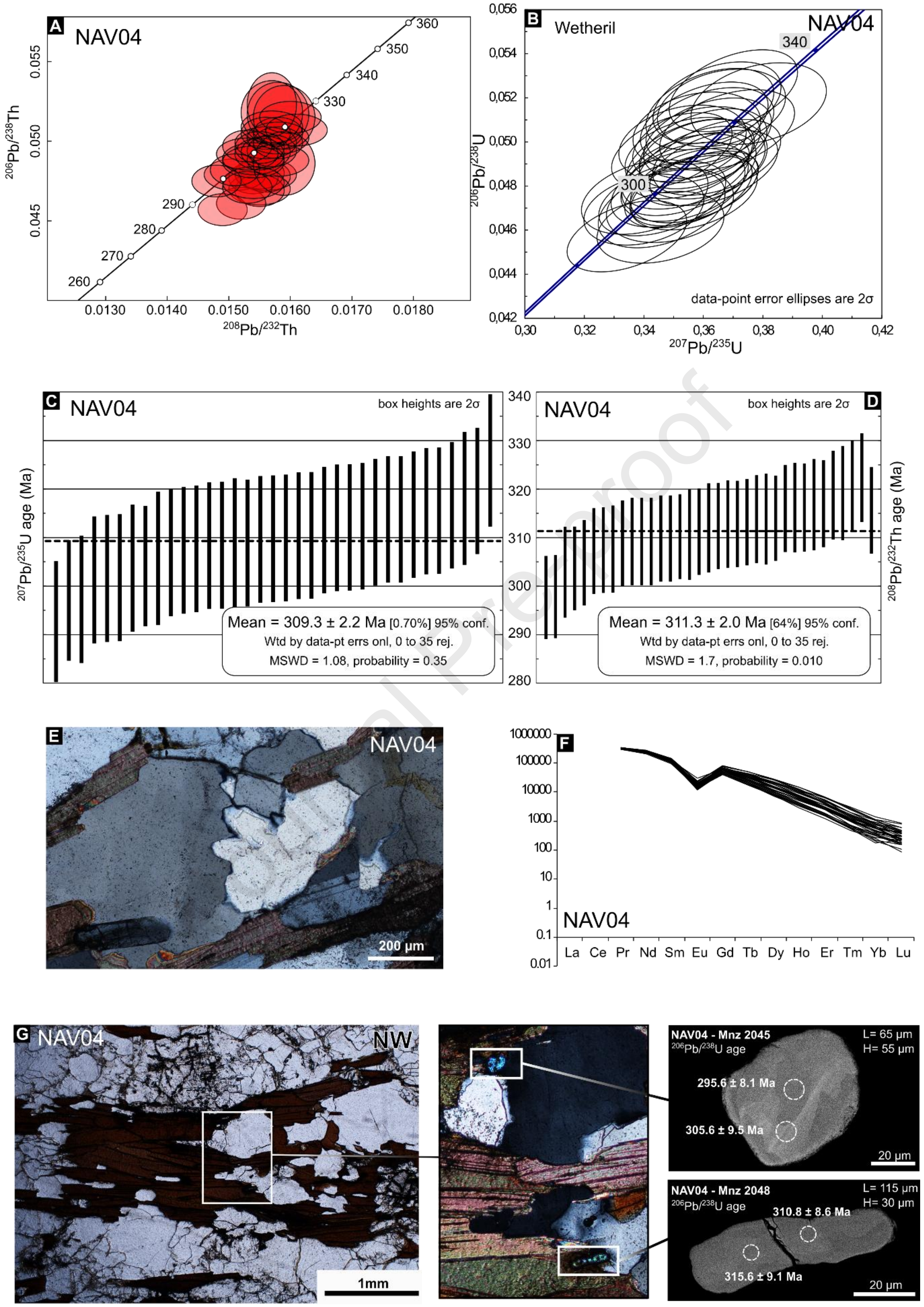
A NAV04
$^{206}Pb/^{238}Th$
$^{208}Pb/^{232}Th$
B Wetheril NAV04
$^{206}Pb/^{238}U$
$^{207}Pb/^{235}U$
data-point error ellipses are 2σ
C NAV04
box heights are 2σ
$^{207}Pb/^{235}U$ age (Ma)
Mean = 309.3 ± 2.2 Ma [0.70%] 95% conf.
Wtd by data-pt errs onl, 0 to 35 rej.
MSWD = 1.08, probability = 0.35
D NAV04
box heights are 2σ
$^{208}Pb/^{232}Th$ age (Ma)
Mean = 311.3 ± 2.0 Ma [64%] 95% conf.
Wtd by data-pt errs onl, 0 to 35 rej.
MSWD = 1.7, probability = 0.010
E NAV04
200 µm
F NAV04
La Ce Pr Nd Sm Eu Gd Tb Dy Ho Er Tm Yb Lu
G NAV04 NW
1mm
NAV04 - Mnz 2045
$^{206}Pb/^{238}U$ age
L= 65 µm
H= 55 µm
295.6 ± 8.1 Ma
305.6 ± 9.5 Ma
20 µm
NAV04 - Mnz 2048
$^{206}Pb/^{238}U$ age
L= 115 µm
H= 30 µm
310.8 ± 8.6 Ma
315.6 ± 9.1 Ma
20 µm

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Figure 10. Monazite U-Th/Pb ages obtained on Port-Navalo migmatite (sample NAV04) located in the footwall of the Quiberon detachment zone. (A) $^{206}Pb/^{238}U$ vs $^{208}Pb/^{238}Th$ diagram; (B) Wetheril diagram; (C) Weighted average of the $^{207}Pb/^{235}U$ ages; (D) Weighted average of the $^{208}Pb/^{232}Th$ ages; (E) Quartz grain boundary migration; (F) Monazite REE spectrum highlighting a magmatic signature; (G) Microstructural aspect of monazite grains and associated $^{206}Pb/^{286}U$ spot ages.

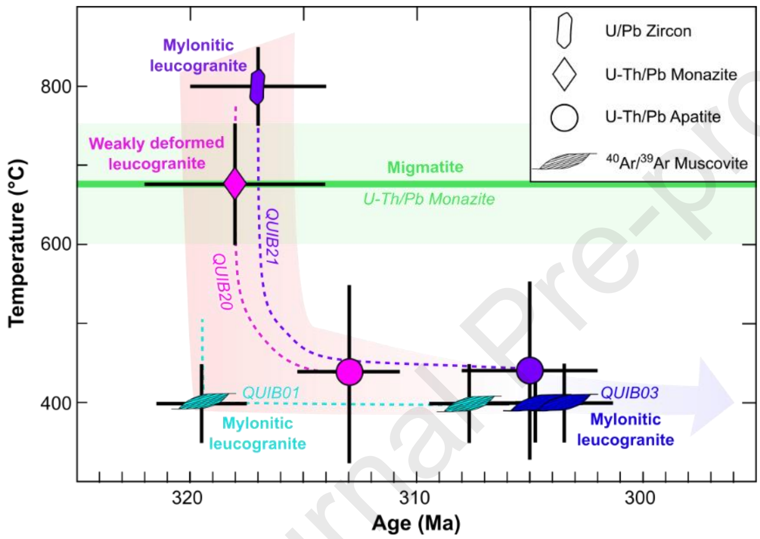

Figure 11. Temperature (°C) versus time (Ma) plot summarizing the geochronology results obtained for weakly deformed to mylonitic leucogranite in the Quiberon footwall.

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Highlights

- δD values of synkinematic hydrous minerals document the presence of 300 Ma-old meteoric fluids in a key Variscan detachment zone.
- Meteoric fluid-rock interactions occurred during high-temperature deformation (>500°C) in the Quiberon detachment footwall.
- Coeval detachment activity, leucogranite emplacement and migmatization allowed the hydrothermal system to be maintained for ~17 Myr.

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