

Paleoproterozoic post-orogenic magmatism in southern Finland; geochemical, geochronological and Sr-Nd isotopic constraints on origin and magmatic evolution



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Abstract

Fifteen post-orogenic, basic to acidic High-Barium-Strontium (HiBaSr) intrusions of shoshonitic affinity have been recognized in central and southern Finland. Most of the intrusions are found in a 500 km long E–W-trending belt in the Southern Finland Subprovince, with three of them in the Western Finland Subprovince. These rocks have distinctive field, mineralogical, chemical, geochronological and isotopic characteristics compared to the other plutonic rocks in the area. New zircon U–Pb LA-ICP-MS data for two of the intrusions confirm their post-orogenic age: 1805 ± 4 Ma for the Tiströnskärs biotite-hornblende monzodiorite and 1794 ± 13 Ma for the fluorite-bearing Loukee biotite granite. These rocks plot predominantly in the shoshonitic field and have relatively high K_2O (~2.3 wt.%) in the basic varieties, increasing to ~5.0 wt.% in more acidic types. The Tiströnskärs monzodiorite and Loukee granite show similar geochemistry (high K, Ti, P, Ba, Sr and LREE) to other shoshonitic rocks in southern Finland. These geochemical characteristics, along with an initial $^{87}Sr/^{86}Sr$ value of 0.70322 and initial ϵNd value of -0.4 ± 0.4 at 1805 Ma for Tiströnskärs monzodiorite, indicate that subcontinental lithospheric mantle source may have been metasomatized by subducted sedimentary material before the 1.80 Ga melting event.

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1. Introduction

Post-orogenic magmatism occurs in an orogenic cycle after the major horizontal terrane movements have ceased. This transition from orogenic to post-orogenic phase thus marks also the end of the orogenic period (Liégeois 1998). During the shift to the post-orogenic phase, the magmatism typically changes gradually to more shoshonitic (Bonin et al. 1998; Liégeois et al. 1998). Acidic rocks belonging to the shoshonite series are usually classified as High-Barium-Strontium (HiBaSr) granitoids (Tarney & Jones 1994), which is a group distinct from, but complementary to the more traditional classification into I-, S- and A-type granites (Whalen et al. 1987; Chappell & White 2001). The HiBaSr rocks are characterized by high K_2O , TiO_2 , P_2O_5 , Ba, Sr and LREE content relative to the calc-alkaline rocks. In multi-element plots, HiBaSr rocks (basic to acidic) show subduction-related negative Nb and Ta anomalies and lack of pronounced Eu anomalies (Fowler et al. 2008; Ye et al. 2008; Nardi et al. 2021). All these geochemical characteristics indicate that their source areas had been modified by subducted material and were plagioclase free or highly oxidized (Fowler et al. 2008; Couzinié et al. 2016). The HiBaSr acidic rocks associated with parental basic (lamprophyric/appinitic) magmas are well-known from the British Caledonian Province (Fowler et al. 2008), the Tibetan Plateau (Ye et al. 2008), the Dom Feliciano Belt of Southern Brazil (Nardi et al. 2021), Antarctica (Rocchi et al. 2009), as well as southern Finland (Eklund et al. 1998; Rutanen et al. 2011).

In southern Finland, these intrusions have been called post-orogenic (Simonen 1980), post-collisional (Eklund et al. 1998) or post-kinematic (Rutanen et al. 2011). In this study, we use the term post-orogenic as defined by Bonin et al. (1998) and Liégeois (1998). We use the post-orogenic term for shoshonitic HiBaSr rocks found in the Svecofennian province, and they are considered post-orogenic in relation to the Svecofennian orogeny.

Multiple origins have been proposed for the HiBaSr acidic magmatism. One model suggests that the acidic melts are results of continuous fractional crystallization starting from trachy-basaltic parent (e.g., Duchesne et al. 1998; Eklund et al. 1998; Mohamed 1998; Qian et al. 2003; Meng et al. 2018). Another model suggests that the trachy-basaltic and acidic rocks crystallized from two genetically independent melts, with the trachy-basalts originating from the mantle and the acidic melts from the melting of the lower crust (Bitencourt & Nardi 2004; Choi et al. 2008; Ye et al. 2008; Lara et al. 2017; Martini et al. 2019). Also, mixing of mantle-derived magmas with crustal melts has been proposed as a model for the genesis of HiBaSr granites (Thompson & Fowler 1986; Lindberg & Eklund 1988; Zhang et al. 2015), as well as derivation directly by partial melting of a metasomatized mantle source (Jiang et al. 2012; Gómez-Frutos et al. 2023). Obviously, several fundamental questions remain open and need to be addressed to answer how HiBaSr systems are related to mantle/crustal melting, granite petrogenesis, and the formation of bimodal plutons (Keller et al. 2015; Clemens et al. 2022).

Experimental studies show that trachy-basaltic magmas are mostly formed by melting of metasomatized upper mantle wehrlite or pyroxenite (Wyllie & Sekine 1982; Condamine & Médard 2014; Förster et al. 2019; Becerra-Torres et al. 2020). Trachy-basaltic magmas are relatively scarce along the continental arcs compared to basalts or basaltic andesites. Therefore, trachy-basaltic melts and their equivalent plutonic rocks (monzogabbros) offer valuable insight into the composition of the upper mantle and the geodynamic conditions during the late stage of an ancient orogeny such as the Svecofennian orogeny in southern Finland.

This study reports the mineralogy, whole-rock geochemical composition, zircon U-Pb geochronology and whole-rock Sr-Nd isotopes of the Tiströnskärr monzodiorite and the Loukee granite, the new discoveries of basic and acidic members of the post-orogenic magmatic suite of southern and western Finland. To evaluate

the origin of the intrusions, their geochemical characteristics are compared with the other post-orogenic magmatic rocks in southern Finland.

2. Geological background

2.1. Svecofennian orogen

The Svecofennian multi-phase accretionary orogeny took place at 1.92–1.76 Ga and caused the growth and thickening of the Paleoproterozoic crust in Finland and adjacent areas (Fig. 1; Nironen 1997, 2017; Lahtinen et al. 2005, 2023; Korja et al. 2006). Collision between the blocks forming central and southern Finland occurred at 1.89–1.88 Ga (Lahtinen et al. 2005) and even present day, the upper lithosphere of central and southern Finland is characterized by an anomalously thick crust (up to 65 km) with a high-velocity lower crust (Korja et al. 1993; Janik et al. 2007; Lahtinen et al. 2009). The high-velocity lower crust is interpreted to represent eclogitized lower crust and/or mafic garnet granulites overlaying peridotitic upper mantle (Janik et al. 2007) or to consist of a mixture of hornblendites, mafic garnet granulites, pyroxenites and mafic eclogites (Kuusisto et al. 2006). Hereafter, the bedrock domains in central and southern Finland are referred to as the Western Finland Subprovince (WFS) and Southern Finland Subprovince (SFS), respectively (Nironen 2017; Figs. 1 and 2).

In the WFS, the oldest primitive arc magmatism at 1.93–1.91 Ga (Vaasjoki et al. 2003; Huhma et al. 2021) and syn-orogenic bimodal magmatism at 1.90–1.87 Ga (Nironen et al. 2000; Peltonen 2005; Makkonen 2015; Nikkilä et al. 2016) were the main magmatic events. The volcanic rocks are associated with sedimentary, mainly turbiditic sequences; now parashists, paragneisses and metagreywackes (Lahtinen 2000; Lahtinen et al. 2002). Together, these assemblages form a curvilinear belt that extends from Tampere to the Ostrobothnian Schist Belt, encircles the Vaasa Complex and continues to north-central Sweden (Fig. 2; Nironen 2017;

Chopin et al. 2020; Lahtinen et al. 2023). Granitic pegmatites (~1.80–1.79 Ga; Alviola et al. 2001) represent the youngest magmatic activity in the WFS.

In the SFS, the bedrock is dominated by 1.91–1.85 Ga metasedimentary and 1.90–1.88 Ga syn-orogenic ultrabasic-acidic volcanic/plutonic rocks with arc-type geochemical characteristics (Lahtinen 1996; Väisänen and Mänttari 2002; Kähkönen 2005; Bergman et al. 2008; Kara et al. 2018; Lahtinen et al. 2022), intra-orogenic basic volcanic/plutonic rocks at 1.86–1.85 Ga (Pajunen et al. 2008; Väisänen et al. 2012; Nevalainen et al. 2014; Kara et al. 2020), late-orogenic leucogranites at 1.84–1.82 Ga (Ehlers et al. 1993; Kurhila et al. 2005, 2011; Andersen & Rämö 2021), post-orogenic shoshonitic intrusions at 1.81–1.76 Ga (Eklund et al. 1998; Väisänen et al. 2000; Andersson et al. 2006; Rutanen et al. 2011) and anorogenic rapakivi granites at 1.64–1.58 Ga (Rämö & Haapala 2005; Heinonen et al. 2017).

The post-orogenic intrusions (1.81–1.76 Ga) are found throughout the Fennoscandian Shield (Fig. 1). The intrusions lack deformational features (Branigan 1987; Hubbard & Branigan 1987; Rutanen et al. 2011) and are interpreted to have emplaced during a period of uplift or extensional settings that followed the orogeny (Väisänen et al. 2000). The post-orogenic rocks can vary in their geochemistry, with the most common type being shoshonitic, ranging from basic apatite-rich potassic lamprophyres to peraluminous HiBaSr granites (Eklund et al. 1998). There are several suggestions for the melting mechanism of the source of the shoshonitic intrusions including, upwelling of hot asthenospheric material caused by plume activity (Peltonen et al. 2000), convective thinning of the lithosphere (Väisänen et al. 2000), slab break-off event (Eklund & Shebanov 2002; Saalman et al. 2009), delamination (Kosunen 2004), gravitational collapse enhanced by lithospheric delamination (Korja et al. 2006) or the decay of radioactive isotopes (Kukkonen & Lauri 2009). Also, the Transscandinavian Igneous Belt (TIB) in south-central Sweden (Fig. 1; Högdahl et

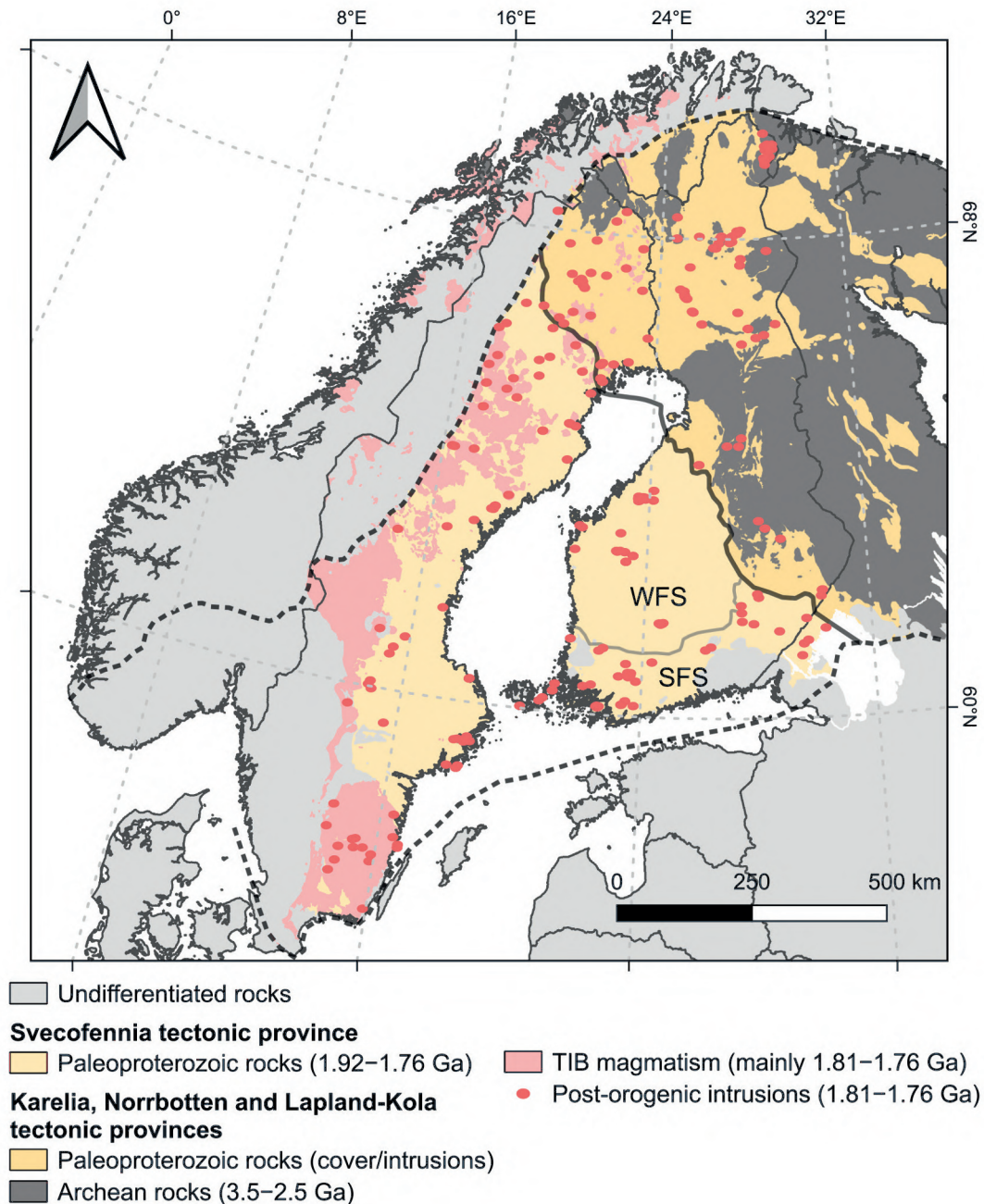


Fig. 1. Post-orogenic magmatism in the Fennoscandian shield during 1.81–1.76 Ga. WFS = Western Finland Subprovince, SFS = Southern Finland Subprovince and TIB = Transscandinavian Igneous Belt. Map modified after Geological map of Finland – Bedrock 1:1 000 000 © Geological Survey of Finland 2016, Geological map of Sweden – Bedrock 1:1 000 000 © Geological Survey of Sweden 2022 and Geological map of Norway – Bedrock 1:1 350 000 © Geological Survey of Norway 2024. References to the post-orogenic intrusions: Eklund et al. 1998; Andersson et al. 2006; Ahtonen et al. 2007; Rutanen et al. 2011; Lauri et al. 2012; Geological Survey of Finland 2014; Heilimo et al. 2014; Woodard and Huhma 2015; Rasilainen et al. 2018, 2023; Geological Survey of Sweden 2022. Svecofennia - Karelia/Norrbotten province boundary shown by black line and subprovince boundary between the WFS and SFS shown by grey line (after Nironen 2017). The boundary of the Fennoscandian shield is shown as dotted line.

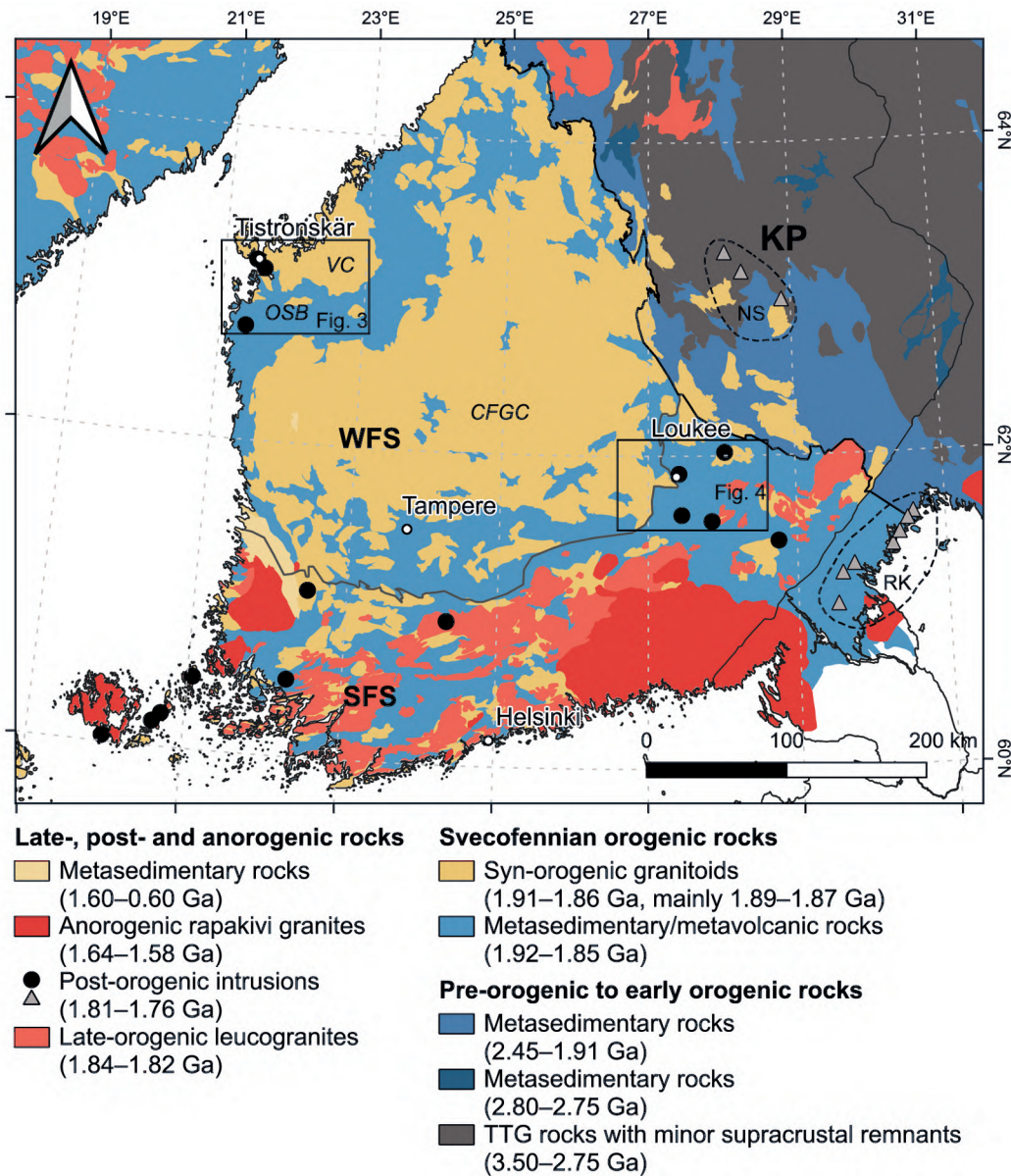


Fig. 2. Lithological map of southern Finland. Boxes indicate locations of Figures 3 and 4. Map modified after Geological map of Finland – Bedrock of Finland 1:5 000 000 © Geological Survey of Finland 2019. KP = Karelia province, WFS = Western Finland Subprovince, SFS = Southern Finland Subprovince, VC = Vaasa Complex, OSB = Ostrobothnian Schist Belt, CFGC = Central Finland Granitoid Complex, NS = North Savo and RK = Russian Karelia. Province boundary shown by black line and subprovince boundary between the WFS and SFS shown by grey line (after Nironen 2017).

al. 2004; Wahlgren & Stephens 2020; Sundblad et al. 2021), a partially simultaneous event (1.81–1.76 Ga) with the emplacement of the post-orogenic magmatic rocks, has been suggested to be related to the post-orogenic intrusions (Andersson et al. 2006). The TIB formed in active continental

margin and back-arc extension environments (Högdahl et al. 2004; Wahlgren & Stephens 2020; Sundblad et al. 2021), indicating active subduction at the edge of present-day Fennoscandia (Proto-Baltica) during supercontinent build up (Nironen 2017; Johnsson et al. 2022; Hinchey et al. 2023).

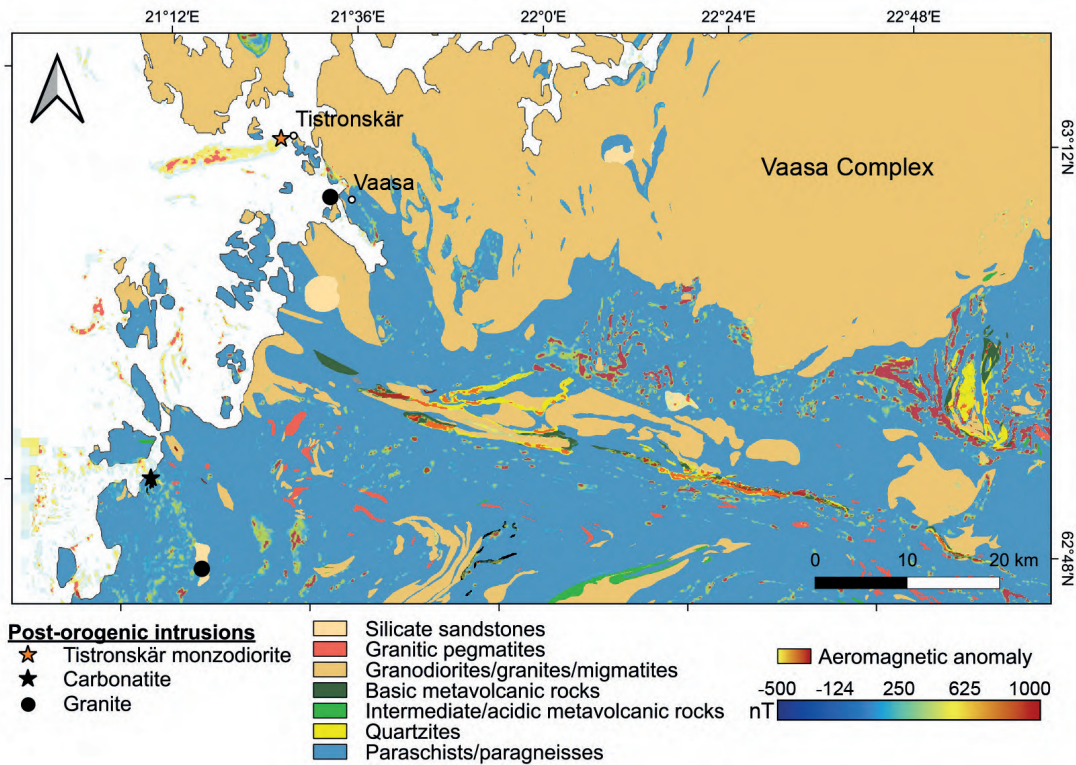


Fig. 3. Geological-magnetic map of the Vaasa area. The Tiströnskär monzodiorite shows a strong magnetic anomaly in the aeromagnetic anomaly distribution combined with the lithologic units of the area. nT = nanoTesla, indicating the value of total magnetic field. Map modified after Geological map of Finland – Bedrock 1:200 000 © Geological Survey of Finland 2022 and Aeromagnetic anomaly map of Finland © Geological Survey of Finland 2016.

2.2. Study areas

The research was conducted in two different study areas (Fig. 2), Tiströnskär and Loukee. The former represents the WFS, and the latter represents the SFS.

2.2.1. Tiströnskär area

Tiströnskär is located in the WFS in the vicinity of the Vaasa Complex (Fig. 2). The oldest rock units in the area are turbiditic paragneisses with a maximum deposition age of 1.92–1.91 Ga (Fig. 3; Lahtinen et al. 2017 and reference therein). Basalts, basaltic andesites and graphite-bearing schists are present as interbeds within the turbidites. According to Mäkitie et al. (2012) and Chopin et al. (2020), the granitic rocks represent in situ melting of the

adjacent sedimentary rocks, which is also supported by the observed ϵNd values (Suikkanen et al. 2014). The Tiströnskär monzodiorite has been interpreted as part of the syn-orogenic magmatic plutonic rocks of the VC (Sipilä et al. 2017).

The Tiströnskär monzodiorite is exposed on a few small islands and skerries close to Vaasa (Lehtonen et al. 2003). On the aeromagnetic map, the intrusion causes an east-west trending 14 km long and 2 km wide anomaly (Fig. 3). Another example of post-orogenic magmatism in the area is the Korsnäs Pb-REE deposit (Fig. 3), which is located about 25 km south of Tiströnskär. The 1.825 Ga deposit comprises a network of several hundred carbonate dikes and veins, ranging in width from centimeters to meters, and one larger mass, the Svartören dike (Papunen 1986; Torppa & Karhu 2013).

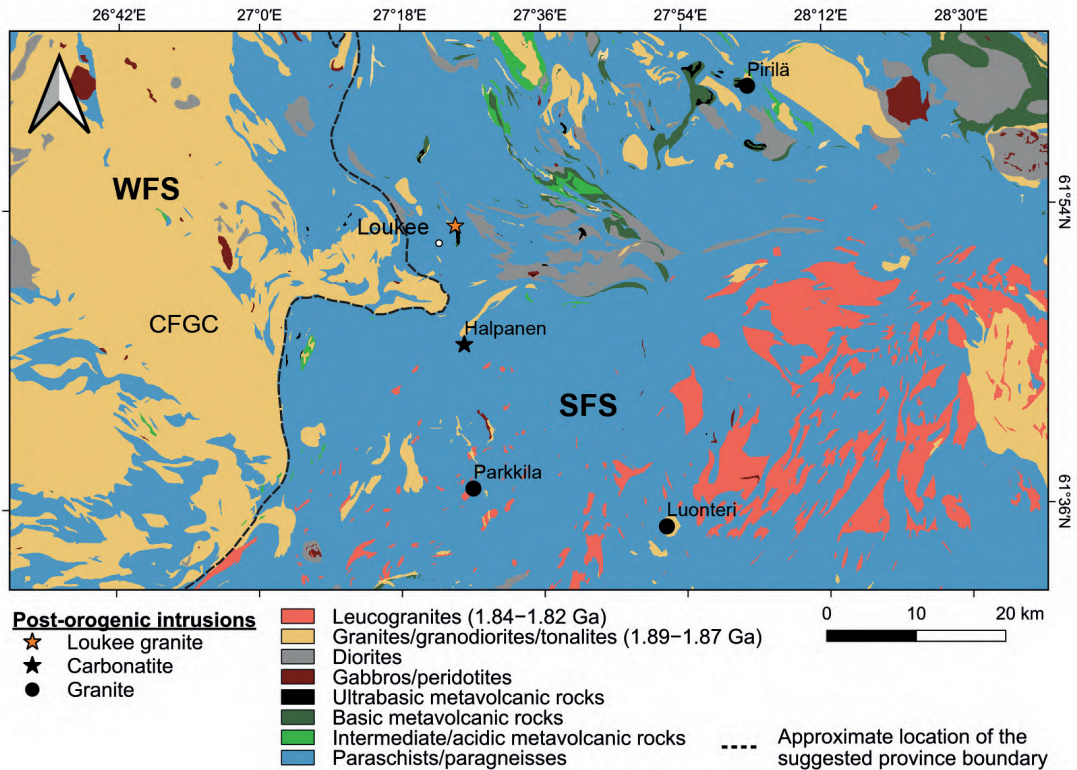


Fig. 4. Geological map of the Loukee area. WFS = Western Finland Subprovince, SFS = Southern Finland Subprovince and CFGC = Central Finland Granitoid Complex. Map modified after Geological map of Finland – Bedrock 1:200 000 © Geological Survey of Finland 2022.

2.2.2. Loukee area

Loukee is located in the SFS, on the southeastern fringe of the Central Finland Granitoid Complex (Fig. 2), in an area dominated by metasedimentary rocks (Fig. 4). Based on the detrital zircon population, the maximum deposition age of the paragneisses in the area is ~ 1.90 Ga (Mikkola et al. 2018). Their protoliths were deposited in a passive margin setting and subsequently metamorphosed during the main collisional phase of the Svecofennian orogeny into garnet-, cordierite-, and sillimanite-bearing schists and gneisses (Kähkönen 2005). Ultrabasic to basic volcanic rocks, quartz-feldspar gneisses and carbonate rocks are found as interbeds (Pekkarinen 2002). Strong magnetic anomalies have been interpreted as black shales

(Hyvönen et al. 2013; Loukola-Ruskeeniemi et al. 2023). The supracrustal sequence was intruded by 1.89–1.87 Ga granitoids and 1.84–1.82 Ga leucogranites (Nironen et al. 2000; Pekkarinen 2002; Kurhila et al. 2011; Heilimo et al. 2018). At 1.80 Ga, post-orogenic granitic intrusions (Parkkila, Luonteri and Pirilä; Rutanen et al. 2011) and a carbonatite dyke (Halpanen; Rukhlov & Bell 2010) were emplaced (Fig. 4). The Loukee granite dykes have not been previously described. They crosscut a small segment (3.0 x 0.5 km) consisting of ultrabasic and basic volcanic rocks interpreted as being erupted at 1.91–1.90 Ga (Kousa et al. 2018). Five U-Th-rich zircons from an amphibolite dyke cutting ultrabasic volcanic rocks were interpreted to indicate a metamorphic event at ~ 1.8 Ga (Kousa et al. 2018).

3. Methods

3.1. Major and trace element geochemistry

One sample from Tiströnskärs monzodiorite was analyzed at Acme Analytical Laboratory in Vancouver, Canada. The sample was pulverized in a mild steel swing mill. After the LiBO_2 fusion and HNO_3 dilution, the major elements and Cr were analyzed by ICP-ES (inductively coupled plasma emission spectrometry). The other trace elements were analyzed by ICP-MS (inductively coupled plasma mass spectrometry).

A total of 8 granitic samples from a drill core (N5112015R9, Loukee granite) were collected for major and trace element analyses. Samples were prepared at the CRS Minlab Oy facility in Kempele, Finland, and samples were analyzed at the MSALABS laboratory in Terrace, Canada. Samples were dried, crushed, and pulverized with an LM5 mill to 70% passing 2 mm, then a representative split was taken and pulverized to 85% passing 75 μm . After the LiBO_2 fusion and HNO_3 dilution, major-elements were analyzed by ICP-ES. Refractories and REEs (rare earth elements) were analyzed by ICP-MS. Au, Bi, Hg, Sb, Se and Tl elements were analyzed by ICP-MS, combined with LiBO_2 fusion and the true aqua regia solution technique. Ag, Cd, Co, Cu, Mo, Ni, Pd and Zn elements were measured using the ICP-MS system, combined with LiBO_2 fusion and the 4-acid solution technique. The F element was measured using an ISE system (ion selective electrode), combined with a fluoride specific fusion technique. Whole-rock geochemical data can be found in Electronic Appendix A.

3.2. Zircon U-Pb geochronology

Zircon U-Pb dating was performed at the laboratory of the Geological Survey of Finland in Espoo (Tiströnskärs monzodiorite and Loukee granite). Zircon grains were selected by handpicking after heavy liquid and magnetic separation. The

grains were mounted in epoxy resin, sectioned approximately in half, and polished. BSE images (back-scattered electron) were taken to target the spot analysis sites. For Tiströnskärs monzodiorite, the analyses were performed using a Nu Plasma HR multicollector ICP-MS and for Loukee granite using a Nu Plasma AttoM single collector ICP-MS. More detailed sample preparation procedures are available in Kotilainen et al. (2016) and in Molnár et al. (2018). The age calculations and plotting of the U-Pb data were done using the IsoplotR program version 6.2 (Vermeesch 2018). All the ages were calculated and plotted with 2σ errors and without decay constant errors. The zircon U-Pb data and BSE images can be found in Electronic Appendix B.

3.3. Sm-Nd and Sr-Rb isotope geochemistry

A whole-rock powder was made from the Tiströnskärs monzodiorite (sample GBTIST) using a swing mill, and ~200 mg of the powder was dissolved in a Savillex teflon screw-cap beaker on a hot plate for 48 hours. After evaporation, the samples were dissolved in HCl to obtain a clear solution. The clear HCl solution was totally spiked with ^{149}Sm - ^{150}Nd and ^{87}Rb - ^{84}Sr tracers. Rb, Sr, and LREEs were separated using standard cation exchange chromatography, and Sm and Nd were purified using a modified version of the Teflon-HDEHP method of Richard et al. (1976). The total procedural blanks were < 2 ng for Sr and < 300 ng for Nd. Isotopic ratios of Sr, Sm, and Nd were measured on a VG SECTOR 54 mass spectrometer (those of Nd and Sr in dynamic mode). Isotope dilution for Rb was performed on a non-commercial Nier-type mass spectrometer built at the Geological Survey of Finland. Nd isotopic ratios were normalized to $^{146}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd} = 0.7219$. Repeated analyses of the La Jolla Nd standard (Lugmair & Carlson 1978) during the time when GBTIST was measured gave $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$ of 0.511852 ± 0.000013 (mean and external 2σ error of 63 measurements). The external 2σ error on $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$ is 0.0025 % and the Sm-Nd ratios

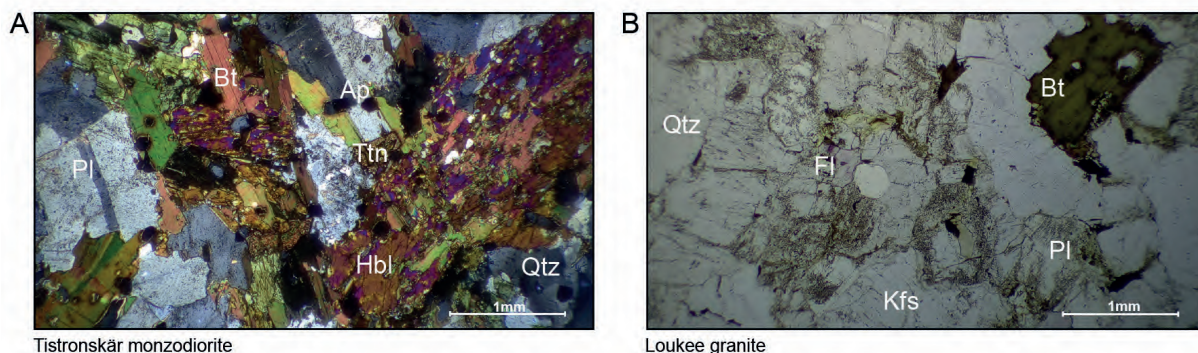


Fig. 5. Photomicrographs of the studied rocks. a) Tistronskär monzodiorite in cross-polarized light. b) Loukee granite in plane-polarized light. Qtz = quartz, Pl = plagioclase, Kfs = potassium feldspar, Bt = biotite, Hbl = hornblende, Fl = fluorite, Ap = apatite and Ttn = titanite.

are estimated to be accurate within 0.5 %. The maximum error in the εNd values is ± 0.4 ε -units. Sr isotopic ratios were normalized to $^{86}\text{Sr}/^{88}\text{Sr} = 0.1194$ (Steiger & Jäger 1977). Repeated analyses of the NBS 987 Sr standard (Moore et al. 1982) yielded $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ of 0.710268 ± 0.000042 (mean and external 2σ error of 23 measurements). The $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ are reported relative to $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr} = 0.71024$. The external 2σ error on $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ is better than 0.006 % and Rb-Sr ratios are estimated to be accurate within 0.5 %. The initial εNd value was calculated using $\lambda^{147}\text{Sm} = 6.524 \times 10^{-12} \text{ a}^{-1}$, $^{147}\text{Sm}/^{144}\text{Nd} = 0.1966$ and $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd} = 0.512638$ (Jacobsen & Wasserburg 1984). The depleted mantle model age was calculated after DePaolo (1981). The initial $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ value was calculated using $\lambda^{87}\text{Rb} = 1.3972 \times 10^{-11} \text{ a}^{-1}$ (Villa et al. 2015).

4. Results

4.1. Petrography

The Tistronskär monzodiorite is an even-grained plagioclase (~35 %), biotite (~33 %) and hornblende (~20 %) rich rock with interstitial quartz (~9 %) and accessory titanite, apatite, calcite, and opaque minerals (Fig. 5a). It seems that hornblende and biotite crystallized first, together with apatite. Later, a younger generation of biotite grew at

the cost of amphibole. Simultaneously, with the growth of the younger biotite, titanite formed. The plagioclase is altered to sericite and in some places to calcite. Euhedral apatite is common in interstitial quartz. Eklund & Fröjdö (2012) considered that apatite and quartz had grown together in a late phase of crystallization. The rock shows weak signs of deformation with kink bands in biotite and undulating quartz.

The even-grained Loukee biotite granite contains accessory fluorite, muscovite, calcite, titanite, apatite and zircon (Fig. 5b). The grain size of the widest fluorite-bearing dyke change from medium-grained (1–5 mm) to coarse-grained (5–50 mm) to pegmatitic (100–200 mm), and the color from grey to pink, respectively. Fluorite is usually found as an accessory mineral in the groundmass (Fig. 5b) and in coarser-grained variants in miarolitic cavities consisting of fluorite and calcite. Apatite and zircon are present as small crystals.

4.2. Major and trace element geochemistry

The Tistronskär monzodiorite plots in the field between monzodiorite and gabbroic diorite in the TAS diagram (Fig. 6a) and shows a marginal shoshonitic affinity in the Si_2O versus K_2O diagram

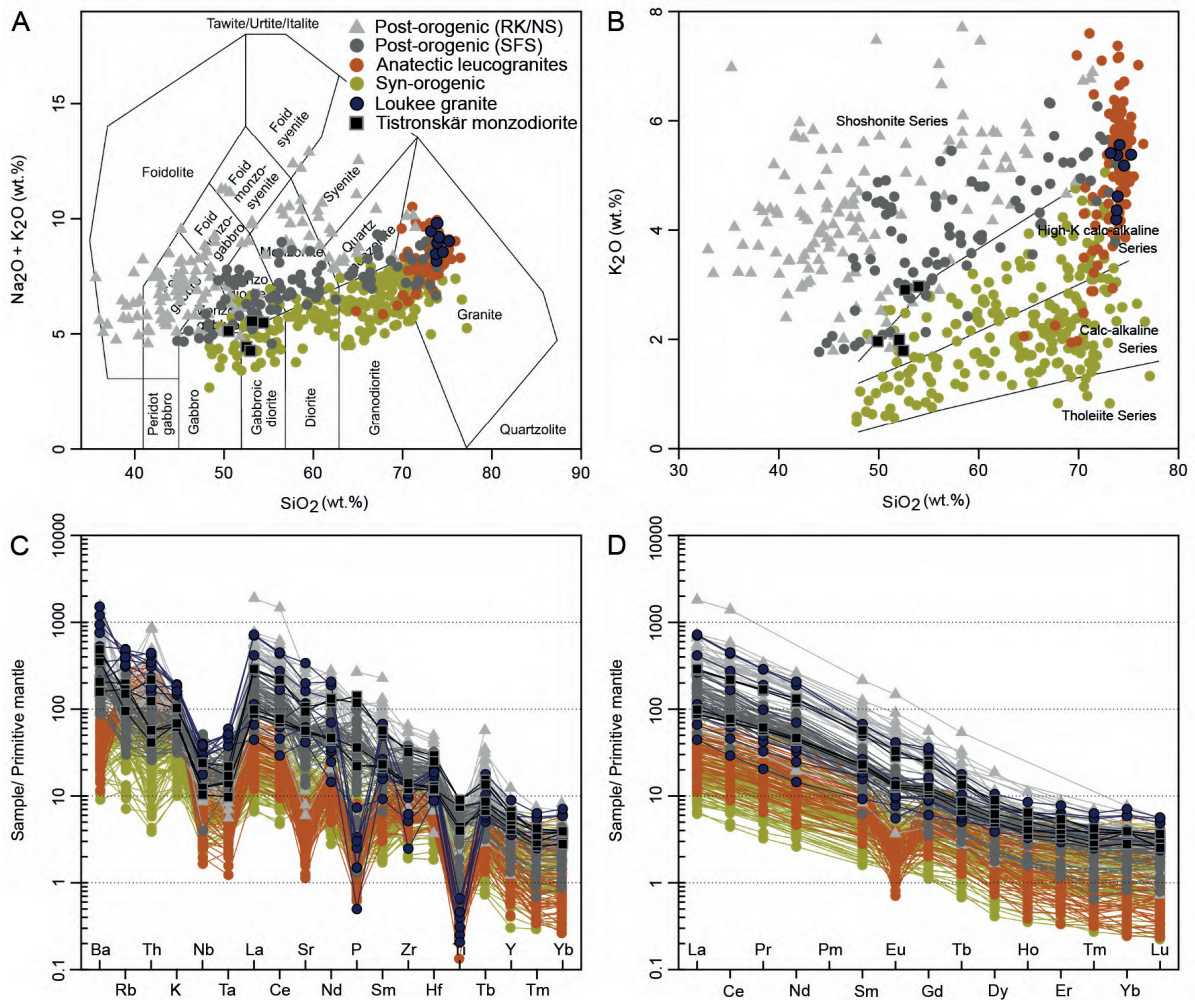


Fig. 6. Tiströnskar monzodiorite and Loukee granite compared to other plutonic rocks from the Southern Finland Subprovince (SFS), North Savo (NS) and Russian Karelia (RK). a) SiO₂ versus Na₂O + K₂O diagram after Middlemost (1994). b) SiO₂ versus K₂O diagram after Peccerillo and Taylor (1976). c) Multi-element plot normalized to primitive mantle after McDonough & Sun (1995). d) REE diagram normalized to primitive mantle after McDonough & Sun (1995). References to the post-orogenic rocks can be found in Electronic Appendix A and data to the other plutonic rocks in database of Rock geochemical data of Finland (Geological Survey of Finland 2014).

(Fig. 6b). Total alkalis (K₂O + Na₂O) range from 4.2 to 5.5 wt.%. Cr and Ni contents range from 290 to 528 ppm and 76 to 100 ppm, respectively. Ba and Sr contents range from 1045 to 3219 ppm and 1069 to 2107 ppm, respectively. In the primitive mantle-normalized multi-element plot (Fig. 6c), the monzodiorite has a pattern similar to that of basic/intermediate post-orogenic rocks from the SFS (Eklund et al. 1998), showing clear negative anomalies for Nb and Ta and smaller ones for Sr and

Ti. In primitive mantle-normalized REE diagram (Fig. 6d), the monzodiorite is strongly enriched in LREEs with La_N of ~169 and (La/Yb)_N of ~46. Monzodiorite also lacks an Eu anomaly (average Eu/Eu* = 0.82; Fig. 6d).

The Loukee granite plots within the granite field in the TAS diagram (Fig. 6a). It is characterized by high SiO₂ (70.2–74.8 wt.%) and K₂O (4.2–5.4 wt.%) with a K₂O/Na₂O ratio of 1.0–1.6, displaying high-K calc-alkaline to weakly

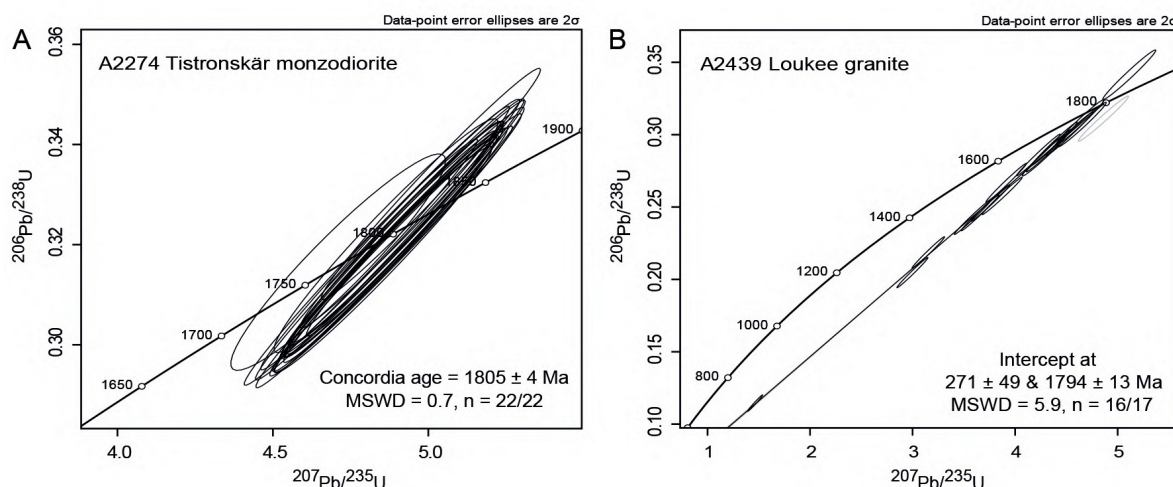


Fig. 7. Concordia plots for the studied samples. n = number of analyses used for the calculation from the total analyzed. MSWD = the Mean Square of the Weighted Deviates for concordance + equivalence/the linear fit. U-Pb data can be found in Electronic Appendix B. a) Sample A2274 (Tiströnskärs monzodiorite). b) Sample A2439 (Loukee granite). The pale ellipse is excluded from the calculation as inherited.

shoshonitic affinities (Fig. 6b). The granites show large negative anomalies for Nb, Ta, P, Ti and smaller one for Zr (Fig. 6c), and they are enriched in LREEs with La_N up to ~ 722 and $(La/Yb)_N$ up to 188 (Fig. 6d). Granites are strongly enriched in LILEs such as Ba (1359 to >10000 ppm) and Sr (827–6752 ppm) and lack significant Eu anomalies (average $Eu/Eu^* = 0.85$; Fig. 6d).

4.3. Zircon U-Pb age determinations

In BSE/CL images, zircon grains from the Tiströnskärs monzodiorite (sample A2274) show oscillatory zoning in rims with inherited cores, but some zircons are homogeneous and lack observable internal structures (Electronic Appendix B). Altogether, 22 spots from 22 zircon grains were analyzed using LA-ICP-MS. All the analyses are concordant and yield a concordia age of 1805 ± 4 Ma with an MSWD of concordance + equivalence 0.7, which we interpret as the crystallization age of the Tiströnskärs monzodiorite (Fig. 7a).

In BSE images, zircon grains from the Loukee granite (sample A2439) are rounded, euhedral, homogeneous and lack oscillatory zoning patterns

(Electronic Appendix B). Altogether, 17 spots from 17 zircon grains were analyzed using LA-ICP-MS. The obtained results are mainly discordant and the $^{207}Pb/^{206}Pb$ ages vary from 1481 to 1853 Ma. The analyzed spots have Th/U ratios varying from 0.08 to 0.48, which are typical for igneous zircons (Rubatto 2002). The most discordant analyses are from U-enriched zircons ($U = 1345$ – 2090 ppm). One spot deviating from the main population shows an older $^{207}Pb/^{206}Pb$ age of 1853 Ma and is excluded as an outlier indicating assimilation of older rock. The remaining 16 analyses define an upper intercept age of 1794 ± 13 Ma (MSWD = 5.9, Fig. 7b), which we interpret as the crystallization age of the Loukee granite.

4.4. Sm-Nd and Sr-Rb isotope geology

Sample GBTIST of the Tiströnskärs monzodiorite (from the same outcrop area as sample A2274 that was dated with the U-Pb method) was analyzed for whole-rock Sm-Nd and Sr-Rb isotopes (Table 1). The Tiströnskärs monzodiorite has a near-chondritic initial ϵ_{Nd} value of -0.4 ± 0.4 (at 1805 Ma) and a depleted mantle model age of 2060 Ma. The $^{147}Sm/^{144}Nd$ value is very low (0.0843) compared

to the present-day chondritic value of 0.1966 (Jacobsen & Wasserburg 1984). The sample has a relatively low Rb content (104 ppm) and high Sr content (2064 ppm) and thus the $^{87}\text{Rb}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ ratio is low (0.1455). The measured $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ ratio is 0.706937, and the calculated initial $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ ratio is 0.70322 ± 0.00007 . The initial $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ ratio is somewhat higher than that of the Uniform Reservoir at 1.80 Ga (0.7024; Faure 2001).

Table 1. Whole-rock Nd and Sr isotope composition of the 1805 Ma Tiströnskar monzodiorite.

Sample field code	GBTIST
Sm (ppm)	23.1
Nd (ppm)	165.5
$^{147}\text{Sm}/^{144}\text{Nd}$	0.08434
$^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}^a$	0.511290 ± 0.000006
ϵNd_i (at 1805 Ma) ^b	-0.4 ± 0.4
T_{DM} (Ma) ^c	2060
Rb (ppm)	103.8
Sr (ppm)	2063.7
$^{87}\text{Rb}/^{86}\text{Sr}$	0.1455
$^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}^a$	0.706937 ± 0.000014
$^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}_i$ (at 1805 Ma) ^d	0.70322 ± 0.00007

Note: Isotopic analyses at the Geological Survey of Finland by the last author.

^a $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$ normalized to $^{146}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd} = 0.7219$, $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ normalized to $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr} = 0.1194$; reported errors are 2σ .

^b Initial Nd isotope composition expressed as the ϵNd value, calculated using $\lambda^{147}\text{Sm} = 6.524 \times 10^{-12} \text{ a}^{-1}$, $^{147}\text{Sm}/^{144}\text{Nd} = 0.1966$ and $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd} = 0.512638$.

^c Depleted mantle model age after DePaolo (1981).

^d Initial Sr isotope composition, with external 2σ error indicated, calculated using $\lambda^{87}\text{Rb} = 1.3972 \times 10^{-11} \text{ a}^{-1}$ of Villa et al. (2015).

5. Discussion

5.1. Petrogenesis of Tiströnskar monzodiorite

New age data for the Tiströnskar monzodiorite yielded a U-Pb zircon age of 1805 ± 4 Ma (Fig. 7a). Thus, the monzodiorite is coeval with post-orogenic intrusions elsewhere in the Svecofennian province. Moreover, the monzodiorite shows the same geochemical characteristics (high K, P, Ti, Ba, Sr and LREE) as the basic/intermediate post-

orogenic rocks (Fig. 6c). As a result, we suggest that Tiströnskar is a post-orogenic intrusion.

In both the SFS and Russian Karelia, basic post-orogenic rocks are suggested to have their sources in the subcontinental lithospheric mantle, which was enriched during the Svecofennian orogeny (Väisänen et al. 2000, Andersson et al. 2006). The post-orogenic rocks have relatively restricted radiogenic isotope ratios (initial Sr = 0.7019 to 0.7035 and ϵNd (t) = +1.4 to -0.8) and broadly similar primitive mantle-normalized trace element patterns (Figs. 6 and 8). This strongly suggests that these post-orogenic rocks were derived from similar sources and reflect similar magmatic processes. The Tiströnskar monzodiorite initial Sr value (0.7032) and ϵNd value (-0.4) plots between these ranges (Fig. 8). This indicates that the Tiströnskar monzodiorite could have been derived from sources similar to those of the other post-orogenic rocks.

Eklund et al. (1998) suggested that magmas derived from subduction-influenced carbonated mantle could explain high Ba-Sr signatures in post-orogenic rocks since the enriched LREE and LILE characters could have been inherited from subducted sediment and carbonate melts. In addition, Woodard & Huhma (2015) suggested that metasomatic enrichment of the lithospheric mantle occurred as a two-stage process. First, in an active subduction stage (>1.87 Ga), amphibole- and phlogopite-rich veins crystallized in the mantle from a hydrous alkaline silicate melt, formed as a consequence of melting of the subducted sediments. They added that silicate melt, with high Rb/Sr and $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ would control the $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ characteristics of the enriched mantle source. The second metasomatism occurred during a post-orogenic thermal re-equilibration where the mantle melting led to further melting of the subducted sediments, producing carbonatitic melt, which was filtrated preferentially into the vein network. Carbonatite melt (LREE enriched, low Sm/Nd) would control the $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$ characteristics (Woodard & Huhma 2015). Metasomatic enrichment is also supported by experimental studies (Wyllie & Sekine 1982; Förster et al. 2019), as it has illustrated

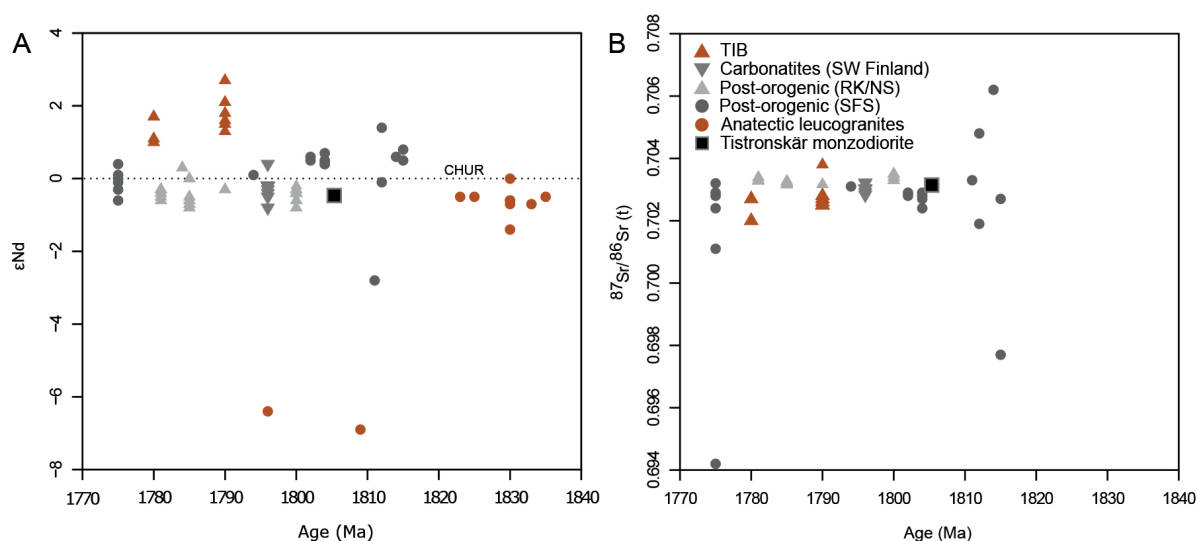


Fig. 8. Age versus Nd and Sr diagrams showing the initial Nd and Sr isotope composition of the Tistronskär monzodiorite dated by the U-Pb method in this study. Also shown is the composition of the 46 previously analysed post-orogenic basic to acidic intrusions from the Southern Finland Subprovince (SFS), North Savo (NS) and Russian Karelia (RK) (Patchett & Kouvo 1986; Lahtinen & Huhma 1997; Eklund et al. 1998; Konopelko et al. 2005; Andersson et al. 2006; Rutanen et al. 2011; Woodard & Huhma 2015), 11 anatectic leucogranites from SFS (Huhma 1986; Kurhila et al. 2005, 2011) and 10 basic plutonic rocks from Transscandinavian Igneous Belt (TIB) (Rutanen & Andersson 2009). CHUR is chondritic uniform reservoir (DePaolo & Wasserburg 1976).

that amphibole- and phlogopite-bearing pyroxenite can be produced by addition of melts from subducted sediments interacting with depleted mantle regions. Geochemically comparable melts to the basic post-orogenic shoshonitic rocks in the SFS have been shown to be equilibrium with phlogopite pyroxenite assemblages (Becerra-Torres et al. 2020). In addition, the 1.80 Ga monzodiorite has a low SiO_2 content (49.8–53.9 wt.%) and relatively high $\text{Mg\#}$ (60–65), indicating that their parental magmas were predominantly mantle derived. Moreover, a high P_2O_5 content (up to 2.92 wt.%) and $\text{P}_2\text{O}_5/\text{TiO}_2$ ratio (up to 1.63) of the Tistronskär monzodiorite is consistent with a magma source modified by carbonatite melt metasomatism (e.g., Baker & Wyllie 1992). It is suggested that differences in carbonate metasomatism may explain the regional geochemical differences, so that the source of the rocks in Russian Karelia were more affected by carbonate metasomatism (Eklund et al. 1998; Andersson et al. 2006). As shown in Figure 9a, post-orogenic rocks from Russian Karelia and North Savo show higher Ce/Yb and $\text{P}_2\text{O}_5/\text{TiO}_2$

ratios than post-orogenic rocks from the SFS. The Tistronskär monzodiorite shows a similar Ce/Yb and $\text{P}_2\text{O}_5/\text{TiO}_2$ ratios than the SFS post-orogenic rocks (Fig. 9a). In the SiO_2 versus Rb/Ba diagram (Fig. 9b) Tistronskär monzodiorite shows a similar $\text{Rb/Ba} < 0.1$ character to other post-orogenic rocks. This indicates that the Tistronskär monzodiorite is similar to the post-orogenic rocks in the SFS but differs from rocks situated in Russian Karelia, where carbonate metasomatism has been stronger (Eklund et al. 1998).

In subduction zones, the subcontinental mantle can be enriched by sediment derived aqueous fluids or melts, carbonate derived fluids/melts, or melts from altered oceanic crust (Spandler & Pirard 2013). It is unclear what the proportion of sediment versus carbonate enrichment is, but some conclusions can be drawn from geochemical comparisons with other rock types. The primitive mantle-normalized trace element pattern of the Tistronskär monzodiorite is generally similar to GLOSS (global subducting sediments; Plank 2014), suggesting that the mantle was metasomatized

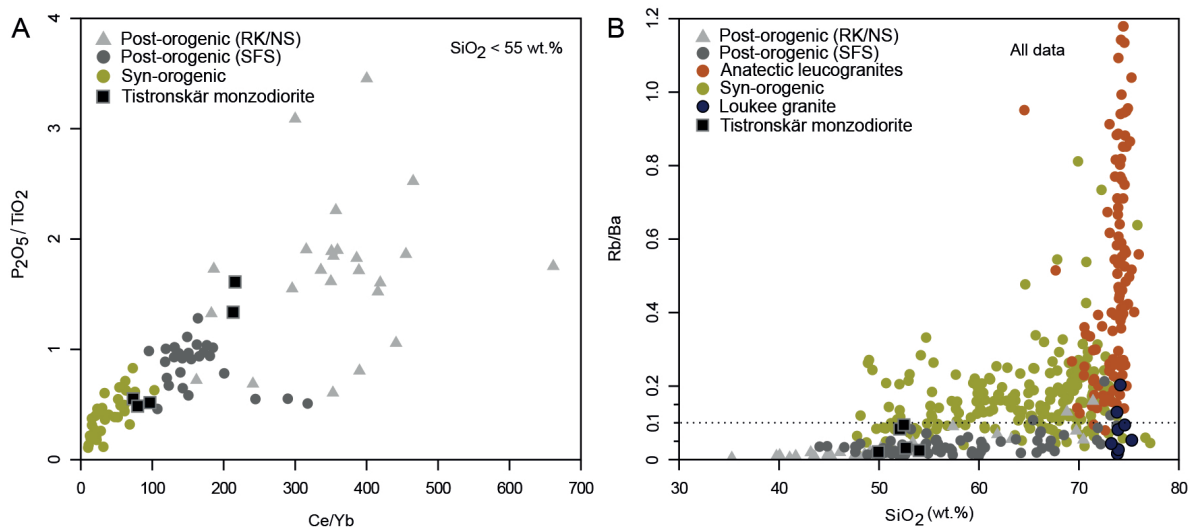


Fig. 9. Tiströnskar monzodiorite and Loukee granite compared to other plutonic rocks from Southern Finland Subprovince (SFS), North Savo (NS) and Russian Karelia (RK). a) Ce/Yb versus P_2O_5/TiO_2 for basic rocks ($SiO_2 < 55 \text{ wt.}\%$). b) SiO_2 versus Rb/Ba for all rocks.

by subducted sediment derived melts (Fig. 10a). Subducted sediment derived melts can enrich the mantle source with elements such as K, Ba, Sr, LREE, Ti, Th and Zr (Hermann & Rubatto 2009; Turner & Langmuir 2022). These values are higher in Tiströnskar monzodiorite and other post-orogenic intrusions than those of the 1.88–1.87 Ga syn-orogenic basic metavolcanic and plutonic rocks in the WFS (Fig. 10b). The sediment melt is inferred here because Th is strongly soluble in hydrous silicate melts (Johnson & Plank 1999; Kessel et al. 2005; Spandler & Pirard 2013), and the Tiströnskar monzodiorite has Th values higher than those of the 1.88–1.87 Ga basic metavolcanic and plutonic rocks in the WFS (Fig. 10b). Furthermore, studies by Spandler et al. (2007) and Hermann & Rubatto (2009) have shown that sediment derived aqueous fluids cannot produce the same high Ba, Sr and LREE characteristics as observed in Tiströnskar monzodiorite. Moreover, sediment derived melts are suggested here because melts from altered oceanic crust are not sufficiently enriched in incompatible elements (K, Ba, Sr, Rb and Th) to be a possible source of enrichment for Tiströnskar monzodiorite, as demonstrated in Figure 10a. In addition, even if the altered oceanic crust melted

in the mantle regions, it is too isotopically depleted to explain the initial $^{87}Sr/^{86}Sr$ isotopic composition of the Tiströnskar monzodiorite. We conclude that the origin of the Tiströnskar monzodiorite is related to an enriched mantle source. The mantle source might have been metasomatized by melts derived from terrigenous sediments (LREE, Th, Zr, Ti and $^{87}Sr/^{86}Sr$ increase) and from CO_2 -rich melts/fluids (P_2O_5 , Ba, Th, Sr and LREE increase), which promoted the upper mantle to melt at the post-orogenic stage.

5.2. Petrogenesis of Loukee HiBaSr granite

The composition of the granitic dykes from Loukee is characterized by high Ba and Sr contents, and negative Nb and Ta anomalies (Figs. 6c and 11a). They are similar to high Ba-Sr (HiBaSr) granitoids worldwide and thus distinct from the more common I-, S- and A-type granites (Tarney & Jones 1994; Lara et al. 2017). These HiBaSr granitoids are also distinct from adakites in having more variable Y and Yb contents and higher Ba/Sr and K_2O/Na_2O ratios (e.g., Kara et al. 2020). Thus, the Loukee granite is regarded as a high Ba-Sr granitoid.

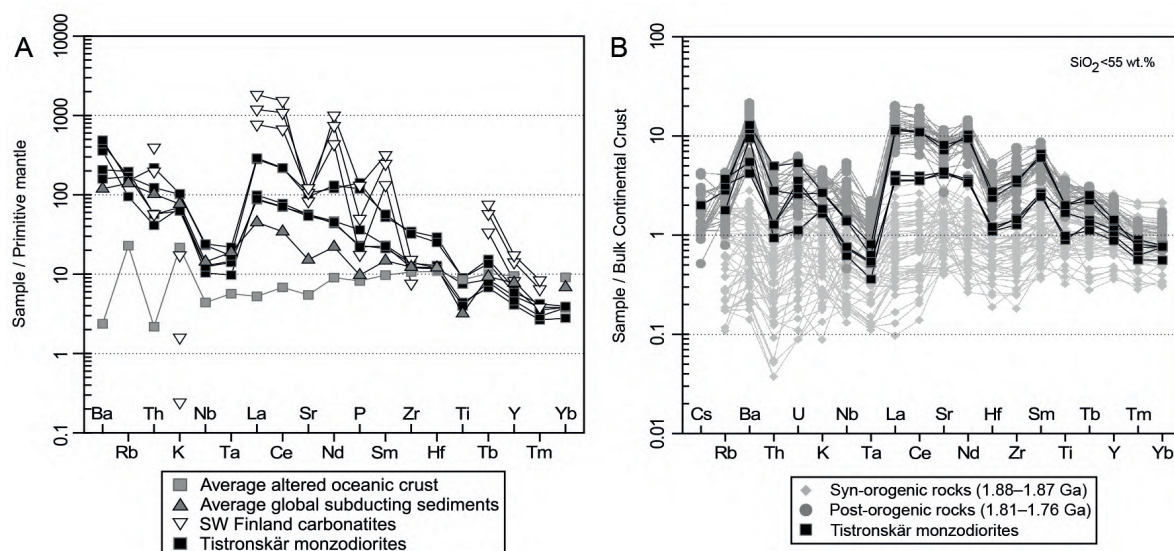


Fig. 10. a) Tiströnskar monzodiorite (this study and data from Lehtonen et al. 2003) compared to average altered oceanic crust (Kelley et al. 2003), average global subducting sediments (Plank 2014) and carbonatites from southwest Finland (Woodard & Hölttä 2005) in a multi-element plot normalized to primitive mantle after McDonough & Sun (1995). b) Tiströnskar monzodiorite compared to the syn-orogenic metavolcanic and plutonic rocks ($\text{SiO}_2 < 55 \text{ wt.}\%$) from the Western Finland Subprovince and post-orogenic rocks ($\text{SiO}_2 < 55 \text{ wt.}\%$) from the Southern Finland Subprovince (Electronic Appendix A) in multi-element plot normalized to bulk continental crust after Taylor and McLennan (1995). All the 1.88–1.87 Ga syn-orogenic metavolcanic and plutonic rocks (Lehtonen et al. 2003; Geological Survey of Finland 2014) are from the schist belts that encircles the Central Finland Granitoids Complex from Tampere to the NW to the Ostrobothnian Schist Belt.

Post-orogenic HiBaSr granitoids with similar geochemical characteristics (high K, P, Ti, Ba, Sr and LREE) and crystallization ages ($\sim 1.80 \text{ Ga}$) as the Loukee HiBaSr granite have been described throughout the SFS (Rutanen et al. 2011). These acidic rocks can be distinguished from the 1.90–1.88 Ga syn-orogenic acidic plutonic rocks and anatectic leucogranites in Ba-Sr content (Fig. 11a) and Sr-Rb-Ba ratio (Fig. 11b). New age data on the Loukee granite yielded a U-Pb zircon age of $1794 \pm 13 \text{ Ma}$ (Fig. 7b). As a result, we suggest that Loukee granite is a post-orogenic intrusion.

Eklund et al. (1998) and Andersson et al. (2006) suggested that post-orogenic HiBaSr granitic rocks are clearly mantle derived and therefore the characteristic chemistry of this granitoid group must be defined by the mantle source rather than the crustal source. The same geochemical, chronological and isotopic characteristics of the

post-orogenic rocks (lamprophyres, monzogabbros, monzonites and HiBaSr granites) in the SFS indicate a common/similar source (Eklund et al. 1998). Intermediate-acidic rocks from the SFS are closely associated with coeval basic rocks and are suggested to have been formed by the extensive fractionation of mantle-derived shoshonitic melts (Eklund et al. 1998). Our interpretation is that Loukee granite was also formed by fractional crystallization from basic/intermediate shoshonitic melts, as Loukee granite shows the same geochemical characteristics as the other acidic post-orogenic rocks in the SFS (Fig. 6).

Regarding the lower crustal melting origin for the HiBaSr granites, experimental studies have shown that the melting of amphibolites and basalts with/without fractional crystallization could produce granitic magmas (Beard & Lofgren 1991; Sisson et al. 2005; Blatter et al. 2013; Nandedkar et al. 2014; Palin et al. 2016). These studies show that

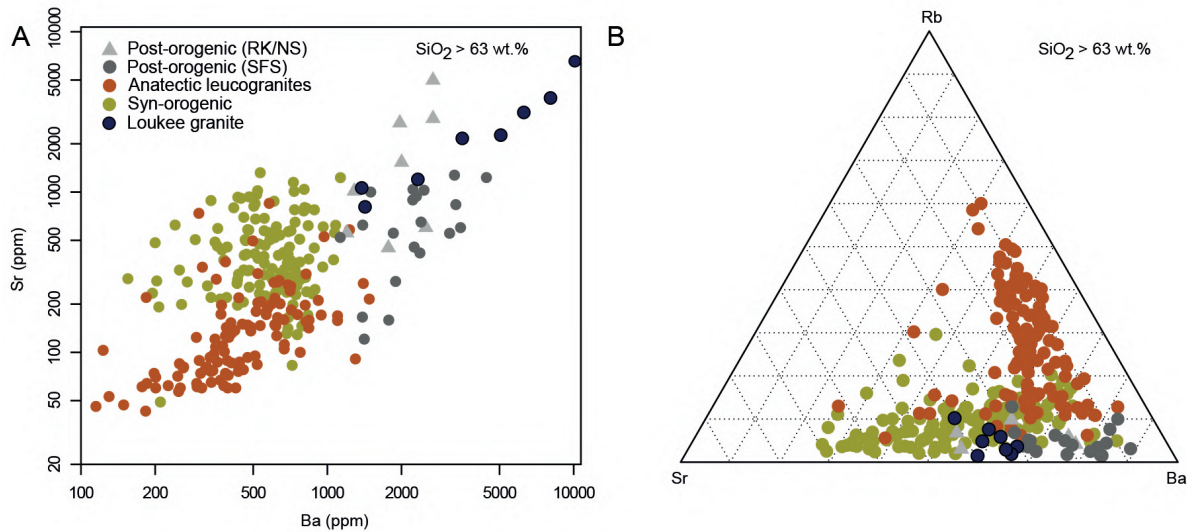


Fig. 11. Loukee granite compared to other acidic plutonic rocks from the Southern Finland Subprovince (SFS), North Savo (NS) and Russian Karelia (RK). a) Ba-Sr binary diagram. b) Sr-Rb-Ba ternary diagram.

melts from amphibolites and basalts are strongly peraluminous, rich in Al_2O_3 and CaO, and poor in K_2O , following the calc-alkaline magma series. The HiBaSr granites have relatively low values of Al_2O_3 and CaO, high K_2O , and are mostly metaluminous, following the shoshonitic magma series. Moreover, the near-chondritic initial ϵNd values from the post-orogenic acidic rocks (0.6 to -0.6; Rutanen et al. 2011) indicates that their petrogenesis differs from that of anatectic leucogranites throughout the SFS. As anatectic leucogranites show lower initial ϵNd values (-0.5 to -1.4; Fig. 8a), where a range of metaigneous and metasedimentary rocks have been suggested involved in their petrogenesis (Kurhila et al. 2011). Therefore, basalt and amphibolite are unlikely to be sources of the HiBaSr granites.

5.3. Petrogenetic interpretation for shoshonitic magmatism in the WFS and SFS

Possible explanations for the melt formation in the mantle in post-orogenic settings in the WFS and SFS are related to the upwelling of hot asthenospheric material caused by plume activity (Peltonen et al. 2000), convective thinning of the

lithosphere (Väisänen et al. 2000), slab break-off event (Eklund & Shebanov 2002; Saalman et al. 2009), delamination (Kosunen 2004), gravitational collapse enhanced by lithospheric delamination (Korja et al. 2006) or decay of radioactive isotopes (Kukkonen & Lauri 2009). Both the Tistronskär and Loukee intrusions show mantle source affinities, thus were likely formed primarily by mantle melts. The ages from different post-orogenic shoshonitic intrusions in the SFS span over at least 55 Ma (from 1815 Ma to 1760 Ma, although most ages cluster around 1800 Ma) suggesting that a protracted, diachronous, and probably multistage process gave rise to shoshonitic magmatism within a post-orogenic setting (Väisänen et al. 2000; Eklund & Shebanov 2005). Despite the range in magmatic ages, these intrusions are similar in petrological character and geochemical composition, suggesting that they share a common source and petrogenesis (Rutanen et al. 2011). Thus, these shoshonitic melts are considered to form by long-lasting event that has operated in the WFS and SFS, starting at 1815 Ma, forming the peak at 1800 Ma and lasting all the way to 1760 Ma. Thus, viable petrogenetic models must account the long-lasting mantle melting in the WFS and SFS.

Juvenile crust formation during the arc-continent collision between the tectonic blocks represented by the Svecofennia and Karelia provinces was accompanied by thickening of the lithosphere. Korja et al. (1993) proposed that, after collision, the lithosphere may be thinned by delamination. This could be one long-lasting mechanism for producing heat additions to the base of the crust and causing melting of both the upper mantle and lower crust in a post-orogenic setting. During the formation of 1.84–1.82 Ga anatectic leucogranites in the SFS, in which granitic plutons compose most of the upper crust (Fig. 2), there must be a complementary production of a thick, deeper section of mafic garnet granulites that form as residues of the granitoids. This is seen in large-scale seismic array studies of the lower crust across the SFS, which show a thinner high P-wave velocity layer underneath the SFS compared to the thicker high-velocity layers further north (Yliniemi et al. 2004). Areas of high-velocity lower crust are interpreted to consist of a mixture of hornblendites, mafic garnet granulites, pyroxenites and mafic eclogites (Kuusisto et al. 2006). In addition, Janik et al. (2007) interpreted the seismic data to indicate that in the SFS, the lower crust is eclogitic compared to the mafic garnet granulite lower crust further north. Another characteristic feature of the SFS is that the crust is more than 10 km thinner than further north, which is interpreted in terms of thinning after the thickening process (Korja et al. 1993). Moreover, post-orogenic intrusions seem to appear everywhere, except in areas where crustal thicknesses exceed 56 km (Korja et al. 1993; Yliniemi et al. 2004). Furthermore, melting of mafic metavolcanic rocks could generate dense mafic garnet granulite residues in the lower crust, as modeled by Andersen & Rämö (2021). The availability of hydrous fluids (e.g., from a nearby subducting plate, TIB magmatism, Fig. 1) could facilitate lower crust eclogitization (Krystopowicz & Currie 2013). This eclogite phase change itself induces lower crustal weakening and could initiate lower crust delamination in the WSF and SFS. This is consistent with the notion that

a phase transformation in the lower crust from mafic granulite to eclogite plays a major role in the development of delamination (Meissner & Mooney 1998; Krystopowicz & Currie 2013). Thus, lower crust/upper mantle delamination, seems to be a possible scenario to account the post-orogenic magmatism across the WSF and SFS, but only in the parts where the crust is thinner than 56 km.

On the scale of the entire Svecofennian province, the 1.89–1.87 Ga magmatic episode has been related to N-S directed shortening, amalgamation of island arcs, and regional deformation (Chopin et al. 2020; Lahtinen et al. 2023). In contrast, the post-orogenic magmatic episode in 1.81–1.76 Ga was characterized by shifts in plate convergence (transpressional shearing) and by a diversity of magmatic suites, including suites derived from the subcontinental mantle and widespread granitoid rocks extracted from the continental crust (Fig. 1; Ehlers et al. 1993; Eklund et al. 1998; Heilimo et al. 2014). The diversity of concurrent magmatic events across the Svecofennian province and the temporal coincidence with active TIB magmatism in the west suggest that transpressional shearing related to the TIB magmatism has affected the juvenile Svecofennian continent and may have reached through the whole lithosphere (Andersson et al. 2006). Thus, there may be a link between the availability of hydrous fluids (e.g., from a nearby subducting plate), lower crust eclogitization, and delamination (Fig. 12).

Many authors have proposed that TIB magmatism can be genetically linked to the widespread post-orogenic magmatism occurring in a whole Svecofennian province (Nironen 1997; Korja et al. 1993; Pesonen 2003; Andersson et al. 2006; Heilimo et al. 2014; see Fig. 1), and related mafic underplating may also form a large subsurface mafic intrusion underneath the Svecofennian province as well (Väisänen et al. 2000; Woodard et al. 2014). The 1.80 Ga zircons from mantle and lower crustal xenoliths in eastern Finland verify this large-scale mantle activity at this time (Hölttä et al. 2000; Peltonen & Mänttari 2001). We suggest

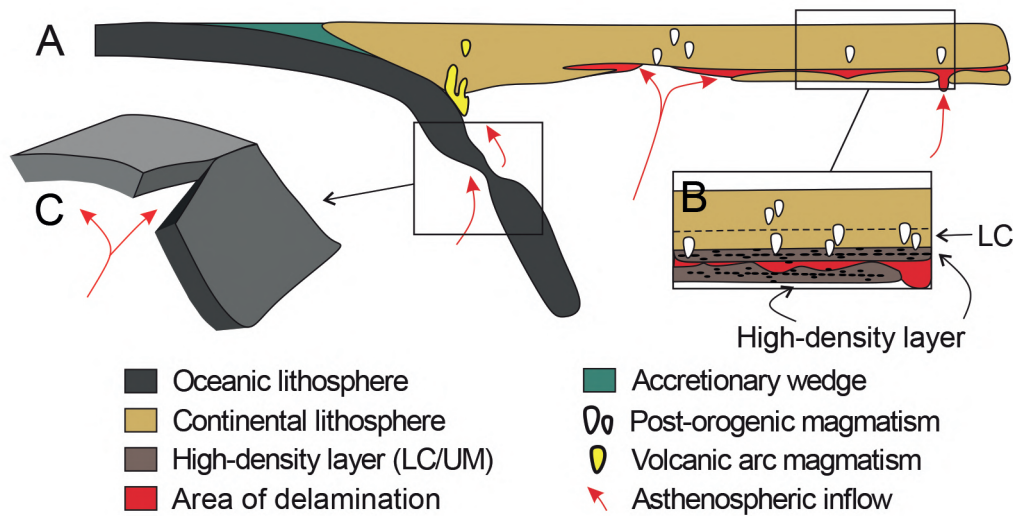


Fig. 12. Schematic model of the generation of post-orogenic magmas: Post-orogenic magmas form as a result of delamination and partial slab break-off in the thickened lithosphere created by the Svecofennian orogeny. A) Drip-type delamination occurs in the heterogeneous high-density layer of lower crust and upper mantle. This delamination allows asthenospheric inflow, providing the necessary heat and causing melting of both the upper mantle and lower crust. B) The high-density layer is compositionally heterogeneous and enriched with various components during the Svecofennian orogeny. C) Partial slab break-off, or slab tearing, could also cause localized asthenospheric influx, leading to melting. LC = lower crust and UM = upper mantle.

that the combination of the high-density layer foundering to the upper mantle and the slab break-off/rollback event triggered upper mantle melting in the WFS and SFS (Fig. 12). This setting explains the debated heat source as well as the occurrence of high Ce/Yb shoshonitic magmatism in Russian Karelia (Fig. 9a), which is interpreted to have formed deeper in the lithosphere than shoshonitic intrusions closer to the TIB (Andersson et al. 2006). In this context, the WFS, SFS and Russian Karelia represent the distal intracontinental regions from the newly formed active continental margin in the west (Figs. 1 and 12). In this scenario, delamination of the overthickened crust occurred far from the active continental margin. This could have caused new heat flow and mafic underplating of the continental crust, giving rise to melt production and post-orogenic magmatic activity in the central part of the craton. The delamination process suggested here is drip-type, as proposed by Houseman & Molnar (1997), meaning that the high-density layer delaminates only partially. We suggest that

a small-scale drip-like delamination within the crust-mantle boundary was necessary to form widespread shoshonitic intrusions in the WFS and SFS. At the time of the generation of post-orogenic magmas, the active continental margin was located around the current border between Sweden and Norway, where subduction produced volcanic arc magmatism and formed the Transscandinavian Igneous Belt.

6. Conclusions

We have characterized the geochemistry, age and whole-rock Sr-Nd isotope composition of the Tiströnsjär LREE-rich monzodiorite and the geochemistry and age of the Loukee high Ba-Sr granite in western and southern Finland. The main results are:

1) The zircon U-Pb age of the Tiströnsjär monzodiorite is 1805 ± 4 Ma and that of the Loukee granite is 1794 ± 13 Ma.

2) The Tiströnskär monzodiorite and Loukee granite can be classified as HiBaSr shoshonitic intrusions.

3) The ages (~1.80 Ga) from Tiströnskär monzodiorite and Loukee granite indicate that they can be classified as post-orogenic intrusions.

4) Tiströnskär monzodiorite and Loukee granite show the same enriched geochemical characteristics (high K, P, Ti, Ba, Sr, LREE) as the other post-orogenic intrusions in the SFS.

5) The slab break-off model combined with lower crust delamination is suggested to have been responsible for upper mantle melting to generate shoshonitic melts in the WSF and SFS. It is suggested that the crystallization of carbonatite melts in the upper mantle and the subsequent release of CO₂-H₂O-rich fluids could possibly induce the melting of phlogopite pyroxenites in the upper mantle.

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Supplementary Data

Electronic Appendices are available via Bulletin of the Geological Society Finland web page.

Electronic Appendix A: Whole-rock geochemical analyses and post-orogenic reference dataset.

Electronic Appendix B: Zircon U-Pb LA-ICP-MS analyses and zircon BSE images/descriptions.

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