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Pernambuco-Alagoas, Riacho do Pontal, and Sergipano domains of the Borborema Province, Northeastern Brazil: a geological and geochronological synthesis

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Abstract

TIn recent years, there has been an increasing number of studies seeking to advance the geological and geotectonic understanding of the Borborema Province, northeastern Brazil. However, in the Southern Borborema Province, few regional synthesis studies and data integration from the available literature have been conducted. In this regard, this paper presents a review of the main lithostratigraphic units and published geochronological data for the Pernambuco-Alagoas, Riacho do Pontal, and Sergipano domains, located in the southern portion of the province. The Southern Borborema Province fully encompasses the state of Alagoas and partially covers the states of Pernambuco, Sergipe, Bahia, and Piauí, bordered to the north by the Pernambuco Shear Zone and to the south by the São Francisco Craton. The methodology involved literature review, geological mapping, construction of regional geological profiles, and geochronological compilation with the creation of histograms of detrital zircon ages for metasedimentary rocks and magmatic barcodes for ortho-derived rocks. The tectonic evolution of the Southern Borborema Province began with the rifting of the Rodinia supercontinent (1.0 Ga) during the Cariris Velhos event. The processes involved in the interaction of the Rodinia-derived fragments were diachronic, within a broad accretionary scenario that culminated in the stabilization of the West Gondwana supercontinent. The Pernambuco-Alagoas Domain presents a complex tectonic history, preserving remnants of Archean and Proterozoic rocks. The Riacho do Pontal and Sergipano domains are part of a large fold system formed from the collision of the Pernambuco-Alagoas Domain with the São Francisco Craton, with tangential deformation converging towards the craton during the Brasiliano/Pan-African Orogeny. Based on the ages of syn-collisional granites, we infer that the orogenic event that gave rise to these fold belts occurred over closely related time intervals, with slight diachronism. The syn-tectonic magmatism is recorded within the following time frames: 630–624 Ma (Sergipano Domain), 635–570 Ma (Riacho do Pontal Domain), and 657–555 Ma (Pernambuco-Alagoas Domain). **Accepted manuscript (Fig. 2**) **Accepted Manuscript (Fig. 2**) **Accepted Manuscript (Fig. 2**) **Candido Alves** dos Santos²⁰ **C**, Basilio Elesbão do Chuz Controls (Fig. 2012) Accepted manuscript (Fig. 2012) Accepted manusc

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1. Introduction

The Pernambuco-Alagoas, Riacho do Pontal, and Sergipano domains form the Southern Borborema Province (SBP) (Delgado et al., 2003). This area corresponds to the central part of a wide orogenic belt formed by the convergence between the São Luís/West African and São Francisco/ Congo cratons during the Neoproterozoic (Almeida, 1977, 1981), which resulted in the formation of the West Gondwana Supercontinent. The objective of this study is to present a synthesis of the lithostratigraphy and a review of the geochronological data available in the literature related to the SBP. We define the Southern Borborema Province as the area bounded to the north by the Pernambuco Shear Zone and to the south by the São Francisco Craton, encompassing the Pernambuco-Alagoas, Riacho do Pontal, and Sergipano domains (Figure 1), which span the states of Pernambuco, Alagoas, Sergipe, Bahia, and Piauí.

Figure 1. Geotectonic compartmentalization of the Borborema Province (Medeiros et al. 2021).

2. Materials and Methods

The methodology applied involved literature review, interpretation of remote sensing products (satellite images, SRTM, and airborne geophysical maps), geological mapping, and regional integration. The reviews of the lithostratigraphic units and geochronology were based on geological maps published by the Geological Survey of Brazil (SGB-CPRM), as well as scientific articles, theses, dissertations, and conference abstracts. Thus, geological maps and reports at a scale of 1:100,000, state geological maps, geophysical-geological maps, and regional geological maps were consulted, primarily the Geological Map of the Borborema Province (Santos et al., 2021).

A compilation of geochronological data, acquired by the U-Pb method in zircon using techniques such as Sensitive High-Resolution Ion Microprobe (SHRIMP) and Laser-Ablation Inductively Coupled Plasma Mass Spectrometry (LA-ICP-MS), Isotope Dilution Thermal Ionization Mass Spectrometry (ID-TIMS), and Pb-Pb in zircon, was carried out. Priority was given to the first two methods, given that the rocks studied underwent deformation and metamorphism, for which in situ analyses, with proper spot positioning in core or rim domains, provide greater analytical control and facilitate the interpretation of results (Sato and Kawashita, 2002).

For the construction of detrital zircon histograms and sedimentary provenance studies, the 207Pb/206Pb ages were used for zircons older than 1.0 Ga, and the ²⁰⁶Pb/²³⁸U ages were used for zircons younger than 1.0 Ga (Stern, 1997). Furthermore, only data with a discordance of less than 10% were compiled (Gehrels, 2011). The discordance of the compiled data was recalculated from the U-Pb data by the relative difference between the 206Pb/238U and 207Pb/206Pb ages. The histograms were generated using the Isoplot extension for Excel, utilizing the Probability Density Plot function (Ludwig, 2009).

All maximum sedimentation ages presented in this study were cited according to the original data sources. For information on how these maximum ages were calculated, see the references.

3. Geological Context

The Borborema Province, located in the northeastern tip of Brazil, corresponds to an orogenic segment resulting from the collision between the São Francisco-Congo and Amazonian cratons around 600 Ma (Silva Filho et al., 2014). It comprises intensely deformed Paleoproterozoic rocks, locally incorporating Archean fragments, interspersed with metamorphosed Neoproterozoic volcanosedimentary belts and Tonian to Ediacaran continental crust with various Brasiliano granite intrusions. This province is subdivided into the Northern, Central, and Southern subprovinces (Van Schmus et al., 1995), which are delimited by frontal and strikeslip shear zones.

The Southern Borborema Subprovince is subdivided into the Pernambuco-Alagoas, Riacho do Pontal, and Sergipano domains. Several episodes of deformation, metamorphism, and magmatism are responsible for the diversified and complex geological configuration of this subprovince. The Archean period is marked in the approximate interval between 2758–2734 Ma (Brito Neves et al., 2015; Cruz et al., 2014), while the Paleoproterozoic is represented between 2095–1987 Ma (Silva Filho et al., 2014; Silva Filho et al., 2021; Garcia et al., 2017). The Cariris Velhos Event occurred between 1000– 942 Ma (Caxito et al., 2010; Brito Neves et al., 2015), and the Brasiliano Event occurred between 657–552 Ma (Brito Neves et al., 2019; Teixeira, 2015). alta available in the literature realed by into the Northern, Central, and Southern

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3.1 Pernambuco-Alagoas Domain

The Pernambuco-Alagoas Domain, or Pernambuco-Alagoas Superterrane (Brito Neves et al., 2019), consists of a set of lithologies formed in distinct geological settings. Recent studies have recognized the presence of Archean, Paleoproterozoic, Mesoproterozoic, and Neoproterozoic units (Figure 2). Noteworthy is the widespread distribution of Neoproterozoic granitic stocks and batholiths of various origins (Brito Neves et al., 2019).

Figure 2. Lithostratigraphic units and geological profile of the Pernambuco-Alagoas Domain. Vertical exaggeration of the geological profile is 5x.

3.1.1 Archean unit

The Entremontes Complex, representative of the Archean Unit in the Pernambuco-Alagoas Domain, is mainly composed of granitic to granodioritic gneisses interlayered with amphibolite lenses.

3.1.2 Paleoproterozoic units

The Paleoproterozoic records of the Pernambuco-Alagoas Domain include the migmatitic orthogneiss units Cachoeira Grande, Camará, Mucunã (Figure 3A), and Fulgêncio, the Serra do Caju Suite, and the Riacho Seco Complex.

The orthogneiss units have monzodioritic, granodioritic, quartz-dioritic, and dioritic/gabbroic compositions and may present tonalitic to trondhjemitic neosomes (Accioly et al., 2018; Silva Filho et al., 2008; Cruz et al., 2014). The Serra do Caju Suite is formed by granodioritic orthogneisses and tonalitic augen gneisses (Accioly, 2015).

The Riacho Seco Complex consists of the Lagoa Redonda, Riacho do Angico, Lagoa do Massapê, and Orocó units (Melo et al., 2019). The Lagoa Redonda Unit comprises metaplutonic rocks with compositions ranging from tonalitic to granitic, containing remnants of supracrustal rocks. The Riacho do Angico Unit is composed of kyanite-garnet-biotite schists, kyanite-garnet-biotite gneisses, leucogneisses, calc-silicate rocks, and marbles. The Lagoa do Massapê Unit includes calc-silicate rocks and marbles associated with metabasalts, which are important from a metallogenic standpoint, containing copper sulfide deposits. The Orocó Unit is made up of muscovite-quartzite, grayish-white feldspathic quartzites, strongly foliated, with medium to fine grain sizes.

3.1.3 Mesoproterozoic units

Mesoproterozoic units are represented by the Serra da Taquaritinga Suite, Vila Amaro Complex, and Manguape Orthogneiss. These units consist predominantly of locally migmatized orthogneisses with varied compositions (syenogranite, monzogranite, quartz-diorite, and tonalite), with subordinate paraderived rocks (Sá et al., 1997; Angelim et al., 2004; Brasilino and Miranda, 2017; Accioly et al., 2018; Silva Filho et al., 2008).

3.1.4 Mesoproterozoic-Neoproterozoic units

In the Mesoproterozoic-Neoproterozoic transition, the Cabrobó Complex and Peraluminous Leucocratic Suite occur. The Cabrobó Complex is composed of paragneisses, occasionally migmatized, schists, marbles, calc-silicate rocks, and amphibolites (Santos, 1999; Carmona et al., 2002) (Figure 3B), and the Peraluminous Leucocratic Suite includes Mesoproterozoic and Neoproterozoic plutonism, represented by leucogneisses of granitic to granodioritic composition (Medeiros, 2000).

3.1.5 Neoproterozoic Units

The Neoproterozoic in the Pernambuco-Alagoas Domain encompasses the Belém do São Francisco, Rio Una, and Abaré complexes, the Lobo, Tucutu, Rocinha, and Caetés suites, and the Riacho Alegre, Serra das Flores, Pinhões, and Agrestina orthogneiss units.

According to Santos (1995, 1999), the Belém do São Francisco Complex is composed of orthogneisses with tonalitic to granitic compositions and migmatites, with remnants of supracrustal rocks from the Cabrobó Complex.

The Rio Una (Figure 3C) and Abaré complexes are composed of three units each (units 1, 2, and 3 for the Rio Una Complex; Icozeira, Lagoa do Mato, and Riacho do Espinheiro for the Abaré Complex), consisting of a wide variety of metavolcano-sedimentary rocks, mainly metapelites (schists), paragneisses, quartzites, calc-silicate rocks, marbles, iron formations, and subordinate metabasaltic-ultramafic rocks. The Lobo, Tucutu, and Rocinha suites are made up of orthogneisses of granitic to granodioritic compositions, sometimes mylonitic or migmatitic (Brito and Freitas, 2011; Cruz, 2015). The Caetés Suite consists of diatexites associated with migmatized supracrustal rocks (Silva Filho et al., 2008). The orthogneiss units consist of lithotypes with sienogranitic, monzogranitic, granitic, quartz-monzonitic, granodioritic, and tonalitic compositions (Uchôa Filho et al., 2019; Mendes and Brito, 2017; Santos et al., 2015; Neves et al., 2012).

In the Pernambuco-Alagoas Domain, there are several Ediacaran granitoid bodies. These granitoids correspond to quartz syenites, syenogranites, granites, monzogranites, granodiorites, tonalites, and diorites, grouped into different magmatic suites (Silva Filho et al., 2008; Mendes and Brito, 2017; Accioly et al., 2018): 1) Conceição, Itaporanga, and Águas Belas suites (metaluminous to shoshonitic calcalkaline rocks); 2) Serrote dos Macacos, Xingó, and Ouro Branco suites (peraluminous calc-alkaline rocks); 3) Saloá Suite (high-K calc-alkaline rocks); 4) Buíque Suite (subalkaline metaluminous rocks); 5) Serra do Catu Suite (shoshonitic rocks).

Other indiscriminate granitoids occur as batholiths and stocks with irregular to elongated shapes. They have irregular contacts and occupy the central-western portion, near the boundaries of the Pernambuco-Alagoas and Sergipano domains. These are essentially leucocratic types, with light gray, whitish pink to yellowish colors, represented by various petrographic types such as metagranitoids, orthogneisses, and migmatitic orthogneisses. They exhibit monzogranitic and granodioritic compositions and occasionally quartzmonzonitic and tonalitic (Mendes and Brito, 2017).

Figure 3. Field photographs of the lithostratigraphic units present in the Pernambuco-Alagoas Domain. (A) Migmatitic orthogneiss Mucunã northeast of Japecanga (Pedra/ Pernambuco); (B) Quartzites of the Cabrobó Complex in the Garanhuns/Pernambuco region; (C) Paragneiss of the Rio Una Complex northeast of Japecanga (Pedra/Pernambuco); (D) Granodiorite of the Conceição Suite northeast of Garanhuns/ Pernambuco.

3.2 Riacho do Pontal Domain

The Riacho do Pontal Domain, or Riacho do Pontal Fold Belt (Brito Neves, 1975), borders the northern portion of the São Francisco Craton, near the boundary between the states of Bahia, Pernambuco, and Piauí. The northern limit of this fold belt is defined by the western segment of the Pernambuco Lineament, while its northwestern portion is covered by the Parnaíba Basin (Figure 4). To the south, it is thrusted over the rocks of the Pernambuco-Alagoas Domain (Silva Filho et al., 2002). The deformation in this domain is complex, involving south-verging thrusts and E-W striking transcurrent shear zones (Caxito et al., 2016). covite-quariztie, grayish-white feldspathic Suite (high-Kacic-alkaline rocks); 4) Bulgit (high-Cairles and couples and the constrained grantical matrix (and the manuscript of the matrix metalline and the matrix of the matr

3.2.1 Archean units

The Archean basement of the Riacho do Pontal Domain is represented by the Morro do Estreito Complex (Figure 5A), composed of tonalitic to granodioritic orthogneisses, generally migmatized, and interlayered with supracrustal rocks.

3.2.2 Neoproterozoic units

The Neoproterozoic units of the Riacho do Pontal Domain include the Afeição Suite, the Paulistana, Brejo Seco, Monte Orebe, and Santa Filomena complexes, and the Casa Nova Group. The Afeição Suite (Angelim, 1988; Caxito et al., 2014b) comprises augen gneisses and porphyry granite to

granodiorite, with a calc-alkaline and peraluminous affinities (Angelim, 1988; Caxito et al., 2013; Caxito et al., 2014b; Brito Neves et al., 2015). The Paulistana Complex is composed of schists, quartz-schists, and quartzites metamorphosed under greenschist to amphibolite facies, along with an association of metabasalt and ultramafic rocks consisting of amphibolites, ultramafic schists, and metagabbros (Figure 5B). The Brejo Seco Complex corresponds to a low-grade metamorphic metavolcano-sedimentary unit represented by clasticchemical sedimentary rocks, metavolcanic rocks (Figure 5C), and basic to acidic metatuffs (Gava et al., 1983; Marimon, 1990; Caxito, 2013; Caxito et al., 2016; Uchôa Filho et al., 2019), associated with intrusive bodies of mafic-ultramafic rocks, consisting of serpentinites, troctolites, anorthosites, magnetitites, and gabbros. The Monte Orebe Complex is characterized by a clastic-chemical metavolcano-sedimentary association, composed of schists, phyllites, metagreywackes, marbles, metacherts, metatuffs, amphibolites, and sparse lenses of ultramafic schists (Figure 5D) (Siqueira Filho, 1967; Angelim, 1988; Caxito et al., 2014a, 2016). Moraes (1992) and Caxito et al. (2014a), based on whole-rock geochemical data, suggest a tholeiitic (T-MORB) affinity for the metavolcanic rocks of the complex. The Santa Filomena Complex is composed of marbles and calc-silicate schists, interlayered with metabasic schists (Figure 5E; Caxito et al., 2016; Santos et al., 2017).

Figure 4. Lithostratigraphic units and geological profile of the Riacho do Pontal Domain. Vertical exaggeration of the geological profile: 5x.

3.2.3 Cambrian unit

The Massapê Suite (Caldasso et al., 1973) consists of gabbronorites, pyroxenites, amphibolites, and alkaline carbonates, generated by Cambrian intraplate magmatism. It is represented by two mafic-ultramafic bodies, elongated in a NE-SW direction, intruding the metasediments of the Casa Nova Group (Uchôa Filho et al., 2019).

Figure 5. Field photographs of the lithostratigraphic units present in the Riacho do Pontal Domain. (A) Migmatitic orthogneiss from the Morro do Estreito Complex; (B) Metagabbro from the Paulistana Complex; (C) Amphibolite interlayered with mica schist from the Brejo Seco Complex; (D) Amphibolite with high-angle dip from the Monte Orebe Complex; (E) Sillimanite-garnet-biotite schist from the Santa Filomena Complex; (F) Biotite schist from the Casa Nova Group.

3.3 Sergipano Domain

The Sergipano Domain corresponds to an orogen trending ESE-WNW, bounded to the north by the Pernambuco-Alagoas Domain and to the south by the São Francisco Craton (Figure 6). Its origin is interpreted as the result of the oblique collision between the Pernambuco-Alagoas Domain and the São Francisco-Congo Craton during the Brasiliano/Pan-African Orogeny (Brito Neves et al., 1977; Silva Filho et al., 1978; D'el-Rey Silva et al., 2007; Silva et al., 2008, 2011). Davison and Santos (1989) interpreted the Sergipano Domain as the result of the amalgamation of five distinct tectono-stratigraphic domains, separated by shear zones, from south to north: Vaza Barris, Macururé, Marancó, Poço Redondo, and Canindé.

Figure 6. Lithostratigraphic units and geological profile of the Sergipano Domain. Vertical exaggeration of the geological profile: 5x.

3.3.1 Archean unit

The Archean unit of the Sergipano Domain is the Itabaiana-Simão Dias Complex, which is composed of mylonitic orthogneisses (Figure 7A) and boudinaged interlayers of amphibolites and gabbros, sometimes with migmatitic features (Santos et al., 2001). It has a dome structure with granitic to granodioritic composition.

3.3.2 Paleoproterozoic Units

The Paleoproterozoic in this domain is represented by the Jirau do Ponciano, Nicolau-Campo Grande, and Arapiraca complexes. The Jirau do Ponciano Complex has the shape of an inverted anticline, representing the basement inlier of the Sergipano Domain, similar to the Simão Dias and Itabaiana domes. It is composed of banded to migmatitic orthoderived rocks, with tonalitic, dioritic, monzonitic, granodioritic, and granitic compositions, along with supracrustal portions (Amorim, 1995). The Jirau do Ponciano Plutonic-Metamorphic Dome is overlain by the metavolcano-sedimentary rocks of the Nicolau-Campo Grande Complex (Lima, 2018). According to Mendes and Brito (2017), the Nicolau-Campo Grande Complex consists predominantly of banded quartz-feldspathic gneisses, as well as interlayers of marbles, mica schists, quartzites, metabasalts, metaultramafic rocks, banded iron formations, metavolcanic rocks, and acidic metatuffs. The Arapiraca Complex is formed by mica schists, paragneisses, amphibolite lenses, quartzites, and mafic-ultramafic rock intrusions mineralized in iron. Tesser et al. (2022) described, for the first time, the presence of ultra-high temperature sapphirine diatexites in the Arapiraca Complex. Caxito et al., 2016; Unche al., and the pre-probables in Figure 7A) and boliding the state in the brace is the brace in the brace of a state is generalistic. Chemical metavoican-sedimentary of seperations. The Monte Orebe

3.3.3 Neoproterozoic units

The Neoproterozoic in the Sergipano Domain is composed of the Poço Redondo Migmatitic Complex, the Marancó, Canindé do São Francisco, and Araticum complexes, the Serra Negra, Garrote, and Cocorobó suites (Melo et al., 2019), and the Macururé, Miaba, Vaza-Barris, and Estância groups, in addition to Ediacaran magmatism. The Poço Redondo Migmatitic Complex consists predominantly of granodioritictonalitic migmatite/gneisses, with enclaves of amphibolites (Figure 7B), calc-silicate rocks, and marbles, along with biotite and garnet-rich supracrustal rocks (Santos et al., 2001). The Marancó Complex comprises a metavolcano-sedimentary sequence containing metaconglomerates, metagreywackes, metasiltstones, marbles, iron formations, metacherts, mafic/ felsic metavolcanic rocks, and metabasalt and metaultramafic rocks. The granitoids of the Serra Negra Suite are restricted to the Marancó subdomain, forming elevated reliefs, with prominence given to the mountain range that gave rise to its name, located near the Sergipe-Bahia border. The suite has a granodioritic to quartz-monzonitic composition, sometimes with garnet. The Macururé Group is composed of the Santa

Cruz (basal) and Rio Macururé (top) formations. The Santa Cruz Formation consists, in general, of homogeneous quartzites and variations ranging from massive pure types to banded facies (Mendes and Brito, 2017). The Rio Macururé Formation was defined by Santos et al. (2021) within the scope of the Borborema Province Cartography Project (SGB-CPRM). It corresponds to the upper formation of the Macururé Group, consisting of mica schists, quartzites, metaconglomerates, metasiltstones, metagreywackes, metarenites, metagabbros, metabasalts, metaperidotites, and talc-schists (Figure 7C). The Cocorobó Suite intrudes the Macururé Group schists, elongated in a NW-SE direction, marking the record of Cryogenian granite magmatism. It is a muscovite-biotite granitic orthogneiss of light gray color and medium grain size (Melo, 2019). The Miaba Group is formed, from base to top, by the Itabaiana, Ribeirópolis, and Jacoca formations. The Itabaiana Formation consists of conglomeratic metarenites with lenticular bodies of polymictic metaconglomerates supported by matrix (Santos et al., 2001). The Ribeirópolis Formation mainly consists of phyllites, metagreywackes, and metaconglomerates (Figure 7D), in addition to subordinated acidic to intermediate metavolcanic rocks (Santos et al., 2001). According to Santos et al. (2001), the Jacoca Formation consists of lenticular bodies of predominantly metacarbonate rocks (limestone and dolomite) interlayered with metachert (Figure 7D). The Canindé do São Francisco Complex is characterized by the dominance of amphibolites (metabasalts and metadiabases), marbles, gneisses, mica schists, quartzites, metacherts, calc-silicate rocks, graphitic phyllites, and locally, pyroclastic rocks. The Araticum Complex is composed of a metavolcano-sedimentary sequence consisting of migmatized paragneisses, biotite schists, and metagreywackes interlayered with metabasalts, marbles, graphitic schists, metamarls, calc-silicate rocks, banded iron formations, and metaultramafic rocks. The Vaza-Barris Group consists, from base to top, of the Palestina, Olhos d'Água, and Frei Paulo formations. The Palestina Formation is predominantly composed of metadiamictites, with subordinated metapelites, arcosean metarenites, and metagreywackes (Uhlein et al., 2011). The Olhos d'Água Formation consists of interlayered metacalcareous arenites, metacalcilutites, and metarhythmites (Uhlein et al., 2011). The Frei Paulo Formation is mainly composed of phyllites, rhythmically interlayered with fine-grained metarenites and metacarbonates (Figure 7E) (Santos et al., 2001). The Estância Group is structured, from base to top, by the Acauã, Lagarto, and Palmares formations. The Acauã Formation is characterized by massive or laminated dolomites and limestones with oolitic levels (Santos et al., 2001). The Lagarto Formation consists of alternations of fine-grained sandstones, argillites, and siltstones in variable proportions (Figure 7F) (Santos et al., 2001). The Palmares Formation is mainly composed of feldspathic fine-grained greywackes and conglomerates (Santos et al., 2001). According to the stratigraphic model proposed by Santos et al. (1998) and D'el-Rey Silva (1999), the Lagarto Formation corresponds to a basal sequence of a basin and can be correlated with the Frei Paulo Formation of the Vaza Barris subdomain. by schematic manners, and A. Geochronological compilation

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Figure 7. Field photographs of the lithostratigraphic units present in the Sergipano Domain. (A) Migmatitic orthogneiss from the Itabaiana-Simão Dias Complex southwest of Itabaiana/Sergipe; (B) Poço Redondo Migmatitic Complex at its type locality; (C) Phyllites/schists of the Rio Macururé Formation in Coronel João Sá/Bahia; (D) Contact between the Ribeirópolis (metadiamictites at the base of the outcrop) and Jacoca (metacarbonate at the top of the outcrop) formations of the Miaba Group, at Fazenda Capitão in Macambira/Sergipe; (E) Alternation between phyllites and fine metarenites of the Frei Paulo Formation (Vaza Barris Group) in Mocambo/ Sergipe; (F) Alternation of sandy/silty-clay layers of the Lagarto Formation (Estância Group) in Lagarto/Sergipe.

4. Geochronological compilation

4.1 Ortho-derived rocks

4.1.1 Pernambuco-Alagoas Domain

The main ages available in the literature for the orthoderived rocks of the Pernambuco-Alagoas Terrane are compiled in Table 1. These ages have been spatially plotted in a magmatic barcode-type graph to facilitate visualization and correlation with regional geotectonic events (Figure 8). In the western Pernambuco-Alagoas Domain, the Archean unit corresponds to the Entremontes Complex (2734 ± 11 Ma) (Cruz et al., 2014), which was reworked by Paleoproterozoic and Neoproterozoic deformations. The Paleoproterozoic basement is characterized by the Fulgêncio Orthogneiss with a crystallization age of 1996 ± 8 Ma (Cruz et al., 2014) and a model age of 2.79 Ga (Nd-TDM), by the Mucunã Orthogneiss with a U-Pb zircon age of 2156 ± 11 Ma (Silva Filho et al., 2008), by the Lagoa Redonda Unit (1992 ± 27 Ma) of the Riacho Seco Complex with a model age of 3.14 Ga (Nd-TDM) (Cruz et al., 2014), and by the Serra do Caju Suite with a U-Pb zircon age of 2124 \pm 4 Ma (Accioly, 2015). Garcia (2017) analyzed two samples of amphibolite from the Lagoa do Massapê Unit and obtained ages of 2020 ± 31 Ma, 2037 ± 14 Ma, and 2634 ± 48 Ma, the latter being interpreted as an Archean inheritance. It is worth mentioning that Cruz (2014) also obtained an Archean age of 2704 ± 12 Ma for the orthogneiss of the Lagoa Redonda Unit. The Serra da Taquaritinga Suite, with an age of 1521 Ma (U-Pb in zircon), marks the beginning of the Mesoproterozoic, a period that corresponds to a broad interval with few magmatic activity records in the Borborema Province. The Cariris Velhos Event is marked by the Lobo Suite with ages of 994 ± 25 Ma (Brito and Marinho, 2017) and 974 ± 8 Ma (Cruz et al., 2014), by the Rocinha Suite with an age of 956 ± 2 Ma (Cruz, 2015), by the Serra das Flores Orthogneiss with an age of 947 ± 63 Ma (Mendes and Brito, 2017), and by the Pinhões Orthogneiss with an age of 869 ± 9 Ma (Neves et al., 2015). U-Pb zircon isotopic data (LA-ICP-MS) obtained from a sample of (meta) leucogranite from the Caetés Suite provided an age of 730 ± 45 Ma (Accioly et al., 2018). The Cariris Velhos Event was followed by extensional tectonics, with the formation of sedimentary basins, such as those where the Rio Una and Inhapi Formations were deposited (Brito Neves et al., 2019). This period is also marked by intense granitogenesis during the Brasiliano Orogeny, with the emplacement of various Cryogenian and Ediacaran granitoids (Serra do Catu Suite, Altinho Orthogneiss, Itaporanga Suite, Água Branca Pluton, Águas Belas-Canindé Batholith, among others, see Table 1) with crystallization ages, defined by the U-Pb zircon method, between 632 and 587 Ma (Neves et al., 2008; Silva Filho et al.,

2013; Mendes and Brito, 2017).

Table 1 – Published U-Pb zircon ages of ortho-derived rocks in the Pernambuco-Alagoas Domain.

Figure 8. Magmatic barcode graph with the ages of orthoderived rocks in the Pernambuco-Alagoas Domain compiled from the literature.

4.1.2 Riacho do Pontal Domain

The magmatic barcode graph for the Riacho do Pontal Domain (Figure 9) presents the data in Table 2 and allows us to visualize the evolution of this domain within the context of geotectonic events. The Archean is represented by the Morro do Estreito Complex, which has two U-Pb dated samples presented in Brito Neves et al. (2015). The first sample yielded a U-Pb age (LA-ICP-MS) of 2624 ± 22 Ma in granodioritic orthogneiss, while the second U-Pb age (TIMS) was 2745 ± 59 Ma in partially migmatized pink orthogneisses. The Tonian period is represented by the Cariris Velhos Event. Its recognition is marked by magmatism of the Afeição Suite and the development of the Paulistana, Brejo Seco, Monte Orebe, and Santa Filomena plutono-volcanosedimentary complexes. The augen gneisses and porphyritic granitoids of the Afeição Suite present robust geochronological data in the literature. This suite has been the subject of U-Pb zircon studies in several works. Among them, Van Schmus et al. (1995) obtained an age of 966 ± 10 Ma using the TIMS method, and Brito Neves et al. (2015) determined a crystallization age of 942 ± 11 Ma using LA-ICP-MS. Caxito et al. (2014b) performed U-Pb dating on two samples using the LA-ICP-MS method and established crystallization ages of 1001 ± 4.5 Ma for a metagranite intruding metapelites of the Brejo Seco Complex and 966 ± 4.6 Ma for an augen gneiss. Brito Neves et al. (2015) provided a new U-Pb (LA-ICP-MS) age for an orthogneiss from the suite, determining a crystallization age of 942 ± 11 Ma. Finally, Caxito et al. (2020) presented new U-Pb (SHRIMP) geochronological data for an augen gneiss intruding mica schists of the Santa Filomena Complex, obtaining an age of 974 ± 11 Ma. Geochronological studies indicated detrital zircon grains with ages around 700 Ma (Santos et al., 2017). baroode graph for the Riacho do Pontal and A.1.3 Sergipano Domain

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Although the Tonian age for the rocks of the Afeição Suite is well-established in the literature, its evolutionary nature remains the subject of debate, with no consensus on the tectonic setting of the suite. Caxito et al. (2014b) and Santos et al. (2024) propose that the Afeição Suite was generated in a continental arc environment. However, based on compiled data, Guimarães et al. (2016) interpret the geochemical data of the Afeição Suite as indicative of magmatism related to a continental extensional environment. Amaral et al. (2023) studied orthogneiss and augen gneiss samples that had not yet been classified in terms of stratigraphy. These authors determined the U-Pb zircon ages (LA-ICP-MS) of these rocks to be 963 ± 4 Ma, 965 ± 3 Ma, and 956 ± 8 Ma, correlating them with the Afeição Suite.

The Brejo Seco Complex's Tonian crystallization age was determined in the studies by Salgado et al. (2016), through a Sm-Nd isochron in layered gabbros of the intrusion, defined as 903 ± 20 Ma. Its genesis is also debated in the literature, with initial interpretations relating the rocks of the Brejo Seco Complex to an ophiolitic complex (Marimon, 1990), later reinterpreted based on lithochemical data as a layered maficultramafic intrusion related to an extensional regime (Salgado et al., 2016).

Table 2 – Published U-Pb zircon ages of ortho-derived rocks in the Riacho do Pontal Domain.

Figure 9. Magmatic barcode graph of the ortho-derived rocks in the Riacho do Pontal Domain compiled from the literature.

4.1.3 Sergipano Domain

The compilation of available geochronological data for the ortho-derived rocks of the Sergipano Domain (Table 3) enabled the creation of a magmatic barcode, where the main units marking the geotectonic cycles are distributed (Figure 10). The Archean is represented by the Itabaiana and Simão Dias domes, which correspond to the basement inliers of the Sergipano Domain. These domes consist of gneisses and migmatites, occurring in the central portion of the Vaza-Barris subdomain. An age of 2729 ± 12 Ma (U-Pb, LA-ICP-MS) was obtained by Santiago et al. (2017) when analyzing zircon from migmatitic leucosome of the Itabaiana Dome. Rosa et al. (2020) found an age of 2831 ± 6 Ma (U-Pb in zircon, SHRIMP) when analyzing a sample of melanosome in trondhjemitic migmatitic gneiss in the central part of the Itabaiana Dome.

The Paleoproterozoic units correspond to the Nicolau-Campo Grande, Jirau do Ponciano, and Arapiraca complexes. Ages of 3051 ± 13 Ma, 2838 ± 23 Ma, and 2904 ± 37 Ma (U-Pb in zircon, LA-ICP-MS) were obtained from an amphibolite sample from the Nicolau-Campo Grande Complex, dated by Lima et al. (2019). These ages are considered by the authors to represent Archean inheritance. According to the data obtained by Lima et al. (2019), the crystallization age of the protolith is Paleoproterozoic, recorded in an amphibolite sample (2054 ± 21 Ma), metarhyodacite (2061 \pm 8.6 Ma and 2074 \pm 7 Ma), and metarhyolite (2055 Ma). The Arapiraca Complex presents an approximate U-Pb zircon age of 2.0 Ga for mafic-ultramafic rock (Brito, 2005). Three U-Pb ages were obtained using the LA-ICP-MS method by Tesser et al. (2022) in ultra-hightemperature sapphirine diatexites from the Arapiraca Complex (2032 ± 4 Ma, 2029 ± 12 Ma, and 1957 ± 2 Ma).

The Cariris Velhos Event in the Sergipano Domain is represented by the Poço Redondo migmatites (U-Pb in zircon, SHRIMP age of 979.8 ± 3.5 Ma) obtained by Carvalho (2005) and by the Serra Negra granitoids, which correspond to the basement of the metasedimentary rocks of the Marancó subdomain (Oliveira et al., 2010). For the Serra Negra granitoids, a U-Pb zircon age (SHRIMP) of 951 ± 2 Ma was obtained (Carvalho, 2005).

The Canindé Domain is characterized by metavolcanic, metagranitoid, and gabbroic intrusive rocks. An amphibolite sample from the Novo Gosto Unit was dated by Passos et al. (2021), resulting in a U-Pb zircon age of 743 ± 3 Ma. Later works published by Passos et al. (2022) present new ages obtained by the U-Pb (LA-MC-ICP-MS) and SHRIMP methods for the igneous and metasedimentary rocks of the Canindé subdomain. Three samples of layered gabbroic intrusive rocks were dated, presenting ages of 717 ± 23 Ma, 716 \pm 2 Ma, and 719 \pm 2 Ma. A U-Pb age of 700 Ma was reported by Oliveira et al. (2010) for the Canindé do São Francisco Complex. The Garrote, Curralinho/Boa Esperança suites, and the amphibolite of the Gentileza Unit were also dated (see Table 3).

The dating of a sample collected from a syntectonic leucogranitoid sheet with two micas provided a U-Pb zircon age of 611 ± 17 Ma, interpreted as the minimum sedimentation age of the Araticum Complex (Mendes and Brito, 2017). During the Brasiliano event, several granitic plutons were intruded into the Sergipano Domain, mainly in the Macururé subdomain (see Table 3).

Table 3 – Published U-Pb ages of ortho-derived rocks in the Sergipano Domain.

Figure 10 – Magmatic barcode graph with the main U-Pb ages of ortho-derived rocks in the Sergipano Domain compiled from the literature.

4.2 Sedimentary Record and Detrital Provenance

4.2.1 Pernambuco-Alagoas Domain

The ages of detrital zircons from the Cabrobó and Riacho Seco complexes published in the works of Cruz et al. (2014) were compiled for the western portion of the Pernambuco-Alagoas Domain. The samples from the Cabrobó Complex show a larger population of zircons in the range between 500 Ma and 1.0 Ga (Figure 11A), with small proportions of zircons in the ranges between Statherian-Calymmian, Orosirian, and Neoarchean. The schist and quartzite samples from the Riacho Seco Complex exhibited two main populations of detrital zircons, one in the Neoarchean and another in the Orosirian (Figure 11B). According to Cruz (2014), the maximum sedimentation ages for the quartzite and schist were 1950 Ma and 2020 Ma, respectively. and U-Pb ages of ortho-derived rocks in Tonian basement.

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U-Pb SHRIMP ages from two quartzite samples from the Rio Una Sequence, obtained by Neves et al. (2009), and three paragneiss samples dated by Silva Filho et al. (2014) (Units 1, 2, and 3) were compiled. The data obtained from samples of units 2 and 3 indicate a maximum Neoproterozoic deposition age between 760 Ma and 600 Ma (Silva Filho et al., 2014). The data for unit 1 are more comprehensive, including a variety of ages ranging from 760 Ma to the Archean.

Figure 11. (A) Histogram of U-Pb zircon ages from the Cabrobó Complex; (B) Histogram of U-Pb zircon ages from the Riacho Seco Complex. Data compiled from Cruz et al. (2014). NP: Neoproterozoic, MP: Mesoproterozoic, PP: Paleoproterozoic, NA: Neoarchean, MA: Mesoarchean, PA: Paleoarchean, EA: Eoarchean.

The ages of detrital zircons from the metasedimentary rocks of the Rio Una Complex (Figure 12) show a main population in the Tonian (900–1000 Ma), a population in the Paleoproterozoic (1.6–2.2 Ga), some grains between 600 and 700 Ma, and a few crystals of Archean age. According to Neves et al. (2009), the youngest detrital zircon suggests a maximum deposition age of 917 Ma, while metamorphic zircons indicate a metamorphic peak between 600 Ma and 617 Ma. According to Silva Filho et al. (2014), unit 2 of the Rio Una Sequence has a maximum deposition age of around 761 ± 9 Ma (youngest detrital zircon). According to Cruz (2014),

the detrital zircon ages from the metasedimentary rocks of the Rio Una Complex in the eastern portion of the Pernambuco-Alagoas Domain can be correlated with the detrital zircon ages from the metasedimentary rocks of the Cabrobó Complex in the western portion of the Pernambuco-Alagoas Domain. U-Pb zircon (SHRIMP) data compiled from a garnet-biotite gneiss sample of the Inhapi Sequence, obtained by Silva Filho et al. (2014), show a dominant population between 900 and 1000 Ma, with minor contributions from Paleoproterozoic and Archean zircons (Figure 13), indicating that the provenance of the zircons in this sequence includes igneous rocks from the Tonian basement.

Figure 12. Histogram of U-Pb zircon ages from the Rio Una Complex. Data compiled from Neves et al. (2009) and Silva Filho et al. (2014).

Figure 13. Histogram of U-Pb zircon ages from the Inhapi Sequence. Data compiled from Silva Filho et al. (2014).

4.2.2 Riacho do Pontal Domain

The detrital zircon ages for the Paulistana, Santa Filomena, Monte Orebe complexes, and the Mandacaru and Barra Bonita formations were compiled. For the Paulistana Complex, 70 detrital zircons from two samples dated by Santos et al. (2017) (Figure 14) were compiled: a mica schist (RPE-58) and a paragneiss (RPE-103). This unit shows a larger contribution of detrital zircons with Tonian ages (0.9–1.1 Ga). The geochronological data suggest that the main source area for the sediments belongs to the Cariris Velhos Event. A few zircon crystals indicated Mesoproterozoic ages (1.5–1.6 Ga).

Figure 14. Histogram with U-Pb detrital zircon ages from the Paulistana Complex. Data compiled from Santos et al. (2017).

A total of 179 detrital zircons from the Santa Filomena Complex were compiled, based on analyses performed on three samples: RPE 26, RPE 28 (Santos et al., 2017), and SRP-Xis-Jug (Brito Neves et al., 2015). The source areas for the Santa Filomena Complex correspond to three age intervals: Neoarchean rocks (2.5–2.7 Ga); rocks ranging from the Rhyacian to the Calymmian (1.5–2.2 Ga); and rocks from the Stenian to the Cryogenian (0.6–1.2 Ga) (Figures 15A and 15B). The Neoarchean zircon grains are likely sourced from adjacent basement units of the Riacho do Pontal Domain.

According to Santos et al. (2017), the metasedimentary rocks of the Paulistana and Santa Filomena complexes were deposited in a rift environment, with deposition ages around 900 Ma and between 750 and 700 Ma, respectively. The wide range of zircon ages highlights the need for further studies on this unit. However, according to Brito Neves et al. (2015), the presence of Neoproterozoic zircon populations (partially concordant), with peaks around 800–750 Ma, was critical in suggesting a Neoproterozoic age for the Santa Filomena Complex.

Figure 15. (A) Histogram with U-Pb detrital zircon ages from the Santa Filomena Complex. (B) Histogram with ages classified by lithologies of the Santa Filomena Complex. Data compiled from Caxito et al. (2016).

For the Monte Orebe Complex, data from Caxito et al. (2016) (samples FRP 009 and FRP 294) and data from Brito Neves et al. (2015) (SRP-Qx-SMO, SRP-TF-AF), totaling 170 detrital zircons, were compiled. These indicated two age peaks (Tonian and Paleoproterozoic). The obtained data reflect a sedimentary provenance with distinct ages in the Monte Orebe Complex. According to the authors, the Tonian peak can be correlated to the erosion of units related to the Cariris Velhos Event to the north, while the Paleoproterozoic peak may represent the contribution of zircons from basement rocks of the Borborema Province and/or erosion of units from the São Francisco Craton to the south (Figure 16).

Figure 16. (A) Histogram with U-Pb detrital zircon ages from the Monte Orebe Complex. (B) Histogram with ages classified by lithologies of the Monte Orebe Complex. Data compiled from Caxito et al. (2016) and Brito Neves et al. (2015).

Data from two samples of the Mandacaru Formation were compiled based on the work of Brito Neves et al. (2015): SRP-MGV-PF and SRP-Gn-33, and two samples based on the work of Caxito et al. (2016): FRP 266 and FRP 298. The samples of the Mandacaru Formation presented three different zircon populations, with the most representative showing Tonian ages (0.9–1.0 Ga). The other populations displayed Cryogenian, Paleoproterozoic, and a few records of Archean ages (Figure 17). These widely dispersed ages may reflect the presence of zircons inherited from different sources. This formation has a maximum sedimentation age of ca. 650 Ma, based on geochronological data (U-Pb in zircon) from a garnet-biotite gneiss sample (Brito Neves et al., 2015; Caxito et al., 2016). The sedimentary provenance studies (U-Pb in detrital zircon) combined with Nd isotope data (TDM age of 1.2 to 1.6 Ga and eNd_{600 Ma} between -9.2 and -0.2) obtained by Caxito et al. (2016) suggest that these ages resulted from the reworking of Proterozoic sequences in an active margin tectonic setting. Cratic the south (Figure 16). a round 980 Ma.

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Figure 17. Histogram with U-Pb detrital zircon ages from the Mandacaru Formation. Data compiled from Brito Neves et al. (2015).

The compilation of data from the Barra Bonita Formation (Sample FRP-106) based on Caxito et al. (2016) shows ages ranging from the Statherian to the Calymmian (1.5 to 1.8 Ga). According to these authors, these ages are compatible with samples from the Una Group, which forms the cratonic cover in the northern São Francisco Craton. The obtained ages may represent the erosion of units from the Chapada Diamantina/ Espinhaço Supergroup, which developed in a Mesoproterozoic rift system within the São Francisco Craton (Oliveira et al., 2010). The histogram of the Barra Bonita Formation is dominated by Mesoproterozoic ages. However, it is worth noting that the data from Brito Neves et al. (2015) show a strong contribution of Neoproterozoic zircons with peaks at 600 Ma, 800 Ma, and 950 Ma. According to Brito Neves et al. (2015), the Barra Bonita Formation has a maximum sedimentation age of ca. 640 Ma, based on U-Pb detrital zircon geochronology from a garnet-biotite schist sample. Given the occurrence of zircons ranging from the Mesoproterozoic to the Neoproterozoic, we can affirm that the Barra Bonita Formation exhibits a zircon age distribution similar to that of the Mandacaru Formation. However, further studies are necessary to verify the possibility of correlation between the two formations.

4.2.3 Sergipano Domain

Detrital zircon ages from the Marancó, Canindé do São Francisco, and Araticum complexes, the Ribeirópolis, Frei Paulo, and Palestina formations, the Estância Group, and the Macururé Group were compiled. Data from 129 zircons from quartzites and metaconglomerates of the Marancó Complex obtained by Oliveira et al. (2015) show an age peak in the range of 0.9–1.0 Ga, with a small contribution of Paleoproterozoic zircons (Figure 18). Carvalho (2005), based on U-Pb detrital zircon ages, suggests a maximum sedimentation age of around 980 Ma.

Figure 18. Histogram with U-Pb detrital zircon ages from the Marancó Subdomain. Data compiled from Oliveira et al. (2015).

The zircons from the Canindé do São Francisco Complex show Neoproterozoic ages with a peak in the range of 0.9–1.0 Ga (Figure 19). The U-Pb detrital zircon ages (LA-MC-ICP-MS) obtained by Lima et al. (2018) from sillimanite-garnetbiotite schist and garnet-biotite paragneiss samples for the Araticum Complex show a main population in the range of 600–700 Ma and some crystals in the range of 0.9–1.0 Ga (Figure 20).

Figure 19. Histogram with U-Pb detrital zircon ages from the Canindé do São Francisco Complex. Data compiled from Oliveira et al. (2015).

Figure 20. Histogram with U-Pb detrital zircon ages from the Araticum Complex. Data compiled from Lima et al. (2018).

The detrital zircon data from four samples of metasedimentary rocks from the Novo Gosto Unit (Passos et al., 2022) were plotted on the histogram and show an age peak in the Tonian period, with a few Paleoproterozoic zircon crystals (Figure 21). U-Pb data obtained by these authors for the metasedimentary rocks of the Novo Gosto Unit suggest a maximum depositional age of 676 ± 5 Ma.

Figure 21. Histogram of U-Pb detrital zircon ages from samples of the Novo Gosto Unit. Data compiled from Passos et al. (2022).

The histogram for the Ribeirópolis Formation (Figure 22A) shows a main population of Paleoproterozoic detrital zircons and a maximum depositional age of 780 Ma. The same histogram also plots the ages of detrital zircons from the Itabaiana Formation, which has a primary zircon population of Paleoproterozoic age (2.0 to 2.2 Ga), with a few contributions from Archean zircons. The data compiled from the Frei Paulo and Palestina formations (Figure 22B) were extracted from Oliveira et al. (2015) and indicate three distinct zircon populations. The histogram shows sediment provenance with important contributions from the Paleoproterozoic and Neoproterozoic, along with some Archean zircons. The youngest zircons from the diamictites of the Palestina Formation have an average age of 672 Ma (Oliveira et al., 2015), indicating a maximum depositional age of around 670 Ma.

The histogram for the Estância Group shows a significant zircon population from the Acauã Formation (Figure 22C) in

the Paleoproterozoic (2.1–2.2 Ga), and the Palmares and Lagarto formations fall within a range of approximately 0.5 to 1.0 Ga. A maximum depositional age of 570 Ma (U-Pb in detrital zircons) was obtained for the Lagarto and Palmares formations by Oliveira et al. (2015). According to these authors, this age may correlate with high-K and ultrapotassic plutons in the Pernambuco-Alagoas Domain (e.g., Ferreira et al., 1998; Mariano et al., 2009; Silva Filho et al., 2013; Van Schmus et al., 2003, 2011).

The histogram with samples from the Macururé Group (Figure 22D) presents a broad range of detrital zircon ages, with records from the Archean to the Neoproterozoic (Van Schmus et al., 2011; Oliveira et al., 2015; Neves et al., 2019). The data show a primary population between 0.9 and 1.0 Ga. A less prominent population occurs between 2.0 and 2.1 Ga. According to Neves et al. (2019), the youngest zircon crystal has a 206Pb/238U age of 939 ± 36 Ma, which is considered the maximum depositional age. Conversely, Oliveira et al. (2010), based on detrital zircon ages from a quartzite sample, suggest a maximum depositional age of around 856 Ma.

Figure 22. (A) Histograms of U-Pb detrital zircon ages from the Itabaiana and Ribeirópolis formations. (B) Histogram of U-Pb detrital zircon ages from the Frei Paulo and Palestina formations. (C) Histograms of U-Pb detrital zircon ages from the Palmares, Acauã, and Lagarto formations. (D) Histograms of U-Pb detrital zircon ages from the Rio Macururé Formation. Data compiled from Oliveira et al. (2015), Van Schmus (2011), and Neves et al. (2019).

5. Discussion

5.1 Tectonic evolution of the Southern Borborema Province

The tectonic framework of the Southern Borborema Province is represented by a Paleoproterozoic basement and a superimposition of tectonic, sedimentary, magmatic, and metamorphic events from the Cariris Velhos Cycle (~1.0 Ga–900 Ma) (Brito Neves, 1995) and the Brasiliano Cycle (650–530 Ma) (Pereira et al., 2023). Extensional processes formed a complex paleogeographic scenario of continental crusts (continents/plates, microplates, microcontinents, terranes), transitional zones (rift systems, aulacogens, gulfs), and oceanic domains (large and small basins).

The peak of granitoid magmatism associated with the closure of oceans and the formation of magmatic arcs in the province occurred around 630 Ma (Caxito and Alkmim, 2023), accompanied by the formation of foreland basins with flysch-type sedimentation. This was followed by a period of lateral escape tectonics between 590 and 530 Ma (Caxito et al., 2016), which shaped the current structure of the province, culminating in extensional collapse. The southern part of the Borborema Province consists of Archean and Paleoproterozoic fragments, Neoproterozoic metavolcanosedimentary sequences, and several generations of Tonian and Brasiliano granitic intrusions.

5.1.1 Archean and Paleoproterozoic cores

The Archean and Paleoproterozoic fragments, remnants of Rodinia, occur within the Brasiliano orogenic systems as plates/

microcontinents/blocks, such as the Pernambuco-Alagoas Domain, or as structural and erosional windows (inliers), among other types of basement highs. Exposures of this basement in the Brasiliano belts demonstrate the predominance of Paleoproterozoic lithostructural units. These Archean and Paleoproterozoic cores, involved in Neoproterozoic deformation, are represented by the Entremontes and Riacho Seco complexes (Pernambuco-Alagoas Domain), the Morro de Estreito Complex (Riacho do Pontal Domain), and the Itabaiana-Simão Dias, Jirau do Ponciano, Nicolau-Campo Grande, and Arapiraca complexes (Sergipano Domain).

5.1.2 Mesoproterozoic supracrustal sequences and metaplutonic rocks

The metasedimentary and metavolcano-sedimentary sequences are primarily represented by the Cabrobó Complex (Western Pernambuco-Alagoas) and the Rio Una Complex (Eastern Pernambuco-Alagoas). According to the detrital zircon histogram, the Cabrobó Complex presents three main zircon populations (600–700 Ma, 0.9–1.0 Ga, and 1.6–1.7 Ga). The Rio Una Complex displays two main populations: 1.6–1.8 Ga and 2.0–2.2 Ga. This broad dispersion of detrital zircon ages indicates the availability of multiple source areas for the basin's sediments, including basement rocks, which suggests an intracratonic basin environment, rather than a positioning on an active continental margin. According to Cruz (2014), these complexes can be correlated, as they show very similar detrital zircon age patterns. These data suggest that the rifting that led to the formation of the "Cabrobó Basin" may be related to the breakup of the Rodinia supercontinent, with deposition continuing into the Ediacaran (the youngest detrital zircon age being 554 Ma). the Archema to the Neoprotenzoic (Van

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5.1.3 Tonian metavolcano-sedimentary sequences and metaplutonic rocks

These sequences are represented by the migmatitic gneisses and metavolcano-sedimentary sequences of the Poço Redondo-Marancó region, interpreted as a continental arc formed during the collision between the Pernambuco-Alagoas Block and the Northern Borborema Block (Caxito et al., 2014), in the orogenesis known as Cariris Velhos (~1000–900 Ma). However, Guimarães et al. (2016) interpret these rocks as having formed in extensional environments due to the geochemical signature of A-type granites. In the Pernambuco-Alagoas Domain, the Cariris Velhos Event is represented by the Abaré Complex, Belém do São Francisco Complex, and the Tonian granites of the Lobo, Rocinha, and Serra das Flores suites. In the Sergipano Domain, the Cariris Velhos Event is represented by the Poço Redondo Migmatitic Complex and the Serra Negra Suite. In the Riacho do Pontal Domain, an extensional event from 900 Ma led to crustal rifting, which evolved into an ocean. This rifting allowed for the deposition of the Tonian supracrustal sequences of the Paulistana Complex, the mafic-ultramafic intrusions of the Brejo Seco Complex, and metabasalts with ocean crust signature of the Monte Orebe Complex. Associated with these sequences are the sediments of the Mandacaru Formation (TDM between 1.2 and 1.6 Ga, deep marine environment) and the Barra Bonita Formation (shallow marine environment) (Caxito et al., 2016).

5.1.4 Brasiliano supracrustal sequences and metaplutonic rocks

In the Sergipano Domain, extensional tectonics enabled the intrusion of A-type granitoids from the Garrote Suite in the Canindé Complex and passive margin sedimentation of the Vaza Barris and Macururé groups. Various models have been proposed to explain the origin and evolution of the Canindé Subdomain due to its complex lithostratigraphy and inconsistencies between geochemical and isotopic data from different authors. The first model was proposed by Silva Filho et al. (1979), who considered the ultramafic rocks in the region to be part of an ophiolitic suite. Bezerra (1992) suggested that the Canindé Domain formed in either an anorogenic intracontinental or a syn-orogenic arc setting. Nascimento et al. (2005) proposed that this domain corresponds to an intracontinental rift sequence, while Passos et al. (2021) interpreted it as an arc-back-arc environment. Despite the lack of consensus, the most accepted theory considers these rocks to be associated with an extensional setting (Oliveira et al., 2010).

According to Carvalho (2005), the Brasiliano Orogeny began with the closure of the forearc basin in the Macururé Subdomain (south of the Poço Redondo-Marancó Subdomain) and the Canindé Subdomain basin, forming a new continental margin arc, followed by the accretion of the Marancó-Poço Redondo Subdomain to the northern margin of the São Francisco Craton, and the formation of major shear zones in the Sergipano orogen. This collisional event deformed the platform sediments and gave rise to the Sergipano Domain. Passos et al. (2021) obtained a U-Pb zircon age of 743 \pm 3 Ma from an amphibolite sample in the Novo Gosto Unit of the Canindé Subdomain. This sample has a geochemical signature of arc-back-arc volcanic rocks and may be interpreted as the beginning of the collision that formed the Sergipano orogen. Between 590 and 550 Ma, lateral strikeslip tectonics predominated in an intracontinental setting, with the emplacement of late- to post-tectonic granites such as the Águas Belas-Canindé Batholith in the Pernambuco-Alagoas Domain, and the Serra da Esperança Suite, Serra da Aldeia Suite, and Caboclo Suite in the Riacho do Pontal Domain. nsidered the ultramatic rocks in the region and manutal barocole diagrams, we find
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6. Final Considerations

This study provides a synthesis of the lithostratigraphic units that comprise the Southern Borborema Province and a compilation of geochronological data from recent studies published by the Geological Survey of Brazil (SGB-CPRM) and other sources in the literature. This compilation aims to facilitate the understanding of the tectonic evolution of the southern segment of the Borborema Province. The provenance study of detrital zircons, with recalculated ages for discordances below 10%, allowed for a reassessment of the data and a reevaluation of the geological context of each unit.

The intrusive bodies represented in the magmatic barcode diagrams help infer that granitoid magmatism in the three domains predominantly occurred during specific periods. The Pernambuco-Alagoas Domain features a diversity of orthogneisses that mark the Paleoproterozoic Orogeny (ages ranging from 2156 \pm 11 to 1987 \pm 8 Ma), some orthogneisses marking the Cariris Velhos Event (ages ranging from 1008 ± 3 to 947 ± 63 Ma), and granitoid plutons representing the Brasiliano Orogeny (ages ranging from 657 ± 3 to 552 ± 1.6 Ma). In the Riacho do Pontal Domain, most of the compiled data represent the Cariris Velhos Event (ages ranging from 1002 ± 5 to 942 ± 7 11 Ma) and the Brasiliano Orogeny (ages between 636 ± 15 and 555 ± 20 Ma). In the Sergipano Domain, some bodies represent Cariris Velhos magmatism, but the majority of the compiled data corresponds to granitoid plutons marking the Brasiliano Orogeny (ages ranging from 643 ± 2 to 588 ± 5 Ma). The presented data support the hypothesis of diachronic evolution between the three domains of the Southern Borborema Province. In general, based on the compiled data, the geological profiles, histograms, and magmatic barcode diagrams, we interpret the evolution of the Southern Borborema Province as a succession of multiple collision and extension episodes that began with the rifting of the Rodinia supercontinent. The Brasiliano Event reworked previous structures, generating crustal reactivations along structural discontinuities. The Pernambuco-Alagoas Domain represents a complex geotectonic unit formed by the accretion of lithologies of different ages, ranging from the Archean to the Neoproterozoic, which were involved in Brasiliano deformation. The Riacho do Pontal and Sergipano domains are part of a large fold system formed by the collision between the Pernambuco-Alagoas Domain and the São Francisco Craton. The ages of syn-collisional granites allow us to infer that the orogenic event that gave rise to these fold belts occurred within closely spaced time intervals, showing slight diachronism.

It is worth highlighting that the Southern Borborema Province requires further studies and new data in isotopic geology, geochronology, geochemistry, and structural geology for a better understanding of the processes involved in the formation of its constituent domains, their spatio-temporal relationships, and their implications for the evolution of the Gondwana Supercontinent.

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Figure 1. Geotectonic compartmentalization of the Borborema Province (Medeiros et al. 2021).

Figure 2. Lithostratigraphic units and geological profile of the Pernambuco-Alagoas Domain. Vertical exaggeration of the geological profile is 5x.

Figure 3. Field photographs of the lithostratigraphic units present in the Pernambuco-Alagoas Domain. (A) Migmatitic orthogneiss Mucunã northeast of Japecanga (Pedra/Pernambuco); (B) Quartzites of the Cabrobó Complex in the Garanhuns/ Pernambuco region; (C) Paragneiss of the Rio Una Complex northeast of Japecanga (Pedra/Pernambuco); (D) Granodiorite of the Conceição Suite northeast of Garanhuns/Pernambuco.

Figure 4. Lithostratigraphic units and geological profile of the Riacho do Pontal Domain. Vertical exaggeration of the geological profile: 5x.

Figure 5. Field photographs of the lithostratigraphic units present in the Riacho do Pontal Domain. (A) Migmatitic orthogneiss from the Morro do Estreito Complex; (B) Metagabbro from the Paulistana Complex; (C) Amphibolite interlayered with mica schist from the Brejo Seco Complex; (D) Amphibolite with high-angle dip from the Monte Orebe Complex; (E) Sillimanite-garnet-biotite schist from the Santa Filomena Complex; (F) Biotite schist from the Casa Nova Group.

Figure 6. Lithostratigraphic units and geological profile of the Sergipano Domain. Vertical exaggeration of the geological profile: 5x.

Figure 7. Field photographs of the lithostratigraphic units present in the Sergipano Domain. (A) Migmatitic orthogneiss from the Itabaiana-Simão Dias Complex southwest of Itabaiana/Sergipe; (B) Poço Redondo Migmatitic Complex at its type locality; (C) Phyllites/schists of the Rio Macururé Formation in Coronel João Sá/Bahia; (D) Contact between the Ribeirópolis (metadiamictites at the base of the outcrop) and Jacoca (metacarbonate at the top of the outcrop) formations of the Miaba Group, at Fazenda Capitão in Macambira/Sergipe; (E) Alternation between phyllites and fine metarenites of the Frei Paulo Formation (Vaza Barris Group) in Mocambo/Sergipe; (F) Alternation of sandy/silty-clay layers of the Lagarto Formation (Estância Group) in Lagarto/Sergipe.

EC = Entremontes Complex; RSC = Riacho Seco Complex; FO = Fulgêncio Orthogneiss; MO = Mucunã Orthogneiss; VLO = Vitória-São Lourenço Orthogneiss; SO = Salinas Orthogneiss; SCS = Serra do Caju Suite; STS = Serra Taquaritinga Suite; AO = Agrestina Orthogneiss; EO = Escada Orthogneiss; PO = Pinhões Orthogneiss; CS = Caetés Suite; MCB = Early- to syn-tectonic Brasiliano magmatism; MCV = Cariris Velhos syn-tectonic magmatism; MPB = Late- to posttectonic Brasiliano magmatism; MSB = Syn-tectonic Brasiliano magmatism;

Figure 8. Magmatic barcode graph with the ages of ortho-derived rocks in the Pernambuco-Alagoas Domain compiled from the literature.

Figure 9. Magmatic barcode graph of the ortho-derived rocks in the Riacho do Pontal Domain compiled from the literature.

magmatism; GU = Gentileza Unit.

Figure 10 – Magmatic barcode graph with the main U-Pb ages of ortho-derived rocks in the Sergipano Domain compiled from the literature.

Figure 11. (A) Histogram of U-Pb zircon ages from the Cabrobó Complex; (B) Histogram of U-Pb zircon ages from the Riacho Seco Complex. Data compiled from Cruz et al. (2014). NP: Neoproterozoic, MP: Mesoproterozoic, PP: Paleoproterozoic, NA: Neoarchean, MA: Mesoarchean, PA: Paleoarchean, EA: Eoarchean.

Figure 12. Histogram of U-Pb zircon ages from the Rio Una Complex. Data compiled from Neves et al. (2009) and Silva Filho et al. (2014).

Figure 13. Histogram of U-Pb zircon ages from the Inhapi Sequence. Data compiled from Silva Filho et al. (2014).

Figure 14. Histogram with U-Pb detrital zircon ages from the Paulistana Complex. Data compiled from Santos et al. (2017).

Figure 15. (A) Histogram with U-Pb detrital zircon ages from the Santa Filomena Complex. (B) Histogram with ages classified by lithologies of the Santa Filomena Complex. Data compiled from Caxito et al. (2016).

Figure 16. (A) Histogram with U-Pb detrital zircon ages from the Monte Orebe Complex. (B) Histogram with ages classified by lithologies of the Monte Orebe Complex. Data compiled from Caxito et al. (2016) and Brito Neves et al. (2015).

Figure 17. Histogram with U-Pb detrital zircon ages from the Mandacaru Formation. Data compiled from Brito Neves et al. (2015).

Figure 18. Histogram with U-Pb detrital zircon ages from the Marancó Subdomain. Data compiled from Oliveira et al. (2015).

Figure 19. Histogram with U-Pb detrital zircon ages from the Canindé do São Francisco Complex. Data compiled from Oliveira et al. (2015).

Figure 20. Histogram with U-Pb detrital zircon ages from the Araticum Complex. Data compiled from Lima et al. (2018).

Figure 21. Histogram of U-Pb detrital zircon ages from samples of the Novo Gosto Unit. Data compiled from Passos et al. (2022).

Figure 22. (A) Histograms of U-Pb detrital zircon ages from the Itabaiana and Ribeirópolis formations. (B) Histogram of U-Pb detrital zircon ages from the Frei Paulo and Palestina formations. (C) Histograms of U-Pb detrital zircon ages from the Palmares, Acauã, and Lagarto formations. (D) Histograms of U-Pb detrital zircon ages from the Rio Macururé Formation. Data compiled from Oliveira et al. (2015), Van Schmus (2011), and Neves et al. (2019).

Table 1 – Published U-Pb zircon ages of ortho-derived rocks in the Pernambuco-Alagoas Domain.

Table 2 – Published U-Pb zircon ages of ortho-derived rocks in the Riacho do Pontal Domain.

Table 3 – Published U-Pb ages of ortho-derived rocks in the Sergipano Domain.

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