COMBINED FFT AND U-PB-HF ZIRCON GEOCHRONOLOGY APPLIED TO THE PROTEROZOIC COVERS OF THE SÃO FRANCISCO CRATON

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Fission-Track Thermochronology (FTT), U-Pb and Lu-Hf (Figures 1A, B and C, respectively) analysis on detrital zircon grains from the southern portion of Craton São Francisco are used for determining the sedimentary provenance and thermotectonic events from Statherian to Phanerozoic. U-Pb zircon data suggest a large contribution of Rhyacian and subordinate Ediacaran, Mesoproterozoic and Archean sources. The combined Lu-Hf analyzes indicating the presence of juvenile is well documented in Archean to Mesoproterozoic metasediments, Neoproterozoic metasediments are dominated crustal recycled materialThe FTT results allow to distinguish major peaks between 450 and 600 Ma and between 280 and 330 Ma, with subordinate groups between 160 and 200 Ma and another around 135 Ma. The oldest ages are associated with post-orogenic events of the Brasilian Cycle, while the Paleozoic ages may be related to deformation at the South American margin. Younger ages correspond to the denudation of the study area during the Mesozoic break-up of South America and adjacent plates.

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