Petrogenesis of fractionated nested granite intrusions: the Sedmihoří Composite Stock (Bohemian Massif)

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The post-tectonic Sedmihoří Stock (SCS) is a circular body in plan-view, made up of three nested units: (i) ‘Outer granite’ (OG), less fractionated Kfs-phyric Bt monzogranite (326.2 ± 1.2 Ma (2σ), LA ICP-MS Zrn), (ii) ‘Inner granite’ (IG), more evolved Bt–Ms monzogranite (326.6 ± 1.2 Ma), and (iii) innermost leucogranite (‘LG’), fine-grained Tur–Ms leucogranite. All the varieties of this body are silica-rich (SiO2 > 71 wt. %) and subaluminous to strongly peraluminous (A/CNK = 1.01–1.25). Major-element contents do not vary greatly but the trace elements show more significant differences between the granite varieties. From OG to LG, the rocks show decreasing overall REE abundances and La/Yb ratios. Significant differences in Th and U concentrations occur between the marginal OG (~49 ppm Th; ~9 ppm U) and the more central IG (~8 ppm Th, ~4 ppm U). Hydrothermal thorite (found in the OG), xenotime and monazite are the main accessories concentrating these radioactive elements. The final stage of the magma evolution is represented by the central LG pulse containing beryl, wolframite and high-Li muscovite.

All pulses of the SCS are characterized by crust-like Sr–Nd isotopic signatures. The inner IG shows more evolved Sr (87Sr/86Sr = 0.7098–0.7130) and less radiogenic Nd (εNd = –4.6 to –3.7) than the outer OG (87Sr/86Sr = 0.7067–0.7076; εNd = –2.5 to –2.7). The granite batches were probably derived by anatexis of Neoproterozoic or, more likely, Cambrian metagreywackes of the Teplá–Barrandian Unit. Enriched-mantle derived magmas (redwitzites) played a very important role as they not only provided the heat needed for the anatexis but also variably contributed material via magma mixing processes. The hybridization was particularly significant for the origin of the outer unit, which is rich in mafic microgranular enclaves and whose Sr is the least and Nd most radiogenic within the SCS.

Taken together, field observations, structural relations, U–Pb zircon dating, and geochemistry indicate that all pulses in the SCS were emplaced nearly simultaneously. However, each of them represented a single batch of magma with its own geochemical characteristics and petrogenetic features.

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1. Introduction

Post-tectonic granitic magmatism along the south-western edge of the amalgamated and exhuming Variscan Bohemian Massif (Fig. 1a–b) produced mainly S-type anatectic granite plutons but was also influenced by the strike-slip faulting and heating by the ascending mantle-derived melts. It lasted from late Carboniferous to earliest Permian times (c. 330–320 Ma: Žák et al. 2014).

Finger et al. (2009), based on the compositional similarity of contemporaneous, voluminous granite types, proposed that the mid-Carboniferous Fichtelgebirge/Erzgebirge Batholith (Fig. 1; Saxothuringian Zone; Förster and Romer 2010) and the western branch of the South Bohemian Batholith (Moldanubian Zone; including the Oberpfalz and Bavarian Forest granite areas – Siebel et al. 2003) belonged to a single coherent and cogenetic, c. 400 km long plutonic megastructure, called the Saxo-Danubian Granite Belt. This belt, discordant to the Devonian/Early Carboniferous collision-related tectonic architecture of the Bohemian Massif, could have formed in response to a post-collisional detachment of mantle lithosphere below the south-western sector of the Bohemian Massif (Finger et al. 2009).

The late Variscan granitoids of the NW Bohemian Massif (northeast Bavaria, west Bohemia), constitute six partly contiguous granitoid complexes: Fichtelgebirge, northern Oberpfalz, Waidhaus–Rozvadov, Bor, Karlovy Vary, and Babylon plutons, incorporating more than 20 intrusive units (Siebel et al. 1997). The Sedmihofi Composite Stock (SCS), a small shallow-level granite intrusion in the southwestern part of the Teplá–Barrandian
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(a) European Variscides
- European Variscides
- Atlantic Ocean
- United Kingdom
- Armorican Massif
- Central Massif
- Mediterranean Sea
- Sardinia
- Corsica

(b) Western Bohemia
- Czech Republic
- Germany
- Italy
- Mediterranean
- Atlantic Ocean

(c) The Sedmihoří Composite Stock
- Sedimentary cover
- Porphyritic Ms–Bt monzogranite (OG)
- Ms–Bt monzogranite (IG)
- Ms–Tur monzogranite (LG)

- Host rocks
- Grt–Ms–Bt mica schist
- Ms–Bt and Crd–Bt hornfels
- Amphibolite
- Spessartite dykes
- Amp–Px diorite
- Porphyry dykes
- Kladruby Pluton (KP)

(d) The Sedmihoří Composite Stock
- Late-orogenic (post-collisional) ‘peripheral’ granitoids
- Saxothuringian magmatic rocks
- Various biotite and two-mica granites to granodiorites, commonly porphyritic, and their eruptive/volcanic equivalents

- Discordant plutons stitching the Saxothuringian/Moldanubian boundary
- Post-collisional ‘peripheral’ plutonism

- Interpretative cross-section
- Non-magmatic interior
- Stiching plutons
- Bavarian ‘Phase’:
  Plutonism associated with pervasive LP–HT metamorphism and anatexis
  ~334–321 Ma
Unit, represents a nice example of this Late Variscan magmatic activity. The current study provides new petrographic, whole-rock geochemical, Sr–Nd isotopic and U–Pb geochronological data that constrain the nature, age and genesis of this interesting plutonic body. Our first aim was to establish the source of the parental magmas and to constrain their subsequent geochemical evolution. Moreover, the SCS, roughly circular in plan-view, represents an instructive case study of a nested post-tectonic granitic intrusion, emplaced as three magma pulses within a single conduit. Altogether, we shall demonstrate that the SCS is particularly suitable to address intriguing questions on how zoned plutons are constructed and for how long the upper crustal magma chambers remain active.

2. Geological setting

The study area is located along the contact zone between the Teplá–Barrandian Unit (TBU) and the Moldanubian Unit (MU) of the Bohemian Massif (Fig. 1a), close to the Bavaricum Domain (Fig. 1d).

2.1. Teplá–Barrandian Unit

The supracrustal Teplá–Barrandian Unit in the centre of the Bohemian Massif (Fig. 1b) is one of the best-preserved segments of the Avalonian–Cadomian belt which developed along the northern active margin of Gondwana during the late Neoproterozoic to the earliest Cambrian (Nance et al. 2008, 2010 and references therein). The basement of the TBU is unique in that it exposes almost a complete section across the Cadomian active margin from a remnant meta-ophiolite complex to the NW, through an accretionary wedge, to a volcanic arc and intra-arc and back-arc basins to the SE (Hajná et al. 2012, 2013). The Teplá–Barrandian upper crust was intruded by several Late Devonian–early Carboniferous calc-alkaline granitoid plutons (Fig 1b). The existing U–Pb and Pb–Pb ages and structural relations of granitoid rocks associated with the West Bohemian Shear Zone (WBSZ; Zulauf 1994) indicate the initial stages of dextral shearing at c. 342–327 Ma and mylonitic deformation coeval with granite emplacement during c. 331–321 Ma (Chen and Siebel 2004; Siebel et al. 2005, 2006; Verner et al. 2009).

2.2. Moldanubian Domain

The Moldanubian Domain is interpreted as a root zone of the Variscan belt, resulting from the collision of Gondwana with Laurasia (e.g., Schulmann et al. 2009; Lardeaux et al. 2014). Metamorphic rocks of the Moldanubian Zone include mainly amphibolite-facies gneisses and migmatites with early Palaeozoic and late Proterozoic protolith ages (Košler et al. 2013), as well as high-pressure granulites, often with lenses or larger bodies of garnet (Grt) and spinel (Spl) peridotites and eclogites (Vrána et al. 1995). Important is the presence of several voluminous Variscan granitoid plutonic complexes (Zulauf et al. 2002; Žák et al. 2014).

2.3. Western contact of the Teplá–Barrandian and Moldanubian units

The southwestern contact between the TBU and the MU is formed by the West Bohemian Shear Zone, indicating late Variscan orogen-parallel (WSW–ENE) extension within the Variscan internides. Along the WBSZ, the western part of the TBU was downthrown to the east against the adjacent MU. According to seismic data, the steeply east-dipping WBSZ flattens with depth, forming a prominent detachment zone. Cross-cutting relationships of WBSZ mylonites and Carboniferous granites, as well as the available cooling ages of hornblende and mica, suggest that ductile normal faulting along the WBSZ was active from c. 330 to 310 Ma (Zulauf 1994).

2.4. Sedmihoří Composite Stock

The Sedmihoří Composite Stock (SCS) is a post-tectonic, shallow-level intrusion (the depth of magma solidification was ~2.5 km; Dudek et al. 1957) that intruded into the southwestern part of the Domažlice Crystalline Complex, Teplá–Barrandian Unit, close to the West Bohemian Shear Zone (WBSZ in Fig. 1b). The SCS was investigated by Vejnar (1967, 1984), Ali-Bik (1996) and Voves et al. (1997). These studies have summarized the basic petrological characteristics but more modern geochemical and geochronological studies (other than Rb–Sr) are lacking.

In map view, the SCS has a roughly circular outline with dimensions of 8 × 10 km (~15 km²; Fig. 1c) and is formed by three granitic units: (i) outer porphyritic biotite monzogranite (OG; 11 km³), (ii) inner biotite–muscovite monzogranite (IG; 3.8 km³), and (iii) the innermost small body of fine-grained muscovite leucogranite with tourmaline (LG; 0.3 km³). The boundaries between individual units are fairly sharp. In the northern and southern parts, the SCS hosts numerous late-stage pegmatite and aplite dykes 5–10 cm wide and poorly exposed, NNW–SSE trending granite porphyry dykes (a few centimetres thin).

The northwestern margin of the pluton is in contact with the high-grade Neoproterozoic (Ediacaran) micaschists of the Teplá–Barrandian Unit (e.g., Neužilová and Vejnar 1966). The southern margin of SCS is rimmed by hornfels but largely concealed beneath Pleistocene loess. The eastern contact of the pluton with the Mezholezy diorite and Cambro–Ordovician Kladruby Pluton is probably intrusive. The SCS and Kladruby Pluton are separated from each other by the NNW–SSE system of granitic units. The boundaries between individual units are fairly sharp. In the northern and southern parts, the SCS is rimmed by hornfels but largely concealed beneath Pleistocene loess.

The trace-element abundances were obtained in the CAMECA SX-100 electron microprobe, employing Φ(pz) correction procedure (Merlet 1992) in the Joint Laboratory of the Faculty of Natural Sciences of the Masaryk University and the Czech Geological Survey in Brno (operator P. Gadas). All analyses were performed at an acceleration voltage of 15 kV. For feldspars, micas and quartz, the beam current was 10–15 nA and spot size 2 μm. Currents of 20–40 nA and a spot sizes of 5–10 μm were employed forapatite, titanite, rutile, monazite, magnetite, ilmenite, and thorite. Interferences have been checked routinely and corrected by measuring the corresponding standards. The mineral abbreviations used are after Whitney and Evans (2010).

3. Methods

3.1. Electron-microprobe (EMP) analyses and BSE imaging

Analyses of the major rock-forming and selected accessory minerals were done with a fully automated CAMECA SX-100 electron microprobe, employing Φ(pz) correction procedure (Merlet 1992) in the Joint Laboratory of the Faculty of Natural Sciences of the Masaryk University and the Czech Geological Survey in Brno (operator P. Gadas). All analyses were performed at an acceleration voltage of 15 kV. For feldspars, micas and quartz, the beam current was 10–15 nA and spot size 2 μm. Currents of 20–40 nA and a spot sizes of 5–10 μm were employed for apatite, titanite, rutile, monazite, magnetite, ilmenite, and thorite. Interferences have been checked routinely and corrected by measuring the corresponding standards. The mineral abbreviations used are after Whitney and Evans (2010).

3.2. U–Pb LA ICP-MS dating

Zircons were concentrated from the 60–125 μm fraction by combined Wilfley shaking table, magnetic and heavy liquid (tetrabrommethan) separation. The zircons and monazites were finally handpicked, mounted in epoxy resin and polished. Prior to analyses, all zircon grains were characterized by scanning electron microscope (SEM) with cathodoluminescence (CL) imaging at Institute of Petrology and Structural Geology, Charles University in Prague. Uranium and lead isotope analyses were carried out by laser ablation – inductively coupled plasma – mass spectrometry (LA-ICP-MS) at the Goethe University of Frankfurt (GUF), using a slightly modified method of Gerdes and Zeh (2006, 2009) and Zeh and Gerdes (2012). A ThermoScientific Element 2 sector field ICP-MS was coupled to a Resolution M-50 (Resonetics) 193 nm ArF Excimer laser (CompexPro 102, Coherent) equipped with two-volume ablation cell (Laurin Technic, Australia). The laser was fired with 5.5 Hz repetition rate at a fluence of c. 2 J cm⁻². This configuration at a spot size of 26 μm and depth of penetration of 0.6 μm s⁻¹ yielded a sensitivity of 10000–13000 cps/μg for ²³⁸U. Raw data were corrected offline for background signal, common Pb, laser-induced elemental fractionation, instrumental mass discrimination, and time-dependent elemental fractionation of Pb/U using an in-house MS Excel® spreadsheet program (Gerdes and Zeh 2006, 2009). Laser-induced elemental fractionation and instrumental mass discrimination were corrected by normalization to the reference zircon GJ-1 (0.0984 ±0.0003; ID-TIMS GUF value). Repeated analyses of the 91500 (Wiedenbeck et al. 1995), Plešovice (Sláma et al. 2008) and Felix (Millonig et al. 2012) reference zircons during the same analytical session yielded an accuracy better than 1 % and a reproducibility of < 2 % (2σ). All uncertainties are reported at the 2σ level. The data were plotted using the ISOPLOT software (Ludwig 2003).

3.3. Whole-rock geochemical analyses

Large (c.15–30 kg) and fresh samples were taken from outcrops and from one abandoned quarry for whole-rock geochemical studies. Samples were crushed at the Czech Geological Survey, Prague–Barrandov (CGS) to 2–4 cm grain-size using a steel jaw crusher, homogenized and split to 500–1500 g. Finally, aliquots of 300 g were pulverized in an agate mill.

The whole-rock major-element analyses were carried out by wet chemistry in the CGS laboratories. The relative 2σ uncertainties were better than 1 % (SiO₂), 2 % (FeO), 5 % (Al₂O₃, K₂O, Na₂O), 7 % (TiO₂, MnO, CaO), 6 % (MgO) and 10 % (Fe₂O₃, P₂O₅) (Dempirová 2010).

The trace-element abundances were obtained in the Activation Laboratories Ltd. (Ancaster-Canada) with the 4B2-research method. The samples were analysed by ICP-OES following a lithium metaborate or tetraborate fusion and dilute nitric digestion of a 0.2 g sample. The REE and refractory metals were determined by ICP-MS following a lithium metaborate or tetraborate fusion and nitric acid digestion of a 0.2 g sample. For further analytical details, see http://www.actlabs.com.
Whole-rock geochemical data were interpreted and plotted using the freeware R-language package GCDkit, version 3.0 (Janoušek et al. 2006, 2011; www.gcdkit.org).

3.4. Radiogenic isotopes

For the radiogenic isotope determinations, samples were dissolved using a combined HF–HCl–HNO₃ attack. Strontium and bulk REE were isolated from the matrix using PP columns filled with Sr.spec and TRU.spec Eichrom resins (Pin et al. 1994). The Nd was further separated from the REE fraction on PP columns with Ln.spec Eichrom resin (Pin and Zalduegui 1997). Further analytical details were reported by Miková and Denková (2007). Isotopic analyses of Sr and Nd were performed on a Finnigan MAT 262 thermal ionization mass spectrometer housed at the CGS in dynamic mode using a single Ta filament for Sr and double Re filament assembly for Nd. The $^{143}$Nd/$^{144}$Nd ratios were corrected for mass fractionation to $^{143}$Nd/$^{144}$Nd = 0.7219 (Wassenburg et al. 1981), $^{87}$Sr/$^{86}$Sr ratios assuming $^{86}$Sr/$^{88}$Sr = 0.1194. External reproducibility is estimated from repeat analyses of the JNd1 (Tanaka et al. 2000) [$^{143}$Nd/$^{144}$Nd = 0.512101 ± 14 (2σ, n = 10)] and NBS 987 [$^{143}$Nd/$^{144}$Nd = 0.710247 ± 26 (2σ, n = 10)] isotope standards. The decay constants applied to age-correct the isotopic ratios are from Steiger and Jäger (1977 – Sr) and Lugmair and Marti (1978 – Nd). The $\varepsilon$Nd values were obtained using Bulk Earth parameters of Jacobsen and Wasserburg (1980), the two-stage Depleted Mantle Nd model ages ($T_{ND}^{DM}$) were calculated after Liew and Hofmann (1988).

4. Results

4.1. Petrology

A detailed summary of the previously published (Vejnar 1984) and new data concerning the field relationships, petrography and mineral chemistry of the three main lithologies distinguished within the SCS are given below. At the macro and micro-scale, the textures are exclusively magmatic, Bt and Fsp grains have euhedral to subhedral shapes and interstitial Qtz is not recrystallized. Crystals of the main rock-forming minerals exhibit no effects of solid-state deformation.

4.1.1. Outer porphyritic biotite monzogranite (OG)

The OG is a light grey rock with abundant white K-feldspar phenocrysts, 0.5–3 cm across (Fig. 2a–b). K-feldspar phenocrysts account for < 50 % of the volume. In general, the main mineral assemblage is (in vol. %): quartz (26–37), K-feldspar (30–44), plagioclase (23–33), biotite (4–7) and traces of muscovite (<1), with accessory zircon, monazite, thorite, xenotime-(Y), apatite, ilmenite, rutile, magnetite and synchysite-(Ce). The texture is hypidiomorphic (Fig. 2c).

The OG hosts frequent mafic microgranular enclaves (MME; Barbarin and Didier 1992) with average size of c. 15–20 cm and circular shapes (Fig. 2a). These MME make up less than 1 vol. % of the OG units and often enclose K-feldspar xenocrysts. In addition, restite biotite enclaves were identified and contain K-feldspar (2–3 cm in size). Rare angular metasedimentary xenoliths (15–20 cm across) locally occur.

4.1.2. Inner biotite–muscovite monzogranite (IG)

The IG unit is formed by sparsely porphyritic, whitish to ochre-grey, medium- to coarse-grained biotite–muscovite granite. The rock is isotropic with a hypidiomorphic texture (Fig. 2d). Typical assemblage is (in vol. %): quartz (30–38), plagioclase (29–32), K-feldspar (24–30), muscovite (5–8) and biotite (1–3). Accessories are represented by zircon, monazite, apatite, xenotime, sphene, ilmenite, rutile, andalusite, beryl and wagnerite. Quartz has a teardrop shape.

Rare metasedimentary xenoliths reach up to 7 × 25 cm; the MME are absent. A further main difference from the OG is the presence of primary (?) muscovite. The IG granites weather more easily than OG, resulting in a morphologically conspicuous inner depression around the Sedmihoři ring.

4.1.3. Tourmaline–muscovite leucogranite (LG)

This rock, building the centre of the SCS, is fine-grained, whitish-grey, and contains small, up to 1 cm long K-feldspar phenocrysts. The mineral assemblage is (in vol. %): quartz (32–43), plagioclase (33–37), K-feldspar (17–22), muscovite (7), tourmaline (2) and biotite (1). Accessories are represented by zircon, monazite, apatite, ilmenite, rutile, and wolframite. The texture is hypidiomorphic (Fig. 2e). The tourmaline forms black crystals and needles (0.2–4 mm). Characteristic are variously scattered miarolitic cavities. This granite is more durable than the IG, and therefore forms a striking elevation in the centre of the SCS structure.

4.2. Mineralogy and mineral chemistry

The SCS is a composite body, whereby the original mineral assemblages in each of its magmatic units reflect the
Fig. 2 Field photographs. a – Mafic microgranular enclave (MME) in the porphyritic granite OG (outcrop SH3 [49.62907978 N; 12.86889117 E]). K-feldspar phenocrysts in the granite lacking any evidence of solid-state deformation; b – Detail of magmatic foliation defined by Kfs (outcrop SH6 [49.60663732 N; 12.86929552 E]). Granite textures of the three main units of the SCS (scanned polished sections, crossed polars). c – Outer granite unit (OG) with Kfs phenocrysts; d – Inner granite unit (IG) with equigranular texture of Kfs, Qtz and micas; e – Leucogranite unit (LG) with fine-grained texture of Kfs, Qtz, micas and tourmaline. Optical cathodoluminescence images (CL). f – Oscillatory-zoned plagioclase with greenish yellow and unzoned K-feldspar with blue emission. g – Non-luminescent quartz, blue K-feldspar and plagioclase with red cathodoluminescence due to elevated Fe$^{3+}$ content.
Evolution of nested granite pulses of the Sedmihoří Composite Stock

Evolution of magma from the margin to the centre of the stock. Below are briefly reported the main features and the mineral chemistry of major rock-forming and accessory minerals (see Supplementary material 1 for full analytical set).

4.2.1. Major rock-forming minerals

Quartz occurs as light grey anhedral crystals, up to 2 mm across, often forming aggregates with sharp boundaries in all the magmatic units.

Perthitic K-feldspar commonly shows cross-hatched or Carlsbad twinning. Euhedral phenocrysts (0.5–3 cm) are sharply separated from the matrix. In contrast, the K-feldspar crystals in the matrix are much smaller (0.5–2 mm) and anhedral. The phenocrysts enclose small (< 0.5 mm) subhedral laths of sodic plagioclase, overgrown by thin albite rims. Minor inclusions of biotite, plagioclase, quartz and accessories (e.g., apatite and zircon) are abundant and usually enclosed in the central parts of the K-feldspar phenocrysts.

The K-feldspars are not compositionally uniform across the pluton (OG: Or\textsubscript{95.04}; IG: Or\textsubscript{90.98}; LG: Or\textsubscript{97.98}). The P\textsubscript{2}O\textsubscript{5} concentrations in the OG are often close to the detection limit (0.004–0.081 wt. %), while they are elevated in IG and LG (IG: 0.003–0.285 wt. %; LG: 0.054–0.159 wt. %).

Plagioclase forms mostly subhedral grains, on average 0.5–2 mm across, with common albite law twin lamellae and inclusions of biotite and quartz. The rim of plagioclase is albite to oligoclase (OG: An\textsubscript{0.6–1.4}; IG: An\textsubscript{0.5–3}; LG: An\textsubscript{0.2–0.5}). Cores are slightly normally zoned and some are mantled by sodic plagioclase (OG: An\textsubscript{1.1–3.6}; IG: An\textsubscript{10–33}). The LG is characterized by strong albitization (An\textsubscript{0.12}). Besides the common yellow-green (Fig. 2f), also red patches enriched in Fe. Rutiles in the OG are relatively common and usually enclosed in the central parts of the SCS.

Muscovite occurs in flakes (~0.6 mm) with biotite and is common in the IG and the LG units. It is classified as aluminoceladonite based on SiO\textsubscript{2} (IG: 45.4–48.4 wt. %; LG: 44.4–46.8) and total Al\textsubscript{2}O\textsubscript{3} (IG: 28.6–34.7 wt. %; LG: 29.5–35.0 wt. %). The muscovite is characterized by F and LiO\textsubscript{2} contents increasing from IG (0.9–2.1 wt. % F and 0.2–0.6 wt. % LiO\textsubscript{2}) to LG (1.3–3.1 wt. % F and 0.3–0.9 wt. % LiO\textsubscript{2}).

4.2.2. Accessory minerals

Fluorapatite prisms (0.1–0.2 mm) or needles with a homogeneously high content of fluorine (OG: 2.2–2.7; IG: 2.1–2.8; LG: 2.3–2.9 apfu) are abundant in all rock types of the SCS.

Less common is monazite in aggregates of small spherical crystals (0.2 mm). They are fresh, compact with sector or oscillatory zoning. The monazites always host high ThO\textsubscript{2} (OG: 3.9 wt. %; IG: 4.7–9.2 wt. %; LG: 3.9–10.2 wt. %) and moderate UO\textsubscript{2} concentrations (OG: 0.2 wt. %; IG: 0.07–1.18 wt. %; LG: 0.3–0.7 wt. %).

Euhedral zircon (0.2 mm) occurs in all magmatic units as pink to pale brown, short-prismatic (dipyramidal) crystals. Zircons are poor in U and Th and contain HfO\textsubscript{2} concentrations as follows, OG: 1.06–1.92 wt. %; IG: 1.07–1.45 wt. %; LG: 1.45–2.02 wt. %.

Subangular thorite (up to 0.1 mm across) is restricted to the OG unit, which is Th–U and HREE-rich. It occurs in plagioclase, often together with monazite. Due to relatively high Th contents, crystals are metamict and altered. The analyzed phase appears to be an end-member of the zircon–thorite solid solution series (0.66–0.88 apfu Th, 0.001–0.002 apfu Zr). The crystals show low amounts of FeO (1.46–3.30 wt. %). The phase is highly enriched in Ca and F (0.45–1.99 wt. % CaO; 1.39–1.73 wt. % F).

Few altered euhedral xenotime-(Y) inclusions (< 0.05 mm) were found in monazite of the OG and IG units. Their composition is characterized by variably elevated ThO\textsubscript{2} (OG: 1.3 wt. %; IG: 0.3 wt. %), UO\textsubscript{2} (OG: 1.2 wt. %; IG: 2.3–3.2 wt. %), as well as HREE. Zirconium content is low (OG: 0.5 wt. % ZrO\textsubscript{2}; IG: 0.6 wt. % ZrO\textsubscript{2}).

Ilmenite in all magmatic units forms black opaque grains (0.1 mm), in cases lamellated. The most significant substitution is the Fe–Mn replacement. In the OG and LG units, MnO contents are relatively low (OG: 6.3–7.7; LG: 4.8 wt. %), but in the IG they increase significantly (5.5–25.0 wt. %); therefore, this phase can be classified as pyrophanite.

Euhedral rutile-(Nb, Ta) grains (0.1 mm) are relatively common and are chemically unzoned except for rare clear patches enriched in Fe. Rutiles in the OG are relatively Nb-Ta-poor (< 0.5 wt. % Nb\textsubscript{2}O\textsubscript{5}; < 0.008 wt. % Ta\textsubscript{2}O\textsubscript{5}). In contrast, the IG and LG rutiles show high contents of Nb and Ta (IG: 0.7–5.0 wt. % Nb\textsubscript{2}O\textsubscript{5}; 0.04–0.5 wt. % Ta\textsubscript{2}O\textsubscript{5};
LG: 2.1–3.7 wt. % Nb₂O₅ and 0.1–0.2 wt. % Ta₂O₅. One analysis yielded high contents of Nb and Ta (40.3 wt. % Nb₂O₅ and 14.5 wt. % Ta₂O₅) and probably represents a mineral from the columbite family.

Black magnetite grains were found in the OG only. Magnetite occurs mostly as anhedral fragments, only rarely forming octahedra, up to 0.5 mm across. Contents of MnO are low (0.031–0.045 wt. %) but TiO₂ is elevated (0.1–0.3 wt. %). Titanite occurs solely in the IG as brown to reddish euhedral crystals (0.1 mm). The grains show sector zoning in BSE images. They contain high F (0.8–1.4 wt. %) and are rich in Sn (2.3–4.3 wt. % SnO₂). In the LG, numerous subhedral grains of tourmaline were observed (up to 1 mm) with optical zoning (ochre rim–green core). Tourmalines correspond to schorl to fluoro-elaite with high Ca (0.1–0.2 apfu) and Li contents (0.3–0.6 apfu).

Black coarse-grained prismatic crystals of wolframite were found in the LG that contain 44–45 mol. % ferberite and 53–54 mol. % hübnerite. High content of Nb was observed in wolframite grains (2.6–2.9 wt. % Nb₂O₅).

Beryl was only noted in the IG, where it forms secondary solitary euhedral grains, up to 50–100 μm long, frequently arranged in around skeletal aggregates of cordierite.

Primary andalusite from the IG is enclosed in the muscovite aggregates and shows slightly elevated Fe (0.1–0.3 wt. % FeO) and is nearly homogeneous in composition.

Secondary wagnerite occurs only in the IG in muscovite and represents isomorphic series between (Mg, Mn) and Fe-rich grains. The phases have homogeneous composition, except enrichment in Ca (0.8 wt. % CaO).

4.3. U–Pb zircon geochronology

In order to constrain the intrusive age of the main pulses within the SCS zircons of a porphyritic Bt monzogranite (OG, sample SH3; WGS84 coordinates: N 49.629080°, E 12.868891°) and a Bt–Ms monzogranite (IG, sample SH12; WGS84 N 49.621257°, E 12.872292°) were analysed by the LA ICP-MS method (see Supplementary Material 2 for the complete data set).

The zircons from the OG are subhedral to euhedral, short prismatic, with severely suppressed pyramids. Typical length ranges between 100 and 250 μm. Their CL images reveal magmatic oscillatory zoning as well as the presence of apatite inclusions without any preferred orientation (Fig 3a). Other grains tend to be uniformly dark or patchily zoned in CL.

In the OG and IG, euhedral prismatic zircon grains of typical length 100–250 μm are characterized by more conspicuous pyramid faces. Again, they show clearly magmatic oscillatory zoning with bright cores (Fig. 3b). Inherited cores are rarer than in the OG.

The Variscan U–Pb data for the zircon grains from each sample are summarized in the concordia plots (Fig. 3c–d). The statistically indistinguishable concordia ages of 326.2±1.2 Ma (2σ) (SH3 (OG) – n = 28, MSWD = 1.2) and 326.5±1.2 Ma (SH12 (IG) – n = 34, MSWD = 1.2) are interpreted as magma emplacement ages.

4.4. Whole-rock geochemistry

4.4.1. Major elements

The dataset includes fourteen newly obtained samples from the main varieties of the SCS (see Tab. 1 for complete major-element data set, including sample locations) and twelve analyses from the literature (Vejnar 1967, 1984; Ali-Bik 1996; Voves et al. 1997).

The three main SCS units are all silica-rich (SiO₂ = OG: 71.63–72.96 wt. %; IG: 73.24–74.21 wt. %; LG: 73.28–74.11 wt. %). This is indicated also by the Q–ANOR classification diagram (Streckeisen 1979; Fig. 4a) where the OG corresponds to syenogranites, and IG with LG to alkali feldspar granites. The B–A plot (Debon and Le Fort 1983; Fig. 4b) is used to express the contents of mafic components Fe, Mg and Ti (=B), their relation to the aluminum balance (=A) and thus the characteristic mineral assemblage (Bonin et al. in print). All the rock types are subaluminous to strongly peraluminous, as shown by A/CNK values (A/CNK = Al₂O₃/(CaO + Na₂O + K₂O) in mol. %; Shand 1943) of 1.01–1.27 (broadly increasing from OG to IG + LG). The modification of the same diagram by Villaseca et al. (1998) shows that the samples form a data array from low peraluminous to felsic peraluminous domains (Fig. 4c). Samples of OG unit are mostly shoshonitic; IG and LG can be characterized as mostly high-K calc-alkaline rocks in the SiO₂–K₂O diagram (Peccerillo and Taylor 1976; Fig. 4d).

In general, the major-element compositions show significant differences between the three granite units. Binary diagrams display poor negative linear correlations of SiO₂ with TiO₂, FeO and CaO (Fig. 5). The P₂O₅ content increases from the margin (OG: 0.051–0.140 wt. %) to the centre (IG + LG; 0.20–0.36 wt. %).

4.4.2. Trace elements

If compared with the upper continental crustal composition (UCC: Taylor and McLennan 1995; Fig. 6a), all the three main units are enriched in Large-Ion Lithophile Elements (LILE; Cs, Rb, K), and depleted in Ba, Sr and some High Field Strength Elements (HFSE; Nb, Ti, and U). The outer, OG unit shows markedly lower Cs, Rb and P contents at elevated Th, Hf, Zr and all REE than the inner and innermost units (see also Tab. 2).
The REE contents in the SCS granites drop dramatically inwards (ΣREE = 328–428 ppm for OG, 46–66 ppm IG and 26–28 ppm for LG; Tab. 3). The chondrite-normalized patterns (Boynton 1984; Fig. 6b) become less steep from OG to IG + LG (La\textsubscript{N}/Yb\textsubscript{N} = 15.7–16.8 OG; 6.6–7.5 IG and 5.0–7.1 LG). Typical is the presence of negative Eu anomalies, the magnitude of which decreases from the pluton’s margin (OG; Eu/Eu* = 0.2) inwards (IG + LG; Eu/Eu* = 0.4–0.2). The IG and LG units show the lanthanide tetrad effect (Masuda et al. 1987) of the third (Gd–Ho) and fourth (Er–Lu) groups of REE (Tab. 3).

4.4.3. Zircon, monazite and rutile saturation temperatures

The decrease in Zr contents with increasing silica indicates that the magma was saturated in zircon during the whole history and that the zircon thermometry (Watson and Harrison 1983) can be applied (Hoskin et al. 2000; Miller et al. 2003; Janoušek 2006). The average zircon saturation temperatures (Fig. 7a) are 833±6°C for OG, 698±9°C for IG and 663±5°C for LG (2σ, excluding the calibration and analytical errors). Even though...
likely somewhat overestimated due to the presence of inheritance, they seem to indicate a rather high liquidus temperature of the magma parental to the OG. Also, the average monazite saturation temperatures (Montel 1993) are generally comparable with the zircon saturation temperatures (Fig. 7b): 864 ± 10 °C (OG), 726 ± 9 °C (IG) and 681 ± 6 °C (LG). Lastly, the magma temperature was estimated using the rutile saturation temperatures (Fig. 7c). The recent model of Kuluaratne and Audétat (2014), calibrated at a relevant pressure of 2 kbar, yields saturation temperatures of 800 ± 4 °C (OG), 732 ± 4 °C (IG) and 680 ± 7 °C (LG), respectively.
### Tab. 2 Trace-element (except REE) whole-rock geochemical analyses from the Sedmihoří Composite Stock (in ppm)

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4.5. Radiogenic isotopes

In order to further constrain geochemical variations in the pluton, six new samples were analyzed for their Sr–Nd isotopic composition (Tab. 4; Fig. 8). Three additional Sr isotopic analyses were taken from Voves et al. (1997).

All the two main units of the SCS are characterized by crust-like Sr–Nd isotopic signatures (OG: 87Sr/86Sr = 0.7067 and 0.7076 and εNd = –2.5 and –2.7; IG: 87Sr/86Sr = 0.7098–0.7154; εNd = –3.7 and –4.6). The innermost LG has very high Rb/Sr ratios, resulting in unrealistically low initial Sr ratios (87Sr/86Sr = 0.6775 and 0.7036). The Nd isotopic signature resembles the IG (εNd = –3.6 and –4.2). The depleted-mantle Nd model ages (calculated using the two-stage model of Liew and Hofmann 1988) differ slightly between OG (1.25 Ga) and IG with LG (1.33–1.40 Ga).

5. Discussion

The presented data from the SCS rule out a shallow-level fractionation or contamination by the country-rock metasediments, and point to processes deeper in the crust and/or significant differences in source
5.1. Magma source

5.1.1. Major- and trace-element constraints

The ratio CaO/Na$_2$O (< 0.3) as well as the Rb/Sr (OG: 4.1–4.9; LG + IG: 8.5–37.9) and Rb/Ba (OG: 0.8–1; IG + LG: 2.0–11.9) indicate a metapsammitic parentage (Sylvester 1998). Also, the high content of phosphorus in all units of the SCS (0.05–0.35 wt. % P$_2$O$_5$) indicates that apatite saturation was reached relatively late, most likely in a peraluminous, S-type melt (Chappell 1999).

Given the geological setting of the pluton, the most plausible source for parental granitic magmas represent Neoproterozoic and Cambrian metasedimentary rocks of the Teplá–Barrandian Unit. Inheritance is only present in the OG (sample SH3) and probably indicates a source containing Neoproterozoic zircon (~600 Ma or younger). Although many discordant zircons are present in both the OG and IG samples, these do not give ages that are significantly older than Variscan (see the Supplementary Material 2).

5.1.2. Sr–Nd isotopic evidence for open-system behaviour

All the three main units of the SCS are characterized by crust-like Sr–Nd isotopic signatures ($^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}_{326}$ = 0.7067–0.7154; $\varepsilon\text{Nd}_{326}$ = –2.5 to –4.6).

The Sr–Nd isotopic compositions for the Neoproterozoic or Cambrian material from the Teplá–Barrandian Unit are highly variable ($^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}_{326}$ = 0.7070–0.7262; $\varepsilon\text{Nd}_{326}$ –14.3 to –0.3: Janoušek et al. 1995; Drost et
al. 2007; Pin and Waldhausrová 2007; Drost 2008 and unpublished data of the authors; Fig. 8a). They indeed almost overlap with the compositions of the SCS granitoids.

For late Variscan magmatic rocks from SW Bohemia, Fig. 8a–b shows a rather broad isotopic variation compatible with an open-system evolution. The hyperbolic trends were most likely caused by binary mixing between felsic and basic end-members. In the SCS, the basic input was particularly important in the OG unit where it is recorded as abundant MME. However, it was also significant in the nearby Bor Pluton, the more distant Loket Pluton as well as the redwitzitze bodies (Siebel 1993; Siebel et al. 2003; Ackerman et al. 2010; Kováříková et al. 2007, 2010).

These potassic, Kfs-poor Amp–Bt dioritoids–gabbroids, originally named by Willmann (1919) after Marktredwitz in Bavaria, form a conspicuous ~323 Ma suite in Fichtelgebirge and W Erzgebirge/Slavkovský les.

The Sr-Nd isotopic compositions of redwitzites (\(^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}\) = 0.7057–0.7115; \(\varepsilon\text{Nd}_{126} = -4.9\) to \(-0.7\); Holl et al. 1989; Taubald 2000), granodiorites of Bor Pluton (\(^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}\) = 0.7064–0.7085; \(\varepsilon\text{Nd}_{126} = -5.0\) to \(-2.8\); Siebel et al. 1999), diorites of Drahotín Pluton (\(^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}\) = 0.7073–0.7093; \(\varepsilon\text{Nd}_{126} = -5.9\) to \(-3.4\); Ackerman et al. 2010) support the idea about mafic magma input because they mostly resemble, or are somewhat more primitive than, the compositions of the OG samples (Fig. 8a).
The trend in Fig. 8a indicates that the magma parental to the OG magmatic unit could have been created by binary mixing between mature greywacke-derived felsic magma and redwitzitic mafic melt. The source of the SCS probably represented an anatectic zone within chemically heterogeneous Neoproterozoic–Cambrian metasedimentary pile of the Teplá–Barrandian Unit. The higher-level felsic magma chamber was locally affected by hybridiza-
tion/commingling with redwitzitic mafic magma. Figure 8b further shows that some late fractional crystallization (FC) affected rocks of the SCS after the mixing event, further lowering the Sr contents.

5.2. Magma evolution

All the petrographic varieties in the SCS are fairly fractionated; in general, the inner pulses, IG and LG, are more evolved than the marginal OG. This is shown, *inter alia*, by significantly increasing SiO$_2$ contents. Given that the most of fractionation likely took place near or within the granite minimum (see also Bonin et al. in print and references therein), we have opted for Rb as a fractionation index because of its incompatible behaviour in highly fractionated granitic suites, including ours (Fig. 9).

The change in major- and minor-element oxides is only limited from the pluton margin to the centre. The contents of SiO$_2$ and P$_2$O$_5$ broadly increase (Fig. 5), while TiO$_2$, CaO and (FeO$_t$) show the opposite trend. More significant differences are revealed by trace elements. For the whole pluton, there are inward trends of increase in Li, Cs and Rb (Fig. 9), and decrease in Ba, Sr, Zr, Th, and all segments of the REE patterns. These trends highlight an important role of feldspars-dominated fractionation, accompanied by biotite and some Ti, P, Zr and LREE-rich accessories, such as Rt, Ap, Zrn and Mnz.

The Th contents and U/Th ratios show also marked differences between the OG and IG + LG facies (Figs 6a, 10). The high Th and U concentrations need to be hosted by accessory minerals; in the OG by thorite ± monazite, zircon, in IG + LG units by monazite, zircon ± xenotime. This difference can be explained by the different magma parental to the OG unit of the SCS, whereby the anatectic magma derived from greywacke sediments interacted with U–Th rich, enriched-mantle derived (redwitzitic) mafic melt. However, the role of monazite accumulation in the genesis of the OG cannot be completely ruled out.

The fractionation in each pulse, respectively in margin and centre of the SCS, is also confirmed by the mineral assemblages that add evidence for the evolution of the magma (Candela 1997). The OG, IG + LG granites contain numerous accessory minerals (see Supplementary material 1; e.g., apatite, zircon, monazite, andalusite, tourmaline, thorite and pseudomorphs after cordierite) which shows different evolution of magma for the OG and the IG + LG units. A high degree of differentiation in the central LG pulse is documented by the occurrence

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*Fig. 7* Boxplots portraying the statistical distribution of the saturation temperatures for (a) zircon (Watson and Harrison 1983), (b) monazite (Montel 1993), and (c) rutile (Kularatne and Audétat 2014).
of beryl, wolframite or higher levels of lithium, rubidium, fluorine and tin in micas.

Taken together, the degree of fractionation seems to increase from the outer OG to the inner IG + LG units. This is typically seen in granitic plutons and documents the normal zoning of the SCS. Still, each of the units preserves its remarkable compositional homogeneity and represents a single batch of magma with its own geochemical characteristics and petrogenesis.

### 5.3. Timing of intrusion in a regional context

In the Bohemian Massif, two post-collisional to post-orogenic magmatic provinces have been recognized.

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**Table 4** The Sr–Nd isotopic data for the granite facies of the Sedmihoří Stock

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Isotopic ratios with subscript ‘326’ were age-corrected to 326 Ma; decay constants are from Steiger and Jäger (1977 – Sr) and Lugmair and Marti (1978 – Nd). The $\varepsilon_{\text{Nd}}$ values were obtained using Bulk Earth parameters of Jacobsen and Wasserburg (1980). The two-stage Nd model ages ($T_{\text{Nd}}$) were calculated after Liew and Hofmann (1988).

† – Previously published analyses of Voves et al. (1997)
‡ – Unrealistically low initial values due to high Rb/Sr
− – not analysed

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**Fig. 8** Binary plots of Sr and Nd isotopic compositions from the Sedmihoří Composite Stock recalculated to its radiometric age (326 Ma): a – $\text{Sr}_{326}$ vs. $\varepsilon_{\text{Nd}}_{326}$; b – Sr vs. $\frac{\text{Sr}}{\text{Nd}}_{326}$. The mixing hyperbolae assuming binary mixing between samples of a redwitzite D21/1 (Holl et al. 1989) and Cambrian shale MM2 (Drost et al. 2007) are also plotted.
(Finger et al. 1997, 2009). The more extensive southern Saxo-Danubian Granite Belt was created by two magmatic pulses at 330–320 Ma and 317–310 Ma (Siebel et al. 2003; Förster and Romer 2010), perhaps in response to southward progressing mantle delamination (Finger et al. 2009).

The first attempts on dating of the SCS were done by Voves et al. (1997). The samples plotted on an ill-defined isochron of 313 ± 50 Ma (87Sr/86Sr = 0.7213). However, the current study documents open-system behaviour of the Sr–Nd isotopic systems in the SCS. Due to the magma hybridization, any correlations in the 87Rb/86Sr vs. 87Sr/86Sr space are likely spurious and the calculated ages with initial ratios are misleading (e.g., Dodson 1982; Wendt 1993).

Therefore, it is necessary to employ an alternative geochronological method, e.g. U–Pb dating on zircons. The LA ICP-MS ages reported in this work provide a more realistic age. They indicate an emplacement in an extensional regime of southern Saxo-Danubian Granite Belt, for both main pulses of the SCS nearly simultaneously at c. 326 Ma.

5.4. Conceptual model

The shallow-level Sedmihori Stock (SCS), which intruded the Teplá–Barrandian Unit in Middle Carboniferous times, is particularly suitable to address fundamental questions about how zoned plutons are constructed and how long the upper crustal magma chambers remain active. Here we combine all the results into a single model.

Underplating of redwitzites melts, which heated mainly the Neoproterozoic metasediments of the Teplá–Barrandian Unit during and after the orogenic collapse, generated the first generation of dioritic and granodioritic plutons (e.g., Bor Pluton; Siebel et al. 1999). Similarly,
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Progressive fractionation of magma led to the establishment of the magma chamber under the future SCS.

The evolution of the magma chamber can be divided into three stages (Fig. 11):

1) First, the magma parental to the OG unit was derived by anatexis of metagreywackes of the Teplá–Barrandian Unit, with important heat and material input from basic redwitzitic magmas. This is evidenced by the abundance of MME and the existence of the broad Sr–Nd isotopic data array. In general, the OG unit represents moderately evolved magma, rich in Kfs phenocrysts and is interpreted as a crystal-rich mush.

2) The IG represents the next magma pulse that intruded the OG. The IG unit is more evolved, e.g. it shows increased silica content and also requires considerably less mafic input, as shown by the lack of MME and also significantly more evolved Sr–Nd isotopic signatures. The composition is close to the granite minimum and the silica content and mineral assemblage (e.g., beryl, cordierite, wagnerite) correspond to a pressure of crystallization of c. 2 kbar.

3) The last-stage LG unit (Fig. 11) is the most evolved, shallow batch probably segregated from the LG unit by gas-driven filter-pressing (Sisson and Bacon 1999). This is a process of melt expulsion from a volatile-saturated crystal mush, induced by the build-up and subsequent release of the gas pressure. Filter pressing is inferred to play a major role in magma fractionation at shallow depths (<10 km) by moving melt and gas relative to the solid, crystalline framework (Pistone et al. 2015), whereby the rapid crystallization and vesiculation within the recharge magma drive the evolved liquid into the overlying silicic magma reservoir. Based on mineral assemblages and the presence of miarolitic cavities, the depth of emplacement was less than 3 km (corresponding to a pressure of c. 1.5 kbar).

6. Conclusions

- The Sedmihoří Stock (SCS) in the Teplá–Barrandian Unit, Bohemian Massif, represents a silica-rich and subaluminous to strongly peraluminous, geochemically evolved, normally-zoned granitoid pluton, consisting of three nested magma pulses/magmatic units. These are, from the margin to the centre, outer porphyritic biotite monzogranite (OG), inner biotite–muscovite monzogranite (IG), and innermost tourmaline–muscovite leucogranite (LG).
- Both the outer and inner magma pulses (OG and IG) were nearly coeval, as supported by new U–Pb zircon ages (OG: 326.2 ± 1.2 Ma and IG: 326.5 ± 1.2 Ma), which are identical within errors.
- At the macro and micro-scale, the textures are exclusively magmatic, Bt and Fsp grains have euhedral to subhedral shapes, interstitial Qtz is not recrystallized. The main rock-forming minerals exhibit no effects of solid-state crystal deformation.
- The granite contains numerous accessory minerals (e.g., apatite, zircon, monazite, andalusite, thorite or...
tourmaline). The mineral assemblages provide good evidence for the evolution of the magma, with IG + LG being more evolved than OG.

- Normal zoning is manifested by mineral chemistry of major rock-forming and accessory minerals, whereby the original mineral assemblages in each of the magmatic units reflect the evolution of magma from the margin to the centre of the stock. Also, petrography captures significant differences between all three pulses, e.g., the inwards decreasing modal proportion of K-feldspar phenocrysts. Last but not least, the normal zoning is supported by whole-rock geochemical trends such as an inward increase in Li, Cs and Rb, or decrease in Ba, Sr, Zr, Th and REE.

- The magma parental to the SCS originated by anatexis of largely metasedimentary material of the Teplá–Barandian Unit, Neoproterozoic, or (more likely) Cambrian in age.

- Mafic enriched-mantle derived magmas (redwitzites) played a very important petrogenetic role. They likely provided not only the heat needed for the anatexis but also variably directly contributed material via magma mixing processes. The hybridization was particularly significant for the origin of the outer (OG) unit, which is rich in mafic microgranular enclaves and whose Sr is the least and Nd most radiogenic within the SCS.

- The main process for LG formation was probably the gas-driven filter pressing. This process occurs during the crystallization of intrusive igneous bodies in which the interstitial liquid is separated from the crystals by pressure. As crystals grow and accumulate in a magmatic body, a crystal mush may be formed, with the remaining liquid distributed in the interstices.

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