

Geochronology and geochemistry of Meso- to Neoarchean magmatic epidote-bearing potassic granites, western Dharwar Craton (Bellur–Nagamangala–Pandavpura corridor), southern India: implications for the successive stages of crustal reworking and cratonization

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 Nagamangala greenstone belt (2) plutons adjoining the Nagamangala greenstone belt and (3) plutons to the south of Nagamangala greenstone belt in the Pandavpura region. Petrographic characteristics of plutons within TTG basement reveal dominantly granodioritic composition whilst plutons found at the contact with Nagamangala greenstone belt are dominantly monzogranitic, quartz-monzoniti and granodioritic in composition. On the other hand, plutons in Pandavpura region have monzogranite to quartz-monzonite composition. Zircon U-Pb ages show that the plutons emplaced in three distinct periods, wherein plutons in TTG basement emplaced at ca. 3.2 Ga, whilst plutons adjoining greenstone belt show ages of ca. 3.0 Ga, and plutons in the Pandavpura region yield ages ca. 2.6 Ga. Major and trace element data of the 3.2 Ga granodiorite indicate their origin through melting of mafic protoliths without any significant residual garnet. REE have poorly fractionated patterns with negative Eu anomalies together with Nd model ages of ca. 3.0 Ga. These plutons show that crust played a prominent role in their genesis while mantle component remained subordinated. Melts derived from those two components interacted through mixing and mingling as evidenced by field relationships, Harker binary diagrams and Nd isotope data. REE have poorly fractionated patterns with negative Eu oanomalies. All these evidences indicate that these ca. 2.6 Ga plutons resulted of crustal melting leaving aplagioclase-bearing residue. The presence of magmatic epidote in all the studied granites points to their crystallization at pressure of at least 5 kbars (~15km depth). The 3.2 Ga intrusions could correspond to the reworking associated with the terminal event of a major juvenile crust forming episode whilst 3.0 Ga potassic granites corresponds to cratonization of the WDC throughout which melting of the deep crust resulted in depletion of heat producing elements, eventually, leading to an efficient cooling of the deep continental crust. The ca. 2.6 Ga Pandavpura granite could represent final stabilization of the WDC as the 2.5 Ga granite magmatism is absent.

1. Introduction

 Study of continental evolution and craton forming processes have been major themes of research in Earth Sciences over the last three decades (e.g., Cawood et al., 2013). Understanding the origin of protocontinents is important as it is linked with chemical and thermal evolution of the Earth mantle as well as emergence of life. The major uncertainty regarding Archean protocontinent formation is that most models propose extensive juvenile crust accretion (e.g., Taylor and McLennan, 1985; Roberts and Spencer, 2014). However, present-day crust distribution is apparently inconsistent with such hypothesis (Goodwin, 1996) and would indicate important crust recycling into the mantle and/or crustal reworking leading to generation of potassic granitoids. Most models proposed for the Archean crustal evolution are based on the balance between new juvenile crust additions and reworking of pre-existing continental crust (e.g, Allègre and Rousseau, 1984; Iizuka et al., 2005; Kamber, 2015). Major and trace elements, as well as radiogenic and stable isotope data, show that juvenile accretion was the dominant process during the Eoarchean to the Paleoarchean that contributed to Archean continental growth whilst reworking processes became progressively more important from Neoarchean onwards (e.g., Valley et al., 2005; Kamber, 2015; Jayananda et al., 2006, 2018). This pattern is also visible within the evolution of Archean cratons which show juvenile addition of material (TTG suites; e.g., Moyen and Martin, 2012) until it undergoes reworking that leads to the formation of potassic granites (e.g., Martin et al., 1997; Laurent *et al.*, 2014;Moyen et al., 2003). These reworking events are spatially linked to major thermal event and stabilization of Archean continental crust (e.g. Jayananda et al., 2006; Laurent *et al.*, 2013, 2014). However, the details of the petrogenetic reworking mechanisms, their link to juvenile accretion, thermal events and cratonization of Archean crust are still under debate.

75 The Archean Dharwar craton (e.g., Jayananda et al., 2018) is an ideal target (Fig.1) to address the issue of relative inputs of juvenile additions and crustal reworking in Archean crustal evolution as well as spatial link between juvenile accretion, tectonothermal events, crustal reworking and cratonization. Several potassic granite plutons are exposed close to the eastern margin of the Western Dharwar Craton (WDC) in an area located around Bellur- Nagamangala and Pandavpura cities (Fig.2) may be reliable markers of the reworking and stabilization of this block. Until now, no field, petrological, geochronological and geochemical study have addressed their petrogenesis as well as their significance in the crustal evolution of the WDC. Consequently, the main purpose of this contribution is to 1) constrain the timing of potassic plutonism in Bellur-Nagamangala and Pandavpura regions, 2) decipher their petrogenesis, 3) characterize their relationships with the surrounding basement and, finally, 4) integrate all the results to discuss the whole crustal evolution of the WDC. In order to address all these issues, this study presents field, petrography, zircon U-Pb ages, major and trace element as well as Sm-Nd isotope data for the plutons in Bellur-Nagamangala-Pandavpura corridor (Fig.1 and 2).

2. Regional geology of the Dharwar craton

 The Dharwar craton preserves a large tilted panel of Archean continental crust with a progressive transition from greenschist in the north to granulite facies in the south 94 corresponding to upper to lower crustal levels, respectively $(Fig.1)$. The craton consists in three main lithological units: 1) TTG-type Peninsular gneisses; 2) volcano- sedimentary greenstone belts formed in two stages (>3.2 Ga old Sargur Group and 3.0-2.6 Ga younger 97 Dharwar Supergroup), and 3) younger calc-alkaline to potassic granites (Jayananda et al., 2018). Earlier studies divided the Dharwar craton into two sub-blocks (western and eastern) separated by the Chitradurga shear zone (Swami Nath et al., 1976; Jayananda et al., 2006; Chardon et al., 2008). More recently, based on the nature and abundance of greenstone-granite

patterns, age of the basement rocks, crustal thickness, and distinct thermal records the craton

 has been sub-divided into three cratonic micro-blocks (western, central and eastern) (Jayananda et al., 2013a; Peucat et al., 2013; Dey., 2013). In this scheme, the Chitradurga boundary shear zone separates the western and central blocks, and the Kolar-Kadiri-Hungund belts forms the boundary between central and eastern blocks.

 The western block consists of a thick (~45 km) crust mainly made up of ca. 3.45-3.23 Ga-old TTG-type Peninsular gneisses (Guitreau et al., 2017; Jayananda et al., 2015) that are tectonically inter-layered with the komatiite-rich Sargur Group greenstone sequences emplaced between 3.38 and 3.15 Ga (Jayananda et al., 2008; Maya et al., 2017). Both lithological units are overlaid by 3.0-2.67 Ga Dharwar Supergroup greenstone sequences that are stratigraphically sub-divided into the Bababudan Group (at the basis) overlain by the Chitradurga Group (Swami Nath and Ramakrishnan 1981). The basis of the Bababudan Group consists in conglomerates, thick basaltic flows (dated at 3.0-2.85 Ga; Kumar et al., 1996) with interlayered quartzite, phyllite and Banded Iron Formations(BIF), at the summit whilst the Chitradurga Group is made up of quartzitic conglomerate, basaltic flows, carbonate, greywacke-argillite, felsic volcanics (dated at 2.67 Ga, Nutman et al., 1996; Jayananda et al., 117 2013b) and BIFs. All these lithologies were subsequently intruded by 2.62 Ga potassic plutons (Jayananda et al., 2006; Chadwick et al., 2007).

 The central block is made of two generations of TTG emplaced at 3.36-3.0 Ga and 2.7-2.56 Ga. The older TTGs contain small interlayered discontinuous bands of high-grade supracrustal rocks whilst the younger transitional TTGs are associated with thin elongated volcanic- dominated greenstone sequences showing bimodal age distribution (2.7-2.67 Ga and 2.58-2.54 Ga (Balakrishnan et al., 1999; Jayananda et al., 2013b). These older TTG greenstone associations intruded by north-south trending calc-alkaline magmatic intrusions. These intrusions are composite magmatic bodies containing voluminous mantle derived juvenile component with minor crustal anatectic melts (Moyen et al. 1997, Moyen et al, 2000, (Jayananda et al., 2000, 2014; Moyen et al., 2001, 2003a). The most spectacular of those intrusions is the 2.54-2.52 Ga Closepet granite which runs about 500 km from south to the north comprises most abundant juvenile facies of sanukitoid (Martin et al, 2010) affinity and minor anatectic granite (Jayananda et al., 1995; Moyen et al., 2001, 2003).

 The eastern block exclusively contains younger transitional TTG, emplaced between 2.7 and 2.55 Ga that are contemporaneous with greenstone sequences (Khanna et al., 2017; Dey et al., 2018; Jayananda et al., 2013a, 2018). Abundant 2.53 Ga-old diatexites together with minor discontinuous calc-alkaline juvenile plutonic bodies emplaced 2.54 Ga ago (Dey et al., 2014; Moyen et al., 2003a). On cratonic scale, strain fabrics mapping and kinematic analysis reveal dome and basin patterns, north trending steep foliations, flat foliations and regional strike-slip shear zones (Bouhallier et al., 1993; Chadwick et al., 2000; Chardon et al., 1996, 1998, 2008, 2011). The whole craton is affected by late-Archean shear deformation which is sub-contemporaneous with emplacement of juvenile plutons and granulite metamorphism that marks the terminal tectonic and thermal event in the central and eastern Dharwar craton (Jayananda et al., 1995, 2000; Moyen et al., 1997, Moyen et al., 2003b; Chardon and Jayananda, 2008; Chardon et al., 2002,2008,2011; Harish Kumar et al., 2003). The three micro- blocks show contrasted thermal histories; medium- to high-pressure assemblages (kyanite- garnet) in the western block; low-pressure and high to ultra-high temperature assemblages (sillimanite-orthopyroxene-spinel-quartz) in the central block, and low pressure and high- temperature (cordierite-sillimanite-andalusite-gedrite and cordierite-spinel) assemblages in the eastern block (Jayananda et al., 2013a). Texturally controlled *in-situ* monazite dating, Sm-Nd garnet-whole rock isochrons as well as SHRIMP U-Pb zircon ages reveal that the western block underwent an early thermal episode at ca. 3.1-3.0 Ga and a major thermal event close to 2.52 Ga, followed by slow cooling to ca. 2.4 Ga (Jayananda et al., 2013a, 2015). The central Dharwar was affected by thermal events at 3.20 Ga and ca. 2.62 Ga, followed by a major high grade thermal imprint at ca. 2.54-2.51Ga with cooling up to 2.45 Ga (Jayananda et al., 2011; Peucat et al., 2013). The eastern Dharwar was involved in a widespread thermal event ca 2.52 154 and 2.51 Ga (Peucat et al., 2013). The distinct thermal records of these three blocks reflect their contrasting accretion histories and their response to late-Archean hot orogen (Chardon et al., 2011).

3. Geology of the studied crustal corridor

 The studied area consists of a ~40 km-long north-south crustal corridor adjoining to Sargur Group Nagamangala greenstone belt extending from Mayasandra in the north, through Bellur- Nagamangala to Pandavpura in the south (Fig.2). The dominant lithologies include TTG gneisses, Nagamangala greenstone belt, and potassic plutons. The TTGs mainly consist of medium to coarse grained dark grey tonalite, grey granodiorite, and whitish grey trondhjemite which were affected by strong deformation resulting in a fine banding.

 The Nagamangala greenstone belt mainly consists of komatiites to komatiitic basalts, together with minor mafic volcanics and interlayered sediments such as quartzite, pelite, minor carbonate and BIFs (Devapriyan et al., 1994; Tushipokla and Jayananda, 2013). The preserved mineral assemblages correspond to greenschist to lower amphibolite facies conditions (Raase et al., 1986). The granite plutons are mainly found as intrusions either within TTG or along the contact zone between TTG and Nagamangala greenstone belt. Three plutonic bodies have been recognized based on their location and relationship with TTG basement and Nagamangala greenstone belt which include 1) plutons within the TTG basement to the west of greenstone belt 2) plutons in the western and eastern contact zone of the Nagamangala belt and 3) plutons to the south in Pandavpura region (Fig.2).

Pluton within the TTG basement

 West of Nagamangala greenstone belt, small discrete elliptical granite intrusions are sporadically distributed within the TTG basement. They consist of medium- to coarse-grained dark grey granodiorite and minor whitish grey leucocratic granite; both being cut by coarse- grained pegmatite dykes. The granodiorite occasionally appears as large rounded to pillowed enclave into the leucocratic granite (Fig. 3a); which points towards their contemporaneity.

Plutons along the greenstone -TTG contact zone (Bellur-Nagamangala granites)

 Bellur-Nagamangala plutons outcrop as elongated massifs or ground-level bouldery exposures which are affected by shear deformation. The deformation of the pluton is more intense along the shear zones or close to the contact with the Nagamangala greenstone belt.

 Plutons in the western margin contain several facies (Fig. 3b), their field chronology reveals a multi-pulse emplacement, beginning by the intrusion of coarse-grained pinkish to grey porphyritic monzogranite together with highly coarse grained whitish grey monzogranite. This episode has been followed by the emplacement of dark grey quartz-monzonite, grey granodiorite and light grey granite. The coarse-grained whitish grey monzogranite and porphyritic pinkish grey facies are often found as rounded to angular enclaves into both quartz monzonite and granodiorite (Figs. 3c). Dykes of quartz-monzonite with biotite-rich rims are injected into coarse-grained the whitish monzogranite. Such biotite-rim indicates that monzogranite had already started crystallizing at the time of emplacement of quartz-monzonite and granodiorite dykes. Quartz-monzonite, granodiorite and granite often display magmatic flow fabrics (Fig.3d). Occasionally syn-plutonic mafic to intermediate dykes injected into the light pinkish monzogranite to whitish grey granite facies where they show mingling features (Fig.3e). Both dextral and sinistral shear bands traverse all the facies on the outcrop scale where magmatic fabrics are transposed into shear zones (Fig. 3f). In summary, plutons in the western margin, contains several facies which appear to be emplaced in successive pulses although their time interval may be small as they often show diffusive contacts and magmatic flow structures. Plutons in the eastern margin of the Nagamangala greenstone belt are more homogeneous and contain two main facies including coarse-grained pink and light grey granites. These two facies are often weakly porphyritic, and phenocrysts are stretched. In rare instances, very small biotite rich tiny enclaves (-15 cm) can be found in the granite. They show constrictional fabrics defining L-tectonics with strong horizontal stretching lineation in north-south direction (Fig. 3g).

Plutons in the south (Pandavpura region)

 The plutons in the south are found as sporadic intrusions into TTG gneisses along the western boundary of the Chitradurga greenstone belt (see fig.1). These intrusions contain three major facies including coarse-grained whitish grey porphyritic monzogranite, coarse-grained grey granodiorite and light grey granite. Fine-grained dismembered syn-plutonic mafic dykes are found in all the three facies where they frequently contain small rounded enclaves of whitish grey monzogranite (Fig.3h). These plutons are also affected by shear deformation as north-trending dextral and sinistral shear bands traverse different facies on the outcrop scale.

4. Sample description and petrography

 This paper is mainly focused on the plutons of both the western and the eastern margin of Nagamangala greenstone belt, which are widespread in the studied corridor (see fig.2).

 Granodiorite plutons within the TTG gneisses are fine to medium grained and contain 223 quartz, plagioclase $(An₁₅₋₂₂)$, microcline, biotite and, hornblende with rare primary magmatic epidote (Fig. 4a) and accessory zircon, apatite, allanite and opaque minerals.

 Among the Bellur-Nagamangala plutons the monzogranites display coarse grained 226 porphyritic to hypidiomorphic granular texture. They contain subhedral to euhedral quartz,

 microcline, plagioclase (An13-18), biotite, together with minor bluish-green hornblende 228 containing euhedral primary epidote inclusions (Fig. 4b). The epidote is appearing to be an early crystallizing phase as it occurs as euhedral inclusions in hornblende. The common accessory phases are zircon, apatite, allanite, titanite and opaque minerals.

 Quartz-monzonite has a medium to coarse grained hypidiomorphic granular texture; 232 it consists of subhedral to euhedral quartz, plagioclase (An_{18-29}) , microcline, euhedral primary epidote crystals, bluish-green hornblende and biotite. Accessory phases are zircon, apatite, allanite and opaque minerals. Euhedral epidote crystals are locked as inclusions in biotite with frequent resorbing features that attests of its unstability (Fig.4c). Rarely large broken crystals of magmatic epidote appear as a rim all around allanite crystals.

 Granodiorites display medium grained hypidiomorphic granular texture with mineral assemblage including subhedral quartz, plagioclase (An 18-25), biotite as well as minor hornblende. Rare euhedral primary magmatic epidote can be found as inclusions in hornblende or biotite (Fig. 4d) whilst secondary anhedral epidote shows symplectic relationships with biotite. Hornblende is bluish-green which is unstable being rarely replaced by biotite. Further, it appears that late stage fluids reacted with hornblende and feldspars, which resulted in the development of secondary epidote.

 Granites in the eastern margin of Nagamangala greenstone belt show medium to coarse grained with hypidiomorphic granular to weakly porphyritic texture. They contain quartz, 246 abundant microcline, minor plagioclase (An_{10-14}) , biotite and occasional primary muscovite. Euhedral primary magmatic epidote often show resorbing features whilst anhedral secondary epidote show symplectic relationship with biotite. Primary epidote rarely forms a rim to allanite.

 The general texture of the studied plutons is often anisotropic due to shear deformation. Close to the shear zones, the grain size progressively decreases, which militates in favor of a

 ductile deformation. Medium to fine grained quartz-monzonite and granodiorite often display bimodal grain size with large subhedral to euhedral quartz and feldspar crystals and small subhedral to euhedral quartz and K-feldspar crystals. Such features could be interpreted in terms of quench texture resulting of the rapid ascent and fast cooling of the pluton. Larger subhedral to euhedral quartz crystals also contradict slow cooling and substantiate rapid ascent of the magma, possibly as dykes into higher levels in the crust which could avoid complete resorption of epidote.

 In summary these plutons contain primary magmatic epidote and show evidence for a rapid cooling.

 The Pandavpura plutons are medium to coarse grained and show equigranular to porphyritic texture. They contain quartz, microcline, plagioclase (An12-17), biotite, rare hornblende with accessory zircon, titanite and opaque minerals.

 Among the studied plutons nine samples were selected for zircon U-Pb geochronology whose petrographic characteristics are presented below.

Sample MS05: Granodiorite

 Sample MS05 collected from a small plutonic body intrusive into the TTG basement west of Nagamangala greenstone belt about 6 km west of Mayasandra village. The rock shows medium 270 grained hypidiomorphic granular texture and contain quartz, plagioclase $(An₁₈₋₂₀)$, microcline (subordinate), biotite and minor hornblende with accessory zircon, apatite, titanite and opaques. It contains euhedral primary magmatic epidote inclusions in hornblende. The magmatic epidote in turn contains inclusions of zircon (see fig.4a).

Sample NM 04 - Granodiorite

 This sample is a granodiorite collected from a small intrusion in TTG basement about 4 km southwest of Nagamangala town. It displays medium to fine grained hypidiomorphic texture, where, due to deformation minerals are aligned into the foliation plane. It contains quartz, 278 plagioclase (An_{18-23}) , subordinate microcline, hornblende and biotite with accessory zircon, apatite, titanite and Fe-Ti oxides.

Sample AC01: Quartz monzonite

 Sample AC01 collected from an abandoned quarry close to Adichunchanagiri temple entrance gate in Bellur-Mayasandra road. The sample exhibits medium to coarse hypidiomorphic granular texture. It contains quartz, plagioclase (An17-23), microcline, primary epidote, bluish- green hornblende, biotite with accessory zircon, apatite, titanite and opaque minerals. Primary epidote found as euhedral crystals within hornblende. Primary epidote is often unstable and resorbed during emplacement.

Sample BH 50c - Porphyritic monzogranite

 It is a coarse grained porphyritic monzogranite sampled from the western boundary of the Nagamangala greenstone belt that outcrops in the western outskirts of Nelligere village. The mineralogy includes quartz, plagioclase (An15-20), microcline, magmatic epidote (some grains could be secondary), hornblende, biotite with accessory zircon, allanite, titanite and Fe-Ti oxides. Magmatic epidote found as euhedral inclusions in hornblende and biotite. Constituent minerals show strong orientation but no evidence for grain size reduction as corroded boundaries not observed.

Sample CHT2 – Pink granite

 Sample CHT 2 is a medium to coarse grained granite that shows bimodal grain size and contains quartz, microcline, plagioclase (An10-12), biotite and traces of primary epidote. Quartz occur as large elongated grains (phenocrysts?) as well as fine grained aggregates. This could be either quench texture resulting by rapid emplacement and cooling of magmas or resulted through progressive grain size reduction during deformation. Microcline is dominant over plagioclase. Biotite is the major ferromagnesian phase, which together with few grains of primary epidote and accessory phases forms cluster. Zircon, apatite, allanite titanite and magnetite are common accessory minerals found as inclusions or interstitial phases.

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- *Sample 5-J-5 – Light grey granodiorite*

 The sample collected from a quarry along the western boundary of the Nagamangala greenstone belt about 5 km north of Bellur in Mayasandra road. The sample show medium grained hypidiomorphic granular texture; it consists in an assemblage of quartz, plagioclase (An16-20), microcline, biotite with zircon, apatite, titanite and opaques as accessory phases.

Sample 5-T48b – Pinkish monzogranite

 The sample collected in Yediyur-Mayasandra road close to the northern terminus of the pluton in the eastern side of Nagamangala greenstone belt (about 6 km SE of Mayasandra). It is coarse grained showing hypidiomorphic granular texture. The mineral assemblage include quartz, plagioclase (An 14-18), microcline, small magmatic epidote crystal inclusions in biotite and accessory phases like zircon, apatite, allanite, titanite and Fe-Ti oxides.

Sample PAN 01- Porphyritic monzogranite

 The sample is collected from an active quarry about 2 km southeast of Pandavpura town. It shows coarse grained porphyritic texture with bimodal grain size. The mineral assemblage include quartz, plagioclase (An15-18), biotite with accessory zircon, apatite, titanite and opaque phases.

Sample PAN 02 – Quartz monzonite

 The sample collected in a large quarry about 3 km NE of Pandavpura town. It shows coarse 332 grained hypidiomorphic granular texture and contains quartz, plagioclase (An_{18-25}) , hornblende, biotite with accessory zircon, apatite, titanite and opaque phases.

5. Analytical methods

5.1. Zircon U-Pb geochronology

 Zircon U-Pb isotope analyses were performed by secondary-ionization mass-spectrometry (SIMS) and by laser-ablation inductively-coupled-plasma mass-spectrometry (LA-ICP-MS). SIMS analyses were carried out using the CAMECA 1270 ion microprobe at the CRPG, CNRS-Nancy (http://www.crpg.cnrsnancy. fr/1270). Procedures are described in Deloule et al. (2002). Uncertainties for individual analyses (ratios and ages) are given at 1σ level, but the uncertainties in calculated weighted mean ages are reported at 2σ. All ages were calculated 343 using the decay constants and isotopes abundance listed by Steiger and Jager (1977). Errors on 344 ages are quoted at 2σ and were calculated using the Isoplot program of Ludwig (2001).

 Zircon U-Pb geochronology by LA-ICP-MS was done at Laboratoire Magmas et Volcans (LMV), Université de Clermont Auvergne, Clermont-Ferrand (France). Prior to dating, zircon crystals were handpicked and mounted in epoxy. We selected the most euhedral, pale pink and clear crystals with no or the least inclusions possible. Zircon crystals were further

 polished to their approximate center and imaged by cathodoluminescence at Laboratoire Magmas et Volcans (LMV) using a Jeol JSM-5910LV scanning electron microscope. Images were acquired using an acceleration voltage of 15kV. The zircon internal textures were used to select the least radiation-damaged crystals and to determine the locus for U-Pb dating. We prioritized bright zones that show fine-oscillatory zoning as they correspond to pristine magmatic domain that are likely to reveal accurate crystallization ages (Corfu et al., 2003) Operating conditions during the LA-ICP-MS analyses are given in Table 1. LA-ICP-MS analyses were conducted by standard-bracketing using the zircon standard 91500 (1065 Ma; Wiedenbeck et al., 1995) for external normalization. The zircon standards AS3 (1099 Ma; Paces and Miller, 1993) and Plesovice (337 Ma; Sláma et al., 2008) were further used for data quality control. Data were processed using GLITTER software package (Van Achtenberg et al., 2001) and further plotted using ISOPLOT version 3.75 (Ludwig, 2008). Semi-quantitative concentrations were also calculated from the measured signals by external normalization to 362 91500. U-Pb analyses gave a concordant age of 1092 ± 6 Ma (2σ ; MSWD = 0.43; n = 13) and a weighted average ²⁰⁷Pb/²⁰⁶Pb age of 1092 \pm 7 Ma (2 σ ; MSWD = 0.17; n = 15) for AS3, as 364 well as a concordant age of 328 ± 6 Ma (2σ ; MSWD = 1.8; n = 13) and a weighted average 365 ²⁰⁷Pb/²⁰⁶Pb age of 335 \pm 7 Ma (2 σ ; MSWD = 0.83; n = 13) for Plesovice. The obtained ages for zircon standards are, thus, in good agreement with consensus ages uncertainty-considered. The average U, Th, and Pb concentrations obtained for AS3 were 256, 164 and 63 ppm, which are consistent with those measured in Paces and Miller (1993). The average U, Th, and Pb concentrations obtained for Plesovice were 585, 52 and 34 ppm, which are consistent with those measured in Wiedenbeck et al. (1995). Results for zircon standards are presented in Table 3

5.2 Whole-rock major and trace element analyses

 CHT and BH series samples were crushed using agate mill at Geosciences Rennes, Université de Rennes 1 (France) and analysed using Philips XRF, whereas all other samples were crushed in Japan using Agate mill and analysed for major and trace elements by using fully automated XRF (Rigaku RIX 3000) at centre of instrumental Analysis, Yamaguchi University by glass beads method (Li2B4O7 as *spectromelt*). Details of analytical methods for major and trace elements using XRF at Rennes and Yamaguchi is already reported in Jayananda et al. (2006, 2008)

 The full range of trace elements for CHT and BH samples were analysed by ICP-AES and ICP-MS, respectively at CRPG, Nancy with analytical procedures described at http://www.crpg.cnrs-nancy.fr/SARM. For trace elements, precision is better than 5%; for contents less than 30 ppm the uncertainties are within 10% and for elements with concentration less than 5 ppm uncertainty is in the range of 10–50%. Other samples were analysed by using Quadrupole ICP-MS at CSIR-National Geophysical Research Institute, Hyderabad. Analytical procedures for trace element analysis using ICP-MS are presented elsewhere (Satyanarayanan, et al., 2018).

5.2. Nd isotopes

 Nd isotope compositions for whole-rocks were determined using a Finnigan Mat 262 mass spectrometer at Geosciences Rennes. Total blanks for Sm and Nd contents were lower than 392 0.05 ng. Uncertainties on $\frac{147}{5}$ m/ $\frac{144}{14}$ Nd ratios were estimated at 0.2%. Replicate analyses of La 393 Jolla standard yielded a mean 143 Nd/ 144 Nd ratio of 0.511857 \pm 3 in agreement with the consensus value. Details of aanalytical protocols for Sm-Nd separation, standards used, and instrumentation conditions are already presented in Jayananda et al. (2015). Epsilon Nd values were calculated using the CHUR values provided in Bouvier et al. (2008).

6. Results:

6.1. Zircon U-Pb geochronology

6.1.1.Sample MS-05

 Zircon crystals from this sample show simple oscillatory zoning among studied samples. However, many zircon grains are subhedral to round. Dark outer-rims are also present around some crystals. A few zircon grains, show a core surrounded by an oscillatory-zoned outer part. Most of the analysed crystals had modest U and Th contents below 200 and 100 ppm, respectively. Th/U range from ~0.1 to 0.6, much like zircons from NM-04. Fig. 5a illustrates the more complex nature of U-Pb data acquired on MS-05 zircon crystals than on other samples studied herein (Table 3). Graphically, two *discordia* lines are defined by the data point which 407 is mirrored in the dichotomous distribution of $^{207}Pb/^{206}Pb$ ages. When most concordant zircons 408 are considered, two Concordia ages (Fig. 5a) are obtained: 3310 ± 10 Ma (2σ ; MSWD = 0.039) 409 and 3210 ± 10 Ma (2 σ ; MSWD = 0.35). These ages both correspond to zones that exhibit fine oscillatory zoning, and, in the light of internal textures, we interpret the former to correspond to inherited cores and the latter as the age of crystallization of the rock.

6.1.2. Sample NM-04

 Zircon crystals from NM-4 show simple oscillatory zoning that is not concentric in CL images. Studied crystals were subhedral and slightly elongated (Fig. 5b). Most crystals have moderate U and Th contents of 100-200 and 50-100 ppm, respectively. Th/U are lower than those seen 416 in zircons from other samples as they range from 0.1-0.7. Determined $^{207}Pb/^{206}Pb$ ages are consistent between all crystals in spite of variable degrees of discordance (Table 3). When most 418 concordant analyses are considered, a concordia age of 3205 ± 8 Ma (2σ ; MSWD = 0.69) is obtained (n=3) (Fig. 5b) that dates this sample.

6.1.3. Sample AC01:

422 Zircon crystals have variable habits from roughly euhedral to xenomorphic (Fig. 5c). Internal textures are commonly complex with patches of bright domains within which partly distorted oscillatory zoning can be seen. Other domains appear either dark and homogeneous, or dark with broad zoning. The distribution of bright and dark domains gives the impression that original fine oscillatory zoning had been disturbed and that zircon partly recrystallized in places. Most zircon grains exhibit moderate to slightly elevated U and Th contents of 100-400 428 and 40-200 ppm, respectively (Table 3). These crystals show a large range of Th/U from 0.09 to 1.08 that correlate with the degree of discordance of U-Pb ages. U-Pb data are concordant to limitedly discordant and align along a single *discordia* line. The most concordant U-Pb data 431 give a *concordia* age of 2981 ± 8 Ma (2σ ; MSWD = 0.45; n = 4) that is interpreted as magmatic crystallization (Fig.5c).

6.1.4. Sample BH-50

 Most zircon grains exhibit fine oscillatory zoning in BSE images (Fig. 5d). Some crystals have 435 rounded cores surrounded by overgrowths. U and Th concentrations vary from low (e.g., <100) ppm for U) to moderate (e.g. ~300 ppm for U). U-Pb data define two major groups as illustrated 437 by the data distribution in a concordia diagram (Fig. 5d). An older group with a weighted 438 average ²⁰⁷Pb/²⁰⁶Pb age of 3220 ± 10 Ma (2 σ ; MSWD = 4.5; n= 3; Fig. 5d) and a younger group that define a *discordia* line identical to that formed by CHT-2 zircons (Fig.6e) and that overall 440 give an upper-intercept age of 2982 ± 11 Ma (2σ ; MSWD = 5.; n = 9; see Fig. 5d). The older group corresponds to the cores identified whereas the younger group is found both in some oscillatory domains and in overgrowth around rounded cores. Th/U ratios vary from 0.2 to 1.8 443 and are broadly inversely correlated with determined $^{207}Pb/^{206}Pb$ ages so that the lower and higher Th/U correspond to respectively the oldest and the youngest group. As a consequence, 445 we interpret the youngest age $(2982 \pm 11 \text{ Ma})$ as that of crystallization of BH-50 given that oldest age corresponds to inherited cores.

6.1.5.Sample CHT-2

 Zircon crystals are euhedral to subhedral and exhibit oscillatory zoning (Fig. 6e). They have moderate to relatively high U and Th content (Table 2) as well as Th/U between 0.5 to 1.3. U- Pb data are concordant to significantly discordant and essentially align along a single *discordia* line (Fig. 5e). The most concordant data give a *concordia* age of 2989 ± 84 Mae (n = 2; MSWD 452 = 1.5), which is consistent with all ²⁰⁷Pb/²⁰⁶Pb ages but that of a discordant data point. We interpret the *concordia* age to date the magmatic crystallization of CHT-2 sample.

6.1.6. Sample 5-J-5

 Only few zircons were recovered from this sample and most of them showed advanced radiation damage. Consequently, we analysed 5 zircon crystals but only present 4 analyses for this sample, as one zircon contained measurable amounts of common Pb. Zircon crystals are stubby to slightly elongated, generally euhedral and with simple oscillatory-zoning from core to rim as revealed by CL images (Fig. 5f). Most zircon cores appear brighter than their surrounding outer growths, though without visible truncation of the zoning. Darker growth bands in CL images reveal that these crystals underwent advanced amorphization in places. This is consistent with the fact that most crystals have U and Th concentrations slightly beyond 400 and 200 ppm, respectively, and the degree of discordance of the U-Pb ages increases with 464 increasing U and Th concentrations. In spite of these issues, all measured $^{207}Pb/^{206}Pb$ ages are essentially consistent (Table 3), within error, with the least discordant data, which is explained by the fact that all data points define a broadly simple *discordia* line that passes through the 467 origin (i.e., 0 Ma). If we use the least discordant U-Pb data, an age of 2974 ± 13 Ma (2σ ; Fig. 5f) is obtained, which is identical to that of the least discordant zircon (Table 3; Fig.5f). We purposely excluded the most discordant data in age calculation as they are known to reduce the accuracy of age establishment in addition to possibly introduce noise in age calculation (Guitreau and Blichert-Toft, 2014). Th/U range from 0.6 to 1.

6.1.7. Sample 5-T48b

 Zircon crystals from this sample generally display fine oscillatory-zoning. They are stubby to slightly elongated and have euhedral to subhedral shapes (Fig.5g). A very thin and bright rim can be seen around most crystals and appear to be coating partly resorbed margins. Some crystals have euhedral cores surrounded by a thin and uneven outer part it self-surrounded by an outer growth that exhibit oscillatory zoning. U and Th concentrations in these zircon crystals are almost all below 200 and 100 ppm, respectively, and Th/U ratios range from 0.5 to 1. All 479 determined ²⁰⁷Pb/²⁰⁶Pb ages are essentially consistent despite various degrees of discordance (Table 3). This is accounted for by the fact that data points define a simple *discordia* line in a plot that passes through 0 (Fig. 5g). The four most concordant data give a concordia age of 482 2984 \pm 8 Ma (2 σ ; MSWD = 0.2; Fig. 5g) which we interpret as the crystallization age of this sample.

6.1.8.Sample PAN-01

 Zircon crystals are limitedly elongated, euhedral to slightly subhedral, and exhibit simple and fine-oscillatory zoning. Some resorbed cores can be visible in some crystals as well as distorted oscillatory zoning (Fig. 5h). Most zircon crystals have U concentrations below 200 ppm and Th concentrations below 100 ppm thereby indicating that they likely underwent limited alpha- decay damaging of their lattice which can significantly affect U-Pb isotope systematics (e.g., Guitreau et al., 2018). Th/U ratios displayed by PAN-01 zircons range from 0.5 to 1. Determined U-Pb ages are fully concordant to limitedly discordant and very consistent between all analysed crystals (Table 3). Data form a simple population in a Concordia plot (Fig. 5h) 494 with a calculated *concordia* age of 2598 ± 6 Ma (2σ ; MSWD = 1.07; n = 13) that dates the rock formation.

6.1.9.Sample PAN-02

 Zircon crystals from PAN-02 are very similar to those from PAN-01 as they are limitedly elongated, euhedral to subhedral, and exhibit simple and fine-oscillatory zoning. Core resorption can be seen in some crystals, as well as distortion of fine oscillatory-zoning in 501 rounded cores (Fig. 5i). A few crystals also contain inclusions of small zircon (\leq 10 μ m). Most zircon crystals have U concentrations below 100 ppm and Th concentrations below 70 ppm. Th/U ratios displayed by PAN-02 zircons range from 0.3 to 1.1. Determined U-Pb ages are almost all fully concordant and very consistent with each other (Table 3). This simple 505 population gave a *concordia* age of 2608 ± 7 Ma (2σ ; MSWD = 1.5; n = 11; Fig. 5i) indicative of PAN-2 crystallization.

6.2. Whole rock geochemistry

 Major and trace element data are presented in Table 4. All major element analyses were 510 recalculated on an anhydrous basis, with iron expressed as $Fe_2O_3^* = Fe_2O_3 + 1.111$ FeO.

6.2.1.Major elements

513 The studied plutons display a wide range in $SiO₂$ contents (63.89 to 76.47 wt. %), with high 514 Na₂O+K₂O (average = \overline{x} = 8.12 wt. %), and high K₂O/Na₂O (typically>1 with \overline{x} = 1.08). Their relative K-enrichment make them drastically different of the Archean TTGs into which they 516 intruded in the western Dharwar craton (Fig.6a). Another chemical characteristic of these rocks 517 is their moderately low (Fe₂O₃*+MnO+MgO+TiO₂; \overline{x} = 4.04 wt. %), which associated with 518 a very low Mg# (\overline{x} = 0.28; Mg# = molecular Mg/(Mg+Fe)), points to their high degree of differentiation. The magmatic suite is mainly made of monzogranite and followed by granodiorite and minor syenogranite (Fig. 6b).

521 In the A/NK versus A/CNK diagram (Fig.7; Shand, 1943), the studied granites fall into both the metaluminous and peraluminous fields.

 In the normative Q-Ab-Or triangle, after Blundy (2001) and adapted from Tuttle and Bowen, (1958), the studied granites have compositions that plot close to the minima on the quartz-feldspar cotectic in an 'hydrous granitic system' for pressures ranging between 2 and 10 kb (Fig.8).

527 On Harker binary diagram (Fig 9), all the major elements, except K_2O , are negatively 528 correlated with $SiO₂$. As the content of $SiO₂$ can be higher than 76 wt.%, the negative correlation could be attributed to a sum effect. However, such an effect would affect all 530 elements at the same degree, which is obviously not the case especially for K_2O that is 531 positively correlated with $SiO₂$.

6.2.2. Trace elements

534 Most trace elements correlate with $SiO₂$ content, used here, as differentiation index (Fig.10). On binary diagrams Rb and Ba (despite relative scattering of data) are positively correlated with SiO2, whilst other elements such as Sr, Ni, Cr, V, Zr, Nb and Y display moderate to weak 537 negative correlation. In all trace element versus $SiO₂$ plots, data always fall on a single straight trend and do not show any inflexed or broken line.

 The ca. 3.2 Ga granodiorite samples contain moderate total REE (117-119 ppm), 540 display moderately to strongly fractionated patterns (Fig. 11a) $[(LaYb)_N = 13.75 -21.74]$ 541 without any Eu anomalies (Eu/Eu^{*} = $0.89{\text -}0.97$). These patterns are similar to those of the associated TTGs except that they are HREE-richer (see fig. 11a) which could be attributed to absence of significant amounts of residual garnet during melting. The ca.3.0 Ga Bellur- Nagamangala granites exhibit large variations in REE abundances (total REE ranging from 101 545 to 826 ppm). No one REE shows strong correlation with $SiO₂$ but total REE roughly decrease

546 with increasing $SiO₂$. Based on the total REE contents the granites are divided into three groups: EE.

 The group 1 corresponds to leucocratic pink to whitish grey granite facies which generally contain low to moderate ΣREE (101-179 ppm) contents and show moderate to strongly 550 fractionated REE patterns $[(La/Yb)_N = 10.14-50.39)]$ with negative Eu (Eu/Eu*=0.28-0.65) anomalies (Fig. 11b).

 The group 2 consists of coarse-grained to weakly porphyritic light pink monzonite. It has high ΣREE (205-392 ppm) contents and moderate to strongly fractionated REE patterns $[(LaYb_N) = 6.86 - 34.02]$ together with negative Eu (Eu/Eu^{*}=0.35-0.61) anomalies (Fig.11c). The group 3 corresponds to medium- to coarse-grained quartz-monzonite with few samples of porphyritic grey monzonites. They have very high ΣREE contents (429-826 ppm). 557 They show moderate to strongly fractionated REE patterns $[(La/Yb_N) = 8.63 - 29.53]$ with strong negative Eu (Eu/Eu*=0.30-0.54) anomalies (Fig. 11d).

 The ca. 2.6 Ga Pandavpura granites display high to very high total REE contents (479-689 560 ppm) with moderately fractionated REE patterns $[(La/Yb)_N = 5.88-9.89]$ and strong negative 561 Eu (Eu/Eu^{*}= 0.10-0.11) anomalies (Fig.11e).

562 When plotted in a $(La/Yb)_N$ versus Yb_N diagram, the studied granites does not show any affinity with typical Archean TTG and plot in the field defined Phanerozoic calc-alkaline granitoids (Fig.11f Martin, 1986). In summary, the granite REE patterns militate in favour of plagioclase fractionation during magmatic differentiation or as residual phase during the melting event. They also preclude any role played by,garnet in the source residue.

 On primitive mantle (Sun and McDonough, 1989) normalized multi-element diagrams all the three groups of plutons (Fig. 11g-k) uniformly show negative anomalies of Ba, Sr, Nb, Ta, which appear consistent with the fractionation of plagioclase, ilmenite and/or rutile. Flat HREE pattern together with slight positive Y anomalies preclude role of residual garnet during partial melting of the source.

6.3. Sm-Nd isotope geochemistry

574 The analyzed granitoids display a relatively large range in $^{147}Sm/^{144}Nd$ (0.083-0.1413) and present-day 143 Nd/ 144 Nd (0.510354-0.511510; Table 5) and these two parameters are positively 576 correlated. The slope of this correlation in a ¹⁴⁷Sm/¹⁴⁴Nd versus ¹⁴³Nd/¹⁴⁴Nd plot is 0.0195 \pm 577 0.0015 (2σ) which corresponds to an age of 2953 ± 225 Ma (2σ). The large uncertainty on this slope is due to excess scatter around the correlation. If the two most dispersed data points are 579 removed, the slope becomes 0.0196 ± 0.0008 which translates into an age of 2977 \pm 115 Ma (2σ; Fig. 12a). Both ages mentioned above, though imprecise, are consistent with those determined by zircon U-Pb geochronology for samples CHT-2 and BH-50 that are part of the Sm-Nd correlation in Figure 12a. We have, therefore, calculated initial Nd isotope 583 compositions at 3000 Ma and they show a range from 0.508659 ± 0.000005 (2σ) to 0.508774 584 ± 0.000004 (2 σ), which correspond to respective ε_{Nd} values of +0.5 \pm 0.1 and -1.7 \pm 0.1 (2 σ). It is interesting to note that initial Nd isotope compositions correlate with major and minor 586 oxide concentrations such that $^{143}Nd/144Nd(t)$ is negatively correlated with SiO₂ (Fig. 12b) and 587 K₂O, for instance, and positively correlated with MgO, CaO, $ZrO₂$ and TiO₂.

 In this study we have analyzed only 3.0 Ga plutons for Nd isotopic compositions and Sm-Nd isotope data presented in the Table 5. The analyzed samples show Nd model ages ranging 590 3379 Ma to 3183 Ma and ε_{Nd} (τ =3.0 Ga) ranging -2.0 to -0.7 except one sample showing +0.2 suggesting dominant crustal source with possible minor juvenile input in their genesis. These values are close to the values obtained for the TTG gneisses further west, in the eastern part of the Holenarsipur greenstone belt and immediately north in Tiptur-J.C.Pura region (Chardon, 1997).

7. Discussion

 7.1. Timing of potassic magmatism with respect to TTG accretion in Western Dharwar Craton (WDC)

 In the Western Dharwar craton, the TTG protoliths emplaced during three major episodes: ca. 3600 Ma, 3450-3300 Ma and 3200 Ma (Meen et al.,1992; Peucat et al., 1993; Iswar Kumar et al., 2013; Jayananda et al., 2015; Guitreau et al., 2017). Sporadic plutons with compositions transitional between TTG and potassic granites (e.g Chikmagalur granodiorite and other small intrusions west of Holenarsipur) dated ca. 3150 Ma correspond to the last juvenile magmatic event in this area, thus underlying the transition towards potassic magmatism started at ca. 3000 Ma. Samples NM04 and MS05 as well as the zircon cores of BH50 belong to this early magmatic history of the WDC ca. 3200 Ma which coincides with the emplacement of diapiric trondhjemites further west in Holenarsipur region (Jayananda et al., 2015). Samples PAN-1 and PAN-2 have younger crystallization ages of ca. 2.6 Ga, similar to other known potassic granites such as Arsikere-Banavara and Chitradurga granites located further to the north of the corridor (Jayananda et al., 2006).

 The Bellur- Nagamangala granites yield zircon U-Pb ages of ca. 3000 Ma. These ages are similar to those of granite plutons outcropping immediately north in Tiptur region (Chardon, 1997) and Bukkapatna granite further north east (Chardon et al., 2011), Karwar granite (Iswar Kumar et al., 2013) and few discrete plutons in the north-western part of the Dharwar craton. Consequently, the ages presented in this paper, together with published data show that juvenile TTG accretion contributing to major crustal growth occurred in successive stages ca. 3.6 Ga, 3.45-3.3 Ga and 3.2 Ga (Jayananda et al., 2015; Guitreau et al., 2017) whilst potassic granite emplacement corresponding to episodes of crustal reworking took place at ca. 3.2-3.15 Ga, 3.0 Ga and 2.6 Ga. This contrasts with the central to eastern blocks of the Dharwar craton where major outbursts of juvenile crust accretion and crustal reworking led to the emplacement of sanukitoids as well as anatectic potassic granites during 2.56-2.52 Ga followed by cratonization ca. 2.5 Ga (Moyen et al, 1997, 2001, 2003; Peucat et al., 1993; Chardon et al., 2011; Jayananda et al., 1995, 2000; Dey et al., 2016).

7.2. Petrogenesis and sources

 The major focus of this section is to address the petrogenetic history of 3.0 Ga Bellur- Nagamangala plutons as most of the data presented in this paper refer to those plutons. On the other hand, some observations on petrogenesis are also made on the 3.2 Ga and 2.6 Ga intrusions.

7.2.1. 3.2 Ga Granodiorite

 These granodiorites form sporadic intrusions within TTG basement to the west of Nagamangala greenstone belt. They are metaluminous and plot within the main trend of 3.0 Ga plutons on Harker's binary plots, Ab-An-Or triangular plots (see Figs. 6 and 9). Their moderately fractionated REE patterns are similar to TTG except that they with slightly higher HREE together with low Cr/V ratios, preclude garnet in the melt residue. The REE patterns without any Eu anomalies could be attributed to simultaneous crystallization of hornblende and plagioclase. These granodiorites show a transitional character from TTG to high potassic 638 granites as reflected on $(La/Yb)_N$ *vs.* (Yb). In view of above arguments, it can be concluded that the ca. 3.2 Ga granodiorite probably originated by melting of mafic crust under water saturated conditions.

7.2.2. 3.0 Ga Bellur-Nagamangala plutons

 Field evidence for emplacement of granites as dykes/sheets together with rounded enclaves of more felsic facies into intermediate to mafic facies with sharp to diffusive contacts and mingling features show that felsic and intermediate facies interacted during crystallization and

 emplacement. This is supplemented by the fact that all the facies have the same ca. 3.0 Ga age. The whole rock geochemistry particularly correlations observed on Harker's binary plots indicate that the plutons result of interaction (mixing and/or mingling) between two 648 components; one being $SiO₂$ -rich whilst the other has intermediate composition. This behavior, 649 over a wide range of $SiO₂$ cannot be accounted for only by pure fractional crystallization because changes in crystallizing phases usually lead to broken or curved trends. By contrast, a process involving interaction, mixing and mingling of two end-member magmas undergoing fractional crystallization is more likely responsible for such straight lines (Janousĕk *et al.*, 2015). This is also evidenced by the fact that Nd isotope signatures calculated at 3.0 Ga 654 negatively correlate with $SiO₂$ content (Fig. 12b).

7.2.3 Felsic end-member

 Field chronology indicate that felsic end member like whitish to light pink granite and monzogranite emplaced during early in the magmatic historyof 3.0 Ga plutons and possibly generated by crustal melting in lower part of the middle crust under water saturated conditions 660 as revealed by Q-Ab-Or granite system (see Fig.8). Major and trace elements (Fig. 9 $\&$ 10) clearly show that the felsic end-member has no TTG affinity but is rather granitic (felsic) in composition. Similarly, the contacts between felsic and intermediate granitoids are often rounded or lobated, demonstrating that they interacted while they were still liquid or better as a magmatic mush (Barbarin and Didier, 1992; Hallot *et al.*, 1996; Jayananda et al., 2009,2014). On the other hand, many samples of the felsic end-member have A/CNK >1 but 666 normative corundum always lower than 1% ($\bar{x} = 0.35\%$); they are metaluminous to peraluminous. This characteristic precludes a possible origin entirely by melting of aluminium- rich sediments, such as the kyanite-rich pelitic sediments exposed in the surrounding Nagamangala greenstone belt. Consequently, a more realistic alternative scenario would be direct partial melting of the TTG basement without or with small amounts of Al-rich sediments. This would be consistent with Nd isotope signature of Peninsular gneisses further west and 672 north as they would exhibit ε_{Nd} between -0.6 and -3.7 at 3.0 Ga (Chardon, 1997; Jayananda et al. ,2015).

 Figure 11 shows that HREE patterns for all the three groups of the Bellur- Nagamangala 675 granites are limitedly fractionated with an average $(Gd/Yb)_N = 0.62 - 2.62$ (except one sample 676 3.38 and high Yb_N = 14.6. Contrastingly, TTGs have fractionated HREE: $(Gd/Yb)_N = 3.1$ 677 with low $Yb_N = 3.0$. Assuming that the felsic end-member is generated by partial melting of TTGs would preclude garnet as a residual phase as indicated by HREE and Y on multi-element diagrams. Indeed, the TTG source has low Yb content while the Bellur-Nagamangala granites have higher Yb contents, in other words, Yb should have behave as a strongly incompatible 681 element. In felsic liquids, $Kd_{Yb}^{garnet/liquid}$ varies between 35 and 40, which results in a compatible behaviour of Yb. Therefore, a magmatic liquid in equilibrium with residual garnet will be depleted in Yb, whereas exactly the opposite is observed in the studied granites. Consequently, the felsic end-member could have been formed by partial melting of the TTG basement in the absence of garnet which, hence, indicate pressures lower than 12 kb which is the pressure of apparition of garnet in the TTG mafic source (Schmidt and Poli, 2004).

687 In the Bellur- Nagamangala granites the average K_2O content is 4.17 wt%, while it is only of 1.93 wt% in average TTG (Martin *et al.*, 2005). So, potassium must have had an incompatible behaviour during TTG melting. Experimental melting of felsic rocks shows that 690 biotite is one of the most frequent residual phase. Assuming a K_2O content of 9.5 wt% in magmatic biotite, allows to fix a maximum degree for partial melting: it ranges from 46% for a biotite free residue down to 0% for a residue containing 20.3% biotite. Indeed, it is possible to overtake this limitation, by considering biotite incongruent melting, which result in the 694 formation of a K_2O -free new residual phase such as orthopyroxene.

695 In summary, the $SiO₂$ -rich component of the Bellur-Nagamangala granites is consistent with partial melting of the TTG basement at pressure lower than 12 kbars.

7.2.4 Mafic to intermediate end-member for mixing/mingling

 The silica poorer quartz-monzonite to monzodiorite-dioritic samples of the Bellur- Nagamangala plutons contain abundant hornblende, which together with high REE and Nd 701 isotopes (ε Nd τ = 0.2 to -0.4) point towards juvenile input from possibly enriched mantle. However, the lowest silica content (63.89 wt.%) of studied rocks together with their lower Mg# < 0.45 is not consistent with direct melting of the mantle. One way to reconcile these contradiction is to consider that the intermediate component corresponds to a mantle-derived melt that evolved through fractional crystallization and/or contamination within the continental 706 crust. Consequently, we can reasonably assume a mantle origin for the $SiO₂$ -poor component. Similar situation was proposed for the Closepet granite wherein the mantle derived magma have evolved through fractional crystallization (Moyen, 1997; Moyen *et al.*, 2001). An alternative assumption would be that the intermediate compositions result from mixing with the felsic end-member. This latter hypothesis would be consistent with the near-CHUR Nd isotope signature of the intermediate end-member given that more depleted sources are known 712 in the WDC (e.g., Dey, 2013).

713 An important issue is that, except for K_2O , Rb and Ba, all elements negatively correlate 714 with $SiO₂$. Consequently, the mafic end-member was alreadyriched in incompatible elements, which implies that its mantle source was also enriched. Alternatively, fractional crystallization of a mantle-derived melts, with possible crustal contamination, would also account for the enrichment of the mafic-intermediate end-member.

7.2.5 Model for the origin of 3.0 Ga Bellur-Nagamangala plutons

 Field evidence, petrographic characteristics together with elemental data reveal that the Bellur- Nagamangala plutons were generated 3.0 Ga ago by interaction between two contrasted end members: one being the mantle and the other the TTG basement. We propose that a mantle- derived magma emplaced into a hot TTG crust, with which it mixed and/or mingled. The heating of the crust could possibly result of the emplacement of the hotter mafic magmas. induced the melting of TTGs at lower crustal levels. Rough pressure estimates indicate that melting of the TTG crust likely occurred below pressures of 12 kb to account for the absence 727 of garnet in the residue, but in the range of \sim 2 to 10 kb as shown by cotectic melts in a hydrous 728 granite system (Fig. 8). This is further substantiated by the high-HREE and moderately to poorly fractionated REE patterns and 1/Er – (Ba+Sr)/1000-Er (Heilimo et al., 2010) triangular plot (Fig.13).

 The presence of magmatic epidote in the studied granites allow us to constrain further the depth of melting and crystallization of these magmas. Indeed, the experimental work of Naney (1983) on crystallization sequence ingranodioritic magmas shows that at 2 kbar epidote did not crystallize whilst at 8 kbar under low water activity orthopyroxene formed. The, magmatic 735 epidote and hornblende crystallized at $700-600^{\circ}$ C with increasing H₂O activity Subsequent experimental work on melting and crystallization of epidote by Schmidt and Thompson (1996) 737 indicates that epidote can be stable up to 790° C and 10 kbar pressure but 50° C lower at higher pressures. Those authors also observed that minimum 5 kbar pressures required for magmatic epidote to crystallize. Primary magmatic epidote found as euhedral crystals within hornblende or poikilitically enclosed in hornblende indicates early crystallization epidote. Presence of 741 epidote stable in a granitic magma points to a minimum pressure of 5 kbar corresponding to \sim 15 km depth. This conclusion is supported by the frequent presence of resorbed epidote, which indicates its crystallization at the limit of its stability field. We can therefore conclude that 3.0 Ga Bellur-Nagamangala granite magmas crystallized at pressure close to 5 kbars(i.e., 15 km) within the crust. However, magmatic epidote stability largely depends on temperature, pressure and water activity.

 In order to account for the above scenario, we consider the possibility of either spatial link between the eruption of voluminous komatiite and komatiitic basalts in Nagamangala greenstone belt (Tushipokla and Jayananda, 2013) or a link with an enriched mantle plume emplaced beneath the crust. In the first scenario voluminous ~3.15 Ga komatiite to komatiite basalt magmas might have caused heat advection and crust thickening through underplating as well as thermal blanketing of the uppermost crust through eruption. The high thermal flux initiated the melting of TTG basement, thus giving rise to the felsic end-member of the Bellur- Nagamangala granites. As the generated melts began to crystallize, shrinkage cracks developed to the mantle depth, causing low degree melting of the sub-continental mantle, which generated the enriched mafic magmas that penetrated the crystallizing granite melts, thereby, causing mixing and mingling. It is difficult to provide a satisfactory explanation for the large time gap (ca. 150 Ma) between the 3.15 Ga greenstone volcanism and emplacement of ca. 3.0 Ga granites. However, it should be noted that the uncertainty on the age for Banasandra komatiites is also 150 My. Consequently, the time gap may well be shorter than currently assumed. Alternatively, a 3.0 Ga mantle hotspot beneath the present exposure level of Bellur- Nagamangala can be considered. Such mantle hotspot probably stalled at greater depth as matured 3.3-3.15 Ga crust acted as thermal barrier. Continuous heating can cause low degree melting of sub-continental mantle which generates enriched mafic to intermediate magmas. These magmas upon their ascent into the lower crust can have induce partial melting of the surrounding crust. Both magmas interact, mix and mingle during their emplacement at higher levels as indicated by euhedral quartz/feldspars and magmatic epidote.

7.3 Origin of 2.6 Ga Pandavpura granite

 We have petrographic, U-Pb and elemental data for only two samples. These rocks show similar elemental compositions to that of 2.61 Ga Arsikere-Banavara granites found further 772 north which have been attributed to lower crustal melting (Jayananda et al., 2006). The high- REE concentrations together with moderate to poorly fractionated REE patterns with strong negative Eu anomalies indicate crustal source. Their high HREE contents coupled with poorly fractionated REE patterns preclude any role of garnet in the melt residue. The above arguments suggest an origin for the Pandavpura granites by reworking of lower crust.

7.4 Potassic granites as markers of crust-mantle interactions and cratonization in the WDC

 As in almost all cratons (see, Laurent *et al.*, 2014; Moyen *et al.*, 2003) the potassic granites in the WDC correspond to the terminal event of crust genesis and craton building processes. They were partly generated by reworking of an older continental crust with minor mantle input. The TTGs in the western Dharwar craton formed 3600-3320 Ma ago, the last phase of TTGs emplaced at 3200 Ma. Immediately after, at 3150 Ma, sporadic transitional plutonic bodies were intruded, immediately followed at ca. 3080 Ma, by a high grade metamorphic event that is documented by texturally controlled in *situ*-monazite dating, discordant zircons with Pb-loss and metamorphic titanites (Banerjee et al., 2011; Jayananda et al., 2013, 2015).

 The 3.2 Ga granodiorite intrusion is spatially associated with terminal event of crust formation in the WDC. It possibly marks a first stage of reworking as they contain inherited zircon dated at 3.3 Ga. The 3.0 Ga plutons emplacement was preceded by the eruption of komatiites and komatiitic-basalts in the adjoining Nagamangala belt and further north in the Banasandra belt at 3.15 Ga (Jayananda et al., 2008; Tushipokla and Jayananda, 2013; Maya et al., 2017). This suggests that ca. 3.0Ga potassic granite magmatism corresponds to a major tectonothermal event at the end of TTG accretion and greenstone volcanism. The ca. 3.0 Ga potassic magmatism marks the end of the juvenile crust accretion cycle and marks the first

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Table 5. Results for whole-rock Sm-Nd isotope measurements by TIMS

Table 1: LA-ICP-MS operating conditions

Analysis *U-Pb geochronology*

Laboratory Université Clermont Auvergne ICP-MS model Thermo Element XR Forward Power 1300 W Auxiliary gas (Ar) ~1.0 l/min Ar sample ~ 0.7 l/min Oxide ThO/Th $\sim 0.5-1.5\%$ Additional gas N2 Additional gas flow 7.0 ml/min SQUID On

Spot size

Laser model Resonetics Resolution M-50 Wavelength 193 nm Pulse duration ≤ 4 ns Energy \sim 2.8 mJ Fluence 2.5-2.6 J/cm2 Frequency 4 Hz
Spot size 33 µm Carrier gas He Carrier gas flow ~0.7 l/min

Data acquisition

Table 2: Results for zircon U-Pb analysis by SIMS

Table 4. Major and trace element results for the studied granitoids

Oxides	NM-04	$MS-05$	NBG-05B		NBG-06A NBG-17A NBG-20A		CHT ₅	NBG-01A	NBG-02
SiO ₂	66.33	67.61	71.24	76.29	73.97	73.31	76.41	69.67	71.70
TiO ₂	0.36	0.51	0.33	0.09	0.12	0.11	0.06	0.33	0.22
Al_2O_3	14.95	15.19	13.87	13.52	14.22	14.41	13.61	14.57	13.72
Fe ₂ O ₃	5.35	4.62	3.34	1.00	1.37	1.32	0.73	2.87	3.25
MnO	0.09	0.04	0.08	0.02	$0.02\,$	0.02	0.00	0.04	0.03
MgO	1.66	1.24	0.58	0.11	0.02	0.21	0.00	0.83	0.40
CaO	2.27	3.08	1.63	0.73	1.12	1.03	0.41	1.76	1.26
Na ₂ O	4.41	4.07	4.32	3.16	3.83	3.74	3.02	3.95	3.97
K_2O	3.55	3.13	3.87	5.55	4.96	5.02	5.68	4.42	4.47
P_2O_5	0.12	0.13	0.12	0.03	0.04	0.04	$0.00\,$	0.11	0.08
Total	99.10	99.61	99.38	100.50	99.67	99.21	99.92	98.55	99.10
Cs	4.00	1.48	1.41	1.01	2.05	2.07	3.64	2.05	2.45
Rb	95.93	48.05	150.43	172.78	183.31	222.54	151.92	156.43	178.23
Ba	116.21	85.68	525.88	488.04	437.19	563.33	9.89	668.94	544.43
Th	4.43	4.38	12.88	28.38	20.91	21.18	20.11	16.59	39.77
$\mathbf U$	1.52	1.66	1.28	2.67	3.59	7.00	5.09	1.64	5.42
Nb	10.99	5.24	2.04	5.90	3.01	7.92	7.56	14.82	10.80
Ta	1.09	0.51	0.18	0.30	0.07	0.32	0.92	0.50	0.50
Pb	9.77	6.10	16.45	20.14	16.83	19.01	42.57	19.28	18.89
Sr	414.31	244.03	276.73	277.02	248.28	283.74	4.78	320.15	276.44
Hf	6.26	6.60	4.79	5.08	7.28	5.81	3.06	10.26	10.31
Zr	324.22	345.27	186.30	185.47	286.18	211.31	75.79	458.29	437.26
$\rm Ti$	2188	3047	1978	540	719	659	360	1978	1307
Y	11.91	14.22	8.38	21.86	13.29	24.69	9.75	59.89	41.83
Sc	4.84	6.21	3.42	3.80	4.32	4.48		7.37	5.73
$\mathbf V$	53.05	36.35	10.68	9.61	8.79	12.43	\le L.D.	25.02	15.34
Cr	40.69	20.35	23.38	17.85	32.59	31.49	15.67	26.80	36.07
Co	17.22	11.11	1.92	1.62	1.97	1.81		4.56	2.70
Ni	10.36	6.52	5.84	6.37	6.01	5.96	\le L.D.	7.26	6.69
Cu	1.04	2.05	0.91	0.93	0.91	0.93		1.19	0.98
Zn	26.21	48.45	23.54	18.29	23.45	16.59	23.26	49.21	76.53
Ga	19.37	11.24	18.36	17.05	19.00	18.99	16.73	22.17	20.62
La	27.61	22.37	45.69	28.44	50.82	33.02	21.96	87.16	72.61
Ce	51.61	41.99	83.59	53.07	94.95	62.08	47.73	167.27	136.16
Pr	5.92	5.36	10.12	6.82	11.56	7.74	5.16	21.93	17.01
$\rm Nd$	21.39	22.96	29.15	21.08	33.73	23.51	16.38	69.82	50.82
Sm	4.07	4.83	4.24	3.94	5.18	4.09	2.87	12.46	8.44
Eu	0.99	1.10	0.64	$0.70\,$	0.73	0.73	0.21	1.66	1.10
Gd	2.44	3.04	2.52	2.80	3.24	2.92	1.96	8.65	5.81
Tb	0.36	0.44	0.33	0.53	0.46	0.56	0.29	1.59	1.04
Dy	1.83	2.18	1.28	2.63	1.84	2.87	1.61	7.84	5.18
Ho	0.36	0.43	0.24	0.57	0.37	0.63	0.35	1.64	1.10
Er	0.92	1.12	0.60	1.65	1.01	1.85	0.96	4.55	3.09
\rm{Tm}	0.13	0.16	$0.08\,$	0.25	0.15	0.29	0.17	0.67	0.46
Yb	0.84	1.07	0.60	1.76	$1.10\,$	2.15	1.16	4.54	3.31
Lu	0.12	0.16	0.11	0.28	0.20	0.36	0.19	0.71	0.54
$(La/Yb)_{N}$	21.74	13.75	50.39	10.68	30.39	10.14	12.50	12.68	14.48
$(Gd/Yb)_{N}$	2.34	2.27	3.38	1.28	2.36	1.09	1.36	1.53	1.41
Eu/Eu*	0.97	0.89	0.61	0.65	0.55	0.65	0.28	0.50	0.48
$\rm Cr/V$	0.77	0.56	2.19	1.96	3.71	2.53		1.07	2.35

Table 5: Results for whole-rock Sm-Nd isotope measurements by TIMS

Figure 3

Figure 4

 $ANOR = 100 An / (Or+An)$

