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ABSTRACTS



**ELEMENT PARTITIONING AT A PROPAGATING REACTION FRONT:
EXPERIMENT AND THEORY**

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Equilibrium element partitioning between phases is the basis for many applications in petrology and geochemistry. We investigated Mg/Al partitioning by growing magnesio-aluminate spinel (MgAl_2O_4) at periclase (MgO) - corundum (Al_2O_3) contacts. Experimental conditions were 1 bar confining pressure and 1350 °C, at run durations of 5 to 160 h. The spinel forms polycrystalline reaction rims, which grow by the interdiffusion of Al^{3+} and Mg^{2+} . In accordance with the phase diagram, spinel is close to stoichiometric with X_{Al} (atomic Al/(Mg+Al) ratio) of about 0.66 at the periclase-spinel contact and it becomes successively more aluminium-rich towards the corundum. Interestingly, at the spinel-corundum interface, the X_{Al} increases with increasing run duration. It is 0.66 in short time runs (5 h), and it is 0.69 after 160 h. This reflects a successive approach towards local equilibrium and corresponds to a decrease of the jumps in the Al_2O_3 and MgO chemical potentials across the propagating reaction interface. This evolution is due to the finite mobility of the spinel-corundum interface. A local driving force is required for interface motion. In this case it is provided by the free energy jumps of the MgO and Al_2O_3 components associated with their transfer across the reaction interface. This effect is pronounced during the initial, interface reaction controlled stages of the reaction and diminishes at later stages, when the reaction becomes diffusion controlled. From this observation the interface mobility, a key parameter in kinetic modelling, can be quantified.

MULTISTAGE TECTONISM DURING GONDWANA COLLISION: BALADIYAH COMPLEX, SAUDI ARABIA

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The formation of orogens is a complex process often involving multiple stages of compression and extension. Field evidence from the Baladiyah complex in the northern part of the Arabian-Nubian Shield of Saudi Arabia shows that several erosional unconformities separate different high grade metasedimentary rocks within the complex. This indicates that the collision between East- and West-Gondwana involved several cycles of exhumation and burial. Mineral equilibria approach and thermodynamic modeling are used to place constraints on the formation conditions of each of these stages. It is shown that the complex is characterised by three regional metamorphic events followed by a fourth event of contact metamorphism due to the intrusion of post-tectonic granites. The first metamorphic event experienced peak metamorphism around 705 – 715 °C and 5.2 – 5.6 kbar and subsequent isothermal decompression to the Earth's surface. The second metamorphic events attained peak conditions of 635 – 670 °C and 4.2 – 5 kbar followed by exhumation, erosion and deposition of molasse sediments. The rocks were buried for a third time and metamorphosed to greenschist facies metamorphic conditions (330 ± 30 °C and 3.6 – 4.6 kbar) under the load of the molasse sediments. Post-tectonic granites intruded at a depth of 12 km during the final Pan-African exhumation causing the fourth metamorphic event (700 ± 25 °C). Correlation of this metamorphic evolution with the deformation history shows that the first and the second metamorphic events occurred in a compression regime (D_1 and D_2), interpreted to be related to the collision between East- and West-Gondwana. While the third deformation phase began as compression regime causing the third metamorphic event, and then turned into an oblique transpressive regime which led to form escape tectonics and development of a large scale strike-slip shear zone “the Najd Fault System” This tectonic evolution accompanied several cycles of exhumation and burial indicates multistage crustal flexure during Gondwana Collision.

PRESSURE-INDUCED PHASE-TRANSFORMATIONS IN $\text{LiAlGe}_2\text{O}_6$ AND $\text{LiCrGe}_2\text{O}_6$ CLINOPYROXENES

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Clinopyroxenes and their synthetic analogues are in the focus of extensive experimental studies in mineral physics as the knowledge of elastic properties and the transformation behaviour depending on chemical variations is discussed for the geophysics under conditions of the Earth's upper mantle. Among a series of analogue phases the two selected Li-ferrous silicate compounds $\text{LiAlGe}_2\text{O}_6$ (LAG, space group $P2_1/n$, REDHAMMER et al. 2012) and $\text{LiCrGe}_2\text{O}_6$ (LCG, space group $P2_1/c$, REDHAMMER et al. 2008) have been subject of experimental in-situ investigations at high pressures, carried out by means of single-crystal X-ray diffraction in a diamond anvil cell. Unit-cell parameters of hydrostatically pressurized single crystals were determined up to approximately 9 GPa. Both samples show a first-order phase transition (see Fig. 1).

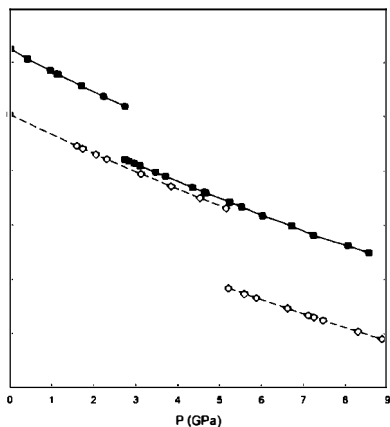


Figure 1 Pressure dependent changes in the unit-cell volume of LAG (closed symbol) and LCG (open symbol). The solid line represents the fit of a 3rd-order Birch-Murnaghan EOS, the dashed line represents the fit of a 2nd-order Birch-Murnaghan EOS.

The equations of state (EOS) were determined for the high-pressure (HP) and low-pressure (LP) polymorphs of both compounds, and fits of the P-V data to a Birch-Murnaghan EOS yield the parameters: $K_0 = 112.7(5)$ and $123.1(1.6)$ GPa for LP- and HP-LAG. The equivalent fits give $K_0 = 106(2)$ and $114.5(7)$ GPa for LP-LCG and HP-LCG, respectively. The observed reflection conditions suggest P-lattices for both high-pressure polymorphs. Structure investigations will shed light on the mechanisms of structural transformation.

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EVIDENCE FOR BIMETASOMATISM BETWEEN ECLOGITE AND ADJACENT ROCKS FROM THE TAUERN WINDOW, AUSTRIA

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The Eclogite Zone (Austria) is characterized by the occurrence of eclogite interbedded with other rocks, mainly metapelites and minor marbles, metapsammites and talc schists. According to geothermobarometry, PT-conditions of at least 26 kbar and about 580 °C were achieved. An open question is whether fluid-mediated compositional changes occur between the interlayers during subduction zone metamorphism. Therefore, the mineralogy and geochemistry of the contacts eclogite–metapelite and eclogite–talc schists were investigated.

The eclogite in contact to the metapelite shows almost no change in volume, with minor gain of Si, Ca and Na and loss of Mg. The metapelite, however, shows 30 % volume loss, mainly as Si and Ca, coupled with enrichment of K, Mg, Fe and Na; the latter two stem from an external source. Trace element changes are less spectacular but corroborate changes in the major elements (Sr goes with Ca, Ba with K, etc.).

The eclogite in contact to the talc schist also underwent no significant change in volume, with minor enrichment in Mg and depletion in Na. The talc schist is ultrabasic in composition and of uncertain origin. It experienced more than 30 % volume loss towards the contact, where Mg, Fe, Si, Na and Ti are depleted and no major element is enriched.

These changes in bulk composition are expressed in mineralogical, textural and mineral chemical changes of considerable complexity. There is clear evidence that they are not caused by retrograde interactions. The compositional changes are too systematic and complex to be explained as primary (volcano-) sedimentary layering or mixing of clays and ashes. As the lithological boundaries are planar over distances of tens of metres at least, the volume loss is not induced by folding but rather by (pure or general) shear. Some compositional changes cannot be explained by material exchange between the two lithologies (bimetasomatism) alone but must have been caused by advection parallel to the lithological boundaries. Rare garnets and epidotes with oscillatory zoning patterns near the contact indicate the effect of locally abundant fluids.

MINERALOGICAL INVESTIGATION OF SULFIDE-OXIDE MINERALIZATION IN THE MISHO MAFIC-ULTRAMAFIC COMPLEX (NW IRAN)

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The mafic-ultramafic complex of Misho is exposed in the north-western part of Iran. The Misho mountains are part of the Central Iran domain which consists of a Precambrian crystalline basement, Paleozoic platform sediments, Cambrian to Triassic sedimentary and magmatic rocks representing Gondwana marginal terranes (STÖCKLIN, 1968; ALAVI, 1991).

The ore mineralization is hosted in the mafic portion (gabbro) of Misho complex. Two different types of mineralization, sulphides and oxides, were identified. The sulphide ore bodies are mainly composed of pyrrhotite accompanied by chalcopyrite, pentlandite, sphalerite, pyrite and troilite. Representative texture shows the typical sulfide-silicate relationships as net-textured sulfides enclosing silicate. The oxides mineralization consists of ilmenite (< 5%) and with small amounts of magnetite as solid inclusions in pyrrhotite. Primary sulfide was replaced by pyrite, marcasite and violarite during alteration states.

Selected samples of sulphides were investigated at the E. F. Stumpfl microprobe laboratory (University of Leoben, Austria). Pyrrhotite as a main sulfide phase contains 59.50 - 64.05 % Fe, 0.01 - 0.32 % Ni, 0.0 - 0.07 % As and 0.0 % of Co. Whole rocks analyses show that the total platinum-group element concentrations in sulfide rich gabbro are very low.

Chemical composition of the sulfide minerals and their texture suggest that they were formed in a magmatic immiscible sulfide Fe-Ni-Cu system. The early crystallization phases consisted of gabbro without associated Fe-Ni-Cu sulphide mineralization. This was followed by later progressive crystallization which depleted silicate-oxide phases from residual magma. The last stage of crystallization formed predominantly of sulfide minerals by accumulation of immiscible magmatic sulfide droplets. Thermometry investigation based on exsolution texture of chalcopyrite-sphalerite and chalcopyrite-pyrrhotite suggests that the sulfide zone probably formed at temperatures about 400 °C.

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THE RATE AND MECHANISM OF DEEP SEA GLAUCONITE FORMATION

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The conditions and mechanism of glauconitization in shallow shelf environments (< 300 m water depth and 15-25 °C) are generally well understood, whereby glauconite formation takes place close to the seawater-sediment interface. In contrast, the key factors controlling the rate and mechanism of deep-water glauconitization are still poorly constrained.

Cores from the Ivory Coast-Ghana Marginal Ridge (ODP Site 959) were recovered in 2100 m water depth and related 3-6 °C seawater temperature. Sediments from Hole 959C comprise of foraminifera and nannofossil oozes mixed with detrital silicates and authigenic green grains. This sedimentary record was found to be without large hiatuses since the Miocene. In order to identify the process and rate limiting factors for recent deep sea glauconitization, green grains were collected from 0.16, 11.69, and 24.91 meter below sea floor, corresponding to sediment ages of ~10, ~900, and ~2500 ky. Mineralogical and chemical changes within the green grains were studied by X-ray diffraction and various electron microscopic methods, together with the burial-related changes in bulk sediment composition and interstitial solution chemistry. Our results reveal that the green clay was formed mainly in foraminifera tests, which provided the post-depositional conditions ideal for glauconitization. Within these tests, an early micro-environment was generated, wherein microbial biofilm with incorporated gels containing Fe, Mg, Al, and silica were formed. Fe-smectite precipitated from these gels (~10 ky), supported by microbial activity and cation supply from the interstitial solution. With increasing burial (~900 ky), the Fe-smectite reacted to form mixed-layered glauconite-smectite (Gl-S) and finally almost pure glauconite developed (~2500 ky), without any miscibility gaps between the Fe-smectite and glaucony group. This burial-related glauconitization process is controlled mainly by the interstitial solution chemistry, which strongly depends on early diagenetic oxidation of organic matter, microbial sulfate reduction, silicate alteration and carbonate dissolution, and in particular Fe redox reactions. As evident by progressively more glauconite layers in Gl-S, ongoing with a notably higher Fe₂O₃ content in Gl-S with increasing state of early marine diagenesis, it is the availability of Fe which may be the rate limiting factor for glauconitization. This explains the greening of the grain colour with depth and the various states of green grain maturity within the samples. The glauconitization rate is given by %Gl_{sed} = 22.6 log(ages_{sed}) + 1.6, where Gl_{sed} is the state of overall glauconitization of the sediment and ages_{sed} is the sediment's age (in ky) (BALDERMANN et al., 2013). The rate of deep-water glauconite formation at this site is 5-times less than that in shallow shelf regions, probably reflecting the lower temperatures and limited cation supply within deep sea environments.

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ZrO₂ IN REFRACTORY PRODUCTS: CHARACTERIZATION METHODS

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In the process of continuous steel casting, isostatically pressed products are commonly used for flow control. By the combination of an alumina graphite main body material grade and a zirconia graphite slag band grade, thermal shock resistance is combined with enhanced chemical resistance. Thermo-mechanical properties as well as chemical corrosion performance must be currently optimized. It is therefore of paramount importance to characterize the used raw materials. Microstructural information combined with an understanding of the crystallographic phase transformations of zirconia provide predictive capabilities pertaining to the material performance. We present characterization methods for Ca-partially stabilized zirconia, including the in-situ trace element analysis of grains in combination with the characterization of the physical properties of zirconia-bearing materials. The application of electron backscatter diffraction (EBSD) and Raman spectroscopy allows deep insights in micro-scale phase transformations. The crystallographic transformation of the zirconia grains during operation is described by elemental distribution mappings. Recrystallization and exsolution phenomena are fundamental and also limiting factors regarding thermal shock resistance; and the chemical wear resistance changes with ongoing recrystallization. Structural modifications accompanied by chemical processes within the affected material are crucial to a better understanding of refractory materials.

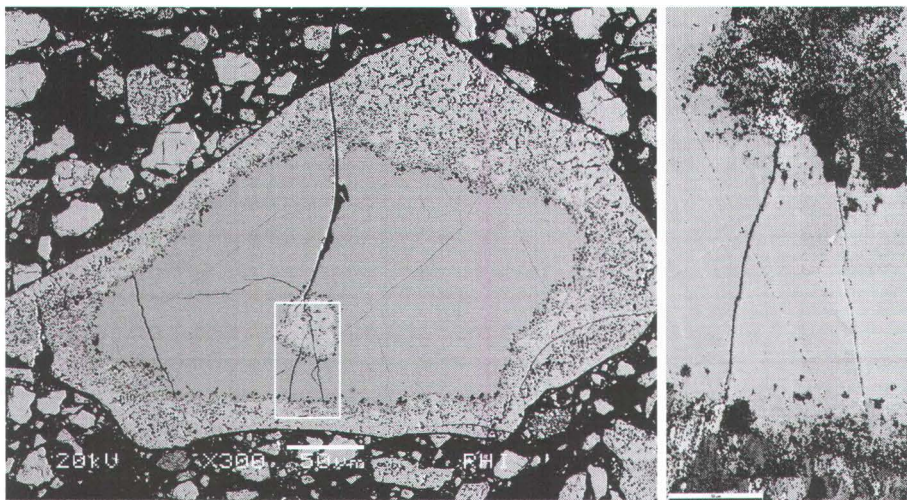


Figure 1. Left: BSE-image of Ca-partially stabilized zirconia showing a recrystallized rim. Scale bar is 50 μm . Right: Crystal orientation map for cubic zirconia. Scale bar is 15 μm .

CRYSTAL CHEMISTRY OF KIESERITE-COBALTKIESERITE SOLID SOLUTIONS, $Mg_{1-x}Co_x(SO_4) \cdot H_2O$

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The formation of solid solutions, i.e. the complete or partial replacement of crystal chemical related elements along joins of isotypic endmember structures, is a very common phenomenon in mineralogy. In rock-forming minerals in particular, the mutual substitution of Mg and Fe^{2+} is one of the most important and best investigated replacement mechanisms, e.g. in the olivine solid solution system. Studies of solid solution systems of Mg with divalent 3 configured transition metal cations other than Fe^{2+} are comparatively rare, but the synthetic 'olivines' $(Mg,Co)_2(SiO_4)$ attracted attention (e.g. MÜLLER-SOMMER et al., 1995 and references therein); as to be expected, the slightly larger ionic radius (SHANNON, 1976) of octahedral Co^{2+} ($r = 0.745 \text{ \AA}$) vs. Mg ($r = 0.720 \text{ \AA}$) results in an increase of octahedral bond lengths and unit cell parameters with Co^{2+} content.

However, for some groups of isotypic compounds a larger unit cell volume was surprisingly observed for the Mg representative compared to the respective Co^{2+} endmember, in spite of longer Co–O bond distances, among them the kieserite-type compounds $Me^{2+}(XO_4) \cdot H_2O$ (WILDNER & GIESTER, 1991, GIESTER & WILDNER, 1992).

Hence, in our present investigation we aim to synthesise representatives along the kieserite-cobaltkieserite solid solution series, $Mg_{1-x}Co_x(SO_4) \cdot H_2O$, and to characterise them in detail by single crystal X-ray diffraction methods, in order to (i) check for complete miscibility along the solid solution series, (ii) check for possible cation ordering effects reducing symmetry and especially to (iii) thoroughly characterise the type and extent of the subtle structural changes governing the contradictory behaviour of polyhedral vs. unit cell dimensions.

First results confirm the above mentioned inconsistencies for the endmember phases [$V_{kies} = 355.53(20)$, $V_{Co-kies} = 354.77(14) \text{ \AA}^3$; but $\langle Mg-O \rangle = 2.077(1)$, $\langle Co-O \rangle = 2.097(1)$], and also indicate that complete miscibility along the solid solution series actually exists. Judging from the presently still limited number of X-ray data sets for mixed compositions, Vegard-type or at least approximate Vegard-type behaviour seems to prevail for most of the structural changes along the join. Further syntheses and X-ray diffraction experiments are in progress to fill compositional gaps and corroborate our preliminary results.

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**SULPHUR ISOTOPE VARIATION OF SULFIDE ORES IN FUNCTION OF
FOOTWALL-MAGMA CONTAMINATION WITHIN THE BATHTUB INTRUSION,
DULUTH COMPLEX, USA**

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The 1.1 Ga old Duluth Complex (DC), is composed of multiple, discrete mafic intrusions. Intrusive rocks are emplaced between the Archean granitic and Paleoproterozoic metasedimentary footwall and co-genetic volcanic hanging wall rocks. The mineralized, troctolitic Bath tub Intrusion (BTI) contains particularly in the bottom part scattered bodies of hornfelsed metasedimentary footwall inclusions, granophyric textured felsic veins and hybrid rocks as a sign of the footwall-intrusion interaction. Mineralization is mainly disseminated but towards the intrusion-footwall contact locally semi-massive pods and veins also occur. Cubanite, chalcopyrite and pentlandite occur interstitially between cumulate phases, whereas a more fractionated sulfide melt composed of chalcopyrite and bornite form veins and disseminations within the silicate phases.

The average $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ values of sulfides in the troctolite are around +5 ‰. Irrespective of the stratigraphic height, melanocratic rocks have lower values (2.3-4.8 ‰), whereas samples of, or from the vicinity of metasedimentary footwall inclusions, quartz-bearing hybrid rocks, as well as felsic veins (all of them interpreted as derivative of the footwall) are enriched in heavy sulfur (8.6-16.7 ‰). With increasing contamination in the bottom 100 m thick part of the intrusion, sulfur isotope values increase abruptly towards the contact. Samples from the metasedimentary footwall have, however, slightly lower sulfur isotope signature (11.7-11.9 ‰) than samples in the lower, contaminated, inclusion-rich zone of the intrusion (11.0-16.7 ‰).

Although a large dataset is available for sulfur isotopes from the BTI (RIPLEY & ALAWI, 1986), our new data suggest that the grade of mineralization and the deviation of sulfur isotope value from the magmatic composition (~ 0 ‰) of a certain sample is exclusively the function of the distance of the sample from the metasedimentary footwall or from a footwall inclusion. Presence of mineralization along with heavy sulfur signatures at various levels, even at the top of the intrusion suggests that not only the bottom, but any part of the intrusion could be in direct contact with the heavy sulfur (0.2-25.8 ‰) bearing metasedimentary footwall rocks. In our model the BTI is composed of a series of horizontal sills that repeatedly intruded the metasedimentary footwall and the pre-existing sills. Therefore, contrary to other mineralized intrusions the metasedimentary rocks form not only the footwall but the hanging wall of the intrusion, as well.

ASSESSING DOLOMITE REACTIVITY BY HYDROTHERMAL ATOMIC FORCE MICROSCOPY

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Dolomite reactivity is perplexing. Surface seawater is strongly oversaturated with respect to dolomite but there is no evidence of dolomite precipitation in modern marine depositional environments (ARVIDSON & MACKENZIE, 1999). The ancient sedimentary records however often contain dolomite. Laboratory preparation of synthetic dolomite generally requires hydrothermal conditions (KESSELS et al., 2000). Commonly this is interpreted as a kinetic limitation that inhibits dolomite formation at lower temperatures (HIGGINS & HU, 2005).

This study was designed to investigate dolomite reactivity on the (104) surface at elevated temperatures by applying hydrothermal atomic force microscopy. Experiments were conducted at temperatures up to 120 °C, pH ranging from 4-8 and pressures up to 5 bars.

All dissolution experiments produced crystallographically well defined etch pits which indicate stoichiometric release of ordered lattice cations. Most of the growth experiments however lead to the growth of two layers of a carbonate (~3 angstroms thick) which morphologically reproduced the initial surface features, resembling a template effect. Growth after these layers was strongly inhibited and does not show preferred crystallographic features.

In summary, the results show that, while dissolution proceeded uninhibited, growth kinematics were clearly self-limiting

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**INVESTIGATION OF HANGINGWALL NORITES OF THE MERENSKY REEF
UNIT AT TWO RIVERS PLATINUM MINE, EASTERN BUSHVELD**

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This research study focuses on the enigmatic occurrence of noritic lenses (termed “brown sugar norite” by mine geologists), within the feldspathic pyroxenite of the Merensky Reef as well as the hangingwall at Two Rivers Platinum Mine which is situated on the southern sector of the eastern limb of the Bushveld Complex. The primary purpose of this study is to determine the origin of the noritic lenses (later on referred to as BSN) and their influence on PGE distribution of the Merensky Reef as well as to characterise the cumulate rocks associated with the Merensky Reef unit by the use of geochemistry and mineralogy from the different genetic facies types.

Underground samples were taken of different Merensky Reef profiles and studied petrographically. These samples are compared to hangingwall leuconorites and mesonorites of Merensky Reef units found north of the Steelpoort fault. The BSN are fine-grained and appear to only occur where the upper chromite stringer is present.

From petrography it is observed that orthopyroxene is the dominant cumulate phase in both the BSN and feldspathic pyroxenite followed by interstitial plagioclase. Both rock types contain a relatively high concentration of biotite, pyroxene exsolution lamellae and poikilitic textured clinopyroxene. Clinopyroxene may also occur as intermittent rims around orthopyroxene which could be attributed to a decrease in temperature and compositional change of the melt. Clinopyroxene inclusions are found in some of the well-rounded chromite grains present in the pyroxenite indicating possible magma erosion. Preliminary geochemical results of the BSN postulate that they are different from the melanorites which constitutes the HW of Merensky reef of the farms north of the Steelpoort Fault. Geochemical and petrographic evidence show that the BSN are in fact feldspathic pyroxenites. EMPA results show cryptic vertical variation of incompatible and compatible elements in orthopyroxenes which indicates fractionation and replenishment of magma. A general negative trend of the Mg# with stratigraphic height in the Merensky reef profile where the BSN occurs which is caused by fractionation of the magma. The difference in texture as well as composition suggests a different or late-stage magmatic origin of the BSN. The fine grained texture of the BSN may suggest that a change in temperature of the magma occurred most likely due to an injection of a new cooler magma resulting in rapid cooling of the resident magma and thus a finer grained pyroxenite.

LOW TEMPERATURE EARTH MANTLE XENOLITHS FROM SIKHOTE-ALIN, FAR EAST RUSSIA

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The study area, located in the Sikhote-Alin fold belt, comprises mantle xenoliths from Tuttochi, a locality close to Khabarovsk. The xenoliths are spinel lherzolites, their sizes vary from 3 to 8 cm in diameter and they are exceptional fresh. The most striking feature is the fact that part of the xenoliths show heavy infiltration of melts. These melts, undersaturated but rich in alkalis, circulate intergranular and react with the neighbor minerals creating veinlets with variable thickness consisting of glass and new forming minerals such as hydroxyl-apatite, apatite and ilmenite. According to their modal composition the xenoliths are fertile spinel lherzolites as also can be inferred from the compositions of their constituent minerals. Olivine is forsteritic with Fo varying from 89.3 to 90.0. The Mg# of orthopyroxene and clinopyroxene vary from 0.895-0.904 and 0.904-0.915, respectively and the Cr# of spinel varies around 0.100, indicating equilibrium conditions.

Model calculations have shown that the lithospheric mantle in this area has experienced 1-5 % batch melting. Also the calculated equilibrium temperatures for the xenoliths at 1.5 GPa are relative low and range from 780 to 940 °C. According to the REE abundances in cpx the spinel peridotites could be divided into three groups; group 1 with $(La/Sm)_N = 0.11-0.53$, group 2 with $(La/Sm)_N = 0.64-1.05$ and group 3 with $(La/Sm)_N = 1.85$. While the chondrite normalized LREE abundances in cpx demonstrate variable enrichments and depletions, the HREE do not show significant differences among the three groups. Their overall $(Dy/Yb)_N$ ratios vary from 1.05-1.16.

BARIUM, MANGANESE, IRON AND SULFUR AUTHIGENESIS IN MODERN EUXINIC BASINS: THE STATE OF THE ART

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The deeps of the Baltic Sea provide ideal places to follow (trans)formations of barium, manganese and sulfur-bearing minerals in Holocene sediments under changing environmental and diagenetic conditions. The modern brackish conditions allow for the development of steep compositional pore water gradients already in surface sediments, leading to physico-chemical dis-equilibrium conditions that may trigger the authigenic formation and destruction of minerals. The Baltic Sea deeps are in particular well known for the occurrence of authigenic manganese(II)-calcium carbonate solid-solutions, manganese(II)sulfide, and different iron sulfides. Anoxic basins of the Baltic Sea, for instance, are the only known localities worldwide where authigenic MnS has been identified. Very recently, evidence for the formation of a previously unrecognized low-temperature BaMn double carbonate was found (BÖTTCHER et al., 2012). For a proper mechanistic relation of compositional and textural mineral occurrences to environmental conditions, experimental calibrations and physico-chemical interpretations are mandatory.

We present results from different studies on authigenic mineral (trans)-formation in the Baltic Sea system. Sediment cores were retrieved from sediments deposited during brackish and freshwater stages. Besides chemical and phase analytical compositions, the stable isotopic composition of sulfur was analyzed as a function of depth with high resolution. Brackish and freshwater stages during sediment formation can be separated, for instance, by the contents and stable isotope composition of organic carbon and sedimentary sulfur. Microbial reactions associated with the oxidation of organic matter result in the formation of characteristic (thermodynamically stable and metastable) carbonate, sulfide and sulfate mineral assemblages. The limnic pre-Litorina sediments are a place where downward diffusing species lead to a superimposition of original geochemical signatures by diagenetic mineral (trans)formations. Textural and (isotope) geochemical characteristics will be discussed. Besides trace elements (BÖTTCHER & DIETZEL, 2010) and light stable isotopes (C, O, S) also new non-traditional stable isotope systems like Ba and Mo may be of particular value for the interpretation of mineral authigenesis (VON ALLMEN et al., 2010; NÄGLER et al., 2011).

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K-Ar GEOCHRONOLOGY OF IGNEOUS AMPHIBOLE MACROCRYSTALS OF MIOCENE TO PLIOCENE VOLCANICLASTICS, STYRIAN BASIN, AUSTRIA

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The Styrian Basin basin is situated at the south-eastern margin of the Eastern Alps. Two basement highs separate the Styrian Basin in sub-basins: the Middle Styrian Basement High divides the shallower Western Styrian Basin (with ~800 m thick Neogene sediments) from the Eastern Styrian Basin (with a ~3000 m thick infill). A second, the South Burgenland Basement High, separates the West Pannonian from the Styrian Basin. The north-south trending Auersbach Basement High separates the Eastern Styrian basin in two sub-basins.

The Eastern Styrian Basin hosts distinct volcanic depocentres represented by Miocene (Karpatic to Badenian) shield volcanoes and volcanic tuff intercalations situated within Badenian sediments. A second phase of basaltic volcanism has a Late Miocene to Pliocene age. The Western Styrian Basin hosts only one Middle Miocene volcano. Most of the Middle Miocene volcanics are covered by sediments and are known only from boreholes and geophysical studies.

In this study (BOJAR et al., 2013), we present new K/Ar ages on amphibole phenocrysts of volcaniclastic rocks from the Styrian Basin, Austria, as well as from the adjoining areas. Beside Lower Miocene shield volcanoes and Pliocene effusive alkaline volcanic rocks the eastern Styrian Basin hosts a number of phreatomagmatic tuff occurrences. The tuffs contain the well known mantle xenoliths and frequent amphibole phenocrysts. The new age data indicate that the Late Miocene phreatomagmatic volcanism started at 7.51 Ma (Pontian) and ended at 2.72 Ma (Romanian). The complete interval of the youngest volcanism in the Styrian Basin covers 6 million years, similar to the volcanism of the western part of the Pannonian Basin and the Nógrád/Novohrad area (West Carpathian).

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SYMPLECTITES IN HIGH PRESSURE GRANULITES FROM THE GFÖHL UNIT (DUNKELSTEINERWALD, NÖ)

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Symplectites in a high pressure granulite from the granulite unit in Dunkelsteinerwald (Gföhl Unit) are investigated. The granulite has an exotic but homogeneous bulk rock composition rich in Mg and Al (14 % normative corundum). It contains garnet (Grt) (app. 50 % pyrope), clinopyroxene ($X_{Mg}=0.95$; Al_2O_3 : 9 wt%), hornblende (Hbl) ($X_{Mg}=0.88$; Al_2O_3 : 15 wt%), and plagioclase (Pl) (X_{An} up to 0.83). The primary microstructure is granular, medium- to fine-grained and well equilibrated. Cpx often shows exsolution lamellae and inclusions of Hbl.

Garnets with a size of 2-3 cm are not unusual, but more often they are resorbed and significantly smaller. The large garnets show numerous inclusions, e.g. of kyanite. Along the margins of and along cracks within large garnets, symplectites replace garnet as a breakdown product during decompression at about 700 °C. Different types of symplectite can be discerned comprising Al-Cpx, sapphirine (Spr), spinel (Spl), corundum (Cm), Pl ($X_{An} > 0.95$), orthopyroxene (Opx) and Hbl. Frequently, fine symplectites are enclosed in coarser symplectite phases. Plagioclase forms the symplectite matrix phase and frequently exhibits chemical zoning with decreasing X_{An} towards the symplectite-garnet interface.

Symplectitic growth leads to the formation of chemical zoning within the garnet adjacent to the symplectite replacement front. The composition variation is continuous and takes the form of a diffusion profile. Given that the temperature of symplectite formation can be estimated by Opx-Cpx thermometry, diffusion modelling can provide a clue on the duration of the symplectite forming event.

NEW APPROACHES FOR CHERT SOURCE PROVENANCE STUDIES

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Provenance studies of chert and flint raw materials (silicites) are an important component of archaeological research. The identification of the sources of rocks used for the production of chipped stone tools plays a significant role in the interpretation of lithic assemblages, e.g., revealing routes of migration, intercultural exchange and circulation networks of lithic raw materials (e.g., BARFIELD, 2003; PAWLIKOWSKI, 2008; ZVELEBIL, 2006). A transdisciplinary concept (“Multi Layered Approach” - MLA) presents a clear possibility for successfully sourcing chert and flint. The proposed method consists of a tripartite analytical system: Visual (macroscopical), microscopical and petrological/geochemical. For geochemical analysis, Laser Ablation-Inductively Coupled-Mass Spectrometry (LA-ICP-MS) was applied. LA-ICP-MS allows for the detection of trace element concentrations (0.1 ppm) in rock materials and has been well established in lithic raw material research (SPEAKMAN & NEFF, 2005; BRANDL et al., 2011; BRANDL et al., 2013). For the present undertaking, the MLA was applied to three case studies: 1) the differentiation between two tabular chert sources, (lacustrine – marine); 2) the assignment of radiolarites from the Lower Austrian Krems-Wachtberg site (Upper Palaeolithic) to the Northern Calcareous Alps and to Carpathian sources; 3) the identification of the sources of gunflints dating to the Napoleonic War-period from Schloss Neugebäude (Vienna). Our results demonstrate that it is not sufficient to rely on a single analysis method for chert sourcing. Only a combination of methods with different layers of resolution can lead to a successful determination of the provenance of chert artifacts.

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IE ISCHGL METEORITE: FINDING CIRCUMSTANCES, MINERALOGY AND BULK CHEMISTRY

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It is the seventh meteorite named after an Austrian finding site. It was found in June 1976 on a mountain road about 2 km NW of the Tyrolean town Ischgl at an altitude of ca. 2000 m above sea level. According to the finder, a single fist-sized black stone had been fallen out of the snow of an avalanche. He took the unusual stone to his home and kept it for more than 30 years. In 2007, the finder brought his find to the University of Innsbruck, where its chondritic nature was confirmed. In 2011, the stone was acquired by the Natural History Museum, Vienna, and subsequently officially classified as a LL6 chondrite (BRANDSTÄTTER et al., 2013). The meteorite was investigated by a variety of techniques including optical microscopy, analytical SEM, SEM-CL, EMPA, and INAA. Macroscopically, the meteorite, weighing 710 g, is to a large extent fusion-crust and exhibits well-developed regmaglypts. Its interior is a uniform light-grey colored rock without any distinct features and shows only minor signs of terrestrial weathering. Microscopically, the meteorite is a monomict breccia consisting predominantly of coarse-grained mm to cm-sized clasts set in a fine-grained breccia matrix. Clasts and matrix are strongly recrystallized and only a few relic inclusions were encountered. Olivine, orthopyroxene and plagioclase are the main silicates. Other minerals include clinopyroxene, chlorapatite and whitlockite. The opaque phases consist predominately of nickel-iron, troilite, and chromite. In addition, ilmenite and native iron occur as rare constituents. Compositionally, all mineral phases are consistent with the classification of the Ischgl meteorite as LL6 chondrite. Olivines and orthopyroxenes are equilibrated with average compositions of $Fa_{28,9}$ and $Fs_{23,8}Wo_{2,1}$ respectively. Plagioclase is albite (Ab₈₅An₁₀Or₅) oligoclase. The compositions of the Ca-phosphates are in the range reported for equilibrated ordinary chondrites (JOLLIFF et al., 2006). Averaged compositions of the nickel-iron metal phases kamacite (4.42 wt. % Ni, 3.37 wt. % Co) and taenite (38.84 wt. % Ni, 1.10 wt. % Co) agree well with the compositions reported for these phases in LL6 chondrites (AFIATTALAB & WASSON, 1979). Bulk chemical compositions for 34 major trace elements were performed for two samples of the Ischgl meteorite. A comparison of these INAA data with the mean bulk concentrations reported by KALLEMEYN et al. (1989) for LL6 chondrites shows an excellent match.

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SCANDIUM AND REE-RICH TOURMALINE FROM THE KRACOVICE PEGMATITE (BOHEMIAN MASSIF) AND ITS BREAKDOWN TO ALLANITE

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Kracovice pegmatite dyke (mixed NYF+LCT signature) cuts graphitic gneiss ~300 m W from the edge of the Třebíč Pluton (Moldanubian zone, Czech Republic). From contact inward the pegmatite consists of: a coarse-grained granitic unit (Kfs+Pl+Qtz+Bt+Ms+Tnt), abundant graphic unit (Kfs+Qtz±Bt) evolving to minor blocky K-feldspar and albite complex situated close to a small quartz core. Minor to accessory tourmaline occurs in graphic, blocky K-feldspar and albite units. Other minor to accessory minerals include Y, Sc-enriched spessartine, topaz, Li-micas, beryl, cassiterite, zircon, allanite-(Ce), Nb-rutile, columbite-fergusonite-, samarskite- group minerals, *wolframoixiolite*, F-rich hambergite, monazite-(Ce) and xenotime-(Y).

Magmatic tourmaline forms typically black columnar crystals (≤ 6 cm long), with composition corresponding to Al-rich schorl (6.92–7.37 apfu Al; 1.96–2.24 apfu Fe; 0.0–0.08 apfu Mg; $Fe_{tot}/(Fe_{tot}+Mg) \sim 0.98$; 0.19–0.55 apfu F; X-site vacancy 0.28–0.44 pfu), usually overgrown and/or partly to almost fully replaced by later green magmatic hydrothermal fluor-elbaite (1.4–2.5 wt. % Li_2O ; high Al 6.96–7.32 apfu; variable Fe 0.3–1.45 apfu; high Mn 0.07–0.57 apfu, $Fe_{tot}/(Fe_{tot}+Mg) \sim 0.99$; very high Na 0.83–0.99 apfu in 2 site; high F 0.87–1.05 apfu). The magmatic Al-rich schorl shows high and variable Sc (42–30 ppm) and Y+REE (17–458 ppm) contents with steep LREE-enriched REE pattern (La_N/Gd_N ratio 10–29). Scandium and Y+REE contents in magmatic Al-rich schorl systematically decrease during tourmaline crystallization reflecting depletion of the melt in Sc, Y, REE during progressive crystallization and coeval crystallization of Y, REE(±Sc)-rich phases. Late magmatic-hydrothermal fluor-elbaite is significantly depleted in Sc (18–61 ppm) and Y+REE (4–31 ppm) with flatter REE pattern (La_N/Gd_N ratio 3–12). Both tourmaline generations show deep negative Eu anomaly ($Eu/Eu^* < 0.05$).

Sc, REE-rich central parts of magmatic Al-rich schorl are commonly partly altered and replaced by chlorite and allanite-(Ce). The allanite-(Ce) occurs exclusively in Al-rich schorl in samples where Al-rich schorl is rimmed and partly replaced by fluor-elbaite. The allanite-(Ce) has very steep LREE rich chondrite normalized REE pattern with significant negative Eu anomalies (Eu contents < 1 ppm) and shows unusually high Sc content (≤ 3.3 wt. % Sc_2O_3) as well as Sn enrichment (≤ 1.0 wt. % SnO_2). The replacement is resulted by interaction between Al-rich schorl and the Li- and F-rich pegmatite-derived fluids. REE and Sc required for formation of Sc-rich allanite probably released from dissolved REE and Sc enriched magmatic Al-rich schorl.

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THE EFFECT OF THE α - β -QUARTZ TRANSITION BOUNDARY IN RE-EQUILIBRATION EXPERIMENTS

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Initially synthesized pure H₂O fluid inclusions in quartz are re-equilibrated under hydrothermal experimental conditions. A series of experiments within the α -quartz stability field is compared to a series which is carried out at similar P - T conditions but above the α - β transition boundary. The transition between α - and β -quartz is a major change in crystal properties, and therefore, it may influence the properties of fluids that are trapped in these crystals. Previous experiments (DOPPLER et al., 2013) have evidenced the importance of H₂O diffusion at constant pressures and relative high temperatures. This study illustrates that α - β transition of quartz is another important process of fluid inclusion re-equilibration. A series of re-equilibration experiments has been carried out by using pure D₂O at the experimental temperature of 625°C at 279.3 MPa and 322.2 MPa (α -quartz). A second series of experiments has been re-equilibrated at 675 °C (β -quartz) at the same experimental pressure as it was chosen for the α -quartz experiments. The relative amount of H₂O/D₂O in the fluid inclusions can be easily detected by measuring the melting temperatures T_m (SV→LV) due to the linear relationship between T_m (0.0°C H₂O to +3.8 °C D₂O) and concentrations. During re-equilibration initially elongated and irregular shaped fluid inclusions tend to become more ideal and equant shaped. No differences in magnitude of shape changes can be detected regarding eventual differences between re-equilibration in the α -quartz stability field compared to the β -quartz modification. After re-equilibration noticeable changes in composition and density of the initially synthesized pure H₂O fluid inclusions can be recognized. In respect to the magnitude of changes there are considerable differences between α -quartz and β -quartz. The experiments in the β -field show higher T_m (ice) values compared to the experiments that have been carried out at the appropriate pressure conditions in the α -field. Within the α -field changes in density are related to the experimental pressure. At 279.3 MPa fluid inclusions are shifting to lower T_h (LV→L) values, whereas at higher pressure they shift to higher homogenisation temperatures. Two experiments have been re-equilibrated with pure H₂O. The changes in density are inverted regarding to the α -field and the β -field. The experiments in the β -field show higher T_m (ice) values compared to the experiments that have been carried out at the appropriate pressure conditions within the α -field. Fluid inclusion changes are more dominant within the β -quartz field than within the α -quartz field at nearly equal P - T conditions. Regarding the T_h (LV→L) of two β -quartz experiments it is assumed that the difference in experimental pressure of 43 MPa does not influence the diffusion rate of the fluid species regarding the same shift in homogenization temperatures. The inverse changes in density of H₂O re-equilibration experiments are most likely related to the different quartz modifications. *We would like to thank the Austrian Research Fund (FWF) for financial support (project no. P 22446-N21).*

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MINERAL-LIKE ARSENATES: CRYSTAL STRUCTURE OF $\text{Sr}_2\text{Mg}(\text{AsO}_4)_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ WITH KRÖHNKITE-TYPE CHAINS

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In order to understand the role of arsenic in the environment, one has to investigate structural features and stabilities of naturally occurring arsenic compounds. In addition, a study of mineral-related synthetic phases should be very helpful because they can appear as a result of human activities. $\text{Sr}_2\text{Mg}(\text{AsO}_4)_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ was synthesised during an on-going research on natural and synthetic arsenates, with a focus on their structural and spectroscopic classification.

The crystal structure of the novel, hydrothermally synthesised $\text{Sr}_2\text{Mg}(\text{AsO}_4)_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ was refined from single-crystal X-ray diffraction data (MoK α , 298 K, $2\theta_{\text{max}} = 70^\circ$), starting from the atomic coordinates of the isotypic mineral gaitite, $\text{CaZn}_2(\text{AsO}_4)_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (KELLER et al. 2004). The compound is triclinic, space group $P1$, with $a = 6.0863(12)$, $b = 7.1542(14)$, $c = 5.6655(11)$ Å, $\alpha = 96.61(3)^\circ$, $\beta = 109.15(3)^\circ$, $\gamma = 108.39(3)^\circ$, $V = 214.46(7)$ Å³, $Z = 1$. The refinement yielded for 1869 'observed reflections' with $F_o^2 \geq 4\sigma(F_o^2)$ $R_1(F)$ of 0.0250. The mean bond distances are $\langle \text{As}-\text{O} \rangle = 1.688$ Å, $\langle \text{Mg}-(\text{O},\text{H}_2\text{O}) \rangle = 2.105$ Å and $\langle \text{Sr}-(\text{O},\text{H}_2\text{O}) \rangle = 2.638$ Å. The positions of all H atoms were found in a difference-Fourier map and isotropically refined.

$\text{Sr}_2\text{Mg}(\text{AsO}_4)_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ represents the first Sr compound based on kröhnkite-type chains. This infinite tetrahedral-octahedral chain has a composition of $[M(\text{XO}_4)_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2]$, and is the main structural unit in a large family of compounds with the general formula $A_nM(\text{XO}_4)_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})$ [$A = \text{Na}^+$, K^+ , Rb^+ , Cs^+ , Ti^+ , NH_4^+ , H^+ or Ca^{2+} ($n = 1, 2$), $M = \text{Mg}^{2+}$, Mn^{2+} , Fe^{2+} , Co^{2+} , Ni^{2+} , Cu^{2+} , Zn^{2+} , Cd^{2+} , Al^{3+} , Fe^{3+} , Sc^{3+} , In^{3+} , Tl^{3+} , $X = \text{P}^{5+}$, As^{5+} , S^{6+} , Se^{6+} , Cr^{6+} , Mo^{6+} , W^{6+}]. These compounds are assigned to seven types (triclinic A-C, E, G types and monoclinic D and I types), which differ in their linkage and stacking of the layers (FLECK & KOLITSCH, 2002; KOLITSCH & FLECK, 2006). $\text{Sr}_2\text{Mg}(\text{AsO}_4)_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ belongs to structure type A in this classification. Its crystal structure contains $[\text{Mg}(\text{AsO}_4)_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2]$ chains oriented along $[001]$, composed of $\text{MgO}_4(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2$ octahedra alternating with each two AsO_4 tetrahedra sharing corners. These chains are connected through Sr-O bonds and one of two hydrogen bonds, $\text{O5}-\text{H1}\cdots\text{O4}^i$ ($i = -x+1, -y+1, -z+1$) = 2.645(3) Å, into layers parallel to (010), which are further linked by the $\text{Sr}-\text{O3} = 2.539(2)$ Å bond and the second hydrogen bond, $\text{O5}-\text{H1}\cdots\text{O4} = 2.649(3)$ Å, into the three-dimensional structure. The [8]-coordinated Sr atoms occupy interstices between the chains.

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NEW Rb-Sr DATA FROM PERMIAN META-PEGMATITES IN THE AUSTRALPINE MATSCH UNIT

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Pegmatites of Permo-Triassic age are widespread in the Austroalpine basement of the Eastern Alps (SCHUSTER et al., 2001). Sm-Nd garnet ages from meta-pegmatites of the Austroalpine Matsch Unit in the range of 263–280 Ma were interpreted to date pegmatite emplacement (HABLER et al., 2009). During the Cretaceous, the meta-pegmatites were deformed at the greenschist–amphibolite facies transition (HABLER et al., 2009), locally producing mylonites with fabric gradients at the cm- to m-scale.

We investigate the relation between Cretaceous deformation and the behaviour of the Rb-Sr system in muscovite clasts in Permian meta-pegmatites. Primary, cm-sized muscovites show a range of deformation-related microstructures, such as kinks, fractures, folds, micro-shearzones and undulous extinction. Rb-Sr muscovite–whole rock ages of coarse-grained fractions range at 240–262 Ma in weakly deformed samples. They are interpreted as minimum ages of Permian cooling below *c.* 550 °C. In mylonitic meta-pegmatites the Rb-Sr muscovite ages of coarse-grained fractions scatter widely at 249–172 Ma, reflecting an influence of Alpine deformation and/or fluid flow during the Cretaceous.

The new data imply that deformation, supposedly in combination with fluid activity, has affected the Rb-Sr systematics of muscovite clasts in Permian meta-pegmatites, while Permian cooling ages can still be obtained from weakly deformed samples.

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ON THE TRUE SPACE-GROUP SYMMETRY OF NORSETHITE, $\text{BaMg}(\text{CO}_3)_2$

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The crystal structure of norsethite was solved by LIPPMANN (1968) (X-ray powder data, synthetic material) in space group $R\bar{3}2$. EFFENBERGER & ZEMANN (1985) discussed three structure models based on single-crystal two-circle diffractometer data: ordered models in space group (1) $R\bar{3}m$ (most appropriate), and (2) $R\bar{3}2$; (3) split oxygen position model in $R\bar{3}m$.

A re-investigation (NONIUS four-circle diffractometer, CCD detector) was performed at 100, 150, 200, 250 and 273 K. The crystal structure is characterized by layers parallel to (001) of alternating $\text{Ba}^{12}\text{O}_{12}$ and Mg^6O_6 polyhedra with the CO_3 groups in between. With decreasing temperature the cell parameters a and c as well as their ratio c/a decrease. At low temperature the structure refinements according model (1) exhibit minor shortenings of the Ba–O and Ca–O bond lengths (C–O varies insignificantly only) going along with reduced displacements of the Ba, Mg and C atoms; the decrease of the anisotropy is significant for the Ba and Mg atoms only. More complex is the situation for the O atom: at room temperature a strong anisotropic displacement of the O atom with the maximal elongation in the [010] direction occurs. Whereas the equivalent isotropic displacement is proportional to the temperature, its anisotropy is inversely proportional. Successive refinements according to model (2) and (3) were performed.

Images taken with a STOE StadiVari diffractometer (Pilatus 300 K pixel-detector, Mo micro-focus X-ray source) revealed a doubling of the lattice parameter c , however the number of detectable reflections did not allow a structure refinement.

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STRUCTURAL AND CHEMICAL INVESTIGATION OF A ZONED SYNTHETIC CU-RICH TOURMALINE

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The studied blue Cu-rich tourmaline was synthesized (at 650 °C/1.5 kbar) at the Institute of Mineralogy and Petrography, Novosibirsk (LEBEDEV et al., 1988). It was grown on natural elbaite as seed crystal and it was shown that this overgrowth consists of three different zones. The first tourmaline zone has the formula (EMPA, SIMS) $\sim^X(\text{Na}_{0.8}\square_{0.2})^Y(\text{Al}_{2.0}\text{Cu}_{0.9}\square_{0.1})^Z\text{Al}_6^T(\text{Si}_{5.1}\text{Al}_{0.9})\text{O}_{18}(\text{BO}_3)_3^V(\text{OH})_3^W[\text{O}_{0.7}\text{F}_{0.2}(\text{OH})_{0.1}]$ with lattice parameters $a = 15.835(1)$ Å, $c = 7.093(1)$ Å ($R = 2.4\%$). The enlarged $\langle T\text{-O} \rangle$ distance of 1.625(1) Å is in agreement with the T -site occupancy. The second zone has the formula (EMPA, SIMS) $\sim^X(\text{Na}_{0.8}\square_{0.2})^Y(\text{Al}_{1.8}\text{Cu}_{1.1}\square_{0.1})^Z\text{Al}_6^T(\text{Si}_{5.1}\text{Al}_{0.7}\text{B}_{0.2})\text{O}_{18}(\text{BO}_3)_3^V(\text{OH})_3^W[(\text{OH})_{0.4}\text{F}_{0.3}\text{O}_{0.3}]$ with $a = 15.824(1)$, $c = 7.087(1)$ Å ($R = 2.3\%$). The third zone (highest Cu content with ~14 wt% CuO) has the formula (EMPA, SIMS) $\sim^X(\text{Na}_{0.8}\square_{0.2})^Y(\text{Al}_{1.2}\text{Cu}_{1.8}\square_{0.1})^Z\text{Al}_6^T(\text{Si}_{5.2}\text{Al}_{0.4}\text{B}_{0.4})\text{O}_{18}(\text{BO}_3)_3^V(\text{OH})_3^W[(\text{OH})_{0.6}\text{F}_{0.4}]$. The formula for the third zone, as determined by refinement, is $\sim^X(\text{Na}_{0.8}\square_{0.2})^Y(\text{Al}_{1.6}\text{Cu}_{1.4})^Z\text{Al}_6^T[(\text{Si},\text{Al})_{5.4}\text{B}_{0.6}]\text{O}_{18}(\text{BO}_3)_3^V(\text{OH})_3^W[(\text{OH})_{0.7}\text{F}_{0.3}]$ with $a = 15.849(1)$ Å, $c = 7.087(1)$ Å ($R = 2.5\%$). The reduced $\langle T\text{-O} \rangle$ distance of 1.616(1) Å is in agreement with some B at the T site. Although the $\langle Z\text{-O} \rangle$ distance with 1.906(1) Å is within errors similar to the $\langle Z\text{-O} \rangle$ distances of the other zones, the refinement $\text{Al} \leftrightarrow \text{Cu}$ gives (only for this zone) some evidence for a small amount of Cu (~1%) at the Z site of this very Cu-rich tourmaline. The occurrence of Cu at the Z site was already proposed by VERESHCHAGIN et al. (2013). Although the refined value is higher than the 3σ error, another evidence (e.g., spectroscopic investigation) would be necessary for a final prove of the occurrence of Cu at the Z site. However, the occupancy of significant amounts of B and/or Al at the T site of this synthetic Cu-rich tourmaline seems to be well established.

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U-PB MICROGEOCHRONOLOGY BY LASER ABLATION ICP-MS: APPLICATIONS, LIMITATIONS AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

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Among applications for laser ablation ICP-MS (LA ICP-MS) the microanalytical age dating of U-rich phases employing the U-Th-Pb decay scheme is still one of the most challenging in terms of the required spatial resolution, precision and accuracy. In recent years, the number of laboratories that perform microanalytical U-Pb-Th dating employing LA ICP-MS has increased rapidly. Accordingly, the actual number of the peer-reviewed publications applying this technique is rapidly increasing. However, the absolute number of publications is still low compared to studies using conventional techniques (e.g. ID-TIMS, SHRIMP). Furthermore, a significant number of the papers published over the last decade are dealing with various aspects of improving the technique, showing the need for further developments.

Zircon belongs to the key minerals for unravelling many processes during earth history. The U-Th-Pb systematic in most zircon grains is complex due to alteration processes, such as dissolution, recrystallization and new zircon growth. A spatial resolution of 5 to 40 μm are commonly needed to resolve the different age pattern in complex grains. Up to date, only few studies have shown that they are capable to routinely analyse these subdomains in zircon and to precisely detect low Pb contents, which are relative common, e.g., for young zircons and detrital zircon grains. Therefore, many zircons are currently not amenable to microanalytical U-Pb-Th age dating employing LA ICP-MS.

I present a method for microanalytical U-Th-Pb age dating of zircon and a wide range of other U-rich mineral phases. The method is based on simple off-the-shelf technology (a Resonetics S155 excimer laser ablation system coupled to a Thermo-Finnigan Element II magnetic sectorfield – ICP-MS). The spatial resolution, limited by signal intensity of ^{207}Pb , is usually between 20 μm beam diameter and <20 μm ablation depth. A relative simple approach was used to correct for within-run U-Pb fractionation before normalisation to a repeatedly analysed reference zircon. The internal and external precision (over 4-8 hrs) generally achieved for the $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U}$ (0.5-1 %, 1-2 %, 1s) and the $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{206}\text{Pb}$ (0.5-1.5 % 1s) ratios is comparable to or even better as precision reported by other laboratories, although up to 30 times less material is consumed. The most important factor controlling the error is counting statistics in case of the $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{206}\text{Pb}$ ratio and the reproducibility of the ablation process and sample heterogeneity for the $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U}$ ratio. We will present data from a wide range of different studies currently performed in our laboratories. Analysed grains spanning a wide range of U-bearing minerals (e.g., zircon, baddeleyite, perovskite) demonstrating their natural complexity. The results of these studies will illustrate the abilities but also the outstanding challenges for microanalytical LA ICP-MS dating of complex minerals using the U-Pb-Th decay scheme.

PETROGRAPHIE UND MINERALCHEMIE VON BETAFIT AUS DEM POLLESTAL (ÖTZTAL-STUBAI KRISTALLIN)

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Im zentralen Bereich des Ötztales (im Pollestal) treten Metakarbonatlinsen umgeben von Metabasiten und granitischen Gesteinen auf. Die Metakarbonate enthalten folgende Paragenese: Klinopyroxen + Tremolit + Phlogopit + Apatit + Pyrit + Geikielit + Zirkonolith + Zirkon + Betafit + Kalzit + Dolomit. Im Rahmen dieser Untersuchungen wurde eine Metakarbonatprobe aus dem Pollestal mittels Elektronenstrahlmikrosonde und Mikro-Raman Spektroskopie genauer untersucht. Diese Probe wird von einer Ader durchzogen die folgende Paragenese enthält: Klinopyroxen + Tremolit + Phlogopit + Apatit + Titanit + REE-, Zirkon-, Nb- und Ti- Phasen. Mikrosondenanalysen lassen auf das Mineral Betafit schliessen das nach der neuen Klassifikation von ATENCIO et al. (2010) als Oxycalciobetafit $\text{Ca}_2(\text{Ti},\text{Nb})_2\text{O}_6\text{O}(\text{U})$ mit einem hohen Urangehalt klassifiziert werden kann. Die Betafite sind mit Zirkon und Geikielit verwachsen und die sie sind chemisch zonierte wobei die TiO_2 Gehalte zwischen 13.2 und 18.9 Gew.% und die Nb_2O_5 Gehalte zwischen 27.3 und 37.3 Gew.% liegen. Nennenswert sind die extrem hohen UO_2 Gehalte von bis zu 21 Gew.%. Die Gesamtsumme variiert zwischen 98 und 100 Gew.% wobei die meisten Summen zwischen 99 und 100 Gew.% liegen, was auf keine oder nur geringe Anwesenheit von OH schliessen lässt, oder auf einen Verlust bei der Analyse durch die kleine Korngrösse des Betafits. Mittels Mikro-Raman Spektroskopie wurde festgestellt, dass der Betafit keine bzw. nur sehr geringe Mengen an OH in seiner Struktur enthält.

Wie schon KOZLIK (2011) in seiner Arbeit beschrieben hat, kann das Auftreten von Betafit und anderen Ti-Zr-REE-haltigen akzessorischen Mineralen ein Hinweis für eine prä-variszische Kontaktmetamorphose sein. Die Entstehung des Betafites kann hier als Mobilisation von HFSE- und REE-reichen Fluiden gedeutet werden. Die Fluiden zirkulierten wahrscheinlich entlang von Rissen im Gestein und dadurch kam es zur Bildung von den akzessorischen Mineralen. Die nachfolgenden variszische und eo-alpine Metamorphosen hatten auf die Stabilität dieses Minerals wahrscheinlich keinen Einfluss.

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ANDROSITE-(Ce) AND FERRIANDROSITE-(Ce) AS INDICATOR FOR LOW-GRADE REE MOBILITY IN THE VEITSCH MN DEPOSIT (STYRIA)

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Several carbonate-hosted Fe and Mn ore deposits occur within the upper Austroalpine Grewyacke Zone. The Mn deposit of Veitsch at the Kaskogel and north of the Friedelkogel consists of lense-shaped carbonate bodies of ca. 1.5 m in length which are thought to have formed as sedimentary or submarine hydrothermal Mn-deposits. The manganese silicates described from this deposit are: tephroite, rhodonite, spessartine, Mn-chlorite, sonolite and friedelite. The Mn-carbonates are rhodochrosite and kutnahorite. Sulfides such as sphalerite, galena, chalcopyrite, Co-pentlandite, linnacite, carrollite, cobaltite and pyrite also occur.

During this investigation in several samples unusual REE-Mn(V)-bearing minerals of the allanite subgroup were found. The allanite occurs in a veinlet with the mineral assemblage REE-Mn-allanite + tephroite + spessartine + Mn-chlorite + rhodochrosite + kutnahorite + serpentine. The REE-content varies between 0.6 and 1.0 a.p.f.u. in which Ce dominates, and Mn ranges from 1.0 to 1.6 a.p.f.u. In one sample elevated V contents of 0.8-7.3 wt.% V₂O₃ were observed. The BSE images and chemical analysis reveal a complex zoning of the mineral with increasing Fe₂O₃, MnO and decreasing Al₂O₃ and CaO towards the rim, whereas the REE are unzoned except for V-bearing areas. In addition, it is planned to conduct laser-ICP MS analysis of the zoned crystals to obtain the full spectrum of trace elements of these rare minerals. Charge balance considerations and site assignments indicate that the fraction of Mn³⁺ is very low (<0.2 a.p.f.u.). In terms of nomenclature, ARMBRUSTER et al. (2006) suggest that the dominant cations on the A1 and M3 sites are responsible for the correct root name, thus the names ferriandrosite-(Ce) (Mn²⁺ REE Fe³⁺ Al Mn²⁺ (SiO₄)₃ OH) and androsite-(Ce) (Mn²⁺ REE Al Al Mn²⁺ (SiO₄)₃ OH) should be used. For three other occurring compositions (Ca²⁺ REE Fe³⁺ Al Mn²⁺ (SiO₄)₃ OH), (Ca²⁺ REE Al Al Mn²⁺ (SiO₄)₃ OH) and (Ca²⁺ REE V³⁺ Al Mn²⁺ (SiO₄)₃ OH), where Ca occupies the A1 site, an additional root name, which is not specified yet, is required. On the other hand, BONAZZI et al. (2009) observed similar compositions like in this study and named the composition (Ca²⁺ REE Fe³⁺ Al Mn²⁺ (SiO₄)₃ OH) a „relation to ferriallanite-(Ce) along the substitutional vector ^{M3}(Mn²⁺) → ^{M3}(Fe²⁺)“

Textural observation indicates that these REE-bearing minerals formed along veins during low-grade (Eo-Alpine greenschist-facies) REE mobility in these Mn-carbonates.

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BACTERIOGENICALLY INDUCED SULFURIC ACID ATTACK ON CONCRETE IN AN AUSTRIAN SEWER SYSTEM

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This study provides insights in the processes that cause severe concrete corrosion and deterioration of an Austrian sewage system, which urgently requires restoration.

Various crucial parameters for detecting alteration features were determined in the field and laboratory, including temperature, alkalinity, pH, and conductivity measurements as well as ion-chromatography, inductively coupled plasma optical emission spectrometry and X-ray diffraction analyses. Furthermore, the concentration of gaseous H₂S, CH₄ and CO₂ within the sewer pipe atmosphere was measured. Dissolved sulfate content of the damaged concrete and the corresponding aqueous solutions were obtained, by precipitation as barium sulfate.

The deterioration of the sewage system is attributed to a couple of complex processes, which are referred to as bacteriogenically induced sulfuric acid attack. Anaerobic bacteria, present within the sewage systems, have consumed the organic matter quantitatively, thereby reducing SO₄²⁻ to H₂S_(g). Changes in the surrounding air pressure or water convection within the sewage chamber subsequently promoted degassing of the H₂S, followed by its oxidation into elemental sulfur or other sulfur containing phases by the aerobic bacteria Acidithiobacilli. This led to the formation of sulfuric acid that reacted with the CH-phases of the concrete to form gypsum (SCRIVER & DE BELIE, 2013), which finally caused the severe damage of the concrete.

Within the most heavily damaged concrete the SO₄ concentrations were calculated to be 14-27 wt. %, which correlate well with abundant gypsum. In contrast, the SO₄ concentration of the aqueous solutions was surprisingly low, ranging between 13 and 41 ppm. The pH of the sewage water fluctuated between 6 and 8 as well as the H₂S_(g) concentrations, which were from below the detection limit up to >100 ppm. The CO_{2(g)} concentration ranged between 400 and 2500 ppm, while the CH₄ concentration remained below the detection limit.

Further investigations, including sulfur isotope measurements, are planned, which may give new insights into the complexity of bacterially controlled reaction paths that finally cause the concrete damage in sewer systems.

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ZONATION AND BI-RICH INCLUSIONS IN ANDRADITE CRYSTALS FROM KOPE SKARN DEPOSIT, SLOVENIA

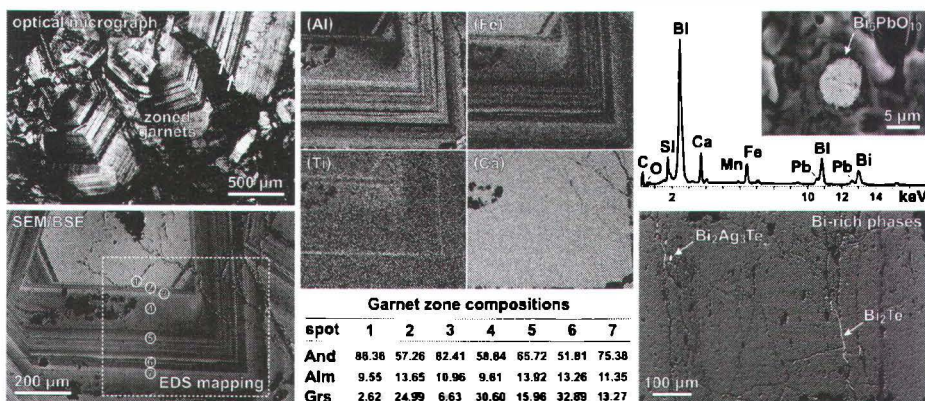
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Kope mountains are located in western part of the Pohorje mountain range, which belongs to a south eastern part of the Eastern Alps (NE Slovenia). The Pohorje metamorphic and igneous complex belongs to the eastern continuation of the Periadriatic Lineament shifted northwards. In NW outskirts of Kope mountain intrusions of granodioritic magma into upper Cretaceous carbonate rocks produced an epidote-andradite-hedenbergite skarn with contact metamorphic ore mineralization, dominated by magnetite, which has been mined as iron ore in 18th century (GERMOVŠEK, 1953). We investigated zoned growth and composition of garnets. Electron microscopy study showed that growth zones have a variable composition. They are dominated by andradite with variable fractions of grossular and almandine. In addition to compositional variations of zones, we detected various Bi-rich phase inclusions using energy dispersive X-ray spectroscopy (EDS). These include elementary Bi with traces of tellurium, Bi-tellurides (Bi₃Te and Bi₂Te), unknown Ag-rich Bi-telluride (Bi₂Ag₃Te), bismuthinite (Bi₂S₃) as the only sulphide, and oxides bismite (Bi₂O₃) and unknown Pb-rich Bi-oxide (Bi₆PbO₁₀).



Study of zones and Bi-rich inclusions in andradite garnets from Kope. Backscattered electron (BSE) image shows light and dark bands depending on the ratio of heavy vs. light elements, e.g. the core of the crystal (spot 1) is dominated by andradite (And) while almandine (Alm) and grossular (Grs) fractions are low. Elemental maps for Al, Fe, Ti and Ca are shown above the table. Bi-rich inclusions present in garnets are shown on the right side. EDS spectrum (above), recorded under 30 keV, discloses the presence of Pb in some inclusions.

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THE EFFECT OF CLASS 1 H₂O ON A RAMAN ACTIVE T₂ STRETCHING MODE IN Mg-CORDIERITE

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The structure of orthorhombic cordierite consists of six-membered (Al, Si)O₄ rings, which are laterally linked by additional (Al, Si)O₄ tetrahedra. Stacked rings form channels parallel *c* which can incorporate volatiles like H₂O and CO₂ in various amounts. Octahedral sites contain mainly Mg and Fe. Five tetrahedrally coordinated sites and channel sites have to be distinguished in the structure: (M)₂(T₁)₂(T₂)₂(T₃)₂(T₂)₂(T₁)₂(T₁)₂O₁₈(Ch₀, Ch_{1/4}) (e.g. BERTOLDI et al., 2004). In orthorhombic cordierite Si and Al are fully ordered. The ring tetrahedra T₂1 and T₂3 contain Si and T₂6 contains Al. H₂O is incorporated into the Ch_{1/4} positions and two classes of H₂O can be distinguished: class 1 H₂O, which is subdivided in three types with different orientations and class 2 H₂O, which interacts with alkali cations and is subdivided in two types with different orientations (KOLESOV & GEIGER, 2000).

Raman spectroscopic investigations of alkali-free synthetic Mg-cordierites with H₂O contents of 0 – 2 wt.% revealed a guest-host interaction between class 1 H₂O and Si-channel tetrahedra. A peak at 1189 cm⁻¹ in anhydrous Mg-cordierite is assigned to T₂1 and T₂3 stretching vibrations (KAINDL et al., 2011). The peak shifts towards lower energies with increasing H₂O contents and occurs at 1186 cm⁻¹ in samples with 2 wt.% H₂O. The channel volatiles (H₂O, CO₂) of natural Mg-rich cordierite (from White Well, Australia) were removed by heating. The comparison of the Raman spectra before and after heating yields a 4 cm⁻¹ peak shift at 1189 cm⁻¹ towards higher energies. An arrestive effect of H₂O and other channel volatiles to the symmetric vibration of adjacent T₂(Si) tetrahedra can be described with Raman spectroscopy.

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RAMAN SPECTROSCOPY OF N₂ IN NATURAL CORDIERITE AND BERYL SINGLE CRYSTALS

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Natural Cordierite with the idealized composition $(\text{Mg,Fe})_2[\text{Al}_4\text{Si}_5\text{O}_{18}] \cdot x(\text{H}_2\text{O,CO}_2)$ occurs mostly as the orthorhombic polymorph with an ordered Al/Si-distribution on the tetrahedral sites. The structure contains stacked six-membered rings of $(\text{Si,Al})\text{O}_4$ forming channels parallel to the crystallographic *c*-axis. The rings are linked laterally and vertically by additional (Al,Si) tetrahedrons, octahedral sites contain mainly Mg and Fe^{2+} . Similarly, the structure of hexagonal beryl with $\text{Al}_2\text{Be}_3(\text{Si}_6\text{O}_{18})$ contains six-membered rings of SiO_4 stacked along *c* which are laterally linked by BeO_4 tetrahedra, octahedral sites contain Al. Volatiles like H_2O , CO_2 and N_2 can be incorporated into the structural channels of both minerals in various amounts. Natural cordierite single crystals with N_2 contents of 104 and 446 ppm (samples 129875 and H06, LAZZERI, 2012) as well as a beryl single crystal (from Texel complex, Italy) were investigated with micro Raman spectroscopy under ambient conditions. The N_2 stretching vibration occurs at 2325 cm^{-1} in cordierite and 2328 cm^{-1} in beryl and is thus shifted towards lower energies in both minerals when compared to N_2 gas. Polarized spectra show that the N_2 molecules in cordierite are incorporated perpendicular to the crystallographic *c* axis and are preferentially aligned parallel to *a*, which is consistent with former optical and X-ray diffraction studies (ARMBRUSTER, 1985). A plot of the N_2 Raman peak intensities vs. N_2 contents in ppm indicates a linear relationship in cordierite. Analogous to cordierite the N_2 molecule in beryl is incorporated perpendicular to *c*.

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STRUCTURAL AND RAMAN-SPECTROSCOPIC INVESTIGATIONS OF SYNTHETIC HEXAGONAL AND ORTHORHOMBIC Fe-CORDIERITE

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Crystal structures of synthetic hexagonal and orthorhombic Fe-cordierite polymorphs with space groups P6/mcc and Cccm were refined from single-crystal X-ray diffraction data to $R_w = 3.14\%$ and $R_{1, \text{ortho}} = 4.48\%$. The substitution of the larger Fe^{2+} for Mg leads to multiple structural changes and an increase of the unit cell volumes, with a , c (hex) = 11.16(1) Å, 9.2852(5) Å and a , b , c (ortho) = 17.2306(2) Å, 9.8239(1) Å, 9.2892(1) Å. Fe incorporation leads to an increase of the octahedral volumes, although the octahedral diameter reduction of the c -axis decreases in both polymorphs. X-ray powder diffraction analysis indicates a high degree of Al/Si ordering in the orthorhombic polymorph with a distortion of ~ 0.24 (MIYASHIRO, 1957). Estimations of site occupancies based on the refined tetrahedral volumes result in the following values for hexagonal Fe-cordierite: $\sim 10\%$ Al for T_1 and $\sim 28\%$ Al for T_2 . Raman spectra of the hexagonal polymorph were recorded at ambient conditions and at $-190\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ using laser-light with 633 and 532 nm wavelength for excitation.

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MINERALOGY AND GEOCHEMISTRY OF SOILS OF THE ALNÖ CARBONATITE COMPLEX, SWEDEN

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The Alnö Carbonatite Complex is located NE of the town Sundsvall, Sweden. The intrusion of carbonatites and alkaline rocks into the host rocks migmatitic gneisses - took place around 560 Ma BP. The differences in soil development as well as the petrology and geochemistry of the soils in this ring-shaped intrusion were studied in soils on gneiss and different types of alkaline rocks. The parent rocks in the soil profiles were unaltered/ slightly fenitized gneisses, fenites, ijolites, sövites and alnöites.

The soils on the alkaline rocks showed anomalous contents of Ba, Cr, F, Nb, Sr, Th, U and REE, which are enriched in the alkaline rocks in minerals such as monazite, perovskite, spinel and sphene and by substitution processes in the crystal structure, e.g. Ti by Nb in perovskite or Ca by Eu in plagioclase. The alkaline dykes in the intrusion strongly influence the soil mineralogy, geochemistry and pedogenesis in contrast to the soils developed on the highly acidic gneiss soil profiles. The differences are also visible in the field by contrasting vegetation which facilitates the detection of alkaline dykes in the densely wooded area of the Alnö Carbonatite Complex.

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PETROLOGY OF MANTLE XENOLITHS FROM CENTRAL AND SOUTH VIETNAM

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Neogene volcanism with mainly tholeiitic and alkali basalt affinity is widespread in the southern China and Indochina regions. Mantle xenoliths are commonly found in alkali basalts in south-central Vietnam and consist of refractory spinel lherzolites and subordinate amounts of spinel harzburgites and pyroxenites. Several samples from different localities between the cities of Ban Me Thuot and Saigon were recovered in 2011. The mineral assemblage in most samples consists of the simple lherzolitic mineral assemblage Ol–Opx–Cpx–Sp. In addition to xenoliths, clinopyroxene, zircon and sapphire xenocrysts are commonly observed in the weathered volcanic soil. The Ol, Cpx and Opx crystals are usually equigranular while Sp occurs usually as smaller sized interstitial phase or as partly oriented inclusions in Cpx. Cpx II occurs in some samples as recrystallized “rim” around Cpx I. Cpx I has a very uniform composition between different samples with a typical X_{Mg} ($=Mg/(Mg+Fe^{2+})$) of 0.92 to 0.98, a X_{Na} ($=Na/(Na+Ca)$) of 0.10 to 0.16, a Cr_2O_3 content of 0.6–0.9 wt. % and Al_2O_3 values of c. 6 to 8 wt.%. Cpx II has a lower X_{Na} and Al content as well as higher X_{Mg} and Cr content compared to Cpx I. Orthopyroxene typically has a X_{Mg} of c. 0.90 to 0.93. The X_{Mg} values for Ol differ slightly between different samples but are within 0.84 to 0.94. Spinel grains have a variable composition with X_{Mg} from 0.65 to 0.92 and X_{Cr} ($Cr/(Cr+Al+Fe^{3+})$) of 0.08 to 0.25. The use of the Cpx–Opx thermometer (BREY & KOEHLER, 1990), Cpx–Ol thermometer (POWELL & POWELL, 1974) and the Al and Cr in Ol thermometer (DE HOOG et al., 2010) allowed constraining the temperature with 900 to 1100 °C. Pressure was calculated with the Ca in Ol barometer (KOEHLER & BREY, 1990) which gave 1.4 to 2.3 GPa.

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GARNET ZONING AND GARNET ISOPLETH GEOTHERMOBAROMETRY AT THE TRANSITION BETWEEN THE ÖTZTAL-BUNDSCHUH NAPPE SYSTEM AND THE KORALPE-WÖLZ HIGH-PRESSURE NAPPE SYSTEM WEST OF THE TAUERN WINDOW

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The transition between the Ötztal Complex as part of the Ötztal-Bundschuh Nappe System and the Schneebergzug and Texel Complex, both are parts of the Koralmpe-Wölz High Pressure Nappe System, is intensely folded which hampers a clear separation between this units. Based on earlier geological maps rocks of the southern located Texel Complex as part of the Koralmpe-Wölz High-Pressure Nappe System appear incorporated into units of the Ötztal-Bundschuh Nappe System. The aim of this study is to clarify this approach by the aid of a NW-SE profile using garnet major element zoning linked with garnet isopleth geothermobarometry. “Jumps” in element distribution of major elements are linked with metamorphic events, like Variscan (MP/MT) in the Ötztal Complex, Permian (LP/HT) in the Texel Complex and eo-Alpine (HP/MT) in both complexes

Two main types of pre-*eo*-Alpine garnet zoning patterns in the cores, type-1 and type-2 and two main types of *eo*-Alpine garnet zoning in the rims, type-3 and type-4 have been observed. Type-1 shows typical prograde zoning with decreasing X_{Grs} (Grs_{30} to Grs_8) and bell-shaped X_{SpS} patterns, as well as increasing X_{Alm} (Alm_{60} to Alm_{70}) and X_{Prp} (Prp_5 to Prp_{12}) from the inner core close to the rim. Type-2 is characterized by homogeneous contents of X_{Grs} (Grs_{8-10}), X_{Alm} (Alm_{70-75}), X_{Prp} (Prp_{10-15}) from the inner core to the outer core. The rims of the porphyroblasts show two different garnet zoning types with significantly higher X_{Grs} and can be distinguished into: type-3 with a small jump in X_{Grs} (from Grs_{10} to Grs_{25}), in X_{Alm} (Alm_{75} to Alm_{60}) and in X_{Prp} (Prp_{15} to Prp_{10}) and type-4 with a higher jump in X_{Grs} (from Grs_{10} to Grs_{30}), in X_{Alm} (from Alm_{75} to Alm_{55}) and in X_{Prp} (from Prp_{15} to Prp_5). Type-4 comprises a large garnet volume with a continuous decrease in X_{Grs} (Grs_{30} to Grs_{20}) and a continuous increase in X_{Alm} (Alm_{55} to Alm_{65}), and in X_{Prp} (Prp_5 to Prp_{10}) towards the outermost rims.

To estimate the P-T conditions of pre-*eo*-Alpine garnet growth, grossular-, almandine- and spessartine isopleths were calculated with the program PERPLEX. The intersections of the isopleths yield 0.7-0.9 GPa and 550-650 °C for the pre-*eo*-Alpine type-1 core and type-2 core garnets and 0.8-0.9 GPa with 550-600 °C for the *eo*-Alpine type-3 and type-4 garnet rims. It can be concluded that based on garnet thermobarometry and major element zonation it is more likely that rocks directly exposed north of the Schneebergzug experienced a Variscan than a Permian event, followed by an *eo*-Alpine metamorphic overprint.

Cr-INCORPORATION INTO KYANITE: A HIGH PRESSURE EXPERIMENTAL AND CRYSTALLOGRAPHIC STUDY

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Aluminosilicates are amongst the most important rock-forming minerals of the Earth's crust and their phase relations provide important constraints on the P-T conditions of equilibration of aluminosilicate-bearing assemblages. The high-P polymorph kyanite is not only stable under crustal P-T conditions but its stability may extend in appropriate bulk compositions to transition zone and even lower mantle depths (SCHMIDT et al., 1997). The only significant Al-substituent in natural kyanite is Cr with up to 12.9 wt% Cr₂O₃ reported from mantle rocks (PIVIN et al., 2011). By analogy with garnet, high pressures stabilize Cr in the kyanite structure which is consistent with the fact that Cr-rich (>1 wt% Cr₂O₃) kyanites have only been found so far in high pressure (eclogitic) rocks. High P-T experiments have shown that at 3 GPa/1300 °C up to 25 mol% Cr₂SiO₅ (38.0 wt% Cr₂O₃) can be incorporated into kyanite (LANGER & SEIFERT, 1973).

The present study was initiated (1) to explore the limits of Cr-incorporation in kyanite assuming that P > 3 GPa will stabilize even higher Cr-contents, and (2) to study the site occupancy of Cr and the impact of Cr on the elastic properties of kyanite. Multi-anvil experiments at 7 GPa/1100 °C and 7 GPa/1200 °C in fact yielded Cr-kyanites with 52±1 (n=20) and 67±1 (n=10) mol% Cr₂SiO₅, corresponding to averaged Cr₂O₃ contents of 43.2 and 52.3 wt%, respectively. After run durations of 168-234 hours, Cr-kyanites formed blocky crystals up to 600 x 400 µm in size with a deep emerald-green color. At 7 GPa/1200 °C kyanite coexists with small amounts of eskolaite-corundum solid solution containing 94 wt% Cr₂O₃ and 6 wt% Al₂O₃. The unit cell parameters of Cr-kyanite with X_{Cr₂SiO₅} = 0.67 are as follows a₀ = 7.2305(5) Å, b₀ = 8.0021(8) Å, c₀ = 5.6830(4) Å, α = 90.517(7)°, β = 101.007(8)°, γ = 106.006(6)°; V₀ = 309.59(1) Å³. Due to the larger ionic radius of ^[VI]Cr³⁺ (0.615 Å) compared to ^[IV]Al³⁺ (0.535 Å) Cr incorporation into kyanite results in a linear increase in the unit-cell parameters with a₀^{Cr-ky/a₀^{ky}} = 1.015, b₀^{Cr-ky/b₀^{ky}} = 1.019, c₀^{Cr-ky/c₀^{ky}} = 1.020 and V₀^{Cr-ky/V₀^{ky}} = 1.054.

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TAILORING OF A HIERARCHICALLY STRUCTURED MATERIAL FROM DIATOMITE

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Based on a previous study (HÖLLEN et al., 2012), where diatomite was converted into zeolites via the formation of an intermediate phase we adapted the hydrothermal treatment process by decreasing the molarity of the Al-containing KOH solution from 1 M to 0.1 M to slow down the dissolution of diatoms and to prolong the period of metastability of the intermediate phase. This change of experimental parameters yielded after 1 d at 100°C a hierarchically structured material consisting of remaining diatoms with macropores of about 100 nm and newly formed nanoparticles of the intermediate phase. These x-ray amorphous particles consist of a potassium-aluminium-hydroxy-silicate, have a diameter of about 50 nm and are characterized by inner pores with a diameter of only few nm. The intermediate phase can remove heavy metal ions like Cu²⁺, Pb²⁺ and Zn²⁺ very efficiently from aqueous solution. Considering that particulated matter acts as adsorbens for oxyanionic contaminants like AsO₄³⁻, CrO₄²⁻ and MoO₄²⁻ which can be formed during leaching of alkaline wastes (CORNELIS et al., 2008), hierarchically structured materials which can remove dissolved and particulate contaminants simultaneously from aqueous solutions are highly promising.

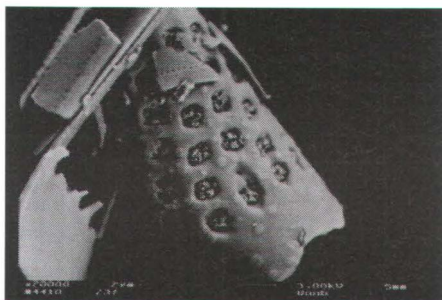


Figure 1. SEM-SE image of a hierarchically structured material, consisting of a macroporous diatom and nanoporous potassium-aluminium-hydroxosilicates growing in its pores.

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MINERALOGY AND LEACHABILITY OF IRON AND STEEL WORK SLAGS

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Iron and steel work slags are high value secondary resources, which are used in construction works due their beneficial mechanical properties (MOTZ & GEISELER, 2001). However, their application has become highly controversial due to their contents in steel alloy elements like chromium (PILLAY et al., 2003). In this study two different steel work slags (slag I and II) are investigated with respect to their chemistry, mineralogy and leachability. Chemical analyses of main and trace components by X-ray fluorescence spectroscopy (XRF) and ICP-MS, respectively, show that slag I is richer in Al_2O_3 and MnO, but poorer in CaO and MgO than slag II, whereas the Cr_2O_3 content is in the same range.

Mineralogical investigations by X-ray diffraction (XRD) and electron microprobe analyses (EMPA) reveal that one group of phases consisting of wuestite (FeO) and minerals of the melilite $((Ca,Na)_2(Mg,Al)^{II}[Si_2O_7])$ and spinel $((Mg,Fe^{2+})(Al, Fe^{3+}, Cr)_2(F,O)_4)$ group is present in both slags. However, their particular chemical composition varies a lot due to substitutions of Mg^{2+} for Fe^{2+} in wuestite, between Mg^{2+} and Al^{3+} in melilite and especially between Al^{3+} and Cr^{3+} as well as of F for O^{2-} in the spinel group phases. A second group of phases including kirschsteinite ($CaFeSiO_4$) and bredigite ($Ca_{1.7}Mg_{0.3}SiO_4$) is only present in slag I. The third group of phases is only present in slag II and includes cuspidine ($Ca_4Si_2O_7(F,OH)_2$), merwinite ($Ca_3Mg(SiO_4)_2$), monticellite ($CaMgSiO_4$), calcio-olivine (Ca_2SiO_4), mayenite ($Ca_{12}Al_4O_{33}$), calcite ($CaCO_3$), magnesite ($MgCO_3$), fluorite (CaF_2), scheelite ($CaWO_4$), complex Ca-Nb-Cr-Al-Mg-Ti-F oxides and quartz (SiO_2). However, the most interesting aspect of this study is the first description of Mg-Al-Cr-F-spinels in slag II, in which up to 25 % of oxygen ions are replaced by fluorine!

Leaching experiments performed at distinct pH values show that the leachability of chromium, manganese, iron, barium, arsenic, molybdenum and selenium increases with decreasing pH, whereas the leachability of antimony shows a reverse behaviour. Interestingly, the leachability of chromium increases when F substitutes for O^{2-} in the spinel phases. Thus, attention has to be paid to the crystal chemistry of individual phases in which metal alloy elements are incorporated in slags as well as to the hydrogeochemistry of the aqueous solutions they interact with at the sites where the slags are used for construction purposes. If these aspects are considered, iron and steel work slags maintain environmentally friendly secondary resources for a broad range of applications.

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DRAVITE-SCHORL EVOLUTION IN TOURMALINITE FROM OPARNO CRYSTALLINE COMPLEX, SAXOTHURINGICUM

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Different types of tourmalinites are minor but characteristic rocks in the easternmost part of the Saxothuringicum (Oparno Crystalline complex). They consist of tourmaline (dravite>schorl) and quartz, other minerals (< 1 vol. %) include Fe-rich clinocllore, fluorapatite, K-feldspar, calcite, zircon, monazite-(Ce) and goyazite. Tourmalinites from *Chotiměř* (RADOŇ et al., 2011) and *Oparno* form metamorphic segregations (including vein-like type) hosted in two-mica gneisses. They contain low-vacant dravite (1.53-2.24 apfu Mg), locally Fe-rich (0.57-1.13 apfu Fe in the centre of grains), F-poor (0.04-0.61 apfu) and slightly zoned with higher content of Ca (≤ 0.29 apfu) and Al (≤ 6.35 apfu) in grain rims. Locality *Velké Žernoseky* represents a rare type of tourmalinites (>90 vol. % Tur, Qtz>>Alm) with dravite-schorl concordantly hosted in garnet mica-schists (Fig. 1a). Tourmaline occurs in three types: (a) the oldest dravite with inclusions of disc-shape calcite and K-feldspar (Fig. 1b), (b) oscillatory and patchy zoned tourmaline on grain rims + quartz and garnet, and (c) zoned tourmaline grains and needle-like aggregates in quartz veinlets. All 3 types of tourmaline have very high contents of Na (>0.80-0.92 apfu Na) and low F (≤ 0.40 apfu) compared to the most common compositions from alkali tourmaline group (HENRY & DUTROW, 2011). Contents of Al are relatively low (≤ 6.09 apfu). Ca varies from centre to rim (≤ 0.20 apfu) and is not dependent on the calcite inclusions. Younger zones in tourmaline type (a) and the youngest of type (c) correspond to Mg-schorl (1.54-1.85 apfu Fe).

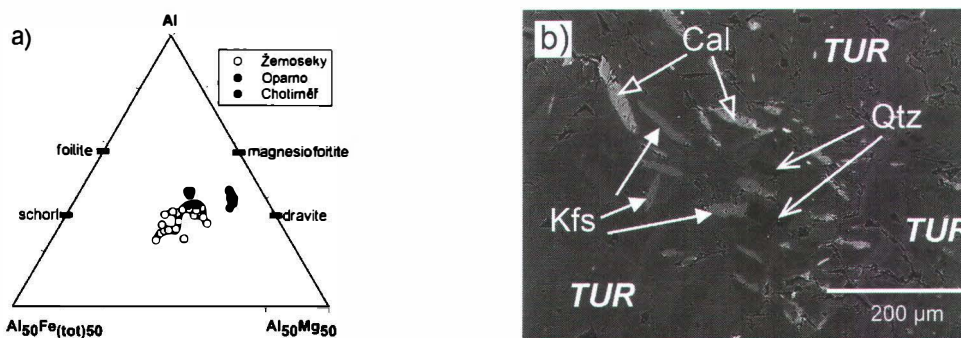


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MANTLE XENOLITHS FROM BONDORÓ VOLCANIC COMPLEX

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The late Miocene Bondoró Volcanic Complex belongs to the Bakony-Balaton-Highland-Volcanic-Field (BBHVF) in the western part of the Pannonian Basin, Hungary

Mantle xenoliths brought to the surface by alkali basalts comprise sp-lherzolites, sp-harzburgites and pyroxenites. Two distinct types of textures have been found: fine-grained, equigranular textures that are predominantly foliated and coarse grained, protogranular textures which often exhibit layering of pyroxenes. A striking feature of some harzburgites is a noticeably high modal composition of opx. While phlogopite was only found in one sample, intergranular, percolating melt and melt pockets are common in Bondoró mantle xenoliths.

Whole rock Al_2O_3 and CaO contents range from 1.01 to 1.93 wt% and 0.71 to 3.20 wt%, respectively. Mineral analyzes of primary ol reveal Fo contents of 89.4 to 91.4. Cpx are predominantly Cr-Diopsides with $\text{En}_{48.1-51.9}\text{-Wo}_{43.4-47.7}\text{-Fs}_{3.2-6.1}$ and Mg# of 0.89 to 0.93. Opx compositions are in the range of $\text{En}_{87.8-90.3}\text{-Wo}_{0.8-2.3}\text{-Fs}_{8.1-9.9}$ with Mg# between 90 and 91.8. While Cr# in primary sp range from 12 to 21, secondary sp in melt pockets and melt intrusions reveal higher Cr# of 41 to 55.

Equilibration temperatures calculated using two-pyroxene-thermometer of BREY & KOEHLER (1990) are estimated to be in the range of 950 to 1100 °C at 1.5 GPa pressure. Our study shows that the lithospheric mantle underneath Bondoró is highly heterogeneous.

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GRAPHENE- AND GRAPHITE-LIKE THIN FILMS FROM AMORPHOUS CARBON COATINGS

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Graphene, a flat monolayer of carbon atoms bonded in benzene-type *sechser* rings with outstanding physical and chemical properties, is subject of intense basic and applied research. This study presents attempts to produce graphene-graphite like thin films by modification of amorphous carbon (a-C) coatings with thermal and plasma treatments (Figure 1), deposited on various substrate materials.

The coatings were deposited by plasma enhanced chemical vapour deposition (PECVD) from C₂H₂ and subsequently etched in Ar plasma and by physical vapour deposition (PVD), using magnetron sputtering from a carbon target. Substrates were Si, Si with a 100 nm thermal SiO₂ layer and Cu and Ni foils. Some coatings were tempered in a nitrogen-filled tubular furnace at 300 ° and 800 °C for 8 hours, 15 minutes, respectively.

Refraction index and absorption coefficient of a PECVD coating deposited at 3 kV accelerating voltage and ion etched at 800 eV are similar to reported data for graphene and graphite. Raman carbon band parameter yielded a G position and full width at half maximum around 1582-1592 and 102-108 cm⁻¹ and I_D/I_G intensity ratios 1-1.6 for etched and tempered PECVD coatings on SiO₂ and sputtered PVD coatings on Cu foils. This suggests a transition from a-C to nanocrystalline graphite with an in-plane correlation lengths <1 nm, almost purely sp²-coordinated network, partly odd membered rings and complete absence of short carbon chains.

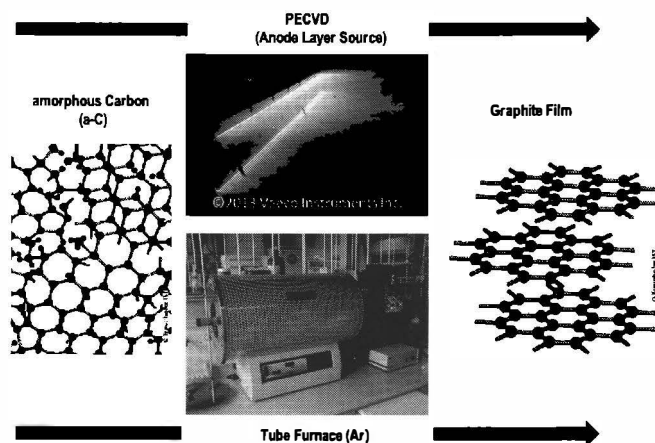


Figure 1. Idea of deposition of PECVD a-C coatings and modification by ion etching and thermal treatment.

TEXTURAL POSITION AND STRUCTURAL STATE OF ZONED ZIRCONS FROM MÓRÁGY, HUNGARY AND RASTENBERG, AUSTRIA

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Zircons included in and/or encapsulating rock forming minerals of all the three major rock types of the petrologically and geochemically related Variscan plutonic complexes from Mórággy Hills, Hungary and Rastenberg, Austria were characterized for their textural position and for their internal texture.

Zircons of different morphology were hosted by different rock forming minerals at both localities: 1. „normal” calc-alkaline magmatic zircon (S_{24} , S_{25}) in biotite, amphibole and feldspar, 2. flat prismatic zircon (re-determined as AB_5) in biotite and feldspar, 3. elongated, prismatic zircon (P_3) in feldspar and quartz.

Simultaneously these zircons are rich in both single phase and multiphase mineral inclusions. The latter type, consisting Na-free K-feldspar, albite and quartz, found most commonly in elongated zircons, indicates lower temperature crystallization from Si-rich granite melt, confirming that zircon crystallized continuously during the solidification of granitoid magma.

Zircons themselves are heavily zoned, showing both primary (growth, normal magmatic with xenocryst core, sector) and secondary (convolute) zoning features.

Cathodoluminescence, backscattered electron imaging and Raman spectroscopy were used for determining the structural state of the zircon zones. Normal and flat zircons show zones of all structural states (well crystallized, intermediate, metamict), while the elongated, zoning free zircons are mainly well crystallized and intermediate.

We believe that these textural and structural state information types are necessary for the reliable age interpretation of the host rock types when using LA-ICP-MS based U-Pb, Th-Pb geochronology of these zircons.

**ECLOGITE-FACIES MAFIC OCEANIC AND CONTINENTAL CRUSTAL ROCKS
FROM THE AKTYUZ AND MAKBAL COMPLEXES, TIANSHAN MOUNTAINS
(KAZAKHSTAN & KYRGYZSTAN): GEODYNAMIC IMPLICATIONS**

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The Late Paleozoic Makbal and Aktyuz Complexes in the western Tianshan Mountains of Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan consist of HP/UHP metasedimentary host rocks which enclose various high-pressure mafic blocks or boudins. These mafic rocks comprise rare eclogites, garnet amphibolites and newly discovered glaucophanite (glaucophane-garnet-omphacite bearing rock) in the Makbal complex. So far the Aktyuz and Makbal Complexes have been interpreted to predominantly consist of continental lithologies while the mafic rocks were considered as dismembered dikes intruding continental metasediments. This interpretation is mainly based on the geological relationship and bulk rock chemistry of the different rock types. It was further suggested that the Makbal and Aktyuz Complexes formed as tectonic mélanges.

In the present study we combined conventional geothermometry, P-T pseudosection modeling and major and trace element whole rock geochemistry for different mafic samples (eclogites, glaucophanite and garnet amphibolites) in order to shed light on both the metamorphic evolution and the protoliths of the mafic HP rocks in the Makbal and Aktyuz Complexes. Prograde to peak-pressure clockwise P-T paths of both rock types were modeled using garnet isopleth thermobarometry. The results suggest that the eclogite, glaucophanite and the garnet amphibolite samples experienced similar prograde P-T paths and slightly different peak metamorphic conditions between ~520 °C and ~560 °C at ~2.2 GPa to ~2.5 GPa (at Makbal) and ~670 °C at ~2.1 GPa (at Aktyuz) corresponding to burial depths between 70 and 85 km. Whole rock major and trace element analyses and petrological evidence suggest that the different rock types at the Makbal and Aktyuz Complexes most likely originated from various precursor rocks. From the geological relationship and from bulk rock and isotope chemistry of the different rock types the Aktyuz Complex has been interpreted as a continental crustal fragment and the mafic rocks as intrusive and now dismembered dikes. The Makbal garnet amphibolites are believed to represent strongly retrogressed former eclogite-facies rocks that have never been eclogites *sensu stricto* due to an unfavorable alkali-poor bulk composition. The high-pressure mafic samples investigated in this study clearly originated from oceanic crust, which is in contrast with all previous studies suggesting a continental protolith for the mafic HP/UHP rocks.

The mafic high-pressure rocks are believed to represent incoherent segments of exhumed oceanic or continental crust. Juxtaposition of different mafic oceanic and continental crustal rocks is suggested to be due to buoyancy-driven exhumation of the metasedimentary host rock in the subduction channel where dismembered fragments of the subducted oceanic crust were captured in different depth supporting the tectonic mélange formation concept.

PLASTIC DEFORMATION OF ZIRCON: A HIGH-T DEFORMATION DATING TOOL?

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Most differential or incremental material motion during tectonic processes is taken up by shear zones. These work at different size scales, temperatures, pressures, fluid compositions and time scales and inevitably involve the deformation of minerals. The unambiguous exact quantification of these parameters is vital for the geologically meaningful reconstruction of tectonic processes. In this respect especially the age and duration of tectonic processes is important.

Traditionally, "ages" of shear zone activity are determined by Rb/Sr and Ar/Ar mica dating. But due to the low closing temperatures in micas temperatures higher than ca. 500 °C cannot be dated by mica chronometry. Thus any shear zone activity above 500 °C is undetectable by these methods. Other possibilities can be Sm/Nd and Lu/Hf dating of garnet or Ar/Ar dating of amphiboles. Garnet dating is problematic because single mineral dating is not possible. Thus internal isochrons or whole rock - mineral isochrons have to be sought. This approach is often hampered by an open system behaviour of rocks undergoing deformation.

The in-situ U/Th/Pb dating of zircon has the potential to overcome the above mentioned drawbacks:

Zircon is plastically deformed by recovery and/or subgrain rotation recrystallisation that indicates formation and migration of dislocations under high-T conditions in a stress field. Plastic deformation in zircon occurs during deformation events due to stresses associated with the collision of zircon crystals with surrounding mineral phases. Different crystals domain showing different amounts of deformation are linked by so called low angle boundaries. These potentially act as a fast diffusion pathways facilitating Pb, Ti, U, Th and trace element mobility in the crystals. Crystal-plastic deformation in zircon can thus cause rapid redistribution (outwards diffusion) of radiogenic Pb which leads to a partial or complete rejuvenation of the U/Th/Pb ages. Due to the high closing temperature of the U/Th/Pb system in zircon (> 800 °C) the detection of such ages potentially allows the dating of the high-T deformation events at $T > 500$ °C. And due to the robustness of zircon low angle boundaries and associated U/Th/Pb age disturbances can be preserved at crustal temperatures for billions of years.

THE CRYSTAL STRUCTURE OF A NEW SECONDARY ZINC MINERAL FROM LAVRION, GREECE: $Zn_9(SO_4)_2(OH)_{12}Cl_2 \cdot 6H_2O$

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During a long-term study of new finds, mineral species and slag phases from the famous Pb-Zn-Ag-Fe mining district of Lavrion, Greece (KOLITSCH et al., to be submitted), a new secondary Zn mineral was encountered on material collected underground in the Hilarion mine. The mineral forms tiny, thin hexagonal platelets with a white colour and a slightly pearly lustre. These platy crystals show subparallel intergrowth and form thin crusts associated with a presently unidentified Zn-sulphate hydrate.

The crystal structure was solved from single-crystal X-ray intensity data (CCD area detector; $T = 293$ K) and refined in space group $R\bar{3}$ [$a = 8.275(1)$, $c = 32.000(6)$ Å, $V = 1897.7(5)$ Å³, $Z = 3$] to $R1(F) = 3.87\%$ and $wR2_{all} = 9.31\%$ for 1694 'observed' reflections with $F_o > 4\sigma(F_o)$; number of parameters: 77 The derived formula is $Zn_9(SO_4)_2(OH)_{12}Cl_2 \cdot 6H_2O$. The presence of Zn, S, Cl and O was confirmed by semiquantitative SEM-EDS analyses (JEOL JSM-6610LV).

The asymmetric unit contains three unique Zn positions. The first one is (5+1)-coordinated by OH⁻ anions [Zn1-O distances range from 2.025(2) to 2.347(2) Å]. The second one, Zn2, is octahedrally coordinated by H₂O molecules [6x 2.130(3) Å]. The third one, Zn3, is tetrahedrally (3+1) coordinated by three OH⁻ groups and one Cl⁻ anion. The Zn1(OH)₆ polyhedra share edges to form a brucite-like sheet, with 1/7 of the octahedral sites vacant. The Zn3(OH)₃Cl tetrahedra are attached to the brucite-like sheet above and below the vacant site. The SO₄ tetrahedron is linked to the tetrahedral-octahedral sheet by a shared ligand. The Zn2(H₂O)₆ octahedra are located in the interlayer space. Thus, the structural formula may be written as $[^{6+}Zn_2(H_2O)_6]^{[5+1]}Zn_1(OH)_6[^{3+1}Zn_3(OH)_3Cl]_2(SO_4)_2$.

If the simplified formula of the new mineral is halved, giving $Zn_{4.5}(SO_4)(OH)_6Cl \cdot 3H_2O$, the close relation with gordaite, $NaZn_4(SO_4)(OH)_6Cl \cdot 6H_2O$ (ADIWIDJAJA et al., 1997; ZHU et al., 1997), and the secondary slag phase $Ca_{0.5}Zn_4(SO_4)(OH)_6Cl \cdot 4.5H_2O$ (BURNS et al., 1998) becomes obvious. In fact, all three compounds share the same brucite-like octahedral sheet with attached Zn(OH)₃Cl tetrahedra, only the interlayer cation is different (Zn²⁺ vs. Na⁺ and Ca²⁺, respectively). Furthermore, the new mineral contains less interlayer H₂O than the two related compounds.

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PRELIMINARY DATA ON A NEW NATURAL Ca-Ce⁴⁺-ARSENATE AND ITS CRYSTAL STRUCTURE

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At the abandoned Fe-Mn Montaldo mine, Montaldo di Mondovì, Cuneo province, Piedmont, Italy (KOLITSCH et al., 2011), a new Ca-Ce⁴⁺-arsenate mineral was recognised. It forms very small, pale yellow to brown-yellow pseudo-octahedral crystals embedded in matrix. The Montaldo mine is also known for unnamed LaAsO₄ and NdAsO₄ (both occurring as tiny grains) (CABELLA et al., 1999) and an unnamed Ca-Na-Mn³⁺-arsenate (KOLITSCH, 2008).

The crystal structure was solved from single-crystal X-ray intensity data (CCD area detector; $T = 293$ K) and refined in space group $I4_1/a$ [$a = 10.479(2)$, $c = 12.030(2)$ Å, $V = 1390.0(4)$ Å³, $Z = 4$] to $R1(F) = 2.34$ % and $wR2_{all} = 5.54$ % for 1275 'observed' reflections with $F_o > 4 \sigma(F_o)$. In the asymmetric unit there is one Ca, one Ce, one As and four O sites. Additionally, the structure hosts, in a void, a partially occupied, disordered water(?) site [O occupancy ~ 0.32 ; O-O' = $0.720(14)$ Å], but this has not been confirmed yet by supplementary methods. A three-dimensional framework is built of AsO₄ tetrahedra ($\langle \text{As-O} \rangle = 1.688$ Å), Ca-O polyhedra [(6+3)-coordination with six ligands within 2.51 Å and three additional ligands between $2.775(18)$ and $3.064(3)$ Å] and CeO₈ polyhedra ($\langle \text{Ce-O} \rangle = 2.368$ Å).

Semiquantitative SEM-EDS analyses and occupancy refinements indicate that Ca is partly replaced by Y, Nd and/or Ce, and that Ce⁴⁺ is partly replaced by Zr, Th, Y, Nd and/or Ca(?). Minor amounts of Si replace As. The derived simplified formula is Ca₄Ce⁴⁺(AsO₄)₄· ~ 1.3 H₂O. The Ce valency has been confirmed by bond-valence calculations (ROULHAC & PALENIK, 2003).

The structure of the new Ca-Ce⁴⁺-arsenate is derivable from that of scheelite and isotypic with synthetic Na_{3,68}Dy_{1,44}(SeO₄)₄ and several molybdates and tungstates M₃REE(Mo/WO₄)₄. The water(?) site of the new mineral is equivalent to one of two alkali sites in these compounds. Additional studies (EPMA, Raman spectroscopy, polarised-light microscopy) are underway

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METASOMATISM IN THE LITHOSPHERIC MANTLE BENEATH SOUTHERN PATAGONIA, ARGENTINA

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Mantle xenoliths from Gobernador Gregores, southern Patagonia are spinel- lherzolites, harzburgites and wherlites. A large number of the studied xenoliths have experienced cryptic and modal metasomatism. The xenoliths are mainly coarse-grained with prevalent protogranular texture but equigranular tabular and mosaic textures are present as well.

Xenoliths that have undergone modal metasomatism bear hydrous phases such as amphibole, phlogopite ± apatite and melt pockets. The latter are of particular interest because of their unusually large size (up to 1 cm in diameter) and freshness. They consist of second generation olivine, clinopyroxene and spinel ± relict amphibole ± sulfides that are surrounded by a yellowish vesicular glass matrix. The melt pockets are found in amphibole- and/or phlogopite-bearing wehrlites and harzburgites as well as anhydrous lherzolites.

There are considerable differences between first and second generation minerals found in melt pockets. While primary olivine has Fo-contents that range from 88.0 to 93.3, second generation olivines in melt pockets vary from Fo_{89.3} to Fo_{94.4}. Both primary and second generation cpx are diopsides with the latter systematically enriched in TiO₂. The glasses that occur in melt pockets or propagate intergranular have compositions varying from trachyandesite to phonolite. The variable composition of the glass could be attributed to host basalt infiltration and decompressional melting of amphiboles.

Textural and mineralogical evidences indicate that amphibole breakdown initiated the melt pocket generation process. It appears that the amphibole breakdown took place rather *en route* and not prior to their transport to the surface.

QUANTITATIVE PHASE ANALYSIS OF LATERITIC BAUXITE WITH NIR-SPECTROSCOPY

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The project investigates the applicability of near-infrared spectroscopy for bauxite mining sites, namely the possibility to use this analysis method directly at conveyor belts to guarantee a continuous quantification of bauxite material. The idea is to use modal quantification from XRPD/Rietveld refinement and/or XRF analytics as reference and combine the results with NIR-spectra in a multivariate calibration model.

The material used in this investigation originates from Paragominas, Brazil and consists of the minerals Gibbsite $[Al(OH)_3]$, Kaolinite $[Al_2Si_2O_5(OH)_4]$, Goethite $[FeO(OH)]$, Hematite $[Fe_2O_3]$ and Anatase $[TiO_2]$. To reduce preferred-orientation in XRPD-measurements, samples were ground, sieved and prepared with ethanol on a glass slide. Samples for XRF analytics were prepared with Li-tetraborate fusion technique for major element analysis.

The result of the calibration shows that, for the industrial application of NIR-analytics two crucial points must be considered: (1) it is necessary to crush the bauxite material in order to get unbiased measurements, since bauxite is inhomogeneous with respect to size and modal composition; (2) humidity has a great influence on NIR-spectra in changing band-intensities, which leads to an underestimation of crystalline phase concentrations and needs to be corrected.

In this study, a calibration model is presented using partial-least-squares regression (developed by ABB), dividing samples randomly into a training and test set. The training set generates the model, which is used to predict modal compositions of the test set (Fig. 1). The results show a predictability of the major mineralogical phases within $\pm 5wt\%$ (2σ). Our results enable a useful application of NIR-spectroscopy at appropriate mining sites.

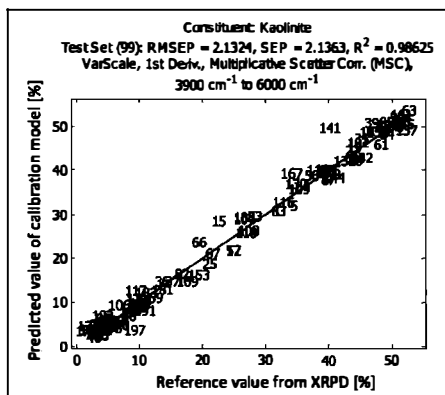


Figure 1
 Example of a calibration result for kaolinite in lateritic bauxites: On the x-axis Kaolinite concentrations determined by XRPD/Rietveld (reference values) are shown. The y-axis plots the predicted kaolinite concentrations of a calibration model based on NIR-spectra. Note that RMSEP defines the 1 σ -error of reference values vs. NIR-based predictions.

EVIDENCE FOR MANTLE METASOMATISM IN SELECTED SAMPLES FROM THE STYRIAN BASIN

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The Pannonian Basin is an extensional back-arc basin surrounded by the Eastern Alps and the Carpathian fold belt. Two main volcanic events can be distinguished within the Pannonian Basin: (i) younger Pliocene to Pleistocene activity, consisting of extension related alkali basalt volcanics, and the (ii) older Eocene subduction related calc alkaline volcanism.

The samples appear as small nodules ranging from 2 to 5 cm in diameter and stuck within the basaltic tuffs. They were collected near the villages of Beistein and Waxenegg and at the prominent locality of Kapfenstein.

They comprise (i) spinel (\pm amphibole) lherzolites (samples K12, KK1, K11, Wa2) and (ii) amphibole spinel websterites (samples BS5, WA1). Spinel-amphibole lherzolites are protogranular textured with large olivine, Cr-diopside and orthopyroxene crystals. Pargasites are found in two samples as interstitial grains. Fluid trails in some crystals indicate the presence of fluids as an agent for metasomatic reactions. Ti-pargasites indicate metasomatism in the amphibole spinel websterites. Mantle metasomatism is indicated by an overall enrichment in REE compare to the CI chondrite and a slight enrichment in LREE and MREE compared to the HREE. Amphiboles show a positive anomaly for Sr which is not seen in the coexisting clinopyroxenes.

Clinopyroxenes show a similar chondrite normalized REE pattern as amphiboles with slightly higher values compared to the amphiboles.

P-T calculations show that these samples are derived from the lithospheric mantle at depths of around 50 km corresponding to ~ 930 - 1070 °C and ~ 10 - 14 kbar. All samples plot near the Styrian Basin geotherm, but show slightly higher temperatures (or lower pressures) than expected. Temperatures for the Styrian xenoliths were calculated using the aluminium partitioning between olivine and spinel geothermometer ($T_{WCC2008}$) of WAN et al. (2008). Pressures were estimated using the calcium exchange geobarometer between olivine and clinopyroxene (P_{KB1990}) of KÖHLER & BREY (1990).

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**MAGMATIC STAUROLITE IN A PEGMATITE FROM THE TEXEL COMPLEX,
SOUTHERN TYROL – EVIDENCE FOR ANATECTIC FORMATION OF BERYL-
COLTAN PEGMATITES IN THE AUSTRALPINE BASEMENT OF THE
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A pegmatite field was studied in the Texel Complex of the Austroalpine Basement, Southern Tyrol, between Val Passiria and Val Racines. It contains pegmatites with Be-Nb-Ta-Sn-U mineralizations with various degrees of differentiation embedded in amphibolite-facies garnet ± staurolite ± kyanite ± paragonite-bearing gneisses or calcite-dolomite marbles. One of the pegmatites contains an unusually diverse assemblage quartz + muscovite + paragonite + albite + accessory garnet + beryl + apatite + zircon + cassiterite + Nb-Ta-rutile + ixiolite-wodginite + columbite-tantalite + tapiolite + U-microlite + cheralite + thorite + uraninite + wylleite + arrojadite. Tourmaline and K-feldspar are notably absent. HfO₂ contents of up to 13.5 wt% in zircon and Rb and Cs contents of up to 965 ppm and 9700 ppm, respectively, in muscovite indicate a high degree of differentiation. Single grain U-Pb dating of zircon yields 240 Ma consistent with a formation during the Permian metamorphic event (SCHUSTER & STÜWE, 2008). Beryl appears as idiomorphic crystals of up to several cm in length and contains an Al-rich inclusion assemblage with chrysoberyl + staurolite + Zn-spinel + Be-cordierite. Staurolites form perfectly idiomorphic crystals up to 50 x 20 μm which are always intergrown with quartz. They are Fe-rich ($X_{Fe} = 0.88-0.98$) and contain variable ZnO contents in the range 0.7-3.7 wt%. Textures of the staurolites and the mode of occurrence as inclusions in beryl indicate a magmatic crystallization from a fluid-saturated melt. To test a possible origin of the staurolite by partial melting of the metapelitic country rocks, experiments at 7 kbar and 700-750 °C were conducted using a garnet-staurolite-paragonite gneiss from the vicinity of the pegmatite as starting material. Preliminary results show that staurolite indeed is stable coexisting with granitic melt at 700 and 750 °C under both water-absent and water present conditions. These results are consistent with those from melting experiments by GARCIA-CASCO et al. (2003) and show that staurolite may be stable as magmatic phase during anatexis of Fe-rich metapelites. In summary both textural and experimental evidence supports an origin of the investigated pegmatites by anatexis of the country rocks during the Permian metamorphic event at $T \geq 700-750$ °C. This mode of pegmatite formation dispenses with the necessity of a genetic association with a granitic intrusive body. The absence of such associated intrusions is a characteristic feature of rare metal-bearing pegmatites of the Eastern Alpine basement (MALI, 2004).

ZIRCON PLASTIC DEFORMATION EXAMPLES FROM THE TAUERN WINDOW

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Minerals deform during metamorphic events due to stresses associated with collision of the phases. Plastic deformation in zircon occurs due to dynamic recrystallization that indicates formation and migration of dislocations under lower-crustal and upper-mantle conditions. As far as the low-angle boundaries potentially act as fast diffusion pathways in the crystal lattice, crystal-plastic deformation in zircon can cause rapid out-diffusion of radiogenic Pb and, therefore, influences the results of isotopic dating.

We have made several profiles through the shear zones in the Western Tauern Window, Zillertal Valley, in order to sample gneisses with different deformation degree. We investigated zircons hosted by these rocks with a number of methods, including EBSD mapping. Zircon exhibit different stages of deformation – from undeformed grains through plastically deformed with low-angle boundaries (Fig. 1) and to brittle-deformed individuals. We have identified several mechanisms of plastic deformation in the zircon crystal lattice, depending on the hosting environment, shape and internal inhomogeneity of the grain.

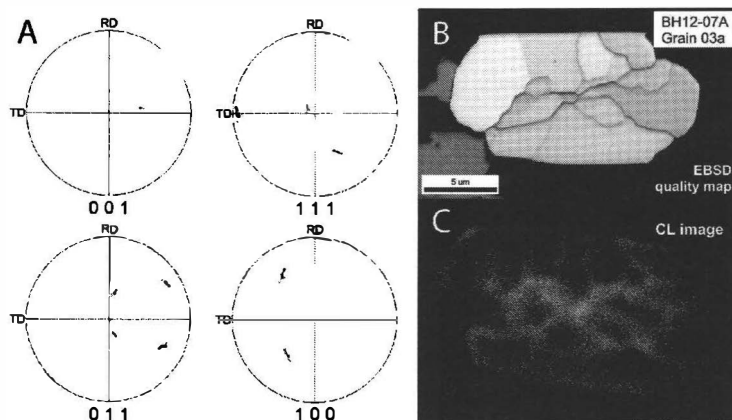


Figure 1. Plastically deformed zircon grain with subgrains (brighter domains on B and dark domains on C), separated by low-angle boundaries (dark lines on B and bright lines on C). A – pole figures with the positions of crystallographic axis of the subgrains; indicates dynamic recrystallization during deformation.

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GEOCHEMICAL ASPECTS OF THE MINERALISED EARLY CARBONIFEROUS K1-K3 ORTHOGNEISS IN THE FELBERTAL SCHEELITE DEPOSIT (AUSTRIA)

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The Felbertal scheelite mine, representing a world-class tungsten deposit, is located in the polymetamorphic units of the Habach Complex (Central Tauern Window) about 8 km south of Mittersill. A mineralised felsic metagranitoid (K1-K3 orthogneiss) of Early Carboniferous age has been suggested as the possible source for the tungsten mineralisation. Petrographic and field-based studies reveal two distinct types of K1-K3 orthogneiss, a leucocratic microcline/muscovite-rich and a more melanocratic biotite-rich variety, respectively. Geochemically they can be classified as metaluminous to weakly peraluminous high-K calc-alkaline monzogranites, which are characterised by a significant enrichment in Nb, Ta, U, W, Mo, Bi, Rb, Cs, Be and lower concentrations of LREE, Zr, and Sr compared to barren Variscan Central gneisses of the Tauern Window. The high SiO₂ content combined with low K/Rb ratios of the K1-K3 orthogneiss ranging from 75 to 115 indicate a highly evolved magmatic system. An increase of Si and Ta with simultaneous decrease in Ba, Sr, P, Cs, Ti, and LREE (e.g. Eu) in the leucocratic variety of the K1-K3 metagranitoid compared with the biotite-rich orthogneiss is interpreted as a result of fractional crystallisation. The segregation of allanite in the melanocratic orthogneiss, being the main carrier of the LREE, causes the higher concentrations of LREE and higher LREE/HREE values in this darker variety. The high Ti contents of the melanocratic type are explained by the high biotite modal abundance in the rocks and the depletion of P in the leucocratic orthogneiss is induced by fractional crystallisation of apatite. Fractionation of feldspar mainly controls the variation of Ba, Sr, and Eu. When comparing the ratios of geochemically similar elements (e.g. Zr/Hf, Nb/Ta) a significant difference between the two K1-K3 orthogneiss varieties is obvious. Zr/Hf decreases from 20-23 in the biotite-rich metagranitoid to 13-14 in the leucocratic variety. In addition Nb/Ta decreases from 8-10 to 5-6, respectively. Hence, the leucocratic K1-K3 orthogneiss represents the more evolved granitoid. There is no positive correlation between Ta and elements that would be typically enriched during metasomatic processes (e.g. Be) but it correlates with HREE, Y and Hf. This supports the idea that the decrease of Nb/Ta is due to fractionation of an accessory phase (samarskite-(Y)?). Magmatic crystallisation of the granite protolith is followed by interaction with mineralising fluids released during the late magmatic-hydrothermal stage of granite crystallisation. This subsequent fluid rock interaction is for example indicated by K/Rb ratios <150 (DOSTAL & CHATTERJEE, 1995) and elevated F contents in biotite and titanite (KOZLIK & RAITH, in press). Geochemical data and field-observations therefore suggest a more complex magmatic evolution of the K1-K3 orthogneiss protolith. At least two injections of granitic melts can be distinguished.

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Fe-Ni-Co-Pb-Zn BEARING COPPER ORES IN THE MAUKEN AREA (RADFELD-BRIXLEGG, NORTH TYROL, AUSTRIA): IMPLICATIONS FOR THE PROVENANCE OF BRONZE AGE “FAHLORE-COPPER” METAL ARTEFACTS IN THE EASTERN ALPS

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This contribution focuses on copper ores occurring in the Schwazer Trias in the Mauken Area (mining areas: Maukenötz, Silberberg and Geyer) near Radfeld-Brixlegg. The ores are a possible source of fahlore used for Chalcolithic and (Early) Bronze Age copper production. Instead of the galena + sphalerite rich ore occurrences more to the west of the ore belt (Mieminger Kette, Innsbruck Hötting). Ores of the Schwazer Trias are basically dominated by tennantite-rich fahlore group minerals and therefore can be classified as substantial copper ores.

The Mauken Area is located in the eastern most part of the prehistoric and historic silver and copper mining area of Schwaz-Brixlegg. Mining districts in the Mauken Area are characterized by two ore types, which occur in different geological units: 1.) the more common ores consists of more or less monomineralic Fe-Zn-(Hg) tetrahedrite-tennantite and are situated in the Devonian Schwaz Dolomite which is part of the Greywacke Zone. Mining activities of these ores are dated back to the Late Bronze Age. 2.) The second ore type is hosted basically in Anisian carbonates of the Schwazer Trias. The ores show a complex mineralogy with tennantite-rich fahlore-group minerals (in part Ag-rich) as primary copper phase in association with pyrite/bravoite + enargite/luzonite-famatinite ± chalcocopyrite ± thiospinel ± cobaltite-gersdorffite-arsenopyrite ± chalcocopyrite ± galena ± sphalerite ± pearceite ± barite which occur as major and minor phases. The mineralogical/chemical composition of these ores is highly variable and changes locally.

The mineralogical and chemical composition of the ores of the Schwazer Trias points to the use for Chalcolithic to Early Bronze Age “fahlore copper” artefacts found at the Kiechlberg hilltop settlement and metallurgical workshop near Thaur (Innsbruck). Few slag, copper and bronze samples contain Sb and/or As and mostly <1wt.% Ag as minor components with additional impurities of Fe, Co, Ni and Pb.

**COPPER ORE SURVEY IN SOUTH TYROL: POSSIBLE ORE SOURCES FOR THE
LATE BRONZE AGE (LAUGEN CULTURE) SMELTING SITE
FENNHALS/KURTATSCH (SOUTH TYROL, ITALY)**

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The Late Bronze Age copper smelting site “Fennhals” above Kurtatsch is situated near the border of the Italian provinces South Tyrol and Trentino on the south tyrolean side. The very isolated site is located at 1160 m a.s.l. on the passage to the Nonstal (Trentino) and was discovered in the 70th of the last century. The archaeological record of the smelting site is covered by debris flows and humus layers. The conservation of smelting furnaces, roasting beds and ceramic fragments is therefore good. Beside a still charge filled, clay lined furnace and roasting installations several tuyères, technical ceramics and copper slag fragments complete the record.

The rather isolated geographical position of the smelting site is puzzling since the few lager copper ore occurrences in South Tyrol namely the Pfunderer Berg near Klausen and Prettau in the Ahrntal are 50 km and 110 km air-line distant. In the Nonstal “small copper ores occurrences” are postulated and would be accessible by a five hours march over the Fennberg mountain crest. From the metallogenetic map of BRIGO & OMENETTO (1978) copper ore minerals as major or minor components will be present also in the Ultental which is accessible over the high plateau of the Nonsberg. Other farer distant copper occurrences can be found in the Upper Vinschgau Valley and Ortler region. From the Pb-Zn deposit Schneeberg few chalcopyrite-rich mineralizations are documented. In the Trentino small copper mineralizations are present to the South East of the city of Trento and associated with the magmatism in the Permo-Triassic rocks in the South Alpine (Monzoni intrusion in the Val di Fiemme). Apart from the Nonsberg mineralizations, all known copper ore occurrences are at least 30 km distant (Monzoni, Ulten).

This contribution presents a preliminary survey and mineral-chemical analyses of copper-rich ores from the Pfunderer Berg, Prettau, Schneeberg, Ultental, Monzoni, Upper Vinschgau and Nonsberg and the comparison of the former data with the phase composition of slag samples from the Fennhals smelting site in order to track back the ore to the deposit.

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SINGLE-CRYSTAL STRUCTURE AND RAMAN SPECTROSCOPY OF SYNTHETIC $\text{CaAlSiO}_4\text{F}$

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Titanite is an orthosilicate and its structure consists of chains of TiO_6 octahedra which are linked by isolated Si-tetrahedra. The main coupled substitutions that occur are $(\text{Al}, \text{Fe}^{3+} + \text{F}) = (\text{Ti} + \text{O})$ and $(\text{Al}, \text{Fe}^{3+} + \text{OH}) = (\text{Ti} + \text{O})$. The extent of the Al + F substitution in natural titanites is high but complete solid solution in the system $\text{CaTiSiO}_4\text{O}-\text{CaAlSiO}_4\text{F}$ has only been observed in experimental investigations. TROITZSCH et al. (1999) and TROITZSCH & ELLIS (1999) not only determined the crystal structure of synthetic $\text{CaAlSiO}_4\text{F}$ but also investigated the structural changes in titanite solid solutions along the join $\text{TiO} = \text{AlF}$ based on Rietveld analysis. $\text{CaAlSiO}_4\text{F}$ is monoclinic, belongs to the space group $A2/a$ ($a = 6.91$, $b = 8.51$, $c = 6.44 \text{ \AA}$ and $\beta = 114.7^\circ$). In this investigation synthetic $\text{CaAlSiO}_4\text{F}$, the AlF analog of titanite, has been investigated using single-crystal synchrotron diffraction experiments at Beamline X06DA (Swiss Light Source, Paul Scherrer Institute, Villigen, Switzerland) and for the first time Raman spectroscopy. A single-crystal of $20 \times 15 \times 7 \mu\text{m}^3$ was selected using a polarising transillumination stereo microscope. The symmetry and reflection conditions are consistent with the model reported by TROITZSCH & ELLIS (1999). Therefore, the known model ($A2/a$ setting) was used as a starting point for the structure refinement using Jana2006. Forty parameters were refined including anisotropic displacement parameters, resulting in a final fit of $R_{\text{obs}} = 2.6 \%$. The Raman spectrum is characterised by two spectral ranges with a distinct gap in between. The first range ($167\text{-}593 \text{ cm}^{-1}$) can be subdivided as follows: peaks in the range of $150\text{-}361 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ are bending and stretching vibrations involving Ca as well as motions of the tetrahedral and octahedral sites. A second subdivision can be distinguished between 431 and 507 cm^{-1} . The modes at 431 and 470 cm^{-1} are dominantly caused by tetrahedral torsion and F-displacement perpendicular to a with octahedral contribution. Vibrational spectra were calculated in harmonic approximation at G-point from fully relaxed energy optimisations of the crystal structures presented herein, using 3D-periodic density functional theory with Gaussian basis sets and the software CRYSTAL06. The lattice parameters of the fully relaxed structure were in good agreement with the experimental values, with the calculated values $0.8 \pm 0.4 \%$ too large; the monoclinic angle was calculated 0.4° too large. The agreement of the calculated Raman frequencies with the observed ones was very good, with standard deviation $\pm 7 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ and maximum deviations of $\pm 7 \text{ cm}^{-1}$.

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Mn₃₃(Si₂O₅)₁₄(OH)₃₈: A NEW MANGANESE PHYLLOSILICATE MINERAL FROM THE TYROL

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The mineral was discovered in a Mn-rich carbonate layer sandwiched between a serpentinite body and cherts at the locality Staffelsee, Geier in the innermost Wattener Lizum (Tyrol, Austria). Geologically these rocks belong to an Austroalpine nappe called the Tarntal mesozoic. The serpentinite belongs to the Reckner complex and the cherts are part of the Ruhpolding formation. The sample was collected during the diploma thesis of KLIER (2005). Small fragments of crystals have been extracted from a thin-section, and investigated using single-crystal synchrotron diffraction experiments at the X06DA beamline at the Swiss Light Source (Paul Scherrer Institute, Villigen, Switzerland). The crystal structure was solved and refined in space group *Cm* ($a = 17.2760(19)$, $b = 35.957(5)$, $c = 7.2560(8)$ Å, $\beta = 91.359(7)^\circ$ and $Z = 2$). The structure can be described as a 1:1 single layer silicate (monophyllosilicate), which exhibits a new layer topology. The layers are built from 8-, 6-, 5-, and 4-membered rings in a ratio of 2:9:2:1, respectively (Fig. 1). The unbranched fundamental chain has a periodicity of 7. According to the nomenclature of Liebau, the silicate sheets are *siebener* single layers with the symbol $\{uB, 7, 1^2_\infty\}$ representing the silicate anion. To our best knowledge no other minerals or synthetic structures with *siebener* single layers are known. The free apices of the silicate layer connect to both neighbouring MnO₆ octahedral layers. The hydrogen atoms are bonded to the free oxygen atoms (the ones not bridging between tetrahedra and octahedra) at the surface of the octahedral layers.

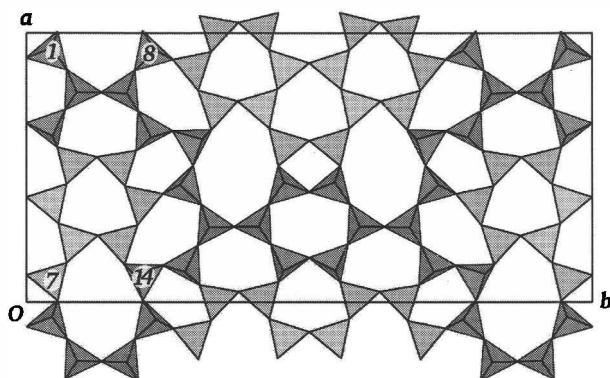


Figure 1: The $\{uB, 7, 1^2_\infty\}$ silicate layer of $Mn_{33}(Si_2O_5)_{14}(OH)_{38}$. The fundamental *siebener* chain is parallel to *a* (numbered tetrahedra 1-7).

THE HYDRATION OF PERICLASE TO BRUCITE: AN EXPERIMENTAL STUDY

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The hydration of mantle minerals is an important process in geodynamics as it changes the rock density and thus buoyancy forces of mantle units that are incorporated into orogenic processes. It can be described in terms of the MgO-SiO₂-H₂O model system. For the sake of tractability, we selected the MgO-H₂O subsystem to investigate the hydration of periclase and the formation of brucite, a phenomenon which involves a positive volume change of the solids of about 100 %.

We did dedicated hydration experiments on periclase single crystals, which we machined to cubes with 3x3x3 mm edge length and reacted with water at temperatures ranging from 400 to 530 °C and pressures of 70 to 200 MPa using cold-seal hydrothermal pressure vessels. Run durations were between 30 min. and 2 h. Hydration produced reaction rims of fibrous brucite, which were separated from the reactant periclase by sharp reaction fronts. The end form of brucite is given in Figure 1. The reaction progress was determined from measurement of the remaining periclase and the newly formed brucite volume fractions. Reaction progress was recalculated as average thickness of the brucite layer.

We assumed linear growth kinetics

$$d = k(T) \cdot t,$$

where d is the thickness of the brucite layer in mm, $k(T)$ is the rate constant, and t is time in seconds.

Assuming that the interface reaction is thermally activated we have

$$k(T) = k_0 \cdot \exp(-E_A/R \cdot T),$$

where T is the absolute temperature, E_A is the activation energy for the interface reaction, and k_0 is the pre-exponential factor. From our experiments we estimated 66.35 kJ/mole for E_A and 1.21 mm/s for k_0 . Further experiments are in progress.

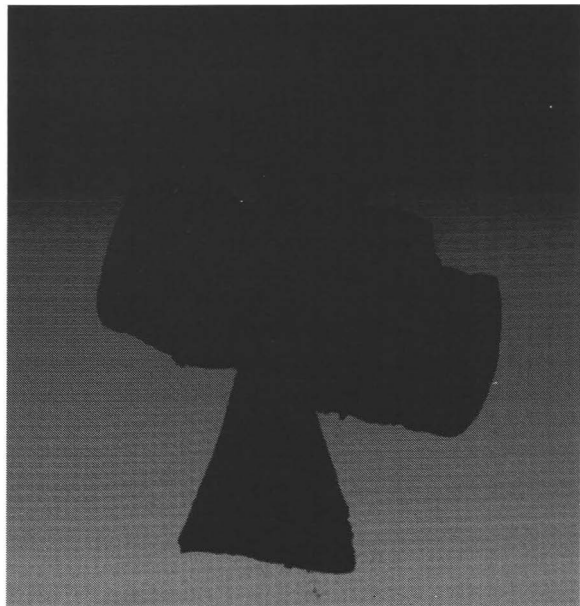


Figure 1, Brucite end form.

GOLD IN THE HISTORIC COPPER DEPOSITS AT FLATSCHACH, STYRIA

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The project area of this Master thesis (LEITNER, 2012) is located NW of Knittelfeld at Flatschach, Schönberg and Tremmelberg. Copper was mined from several vein type deposits (Brunngraben, Weißenbach, Adlitzgraben) in this abandoned mining district. Currently, these historic deposits are re-investigated by Noricum Gold Ltd. for their gold contents.

Copper-gold mineralisation is hosted in a set of NE-SW to NNE-SSW trending and steeply NW dipping vein structures in medium-grade metamorphic rocks of the Austroalpine basement. The immediate host rocks of the mineralisation include a banded metabasite - biotite gneiss sequence containing relicts of metaultramafic rocks, orthogneisses and granite gneiss. The whole sequence is interpreted as part of the Gaaler Schuppenzone, a tectonically fragmented continuation of the Speik Complex (plus others). Tectonically it is assigned to the Silvretta-Seckau nappe system. Formation of the mineralised quartz-carbonate veins postdates the main stage of ductile deformation (main foliation, flat W plunging folds) and amphibolite facies regional metamorphism of Eoalpine age. Sericite-carbonate alteration has been documented around the veins in gneissose rocks.

Based on ore microscopy and EMPA analyses three paragenetic stages can be distinguished. All three are gold bearing. Stage 1 includes the primary hydrothermal ore assemblage characterised by Fe-rich sulfides such as chalcopyrite, pyrite, arsenopyrite with minor associated allocasite, enargite, bornite, native bismuth, matildite, sphalerite and galena.

Stage 2 includes Cu-rich Fe-poor sulfides like digenite, anilite, covellite etc. and the rare Cu arsenides domeykite and koutekite. Gold of Stages 1 and 2 has similar chemical composition ranging from pure gold (95% Au) to electrum (~70% Au, ~30% Ag). Stage 3 is characterized by a strongly oxidised alteration assemblage (not yet studied in detail) with hematite, cuprite, and various Cu- and Fe-hydroxide and carbonate minerals (goethite, malachite etc.). Gold of Stage 3 is Ag-rich electrum and has higher Hg contents.

The exact age of the Cu-Au mineralisation is not known. However, from geological reasons the timing of mineralization is constrained between the post-peak metamorphic phase of Late Cretaceous regional metamorphism and deposition of the Neogene sediments of the Fohnsdorf-Seckau basin. The Cu-(Au) deposits in the Flatschach area show some similarities with orogenic lode gold deposits, although they document unusual late stage low-temperature hydrothermal (Stage 2) and weathering (Stage 3) processes. During both of these subsequent stages gold was mobilised.

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POTENTIAL ESTIMATION OF RADIATION-INDUCED STRUCTURAL DISORDER WITH REE³⁺ LUMINESCENCE SPECTROSCOPY

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We present first results of a study addressing whether REE³⁺ luminescence spectroscopy can be used to estimate the degree of structural disorder in natural zircon (ZrSiO₄). Our results show that the degree of disorder, as observed from the broadenings and shifts of luminescence bands, generally depends on (1) chemical composition (i.e., structural disorder due to the incorporation of non-formula elements) and (2) structural state (i.e., radiation damage, crystallinity, strain/stress). Effects of radiation-induced disorder were studied on zircon samples from various locations (NASDALA et al., 2006). In that study, single-crystals were cut in two halves. One half each was then subjected to heat treatment in air to anneal the radiation damage, whereas the other half remained in its natural, radiation-damaged state. Comparison of photoluminescence (PL) spectra implies that the full-width-at-half-maximum (FWHM) of certain luminescence bands of trace Dy³⁺ is very sensitive to the accumulation of radiation damage (Figure 1). Interior regions with elevated U and Th content accumulated more radiation-damage over geologic time and hence show the strongest PL band broadening.

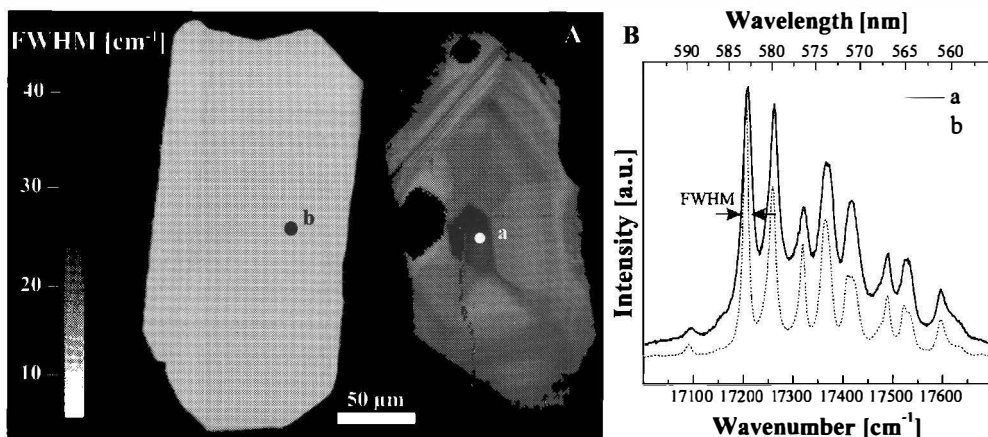


Figure 1. (A) Photoluminescence map (FWHM of the Dy³⁺ ⁴F_{9/2} → ⁶H_{13/2} transition) of a cut Archaean gabbro zircon-crystal from the Mulcahy Lake intrusion, Ontario, Canada. The left half was annealed at 1300 °C whereas the right half remained in its natural, radiation-damaged state. (B) Intensity-normalised PL spectra (λ_{exc} = 473 nm) showing the ⁴F_{9/2} → ⁶H_{13/2} transition of trace Dy³⁺ of both crystal halves (analysis points indicated in A).

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MINERALOGICAL INVESTIGATIONS ON MELTING PRODUCTS FROM INCINERATOR BOTTOM ASHES

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The common process for treating municipal solid waste with the goal of energy production, reduction of volume and combustion of organic components is the incineration. The products of this thermal treatment are so called “incinerator bottom ashes”, whereof 17 million tons accrue in Europe every year. An incinerator bottom ash is a heterogeneous mixture of various components, consisting of ashes, melting products, metal parts and unburned particles. The usage as a secondary construction material is limited to few applications, because of the remaining heavy metals and chlorides in the ashes. Therefore, a major part has to be landfilled.

A promising technique for the selective disintegration of bottom ashes is the electrodynamic fragmentation (BLUHM et al., 2000), where short high voltage pulses are applied to solids embedded in a dielectric fluid such as water. In the course of this study, the extracted melting products have been analysed with respect to their mineralogical and chemical composition by using a combination of different methods of analyses. Special emphasis has been laid on quantitative phase analysis via “Rietveld-Method” Furthermore, different methods for the determination of amorphous content with X-ray powder diffraction (MADSEN et al., 2011) have been tested on mixtures of known composition and applied to the analysis of melting products. It has been shown that the external standard method, which was first described by O’CONNOR & RAVEN (1988), is appropriate for the phase-quantification of the bottom ashes. The liberated melting products are composed of a vitreous matrix with inclusions of silicates and oxides and contain no more chlorides and sulphates such as Friedel’s salt or ettringite. Regarding a potential re-use of the examined material, its pozzolanic activity has been investigated.

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**METASOMATIC TITANATES ASSOCIATED WITH CL-RICH AMPHIBOLE AND
PHLOGOPITE IN MULTIPLY METASOMATIZED PERIDOTITES FROM
LETSENG-LA-TERAE, LESOTHO**

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The Letseng-La-Terae diamondiferous kimberlite contains a complex suite of upper mantle peridotites, some of these give evidence of multi-stage metasomatism (SIMON et al., 2003). At this point it is described the petrology of two samples, which represent typical coarse, low-temperature garnet and spinel peridotites. The first sample defined as garnet lherzolite, which represents an unusually complex suite of Cr-rich oxides is consisting of spinel + rutile + ilmenite + crichtonite + armalcolite. The second sample characterized as garnet-bearing harzburgite, which has a similar assemblage to the garnet lherzolite, is composed of spinel + rutile + crichtonite. In addition to this assemblage, which has been formed by two different metasomatic events, a rare exotic accessory mineral called djerfisherite was analyzed in the garnet harzburgite that coexists with pentlandite and was formed by metasomatic overprinting (ZACCARINI et al., 2007). Crichtonite is present as tiny inclusion in Cr-rich clinopyroxenes which forms a narrow vein crosscutting the peridotites and is associated with inclusions of Cr-spinel and Cr-Zr-rich rutile, calcic amphibole and phlogopite. The crichtonite-rutile-amphibole-phlogopite association is thought to have been formed by infiltration of a hydrous fluid rich in K-REE-U-Th and Cl. A second metasomatic event apparently involving a hydrous melt caused (1) a partial to complete pseudomorphic replacement of garnet by Al-rich spinel + clinopyroxene + orthopyroxene; (2) replacement of Cl-rich phlogopite-I by F-Ti-Fe-rich and Cl-poor phlogopite-II; (3) modification of the composition of primary clinopyroxene and orthopyroxene along a network of narrow veins to produce Na-Al-poor clinopyroxene and Ca-Al-rich orthopyroxene and (4) formation of Cr-rich armalcolite and ilmenite associated with Na-Al-poor clinopyroxene.

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CHARACTERISATION OF THE SUBCONTINENTAL LITHOSPHERIC MANTLE BENEATH THE TANZANIA CRATON BASED ON GARNET XENOCRYSTS

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Kimberlites from Mwadui, Singida, Nyangwale and Galamba have been emplaced within the northern part of the Tanzania Craton in Archean granitic basement. No mantle xenoliths, but single garnet grains and garnet megacrysts were found in the four visited/sampled kimberlite pipes. These garnets have been studied using major-, trace- and rare earth element compositions in order to obtain information on the underlying upper mantle.

According to the classification scheme of GRÜTTER et al. (2004) the garnets can be distinguished into five different groups (Fig. 1): low-Cr megacrysts (G1), eclogitic garnets (G3), pyroxenitic garnets (G4), lherzolitic garnets (G9) and harzburgitic garnets (G10). Some garnets within group G4 and G10 can be strongly associated with diamonds (G4D and G10D). The different originated garnets reflect a less depleted to depleted mantle (variations in Ti, Zr and Y) that is influenced by metasomatic mantle processes (e.g. melt-type- and phlogopite-type metasomatism). Eclogitic garnets have a low MgO and Cr₂O₃ content and are interpreted to be derived from subducted oceanic crust. These garnets may be related to 2 Ga old eclogites from the Usagaran belt, to the south east of the Tanzania Craton.

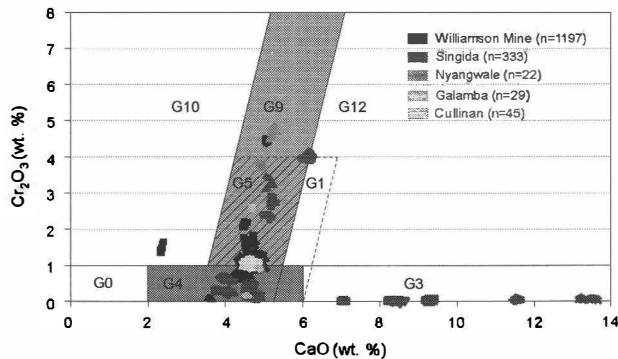


Figure 1. Cr₂O₃ vs. CaO diagram. G-number nomenclature after GRÜTTER et al. (2004): G0= unclassified, G1= low-Cr megacrysts (dashed parallelogram), G3= eclogitic, G4 and G5= pyroxenitic, G9= lherzolitic, G10= harzburgitic, G12= wehrlitic. n= number of analyses.

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SYNTHESIS AND CRYSTAL STRUCTURES OF NEW ALKALI-REE-FLUOROSILICATES

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During a systematic study on the crystal chemistry and the synthesis of REE-fluorosilicates by the flux-method using KF and RbF melts as solvents several new compounds were prepared. Therefore, mixtures with a nutrient:flux ratio of 1:1 were homo-genized, loaded in platinum capsules and welded shut. The containers were fired to 1100 °C in a resistance heated furnace, isothermed for 2 h, followed by slow cooling to 800 °C at 5 °C/h and finally quenched to ambient temperature. In all cases transparent crystals of good optical quality (up to several mm in size) could be easily retrieved by dissolving the flux in distilled water. Furthermore, the crystals were characterized by X-ray single-crystal diffraction (performed at 25 °C). The crystal structures of all phases could be solved by direct methods and difference Fourier synthesis. Structure solution was also employed to establish the chemical composition of the following three compounds:

- (1) $K_9Y_3[Si_{12}O_{32}]F_2$, triclinic, space group $P-1$, $a=6.8187(3)$ Å, $b=11.3345(4)$ Å, $c=11.3727(5)$ Å, $\alpha=87.846(3)^\circ$, $\beta=89.747(3)^\circ$, $\gamma=80.524(3)^\circ$, $V=866.36(6)$ Å³, $Z=1$. Salt inclusion compound based on silicate layers with 6-, 8- and 12-membered rings.
- (2) $Rb_2Sc[Si_4O_{10}]F$, tetragonal, space group $I4/m$, $a=11.2619(3)$ Å, $c=8.3053(4)$ Å, $V=1053.37(7)$ Å³, $Z=4$. Tubular chain structure, isotypic with narsarsukite ($Na_2(Ti,Fe^{3+})Si_4O_{10}(O,F)$) (PEACOR & BUERGER (1962)).
- (3) $Rb_2Lu[Si_4O_{10}]F$, monoclinic, space group $P2_1/m$, $a=11.6695(3)$ Å, $b=8.5238(2)$ Å, $c=11.8165(3)$ Å, $\beta=111.753(2)^\circ$, $V=1091.67(5)$ Å³, $Z=4$. Tubular chain structure.

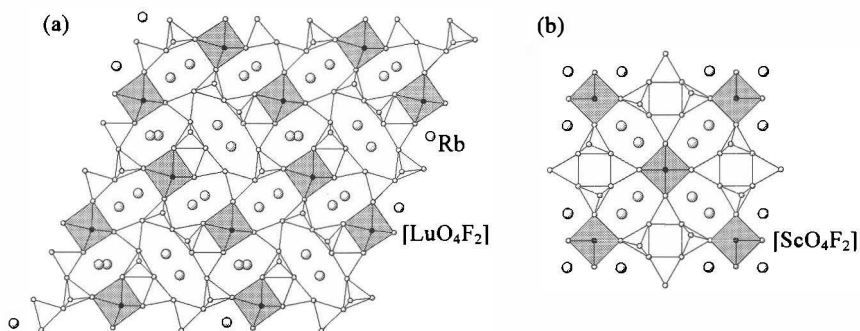


Figure 1. Projections of the crystal structures of (a) $Rb_2Lu[Si_4O_{10}]F$ and (b) $Rb_2Sc[Si_4O_{10}]F$ parallel to the directions of the tubular chains. Linkage between the silicate chains is provided by (Sc,Lu) O_4F_2 -octahedra.

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PETROLOGY OF ECLOGITES AND ASSOCIATED GNEISSES OF THE POLINIK STRUCTURAL COMPLEX (KREUZECK MOUNTAINS, EASTERN ALPS)

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The region of the Kreuzeck Mountains southeast of the Tauern Window in the Austrian Eastern Alps reveals contrasting early-Cretaceous overprint of the Austro-Alpine (AA) basement complexes from (sub-) greenschist to high-pressure (HP) amphibolite/eclogite facies (HOKE, 1990; PUTIŠ et al., 2002; MICHÁLEK et al., 2001; KONZETT et al., 2011). The HP amphibolites to eclogites and the host kyanite-garnet paragneisses and granitic orthogneisses form tectonic lenses of the AA Polinik structural complex along a dextral strike slip shear zone. The eclogites/HP amphibolites and Grt-Ky-St micaschists of the AA Polinik structural complex form tectonic lenses within the MP kyanite-garnet para- and orthogneisses and amphibolites, sporadically containing thin layers of marble and calc-silicate rocks.

The eclogite mineral assemblage is represented by garnet, omphacite, zoisite, amphibole and rutile (M1 stage). $\text{Cpx}_1(\text{Jd}_{25-45}) - \text{Grt}(\text{Alm}_{53-50}\text{Prp}_{19-23}\text{GrS}_{29-34})$ pairs were used to obtain temperatures of 600-720 °C at minimum estimated pressures of 1.1-1.7 GPa based on the Jd content found in Omp. Using PERPLE_X (CONNOLLY, 2005), the calculated pseudosection yields peak metamorphic conditions of 630 – 730 °C at 1.4 – 1,7 GPa. Omp (Jd_{25-45}) is decomposed into symplectite of $\text{Cpx}_2(\text{Jd}_{19-8})$ and Pl (An_{14-26}) during the M2 exhumation stage at a temperature of c. 700 – 650 °C and 1.4 – 1.0 GPa. Subsequent retrogression caused corona textures around garnet consisting of Am (Prg – Al-Fe Prg) and Pl (An_{34-52}), which indicate the M3 stage of metamorphism. Rt is overgrown by Ilm-Ttn as a result of decompression.

The hosting Grt-Ky-St gneisses are composed of Grt, St, Bt, Ms, Pl, Ky, \pm Tur and mostly reflects the retrograde conditions of the M2 stage of metamorphism. A temperature of 650 ± 30 °C at 0.9 ± 0.1 GPa can be calculated by using the Grt-Bt, GRAIL and GASP geothermobarometers. A temperature of 665 ± 15 °C at 0.8 ± 0.08 GPa has been calculated by PT average mode in THERMOCALC 3.31 (HOLLAND & POWELL, 1998) which is comparable to results from Grt-Bt, GASP and GRAIL geothermobarometry.

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**FLUID INCLUSIONS FROM BLUESCHIST-FACIES BOUDIN STRUCTURES
WITHIN THE PHYLLITE-QUARTZITE UNIT OF THE EXTERNAL HELLENIDES,
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The Phyllite-Quartzite Unit, exposed in the southernmost part of the Mani peninsula, occurs between the medium-grade metamorphosed Plattenkalk Unit and the low-grade metamorphosed Tripolitsa Unit. The unit contains blueschists arranged as boudins which are surrounded by chloritoid-bearing micaschists. HP/LT metamorphism resulted from subduction of the Adriatic plate beneath the Eurasian plate during Eocene time.

On micro-scale, blueschist boudins contain the mineral assemblage glaucophane + chloritoid + phengite + quartz. The surrounding rocks consist of chloritoid + phengite + paragonite + chlorite + quartz. On the basis of Mg/Fe distribution, mineral chemical analysis of chloritoid indicates a prograde growth. Chloritoid porphyroblasts show an internal earlier foliation S1 (D1) and locally pseudomorphic transformations to phengite and chlorite that are accompanied with SSW-directed shearing (D2). D2 is responsible for the penetrative foliation S2.

The post-peak P-T evolution of the Phyllite-Quartzite Unit has been identified by fluid inclusions in boudin structures (sample PM 14) and quartz filled necks (sample PM10). PM 14 consists of recrystallized fine-grained quartz grains (≤ 0.8 mm) and euhedral Mg-dolomite grains (≤ 1.2 mm). PM10 consists of coarse grained quartz (> 3 mm) without Mg-dolomite. Fluid inclusions (FIs) in PM 14 are restricted along intragranular fluid inclusion planes, whereas in PM 10 FIs are arranged as clusters and along intragranular fluid inclusion planes. Both samples are dominated by aqueous saline FIs, predominantly with halite daughter crystals. FIs occur up to 3-phase (S, L, V) at room temperature and indicate on basis of T_e and Raman spectroscopy the chemical system $H_2O-NaCl-CaCl_2$. Last melting of ice (T_m) of about $-49^\circ C$ occurs earlier than last melting of hydrohalite, which coincides well with respective low-temperature Raman spectroscopy. Salinity composition is about 36 mass% NaCl and 17 mass% $CaCl_2$. Total salinity based on halite solubility lies between 40 and 50 mass%. Different homogenisation temperatures of FIs between samples PM 14 and PM 10 allow a subdivision of their density range into 1.13 to 1.19 and 1.17 to 1.24 g/cm^3 , respectively.

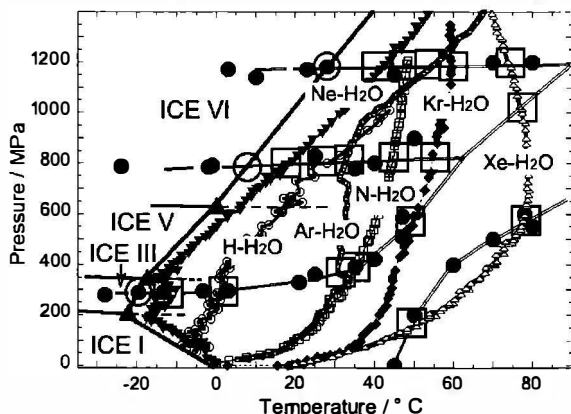
Peak temperatures from blueschists of about $550^\circ C$ point to maximum conditions for formation of quartz filled necks (PM 10) between 7 and 9 kbar. Lower densities from the boudin structure (PM 14) between 5.5 and 7.5 kbar indicate conditions for quartz recrystallization accompanied with fluid density re-equilibration during exhumation.

DECOMPOSITION OF CLATHRATE HYDRATES AS INDICATOR OF ANOMALOUS PVT-BEHAVIOUR OF WATER

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Clathrate are minerals characterized by an H₂O-cage structure hosting therein various gaseous molecules – mostly of low molecular weight. Because of considerable economical importance, a vast amount of studies is concerned with the complex properties of this mineral group. This study was motivated by a previous work on the compression behaviour of water between 0 ° and 80 °C up to 1.2 GPa (MIRWALD, 2005a) revealing a complex P-T system of anomalies. The PVT anomalies of water may be traced by compression experiments, by detailed determinations of the P-T course of phase transition boundaries (e.g. melting curve of ice), or by decomposition reactions (e.g. dehydration reactions). Dehydration studies on gypsum, portlandite and brucite have shown that the water anomalies actually extend far into the P-T range of petrological relevance (MIRWALD, 2008, 2005b, c). Detailed studies on the P-T relations of clathrate hydrates have been conducted by Dyadin and co-workers (e.g. Dyadin et al., 1999). Out of the great number of investigations those on noble gas hydrates and H- and N-hydrate have been chosen, showing a minimum of interaction between guest



molecule and hosting H₂O-cage. The figure gives a view on the previously outlined system of water anomalies (closed circles connected by double lines). At 290, 780 and 1180 MPa the melting curve of ice is characterized by anomalous dP/dT-slope inflections (open circles; MIRWALD, 2010). On the diagram superimposed the decomposition curves of various clathrate hydrates (Ne-, H-, Ar-, N-, Kr- and Xe-H₂O) are given. In all cases the decomposition curves of the clathrate hydrates show at or in

very next vicinity of the water anomalies a discontinuous behaviour of the dP/dT-slope (open squares) that is to be related to the anomalous PVT behaviour of H₂O.

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ANOMALOUS COMPRESSION BEHAVIOUR OF CORDIERITE

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An increasing number of observations indicate that oxidic compounds, such as water/ice (MIRWALD, 2010), hydrates (DYADIN et al., 1999), quartz and SiO₂-glass (MIRWALD & LOERTING, 2011), may exhibit PVT anomalies. Also dehydration reactions e.g. of NaCl*2H₂O, Mg(OH)₂ (MIRWALD, 2005; 2008) and the compressibility of water (MIRWALD, 2005) indicate anomalous volume behaviour. All these studies base on high precision volumetric experiments ($\Delta V/V \sim 10^{-5}$) performed with a piston cylinder apparatus. A similar volumetric study was performed on cordierite from Soto/Argentina (MIRWALD et al., 1984) up to 1.5 GPa at 25 °C. Parallel, high precision XRD-data (cell volume) were collected with a diamond anvil cell (DAC). Cordierite shows a broad anomaly between 0.35 and 0,75 GPa what is strikingly similar to that one of the SiO₂ materials and also related to the

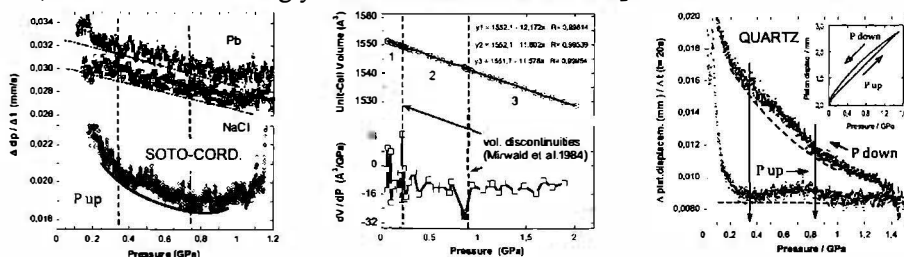


Fig. 1: the left plate displays the compression behaviour of cordierite at increasing pressure, monitored in form of the piston-displacement ($\Delta p/\Delta t$; $\Delta t=15$ s) versus pressure with the calibration tracks of Pb and NaCl; the middle plate shows the corresponding cell volume; the right plate gives previous data on quartz.

compressibility of water (MIRWALD, 2005). Furthermore, the ice melting curve (MIRWALD, 2010) and the dehydration reactions of the clathrates of Ne- and H-hydrates (DYADIN et al., 1999) as well as of NaCl*2H₂O show anomalous dP/dT-slope behaviour in that pressure range. All materials studied so far have oxygen as a component in common which insinuates that oxygen is mainly responsible for that anomalous PVT-behaviour.

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CONCRETE DETERIORATION - REACTION MECHANISMS REVEALED BY A MULTIPROXY APPROACH

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Deterioration due to aggressive aqueous environments acts as a major threat for the durability of concrete structures. One example is the thaumasite form of sulfate attack (TSA) which preferentially occurs in wet, highly sulfate-loaded and cold (<15 °C) environments such as in underground structures. Despite the fact that the destructive nature of TSA is well known, reaction paths and mechanisms that may even lead to a total destruction of concrete structures are still poorly understood. The aim of this study is to contribute to a deeper understanding by introducing a novel approach based on combined methodologies.

Our multi-proxy approach comprises a range of mineralogical methods such as X-ray diffraction with Rietveld refinement and electron microprobe, hydro-geochemical analyses, e.g. ion chromatography and inductively-coupled plasma-mass spectrometry, and PHREEQC hydrogeochemical modelling. The distribution of stable hydrogen and oxygen isotopes of water were analysed by wavelength scanned cavity ring-down spectroscopy.

The investigations were performed on damaged concrete samples taken from two tunnel sites in Austria, where the locally occurring ground water was classified as slightly aggressive in terms of SO₄ load (DIN EN 206-1. < 600 mg L⁻¹). Severely damaged mushy concrete consisted mainly of thaumasite, secondary calcite, gypsum and aggregate relicts. The expressed interstitial solutions from this altered material were extremely enriched in SO₄ and Cl (> 30000 and 12000 mg L⁻¹, respectively) (Mittermayr et al., 2013). Stable hydrogen and oxygen isotope ratios were feasible for verifying and quantifying the effect of evaporation and distinct degrees of relative humidity. An enormous and linear accumulation of incompatible dissolved ions (e.g. K, Rb and Li) clearly indicates that numerous wetting and drying cycles had occurred. Such a highly dynamic system is considered to have severe destructive effects on concrete structures. With this study we developed a new multi proxy approach to reveal the complexity of alteration processes involving chemical attack on concrete. Thus specific counter measures for structures affected by TSA, designing of advanced concrete admixtures and constructive measures for future projects can be facilitated.

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EXPERIMENTAL DETERMINATION OF Fe-Mg INTERDIFFUSION RATES IN CLINOPYROXENE AND IMPLICATIONS FOR GEOTHERMOMETRY INVOLVING FERROMAGNESIAN MINERALS

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Clinopyroxene (cpx) is a common constituent of many igneous, metamorphic and mantle derived rocks. Spatial variation in the chemical composition of cpx can be interpreted as a record of the magmatic or metamorphic evolution and the partitioning of Fe and Mg between cpx and other ferromagnesian minerals is typically used as a geothermometer. Zoning in such minerals is often the result of diffusive exchange leading to partial disequilibrium profiles. Such profiles can be used to constrain thermal histories if the kinetic parameters are known.

We present experimental data for the chemical interdiffusion of Fe-Mg in natural diopside crystals at ambient pressure, at temperatures ranging from 800 – 1200 °C and oxygen fugacities of 10^{-11} to 10^{-17} bar. Diffusion couples were prepared by ablating an olivine (Fo₃₀) target to deposit a thin film (20 – 100 nm) onto a polished surface of a natural diopside crystal using the pulsed laser deposition (PLD) technique. After diffusion anneals, compositional depth profiles at the near surface region (~ 400 nm) were measured using Rutherford Backscattering Spectroscopy (RBS).

Experimental results reveal that the data can be described by a single Arrhenius relation without strong dependence of $D^{\text{Fe-Mg}}$ on composition of cpx or oxygen fugacity. $D_{\alpha}^{\text{Fe-Mg}}$ in a ferromagnesian mineral, α , is arranged in the order spinel > olivine > grt \approx opx > cpx. Diffusion in cpx may thus be the rate limiting process for the freezing of many geothermometers and compositional zoning in clinopyroxene may preserve records of a higher temperature segment of the thermal history of a rock than that recorded in other coexisting mafic minerals. Modelling results suggest that in the absence of pervasive recrystallization, cpx grains will retain compositions from peak temperatures at their cores in most geological settings where peak temperatures did not exceed ~ 1100 °C, but resetting may be expected in slowly cooled mantle rocks, plutonic mafic rocks, or some UHT metamorphic rocks.

LITHOSPHERIC MANTLE HETEROGENEITIES BENEATH SOUTHERN PATAGONIA

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Fifty samples were chosen from 6 outcrops in Southern Patagonia. While sample suites from Don Camilo, Gobernador Gregores and Tres Lagos comprise Sp-lherzolites and Sp-harzburgites, samples from Potrok Aike, Salsa and El Ruido, all within Pali Aike Volcanic Field (PAVF), comprise also Sp-Gt-lherzolites and Sp-Gt-harzburgites.

According to Cpx REE patterns, the samples can be divided into 4 groups within Sp-peridotites and 2 within Sp-Gt-peridotites. Group I Sp-peridotites show a depletion in LREE reflecting different degrees of partial melting. Group II shows an enrichment in MREE over LREE and HREE suggesting basaltic melt percolation. Group III REE patterns are flat from HREE to MREE with an enrichment in LREE. Group IV Cpx are in addition enriched in MREE over HREE reflecting stronger metasomatic overprint than Group III. While Group I Sp-Gt-peridotites represents slightly depleted samples with typical REE patterns of Cpx in equilibrium with Gt, Group II Cpx REE patterns show LREE enrichments reflecting metasomatic event(s).

Re-Os analyses of 24 Sp-peridotites reveal highly variable T_{RD} . While T_{RD} at Tres Lagos range from 1 to 1.6 Ga, samples from Don Camilo and Gobernador Gregores yield ages from 0.6 and 0.8 to 1 Ga, respectively. Samples from PAVF yield T_{RD} from 0.3 to 2.3 Ga. A depletion in Pt, Pd and Re in all samples reflect different degrees of partial melting.

REE abundances, different degrees of partial melting and transition reactions from Sp to Gt stability field and vice versa, suggest a very heterogeneous SCLM beneath Southern Patagonia.

CONTACT AUREOLE OF THE SRI SAWAT GRANITE, KANCHANABURI PROVINCE, WESTERN THAILAND

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The Sri Sawat granite emplaced to a lower Paleozoic sedimentary succession ranging in the age from Cambrian, Ordovician to Silurian–Devonian ages. Age of emplacement of around 200 Ma and the geochemical characteristics suggest that the Sri Sawat granite is of S-type affinity and belongs to the Central granite belt in Thailand and Southeast Asia. The intrusion developed a contact aureole comprised of hornfels in Cambrian mudstone and metacarbonate in Ordovician argillaceous limestone. The metacarbonate comprises: Tr–Phl calcsilicate (Type I), Cal marble (Type II), Ves–Wo–Di–Grs–Qtz calc-skarn (Type III), and Dol–Cal–Phl±Chl marble (Type IV). *P–T* conditions of the contact metamorphism were estimated by pseudosections and mineral isopleths from hornfels samples and yield ~580 – 600 °C and 2 kbar. Based on the pressure of 2 kbar, the isobaric *T–XCO₂* diagrams of representative samples from Types I, III and IV reveal that the peak equilibrium temperature is ~500 °C, ~660 °C and 420 °C, respectively. Stable C–O isotopes suggest that meteoric infiltration was the source of the fluid in Type I while magmatic infiltration was the source in Type II and IV. Whereas the calc–skarn (Type III) shows a strong influence of magmatic coupled with meteoric fluids.

RETENTION OF RADIATION DAMAGE IN ZIRCON XENOCRYSTS FROM KIMBERLITES, NORTHERN YAKUTIA

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We have studied zircon xenocrysts (that are assumed to originate from lower crustal or upper mantle rocks) from kimberlites from the Kuoika and Ary Mastakh fields in Northern Yakutia. Kimberlite formation has occurred ca. 150–230 Ma ago (compare also GRIFFIN et al., 1999). Our SHRIMP (Sensitive High Resolution Ion MicroProbe) analyses yielded much older, generally concordant U–Pb ages (Fig. 1), which excludes notable U–Pb resetting during kimberlite formation. Also, zircon grains were found to be significantly more radiation-damaged than would correspond to damage accumulation only since the time of kimberlite formation (cf. NASDALA et al., 2001). This observation contradicts the hypothesis that high temperatures during kimberlite events will cause complete structural reconstitution of zircon xenocrysts, by thermal annealing of the accumulated radiation damage.

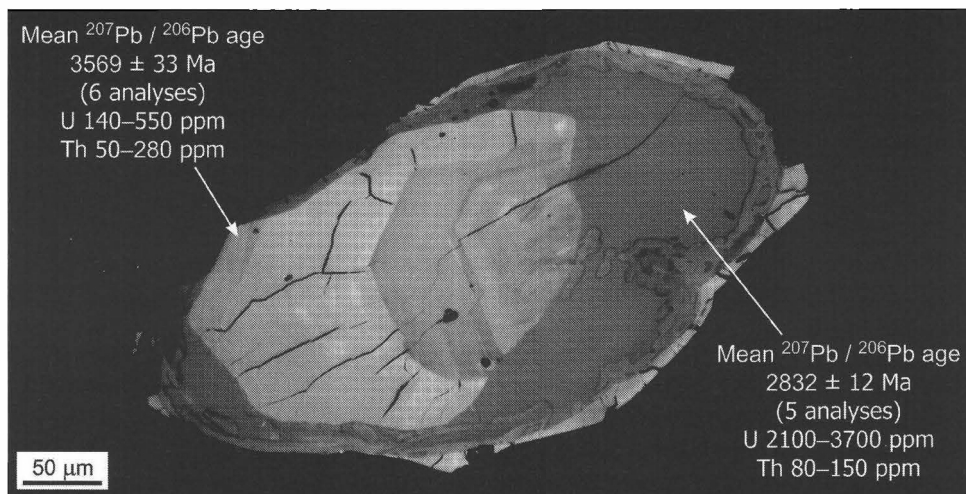


Figure 1. Zircon xenocryst (embedded in epoxy and polished; reflected light image) from the Bargadymalah pipe, Ary Mastakh field, Northern Yakutia, showing a complex internal texture. The zoned core (high reflectance) is partially radiation-damaged whereas the U-rich interior region (dark grey) is fully metamict.

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EXPERIMENTAL ALTERATION STUDIES AT THE BENTONITE-CEMENT INTERFACE

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The Aspö underground laboratory site (Sweden) is a field study site designed for nuclear waste disposal in a granite-based repository. In order to guarantee the long-term sealing of the repository, a multi-barrier concept is being investigated consisting of a bentonite and cement buffer that surrounds the radioactive containing copper containers. Groundwater interactions with the bentonite buffer are generally well known, but alteration processes directly at the bentonite-cement contact are still poorly constrained. These processes may have a significant impact on the long-term stability and self-sealing capacity of both buffers.

In order to characterize the alteration processes directly at the bentonite-cement contact, two bentonite-cement leaching experiments and one bentonite control experiment were carried out. A water inflow scenario was simulated using a flow-through reaction-cell (WARR & HOFMANN, 2003) with distilled water as the leaching agent. During the hydration period, changes in the mineralogy and chemistry of both air-dried MX-80 bentonite and Portland cement clinker were monitored using X-ray diffraction and transmission electron microscopy analyses over an experimental period of one year.

Within the first 22 h the cement-influenced bentonite hydrated rapidly while the pure bentonite reached its maximum hydration after 963 h. Associated with the rapid water inflow in the cement-bentonite experiments the volume of the bentonite layer strongly increased and subsequently infiltrated the cement layer. Intense cation exchange of Na⁺ (0.36 to 0.08 a.p.f.u) for Ca²⁺ (0.08 to 0.12 a.p.f.u.) took place directly at the bentonite-cement contact zone, within the interlayer sites of the montmorillonite. This reaction was associated with the general depletion of the CaO content in the C-S-H phases by a factor of 2.5 compared to the unaltered cement. It was recognized that gypsum, an accessory mineral in the MX-80 bentonite, was completely dissolved during the first hydration period. Ettringite precipitated simultaneously, whereas neither ettringite formation nor gypsum dissolution was observed in the control experiment. It appears that ettringite can weaken the concrete and inhibit the formation of more cement minerals, i.e. C-S-H phases.

Our results clearly indicate that intense leaching occurs at the bentonite and cement contact in the presence of aqueous solution. The Ca substitution of Na reduces the montmorillonite swelling pressure, and significantly reduces the Ca required for the formation of cement phases. Thus, the cementation process close to the bentonite-cement alteration zone was determined to be incomplete. These alteration processes may have huge impact on destabilizing the clay-cement buffer.

**TOURMALINE (SCHORL-DRAVITE) FROM GRANITIC PEGMATITES
IN VLASTĚJOVICE, CZECH REPUBLIC:
AN INDICATOR OF FRACTIONATION AND IN-SITU CONTAMINATION**

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Tourmaline is a valuable indicator of geochemical processes and it is widely used to monitor degree of fractionation or external contamination of pegmatite melts. Tourmaline-bearing granitic pegmatites cutting various rocks in Vlastějovice exhibit similar size and mostly simple internal structure and mineral assemblages (Tab. 1). The parental granite of the pegmatites cutting Fe-skarn (Footwall granite-pegmatite) is located along the footwall contact of Fe-skarn and underlying orthogneiss body and the relevant pegmatite melts passed several decameters solely through Fe-skarn. Hence, they represent a unique case to study degree of contamination in pegmatites with distinct host rocks and degree of fractionation.

Pegmatite/degree of fractionation	Host rock/ reaction rim	Fe, Mg, Mn-minerals
Březina/low	migmatized gneiss/none	Tur~Grt>Bt
Nosatá skála/low	pyroxene gneiss/none	Tur>Bt>Grt
Footwall granite-pegmatite/low	orthogneiss/Fe-skarn/thin	Bt>>Tur>Amp
Pegmatite No.4/ low	Fe-skarn/moderate	Bt>>Tur>Amp
Pegmatite No.12/ low	Fe-skarn/thick	Bt>>Tur~Amp
Spessartine pegmatite/moderate	Fe-skarn/none	Bt>Tur>Grt
Elbaite pegmatite/high	Fe-skarn/none	Tur>>Bt

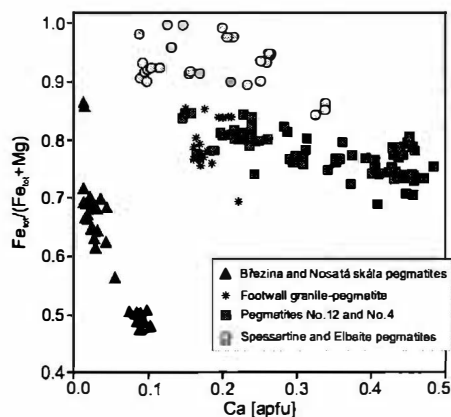


Table 1. Brief review of the pegmatites examined.

Figure 1. Plot $Fe_{tot}/(Fe_{tot}+Mg)$ vs. Ca in tourmalines.

Evident Ca,Fe-contamination is seen in tourmaline from all pegmatites cutting Fe-skarn, whereas contamination in the pegmatites from gneisses is negligible. The overall positive correlation Ca-Fe is evident but the individual dikes show rather negative correlation with distinct slopes (Fig. 1). In the pegmatites from gneisses this evolution reflects fractionation of the melt to Ca-poor and Fe-enriched; however, in the contaminated pegmatites this process is more or less overprinted by the Ca, Fe-contamination from host Fe-skarn and fractionation of Mg from Fe is enhanced by contamination. The Footwall granite-pegmatite located between Fe-skarn and orthogneiss exhibits transitional features and corroborate these results. The tourmaline evolution in Vlastějovice also confirms tourmaline as a useful geochemical indicator.

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**DELAMINATED LITHOSPHERIC MANTLE FROM FAR EAST RUSSIA
AFFECTED BY EXOTIC METASOMATISM**

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In the back-arc environment of Far East Russia, mantle xenoliths from Sikhote-Alin (KO) and Primorie (SV), Far East Russia are fertile spinel lherzolites with amphibole, phlogopite armalcolite, fassaite and röhnite in some of the studied samples. The KO samples have Mg# varying from 89.1 to 89.9 and are slightly more fertile than the SV samples that have Mg# ranging from 89.8 to 90.4. The cpx REE confirm this trend as the $(La/Yb)_N$ in KO samples range from 0.10 to 1.00 and in SV samples from 0.15 to 1.73.

The clinopyroxene Sr and Nd isotopic ratios range from 0.702599 to 0.703567 and 0.512915 to 513153, respectively, resembling Pacific MORB isotopic ratios.

En route breakdown of disseminated amphibole produces second generation of cpx and olivine and traces of glass as well fassaite and röhnite indicating crystallization at very shallow depths. Melt pockets consisting of Ca-rich glass plagioclase rutile, ilmenite and armalcolite suggest introduction of small amount of an unusual Ti-Ca-rich anhydrous silicate melt at mantle depths.

The studied lithospheric mantle represents the residue after partial melting of up to 5% of a primitive mantle. Despite the fact that the studied area experienced several subducting episodes, the lithospheric mantle appears to be unaffected from the upwelling fluids/melts of the subducted slab(s). Since there is no indication for plume activity, and/or evidence for refertilization, it is likely that the lithospheric mantle has been delaminated as the result of tectonic events (lithospheric attenuation, inverse tectonic) associated with the subduction processes and that the studied spinel lherzolites represent upwelling asthenosphere.

STRUCTURAL CHARACTERIZATION OF LANNONITE FROM THE ANNA MINE, ALSDORF, GERMANY

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Lannonite and wilcoxite were first described by WILLIAMS & CESBRON (1983) as two new fluosulfates from the Lone Pine mine, New Mexico, where both occur as weathering products of the primary pyrite-rich ore. The chemical formula was reported to be $\text{HMg}_2\text{Ca}_4\text{Al}_4(\text{SO}_4)_8\text{F}_9 \cdot 32\text{H}_2\text{O}$ and a tetragonal symmetry without centering was derived from X-ray powder data. Due to the quality of the type material, however, no structural information could be obtained for both minerals. Recently PETERSON & JOY (2013) presented a detailed structural description of wilcoxite, $\text{MgAl}(\text{SO}_4)_2\text{F} \cdot 17\text{H}_2\text{O}$.

A second finding of lannonite from the Anna Mine, Alsdorf near Aachen, Germany, was reported by BLASS & STREHLER (1993), where lannonite is formed during the burning and weathering process of a coal dump after spontaneous ignition, i.e. mobilization of volatile components from the coal and formation of acidic solutions, which decompose the surrounding rock. Beside several ammonium and sulfate minerals, e.g. ammoniojarosite, anhydrite, or thermessaite-(NH_4), selenium is also observed in the lannonite-bearing paragenesis. The title compound occurs as clear, colourless, optically uniaxial, tetragonal (square) platelets, which are suitable for single-crystal X-ray investigations at ambient temperature. Even though lannonite has a reported H_2O content of 32 wt.%, it is a stable mineral with Mohs hardness of about 2 and a reported density of 2.22 g/cm^3 .

The extinction conditions revealed a tetragonal *I*-centered cell ($a = 6.860(1)$, $c = 28.053(5)$ Å, $V = 1320.3(4)$ Å³), and consecutive structure refinements applying the space groups of Laue class *4/m* revealed the correct space group to be *I4/m* ($R_{1,\text{all}} = 4.25\%$). The first outcome of the refined structure model is a reduced H_2O and F content leading to $\text{Mg}_2\text{Ca}_4\text{Al}_4(\text{SO}_4)_8\text{F}_8 \cdot 24\text{H}_2\text{O}$ as the corrected chemical formula for lannonite (D_x of 2.100 g/cm^3) from this locality. The structure can be described by a columnar sequence along [001] of F-linked CaFO_5 - $\text{AlF}_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_4$ - $\text{MgF}_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_4$ - $\text{AlF}_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_4$ - CaFO_5 octahedra terminated by positionally disordered SO_4 tetrahedra. These columns are interlinked by a second type of SO_4 tetrahedra, connecting neighbouring CaFO_5 octahedra.

The crystal-structure determination, together with optical and chemical-analytical data and Raman spectroscopy of the material will be presented and discussed.

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**NEW CONSTRAINTS ON THE TIMING OF THE MAE-PING CORE-COMPLEX
(NW-THAILAND)**

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The Mae Ping fault zone (MPFZ) is considered to be one of the major strike-slip shear zones contributing to the lateral extrusion of SE-Asia. Within this fault zone a Core-Complex of ductile deformed amphibolite-facies rocks, the so called Lan Sang Gneisses, occurs. Despite several former investigations some aspects concerning the time, regime and cause of exhumation remain unclear. New detailed structural, petrographical and geochronological investigations of the Lan Sang Gneisses were undertaken to develop for the first time different PTt paths for different rock types (an augen-gneiss, a biotit-gneiss and a subvolcanic dyke).

Concerning the timing of the MPFZ, an undeformed discordant subvolcanic dyke has been found within the highly deformed Lan Sang Gneisses which is clearly of intrusive nature. LA-ICP-MS U-Th-Pb dating of prismatic and soccerball shaped zircons from this dyke yields an age of 42 ± 2 Ma and suggests a deformation of the MPFZ prior to this time.

However, the zircon age of the subvolcanic dyke clearly conflicts with Ar-Ar dating on biotites by LACASSIN et al. (1997) who suggest the timing of the fault zone to be around 30 Ma. Furthermore these results question the MPFZ to be one of the shear zones contributing to the lateral extrusion of SE-Asia during the Himalayan orogenesis. Therefore the deformation could be of Indosinian (Triassic) origin as a result of the collision between Sibumasu and Indochina.

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FORMATION OF HELECTITE IN THE CAVE DRAGON BELLY (SARDINIA, ITALY)

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In the cave Dragon Belly, situated in the Golf of Orsei (Sardinia, Italy), a special type of irregular speleothem called helectite was found. The apparent helectites solely exist as stalactites. The helectites are grown in all vertical and horizontal directions with a huge variety in size and shape and do not show any affinity to gravity. According to HILL & FORTI (1997) the apparent speleothem is classified as a thread-like variety of helectite, which usually consists of aragonite. In the present case solely calcitic varieties are found.

Thin section analyses indicate that the vertical central canal for solution migration of our calcitic helectites is clogged at the tip. It is suggested that due to this occlusion the water pressure inside the stalactite had been increased and caused the formation of horizontal canals between 30 and 60 µm in diameter which are circularly arranged. These secondary "canalicules" originate in the central canal and radiate in a sinuous shape to the outer surface of the stalactite. Helectites seem to be grown from their canal and if the solution gets into contact with the atmosphere, precipitation of CaCO₃ occurs due to CO₂ degassing.

Optical mineral orientation analyses show that the stalactite consists of concentric arranged single crystallites with pronounced spacing between individual crystals and the helectite consists of calcite crystals with identical structural orientation. SEM imaging indicates rather uniform crystallite size and shape on straight parts of the helectites which may lead to an equally distributed water film with rather constant precipitation conditions. Interestingly at the bended parts the crystallites on the inside of a bend are significantly smaller than on the outside. Thus inside the bend the specific surface area is much higher vs. the outside. We assume that significantly differences in precipitation rates - e.g. induced by a change in wettability, water film thickness and/or CO₂ degassing kinetics - result in distinct crystal sizes for inside vs. outside areas of a bend. The elevated need in volume by CaCO₃ formation at the outside of a bend (big crystals) finally leads to a helix shaped form which gives the helectite its name.

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MINERALIZATION OF THE MAFIC-ULTRAMAFIC ROCKS OF THE LAS AGUILAS – LAS HIGUERAS AREAS, SAN LUIS PROVINCE, ARGENTINA

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Within the Sierras de San Luis, a part of the Sierras Pampeanas (central Argentina), mafic – ultramafic rocks consisting of norites, gabbros, anorthosites, orthopyroxenites and dunites are exposed as lenses and strike about 120 km NNE-SSW with a width of ca. 30 km. The geotectonic setting of the mafic-ultramafic intrusions is thought to be an extensional back-arc basin which developed during the last stages of the Famatinian orogeny. A detailed investigation of a drill core (LASS/3) profile from the Las Aguilas area has been made in order to document the petrography of the mafic-ultramafic rocks as well as the intercalated basement with depth. The study is focused on sulphides, Platinum-group mineral concentrations as well as fluid inclusions. It is shown that these rocks are characterized by a moderate to high-grade base metal sulfide (BMS) mineralization. Sulfides include chalcopyrite, pentlandite and pyrrhotite showing primary magmatic and secondary mineralization textures. The platinum group minerals (PGM) such as merenskyite-melonite group minerals and cobaltite group minerals are related to the BMS and to the Cr-spinel-rich ultramafic part of the intrusion and occur as primary and secondary mineral phases. Primary PGM's occur as inclusions in sulfides and the secondary occur in veins or between BMS and silicates as a result of remobilization and precipitation processes. The secondary PGM's seem to have crystallized at about 500 °C based on the Pd-Bi-Te plot of HOFFMAN & MACLEAN (1976). Textually and geochemically three different types of chromium spinel were distinguished. Type 1) iron-rich spinel with magnetite rim and mainly homogeneous cores. Type 2) show alumina-rich and chromium-poor rims as well as an increasing trend in chromium and iron. Cores point to a decrease in alumina content. Type 3) is a homogenous chromium spinel. These findings are similar to those reported by FERRACUTTI et al. (2006). Three different groups of primary CO₂-N₂-CH₄ inclusions were identified in plagioclase and quartz by last melting temperatures T_m of the carbonic phase and Raman Spectroscopy. Fluid densities are derived from homogenization temperatures T_h of the vapor bubble, which ranges from 16.3 °C to -25.5 °C. Fluid inclusions reflect a decrease in densities with increasing depth within the drill core. It is important to note that the fluid inclusions in the hanging-wall basement at a depth of 40 meters represent the formation conditions of the Famatinian orogenic event of ~6 kbar at 600 °C. Fluid inclusions in samples at 60 meters and 120 meters depth can be related to the pressure and temperature conditions of the mafic-ultramafic intrusion with an estimated pressure of ~4kbar at 600 °C in the footwall.

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SYNTHESIS AND STRUCTURAL EXAMINATIONS ON LTA-TYPE ZEOLITE

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Zeolites were just curiosity for a long time, but nowadays the usage of their names is increasing, and zeolites become very important materials in environmental issues and industry. Why did that change? As usual, the main progress in the knowledge on zeolites was the successful structure determination.

Zeolites have a complex aluminosilicate framework structures. These frameworks are opened with large channels and interconnected cages. We can use zeolites in gas and petroleum industry, water softening, sewage treatment, agriculture, paper production, radioactive waste treatment as well as construction materials too. The structural channels and voids are occupied by loosely bound cations and water molecules that we can remove and replace without disrupting the tetrahedral framework. This means that a zeolite structure is among the best candidate to perform cation exchange, adsorption molecular sieving (passing a gas or liquid through a zeolite), dehydration and rehydration processes, in addition it can be resistant to high energy radiation too (TSCHERNICH, 1992).

The present work focuses on preparation and structure determination of sodalite-related zeolites using X-ray and electron diffraction techniques. I synthesized LTA-type zeolite crystals from metakaolinite starting material with alkaline (NaOH) method. Then I replaced Na^+ with Cs^+ , and measured the resulted structural changes, using X-ray powder diffraction. The LTA crystals revealed cube and sphere shapes under scanning electron microscope. X-ray powder diffraction measurements on Na-LTA, acid treated LTA and Cs-LTA were performed. The hkl and intensity data sets were the inputs for structure determination using the SIR (Semi Invariant Reconstruction) and SHELX program packages. Due to overlapping reflections, some sample resulted in high R factor values. However, the resulted LTA-type framework proved to be evident.

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**NEW CONSTRAINTS ON THE MAE PING CORE-COMPLEX,
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The Mae Ping fault zone is seen as one of the major strike-slip shear zones in SE-Asia trending NW-SE over 500 km across Thailand. Within this fault zone, a 150 km long and 5 km wide core-complex with ductile deformation of amphibolite-facies rocks containing lenses of an older high-grade px-amph-pl paragenesis occurs. These so called Lan Sang Gneisses are named after the outcrops situated in the Lan Sang National Park. Despite several former investigations (LACASSIN et al., 1997) some aspects concerning the time, regime and cause of exhumation remain unclear. Further on, the old granulite-facies paragenesis has never been studied in detail. Older models constitute a restraining bend within a left-lateral regime as the origin of the exhumation. New detailed structural, petrographical and geochronological investigations were undertaken to develop different PTt-paths for different rock types with special emphasis on the lenses of old high grade rocks. We use detailed field investigations on a profile in Lan Sang National Park, thin sections, electron microprobe analyses, geothermobarometry as well as zircon and monazite ages of three different rock types. On the basis of our observations and measurements, we try to reconstruct the different PTt paths. First results now question the model of a restraining bend and lead us to the conclusion that the origin of the amphibolite-facies deformation may lie in the late Triassic Indosinian Orogeny.

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**PETROLOGICAL AND GEOCHEMICAL STUDIES OF MANTLE XENOLITHS
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The Comallo, N. Patagonia, are depleted sp-lherzolites, sp-harzburgites, wehrlites and clinopyroxenites. The studied samples are fine-grained with a dominant well-equilibrated equigranular texture whereas protogranular and porphyroclastic textures are rare. The rock forming minerals are olivine, ortho- and clinopyroxene and spinel. Relictic amphibole and phlogopite are present as well. The amphibole, where present, has been destabilized and shows breakdown reaction at the margin, forming second generation of ol, cpx and sp.

The Fo content in the lherzolites and harzburgites range from 90.8 to 92.0, and in the wherlites from 89.0 to 90.0. Clinopyroxene is diopside with 3.0 wt% Al₂O₃ in the rim and up to 4 wt% in the core. Spinel is Cr₂O₃-rich with Cr# = 0.426.

LA-ICP-MS analyses on clinopyroxene show that the studied mantle xenoliths are strongly depleted in HREE [(Dy/Lu)_N = 0.4-0.7] and LREE [(La/Sm)_N = 0.3-0.8] but enriched in MREE [(Sm/Nd)_N = 1.3-1.7]. The HFSE compared to their neighbour elements exhibit strong negative anomalies suggesting that the studied peridotites are the residues of high degree of partial meltings. Using the model of fractional melting the calculated extraction of basaltic components is high and ranges between 30 and 33%.

The presence of disseminated amphibole and phlogopite, indicates that the lithospheric mantle underneath Comallo in N. Patagonia, has experienced limited modal metasomatism, whereas the trace elements in clinopyroxene show they have barely been affected by this metasomatism.

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Die Kristallographie als eigenständige Wissenschaft wurde Ende des 18. Jahrhunderts noch eher geringschätzig betrachtet. Erst im Laufe des 19. Jahrhunderts erfuhr sie eine allmähliche Aufwertung im Kanon der Wissenschaften. Nach BEKKERHINN & KRAMP (1793): „*Vorrede. Was nützt die Kristallographie? Gar nichts. Die Abänderungen der Kristallformen gehen schon beim nämlichen Mineral ins unendliche; groß ist die Zahl der bestimmten, noch größer die der unbestimmten Kristallformen; viele tragen keine Merkmale irgend einer Kristallisation an sich; viele andere sind überhaupt keiner Kristallisation fähig. Diese hängt ausserdem von so vielen, auf verschiedene Art und jeden Augenblick anders wirkenden Ursachen ab; sogar die Temperatur der äusseren Luft und das Sonnenlicht spielen ihre Rolle dabei; so dass es am Ende gar keine den Bestandtheilen der Körper eigne Kräfte, sondern ein ungefähres Werk des Zufalls, ein gewisser Fortuitus concursus atomorum war, der den Kristallen ihre Bildung gab. Und überhaupt, alle die Dreiecke, Vierecke, so klein, dass man sie oft kaum sieht, gehören in die Mathematik, und sind ganz unter der Würde der Mineralogie. Der ächte Naturforscher bleibt nicht auf der Oberfläche stehen; er dringt ins Innere der Natur hinein, von der Fackel der Chemie beleuchtet erforscht er die jedem Körper eignen Verhältnisse seiner Bestandtheile; und auf diese, nicht auf die vergängliche Form, gründet er seine Klassifikation der natürlichen Erzeugnisse*“

VOLGER (1854) führte an Stelle der zu dieser Zeit bereits gebräuchlichen und auch heute benutzten Nomenklatur eine neuartige Synonymik für einige Kristallsysteme und für alle in diesen auftretenden Flächenformen ein: Vollflächner... Gänzling, Halbflächner...Hälbling, Viertelflächner... Viertling. Als Beispiele für das kubische System wurden angeführt (Hälbling...Gänzling; in Klammern die Anzahl der jeweiligen Flächen):

Timpling... Eckling (4...8)

Höckertimpling...Buckling (12...24)

Buckeltimpling...Höckerling (12...24)

Kommentar aus dem Werk KENNGOTTs (1855) mit nicht zu übersehender Ironie: „*Durch diese Bereicherung der Nomenklatur glaubte Volger die Symbolik entbehrlich gemacht zu haben, welche nach seiner Ansicht bei Weitem nicht das leistet, was durch seine Benennung erreicht wird, da diese eine bequeme Ausdrucksweise für Schrift und Rede ergibt. Nach seinen eigenen Worten ist seine Benennung der Combinationsgestalten stets die genaueste und die bei dieser äussersten Genauigkeit sich ergebende Länge und Unbequemlichkeit derselben dürfte doch noch immer übertroffen werden von allen hergebrachten Bezeichnungsweisen, auch wenn dieselben sich weit von einer ähnlichen Genauigkeit entfernt halten*“

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ANISOTROPIC DIFFUSION IN ALKALI FELDSPAR: RECONSTRUCTION OF THE COMPOSITION-DEPENDENT DIFFUSION COEFFICIENTS

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Reconstruction of intrinsic system parameters such as particle mobilities or diffusivities from experimentally observable data is a complicated and practically-relevant inverse mathematical problem. An important example is given by nonlinear diffusive transport in one spatial dimension where the diffusion coefficient is an unknown function of concentration. Here reconstruction of the diffusivity versus concentration is performed using a known semi-scale solution of the diffusion equation.

The above technique can be generalized for the case of the anisotropic nonlinear diffusion. To this end we prepared many plane-parallel samples with different orientations with respect to the crystal structure. The effective diffusivity along a specific direction is reconstructed from the measured concentration profile. The full diffusion tensor is derived from the set of effective diffusivities.

We use this approach to obtain the diffusivity tensor for Na-K interdiffusion in alkali feldspar and reveal its dependence on concentration. The results are tested by solving the nonlinear diffusion equation and comparing the numerical solutions with the experimentally observed concentration profiles.

**EVOLUTION OF THE SECKAU CRYSTALLINE BASEMENT
(SECKAU MOUNTAINS, EASTERN ALPS): IMPLICATIONS FOR PRE-ALPINE
MAGMATISM AND ALPINE METAMORPHISM**

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The massif of the Seckau mountains (Seckauer Tauern) is mainly built up of granitoids, overprinted by Eoalpine (Cretaceous) deformation during nappe stacking and subsequent extension, and greenschist facies metamorphism. Whole rock Rb-Sr age data of ca. 432 Ma and 350 Ma were assumed to indicate the protolith ages (SCHARBERT, 1981).

In this study, a suite of granitoids was geochemically analysed by X-ray fluorescence (Bruker Pioneer S4) in order to derive the processes of magmatic evolution and differentiation. In general, three types of magmatites can be distinguished: granites, granodiorites and quartz-monzodiorites. The first two form the majority, whereas the intermediate quartz-monzodiorites are only locally exposed.

Following the A/CNK discrimination diagram a clear distinction between S- and I- Type granitoids can be established. The S- type granites are mainly part of the structurally uppermost sections and are covered by Permian to Lower Triassic metasedimentary sequences of the Rannach Formation.

Within the AFM diagram all granitoids are characterized by a calcalkaline trend. This suggests formation of the melts during a subduction process. Within the R1-R2 diagram, the granitoids are related to both pre-plate collision, syn-collision and post-collision uplift settings.

We therefore suggest that the granitoids of the eastern Seckau massif are part of an intrusion sequence during distinct stages of a plate tectonic cycle, i.e. from pre- to post collision, and that the related magmas differentiated from intermediate (quartz-monzodiorites) I-type to acidic (granites, granodiorites) S-type.

Biotites separated from the granitoids yield Rb-Sr age data between 83 and 87 Ma, and 80 to 76 Ma. These ages are assumed to represent cooling ages related to the exhumation of the Seckau massif subsequent to Eo-Alpine greenschist facies metamorphism.

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MINERALOGICAL, GEOCHEMICAL AND ISOTOPIC CHARACTERISATION OF EVAPORITES FROM THE "HALLSTÄTTER SALZBERG"

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The evaporites of the deposit "Hallstätter Salzberg" had been the subject of numerous studies, but significant gaps of knowledge still remained with respect to their formation, transformation conditions and characteristic features of individual facial units. In order to provide new insights of the latter aspects two drill cores through the deposit with a total length of 619 m were investigated using a combined mineralogical-petrological and (isotope) geochemical methodology.

The Br content of halite (NaCl) varies between 64 and 223 µg (Br) / g (NaCl) (average: 124 ± 25 ; $n = 67$) which indicates no significant secondary solution metamorphism on halite. The Br content of halite increases along the profile towards the hanging layer and reflects changes in the degree of evaporation in distinct horizons.

³⁴S/³²S-isotope values of sulfate minerals exhibit two significant trends: (i) $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ values varying between 10.6 and 12.8 ‰ (average 11.5 ± 0.7 ‰; $n = 16$), which are typical for marine sulfates of Upper Permian age. Notably, $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ values of Mg-sulfates ($\delta^{34}\text{S} = 10.9 \pm 0.4$ ‰; $n = 6$) such as polyhalite ($\text{K}_2\text{Ca}_2\text{Mg}[\text{SO}_4]_4 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$) are isotopically lighter compared to anhydrite (CaSO_4) dominated horizons ($\delta^{34}\text{S} = 11.8 \pm 0.6$; $n = 10$). (ii) $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ values from 28.5 to 30.8 ‰ (average 29.5 ± 1 ‰; $n = 4$) of anhydrite, associated with dolomite ($\text{CaMg}[\text{CO}_3]_2$) and organic rich layers, indicate marine sulfates from the Triassic "Röt event", but values are up to ≈ 2 ‰ isotopically heavier than previously reported isotope signatures for the "Hallstätter Salzberg"

In the Upper Permian, the onset of evaporation led to halite precipitation. An increasing degree of evaporation yield finally in polyhalite formation (Alpine Haselgebirge Fm.). In the Triassic, halite precipitation at lower evaporation degree resulted in lower Br content of halite (Reichenhall Fm.) compared to the Permian salts. Mineral transformation processes are discovered by relicts of anhydrite in polyhalite, polyhalite in anhydrite, anhydrite in görgeyite ($\text{K}_2\text{Ca}_5[\text{SO}_4]_6 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$), glauberite ($\text{Na}_2\text{Ca}[\text{SO}_4]_2$) in anhydrite, and by glauberite rims around polyhalite minerals. A notable feature is the occurrence of kalistrontite ($\text{K}_2\text{Sr}[\text{SO}_4]_2$), which was observed in the Eastern Alps for the first time. Accordingly, an enhanced (age) classification of the investigated layers and stratigraphic units are presented and depicted secondary impacts on the composition of the deposit due to solution metamorphism are discussed.

**THERMAL BEHAVIOUR OF THE NEW MINERAL CAIRCROSSITE,
 $\text{Sr}_2\text{Ca}_7(\text{Si}_4\text{O}_{10})_4(\text{OH})_2 \cdot 15\text{H}_2\text{O}$.**

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The name Cairncrossite is given to a new mineral characterized with the formula $\text{Sr}_2\text{Ca}_7(\text{Si}_4\text{O}_{10})_4(\text{OH})_2 \cdot 15\text{H}_2\text{O}$. It occurs as white, micaceous crystals lining vughs in manganese ore from the Wessels Mine, Kalahari Manganese Field, South Africa., well known for the occurrence of new and rare minerals (e.g. GIESTER & RIECK, 1996). It is associated with richterite, manganoan sugilite, pectolite and represents the last formed mineral due to metasomatic alteration of the primary, carbonate-rich manganese minerals within the calc-silicate skarn assembly.

The atomic arrangement of the triclinically distorted, pseudo-hexagonal crystal structure – $P1$, $a = 9.624(2)$, $b = 9.634(2)$, $c = 15.657(3)$ Å, $\alpha = 100.80(1)$, $\beta = 91.22(1)$, $\gamma = 119.80(1)^\circ$, $V = 1226.2(4)$ Å³, $Z = 1$ – can be classified as a phyllosilicate with layers parallel to (001). This main structural motif can be described as a brucite-like sheet of edgesharing $\text{CaO}_4(\text{OH})_2$ octahedra sandwiched by single layers of SiO_4 tetrahedra, i.e. unbranched vierer single layer (LIEBAU, 1985), which exhibit two conformations of six-membered rings. Between these layers dimers of $\text{SrO}_2(\text{O}_w)_6$ polyhedra are intercalated together with hydrogen bonded water molecules. Minerals with a similar structural motif are found in the gyrolite and reyerite groups, which inevitably lead to the class of calcium silicate hydrates (CSH) playing an essential role in the strong exothermic hydration of Portland cement (TAYLOR, 1964).

During the routine thermal analysis of cairncrossite the mineral exhibit a two-phase endothermic loss of the 15 water molecules in the range 25 – 400 °C, followed by a small endothermic event with endset around 570 °C and a significant endothermic weight loss at 700 °C, which coincides to a dehydroxylation of the material. Due to the bonding scheme of the intercalated Sr-polyhedra a complete structural disintegration on dehydration would be anticipated, however, the mineral exhibits a full rehydration capability up to 400 °C. The further heating revealed the formation of a Sr-substituted CSH phase comparable to $\text{Ca}_7\text{Si}_{16}\text{O}_{38}(\text{OH})_2$, also known as K-phase (GARD et al., 1981). After dehydroxylation the K-phase decomposes to wollastonite-2M and an up to now unknown compound.

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MINERALOGY AND GENESIS OF PEGMATITE-LIKE VEINS IN SERPENTINITE ELUVIUM AT NOVÁ VES NEAR OSLAVANY (CZECH REPUBLIC)

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The studied locality belongs to the Gföhl unit (Moldanubian zone) at the eastern margin of the Bohemian Massif. Remnants of veins with pegmatite character were found in eluvium of a small serpentinite body situated at Nová Ves near Oslavany. Three groups of vein material (NV1, NV2, NV3) differing in their internal structure, mineral assemblages and chemical composition of minerals were distinguished.

Mineral assemblage NV1 (Kfs + Qtz + Plg ± Tur ± Chl) consists of medium- and coarse-grained, brown-grey K-feldspar, grey albite (An₂₋₉), quartz and minor greenish-brown columnar tourmaline. Tourmaline is replaced by K-feldspar and smectite-like minerals. Accessory titanite is typically associated with altered tourmaline, xenotime and monazite are rare. About 70 vol. % of the bulk composition in the assemblage NV2 (Plg ± Amp ± Preh ± Chl) consists of coarse-grained pale-brown andesine (An₃₈₋₄₂). Subordinate green amphibole is developed at the rims of the vein samples and may represent the contact between the pegmatite and the host rock. Quartz and primary K-feldspar are absent but late secondary K-feldspar occurs in fissures within the andesine. Andesine is often pseudomorphosed by prehnite but its replacement by chlorite, clinozoisite, sericite and albite was also observed. Zircon and tourmaline are rare. The group of NV3 vein samples has rather similar mineral assemblage (Plg + Tur ± Preh ± Chl) as NV2 group. Blocky pale-brown labradorite-bytownite (An₆₉₋₈₅) and dark-green tourmaline are dominant. Tourmaline occurs in form of clusters and aggregates. Plagioclase is often pseudomorphosed by prehnite and also by chlorite and thompsonite. Tourmaline is partly replaced by pumpellyite-(Al) and/or chlorite. Apatite, celsian-hyalophane and zircon are accessory minerals. These three assemblages can be clearly distinguished by the basicity of plagioclase. The chemistry and compositional trends of tourmalines from 3 distinct parageneses described above are also different. Dravite-uvite from NV2 (NV3) samples exhibits rimward increase in Ca, Mg, Fe and decrease in Na, Al. Dravite of the NV1 assemblage, enriched in Al, exhibits predominance of Mg over Fe and increase of Na, Mg and Fe combined with decrease of Al and X-site vacancy.

The crystallization of tourmaline and plagioclases was probably controlled by the activities of mobile elements during the mixing of parent melt (rich in Na, Al, Si, B) with the elements derived from the host serpentinite (rich in Mg and Ca). The features of pegmatite-like vein fragments from Nová Ves are unique in several aspects: (a) extremely variable anorthite content in plagioclases (An₀₂₋₈₅); (b) abundance of younger Ca-rich minerals (prehnite, pumpellyite, clinozoisite, thompsonite); (c) activity of some volatiles in forming melt (particularly B); (d) only local presence of quartz and K-feldspar and finally; (e) predominant coarse-grained character of primary minerals. These features are similar to those observed at other contaminated pegmatites hosted by serpentinite such as Drahonín, Věžná, Smrček, Věchnov etc.

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**METAMORPHIC EVOLUTION OF THE KORALPE-WÖLZ HIGH-P/T NAPPE
PILE EAST OF THE TAUERN WINDOW (EASTERN ALPS): RECORD FROM
SILICEOUS DOLOMITIC MARBLES AND SCAPOLITE-BEARING
CALCSILICATE ROCKS**

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Siliceous dolomitic marbles and calcsilicate rocks of the Korralpe-Wölz nappe pile east of the Tauern Window were investigated regarding their petrological and mineralchemical characteristics in order to reconstruct the metamorphic evolution of this rock type during pre-Alpine and eo-Alpine events. An increasing metamorphic gradient along a cross-section from north to south is reflected within the siliceous dolomitic system CM(A)SCH by a change of the eo-Alpine diagnostic mineral assemblages:

(I) Dol+Qz+Cal, (IIa) Tr+Dol+Cal+Qz, (IIb) Tr+Qz+Cal, (IIIa) Tr+Cal+Di+Dol, (IIIb) Di+Dol+Cal and (IV) Di+Fo+Dol+Cal±Chu±Chl. Cal-Dol-solvus-temperatures yield 437 - 480 °C corresponding to X_{MgCO_3} -values between 0.03 and 0.039 in the northernmost part of the nappe pile (Wölz Complex). To the south the first occurrence of Tr within the Greim Complex is characterized by 540 - 562 °C (X_{MgCO_3} of around 0.05). Di was formed further south in the Rappold (660 - 691 °C), Korralpe-Saualpe (680 - 740 °C), Millstatt and Pohorje Complexes. These temperatures reflect X_{MgCO_3} -values scattering from 0.09 to 0.13. Fo of type (IV) as well as rare Di-coronas around Tr are explained by high X_{H_2O} -contents.

Type (V) assemblage Fo+Spl+Dol+Cal can be found in the Siegggraben area. There, Fo may be produced at high temperatures (Permian?) of up to 850 °C (X_{MgCO_3} around 0.2), which result from reintegration of thick Dol-lamellae in Cal. Di-Dol-coronas around Fo were formed at about 750 °C (corresponding X_{MgCO_3} -values of 0.15). These temperatures are yielded from the reintegration of smaller bleb-like or patchy Dol-exsolutions, which represent exsolution at a later stage.

The different generations of Dol-exsolutions, Fo of type (V) and Di-relics in eo-Alpine Tr indicate a pre-Alpine (Permian?) evolution.

In calcsilicate rocks of the CASCH-system from the Korralpe mountain range meionitic Scp is a rare constituent and is accompanied by Cpx, Czo, Cal, Qz, Amp, Pl and Afs. Activity-corrected T- X_{CO_2} -calculations ($a_{Mei} = 0.06-0.08$, $a_{Grs} = 0.08-0.13$, $a_{An} = 0.44-0.69$, $a_{Czo} \approx 0.86$) point to high minimum temperatures for the formation of the Scp-bearing assemblage between about 670 °C in the north and 800 °C in the south of the Korralpe. As these temperatures do not fit to the eo-Alpine metamorphic gradient, they may indicate Scp-formation during the Permian metamorphic event.

The formation of complex An-Czo-Grs-coronas around Scp needs significantly higher X_{H_2O} -contents at lower temperatures of about 650 °C at maximum and is ascribed to the eo-Alpine overprint.

CARBONATE FORMATION AT ALKALINE CONDITIONS

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Calcium Carbonate (CaCO₃) can be induced by CO₂ uptake in Ca²⁺ ion bearing alkaline solutions as it is valid for many natural and man-made environments, e.g. formation of travertine and scaling (CLARK et al., 1992 and DIETZEL et al., 1992). However, significant gaps of knowledge exist with respect to reaction kinetics (CO₂ uptake and CaCO₃ precipitation) in alkaline solutions as well as in respect to distinct CaCO₃ polymorph formation.

In the present study CO₂ uptake and CaCO₃ precipitation were experimentally studied by diffusion of CO₂ through a polyethylene membrane from an inner into an outer solution containing 10 mM of CaCl₂ (25 °C). The pH was kept constant during two analogous sets of experiments at 8.30, 9.00, 10.00 11.00 or 11.50 by titration using diluted NaOH solution.

By exceeding an IAP (Ion Activity Product) threshold CaCO₃ is formed in the outer solution. (Micro)Raman and XRD pattern indicate the CaCO₃ polymorphs calcite, vaterite and aragonite. Calcite and vaterite were precipitated at all pH values, whereas aragonite was only present at pH ≥ 11.00. The evolution of the NaOH titration curve and Ca²⁺ concentration reflects parameters like the CO₂ uptake rate (\propto ACAR: aqueous CO₃²⁻ accumulation rate; NIEDERMAYR et al., 2013) and the overall precipitation rate of CaCO₃ (R_{CaCO3}). At elevated pH of the outer solution the ACAR is significantly higher and less time for nucleation of CaCO₃, t_{fc}, is required compared to lower pH conditions (e.g. pH 8.30 and 10.00 result in ACAR = 9.2 ± 0.1 and 121 ± 0.6 μM h⁻¹ l⁻¹ and t_{fc} = 8.3 ± 0.3 and 1.6 ± 0.5 h, respectively). At pH ≥ 11.00 the CaCO₃ nucleation and precipitation begins instantaneously after starting the experiment. Interestingly, at the given total experimental time of 20 h the relative Ca²⁺ concentration decrease (equivalent to the amount of precipitated CaCO₃) was similar (22 ± 4 mol% in respect to initial Ca²⁺ concentrations) for all experiments. This can be explained by the significantly higher R_{CaCO3} values subsequent to nucleation at low versus high pH (e.g. pH 8.30 and 10.00 with R_{CaCO3} = 645 ± 64 and 178 ± 15 μM h⁻¹ l⁻¹, respectively) which correlates with a general decrease of the surface concentration of >CaHCO₃⁰ at the CaCO₃ surfaces (e.g. RUIZ-AGUDO et al., 2011 for calcite). Thus, the combined effect of the aqueous carbonate accumulation rate and the precipitation rate of CaCO₃ controls the quantity of CaCO₃ precipitation in alkaline environments.

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ARSENIC-ENRICHED Cu-Ni-PGE MINERALIZATION IN WETLEGS, DULUTH COMPLEX, ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MINNESOTA, USA

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As one of the biggest layered mafic intrusions worldwide, the Duluth Complex (1.1 Ga) in NE Minnesota, USA, is known for its Cu-Ni-PGE (platinum group elements) mineralization in magmatic sulphide ore deposits along its western margin. The investigation area in deposit Wetlegs, located in the Partridge River intrusion is of great interest, due to the highly mineralized zones up to the top units of the drill cores. Three drill cores were sampled for a detailed stratigraphic and petrographic study, chemical analyses of silicate phases and ores in mineralized horizons. The drill core lithology consists of troctolites (Pl, Ol, Px rich rocks) with alternating layers of anorthositic, gabbroic and ultramafic rocks. Mineralization occurs in the basal troctolites. Sulphide mineralogy is characterized by pyrrhotite, chalcopyrite, pentlandite, as well as cubanite-chalcopyrite segregations ± bornite, covellite, sphalerite and molybdenite. Oxides are primarily ilmenite and magnetite. Mineralization hosted by hydrothermal alteration phases mainly contains chalcopyrite associated with fibrous to fine grained chlorite and amphibole. Additional ore minerals related to this type of mineralization are Ni-arsenides, Ni-Co-sulpharsenides and Ni-antimonides including nickeline [(Ni, Co, Fe)As], maucherite (Ni₁₁As₈), safflorite [(Co, Fe, Ni)As₂], cobaltite [(Co, Fe, Ni)AsS], gersdorffite [(Ni, Co, Fe)AsS], alloclasite [(Ni, Co, Fe)AsS] and ullmannite [(Ni, Co, Fe)SbS]. All these phases show large variations in their Ni-Co-Fe distribution. Ni-arsenides (maucherite, safflorite and nickeline) mainly occur as inclusions in Ni-Co sulpharsenides (cobaltite) in hydrothermally altered ultramafic rocks where they are associated with hydrous silicates such as chlorite and amphibole. This may indicate an earlier formation of Ni-arsenides followed by Ni-Co sulpharsenides. Sulpharsenides and arsenides containing significant concentrations of Pd and Rh are documented. These Pd-Rh-enriched phases occur as inclusions in Ni-Co sulpharsenides, Ni-arsenides, chalcopyrite and pyrrhotite. Pt-arsenides are associated with hydrous silicates. The presence of Ni-Sb-arsenides in footwall rocks may suggest the metasedimentary Virginia formation as a potential source of arsenic and antimony. These elements were mobilized by hydrothermal fluids and introduced in the crystallizing magma to form arsenic-enriched Cu-Ni-PGE mineralization within the basal ultramafic rocks. δ³⁴S-data of sulphides from representative samples of the Wetlegs drill cores vary between 2.04 and 22.80 ‰. This suggests the involvement of crustal materials in addition to the magmatic source of sulphur in the Cu-Ni-PGE mineralization as has also been documented in previous studies (MOGESSIE et al., 1991, MOGESSIE & STUMPFL, 1992). *FWF (P23157-N21) financial support to A. Mogessie and from the Dean of Students, University of Graz to S. Raič is acknowledged.*

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CALCIUM CARBONATE FORMATION IN FLUIDIZED BED PELLET REACTORS TO REDUCE Ca, U AND DOC IN DRINKING WATER (UPPSALA, SWEDEN)

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Pellet softening technique by using fluidized bed pellet reactors is applied to reduce the hardness of drinking water about up to 50 % (e. g. HOFMAN et al., 2007). Uranium and dissolved organic carbon (DOC) concentrations are also significantly lowered due to the above treatment, but until now quotations and mechanisms for U and DOC reduction are not revealed.

Pellet softening is based on the addition of slaked lime into a reactor containing water and quartz pellets. Accordingly, dissolved calcium and carbonate ions precipitate mostly on the quartz grains. The pellets covered with CaCO₃ and additional suspended solids are separated from the water within a continuous process. This overall treatment results in

- (i) Ca reduction up to 64 % (from 92 down to 34 mg L⁻¹ of Ca),
- (ii) Si calcite decrease from 0.7 to 0.2,
- (iii) Decrease of U content up to 23 % (from 0.022 down to 0.017 mg L⁻¹), and
- (iv) DOC reduction of up to 14 % (from 3.6 down to 3.1 mg L⁻¹).

XRD, IR and Raman pattern indicate calcite as precipitate. In some cases low-magnesium calcite was observed, but no aragonite occurs. The U concentration of the bulk carbonate scaling ranges from 1 to 12 mg kg⁻¹ in the CaCO₃ covering, but can even reach 90 mg kg⁻¹ in the CaCO₃ sludge, which is rich in TOC (up to 13 %). Elemental zoning of U, Mg etc. throughout calcite horizons could not be identified by both LA-ICP-MS and Micro-Raman spectroscopy.

It is well known that U is incorporated in CaCO₃ (REEDER et al., 2001), but it can also form complexes with DOC, such as humic acids (e.g. RANVILLE et al., 2007). In the present study ultrafiltration was used to investigate aquo complex formation of U with DOC to quantify the amount of DOC-bounded U. In an experimental approach a correlation between U and DOC content was observed in the filtrated solutions, where at 30 kDa the U and DOC concentrations are reduced up to 40 and 15 %, respectively.

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THE $C2/c$ - $P2_1/c$ PHASE TRANSITION WITHIN THE SYNTHETIC
CLINOPYROXENE-SERIES $\text{NaFeGe}_2\text{O}_6$ - $\text{LiFeGe}_2\text{O}_6$

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The mineral group of the pyroxenes is known to exhibit several phase transitions as a function of temperature and pressure. At ambient conditions, the most frequent occurring structure is the high temperature $HT-C2/c$ structure, which transforms to $P2_1/c$ at low temperatures or at high pressures. This was described e.g. by REDHAMMER & ROTH (2004) for $\text{LiM}^{3+}\text{Si}_2\text{O}_6$ clinopyroxenes, showing transition temperatures between 210 and 340 K. The analogue $\text{LiM}^{3+}\text{Ge}_2\text{O}_6$ compounds display $P2_1/c$ symmetry at room temperature and transform to $C2/c$ symmetry at much higher temperatures. $\text{LiFeGe}_2\text{O}_6$ shows a $P2_1/c$ to $HT C2/c$ transition at 789 K, thus shifted by more than 500 K (REDHAMMER et al., 2010). The germanium analogue to aegirine, $\text{NaFeGe}_2\text{O}_6$, exhibit $C2/c$ symmetry at room temperature (REDHAMMER et al., 2011), thus a transition from $C2/c$ to $P2_1/c$ symmetry within the $(\text{Na}_{1-x}\text{Li}_x)\text{FeGe}_2\text{O}_6$ solid solution series is to be expected.

The synthetic samples show $C2/c$ symmetry up to a composition of $\text{Na}_{0.5}\text{Li}_{0.5}\text{FeGe}_2\text{O}_6$, for higher Li-contents, the $P2_1/c$ symmetry is observed. Using single crystal X-ray diffraction and thermal analysis a T - X phase diagram of the stability of the corresponding symmetries was established (see Figure). The unit cell volume decreases with increasing Li - content, at the phase transition composition a discontinuity and a change in slope is observed. Such discontinuities are valid for all lattice parameters a , b , c and the monoclinic angle; additionally average as well as individual bond lengths for Li-O, Fe-O and Ge-O are subject of smooth variations with Li-content, with more or less pronounced discontinuities at the phase transition. Evident e.g. is the variation of the O3-O3-O3 bridging angle of tetrahedral chains: it decreases from 185 ° to 174 ° with increasing Li-content, at the phase transition two independent chains arise in the $P2_1/c$ phase with kinking angles of 199 ° and 155 ° For the composition of $\text{Na}_{0.6}\text{Li}_{0.4}\text{Ge}_2\text{O}_6$ and $\text{Na}_{0.7}\text{Li}_{0.3}\text{Ge}_2\text{O}_6$ low temperature in situ X-ray diffraction experiments were done to follow the $C2/c$ - $P2_1/c$ phase transition also as a function of temperature.

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CRYSTAL AND MAGNETIC SPIN STRUCTURE OF GERMANIUM- HEDENBERGITE, $\text{CaFeGe}_2\text{O}_6$

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Structure-property relations in pyroxenes have been studied for many decades. The interest was then mainly triggered by the important role of pyroxenes as rock forming minerals in the lower crust and upper mantle, especially with respect of phase transitions at non ambient conditions. In the last years it was established that the transition metal bearing pyroxenes also have a rich magneto-chemistry (e.g. REDHAMMER et al. 2011, 2012). As part of our ongoing studies on magnetic properties of minerals / pyroxenes we here present results of the magnetic and nuclear structure of $\text{CaFeGe}_2\text{O}_6$, the germanium-analogue to the mineral Hedenbergite.

The title compound has been synthesized at 1273 K in evacuated SiO_2 -glass - tubes. Powder neutron diffraction data collected between 4 K and 300 K were used to evaluate the magnetic spin as well as the nuclear crystal structure and its T - evolution. $\text{CaFeGe}_2\text{O}_6$ is monoclinic, $C2/c$, $a = 10.1778(5)$ Å, $b = 9.0545(4)$ Å, $c = 5.4319(3)$ Å, $\beta = 104.263(3)^\circ$, $Z = 4$ at room temperature. No change of symmetry was observed down to 4 K. Below 43 K, additional magnetic Bragg reflections appear, which can be indexed on the basis of a commensurate magnetic propagation vector k [1,0,0]. The successful description of the magnetic spin structure reveals a ferromagnetic spin coupling within the Fe^{2+}O_6 M1 chains, while the coupling between the chains is antiferromagnetic. Spins are oriented collinearly within the a - c plane and form an angle of $\sim 60^\circ$ with the crystallographic a -axis. The magnetic moment at 4 K amounts to about 4.4 μB . The observed magnetic structure is similar to that of other Ca-clinopyroxenes. The present data is put into context with the structural and magnetic properties of other pyroxenes – among them magnetoelectric and multiferroic pyroxene-type compounds.

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MIXING OF AQUEOUS SOLUTIONS – IMPACT ON DISSOLUTION AND PRECIPITATION OF CALCIUM CARBONATE

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The potential to dissolve calcite in a fluid created by mixing of two aqueous solutions, which are both saturated with respect to calcite ($SI_{\text{Calcite}} = 0$), has been demonstrated by BOEGLI (1964). In contrast, little attention has been paid to the potential for the mixing of two calcite saturated aqueous fluids to provoke calcite precipitation. This possibility is likely in a number of alkaline systems including limestone dissolution at closed system conditions, carbonate sinter formation in terrestrial lakes, carbonate scaling, and throughout the dissolution of mafic silicates. In such systems fluid mixing is a crucial factor for evaluating solution compositions and mechanisms of carbonate precipitation (e.g. RINDER et al., 2013).

Here we present aqueous solution mixing models within the $\text{CaCO}_3\text{-CO}_2\text{-H}_2\text{O}$ system at alkaline conditions. Our results display a complex behaviour with respect to the potential dissolution and precipitation of calcite. Mixing of aqueous solutions with different chemistry, but both at $SI_{\text{Calcite}} = 0$, may yield in solutions super- or undersaturated with respect to calcite. This is even true for groundwater, which originated from limestone dissolution. The redistribution of carbonate species as a function of pH leads to supersaturation with respect to calcite in the mixed solution, as a critical pH for redistribution of HCO_3^- into CO_3^{2-} is reached.

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**Na-K INTERDIFFUSION IN ALKALI FELDSPAR – COMPOSITION
DEPENDENCE, ANISOTROPY AND CHEMICALLY INDUCED STRESS**

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Cation exchange experiments have been conducted using crystallographically oriented plates of gem quality sanidine.

The geometry of the observed diffusion fronts can be explained by a composition dependent interdiffusion coefficient $D(X_{Or})$. Using the Boltzmann transformation we extracted the composition dependence of D from our measured data in the composition range $0.5 < X_{Or} < 1$ in the directions normal to (001) and (010). At 850 °C the interdiffusion coefficient is nearly constant for the composition range $0.50 < X_{Or} < 0.96$ for both directions before rising steeply at higher X_{Or} . Interdiffusion normal to (001) is faster by a factor of about ten than normal to (010).

Comparison of our data with theoretically calculated interdiffusion coefficients derived from literature data (FOLAND, 1974; KASPER, 1975) using the Manning relation showed that while interdiffusion normal to (001) shows a rough fit the slower interdiffusion normal to (010) deviates significantly from what would be expected.

The strong direction dependence of the diffusion profiles indicates that interdiffusion might be influenced by chemically induced coherency stress across the diffusion front. A new method cross correlating shifts in EBSD Kikuchi patterns has been employed to estimate stress and lattice distortion.

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CHEMICAL AND ISOTOPIC COMPOSITION OF SOIL SOLUTIONS FROM CAMBISOLS (AUSTRIA) – FIELD STUDY AND EXPERIMENTS

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In most natural surroundings soil solutions are primarily gained from the uptake of meteoric water. Subsequently infiltration, capillary exchange, bioresponse, evaporation etc. result in complex and individual gas-water-solid systems. Knowledge on the chemical and isotopic composition of soil solution and its evolution is highly relevant for environmental and forensic studies, but respective systematic and combined field and experiment studies are rare.

The composition of solids and interstitial solutions of individual horizons has been investigated for three cambisols in Styria (Austria). The solutions were separated from the soils by compaction method at hydraulic pressures of 27 and 55 MPa, corresponding to respective matric potentials (mp).

The soils consist mainly of quartz, chlorite, muscovite and plagioclase with associated silicates like kaolinite, vermiculite and smectite due to weathering processes. No significant vertical variability was visible. The pH of the soil solution typically increases with depth and elevated mp. Concentrations of dissolved ions such as Ca²⁺ and Mg²⁺ increase at high mp, which correspond to higher δD and $\delta^{18}O$ values. Lab experiments for wetting and evaporation indicate higher concentrations of dissolved components of the soil solutions at higher δD and $\delta^{18}O$ values. Field-related and experimental results are discussed in respect to the impact of seasonality, evaporation, wetting and mp-related interstitial distribution of the (isotope) geochemical compositions of the separated soil solutions.

TORSIONAL DEFORMATION OF CALCITE

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Torsional deformation is one of the most important methods of experimental rock deformation. The Paterson type apparatus is the most commonly used torsional deformation machine in the earth sciences. It allows for torsional deformation of cylindrical samples at temperatures up to 1600 K and at pressures up to 500 MPa (PATERSON & OLGAARD, 2000). A different torsional deformation method that is currently hardly used in geosciences is High Pressure Torsion (HPT). It was developed in materials science to synthesize and investigate bulk nanostructured materials. It permits deformation experiments under substantially higher pressures than the Paterson apparatus of up to 10 GPa and at temperatures up to 800 K. A schematic of this method is shown in Fig.1. The disk shaped sample is placed in a cavity between two anvils. After pressure of several GPa is applied on the sample, one of the anvils is then rotated. The friction between sample and anvils leads to shear deformation of the sample. HPT is known from various studies in particular on metals to lead to pronounced grain refinement and to very high defect densities (ZHILYAEV & LANGDON, 2008). This deformation method is applied on calcite to study the microstructural evolution during deformation. Calcite is particularly suitable for HPT deformation, since it can be plastically deformed at relatively low temperatures and undergoes two phase transformations in the pressure range that can now be reached with HPT

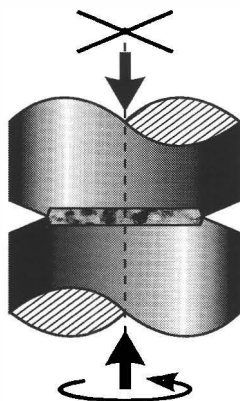


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INFLUENCE OF NON-ANALYZED LIGHT ELEMENTS ON RESULTS OF ELECTRON MICROPROBE

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The electron microprobe (EMP) has become a common analytical technique in geosciences over last three decades. The EMP analysis is based on measuring of characteristic X-rays generated during interactions of accelerated electrons with a sample. The measured characteristic X-ray has to be corrected by a function including various factors such as atomic number of the sample, absorption and fluorescence effects. For accurate matrix correction calculations is crucial to set the exact composition of analyzed phase. The modern EMP machines automatically process the measured intensities of characteristic X-rays by a matrix correction procedure taking into account chemical composition of the sample, e.g. PAP (POUCHOU & PICOIR, 1984) and Φ -(ρZ) (MERLET 1994). During a “common” EMP analysis, fluorine and heavier elements are usually measured and O content (in oxide phases) is calculated by a valence and all these elements are automatically involved into the matrix corrections. A higher content of B, C, Be, Li and H in minerals should be involved in to the matrix corrections as well, because the incomplete input dataset for the matrix correction calculations leads to an incorrect final analytical results. To optimize the matrix corrections and consequently analytical output, it is important to: 1) include the non-analyzed oxides of light elements (H₂O, CO₂, B₂O₃, BeO, Li₂O) into matrix corrections of analyzed minerals, 2) set the right O content in minerals with high halogen content (e.g. topaz Al₂SiO₄F₂). An electron microprobe analysis of tourmaline and topaz proceeded by Φ -(ρZ) matrix correction routine (MERLET, 1994) excluding and including of non-analyzed elements are shown in Table 1.

	SiO ₂	Al ₂ O ₃	MgO	FeO	Na ₂ O	F	B ₂ O ₃	H ₂ O	Total	Si	Al	Mg	Fe	Na	F
1a*	37.43	33.60	6.67	6.54	2.24	1.24	n.i.	n.i.	87.72	6.000	6.350	1.595	0.879	0.696	0.626
1b*	36.74	33.69	6.78	6.61	2.29	1.31	10.63	2.68	100.73	6.000	6.484	1.653	0.903	0.723	0.675
	SiO ₂	Al ₂ O ₃	F	Total	Si	Al	F	* contains also 0.10 CaO and 0.24 TiO ₂							
2a	32.78	56.85	20.5	110.13	1.000	2.043	1.978	n.i. -not involved in to matrix corrections used conditions: 15kV, 10 nA, 8 μm dia.							
	Si	Al	F	O	Total	Si	Al	F	standards: Si,Al-sandine, Mg-olivine, Fe-almandine, Na-albite, F-topaz						
2b	17.29	26.64	10.81	n.i.	54.74	1.000	1.604	0.925							
2c	15.51	29.83	19.32	35.34	100.00	1.000	2.001	1.842							

Table 1. Influence of non-analyzed elements on the on results of the EMP analysis. 1a*-analysis of tourmaline (in wt.% ox.), 1b*-the same analysis of tourmaline including 3.3 wt.% B and 0.3 wt.% H involved in matrix corrections. 2a- analysis of topaz (in wt.% ox.), 2b-the same analysis of topaz (in wt.% elm.), O not determined, 2c- the same analysis of topaz (in wt.% elm.), O (up to 100 wt.%) involved in matrix corrections. Tourmaline and topaz formula was calculated on the basis of Si = 6 and 1, respectively.

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OH-DEFECTS IN DETRITAL QUARTZ GRAINS

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OH-defects of 95 detrital quartz grains from 4 localities in North-west Germany were studied by Infrared (IR) microscopy. By applying novel analytical strategies, the water contribution of fluid and mineral inclusions was minimised and the amount of water incorporated as OH-point defects was quantified. The defect water concentration in all studied quartz grains ranges between 0 and 50 wt ppm H₂O with a mean value around 10 wt ppm. Grains from the investigated sandstones (a Carboniferous sandstone from Essen and Triassic “Buntsandstein”) exhibit in average nearly three times higher defect water concentrations (18 wt ppm) than grains from North Sea beach sands (6.5 wt ppm). This difference (Figure 1) may reflect the different source regions of the respective quartz grains, namely predominant provenance from Central Europe and predominant provenance from the Baltic Shield, respectively.

IR spectra of the detrital quartz grains were compared to reference spectra from samples of known localities and rock types in order to identify potential sources from which the quartz grains were sampled. Most detrital quartz grains exhibit IR signatures typical for granites (showing an Al-specific band at 3378 cm⁻¹) and regional metamorphic rocks, but also absorption bands typical for pegmatites and hydrothermal quartz (showing a Li-specific band at 3480 cm⁻¹) are observed. In contrast, IR signatures typical for high-pressure origin (i.e., hydrogarnet substitution with an absorption band at 3585 cm⁻¹) and for tourmaline-bearing rocks (showing a B-specific band at 3595 cm⁻¹) are subordinate to insignificant. From some grains also cathodoluminescence (CL) spectra were recorded and compared to the results from IR spectroscopy. No correlation between water content and CL colour was revealed, especially when a change in CL colour during excitation is not strong, underlining the potential of IR spectroscopy to add new aspects for the characterisation of quartz grains of unknown origin.

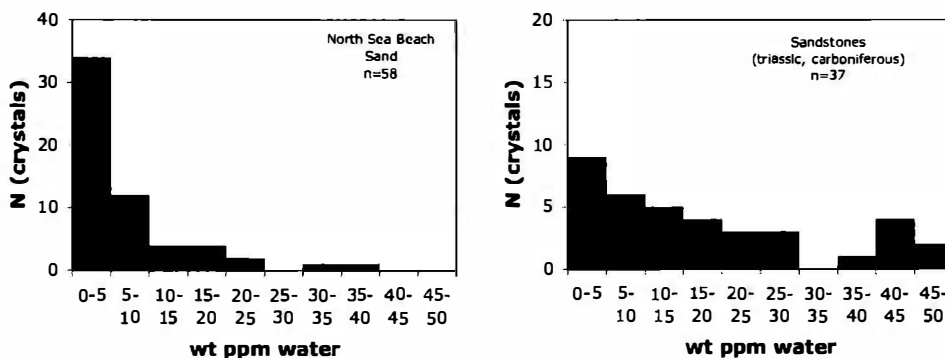


Figure 1. Histogram showing the defect water content of detrital quartz grains, reflecting different source regions (North Sea: predominantly from the Baltic Shield; Sandstones: mostly from Central Europe)

GEOCHEMISTRY AND STRUCTURE OF DOLOMITE AND CALCITE AT OKER (GERMANY)

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Precipitation of dolomite under low-temperature conditions in modern aquatic environments is limited due to the inhibitory effect of Mg^{2+} ions. This effect seems to be less effective in anoxic, organic-rich sediments with abundant bacterial sulfate reduction.

To shed a light on the process of dolomite formation under (Mg, S)-rich environments we investigated a partly dolomitized limestone of Upper Jurassic age (~153 Ma) that was formed at shallow marine, sabkha conditions at Oker (Langenberg, Germany). X-ray diffraction (XRD), electron microprobe (EMP) analysis, and $\delta^{18}O$ and $\delta^{13}C$ isotope measurements were conducted to decipher the geochemical and structural relationship between dolomite, low-Mg calcite (LMC), and high-Mg calcite (HMC) at bulk and micro-scale. The investigated lithological profile starts with layers of massive limestone that gradually transform into fine-grained dolomite followed by a thick limestone horizon at the upper part of the section.

The lower unit consists of micritic limestone of marine origin and is characterized by an isotopic composition of -1.7 to -2.9 ‰ of $\delta^{18}O$, and 1.3 to -0.7 ‰ of $\delta^{13}C$, VPDB. The upper limestone unit has isotopic characteristics of -1.8 to -3.4 ‰ of $\delta^{18}O$ and -1.6 to -4.0 ‰ of $\delta^{13}C$, VPDB, indicative of deposition under marine to sabkha conditions. The lower limestone consists of LMC with the chemical composition: $(Ca_{0.93-0.996}Mg_{0.003-0.03}Mn_{0-0.054}Sr_{0-0.001}Na_{0-0.001}Fe_{0-0.001})_{0.99-1.0}[(C_{0.94-1}S_{0-0.004})O_3]_2$. The transitional contact zone between the lower limestone and the dolomite consists of fine-grained, < 50 μm in size, dolomite, LMC, and HMC (listed from core to rim) deposited in single grains in the alternate mode. EMP analyses of the dolomite cores, ~10-15 μm in diameter, revealed excess of Ca and significant amounts of S (2500 ppm of SO_3); $(Ca_{0.97-1.14}Na_{0-0.01})_{0.97-1.14}(Mg_{0.75-0.97}Fe_{0-0.02}Mn_{0-0.01})_{0.76-0.99}[(C_{0.998-1.0}S_{0-0.002})O_3]_2$. Sulfur was not detected in the subsequently deposited LMC, $(Ca_{0.86-0.99}Mg_{0.006-0.05}Fe_{0-0.004}Na_{0-0.002}Mn_{0-0.001})_{0.96-0.97}CO_3$, and HMC, $(Ca_{0.64-0.78}Mg_{0.19-0.32}Fe_{0-0.004}Na_{0-0.003}Mn_{0-0.002})_{0.91-0.99}CO_3$. The “pure” dolomite (2.2 to 1.7 ‰ of $\delta^{18}O$ and 1.7 to -0.1 ‰ of $\delta^{13}C$, VPDB) has a composition of $(Ca_{1.03-1.24}Na_{0.001-0.006}Sr_{0-0.001})_{1.03-1.25}(Mg_{0.76-0.95}Fe_{0-0.02}Mn_{0-0.002})_{0.76-0.95}[(C_{0.98-0.998}S_{0.001-0.02})O_3]_2$, consists of euhedral crystals with a diameter of 2-50 μm , and shows few microns thick, alternating growth zones of S and Fe. XRD analyses confirmed the dolomite to be non-stoichiometric, with 51-54 mol% of $CaCO_3$. The degree of order in dolomite, with respect to ideal dolomite super structure, decreases from 83 % to 42 % with increasing S content from 0.02 to 0.06 S atoms per formula unit, respectively.

The variation in the isotopic composition ($\delta^{18}O$ and $\delta^{13}C$), distribution, and concentration of Mg, Sr, Fe, and S in calcite and/or dolomite indicates cyclic and abrupt changes of the chemistry of interstitial solution during carbonates formation. The plausible scenario of carbonate evolution involves decrease in sea level coupled with high evaporation degrees which led to increasing Mg/Ca ratios and thus alteration of primary LMC to HMC, subsequently transformed to dolomite.

CHEMISTRY OF XENOTIME-(Y) FROM BERYL-COLUMBITE PEGMATITES OF THE PÍSEK REGION (CZECH REPUBLIC)

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Xenotime-(Y) from the albite unit with abundant tourmaline of the beryl-columbite Písek granitic pegmatites have been studied with focus on monitoring of the mineral assemblages, successional position, chemical variability of xenotime, the input of U, Th and REE elements in the structure of the xenotime and to determine their substitution mechanisms.

Primary magmatic xenotime-(Y) forms large euhedral grains (up 2 mm) usually in association with zircon, monazite-(Ce) and U-rich Y,REE,Ti,Nb-oxides. Sometimes it forms hypoparallel intergrows with zircon. Primary xenotime in association with metamict zircon shows magmatic zonal structure with strongly metamict domains. Later xenotime commonly forms along cracks in monazite, or occurs as small inclusions in monazite, moreover, tiny cheralite inclusions are common in later xenotime as well as in surrounding monazite. Furthermore, small later xenotime inclusions occur in highly altered domains of U-rich Y,REE,Ti,Nb-oxides. Rarely, later xenotime together with K-feldspar and Fe-oxides fill cracks in the primary magmatic xenotime. Formation of later xenotime is the result of dissolution-reprecipitation processes during interaction between early magmatic monazite/Y,REE,Ti,Nb-oxides and pegmatite derived fluids.

Primary unaltered xenotime has low to medium concentration of REE (0.17-0.31 apfu) with the highest contents of Dy (0.04-0.08 apfu), Yb (0.02-0.05 apfu), Er (0.02-0.04 apfu), Gd (0.02-0.04 apfu) and Sm (0.01-0.02 apfu). It is characterized by variable U contents (0.5-6.4 wt.% UO₂) and low to medium amount of Th (0.2-4.1 wt.% ThO₂) with high U/Th ratio (commonly 1.3-5.7). Minor Zr (up 2.0 wt.% ZrO₂) and Si (0.1-2.8 wt.% SiO₂) are common in xenotime. The metamict domains in magmatic xenotime lost variable amounts of P, Y, HREE (mainly Yb, Er and Lu), and they are significantly enriched in Ca (up 6.2 wt.% CaO), Th (up 9.4 wt.% ThO₂) and F (up 3.2 wt.% F). Moreover, Zr (up 4.9 wt.% ZrO₂), Fe (up 2.5 wt.% FeO), Sc (up 0.3 wt.% Sc₂O₃) and Ce enrichment was observed in some metamict domains. The U/Th ratio (0.2-1.3) decreases significantly in metamict domains due to the Th enrichment. Later xenotime has lower U and Th contents (0.2-4.5 wt.% UO₂; 0.1-2.4 wt.% ThO₂) compared with primary magmatic xenotime. Moreover, later xenotime along cracks in monazite shows lower contents of the heaviest REE (Er, Yb, Lu). The significant negative Eu anomalies (Eu b.d.l. of EMP) are typical for all types of xenotime. Uranium and thorium enter non-metamict xenotime via (U,Th)SiREE₁P₁ substitution vector, mainly coffinite component (USiO₄) is important. The Ca contents in non-metamict xenotime are very low and exchange vector CaThREE₂ is negligible.

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ON THE PRESENCE OF HYDROUS DEFECTS IN DIFFERENTLY COLOURED WULFENITES (PbMoO₄): AN INFRARED AND OPTICAL SPECTROSCOPIC STUDY

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Several samples of wulfenite, PbMoO₄, varying in colour from colourless to yellow, orange and red, have been characterised by means of IR and optical absorption spectroscopy and by microprobe analyses. A distinct pleochroic band group with absorption maxima centred at 3380 and 3150 cm⁻¹ can be seen in the IR spectra of wulfenite single-crystals, indicating the presence of hydroxyl groups. The pleochroic and thermal behaviour of the OH stretching bands along with deuteration experiments, as well as results obtained from synthetic flux-grown samples, exclude the presence of submicroscopic hydrous mineral inclusions (mainly considered were phases belonging to the alunite-crandallite mineral group) as their primary origin. Whereas jarosite and plumbogummite, in which the OH absorption bands coincide in shape and position with the IR absorption phenomena visible in wulfenite, decompose already at 250 °C, the OH bands of wulfenite persist up to 500 °C. A significant CO₂ absorption pattern which evolves upon heating the samples to 500 °C is attributed to the decomposition of included carbonates (siderite and smithsonite), which were found by means of a scanning electron microscope and EDX analyses.

The pleochroic scheme and the band positions were used to postulate a model for the OH incorporation mode, based on the assumption of vacancies on Mo and Pb sites in the structure of this 'nominally anhydrous mineral', where the latter case presumes an interstitial OH group occupying the vacant Pb position.

Optical absorption spectra of coloured natural samples show a broad and polarised band around 23000-24000 cm⁻¹, preceding the fundamental UV absorption edge, which has been identified as the reason for the colour of the mineral. The comparison with synthetic PbMoO₄ single-crystals, doped with variable amounts of Cr⁶⁺, yielded conclusive evidence that trace amounts of the CrO₄²⁻ anion group, substituting for MoO₄²⁻, determine the variable colour. Besides, in one sample, trace amounts of Nd³⁺ have been spectroscopically identified.

To confirm the assignment of the observed absorption patterns to Nd, a PbMoO₄ sample doped with Nd³⁺ has been synthesised using the coupled substitution Nd³⁺As⁵⁺Pb²⁺Mo⁶⁺. In natural samples, V⁵⁺ is believed to provide the necessary charge balance, as samples with observable REE bands have enhanced contents of V₂O₅.

MINERAL CHEMISTRY AND PETROLOGY OF CHROMIUM-BEARING KYANITES IN ECLOGITES FROM THE POHORJE MOUNTAINS, SLOVENIA

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Eo-Alpine eclogites are commonly found in the southern parts of the Pohorje Mountains, Slovenia. Geochemical characteristics suggest an olivine, pyroxene, plagioclase and spinel bearing gabbroic cummulate as precursor rock. Turquoise coloured chromium-bearing kyanites in eclogites from the Pohorje Mountains, Slovenia, attracted attention in two samples, PM22 and PM26. Two different textures can be observed: (1) A first type characterised by tiny Cr-spinel inclusions within larger turquoise coloured kyanite (Fig. 1a) and (2) a second type formed around larger chromite crystals together with Cr-rich corundum (up to 9.1 wt% Cr₂O₃) and pargasitic amphibole (Fig. 1b). Cr₂O₃ values in kyanite reach up to 14.4 wt.%. Net transfer reactions, between garnet, clinopyroxene, phengite, kyanite and quartz/coesite, were used for *PT* estimates. The calibration of KROGH RAVNA & TERRY (2004) resulted in highest pressures and temperatures close to the Qz-Coe transition with *T* = ~810 °C and *P* = ~2.9 GPa, while the dataset of HOLLAND & POWELL (1998) resulted in the lowest peak metamorphic conditions of ~2.2 GPa and 720 °C for the same reaction set. The calibration of BRANDELIK & MASSONNE (2004) is between both values with *PT* conditions of c. 2.5 GPa and temperatures around 710-760 °C. Zr in rutile thermometry was applied for independent temperature determination giving a mean of 748 °C.

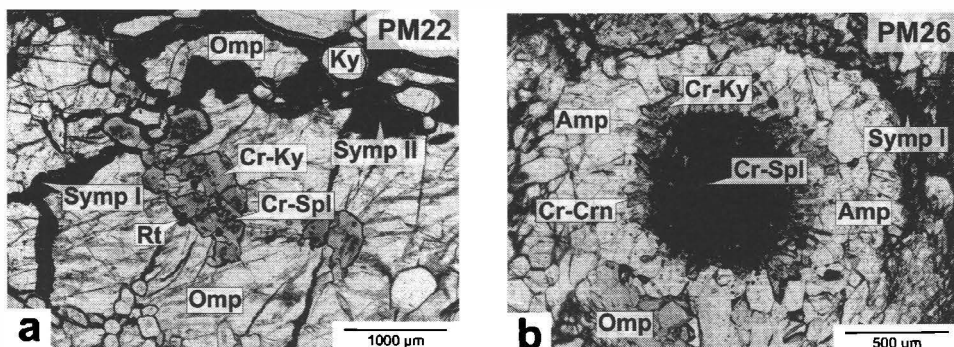


Figure 1. (a) Cr-kyanite with abundant chromite inclusions. (b) Cr-kyanite and Cr-corundum crystallized around a large Cr-Sp grain. Symp I = symplectite around Omp; Symp II = symplectite around kyanite.

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Ca₂Mg(NO₃)₆ · 12H₂O – FIRST RESULTS ON A NEW COMPOUND RETRIEVED FROM CHIMNEY DEPOSITS OF A COMBINED HEAT AND POWER PLANT

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Nitrate minerals containing alkaline earth cations are rather rare. So far only two hydrous natural species have been reported in the literature: nitrocalcite (Ca(NO₃)₂ · 4H₂O, RIBAR et al., 1973) and nitromagnesite (Mg(NO₃)₂ · 6H₂O, SCHEFER & GRUBE, 1995). In the field of technical mineralogy, on the other hand, both phases have attracted much more interest. For example, both compounds are among the most common deterioration agents responsible for salt attack of buildings and monuments. Furthermore, nitromagnesite has been studied intensively as a potential thermal energy storage material (ZALBA et al., 2002). To the best of our knowledge no synthetic or natural hydrous Ca-Mg-nitrate has been reported so far. The results of the present investigation will fill this gap.

Starting point for this study was a routine X-ray powder diffraction phase analysis of a series of samples which were obtained from incrustations of an exhaust gas chimney of a combined heat and power plant located in Malchow/Germany. Phase analysis using the current version of the PDF-4 database showed the existence of a small amount of anhydrite as well as bassanite. However, the majority of the peaks could not be attributed to any phase or phase mixture contained in the powder diffraction file. A re-examination of the residual under a petrographic microscope revealed that the sample contained a large number of colourless transparent crystals. A single-crystal of good optical quality was further studied by X-ray single-crystal diffraction (performed at 25 °C). The crystal structure could be solved by direct methods and difference Fourier synthesis. Structure solution was also used to establish the chemical composition: Ca₂Mg(NO₃)₆ · 12H₂O. The presence of water as well as nitrate moieties in the structure was confirmed by micro-Raman spectroscopy. Basic crystallographic data of the previously unknown material are as follows: trigonal symmetry, space group *R* -3, *a*=10.5583(5) Å, *c*=19.5351(10) Å, *V*=1885.98(16) Å³, *Z*=3, *R*(|*F*|)=0.0248 for 744 reflections with *I*>2σ(*I*). Principal structural building units are columns containing an alternating sequence of Mg(H₂O)₆-octahedra and CaX₉ tricapped trigonal prisms. (X:H₂O molecules, O atoms from the nitrate groups). Linkage between the polyhedra of a single column as well as between neighbouring columns is provided by hydrogen bonding. Using the result of the structural investigation a quantitative phase analysis of the incrustations based on the Rietveld method could be accomplished.

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CONCRETE DETERIORATION – FORMATION CONDITIONS TRACED BY CRYSTAL WATER OF SULFATE MINERALS

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Concrete damage caused by secondary formation of hydrous sulfate minerals (e.g. thaumasite, ettringite and gypsum) may cause serious problems concerning the durability of concrete structures. Cracking due to volume dilatation and disintegration of CSH-phases significantly reduces the overall lifespan of affected structures, whereby high costs for servicing and renovation are incurring. Despite numerous reports, detailed knowledge of the reaction mechanisms and conditions for the formation of hydrous sulfate minerals in concretes is still lacking (NEVILLE, 2004).

In a recently performed study in Austrian tunnels damaged concrete was identified as a consequence of the thaumasite form of sulfate attack (TSA) (MITTERMAYR et al., 2013). The severe concrete damage was shown to be caused by a highly dynamic system of drying and wetting cycles by applying a multiproxy approach. Evaporation of interstitial solutions loaded by ground water has led to a massive increase of SO₄ concentration which triggered the formation of sulfate hydrate minerals.

For the present study the above described damaged concrete material containing thaumasite Ca₃Si(OH)₆(CO₃)(SO₄)•12H₂O and gypsum CaSO₄•2H₂O was used. A novel approach by extracting the crystal water and analysing its isotopic signature is used to discover their formation conditions. The crystal water was extracted via a cold trap attached to a Schlenk line setup. δ²H and δ¹⁸O were measured by wavelength scanned cavity ring-down spectroscopy. As internal standards lab-synthesized gypsum and ettringite (Ca₆Al₂(SO₄)₃(OH)₁₂•26H₂O) were used.

The crystal water from 5 damaged concrete samples was successfully and quantitatively recovered. The δ²H and δ¹⁸O values yielded in -57.1 ±4.0 and -3.4 ±1.0 ‰, respectively. Compared to the average value of the local ground water (δ²H = -83.0 ‰; δ¹⁸O = -12.0 ‰) a significant discrimination of the light vs. heavy isotopes was found in the crystal water (MITTERMAYR et al., 2013). Ultimately evaporation degrees of highly concentrated SO₄ interstitial solutions (5000 up to 50000 mg L⁻¹) can be validated from isotopic composition of crystal water tracing the individual formation conditions of damaging sulfate minerals.

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COMPOSITIONAL VARIATION OF Ba-RICH WHITE MICAS FROM TWO DIFFERENT GEOLOGICAL SETTINGS

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Ba-micas can occur in a variety of geological environments. The formation of Ba-rich micas is strongly influenced by the presence of hydrothermal fluids and thus can be classified as a product of metasomatic processes. Ba-rich muscovite/paragonite, so called ganterite, is a dioctahedral white mica represented by a 1:1 mixture between the true micas muscovite/paragonite and the hypothetical Ba brittle mica with an ideal composition of $[\text{Ba}_{0.5}(\text{Na}+\text{K})_{0.5}]\text{Al}_2[\text{Si}_{2.5}\text{Al}_{1.5}]\text{O}_{10}(\text{OH})_2$ (GRAESER et al., 2003; JAMBOR & ROBERTS, 2004). As the interlayer position is filled up to 50% by monovalent cations ganterite is a member of the true micas.

(1) The Ba-rich white micas of the first study occur in the Lienz contact aureole adjacent to the Oligocene Lienz/Edenwald tonalite in the surrounding fine-grained mica schists of the Austroalpine basement. Thermometric calculations for the innermost part of the aureole yielded temperatures of 640 ± 24 °C. The Ba content in the white mica reaches up to 13.38 wt.% BaO, even though Ba is not the dominant interlayer cation. The formula of a typical Ba-rich white mica is $[\text{Ba}_{0.37}\text{K}_{0.41}\text{Na}_{0.22}]_{1.00}[\text{Al}_{1.93}\text{Mg}_{0.02}\text{Fe}_{0.03}\text{Ti}_{0.02}]_{2.00}[\text{Si}_{2.66}\text{Al}_{1.34}]\text{O}_{10}(\text{OH})_2$. Based on the chemical composition of the mica endmembers paragonite and muscovite, the Ba-rich mica in this study can be formed by a combination of the coupled substitution $[\text{Ba}][\text{Al}^{\text{IV}}]=[\text{K}]_{-1}[\text{Si}]_{-1}$ and the simple $[\text{Na}]=[\text{K}]_{-1}$ exchange vector. Complete solid solutions between muscovite and Ba-rich white micas were observed since Ba contents range from 0.07 wt.% up to 13.38 wt.% BaO.

(2) The Ba-rich white mica of the second study was found in the highly deformed marble belt close to the Meran-Mauls fault, which is part of the Giudicarie fault system. The marble layer occurs within the paragneisses of the Meran-Mauls Basement and has been overprinted under Variscan amphibolite-facies and eo-Alpine/Alpine greenschist-facies condition. The Ba-rich white mica is associated with celsian + barite + calcite + dolomite. The variation in the BaO content of the micas ranges from 0.49 wt.% up to 8.78 wt.%. As most of the white micas in this study are “phengitic”, the incorporation of Ba can be described by the coupled substitution $[\text{Ba}][\text{Al}^{\text{VI}}][\text{Al}^{\text{IV}}]_2 = [\text{K}]_{-1}[\text{Mg}]_{-1}[\text{Si}]_{-2}$. The formula of a low Ba-mica (0.96 wt.% BaO) is $\square_{0.10}[\text{Ba}_{0.02}\text{K}_{0.86}\text{Na}_{0.01}\text{Ca}_{0.01}]_{0.90}[\text{Al}_{1.56}\text{Mg}_{0.42}\text{Fe}_{0.01}\text{Ti}_{0.01}]_{2.00}[\text{Si}_{3.48}\text{Al}_{0.52}]_{4.00}\text{O}_{10}(\text{OH})_2$. This indicates a 50:50 composition along the muscovite – aluminoceladonite solid solution.

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THERMODYNAMIC MODELLING OF IN-SITU ECLOGITIZATION OF METAPELITES FROM VAL SAVENCA (SEZIA ZONE, WESTERN ALPS)

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A common feature of HP and UHP terranes is the subduction of lower crustal rocks to great depths. Previous investigations have shown that this process is triggered by fluids present during an eclogite-facies metamorphic overprint. Key examples of these processes is exposed in the metapelites at Val Savenca and the metagranites of Monte Mucrone, both in the Sesia-Lanzo Zone, Italy, where Alpine eclogite-facies metamorphism and fluid flow led to partial transformation of Variscan amphibolite-eclogite facies metapelites (garnet + biotite + sillimanite + K-feldspar + plagioclase + quartz) and metagranites (garnet + biotite + K-feldspar + plagioclase + quartz) to zoisite ± jadeite + kyanite + phengite + quartz with associated jadeite veins. This transformation took place under *P-T* conditions of 1.7 – 2.1 GPa at 600 °C and low $a(\text{H}_2\text{O})$ of 0.3-0.6. The textures in the Val Savenca metapelites show relict igneous biotite which is rimmed by a thin rind of garnet. The replacement of plagioclase by jadeite + zoisite + kyanite + quartz takes place also along former fractures. Within the jadeite + zoisite + kyanite + K-feldspar pseudomorphs after plagioclase, jadeite and quartz coexist with K-feldspar. Jadeite also shows some late stage replacement by omphacite at the rims, which was also observed in jadeite-rich veins in adjacent samples. Biotite is replaced by the assemblage phengite + omphacite ± kyanite if it is adjacent to former plagioclase, otherwise by phengite + rutile/titanite, or only by phengite. These omphacitic areas contain no zoisite. Former metamorphic K-feldspar seems to recrystallize during Alpine metamorphism, as suggested by development of a homogeneous host with included needles of zoisite and jadeite. The extreme development of microdomains can best be studied by investigating garnet and clinopyroxene zoning. Garnet grows in two generations, namely garnet from the primary assemblage and garnet growing around biotite is pyrope-rich. The grossular content increases during the Alpine metamorphic overprint and garnets growing adjacent to plagioclase domains are very grossular-rich. Clinopyroxenes also show strong compositional variations depending on the microdomain in which they grew. The compositions range from jadeite (>90% Jd) to omphacite (ca. 40% Jd). Thermodynamic modelling of individual microdomains was done by calculating pseudosections of stoichiometric mixtures of protolith minerals using the program DOMINO (DE CAPITANI & PETRAKAKIS, 2010). Protolith plagioclase composition was calculated using image analysis and yielded a plagioclase composition ranging between 30% and 50% anorthite component. The aim of the pseudosection calculations was two-fold: 1.) to reproduce the observed mineral assemblage and 2.) to provide constraints on the amount of fluid present in the transformation. The results so far indicate that the amount of fluid was low, otherwise paragonite would have formed instead of jadeite in the plagioclase domains. Reproduction of the observed mineral assemblage has only been partly successful so far since biotite is still stable in the calculations.

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DER ZUSAMMENBRUCH VON STAUROLITH UND KYANIT IM WESTLICHEN AUSTROALPIN ALS MONITOR FÜR DEN GRAD DER EO-ALPINE METAMORPHOSE

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Es handelt sich hier um die petrographische und petrologische Bearbeitung von Proben aus austroalpinen Basementkomplexen, westlich des Tauern Fensters, nämlich Ötztal-Stubai Kristallin, Matscher Decke, Patscherkofelkristallin, Silvretta Kristallin, Meran Mauls Kristallin und Ortler-Campo Kristallin. In diesen polymetamorphen Kristallinkomplexen treten makroskopisch sichtbare Staurolithpseudomorphosen auf. Die variszische Metamorphose gilt eindeutig als das dominierende Ereignis in allen Kristallinkomplexen, welche die wesentlichen Mineralparagenesen und die Gefüge bildete. Die Druck- und Temperaturbedingungen der Metapelite können aufgrund der Mineralparagenesen im Bereich um 550-670 °C und 3-8 kbar festgelegt werden. Die dominante Mineralparagenese umfasst Staurolith, Granat, und manchmal alle drei Aluminiumsilikate, wobei Kyanit die dominante Modifikation ist. Die eo-alpidische Metamorphose ist im Ötztal-Stubai Kristallin variabel und reicht von ca. 300 °C im NW zu ca. 600 °C im SE. Im Patscherkofel Kristallin und im Ortler Campo Kristallin erreichte die eo-alpidische Metamorphose 420 °C bis 500 °C. Im Silvrettakristallin hingegen erreicht die eo-alpine Metamorphose nur ca. 350 °C. Petrographische Untersuchungen haben ergeben, dass Staurolith immer Teil der prä-alpidischen Paragenese ist und er im Zuge der eo-alpidischen Metamorphose umgewandelt wird. Der Grund für diese Umwandlung liegt in den niedrigeren Temperaturen (300-520 °C), die bei der eo-alpidischen Metamorphose herrschten. Staurolith zerfällt zu 1.) Chlorit + Muskovit, 2.) Chlorit + Muskovit + Chloritoid, 3.) Chlorit + Paragonit + Granat, 3.) Chloritoid + Margarit + Korund. Kyanit wiederum zerfällt zu 1.) Muskovit oder 2.) Margarit + Chlorit. Ziel dieser Arbeit ist es die Mineralreaktion zu eruieren und die *P-T* Bedingungen einzugrenzen, die zum Zerfall von Staurolith bzw. Kyanit führten. Staurolith zerfällt immer unter Zufuhr von H₂O in der Anwesenheit von Plagioklas bzw. Biotit. Gleiches gilt für den Zusammenbruch von Kyanit. Die berechnete Lage der Mineralreaktionen mittels des Programms THERMOCALC, ergab, dass der Zerfall dieser beiden Phasen eigentlich nur temperaturabhängig ist, da die Reaktionen in einem *P-T* Diagramm steil stehen. Die Untersuchung ergab auch, dass der beobachtete Chloritoid-Isograd im westlichen Austroalpin immer an den Zerfall von Staurolith gebunden ist und dass der Zerfall von Kyanit zu Margarit im Meran Mauls Kristallin wahrscheinlich eo-alpidische grünschieferfazielle Bedingungen anzeigt.

HOW DO EXPERIMENTS AND CALCULATIONS COMPARE? EXPERIMENTS VERSUS PSEUDOSECTIONS: A TEST FROM HIGH-*P*/HIGH-*T* GRANULITES AND THE ROLE OF Ti AND F IN BIOTITE

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Large bodies of Variscan felsic high-*P*/high-*T* granulites with the assemblage quartz + ternary feldspar (mesoperthite) + garnet + rutile ± kyanite occur in the Southern Bohemian Massif. They are thought to have formed at 950-1050 °C and 1.5-1.9 GPa, from granitic protoliths. In order to assess the processes of high-*P*/high-*T* granulite formation, fluid-absent piston cylinder experiments were conducted with granitic gneiss as starting material (K-feldspar + plagioclase + quartz + biotite + muscovite), whose chemical composition almost perfectly matches the main granulite type of the Southern Bohemian Massif. The experimental conditions were chosen to simulate the metamorphic P-T path determined for the granulites, with runs at 750 – 1000 °C / 1.6 GPa, (prograde path), at 950 °C / 1.4 GPa and 800 – 900 °C / 1.2 GPa (retrograde path). The experiments in the temperature range of 850 – 1000 °C all yielded the typical granulite assemblage garnet + ternary feldspar + quartz ± kyanite ± rutile. The melt-forming reaction observed in the experiments is: biotite + plagioclase + quartz = garnet + ternary feldspar + melt. At pressures of 1.6 GPa, this reaction commences at temperatures >750 °C and goes to completion between 800 °C and 850 °C. In the isobaric section at 1.6 GPa, both biotite and muscovite are present at 750 °C and 800 °C. Up to 850 °C, two feldspars are present in the experiments, albeit with a strong decrease in the modal amount of plagioclase from 18 vol.% at 750 °C to <1 vol.% at 850 °C. In runs at 900 °C and 1000 °C, Na-rich alkali feldspar is no longer stable and a K-rich alkali feldspar appears instead as the only feldspar phase. Experiments at 1.2 GPa show assemblages and textures similar to runs at 1.6 GPa with biotite being stable at 800 °C and plagioclase consumed by partial melting between 800 °C and 900 °C.

In order to compare the experimental results with theoretical predictions, pseudosections with the programs PERPLEX (CONNOLLY & PETRINI, 2002) and DOMINO (De CAPITANI & PETRAKAKIS, 2010) and the updated database of HOLLAND & POWELL (1998) were calculated. The calculated phase relations and modes are in good agreement with the experimental results. The only major discrepancy lies in the stability of biotite, which is grossly underestimated in the calculations using both programs (prediction is 100 °C lower at 1.6 and 1.2 GPa). Electron microprobe analyses showed that biotite contains up to 5 wt.% TiO₂ and 2 wt.% F. Although Ti contents can be considered empirically in Ti-biotite activity models, no biotite activity model involving F yet exists.

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EXPERIMENTELLE UNTERSUCHUNGEN ZUR KNOCHEN- GESTEINSWECHSELWIRKUNG IN BRANDOPFERPLÄTZEN

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In den Alpen gibt es eine Vielzahl von prähistorischen Brandopferplätzen, die Menschen der Vorzeit aus religiösen aber auch praktischen Gründen angelegt haben. Diese Brandstätten erkannten die Archäologen aufgrund von Schlackenfunden, Keramikbruchstücken, sowie Knochen oder Schmuckstücken, (GLEIRSCHER et al., 2002), mineralogisch wurden die Schlacken von zwei Brandopferplätzen von TROPPEL et al. (2004) und SCHNEIDER et al. (2012) untersucht. In dieser Arbeit wurden experimentelle Untersuchungen bei hohen Temperaturbedingungen (1200°C), die denen der prähistorischen Brandstätten gleichen, zwischen verschiedenen charakteristischen Gesteinen der Ostalpen und Knochenbruchstücken simuliert um herauszufinden ob diagnostische Mineralphasen entstehen und ob die Brandbedingungen bei Brandopferplätzen im Labor reproduzierbar sind. Die mineralogischen Beobachtungen aus den Schlacken der Brandopferplätze und die experimentellen Untersuchungen von Tropper et al. (2006) konnten dabei zum Großteil reproduziert werden. Es wurden diagnostische Minerale wie Whitlockit und P-hältiger Olivin in den Experimenten reproduziert. Des Weiteren wurden im Paragneis- sowie im Amphibolitexperiment P-hältige Klinopyroxene erkannt welche P_2O_5 Gehalte bis zu 3 Gew.% aufweisen. Die Olivine enthalten Phosphorgehalte zwischen 0-4.6 Gew.%, wobei die P-reichen Konzentrationen nur in den Experimenten mit Quarzphyllit gefunden wurden. P-hältiger Olivin in Kombination mit Whitlockit kann daher in Quarzphylliten auf jeden Fall als diagnostisch anerkannt werden, da TROPPEL et al. (2006) ebenfalls P-reiche Olivine in Metapeliten gefunden hatten. Die P-hältigen Klinopyroxene könnten in Kombination mit Whitlockit ebenfalls Indikatoren für Knochen-Gesteinswechselwirkung in Gneisen und Granatamphiboliten darstellen. Das Auftreten von metallischem Eisen weist auf extrem niedrige fO_2 Bedingungen im Experiment hin die in den bereits untersuchten Brandopferschlacken allerdings nicht nachgewiesen werden konnten. Die Anwesenheit von Whitlockit + P-hältigem Olivin lässt daher auf die Verbrennung von Knochenmaterial schließen, was experimentell reproduziert werden konnte. P-hältiger Olivin alleine, muss jedoch nicht auf den Zusammenbruch von Knochenmaterial zurückzuführen sein, auch Holz kann als Phosphorquelle dienen, da es 1-2 Gew.% P_2O_5 enthält. Die Anwesenheit von P-hältigem Klinopyroxen wurde in bisher untersuchten Schlacken noch nicht beschrieben, jedoch ist anhand der Ergebnisse dieser Untersuchungen durchaus damit zu rechnen.

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RAMAN-SPECTROSCOPY OF CORDIERITES FROM Na-IN-CORDIERITE EXPERIMENTS: CHEMICAL VS. STRUCTURAL EQUILIBRIUM

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WYHLIDAL et al. (2008) investigated the Na-incorporation in cordierite in natural samples using two different quartzphyllites (SP: Na, Si-rich; W: Na, Si-poor). The experiments were performed in a hydrothermal apparatus as well as a piston-cylinder apparatus. In order to provide estimates on the degree of equilibration in the experiments, structural investigations such as Raman-spectroscopy and chemical constraints from compositional reversals and pseudosection calculations were performed on samples from both experimental series.

Structural constraints: In order to provide structural constraints on the degree of structural equilibration in the experiments Raman spectroscopic investigations of newly grown cordierites as a function of temperature were done. Synthetic Mg-cordierite has two structural transitions and transforms from the hexagonal over a modulated state to the orthorhombic structure mainly as a result of Al-Si ordering. The cordierites of the experimental series SP and W show a clear temperature-dependent ordering as indicated by the extent of peak splitting in the 530-600 cm⁻¹ region. For instance in SP sample 18 at 550°C peak splitting is the least developed indicating the lowest Al-Si ordering state. The distance between the peaks at 555.5 cm⁻¹ and 575 cm⁻¹ is 19.5 cm⁻¹ and almost no peak splitting is visible. Experiment 17 was synthesized at 730 °C and the sample shows the highest degree of ordering as indicated by the distance between the peaks at 554 cm⁻¹ and 576 cm⁻¹ of 22 cm⁻¹ and the shape of the clearly visible peak splitting. The data show that hydrothermally synthesized cordierites grow initially as the disordered polymorph and thus show temperature-dependent Al-Si ordering.

Compositional constraints: Compositional reversals were run in a first step at 0.3 GPa at 680 °C for 720 h and then in a second step at 580 °C for another 720 h. The results of both starting materials show that the Na contents of cordierite started to re-equilibrate which is shown by the overlap of the Na values which were obtained at 580 °C. Pseudosection calculations were undertaken for both whole-rock compositions in the system KNCFMtASH using the program THERIAK-DOMINO. The amount of the coexisting fluid phase H₂O taken was assumed to be the LOI. The agreement between the calculated and the observed mineral assemblages in both experimental series is only satisfactory but the onset temperature of melt formation is the same at 680 °C. It is also noteworthy that muscovite is more stable in both sets of experiments than in the calculations. Although this discrepancy is large and varies between 30 °C and 110 °C it could be due to minor F and/or Cl contents in the micas which we did not analyse.

The results of this study indicate that even if theoretical, geothermometric and experimental constraints point towards attainment of chemical equilibrium in the experiments, structural disequilibrium features despite the long run times (>300 h) can still occur.

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HOT, HOTTER, HOTTEST: EXTREME CASES OF ANTHROPOGENIC PYROMETAMORPHISM

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This contribution summarizes the results of petrological investigations concerning extremely high-*T* pyrometamorphism of anthropogenic nature. Three cases will be described: 1.) slags from sacrificial burning sites, 2.) formation of pseudofulgurites and 3.) petrography of slags from the first atomic blasts, the so-called trinitites.

In the first study the occurrence of P-rich olivine and the tri-calcium phosphate (TCP) stanfieldite in partially molten quartzphyllites from the ritual immolation site at the Goldbichl, near Innsbruck in the Tyrol, Austria is reported. The pyrometamorphic rocks contain mostly the mineral assemblage olivine + orthopyroxene + plagioclase + spinel + glass. During the investigation of slag samples from this prehistoric ritual immolation site, extremely P-rich, apatite-bearing micro-domains were found. In these domains phosphoran olivine was found coexisting with plagioclase and a tri-calcium phosphate phase showing stanfieldite $\text{Ca}_4(\text{Mg}, \text{Fe}^{2+}, \text{Mn}^{2+})_5(\text{PO}_4)_6$ composition. Schematical Schreinemakers analysis in the system $\text{CaO-Al}_2\text{O}_3\text{-FeO-SiO}_2\text{-P}_2\text{O}_5\text{-H}_2\text{O}$ shows that P-rich olivine (fayalite-sarcopside solid solution) can form from mineral reactions involving chlorite, apatite and quartz and show that the occurrence of P-rich Fe-olivines spans a large *T*-range but is restricted to domains with high $\alpha(\text{SiO}_2)$. The estimated temperatures are in the range of 1000-1200 °C.

In the course of the second investigation an exceptionally well-preserved fulgurite-like aggregate from Kaltenbach, district Vitis, Lower Austria, Austria was analysed. The pseudo-fulgurite is mainly composed of glass and contains partially- and fully fused and deformed relict fragments as well as newly formed minerals. The presence of mullite, baddeleyite instead of zircon, osumilite and Fe-P, Fe-Si-P, Fe-Si-Ni globuli enable to constrain a lower *T* of formation of 1500-1800 °C. Currently experimental investigations concerning pseudo-fulgurite formation are being conducted and investigated.

The third investigation deals with the so-called trinitites, glasses that formed in the course of the first nuclear blast at the Trinity site in New Mexico. These glasses contain only relict quartz and zircon fragments. In contrast to the pseudofulgurites abundant baddeleyite was found stemming from the breakdown of zircon indicating temperatures overstepping 1680-1770 °C greatly. Raman-spectroscopic investigations are currently being undertaken to investigate the nature of the baddeleyite modification.

The latter two examples clearly illustrate that the obtained temperatures have to be regarded only as lower temperature estimates since the duration of these processes is extremely short and hence the overstepping of the zircon breakdown temperature must be quite significant.

DER ZUSAMMENBRUCH VON ZIRKON IN TRINITITEN

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30 Meilen östlich von Socorro liegt „Trinity Site“, der Ort in der Wüste New Mexikos an dem am 6 Juli 1945 die erste Atombombe gezündet wurde. Während des Zweiten Weltkrieges arbeiteten amerikanische Wissenschaftler unter der Leitung von J. Robert Oppenheimer am Manhattan Project an der Entwicklung der Atombombe zum Zwecke des Kriegseinsatzes. Doch bevor sie effektiv in Kampfhandlungen eingesetzt werden konnte, musste die Plutoniumbombe einem Testlauf unterzogen werden. Damit begann der Bau des bis dahin größten Labors unter freiem Himmel am „Alamogoro Bombing Range“ jenem Teil der Wüste der schon dem Militär gehörte. Straßen, Bunker, Forschungsgebäude und ein 30 m hoher Turm aus Stahl wurden am Detonationsort errichtet. Am 6. Juli 1945 um 5:29:45 Uhr morgens explodierte die erste Atombombe der Welt. Über 12.000 m erhob sich die pilzförmige Wolke in den Himmel. Drei Bundesstaaten weiter war das Licht der Explosion immer noch zu sehen. Der Stahlurm verdampfte vollständig, rund um den Detonationsort bildete sich ein grünliches Glas, das man später Trinitit taufte. Die Wucht der Explosion entsprach in etwa jener, die beim Einsatz von 19 Kilotonnen TNT entstehen würde. Ein Krater von 2.9 m Tiefe und 335 m Breite entstand. Das Glas der Trinitite ist meist SiO₂-reich mit über 70 Gew.%, jedoch in Bereichen mit hohen ZrO₂ Konzentrationen bis zu 15 Gew.% sind die Gläser auch SiO₂ ärmer (ca. 56 Gew.% SiO₂). Zr-reiche Schlieren sind im Glas recht häufig anzutreffen. Die CaO Gehalte sind auch variabel zwischen 4 und 14 Gew.%. Die Zusammensetzung variiert stark je nach Art der Domäne in der das Glas gebildet wurde. Viele Quarze sind nicht vollständig aufgeschmolzen und bleiben reliktsch zurück. Häufig ist jedoch das Zirkonoxid Baddeleyit (ZrO₂) zu finden, dass als Ansammlung weißer Kügelchen in Zr-reichen Schlieren auftritt. Ab einer Temperatur von 1680 °C ist Zirkon nicht mehr stabil und er zerfällt in seine Oxide ZrO₂ und SiO₂, wobei es sich hier um ein SiO₂-Glas handelt. In einem Bereich findet sich sogar noch ein vollständiger Zirkon, der am Rand von einem massigen Baddeleyit-Saum umgeben ist. Dieser Bereich wurde auch Raman-spektroskopisch untersucht um mögliche Aussagen über verschiedene ZrO₂ Modifikationen (monoklin vs. tetragonal) zu treffen. Vorläufige Mikrosondenanalysen aus diesem Bereich lassen auch auf mehrere Zr-Si-O Verbindungen in diesem Saum schliessen. Die Anwesenheit von weit mehr Baddeleyit als Zirkon lässt darauf schließen, dass die Temperatur weit über 1680-1770 °C gestiegen sein musste, wobei in der Literatur ca. 5000 °C angegeben werden (HERMES & STRICKFADEN, 2005).

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PETROGRAPHISCHE UNTERSUCHUNGEN PRÄHISTORISCHER (END-NEOLITHIKUM-SPÄTBRONZEZEIT) KERAMIK VOM KIECHLBERG

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Die Untersuchungen an keramischem Material, das lange Zeit die Bodenlagerung unbeschadet übersteht und meist in großen Mengen gefunden wird, nehmen einen bedeutenden Anteil der archäologischen Forschungstätigkeit ein. Bei entsprechender Materialeignung und ausreichender Probenmenge gibt es eine Fülle von Fragen im Umfeld archäologischer Forschung die sich mit der mineralogischen Analyse von Keramik-Dünnschliffen klären lassen:

- Technologie der Keramikherstellung, Aussagen über Brenntemperatur.
- Geographische Herkunft des keramischen Rohmaterials.
- Vergleich räumlich getrennt aufgefundener, aber formenkundlich vergleichbarer Objekte.
- Trennung lokaler Ware von Importen.
- Werkstättenzuweisung nach qualitativen und quantitativen Keramikmerkmalen.
- Nachweis technologischer Kontinuität oder Diskontinuität über kulturelle Grenzen

Der Kiechlberg bei Thaur (Tirol) ist seit 2007 im Rahmen des Spezialforschungsprogramms HiMAT (History of Mining Activities in the Tyrol and Adjacent Areas) Gegenstand umfassender archäologischer Untersuchungen. Die vorliegende Untersuchung befasst sich mit der petrographischen Untersuchung von 23 dort gefundenen Keramikfragmenten. Laut der stilistischen Gliederung konnten die Proben in drei typologische Hauptgruppen unterschieden werden: bayrisch, südalpin (trientinisch) und lokal. Ziel dieser Arbeit war es, herauszuarbeiten, welche petrographischen Charakteristika die Keramiken aufweisen und ob diese mit lokalen Magerungsmaterialien hergestellt, oder importiert wurden. Es konnte festgestellt werden, dass 1.) sich die südbayrischen sowie die trientinischen Keramikscherben deutlich von den lokalen unterscheiden und 2.) dass in allen drei Gruppen Keramikfragmente wieder-verwertet wurden. Laut 1.) ist ein Import somit wahrscheinlich. Ohne weitreichendere chemische Untersuchungen, sowie vergleichende Untersuchungen von lokalen, trientinischen und südbayrischen Keramikfragmenten können diese Aussagen jedoch noch nicht mit Sicherheit getätigt werden. In einer Keramikprobe, die als Schmelztiegel diente, wurden Schlackenreste gefunden, welche mittels Elektronenstrahlmikrosonde untersucht wurden. Die Schlacken bestehen aus Olivinen, Klinopyroxenen sowie Fe-reichem Glas. Auffallend ist, dass die einzelnen Minerale größere Mengen von Zn einbauen. Eine Verhüttung von Zn-hältigen Erzen (Kupferkies + Zinkblende?) ist wahrscheinlich. Weiters wurde eine weiße Inkrustierungsmasse aus einer Dekoration in einer Keramikprobe untersucht. Die Analyse mittels Raman-Spektroskopie ergab, dass es sich um Hydroxyl-Apatit handelt. Es wurde hier also Knochenmaterial zermahlen und als Paste in die Ritzungen eingepresst.

MINERALOGIE UND PETROLOGIE EXPERIMENTELL ERZEUGTER PSEUDOFULGURITE

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Fulgurite sind sehr seltene, röhrenförmige und glasige Naturphänomene, die durch die extreme Hitze eines Blitzschlages entstehen können. Ein Gestein, das durch einen Erdschluss einer Hochspannungsleitung und der damit verbundenen Aufheizung des Bodens entstanden ist, nennt man einen Pseudofulgurit. Dessen Entstehung setzt eine entsprechend lange Einwirkungsdauer des Erdschlusses und eine entsprechend große Wärmeentwicklung voraus: Ein Erdschluss stellt in einem kompensiert betriebenen Netz, dessen Erdfehlerstrom kleiner als die Löschgrenze ist, einen erlaubten Betriebszustand dar. Da darüber hinaus im Erdschlussfall die Versorgung der Stromabnehmer mit elektrischer Energie erhalten bleibt, kann man in einem ländlichen Netz hinsichtlich der Erdschluss-Einwirkungsdauer von einer Zeitspanne in der Größenordnung von einer halben Stunde bis zu zwei Stunden ausgehen. Da hierbei durch die Wirkungsweise der Parallelschaltung von Leiter-Erde-Kapazität des Netzes und Petersensulen-Induktivität der Erdschlussstrom begrenzt ist und das Netz somit eine Stromquellen-Charakteristik aufweist, ist die Freisetzung von thermischer Energie an der Fehlerstelle, also die elektrische Leistung, i. W. nur vom Übergangswiderstand zwischen Leiter(-seil) und Erde abhängig. Messungen dieses Widerstandes haben typische Werte im Bereich von 100 Ohm ergeben, womit sich durch einen mit 50 A angenommenen Erdschlussstrom eine thermische Leistung im Bereich von 250 kW ergibt. Bedingt durch die schlechte Wärmeleitfähigkeit des Erdbodens ergeben sich unter Einbeziehung der spezifischen Wärmekapazität in der Umgebung der Fehlerstelle beträchtliche Endtemperaturen des Erdbodens.

Am 16. 10. 2012 wurden gemeinsam vom Institut für elektrische Anlagen der TU Graz und der KELAG in Obervellach (Kärnten) experimentelle Untersuchungen über Erdschlüsse durchgeführt. Die Versuche wurden mittels am Boden liegendem Leiterseil bei 5-15 A und ca. 11500 V durchgeführt. Im Fehlerfall bricht diese Spannung auf 1000 V ein und der Strom geht auf 5 A zurück. Im Zuge des Erdschlusses kam es zur Bildung von glasigen Aggregaten, den Pseudofulguriten.

Im Rahmen dieser Untersuchungen sollen Limits für die petrologischen Entstehungsbedingungen (Temperatur, T , Sauerstoffpartialdruck, fO_2) dieser Pseudofulgurite abgeschätzt werden. Dazu wird eine petrographische und mineralchemische Beschreibung des Pseudofulgurits mittels Polarisationsmikroskopes, der Elektronenstrahlmikrosonde und dem Raman-Spektrometer durchgeführt. Der Mineralbestand des Bodens ist Granat + Plagioklas + K-Feldspat + Muskovit + Quarz + Rutil + Apatit + Zirkon + Pyrit. Durch die starke Pyrometamorphose entstanden Glas + Baddeleyit + Fe/Fe-Si-S Tröpfchen + Spinell. Speziell die Umwandlung von Zirkon zu Baddeleyit + Glas lässt auf extrem hohe Temperaturen von >1600 °C schließen.

**CONTENT OF CHALCOPHILE ELEMENTS IN LAKE KALIMANCI SURFACE
SEDIMENTS (REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA)**

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In present study we examine the chalcophile element contents in Kalimanci Lake surface sediments (eastern Macedonia). The mineral composition of surficial lake sediments is dominated by quartz, plagioclases (albite, anorthite), phengite, clinocllore, K-feldspars, illite and muscovite. Lake Kalimanci occasionally also contains calcite, sphalerite, epidote, gypsum, clinopyroxenes, olivine and pyrite which in some cases contain As. Geochemical investigation revealed high concentrations of chalcophile elements in surficial lake sediments with average values [mg kg^{-1}]: Ga 21.13, Cu 415.1, Pb 6059, Zn 8420, As 67.7, Cd 56.6, Sb 1.77, Bi 10.1 and Ag 5.58. Furthermore correlation analysis was applied among studied chalcophile elements and major elements. The results show high positive correlations ($0.45 < r > 0.89$, $0.01 < p > 0.00$) of Ca and Mg with all chalcophile elements. Meanwhile other major elements have lower negative correlations with chalcophile elements. Furthermore, enrichment factor (EF) was also calculated to explain the origin of studied chalcophile elements and their pollution intensity. EF mean values follows as listed: Ga 1.26, Cu 17.02, Pb 312.86, Zn 121.08, As 46.92, Cd 0.59, Sb 9.27, Bi 0.08 and Ag 0.12. Regarding to calculated EF it can be concluded that Cu, Pb, Zn and As have anthropogenic origin (from nearby active Pb-Zn mine), meanwhile others originate from the background rocks.

JOANNEUMITE, $\text{Cu}(\text{C}_3\text{N}_3\text{O}_3\text{H}_2)_2(\text{NH}_3)_2$, A NEW MINERAL SPECIES WITH AMMINE AND ISOCYANURATE GROUPS

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The new mineral joanneumite was found at Calleta Pabellon de Pica, Tarapaca region, Chile. Joanneumite occurs as spherical aggregates of hypidiomorphic, mm-sized violet crystals associated with salammoniac, dittmarite, apthitalite and brushite. The mineral (IMA 2012-001) is named for the 200th anniversary of the foundation of the Universalmuseum Joanneum. Joanneumite is triclinic, space group $P\bar{1}$, $a = 4.982(1)$, $b = 6.896(1)$, $c = 9.115(2)$ Å, $\alpha = 90.53(3)$, $\beta = 97.85(3)$, $\gamma = 110.08(3)$ °, $V = 290.8(1)$ Å³, $Z = 1$ (at 100 K).

The chemical composition, X-ray powder- and FTIR-data of joanneumite and the synthetic bis(isocyanurato)diammine-copper(II) are identical. Due to the lack of suitable natural crystals, single crystal structure refinement was done with synthetic joanneumite, which crystallized from the melt of Cu(II) chloride dihydrate and urea. The crystal structure was solved with direct methods (program SHELXS). Least-squares refinement using anisotropic displacement parameters for all non-hydrogen atoms was carried out with the program SHELXL97 (SHELDRICK, 2008) and yielded $R1 = 0.024$ for 1153 unique reflections with $F_o > 4\sigma(F_o)$.

The basic structural unit in the joanneumite structure is similar to that of ammineite, $\text{CuCl}_2(\text{NH}_3)_2$, (BOJAR et al., 2010). The two chlorine atoms of ammineite are replaced by two isocyanurate groups in the joanneumite structure (Fig. 1a-c). The copper centre has distorted square-planar coordination and the $\text{Cu}(\text{C}_3\text{N}_3\text{O}_3\text{H}_2)_2(\text{NH}_3)_2$ molecules are cross-linked by hydrogen bonds from 1.92 to 2.31 Å, forming a three dimensional network (Fig. 1d) with good cleavage parallel (010).

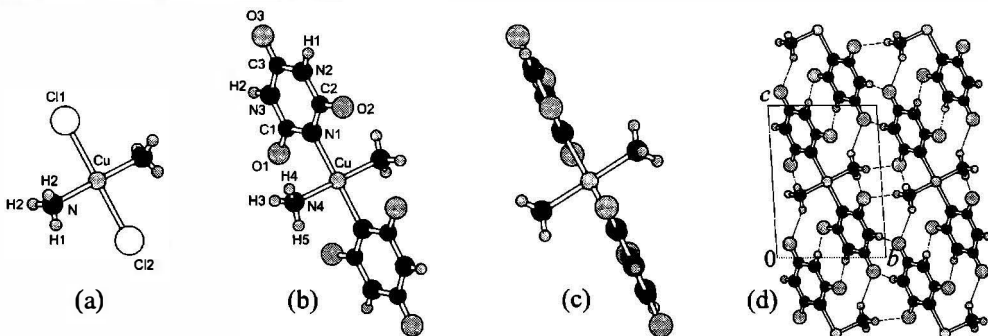


Figure 1. The basic structural units of ammineite (a), joanneumite (b, c) and the crystal structure of joanneumite with outlined hydrogen bonds (single lines), view along [100] (d).

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COLOUR ENHANCEMENT OF RATANAKIRI (CAMBODIA) GEM ZIRCON

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Gem zircon from the Ratanakiri province, Northeastern Cambodia, is famous for its particularly rich blue colouration (BALMER et al., 2011). The blue colour is however not natural but produced only by dry heating of initially brown to reddish brown stones at ca. 1000 °C under reducing conditions for several hours. We present first results of a study of the Ratanakiri zircon that focuses on its mineralogical characterisation and possible causes of the colour change. Gem-quality zircon specimens (6–19 mm in size) were oriented using a single-crystal X-ray diffractometer, and pairs of doubly polished slabs were produced. One slab each was subjected to heat treatment. Raman, luminescence and X-ray analyses on natural and heated slabs did not yield significant differences, indicating that the Ratanakiri zircon has accumulated negligible amounts of radiation damage. The brown colour of the natural material is due to a combination of broad absorption bands near 20500 and 12000 cm⁻¹ and an intense absorption edge extending into the blue region. After heating, the absorption is less intense and dominated by a newly formed, pleochroic colour centre near 15500 cm⁻¹.

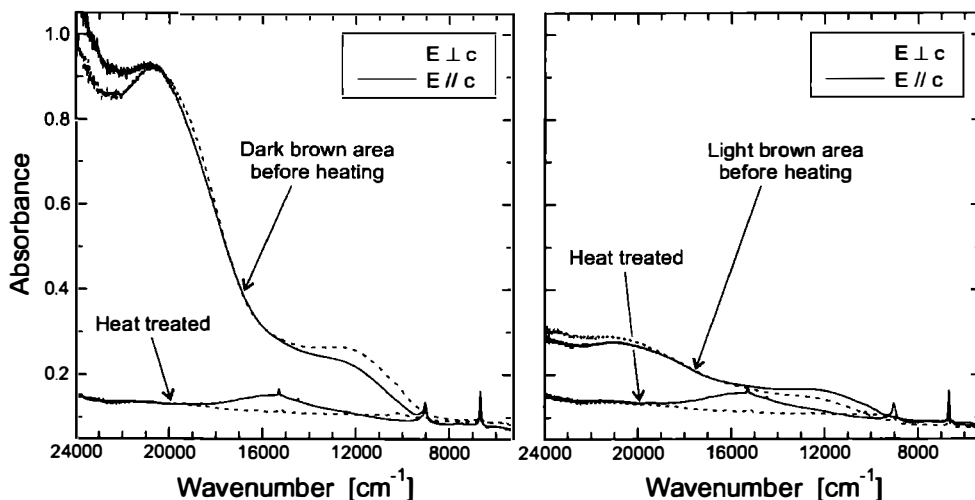


Figure 1. Optical absorption spectra for two zones in one oriented zircon slab (left, intensely coloured area; right, light area), obtained before and after heat treatment.

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**EXPERIMENTAL CONSTRAINTS ON THE PERMIAN CONTACT
METAMORPHIC EVENT IN METAPELITES FROM THE SOUTHERN RIM OF
THE BRIXEN GRANODIORITE (SOUTH TYROL, ITALY)**

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The Permian Brixen Granodiorite is located south of the Periadriatic Lineament in the eastern part of the Southalpine basement complex and comprises a series of tonalitic, granitic and granodioritic intrusions which were emplaced during the Permian into the country rocks of the Variscan Brixen Quartzphyllites. The depth of the intrusion was less than 10 km ($P \leq 0.3$ GPa) and only a small, about 200 meters wide, contact aureole formed at the southern rim of the Brixen Granodiorite near the village Franzensfeste and yielded an increase in temperatures from 540 °C in the outermost aureole to > 700 °C in the innermost aureole. Within the contact aureole four different zones can be distinguished based upon mineralogical, mineral chemical and textural features. Approximately 200 m from the granite contact zone I occurs. The rocks from this zone are macroscopically still quartzphyllites and are characterized by two texturally and chemically different generations of micas and the appearance of cordierite. Zone II is characterized by quartzphyllites containing pseudomorphs of cordierite + biotite after garnet. The inner contact aureole starts approximately 50 m from the granite contact and shows already typical hornfels textures. This zone is characterized by the first occurrence of andalusite. In the innermost area, ca. 10 m from the granite contact, spinel and corundum occur. Geothermometry (two-feldspar, Ti-in-biotite) yielded an increase in temperature from 540 °C in the outermost aureole to < 740 °C in the innermost aureole.

In order to put additional constraints on the metamorphic overprint besides geothermobarometric investigations, the aim of this investigation was to compare natural mineral assemblages and mineral compositions from the highest grade zones of the hornfelses at the southern rim of the Brixen granodiorite with mineral assemblages which are produced experimentally at approximately the same P - T conditions, using the same starting materials. Experiments were performed in a hydrothermal apparatus at 0.3 GPa and temperatures of 580 °C and 650 °C using two natural quartzphyllite samples from the area as starting materials. At a temperature of 650 °C the amount of H₂O present varied from 0 µl to 5 µl H₂O and newly formed cordierite and biotite were observed in all run products. At H₂O = 5 µl, wide-spread melting occurs and K-feldspar, plagioclase, almosilicate and melt occur in addition. The agreement between the observed textures and mineral compositions therefore allows putting additional constraints on the T conditions of this contact metamorphic event.

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REE-KARBONATE IN DER DIORITISCHEN INTRUSIONSBREKZIE BEI SCHRAMMBACH (SÜDTIROL/ITALIEN): INDIKATOR FÜR TIEFTEMPERIERTE REE MOBILISATION

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Ziel dieser Untersuchung ist die petrologische Bearbeitung der Kontaktaureole zwischen der permischen Dioritintrusion (Lokalname Klausenit) und dem grünschieferfaziellen Brixner Quarzphyllit, bei Schrammbach im Südtiroler Eisacktal (I). Eine lateral stark ausgeprägte Aureole ist nach ersten Felduntersuchungen nicht auszumachen. Trotzdem ist der Kontaktbereich deutlich ersichtlich. Der Randbereich ist durch das Auftreten einer Intrusionsbrekzie gekennzeichnet. In dieser Brekzie sind sowohl Komponenten des Quarzphyllites und von Quarziten als auch dioritische Gesteinsbruchstücke aufgearbeitet. Die Bruchstücke sind höchst variabel in ihrer Größe, sie reichen von wenigen hundert μm bis zu mehreren dm. Im Dünnschliff ersichtlich kam es teilweise zum postdeformativen Überwachsen der Komponenten mit Chlorit-Turmalinsäumen. Die Matrix besteht hauptsächlich aus graugrünem, feinkörnigem stark zersetzten Diorit, der vorwiegend aus Plagioklas und reliktischem Klinopyroxen besteht. Quarz tritt untergeordnet überwiegend als Zwickelfüllungen auf. Nach der kontaktmetamorphen Überprägung kam es zu einer alpidischen (?) Alteration der Gesteine durch die Villnöber Störung. Die gesamten Aufschlüsse liegen nämlich in den westlichen Ausläufern des Störungssystems. Es kam in Verbindung mit dieser Störung zu einer späten Mobilisierung von Fluidphasen, welche zur Alterierung des primären Mineralbestandes führte. Dabei wurde vor allem der Plagioklas weitgehend zersetzt. Das ursprüngliche magmatische Gefüge blieb jedoch, gut sichtbar, erhalten. Gleichzeitig kam es zu einer ausgeprägten Remobilisierung von seltenen Erden, die zur Bildung von REE-hältigem Karbonat führte. Dieses konnte mittels Ramanspektroskopie eindeutig als Synchronit identifiziert werden.

Beim pseudohexagonalen Synchronit handelt es sich um ein REE-Karbonat mit der Formel $\text{Ca}(\text{REE})(\text{CO}_3)_2\text{F}$ das in sein Kristallgitter vorwiegend Ce, La und Nd einbaut. Weiters konnten mittels Elektronenstrahlmikrosonde erhöhte Gehalte von Y, Pr, Sm, Eu und Gd nachgewiesen werden. Synchronit treten hauptsächlich als tief temperierte, spät-hydrothermale Bildungen in Graniten und Syeniten auf und daher wurden die REE wahrscheinlich durch Interaktion eines F-CO₂-Ca-reichen Fluides möglicherweise spätalpidisch mobilisiert.