

# Constraining the tectonic setting of continental crust formation from coupled *in situ* Rb-Sr dating and Pb isotopic analysis of detrital, single K-feldspar grains

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K-feldspars are a major constituent of the Earth's crust and are globally abundant in sediments as preserved detrital grains. Detrital K-feldspars are now viable targets for rapid, single-grain, *in situ* Rb-Sr dating, due to the high precision measurements of <sup>87</sup>Sr/<sup>86</sup>Sr attainable using collision cell MC-ICPMS/MS technology [1]. Detrital K-feldspar also preserve the initial Pb isotopic signature of their source rock, due to their low U/Pb ratios. The distinct U/Pb of crust generated in subduction and intraplate environments means initial Pb isotope ratios in detrital K-feldspar, readily measured using *in situ* techniques [2], can be used to infer the tectonic setting of reworked crust [3]. We present analysis of detrital K-feldspar combining these two analytical techniques, using collision cell MC-ICPMS/MS. We use SF<sub>6</sub> and NH<sub>3</sub> reaction gases to chemically resolve Rb and Hg interferences, on Sr and Pb isotopes respectively.

We first demonstrate, using K-feldspar megacrysts from the Shap Granite, and detrital K-feldspar grains from the associated Shap Wells Conglomerate sourced from the same pluton, that source rock Rb-Sr ages, <sup>87</sup>Sr/<sup>86</sup>Sr<sub>i</sub> and initial Pb isotopic composition can be preserved in detrital K-feldspar grains. We also present coupled Rb-Sr & Pb isotopic analysis of detrital K-feldspar from the Proterozoic Applecross Formation (NW Scotland). The grains analysed display a broad age range, from Neoproterozoic to Neoproterozoic, providing an initial Pb isotopic archive spanning over 1500 Ma. Relative uncertainties achieved for single grain Rb-Sr ages and <sup>87</sup>Sr/<sup>86</sup>Sr<sub>i</sub> were as low as 1% and 300 ppm, respectively. We combine the Rb-Sr crystallisation age and initial Pb isotope ratios for each detrital K-feldspar to determine a Pb model age for juvenile crust formation and crustal U/Pb. The model ages calculated for 30 K-feldspar grains span from the Paleoproterozoic to the Mesoproterozoic, with all of the calculated crustal U/Pb signifying a subduction setting. This temporal record of crustal U/Pb provides a fascinating insight into the tectonic setting of crustal formation during the Archean and the Proterozoic.

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