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43 **Introduction**

44 The Sardinia-Corsica batholith consists of a huge amount of crust-derived calc-
45 alkaline granitoid plutons and subordinate mantle-derived gabbroic complexes (Bralia et

46 al. 1982; Poli et al. 1989; Rossi and Cocherie 1991; Cocherie et al. 1994), emplaced in
47 upper-middle crustal levels during syn to post-collisional phase of the Variscan orogeny
48 (345-280 Ma; Cocherie et al. 2005 and references therein). Many petrological and
49 geochemical studies emphasized the dominant role of mixing between crustal and
50 mantle-derived melts for the origin of the Sardinia-Corsica batholith (Bralia et al. 1982;
51 Poli et al. 1989; Zorpi et al. 1991; Cocherie et al. 1994). A key role has been attributed to
52 magmatic differentiation (fractional crystallisation accompanied by assimilation of
53 crustal material) only for the origin of some igneous complexes in the south-eastern
54 sector of the Sardinia batholith (e.g. Secchi et al. 1991; Brotzu et al. 1993; Secchi and
55 D'Antonio 1996).

56 The involvement of mafic magmas in the genesis and evolution of the Sardinia-
57 Corsica batholith is testified by the occurrence of 1) (centimetre- to metre-sized) mafic
58 microgranular enclaves hosted by the main granitoid masses, and 2) intrusive mafic
59 bodies covering an area of a few km². Several studies on the magmatic microgranular
60 enclaves (MME) of the Sardinia-Corsica batholith have shown that they resulted from
61 mixing or mingling of mafic and crustal felsic magmas (e.g. Zorpi et al. 1989, 1991;
62 Renna et al. 2006). Consequently, the compositions of the magmatic enclaves and of their
63 host rock do not reflect the initial compositions of the two original components because
64 of hybridisation processes (e.g. Zorpi et al. 1989, 1991).

65 The intrusive mafic bodies, cropping out in few localities of the Sardinia-Corsica
66 batholith, can provide direct information on the type of mantle-derived inputs and
67 constraints on the mantle sources (e.g. Tommasini and Poli 1992; Brotzu et al. 1993). The
68 interaction between the intrusive mafic bodies and surrounding granitoid masses does not seem to have greatly affected
69 the bulk chemical composition of the mafic complexes (e.g. Tommasini and Poli 1992). **Whole-rock and**

70 mineral compositions show that these mafic intrusions are the least evolved lithotypes of
71 the entire Sardinia-Corsica batholith and, as such, they preserve the direct evidence for
72 the participation of potentially mantle derived magmas in forming the voluminous
73 Sardinia-Corsica batholith. Because of the relative rarity of mafic plutons in the Sardinia-
74 Corsica batholith, only a few studies have been done (Zorpi et al. 1991; Tommasini and
75 Poli 1992; Brotzu et al. 1993; Cocherie et al. 1994; Tommasini et al. 1995; Poli and
76 Tommasini 1999).

77 The purpose of this study is to investigate the mafic-felsic rock association of the
78 Solanas complex (Sàrrabus pluton, south-eastern part of Sardinia batholith), where the
79 mafic rocks are particularly abundant and well exposed. To understand the genetic link
80 among these rocks (which are fully described here for the first time), we carried out a
81 detailed field, petrographic, geochemical, and isotopic study. We use petrological,
82 chemical and isotopic data to (1) describe the systematic mineralogical and geochemical
83 variations of the whole suite, (2) constrain the sources of the mafic rocks, (3) characterize
84 the petrogenesis of the main rock types.

85

86 **Geological setting**

87 **The Sardinia basement**

88 Sardinia and Corsica represent a segment of the southern European Variscan chain,
89 originated by the collision between Gondwana and Armorican plates after the
90 consumption of Palaeotethys oceanic lithosphere (Carmignani et al. 1994; Rossi et al.
91 2009; Shaw and Johnston 2016). The Sardinia basement is subdivided into three
92 structural domains (Fig. 1a), showing an increase of metamorphic grade and deformation

93 intensity from SW to NE (Di Simplicio et al. 1974; Franceschelli et al. 1992; Rossi et al.
94 2009 and references therein): 1) the Foreland zone, showing the effects of very low grade
95 metamorphism; 2) the Nappe zone, including rock units metamorphosed to greenschist up
96 to amphibolite facies conditions, and 3) the Inner zone, which experienced medium- to
97 high-grade metamorphism.

98 The Foreland zone (i.e. the Sulcis-Iglesiente unit) consists of Cambrian to
99 Carboniferous epicontinental, terrigenous and carbonate successions, likely belonging to
100 the Gondwana continental passive margin (Oggiano et al. 2010), deformed and slightly
101 metamorphosed during Viséan deformation events, and forming the External fold and
102 thrust belt (Carmignani et al. 2015). The Nappe zone (Di Pisa et al. 1992; Carmignani et
103 al. 1994) is subdivided into External Nappes (from the Sàrrabus-Arburese unit to the
104 Meana Sardo unit) and Internal Nappes, including the Barbagia unit (Oggiano et al. 2010;
105 Carmignani et al. 2015). The Nappe zone units include extremely abundant volcanic
106 products, erupted during three main magmatic cycles from the Upper Cambrian to the
107 Ordovician-Silurian boundary (Beccaluva et al. 1981; Oggiano et al. 2010).

108 The Inner zone is subdivided in the Medium-grade and the High-grade metamorphic
109 complexes, separated by the so-called “Posada-Asinara Line” suture zone (Cappelli et al.
110 1992). South of the Posada-Asinara Line (Baronie, Southern Anglona, Nurra, Asinara
111 localities; Carmignani et al. 2015), the Medium-grade metamorphic complex is mainly
112 made up of orthogneisses and metapelites of amphibolite facies, with eclogitic relics
113 (Carmignani et al. 1994; Franceschelli et al. 2007; Cruciani et al. 2015). North of the
114 Posada-Asinara Line (Gallura, Northern Anglona, Asinara localities), the High-grade
115 metamorphic complex consists mainly of migmatites, and subordinately of orthogneisses

116 and metapelites affected by anatectic mobilization, as well as layered mafic-ultramafic
117 bodies recrystallised under granulitic facies conditions (Rossi et al. 2009).

118 During the post-collisional phases, characterized by collapse and exhumation of the
119 nappe edifice, the entire metamorphic basement was injected by calc-alkaline plutons
120 forming the Sardinia-Corsica batholith. The plutons were emplaced between 340 and 280
121 Ma (Orsini 1976; Rossi and Cocherie 1991; Paquette et al. 2003; Cocherie et al. 2005;
122 Gaggero et al. 2007) in late Variscan crustal shear zones between Gondwana and south-
123 western Europe (Edel 1980; Matte 2001; von Raumer et al. 2012), building a broadly N-S
124 oriented batholith discordant with the main tectonic lineaments (Fig. 1a). The earliest
125 plutonic intrusions are represented by high Mg-K calc-alkaline granites (U1; Casini et al.
126 2012, 2015), emplaced in north-western Corsica between 345 and 337 Ma in a
127 compressional regime (Rossi et al. 1988; Laporte et al. 1991; Paquette et al. 2003). A
128 second calc-alkaline intrusive magmatic period lasted from 322 to 285 Ma (U2; Del
129 Moro et al. 1975; Ferré and Leake 2001; Paquette et al. 2003; Oggiano et al. 2005, 2007;
130 Gaggero et al. 2007; Casini et al. 2012), beginning with the emplacement, during the
131 early stages of extension, of small per-aluminous granodioritic bodies in narrow strike-
132 slip shear zones located in northern Sardinia (Oggiano et al. 2007; Gébelin et al. 2009;
133 Casini et al. 2012). The peak of calc-alkaline plutonism occurred at 305 ± 4 Ma,
134 emplacing voluminous monzogranitic bodies in the entire Sardinia-Corsica basement
135 (Paquette et al. 2003). The last magmatic intrusions (U3), emplaced only in Corsica
136 between 290 and 260 Ma, consist of alkaline granites and subvolcanic bodies (Paquette et
137 al. 2003; Gaggero et al. 2007). Recent geological, petrological and geochronological
138 studies (Casini et al. 2012, 2015; Musumeci et al. 2015; Cuccuru et al. 2016; Conte et al.

139 2017; Naitza et al. 2017) identified two main post-orogenic magmatic peaks: 1) a pre-300
140 Ma Old Magmatic Peak (OMP), characterized by granodioritic and monzogranitic
141 plutons plus subordinate gabbro-tonalitic bodies, and 2) an Early Permian Younger
142 Magmatic Peak (YMP; 290-286 Ma), with mainly monzogranitic to leucogranitic
143 plutons.

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145 **The Sàrrabus pluton**

146 The Sàrrabus pluton (~400 km²) is a shallow igneous massif located in the frontal zone
147 of the Sardinia nappe edifice (south-eastern Sardinia; Fig. 1a). It is made up of several
148 intrusive units with high-K calc-alkaline affinity separated by sharp and discordant
149 contacts, with late-Variscan emplacement ages roughly decreasing northward. The
150 Sàrrabus igneous massif belongs to both main Sardinian post-collisional magmatic peaks
151 (OMP and YMP). The OMP rocks include two main intrusive units of granodioritic to
152 monzogranitic composition, with granodiorites cropping out mainly in the southern
153 sector, and monzogranites cropping out to the NE. All the OMP intrusives are crosscut by
154 small albite-rich monzosyenitic bodies (Brotzu et al. 1978; Pirinu et al. 1996) and by
155 widespread dike swarms of both mafic and felsic composition. The YMP intrusions
156 prevail in the northern sector of the Sàrrabus pluton, mainly represented by leucogranites
157 belonging to three distinctive suites based on their mafic and accessory phase budget
158 (GS1, GS2, GS3; Conte et al. 2017).

159 Available Rb-Sr radiometric data suggest an age of 311 ± 9 Ma for the Burcèi gabbro-
160 tonalites, whereas the Capo Carbonara granodiorites were dated to 301 ± 3 Ma (Brotzu et
161 al. 1993; Nicoletti et al. 1982). Peraluminous dikes in southern Sàrrabus show Rb-Sr age

162 of 293 ± 3 Ma (Ronca et al. 1999), while mafic dikes intruding the metamorphic
163 basement not far from northern Sàrrabus yielded a U/Pb zircon age of 302 ± 0.2 Ma
164 (Dack 2009).

165 Along the southern coastline, granodiorites typically include gabbro-tonalitic
166 complexes of sub kilometeric size near the Torre de su Fenugu, Solànas, Villasimius
167 (Franciosi 1999) and Capo Carbonara localities (Franciosi 1999; Poli and Tommasini
168 1999; Fig. 1b). The oldest intrusive body is the Burcei gabbro-tonalitic complex (Brotzu
169 et al. 1993) cropping out in the northern part of the Sàrrabus massif. The Burcei complex
170 is the main gabbro-tonalitic intrusion of the Sàrrabus area and of the entire Sardinian
171 batholith. It is a composite body made up of two main intrusions of quartz-gabbroic to
172 tonalitic composition in the southern part, and of granodioritic composition in the
173 northern part (Brotzu et al. 1993). These igneous rocks intrude the Palaeozoic basement
174 with sharp contacts and are dismembered by tardive monzogranites to leucogranites.

175 The Capo Carbonara complex was described by Poli and Tommasini (1999) as a
176 stratified mafic body showing mechanical interaction with the surrounding granitic
177 bodies. A more detailed investigation of the outcrop highlighted an outer massive
178 gabbroic to tonalitic zone grading to an inner magmatic breccia between fine-grained
179 hornblende gabbros and leucocratic tonalites, with more mafic gabbroic lithotypes
180 cropping out along the coastline (Franciosi 1999). Similarly, in the Torre de su Fenugu
181 gabbro-tonalitic body, fine-grained hornblende gabbros constitute a magmatic breccia
182 dispersed into a coarse-grained matrix ranging from hornblende biotite tonalites to
183 hornblende biotite granodiorites. Mafic fragments range from large syn-plutonic dikes to
184 sub-elliptical, slightly flattened enclaves of decimetric size (Franciosi 1999).

185 The Villasimius (Campu Longu) gabbroic complex is a sub-rounded mass composed
186 by medium- to fine-grained equigranular hornblende gabbros and tonalites including a
187 block of coarse-grained gabbroic rocks in its inner portion. The gabbro-tonalitic rocks
188 show a decrease of grain size at the contact with the surrounding granodiorites (Franciosi
189 1999).

190 The gabbro-tonalite-granodiorite complex cropping out in the Solanas area shows the
191 largest variety of mafic rocks of the southern Sàrrabus. All lithotypes will be described in
192 detail in the following paragraph.

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194 **The Solanas complex**

195 **Field and analytical work**

196 The Solanas complex covers an area of $\sim 0.4 \text{ km}^2$ (Fig. 1c). On the basis of field
197 relationships, six igneous bodies have been recognized. Equigranular medium-grained
198 quartz gabbros crop out to the East of Porto Murrone and toward Nord. To the East (Porto
199 Murrone area), quartz gabbros show a decrease in grain size at the contact with strongly
200 foliated tonalitic to quartz dioritic rocks. Olivine gabbro-norites and amphibole gabbros
201 are located along the coastline (North of Cabu Oi; Franciosi 1999; Fig. 1c). Medium-
202 grained amphibole granodiorites crop out in the southernmost area. They show moderate
203 magmatic foliation and are enriched in microgranular enclaves (Fig. 2a). Moving towards
204 the contact with tonalites, the granodiorites develop a porphyroid, more leucocratic,
205 border facies with biotite as the only mafic phase. The granodiorites occurring in the
206 northern part are essentially biotite granodiorites.

207 Along the main road and towards North, the outcropping rocks are represented by

208 microgranular amphibole-biotite gabbros (hereafter referred to as microgabbros). The
209 contact with tonalites and quartz diorites shows different rheological styles, being
210 commonly quite sharp, but locally showing the evidence of mechanical interaction. The
211 contact along the main road is characterized by a magmatic breccia (Fig. 2b) with sub-
212 angular to slightly rounded decimetric to metric blocks of microgabbros within the
213 tonalite. Towards the North, in the Porto Murrone area, the interaction between the two
214 rock types results in the development of “pillow-like” structures (Fig. 2c) consisting of
215 blobs of microgabbro within a tonalitic-quartz dioritic host rock. Large plagioclase
216 crystals can be commonly recognized within the microgabbro blobs, giving them a sort of
217 porphyritic-like appearance. These plagioclase crystals have the same size as those
218 occurring in the tonalitic-quartz dioritic host (Fig. 2d). All the intrusive bodies of the
219 Solanas gabbro-tonalitic complex, as well as the surrounding host leucocratic
220 granodiorites, are crosscut by swarms of both mafic and felsic dikes.

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222 **Analytical techniques**

223 The collected Solanas samples were processed and analysed for petrochemical
224 characterization at the Dipartimento di Scienze della Terra, dell’Ambiente e delle Risorse
225 (DiSTAR), Università degli Studi di Napoli Federico II. Samples were first cut with a
226 diamond blade saw and then ground in a steel jaw crusher. Rock slabs were used for the
227 preparation of rock thin sections subjected to petrographic investigations at the polarizing
228 microscope. Modal analysis was performed on rock samples by point counting using the
229 Leica QwinPlus software image analysis (1500 points for each thin section). Rock chips
230 were washed in distilled water, hand-picked under a binocular microscope to remove any

231 sign of either alteration or presence of xenolithic material, and powdered in an ultrapure
232 agate mill. Four grams of rock powder for each sample (mixed with 1 ml of Polyvinyl
233 alcohol solution) were used to prepare pressed powder pellets (at 20 tons/cm² for 20 s),
234 analysed for major and trace elements concentrations with an Axios Panalytical X-ray
235 fluorescence (XRF) spectrometer at DiSTAR. The spectrometer is equipped with six
236 analyser crystals, three primary collimators and two detectors (flow counter and
237 scintillator), operating at different kV and mA for each analyte. Analytical uncertainties
238 are in the order of 1-2% for major elements and 5-10% for trace elements. The weight
239 loss on ignition (LOI) was obtained with standard thermogravimetric techniques, firing at
240 1000 °C small aliquots of powders pre-dried at 110 °C overnight.

241 Additional bulk-rock compositional data on a subset of samples were obtained through
242 Inductively-Coupled Optical Emission Spectrometry (ICP-OES) and Inductively-Coupled
243 Plasma Mass Spectrometry (ICP-MS) at Actlabs (Canada). Samples were mixed with a
244 flux of lithium metaborate and lithium tetraborate and fused in an induction furnace. The
245 melt was immediately poured into a solution of 5% nitric acid containing an internal
246 standard and mixed continuously until completely dissolved (~30 minutes). The samples
247 were analysed for major oxides and selected trace elements (Ba, Be, Sc, Sr, V, Y and Zr)
248 by Thermo Jarrell-Ash ENVIRO II or a Varian Vista 735 ICP optical spectrometer.
249 Calibration was performed using 7 prepared USGS and CANMET certified reference
250 materials. Fused samples were diluted and analysed by Perkin Elmer Sciex ELAN 6000,
251 6100 or 9000 ICP-MS for other trace elements (Cr, Co, Ni, Cu, Zn, Ga, Ge, As, Rb, Nb,
252 Mo, Ag, In, Sn, Sb, Cs, La, Ce, Pr, Nd, Sm, Eu, Gd, Tb, Dy, Ho, Er, Tm, Yb, Lu, Hf, Ta,
253 W, Tl, Pb, Bi, Th and U). Three blanks and five standards (three before the sample group

254 and two after) were analysed per group of samples. Duplicates were fused and analysed
255 every 15 samples.

256 Representative analyses of the mineral phases (on polished thin sections) were
257 obtained using a microanalysis unit equipped with an INCA X-act detector and a JEOL
258 JSM-5310 Scanning Electron Microscope (SEM) in Energy-Dispersive Spectrometry
259 (EDS) at DiSTAR. The standard operating conditions included a primary beam voltage of
260 15 kV, filament current of 50-100 μ A and variable spot size from 30,000 to 200,000 \times
261 magnification, 20 mm WD. Measurements were taken with an INCA X-stream pulse
262 processor and elaborated with the Energy[®] software by Jeol. Energy[®] uses the XPP
263 matrix correction scheme developed by Pouchou and Pichoir (1988) and the pulse pile-up
264 correction. The quant optimization is carried out using cobalt (FWHM-full width at half
265 maximum peak height-of the strobed zero = 60–65 eV). The following standards were
266 used for calibration: diopside (Ca), San Carlos olivine (Mg), anorthoclase (Al, Si), albite
267 (Na), rutile (Ti), fayalite (Fe), Cr₂O₃ (Cr), rhodonite (Mn), orthoclase (K), apatite (P),
268 fluorite (F), barite (Ba), strontianite (Sr), zircon (Zr, Hf), synthetic Smithsonian
269 orthophosphates (REE, Y, Sc), pure vanadium, niobium and tantalum (V, Nb, Ta),
270 Corning glass (Th and U), sphalerite (S, Zn), galena (Pb), sodium chloride (Cl) and
271 pollucite (Cs). The K α , L α , or M α lines were used for calibration, according to the
272 element. Backscattered electron (BSE) images were obtained with the same instrument.

273 Whole-rock Sr and Nd isotope analyses were determined at the Geochronological
274 Research Center of the University of São Paulo using conventional ion exchange
275 chromatography combined with thermal ionization mass spectrometry (TIMS) following
276 the analytical procedures published in Souza (2009) and Petronilho (2009). The Sr and

277 Nd isotope ratios were normalized to $^{86}\text{Sr}/^{88}\text{Sr} = 0.1194$ and $^{146}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd} = 0.7219$,
278 respectively, for in-run isotopic fractionation correction. The blanks for Sr are 110 pg.
279 The blanks for Nd are 150 pg. The accuracy of measurements was checked against the
280 NBS987 standard for Sr isotopic ratios ($^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr} = 0.710236 \pm 0.000020$, $n = 20$), and
281 JNdi-1 standard for Nd isotopic ratios ($^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd} = 0.512090 \pm 0.000008$, $n = 24$).

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283 **Results**

284 **Petrography**

285 The igneous rock samples of this study were collected from the best exposures of
286 representative igneous bodies and facies of the Solanas complex. On the basis of
287 petrography and modal classification (Streckeisen 1976; Fig. 3), the Solanas rocks are
288 classified as olivine gabbronorites (oGb), amphibole gabbros (aGb), microgabbros
289 (mGb), quartz diorites (QD), tonalites (TN), plagiogranites (plG), amphibole-
290 granodiorites (aGd) and biotite-granodiorites (btGd). The main textural and mineralogical
291 features of each rock type are described below (and briefly summarized in supplementary
292 Table S1).

293 The quartz gabbros (described in section 3; Fig. 1c) have been excluded from this
294 study because of their deep alteration status.

295 *Olivine gabbronorites* (oGb; GLR33,34,36, L45,46) are medium-grained rocks mainly
296 consisting of plagioclase, olivine, clinopyroxene, amphibole, orthopyroxene and rare
297 interstitial brown mica (sample L45). Apatite and pyrite are common accessory phases
298 and occur as small grains enclosed in amphibole crystals. Chromium-rich spinel occurs as
299 inclusions in olivine. Plagioclase (modal abundances ~40-45 vol.%) occurs generally as

300 randomly-oriented euhedral to subhedral lath-shaped cumulus crystals varying from ~0.5
301 to ~2.5 mm in length. Olivine (~15 vol%) occurs as cumulus grains, generally altered to
302 iddingsite along fracture surfaces. Clinopyroxene (~15-20 vol%) occurs as subhedral to
303 anhedral crystals, varying from ~0.5 to ~2 mm in width. In sample GLR36, relics of
304 clinopyroxene are enclosed in pale green to brownish amphibole grains. Amphibole (~10-
305 15 vol%) occurs generally as large oikocrysts enclosing small plagioclase, pyroxene and
306 olivine crystals (Fig. 4a). Orthopyroxene (~15 vol%) occurs as subhedral to anhedral
307 crystals and sometimes poikilitically enclosing olivine grains. The crystallisation
308 sequence that led to development of olivine gabbro rocks can be inferred as
309 follows: olivine → plagioclase → clinopyroxene + orthopyroxene → amphibole.

310 Many oGb samples are visibly altered in hand specimen and under the microscope.
311 Crystals of olivine, plagioclase, pyroxene and amphibole appear partially or completely
312 replaced by serpentine, albite, clinozoisite, epidote, chlorite and secondary amphibole.

313 *Amphibole gabbros* (aGb; GLR35,37,38, L44,47) are medium-grained rocks, and
314 consist mainly of plagioclase and amphibole. Plagioclase (~60 vol%) occurs mainly as
315 large euhedral to subhedral cumulus crystals showing a peculiar internal structure with
316 complex zoning (Fig. 4b; supplementary Fig. S1) and occasionally enclosing small pale
317 green amphiboles, whereas small plagioclase grains are in turn enclosed by large
318 amphibole crystals. Amphibole (~40 vol%) is mainly subhedral and weakly coloured in
319 thin section, less commonly displaying anhedral habitus and enclosing small plagioclase
320 grains. Clinopyroxene occurs only as relics in large amphibole crystals, showing a
321 characteristic sieve-like texture in which, the resorbed zones are filled with amphibole.
322 Quartz (<5 vol%) is anhedral and occupies the interstices between plagioclase and

323 amphibole grains, suggesting late crystallisation. Accessory minerals include apatite,
324 mica, pyrite, titanite and zircon. Hydrothermal alteration has been locally intense,
325 converting primary amphibole to mixtures of secondary amphiboles, and plagioclase to
326 clinozoisite and epidote.

327 *Microgabbros* (mGb; L7,8,10,11,12,30,31,53,71) are fine-grained rocks with
328 hypidiomorphic texture (Fig. 4c) consisting of plagioclase (~40 vol%), amphibole (~35
329 vol%), biotite (15-20 vol%) and small amounts of quartz (5 vol%). Elongated crystals
330 (mainly plagioclase and amphibole) are occasionally iso-oriented, defining a fluidal
331 texture. Plagioclase crystals are euhedral to subhedral and mainly show elongated
332 habitus. Amphibole occurs as euhedral to subhedral green crystals, sometimes showing a
333 pale-coloured core. Biotite crystals are subhedral to anhedral and typically interstitial
334 between plagioclase and amphibole. Quartz is always anhedral and occurs in interstitial
335 position. Accessory phases are opaque oxides (mainly as inclusions in amphiboles),
336 acicular apatite (in plagioclase) and rare zircons. The inferred crystallisation sequence is
337 plagioclase → plagioclase + amphibole → biotite → quartz.

338 As previously mentioned in the field description section, mGb develop a porphyritic-
339 like texture close to the contact with dioritic-tonalitic rocks. In thin section, the
340 “porphyritic” samples show large crystals of plagioclase, some of which displaying
341 patch-zoned texture (Fig. 4d; supplementary Fig. S1) and, in minor amounts, of biotite
342 and hornblende.

343 *Quartz-diorites* (QD; GLR16, L14,57,70) and *tonalites* (TN: GLR42,
344 L15,28,32,33,51,79,80,91) are medium-grained rocks with hypidiomorphic texture made
345 up of plagioclase, amphibole, biotite and quartz. They are petrographically very similar to

346 each other, differing only for the modes of quartz and amphibole, and for the occurrence
347 of small amount of clinopyroxene and orthopyroxene in some QD (L57,70). It is
348 noteworthy that the samples classified as QD are those collected closer to the contact
349 with mGb. Plagioclase (50-60 vol%) occurs mainly as large laths, similar to those
350 observed in the “porphyritic” microgabbros. Patchy zoned plagioclase grains also occur.
351 Amphibole (15-20 vol%) is rarely represented by euhedral crystals, more frequently
352 occurring as subhedral to anhedral crystals often enclosing biotite and apatite grains (Fig.
353 4e). The biotite (10-15 vol%) occurs mainly as subhedral to anhedral crystals and, more
354 rarely, as interstitial phase. Anhedral quartz (10-20 vol%) is always in interstitial
355 position. Minor amounts of anhedral alkali feldspar are locally present. Accessory
356 minerals are represented by apatite, ubiquitously included in all the observed main
357 phases, and zircon inclusions in plagioclase and biotite. Titanite, ilmenite and epidote are
358 more frequent in the tonalite rocks. In the northern area of the Solanas complex, tonalites
359 with microgranular texture (e.g. L28) have been also observed. The crystallisation
360 sequence can be inferred as: plagioclase → plagioclase + amphibole → amphibole +
361 biotite → biotite → quartz.

362 *Plagiogranites* (Trondhjemites, plG; L16,55) are holocrystalline, medium-grained
363 with a hypidiomorphic-heterogranular texture made up of plagioclase, quartz, biotite, rare
364 amphibole and orthopyroxene (Fig. 4f). As in QD and TN, plagioclase (~50 vol%) occurs
365 as large fractured laths, as well as in smaller euhedral to subhedral crystals. Quartz is
366 more abundant (~30 vol%) than in tonalites and is represented by large anhedral crystals
367 and small interstitial grains. Quartz is also observed in the fractures of plagioclase laths.
368 Mafic minerals do not exceed 15 vol% and are mainly represented by biotite, occurring

369 as subhedral to anhedral plates that often form clusters with accessory anhedral
370 orthopyroxene (<5 vol%). Amphibole is very rare and occurs exclusively around the
371 edges of orthopyroxene crystals. Accessory minerals include small apatite grains and
372 opaque oxides included in the mafic phases.

373 *Amphibole-granodiorites* (aGd; GRL32,41, L13,52,54) are hypidiomorphic, rarely
374 (weakly) porphyroid, medium-grained rocks consisting of plagioclase, quartz, alkali
375 feldspar, amphibole and biotite (Fig. 4g). Plagioclase (~45 vol%) occurs as slightly zoned
376 euhedral to subhedral crystals. In the porphyroid samples, fractured laths of plagioclase
377 similar to those of tonalitic rocks, are occasionally observed. Alkali feldspar (~15 vol%)
378 is represented by subhedral microcline crystals, rarely occurring as an interstitial phase
379 together with quartz. The latter (25-30 vol%) is typically anhedral and often occupies the
380 interstices between plagioclase laths. Mafic minerals make up about 10-15 vol.% of the
381 rock, mainly consisting of subhedral green amphibole crystals, occasionally forming
382 cluster with biotite. A leucocratic border-facies is also observed in the main granodioritic
383 outcrop (i.e. sample L81), consisting of an amphibole-free heterogranular rock with alkali
384 feldspar contents up to 25 vol%, very similar to the host biotite-granodiorite (see below).
385 The main accessory minerals of aGd are apatite, zircon, ilmenite and minor titanite,
386 typically observed in the mafic clusters. The inferred crystallisation sequence is:
387 plagioclase + amphibole → amphibole + biotite → alkali-feldspar → quartz.

388 *Biotite-granodiorites* (btGd; GRL10, L27,81) are heterogranular hypidiomorphic
389 rocks made up of plagioclase, quartz, alkali-feldspar and biotite (Fig. 4h). Very rare
390 amphibole does not exceed 2% by volume. Plagioclase (~35 vol%) occurs as euhedral to
391 subhedral unzoned crystals. Alkali feldspar (20 vol.%) occurs as subhedral to anhedral

392 microcline crystals, occasionally crystallised in interstitial position together with quartz.
393 The latter (~35 vol%) is represented by anhedral crystals of variable size. Biotite is
394 always subhedral to anhedral and never exceeds 10 vol.%. Common accessory minerals
395 are apatite, titanite and zircon, both as small inclusion in biotite crystals. The inferred
396 crystallisation sequence is: plagioclase → biotite → alkali feldspar → quartz.

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398 **Mineral chemistry**

399 *Olivine* occurs only in the fresh oGb (e.g. samples GLR36 and L45). The forsterite
400 content ranges from Fo₆₈ to Fo₇₅ [Fo = Mg*100/(Mg+Fe); supplementary Table S2; Fig.
401 5a]. The MnO ranges from below detection limits (b.d.l.) to 0.013 apfu (atoms per
402 formula unit), whereas NiO is highly variable and ranges from below detection limit to
403 0.012 apfu.

404 *Orthopyroxene* in the oGb shows a restricted range of composition from Ca₁Mg₇₅Fe₂₄ to
405 Ca₃Mg₆₈Fe₂₉ [Mg# = 70-76, where Mg# = 100*Mg/(Mg+Fe); supplementary Table S3;
406 Fig. 5b]. The Al₂O₃ and MnO contents range up to 0.106 apfu and 0.017 apfu,
407 respectively. Cr₂O₃ content is low (<0.007 apfu). Ca-poor pyroxene (Ca₃₋₁₀Mg₃₇₋₄₆Fe₅₀₋₅₉;
408 Mg# = 38-48) is present also in the QD (L57, L70) and plG (L55), displaying Al₂O₃
409 contents of 0.086-0.173 apfu.

410 The orthopyroxene in Solanas oGb has higher Mg# (70-76) with respect to the
411 orthopyroxene found in the Burcei gabbro-tonalites (Mg# = 66-50; Brotzu et al. 1993).
412 Few corroded cores and xenocrysts observed in the Burcei gabbro-tonalites display
413 higher Mg# (78-88; Fig. 5b).

414 *Clinopyroxene* in the oGb is diopside and Ca-rich augite ($\text{Ca}_{40-48}\text{Mg}_{43-47}\text{Fe}_{9-13}$)
415 (supplementary Table S3; Fig. 5b). Al_2O_3 content ranges widely from 0.031 apfu to 0.213
416 apfu. TiO_2 content ranges from b.d.l. to 0.021 apfu. Clinopyroxenes from aGb are diopside
417 ($\text{Ca}_{47-49}\text{Mg}_{38-41}\text{Fe}_{12-13}$) (supplementary Table S3; Fig. 5b). They contain low Al_2O_3
418 (0.027-0.059 apfu) and TiO_2 (up to 0.007 apfu) concentrations, respectively.
419 Clinopyroxenes of the oGb have higher Mg# (78-86) than clinopyroxenes of aGb (Mg# =
420 75-78) and Burcei gabbro-tonalites (Mg# = 54-64; Fig. 5b).

421 *Spinel* occurs as inclusions in the olivine of the oGb. Two kinds of spinels have been
422 observed: (1) magmatic Al-spinels ($\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3 = 6.593-8.945$ apfu; $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_3 = 4.688-5.263$ apfu;
423 supplementary Table S4), and (2) hydrothermally altered “ferritic-chromitic” spinels
424 ($\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3 = 0.255-1.432$ apfu; $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_3 = 4.067-5.289$ apfu; supplementary Table S4).

425 *Fe-Ti oxides* are relatively rare in Solanas rocks, never exceeding accessory
426 abundances. Magnetite has been observed only in the oGb. Ilmenite occurs in the mGb,
427 QD TN and btGd. It has low Al_2O_3 and MgO contents (supplementary Table S5).

428 *Amphibole* is present in almost all Solanas rocks; all the analysed crystals are calcic
429 amphiboles ($\text{Ca}_B > 1.5$) according to the nomenclature of Leake et al. (1997)
430 (supplementary Table S6; Fig. 5c). The dominant amphibole in the oGb is magnesio-
431 hornblende (Mg# = 66-80) and magnesio-hastingsite (Mg# = 70-75). Primary amphibole
432 in the aGb and mGb is magnesio-hornblende (aGb, Mg# = 49-68; mGb, Mg# = 48-55).
433 Amphibole in the QD, TN, aGd and btGd is mainly ferro-hornblende (Mg# = 39-42). All
434 amphiboles have low F and Cl contents (supplementary Table S6). Secondary
435 amphiboles, ranging in composition from actinolitic hornblende to actinolite, indicate
436 sub-solidus alteration of the primary magmatic assemblage.

437 *Plagioclase* compositions from the studied samples span a wide range of compositions
438 (supplementary Table S7; Fig. 6a). It forms complex zoned grains accompanied by
439 compositional difference in anorthite content in all Solanas rocks. The cumulus grains in
440 the oGb and aGb are An-rich, typically varying from An₈₉ to An₇₆. An-poor compositions
441 (An₅₃ to An₂₈) are found in plagioclase with patchy zoning texture and in the interstitial
442 phases. Plagioclase in the mGb ranges from bytownite (An₈₄) to andesine (An₄₄). Large
443 plagioclase crystals with patchy zoning texture have an irregular or chequerboard, central
444 (often) corroded core characterized by coalescence of An-rich and An-poor portions
445 (supplementary Fig. S1). Plagioclase in QD, TN, plG and aGd, is andesine (An₃₁₋₄₆). The
446 most evolved compositions (An₂₆₋₃₉) are found in the btGd.

447 *Alkali feldspar* from aGd and btGd varies in composition from An₀Ab₁₄Or₈₆ to
448 An₀Ab₅Or₉₅. Alkali feldspar is rare in the QD and TN and shows a similar compositional
449 range (Fig. 6a).

450 *Mica* occurs in almost all Solanas rocks. Micas from oGb are phlogopites (Mg# = 67-
451 77; supplementary Table S8; Fig. 6b). Those from mGb, QD, TN, aGd and btGd are
452 biotites (Mg# = 31-48). Among them, the biotites from mGb are the most magnesian
453 (Mg# = 45-48). F and Cl contents are low, similar to the values reported for the
454 amphiboles (supplementary Table S8).

455 *Apatite* (41.8-44.2 wt.% P₂O₅, 53.3-55.6 wt% CaO; 0.4-3.6 wt% F; supplementary
456 Table S9) occurs mainly as inclusions in plagioclase, amphibole and mica, suggesting
457 early crystallisation. It is present in all rock types, but is especially abundant in the TN,
458 aGd and btGd.

459 *Titanite* is ubiquitous and particularly abundant in the TN, aGd and btGd. Its major-
460 element composition is homogeneous in all rock types (supplementary Table S10).

461 *Zircon* is ubiquitous as tiny grains in TN, aGd and btGd). It contains up to 4.9 wt.%
462 HfO₂ (supplementary Table S10).

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464 **Whole-rock geochemistry**

465 **Classification and major- and trace element concentrations**

466 The investigated Solanas rocks display a chemical composition that is very coherent
467 with the recognized lithotype groupings (Fig. 7). The gabbroic samples fall mostly in the
468 (subalkaline) basalt field of the TAS diagram (Fig. 7a), except for few slightly alkali-
469 richer or silica-rich outliers from the mGb group. The mGb have significantly higher
470 sum of alkalis (i.e. 3.23-5.07 wt.%) with respect to both aGb (1.91-3.10 wt.%) and oGb
471 (1.13-1.70 wt.%) samples.

472 The TN, plG, aGd and btGd are metaluminous to weakly peraluminous ($A/CNK =$
473 $0.83-1.09$; $A/CNK = \text{mol. Al}_2\text{O}_3/(\text{CaO}+\text{Na}_2\text{O}+\text{K}_2\text{O})$). The QD and TN samples fall
474 respectively in the fields for basaltic andesite and andesite rocks, defining a quite linear
475 increase in both silica and total alkali contents (4.25-6.21 and 4.99-6.44 wt%,
476 respectively). This is also true for the more evolved aGd ($\text{SiO}_2 = 65.2-73.6$ wt%,
477 $\text{Na}_2\text{O}+\text{K}_2\text{O} = 6.25-7.81$ wt%) and btGd ($\text{SiO}_2 = 67.9-72.4$ wt%, $\text{Na}_2\text{O}+\text{K}_2\text{O} = 7.45-8.84$
478 wt%) samples, showing a dacite/rhyolite composition. The two plG deviate quite
479 evidently from such general trend, showing a remarkably alkali-poorer ($\text{Na}_2\text{O}+\text{K}_2\text{O} =$
480 $4.32-5.84$ wt%) dacite composition with respect to the aGd samples at similar SiO₂
481 contents (i.e. ~65 wt%). Except for the K-poorer oGb, aGb and plG, and for very few

482 outliers, the investigated Solanas samples depict a well-defined high-K calcalkaline series
483 (Fig. 7b). When compared with rocks from other gabbroic complexes from the Sàrrabus
484 area (i.e. Capo Carbonara, and Burcei) and from the northern Sardinia batholith (Punta
485 Falcone), the Solanas rocks show a remarkably similar compositional spectrum extended
486 to even more evolved rock types. The composition of the basic/intermediate lithotypes is
487 also consistent with that of the basic/intermediate dykes crosscutting the entire Sàrrabus
488 pluton.

489 Major elements Harker-type binary diagrams are basically in line with the previous
490 observations, with both the oGb and aGb samples defining distinctive compositional
491 groups (Table 1, Fig. 8). Rocks from the oGb group have the highest MgO (12.2-15.9
492 wt%) and CaO (11.2-13.0 wt%) and the lowest SiO₂ (46.3-49.2 wt%), Na₂O (0.77-0.96
493 wt%), K₂O (0.36-0.90 wt.%) and P₂O₅ (<0.08 wt%) of the entire dataset, coupled with
494 relatively low TiO₂ and Al₂O₃ (0.31-0.37 and 13.2-15.8 wt%, respectively, comparable
495 with values for the most evolved lithotypes). With respect to the latter, aGb rocks have
496 lower MgO (6.24-8.35 wt%) and CaO (11.9-12.5 wt%) and higher SiO₂ (49.2-51.0 wt%),
497 Na₂O (1.19-2.13 wt.%), K₂O (0.56-1.07 wt%) and P₂O₅ (0.07-0.15 wt%), coupled with
498 slightly higher TiO₂ (0.45-0.54 wt.%, still unusually low for such Mg-rich compositions),
499 low Fe₂O_{3t} (6.16-6.96 wt%) and the highest Al₂O₃ (19.1-21.5 wt%). All other Solanas
500 rock samples depict quite regular differentiation trends of decreasing TiO₂ (0.24-1.74
501 wt%), Fe₂O_{3t} (1.88-12.0 wt%), MgO (0.63-6.84 wt%) and CaO (1.84-11.0 wt%) and
502 increasing SiO₂ (47.2-73.7 wt%), and K₂O (1.30-6.66 wt%), moving from mGb to QD
503 and TN, up to the more evolved aGd, plG (occasionally deviating, e.g. see their very low
504 K₂O = 1.13-2.09 wt.%) and btGd rock groups, each showing relatively homogeneous

505 composition. The variation trends for Al_2O_3 and Na_2O are relatively more scattered, the
506 first defining an overall increase, while the second first increasing then decreasing. The
507 major element compositional trends of such rock samples (mGb, QD, TN, plG, aGd and
508 btGd) is basically in line with that of the rocks from the Capo Carbonara and Punta
509 Falcone complexes. The rocks from the Burcei complex also fall within such
510 compositional field, though showing a more restricted range of intermediate-evolved
511 lithotypes (e.g. $\text{SiO}_2 = 57.3\text{-}66.7$ wt%, $\text{MgO} = 1.23\text{-}4.59$ wt%, $\text{CaO} = 3.24\text{-}7.55$ wt%,
512 $\text{K}_2\text{O} = 1.98\text{-}4.24$ wt%), basically consistent with that covered by the Solanas TN, plG and
513 aGd. The composition of the basic/intermediate dykes intruding the Sàrrabus pluton is on
514 the whole comparable to that of the Solanas mGb (except for slightly higher MgO, up to
515 $7.86\text{-}9.90$ wt%), although some data scattering is also evident (likely ascribable to their
516 weak preservation status, i.e. LOI frequently >3 wt% and up to $4.75\text{-}6.24$ wt%).

517 Trace elements variation trends are definitely much more scattered, although, on the
518 whole, in line with those defined by major elements (Table 2, Fig. 9). Samples from the
519 oGb group are distinctively separated from all the others due to their much higher Ni (22-
520 47 ppm) and Cr (465-820 ppm), and their low V (106-138 ppm), Y (4-14 ppm), Nb (<3
521 ppm) and Zr (29-54 ppm), comparable with, or even lower than, those for the more
522 evolved Solanas rocks. Rocks from the aGb group also have relatively high Cr (75-240
523 ppm) and unusually low Y (4-17 ppm), Nb (bdl) and Zr (46-83 ppm), coupled with the
524 highest Sr concentrations observed for the entire dataset (462-548 ppm). As for the
525 remaining lithotypes, the following general variation trends can be envisaged: 1)
526 decreasing Sr (from 290-373 to 112-247 ppm), Ni (6-14 to <9 ppm), Cr (21-76 to <29
527 ppm), Sc (38-51 to <21 ppm), V (193-286 to 33-121 ppm) and Y (32-66 to 8-41 ppm); 2)

528 increasing Rb (33-75 to 85-158 ppm); 3) Ba firstly increasing (from 412 to 1117 ppm at
529 MgO ~3 wt%), then decreasing down to 528 ppm. Some major deviations are represented
530 by three extremely Ba-rich aGd and btGd samples (Ba = 1614-1891 ppm), three QD and
531 plG sample L55 with Sr up to 364-379 ppm, and one plG sample with Rb down to 34
532 ppm. Trace elements data for the rocks from Capo Carbonara, Punta Falcone and Burcei
533 are on the whole again in line with those of the Solanas rocks, except for the oGb and
534 aGb rock groups. The most evident differences are represented by the higher Ni (52-170
535 ppm) and Cr (342-823 ppm) contents of some Capo Carbonara samples and by the higher
536 V (325-836 ppm) and lower Zr (58-117 ppm) of some Punta Falcone rocks. The Sàrrabus
537 dykes are again very similar to the Solanas mGb although include lithotypes with
538 significantly higher Ni and Cr (respectively 66-200 and 144-518 ppm) and slightly lower
539 Nb and Zr.

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541 **Chondrite- and primitive mantle-normalized multi-element** 542 **diagrams**

543 Normalized multi-element “spider-diagrams” for the investigated Solanas rocks are
544 reported in Figs. 10 and 11. Among gabbro samples, oGb and aGb are the least enriched
545 (chondrite-normalized abundances below 25 and 50, respectively), with slight Light to
546 Heavy Rare Earth Elements enrichment (LREE/HREE, e.g. $La_N/Yb_N = 4.38$ and 5.89 ,
547 respectively), small Eu trough [$Eu/Eu^* = Eu/(Sm*Gd)^{1/2} = 0.88$ and 0.96 , respectively]
548 and relatively flat patterns in the MREE and HREE region (e.g. $Dy_N/Lu_N = 1.27$ and 1.19 ,
549 respectively; Fig. 10a). The mGb rocks display very similar subparallel patterns which
550 are more enriched (~125 times chondritic values) and have a much more evident Eu

551 trough ($\text{Eu}/\text{Eu}^* = 0.62\text{-}0.68$) with respect to oGb and aGb rocks. In primitive mantle-
552 normalized plots (Fig. 11a) all the gabbro samples have subparallel patterns with marked
553 peaks at Large Ion Lithophile Elements (LILE; e.g. Cs, Rb, Ba) and Pb, and troughs at
554 High Field Strength Elements (HFSE; Nb, Ta and Ti), similar to those for typical
555 subduction-related magmas and for the average subducting sediments (i.e. the GLObal
556 Subducting Sediments GLOSS-2 estimate). The oGb and aGb rocks have the lowest
557 normalized abundances and display also some evident peak at Sr, not featured by mGb
558 samples. The chondrite-normalized multi-element patterns displayed by the gabbroic
559 samples from Capo Carbonara and Punta Falcone basically cover the same compositional
560 spectrum defined by the Solanas gabbro samples and display the same peculiar GLOSS-
561 2-like fingerprint (Figs. 10d,e, and 11d,e). The same can be said for the Sàrrabus dykes,
562 which include also some more enriched intermediate compositions (e.g. with LREE up to
563 ~300-800 times chondritic abundances; Figs. 10f and 11f).

564 Intermediate samples of the QD and TN groups include both rocks with very peculiar
565 chondrite- (Ch) and primitive mantle-normalized (PM) patterns as well as rocks strongly
566 resembling mGb samples (Figs. 10b and 11b). The latter have only slightly higher (or
567 even lower) normalized abundances for the most incompatible elements with respect to
568 the less evolved mGb, as well as slightly higher LREE/HREE ($\text{La}_N/\text{Yb}_N = 7.51\text{-}15.8$),
569 similar or slightly smaller Eu troughs ($\text{Eu}/\text{Eu}^* = 0.61\text{-}0.87$), and comparable LILE/HFSE
570 enrichment and MREE-HREE flat patterns, with respect to the former. Extremely similar
571 patterns are also observed for the rocks from the Burcei complex (Figs. 10f and 11f). On
572 the other hand, QD sample L57 and TN sample L15 have generally lower normalized
573 abundances (i.e. below 100 times chondritic values for the most incompatible elements),

574 coupled with evident Eu peaks ($\text{Eu}/\text{Eu}^* = 1.86\text{-}1.88$) and low MREE/HREE (e.g.
575 $\text{Dy}_\text{N}/\text{Lu}_\text{N} = 0.79\text{-}1.05$).

576 The strongly evolved Solanas rocks also display quite variable normalized patterns
577 (Figs. 10c and 11c). The patterns for L13 aGd and L27 btGd samples are similar to those
578 for mGb rocks, with slightly higher incompatible element abundances and deeper Eu
579 troughs ($\text{Eu}/\text{Eu}^* = 0.54\text{-}0.66$). The L55 plG sample is quite similar to the above
580 “anomalous” QD and TN samples, with very low normalized abundances ($<60 \times \text{Ch}$), a
581 strong Eu peak ($\text{Eu}/\text{Eu}^* = 3.80$) and a marked MREE/HREE depletion ($\text{Dy}_\text{N}/\text{Lu}_\text{N} = 0.64$).
582 Similar patterns can be observed also for L16 plG and L81 aGd samples, though with
583 smaller Eu peaks ($\text{Eu}/\text{Eu}^* = 1.30$ and 1.40 , respectively) and less pronounced
584 MREE/HREE depletion ($\text{Dy}_\text{N}/\text{Lu}_\text{N} = 1.00$ and 0.92 , respectively).

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586 **Sr-Nd isotope systematics**

587 Most of the investigated rock samples from the Solanas complex have a quite
588 homogenous composition in terms of initial Sr and Nd isotope ratios. The Rb-Sr three-
589 point (biotite, amphibole and whole-rock) isochron on a QD sample (GLR16) yielded an
590 age of 299.6 ± 0.3 Ma (mean square of weighted deviates; $\text{MSWD} = 3.2$; Franciosi 1999;
591 supplementary Fig. S2). This age is similar (within error) to Rb-Sr ages reported by
592 Brotzu et al. (1983) for Burcei (311 ± 9 Ma) and Nicoletti et al. (1982) for Capo
593 Carbonara plutons (301 ± 3 Ma). In absence of high-precision age determinations for
594 Solanas igneous rocks, we corrected Nd-Sr isotopes to an age of 300 Ma (Table 2, Fig.
595 12). The $(^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr})_i$ values are remarkably radiogenic, spanning the $0.70882\text{-}0.70933$
596 range for mGb, $0.70886\text{-}0.70976$ for QD, $0.70892\text{-}0.70905$ for TN, $0.70927\text{-}0.70944$ for

597 plG, 0.70827-0.70932 for aGd and btGd. These are coupled with unradiogenic
598 ($^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$)_i values of 0.51194 for mGb, 0.51190-0.51195 for QD, 0.51196-0.51199 for
599 TN, 0.51194-0.51196 for plG, 0.51194-0.51198 for aGd and btGd. Both oGb and aGb
600 samples display a remarkably distinct isotopic signature, with the first having a
601 significantly lower ($^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$)_i of 0.70672, the second a slightly higher ($^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$)_i of
602 0.51202, with respect to most of the samples.

603 All the Solanas rocks fall well within the compositional field defined by the literature
604 samples for the Sardinia-Corsica batholith, which extends also to lower and higher values
605 of initial Sr-isotope ratio, and the reverse is for Nd-isotope ratio [i.e. ($^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$)_i =
606 0.70460-0.71113, ($^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$)_i = 0.51185-0.51230]. An exception to this is represented
607 by few anomalous samples from Conte et al. (2017) lying in or close to the Sr- and Nd-
608 depleted quadrant (Fig. 12). The Sàrrabus dykes also fall well within this field, displaying
609 quite large ranges for both ($^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$)_i and ($^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$)_i values (0.70515-0.70968 and
610 0.51197-0.51222, respectively).

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612 **Estimates of the emplacement conditions of the Solanas** 613 **magmas**

614 Estimates of emplacement/storage depths of the Solanas magmas were made using
615 both mineral (i.e. amphibole-plagioclase pair) and bulk-rock (i.e. apatite and zircon
616 saturation) compositions. However, it should be noted that these data are strongly
617 dependent on the calibration of the thermobarometers employed and, therefore, can
618 provide only provisional geological information.

619 Apatite and zircon thermometry (Watson and Harrison 1983; Harrison and Watson
620 1984) were applied to the Solanas rocks that show evidence of saturation in P_2O_5 and Zr
621 (TN, aGd and btGd). P_2O_5 and Zr decrease with increasing SiO_2 (Figs. 8 and 9), implying
622 crystallisation of apatite and zircon, hence, saturation of the parent melts in the two
623 elements. The apatite thermometer gives temperatures in the following ranges: 854-910
624 °C (TN), 888-941 °C (aGd) and 854-955 °C (btGd). The zircon thermometer gives lower
625 temperature estimates of 753-812 °C (TN), 787-812 °C (aGd) and 767-787 °C (btGd),
626 respectively. The difference between apatite and zircon saturation temperatures has been
627 attributed to several possible causes, such as: 1) excess apatite, which may not fractionate
628 efficiently from the melt; 2) the saturation model may not be appropriate for the rocks
629 considered (e.g. Hoskin et al. 2000); 3) lower temperature estimates of zircon
630 thermometer representing temperatures closer to the solidus (e.g. Anderson 1996).
631 Equilibration temperatures for hornblende-plagioclase assemblages were calculated
632 iteratively following the method of Anderson and Smith (1995). The calculated
633 temperatures (edenite-richterite thermometers) for the TN, aGd and btGd are of 759-778
634 °C, 720-755 °C and 730-760 °C, respectively, on the whole similar to those obtained
635 using the zircon thermometer.

636 Pressure estimates for TN, aGd and btGd amphiboles were calculated using the
637 temperature-corrected Anderson and Smith (1995) geobarometer. Application of this
638 technique requires the presence of the appropriate buffering assemblage of hornblende,
639 plagioclase, K-feldspar, biotite, quartz, Fe-Ti oxide (magnetite or ilmenite), apatite and
640 titanite. Because the uncertainty in pressure determinations using the Anderson and Smith
641 (1995) method is ± 0.6 kbar, the corresponding uncertainty in emplacement depth would

642 be \pm 2.1 km. Calculated pressures for TN range between 2.7 and 3.3 kbar, which
643 correspond to crystallisation depths between 8.9 and 10.9 km, respectively. The pressures
644 obtained for the aGd and btGd range from 2.6 to 4.0 kbar (8.6-13.2 km).

645 Thermobarometric estimates for mGb were obtained using the formulations of Ridolfi
646 et al. (2010). This method uses an entirely empirical approach, linking thermobarometric
647 equations exclusively to volcanic and experimental amphibole composition. Application
648 of this method requires that amphiboles crystallised from calc-alkaline magmas have Al#
649 ≤ 0.21 [Al# = $\text{VIAl}/(\text{VIAl} + \text{IVAl})$] and $\text{Mg}/(\text{Mg} + \text{Fe}^{2+}) > 0.5$. Calculated pressures range from
650 1.4 to 1.8 kbar, corresponding to depths of 4.6-5.9 km. Temperature estimates range from
651 768 to 836 °C.

652 Water content in the silicic magmas (TN, aGd and btGd) can be estimated empirically
653 by comparison with available experimental data. Scaillet et al. (1998) indicated that most
654 silicic volcanic rocks and their plutonic equivalents have a dissolved H₂O content of 4-6
655 wt% for a wide temperature range (650-900°C). Scaillet and Evans (1999) and
656 Dall'Agnol et al. (1999) proposed experimental calibrations of water contents in magmas
657 of dacitic and rhyolitic composition, at 2.2 and 3.0 kbar. The pressure and temperature
658 conditions for the emplacement of the Solanas silicic rocks, which are not far from these
659 experimental data, allow the water fugacity to be roughly estimated for the parent melt of
660 the felsic rocks. Accordingly, the phase relationships in these rocks (stability of
661 hornblende, and plagioclase with anorthite content less than An₅₀) suggest water contents
662 ≥ 6 wt%. On the basis of the experimental data of Scaillet and Evans (1999) and using
663 representative Al_{tot} values of hornblende (1.3-1.5 apfu), the water content in the 750-
664 850°C temperature range is estimated to be around 5.5-6.5 wt%.

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666 **Discussion**

667 The present study on the Solanas igneous rocks has revealed the presence of a large
668 variety of lithotypes, spanning the entire compositional spectrum from Mg-rich to
669 strongly evolved Mg-poor terms. This feature is even more peculiar considering the
670 relatively narrow areal extension of the complex (~0.4 km²; Fig. 1c). Although the
671 limited areal extension and the relatively coherent petrochemical features displayed by all
672 the observed lithotypes would suggest a genetic model implying a common origin for all
673 the Solanas magmas, several lines of evidence can be raised against this. These include:
674 1) complex field relationships between the outcropping bodies (e.g. microgabbroic blob-
675 like enclaves hosted by tonalitic-quartz dioritic masses); 2) large ranges of mineral
676 composition within the same lithotype (e.g. plagioclase crystals from the gabbroic rocks),
677 commonly associated with complex zoning patterns; 3) the presence of three different
678 types of gabbroic lithotypes with distinctive petrochemical features; 4) some major
679 scattering of trace element abundances; 5) variable, strongly Sr-radiogenic and Nd-
680 unradiogenic compositions, suggestive for the involvement of crustal components in the
681 genesis of the emplaced magmas.

682 On such basis, it appears evident that reconstructing the petrogenetic history of the
683 Solanas rocks is particularly challenging, as many magma-genetic and evolutionary
684 processes might have acted concurrently, as it is common in post-collisional geodynamic
685 settings (e.g. Wang et al. 2004; Prelević and Seghedi 2013; Wang et al. 2014; Couzinié et
686 al. 2016; Fedele et al. 2016). As a consequence, the effects of such processes could have
687 overlapped, making their correct recognition (and appropriate quantitative treatment)

688 extremely difficult. Possible petrogenetic processes for the origin of the Solanas mafic
689 and silicic rocks can be variable differentiation of mantle-derived magmas by fractional
690 crystallization, partial melting of underplated igneous rocks, or partial melting of
691 continental crust. Mixing and mingling can also to be considered as possible processes
692 for the genesis of the Solanas rocks. The following sections are thus aimed at addressing
693 all the various processes related with the genesis of the recognized lithotypes cropping
694 out in the Solanas area, in an effort to shed some additional light on the petrogenesis of
695 the numerous complexes making up the Sardinia-Corsica batholith. We will deal first
696 with the less evolved, gabbroic rocks, in order to unravel their mutual relationships and
697 their possible linkage with sources in the mantle, then with the possible recognition of
698 any sort of genetic lineage(s) among the various magma types. Alternative magma-
699 genetic processes will be then taken into account for those lithotypes that do not seem to
700 be genetically related with the others.

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702 **Mafic-silicic magma interactions**

703 Several igneous rocks of the Solanas complex can be considered as hybridized, as shown
704 by field and textural evidences: mafic enclaves, widespread occurrence of plagioclase
705 xenocrysts and, in minor amounts, of biotite and hornblende (in particular in the mGb)
706 and plagioclases with patchy zoned texture and corroded rims (Fig. 2b,c,d).

707 In any magma interaction, the relative volumes of the two interacting materials play an
708 important role. If there is a large influx of mafic magma there may be an insufficient
709 quantity of cooler silicic host magma to chill against, and therefore mixing is preferred.
710 Alternatively, when very small amounts of mafic magma are injected into large quantities

711 of silicic magma, mingling more readily occurs and mafic enclave formation may be
712 favored. In the case of the mingling structures observed in the Solanas complex, the
713 presence of blocks of mafic material within larger volumes of silicic host suggests that
714 smaller volumes of mafic magma were injected, promoting mafic enclave formation.

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716 **The gabbroic rocks of the Solanas complex and their relationship with** 717 **mantle sources**

718 The oGb and aGb have whole-rock major and trace element compositions reflecting
719 their cumulus origin. The oGb are particularly enriched in MgO (up to 16 wt. %) and Cr
720 (465-820 ppm), while the aGb are high in CaO (>12 wt.%) and Al₂O₃ (>21 wt.%; Table
721 1). In addition, the compositional range of plagioclase (An₇₆₋₈₉), olivine (Fo₆₈₋₇₆) and
722 clinopyroxene (Mg# = 78-86) in the oGb (Supplementary Tables S1, S2 and S6) are
723 typical of arc cumulates (Fig. 13). Factors commonly argued to be responsible for
724 crystallisation of such calcic-plagioclase include high magmatic water contents (Arculus
725 and Wills 1980; Sisson and Grove 1993; Panjasawatwong et al. 1997), high Ca/(Ca+Na)
726 in the melt and low crystallisation pressures (Panjasawatwong et al. 1997).

727 The olivine, orthopyroxene and clinopyroxene crystals occasionally enclosed in the
728 amphibole from the oGb can be interpreted as remnants of dismembered mafic material
729 that has reacted with the amphibole-forming melt. The origin of these mineral phases
730 could be attributed to their early crystallisation from a basaltic melt that subsequently
731 stabilized amphibole. Convective melt movements in a chemically-stratified magma
732 chamber may have allowed the sampling of these cumulitic phases by a water-rich

733 magma. Compositional differences between the amphiboles of the oGb and the aGb
734 indicate that these rocks crystallised from magmas that had different bulk chemistry.

735 To determine the Mg# of the possible parental melt of oGb, we used mineral-melt
736 equilibrium equations with $K_d^{\text{Fe-Mg}}$ values of 0.30 for olivine (Roeder and Emslie 1970),
737 0.27 for clinopyroxene (Putirka, 2008) and 0.42 for amphibole (Nandedkar et al. 2016).
738 The calculated Mg# of the melts in equilibrium with olivine cores varies between 0.40
739 and 0.47. Magnesium numbers ranging from 0.49 to 0.56 were calculated for the melts in
740 equilibrium with clinopyroxene cores, whereas Mg# of the magmas in equilibrium with
741 intercumulus amphibole varies from 0.50 to 0.64. This suggests that olivine,
742 clinopyroxene and amphiboles derived from different magmas.

743 The mGb have MgO (<7 wt.%) and Al₂O₃ (>16 wt.%) typical of high-Al basalts
744 (Kersting and Arculus 1994). These rocks represent relatively evolved magma in terms of
745 Mg# (52-58). Primitive mantle-normalized diagrams (Fig. 11a) show patterns typical of
746 magmas emplaced in collisional tectonic settings and/or magmas that experienced upper
747 crustal contamination at shallow depths, such as: i) troughs at Nb-Ta and ii) peaks for Pb
748 (with values as high as 150-250 times primitive mantle). As regards mantle sources, a
749 detailed characterization is hampered due to the recalled relatively differentiated (low
750 Mg#, Ni and Cr) and hybridized nature of mGb rocks (presence of plagioclase,
751 hornblende and biotite xenocrysts captured from the host magma during the interaction
752 between the basic and acid magma). However, on the basis of the flat HREE pattern in
753 chondrite-normalized diagrams, we argue a N-MORB-like spinel-bearing lherzolite,
754 variably metasomatized by fluids from subducted oceanic crust, as a possible mantle
755 source. Ratios among trace elements variably compatible with fluid and melt phases (i.e.

756 Th/Pb = 0.09-0.36, Th/Nd = 0.04-0.11 and Sr/Nd = 6.20-8.48) exclude the contribution of
757 melts from subducted slab.

758 The Sr and Nd isotope systematics indicates that the Solanas magmas are consistent
759 with derivation from a subduction-metasomatized mantle source and crustal
760 contamination processes (Fig. 12). When considered in the framework of the other rocks
761 from the Sàrrabus pluton as well as the late dikes, the initial Sr-Nd isotopic compositions
762 of the Solanas rocks may represent part of a binary mixing trend. The two end-members
763 might be an enriched mantle source and an upper continental crust component.

764 In the geodynamic context of the Sardinia-Corsica batholith, formed after the collision
765 between Gondwana and Armorican plates, the local mantle sources might have been
766 affected by geochemical and isotopic modifications related with subduction process(es)
767 predating the plates collision (Carmignani et al. 1994). The significant contribution by an
768 upper continental crust component might have been involved in at least two ways. One
769 possible scenario is that of mafic magmas derived by the subduction-modified local
770 mantle sources, subsequently evolving through open-system AFC-type processes,
771 assimilating crustal rocks in variable amounts. Another possibility is that the thermal
772 anomaly that likely affected the local crust during and after the collision phases induced
773 crustal anatexis generating felsic melts that mixed in variable proportions with mantle-
774 derived melts (e.g. Conte et al. 2017)

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776 **Magmatic lineages and differentiation processes in the Solanas complex**

777 The Solanas samples form good linear trends vs. MgO for many major and trace
778 elements (Fig. 8 and 9). Such linear trends may be caused by fractional crystallisation

779 processes. Two fractional crystallization scenarios were hypothesized: 1) the origin of
780 aGd and btGd (L81, a leucocratic border-facies of aGd) by fractional crystallisation of a
781 quartz-dioritic parental magma (L14), and 2) the origin of plG by fractional
782 crystallisation from QD (L57). Least-squares mass balance calculations (Stormer and
783 Nicholls 1978; supplementary Table S11) indicate that 58% fractional crystallisation of a
784 gabbroic assemblage (65% plagioclase 19% biotite, 16% ferro-hornblende, 1% apatite) is
785 required in the transition from QD (L14) to TN (L33). In the transition TN (L33) to aGd
786 (L13), the removed cumulate (20%) is formed by plagioclase (46%), ferro-hornblende
787 (40%), biotite (12%) and apatite (2%). The transition from aGd (L13) to btGd (L81) is
788 modeled by 39% fractional crystallisation of plagioclase (55%), ferro-hornblende (27%),
789 biotite (17%) and apatite (1%). Mass balance calculations (supplementary Table S11)
790 predicted that the plG (L16,55) could be produced from a quartz-dioritic magma (L57) by
791 removal of 58% of an assemblage consisting of 57% plagioclase, 26% biotite, 16% ferro-
792 hornblende and 1% apatite. A good agreement between model and analytical data is
793 observed also for REEs (supplementary Fig. S3). The addition of 0.003-0.01% zircon to
794 the cumulate is needed to account for HREE, Zr, Y and Hf behaviour.

795 The geochemical variability between samples of the QD-TN-plG-aGd-btGd
796 association indicates that the Solanas igneous complex is compositionally diverse
797 (especially evident for elements such as Zr, Y and REEs), despite the limited Sr-Nd
798 isotopic variation. This precludes any genetic link between these types of silicic rocks
799 and, therefore, suggests that they originated from distinct magmas.

800 Partial melting of mafic lower crust or underplated basaltic rocks is also a plausible
801 hypothesis for the genesis of Solanas silicic magmas. However, experimental works show

802 that water-saturated melting of basaltic rocks, amphibolites and greenstones at 1, 3, 6.9
803 and 10 kbar pressure (Helz, 1976; Spulber and Rutherford, 1983; Beard and Lofgren,
804 1991; Wolf and Wyllie, 1994) should produce liquids with higher Al₂O₃ and CaO
805 contents than the Solanas QD and TN (supplementary Fig. S4). The plG, aGd and btGd
806 may have been produced by partial melting of mafic lower crust or underplated basaltic
807 rocks.

808 The absence of primary minerals such as muscovite, cordierite, garnet,
809 aluminosilicates (andalusite or sillimanite) and tourmaline in the Solanas rocks also
810 excludes an origin for these rocks as anatectic melts of metasedimentary protoliths.

811 Initial Sr-Nd isotopic ratios ($^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}_i = 0.70672\text{-}0.70976$; $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}_i = 0.511900\text{-}$
812 0.512020) are outside the range of typical mantle compositions. Therefore, hybridization
813 between mantle- and crustal-derived magmas or assimilation and fractional
814 crystallization (AFC) is a reasonable hypothesis for the genesis of the Solanas rocks.

815 The T_{DM} Nd model ages (one stage) for the Solanas rocks range from 1.0 to 1.5 Ga
816 (Table 2). These values are generally lower of the granitoids of southern Sardinia (1.4-2.3
817 Ga; Conte et al. 2017) and suggest that the crustal contaminant contain Nd with an
818 average Proterozoic crustal residence time.

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820 **On the unusual petrochemical composition of some Solanas rocks**

821 As resulting from the previous sections, in order to explain the genesis of the Solanas
822 rocks a rather complex model, accounting for the observed variability in terms of both
823 petrology and geochemistry, seems to be required. In this framework, some samples have
824 displayed a distinctive peculiar petrochemical composition that further argues for some

825 additional petrogenetic variability. This is particularly evident for the plG samples
826 (especially L55), but also extends to some QD (L57), TN (L15) and btGd (L81) samples,
827 all being characterized by Eu peaks and low MREE/HREE in the chondrite- and mantle-
828 normalized multi-element plots (see section 4.3.2). On such basis, it could be tentatively
829 proposed that these samples should be considered as part of an independent magmatic
830 lineage similar to the tonalite-trondhjemite-granodiorite (TTG) suites that were extremely
831 common during the Archean (e.g. Martin et al. 2005). These magmas are generally
832 considered the ancient analogue of modern adakites, therefore representing the product of
833 melting of a mafic source rock (possibly including also some interaction with mantle
834 peridotite; e.g. Defant and Drummond 1990; Martin et al. 2005, 2014; Moyen 2009;
835 Castillo 2012; Palin et al. 2016).

836 The Solanas plG, QD, TN and btGd with anomalous composition reported above have
837 very few compositional similarities with typical TTG/adakitic magmas (Martin et al.
838 2005). Namely: 1) QD and TN are relatively poor in SiO₂ (56.1-59.9 wt.%, where TTGs
839 have SiO₂ >64 wt.%); 2) Na₂O is at the lower end of the typical TTG compositional
840 range (i.e. 3.15-3.75 wt.% vs. 3.0 ≤ Na₂O ≤ 7.0 wt.%), and even below the lower limit for
841 L81 btGd sample (2.47 wt.%); 3) K₂O/Na₂O is high (0.65-2.17 vs. <0.5 of TTGs) except
842 for the plG samples (0.36-0.56); 4) the sum of ferromagnesian elements is very high
843 (Fe₂O₃tot+MgO+MnO+TiO₂ = 7.89-12.3 wt.% vs. <5.0 wt.%), except for L81 btGd (2.79
844 wt.%); 5) La_N/Yb_N is only moderately high (8.92-17.4 up to 32.1 in L81 btGd) compared
845 to the most extreme values up to 150 recorded for some TTG rocks; 6) in the
846 discriminative plots of Fig. 14, only few of this Solanas samples plot well within the
847 typical field for TTG/adakitic rocks. In this light, it seems unlikely that the origin of such

848 unusual Solanas samples has to be ascribed to that responsible for the genesis of the
849 typical TTG/adakite magmas. This is also supported by both the paucity and the random
850 outcropping location of such samples, which thus suggests that other processes, likely
851 acting at a very local scale, rather than larger-scale melting of a mafic source (or a high-
852 Sr/Y crustal source at P~5-10 kbar; Moyen 2009), were responsible for their peculiar
853 TTG/adakite-like geochemical signature.

854 Proposed alternative ways to obtain the typical high Sr/Y and La/Yb characterising
855 TTG/adakitic rocks involve i) significant fractionation of Sr-rich and Y-poor amphibole
856 (\pm apatite) crystals at shallow depths or ii) deep-level fractionation of mineral
857 assemblages mainly consisting of garnet and high-pressure Mg-rich amphibole (e.g.
858 Castillo 2012; Ribeiro et al. 2016). The latter seems not suitable for the Solanas rocks
859 considered here, as this would result in remarkably high HREE/LREE and HREE/MREE,
860 given the renown preferential partitioning of HREEs within garnet lattice (i.e.
861 $^{garnet/melt}D_{HREE} > 60$; e.g. Taylor et al. 2015). On the other hand, amphibole fractionation
862 seems a more viable process, as this would easily explain the observed depletion in
863 MREE, more preferentially partitioned in amphibole crystals with respect to both LREE
864 and HREE (e.g. Nandedkar et al. 2016). Whether amphibole is a quite common phase in
865 the Solanas QD and TN, it should be observed that this phase is rare in the plG and btGd
866 rocks. In these two, the characteristic depletion in MREE could have been achieved
867 through fractionation of apatite and titanite, both commonly found as accessory phases
868 and both preferentially hosting MREEs with respect to LREE and HREE (e.g. Prowatke
869 and Klemme 2005, 2006a,b). In addition, some evidence for accessory zircon
870 fractionation can be retrieved from the contents of trace elements like HREE and Y,

871 which are known to be concentrated in this phase. We note indeed that the composition of
872 btGd L81 shows relative depletion of HREE and Y and roughly half Hf concentration
873 when compared to TN L33 (Hf = 6.9 vs. 3.2 ppm). We take this feature as our best
874 evidence for zircon removal.

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876 **Geodynamic implications**

877 Ages similar to those of the Solanas rocks (~300 Ma) are found in other plutonic
878 complexes of Sàrrabus (Brotzu et al. 1983; Nicoletti et al. 1982) suggesting that the
879 Solanas intrusion represents part of a regional magmatic episode. Following major crustal
880 thickening and subsequent post-collisional collapse during the Late Carboniferous-Early
881 Permian (315–285 Ma: Cocherie et al. 2005), the Sardinia basement underwent an
882 episode of extension, with a widespread magmatic activity (forming the Sardinian portion
883 of the Sardinia-Corsica batholith) including intrusion of mafic magmas, and development
884 of small continental basins (filled by calc-alkaline volcanics and sedimentary rocks).
885 Partial melting involved different source components (1) middle-lower crust levels
886 formed during the Ordovician crustal accretion event through underplating of mantle-
887 derived magmas (e.g. Tommasini et al., 1999); (2) upper-crustal levels mainly composed
888 by sedimentary and silicic igneous rocks (e.g. Di Vincenzo et al., 1996); (3)
889 subcontinental mantle enriched by recycling of crustal material (Tommasini et al. 1995).
890 In the Sàrrabus area, lines of evidence in favor of mantle involvement are the close field
891 association between the gabbro-tonalitic complexes (Solanas, Burcei, Torre de su
892 Fenugu, Villasimius, Capo Carbonara) and the mafic dike swarms.

893 The dispersion of Sr and Nd isotope data for Variscan magmatic rocks in the Sardinia-
894 Corsica batholith highlights the wide diversity of materials involved in their genesis (Fig.
895 12). However, if the dioritic-tonalitic-granodioritic magmas of Solanas were in fact
896 derived from fractional crystallization of mafic parental magmas, this would suggest that
897 subcontinental mantle was an active and important component contributing to
898 magmatism in different parts of Sàrrabus pluton and should be taken into account in
899 geochemical models of Variscan magmatic evolution.

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901 **Conclusions**

902 An integrated study involving mineral chemistry, whole-rock and Sr-Nd isotope
903 geochemistry combined with detailed field investigation was carried out for the
904 composite Solanas calc-alkaline intrusion (Sàrrabus pluton) to probe the origin of its
905 compositional diversity. The Solanas intrusion is composed of olivine gabbro-norites,
906 amphibole gabbros, microgabbros, quartz-diorites, tonalites, plagiogranites, amphibole-
907 granodiorites and biotite-granodiorites (plus deeply altered quartz gabbros, not
908 investigated here). Mineral phases and their compositions were used to estimate the
909 physicochemical parameters of their crystallising parent magmas. The intermediate and
910 evolved rocks crystallised under conditions of 2.7-4.0 kbar pressure and 720-778 °C
911 temperature.

912 The various bodies of the intrusion exhibit distinct geochemical fingerprints,
913 indicating that the Solanas complex was constructed from different magma pulses, rather
914 than by crystallisation of a single large batch of magma. The favoured hypothesis for the
915 petrogenesis of the Solanas intermediate and evolved rocks is a prolonged differentiation

916 starting from different quartz-dioritic parental magmas, accompanied by variable crustal
917 contamination prior to the final emplacement.

918 The olivine gabbro-norites and amphibole gabbros have textural and geochemical
919 features of cumulates from two distinct hydrous basaltic magmas.

920 The multi-element patterns of mGb with spikes in Cs, Ba and Pb, and troughs in Nb
921 and Ta, are consistent with magma sources involving melting of a HFSE-depleted mantle
922 that has been fluxed by fluids following dehydration of a subducted slab.

923 Plutonic rocks derived from mafic magmas, together with wide mafic dike swarms in
924 the Sàrrabus region, point out a significant role of the subcontinental mantle in southern
925 part of the Variscan batholith.

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1240 **Figure captions**

1241 **Fig. 1.** Simplified geological sketch maps of a) Sardinia Basement (after Carmignani et
1242 al. 2015), b) southern Sàrrabus pluton (after Poza and Druguet, 2016) and c) of the
1243 Solanas complex (after Franciosi, 1999), with location of the investigated samples.

1244 **Fig. 2.** Representative field photographs showing the relationships between microgabbros
1245 and tonalitic-granodioritic rocks in the Solanas complex. a) Stretched microgranular
1246 mafic enclave in amphibole granodiorite (south of Porto Murrone); b) contacts between
1247 microgabbro and tonalite along the Cagliari-Villasimius main road. Subangular to
1248 slightly rounded fragments of microgabbro dispersed in tonalitic/quartz-dioritic rocks; c)
1249 Blobs of microgranular gabbro in tonalitic/quartz-dioritic rock forming a “pillow-like”
1250 structure. Large crystals of plagioclase and minor amounts of quartz, biotite and
1251 amphibole from host rock, giving to the microgabbros a “porphyritic-like” appearance; d)

1252 detailed view of c) showing the plagioclase xenocrysts from tonalitic/quartz-dioritic rocks
1253 dispersed in the microgabbro.

1254 **Fig. 3.** Modal composition of Solanas rock samples reported in the Q-A-P classification
1255 diagram (Streckeisen, 1976).

1256 **Fig. 4.** Representative photomicrographs (crossed polarizers view) of the investigated
1257 rock samples from the Solanas complex. a) Olivine gabbro (sample GRL36) with
1258 olivine, orthopyroxene, clinopyroxene and plagioclase grains enclosed in large amphibole
1259 oikocryst; b) amphibole gabbro (sample GRL35) showing large complex-zoned
1260 plagioclase crystals; c) microgabbro (sample L31) with plagioclase, amphibole, biotite
1261 and small interstitial quartz grains; d) porphyritic-like microgabbro (sample L11)
1262 showing a resorbed and zoned plagioclase xenocryst; e) quartz-diorite (sample L14)
1263 showing euhedral biotite within large amphibole oikocryst; f) plagiogranite (sample L55)
1264 with plagioclase, quartz, biotite, amphibole and orthopyroxene; g) amphibole
1265 granodiorite (sample GRL41) with plagioclase, quartz, alkali feldspar, amphibole and
1266 biotite; h) biotite granodiorite (sample GRL10) with plagioclase, quartz, alkali-feldspar
1267 and biotite.

1268 **Fig. 5.** a) $100 \cdot \text{Mg}^\#$ in olivine vs. $100 \cdot \text{Mg}^\#$ in whole-rock for the Solanas olivine
1269 gabbroites. Lines for $K_d^{\text{Mg-Fe}} = 0.30 \pm 0.03$ (Roeder and Emslie 1970) that reflect
1270 olivine-liquid equilibrium are shown. b) Composition of the pyroxene crystals from the
1271 Solanas rocks. The data for the pyroxenes from the Burcei gabbroic rocks (Brotzu et al.
1272 1993) are also shown. c) Composition of the amphibole crystals from the Solanas rocks
1273 in the classification diagram of Leake et al. (1997).

1274 **Fig. 6.** a) Composition of plagioclase and alkali feldspar crystals from the Solanas rocks;
1275 b) Composition of mica crystals from the Solanas rocks in the classification diagram of
1276 Deer et al. (1992). ^{VI}Al in atoms per formula unit.

1277 **Fig. 7.** a) Total Alkali vs. SiO₂ (TAS; Le Maitre 2002) and b) K₂O vs. SiO₂ (Peccerillo
1278 and Taylor 1976) classification diagrams for the investigated rock samples from the
1279 Solanas complex. The dashed line in a) separates the fields for subalkaline and alkaline
1280 rock series [according to Irvine and Baragar (1971)]. The data for the gabbroic rocks
1281 from Capo Carbonara (Sàrrabus; Poli and Tommasini 1999), Punta Falcone (northern
1282 Sardinia batholith; Tommasini and Poli 1992) and Burcei (Sàrrabus; Brotzu et al. 1993),
1283 and for the basic/intermediate dykes crosscutting the Sàrrabus pluton (Ronca et al. 1999)
1284 are also reported for comparison.

1285 **Fig. 8.** Selected major elements vs. MgO binary diagrams for the investigated rock
1286 samples from the Solanas complex, together with data for the gabbroic rocks from Capo
1287 Carbonara (Sàrrabus), Punta Falcone (northern Sardinia batholith) and Burcei (Sàrrabus),
1288 and for the basic/intermediate dykes crosscutting the Sàrrabus pluton. Symbols and data
1289 sources as in Fig. 7.

1290 **Fig. 9.** Selected trace elements vs. MgO binary diagrams for the investigated rock
1291 samples from the Solanas complex, together with data for the gabbroic rocks from Capo
1292 Carbonara (Sàrrabus), Punta Falcone (northern Sardinia batholith) and Burcei (Sàrrabus),
1293 and for the basic/intermediate dykes crosscutting the Sàrrabus pluton. Symbols and data
1294 sources as in Fig. 7.

1295 **Fig. 10.** Chondrite-normalized (Sun and McDonough 1989) multi-element diagrams for
1296 the investigated a) olivine gabbro (oGb), amphibole gabbro (aGb) and microgabbro

1297 (mGb), b) quartz diorite (QD) and tonalite (TN), c) plagiogranite (plG), amphibole-
1298 granodiorite (aGd) and biotite-granodiorite (btGd) rock samples from the Solanas
1299 complex and for d) the gabbroic rocks from Capo Carbonara (Sàrrabus), e) Punta Falcone
1300 (northern Sardinia batholith) and e) Burcei (Sàrrabus) and the dykes crosscutting the
1301 Sàrrabus pluton.

1302 **Fig. 11.** Primitive mantle-normalized (Sun and McDonough 1989) multi-element
1303 diagrams for the investigated a) olivine gabbro (oGb), amphibole gabbro (aGb) and
1304 microgabbro (mGb), b) quartz diorite (QD) and tonalite (TN), c) plagiogranite (plG),
1305 amphibole-granodiorite (aGd) and biotite-granodiorite (btGd) rock samples from the
1306 Solanas complex and for d) the gabbroic rocks from Capo Carbonara (Sàrrabus), e) Punta
1307 Falcone (northern Sardinia batholith) and e) Burcei (Sàrrabus) and the dykes crosscutting
1308 the Sàrrabus pluton. The pattern for the estimated composition of global subducted
1309 sediments (GLOSS-2; Plank 2014) is reported for comparison.

1310 **Fig. 12.** a) $(^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr})_i$ vs. MgO, b) $(^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd})_i$ vs. MgO and c) $(^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd})_i$ vs.
1311 $(^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr})_i$ diagrams for the investigated rock samples from the Solanas complex,
1312 together with data for the gabbroic rocks from Capo Carbonara (Sàrrabus), Punta Falcone
1313 (northern Sardinia batholith) and Burcei (Sàrrabus), for the basic/intermediate dykes
1314 crosscutting the Sàrrabus pluton and for the other rocks of the Sardinia-Corsica batholith
1315 (black triangles; Secchi et al. 1991, 2001; Tommasini et al. 1995, 1999; Di Vincenzo et
1316 al. 1996; Barbey et al. 2008; Gaeta et al. 2013; Conte et al. 2017). Isotopic ratios were
1317 calculated back to 300 Ma based on the estimated emplacement ages for the Sàrrabus
1318 pluton reported by Nicoletti et al. (1982) and here. Symbols and data sources as in Fig. 7.

1319 **Fig. 13.** a) Anorthite content in plagioclase vs. Fo content in olivine for the Solanas oGb.
1320 The arc gabbros and oceanic cumulates fields are after Beard (1986). b) Anorthite content
1321 in plagioclase vs. Mg# of clinopyroxene for Solanas oGb. Fields for MORB and arc
1322 gabbros are from Burns (1985).

1323 **Fig. 14.** a) Sr/Y vs. Y and b) La/Yb vs. Yb (after Castillo 2012) and c) La_N/Yb_N vs. Yb_N
1324 (after Ribeiro et al. 2016) diagrams for the investigated intermediate and evolved rock
1325 samples from the Solanas complex. ADR = normal arc andesite, dacite and rhyolite lavas.
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1327 **Table captions**

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1331 diorite; T = tonalite; plG = plagiogranite; aGd = amphibole-grandiorite; btGd = biotite-
1332 granodiorite.

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1334 **Table 2.** Trace element (in ppm) ICP-MS data and Sr-Nd isotope ratios [meas =
1335 measured; in = initial, age-corrected to 300 Ma] for the investigated rock samples from
1336 the Solanas complex.

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1338 **Supplementary Tables**

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1340 lithotypes from the Solanas complex.

1341 **Table S2-9:** Mineral chemistry data. Table S2: Olivine; Table S3: Pyroxenes; Table S4:
1342 Spinel; Table S5: Fe-Ti oxides; Table S6: Amphiboles; Table S7: Feldspars; Table S8:
1343 Mica; Table S9: Apatite; Table S10: Titanite and zircon.

1344 **Table S11:** Results of mass balance calculations.

1345 **Table S12:** Analyses of certified materials.

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1348 **Supplementary Figures**

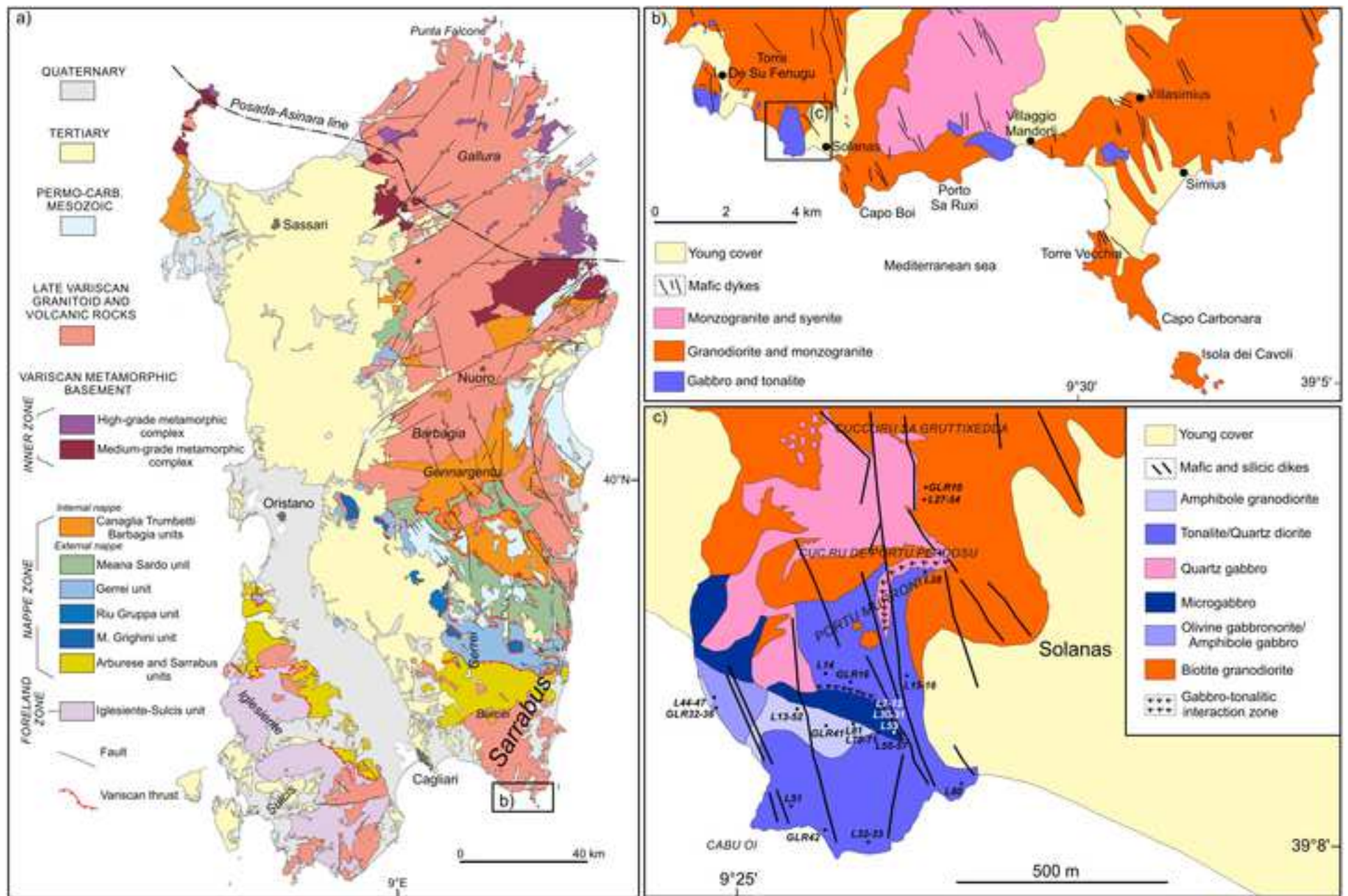
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1350 crystals from the Solanas rocks, with schematic sketch and corresponding An profiles
1351 measured by SEM-EDS. a) Plagioclase from aGb sample GRL35, showing complex
1352 patchy-zoned texture; b) plagioclase from mGb sample L11, showing resorption of the
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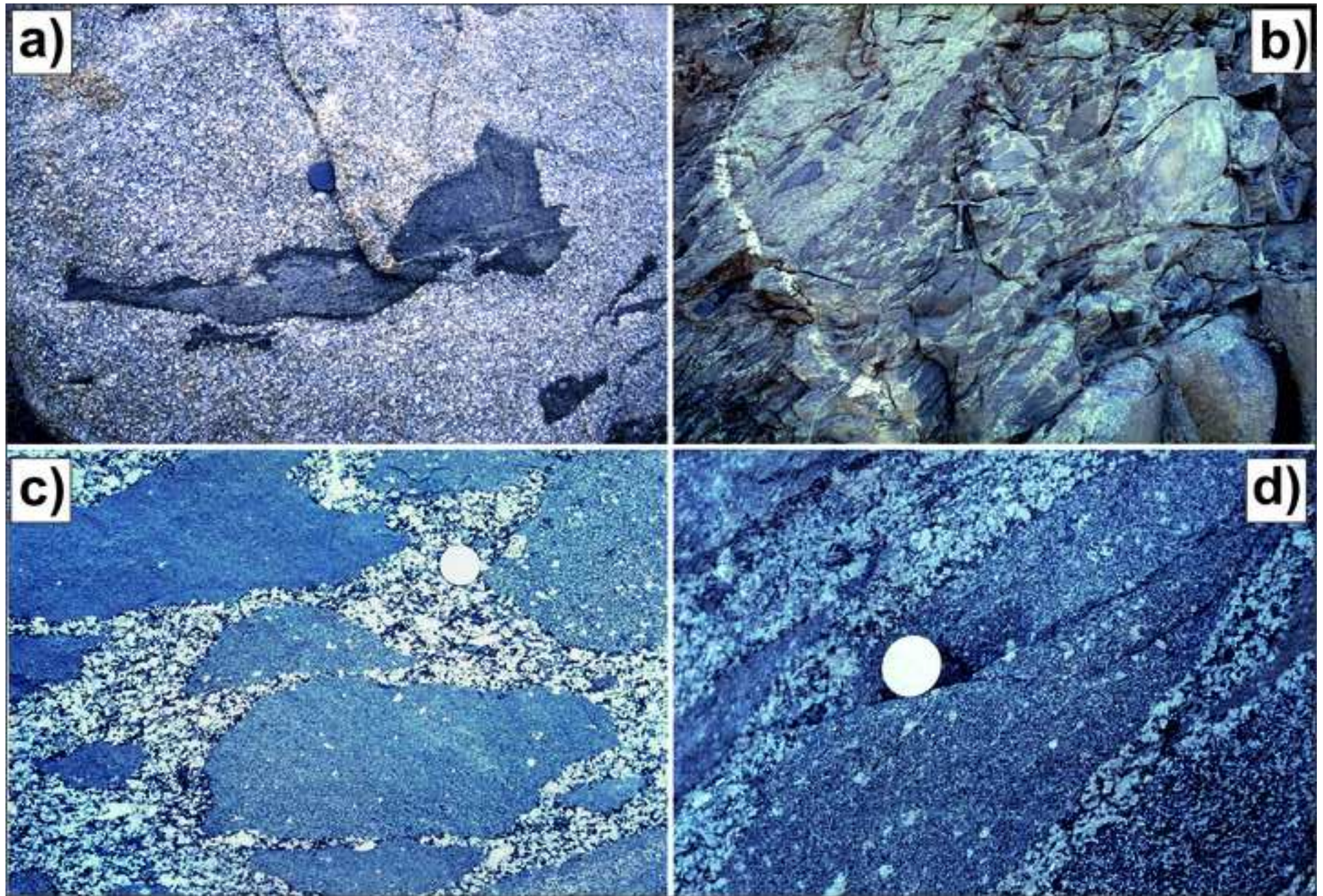
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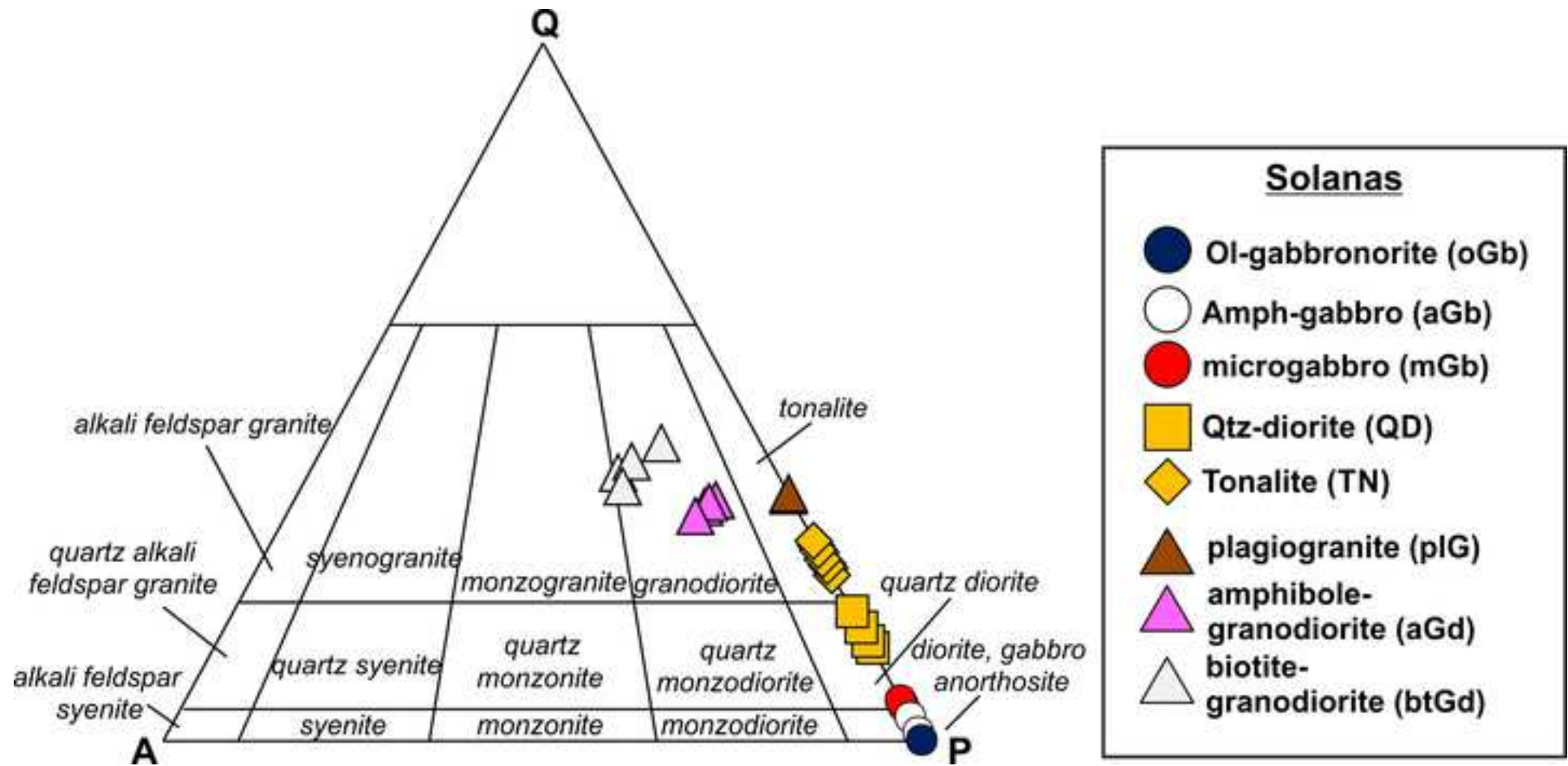
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1359 (L57) and aGd (L13) magma compositions. Calculated liquid compositions (liq. calc.)
1360 match well with the rock compositions for samples L81 (btGd) and L55 (plG). Bulk
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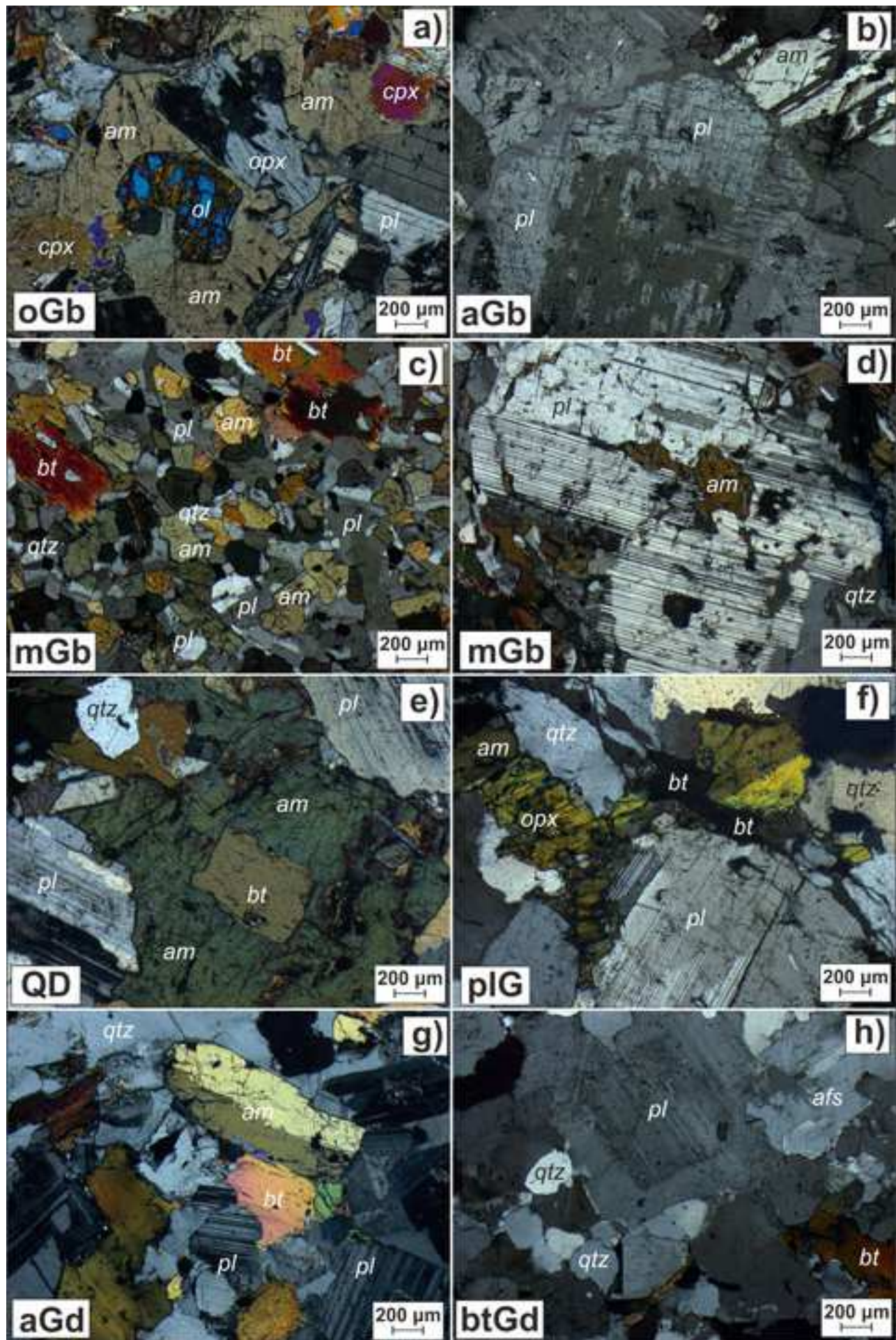
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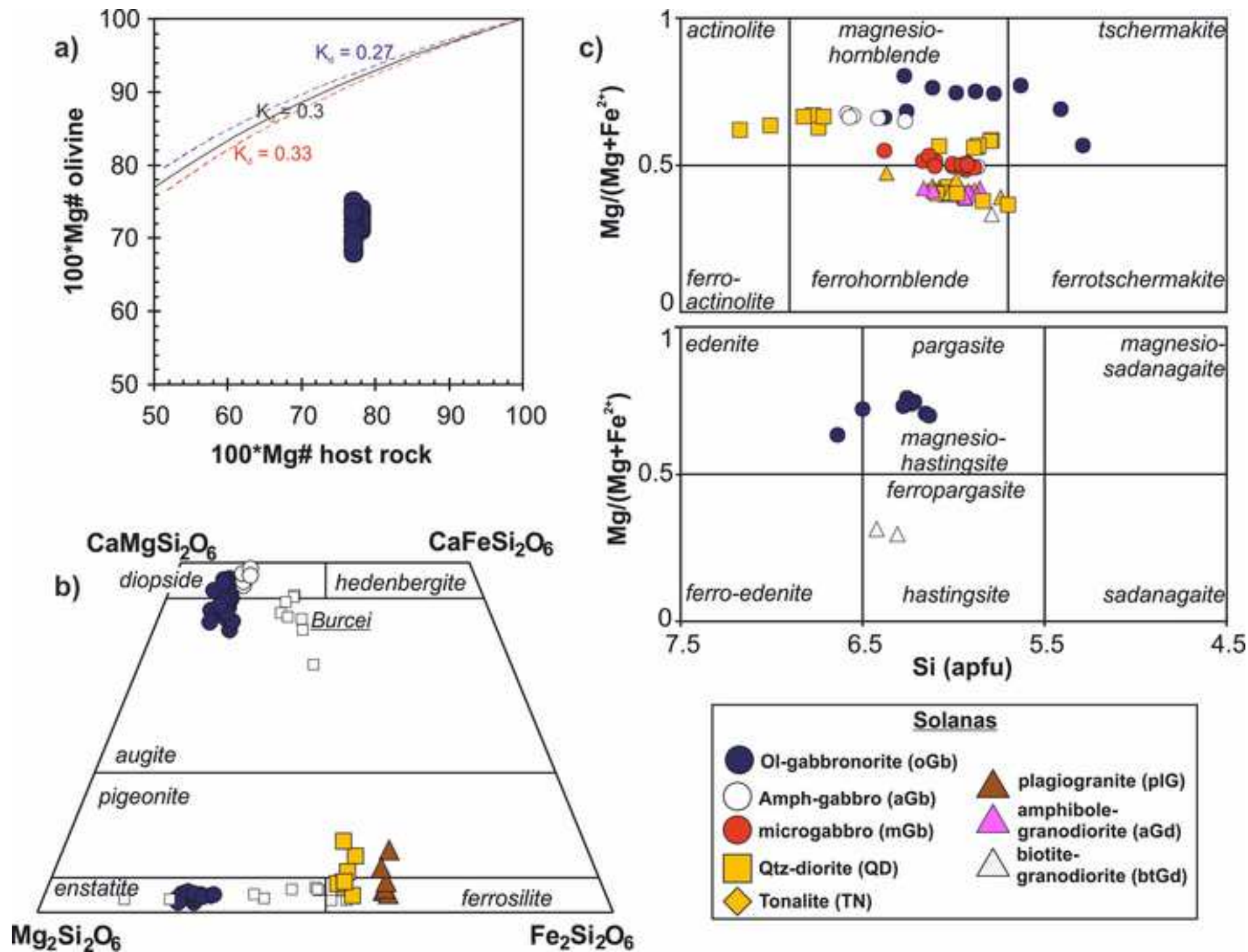
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1366 produced by partial melting of hydrated basaltic rocks, greenstones, and amphibolites.
1367 Fields enclose the experimental data of Wolf and Wyllie (1994), Beard and Lofgren
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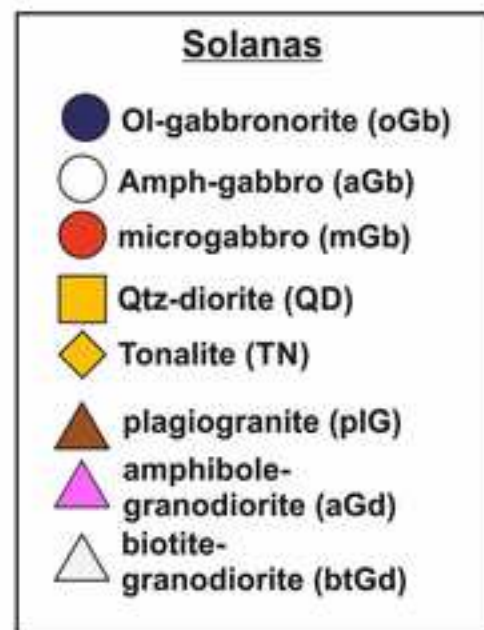
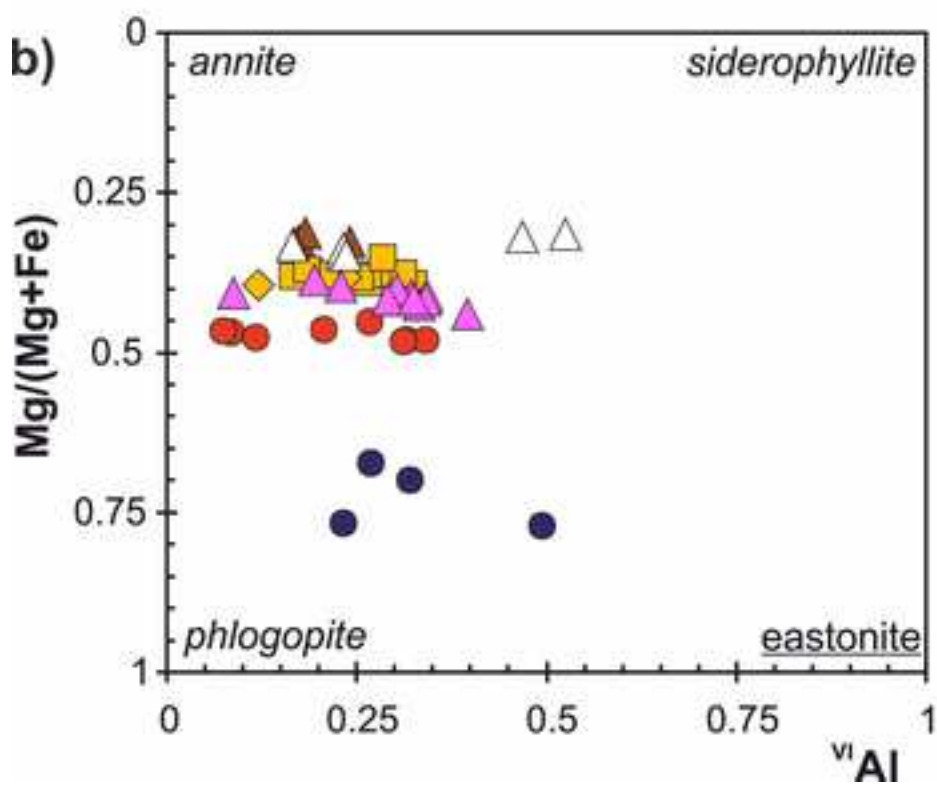
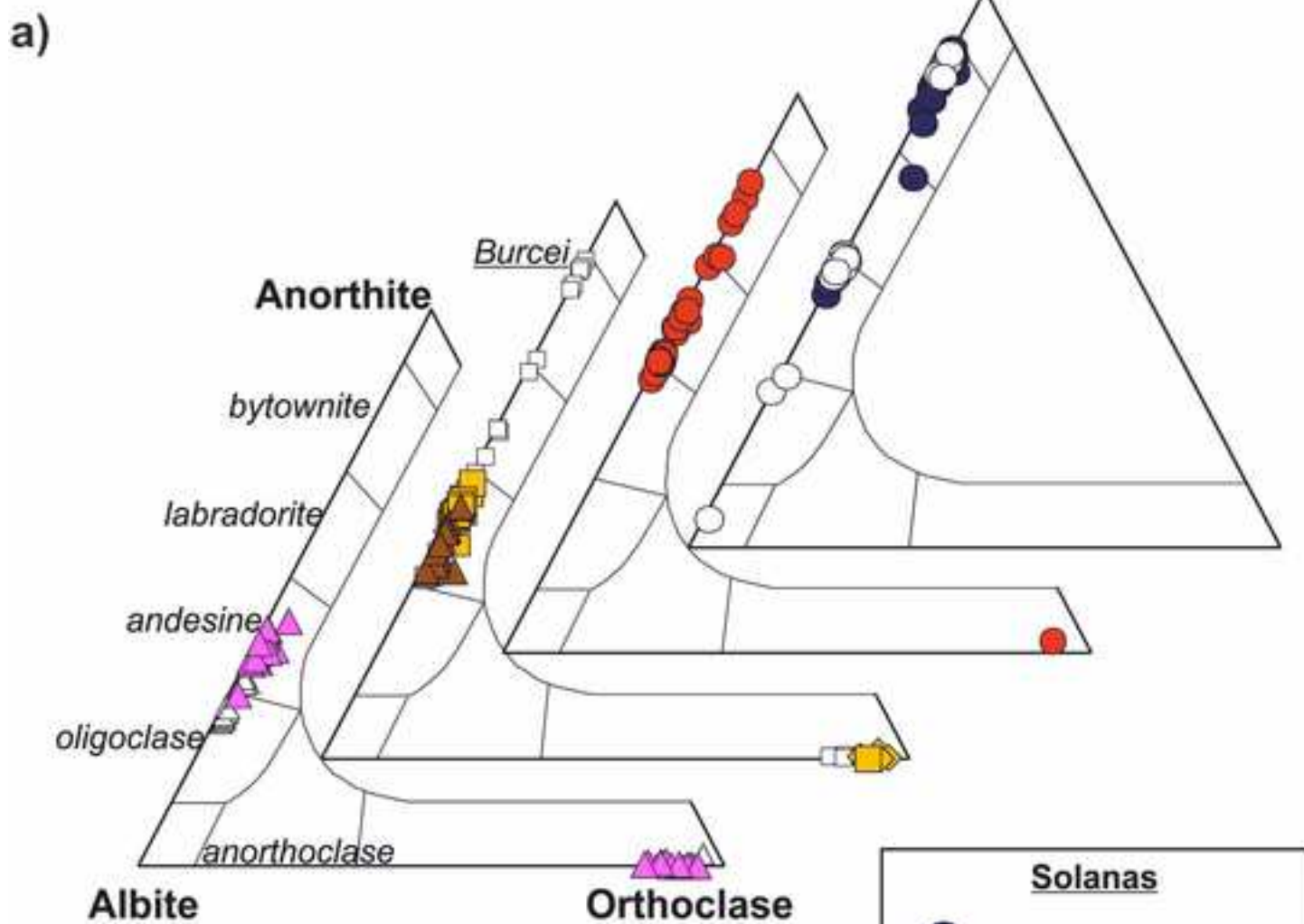


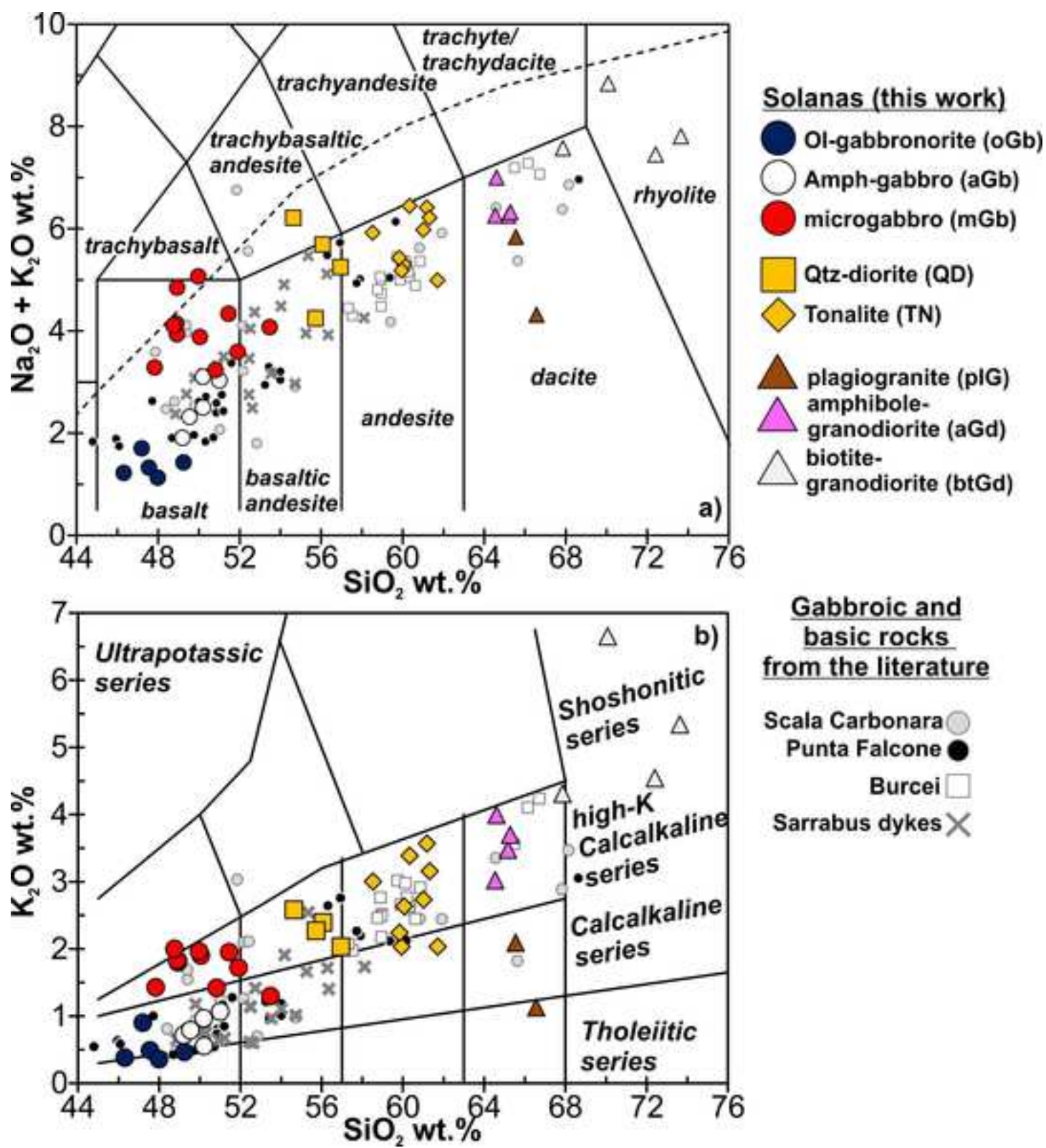


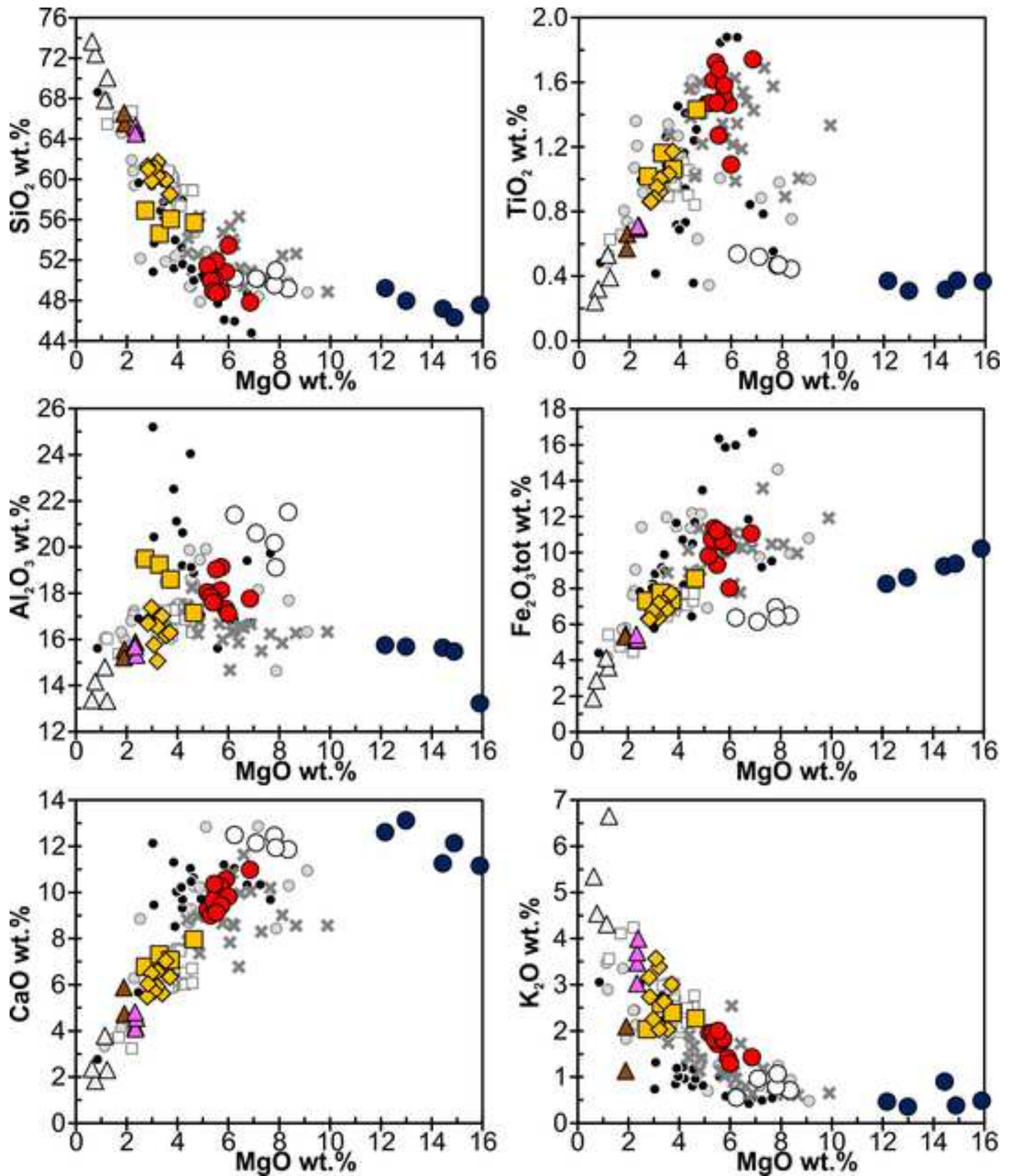


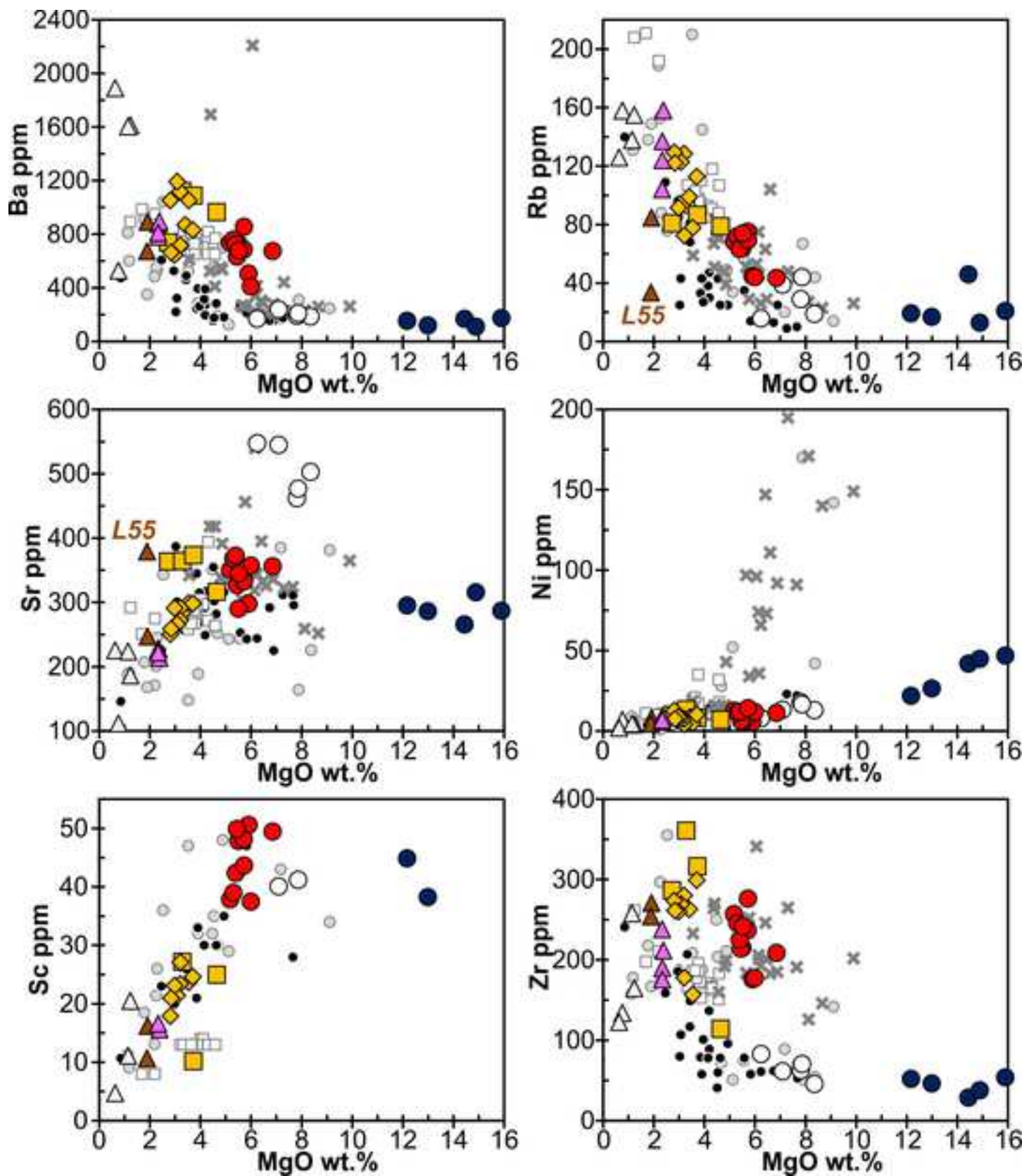


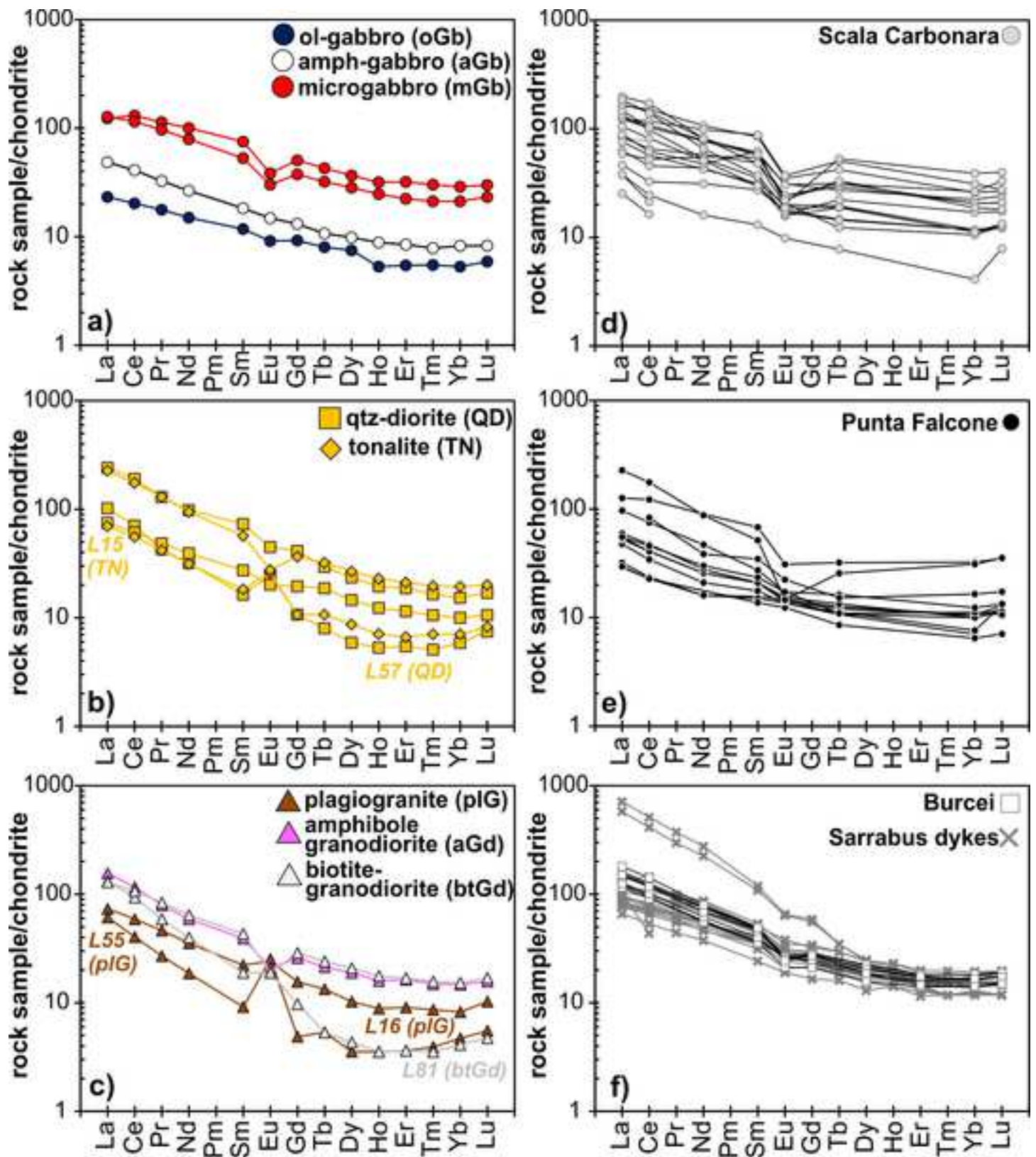


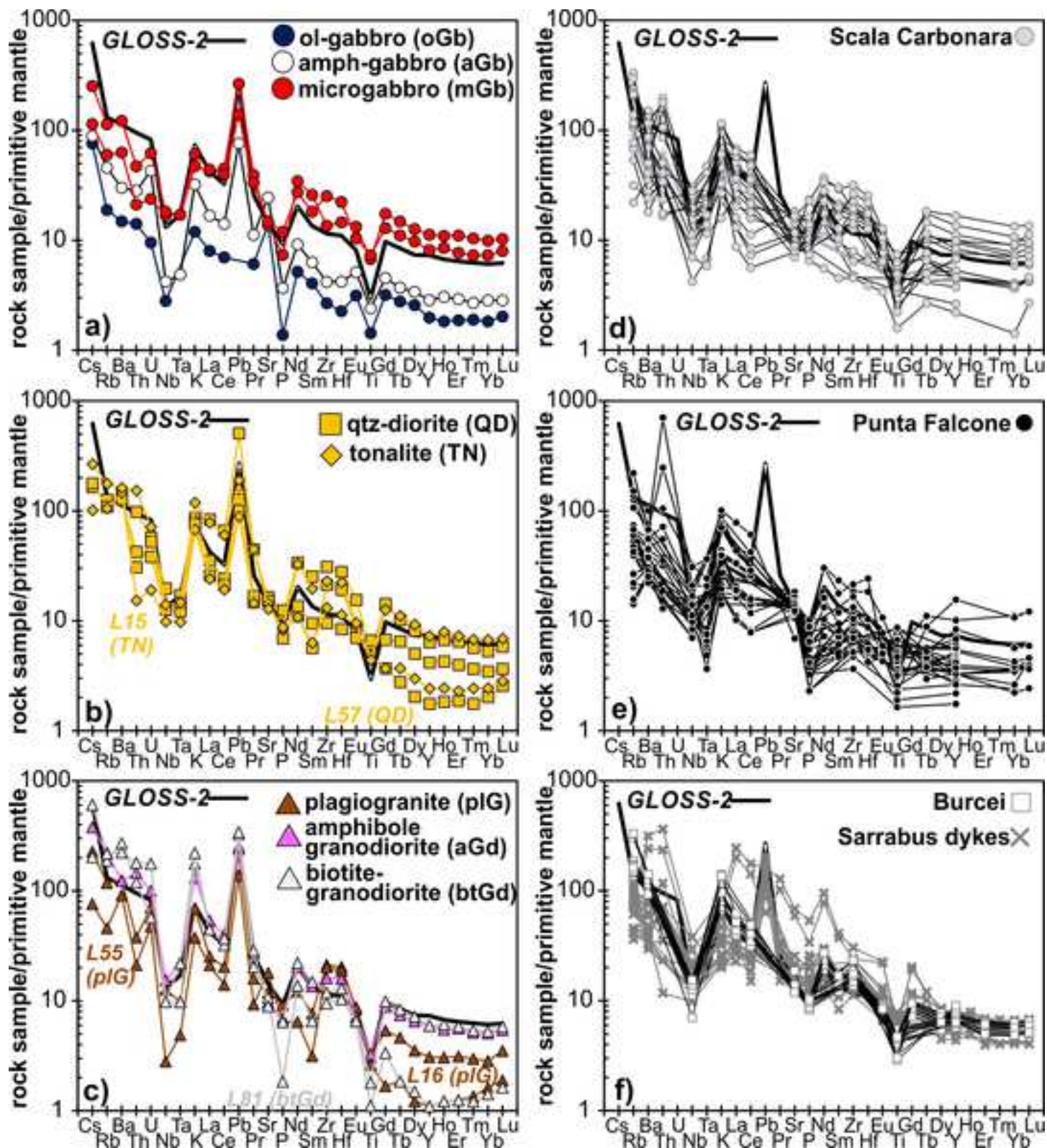


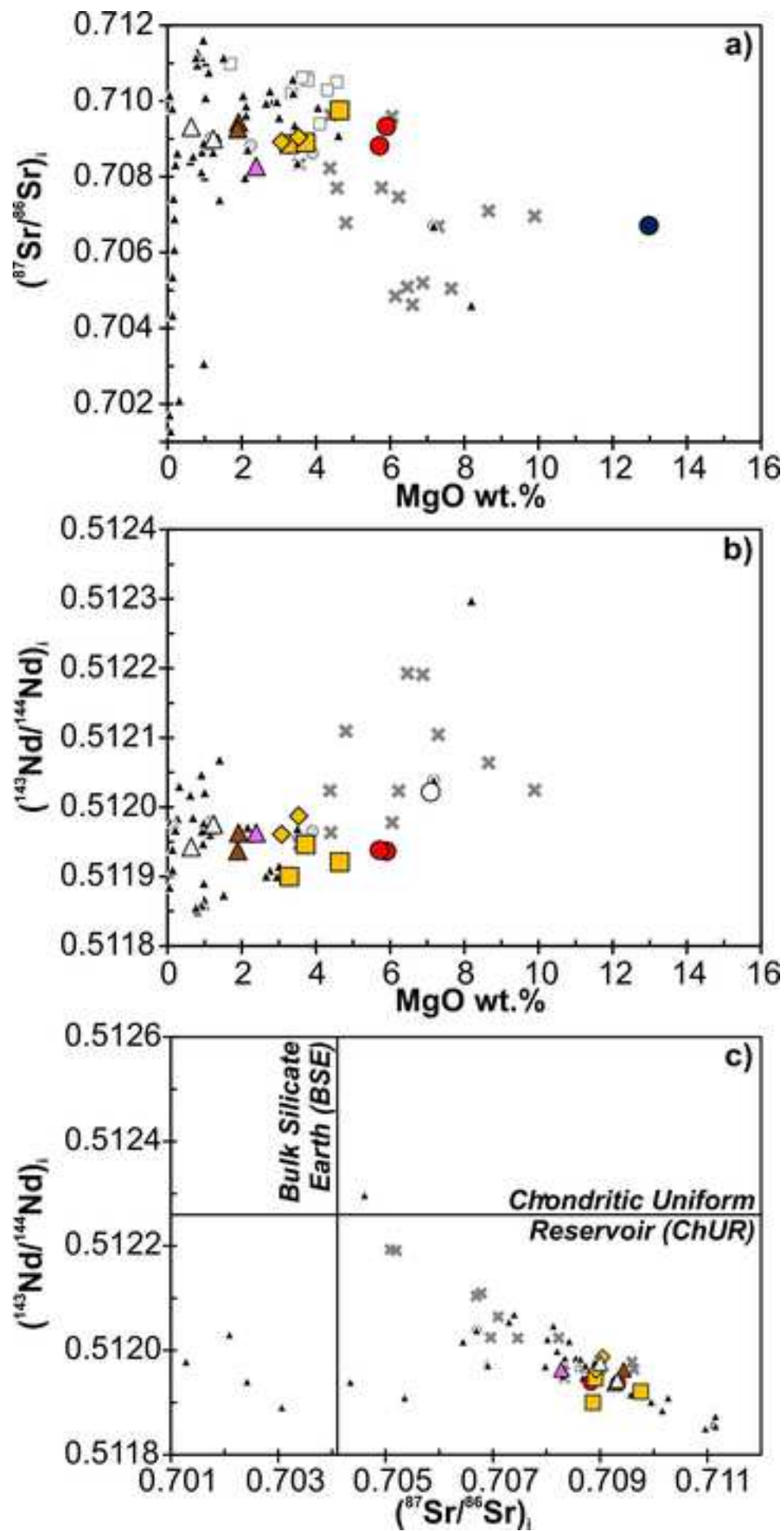


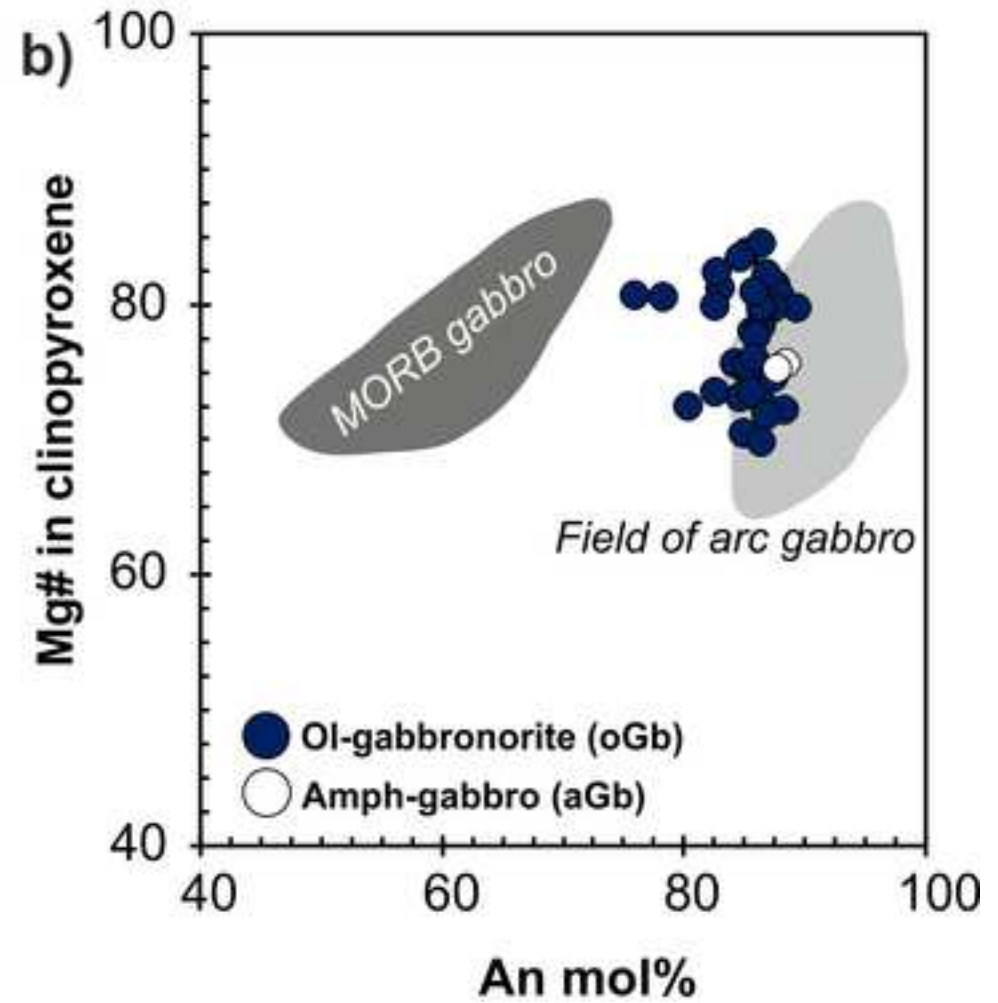
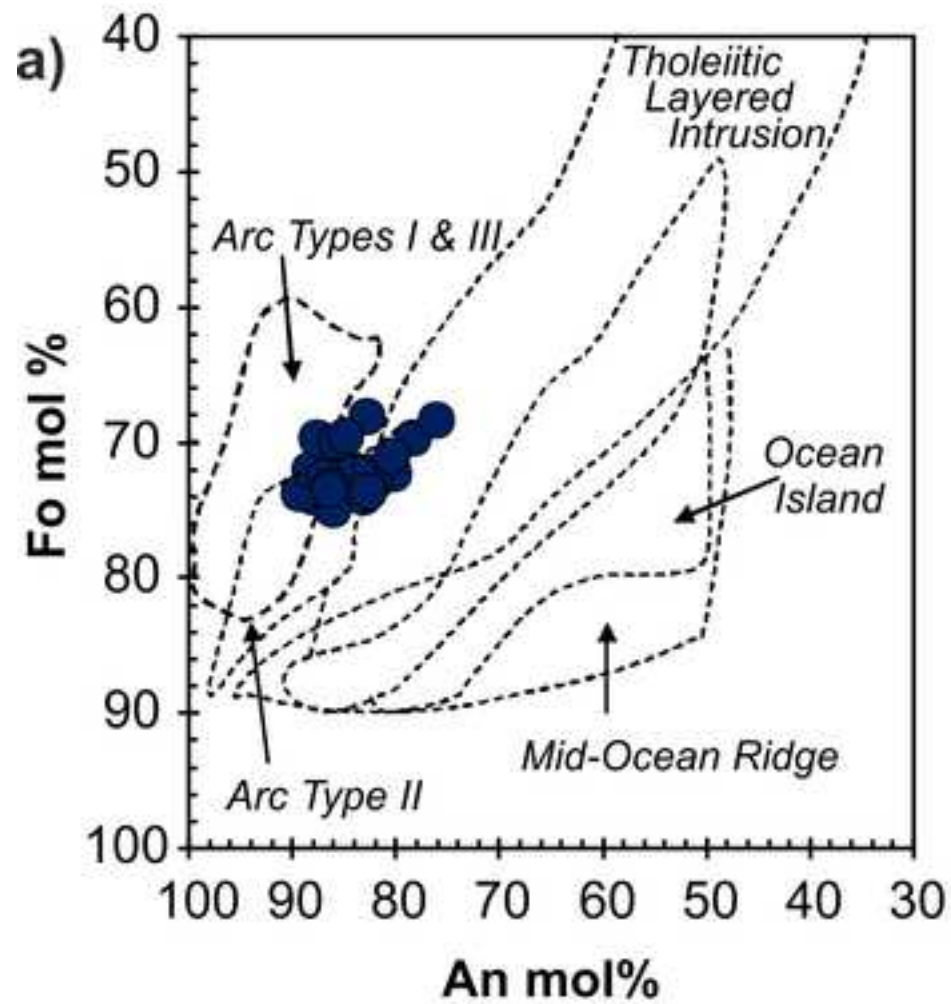












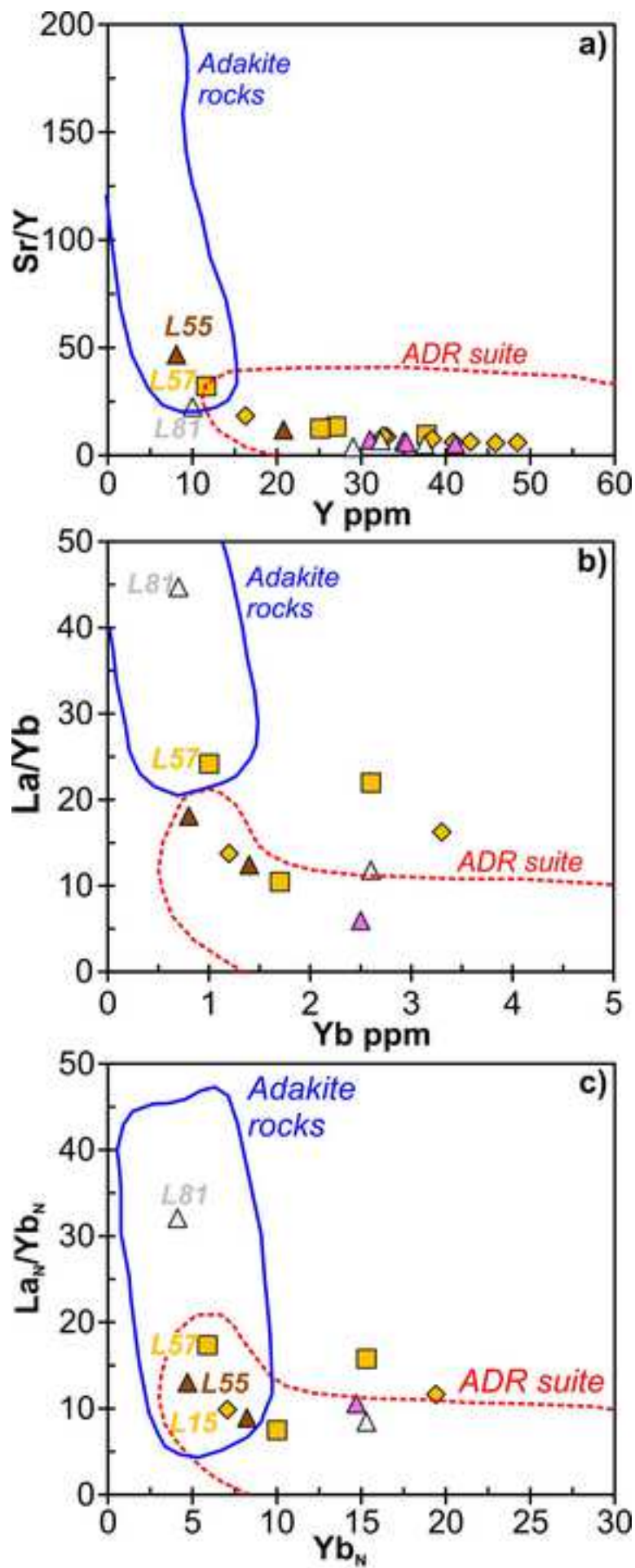


Table 1: Major- (in wt.%) and trace element (in ppm) XRF data and loss on ignition values (LOI, in wt.%) for the investigated rock samples from the Solanas complex

sample	rock name	location	SiO ₂	TiO ₂	Al ₂ O ₃	Fe ₂ O _{3t}	MnO	MgO	CaO	Na ₂ O	K ₂ O	P ₂ O ₅	LOI	Rb	Sr	Y	Zr	Nb	Ba	Cr	Ni	Sc	V	La	Ce
GLR33	oGb	Cabu Oi	47.54	0.37	13.23	10.23	0.16	15.89	11.16	0.84	0.49	0.08	2.92	21	287	4	54	b.d.l.	175	820	47	b.d.l.	138	6.0	18.0
GLR34	oGb	Cabu Oi	47.19	0.32	15.64	9.24	0.15	14.43	11.27	0.80	0.90	0.06	3.45	46	266	b.d.l.	29	b.d.l.	169	658	42	b.d.l.	113	2.0	17.0
GLR36	oGb	Cabu Oi	46.30	0.37	15.48	9.39	0.14	14.88	12.15	0.84	0.38	0.06	1.77	13	316	b.d.l.	38	b.d.l.	111	625	45	b.d.l.	123	8.0	12.0
L45	oGb	Cabu Oi	47.98	0.31	15.69	8.62	0.13	12.98	13.13	0.77	0.36	0.03	1.23	17	286	12	47	3	121	494	27	38	106	0.6	7.7
L46	oGb	Cabu Oi	49.23	0.37	15.75	8.26	0.14	12.16	12.62	0.96	0.47	0.04	1.01	19	296	14	52	3	156	465	22	45	122	4.3	7.8
GLR35	aGb	Cabu Oi	50.20	0.54	21.41	6.39	0.11	6.24	12.49	1.95	0.56	0.12	1.83	16	548	5	83	b.d.l.	169	75	8	b.d.l.	157	12.0	14.0
GLR37	aGb	Cabu Oi	49.20	0.45	21.53	6.49	0.12	8.35	11.87	1.19	0.72	0.09	1.55	19	503	b.d.l.	46	b.d.l.	186	114	13	b.d.l.	118	7.0	11.0
GLR38	aGb	Cabu Oi	49.53	0.47	20.18	6.96	0.12	7.81	12.46	1.53	0.79	0.15	1.81	29	462	4	63	b.d.l.	192	240	18	b.d.l.	122	14.0	35.0
L44	aGb	Cabu Oi	50.19	0.52	20.61	6.16	0.10	7.09	12.16	2.13	0.97	0.08	2.34	39	545	15	62	b.d.l.	239	93	13	40	172	0.1	16.1
L47	aGb	Cabu Oi	51.00	0.47	19.12	6.40	0.11	7.86	11.94	1.96	1.07	0.07	2.68	44	477	17	71	b.d.l.	212	240	17	41	138	10.2	18.1
L7	mGb	C.P.P.	50.82	1.46	17.32	10.39	0.16	5.90	10.57	1.81	1.42	0.16	0.87	45	298	62	176	15	508	30	6	51	286	27.0	63.6
L8	mGb	C.P.P.	51.89	1.27	18.02	9.32	0.14	5.50	10.07	1.87	1.72	0.19	0.80	64	290	57	215	12	730	21	6	48	234	17.5	44.9
L10	mGb	C.P.P.	48.92	1.52	18.13	11.06	0.18	5.71	10.26	2.13	1.80	0.28	2.34	75	337	66	237	16	688	25	9	48	273	23.2	74.6
L11	mGb	C.P.P.	51.44	1.47	18.04	9.84	0.16	5.17	9.25	2.38	1.95	0.29	1.05	68	351	46	257	15	738	36	13	38	219	27.4	56.0
L12	mGb	C.P.P.	50.05	1.47	17.74	10.61	0.16	5.44	10.37	1.98	1.90	0.28	1.23	70	327	62	214	15	635	27	6	50	223	20.3	65.5
L30	mGb	C.P.P.	49.96	1.61	17.85	10.75	0.16	5.30	9.01	3.11	1.96	0.29	1.51	72	368	55	246	13	761	25	11	39	236	29.7	68.8
L31	mGb	C.P.P.	48.92	1.72	17.60	11.36	0.18	5.39	9.65	3.03	1.82	0.32	1.07	63	373	62	225	14	724	33	12	42	283	23.8	68.6
L53	mGb	C.P.P.	47.83	1.74	17.77	11.07	0.17	6.84	10.99	1.85	1.43	0.30	1.00	44	356	55	209	12	675	61	11	50	265	15.8	65.2
L71	mGb	C.P.P.	48.88	1.58	19.13	10.66	0.17	5.71	9.45	2.32	1.83	0.26	0.83	69	333	50	276	14	857	29	14	44	251	29.2	56.9
GLR16	QD	P.M.	56.94	1.02	19.50	7.32	0.11	2.72	6.78	3.22	2.04	0.35	1.42	81	364	27	287	11	740	b.d.l.	10	b.d.l.	136	38.0	70.0
L14	QD	P.M.	54.63	1.16	19.24	7.79	0.12	3.28	7.32	3.63	2.59	0.25	0.74	94	365	38	361	14	1123	24	14	27	126	47.0	81.1
L57	QD	C.P.P.	56.07	1.06	18.61	7.38	0.12	3.72	7.08	3.30	2.40	0.27	0.58	87	374	12	317	7	1089	28	8	10	117	18.7	17.2
L70	QD	C.P.P.	55.72	1.43	17.15	8.56	0.13	4.64	7.97	1.97	2.27	0.15	0.73	79	317	25	114	13	966	24	7	25	197	13.7	21.4
GLR42	TN	P.M.	60.06	1.02	17.01	7.20	0.11	3.40	5.61	2.66	2.63	0.28	1.78	99	288	33	263	12	870	b.d.l.	8	b.d.l.	131	41.0	66.0
L15	TN	C.P.P.	59.94	1.03	16.18	6.82	0.10	3.54	7.03	3.15	2.03	0.18	0.86	78	299	16	157	11	1053	21	5	24	208	13.8	21.7
L28	TN	C.P.P.	61.71	1.00	15.06	7.16	0.11	3.21	6.57	2.95	2.03	0.19	0.56	73	292	49	178	15	718	11	4	27	180	19.2	55.9
L32	TN	P.M.	60.33	0.92	16.55	6.35	0.09	3.20	5.91	3.06	3.39	0.20	0.71	129	272	43	280	16	1117	22	8	23	134	62.0	94.2
L33	TN	P.M.	61.18	0.95	15.76	6.60	0.10	3.08	5.71	2.85	3.57	0.19	0.66	123	266	46	269	16	1194	38	8	21	126	49.7	80.7
L51	TN	P.M.	61.31	0.86	16.74	6.31	0.09	2.81	5.48	3.06	3.16	0.18	0.75	130	251	41	274	15	1053	21	13	18	152	43.9	109.5
L79	TN	P.M.	59.83	0.88	17.37	6.72	0.10	2.98	6.49	3.19	2.24	0.20	0.69	92	291	33	260	13	646	31	9	23	129	34.4	67.2
L80	TN	P.M.	61.01	0.86	16.70	6.29	0.10	2.84	6.04	3.24	2.73	0.18	0.81	122	259	41	261	17	664	26	8	21	119	27.7	57.9
L91	TN	C.P.P.	58.53	1.17	16.28	7.73	0.12	3.70	6.33	2.92	3.01	0.22	0.39	113	298	38	299	17	833	33	10	25	107	24.4	63.0
L16	plG	C.P.P.	65.55	0.66	15.56	5.44	0.10	1.91	4.74	3.75	2.09	0.20	0.74	85	247	21	271	15	892	9	8	16	85	9.5	29.3
L55	plG	C.P.P.	66.56	0.57	15.21	5.33	0.10	1.89	5.88	3.18	1.13	0.14	0.71	34	379	8	254	3	673	17	5	11	96	4.9	14.1
GLR32	aGd	Cabu Oi	65.17	0.69	15.88	5.20	0.08	2.34	4.18	2.77	3.48	0.20	0.90	124	228	31	190	6	878	b.d.l.	6	b.d.l.	94	54.0	79.0
GLR41	aGd	P.M.	65.28	0.70	15.83	5.11	0.09	2.34	4.09	2.63	3.70	0.22	0.91	137	227	35	176	6	782	b.d.l.	9	b.d.l.	87	47.0	75.0
L13	aGd	P.M.	64.60	0.71	15.33	5.18	0.08	2.38	4.56	3.01	4.00	0.15	0.56	158	214	35	212	15	895	29	8	16	117	33.3	55.5
L52	aGd	P.M.	64.54	0.71	15.69	5.42	0.09	2.33	4.81	3.24	3.03	0.15	1.68	104	222	41	238	16	811	17	7	17	121	47.0	87.4
GLR10	btGd	P.M.	72.41	0.32	14.17	2.87	0.05	0.76	1.84	2.91	4.54	0.13	0.52	158	112	29	134	11	528	b.d.l.	7	b.d.l.	33	12.0	33.0
L27	btGd	P.M.	70.08	0.39	13.33	3.61	0.06	1.23	2.32	2.19	6.66	0.14	0.61	155	187	38	165	16	1614	b.d.l.	4	21	80	38.0	57.4
L81	btGd	P.M.	73.64	0.24	13.36	1.88	0.03	0.63	2.36	2.47	5.34	0.04	0.55	126	225	10	123	8	1891	6	2	5	114	30.0	41.1
L54	btGd	P.M.	67.86	0.53	14.80	4.12	0.06	1.14	3.79	3.27	4.31	0.12	0.52	138	224	32	258	15	1604	b.d.l.	5	11	80	57.5	84.8

oGb = olivine gabbro; aGb = amphibole gabbro; mGb = microgabbro; QD = quartz diorite; T = tonalite; plG = plagiogranite; aGd = amphibole-grandiorite; btGd = biotite-granodiorite.

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C.P.P. = Cuccuru de Portu Perdosu; P.M. = Porto Murrone

Table 2: Trace element (in ppm) ICP-MS data and Sr-Nd isotope ratios for the investigated rock samples from the Solanas complex

sample	L45	L44	L7	L71	L14	L57	L70	L15	L33	L16	L55	L13	L27	L81
rock name	oGb	aGb	mGb	mGb	QD	QD	QD	TN	TN	pIG	pIG	aGd	btGd	btGd
location	Cabu Oi	Cabu Oi	C.P.P.	C.P.P.	P.M.	C.P.P.	C.P.P.	C.P.P.	P.M.	C.P.P.	C.P.P.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Sc	36	30	44	36	21	6	24	22	19	10	6	13	17	2
Be	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	1	1	2	2	b.d.l.	2	2	2	1	2	2	2
V	120	150	298	272	131	117	207	178	116	66	85	88	39	24
Ba	104	210	440	854	921	1021	891	1021	1129	874	638	864	1564	1893
Sr	295	516	290	313	327	347	320	302	270	251	379	204	188	225
Y	9	13	51	37	29	8	19	11	33	14	5	27	27	5
Zr	30	47	152	283	347	237	107	147	256	238	227	180	133	106
Cr	440	80	40	20	30	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	30	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.
Co	49	19	21	21	12	15	17	10	11	7	7	9	5	2
Ni	30	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	20	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.
Cu	20	b.d.l.	20	10	50	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	20	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.
Zn	70	50	110	170	100	100	130	90	90	80	70	70	50	b.d.l.
Ga	13	18	22	23	26	23	20	20	22	20	18	20	16	15
Ge	2.0	2.0	3.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	1.0	2.0	2.0	1.0
Rb	12	29	38	72	78	80	69	67	112	75	29	141	138	120
Nb	2.0	3.0	12.0	13.0	14.0	9.0	9.0	7.0	10.0	9.0	2.0	11.0	7.0	7.0
Ag	b.d.l.	0.6	1.3	2.2	2.8	1.1	0.9	1.1	2.1	1.7	1.8	0.8	1.3	0.6
Sn	b.d.l.	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	1.0	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	2.0	1.0	b.d.l.
Cs	0.6	0.7	0.9	2.0	1.3	1.3	1.4	0.8	2.1	1.8	0.6	3.0	4.8	1.6
La	5.5	11.5	29.2	30.2	57.2	24.2	17.8	16.5	53.6	17.4	14.5	36.9	30.7	31.3
Ce	12.4	25.1	79.8	70.3	117.0	43.1	37.4	34.0	107.0	36.1	24.8	71.2	65.4	57.3
Pr	1.7	3.1	10.8	9.2	12.3	4.1	4.6	4.0	12.4	4.4	2.6	7.5	8.0	5.6
Nd	7.0	12.4	46.8	36.9	45.8	14.9	18.4	14.6	44.2	16.5	8.7	27.6	30.0	18.6
Sm	1.8	2.8	11.5	8.1	11.2	2.5	4.2	2.8	8.7	3.4	1.4	6.0	6.6	2.9
Eu	0.5	0.9	2.2	1.8	2.6	1.4	1.2	1.5	1.6	1.4	1.5	1.2	1.1	1.1
Gd	1.90	2.70	10.40	7.70	8.50	2.20	4.00	2.20	7.50	3.20	1.00	5.30	5.90	2.00
Tb	0.30	0.40	1.60	1.20	1.10	0.30	0.70	0.40	1.20	0.50	0.20	0.80	0.90	0.20
Dy	1.90	2.50	9.30	7.20	6.00	1.50	3.70	2.20	6.80	2.60	0.90	4.80	5.30	1.10
Ho	0.30	0.50	1.80	1.40	1.10	0.30	0.70	0.40	1.30	0.50	0.20	0.90	1.00	0.20
Er	0.90	1.40	5.30	3.70	3.10	0.90	1.90	1.10	3.50	1.50	0.60	2.70	2.80	0.60
Tm	0.14	0.20	0.77	0.54	0.42	0.13	0.27	0.18	0.50	0.22	0.10	0.38	0.40	0.09
Yb	0.90	1.40	4.90	3.60	2.60	1.00	1.70	1.20	3.30	1.40	0.80	2.50	2.60	0.70
Lu	0.15	0.21	0.76	0.59	0.43	0.19	0.27	0.21	0.51	0.26	0.14	0.40	0.43	0.12
Hf	0.70	1.30	4.50	6.90	8.60	5.90	2.60	3.50	6.90	6.30	5.80	4.90	4.00	3.20
Ta	b.d.l.	0.20	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.50	0.60	0.40	0.60	0.40	0.20	0.90	0.90	0.40
Tl	0.60	0.30	0.20	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.30	0.30	0.50	0.40	0.20	0.70	0.60	0.50
Pb	b.d.l.	6.00	21.00	11.00	40.00	11.00	10.00	7.00	15.00	19.00	11.00	20.00	27.00	26.00
Th	1.20	2.40	1.80	4.00	8.30	2.60	3.60	1.30	13.00	3.20	1.80	12.40	15.30	10.20
U	0.20	0.90	0.50	1.30	1.20	1.10	0.80	0.40	1.50	1.50	1.00	2.10	3.70	1.20
⁸⁷ Rb/ ⁸⁶ Sr	0.118	-	0.379	0.666	0.691	0.668	0.624	0.642	1.201	0.865	0.222	2.002	2.127	1.545
⁸⁷ Sr/ ⁸⁶ Sr _m	0.70722	-	0.71094	0.71165	0.71179	0.71174	0.71241	0.71177	0.71402	0.71310	0.71021	0.71676	0.71802	0.71587
± 2s	0.00004	-	0.00004	0.00005	0.00004	0.00005	0.00005	0.00004	0.00004	0.00004	0.00005	0.00004	0.00005	0.00005
⁸⁷ Sr/ ⁸⁶ Sr _i	0.70672	-	0.70933	0.70882	0.70886	0.70891	0.70976	0.70905	0.70892	0.70944	0.70927	0.70827	0.70900	0.70932
¹⁴⁷ Sm/ ¹⁴⁴ Nd	0.137	0.137	0.149	0.133	0.148	0.101	0.138	0.116	0.119	0.125	0.097	0.131	0.133	0.094
¹⁴³ Nd/ ¹⁴⁴ Nd _m	-	0.512288	0.512227	0.512197	0.512189	0.512144	0.512190	0.512213	0.512193	0.512206	0.512127	0.512219	0.512235	0.512126
± 2s	-	0.000007	0.000005	0.000006	0.000006	0.000007	0.000007	0.000008	0.000007	0.000006	0.000006	0.000006	0.000005	0.000007
¹⁴³ Nd/ ¹⁴⁴ Nd _i	-	0.512020	0.511940	0.511940	0.511900	0.511950	0.511920	0.511990	0.511960	0.511960	0.511940	0.511960	0.511980	0.511940
εNd _m	-	-6.9	-8.1	-8.6	-8.8	-9.7	-8.8	-8.3	-8.7	-8.5	-10.0	-8.2	-7.9	-10.0
εNd _i	-	-4.6	-6.2	-6.2	-7.0	-6.0	-6.5	-5.3	-5.8	-5.7	-6.2	-5.7	-5.5	-6.1
T _{DM} (Ga)	-	1.19	1.44	1.27	1.49	1.05	1.35	1.08	1.14	1.17	1.04	1.23	1.22	1.02

oGb = olivine gabbro; aGb = amphibole gabbro; mGb = microgabbro; QD = quartz diorite; T = tonalite; pIG = plagiogranite; aGd = amphibole-grandiorite; btGd = biotite-grandiorite.

Sr and Nd isotopic analyses were normalised to ⁸⁶Sr/⁸⁶Sr = 0.1194 and ¹⁴⁶Nd/¹⁴⁴Nd = 0.7219, respectively. εNd values have been calculated for the rocks using a chondritic average value of ¹⁴³Nd/¹⁴⁴Nd = 0.512638 and ¹⁴⁷Sm/¹⁴⁴Nd = 0.1967. Initial isotopic ratios have been calculated at 300 Ma (meas = measured; in = initial).

T_{DM} refer to one-stage model age (De Paolo, 1981; 1988); b.d.l. = below detection limits; C.P.P. = Cucuru de Portu Perdosu; P.M. = Porto Murrone



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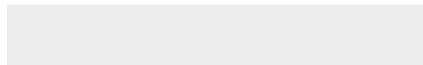
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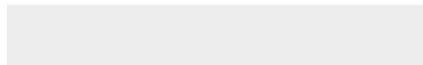
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