1	Chemical composition of zircons from the Cornubian Batholith of SW England and
2	comparison with zircons from other European Variscan rare-metal granites
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13	Abstract
14	Zircon from 14 representative granite samples of the late-Variscan Cornubian Batholith in
15	SW England was analyzed for W, P, As, Nb, Ta, Si, Ti, Zr, Hf, Th, U, Y, La, Ce, Pr, Nd, Sm,
16	Gd, Dy, Er, Yb, Al, Sc, Bi, Mn, Fe, Ca, Pb, Cu, S, and F using EPMA. Zircons from the
17	biotite and tourmaline granites are poor in minor and trace elements, usually containing 1.0-
18	$1.5 \text{ wt\% HfO}_2$ , <0.5 wt% UO <sub>2</sub> and P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> , <0.25 wt% Y <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> , <0.2 wt% Sc <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> and Bi <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> , and
19	<0.1 wt% ThO <sub>2</sub> . Zircon from topaz granites from the St. Austell Pluton, Meldon Aplite and
20	Megiliggar Rocks are slightly enriched in Hf (up to 4 wt% HfO <sub>2</sub> ), U ( $1-3.5$ wt% UO <sub>2</sub> ), and
21	Sc (0.5–1 wt% Sc <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> ). Scarce metamictized zircon grains are somewhat enriched in Al, Ca,
22	Fe, and Mn. The decrease of the zircon Zr/Hf ratio, a reliable magma fractionation index,
23	from 110-60 in the biotite granites to 30-10 in the most evolved topaz granites (Meldon
24	Aplite and Megiliggar Rocks), supports a comagmatic origin of the biotite and topaz granites
25	via long fractionation of common peraluminous crustal magma. In comparison with other

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26	European rare-metal provinces, the overall contents of trace elements in Cornubian zircons
27	are low and the Zr/Hf- and U/Th-ratios show lower degrees of fractionation of the parental
28	melt.
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30	Key words: zircon, chemical composition, Cornwall, rare-metal granite
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#### 32 Introduction

33 Zircon is one of the most common accessory minerals in granites and is often used as a

- 34 petrogenetic indicator (Wark and Miller, 1993; Hoskin and Schaltegger, 2003; Hanchar and
- 35 Watson, 2003; Gagnevin et al., 2010), in provenance studies (Hoskin and Ireland, 2000;
- Belousova et al., 2002; Grimes et al., 2007) and for geochronology (Davis et al., 2003;

37 Crowley *et al.*, 2008). In spite of an apparently simple chemical composition (ZrSiO<sub>4</sub>), the

38 zircon lattice is able to accommodate substantial amounts of several minor and many trace

39 elements. Such substitutions are influenced by the: (i) evolving composition of the

40 crystallizing melt, in particular the content of fluxing elements (F, Cl, P) and P-T conditions

41 (Bea et al., 1994; Sano et al., 2002; Thomas et al., 2002; Nardi et al., 2013) (ii) trace-element

42 composition of the source (Hoskin and Ireland, 2000; Belousova et al., 2002) and geotectonic

43 setting (e.g. A- vs. S-type granites, Breiter *et al.*, 2014).

44 The Cornubian Batholith of SW England is a classic location for the study of rare-metal

- 45 granites (e.g. Černy et al., 2005) and has been extensively studied (e.g. Manning and Exley,
- 46 1984; Stone and Exley, 1985; Charoy, 1986; Willis-Richards and Jackson, 1989; Jackson et
- 47 *al.*, 1989; Chappell and Hine, 2006; Müller *et al.*, 2006 and references therein). However,
- 48 accessory mineral chemical data is relatively scarce: tourmaline (London and Manning,
- 49 1995), topaz (Manning and Exley, 1984), radioactive minerals (Jefferies, 1984, Ward et al.,
- 50 1992), Nb-Ta minerals (Scott et al., 1998) and REE-minerals (Jefferies, 1985). As far as

zircon is concerned, the only published analyses are those from the Land's End pluton where
Müller *et al.* (2006) reported Zr/Hf=29–46 and variable contents of Th, U, Y, REE, and Fe,
but without any systematic trend.

The purpose of this article is: (i) to describe and interpret the minor and trace-element mineral chemistry of zircons from different granites of the Cornubian Batholith and (ii) to compare the chemistry of these zircons with those from other European rare-metal granites.

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## 58 **The Cornubian Batholith**

59 The Cornubian Batholith of SW England is a WSW–ENE trending, 250 km long  $\times$  20–40 km 60 wide composite granite intrusion extending from the Isles of Scilly in the west to Dartmoor in 61 the east (Willis-Richards and Jackson, 1989). Modelling of gravity anomaly data suggests a 62 minimum batholith thickness of c. 6-7 km and implies that >40,000 km<sup>3</sup> of magma was 63 generated and emplaced over a 25 Ma period in the Early- Mid-Permian (295-270 Ma) 64 (Willis-Richards and Jackson, 1989; Chen et al., 1993; Chesley et al., 1993; Taylor, 2007). 65 Granite magmatism occurred in the footwall of the Variscan Rhenohercynian / Rheic suture, 66 was approximately contemporaneous with mantle-derived lamprophyres and high-K basalts 67 (e.g. Leat et al. 1987; Stimac et al., 1995; Dupuis et al., 2015), and strongly influenced by a 68 transtensional tectonic regime established following Variscan convergence (Shail and 69 Leveridge, 2009). 70 At the current exposure level, the batholith comprises >90% biotite granite, >3% tournaline 71 granite and >1% topaz granite with minor aplites and pegmatites (Hawkes and Dangerfield, 72 1978; Willis-Richards and Jackson, 1989; Manning et al., 1996). Six major plutons crop out 73 from east to west on the Cornubian mainland: the Dartmoor, Bodmin Moor, St Austell, 74 Carnmenellis, Tregonning-Godolphin, and Land's End granites (Figure 1). The seventh pluton 75 is situated further to the west on the Isles of Scilly, approximately 40 km WSW of the Land's

End Granite. Other expressions of magmatism include granite stocks, rhyolite / microgranite
dykes locally termed 'elvans' and rare rhyolite lavas.

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# 79 *Biotite granites*

80	The biotite granites are	commonly porr	hvritic, and	are mainly monz	cogranites with
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subordinate syenogranites (Willis-Richards and Jackson, 1989; data from Exley and Stone,

82 1964). They are classified as S-type granites (sense Chappell and White, 1974), usually

83 containing K-feldspar phenocrysts, around 5 to 10 modal % biotite (mol. Fe/Fe+Mg ~0.68),

84 up to 4 modal % muscovite, 1 modal % tourmaline and a wide variety of accessory minerals

85 including andalusite, sillimanite, zircon, monazite, uraninite, xenotime, apatite, ilmenite,

rutile, anatase, brookite, spinel, fluorite, topaz and garnet (Exley and Stone, 1964, 1982;

87 Jefferies, 1984, 1985; Charoy, 1986; Stimac et al., 1995; Chappell and Hine, 2006). The

granites are peraluminous with an aluminium saturation index (ASI) of 1.1-1.4 (Willis-

89 Richards and Jackson, 1989) and silica-rich with a limited range of compositions (SiO<sub>2</sub>=70 to

90 76 wt.%; Darbyshire and Shepherd, 1985, 1987), with an average of 72.35 wt.% (n=54;

91 Chappell and Hine, 2006). They contain elevated As, B, Be, Co, Cs, F, Ga, Li, P, Pb, Rb, Sn,

92 Ta, U and Zn.

A textural distinction can be made between the older (>290 Ma) biotite granites of the Isles

94 of Scilly, Carnmenellis and Bodmin plutons, which largely comprise small phenocryst,

95 coarse-grained granite ± variably porphyritic medium-grained granite, and the younger (<286

96 Ma) biotite granites of the Land's End, Dartmoor and St Austell plutons that are characterised

97 by variably porphyritic, larger phenocryst, coarse-grained granite (Figure 1). The older biotite

98 granites also have sparse or absent microgranitoid enclaves, more aluminous compositions,

99 lower femic elements, steeper REE patterns, more negative  $\epsilon$ Nd, higher NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup>, and

100 biotite/muscovite ratio <1 (Stone, 1997, 2000).

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# 102 *Tourmaline granites*

103 The tourmaline granites are characterised by tourmaline rather than biotite as the dominant 104 ferromagnesian mineral; they are usually monzogranites and syenogranites and contain either 105 K-feldspar or quartz phenocrysts. Detailed descriptions of the mineralogical and textural 106 variations exhibited by the tourmaline granites are provided by Manning *et al.*, (1996). 107 Tourmaline granites occur widely as minor dykes and sills, hosted by biotite granite and 108 immediately adjacent host rocks. Larger bodies have been recognized in the St Austell,

109 Dartmoor and Land's End plutons (Hill and Manning, 1987; Knox and Jackson, 1990;

110 Manning et al., 1996; Müller et al., 2006). The mineralogy of the tourmaline granites is

111 broadly similar, with quartz, alkali feldspar, plagioclase (typically  $\leq An_7$ ), biotite and

112 tourmaline (Stone et al., 1988; Henderson et al., 1989). Accessory minerals usually comprise

113 apatite, monazite, zircon, topaz, and Nb-rich rutile.

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115 Topaz granites

116 The topaz granites are typically medium-grained, equigranular and aphyric, and characterised 117 by euhedral-subhedral topaz contents of up to 3% and lithium-rich micas (Manning and Hill, 118 1990; Stone, 1992; Manning et al., 1996). They are classified as alkali feldspar granites due to 119 their plagioclase composition (<An<sub>5</sub>). Topaz granites occur principally in the Tregonning 120 Granite and the Nanpean and Hensbarrow stocks within the St Austell Granite where they are 121 commonly associated with topaz-rich aplites and pegmatites. At Megiliggar Rocks, a series of 122 sub-horizontal topaz granite sheets hosted by slates occur in the roof zone of the Tregonning 123 Granite (Stone, 1975, 1992). The Meldon Aplite is a 3.5 km long, 15–20 m thick, fine-grained 124 topaz granite dyke that crops out in the north-western aureole of the Dartmoor Granite 125 (Edmonds et al., 1968). Plagioclase, commonly euhedral and unzoned, is almost pure albite

126 (An<sub>1-4</sub>). Li-micas are zinnwaldite and lepidolite (Stone *et al.*, 1988; Henderson *et al.* 1989);

127 tourmaline is normally schorl, but includes a substantial component of the Li-rich end-

128 member elbaite (London and Manning, 1995). The diverse accessory mineral assemblage

129 variably includes apatite, amblygonite, zircon, ilmenorutile, Mn-ilmenite, Nb-Ta rutile,

130 columbite-tantalite and cassiterite (Manning, 1983; Manning et al., 1996; Scott et al., 1998;

131 Stone & George, 1985).

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#### 133 Samples and analytical methods

134 Fourteen zircon-bearing samples of granite were obtained from all the plutons of the

135 Cornubian Batholith except the Isles of Scilly and Bodmin Moor plutons (Figure 1, Table 1).

136 Minor intrusions sampled were the Meldon Aplite, Cligga Head Granite, Megiliggar Rocks

137 intrusive sheets (Tregonning Granite roof complex) and an elvan dyke, termed here the

138 Legereath Zawn Elvan, that pre-dates the Tregonning Granite and has been interpreted as a

139 possible expression of the Godolphin Granite, the 'Legereath granite porphyry' of Stone

140 (1975).

141 Polished thin sections were made from all samples in order to establish the relations between

142 the zircons and rock-forming minerals. Back-scattered electron (BSE) images were taken,

143 prior to analysis, to study the internal zoning of individual mineral grains and their relative

144 position to rock-forming minerals. Zircon and associated minerals such as monazite,

145 xenotime, and uraninite were analyzed using an identical set-up to include all of the elements

146 identified in at least one of the above-mentioned minerals. Elemental abundances of W, P, As,

- 147 Nb, Ta, Si, Ti, Zr, Hf, Th, U, Y, La, Ce, Pr, Nd, Sm, Gd, Dy, Er, Yb, Al, Sc, Bi, Mn, Fe, Ca,
- 148 Pb, Cu, S, and F in oxide minerals were determined using a CAMECA SX100 electron probe

149 microanalyser, equipped with five WD spectrometers, hosted by Masaryk University and the

150 Czech Geological Survey, Brno. Minerals were analyzed at an accelerating voltage and beam

151 current of 15 keV and 40 nA, respectively, and with a beam diameter ranging from 2 to 5 μm.

152 The following standards were used: U - metallic U, Pb - PbSe, Th - ThO<sub>2</sub>, P - fluorapatite, Y -

153 YAG, La - LaB<sub>6</sub>, Ce - CeAl<sub>2</sub>, Pr - PrF<sub>3</sub>, Nd - NdF<sub>3</sub>, Sm - SmF<sub>3</sub>, Gd - GdF<sub>3</sub>, Dy - DyP<sub>5</sub>O<sub>14</sub>, Er

154 - YErAG, Yb - YbP<sub>5</sub>O<sub>14</sub>, Al - almandine, Si, Ca, Fe - andradite, Mn - rhodonite, W -

- scheelite, S barite, F topaz, As, Cu lammerite, Nb columbite, Ta CrTa<sub>2</sub>O<sub>6</sub>, Ti titanite,
- 156 Zr zircon, and Sc ScVO<sub>4</sub>. Empirical formulae of zircon were calculated on the basis of 4
- 157 atoms of oxygen in a formula unit (4 O apfu).
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#### 159 Results

#### 160 Zircon crystal shape

161 Zircon from the biotite granites and Legereath Zawn Elvan forms mostly columnar crystals,

162 internally homogeneous (Fig. 2a, b, c) or fine oscillatory zoned (Fig. 2d). It is usually located

- 163 within, or at the surface of, mica flakes and is often associated with xenotime (Fig. 2e) or
- 164 monazite (Fig. 2a). In the Legereath Zawn Elvan, and in the coarse-grained biotite granite
- 165 from Carnmenellis and Land's End plutons, zircon forms aggregates with rutile (Fig. 2c, f, g).
- 166 Strongly zoned zircons with a light core and a darker rim are typical for the biotite and topaz
- 167 granites of the St. Austell pluton (Fig. 2h, i). The rims of these crystals are enriched in Hf and
- 168 U but, due to strong metamictization, have low analytical totals which result in a darker
- 169 colour in back-scattered electron images (compare Nasdala et al., 2009).
- 170 The most differentiated topaz granites contain mainly patchy zoned and metamict zircons (St.
- 171 Austell, Fig. 2j) associated often with monazite (Megiliggar Rocks, Fig. 2k) or columbite
- 172 (Meldon Aplite, Fig. 2l).

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- 174 Zircon chemical composition
- 175 Altogether, 68 analyses of zircon were obtained from 14 thin sections.

176	Zircon (ZrSiO <sub>4</sub> ) ideally contains 67.3 wt% ZrO <sub>2</sub> and 32.7 wt% SiO <sub>2</sub> . In reality, the content of
177	both elements decreases due to variable substitution by a wide range of minor and trace
178	elements. In the samples studied, $ZrO_2$ was as low as 43.4 wt% (0.80 apfu Zr) and SiO <sub>2</sub> as low
179	as 21.9 wt% (0.76 Si apfu).
180	Hafnium is crystallochemically similar to zirconium and so there is substantial substitution in
181	zircon from all rock types. Zircon from the biotite and tourmaline granites analysed usually
182	contains 1.0-1.5 wt% HfO <sub>2</sub> (0.01-0.015 apfu Hf) but this increases to 2.0-3.5 wt% HfO <sub>2</sub>
183	(0.02–0.035 apfu Hf) in the topaz granites, reaching a maximum of 7.35 wt% HfO <sub>2</sub> (0.073
184	apfu Hf) in the Meldon Aplite.
185	The Zr/Hf ratio in zircon is, in general, considered a reliable indicator of magma fractionation
186	(e.g. Linnen and Keppler, 2002) and therefore was chosen as the index against which to
187	compare variations in all other elements. The atomic Zr/Hf ratio ranges from 110-60 in the
188	biotite granites to 30–10 in the Meldon Aplite and Megiliggar Rocks topaz granite.
189	Nevertheless, the Zr/Hf ratios vary considerably, not only among different granite types, but
190	also among single zircon grains in the same thin section (Fig. 3).
191	The radioactive elements thorium and uranium are ubiquitous components. The U content
192	usually varies from less than 0.1 to 1.0 wt% UO <sub>2</sub> (0.0005-0.007 apfu U). The highest
193	contents, up to 3.6 wt% UO <sub>2</sub> (0.029 apfu U), were found in the St. Austell topaz granites. The
194	Th content is usually lower than 0.1 wt% ThO <sub>2</sub> (0.0005 apfu Th) and high concentrations
195	were found only rarely with a maximum at 3.17 wt% ThO <sub>2</sub> (0.027 apfu Th) in a fine-grained
196	biotite granite from the Dartmoor pluton. Atomic U/Th ratios usually range between 3 and
197	15, but in the fine-grained Dartmoor biotite granite and St. Austell topaz granite often exceed
198	100.
199	Yttrium and HREE are also generally common in granitic zircon due to isostructural mixing

200 between zircon and xenotime,  $ZrSiO_4 \leftrightarrow YPO_4$ . The content of Y is usually lower than 0.4

- wt%, only rarely exceeding 0.5 wt%  $Y_2O_3$ . The highest values, up to 3.0 wt%  $Y_2O_3$  (0.06 apfu
- 202 Y), were found in the fine-grained Dartmoor Granite. **Ytterbium** is the most common REE:

203 usually 0.05–0.20 wt% Yb<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, maximally 0.7 wt% Yb<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (0.008 apfu Yb) (Fig. 4).

- 204 **LREE** are much less compatible in the crystal lattice of zircon than HREE and their content
- 205 only sporadically exceeded 0.05 wt% of appropriate oxide (=the detection limit of
- 206 microprobe).
- 207 Scandium is present in the majority of zircons, typically around 0.05–0.20 wt% Sc<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, but in
- 208 more fractionated granites reaches more than 0.5 wt%, and a maximum of 1.5 wt% Sc<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>
- 209 (0.046 apfu Sc) in the St. Austell topaz granite.
- **Bismuth** is a rare element, but commonly present at around 0.10–0.15 wt% Bi<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>. The
- 211 highest content occasionally found in the St. Austell topaz granite is 0.55 wt% Bi<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (0.005

212 apfu Bi).

- 213 The content of **phosphorus** usually varied between 0.2–0.8 wt% P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> (0.005–0.02 apfu P)
- but, in differentiated granites, increased substantially to 5.5 wt% P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> (0.16 apfu P) in one
- 215 grain from the St. Austell topaz granite.
- 216 The content of **arsenic** is lower than that of P: usually 0.05–0.10 wt% As<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>, with a
- 217 maximum of 0.46 wt% As<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> (0–008 apfu As) in the St. Austell topaz-zinnwaldite granite.
- 218 W and Nb were found in a single strongly metamictized zircon grain from the St. Austell
- topaz granite ( $0.47 \text{ wt}\% \text{ WO}_3$  and  $0.55 \text{ wt}\% \text{ Nb}_2\text{O}_5$ ).
- 220 The contents of Al, Fe, Mn, and Ca is usually lower than detection limit of EPMA, but each
- 221 of these elements may be enriched up to 1 wt% (Mn up to 0.4 wt%) of the corresponding
- 222 oxide in metamictized grains.
- 223 The content of **fluorine** is usually lower than the EPMA detection limit but, in some zircons
- from F-enriched topaz-bearing rocks (Meldon, St. Austell), may be enriched up to 1.6 wt% F
- 225 (0.17 apfu F).

- The contents of Mg, Cu, Pb, and S are negligible; Ta is in all cases lower than the detectionlimit.
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229 Associated minerals

- 230 Apatite, rutile, monazite, xenotime and uraninite occur in most samples (Table 3).
- 231 Monazite forms homogeneous isometric grains up to 100 µm in diameter. It is usually
- 232 enriched in Th and U: 6–10 wt% ThO<sub>2</sub> (0.05–0.09 apfu Th) and 0.5–2.3 wt% UO<sub>2</sub> (0.005–
- 233 0.020 apfu U). Only the monazite from the Legereath Zawn Elvan is U and Th-free. Monazite
- appears to be younger that zircon when in mutual contact.
- 235 Xenotime forms short columnar crystals up to 50 µm (Fig. 2b) or irregular grains, usually
- older than the associated zircon. As well as a significant content of Y (0.75–0.80 apfu Y),
- 237 xenotime contains HREE: up to 5.7 wt%  $Dy_2O_3$  (0.066 apfu Dy), 5 wt%  $Yb_2O_3$  (0.055 apfu
- 238 Yb), 4.0 wt% Er<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, 3.0 wt% Gd<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and 1.1 wt% Sm<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>. The contents of thorium are lower,
- and uranium higher, than in the associated monazite: up to 1.5 wt% ThO<sub>2</sub> (0.012 apfu Th) and
- 240 3.8 wt% UO<sub>2</sub> (0.030 apfu U).
- 241 Uraninite appears as small (<20 μm) isometric late interstitial grains. It usually contains 1.5–
- 242 3.7 wt% ThO<sub>2</sub> (0.03–0.08 apfu Th) and 2.8–3.7 wt% PbO (0.07–0.09 apfu Pb).
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## 244 Discussion

- 245 Substitution in zircon
- 246 The tetravalent elements Hf, Th, U, and Ti substitute in the zircon crystal lattice for
- 247 zirconium. The trivalent elements Y and REEs enter the zircon structure as the "xenotime
- 248 component"  $(P^{5+}+(Y, REE)^{3+} \leftrightarrow Si^{4+}+Zr^{4+})$  because xenotime and zircon are isostructural and
- have similar lattice parameters (Speer, 1982). Also Sc, and occasionally Bi, substitute in
- 250 zircon as their respective phosphate components ScPO<sub>4</sub> (pretulite) and BiPO<sub>4</sub> (ximengite)

251 (Bernhard *et al.*, 1998; Shi, 1989). Positive correlation between P and the sum of

252 REE+Y+Sc+Bi, with the ratio  $P/M^{3+}$  close to 1, supports this interpretation (Fig. 5). Trivalent

253 Al is present only in metamictized zircons with partially destructed and hydrated structure and

- probably substitutes for Si:  $(AIOH)^{2+} \leftrightarrow (SiO)^{2+}$  (Geisler *et al.*, 2003; Nasdala *et al.*, 2009).
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## 256 Fractionation of the Cornubian granites

- 257 The Zr/Hf ratio in zircon is a good indicator of granite fractionation (Linnen and Keppler,
- 258 2002). Breiter *et al.* (2014) compared the zircon atomic Zr/Hf ratio with the grade of
- 259 fractionation of parental granites and were able to divided granites into three groups: common
- 260 granites containing zircon with Zr/Hf>55, evolved granites containing zircon with Zr/Hf=25-
- 261 55, and strongly evolved granites with zircon with Zr/Hf<25. According to this classification,
- the coarse-grained biotite granites from Dartmoor, Carnmenellis, Cligga Head, Land's End,
- and St. Austell plutons and the Legereath Zawn Elvan are "common granites", whilst the
- 264 Dartmoor fine-grained biotite-tourmaline granite, St. Austell topaz granites, Meldon Aplite
- and Megiliggar topaz aplite/pegmatite are "evolved granites". This is in good agreement with
- 266 generally accepted petrological/geochemical classification of the Cornubian Batholith as
- 267 comprising, at the current exposure level, predominantly less evolved biotite (±tourmaline)
- 268 granites and minor more evolved topaz granites (Manning and Hill, 1990).
- 269 The genetic relationship between biotite granites and topaz granites in SW England remains
- 270 controversial. The topaz granites have been variably interpreted as the: (i) result of
- 271 progressive fractionation of the biotite granite magma (Stone, 1975; Taylor and Fallick,
- 272 1997), (ii) product of partial melting of lower crustal residues after generation and extraction
- 273 of previous biotite granite magmas (Manning and Hill, 1990), or (iii) product of partial
- 274 melting of metasomatically enriched lower crust (Stone, 1992).

When evaluating these models, the approximately coeval (<1 Ma) emplacement of biotite (Godolphin) and topaz (Tregonning) granites in the same area (Clark et al., 1994) must also be considered.

278 Melting of a crustal residuum, as proposed by Manning and Hill (1990), is unlikely because

such melting will produce a subaluminous, P-poor, A-type melt (Eby, 1990; Bonin, 2007) and

280 not a strongly peraluminous P-rich melt required to form the topaz granites.

281 Enrichment of the lower crust with F- and Li-bearing fluid during the short period between

282 production of both principal types of granites is highly speculative; moreover the topaz

granites are enriched not only in F and Li, but also in Sn, Nb, Ta, W, etc. The Cornubian

biotite and topaz granites are chemically and mineralogically similar to late-Variscan

285 composite plutons in Massif Central, France, and Western Erzgebirge, Germany/Czech

286 Republic, where the direct link between the less differentiated biotite granites and spatially

associated Li-mica-topaz granites is well established (Raimbault et al., 1995; Förster et al.,

288 1999; Breiter, 2012). Therefore, the origin of the topaz granites via pronounced fractionation

of the biotite granite-magma seems to be the most probable.

290 The Cornubian biotite granites contain 66–169 ppm Zr (Chappell and White, 2006) and the

topaz granites less than 30 ppm Zr (Manning and Hill, 1990). Assuming melting temperature

at or slightly above 800 °C, the biotite granites were Zr-saturated, and the topaz granites

strongly under saturated at the source (Watson and Harrison, 1983). This implies no Zr/Hf

294 fractionation during partial melting. All aforementioned models assume generation of both

295 granite types from a similar protolith, i.e. the biotite granite-magma and the topaz granite-

296 magma started their evolution with the same Zr/Hf ratios (identical with the protolith). The

substantially lower Zr/Hf in the topaz granites, in comparison with those in the 'common'

biotite granites, documents a comparatively longer/more intensive fractionation path of the

299 former. However, this is not a proof that topaz granites in the St. Austell and Tregonning

300 plutons originated via fractionation of a magma batch that formed the immediately adjacent

301 biotite granites. The less evolved members of the topaz granite suite, with lower contents of

302 volatiles and thus more viscous, may be present at deeper levels in the batholith and may not

303 have any surface expression. Such superposition of the more- and less-fractionated portions of

304 a pluton are described in detail in rare-metal granites from Beauvoir, France, and Cínovec,

305 Erzgebirge (Raimbault *et al.*, 1995; Breiter and Škoda, 2012).

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307 Comparison with zircon from other European rare-metal granites

308 The association of minor and trace elements in granitic zircon is highly variable and

309 principally reflects three factors: (i) composition of the melted source rocks, (ii) PT-

310 conditions of melting, and (iii) degree of fractionation of the granitic melt. The first two

311 factors result in higher contents of Th, Y, and HREE in zircon from A-type granites than in

312 zircon from peraluminous S-type granites (Breiter et al., 2014). The granites of the Cornubian

313 Batholith are differentiated, as represented by their enrichment in volatile agents and some

314 ore elements (e.g. Sn, W, Cu), often termed as "rare metal-" or "tin-" granites (Černý et al.,

315 2005). Strongly differentiated rare-metal granites occur widely in Europe. Examples include

the distinctly peraluminous (S-type) late Variscan granites of the Western Erzgebirge

317 (Germany/Czech Republic, Förster et al., 1999; Breiter, 2012) and Massif Central (France,

318 Raimbault et al., 1995), the slightly peraluminous to subaluminous (A-type) late Variscan

319 granites of the Eastern Erzgebirge (Förster et al., 1999; Breiter, 2012), and the Proterozoic

320 Wiborg Batholith in Finland (Haapala, 1995).

321 Relative to the aforementioned granites, zircons from the Cornubian Batholith are relatively

322 poor in trace elements (Fig. 6). Fig. 6a combines contents of Hf and Y: increasing Hf mirrors

323 the increasing degree of magma fractionation while Y represents the share of the xenotime

324 component (e.g. content of Y and HREE in melt). The Cornubian zircons are also relatively

poor in both Hf and Y: Zircons from the Beauvoir pluton are more enriched in Hf, and zircons
from the A-type granites much more enriched in Y (Breiter *et al.*, 2006, 2014; Breiter and

327 Škoda, 2012).

328 Figs. 6b, 6c, and 6d show a general increase in Sc, U, and Th with increasing differentiation

329 (as shown by the decrease in the Zr/Hf ratio). The chemical composition of the Cornubian

330 zircons is comparable with the zircons from the S-type granites in the Western Erzgebirge.

331 Zircons from the Beauvoir Granite, France are Sc- and Th-poor, while zircons from both A-

type granite series are often Sc-, Th-, and Y-rich with common mixed compositions among

333 zircon, thorite, xenotime and pretulite (Förster, 2006; Breiter et al., 2012, 2014).

334 The elements F and P play an important role in the transport of ore elements by lowering melt

viscosity and forming metal complexes (Linnen, 1998; Keppler, 1993.). Fig. 6e demonstrates

the differences between zircons from strongly peraluminous granites (enriched

337 simultaneously in F and P) and zircon from the A-type granites (enriched only in F). In this

338 case, Cornubian zircons are generally poor in both F and P, which again demonstrates a

339 relatively lower degree of differentiation in the Cornubian Batholith in comparison with

340 granites from the Erzgebirge and Massif Central.

341 The Fig. 6f was proposed by Breiter *et al.* (2014) for classification of zircons from

342 fractionated, often ore-bearing granites. Here, the Cornubian zircons are again similar to the

343 peraluminous granites from the Western Erzgebirge, although having somewhat lower grade

- 344 of differentiation in terms of U/Th and Zr/Hf ratios.
- 345 With respect to W, Nb, Ta, and Bi, their contents in Cornubian zircon are very low (W, Nb,
- and Ta usually less than detection limit of EPMA). Enrichment of these elements in order 0.X
- 347 wt%, commonly found in many rare-metal granites (Breiter et al. 2006, 2014) are not found in

348 SW England.

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# 350 Conclusions

- 351 Zircons from the Cornubian granites are relatively poor in minor and trace elements.
- 352 The lower Zr/Hf ratio in zircons from the topaz granites, in comparison with those from
- biotite granites, implies a greater degree of fractionation if the granites shared a similar
- 354 protolith. The pronounced fractionation of a primary crustal magma seems to be the most
- 355 probable model of origin of the topaz granites from the St Austell and Tregonning-Godolphin
- 356 plutons. Nevertheless, some of the less evolved members of the topaz granite suites probably
- 357 remained hidden under surface exposure.
- 358 Cornubian zircons exhibit a relatively lower grade of fractionation in terms of Zr/Hf and U/Th
- 359 ratio in comparison with other European rare-metal granites.
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560 **Table 1** Studied samples

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Table 2 Typical microprobe analyzes of zircon (wt%) and empirical formulae (in atoms per
 formula unit) based on 4 oxygen atoms. Contents of Ta, La, and Cu were in all cases under
 the detection limits of EPMA (u.d.l.).

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Table 3 Typical microprobe analyzes of monazite, xenotime, and uraninite (wt%) and
empirical formulae (in atoms per formula unit) based on 4 oxygen atoms for phosphates and 2
oxygen atoms for uraninite. Contents of W, As, Nb, Ta, Hf, Al, Cu, and S were in all cases
under the detection limits of EPMA (u.d.l.).

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# 571 **Explanation to figures**

572 1. Geological sketch map of studied granite plutons. Summarised from Dangerfield and 573 Hawkes (1981), Manning et al., (1996) and British Geological Survey mapping. 574 2. BSE-images of typical zircon grains and associated minerals (scale bar in all cases 20 575 um): **a**- broken homogeneous columnar zircon crystal (gray) with attached monazite 576 aggregates (bright), sample #4957, coarse-grained biotite granite of the Carnmenellis 577 pluton; b- crystal of zircon (light gray) with inclusion of monazite (bright), #4959, 578 porphyritic medium-grained biotite granite of the St. Austell pluton; c- homogeneous 579 zircon crystal (bright) associated with ilmenite (gray), #4961, Legereath Zawn elvan, 580 Megiliggar Rocks; d- oscillatory zoned zircon crystal (grey), #4950, coarse-grained 581 biotite granite of the Dartmoor pluton; e- large slightly zoned xenotime crystals 582 (bright) with several associated small zircon grains (gray), #4951, fine-grained biotite 583 granite of the Dartmoor pluton; **f**- small grains of zircon (light gray) associated with 584 monazite (bright), large isometric grain of apatite (Ap) and aggregate of columnar 585 rutile (Rt), #4957, coarse-grained biotite granite of the Carnmenellis pluton; g-zircon 586 (bright) associated with columnar rutile (Rt) and isometric apatite (Ap), #4955, fine-587 grained biotite granite of the Land's End pluton; h- zoned crystal of zircon, core is 588 near the ideal zircon composition (compare anal. 28 in the table 2), while rim is 589 enriched in P, Y, and F (anal. 29 in the table 2), #4959, porphyritic medium-grained 590 biotite granite of the St. Austell pluton; i- zoned zircon crystal with bright core (anal.

591		37 in the table 2) and darker metamictized U, Al, Sc, F-enriched rim (anal. 38 in the
592		table 2), #4960A, medium-grained topaz granite of the St. Austell pluton; j- patchy
593		metamictized zircon, #4960B, medium-grained topaz granite of the St. Austell pluton;
594		k- monazite (bright) with associate zircon crystals (gray), #4962, fine-grained two-
595		mica granite, Megiliggar Rocks; I- patchy metamictized zircon (gray) associated with
596		columbite (bright), #4952, topaz aplite, Meldon quarry.
597	3.	Chemical composition of zircon from Cornubian granites (in atoms per formula unit):
598		<b>a-</b> Zr vs. Hf; <b>b-</b> Zr/Hf vs. U; <b>c-</b> Zr/Hf vs. Y; <b>d-</b> Zr/Hf vs. Sc; <b>e-</b> Zr/Hf vs. P; <b>f-</b> Zr/Hf
599		vs. F.
600	4.	Chondrite normalized distribution of REE (acc. to McDonough and Sun, 1995) in
601		selected zircon grains
602	5.	Xenotime-type substitution $P^{5+}$ +(Y, REE, Sc, Bi) <sup>3+</sup> $\leftrightarrow$ Si <sup>4+</sup> +Zr <sup>4+</sup> in Cornubian zircons
603	6.	Comparison of the contents of minor elements in zircons from SW England and other
604		European rare-metal granites (in atoms per formula unit): a- Hf vs. Y; b- Zr/Hf vs. Sc;
605		<b>c</b> - Zr/Hf vs. U; <b>d</b> - Zr/Hf vs. Th; <b>e</b> - P vs. F; <b>f</b> - U/Th vs. Yb.
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607	Apper	ndix1: Microprobe analyzes of zircon (wt%) and empirical formulae (in atoms per
608	formu	la unit) based on 4 oxygen atoms. Contents of Ta, La, and Cu were in all cases under
609	the de	tection limits of EPMA

# Table 1 Studied samples

No.	Locality	Description	Minor minerals	UK Grid Reference	
4950	Dartmoor Granite	Coarse-grained porphyritic biotite granite	Zircon, apatite, uraninite	SX 7865 8560	
4951	Dartmoor Granite, near the Warren House Inn	Fine-grained tourmaline- biotite granite	Zircon, monazite, xenotime, apatite, uraninite	SX 6763 8095	
4952, 4954	Meldon Aplite	Fine-grained topaz aplite- pegmatite dykes	Zircon, apatite, fluorite, uraninite, columbite, thorite, monazite	SX 5707 9204	
4955	Land's End Granite, Porthmeor Cove	Fine-grained biotite granite	Zircon, apatite, rutile, monazite	SW 4252 3764	
4956	Land's End Granite, Geevor mine	Coarse-grained porphyritic biotite granite	Zircon, apatite, fluorite, monazite	SW 3754 3456	
4957	Carnmenellis Granite, Holman's Test Mine	Coarse-grained (small phenocryst) biotite granite	Zircon, apatite, monazite, rutile, uraninite	SW 6569 3668	
4958	Cligga Head Granite	Fine-grained biotite granite, locally kaolinized	Zircon, apatite, rutile, monazite, xenotime, columbite	SW 7386 5367	
4959	St. Austell Granite, Wheal Remfry	Porphyritic medium- grained biotite granite	Zircon, apatite, monazite, rutile, fluorite	SW 9268 5699	
4960A	St. Austell Granite, Treviscoe	Leucocratic medium- grained Li-biotite granite (topaz granite)	Zircon, apatite, topaz, rutile, columbite	SW 9462 5560	
4960B	St. Austell Granite, Goonbarrow	Leucocratic medium- grained zinnwaldite granite (topaz granite)	Zircon, topaz, apatite, columbite, thorite	SX 0095 5848	
4961	Legereath Zawn Elvan, Megiliggar Rocks	Elvan ('Legereath granite porphyry') of Stone (1975), granite porphyry with orthoclase phenocryst and fine- grained groundmass	Zircon, ilmenite, gahnite, arsenopyrite, monazite	SW 6076 2676	
4962	Tregonning Granite roof complex sills, Megiliggar Rocks	Medium-grained two- mica granite (topaz granite)	Zircon, apatite, monazite, topaz, xenotime	SW 6081 2671	
4965	Tregonning Granite roof complex sills, Megiliggar Rocks	Layered tourmaline aplite/pegmatite	Zircon, apatite, tourmaline, Bi, columbite, pyrite, monazite, rutile, ixiolite, cassiterite	SW 6081 2671	

Anal.No.	44	36	2	5	28core	29rim	37core	38rim	41
Sample	4950	4951	4952	4954	4959	4959	4960A	4960A	4960B
Locality	Dartmoor	Dartmoor	Meldon	Meldon	St.Austel	St.Austel	St.Austel	St.Austel	St.Austel
WO <sub>3</sub>	u.d.l.	0.30	u.d.l.	u.d.l.	u.d.l.	u.d.l.	u.d.l.	u.d.l.	0.47
$P_2O_5$	0.35	1.57	0.75	0.59	0.30	5.25	0.30	1.07	5.48
As <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	0.06	0.12	0.29	0.11	0.04	0.30	0.06	0.19	0.46
Nb <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	u.d.l.	u.d.l.	u.d.l.	u.d.l.	u.d.l.	u.d.l.	u.d.l.	u.d.l.	0.55
SiO <sub>2</sub>	31.83	22.95	27.35	31.01	31.60	22.78	31.60	25.37	21.91
TiO <sub>2</sub>	0.01	u.d.l.	0.02	0.06	u.d.l.	0.03	u.d.l.	u.d.l.	0.09
ZrO <sub>2</sub>	63.67	43.37	50.87	60.60	64.22	52.19	63.86	49.17	50.50
HfO <sub>2</sub>	1.65	1.79	7.35	3.87	1.47	2.17	1.42	2.12	2.76
ThO <sub>2</sub>	u.d.l.	3.17	u.d.l.	u.d.l.	u.d.l.	u.d.l.	u.d.l.	0.12	u.d.l.
UO <sub>2</sub>	0.50	1.68	1.52	0.66	0.13	0.75	0.13	3.60	1.50
Y2O3	0.30	3.02	0.55	u.d.l.	0.13	1.85	0.08	u.d.l.	u.d.l.
Ce <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	u.d.l.	0.12	u.d.l.	u.d.l.	u.d.l.	0.15	u.d.l.	u.d.l.	u.d.l.
Pr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	u.d.l.	u.d.l.	u.d.l.	0.08	u.d.l.	0.07	u.d.l.	u.d.l.	u.d.l.
Nd <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	u.d.l.	0.11	u.d.l.	u.d.l.	u.d.l.	0.20	u.d.l.	u.d.l.	u.d.l.
Sm <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	u.d.l.	0.11	u.d.l.	u.d.l.	u.d.l.	0.14	u.d.l.	u.d.l.	u.d.l.
Gd <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	u.d.l.	0.18	u.d.l.	u.d.l.	u.d.l.	0.22	u.d.l.	u.d.l.	u.d.l.
Dy <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	u.d.l.	0.42	0.18	u.d.l.	u.d.l.	0.25	u.d.l.	u.d.l.	u.d.l.
Er <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.11	0.35	0.14	0.06	0.06	0.25	0.08	u.d.l.	u.d.l.
Yb <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.18	0.47	0.27	0.10	u.d.l.	0.32	0.06	0.09	u.d.l.
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	u.d.l.	1.20	0.48	0.13	u.d.l.	1.00	u.d.l.	1.22	1.04
Sc <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.05	0.03	0.30	0.31	0.08	0.18	0.06	1.14	1.52
Bi <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.13	0.19	u.d.l.	0.18	u.d.l.	0.47	u.d.l.	u.d.l.	0.55
MnO	u.d.l.	0.09	0.47	u.d.l.	u.d.l.	0.10	u.d.l.	0.17	0.11
FeO	0.72	4.08	0.72	u.d.l.	u.d.l.	1.09	u.d.l.	1.09	0.88
CaO	u.d.l.	1.08	1.31	0.33	0.14	1.82	u.d.l.	1.15	1.35
PbO	u.d.l.	0.13	u.d.l.	u.d.l.	u.d.l.	u.d.l.	u.d.l.	u.d.l.	u.d.l.
MgO	u.d.l.	0.05	u.d.l.	u.d.l.	u.d.l.	u.d.l.	u.d.l.	0.07	0.05
SO <sub>3</sub>	u.d.l.	0.04	u.d.l.	0.09	u.d.l.	u.d.l.	u.d.l.	u.d.l.	0.04
F	u.d.l.	0.74	0.19	u.d.l.	u.d.l.	1.59	u.d.l.	0.74	1.03
Total	99.79	87.34	92.94	98.31	98.44	93.36	97.95	87.53	90.44
W	0.000	0.003	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.004
Р	0.009	0.050	0.022	0.016	0.008	0.152	0.008	0.033	0.161
As	0.001	0.002	0.005	0.002	0.001	0.005	0.001	0.004	0.008
Nb	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.009
Si	0.987	0.870	0.946	0.980	0.988	0.778	0.991	0.920	0.761
Ti	0.000	0.000	0.001	0.001	0.000	0.001	0.000	0.000	0.002
Zr	0.963	0.802	0.858	0.934	0.979	0.869	0.977	0.870	0.855
Ht	0.015	0.019	0.073	0.035	0.013	0.021	0.013	0.022	0.027
		0.027	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.001	0.000
		0.014	0.012	0.005	0.001	0.006	0.001	0.029	0.012
		0.001	0.010	0.000	0.002	0.034	0.001	0.000	0.000
Pr		0.002	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.002	0.000	0.000	0.000
Nd	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.001	0.000	0.001	0.000	0.000	0.000
Sm	0.000	0.001	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.002	0.000	0.000	0.000

Table 2 Typical microprobe analyzes of zircon (wt%) and empirical formulae (in atoms per formula unit) based on 4 oxygen atoms. Contents of Ta, La, and Cu were in all cases under the detection limits of EMPA (u.d.l.).

Gd	0.000	0.002	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.002	0.000	0.000	0.000
Dy	0.000	0.005	0.002	0.000	0.000	0.003	0.000	0.000	0.000
Er	0.001	0.004	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.003	0.001	0.000	0.000
Yb	0.002	0.005	0.003	0.001	0.000	0.003	0.001	0.001	0.000
AI	0.000	0.054	0.020	0.005	0.000	0.040	0.000	0.052	0.042
Sc	0.001	0.001	0.009	0.008	0.002	0.005	0.002	0.036	0.046
Bi	0.001	0.002	0.000	0.001	0.000	0.004	0.000	0.000	0.005
Mn	0.000	0.003	0.014	0.000	0.000	0.003	0.000	0.005	0.003
Fe	0.019	0.129	0.021	0.000	0.000	0.031	0.000	0.033	0.026
Ca	0.000	0.044	0.048	0.011	0.005	0.067	0.000	0.045	0.050
Pb	0.000	0.001	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Mg	0.000	0.003	0.002	0.000	0.000	0.001	0.001	0.004	0.003
S	0.000	0.001	0.000	0.002	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.001
F	0.000	0.088	0.021	0.000	0.000	0.171	0.001	0.085	0.113
Zr/Hf									
atomic	66	41	12	27	75	41	77	40	31

# Table 2 cont.

Anal.No.	24	21	30	3	11	10	15
Sample	4957	4958	4955	4956	4961	4962	4965
	Holman's	Cligga	Land's	Land's	Legereath		
Locality	Test Mine	Head	End	End	Zawn	Megiliggar	Megiliggar
WO <sub>3</sub>	u.d.l.	u.d.l.	u.d.l.	u.d.l.	u.d.l.	u.d.l.	u.d.l.
$P_2O_5$	0.41	0.10	0.85	0.39	0.38	0.66	0.92
As <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	0.07	0.07	0.09	0.05	0.05	0.16	0.15
Nb <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	u.d.l.	u.d.l.	u.d.l.	u.d.l.	u.d.l.	u.d.l.	u.d.l.
SiO <sub>2</sub>	32.18	32.18	29.65	31.92	31.88	30.84	30.87
TiO <sub>2</sub>	u.d.l.	0.24	0.06	0.07	0.50	0.13	u.d.l.
ZrO <sub>2</sub>	64.66	64.56	59.20	64.44	63.52	61.91	59.84
HfO <sub>2</sub>	1.59	1.84	1.42	1.41	1.18	1.62	3.56
ThO <sub>2</sub>	u.d.l.	u.d.l.	0.56	0.11	u.d.l.	0.13	u.d.l.
UO <sub>2</sub>	0.23	0.21	0.70	0.40	0.29	1.03	1.04
Y2O3	0.20	u.d.l.	1.23	0.28	0.22	0.41	0.27
Ce <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	u.d.l.	u.d.l.	0.11	u.d.l.	u.d.l.	u.d.l.	u.d.l.
Pr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	u.d.l.	u.d.l.	0.08	0.06	u.d.l.	u.d.l.	u.d.l.
Nd <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	u.d.l.	u.d.l.	0.11	0.02	0.10	0.05	u.d.l.
Sm <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	u.d.l.	u.d.l.	0.07	u.d.l.	u.d.l.	u.d.l.	u.d.l.
Gd <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	u.d.l.	u.d.l.	0.13	u.d.l.	u.d.l.	u.d.l.	u.d.l.
Dy <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	u.d.l.	u.d.l.	0.18	u.d.l.	0.06	0.10	u.d.l.
Er <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	u.d.l.	0.06	0.16	0.07	u.d.l.	0.09	0.11
Yb <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.06	u.d.l.	0.21	u.d.l.	0.09	0.17	0.21
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	u.d.l.	u.d.l.	0.49	u.d.l.	u.d.l.	u.d.l.	0.59
Sc <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.12	0.04	0.15	0.10	0.11	0.21	0.54
Bi <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	u.d.l.	0.16	u.d.l.	u.d.l.	0.13	u.d.l.	u.d.l.
MnO	u.d.l.	u.d.l.	0.07	u.d.l.	u.d.l.	0.04	u.d.l.
FeO	0.34	0.07	1.17	0.48	0.73	0.48	0.12
CaO	0.04	u.d.l.	0.46	0.04	u.d.l.	0.18	0.07
PbO	u.d.l.	u.d.l.	u.d.l.	u.d.l.	u.d.l.	u.d.l.	u.d.l.
MgO	u.d.l.	u.d.l.	0.08	u.d.l.	u.d.l.	u.d.l.	u.d.l.
SO₃	u.d.l.	u.d.l.	0.05	u.d.l.	u.d.l.	u.d.l.	u.d.l.
F	u.d.l.	u.d.l.	0.08	u.d.l.	u.d.l.	0.08	u.d.l.
Total	100.18	99.70	97.45	100.03	99.45	98.45	98.53

W	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Р	0.011	0.003	0.023	0.010	0.010	0.018	0.024
As	0.001	0.001	0.002	0.001	0.001	0.003	0.003
Nb	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Si	0.988	0.994	0.950	0.984	0.985	0.972	0.971
Ti	0.000	0.006	0.001	0.002	0.012	0.003	0.000
Zr	0.968	0.973	0.925	0.969	0.958	0.952	0.918
Hf	0.014	0.016	0.013	0.012	0.010	0.015	0.032
Th	0.000	0.000	0.004	0.001	0.000	0.001	0.000
U	0.002	0.001	0.005	0.003	0.002	0.007	0.007
Y	0.003	0.000	0.021	0.005	0.004	0.007	0.005
Ce	0.000	0.000	0.001	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Pr	0.000	0.000	0.001	0.001	0.000	0.000	0.000
Nd	0.000	0.000	0.001	0.000	0.001	0.001	0.000
Sm	0.000	0.000	0.001	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Gd	0.000	0.000	0.001	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Dy	0.000	0.000	0.002	0.000	0.001	0.001	0.000
Er	0.000	0.001	0.002	0.001	0.000	0.001	0.001
Yb	0.001	0.000	0.002	0.000	0.001	0.002	0.002
Al	0.000	0.000	0.018	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.022
Sc	0.003	0.001	0.004	0.003	0.003	0.006	0.015
Bi	0.000	0.001	0.000	0.000	0.001	0.000	0.000
Mn	0.000	0.000	0.002	0.000	0.000	0.001	0.000
Fe	0.009	0.002	0.031	0.012	0.019	0.013	0.003
Ca	0.001	0.000	0.016	0.001	0.000	0.006	0.002
Pb	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Mg	0.000	0.000	0.004	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
S	0.000	0.001	0.001	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
F	0.000	0.000	0.008	0.002	0.000	0.008	0.000
Zr/Hf							
atomic	70	60	71	78	92	65	29

**Table 3** Typical microprobe analyzes of monazite, xenotime, and uraninite (wt%) and empirical formulae (in atoms per formula unit) based on 4 oxygen atoms for phosphates and 2 oxygen atoms for uraninite. Contents of W, As, Nb, Ta, Hf, Al, Cu, and S were in all cases under the detection limits of EMPA (u.d.l.).

Mineral	Monazite	Monazite	Monazite	Monazite	Xenotime	Xenotime	Uraninite	Uraninite
Sample	4956	4961	4959	4957	4951	4962	4957	4950
P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	28.15	28.63	29.43	29.32	31.06	31.35	u.d.l.	u.d.l.
SiO <sub>2</sub>	0.62	u.d.l.	0.10	0.22	0.88	0.58	u.d.l.	u.d.l.
TiO <sub>2</sub>	u.d.l.	u.d.l.	u.d.l.	u.d.l.	u.d.l.	0.39	u.d.l.	u.d.l.
ZrO <sub>2</sub>	u.d.l.	u.d.l.	u.d.l.	u.d.l.	u.d.l.	0.44	u.d.l.	u.d.l.
ThO <sub>2</sub>	3.31	0.17	9.93	7.99	1.39	0.33	1.53	2.60
UO <sub>2</sub>	u.d.l.	u.d.l.	2.26	0.46	2.26	3.39	94.37	91.73
Y <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.36	0.74	2.12	0.89	38.54	39.75	0.18	0.34
La <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	13.51	14.86	10.16	12.60	u.d.l.	0.08	u.d.l.	u.d.l.
Ce <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	31.20	32.86	24.25	27.82	0.07	0.08	u.d.l.	0.11
Pr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	3.52	3.49	2.65	3.00	u.d.l.	u.d.l.	0.16	0.00
Nd <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	12.68	11.51	9.60	10.72	0.40	0.43	u.d.l.	u.d.l.
Sm <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	2.41	2.35	2.35	2.10	0.86	0.90	u.d.l.	u.d.l.
Gd <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	3.58	3.66	3.22	3.29	2.36	3.02	u.d.l.	u.d.l.
Dy <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.18	0.26	0.64	0.31	4.83	5.68	u.d.l.	0.16
Er <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.01	0.01	0.16	0.08	3.97	3.17	u.d.l.	u.d.l.
Yb <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.02	4.47	2.85	u.d.l.	u.d.l.
Sc <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	u.d.l.	u.d.l.	u.d.l.	u.d.l.	u.d.l.	0.06	u.d.l.	u.d.l.
Bi <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	u.d.l.	u.d.l.	u.d.l.	u.d.l.	u.d.l.	u.d.l.	0.22	0.21
MnO	u.d.l.	u.d.l.	u.d.l.	u.d.l.	0.05	u.d.l.	u.d.l.	u.d.l.
FeO	u.d.l.	u.d.l.	u.d.l.	u.d.l.	0.87	u.d.l.	0.27	u.d.l.
CaO	0.09	0.05	2.52	1.56	0.10	0.36	u.d.l.	0.03
PbO	u.d.l.	u.d.l.	0.24	0.15	0.08	0.10	3.74	3.65
F	u.d.l.	u.d.l.	u.d.l.	u.d.l.	0.11	0.05	u.d.l.	u.d.l.
Total	99.83	98.78	99.67	100.63	92.44	93.17	100.88	99.25
Р	0.960	0.980	0.985	0.980	0.965	0.962	0.000	0.000
Si	0.025	0.000	0.004	0.009	0.032	0.021	0.000	0.000
Ti	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.011	0.000	0.000
Zr	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.008	0.000	0.000
Th	0.030	0.002	0.089	0.072	0.012	0.003	0.016	0.027
U	0.000	0.000	0.020	0.004	0.018	0.027	0.943	0.931
Y	0.008	0.016	0.045	0.019	0.752	0.767	0.004	0.008
La	0.201	0.222	0.148	0.183	0.000	0.001	0.000	0.000
Ce	0.460	0.487	0.351	0.402	0.001	0.001	0.000	0.002
I Pr	0.052	0.001	0.038	0.043	0.000	0.000	0.003	0.000
Sm	0.102	0.100	0.130	0.151	0.005	0.000	0.000	0.000
Gd	0.034	0.000	0.032	0.023	0.011	0.011	0.000	0.000
	0.040	0.040	0.008	0.040	0.020	0.000	0.000	0.000
Er	0.000	0.000	0.002	0.001	0.046	0.036	0.000	0.000
Yb	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.050	0.031	0.000	0.000
AI	0.001	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Sc	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.002	0.001	0.000
Bi	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.003	0.002
Mn	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.001	0.000	0.000	0.000
Fe	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.027	0.000	0.010	0.000
Ca	0.004	0.002	0.106	0.066	0.004	0.014	0.000	0.002

Pb	0.000	0.000	0.003	0.002	0.001	0.001	0.045	0.045
F	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.012	0.000	0.000	0.000











