

# Petrofabric patterns of two contrasting plutons: example of Penedos and Borralha granites (Montalegre, Northern Portugal)

[EGU22-5153](#)

Gonçalves, A. \*, Sant'Ovaia, H., Noronha, F.

Institute of Earth Sciences, Porto Pole, Faculty of Sciences, University of Porto, Rua do Campo Alegre, 4169-007 Porto, Portugal; [\\*anagoncalves.geo@gmail.com](mailto:anagoncalves.geo@gmail.com)





# 1. Penedos-Borralha area (PBA)

## 1.1. AIM

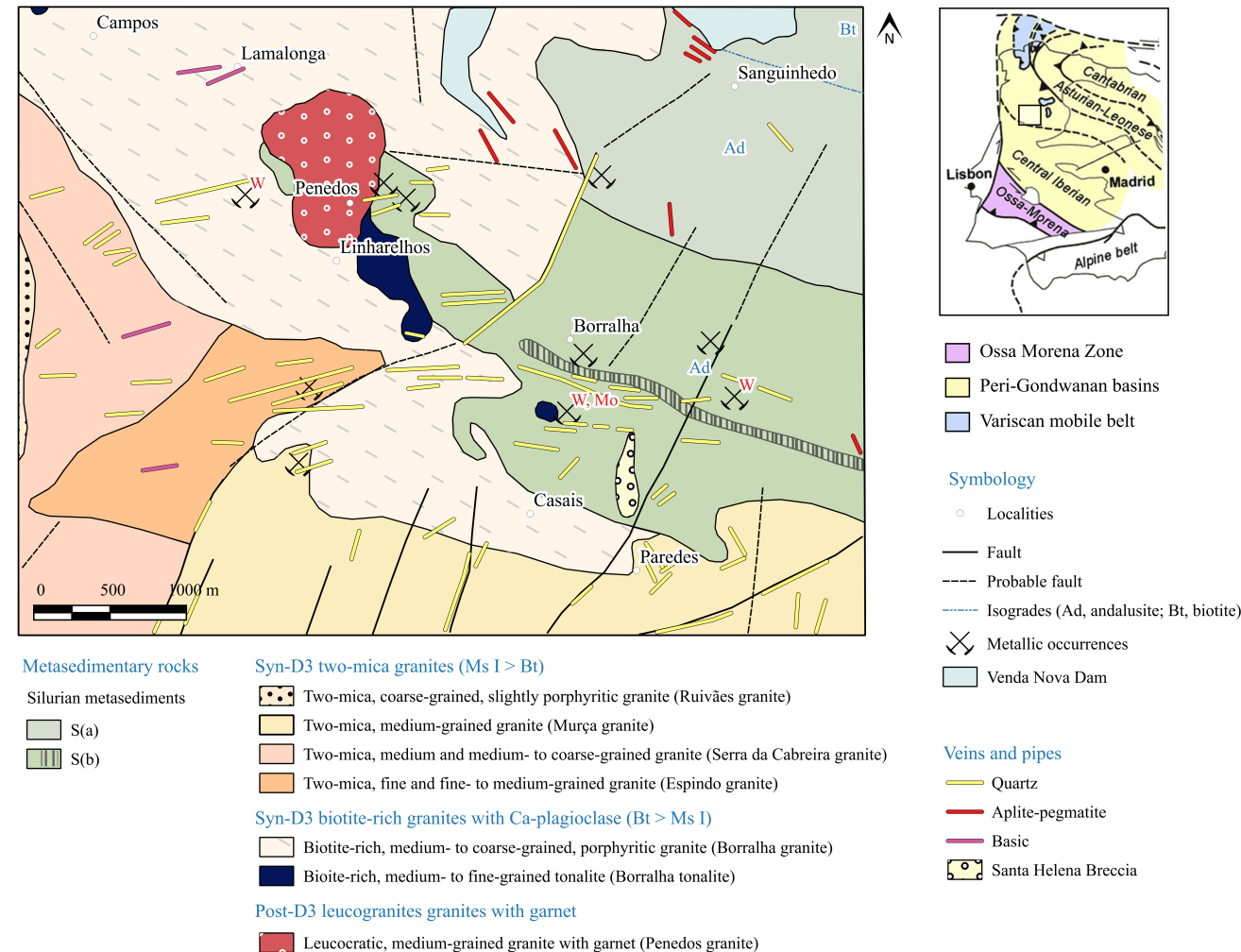
- ✓ Multidisciplinary approach (viz., **fieldwork**, **petrography**, and **anisotropy of magnetic susceptibility (AMS)**)
  - ✓ To understanding of the **magnetic anisotropy patterns of Penedos (PG, post-D<sub>3</sub>) and Borralha (BG, syn-D<sub>3</sub>)**.

## 1.2. GEOLOGICAL SETTING

- **Galícia-Trás-os-Montes Zone (Fig. 1a)**
  - Outcropping lithologies: **Silurian metasediments** and **Variscan granites (Fig. 1b)**.
- **Three Variscan ductile deformation phases** were recognized:
  - D<sub>1</sub> (360–337 Ma); D<sub>2</sub> (337–320 Ma) and D<sub>3</sub> (320–310 Ma).
    - **D<sub>3</sub> implied a regional subvertical crenulation (N120°E) and the deformation of syn-D<sub>3</sub> granites (321–312Ma).**

## 1.3. STUDIED GRANITES

- **Penedos granite (PG): circumscribed outcrop** in a triple point marked by the contact between BG, Borralha tonalite and metasediments.
  - **Leucocratic, medium- to coarse-grained granite with garnet.**
- **Borralha granite (BG): WNW-ESE outcrop**
  - **Biotite-rich, medium- to coarse-grained porphyritic granite.**



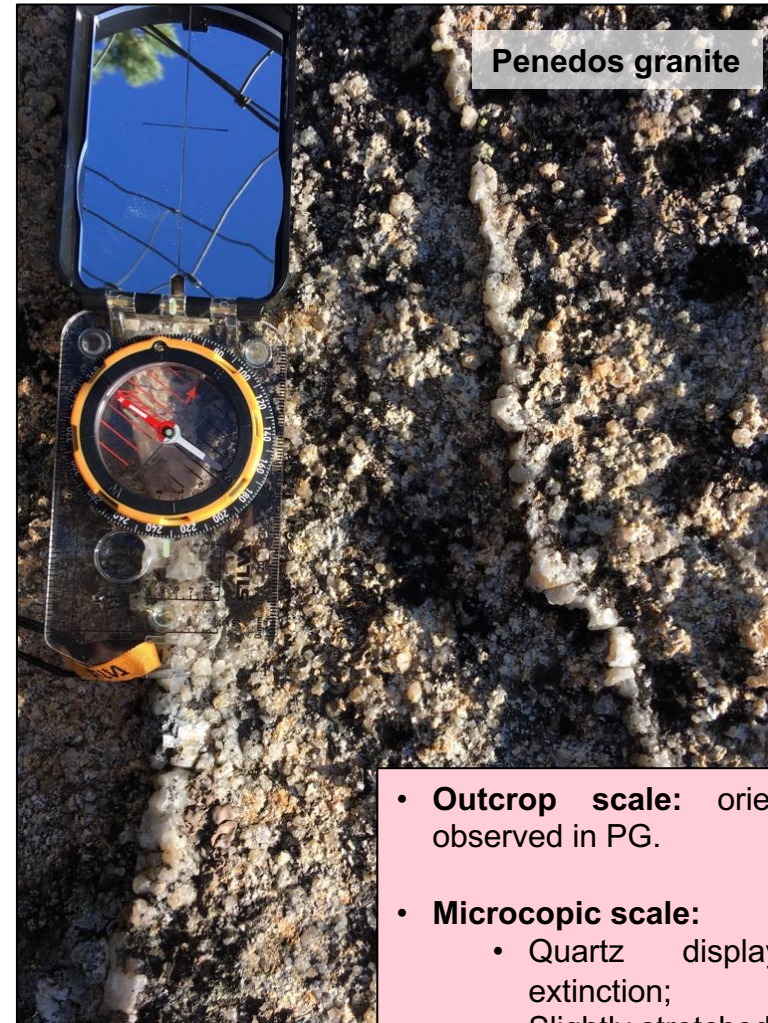
**Figure 1** (a) Simplified map of the Iberian Massif with distinction of the paleogeographic zones according to Lotze (1945), Julivert et al. (1975) and Farias et al. (1987) (adapted from Martínez Catalán et al., 2014). (b) Simplified geological map of the Penedos-Borralha area (adapted from Noronha and Ribeiro (1983); Ferreira et al. (1987); Ribeiro et al. (2001)).

## 2. Textural patterns



Borralha granite

- **Outcrop scale:** BG exhibits K-feldspar megacrysts and phyllosilicates N120°E oriented.
- **Microscopic scale:**
  - Quartz displaying strong undulose extinction and subgranulation;
  - K-feldspar with poikilitic texture,
  - Plagioclase presenting curved twins;
  - Well-developed kinked phyllosilicates.

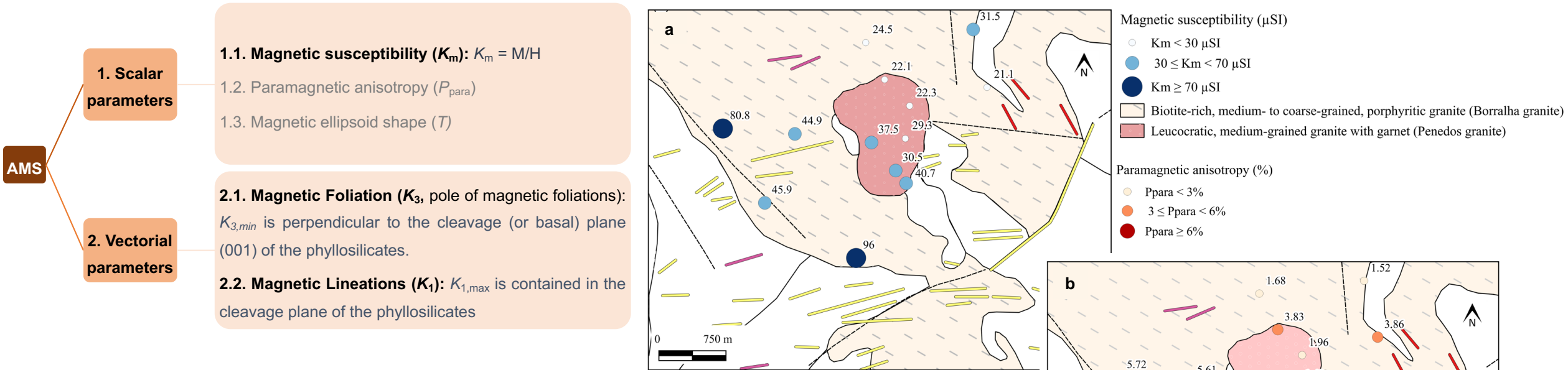


Penedos granite

- **Outcrop scale:** oriented patterns were not observed in PG.
- **Microscopic scale:**
  - Quartz displaying slightly undulose extinction;
  - Slightly stretched plagioclase;
  - Euhedral garnet crystals;
  - Phyllosilicates occurring as clustered flakes.



### 3. Anisotropy of Magnetic Susceptibility (AMS): scalar parameters



#### MAGNETIC SUSCEPTIBILITY

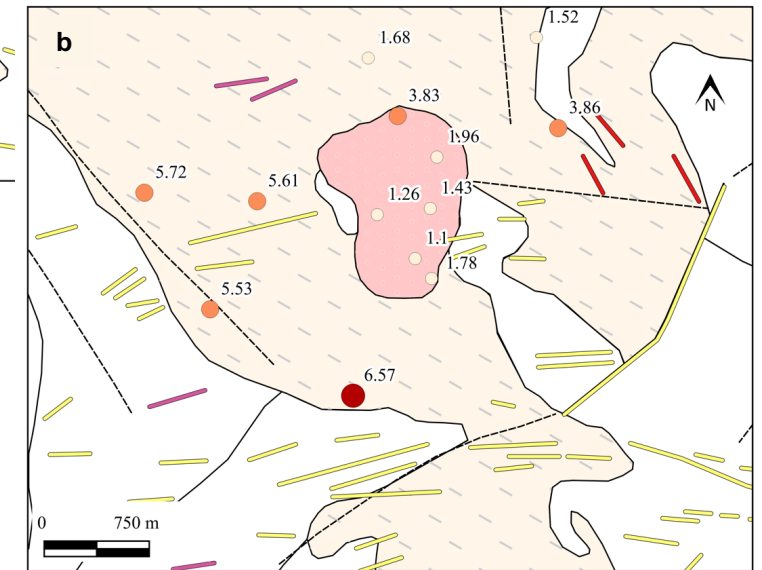
✓  $K_m$  indicated paramagnetic behaviour for both BG and PG (53.9 and 30.39  $\mu SI$ , respectively) (Fig. 2a)

➤ Ilmenite-type granites.

#### PARAMAGNETIC SUSCEPTIBILITY

✓ BG exhibits the highest  $P_{para}$  values (4.4%), result of the strong K-feldspars and biotite alignment (Fig. 2b).

✓ PG exhibits the lowest  $P_{para}$  values (1.89%) compatible with the no-oriented patterns.



**Figure 2** (a) Spatial distribution of the bulk magnetic susceptibility ( $K_m$ ) in the Borralha and Penedos granites and microgranite. (b) Spatial distribution of the paramagnetic anisotropy ( $P_{para}$ ) in the Borralha and Penedos granites and microgranite.

### 3. Anisotropy of Magnetic Susceptibility (AMS): vectorial parameters

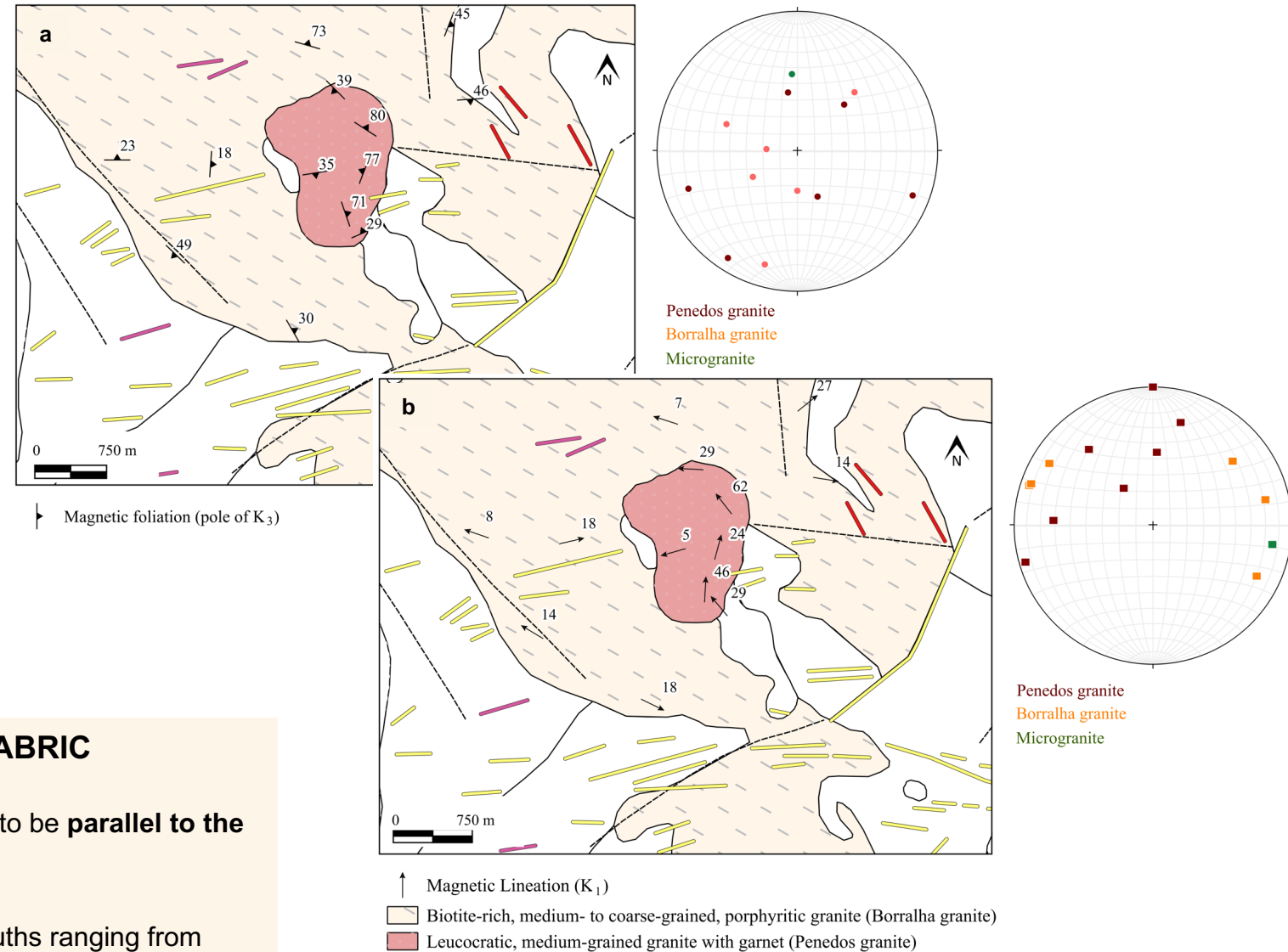


#### PENEDOS GRANITE FABRIC

- $\perp K_3$  are very heterogeneous ranging from NW-SE to E-W;
- Generally,  $\perp K_3$  are subvertical in the E side, where the PG is intrusive in the metasediments and subhorizontal in the W side, where the PG cuts the BG;
- $K_1$  display NNE-SSW to W-E azimuths with subhorizontal to intermediate dips.

#### BORRALHA GRANITE FABRIC

- $\perp K_3$  are essentially subhorizontal, tends to be parallel to the contacts with the regional rocks;
- $K_1$  are strongly subhorizontal with azimuths ranging from WNW-ESSE to ENE-WSW.



**Figure 3** (a) Map of magnetic foliations with Schmidt stereoplots (lower hemisphere) of density diagrams of  $K_3$ . (b) Map of magnetic lineations with Schmidt stereoplots (lower hemisphere) of density diagrams of  $K_1$ .

## 4. Discussion & Final Remarks

- The petrofabric obtained for both granites resulted from distinct phenomena:

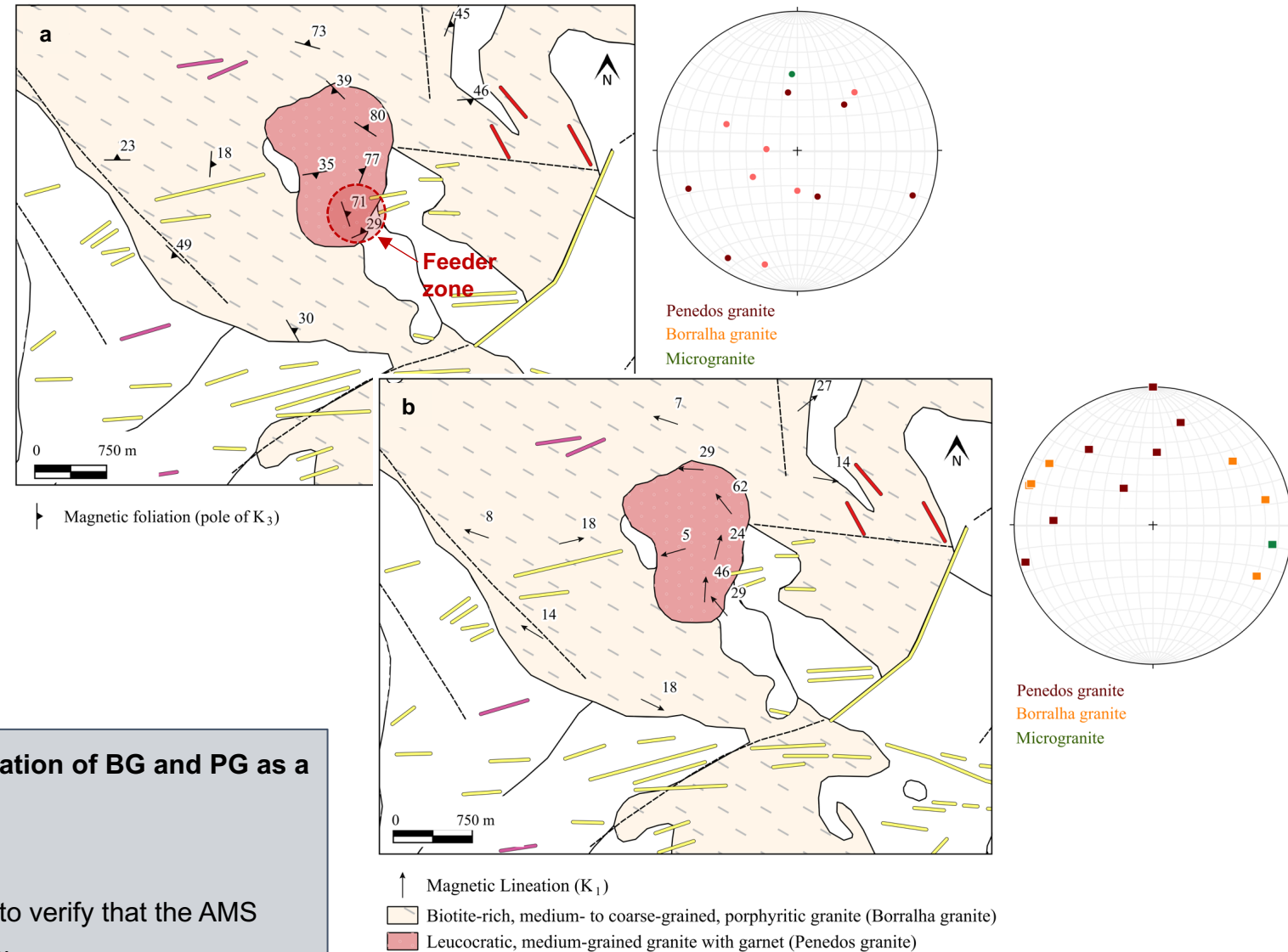
- PG petrofabric was inherited from magmatic stages:

- $K_1$  trajectories suggest the location of a **feeder zone** in the SE border and continuous magmatic flow to NW.
- subvertical  $\perp K_3$  in the E side of PG suggests a **tongue-shaped intrusion** thicker on this side.

- In contrast, the BG petrofabric was acquired in the subsolidus and resulted from tectonic processes.

✓ The obtained petrofabric agrees with the proposed classification of BG and PG as a syn- $D_3$  and post- $D_3$  granites, respectively.

❖ These analyses applied to two contrasting intrusions allowed us to verify that the AMS depend on several parameters and must be interpreted with caution.



**Figure 3** (a) Map of magnetic foliations with Schmidt stereoplots (lower hemisphere) of density diagrams of  $K_3$ . (b) Map of magnetic lineations with Schmidt stereoplots (lower hemisphere) of density diagrams of  $K_1$ .



**Acknowledgments: This work was supported by national funding awarded by FCT - Foundation for Science and Technology, I.P., projects UIDB/04683/2020 and UIDP/04683/2020.**

[EGU22-5153](#)

Gonçalves, A. \*, Sant'Ovaia, H., Noronha, F.

Institute of Earth Sciences, Porto Pole, Faculty of Sciences, University of Porto, Rua do Campo Alegre, 4169-007 Porto, Portugal; [\\*anagoncalves.geo@gmail.com](mailto:*anagoncalves.geo@gmail.com)

