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33 **Abstract**

34 Anatexis in orogenic systems has wide-reaching implications for the structure, mechanical strength,
35 and later exhumation of the middle crust during orogeny. Previous studies of melt reactions in
36 metapelitic rocks have identified three major melt-producing reactions: fluid-present incongruent
37 melting, fluid-absent muscovite dehydration melting, and fluid-absent biotite dehydration melting.
38 Due to the composition of the reacting phases and the formation of peritectic phases, each of these
39 reactions has implications for element mobilisation. Petrographic and geochemical signatures of
40 melt reactant and product minerals allow different reactions to be identified and distinguished.
41 Migmatites and leucogranites occur across the Himalaya in the Greater Himalayan Sequence (GHS).
42 Using samples from the Alaknanda valley, near Badrinath in the Garhwal Himalaya, we identify
43 petrographic and mineral compositional characteristics that suggest a progressive thermal sequence
44 through the fluid-present, muscovite-dehydration, and later biotite-dehydration melting reaction
45 fields, but a differential record. Samples from a single outcrop only preserve records for one reaction
46 type, despite having experienced the same thermal history. Our observational and *in-situ* chemical
47 data from feldspars, micas, and garnet reveal melt reaction systematics through peritectic
48 crystallisation textures and large-ion lithophile element concentrations. Our results show that the
49 mineral chemistry and petrographic observations are similar between (source) migmatites and (sink)

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50 granites, and that together these datasets provide more powerful insight into migmatite and granite
51 melting reaction history than bulk-rock data alone.

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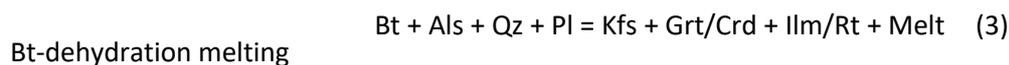
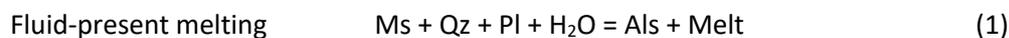
53 **Key words:** Partial melting, geochemistry, petrography, Himalaya, metamorphism

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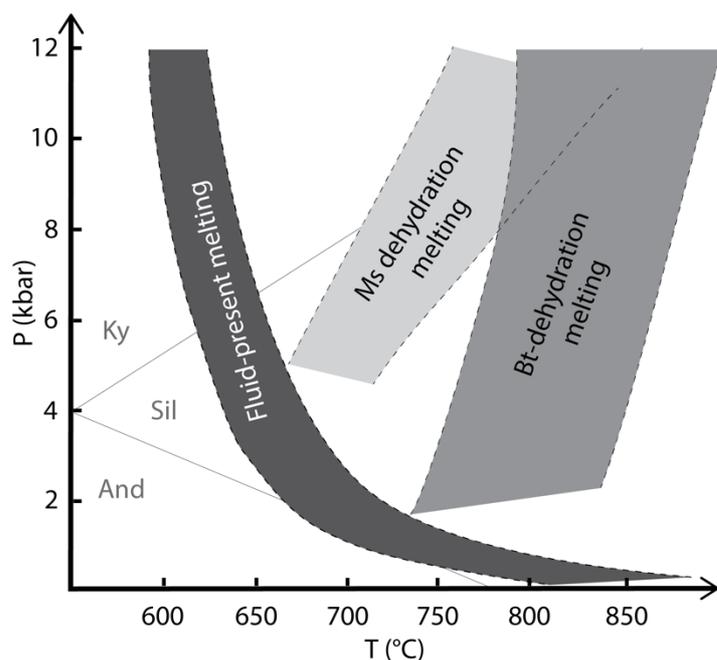
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56 **Introduction**

57 Determining the melt reactions that have led to the creation of migmatites and granites in the
58 continental crust is important for constraining trace element mobilisation (extraction, transport and
59 concentration or dispersion). Many crustal granites are formed from the melting of meta-
60 sedimentary rocks, particularly metapelites, which themselves formed during the metamorphism of
61 mud-rich sediments (Patiño Douce et al 1990). Metapelitic rocks have well-characterised melt
62 reactions (Figure 1), which may occur by (1) fluid-present melting involving muscovite, (2) fluid-
63 absent (dehydration) melting of muscovite, and (3) fluid-absent (dehydration) melting of biotite,
64 each with distinct peritectic (solid product) phases (Inger and Harris, 1992; 1993). Fluid-present
65 melting produces only sillimanite or kyanite as a peritectic phase (reaction 1) (Patiño Douce and
66 Harris, 1998), while muscovite dehydration melting produces both peritectic K-feldspar and an
67 aluminosilicate (sillimanite or kyanite) phase (reaction 2) (Gardien et al., 1995; Patiño Douce and
68 Harris, 1998; Pickering and Johnston, 1998). Biotite dehydration melting produces peritectic K-
69 feldspar, garnet/cordierite, and rutile/ilmenite (reaction 3) (Breton and Thompson, 1988; Harris et
70 al., 1995).



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72 *Figure 1: P-T diagram showing the the melt-forming reactions in metapelite systems (after Weinberg*
73 *& Haslova, 2015)*

74 During melting, the composition of the reactant phases ultimately determines the available major
75 and trace element budget, and during crystallisation, the composition of the product phases
76 determines the element budget. The presence and amount of the peritectic products of melt
77 reactions are of particular interest for constraining the mobility of trace elements in the crust as
78 their formation varies with pressure and temperature, melt reaction, and they tend to remain in the
79 source rock whereas the melt itself may be extracted (Vigneresse et al., 1996; Rosenberg and Handy,
80 2005; Brown, 2007). Elements that are hosted by the peritectic phases, e.g. Rb, Sr, Ba and Eu in the
81 case of K-feldspar and Y and rare earth elements (REEs) in the case of garnet, are therefore
82 fractionated between the restite and mobile melt.

83 Petrographic observations can be used to determine the (sequence of) melt reactions which may
84 have occurred in a particular sample (e.g. Dyck et al 2020). For example, the presence of peritectic K-
85 feldspar in a migmatite or leucogranite is indicative of muscovite dehydration melting, while
86 peritectic garnet (or cordierite, depending on pressure and bulk composition) and K-feldspar
87 together are indicative of biotite dehydration melting. Peritectic grains may be distinguished from
88 melt-crystallised grains of the same phase by examining their textures. K-feldspar textures attributed
89 to peritectic growth include the overgrowth and replacement of plagioclase, poikiloblastic grains,
90 and porphyroblastic grains (Dyck et al., 2020). Garnet may be identified as peritectic by the presence

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91 of very fine, randomly oriented inclusions in the cores of grains, primarily of apatite (Dorais and
92 Campbell, 2022; Dorais and Spencer, 2014; Taylor and Stevens, 2010).

93 Petrographic observations may however not provide the full story. Textural overprinting may occur
94 in systems that have experienced sequential melt-producing reactions, as peritectic sillimanite or
95 kyanite formed through fluid-present melting may be indistinguishable from, or even overgrown by,
96 later sillimanite/kyanite formed as a product of Ms-dehydration melting (Phillips et al., 2023). As
97 such, potential differences in the geochemical signatures of melt reaction products due to varying
98 reactant phases and proportions, tied to textural observations, may provide the best opportunity to
99 interpret melt-reaction history. The large-ion-lithophile elements (LILEs) Rb, Sr, and Ba are of
100 particular interest as melt reaction indicators, as these elements are predominantly hosted by the
101 micas and feldspars involved in melt-producing reactions in metapelitic systems (Harris et al., 1995).
102 Differences in the relative modal consumption of plagioclase, muscovite, and biotite in mica schists
103 during melting have been suggested to result in bulk-rock leucosome or granite Rb/Sr of <2 for fluid-
104 present melting and >5 for dehydration melting due to the varying Rb/Sr of each phase (Harris et al.,
105 1993; Patiño Douce and Harris, 1998). Leucosomes or granites with relatively high bulk
106 concentrations of Ba (a fluid-mobile element), are considered particularly indicative of fluid-present
107 melting (Patiño Douce and Harris, 1998). Similarly, relatively high bulk concentrations of Ca, Zr, Hf,
108 Th, and the light REEs and lower concentrations of Nb, Ta, and U suggest fluid-present melting Gao
109 et al., 2017).

110 Most previous studies of migmatites and granites that have used chemical signatures to identify
111 source melt reactions, including those referenced above, have based their interpretations on bulk
112 rock chemical data (e.g., Inger and Harris 1993; Ji et al., 2023). Whilst these studies have provided
113 important insights, the majority of migmatites are compositionally heterogeneous. Different
114 portions of the rock may, due to lithological variability, record different metamorphic and melting
115 reactions, therefore causing difficulties in determining the equilibrated bulk volume. Additionally, it
116 is important to identify which minerals contribute or withhold which elements to/from the melt; this
117 can only be achieved by *in-situ* measurements.

118 Here we link melt reactions and relative melt volumes interpreted from the petrographic
119 observations to major and trace element compositions of feldspars, micas, and garnet to identify the
120 chemical contributions of participating minerals that characterise the appropriate melt mechanism
121 during anatexis. The geochemical data, alongside temperatures calculated using Ti-in-biotite

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122 thermometry, provide further evidence for previous interpretations of, and insights into, anatectic
123 mechanisms in the crust and the petrogenesis of crustal granites.

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125 **Methods**

126 Detailed instrument and analytical conditions can be found in Online Resource 1.

127 Optical microscopy was carried out on polished thin sections with typical thicknesses of 35-40 μm to
128 allow for in situ SEM and laser-ablation analysis of the observed textures. As such the
129 photomicrographs under crossed-polarised light display higher-order interference colours than
130 standard thin sections.

131 Whole-section Backscattered-Electron (BSE) and Energy Dispersive Spectroscopy (EDS) images and
132 chemical maps were collected using an FEI Quanta 200 3D tungsten-filament SEM, fitted with an
133 Oxford Instruments INCA EDS detector, at the Open University. The beam was set to a voltage of 20
134 keV and a current of ca. 1.2 nA. The resulting images were stitched together using the Oxford
135 Instruments INCA software 'Montage' function. Garnet grains were picked from partially crushed
136 samples at various size fractions to recover intact grains and were sorted into size fractions by
137 diameter. Size fractions were mounted in resin blocks and polished to target the geographic cores of
138 the grains.

139 The chemical compositions of major phases were collected by point and line analysis using a Zeiss
140 Supra 55 VP field-emission SEM fitted with an Oxford Instruments X-Max 50 mm² EDS detector at
141 the Open University. The beam was set to a voltage of 20 kV and a current equivalent of 2.0 nA (60
142 μm aperture) with a 30 s acquisition time. Data were corrected for detector sensitivity loss using a
143 natural almandine standard. Confidence in the precision of values is better than 0.3 oxide wt% (2σ).

144 Spot analysis concentrations of 54 major and trace elements were collected from micas, feldspars
145 and garnet using a Photon Machines Analyte G2 193 nm excimer laser system equipped with a HeEX
146 II laser ablation cell coupled with an Agilent 8800 Triple Quadrupole ICP-MS at the Open University.
147 The ICP-MS was tuned using NIST SRM 612 glass prior to each analytical session to optimise
148 sensitivity and reduce oxide production. Spot analyses were run using a fluence of 3.63 J/cm², a
149 repetition rate of 10 Hz, and a spot size of 50 μm , with each analysis collecting 30 seconds of
150 background, 30 seconds of sample ablation, and 40 seconds of post-ablation washout. For feldspar

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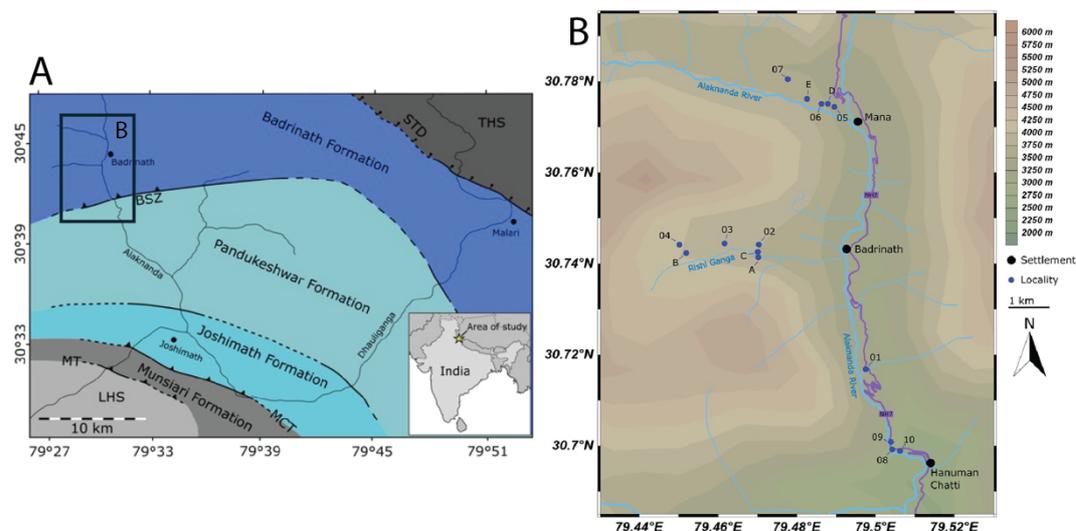
151 analyses in samples 04b, 07c, 09b, and 10, a pre-ablation laser pulse was performed to improve
152 laser-sample coupling, followed by a 10-second pause before collecting background measurements.
153 Spots were analysed in batches of twenty, bracketed by two analyses of NIST 612 and BCR-2G glass
154 standards each. Data reduction was carried out using Lolite v3.71 (Paton et al., 2011), with baseline
155 signal subtraction and time-resolved spectra checked for inclusion signals and ablation issues. Only
156 stable signal sections were used for concentration calculations. NIST SRM 612 was used as the
157 primary standard and BCR-2G as the secondary standard for most elements, though BCR-2G was
158 used as the primary standard for Na, Mg, Al, P, K, Ca, Ti, Mn, and Fe, due to higher concentrations of
159 these elements. Si was used for standardisation, with values taken from EDS measurements (either
160 directly from the analysis site, or from averages of similar grains for each mineral phase where direct
161 measurement was not possible). Indium concentrations were corrected for ^{115}Sn isobaric
162 interference. Accuracy and precision of BCR-2G analyses were in good agreement with published
163 values (Jenner and O'Neill, 2012) and with relative standard deviations of 3-5% (Online Resource 2).
164 Ti-in-biotite temperatures were calculated using the Wu and Chen (2015) calibration with a pressure
165 estimate of 1 GPa (peak calculated pressure conditions in the Badrinath Formation; Spencer et al.,
166 2012a) and data from both the EDS and LA-ICP-MS datasets. Propagated uncertainty for the
167 calibration is approximately $\pm 65^\circ\text{C}$ (Wu and Chen, 2015). Post-peak Fe-Mg diffusion between biotite
168 and other ferromagnesian minerals, especially garnet, may increase the Mg concentration in biotite
169 (Kohn and Spear, 2000). Higher Mg concentrations will have the effect of lowering the calculated Ti-
170 in-biotite temperatures. This effect is strongest where garnet and biotite are in contact, therefore
171 temperatures of biotite grains in contact with garnet were not calculated.

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173 Sample petrography and modal abundances of major phases

174 Migmatite and leucogranite samples were collected from the Badrinath Formation of the Garhwal
175 Himalaya in NW India, part of the upper sequence of the Great Himalayan Series, characterised by
176 widespread anatexis and crustal leucogranites (Valdiya, 1979; Spencer et al., 2012a, Paul, 1998).
177 Samples include pelitic/semi-pelitic migmatites and leucogranites that record various degrees of
178 melting: from *in-situ*, disconnected leucosome lenses through interconnected leucosomes to more
179 extensive granitic bodies. Samples were collected from localities displaying cross-cutting leucosomes
180 and granites. Full sample descriptions, field photos, locality information and mineralogy are provided
181 in Online Resource 3. Figure 2 shows the sampling localities.

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 183 *Figure 2: Map showing sample localities. (a) Simplified geological map of the GHS in the eastern*
 184 *Garhwal, showing the Alaknanda and Dhauliganga valleys, after Spencer et al., 2012a and references*
 185 *therein. Box shows location of (b). Inset shows the study area in relation to India. (b) Map of*
 186 *sampling localities along the Alaknanda and Rishi Ganga valleys, around Badrinath in the Garhwal*
 187 *Himalaya. Coordinates are in WGS84. Locality 11 is 15.5 km south-southeast of Hanuman Chatti,*
 188 *near Joshimath*

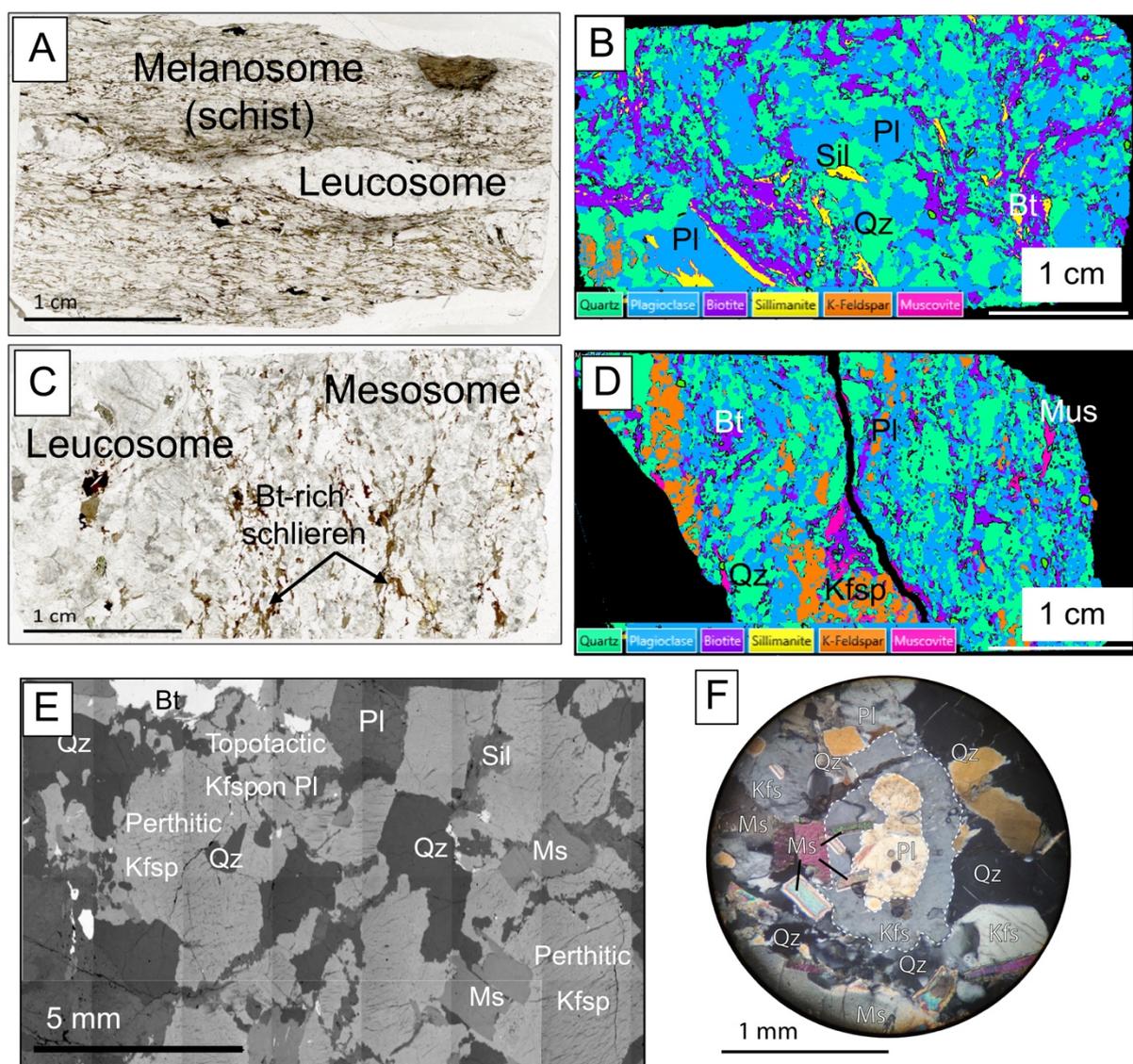
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 190 Based on field (e.g. Sawyer, 2008) and thin-section scale textural differences (e.g. Erdmann et al.,
 191 2012; Dyck et al., 2020), migmatite and leucogranite samples were divided into three groups. Group
 192 1 migmatites, samples 5b, 7c, 8, 9b, and 11, contain muscovite, biotite, quartz, garnet, sillimanite
 193 and plagioclase with minor K-feldspar. They are distinguished by the presence of discrete
 194 leucosomes, either as veins or irregular disconnected deformed domains (Figure 3a), and either lack,
 195 or have a low modal abundance ($\leq 1\%$) of K-feldspar (Figure 3b). K-feldspar is present only in
 196 leucosomes and/or as fine, isolated grains in the phyllosilicate-rich schistose parts of the rock
 197 (melanosome). Plagioclase is present in both leucosomes and the schist (melanosome) (Figure 3b).
 198 Muscovite is a major component in the melanosome of samples 8, 9b and 11, with only rare grains in
 199 the leucosome. Muscovite in 5b and 7c occurs as relict grains associated with biotite or back
 200 reactions involving K-feldspar and sillimanite. Sillimanite varies from 0-5% modal abundance, with
 201 higher modal percentages associated with larger leucosome domains.

202 Group 2 migmatites, samples 2a, 4a, 4b, 7a, f02, and f13, contain muscovite, biotite, quartz, garnet,
 203 K-feldspar, sillimanite and plagioclase. In contrast with Group 1 samples, the leucosome domains
 204 have more diffuse boundaries (Figure 3c). The K feldspar is porphyroblastic in the mesosome and

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205 phenocrystic in the leucosome, with grains >2 mm across (Figures 3c,d,e) with perthitic albite
 206 lamellae and inclusions of irregular quartz and embayed plagioclase. Samples 4b, 7a, f02, and f13
 207 also contain lenticular clusters of K-feldspar grains in quartzofeldspathic domains. Plagioclase is
 208 either greatly reduced in abundance, or present as embayed inclusions within K-feldspar (Figure 3e)
 209 Sample 4a displays topotactic replacement of plagioclase by K-feldspar (Figure 3f). Sillimanite is
 210 present in clots associated with phyllosilicate domains (e.g. sample 7a) or as schlieren in leucosomes
 211 (e.g. sample 2a).

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214 Figure 3: Composite images showing Group 1 and 2 sample field relations and petrography. (a) Thin
 215 section photomicrograph of Group 1 migmatite 08. (b) False colour SEM image of diatexitic Group 1

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216 *migmatite 07c. The leucosomes are the irregular areas of coarser Qz and Pl (centre and lower left).*
217 *(c) Thin section photomicrograph of Group 2 migmatite 4b. (d) False colour SEM image of sample*
218 *Group 2 migmatite 7a. The Kfsp defines the larger patches of leucosome, commonly also rimmed by*
219 *Mus-Sil and Bt. (e) BSE image of sample 4a showing perthitic K-feldspar phenocrysts and K-feldspar*
220 *overgrowing plagioclase. (f) Photomicrograph of sample 4a showing plagioclase with K-feldspar*
221 *overgrowth/replacement in the mesosome*

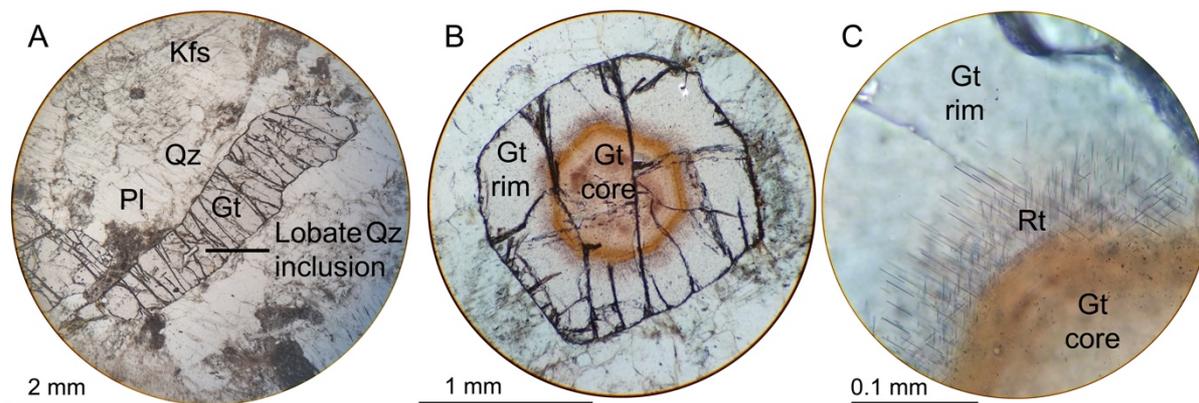
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223 Leucogranite samples, 1d, 2b, 3, 7b, and f04, contain quartz, plagioclase and K-feldspar ± sillimanite,
224 muscovite and rare garnet and biotite. They share distinctive microtextural features with the Group
225 2 migmatites: K-feldspar phenocrysts are perthitic, with inclusions of irregular quartz and embayed
226 plagioclase (Figures in Online Resource 3), and are texturally similar to the porphyroblastic grains in
227 many of the Group 2 migmatite samples (Figure 3e,f). Fibrolitic sillimanite is present in samples 1d,
228 7b and f04. Garnet in sample 1d (the only garnet-bearing leucogranite in this group) is elongate and
229 contains a diverse population of <50 µm -sized inclusions in the cores (Figure 4a). Lobate quartz
230 inclusions are randomly distributed throughout the grains. Based on the textural similarities, we
231 interpret these leucogranites as having formed by the same melting reactions as the Group 2
232 migmatites and therefore also ascribe these to Group 2.

233 One leucogranite, sample 6, also contains quartz, plagioclase and K-feldspar ± muscovite and rare
234 garnet. The garnet is distinctively different from the garnets in the migmatites and group 2
235 leucogranites. These grains are subhedral to euhedral with strongly developed optically-visible core-
236 rim zoning. The cores are rich in randomly-oriented <10 µm inclusions of apatite, rutile, xenotime,
237 and zircon, while the core-rim transition hosts crystallographically-oriented rutile needles up to 100
238 µm in length (Figure 4b,c) Pale pink garnet rims occasionally contain lobate quartz but are otherwise
239 inclusion poor. This sample is separated from the others into a Group 3.

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242 *Figure 4: (a) Garnet in sample 1d showing lobate quartz inclusion (Group 2). (b, c) Garnet in sample 6*
 243 *(Group 3), showing clear core rim distinction. (c) At the boundary of the core and rim fine needles or*
 244 *rutile can be observed*

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246 *Table 1: Summary of sample groups*

Group	Lithology	Sample number	Mineralogy (details in Online Resource 3)
1	Migmatite	5b, 7c, 8, 9b, 11	Qtz+PL+Ms+Bt+Gt±Sil±Ks p
2	Migmatite	2a, 4a, 4b, 7a, f02, f13	Qtz+Pl+Ksp+Bt±Sil±Ms±G t
2	Leucogranite	1d, 2b, 3, 7b, and f04	Qtz+Pl+Ksp±Sil±Ms±Gt±B t
3	Leucogranite	6	Qtz+Pl+Ksp±Ms±Gt

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248 Linking petrography to melt reactions

249 The fluid-present melting reaction (1) predicts the formation of a peritectic aluminosilicate phase
 250 only. Migmatite Group 1 samples (Table 1) either lack K-feldspar completely or do not contain
 251 enough to be convincingly peritectic - the modal abundance of K-feldspar is too low relative to the
 252 volume of leucosome to satisfy the 4:5 stoichiometric ratio of peritectic K-feldspar to melt
 253 suggestive of muscovite dehydration melting (reaction 2) (Dyck et al., 2020). We therefore interpret
 254 these samples as recording fluid-present melting.

255 Migmatite Group 2 samples (Table 1) all contain porphyroblastic and poikiloblastioc K-feldspar or
 256 lenticular clusters of K-feldspar grains in quartzofeldspathic domains with little plagioclase and no

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257 garnet. Following Dyck et al., 2020, we interpret the K-feldspar as having formed as a peritectic
258 phase during muscovite dehydration (reaction 2).

259 The majority of the leucogranite samples also contain features suggestive of formation by muscovite
260 dehydration melting, despite progressive melt amalgamation and migration. Leucogranite samples
261 01d, 02b, 03, 07b, and f04 feature two petrographic textures of K-feldspar: grains that are indicative
262 of peritectic porphyroblasts, and smaller grains in the matrix that suggest direct crystallisation from
263 the melt (Dyck et al., 2020). The former texture is interpreted as peritectic grains entrained into the
264 melt from disaggregating source migmatites during melt amalgamation and migration (Brown,
265 2013). Samples 01d and 7b contain sillimanite schlieren with high aspect ratios, also suggesting a
266 peritectic origin. Garnets in sample 01d contain lobate quartz inclusions (Figure 4a), suggesting
267 crystallisation from the melt (Jung et al., 2022; Taylor and Stevens, 2010).

268 The garnet in sample 06, contains a high concentration of very fine, randomly oriented inclusions of
269 apatite, rutile, xenotime and zircon in their cores. These inclusions are suggestive of a peritectic
270 origin for the garnet cores (Dorais and Campbell, 2022; Dorais and Spencer, 2014; Taylor and
271 Stevens, 2010). The porphyroblastic K-feldspar grains in this sample are petrographically identical to
272 those in Group 2 samples, also suggestive of a peritectic origin. Together, the K-feldspar and garnet
273 suggest that leucogranite 06 formed through the biotite dehydration reaction (reaction 3) (Breton
274 and Thompson, 1988; Harris et al., 1995). The garnet rims occasionally contain lobate quartz
275 inclusions similar to those in the garnet in sample 01d, suggesting that the garnet rims formed
276 during magmatic crystallisation.

277 In summary, the petrographic observations suggest that Group 1 migmatites (05b, 07c, 08, 09b, and
278 11) preserve a textural record of fluid-present melting. Group 2 migmatites (02a, 04a, 04b, 07a, f02,
279 and f13) and all but one leucogranite sample (01d, 02b, 03, 07b, and f04) preserve a textural record
280 of muscovite dehydration melting. Group 3 leucogranite 06 preserves a textural record of biotite
281 dehydration melting.

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283 **Ti in biotite concentrations and temperatures**

284 All biotite contains Al/Si and Fe/Mg typical of siderophyllite-annite compositions (Deer et al., 2013)
285 and most contain 0.12 – 0.24 Ti a.p.f.u. (Group 2 leucogranite sample 03 has elevated Ti
286 concentrations of 0.26 Ti a.p.f.u). No biotite was present in Group 3 sample 06. The EDS and LA-ICP-
287 MS Ti concentration datasets yield a maximum temperature difference of 20°C (Table 2). Figure 5

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288 therefore shows the LA-ICP-MS data only for samples for which no EDS data were collected. The
 289 data in Table 2 and presented on Figure 5 contain only the data for which Ti concentrations and X_{Mg}
 290 fall within the Wu and Chen, 2015 calibration range. The full Ti in Bt (TiB) dataset is presented in
 291 Online Resource 4.

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293 *Table 2: Calculated Ti in Bt temperatures, presented to the nearest 1°C for 1 GPa pressure.*

294 *L=leucogranite, M=migmatite, n= number of datapoints lying within the Wu and Chen, 2015,*
 295 *calibration range.*

Sample	Group	Lithology	Dataset	n	Max	Min	Mean	Median	Stdev
07c	1	M	EDS	42	690	633	670	672	13
			LA-ICP-MS	8	696	650	678	683	17
08	1	M	EDS	18	715	663	690	669	16
			LA-ICP-MS	-	-	-	-	-	-
09b	1	M	EDS	6	766	674	729	749	30
			LA-ICP-MS	6	804	707	756	755	29
02a	2	M	EDS	10	791	756	775	778	12
			LA-ICP-MS	-	-	-	-	-	-
04a	2	M	EDS	15	787	738	760	758	14
			LA-ICP-MS	-	-	-	-	-	-
04b	2	M	EDS	7	771	742	760	761	10
			LA-ICP-MS	5	809	764	779	771	16
07a	2	M	EDS	9	784	760	776	775	7
			LA-ICP-MS	4	790	759	777	779	12
f02	2	M	EDS	-	-	-	-	-	-
			LA-ICP-MS	5	825	714	784	811	45
01d	2	L	EDS	18	776	675	726	720	30
			LA-ICP-MS	4	742	696	717	715	18
03	2	L	EDS	11	745	720	730	731	7
			LA-ICP-MS	12	751	675	707	710	21

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07b	2	L	EDS	11	807	790	797	797	6
			LA-ICP-MS	5	811	781	798	803	12
f04	2	L	EDS	-	-	-	-	-	-
			LA-ICP-MS	9	833	748	799	803	23

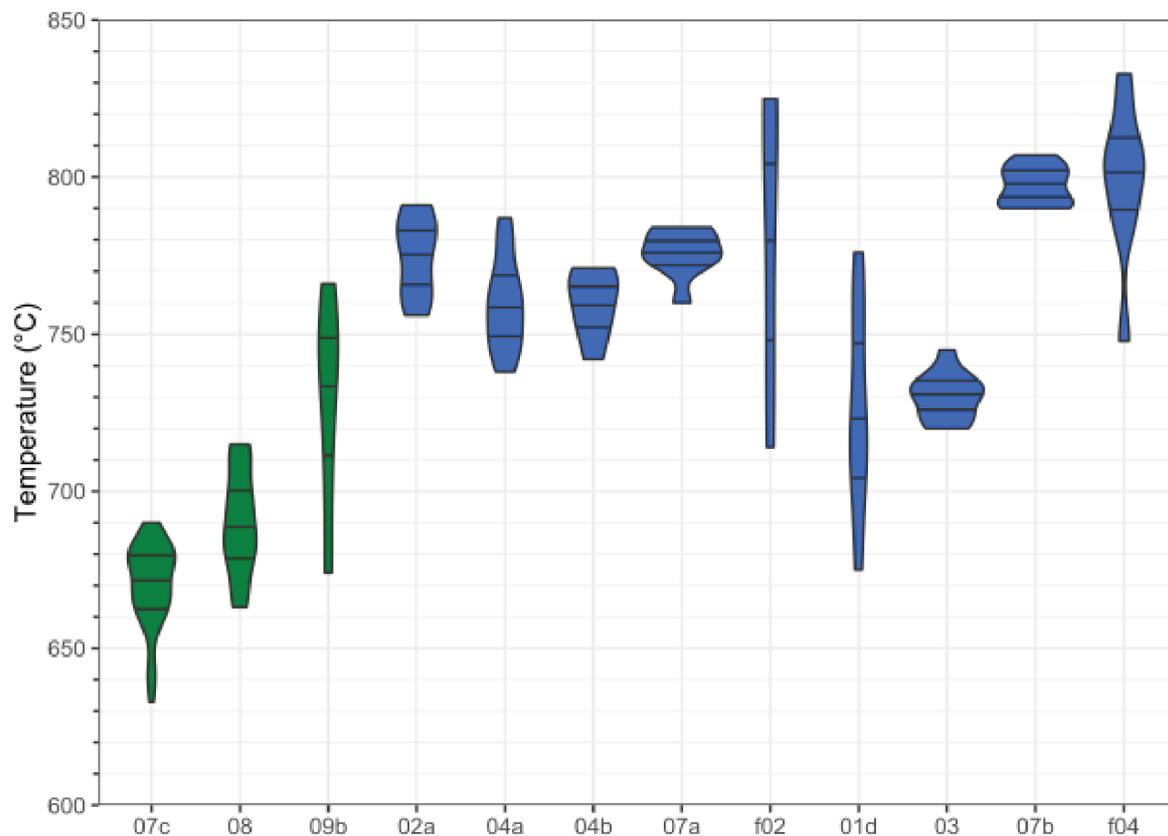
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297 Calculated TiB temperatures across all ss range from 633–833°C, with a maximum variation within
 298 any given sample of 110°C (Table 2, Figure 5). Group 1 migmatites 07c and 08 yield median
 299 temperatures <700°C, whereas Group 2 migmatites 02a, 04a, 04b, and 07a yield median values of
 300 750–780°C. Group 1 migmatite sample 09b yielded an intermediate temperature, with median
 301 values of ~750°C. Group 2 migmatite sample f02 yielded a notably higher median value of 810°C and
 302 the largest intrasample variation. Group 2 leucogranite samples 01d and 03 yield the lowest median
 303 temperatures of 710–730°C, while leucogranite samples 07b and f04 yield higher median
 304 temperatures of ~800°C (Figure 5).

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308 *Figure 5: Violin plots of calculated Ti in Bt temperatures for Group 1 (green) and Group 2 (blue)*
309 *migmatite (02a, 04a, 04b, 07a, f02) and leucogranite (01d, 03, 07b, f04) samples. All data are from*
310 *EDS apart from samples f02 and f04, for which the LA-ICP-MS data are plotted. The dashes mark the*
311 *upper quartile, median and lower quartile respectively. The width of the “violins” corresponds to the*
312 *number of datapoints yielding that value of temperature*

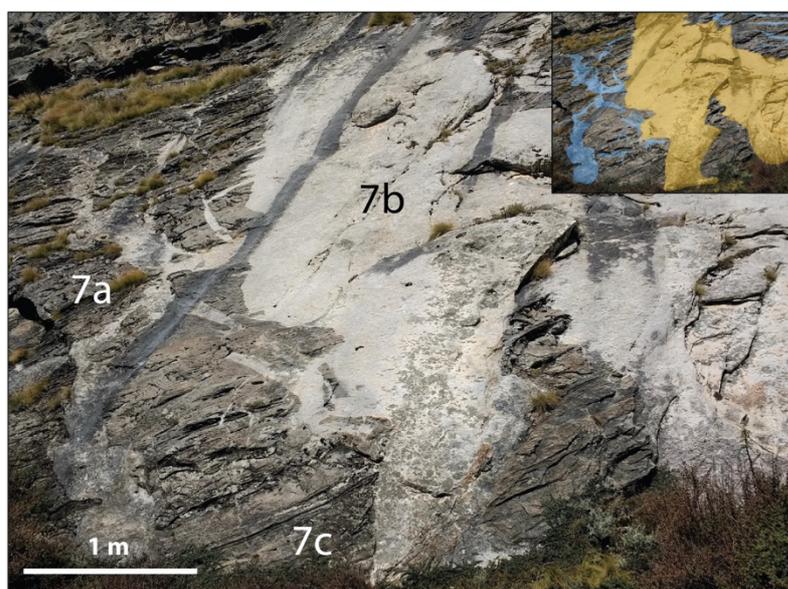
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314 **Thermal evolution**

315 Titanium in biotite thermometry calculations for the migmatites and leucogranites yield
316 temperatures that correlate with petrographic observations of fluid-present and muscovite
317 dehydration melting. Group 1 migmatites typically record temperatures <700°C and Group 2
318 typically record temperatures >750°C. The increase in temperature is consistent with that expected
319 for the relative temperatures of fluid-present and muscovite dehydration reactions (Figure 1, e.g.
320 Clemens, 1987; Le Breton and Thompson, 1988). Two observations require discussion – the differing
321 temperature records of two samples from the same outcrop and differing temperature records of
322 different Group 2 leucogranites.

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323 Group 1 migmatite sample 7c was collected from within roughly a meter of Group 2 migmatite
324 sample 7a (Figure 6), and a similar overall thermal evolution would therefore be hypothesised.
325 However, sample 7c records a significantly lower temperature (average 680°C vs average 780°C). The
326 recorded temperatures are consistent with the expected temperatures for the melting reactions the
327 samples record (fluid-present in sample 7c and muscovite dehydration in sample 7a). We suggest
328 that after cessation of the fluid-present melting which reacted out most of the muscovite, biotite in
329 sample 7c failed to re-equilibrate at higher temperatures – maybe due to lower a_{TiO_2} compared to
330 the Group 2 samples.



331
332 *Figure 6: Field photograph of cross-cutting relationships in Locality 7. Inset shows interpretation of*
333 *cross-cutting leucosome relationships with the yellow leucogranite (sample 7b) cross-cutting the blue*
334 *leucosome (not sampled). Migmatite samples 7a and 7c showed different leucosome expressions and*
335 *proportions.*

336 The dependence of Ti concentrations in biotite on temperature has long been recognised (Henry and
337 Guidotti 2002) but no single Ti exchange reaction (exchanging Fe, Mg or Al for Ti) accounts for the
338 total temperature effect. Calibrations also assume Ti saturation (in effect buffered by either rutile or
339 ilmenite; Wu and Chen 2015); Ti contents of micas often approximate expected compositions in
340 equilibrium with rutile, even when rutile is not present, suggesting that metapelites are generally
341 near rutile saturation (Chambers and Kohn, 2012). As such, the reliability of Ti in biotite
342 concentrations to relate to temperatures of equilibration depends on the activity of TiO_2 (a_{TiO_2})
343 within a sample for given P-T conditions.

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344 Previous studies have shown $a_{\text{TiO}_2} \approx 1$ in metapelitic bulk compositions at 650-700°C and 0.9-1.0 GPa
345 (Ashley and Law, 2015). Their modelling shows that the a_{TiO_2} drops rapidly at the rutile-out boundary
346 (temperatures >700°C for a pressure of 0.9-1.0 GPa; Meinhold, 2010). At these, and higher,
347 temperatures, therefore, the relationship between temperature and Ti in biotite changes, and any
348 temperatures calculated using the TiB calibration should consider this reduction in activity. The a_{TiO_2}
349 may also be reduced by the presence of melt, as modelling from granitoid and rhyolitic melt
350 suggests a_{TiO_2} values of <0.5 relative to rutile saturation (Borisov and Aranovich, 2020; Schiller and
351 Finger, 2019). As such, the Ti-in-biotite temperature may record the point at which the presence of
352 interstitial melt reduces the effective transfer of Ti^{2+} and Mg^{2+} ions between biotite and the matrix.
353 Later increases in temperature of such previously-melted rocks may not be recorded.

354 The second thermal record disparity revolves around Group 2 leucogranite samples 01d, 03, 07b,
355 and f04. These samples show petrographic textures, and record chemical indicators, of muscovite-
356 dehydration melting, however also record two distinct temperatures, with 01d and 03 recording
357 average temperatures of around 720-730°C, and 07b and f04 recording temperatures of around
358 800°C. The difference of 70-80°C, although only just outside the 65°C uncertainty of the calibration,
359 appears to be linked to structural height through the GHS. Samples 01 and 03 were collected south
360 of Bradrinath (Figure 2), whereas 07b and f04 were collected from stratigraphically higher positions.
361 Spencer et al., 2012a also documents higher T with structural height. This could be accounted for by
362 structurally higher samples being exhumed from deeper levels of the GHS, though precise pressure
363 and timing constraints would be required to prove this.

364 Group 3 sample 06 contains garnets that themselves contain crystallographically-oriented rutile
365 needles surrounding the core. This feature is commonly associated with garnet crystallisation
366 temperatures of >800°C (Hwang et al., 2007; Proyer et al., 2013; Axler and Ague, 2015). At these
367 temperatures Ti is more soluble in garnet; later cooling drives exsolution and crystallisation of rutile
368 needles along the garnet (111) plane (Hwang et al., 2016). The high initial Ti concentrations in garnet
369 in sample 06 therefore suggest higher temperature conditions than the other samples reported
370 here.

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373 **Geochemistry Results**

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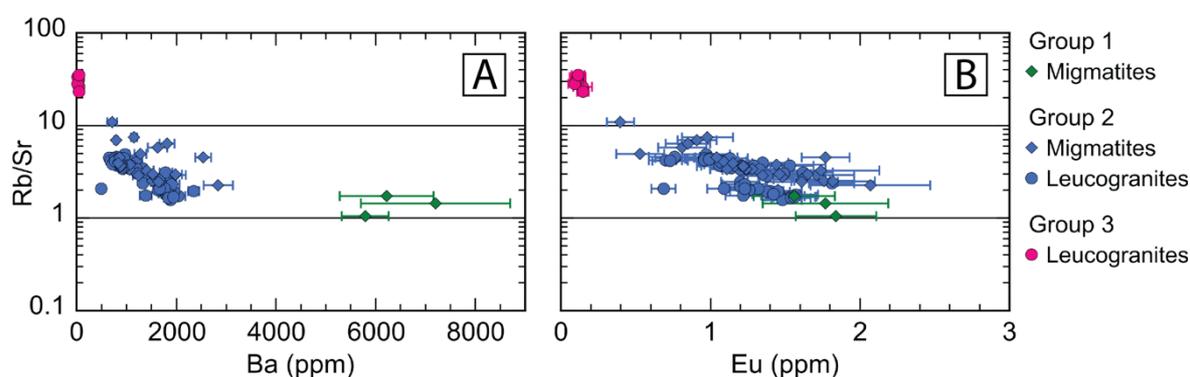
374 Full major element compositions and standard data are presented in Online Resource 5. Full LA-ICP-
375 MS trace element compositions and standard data are presented in Online Resource 6.

376 We analysed 54 elements in the major minerals. Here we concentrate on reporting and interpreting
377 Rb/Sr and Ba concentrations in K-feldspar, plagioclase, muscovite and biotite, in addition to Eu
378 concentrations in the feldspars and Sn concentrations in the micas. These elements were shown in
379 previous bulk rock studies to provide good indicators of melt reaction, as they are differentially
380 hosted in either the reactant mica or the product feldspar: muscovite preferentially hosts Rb, Sr and
381 Ba (until it starts to melt, at which point Ba partitions into the melt); biotite preferentially hosts Rb
382 and Sn; plagioclase preferentially hosts Sr; and K-feldspar preferentially hosts Ba (Patiño Douce and
383 Harris 1998, Harris et al., 1993, Gao et al., 2017).

384

385 **K-feldspar**

386 Major element compositions in K-feldspar do not relate to the petrographic groups, with all K-
387 feldspar compositions ranging from $Or_{0.85-0.95}$. The trace element concentrations cluster into the
388 sample groups determined by petrography. K-feldspar in all lithologies contains 170-1050 ppm Rb,
389 16-350 ppm Sr, 15-7200 ppm Ba, 0.1-2 ppm Eu, and Rb/Sr between 1-35. Group 1 samples yield the
390 lowest Rb/Sr and highest Ba and Eu concentrations. Group 3 sample yield the highest Rb/Sr and
391 lowest Ba and Eu concentrations (Figure 7), with Group 2 samples yielding more of a spread in Ba
392 and Eu concentrations and Rb/Sr.



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394 *Figure 7: Rb/Sr in K-feldspar plotted against (a) Ba and (b) Eu*

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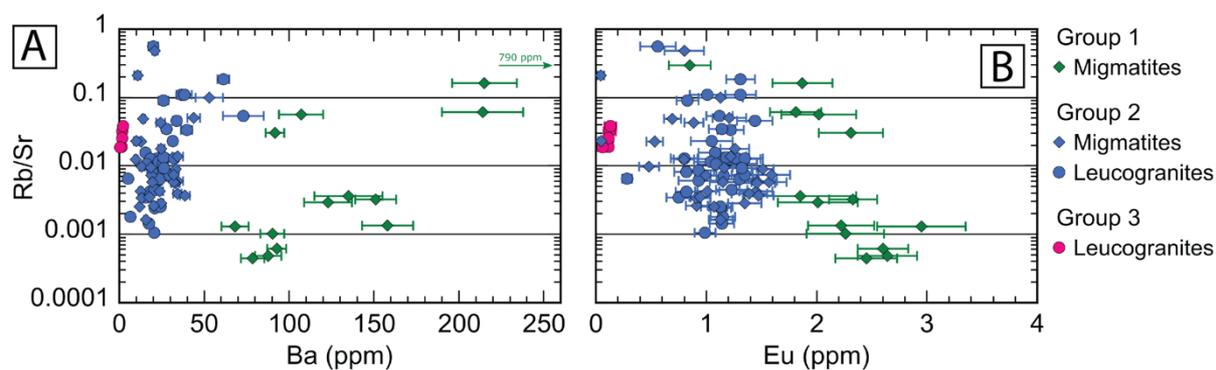
396 **Plagioclase**

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397 Plagioclase shows more major and trace element compositional variation than K-feldspar across
398 both the migmatites and leucogranites, with no link between major element composition and
399 petrographic group. Plagioclase in Group 1 and 2 migmatite samples 04a, 04b, 07a, 07c, 08, 09b and
400 f02 and leucogranite samples 01d, 07b, and f04 cluster between $An_{0.3-0.4}$; plagioclase in Group 2
401 migmatites 02a and f13, and leucogranite samples 02b (Group 2) and 06 (Group 3) is more albitic,
402 clustering between $An_{0.2-0.3}$. Plagioclase in Group 2 leucogranite sample 03 is the most anorthitic, at
403 $\sim An_{0.45}$. Plagioclase in all other leucogranite samples is zoned, with oligoclase ($An_{0.1-0.3}$) to andesine
404 ($An_{0.3-0.5}$) cores and more albitic ($An_{0-0.1}$) rims.

405 Plagioclase in all lithologies contains 0.1-360 ppm Rb, X-540 ppm Sr, 0.6-1690 ppm Ba, 0.04-3 ppm
406 Eu, and Rb/Sr from 4×10^{-4} – 1.4. Group 1 migmatites contain the highest, and Group 3 leucogranite
407 the lowest, Ba and Eu concentrations (Figure 8), whereas Rb/Sr values show a similar spread across
408 all three sample groups.

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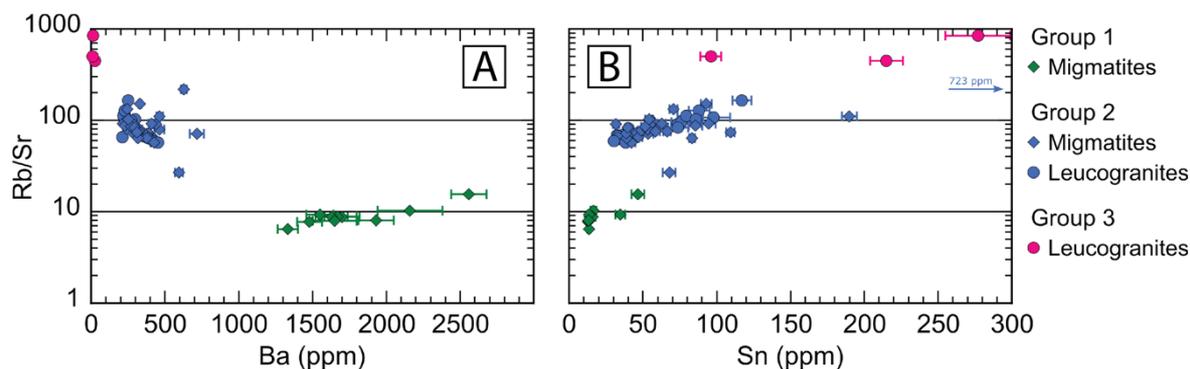
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411 *Figure 8: Rb/Sr in plagioclase plotted against (a) Ba and (b) Eu*

412

413 **Muscovite**

414 Muscovite major element compositions in all samples lie within the typical range for muscovite in
415 pelites (Forshaw and Pattison, 2021). Muscovite in all lithologies contains 270-1320 ppm Rb, 0.8-50
416 ppm Sr, 9-8640 ppm Ba, 13-720 ppm Sn, and Rb/Sr from 6-842. Ba and Sn showed the strongest
417 correlations with Rb/Sr and concentrations of these elements differ between the sample groups
418 (Figure 9). Muscovite in migmatite Group 1 samples contain the highest Ba concentrations and
419 lowest Sn concentrations. Muscovite in Group 3 leucogranite 6 records the highest Rb/Sr, lowest Ba
420 and generally high Sn. Group 2 migmatite sample f13 also yielded two muscovite analyses that are
421 particularly Sn-rich at 190 and 723 ppm.

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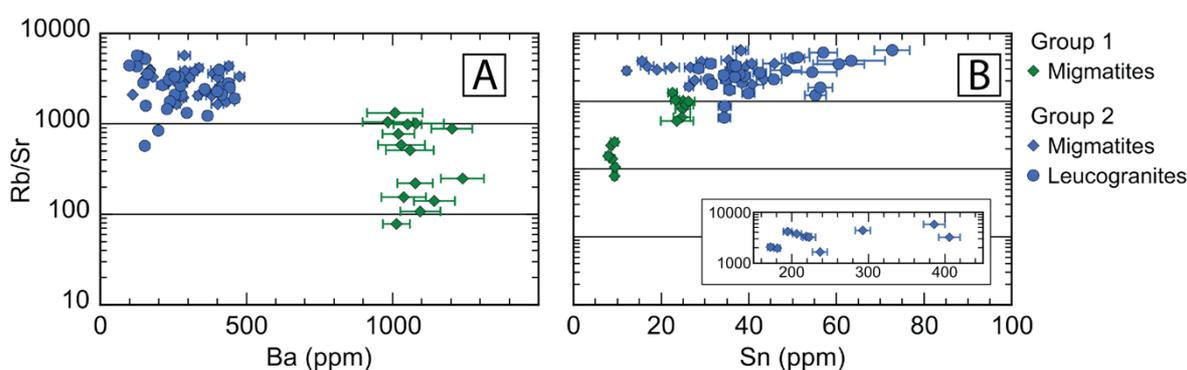


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423 *Figure 9: Rb/Sr in muscovite plotted against (a) Ba and (b) Sn*

424

425 **Biotite**

426 No biotite was observed in Group 3 sample 6. Biotite in all other samples is of siderophyllite-annite
427 composition (Deer et al., 2013) and contains 0.3-2560 ppm Rb, 0.2-74 ppm Sr, 0.1-1240 ppm Ba, 0.6-
428 406 ppm Sn, and Rb/Sr from 78-5740 (Figure 10). Biotite in Group 1 migmatites contains higher Ba
429 concentrations and lower Rb/Sr values than those in Group 2 migmatite and leucogranites. Biotites
430 in Group 2 migmatite f13 contain significantly higher Sn concentrations than other samples (172-406
431 ppm).



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433 *Figure 10: Rb/Sr in biotite plotted against (a) Ba and (b) Sn*

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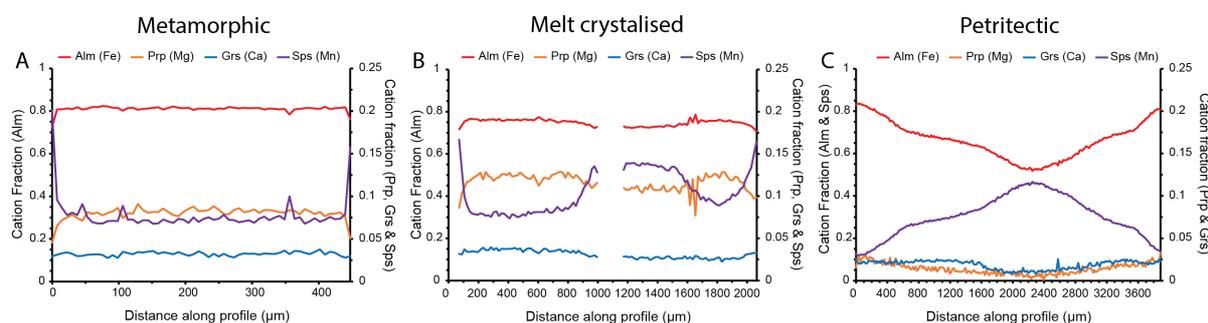
435 **Garnet**

436 Garnets in the Group 1 migmatites were not analysed. Garnets in the Group 2 migmatites and
437 leucogranites are Fe- and Mg-rich, and Ca- and Mn-poor. Migmatitic garnets record flat major
438 element profiles except at the very outer rims (Figure 11a). Leucogranite garnets record flat Fe, Mg

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439 and Ca profiles but commonly show cores enriched in Mn (Figure 11b). In contrast, garnets in Group
440 3 leucogranite sample 6 are Mn-rich, and Mg-poor and record more zoning in major elements, with
441 core, mantle and rim zones most clearly demarked by Mn concentrations (Figure 11c). Garnets in
442 sample 06 are also zoned in minor and trace elements (Online Resource 7). The core was too
443 inclusion-rich to collect trace element concentration data that could definitively be linked to being
444 hosted in garnet.

445



446

447 *Figure 11: Garnet composition data. (a) Major element profile of garnet in Group 2 migmatite f02.*

448 *(b) Major element profile of garnet in Group 2 leucogranite 1d. (c) Major element profile of garnet in*

449 *Group 3 leucogranite 6*

450

451 **Chemical signatures of melting reactions**

452 The in-situ mineral chemistry dataset complements and supplements the petrographic observations
453 that are suggestive of the melting reaction(s) experienced by each sample. As the main phases
454 involved in melting reactions in these rocks (micas, feldspars and garnet) may have different
455 petrogenetic origins (metamorphic, peritectic, melt-crystallised or a combination, c.f. Phillips et al.,
456 2022), we interrogated the chemical signature of each melting reaction with respect to the
457 petrogenetic origin of the phases to determine any trends.

458

459 *Petrogenesis vs chemical signature of fluid-present melting (Group 1 samples)*

460 The Group 1 samples are migmatites that present sharp boundaries between the melanosome and
461 leucosome, and in which the leucosomes are discontinuous and lenticular. These rocks are therefore
462 interpreted as a migmatite where the melt portion formed in-situ and did not mobilise (far). The
463 micas (predominantly biotite), garnet and plagioclase in the melanosome therefore formed during

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464 sub-solidus metamorphic reactions, whereas the K-feldspar and plagioclase in the leucosome most
465 likely formed from the crystallisation of melt.

466 All analysed minerals in the Group 1 samples show similar trends of lower Rb/Sr and higher Ba, with
467 K-feldspar showing the clearest trends. The feldspars furthermore show the highest Eu
468 concentrations of all the groups, and the micas show the highest Sn concentrations. These
469 signatures mirror those of the bulk rock granites that were interpreted as formed through fluid-
470 present melting reactions (Inger and Harris, 1993; Harris et al., 1993; Gao et al., 2017, Ji et al., 2023).
471 This shows that there is a clear chemical link between the melt source (our rocks) and the melt sink
472 (the granites analysed in the previous studies).

473 The chemical signatures in the Group 1 minerals indicate a low ratio of muscovite to plagioclase
474 during melting, and consequently more release of Ba, Sr and Eu into the melt from plagioclase than
475 Rb and Sn from muscovite. The low ratio of muscovite to plagioclase is consistent with balanced
476 fluid-present muscovite melting reactions (Harris et al., 1995; Patiño Douce et al., 1998).

477 The diagnostic *petrographic* feature of fluid-present melting is the lack of peritectic K-feldspar and a
478 modal abundance of melt-crystallised K-feldspar per volume of leucosome lower than 4:5 (Dyck et
479 al., 2020). The diagnostic *chemical signature* of fluid-present melting in all analysed minerals is their
480 relatively high Ba concentration compared with the other groups. This is also true for biotite, which
481 in these samples was not involved in the melting reaction. Our interpretation is that biotite readily
482 equilibrates with its environment, potentially incorporating Ba from fluids released during melt
483 crystallisation.

484

485 *Petrogenesis vs chemical signature of muscovite dehydration melting (Group 2 samples)*

486 The Group 2 migmatite samples show more evidence for progressive melting than the Group 1
487 samples. They have diffuse boundaries between the mesosome and leucosome, and in the more
488 diatexitic samples, contain diffuse melanosome patches that are likely remnants of the former
489 schist. The micas and plagioclase, associated mainly with the mesosome and melanosome portions,
490 have petrographic features that are consistent with their formation through sub-solidus
491 metamorphic reactions. The garnets in the migmatites show chemical similarity to Group 1 garnets
492 and are therefore also likely to be of metamorphic origin. The K-feldspar, associated with both the
493 mesosome and leucosome, has petrographic features suggestive of both peritectic (in the
494 mesosome) and melt-crystallised (in the leucosome) formation. In the mesosome, porphyroblastic K-

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495 feldspar contains perthitic albite lamellae and inclusions of irregular quartz and embayed
496 plagioclase. In some locations it replaces plagioclase topotactically. In the leucosome, K-feldspar
497 commonly exhibits lenticular clusters. Compared with Group 2 sample, plagioclase is greatly reduced
498 in abundance, and present as embayed inclusions within K-feldspar.

499 The Group 2 leucogranite samples show similar petrographic features to the minerals in the
500 leucosomes of the migmatites. These include perthitic K-feldspar phenocrysts with inclusions of
501 irregular quartz and embayed plagioclase that are texturally similar to the porphyroblastic grains in
502 many of the Group 2 migmatite samples. The garnets, however, contain cores richer in spessartine,
503 suggesting a magmatic origin (Müller et al., 2012).

504 Compared to the same minerals in Group 1 samples, the (reactant) muscovite, and biotite record
505 higher Rb/Sr, higher Sn and lower Ba concentrations. The (product) K-feldspar has higher Rb/Sr, and
506 both K-feldspar and plagioclase have lower Ba and Eu concentrations. These signatures mirror those
507 of the bulk rock granites that were interpreted as formed through muscovite dehydration reactions
508 (Inger and Harris, 1993; Harris et al., 1993; Gao et al., 2017, Ji et al., 2023). The overlap between the
509 source migmatites and eventual granites that show the same petrographic signatures suggests little
510 additional chemical differentiation during melt mobilisation. Additionally, the chemical similarity
511 between reactant and product phases in the migmatites suggests chemical equilibration over the
512 timescales of melting and cooling.

513 The chemical signatures of the Group 2 minerals indicate a higher ratio of muscovite to plagioclase
514 consumption during melting than in the Group 1 samples: the reaction products (peritectic K-
515 feldspar and melt) are more enriched in trace elements derived from muscovite (Rb and Sn), than
516 those derived from plagioclase and fluid (Sr, Eu, and Ba, e.g. Harris et al., 1993, 1995; Gao et al.,
517 2017). These chemical signatures are indicative of muscovite dehydration reactions.

518 Group 2 samples show a significant compositional spread in trace element concentrations both
519 within and between samples, and between migmatites and granites. This spread may indicate
520 variability in protolith bulk composition, a mixture of petrogenetic mineral origins (e.g.
521 metamorphic, peritectic or crystallised from melt) or growth zoning formed during the progression
522 of the melting reaction (e.g. peritectic cores and melt-crystallised rims, or multiple melt-crystallised
523 zones that capture chemical evolution of the melt). In particular, our dataset shows no clear links
524 between K-feldspar evolution in a single sample and chemical trend, nor clear differentiation
525 between the chemical composition of K-feldspar in the source migmatites (potentially more

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526 weighted towards peritectic formation) and the composition in the leucogranites (potentially more
527 weighted towards magmatic formation). The petrographic features such as topotactic replacement
528 of plagioclase by K-feldspar, clustered and annealed K-feldspar poikiloblasts with common inclusions
529 of quartz and biotite, and K-feldspar porphyroblasts with poikiloblastic cores suggest a progressive
530 record of melting (Erdmann et al., 2012; Dyck et al., 2020).

531 The diagnostic *petrographic* features of muscovite dehydration melting, therefore, are perthitic
532 porphyroblasts of K-feldspar, clustering and annealing of K-feldspar poikiloblasts, K-feldspar
533 porphyroblasts with poikiloblastic cores, and topotactic replacement of plagioclase by K-feldspar
534 (Erdmann et al., 2012; Dyck et al., 2020). The diagnostic *chemical signature* of muscovite
535 dehydration melting is the spread in Rb/Sr, Ba and Sn concentrations compared with other groups
536 and the overall trend towards higher Rb/Sr and lower Ba in K-feldspar, as also shown in granite bulk
537 rock data (Inger and Harris, 1993; Harris et al., 1993; Gao et al., 2017, Ji et al., 2023).

538

539 *Petrogenesis vs chemical signature of biotite dehydration melting (Group 3 samples)*

540 In this study, only a single granite sample was identified as being significantly different enough
541 petrographically from the Group 2 leucogranites (due to the presence of peritectic garnet) to
542 warrant its classification as a separate group. No migmatites were identified as containing peritectic
543 garnet – the prediction is that these should exist somewhere as the protolith of this granite, but may
544 well not yet be exposed. In the Group 3 leucogranite, the garnet was identified as peritectic due to
545 its inclusion-rich core. Some of the K-feldspar might also be of peritectic origin, but the majority of
546 the minerals show petrographic features that are more consistent with crystallisation from melt. No
547 biotite was found in this sample.

548 Compared to the same minerals in Group 1 and 2 samples, all analysed minerals had higher Rb/Sr
549 and very low Ba concentrations. Eu concentrations in feldspars were also very low but Sn in
550 muscovite was generally high but variable. These signatures mirror those of the bulk rock granites
551 that were interpreted as formed through biotite dehydration reactions (Inger and Harris, 1993;
552 Harris et al., 1993; Gao et al., 2017, Ji et al., 2023). Biotite is a major reservoir of Rb and Sn in
553 metapelites, and is also depleted in Sr relative to muscovite and plagioclase (Harris et al., 1995; Kunz
554 et al., 2022). The high Rb/Sr in the K-feldspar and the high Sn in the magmatic muscovite, as well as
555 the presence of peritectic garnet, therefore strongly suggest that biotite dehydration reactions were
556 predominantly responsible for the formation of leucogranite sample 06.

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557 The garnets in sample 06 show evidence of a complex history. The Mn- and inclusion-rich cores
558 suggest formation via a peritectic reaction. The mantles containing crystallographically-oriented
559 rutile needles and rims containing lobate quartz inclusions, suggest one and potentially two stages of
560 later crystallisation from a melt (Jung et al., 2022, Taylor and Stevens, 2010).

561 Due to the inclusion-rich nature of the cores, the trace element composition of the host garnet itself
562 was irretrievable. Similar HREE zoning patterns to those described from sample 06 garnet mantle
563 and rim are described in granite-hosted peritectic garnets from the Mkhondo Valley Metamorphic
564 Suite, Eswatini. These were interpreted as showing that the growth rate of the peritectic garnet was
565 faster than the rate of HREE-rich accessory phase dissolution in the melt, and therefore
566 demonstrated chemical disequilibrium between the garnet and the melt (Taylor and Stevens, 2010).

567

568 *Summary*

569 In general, we note the following overarching observations/interpretations:

- 570 1. Despite the fact that the main phases involved in melting reactions in these rocks (micas,
571 feldspars and garnet) may have different petrogenetic origins (metamorphic, peritectic,
572 melt-crystallised or a combination, c.f. Phillips et al., 2022), our dataset shows no chemical
573 trends on the grain or thin section scale. This may be due to rapid chemical equilibration at
574 high temperatures or due to the ablation volume of our analytical spots being bigger than
575 potential trace element zoning. We did not design our sampling strategy with chemical
576 zoning in mind, but this is something that may be of interest for future work.
- 577 2. The overall trends in our migmatite and leucogranite data are the same as the overall trends
578 in the bulk rock data because the trends are dominated by the minerals that we have
579 investigated: muscovite releases Rb, Sr and Ba into the melt; biotite releases Rb and Sn;
580 plagioclase releases Sr; and K-feldspar releases Ba (Patiño Douce and Harris 1998, Harris et
581 al., 1993, Gao et al., 2017).
- 582 3. K-feldspar chemistry provides the clearest indicator of reaction – it shows the clearest trends
583 and is present in all the samples even though its petrogenesis varies.

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585 **Discussion**

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586 Our new in-situ chemical dataset of reactant (metamorphic) and product (peritectic and magmatic)
587 minerals in Himalayan migmatites and leucogranites complements and supplements the
588 petrographic observations that suggest their melting history. Furthermore, the *combination* of
589 chemistry and petrography still allows the melting reaction to be identified even in cases where the
590 melt has left the source region (leucogranites), or where the progression of melting has (partially)
591 overprinted petrographic evidence (e.g. diatexites).

592 Our geochemical dataset of melting reaction mineral reactants and products in migmatites and
593 leucogranites shows clear trend similarities with published leucogranite bulk rock data (Inger and
594 Harris 1993; Gao et al., 2017, Ji et al., 2023). K-feldspar, whether in migmatite leucosomes or in
595 leucogranites, records the same geochemical vector directions for the three melting reactions as
596 originally recorded in the bulk rock leucogranite data. Petrographic and chemical evidence for biotite
597 dehydration melting is rare in the Himalaya as a whole, so it remains to be seen whether these
598 trends appear in migmatites formed by biotite-dehydration reactions in other regions.

599 Metapelites will only experience fluid-present melting if there is sufficient availability of fluid at the
600 right PT conditions. In our samples, there is no textural or chemical evidence that Group 1
601 migmatites experienced muscovite dehydration melting after fluid-present melting despite regional
602 temperatures that facilitated muscovite dehydration in the surrounding area – this is likely because
603 all the muscovite reacted. Equally, there is no textural or chemical evidence that Group 2 migmatites
604 experienced fluid-present melting before muscovite dehydration melting. This suggests that fluid
605 infiltration was localised, and once melting was complete, there was little additional chemical re-
606 equilibration. Evidence for this is suggested by the lower Ti-in-biotite temperatures recorded in
607 these samples, despite the increasing ambient temperatures (as evidenced by the temperatures
608 recorded by sample 7a (Group 2 migmatite, 780°C), collected adjacent to sample 7c (Group 1
609 migmatite, 680°C).

610 There is also no petrographic or chemical evidence in the single biotite dehydration sample for any
611 evidence of mixing with melt produced by muscovite dehydration melting. However, the high
612 temperatures experienced by this sample may have facilitated efficient chemical equilibration
613 between and within the different constituent minerals, thus removing evidence for any earlier
614 thermal history.

615 The Garwhal Himalaya do not appear to expose leucogranite bodies that were formed by fluid-
616 present melting, nor migmatites that were formed through biotite dehydration melting. However

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617 leucogranites recording geochemical signatures fluid-present melting have been reported elsewhere
618 in the Himalaya, particularly east of the Everest region and in SE Tibet (e.g. Gao et al., 2017; Gao et
619 al., 2024).

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621 **Conclusions**

622 Migmatite and leucogranite samples outcropping near Badrinath, Garhwal Himalaya, India,
623 document petrographic and mineral chemistry indicators of three different melting reactions.
624 Migmatite samples containing sillimanite, plagioclase and little (or no) K-feldspar in the leucosome
625 (Group 1) preserve a record of melting in the presence of free fluids. K-feldspar, plagioclase,
626 muscovite and biotite in these samples contain higher concentrations of Ba and Eu, and lower Rb/Sr
627 (the latter most notably in K-feldspar, muscovite and biotite). Muscovite and biotite in these samples
628 furthermore generally contain lower concentrations of Sn. These samples yield Ti in biotite
629 temperatures of <750°C.

630 Migmatite and leucogranite samples that contain porphyroblastic or phenocrystic K-feldspar with
631 perthitic albite lamellae and inclusions of irregular quartz and embayed plagioclase, lenticular
632 clusters of K-feldspar and/or topotactic replacement of plagioclase and greatly reduced plagioclase
633 abundance (Group 2), preserve a record of muscovite dehydration melting. K-feldspar, plagioclase,
634 muscovite and biotite in these samples contain lower concentrations of Ba and Eu, and higher Rb/Sr
635 (the latter most obviously in K-feldspar, muscovite and biotite). Muscovite and biotite in these
636 samples furthermore generally contain variable concentrations of Sn. These samples yield Ti in
637 biotite temperatures of >750°C.

638 A leucogranite sample containing garnet with high concentrations of randomly-oriented rutile micro-
639 inclusions (Group 3), preserves (rare) evidence for biotite dehydration melting. K-feldspar,
640 plagioclase and muscovite in this sample contain the lowest Ba concentrations and highest Rb/Sr
641 (the latter most obviously in K-feldspar and muscovite). This sample contained no biotite but
642 exsolution of acicular rutile across garnet core-mantle boundaries suggests peritectic core formation
643 at temperatures >800°C.

644 The chemical signatures and trends in the major phases across these samples mirror those
645 previously recorded in bulk rock signatures and confirm the role of the relative contributions of
646 these phases in controlling the bulk chemistry during melting. The compositional variability of the

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647 constituent minerals may reflect local bulk composition control or may indicate the progression of
648 different melt reactions; this was unresolvable in our dataset.

649 The migmatite and leucogranite occurrences from the Garwhal Himalaya region reveal intriguing
650 evidence of distinct melting reactions despite sharing similar thermal histories. These rocks
651 predominately record either melting in the presence of free fluids or muscovite dehydration melting,
652 but never both. This suggests that rocks which experienced fluid-present melting cease to react once
653 the muscovite has been consumed, showcasing the complex interplay between mineral
654 compositions and melting processes.

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797 **Figure Captions**

798 **Figure 1:** P-T diagram showing the the melt-forming reactions in metapelitic systems (after Weinberg
799 & Haslova, 2015)

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801 **Figure 2:** Map showing sample localities. (a) Simplified geological map of the GHS in the eastern
802 Garhwal, showing the Alaknanda and Dhauliganga valleys, after Spencer et al., 2012a and references
803 therein. Box shows location of (b). Inset shows the study area in relation to India. (b) Map of
804 sampling localities along the Alaknanda and Rishi Ganga valleys, around Badrinath in the Garhwal
805 Himalaya. Coordinates are in WGS84. Locality 11 is 15.5 km south-southeast of Hanuman Chatti,
806 near Joshimath

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808 **Figure 3:** Composite images showing Group 1 and 2 sample field relations and petrography. (a) Thin
809 section photomicrograph of Group 1 migmatite 08. (b) False colour SEM image of diatexitic Group 1
810 migmatite 07c. The leucosomes are the irregular areas of coarser Qz and Pl (centre and lower left).
811 (c) Thin section photomicrograph of Group 2 migmatite 4b. (d) False colour SEM image of sample
812 Group 2 migmatite 7a. The Kfsp defines the larger patches of leucosome, commonly also rimmed by
813 Mus-Sil and Bt. (e) BSE image of sample 4a showing perthitic K-feldspar phenocrysts and K-feldspar
814 overgrowing plagioclase. (f) Photomicrograph of sample 4a showing plagioclase with K-feldspar
815 overgrowth/replacement in the mesosome

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817 **Figure 4:** (a) Garnet in sample 1d showing lobate quartz inclusion (Group 2). (b, c) Garnet in sample 6
818 (Group 3), showing clear core rim distinction. (c) At the boundary of the core and rim fine needles or
819 rutile can be observed

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821 **Figure 5:** Violin plots of calculated Ti in Bt temperatures for Group 1 (green) and Group 2 (blue)
822 migmatite (02a, 04a, 04b, 07a, f02) and leucogranite (01d, 03, 07b, f04) samples. All data are from
823 EDS apart from samples f02 and f04, for which the LA-ICP-MS data are plotted. The dashes mark the
824 upper quartile, median and lower quartile respectively. The width of the “violins” corresponds to the
825 number of datapoints yielding that value of temperature

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827 **Figure 6:** Field photograph of cross-cutting relationships in Locality 7. Inset shows interpretation of
828 cross-cutting leucosome relationships with the yellow leucogranite (sample 7b) cross-cutting the
829 blue leucosome (not sampled). Migmatite samples 7a and 7c showed different leucosome
830 expressions and proportions

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832 **Figure 7:** Rb/Sr in K-feldspar plotted against (a) Ba and (b) Eu

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834 **Figure 8:** Rb/Sr in plagioclase plotted against (a) Ba and (b) Eu

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836 **Figure 9:** Rb/Sr in muscovite plotted against (a) Ba and (b) Sn

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838 **Figure 10:** Rb/Sr in biotite plotted against (a) Ba and (b) Sn

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840 **Figure 11:** Garnet composition data. (a) Major element profile of garnet in Group 2 migmatite f02.
841 (b) Major element profile of garnet in Group 2 leucogranite 1d. (c) Major element profile of garnet in
842 Group 3 leucogranite 6

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844 **Table Captions**

845 **Table 1:** Summary of sample groups

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847 **Table 2:** Calculated Ti in Bt temperatures, presented to the nearest 1°C. L=leucogranite,
848 M=migmatite, n= number of datapoints lying within the Wu and Chen calibration range.

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