The metamorphic evolution of garnet-cordierite-sillimanite-gneisses of the Gruf-Complex, Eastern Pennine Alps

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Abstract. Metapelitic gneisses occuring as lenses and bands within the migmatites of the Gruf-Complex in the eastern Pennine Alps contain various combinations of the minerals quartz, biotite, cordierite, garnet, sillimanite, plagioclase, K-feldspar, spinel, orthopyroxene, anthophyllite and muscovite. The most common rock type is represented by a dark schistose biotiterich cordierite-garnet-sillimanite-gneiss. A consistent pressure-temperature range of 3-4 kb and $600-650^{\circ}$ C has been calculated for the last metamorphic equilibration from six geological thermobarometers.

However, from textural evidence it may be concluded that the rocks were at both higher temperatures and pressures prior to the PT-conditions calculated from thermobarometry. Although the maximum conditions reached are unknown and earlier stages are poorly preserved it is suggested that they coincide with the maximum conditions deduced from rare occurrences of sapphirine granulite in the Gruf-Complex. These are 10 kb and 800° C (Droop and Bucher 1983). Sillimanite + K-feldspar, orthopyroxene + quartz, spinel + quartz and garnet- \overline{K} -feldspar persisting in rocks with low activity of $H₂O$ are strong evidence for this. The $H₂O$ required to make the observed high degree of equilibration at $3-4$ kb and $600-650$ ° C possible was presumably released by crystallizing migmatitic melts present in the quartzo-feldspathic gneisses of the Gruf-Complex. Further evidence comes from the PT-coordinates of the H_2O -saturated muscovite granite solidus which coincides with the high temperature limits of inferred equilibration above and which the rocks must have crossed along the decompression and cooling path during their metamorphic evolution.

Introduction

Sapphirine-orthophyroxene granulites found at two localities within the migmatitic gneisses of the Gruf-Complex display evidence for a rather complex metamorphic history (Droop and Bucher 1983) and yield peak metamorphic conditions of 10 kb and 810° C. These conditions appear excessively high compared to the estimated regional metamorphic environment (Frey et al. 1974). The sapphirine-orthopyroxene granulites have been previously interpreted as relict tectonically emplaced fragments bearing the imprint of an older granulite facies metamorphism and showing little or no effect of the Alpine metamorphism (Frey et al. 1974).

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In this study we present textural and mineralogical data on cordierite-garnet-sillimanite gneisses occurring widespread in the Gruf migmatites. The deduced metamorphic history from phase petrology and geothermobarometry for these rocks supports an isofacial model for the sapphirine granulites within the Gruf complex, in contrast to earlier interpretations mentioned above.

The purposes of this contribution are:

1) To present new textural, mineralogical and mineralchemical data on metapelitic rocks of the Gruf-complex which permit the calculation of the metamorphic conditions under which the rocks equilibrated and to elucidate the metamorphic history of the Gruf complex.

2) To compare these data with the metamorphic history deduced for the sapphirine granulites (Droop and Bucher 1983) and to discuss the geological implications on a regional scale.

Geological setting

The Gruf-complex represents a gneiss unit of complex structural and metamorphic history and of uncertain tectonic position in the Eastern Pennine Alps (Fig. 1). The migmatitic, isoclinaly folded Gruf gneisses can probably be correlated with the zone of Bellinzona-Dascio (Wenk 1973; Milnes and Pfiffner 1980, Wenk and Cornelius 1977; Trommsdorff 1980). The Gruf-complex is overlained by the Bergell intrusives along a sharp contact which is tectonic rather than intrusive. Structural elements in both units are parallel to the contact (Moticska 1970; Wenk 1973). The contact with the ophiolite zone of Chiavenna in the north of the Gruf-complex is characterized by a vertical strongly recristallized mylonite zone (Schmutz 1976). In the south the Novate granite clearly crosscuts both the Gruf gneisses and the Bergell intrusives. The relations to the Adula nappe to the west are unknown.

Very few studies are available on the internal structure and metamorphism of the Gruf complex. Schmutz (1976) described the northern contact zone between the Gruf mass and the Chiavenna ophiolites. Moticska (1970) studied the area southeast of Val Codera, and Wenk and Cornelius (1977) mapped the eastern part of the complex. Gulson (1973) concluded from his isotopic data on the Gruf migmatites that partial melting occurred during a pre-Alpine orogenic cycle. This interpretation was subsequently questioned by Wenk et al. (1974) who believed that the migmatites were formed during Alpine metamorphism.

Fig. 1. Geological map of the Gruf area (after Trommsdorff 1980)

Metapelitic schists and gneisses occur as minor intercalations in a terrain composed predominantly of migmatitic quartzo-feldspathic gneisses. An uniform distribution pattern of mineral assemblages in metapelites has been reported by Wenk et al. (1974) suggesting similar metamorphic conditions across the Gruf-complex. Among the metapelitic gneisses cordierite-garnet-sillimanite-biotite gneisses represent the most common rock type. Alkalifeldspar + sillimanite has been reported from a number of localities, although widespread muscovite occurs as well. The two occurrences of sapphirine-orthopyroxene granulite have received attention by many geologists (Cornelius 1916; Cornelius and Dittler 1929; Barker 1964; Ackermand and Seifert 1968; Wenk et al. 1974), and have recently been studied in detail by Droop and Bucher (1983).

Other rock types of the Gruf-complex include ultramafic rocks, amphibolites and calcsilicate marbles (Moticska 1970). Very little information is available on these rare rock types (Wenk and Keller 1969 on amphibolites: Moticska 1970 on calcsilicate marbles).

Description of rock types

The mineral assemblages found in metapelitic rocks are listed in Table 1. The modal abundance of the minerals varies greatly, as does the appearance of the rocks in the field and hand specimen. The most common type however is represented by a dark, biotite-rich, gneissose rock (e.g. A124, A125, A126 and A136). Uniformly distributed small (typical grainsize ca. 2 mm) garnet grains are easily recognized, their modal abundance is typically less than 10 vol%. Sillimanite, biotite and cordierite can also be distinguished. Many of the samples are strongly foliated and banded. Dark biotite- and sillimanite-rich bands are separated by quartzo-feldspathic layers. These leucocratic layers also carry most of the cordierite. Very dark lenses consisting predominantly of biotite and minor sillimanite may also be present. The samples Al19, Al29 and Al40 are unusually rich in garnet $($ > 30%) and correspondingly poor in cordierite and biotite.

Discription of microtextures

The banded texture is also a prominent feature in thin section. Bands of granulose plagioclase, quartz and cordierite mosaic are separated by strongly schistose bands and lenses of biotite and siltimanite. Garnet may occur in both types of band.

Garnet. In most samples garnet is clearly a relict mineral (typical grainsize 1-2 mm). It shows very lobate and irregular outlines. Observed inclusion minerals are quartz, biotite, plagioclase, ruffle, spinel and patches of sillimanite. The textures suggest that garnet is being replaced by biotite (Fig. 2a), biotite and sillimanite (Fig. 2b, 2c) and by cordierite. In sample All9 and A140 larger irregular garnets are replaced by clusters of recrystallized small subhedral grains. Texturally 'younger' garnets enclose sillimanite and spinel.

Sillimanite. Sillimanite occurs in four different textures; a) as fibrolite and small prismatic needles closely associated with biotite, in sillimanite-biotite bands or as shells around partially resorbed garnets (Fig. 2b). b) as monomineralic polycrystalline patches and streaks with no associated biotite (Fig. 2c). Sillimanite of this textural appearance may represent deformed pseudomorphs after kyanite. Kyanite has been reported from 2 samples from Gruf metapelites by Wenk et al. (1974) and Vogler (1983). c) together with cordierite replacing garnet, d) as inclusions in cordierite and garnet.

Cordierite. The textures suggest that cordierite is a relatively late mineral. It occurs predominantly in the plagioclasequartz bands or together with sillimanite and/or biotite in aggregates replacing garnet. Garnet, spinel, sillimanite and biotite occur as inclusions in cordierite (Fig. 2d). In some rocks (e.g. A126, A127) cordierite is very abundant $(> 30 \text{ vol}\%)$ and it is in mutual contact with all other minerals of the rock. Some textures (e.g. $A132$) suggest that cordierite has grown together with biotite. In A134 cordierite forms very large crystals $(> 100$ mm) and encloses anthophyllite.

Spinel. Green spinel was observed in 9 out of 16 examined samples as a modally subordinate mineral. Spinel occurs in three different textures: a) closely related and associated with sillimanite and garnet, b) as inclusions in cordierite (Fig. 2b) and garnet. c) In the assemblage sillimanite $+$ plagioclase + biotite + spinel. In most samples spinel and

Table 1. Mineral assemblages of metapelitic gneisses

Sample	Locality	Coordinates	Qz	Sill	Bi	Gt	Cord	Plag	Sp	Other
Al19 ^a	Bresciadega	761.2/125.3	×	\times	\times	×	\times	\times	\times	rutil
A123	Canino	761.8/128.4	\times	\times	\times			\times		Mu, Chl
A124	Canino	761.8/128.4	\times	\times	\times	\times		\times	×	Kfs, Mu
Al25 ^a	Conco	761.8/128.1	\times	\times	\times	\times	\times	\times		
Al26 ^a	Conco	761.8/128.1	\times							
A127	Conco	761.8/128.1	\times	\times	\times	\times	\times	\times		Mu, Kfs, Chl
Al28	Conco	761.8/128.1	\times	\times	\times	\times	\times	\times		Mu, Chl
A129	Conco	761.8/128.1		\times	\times	×	\times	\times	×	Mu
Al29 ^a	Conco	761.8/128.1		\times	\times	\times	\times	\times	\times	Mu
A131	Conco	761.7/128.0	\times	\times	\times		\times	\times	×	Opx, Ant
A132	Vanninetti	763.9/129.4	\times	\times	\times	×	\times	\times	X	Mu, Chl
Al33	Vanninetti	764.0/129.5	\times	\times	\times			\times		Mu
A134	Vanninetti	763.8/129.3	\times		\times		\times	\times	×	Ant
Al35 ^a	Vanninetti	763.9/129.4	\times	\times	\times	\times	\times	\times		
A136	Vanninetti	763.9/129.4	\times		\times	\times		\times		Chl
A137	Sivigia	763.7/129.3	\times		\times		\times	\times	×	Ant, Chl
Al $40a$	Conco	761.7/128.0	\times	Mu						
KV139	Vanninetti		\times	\times	\times		\times	\times	\times	Kfs, Mu, Chl
KV141	Vanninetti		\times		\times		\times	\times	×	Mu, Chl
KV148	Vanninetti		\times	\times	\times	\times	\times	\times		Kfs. Mu
KV153	Vanninetti		\times	\times	\times	\times		\times		Kfs, Mu, Ky
KV163	Vanninetti		\times	\times	\times		\times	\times		Mu, Chl
Sci278	Vanninetti	763.7/129.9	\times	×	\times			\times		Mu, Chl
Sci623	Codera	762.0/128.5	\times	\times	\times	\times				Mu, Ky
Sci653	Averta	763.4/126.2	\times	\times	\times			\times		Mu, Chl
Sci400	Trubinasca	764.3/130.2	\times	\times	\times		\times			Kfs, Mu, Chl
Sci1018	Trubinasca	764.3/130.2	\times	\times	\times		\times			Kfs, Mu, Chl
Sci1019	Vanninetti	764.0/129.5	\times	\times	\times		\times	\times		Mu, Chl
Cod6aª	Val Conco	761.7/128.0	\times	\times	\times	\times		\times	\times	Opx, Kfs
Cod23	Val Conco	761.7/128.0	\times	\times	\times			\times		Opx
Cod13a	Val Piana	760.6/127.3	\times	\times	\times			\times		Mu, Chl
Sci820	Val Piana	760.7/127.2	\times	\times	\times		\times	\times	\times	Opx, Kfs
Cod18c	Monte Gruf	759.3/126.5	\times	×	\times					Opx, Mu
Brg43b	Schiesone	752.7/129.2	\times	\times	\times	×		\times		
Mera48b	Schiesone	753.1/128.9	\times	\times	\times		\times			Mu
Mera36a	Trebecca	752.1/125.8	\times	\times	\times	\times		\times		
Mot	Codera	$\overline{\cdot}$	\times	Mu						
HUS256	Gruf NR		\times	\times	\times	\times		\times		Kfs, Mu
HUS700	Gruf NR		\times		\times	\times		\times		Kfs, Opx, Talc
HUS877	Gruf NR		\times	\times	\times	\times		\times		Kfs

KV = Vogler (1983), Sci, Brg, Mera, Cod = Wenk et al. (1974), Mot = Moticska (1970), HUS = Schmutz (1976), Coordinates from Swiss coordinate net

^a Sample analyzed on the electron microprobe

Abbrevations of mineral names:

Sp = mineral or phase spinel; sp = component $MgAl₂O₄$

quartz are separated by a shell of cordierite of variable thickness. In sample A132 spinel + quartz were found in direct grain contact. Spinel does not occur in contact with orthopyroxene or anthophyllite.

Biotite. Biotite is a major constituent in most samples and was found in contact with all other minerals.

Orthopyroxene. Coarse prismatic orthopyroxene shows preferred parallel orientation and was found in contact with anthophyllite, quartz, biotite, plagioclase and cordierite.

Orthopyroxene has oriented inclusions of biotite and quartz and is partially replaced by anthophyllite.

Anthophyllite. Orthoamphibole occurs as patchy or blocky aggregates of up to 10 mm in diameter in the assemblage $bioitte + anthophyllite + cordierite + quartz.$ In sample Al31 epitactic overgrowth of anthophyllite on orthopyroxene was observed.

Muscovite and chlorite. Both minerals are clearly late alteration products related to shear zones or fractures or replacing cordierite and biotite in some samples.

Fig. 2a-d. Typical textures from metapelitic rocks: (a) Biotite replacing garnet (A136), (b) Partially resorbed garnet replaced by biotite + sillimanite (A132), (e) biotite + sillimanite replacing garnet, monomineralic sillimanite bands and patches may represent deformed pseudomorphs after kyanite (A126), (d) spinel mantled by cordierite, interpreted as product of the reaction $Sp + Qz = Cord$ (A131)

Mineral chemistry

The chemical composition of the minerals was obtained by using an energy dispersive electron microprobe at the Department of Geology of the University of Cambridge. Analyzed samples are marked with a superscript lower case a on Table 1¹. The extent of MgFe₋₁ and (Mg, Fe)SiA1₋₁- Al_{-1} substitutions is shown on the histograms in Figs. 3, 4 and 5.

Garnets. The garnets show a weak zonation with pyroperich cores and almandine-rich rims. This general zoning pattern was detected consistently in all zoned garnets (Figs. 6 and 7). Because most of the garnets display characteristic resorption features and very irregular outlines, in detail rather different zoning profiles were obtained for different garnets of the same sample (e.g. A125 garnets (Fig. 7). However, this shows that the zoning with respect to iron and magnesium may represent a growth feature and is probably not related to late resorption. The garnets show very little zonation with respect to grossular components. Garnet in the most common rock types represented by the analyses given on Fig. 7 show an enrichment in spessartine component towards the rims. This pattern of Mn-enrichment has been reported from resorbed garnets in other areas by Grant and Weiblen (1971) and deBethune et al. (1975), and

I Microprobe analyses of garnet, biotite, cordierite, spinel, feldspar, orthopyroxene, and orthoamphibole of the samples marked with a superscript lower case a in Table I are available from the authors on request

Fig. 3. Iron-magnesium variation histograms for biotite, garnet and cordierite. Smallest dash represents one analysis

Fig. 4. Iron-magnesium variation histograms for minerals of the samples A131 and A140. Smallest dash represents one analysis

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Fig. 5. Tschermak substitution histograms for biotite. 1) and 2) represent compositions from chemically different domains of the sample

Fig. 6. Chemical zonation of garnet in samples All9 and A140 (C, core; R, rim; numbers in circles: different grains of the same sample)

seems to be a very characteristic resorption feature. Fe/Fe + Mg ratios vary within narrow limits between 0.75 and 0.85 for the common garnet-biotite-cordierite-sillimanite gneisses, but may be as low as 0.55 in All9.

Biotite. $Fe/Fe + Mg$ ratios of 0.50–0.55 were found in most samples analyzed and the extent of tschermak substitution centers around 50 to 60 mol $\%$. It was found however, that biotite of the sample A131 in the assemblage biotite + spinel had a similar amount of tschermak substitution (No. 2, Fig. 5) but biotite in the assemblage biotite + cordierite +

orthopyroxene is significantly closer to pure phlogopiteannite solutions (No. 1, Fig. 5).

Cordierite. Cordierites are very homogeneous chemically. Fe/Fe+Mg ratios are near 0.35 for garnet-cordierite-biotite-sillimanite gneisses. In the magnesian metapelites (Al19 and Al31) Fe/Fe + Mg ratios of 0.1 -0.15 were measured.

Spinel. All spinels analyzed are essentially hercynite-spinel solutions. Gahnite, magnetite and other endmember spinel components total less than 10 mol $%$. The composition of spinel of A131 shows a clear correlation with the local mineral assemblage. Spinel coexisting with biotite $+$ sillimanite + plagioclase was found to be significantly enriched in gahnite and hercynite component compared to spinel coexisting with cordierite.

Orthopyroxene. The chemical variation found within orthopyroxene may be described by the $MgFe_{-1}$ and (Mg, Fe) $SiAl_{-1}Al_{-1}$ substitutions on enstatite. The measured concentrations of Al_2O_3 varies between 2.4 and 4.6 wt.%. Orthopyroxene does not coexist with garnet in most of our samples. The orthopyroxenes are zoned with respect to both substitutions above (Fig. 8). Cores of prismatic orthopyroxene are enstatite-rich, but ferrosilite and tschermak components increase towards the rims.

Orthoamphibole. The analyzed orthoamphibole are very low in alkalies and calcium in contrast to orthoamphiboles from similar rocks analyzed by Grant (1981). Two substitutions account for the chemical variation found in the Gruf amphiboles modifying the anthophyllite endmember composition. These are the $MgFe_{-1}$ and the $(Mg, Fe)SiAl_{-1}Al_{-1}$ substitutions. Endmember calculations using the procedure given by Misch and Rice (1975) indicate that the orthoamphiboles may be regarded as binary anthophyllite $(81-92)$ – tschermakite (18–7) solutions².

Plagioclase. Plagioclase show a fairly uniform composition in each sample. The anorthite content of plagioclases from different samples varies between An(25) and An(90).

Alkalifeldspar. The compositional range of K-feldspar (microperthite) of Ab(13) Or(87) to Ab(15) Or(85) is similar to analyzed K-feldspars in the sapphirine granulites (Droop and Bucher 1983).

Geothermometry and geobarometry

The widespread minderal assemblage cordierite-biotite-garnet-plagioclase-quartz-sillimanite enables estimates to be made of the pressure and temperature conditions under which the rocks equilibrated. The experimental or empirical calibrations of the equilibria listed below were used for the PT-calculations (exchange component notation adopted from Thompson (1982).

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MgFe_{-1}(biotic) = MgFe_{-1}(garnet)
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 (1)

Holdaway and Lee (1977), Ferry and Spear (1978). Thompson (1976)

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MgFe_{-1} (corderite) = MgFe_{-1}(garnet)
$$
 (2)

Thompson (1976), Holdaway and Lee (1977)

² Due to the high detection levels of sodium on the EDS microprobe it cannot be excluded that some edenite substitution occurs in addition to the observed tschermak substitution

Fig. 8. Chemical zonation of orthopyroxene in sample AI31 (C, core; R, rim; numbers in circles: different grains)

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3 \text{ CaAl}_2\text{Si}_2\text{O}_8 = \text{Ca}_3\text{Al}_2\text{Si}_3\text{O}_{12} + 2 \text{ Al}_2\text{SiO}_5 + 1 \text{ SiO}_2
$$

an (in play) gros (in gt) sill qz (3)

Schmid and Wood (1976), Ghent et al. (1979), Newton and Haselton (1981), Aranovich and Podelesskiy (1980)

$$
3 \text{ Fe}_2\text{Al}_4\text{Si}_5\text{O}_{18} = 2 \text{ Fe}_3\text{Al}_2\text{Si}_3\text{O}_{12} + 4 \text{ Al}_2\text{SiO}_5 + 5 \text{ SiO}_2 \text{ (4)}
$$

Fe-cord (in cord) alm (in gt) sill qz

Thompson (1976), Holdaway and Lee (1977), Wells and Richardson (1980), Newton and Wood (1979).

The coexistence of K-feldspar and plagioclase as well as orthopyroxene and garnet in the leucocratic portion of the sample Cod6a permits PT-estimates from two additional equilibria:

 NaK_{-1} (K-feldspar) = NaK₋₁(plagioclase) (5)

Stormer and Whitney (1977)

$$
(Mg, Fe)3Al2Si3O12 = (Mg, Fe)3Al2Si3O12
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(orthopyrozen) (garnet) (6)

Wood (1974), Harley and Green (1982)

Temperatures calculated from equilibrium I are shown on Fig. 9 and from equilibrium 2 on Fig. 10. Excluding the garnet-biotite pairs of A125 and A126 which resulted in very high temperatures, the scatter of calculated temperatures is on the order of 100-120 deg.C around a mean temperature of about 620 deg.C for A126, 670 deg.C for A125 and 640 deg.C for A135. The scatter for garnet-cordierite temperatures is somewhat smaller and the mean temperature for Fe-rich metapelites (A125 and A126) is close to 580 deg.C. Temperatures calculated for garnet-cordierite pairs from magnesian metapelites (Al19 and A140) are

Fig. 7. Chemical zonation of garnet in samples A125, A126, and A135 (C, core; R, rim; numbers in circles: different grains of the same sample)

Fig. 9. Calculated temperatures from the garnet-cordierite $Fe-Mg$ exchange thermometer at 5 kb. A, Thompson (1976); B, Holdaway and Lee (1977). Each dot represents the temperature calculated from one pair in mutual grain contact

Fig. 10. Calculated temperature from the garnet-biotite $Fe-Mg$ exchange thermometer at 5 kb. A, Holdaway and Lee (1977); B, Ferry and Spear (1978); C, Thompson (1976). Each dot represents the temperature calculated from one pair in mutual grain contact

slightly higher, between 620 and 630 deg.C. The temperatures calculated from the different literature sources agree reasonably well with one another for both thermometers. The temperatures given on Figs. 9 and 10 respectively are shown as dashed variation bands on the PT-diagrams of Fig. 12 (the very high temperature garnet-biotite pairs of A125 and A126 excluded).

Pressures calculated from equilibrium 3 are represented on Fig. 11. The results from the different calibrations overlap reasonably for the Fe-rich metapelites.However, garnet-

Fig. 11. Calculated pressures from the assemblage $Gt+Plag+$ Sill+Qz at 4 different temperatures. Circles, Schmid and Wood (1976); squares, Aranovich and Podelesskiy (1980); Crosses, Ghent et al. (1979); filled circles, Newton and Haselton (1981). Each symbol represents pressures calculated from one garnet-plagioclase pair in mutual contact near sillimanite and quartz

plagioclase pressures calculated for Al19 (Mg-rich metapelite) show a marked separation for the different calibrations. For this sample we ignored the results from the calibration given by Ghent et al. (1979). The pressures given on Fig. 11 are again shown as dashed variation bands on Fig. 12.

In contrast to equilibrium 3 (plagioclase + garnet + sillimanite + quartz) which is strongly temperature dependent, the assemblage cordierite + garnet + sillimanite + quartz represents an excellent barometer with a very small slope for the equilibrium conditions of reaction 4 in PT-space. The calculations using the calibrations from the sources above, however, resulted in pressures generally about one to two kilobars too high to give a PT-field in common to all four thermobarometers used. We therefore calculated pressures from equilibrium 4 formulated for the Mg-endmembers rather than Fe-endmembers using recently derived internally consistent thermodynamic data for cordierite and pyrope (Bucher et al. in prep). The data and calculation procedure are given in the appendix. The pressure variation bands on Fig. 12 are based on our own calibration of equilibrium 4 assuming $H₂O$ -saturated cordierite for Al25, Al26 and A135. For Al19 the pressure band shown represents the full range between H_2O -saturated and dry cordierite. The pressures calculated for Al19 overlap with the pressures from the other samples only if cordierite of Al19 had a low $H₂O$ -content. The equilibrium 4 is also shown on Fig. 14 for different H_2O -content in cordierite. A more detailed discussion of Fig. 14 will follow in the next section.

Coexisting K-feldspar and plagioclase in sample Cod6a revealed solvus temperatures of 610° C at 5 kb and 668° C at 10 kb using the microcline calibration of Stormer and Whitney (1977), sanidine temperatures are about 50° C lower.

Orthopyroxene - garnet pressures for the same sample (leucocratic portion) range between 2.5–3.5 kb at 700° C and $6.5-7.5$ kb at 800° C using the calibration of Wood (1974). Slightly lower pressures for a given temperature were calculated from the recent calibration of Harley and Green (1982).

The results of the thermobarometry are summarized on Fig. 12 for some of the samples separately. The data permit the selection of a reasonably well defined PT-range for the last supposed chemical equilibration at 3 to 4 kb and 600 to 650° C. This pressure temperature range has been plotted together with the deduced PT -path for the Gruf sapphirine granulites on Fig. 16 (Droop and Bucher 1983). From this Fig. 16 it may be concluded that the Fe-rich metapelites reequilibrated along the retrograde portion of the regional PT-path and lost their memory with respect to earlier stages whereas the magnesian metapelites did not (provided that these different rock types indeed had the same PT-path in common. Evidence for this will be given later). The reason for the apparently different memory may be related to the fact that above the staurolite 'out' isograd in Fe-rich metapelites the assemblage biotite + alumosilicate + gar $net + K-field$ s persists up to granulite facies conditions. In Mg-rich metapelites a variety of additional phases may appear in the assemblages such as spinel, orthopyroxene, orthoamphibole, sapphirine, osumilite and kornerupine. These minerals and their various assemblages may record the high grade metamorphic history more sensitively than the $Gt + Als + Bi + Kfs$ assemblage in Fe-rich metapelites. In the latter rocks garnet zoning patterns may be the only key to assess the high grade history of the rock. In addition under high grade conditions the garnet zoning patterns may gradually become extinguished as a result of volume diffusion and homogenization (Woodsworth 1977; Yardley 1977). However, garnets from the Gruf sapphirine granulites which may have been at temperatures in excess of 800° C (Droop and Bucher 1983) and the garnets analyzed for this study still display a distinct growth zonation.

Temperature and pressure estimates available in the literature for rocks of the Gruf-complex refer exclusively to the sapphirine granulite from the Bresciadega locality and have been discussed by Droop and Bucher (1983).

Interpretation of textures and mineral reactions

The observed garnet resorbtion and its replacement by sillimanite and biotite can be explained as the result of the reaction:

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1\text{ Gt} + 1\text{ Kfs} + 1\text{ H}_2\text{O} \to 1\text{ Sill} + 1\text{ Bi} + 2\text{ Qz} \tag{7}
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Under equilibrium conditions the following equilibria must hold simultaneously

 $3 \text{ tsm(bi)} = 2 \text{ qz} + 1 \text{ py} - 2 \text{ sill}$ (9)

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FeMg_{-1}(Bi) = FeMg_{-1}(Gt)
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\n(10)

Fig. 12a-d. Summary of thermobarometric data for four different samples. For Al19 Gt+Plag pressures calculated from Schmid and Wood (1976) and Aranovich and Podelesskiy (1980) only

Buehl (1980) gave qualitative PT -coordinates for the assemblage $Gt + Kfs + Sill + Bi + Qz$ and predicted that the tsmcomponent in biotite should decrease with decreasing P and T (positive slope of equilibrium conditions). Figure 13 shows the PT-coordinates for equilibrium 8 for two different samples (for activity-composition relations and calculation procedures for all equilibria discussed in this section see appendix). The two curves refer to the condition of $a_(H₂O)$ = 1.0. It can be seen in Fig. 13 that the two curves for the retrograde sillimanite + biotite formation according to reaction $\overline{7}$ envelop the PT-box from the independent thermobarometry. It also may be concluded that the rocks may have been at higher pressures and temperatures prior to equilibration under the conditions of the ' PT -box'. Furthermore, the $H₂O$ -pressure was apparently near the load pressure at least for the Fe-rich metapelites.

Garnet is also being consumed according to the reaction:

$$
2\text{ Gt} + 4\text{ Sill} + 5\text{ Qz} \rightarrow 3\text{ Cord} \tag{11}
$$

The equilibrium conditions of this cordierite producing reaction is nearly independent of T and has been used in the previous section for pressure estimates. The textures suggest that cordierite formed at the expense of garnet indicating cordierite formation along a decompression path (Fig. 14). Euhedral garnets with no resorption features

Fig. 13. Dashed box, PT-conditions from thermobarometry; dashed arrow, cooling and uplift path deduced from Gruf sapphirine granulites (Droop and Bucher 1983). Granite solidus after Wyllie (1977), equilibrium conditions of the garnet resorbing reaction 7) for mineral compositions of A125 and A126 respectiveley, lower temperature limit of $Opx + Qz$ (reaction 22) for mineral compositions of Al31 and the reaction 24) (all equilibria for $a_{H_2O}= 1$). Source of data given in the appendix

Fig. 14. Equilibrium conditions of the reaction 11: 6 log $K_p = 1.7$ (Al19) and 3.5 (Al25, Al26). Contours are for different H_2O -contents of cordierite. Crosshatched area: suggested PT-conditions from thermobarometry (data given in the Appendix)

Fig. 15. Equilibrium conditions of the reaction 14 calculated from the data given in the appendix. Crosshatched box: suggested PTconditions from thermobarometry. The diagram is contoured for 4 different mol fractions of H₂O in cordierite. 2 log K_D=0.633 (A131)

overgrew spinel and sillimanite a texture which may have resulted from the reaction:

$$
5 \text{ Qz} + 3 \text{ Sp} \rightarrow 2 \text{ Sill} + 1 \text{ Gt} \tag{12}
$$

However, this texture is of minor importance and has been included here for completeness. If the interpretation of monomineralic sillimanite patches and streaks as pseudomorphs after kyanite is correct, then the rocks also underwent the reaction:

$$
1 \text{ Ky} \rightarrow 1 \text{ Sill} \tag{13}
$$

It should be remembered that rare kyanite relicts have been reported by Wenk et al. (1974) and Vogler (1983) from Gruf metapelites.

The textural relations involving cordierite suggest that it does not represent a cogenetic prograde mineral with garnet, but rather indicate cordierite production relatively late in the metamorphic history of the rocks. It may coincide with the sillimanite + biotite formation from garnet according to reaction 7. As concluded from reaction 11 cordierite formation may have resulted from decompression. This conclusion is further supported by spinel+cordierite textures (Fig. 2d) which are probably the consequence of the reaction:

$$
5 \text{ Qz} + 2 \text{ Sp} \to 1 \text{ Cord}
$$
 (14)

In Fig. 15 the equilibrium conditions for reaction 14 are given for the chemical composition of minerals of sample A131 using activity-composition relations listed in the appendix. Cordierite formation again requires decompression and the rocks were at higher pressures prior to equilibration at PT-conditions calculated from thermobarometry. Furthermore, the only curve that passes reasonably through the thermobarometric ' PT -box' in Fig. 15 is the one calculated for H₂O-saturated cordierite. This again suggests high H20-activity at the retrograde equilibration stage.

At the stage of cordierite formation the assemblage spi $nel + cordi$ erite was apparently more stable than garnet + sillimanite. The two alternative assemblages are related by the equilibrium:

$$
1 \text{ sp} + 1 \text{ cord} = 2 \text{ sill} + 1 \text{ py} \tag{15}
$$

Simultaneous growth of biotite and cordierite observed in some samples (e.g. A132) may be explained by hydration reactions of the type:

$$
6\text{ Gt} + 4\text{ Kfs} + 4\text{ H}_2\text{O} \to 3\text{ Qz} + 3\text{ Cord} + 4\text{ Bi} \tag{16}
$$

(in Qz-saturated rocks or domains in rocks) and

$$
9\text{ Gt} + 5\text{ Kfs} + 3\text{ Sill} + 5\text{ H}_2\text{O} \to 6\text{ Cord} + 5\text{ Bi} \tag{17}
$$

(in Qz-deficient rocks or domains of rocks) The observed reaction relation in sample A134 where cordierite replaces anthophyllite may be written as

$$
48 Sp + 15 Ant + 20 H2O + 35 Kfs \rightarrow 24 Cord + 35 Bi
$$
 (18)

In this sample abundant spinel and anthophyllite are not in mutual grain contact.

Spinel inclusions in cordierite have been interpreted as the educt minerals of reaction 14. However, spinel inclusions in garnet which frequently occur together with sillimanite probably represent a prograde feature and may be related to the breakdown of staurolite once present by the reaction (in Qz-deficient rocks):

10 Stau \rightarrow 3 Gt + 11 Sp + 31 Sill (Ky?) + 5 H₂O (19)

It is interesting to note in this context that spinels coexisting with sillimanite in sample AI31 contain three times as much gahnite component as spinel from the same sample but coexisting with cordierite (Table 5). At some stage during the metamorphic evolution spinel occurred not only in Qzdeficient areas together with sillimanite but must have coexisted with quartz as well (evidence comes from reaction 14). Thus the assemblage spinel + quartz was probably common at an early stage of the metamorphic evolution. In sample A131 relictic (metastable?) quartz+spinel is still present. This two phase assemblage was then replaced by cordierite by reaction 14. In very magnesian metapelites quartz $+$ spinel was converted into sapphirine prior to the cordierite formation (Droop and Bucher 1983). The supposed quartz+ spinel assemblage may have formed from a prograde reaction:

1 Bi + 3 Sill(Ky)
$$
\rightarrow
$$
 3 Sp + 1 Kfs + 3 Qz + 1 H₂O (20)

Oriented inclusions of biotite and quartz in orthopyroxene are evidence for the reaction:

$$
3 \text{ Qz} + 1 \text{ Bi} \rightarrow 3 \text{ En} + 1 \text{ Kfs} + 1 \text{ H}_2\text{O}
$$
 (21)

Reaction 21 may have been responsible for the formation

of orthopyroxene. In contrast to the mineral assemblages of the Fe-rich metapelites, the assemblage of equation 21 requires low H_2O activities at 4 kb and 600 to 650° C. Calculated $H₂O$ activities at 4 kb and the temperatures above are 0.03 and 0.04 respectively. Epitactic overgrowth of anthophyllite may be explained by the reaction:

$$
7\text{En}(\text{Opx}) + 1\text{ Qz} + 1\text{ H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow 1\text{ Ant}
$$
 (22)

The observed assemblage $Opx + Oz + Ant$ in Al31, Al19 and Al40 magnesian metapelites buffer the activity of $H₂O$ at 4 kb to low values (0.21 at 600° C and 0.325 at 650° C). The PT-coordinates for equilibrium 22 for $a_{H₂}$ = 1.0 and mineral compositions of sample A131 are shown on Fig. 13. Prograde formation of anthophyllite in sample A134 could have resulted from reaction:

$$
24 \text{ Qz} + 7 \text{ Bi} \rightarrow 3 \text{ Ant} + 7 \text{ Kfs} + 4 \text{ H}_2\text{O}
$$
 (23)

by analogy to reaction 21.

The metamorphic conditions deduced from the geothermobarometry are consistent with the stable coexistence of muscovite+ quartz. Texturally however, muscovite is clearly a late retrograde mineral, and has probably formed from the reaction:

$$
1 Kfs + 1 Sill + 1 H2O \rightarrow 1 Mu + 1 Qz
$$
 (24)

The equilibrium conditions for reaction 24) are shown on Fig. 13 labelled as " $Mu + Qz$ 'out'" curve for unit water activity. From the position of this curve with respect to the 'PT-box' and the observed relict assemblage sillimanite+K-feldspar it may be concluded that reequilibration of the rocks occurred under high H_2O -activity and that the rocks were once at higher metamorphic grade. The calculated H₂O activities at 4 kb and 600° C and 650° C are 0.53 and 0.90 respectively. Two other equilibria permit the calculation of $H₂O$ activities at the inferred pressure temperature conditions of equilibration; these are:

6 Sill + 9 Qz + 2 Bi = 3 Cord + 2 Kfs + 2 H₂O and (25)

$$
6\,\text{Mu} + 15\,\text{Qz} + 2\,\text{Bi} = 3\,\text{Cord} + 8\,\text{Kfs} + 8\,\text{H}_2\text{O} \tag{26}
$$

Using the mineral composition of sample A126 and the activity composition relations given in the appendix the following $H₂O$ activities resulted from the calculation at 4 kb: For equilibrium 25) 0.5 at 600° C and 0.76 at 650° C, for equilibrium 26) 0.53 at 600 $^{\circ}$ C and 0.86 at 650 $^{\circ}$ C.

One problem must be addressed at this point. The pressure temperature conditions calculated from thermobarometry are just below the conditions of the $H₂O$ -saturated muscovite-granite solidus (Wyllie 1977). The PT-coordinates for the H_2O -saturated muscovite-granite solidus are also shown on Fig. 13. If, as suggested, the rocks have been at higher pressures and temperatures at some earlier stages during metamorphic evolution this would imply conditions inside the PT-field for granitic melt formation. Partial melting is in fact indicated by the widespread migmatitic textures in quartzo-feldspathic gneisses of the Gruf-complex and by K-feldspar patches and veinlets in many of the metapelitic gneisses. The stable coexistence of orthopyroxene + quartz and K-feldspar + sillimanite under H_2O -rich conditions also requires temperatures clearly within the melting field of 'wet' granite. The reactions involving K-feldspar formulated on the previous pages may thus involve a melt phase rather than solid K-feldspar. This melt phase probably stored a large amount of the H_2O given off by the prograde mineral reactions such as dehydration of muscovite, biotite and probably staurolite. Along the cooling and uplift path this $H₂O$ was released by the solidifying melt again. It was partially fixed in the micas of the leucocratic portion of the migmatites. Excess $H₂O$ expelled from the migmatites on crystallisation could account for the high degree of reequilibration under conditions of high $H₂O₋$ activity observed at pressures and temperatures just below the granite solidus. Very magnesian metapelites apparently were less accessible to late $H₂O$ and therefore preserved earlier stages of the metamorphic history. An extreme case of this behaviour are the sapphirine rocks of the Gruf area.

Summary and geological interpretation

The metapelitic rocks of the Gruf-complex may be divided into two groups on the basis of mineralogical composition, mineral and bulk chemistry.

1) Iron-rich metapelites typically contain cordierite $+$ $\text{garnet} + \text{biotic} + \text{silimantic} + \text{plagic}\\ \text{clase} + \text{quartz} + \text{spinel}.$ Cordierite in these samples contains about 60-70 mol % Mg-cordierite component. Thermobarometry on these rocks defines a relatively narrow and consistent PT-range of presumed equilibration at $3-4$ kb and $600-650^{\circ}$ C, under conditions of high water activity. These conclusions compare favourably with calculated dehydration equilibria relevant to the rocks. However, the PT-conditions of equilibration given above very likely do not represent the maximum conditions reached by the rocks during their metamorphic evolution. This conclusion was derived from compositional zoning found in garnets and orthopyroxenes (the latter in magnesian metapelites, see below) and from textural observations. Many of the observed textures imply that dehydration reactions run from the high temperature to the low temperature side and consequently are rehydration reactions. The $H₂O$ required to make this equilibration possible was presumably released by cristallizing migmatitic melts, a conclusion derived from the widespread occurrence of migmatites in the Gruf-complex and from the PT-coordinates of the $H₂O$ -saturated muscovite granite solidus which coincides with the high temperature limits of inferred equilibration given above.

2) Magnesium-rich metapelites show a wider variety in mineralogical composition compared to the rocks above. Additional minerals observed are orthopyroxene, orthoamphibole and sapphirine. The petrology of sapphirine-bearing metapelites has been discussed elsewhere (Droop and Bucher 1983). Spinel is abundant in these rocks whereas garnet may not be present. Here, cordierite typically contains 90 mol % Mg-cordierite. Thermobarometry on these rocks suggests the same PT-range for equilibration conditions. However, garnet-cordierite-sillimanite-quartz pressures of about 4 kb are indicated only if dry cordierite is assumed to be present. Low activities of H_2O are also suggested by H_2O -involving equilibria relevant to the magnesian metapelites. Calculated H_2O -activities for these rocks are typically below 0.2. There is no conclusive explanation for the different H_2O -activities during equilibration of the two rock typs, but the dense magnesian metapelites were apparently less accessable to $H₂O$ released by crystallizing migmatitic melts. The rocks are less schistose and generally contain less modal biotite.

The textures and the mineral reactions deduced from them suggest that the rocks were at both higher tempera-

Fig. 16. PT-conditions of Gruf metapelites (crosshatched box) compared to the path of metamorphic evolution of Gruf sapphirine granulites (arrowed loop, from Droop and Bucher 1983)

tures *and* pressures prior to the PT-conditions calculated from thermobarometry. Although the maximum conditions reached are unknown and earlier stages are poorly preserved it seems reasonable to assume that *all* metapelites of the Gruf-complex experienced the same metamorphic history, and hence that *all* Gruf metapelites followed the P-T-trajectory deduced by Droop and Bucher (1983) for the Bresciadega sapphirine-bearing rocks (Fig. 16). The maximum conditions of 10 kb and 810° C may thus also apply to the rocks examined in this paper. The assemblages orthopyroxene + quartz and orthopyroxene + K-feldspar found in magnesian metapelites are strong evidence for this.

A pressure of 3.5 to 4 kb was estimated for the Chiavenna ophiolites north of the Gruf-complex by Schmutz (1976). Heitzmann (1975) published a pressure estimate of about 5 kb for the area west of the Gruf-complex and a pressure estimate of 3 kb was given by Trommsdorff and Evans (1977) for the area east of the Gruf-complex. The pressure of about 4 kb calculated for the last equilibration of the Gruf rocks coincides with the regional pressure regime of the area. However, as suggested above, if the Grufcomplex was at significantly higher pressures before the last equilibration event it must have experienced a strong differential uplift relative to the surrounding penninic nappe system. Such a marked differential uplift has been documented for the Bergell-Gruf area by Wagner et al. (1979) from a systematic study of apatite fission tracks. They also concluded that differential uplift was very fast in geological terms. It seems therefore, that the Gruf-complex after reaching its maximum prograde PT-conditions at about 10 kb and 810° C, experienced a dramatic period of rapid uplift, which ceased in the vicinity of 4 kb. From this point it shared the further metamorphic history with the surrounding units. However, due to the *rapid* uplift the Gruf rock mass must have stored considerable heat. This is confirmed by the contact aureole produced by the Gruf-com-

Fig. 17. Schematic geological block diagram of the Gruf-Complex. (A) Block of Gruf and Bergell rocks experienced strong and rapid differential uplift, (B) surrounding Pennine nappe system. Recognizable succession of geological events: 1) emplacement of Bergell rocks above Gruf complex, 2) period of strong differential uplift, formation of contact aureole in (B), 3) folding, 4) intrusion of Novate granite

plex in the Chiavenna ophiolites. A very closely spaced series of isograds in ultramafic rocks ranging from antigorite 4-forsterite schists to enstatite + forsterite felses were reported from the Chiavenna ophiolites by Schmutz (1976). All samples we collected from ultramafic rocks from the Gruf-complex contained the characteristic assemblage or $thopyroxene + forsterite + tremolite + green$ spinel + chlorite. This assemblage requires temperatures near 800° C at 9–10 kb for $P_{(H_2O)}=P_{(tot)}$ (Evans 1977) in agreement with the temperatures deduced from the sapphirine rocks. The isograds in the Chiavenna ophiolites run parallel to the northern contact of the Gruf-complex. In addition, along the northern contact recrystalized mylonite zones have been mapped and described by Schmutz (1976) and Wenk and Cornelius (1977). The mineralogical compositions of the mylonites are identical to those of other rocks of the Grufcomplex. Liddell et al. (1976) concluded from the study of mylonized quartzites of the Gruf-complex that mylonite formation was a synmetamorphic event. The formation of the mylonites is therefore most likely related to the uplift of the Gruf area from 10 up to 4 kb. The geological relations imply that the uplift was greatest in the north and decreased towards the south.

The relations to the Bergell intrusive complex are controversal. The contact between Bergell intrusive rocks and the Gruf unit seems to be of tectonic nature and both units shared a significant portion of their younger (Alpine) geological history. This is particularly the case for the rapid uplift event. No contact aureole was produced either by the hot Bergell rocks in the Gruf unit or by the Gruf rocks in the Bergell complex. No marked temperature contrasts apparently ever existed between the two units.

A summary of the geological conclusions are sketched on a schematic block diagram (Fig. 17) for the area east of Valle della Mera. The recognizable geological events are numbered from oldest (1) to youngest (4) . These are for the Gruf-complex (A) : 1) Emplacement of Bergell intrusives on top of the Gruf unit, 2) rapid differential uplift along the northern mylonite contact zone, reequilibration of the Gruf rocks at 3-4 kb and 600-650 deg., formation of the contact aureole in the Chiavenna ophiolites (B), Differential uplift ceases and the Gruf-Bergell unit shares the metamorphic history with the surrounding penninic nappes, 3) folding (open folds with steep axial planes) related to formation of the steep zone along the Insubric line, 4) intrusion of the Novate granite.

Appendix

The coordinates of equilibrium conditions of mineral reactions in the pressure versus temperature diagrams presented in this paper were obtained as follows:

The thermodynamic properties for all solid phases at 298 K and 1 b were taken from Helgeson et al. (1978) except for Mgcordierite, phlogopite, spinel and pyrope. For the later phases the data derived by Bucher-Nurminen and Baumgartner (in prep) were employed. The data are given on Table 2 and are consistent with the data base of Helgeson et al. (1978). Thermodynamic properties of phases and reactions at a given P and T were calculated from equations given in Helgeson et al. (1978). The following activitycomposition relations have been used in order to calculate the free energy contribution of mixing expressed by the equation :

i) $\triangle G_{P,T} - \triangle G_{P,T}^0 = R T \ln a$

Where $\Delta G_{P,T}$ denotes the free energy of a given component in solution at P and *T*, $AG_{P,T}^0$ stands for the free energy of the pure component at P and T, and 'a' represents the activity of the component in the solution. Standard state for all phases is unit activity of the pure phase at any P and T .

1) activity of $KMg_3(AlSi_3)O_{10}(OH)_{2}$ (phl) in biotite:

 $a_{\rm ph1} = X_{\rm Mg}^3$

2) activity of $Mg_3Al_2Si_3O_{12}$ (py) in garnet:

 $a_{\rm pv} = X_{\rm MeV}^3$

3) activity of $Mg_2Al_3(Si_5Al)O_{18}$ (cord) in cordierite:

 $a_{\text{cord}} = X_{\text{Mg}}^2 (1 - X_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}^{\text{cord}})$

4) activity of $MgAl₂O₄$ (sp) in spinel:

 $a_{\rm so} = X_{\rm Me}$

Table 2. Thermodynamic properties of minerals

Thermodynamic properties of all phases were taken from Helgeson et al. (1978) except for those listed below. G^0 = free energy of formation from the elements at 298 K and 1 bar (cal/mol), \overline{S}^0 = third law entropy at 298 K and 1 bar (cal/mol·deg), V^0 = volume at 298 K and 1 bar (ccm/mol). The temperature dependence of the isobaric heat capacity at 1 bar is expressed by the equation:

 $cp = a + b T - c T^{-2}$, a (cal/mol·deg), b (cal/mol·deg²), c (cal.deg/ mol)

5) activity of $MgSiO₃$ (en) in orthopyroxene:

$$
a_{\rm en}\!=\!X_{\rm Mg}
$$

6) activity of $Mg_7Si_8O_{22}(OH)_2$ (ant) in orthoamphibole:

$$
a_{\rm ant} = X_{\rm Mg}^7
$$

7) activity of $H₂O$ in the fluid phase:

$$
a_{\mathrm{H}_2\mathrm{O}} = X_{\mathrm{H}_2\mathrm{O}}
$$

These solution models are admittedly extremely simple and consequently the resulting PT-coordinates for the equilibrium conditions of the reactions are estimates. However, more sophisticated solution models (e.g. including additional terms for tschermak substitution in orthoamphibole, or provisions for nonideality of enstatite solution in orthopyroxene) do not significantly shift the PT-coordinates for a given reaction. It was found that the maximum temperature difference for a dehydration reaction resulting from the use of the simple models above and more complex ones are typically less than 20° C at a given pressure (tested by using reaction 14) and 15) as examples). Considering all uncertainties involved in the calculations (analytical errors of microprobe analyses, compositional variation of a mineral within one sample, uncertainties in the thermodynamic data), the simple models listed above are unlikely to reduce precision and accuracy significantly.

The mole fractions of H_2O in H_2O -saturated cordierite were calculated from a polynomial expansion in P and T fitted to the experimental data of Mirwald et al. (1979).

The fugacity of pure H_2O at P and T was calculated from the modified Redlich Kwong equation of state published by Jacobs and Kerrick (1981).

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