CEMENTATION AND TECTONICS IN THE INNERALPINE MOLASSE OF THE LOWER INN VALLEY

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With 12 figures and 3 tables

Abstract

Precipitation of large amounts of cement in and below Inneralpine Molasse in the Lower Inn Valley is tied to distinct tectonic events: (1) faulting during rapid subsidence created porosity in the basement of the basin. Important fluid flow, hydrocarbon migration and precipitation took place in these fault systems during the thermal climax of the basin. Compressive movements terminated subsidence in the Lower Miocene. (2) Younger shearing in the basin produced porosity again and led to precipitation of saddle calcites in the basin fill

The age of cement generations can be determined with the technique of brittle microtectonics, as most cement filled veins are connected to faults. The kinematic development of an area provides a time frame for cementation.

It was tried, to discriminate between marine and meteoric sources of diagenetic fluids by comparing the trace element composition of calcite cements precipitated from the fluids with Oligocene marine and meteoric carbonates. The chemistry of fluids circulating in the basins subsurface changed from predominantly marine to meteoric through time, as observed also in other basins. The change took in pore water chemistry took place in short time, because all cements in the basin subsurface are found along faults of the same generation.

Zusammenfassung

Ausfällung von großen Mengen an Zement in den den Ablagerungen der inneralpinen Molasse im Unterinntal und in älteren Gesteinen darunter ist an tektonische Ereignisse gebunden: (1) Scherung während der Beckensubsidenz erzeugte Porosität in den das Becken unterlagernden Gesteinen. An den Störungen stiegen Kohlenwasserstoffe und diagenetische Lösungen auf, und es kam zur Ausfällung von großen Mengen an Kalzit während der maximalen Aufheizung des Beckens im Oligozän. (2) Jüngere, miozäne tektonische Bewegungen führten zur Entwässerung des Beckeninhaltes und zur Ausfällung von Sattelkalzit an Störungen. Das Alter der Zemente wurde durch die Störungen, an die sie gebunden sind, bestimmt. Die kinematische Geschichte des westlichen Kalkalpen bietet den Zeitrahmen, in den die Zementation eingehängt werden kann.

Es wurde versucht, mit Hilfe der Spurenelementzusammensetzung von Kalziten die Herkunft der Lösungen zu bestimmen, aus denen die Kalzite ausgefällt wurden. Die Zusammensetzung der diagenetischen Lösungen im Beckenuntergrund veränderte sich mit der Zeit von marin zu meteorisch, wie es auch in anderen Becken beobachtet wurde. Die Umstellung beansprucht sehr geringe Zeit, da alle Zemente an dieselben tektonischen Strukturen gebunden sind.

1 Introduction

Fluid migration in orogens is usually triggered by deformational events. Brittle faulting in shallow parts of the crust opens porosity for fluid migration and precipitation from the fluid (e.g. Sibson, 1983). Fault zones are thought to be major fluid migration paths. The presence of overpressured fluids in thrust faults is a prerequisite for large distance thrusting of thin thrust units (Hubbert & Rubey, 1959). Usually stretched calcite or quarz fibers are precipitated from the fluid, which can be used for microtectonic investigations (e.g. Petit, 1987). This opens the possibility to find the age of cementation indirectly, because the age of tectonic events is more easy to define than the age of cements.

Following Eocene continental collision of the Adriatic microplate and the European plate, a peripheral foreland basin formed north of the Alps. The northern part of the Eastern Alps was part of the foreland basin, and subsided together with the foreland basin (Ortner & Sachsenhofer, 1996; Ortner &

Stingl, 2001). The Oligocene sedimentary succession is therefore similar to the western Molasse basin. However, on a local scale the distribution of facies was controlled by faulting in the basins subsurface.

Faults in the subsurface of the basin and in the basin fill locally show evidence for important paleofluidflow. Besides the development of stretched calcite crystals on slickenside surfaces, thick calcite veins occur, partly associated with breccias. Together with paleo-temperature data (Ortner & Sachsenhofer, 1996), an investigation of C- and O-isotope values of calcites from faults with known age allows to differentiate between cements precipitated from fluids in thermal equilibrium with the hostrock and hydrothermal fluids. A first estimate is made on the role of diagenetic fluids from deeper parts of the basin and meteoric fluids, that both contributed to precipitation of cements in the observed outcrops. The diagenetic history of the basin is reconstructed.

Oligocene deposits on top of the already deformed nappes of the Northern Calcareous Alps are preserved

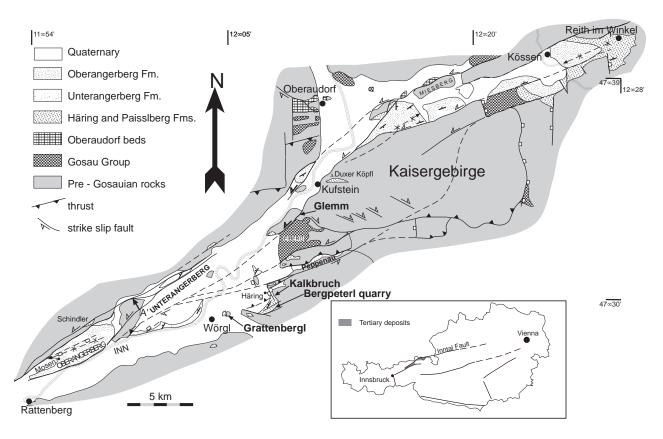


Fig. 1: Geologic sketch of the Inntal Fault and the Tertiary basin. Inset shows the orientation of major Tartiary faults in the Alps and the position of the Inneralpine Molasse deposits.

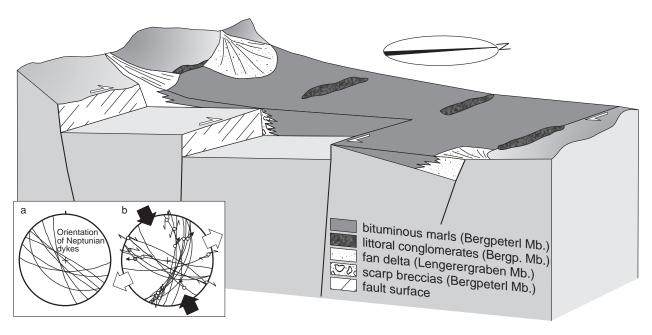


Fig. 2: Block diagram of the Inntal area in the Early Rupelian (D1). WNW-trending dextral faults dissected the area and formed half-graben shaped small restricted basins. Inset: a) Orientation of neptunian dykes filled by flowstones and debris from Werlberg Mb., b) brittle fault plane data set compatible with a) indicating NNW-SSE directed compression. Faults with grey symbols are sealed by Oli-gocene sediments.

in a syncline-anticline system, which is cut by the Inntal fault (Fig.1). Oligocene deposits overly both the Bajuvaric and the Tirolic nappes, which are separated by the Inntal fault in the investigated area. Southeast of Salzburg, lower Oligocene deposits were drilled below the Tirolic nappe, proving post-(Early)Oligocene thrusting of the Tirolic onto the Bajuvaric nappe (Vordersee 1 well; Tollmann, 1986, p. 169). The sinistral Inntal fault is a major fault in the Eastern Alps, mainly active during post-collisional (post-Eocene) orogen-parallel extension in the Eastern Alps, delimiting eastward moving units to the south against more stable units in the north of the fault (Ratschbacher et al., 1991, Ortner & Stingl, 2001).

2 Tectonic and sedimentary history of the area

As previously mentioned, the distribution of sedimentary facies in the Unterinntal area was controlled by faulting in the basins subsurface. Oligocene deformational events are illustrated in two block diagrams, that summarize the tectonic and sedimentary history.

D1 (Fig. 2): In Early Oligocene times, topopraphy was created by block faulting along WNW-trending

dextral faults. Bituminous marls (Bergpeterl Mb. of Häring Fm.) filled the half grabens, which interfinger with scarp breccias along the faults in internal parts of the basin and with breccias, conglomerates and sandstones (Lengerergraben Mb. of Häring Fm.) deposited in fan deltas at the southern and northern basin margin (Stingl & Krois, 1991; Stingl, 1990; Ortner & Stingl, 2001). Brittle faults associated with this deformational event (see example in inset c of Fig. 2, inset a and b) are occasionally karstified and filled by Oligocene carbonates, proving also a pre-Oligocene age of faulting. Brittle fault data sets show conjugated WNW-striking dextral and N-striking sinistral faults and were formed during NW-SE compression.

D2 (Fig. 3): Pelagic calcareous marls (Paisslberg Fm.) overlie the bituminous marls. In their lower part, they interfinger with breccias (Werlberg Mb. of Paisslberg Fm.) shed from intrabasinal highs and from the basin margins, where shallow marine conditions prevailed. Toward the top, the amount of silicicalastics increases, and the calcareous marls grade into turbiditic sand – marl couplets (Unterangerberg Fm.). The distribution of shallow water carbonates and calcareous marls was controlled by faulting along ENE-striking faults, until the strong subsi-

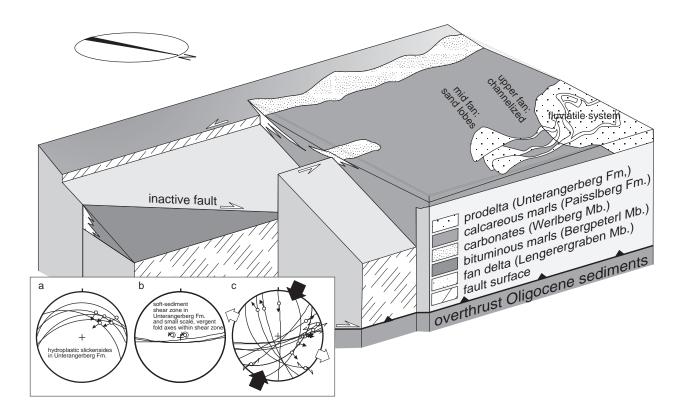


Fig. 3: Block diagram of the Inntal area during deposition of calcareous marls (Paisslberg Fm.) and younger turbidites (Unterangerberg Fm.) in the Late Rupelian (D2). Oligocene carbonates (Werlberg Mb.) rim the southern margin of the basin and isolated horsts inside the basin. Fault blocks between active sinistral faults show half graben geometry. Sinistral faulting is contemporaneous with oblique NE-directed thrusting. From the west, a fluviatile system approaches, with the Unterangerberg Fm. in a prodelta position. Inset: a) Top SW reverse faults with hydroplastic slickensides indicate activity before final lithification, b) shear planes in pseudoductile shear zone (great circles) and small scale fold axes with vergence of folds indicating a sinistral shear sense, c) brittle fault plane data set compatible with b) indicating NNE-SSW compression.

dence drowned the shallow water domains. Soft sediment deformation in the Unterangerberg Fm. shows, that sinistral faulting along ENE-striking faults, thrusting and sedimentation was contemporaneous (Ortner, 1996, 1999; Ortner & Stingl, 2001). Tension gashes formed during soft sediment faulting are mineralized with saddle calcites.

The turbiditic succession is overlain by fluviatile conglomerates (Oberangerberg Fm.) of Chattian age (Zöbelein, 1955; Ortner & Stingl, 2001). The preserved thickness of these conglomerates is about 1000 m (Ortner, 1996). A simulation of the thermal history of the basin demands a thickness of about 1500m for the fluviatile deposits (Ortner & Sachsenhofer, 1996).

Deformation events younger than Oligocene can only be dated relatively. The correlation to major tec-

tonic events in the Eastern Alps provides a time frame. The Oligocene deposits are overprinted by two tectonic events. Initially they are folded on a kilometric scale with WSW-trending axes (Fig. 4a, b). Brittle fault sets attributed to this deformational event show dextral, WNW-striking and sinistral, N-striking fault planes (D3; Fig. 4c). Brittle faulting obviously postdated folding, because the fault sets are not tilted. In Oligocene rocks, these faults are partly mineralized with thick veins of saddle calcite.

D4: Renewed sinistral shearing along the Inntal fault overprints the Oligocene sediments and the D3 fault planes. Sinistral faults are oriented NE-SW to ENE-WSW, dextral faults N-S, indicating NE-SW shortening (Fig. 4d). This event develops from transpression to transtension (Ortner, 1996; Peresson & Decker, 1997). Faults from transpressive datasets within the calcareous marls are mineralized with

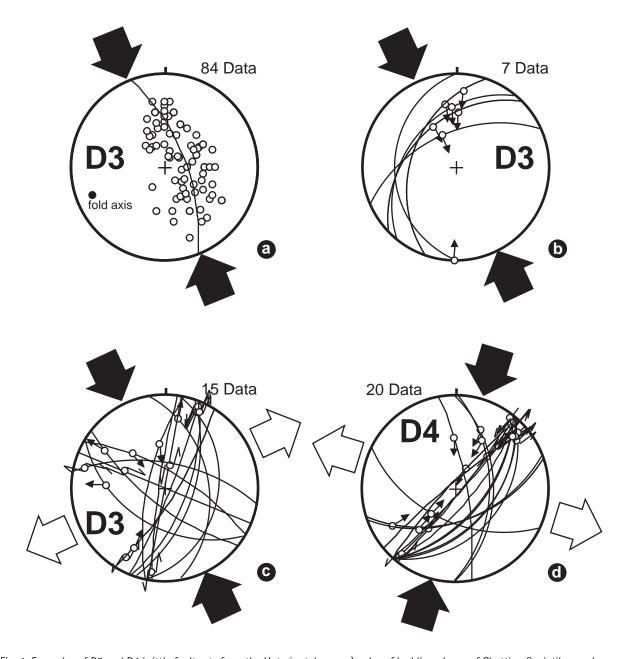


Fig. 4: Examples of D3 and D4 brittle fault sets from the Unterinntal area. a) poles of bedding planes of Chattian fluviatile conglomerates of the Oberangerberg (Fig. 1) show post-Chattian NNW-SSE contraction (D3). b) slickensides in Oligocene calcareous marls (Bergpeterl quarry) formed by flexural slip during folding indicate NNW-SSE contraction (D3). c) Fault planes related NNW-SSE contraction (D3) in Oligocene calcareous marls of the Bergpeterl quarry. d) Fault planes related to NNE-SSW contraction (D4) in Oligocene calcareous marls of the Bergpeterl quarry. Faults depicted in c) and d) are not affected by tilting and postdate post Chattian folding of a).

saddle calcites, whereas faults from transtensive and transpressive data sets in Triassic rocks below the Oligocene are associated with important cementation. Sinistral activity of the Inntal fault was interpreted to be caused by orogen parallel extension in the central part of the Alps in the Middle Miocene (Ratschbacher et al., 1991).

3 Cements of Oligocene and older rocks

The cement stratigraphy in Tertiary sediments and in the Triassic rocks below was investigated in two large quarries at the southern margin of the Tertiary basin near Häring. In the quarry "Bergpeterlbruch" Oligocene calcareous marls are mined. In the quarry

"Kalkbruch Perlmooser" Wetterstein limestone (Ladinian carbonate platform) is exploited. The Grattenbergl, the third sampling locality, is a horst of Wetterstein limestone inside the basin near Wörgl (Fig. 1).

Carbonate cements in the Tertiary sediments and in the Wetterstein limestone below were characterized petrographically in thin section, and carbon and oxygen isotopic composition and concentrations of iron, manganese, magnesium, strontium, barium and zinc were determined. Cathodoluminescence was not useful, because all Tertiary cements had a uniform dull orange luminescence. Cross-cutting relationships between cements in veins were used to establish the relative age of individual cement generations. Stretched calcite fibers at vein walls were used to relate cements in a vein to the tectonic event responsible for opening the vein. Cross-cutting relationships of veins with faults were used to define relative ages to fault sets.

3.1 Petrographic description and isotopic composition of cements

Three generations of cements can be distinguished in the Wetterstein limestone below the Tertiary sediments:

- 1) pre-Tertiary cements, mainly radial-fibrous calcite and blocky spar
- 2) flowstones and caliche crusts that formed prior to the Oligocene sedimentation
- 3) Oligocene blocky spar

In detail, the cement stratigraphy varies from outcrop to outcrop. Oligocene cements are particularly variable.

3.1.1 pre-Tertiary cements

Primary voids in the Wetterstein limestone are filled by isopachous fringes of fibrous calcite (Fig. 5a). Parts of the Wetterstein limestone are brecciated and cemented by a first generation of radiaxial-fibrous calcite and then a generation of sparry calcite (Fig. 5b). All these cements show intrinsic luminescense. Another type of calcite found in the Kalkbruch area are large clear columnar crystals of calcite up to 3cm high, that fill tectonically opened

voids ("Kanonenspat", compare Kuhlemann, 1995, Weber 1997).

Carbon and oxygen stable isotope values of the Wetterstein limestone (bulk-samples) and most of its cements range between +2 to +4‰ and -2 to -5‰, respectively. Only the blocky spars have more negative oxygen values between -6 to -8‰, and the columnar calcites range from -11 to -15‰ (Fig. 6a). All these values are within the range of previously published data for matrix calcite and cements of the Wetterstein limestone (e.g. Zeeh et al., 1995; Weber, 1997).

3.1.2 Speleothems and spring tufas formed prior to the Oligocene sedimentation

Before the onset of sedimentation in the central part of the basin, a period of subaerial exposure is recorded by the development of karst features in the Triassic Wetterstein limestone. Solution widened faults and joints are filled by a rythmical alternation of spring tufas and flowstones. These cements occur both in the localities Grattenbergl and Kalkbruch.

The wall rock and the flowstones are often brecciated and resedimented in the next tufa crust (pedogenic breccias). In one well-preserved sample a lamination in the flowstones produced by organic matter sedimented on the growing calcite crystals is preserved (Fig. 5c), but generally the flowstones are intensely recrystallized and the laminations are poorly preserved (Fig. 5e). Under ultraviolet light, the flowstones show fluorescent growth laminae very similar to present-day speleothems. The tufa crusts show variable textures, mostly alveolar fabrics (Fig. 5e), rhizolithes (Fig. 5d), mottled micritic fabric, and abundant pellets (Fig. 5e). Because of fault movements and/or formation of pedogenic breccias during growth of the calcretes, these are laterally discontinuous, and it is not possible to establish a systematic stratigraphy of alternating flowstones and certain types of crusts within the study area. The youngest part of these fissure fillings are algal crusts, that grew along the margins of the fissure. The crusts resemble small stromatolites (Fig. 5f) which grew from the dyke fill to the dyke walls after renewed opening of the joint. δ^{18} O of carbonate crusts and speleothems ranges from -3 to -7‰, and most samples plot on the meteoric calcite line

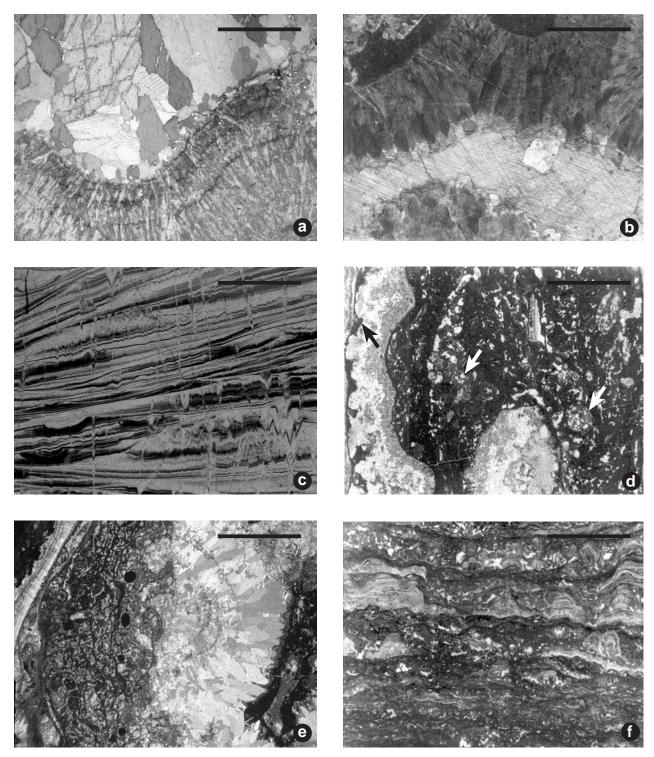


Fig. 5: Pre-Oligocene cements of the Wetterstein limestone: a) First generation of cements in the Wetterstein limestone (Grattenbergl locality, sample G1): Fibrous calcite lining cavity walls (1), overgrown by Oligocene blocky calcite (2). b) Second generation of cements in the Wetterstein limestone (Grattenbergl locality, sample G8): radiaxial fibrous cement (RFC) filling a void (1) followed by blocky spar (2). Initially, the crystals of the RFC continued to grow with the same optical orientation, but with straight twin lamellae. Spring tufas and flowstones predating Oligocene sedimentation: c) Well preserved flowstone from a pre-Oligocene karst void (sample GB3). Dust layers in the crystal record periodical growth of the flowstone. d) Alveolar structure with rhizolithes (white arrows) in a tectonically opened joint (sample G4/2). On the left hand side a layer of flowstone growing over dripstone cements (black arrow). e) Fill of a karstic dyke with (from top left to bottom right; sample G4/2): "Terrestrial stromatolite" (see also Fig. 5f), flowstone, alveolar structure with pellets, recrystallized flowstone (the dust layers are only left as ghost structures, compare Fig. 5c) f) "Terrestrial stromatolithes" in a tectonically opened joint (sample G4/2). These structures occur in association with tufa crusts. Bar is 5mm in all photomicrographs.

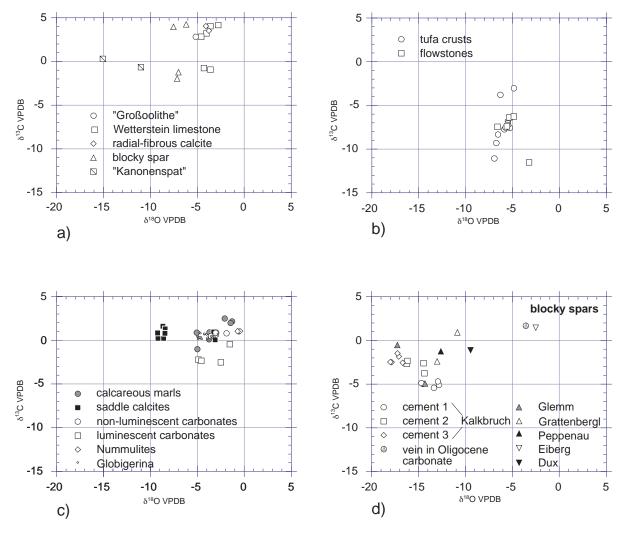


Fig. 6: Isotopic values for the measured calcite cements a) Wetterstein limestone and pre-Tertiary cements. b) Tertiary calcretes and flowstones. c) Oligocene carbonates, calcarous marls and saddle calcite within the calcareous marls. Isotope values for Globigerina taken from Scherbacher (2000). d) Oligocene blocky spars from the basins subsurface.

(Lohmann, 1988), δ^{13} C values vary between -12 to - 3‰ (Fig. 6b).

3.1.3 Karst voids and solution widened faults filled by Oligocene sediments

Other solution-widened faults at the Grattenbergl outcrop are filled by debris from fossiliferous Lower Oligocene carbonates, resembling the Werlberg Mb. of the Paisslberg Fm. (see above). The walls of these NW-striking faults display slickensides, which indicate dextral movements before opening and filling (depicted in Fig. 2, inset b, faults with grey symbols); the carbonate debris seals the fault.

The innermost fill of a solution-widened fault at Grattenbergl location with alternating speleothems and tufas (see above) is a packstone containing foraminifera of Early Oligocene age (det. W. Resch). Karst voids in the Wetterstein limestone of the Grattenbergl are filled by laminated silty caroccasionally bonate that contains foraminifera. Flowstones as described above are reworked into these karst void fills. The sediment in the cavities can be compared to the calcareous marls of the Paisslberg Fm.

Locally, karst voids filled by calcareous marls are found in autochthonous carbonates of the Werlberg Mb. (at the type locality of the Werlberg Mb.; Ortner

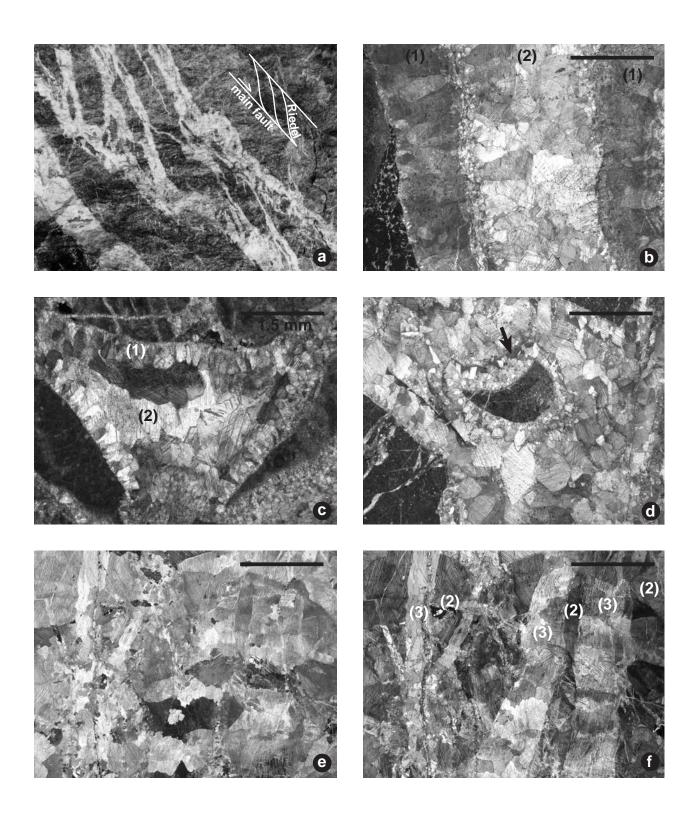


Fig. 7: Blocky spars of Oligo-Miocene burial diagenesis: a) Field example of normal fault in the Kalkbruch cemented with cement 1 and 2. The veins are up 75cm thick. The rock fragments within the vein show Riedel geometry. b) Cements 1 and 2 (sample KB2). Cement 1 shows growth lamination, cement 2 is a clear blocky spar. c) Cement 1 and 2 in a tectonic breccia (sample KB4). Cement 1 lines cavity walls, cement 2 is a blocky spar. d) Cement 2 in a tectonic breccia (sample KB4). Here cement 2 grows directly on Wetterstein limestone. An older generation of cement 2 is separated from a younger one by a layer of crystal silt (black arrow). e) Cement 3 in veins in cement 2 (sample KB1). f) Same view under crossed Nicols. Cement 3 grew in optical continuity with cement 2 and is therefore not easily seen in Fig. 7e. Bar is 5mm, except Fig. 7c.

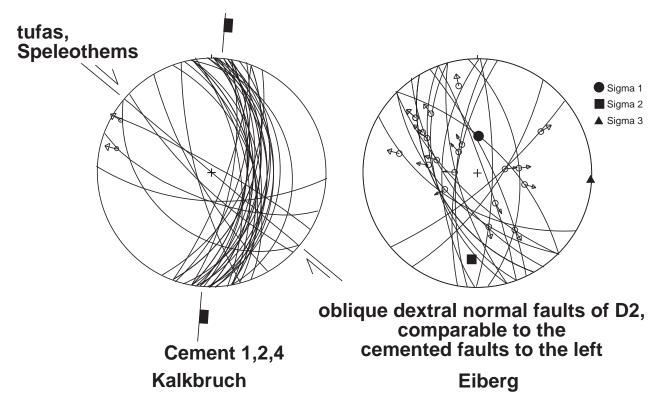


Fig. 8: Orientation of the cemented faults and joint in the Kalkbruch locality: N–S trending joints and faults are filled by Oligocene blocky spar, NW–SE trending joints are filled by calcretes and tufas.

Et Stingl, 2001, this volume). Therefore, repeated subaerial exposure and intermittent marine flooding is recorded by the different fills of the karst voids and solution widened faults.

3.1.4 Blocky spars of the Kalkbruch outcrop

Younger cement filled faults, that are predominantly oriented N-S, cut the NW trending faults that contain tufas and speleothems. The N-S trending faults form so-called "fuzzy normal faults" (Sibson 1994), i.e., a network of cement-filled faults and fractures.

Some of these cement-filled faults are up to 75cm thick. The fault network in some of the thicker shear zones has a geometry of a master fault with associated Riedel planes and indicates normal faulting (Fig. 7a).

N-S-striking cemented normal faults (Fig. 8) are both compatible with Oligocene (D2) and Middle Miocene (D4) sinistral shearing. Some of the cement-filled veins are cut by NE-trending sinistral oblique reverse faults. Faults with a similar geometry are also found in the calcareous marls of the Paisslberg Fm. and formed during Middle Miocene transpressive sinistral shearing (Ortner & Stingl, 2001). Therefore, the age of the normal faults is interpreted to be Oligocene (D2).

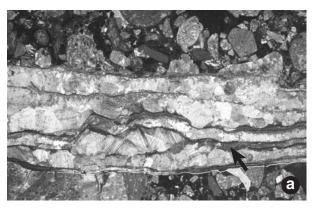
Three generations of calcite can be distinguished macroscopically and/or in thin section in the Kalkbruch outcrop. The first generation, cement 1, is stained brown by bituminous material. In thin section, cement 1 is commonly laminated (Fig. 7b) and consists of prismatic spar growing on cavity walls (Fig. 7c). Cement 2 is a coarse, white spar, that has skalenohedral crystals if growing into voids. In thin section, it is a drusy calcite spar that locally forms fringe cements where brecciation had occured after precipitation of cement 1 (Fig. 7d). A third generation of blocky spar is present in some samples, where cement 2 is deformed by a crack-seal mechanism. In the cracks, the third generation of cement is precipitated in optical continuity with cement 2 (Fig. 7e, f). It is characterized by its relatively high barium content (up to 600 ppm). This cement is also present in tension gashes in Oligocene carbonates in the Häring area (Fig. 9a). The orientation of these gashes (Fig. 9b) is compatible with NNE-SSW compression in the Oligocene (D2; see Fig. 3, inset c) and Miocene sinistral shearing (D4; see Fig. 4d). The crystals in the gashes, however, were not stretched during synkinematic growth, but they are blocky spars that filled a preexisting fissure. Calcite growth was interupted by tectonic movements, represented by a layer of crystal silt between two layers of blocky spar. Fragments of the wall rock are present along these zones. This indicates multiple fracturing and precipitation in these veins.

The carbon and oxygen isotope data show a trend for the Oligocene cements of the Häring area (Fig. 6d). The oxygen isotope ratio decreases from -13%0 (cement) to -15%0 (cement 2) to -18%0 (cement 3), while the carbon istope ratio increases from -5%0 (cement 1) to -3%0 (cement 2) to -2%0 (cement 3). The trend goes to more positive carbon isotope ratios and more negative oxygen isotope ratios through time.

3.1.5 Blocky spars and skalenohedral calcites of other outcrops

The cement stratigraphy established for the Kalkbruch outcrop is not found in other localities. If porosity is present, either old or newly formed by faulting, clear skalenohedral calcite crystals grew. Voids in cataclasites in pre-Oligocene rocks along N-S trending faults in the Glemmschlucht near Kufstein (Fig. 1) are filled with up 10 cm long clear skalenohedral calcites. Porosity was formed by faulting along approximately N-S oriented dextral normal faulting associated to Oligocene sinistral shearing (D2); therefore the calcite directly overgrows older rocks. Two oxygen isotope values of these calcites are in the range of cements 1 to 3 in the Kalkbruch outcrop (Fig. 6d). Another sample of skalenohedral calcite crystals from a fault in Upper Cretaceous sandstones yielded oxygen and carbon isotope values of -2.5% and 1.5%, respectively (Fig. 6d).

In the Grattenbergl outcrop early marine Triassic cements ("Großoolithe") and karst void fills with calcareous marls are overgrown by similar clear skalenohedral calcites. The remaining pore space is filled by bitumen. The oxygen isotopic composition



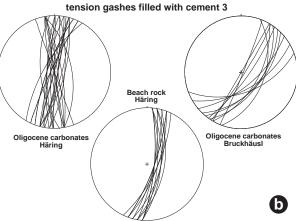


Fig. 9: a) Vein with cement 3 in Oligocene beach rock (sample OF10a). Crystals are not stretched, but crystallisation was interupted by several phases of tectonic activity, represented by layers of crystal silt (black arrow). b) Orientation of veins with cement 3 in Tertiary carbonates.

of the calcites is comparable to cement 1, but the carbon isotope values vary between -3 and +1‰. The more negative values of $\delta^{13}C$ could be a effect of organic carbon from bituminous impregnation on and in the calcite crystals.

3.1.6 Cements within the basin fill

All brittle faults within the calcareous marls are associated with saddle calcite in up to 20cm thick veins (Fig. 10). Locally, barytocoelestin is present in the innermost part of those veins. Veins along sinistral NE-trending faults, that cut the Oligocene calcareous marls (Paisslberg Fm.) were sampled. The faults postdate folding of the Oligocene and therefore were formed during D4 in the Middle Miocene. The contacts of the calcite seams to the surrounding rocks show stretched calcite crystals and Riedel shear planes that continue into the surrounding

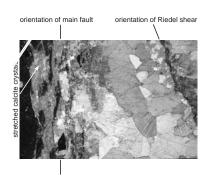


Fig. 10: Saddle calcites filling the central portion of a vein in the calcareous marls (Paisslberg Fm.). Stretched calcite crystals between secondary planes (Riedel planes) of the main fault plane are present along the margins of the vein. These calcite fibers are used in the field to determine the movement sense of the fault plane.

sediment and the calcite vein (Fig. 10). Saddle calcite crystals are up to 1 cm large and show sweeping extinction under crossed polars. The stretched crystals at the contact to the country rock indicate synkinematic precipitation of the calcites. The oxygen and carbon isotope values vary slightly around –9‰ and +1‰, respectively.

Similar cements are present in NW-SE-trending tension gashes in the Unterangerberg Fm. at the Unterangerberg (Fig. 1). The tension gashes are parallel to the hinges of folds that formed in response to NE-SW contraction between larger ENE-striking sinistral faults active during the Early Oligocene (D2). In the Unterangerberg Fm., progressive contraction led to the formation of a set of structures, that allows to conclude that deformation in the Unterangerberg area started prior to lithification of the sediment (Ortner, 1999; Ortner & Stingl, 2001, this volume). Oxygen and carbon isotope values are in the range of –3‰ and +0.5‰, respectively (Fig. 6c).

3.1.7 Oligocene carbonates and cements within (Werlberg Mb. of Paisslberg Fm.)

Cathodoluminscence allows to distinguish two types of carbonates: Either the complete sample re-

mains dark, or the complete sample shows orange luminescence. The behaviour in cathodoluminescence is related to the isotope values from bulk analyses of the carbonates: The non-luminescent carbonates have carbon ratios around +1‰, and the luminescent carbonates yield carbon values around -2‰, the oxygen isotope value varies in both cases around -3‰, only a very slight shift to more negative values could be interpreted. Blocky spar in tension gashes in the carbonates shows isotopic values comparable to those of the surrounding (intrinsically luminescent) carbonate rock (Fig. 6c and d).

Tests of large foraminifera (nummulites) never show luminiscence. According to literature data, these foraminifera precipitate carbonate in isotopic equilibrium with sea water (e.g. Anderson & Arthur, 1983). Therefore, the data from individual nummulite tests are interpreted to represent a primary signal for the Oligocene sea water, with a carbon isotope value of +1‰ and a oxygen isotope value of -0.6‰. Compared to these data, all Oligocene carbonates show significally depleted $\delta^{18}{\rm O}$ values, but only the luminescent carbonates show shifts toward more negative $\delta^{13}{\rm C}$ values (Fig. 6c).

4 Trace element composition of carbonates and carbonate cements

The concentrations of strontium, magnesium, iron, manganese, barium und zinc in Triassic and Oligocene carbonates and cements were measured. Trace element distributions across veins can be used to decide whether the calcites were precipitated in an open or closed system (Erel & Katz, 1990). The data were also used to discriminate between cements precipitated from marine or meteoric solutions. Trace element data of the flowstones and tufas were taken as reference for carbonate cements precipitated from meteoric water, and data from Oligocene marine carbonates were taken as reference for carbonates precipitated from marine solutions.

4.1 Meteoric carbonates

Meteoric carbonates analyzed in this study are generally low in rare elements. The well preserved flowstones from the Grattenbergl are low in stron-

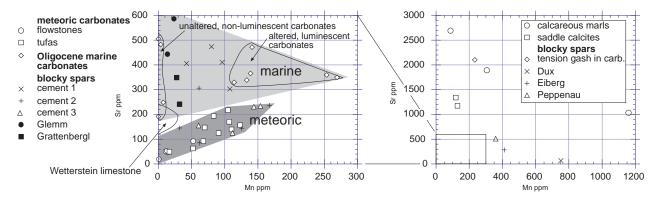


Fig. 11: Concentrations of Sr and Mn in samples from Oligocene rocks and cements. For discussion see text.

tium, iron, manganese, barium und zinc, only magnesium is more abundant. The recrystallized flowstones (Fig. 5e) display slightly higher contents of all trace elements.

4.2 Marine carbonates

In a crossplot Sr versus Mn (Fig. 11), a marine field with Sr values larger than 150ppm is defined by the values of the Wetterstein limestone and the Tertiary limestones, and a meteoric field is defined by the values of the flowstones and calcretes. Altered, luminescent and unaltered, non-luminescent Oligocene marine carbonates were sampled, and the altered samples show higher Mn- and Fe-concentrations, whereas Sr- and Mg-concentrations remain constant. Increasing Mn- and Fe-concentrations are obviously a result of diagenesis. Meteoric diagnesis would lead to a drop in Sr, as meteoric waters have relatively low concentrations of trace elements. Therefore, alteration of the marine carbonates is regarded to be due to marine diageneses, with minor meteoric influence shown by a shift toward more negative d13C values. The very high Sr-concentration of calcites in tension gashes in the Oligocene carbonates suggests, that dewatering of the calcareous marls, which are rich in trace elements and and especially in Sr, provided the fluid for marine diagenesis.

4.3 Calcareous Marls and associated carbonate cements

The calcareous marls are extremely rich in trace elements. Their Fe and Mg contents are about 10 times higher than those of the marine carbonates.

One source for these elements is montmorillonite, which is a important constituent of the calcareous marls (Czurda & Bertha, 1984). Leaching of these minerals during sample dissolution could have supplied the high amounts of these elements. Biogenic carbonate precipitated as aragonite is a possible source for Sr, because aragonite can be extremely rich in Sr (Kinsman, 1969). Cements precipitated in the calcareous marls ("saddle calcites") have similar high contents of trace elements, but much much less Mg. Dewatering of the calcareous marls possibly provided the fluid.

4.4 Blocky spars

Cement 1 in the cement succession is interpreted as a marine precipitate, as is plots with the Tertiary carbonates in the Sr/Mn plot (Fig. 11). Cement 3 plots together with the flowstones and is interpreted as a meteoric cement. Most cement 2 samples plot close to the meteoric carbonate field. The blocky spars from the Grattenbergl and Glemm localities are relatively rich in Sr and poor in Mn and plot with marine carbonates, the other samples of blocky spars are rich in trace elements and plot with the calcareous marls. Higher Sr-concentrations associated with higher Mn-concentrations in cements 2 and 3 suggest, that that some marine connate water was added to the fluid dominated by a meteoric source. Fluid mixing was inhomogeneous, so that some of the cements show a meteoric, others a marine trace element signature.

All Oligocene blocky spars analyzed in this study show trace element compositions typical for the fluid, from which they were precipitated, and differ-

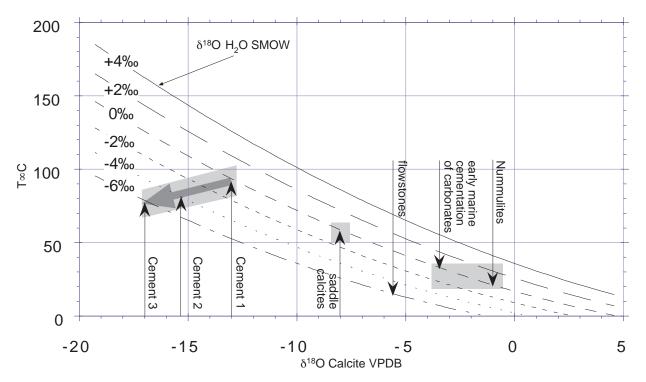


Fig. 12: History of cementation in the Inn Valley basin. The earliest cements precipitated during early marine cementation from marine waters. The major cementation event occured during Oligocene basin subsidence, when cements 1, 2 and 3 were precipitated at temperatures around 90°C. The shift in δ^{19} O is interpreted as an effect of change in pore water composition from marine (connate) waters to meteoric waters. Precipitation of saddle calcites during Miocene faulting occured at slightly elevated temperatures around 60°C (for dicussion, see text).

ent from the trace element composition of the wall rock. Therefore, all cements were precipitated in an open system with large amounts of fluid passing through the system (compare Erel & Katz, 1990).

5 Discussion and Conclusions

Diagenesis of the Tertiary sediments and the rocks in the subsurface during basin evolution can be linked to depositional and tectonic processes and can be subdivided into several stages:

- Karstification of pre-Oligocene rocks and deposition of flowstones and tufas in solution-widened faults and karst cavities during a period of erosion before the onset of Oligocene sedimentation.
- 2) Filling of karst voids and preexisting faults by Oligocene deposits (equivalents of bituminous marls, carbonates and calcareous marls) during sedimentation in the basin.
- 3) Burial diagenesis in the basement of the basin and in the basin-fill during the Oligocene. The basin was filled with about 2000m of sediment, and according to thermal history modelling, maximum

temperatures of about 90°C were reached by the end of the Oligocene (Ortner & Sachsenhofer 1996), followed by slow cooling to about 60° in the Middle Miocene.

If the chemistry of of a fluid is known, paleotemperatures of the fluid can be calculated from the oxygen isotope value of the calcite precipitated from the fluid. Several expressions were suggested in literature, and the expression by Craig (1965) is widely used (e.g. Anderson & Arthur, 1983; Tucker & Wright, 1990; Fig. 12). The chemistry of the diagenetic fluids cannot be exactly reconstructed, because the trace element analysis shows, that fluid mixing between marine and meteoric fluids was important for most cements, and the ratio of the two fluids is unknown.

The fluid evolution at the locality Kalkbruch is known best. Sucessive precipitation of cements 1, 2 and 3 took place under increasing admixture of a meteoric fluid to a marine fluid, as reconstructed by trace element analysis. The relatively negative $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ values of cement 1 could be a result of the impregnation or incorporation of cement 1 by bitumen. If a

small amount of the organic material is solved during sample preparation, the d13C values will show a strong shift toward more negative values, because organic material has very negative carbon isotope values. Cement 1 was precipitated during hydrocarbon migration from deeper parts of the basin. Source rocks in the investigated area are the bituminous marls, however, these did not reach the oil window during diagenesis (Ortner & Sachsenhofer, 1996). Oil must have been produced from bituminous marls below the Tirolic nappe (S of Inn Valley in Fig. 1), overlying the Bajuvaric unit (N of Inn valley in Fig. 1), where Oligocene deposits have been drilled (Tollmann, 1986). The maximum possible temperature during precipitation of cement 1 is near 90°C, assuming a marine fluid. This temperature is in line with maximum temperatures in the basin according to the thermal model, but most probably the fluids were hydrothermal, and therefore hotter than the surrounding rock. Probably cement 1 was precipitated before the maximum temperature in the basin was reached.

Cements 1,2 and 3 are found in the same large calcite veins in Kalkbruch outcrop formed during Oligocene sinistral shearing along the Inntal fault (D2). Trace element analysis suggests increasing meteoric influence (see above). Temperatures calculated for cements 2 and 3 are constant or decreasing in relation to cement 1.

Other calcites related to Oligocene burial diagenesis (blocky spars and skalenohedral calcites) found along D2-faults in the basement of the basin show a wide range of isotopic and trace element compositions. Maximum temperatures (100-130°C) are recorded by calcites from the Glemm location, that show marine trace element composition. These calcites must have been precipitated from a hydrothermal fluid, because the basin never reached such high temperatures. Other cements rich in Mn record lower temperatures, possibly due to admixture of cold meteoric water to the diagenetic fluid.

Cements within the calcareous marls (saddle calcites) are chemically similar the the marls. Carbon isotope values of bulk samples of calcareous marls and saddle calcites are comparable. The diagenetic fluid in the calcareous marls was most probably generated by dewatering of the marls and is a marine fluid, and the oxygen isotopic values only relate to

temperature. Early cementation related to soft sediment deformation took place at a temperature near 30°C, whereas saddle calcites found along sinistral NE-striking faults formed at a temperature of ca. 60°C. The overall chemical similarity between hostrock and cement suggests, that cementation within the calcareous marls took place in a closed system. The sinistral faults associated to the saddle calcites postdate D3-folding in the area, and rather are were active during D4.

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Appendix

Tables of Isotope values, trace element concentrations and sampling locations.

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exact location and characterisation of samples, see Table 3. Table 1: C- and O-isotope values of the samples measured. For

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	sample No.	Y _M BMN	X _{GKM} BMN	sample description	
0	A349	362450	266375	blocky spar	
1	BP1/1	359000	262775	bulk sample of calcareous marls	
2	BP1/2	359000	262775	bulk sample of calcareous marls	
3	BP2/1	359000	262775	saddle calcite	
4	BP2/2	359000	262775	saddle calcite	
5	BR2/1	356125	262500	Oligocene carbonate, non-luminescent	
6	BR2/2	356125	262500	Oligocene carbonate, luminescent	
7	BR2/4	356125	262500	Oligocene carbonate, non-luminescent	
8	DUX	363650	272525	blocky spar	
9	EB	362570	268037	skalenohedral calcite	
10	G1/2	355950	262525	Wetterstein limestone, "Großoolith"	
11	G1/3	355950	262525	Wetterstein limestone, "Großoolith"	
12	G1/4	355950	262525	skalenohedral calcit	
13	G1/5	355950	262525	skalenohedral calcit	
14	G3	355950	262525	calcareous marls in fissure	
15	G4/2/2	355950	262525	tufa crust	
16	G4/2/3				
		355950	262525	•	
17	G4/2/4	355950	262525	tufa crust	
18	G4/2/5	355950	262525	•	
19	G4/2/6	355950	262525	tufa crust	
20	G4/2/7	355950	262525	skalenohedral calcit	
21	G4/2/8	355950	262525	*	
22	G4/2/9	355950	262525	skalenohedral calcit	
23	G4/5/1	355950	262525	tufa crust,"terrestrial stromatolite"	
24	G4/5/2	355950	262525	skalenohedral calcit	
25	G4/5/3	355950	262525	tufa crust	
26	G4/5/4	355950	262525	speleothem	
27	G4/5/5	355950	262525	tufa crust	
28	G8/2	355950	262525	radial-fibrous calcite in Wetterstein limestone	
29	G8/4	355950	262525	blocky spar in Wetterstein limestone	
30	G8/6	355950	262525	bulk sample, Wetterstein limestone	
31	G9	355950	262525	blocky spar in Wetterstein limestone	
32	GB2	355950	262525	calcareous marls in fissure	
33	GB3	355950	262525	speleothem	
34	GL1/1	361750	270200	skalenohedral calcit	
35	GL1/2	361750	270200	skalenohedral calcit	
36	KB1/1	359400	264000	cement 2	
37	KB1/2	359400	264000	cement 2	
38	KB1/3	359400	264000	cement 3	
39	KB1/4	359400	264000		
40	KB2/1	359400	264000		
41	KB2/2	359400	264000	speleothem	
42	KB2/3	359400	264000	cement 1	
43	KB2/5	359400	264000	cement 1	
44	KB2/6	359400	264000	tufa crust	
45	KB3/1	359400	264000		
46	KB3/2	359400	264000		
47	KB4/2	359400	264000	bulk sample, Wetterstein limestone	
48	KB4/3	359400	264000	cement 1	
49	KB4/5	359400	264000		
50	KB4/6	359400	264000	cement 1	
51	KB4/7	359400	264000		
_	KB4/7 KB5/1			cement 2	
52		359400	264000 264000		
53	KB5/3	359400		cement 1	
54	KB5/4	359400	264000 264000	cement 2	
55	KB5/5	359400			
56	KB8/1	359400	264000		
57	KB8/2	359400	264000	Kanonenspat	
58	MB14	359000	262775	bulk sample, calcareous marls	
59	MB26	359000	262775		
60	MB3/1	359000	262775	Oligocene carbonate, bulk sample, luminescent	
61	MB9	359000	262775	bulk sample, calcareous marls	
62	OF10a/1	358889	264678	cement 3	
63	OF10a/2	358889	264678	cement 3	
64	OF10b/2	358889	264678	cement 3	
65	OF1b/1	358889	264678	Oligocene carbonate, bulk sample, non-luminescent	
66	OF1b/2	358889	264678		
67	OF2/1	358889	264678	Oligocene carbonate, bulk sample, non-luminescent	
68	OF2/2	358889	264678	Oligocene carbonate, bulk sample, non-luminescent	
69	OF2/3	358889	264678	Nummulit	
70	OF2/4	358889	264678	Nummulit	
71	OF2/5	358889	264678	Nummulit	
72	PE	359400	264000	Oligocene carbonate, bulk sample, non-luminescent	
73	UAS1	352369	261717	saddle calcite	
74	UAS2	352369	261717	saddle calcite	