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Short title: Very low-grade metamorphism in northern New Caledonia

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ABSTRACT

The *P-T* gradient in a Late Eocene *low-T high-P* metamorphic belt in northern New Caledonia increases from southwest to northeast. Metapelites in the pumpellyiteprehnite and blueschist zones contain lawsonite, Mg-carpholite, Fe-stilpnomelane and Fe-glaucophane. Thermodynamic calculations indicate a progression of metamorphic conditions from less than 0.3 GPa and 250°C in a kaolinite-bearing rock in the southwest, up to 1.5 GPa and 410°C in a lawsonite-glaucophane bearing sample in the northeast of the Diahot terrane. Through a multi-method investigation of phyllosilicates, organic matter and fluid inclusions, we demonstrate that the evolution of organic matter and illite crystallinity depends strongly on the evolution of the pressure-temperature path with time. In addition, we show that the illite-muscovite *b* cell dimension provides a robust estimate of maximum pressure reached in lowtemperature domains with polyphase metamorphic histories, despite subsequent high temperature-low pressure events. Fluid inclusion study reveals an isothermal decompression in the Diahot terrane.

Key words: low-temperature/high-pressure metapelites; illite crystallinity; coal rank; illite-muscovite *b* cell dimension; New Caledonia.

INTRODUCTION

Since the first study by Brothers (1970), New Caledonia has been well known for its Eocene high-pressure (HP) metamorphic belt located in the northern part of the island. In the central and northeast of the metamorphic belt, the Koumac and Diahot terranes (Cluzel et al., 1994) (Fig. 1), which are composed of Cretaceous to Eocene metasediments and metavolcanics, are characterised by diagenetic to blueschist facies assemblages. These terranes have been the subject of numerous petrological studies (Brothers, 1970; Brothers & Black, 1973; Black & Brothers, 1977; Diessel et al., 1978; Brothers & Yokohama, 1982; Ghent et al., 1987; Black et al., 1993; Cluzel et al., 1994; Clarke et al., 1997; Carson et al., 2000; Fitzherbert et al., 2003), which focussed on the lawsonite-albite bearing schists in the SW of the Diahot terrane and omphacite-garnet schists in the Pouébo terrane. The very low-grade metamorphism has received limited attention, focussing on the determination of mineral assemblage stability fields and the mapping of mineral isograds (Black, 1975; Black, 1977; Black & Brothers, 1977), and the evolution of organic material (Diessel et al., 1978).

In the study of very low- and low-grade metamorphic rocks, maturation of organic matter and reaction progress, and development of clay minerals, are useful tools to describe the thermal evolution during metamorphism. Vitrinite reflectance (VR) is an important maturity parameter that can be used to determine the transition from diagenesis to very low-grade metamorphism, because vitrinite reflectance increases irreversibly with temperature, and retains an indication of the maximum paleotemperature (Teichmüller, 1987; Ferreiro Mählmann, 2001). Organic maturity is controlled by starting material, oxygen fugacity-water activity (Ernst & Ferreiro Mählmann, 2004), temperature-time (Teichmüller, 1987), and is independent of host lithology. A review of the literature shows, however, that field observations and experimental data display inconsistencies when the effects of pressure on vitrinite maturation are considered. For example, in the Diablo Range (Franciscan Complex, California), Dalla Torre et al. (1994, 1996a) demonstrated that the maturation of organic matter was lower than expected, compared to both the illite crystallinity and the metamorphic grade determined through the mineral assemblages. They attributed the abnormally low vitrinite reflectance values to the effect of pressure based on field evidence described by Goffé & Velde (1984), Feldhoff et al. (1991), Fang & Jiaynu (1992) and Ferreiro Mählmann (1994). This model was subsequently corroborated by an experimental study on the pressure dependence of vitrinite maturation (Dalla Torre et al., 1997). Based on this work and new experiments, Ernst & Ferreiro Mählmann (2004) proposed a thermo-barometric application of vitrinite reflectance based on a kinetic model. The problem in poly-metamorphic areas such as the Vanoise in the French Alps (Goffé & Velde, 1984), the Tripolitza Series in Greece (Feldhoff et al., 1991), the Arosa Zone in the European Alps (Ferreiro Mählmann, 1994), and the Diablo Range in the Franciscan Complex (Dalla Torre et al., 1997), is that no coherent relationship between organic and inorganic parameters for determining the metamorphic grade has been identified.

This contribution summarizes the results of our investigation of the very low-grade metapelites of the Koumac and Diahot terranes in New Caledonia, using the illite crystallinity and *b* cell dimensions of K-white micas, together with thermodynamic modeling of Al-rich metapelites and fluid inclusion measurements. The determination of the *b* cell dimension of K-white mica and fluid inclusion barometry of synmetamorphic vein minerals, together with the use of vitrinite reflectance, provided an excellent opportunity to determine the effect of pressure on vitrinite reflectance in very low- to low-temperature domains. The results are compared with the existing vitrinite reflectance measurements for this area (Diessel et al., 1978) and oxygen thermometry studies (Black & Brothers, 1977) in order to compare the evolution of illite crystallinity and vitrinite reflectance in a high-pressure (HP) metamorphic belt. The maximum pressure and temperature metamorphic conditions in the Diahot terrane based on previous studies (Black & Brothers, 1977; Bell & Brothers, 1985) are similar to those observed in the Tripolitza Series and the Diablo Range. This metamorphic belt provides a rare natural laboratory to test the experimentally observed pressure retarding effects on vitrinite reflectance recorded by Dalla Torre et al. (1997), by studying metapelites from a high-pressure metamorphic schist belt.

REGIONAL GEOLOGY

New Caledonia is a dispersed fragment of the eastern margin of Gondwana resulting from the opening of the Tasman Sea and rifting of New Caledonia and New Zealand from Australia. In Late Eocene time, the New Caledonian fragment collided with an intraoceanic island-arc system (Cluzel et al., 1994; Aitchison et al., 1995; Clarke et al., 1997; Cluzel et al., 2001), and a NE-facing subduction system was established beneath the Loyalty Basin. The collision, responsible for the main deformation of the continental basement of New Caledonia, generated a high-P schist belt coeval with the southwestwards thrusting of two nappes over the basement. The Poya nappe or "formation des basalts" (Paris, 1981) is a mafic sheet overlying all the pre-Neogene tectonic units (Fig. 1), comprising dolerite, tectonized tholeiitic pillow basalts and abyssal argillites. The peridotite nappe is an ophiolite complex that initially covered much of the island; faulting and erosion has removed much of it, but it still dominates outcrops in the south of the island. The basement is composed of terranes of Palaeozoic to Mesozoic age of varying metamorphic grade, transgressively overlain

by upper Cretaceous to Eocene sedimentary rocks deposited during Gondwana dispersal (Aitchison et al., 1995; Clarke et al., 1997).

Post Early Cretaceous tectonic units (Figs. 1 & 2) include the Poya and peridotite nappes and the Koumac, Diahot and Pouébo basement terranes. The Koumac terrane (Cluzel et al., 1994) is a part of the olistrostrome and collisional marginal plateau sedimentary terrane of Fitzherbert et al. (2003). It consists of an intensively tectonized Late Cretaceous to Early Eocene sequence of flysch, chert, limestone and black shale. The Diahot terrane contains an interbedded sequence of Cretaceous to Eocene metasediments, felsic volcanics metamorphosed under high-*P*/*T* conditions (Fitzherbert et al., 2003). The easternmost terrane is the Pouébo terrane; a mélange containing large mafic eclogite boulders enclosed in an argillaceous or serpentine-rich matrix (Maurizot et al., 1989). $^{40}Ar/^{39}Ar$ dating of white micas from the Diahot and Pouébo units yielded consistent Middle to Late Eocene cooling ages of 37 ± 1 Ma (Ghent et al., 1994). Metamorphism is bracketed between Early Eocene (youngest Sediments) and Late Eocene (cooling ages).

This study is focused on the Koumac and Diahot terranes (Figs. 1, 2 & 3). The Koumac terrane includes the lowest grade metasediments of the high-pressure belt as defined by the presence of pumpellyite and prehnite in basic igneous rocks (Brothers, 1974; Black, 1977). In this terrane vitrinite reflectance is 2.9 $R_{\text{max}}\%$ and the maximum pressure and temperature were 0.3 GPa and 250°C (Diessel at al., 1978). Fitzherbert et al. (2003) subdivided the Diahot terrane into four zones based on the metabasite mineral assemblage (Fig. 3): (1) lawsonite blueschists ($P = 1.0$ GPa and T $= 400^{\circ}$ C); (2) epidote blueschists (*P* = 1.4–1.5 GPa and *T* = 450–500°C); (3) almandine-hornblende blueschists ($P = 1.4$ –1.6 GPa and $T = 550$ –580°C); (4) paragonite-hornblende eclogites ($P = 1.7$ GPa and $T = 600-620$ °C). Our study area in the Diahot unit is limited to the region to the southwest of the Gendarmerie fault (Fig. 2), equivalent to Zone 1 (lawsonite blueschist) of Fitzherbert et al. (2003).

MATERIAL AND METHODS

Eighty-six samples of metapelite and eleven meta-marls (Table 1) were collected from the Koumac and Diahot terranes (Fig. 3). In northern New Caledonia, outcrops are poor due to extensive tropical weathering, limiting the availability of fresh samples mainly to road cuts. Therefore, samples were only collected along two road profiles (Koumac-Ouégoa and road RM11) and along various small paths (Touho region) (Fig. 3). In many common rocks, such as marine pelites and carbonates rocks, no diagnostic minerals and mineral assemblages form in the very low-grade field. In these rocks, the transitions from non-metamorphic to very low-grade and from very low-grade to low-grade metamorphic domains take place through the diagenetic zone, the anchizone and the epizone, each zone being characterized by specific values of the illite Kübler Index (KI) (Árkai et al. 2003).

Clay mineral separation was conducted using techniques described by Schmidt et al. (1997). To perform the illite-muscovite polytype determination, randomly oriented samples were prepared using the technique described by Dalla Torre et al. (1994).

X-ray diffraction

Illite and chlorite crystallinity was measured on air-dried, glycolated and heated samples using a D5000 Bruker-AXS (Siemens) diffractometer, $CuK\alpha$ radiation at 40 kV & 30 mA and automatic divergence slits (primary and secondary V20) with a secondary graphite monochromator.

Illite crystallinity was calculated using the software DIFFRAC^{Plus} TOPAS (by ©Bruker AXS). The illite crystallinity index is defined as the full width at half maximum (FWHM) intensity of the first illite-muscovite basal reflection (Table 2). Illite crystallinity values were transformed into Kübler index values using a correlation with the standard samples of Warr & Rice (1994) ($\text{KI}_{\text{CIS}} = 1.343 \cdot \text{IC}_{\text{Basel}}$ **– 0.003**). The Kübler index was used to define the limits of metamorphic zones, and the transition values were chosen as follows: KI = 0.25 $\Delta^{\circ}2\Theta$ for the epizone to high anchizone boundary, KI = $0.30 \triangle 2\Theta$ for the high to low anchizone boundary and KI $= 0.42 \Delta^{\circ}2\Theta$ for the low anchizone to diagenetic zone. The same experimental conditions were also used to determine chlorite crystallinity on the (002) peak, where (ChC(002)) corresponds to the full width at half maximum intensity values of the second (7 Å) basal reflection of chlorite (Table 2). The $ChC(002)$ measurements were calibrated with those of Warr & Rice (1994) and expressed as the Árkai index (AI) (Guggenheim et al., 2002): $\hat{A}I = 0.766*$ ChC(002) + 0.117. The anchizone boundaries for the Árkai index were defined by correlation with the Kübler index and are given as 0.24 Δ °2 Θ for the epizone to anchizone boundary and 0.30 Δ °2 Θ for the anchizone to diagenetic zone.

The different types of mixed-layer clay minerals observed were classified using data from Moore and Reynolds (1997). The illite/smectite glycolated mixed-layer clay minerals were identified on the diffractogram by the presence of a reflection between 16 and 17.7 °2 Θ . After glycolation solvation, the chlorite/smectite was identified by expansion of the $d(001)^*$ to 31.1 Å. Heat treatment was necessary for identification of the kaolinite/smectite. Heating produces a shift from the 7.4 Å air-dried reflection to an increased d-value of 8.1 Å.

K-white mica b cell dimensions (or *b* cell dimensions) were determined for samples free of paragonite and mixed-layered minerals. The *b* cell dimension is based on the $d_{060,331}$ spacing and on the increasing celadonite substitution that occurs with pressure increase in white mica (Ernst, 1963; Guidotti et al., 1989). Guidotti et al. (1989) presented linear regression equations that quantify the changes in the *b* cell dimensions of muscovite $2M_1$ that result from cation substitutions in the interlayer and octahedral sites. This *b* cell dimension value was determined by measurement of the (060) peak of the potassic white mica when present (Sassi & Scolari, 1974), and using the program WIN-METRIC V.3.0.7 (by ©Bruker AXS), which is a cellrefinement program.

Electron microprobe and X-ray fluorescence data

Mineral compositions in the metapelites were determined by electron probe microanalysis using a JEOL JXA-8600 superprobe at the University of Basel with four wavelength dispersive spectrometers, equipped with Voyager software by NORAN instruments. A ZAF-type correction procedure was used for all data reduction and all Fe was assumed to be ferrous. In order to avoid volatilization of light elements, low-grade metamorphic minerals were analyzed using a 10 nA beam current, an accelerating voltage of 15 kV, an acquisition time of 10 or 20 seconds, rastered over an area of 26 μ m². The standards used for the different elements were as follows: olivine for Si and Mg; rutile for Ti; gehlenite for Al; graftonite for Mn and Fe; wollastonite for Ca; albite for Na; and orthoclase for K.

Two whole-rock chemical analyses were made at the Geochemistry Laboratories, University of Basel. Major oxide concentrations were measured on a fused glass bead (20 mm diameter) containing a mixture of 300 mg sample powder and 4700 mg Litetraborate. The two analyses (Table 3) were obtained with a Siemens SRS3000 Wavelength Dispersive Sequential X-Ray Spectrometer with a Rh end window tube (4 kV). The results were collected and evaluated using the Bruker AXS Spectra plus standardless evaluation program. Analytical precision varies from element to element, as does detection limits, but generally the major oxides have a detection limit of 0.01% and a relative accuracy of 0.5%.

Thermodynamic Modeling

Pressure and temperature conditions of equilibrium of the metamorphic rocks were determined by calculating equilibrium assemblages and equilibrium phase diagrams using the THERIAK-DOMINO software (de Capitani and Brown, 1987; de Capitani, 1994). A modified internally consistent mineral database based on JUN92 of Berman (1988) was supplemented with thermodynamic data for ferro- and magnesiocarpholite, and magnesio- and ferro-chloritoid from Le Bayon (2002). Data for glaucophane and ferro-glaucophane (El-Shazly & Liou, 1991), daphnite and phengite (Massonne & Szpurka, 1997) were also added. The activity models are presented in Table 4. The main input consists of the bulk-rock composition of the rock studied.

Microthermometry

Quartz-calcite veins were sampled along the road between Koumac and Ouégoa (Fig. 3), in order to substantiate the P-T estimations based on mineral equilibria and to reconstruct the fluid evolution history during metamorphism (Frey et al., 1980). Microthermometry investigations on double polished thin sections were performed using a Chaixmeca heating-freezing stage at the University of Basel (Poty et al., 1976;

Mullis et al., 1994). The uncertainty of the measurements is ± 0.1 °C for - 60 to 40°C and \pm 1°C outside this range.

Two-phase (consisting of vapor and liquid at room temperature) and one-phase fluid inclusions were identified. No dissolved volatile phase was observed, either by melting of CO_2 at or below its triple point of - 56.6°C, nor by formation or dissociation of a clathrate or liquid-vapor equilibrium of a volatile component such as higher hydrocarbons (HHC), CH₄, CO₂, N₂ or H₂S. Thus, microthermometry was restricted to measuring the eutectic temperature (T_e) , the melting temperature of ice (Tm_{ice}) and the bulk homogenization temperature of the fluid inclusions (Th_I) . The eutectic temperature provides evidence for the composition of the electrolytes dissolved in aqueous solutions (Hollister & Crawford, 1981; Shepherd et al., 1985; Mullis, 1987). As none of the investigated fluid inclusions contained any observable gas component, salinity was derived from the ice melting temperature in NaClequivalence after Potter et al. (1978). Bulk homogenization temperatures of gas-free aqueous solutions were used for the determination of the volume fraction of the vapor and liquid phases after Zhang & Frantz (1987).

From the salinity and volume fraction of vapor and liquid phases within the fluid inclusions, bulk density and inclusion composition were calculated according to the general equations published in Mullis (1987). The isochors were calculated from the equation of state given by Zhang & Frantz (1987).

RESULTS

Mineralogy

The mineralogy of the studied samples is given in Table 1. Minerals abbreviations are those of Kretz (1983). Pelites, tuffs and metamarls were analyzed.

In the meta-marls, the mineral assemblages consist of $Qtz + K$ -white mica + Kln and/or Chl with minor amounts of mixed-layer minerals (Illite/Smectite (I/S), and Chlorite/Smectite (C/S)), albite, and sporadically hematite. In their \leq μ m grain-size fraction, illite-muscovite predominates in association with Chl or Kln, mixed-layer minerals and quartz. Albite is only present in minor amounts, and Vermiculite (Vm) and corrensite (Cor) are found in few samples.

In the metapelites, the mineral assemblages consist of Qtz, K-white mica, Chl and/or Kln with minor amounts of mixed-layer minerals (I/S, C/S and Kaolinite/Smectite (K/S)), Ab, and index minerals depending on the metamorphic grade (stilpnomelane, lawsonite, glaucophane, carpholite, epidote). In their $\leq 2 \mu m$ fractions, illite-muscovite or phengitic muscovite predominate in the higher-grade samples. Discrete paragonite is also found in minor quantities. Traces of smectite or kaolinite indicate oxidative weathering in some higher-grade samples.

Structural characteristics of the phyllosilicates

Figs. 2 & 3 show the distribution of the illite crystallinity (KI data) and the FWHM values are presented in Table 2.

The KI values range from low diagenetic to epizone. In the Koumac terrane, the KI data indicate low diagenetic to low anchizone values, ranging from 1.40 to 0.33 ∆°2. In the Diahot terrane, KI values vary between low anchizone and epizone. A

trend of increasing grade from the diagenetic zone to the epizone is observed in a traverse from southwest to northeast along the Koumac-Ouégoa road (Figs. 1, 2 $\&$ 4a). An overall prograde sequence for the terranes is documented, with KI decreasing from southwest to northeast.

Significant positive linear correlation ($r^2 = 0.65$) is found between Kübler and Árkai indices (Fig. 5), giving greater reliability to the metamorphic grade estimate deduced from KI values, which can be hindered by broadening of the reflectance peak due to the presence of discrete paragonite.

The percentage of $2M_1$ illite-muscovite polytype relative to the KI along the Koumac-Ouégoa road shows a positive trend with increasing metamorphic grade (Fig. 4b). The complete conversion from $1M_d$ to $2M_1$ is reached at KI values around 0.30 ∆°2 Θ (limit of the low to high anchizone; Table 5).

The K-white mica *b* cell dimension for 20 K-white mica samples from the lawsonite and glaucophane zones all fall in the same range with a minimum 9.04 and a maximum 9.06 Å values. Eight samples from the pumpellyite-prehnite zone show lower values between 9.01 and 9.03 Å (Fig. 6). The *b* values from the glaucophanelawsonite zone are typical for HP-type metamorphism, whereas the prehnitepumpellyite values are more characteristic of Barrovian-type metamorphism (Sassi, 1972; Sassi & Scolari, 1974).

Mineral chemistry

Phyllosilicate chemistry

Due to the small grain size of the phyllosilicates, special care was taken to differentiate between detrital and newly-formed metamorphic grains. In certain cases (i.e. MF3003), detrital micas altered to K-white mica/chlorite or K-white mica/paragonite/chlorite stacks were observed. They could be distinguished from fine-grained, matrix-forming white mica and chlorite formed parallel to the metamorphic schistosity.

Representative compositions of K-white mica are listed in Table 6. Mica analyses showing more than 0.5% (MnO $\%$ + TiO₂ %) were rejected (Vidal & Parra, 2000). In a Si-Altot diagram (Fig. 7a), the analyses show a significant deviation from the Tschermak exchange line. Considering the analyses reported in Table 6, the total interlayer charge (t.i.c. = $Ca+Na+2K$) is between 1 and 0.90, except for sample MF3144, where a Prl substitution could be assumed (Figs. 7a and 7d) in addition to the Tschermark's substitution. Additional substitutions are required to explain the excess of Fe and Mg (Figs. 7a and 7b). The excess of Mg+Fe could be explained by a di/trioctahedral substitution common in dioctahedral micas (Vidal & Parra, 2000; Parra et al., 2002). Fig. 7c shows a correlation between the Fe and Mg contents in the individual samples (probably dependant on the bulk composition) except for samples PS56 and PS32. On the basis of model calculations supposing various mixtures (Fig. 7b), no contamination of the analyses by quartz or chlorite has occurred.

In Fig. 7d, the K-white mica analyses fall in a cluster between the muscovitephengite and the muscovite-illite lines, indicating a small deficit in t.i.c. (values range between 0.8 and 0.95 p.f.u.). Fig. 7e shows that the Na content of K-white mica is very low (except for samples MF3003 and PS89) and thus the *b* cell dimension is not influenced by K-Na exchange. Therefore use of the *b* cell dimension should be accurate (Guidotti et al., 1989).

Although the number of data pairs is relatively low $(n = 6)$, we investigated the relation between the metamorphic grade of our samples with the chemistry of the K- white micas. No real trend is observed between Na/(Na+K) ratio and metamorphic grade, as indicated by KI value (Fig. 7f), suggesting that subordinate amounts of discrete paragonite and/or mixed K/Na micas do not influence the KI. Fig. 7g reveals no obvious correlation between KI values and Si content. This indicates the occurrence of other substitutions in addition to the celadonitic one, probably the di/trioctahedral substitution previously discussed.

Compositions of chlorite are normalized to 28 oxygens (Table 7) and fulfill the criterion of non contamination, $\sum Ca + Na + K < 0.2$ (Dalla Torre et al., 1996b). Using the classification of Zane and Weiss (1998), chlorites in the studied samples are trioctahedral type I where $(X_{Mg} + X_{Fe} \ge X_{Al} + X_{vacancy})$. A Fe-Mg-Si diagram reveals intermediate compositions between chamosite and clinochlore (Fig. 8a). X_{Mg} varies between 0.431 and 0.955, and according to Hey (1954), the chlorites lie mainly in the ripidolite, pichnochlore and brunsvigite fields.

The low total interlayer charge of the chlorites $(<0.2 \text{ p.f.u.})$ indicates that smectite or illite impurities are insignificant (Fig. 8b). The increase of $(A1^{VI} - A1^{IV})$ could be attributed to increasing sudoitic substitution (di-trioctahedral) (Árkai et al., 2003). Correlations observed for apparent octahedral vacancies with $(AI^{VI} - AI^{IV})$ (Fig. 8c) and apparent octahedral vacancies with sum of octahedral divalent cations (Fig. 8d) prove the sudoitic substitution in the analyzed chlorites. Fig. 8e demonstrates that, in addition to the Tschermak substitution, the di-trioctahedral substitution plays an important role in chlorites.

Using the chlorite-Al^{IV} thermometer of Cathelineau (1988), we calculated mean T values between 270 and 340°C (Table 7). Fig. 8f shows a negative trend between the metamorphic grade increases (KI values decrease) and the calculated T. This could be

explained by the absence of smectite contamination (or other significant impurity) (Schmidt et al., 1997).

Index mineral chemistry

Lawsonite is very common in shales from the eastern coast. Representative analyses are presented in Table 8. Petrographic evidence indicates that lawsonite mainly grew during or after development of the main foliation. Crystals typically are elongated or have undeformed tabular forms in thin section.

Stilpnomelane is relatively widespread in the lawsonite zone, and it is typically associated with lawsonite. Microprobe analyses of the studied stilpnomelane show an X_{Fe} range from 0.70 to 0.80 corresponding to ferro-stilpnomelane (Table 8).

Sodic amphiboles in the Diahot terrane occur as fine-grained, thin, needle-like ellipsoidal fibres parallel to the main foliation, with pale blue to purple pleochroism. Representative analyses of sodic amphibole from samples MF3031 and PS131 are presented in Table 8. The amphiboles are ferro-glaucophane with X_{Mg} ranging between 0.30 and 0.48 (after Leake et al., 1997).

Vein mineralogy, textural relationships and Microthermometry

We selected quartz-vein samples from four localities along the profile between Koumac and Ouégoa (Fig. 3). Oriented samples were collected from structurally controlled syntectonic fissures of a few millimetres in width. Rock sections were cut perpendicular to the bedding and retaining portions of the wall-rock. The chronology of the different fluid inclusion populations (Table 9) is defined with respect to their relative overgrowth sequence (Mullis, 1976).

Veins are mainly composed of small quartz crystals, except sample MF3006, which contains in addition calcite and chlorite. Two types of fluid inclusions were identified with the microscope: one-phase inclusions and two-phase fluid inclusions (consisting of vapour and liquid at room temperature). Most of the fluid inclusions analyzed are secondary.

Different fluid inclusion assemblages can be defined (Table 9) based on their shape, salinity and relation between each other. We generally observed a first fluid inclusion assemblage stretched, partially or totally decrepitated (fluid inclusion assemblage 1). Fluid inclusions, with a high volatile ratio $(\geq 80\%)$ and well-shaped (negative quartz), are present in samples MF3022 and MF3027. Such fluid inclusions were formed during a heating event, postdating the deformation. In the case of sample MF3027, it was not possible to measure Th_I due to the variation of the vapor/liquid ratios after repeated measurement. Fluid inclusions less stretched, with lower salinity are observed in samples MF3004 and MF3027 and define a third fluid assemblage in those samples.

P-T Estimates: Equilibrium Phase Diagrams

Sample MF3031 is from the lawsonite-glaucophane zone of the Diahot terrane, in the district of Ouégoa. Sample MF2994 was collected in the pumpellyite-prehnite zone (high diagenetic – low anchizone) of the Koumac terrane. Equilibrium phase diagrams were calculated using the THERIAK-DOMINO software. The main input consists of the modal bulk composition of the rock. To attain greater control on the model, bulk compositions without the minor elements were calculated in the systems NKFMASH (MF2994, where Ca and Ti are in minor amounts) and Ti-CaNKFMASH (MF3031). Calculations were performed in the temperature range between 150 and 500°C and for pressures between 0.1 and 2.0 GPa. We took also into account the effect of water activity on the stability of mineral assemblages. The water activity was evaluated to 0.9 for sample MF3031 on the basis of a previous study on the mineral and bulk-rock oxygen and carbon isotopic characteristics of the Ouégoa terrane (Black, 1977).

The P-T section for sample MF3031 (Fig. 9) shows the observed mineral assemblage of the sample (quartz + phengite + glaucophane + chlorite + lawsonite + titanite). The assemblage is stable over a wide range of P and T, going from 0.8 to 1.8 GPa and from 300 to 475°C. In order to gain a better constraint, we calculated the isopleths of Fe-Gln and Ms (Fig. 9). These mineral compositions allow us to restrict the stability field to 1.3 to 1.8 GPa and 400 to 475°C. The *b* cell dimension of samples in the zone, 9.04 Å, reflects the high pressure character of metamorphism and points to pressure higher than 1.2 GPa in the temperature range of 400 to 475°C using the P-T diagram from Ramírez & Sassi (2001, Fig. 9).

Calculations for sample MF2994 from the pumpellyite-prehnite zone (high diagenetic – low anchizone) required accurate evaluation of the a_{H_2O} . Black (1977) has shown that in this zone, a_{H_2O} ranges between 0.6 and 0.7. Calculations determined for a maximum a_{H_2O} equal to 0.7 (value for maximum a_{H_2O} of Black (1977)) show a maximum temperature of 250°C for a pressure of 0.3 GPa for the assemblage Qtz + K-white mica $+$ Kln $+$ Chl (observed in the sample MF2994) (Fig. 10). Therefore, we can postulate P-T conditions below 250°C and 0.3 GPa in the very low-grade region, which is consistent with estimates by Bell & Brothers (1985) based on the appearance at a slightly higher grade of lawsonite and aragonite in the lawsonite zone.

DISCUSSION

Comparison of methods to determine the HP-LT event ("peak metamorphism")

In the northeast of New Caledonia, in the Oligocene HP-LT schist belt, the trends shown by KI values can be reproduced from the vitrinite reflectance measurements published by Diessel et al. (1978). Vitrinite reflectance data show an evolution from medium-volatile bituminite to meta-anthracite stage (1.4 to 6.5 % R_{max}). In the HP epizone of the lawsonite-glaucophane zone, the maturation of vitrinite reaches the optical graphite stage. In Table 5, the high diagenesis and low anchizone (semianthracite stage) correlates with the appearance of $1M_d$ mica, kaolinite, corrensite and pumpellyite. The high anchizone (anthracite stage) correlates with the occurrence of 2M¹ mica, lawsonite, chlorite-smectite and pumpellyite. The epizone (high metaanthracite stage, including the incipient semi-graphite - optical graphite stage) correlates with the stability field of chlorite, lawsonite, glaucophane and carpholite. The evolution of sheet silicates coherently reflects the coalification trend and the field gradient of increasing HP metamorphism.

In New Caledonia, Rmax values (Diessel et al., 1978) for the KI-anchizone boundaries are $2.95 \pm 0.15\%$ (high diagenetic zone-low anchizone), and $4.75 \pm 0.7\%$ (high anchizone-epizone). In other metamorphic belts, anchizone boundaries, in terms of vitrinite reflectance, were set to be 2.5 - 3.1 % and 3.7 - 5.5 % with a mean R_0 (R_0) $= (2R_{\text{max}} + R_{\text{min}})/3$ for the lower and upper limit of the anchizone, respectively (Kisch, 1987). A wider range of R_{max} % values was subsequently recognized in different tectonic nappes of the Alps and in a literature revision by Ferreiro Mählmann (1994). More restricted ranges have been proposed by Underwood et al. (1991), but these authors do not take into account reaction kinetics of processes such as illitization and coalification, that are strongly controlled by the tectono-thermal and heat flow history (Frey et al., 1980; Ferreiro Mählmann, 2001). A recent study by Ernst & Ferreiro Mählmann (2004) has shown that oxygen fugacity and water activity have no influence on vitrinite reflectance. Thus, the following discussion is focused on the thermal history and geodynamic evolution.

Using the minimum pressure limit (1.2 GPa), deduced from the *b* cell dimension method for the low epizone (300°C, lawsonite zone), in the maturity kinetics model of Dalla Torre et al. (1997), which predicts that pressure lowers vitrinite reflectance, we tried to reproduce the measured maturity (VR) of $5.0 - 5.5$ %R_{max}. The low epizone with a HP metamorphic facies was chosen, because at higher temperatures, diagnostic use of KI and vitrinite reflectance is not recommended (Ferreiro Mählmann, 1994; 2001). Dependent on the time factor, the modeled vitrinite reflectance value is 2.8 $R\%_{max}$ for 1 Ma and 3.4 $R\%_{max}$ for 12 Ma. The maximum time range of 12 Ma is limited by sediment ages (Early Eocene) and cooling ages (Late Eocene; see Ghent et al., 1994). Hence, using the thermo-barometric model of vitrinite reflectance of Dalla Torre et al. (1997), it is not possible to reproduce the vitrinite reflectance observed in New Caledonia.

Our modeling shows that the KI-VR mineral zone relationship was probably not established during maximum pressure metamorphism. The field of equilibrium between the different parameters that were used to determine metamorphic grade was probably reached in a later stage during retrogression. Fluid inclusions cannot be used to restore "peak conditions" of the HP-LT metamorphism because the first population is decrepitated. It is evident that parameters such as vitrinite reflectance, illite crystallinity, fluid inclusion data, mica *b* cell dimension data and mineral zoning define different points on a pressure-temperature path.

Pressure-temperature path evolution

Bell & Brothers (1985) demonstrated an increase of temperature during exhumation in the Lawsonite Zone. This P-T path was constrained by the transformation of lawsonite to zoisite $(Lws + Ab \Leftrightarrow Zo + Pg + Qtz + vapor)$. The reaction is controlled by the instability of lawsonite in the presence of $CO₂$ generated by concurrent decarbonation, associated with conditions favorable for oxidation of Fe and growth of epidote. At the transition between lawsonite and epidote-blueschist zone, all organic matter changed to an increasingly ordered graphite structure (Diessel et al., 1978). The concomitant appearance of optical graphite and epidote suggests that heat generated by decarbonation reactions may have enhanced the ordering of carbon in graphite, even though the pressure at this time was decreasing (Bell & Brothers, 1985). In the same way, Yokoyama et al. (1986) presented in the higher metamorphic zones, a P-T path including a temperature-prograde phase of climax crystallisation that prevailed during a decline in pressure.

During or after decompression, an increase of temperature is also indicated by the maturity of organic matter, which is higher than expected in a blueschist facies metamorphic environment (Dalla Torre et al., 1997). We tried to reproduce the evolution of organic matter in New Caledonia using three different kinetic models. An increase in temperature and heat flow is the easiest way to elevate vitrinite reflectance in kinetic maturity models (Model 1). Hence, using the kinetic maturity model from Dalla Torre et al. (1997), but lowering the pressure conditions, it is also possible to increase the modeled vitrinite reflectance values to the measured values of 5.0 to 5.5 % R_{max} with a small increase of the temperature. At 0.4 GPa and 350°C, the best fit is attained for a model in which the maximum temperature is attained at 1 Ma, corresponding to a vitrinite reflectance of 4.9 % R_{max} ; at 12 Ma the vitrinite

reflectance increases to 5.8 %R_{max} (outside the calibrated range of the model). Following these observations, a Model 2 could be proposed. If cooling occurred at higher pressures, a long period of heating and slow decompression is required to inhibit or prevent suppression of vitrinite reflectance. If decompression was fast and heating took place mainly at much lower pressures, a short time span of heating is preferable (pressure retardation can be neglected). The latter Model 3 is supported by the significant Si decrease from the syn-kinematic mica (3.52 a.pf.u.) to the postkinematic mica (3.28 a.p.f.u.) (Fig. 7a). In that case, the HP minerals are pre- to synkinematic with respect to the ductile deformation (main foliation). The decrease of the celadonite content points to a decrease of pressure (Ernst, 1963; Massonne & Szpurka, 1997) after the main deformation.

Support for an isothermal uplift model is provided by the first fluid inclusion assemblage, where the fluid inclusions are stretched (in the southwest) or decrepitated (towards the northeast). Once entrapped and enclosed, the pressure in any fluid inclusion is defined by the isochore valid for the fluid density and composition at the time of trapping. In the case of isothermal uplift, fluid inclusions have higher pressure than the ambient pressure. The inclusion can expand or lose a part of its content by leakage through microfissures and dislocations. This process is referred to as "explosion-decrepitation" (Van den Kerkhof & Hein, 2001).

The second fluid inclusion assemblage is water-rich. In general, the Th_I values cluster around 150°C and are similar at all locations irrespective of the orientation of the vein. In samples MF3022 and MF3027, fluid inclusions of heterogeneous vapor/liquid ratios (up to \geq 0.9) and density are observed. Such fluid inclusions with small bulk densities are common for epithermal events (= boiling event) (Hedenquist, 1991; Valori et al., 1992). The age of this boiling event will postdate the adiabatic decompression event because the related fluid inclusions do not display any stretching or decrepitation features. No relationship between Th_I and R_{max} in the water-rich fluid inclusions is found. The vitrinite reflectance values, like the illite crystallinity measurements along the investigated cross section from Koumac to Ouégoa, indicate an increasing degree of metamorphism from southwest to northeast. This feature is not observed in the water-rich fluid population.

Maturation of the organic matter in New Caledonia

A comparison of the exhumation path in New Caledonia and in the Diablo Range (California) reveals contrasted trends (Fig. 11). In the Diablo Range, Dalla Torre et al. (1996a) observed a retardation of the maturation of organic matter compared to the KI values, whereas vitrinite reflectance results from New Caledonia are consistent, with those found in LP-LT domains in the Central Alps (Ferreiro Mählmann, 1995; 1996) (Figs. 12a & b). The strongest correlation is with those areas where the geodynamic conditions of Barrovian orogenic metamorphism predominate (heat flow 50 to 70 mW m⁻², thermal gradient 25 to 35°C km⁻², T < 400°C, pressure gradient 0.25 to 0.35 GPa $km⁻²$, $P < 4$ GPa) and heating occurred over several million years (e.g. Frey et al., 1980; Ferreiro Mählmann, 1994; 2001; Schmidt et al., 1997). This, in contradiction to the HP mineral paragenesis found and the mica *b* cell dimensions measured. Both HP indicators are the unique petrologic remnants of the early collision during the Eocene of the New Caledonian fragment with an intra-oceanic island-arc system and subduction tectonics (e.g. Black & Brothers, 1977; Clarke et al., 1997).

Slight differences in temperature between New Caledonia and the Diablo Range (Fig. 12a) are not enough to explain the wide differences in the evolution of organic matter. However, contrasts exist in the exhumation P-T paths of New Caledonia and the Diablo Range. In the latter, exhumation was along a cold path (Ernst and Banno, 1991) reproducing the prograde pressure-temperature trajectory during retrogression. In New Caledonia, the retrogression path was probably adiabatic (or with a slight increase of the temperature) with concomitant decrease of pressure (Fig. 11). Prograde maturation of the organic matter during isothermal decompression appears to be a feasible explanation. In contrast, in the Diablo Range, maturity at near maximum temperature was limited to the HP-LT event. The vitrinite reflectance retardation effect by pressure was frozen due to subsequent cooling along a cold retrograde P-T path.

Comparison of K-white mica *b* cell dimensions in New Caledonia and the Franciscan belt, in both cases, reveals values ranging between 9.01 and 9.07 Å, which are indicators of high-pressure conditions (Sassi, 1972). These K-white mica *b* cell dimensions suggest that they record the high-pressure stage, and not re-crystallization along the decompression path or a later event as suggested by the Kübler index and vitrinite reflectance values. It appears that even if the K-white mica becomes increasingly well crystallized as a response to an increase in temperature, the *b* cell dimension will still preserve the effect of the pressure (no modification of the *b* parameter). This is confirmed by comparing the calculated P-T conditions and those determined using the *b* cell dimensions (Sassi, 1987).

As shown above, maturation on an isothermal decompression path can be modeled using different time ranges of heating. The vitrinite reflectance-KI relationship, compared with the metamorphic mineral assemblages, can give another important indicator for the approximate time span of heating. As described by Teichmüller (1987), due to a higher reaction rate, coalification is more sensitive to the duration of near peak temperature heating than illite crystallinity (Wolf, 1978).

Combining our KI data with the organic matter studies from Diessel et al. (1978), the same VR-KI-graphitization trends as described above are found in the same temperature range between 250 to 400°C in the Alps (Ferreiro Mählmann, 2001, Ferreiro Mählmann et al., 2002). These areas in the Alps are defined by low pressures (< 0.4 GPa) and a long duration of metamorphic thermal conditions (5 to 20 Ma) or by greenschist facies metamorphism overprinting an older blueschist facies event. A long period of heating during slow exhumation will promote mineral reaction, leading illite to equilibrate with organic material. Long duration of metamorphism at constant temperature, close to steady-state thermal conditions, in an orogenic metamorphic setting (Ferreiro Mählmann, 2001), or during a nearly isothermal exhumation path (this study) will lead to the same KI-VR-T°C relationship. Therefore, the relationship described by Ferreiro Mählmann (2001) is probably generally valid for estimating the state of advancement of different methods at a specific temperature during very lowand low-grade metamorphism. In contrast to the conditions in the Alps (around 20 Ma), the period for reaching equilibrium in New Caledonia $(< 12$ Ma) was much shorter.

Another way to explain the correlation between KI-VR-T°C would be to document the effect of tectonic strain on the illite crystallinity. As illustrated by Merriman et al. (1995), tectonic strain can promote dislocations and subgrain development (i.e. a decrease in KI) as stored elastic strain promotes dislocation creep. Coalification and graphitization can also be enhanced by strain, resulting in elevated vitrinite reflectance values (Teichmüller, 1987; Árkai et al., 2002; Ferreiro Mählmann et al., 2002). These phenomena are evident in rocks with a tight penetrative foliation and higher amounts of deformation than that observed in our samples. Contrasting trends between mylonitic and less deformed rocks were not detected (Árkai et al., 2002).

CONCLUSIONS

The pre-, syn- and post-metamorphic/kinematic mineral assemblages, K-white mica evolution, fluid inclusion evolution and vitrinite maturity documented in the rocks from New Caledonia are compatible with a model that involves slow isothermal decompression after HP-LT metamorphism. Such P-T evolution is probably due to thermal rebound in the upper crust after stacking of nappes during subduction and collision, followed by obduction of the Poya nappe together with the ophiolite nappe on top of all other units. After transportation to deep crustal levels during initial subduction, and continuous thrusting of the HP nappes on the accretional nappe stack, exhumation in a subduction channel as described by Chemenda et al. (1996) permitted isothermal decompression. Due to higher temperatures at greater depth during subduction, the lower viscosity of the rocks allows for fast transportation in the initial stage of exhumation. Later at lower pressure the exhumation slows down (Burov et al., 2001) causing a relaxation of the geotherm. During accretion of the slices, greater heat flow resulted from emplacement of igneous intrusions and kept temperatures elevated. As the rate of exhumation slowed, re-equilibration of organic matter maturation to a typical LT-LP level was achieved. Neither pressure retardation of vitrinite reflectance, nor an enhancement of vitrinite reflectance versus Kübler index resulted. Therefore, to reproduce the maturity observed a combination of the three presented models is required. Possibilities include Model 1, lowering of the pressure of peak metamorphism; Model 2, involves a long period of heating and slow decompression, whereas Model 3 involves fast decompression and the heating occurs at lower pressure. The conditions required for Model 3 best explain the field and petrologic observations and the P-T evolution from blueschist to greenschist facies.

Furthermore, this model is in agreement with the observations of Maurizot et al. (1989), and more recently, Fitzherbert et al. (2003), for higher grade metamorphosed pelites in the area. They show that the pelites of the Diahot and Pouébo terranes underwent two metamorphic events: the first a (classic) prograde pressure and temperature event, and the second at decreasing pressure and increasing temperature.

KI values are in good agreement with temperatures generally proposed for the boundaries of the anchizone in metamorphic belts of medium to low-pressure gradients (Fig. 12b). Correlation between vitrinite reflectance and Kübler index values show a trend similar to that commonly observed in other low pressure metamorphic belts (Figs. 12a & b). An adiabatic decompression path during exhumation explains the concordance between the evolution of illite crystallinity and coal rank in New Caledonia; hence organic matter matures during decompression, and no effect of pressure on organic matter is preserved (Fig. 11).

This study shows that the evolution of organic matter and illite crystallinity is not only a function of the temperature and pressure gradient or the maximum temperature and pressure reached, but that it also depends on the P-T path evolution through time. It is shown that the *b* cell dimension is a good pressure indicator surviving polyphase and prograde temperature overprints and therefore a robust method to determine pressure in LT domains.

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Fig. 1: Structural map of New Caledonia showing the major tectonic units (after Cluzel et al., 1994, Fitzherbert et al., 2003). The inset shows the location of New Caledonia in the southwest Pacific. The Koumac-Ouégoa and RM11 road profiles are indicated (pale grey solid lines).

Fig. 2: Schematic cross-section between Koumac and Ouégoa modified after Rawling & Lister (1999). Average values of Kübler index (KI) are indicated in bold and average vitrinite reflectance values (after Diessel et al., 1978) in italic. The symbol δ indicates the presence of diabase. Mineral abbreviations are those of Kretz (1983).

Fig. 3: Distribution of Kübler index (KI) values in the studied area. Metamorphic zones 1-4 (see text) from Fitzherbert et al. (2003) are indicated.

Fig. 4: (a) Distribution patterns of KI (air-dried and glycolated) as a function of distance along the Koumac-Ouégoa profile. (b) 2M¹ % K-white mica content in samples along the Koumac-Ouégoa road.

Fig. 5: Correlation between KI (10Å) and ÁI (7Å) values.

Fig. 6: Cumulative curves of K-white mica *b* cell dimensions for 20 samples from the lawsonite and glaucophane zones (bold dashed line), and 8 samples from the pumepllyite-prehnite zone (bold solid line). Reference curves (thin lines) are from Sassi & Scolari (1974).

Fig. 7: (a-e) Compositional relations of metamorphic dioctahedral white micas. Cation numbers and ratios are calculated from electron microprobe analyses. t.i.c. = total interlayer charge = $K+Na+2Ca$ per formula unit. (f-g) Relations between illite crystallinity (KI) and the chemistry of white mica.

Fig. 8: (a-e) Compositional variation of chlorite. Cation numbers and ratios are calculated from electron microprobe analyses. (a) Fe^{2+} -Mg-Si diagram of chlorite plotted close to a straight line between the end-members chamosite and clinochlore. (b) t.i.c. (= total interlayer charge = K+Na+2Ca per formula unit) versus $Al^{VI}-Al^{IV}$. (c) Apparent octahedral vacancy (= 20- Σ octahedral cations per formula unit) versus Al^{VI}-Al^{IV}. (d) Apparent octahedral vacancy versus total oct. R^{2+} (= Fe²⁺+Mg²⁺). (e) $Al^{VI}+2Ti$ versus Al^{IV} . Arrows show trends of TK (Tschermak's), and AM (dioctahedral) substitutions, where $\Delta = A I^{IV} - (A I^{VI} + 2Ti)$. (f) Correlation between peak temperature of metamorphism calculated with Cathelineau (1988) thermometer and KI values.

Fig. 9: Pressure-temperature conditions for sample MF3031 (glaucophane zone near Ouégoa) using the thermodynamic software THERIAK-DOMINO. The stability field of the mineral parageneses found in this sample is represented in dark grey. Reactions at the boundary of the stability field are labelled as follow: (1) $Qtz + Phng + Lws +$ $G\ln$ + Chl + Ttn = Qtz + Phng + Lws + Gln + Chl + Ttn + Rt; (2) Qtz + Phng + Lws + $Gln + Chl + Ttn = Qtz + Phng + Gln + Grt + Chl + Ttn$; (3) $Qtz + Phng + Lws + Gln$ $+ Chl + Ttn = Qtz + Phng + Zo + Gln + Chl + Ttn$; (4) Qtz + Phng + Lws + Gln + Chl + Ttn = Qtz + Phng + Lws + Gln + Chl + Ab + Ttn; (5) Qtz + Phng + Lws + Gln + $Chl + Th = Qtz + Phng + Lws + Pg + Gh + Chl + Th.$ Iso K-white micas *b* cell dimension curves (dashed lines) are taken from Ramírez & Sassi (2001). The crosshatched area corresponds to the K-white micas *b* cell dimension values measured. Isopleths for Ms and Fe-Gln were computed with THERIAK-DOMINO.

Fig. 10: Different pressure-temperature stability ranges for the assemblage Kln-Chl-Ms-Qtz calculated for different values of water activity (from 0.6 to 1.0).

Fig. 11: Sketch of the exhumation path in New Caledonia (black line) compared to that modeled for Pacheco Pass (grey line) by Dalla Torre et al. (1996a). The stability fields of MF2994 and MF3031 from New Caledonia are indicated. The hexagons schematize fluid inclusions and their evolution along the metamorphic path. The isochors of the two-phase inclusions found systematically in samples is represented $(ThI = 150^{\circ}C).$

Fig. 12: Comparisons of New Caledonian data with other metamorphic belts of different pressure and temperature conditions. (a) KI (Kübler Index) values versus the V. R. (vitrinite reflectance of % R_{max}) values for New Caledonia, Diablo Range, Vichuquén Basin (Chile) and the Eastern Alps units of Graubünden (Switzerland). (b) KI values versus temperature for New Caledonia, Diablo Range and Eastern Alps units of Graubünden (Switzerland).

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Eastern Alps units. (Ferreiro Mählmann, 1995)

Table 1: Geographical location, rock type and mineralogy of the studied samples.

Mineral abbreviations are from Kretz (1983); except: KWM = K-white micas (illite, muscovite), I/S = illite/smectite, C/S = chlorite/smectite, $K/S =$ kaolinite/smectite, $Vm =$ vermiculite, $Cor =$ corrensite.

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Mineral abbreviations are from Kretz (1983); except: KWM = K-white micas (illite, muscovite), I/S = illite/smectite, C/S = chlorite/smectite, $K/S =$ kaolinite/smectite, $Vm =$ vermiculite, $Cor =$ corrensite.

Table 2: FWHM and ChC(002) data of the studied samples.

 $FWHM = full width at half maximum intensity of the $(001)$$ illite-muscovite reflection. Weat. $=$ weathering and Int $=$ interference with another peak.

Table2: continued

 $FWHM = full width at half maximum intensity of the $(001)$$ illite-muscovite reflection. Weat. $=$ weathering and Int $=$ interference with another peak.

Table 3: Whole-rock compositions of samples used for thermodynamic modeling.

Oxides wt%	MF3031	MF2994
SiO ₂	50.74	90.02
TiO ₂	1.08	0.20
Al_2O_3	21.03	5.00
FeO	5.52	1.54
MnO	0.35	0.00
MgO	2.34	1.02
CaO	0.84	0.00
Na ₂ O	2.70	0.00
K ₂ O	7.15	0.85
P_2O_5	0.43	0.10
L.O.I.	7.56	1.19
$Fe/(Fe+Mg)$	0.70	0.60

Table 4: Solution model used for thermodynamic modeling.

Epidote-Clinozoisite: ideal one site mixing

 $a_{Ep} = X_{Fe}^M$ $a_{\text{Czo}} = X_{\text{Al}}{}^{\text{M}}$

Chlorite: ideal one site mixing $a_{Daph} = X_{Fe}⁵$ $a_{\text{Clin}} = X_{\text{Mg}}^5$

Glaucophane: ideal one site mixing $a_{\text{Fe-Gln}} = X_{\text{Fe}}^3$ $a_{Mg\text{-Gln}} = X_{Mg}^3$

Table 5: Correlation between KI, illite-muscovite polytypes transformations, vitrinite reflectance, temperature and mineral parageneses.÷.

Metapelitic Zone	KI (Δ) $^{\circ}2\Theta$)	Polytypes $\%2M_1$	Vitrinite Reflectance R_{max} %	T°C	Index Minerals
Diagenetic	1.74	37.5			Pg
zone	$0.42 -$		2.9 ± 0.2	-230 ± 10	
Low anchizone	$0.30 -$	100.0	3.4 ± 0.2	Lws $\overline{\mathbf{v}}$ -260 ± 10	$\frac{\Lambda}{\text{Kln}}$ Corr
High anchizone	$0.25 -$		4.8 ± 0.7	-295 ± 10	C/S Fe-Gln
Epizone	0.15			350 Lws	Mg-Car $\overline{\mathbf{v}}$

Vitrinite reflectance (after Diessel et al., 1978), oxygen isotopic thermometry (after Black, 1974). Mineral abbreviations are after Kretz (1983).

Sample N°	MF3031		MF3144		MF3003			PS22(1)		PS22(2)		PS32		PS89		PS54		PS56	
n	15	SD	11	SD	6	SD	19	SD	4	SD	14	SD	8	SD	21	SD	17	SD	
SiO ₂	50.10	0.69	50.72	0.84	45.50	0.96	52.38	0.87	48.91	1.30	51.96	0.74	47.60	1.61	50.01	1.46	49.69	0.72	
TiO ₂	0.10	0.12	0.09	0.07	0.25	0.19	0.08	0.08	0.15	0.22	0.07	0.07	0.10	0.16	0.06	0.05	0.04	0.06	
Al_2O_3	26.56	0.75	24.42	0.47	35.36	0.77	24.04	0.68	28.94	2.01	24.31	0.87	33.25	2.84	23.61	2.08	24.54	1.03	
FeO	3.87	0.35	4.49	0.67	1.75	1.03	4.37	0.42	5.39	1.71	4.50	0.57	1.25	1.65	2.79	0.80	4.83	0.66	
MnO	0.12	0.06	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.04	0.02	0.03	0.11	0.07	0.03	0.04	0.05	0.06	0.07	0.05	
MgO	2.64	0.08	3.34	0.12	0.78	0.32	3.69	0.29	2.30	0.66	3.14	0.41	2.04	0.73	4.37	0.81	2.82	0.49	
CaO	0.02	0.03	0.05	0.06	0.02	0.02	0.05	0.05	0.03	0.02	0.04	0.05	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.03	0.04	0.03	
Na ₂ O	0.29	0.07	0.09	0.03	0.73	0.27	0.24	0.24	0.20	0.21	0.10	0.05	0.88	0.44	0.08	0.09	0.11	0.07	
K_2O	10.45	0.44	9.37	0.31	9.58	0.84	10.88	0.31	10.34	1.06	10.94	0.21	9.49	0.96	10.41	0.39	10.78	0.26	
Total	94.16	0.99	92.60	0.40	94.19	1.13	95.77	0.71	96.28	0.24	95.17	0.69	94.62	1.35	91.41	0.69	92.92	0.64	
Si	3.41	0.03	3.50	0.03	3.06	0.03	3.52	0.03	3.28	0.08	3.51	0.03	3.17	0.08	3.49	0.09	3.46	0.05	
Ti	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Al^{IV}	0.59	0.03	0.50	0.03	0.94	0.03	0.48	0.03	0.72	0.08	0.49	0.03	0.83	0.08	0.51	0.09	0.54	0.05	
Al ^{VI}	1.54	0.02	1.48	0.03	1.87	0.05	1.42	0.03	1.57	0.08	1.45	0.04	1.78	0.13	1.44	0.10	1.47	0.04	
$Fe2+$	0.22	0.02	0.26	0.04	0.10	0.06	0.25	0.02	0.30	0.10	0.25	0.03	0.07	0.10	0.16	0.05	0.28	0.04	
Mn	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Mg	0.27	0.01	0.34	0.01	0.08	0.03	0.37	0.03	0.23	0.27	0.32	0.04	0.20	0.08	0.46	0.09	0.29	0.05	
Ca	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Na	0.04	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.09	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.01	0.01	0.11	0.06	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	
K	0.91	0.04	0.82	0.03	0.82	0.07	0.93	0.03	0.88	0.09	0.94	0.02	0.81	0.10	0.93	0.04	0.96	0.02	
t.i.c.	0.95	0.03	0.83	0.03	0.91	0.05	0.96	0.02	0.91	0.11	0.95	0.02	0.92	0.06	0.94	0.03	0.97	0.02	
b ₀	9.04		9.05		9.01		9.05		9.04		9.05		9.02		9.05		9.05		
KI	0.17		0.14		0.35		0.17				0.18		$\overline{}$		0.19		0.20		

Table 6: Representative chemical analyses of K-white micas.

Calculations are based on 11 oxygens (anhydrous basis). SD: standard deviation. *b⁰* values calculated after Guidotti et al. (1989). (1) syn-kinematic K-white micas; (2) post-kinematic K-white micas. t.i.c = total interlayer cations (Ca+Na+K).

Sample N°	MF3144		MF3155*		MF3023*			PS22		PS32		PS89		PS131
n	6	SD	11	SD	15	SD	12	SD	τ	SD	5	SD	$\overline{4}$	SD
SiO ₂	25.48	0.39	27.86	0.70	30.42	0.44	26.65	0.50	26.01	0.66	28.19	0.89	24.93	0.31
TiO ₂	0.08	0.07	0.01	0.02	0.03	0.04	0.03	0.02	0.03	0.03	0.00	0.09	0.03	0.04
Al_2O_3	17.19	0.33	17.95	0.52	16.52	0.26	18.82	0.47	18.75	0.54	23.65	0.68	20.25	0.14
FeO	32.12	0.58	26.04	0.79	12.58	0.63	30.52	0.58	32.82	0.35	14.38	0.64	29.15	0.38
MnO	0.45	0.04	0.31	0.06	0.14	0.03	0.28	0.09	0.43	0.08	0.14	0.07	0.72	0.10
MgO	10.72	0.11	15.54	0.47	25.71	0.58	11.75	0.19	9.76	0.15	20.74	0.18	10.88	0.24
CaO	0.02	0.02	0.25	0.12	0.15	0.04	0.02	0.04	0.03	0.03	0.00	0.01	0.09	0.04
Na ₂ O	0.02	0.02	0.01	0.02	0.03	0.02	0.05	0.08	0.04	0.02	0.03	0.02	0.02	0.01
K_2O	0.07	0.07	0.03	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.03	0.02	0.03	0.03	0.23	0.18	0.04	0.01
Total	86.14	0.57	88.00	0.45	85.60	0.84	88.14	0.65	87.90	1.15	87.41	1.06	86.09	0.50
Si	5.72	0.04	5.87	0.12	6.12	0.08	5.74	0.09	5.70	0.09	5.58	0.11	5.49	0.03
Ti	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.01
$\mathrm{Al^{IV}}$	2.28	0.04	2.13	0.12	1.88	0.08	2.26	0.09	2.30	0.09	2.42	0.11	2.51	0.03
$\mathrm{Al}^{\mathrm{VI}}$	2.27	0.09	2.32	0.07	2.03	0.05	2.52	0.07	2.55	0.06	3.09	0.13	2.75	0.03
$Fe2+$	6.03	0.13	4.59	0.16	2.11	0.10	5.50	0.11	6.02	0.06	2.38	0.13	5.37	0.08
Mn	0.01	0.01	0.06	0.01	0.02	0.00	0.05	0.02	0.08	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.13	0.02
Mg	3.59	0.05	4.88	0.14	7.71	0.14	3.77	0.06	3.19	0.04	6.12	0.14	3.57	0.07
Ca	0.01	0.01	0.06	0.03	0.03	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.01
Na	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.03	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
K	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.06	0.05	0.01	0.00
$Fe^{2+}/(Fe^{2+}+Mg)$ 0.63		0.00	0.48	0.01	0.21	0.01	0.59	0.01	0.65	0.00	0.28	0.01	0.60	0.01
$T^{\circ}C$	305	7	281	19	241	12	302	14	312	9	328	17	341	5

Table 7: Representative chemical analyses of chlorite.

Calculations are based on 28 oxygens (anhydrous basis). SD: standard deviation. All Fe is assumed to be $Fe²⁺$. Temperatures are determined using the chlorite thermometer of Cathelineau (1988). (*) Samples MF3155 and MF3023 are metabasites, others are pelites.

Mineral	Fe-Gln		Fe-Gln		Lws			Lws		Lws		MgCarph		Fe-Stp		Fe-Stp		Fe-Stp
Sample N°		MF3031	PS131			MF3031		PS131		MF3144		PS89		MF3144		PS32		PS22
n	23	SD	6	SD	4	SD	4	SD	15	SD	15	SD.	19	SD	9	SD		SD
SiO ₂	54.51	1.28	55.63	0.64	37.74	0.96	37.70	1.06	38.93	1.50	38.64	0.78	45.25	1.47	45.18	1.61	46.92	0.85
TiO ₂	0.09	0.08	0.11	0.08	0.17	0.17	0.23	0.18	0.11	0.14	0.18	0.16	0.04	0.05	0.07	0.07	0.10	0.11
Al ₂ O ₃	10.24	0.51	11.98	0.29	31.45	1.46	32.03	0.42	28.99	1.33	32.84	0.54	6.14	0.52	6.57	0.40	6.59	0.41
FeO	18.45	1.01	16.21	0.28	0.44	0.05	0.40	0.09	0.37	0.17	6.45	0.62	28.62	0.83	29.41	0.84	27.45	1.64
MnO	0.38	0.13	0.29	0.12	0.04	0.04	0.03	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.12	0.08	1.17	0.09	1.10	0.11	0.62	0.06
MgO	4.48	0.24	5.55	0.16	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.05	0.07	9.16	0.39	5.19	0.34	4.85	0.26	6.62	0.31
CaO	0.41	0.18	0.32	0.17	16.92	0.30	16.79	0.30	16.39	0.55	0.01	0.01	0.03	0.02	0.03	0.02	0.12	0.08
Na ₂ O	6.74	0.19	7.13	0.07	0.02	0.01	0.03	0.01	0.26	0.10	0.02	0.01	0.31	0.34	0.23	0.13	0.26	0.34
K_2O	0.09	0.17	0.02	0.02	0.05	0.04	0.07	0.08	0.09	0.13	0.03	0.04	4.30	1.37	3.47	1.35	2.54	1.48
Total	95.39	0.71	97.24	0.48	86.92	2.09	87.28	1.04	85.04	1.55	87.44	0.63	91.06	0.95	90.90	0.72	91.21	1.53
Si	7.95	0.14	7.87	0.05	2.02	0.03	2.00	0.04	2.13	0.07	2.00	0.03	8.00	$\overline{}$	8.00	\blacksquare	8.00	
Ti	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
Altot	1.76	0.09	2.00	0.05	1.98	0.04	2.01	0.03	1.87	0.06	2.00	0.03	1.28	0.11	1.37	0.11	1.33	0.09
$\mathrm{Al^{IV}}$	0.11	0.05	0.13	0.05														
Al ^{VI}	1.68	0.09	1.87	0.03														
$Fe3+$	0.31	0.10	0.19	0.03														
$Fe2+$	1.97	0.08	1.73	0.03	0.02	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.02	0.01	0.28	0.03	4.24	0.20	4.36	0.20	3.91	0.21
Mn	0.05	0.02	0.04	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.18	0.01	0.17	0.02	0.09	0.01
Mg	0.97	0.05	1.17	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.71	0.03	1.37	0.11	1.28	0.10	1.68	0.08
Ca	0.06	0.03	0.05	0.03	0.97	0.02	0.96	0.02	0.96	0.04	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.02	0.02
Na	1.91	0.06	1.96	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.11	0.11	0.08	0.04	0.09	0.11
K	0.02	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.98	0.34	0.79	0.32	0.55	0.32
$Fe/(Fe+Mg)$	0.70	0.02	0.62	0.01							0.28	0.03	0.77	0.02	0.76	0.02	0.75	0.02

Table 8: Representative chemical analyses of Fe-stilpnomelane (Fe-Stp), lawsonite (Lws), Fe-glaucophane (Fe-Gln) and Mg-carpholite (Mg-Carph).

Calculations are based on 8 Si for Fe-Stp, 5 cations for Lws, 23 oxygens for Fe-Gln and 8 oxygens for Mg-Carph (for simplification an anhydrous basis for amphibole and carpholite are used).

(1) Locality number of Martin Frey. (2) FP = Fluid inclusion population. (3) HM = Host mineral. - FQ = Fibre quartz; VQ = Vein quartz. (4) IT = Inclusion type. – Ps II = Pseudosecondary fluid inclusions; II = Secondary fluid inclusions. (5) n_1 = Number of measured fluid inclusions. (6) D/RI = Deformation and reequilibration of fluid inclusions. - str. = Stretched; part. decrep. = Partially decrepitated; decrep. = Decrepitated; reequilibr. = Reequilibrated; LFI = large fluid inclusions; SFI = Small fluid inclusions. (7) V % = Volume-% of the volatile part estimated at room temperature. (8) T_e = Eutectic temperature of fluid inclusions (°C). (9) Tm_{Ice} = Melting temperature of ice (°C). - *First number* = mean value; *second and third numbers* = extreme values; ms = metastable. (10) Th_{I} = Homogenization temperature of fluid inclusions. - First number = mean value; second and third number = extreme values. (11) to (14) = Approximate mole-% of CH₄, CO₂, H₂O and NaCl (equivalents). n. d. = not detected; n. o. = not observed; n. m. = not measured.