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in the Oetztal-Stubai Complex (Alpeiner Valley, Stubai)**

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3 **Crystallisation of Permo-Triassic monazite in the pre-Alpine Oetztal-Stubai Complex**
4 **(Alpeiner Valley, Stubai, Eastern Alps)**

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30 **Abstract**

31 The Alpeiner amphibolite unit in the Stubai region is the eastern succession of the Central
32 Metabasite Zone (CMBZ) in the Austroalpine Oetztal-Stubai-Complex (OSC). In the Alpeiner
33 Valley, amphibolites and biotite-hornblende gneisses are alternating with metapelites and
34 metapsammites. Garnet in metapelite assemblages display growth zonations with spessartine- and
35 grossular-rich cores and pyrope-rich rims. Geothermobarometry signals a prograde metamorphism
36 with amphibolite-facies peak conditions at ~ 12 kbar and ~ 680 °C. The post P_{\max} path with a
37 decompression to 4 kbar and 660 - 600 °C was estimated by geothermobarometry involving zoned
38 Ca-amphiboles in retrogressed amphibolitized eclogites. This P-T evolution is similar to the
39 Variscan P-T paths known from the central Oetztal and Sellrain regions. Electron microprobe Th-
40 U-Pb monazite dating in the metapelites yielded two distinct maxima at ages around 270 Ma and
41 220 Ma. In detail, Carboniferous and Permian isochrone ages at 304 ± 26 Ma, 272 ± 16 Ma and
42 269 ± 13 Ma, but also Triassic isochrones at 209 ± 17 Ma can be extracted from 3 samples.
43 Monazite corona microstructures suggest a decomposition during decreasing temperature. In
44 contrast, clusters of small monazite within allanite signal a re-crystallization. This points to a
45 complex retrograde evolution when the P-T path approached low pressures. No Permian
46 pegmatites and no accompanying distinct low pressure high temperature metamorphic event have
47 yet been reported from the Stubai region. Therefore the monazite age data in combination to the
48 P-T path provide petrological arguments for a Permian-to-Triassic metamorphic event. The new
49 data from the Stubai basement indicates that this event, known from other Austroalpine basement
50 areas was not restricted to the pegmatite-bearing zones. This Permian-to-Triassic thermal
51 evolution with monazite crystallization appears during the decompression after a Carboniferous
52 continental collision with an eclogite to amphibolite-facies main metamorphism.

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54 **1. Introduction**

55 A major part of the Eastern Alps is composed of basement units with a polymetamorphic history.
56 The pre-Alpine Ordovician-Silurian, Carboniferous and Permian events, and the Alpine Cretaceous
57 and Tertiary metamorphism have been reported from various parts (Frey et al., 1999). The
58 Austroalpine Oetztal-Stubai Complex (OSC) is located in the Central Alps (Frisch et al., 2000;

59 Eggseder and Fügenschuh, 2013). It is one of the classical areas of polymetamorphism in the
60 Alps (Purtscheller, 1978; Thöni, 1999). Various isotopic dating methods have been applied there.
61 An Ordovician high-temperature anatexis event was reported from the Winnebach, Verpeil and
62 Gaisloch migmatites (Klötzli-Chowanetz et al., 1997; Neubauer et al., 1999; Hoinkes et al., 1999;
63 Söllner, 2001; Thöny et al., 2008). Eclogite-facies conditions were locally attained during the
64 Variscan (Devonian-Carboniferous) metamorphism (Mogessi et al., 1985; Mogessi and
65 Purtscheller, 1986; Miller and Thöni, 1995; Rode et al., 2012). The Variscan metamorphic overprint
66 led to kyanite, sillimanite and andalusite mineral zones (Fig. 1) of which boundaries cut across and
67 postdate the large-scale Schlingen structures of the regional foliation (Purtscheller, 1978). Towards
68 the South, an increasing grade of the Early-Alpine (Cretaceous) overprint has been described
69 (Thöni, 1981; 1983; Hoinkes et al., 1991; 1999; Hoinkes and Thöni, 1993; Thöni, 1999). This is
70 obvious from Variscan-to-Alpine K-Ar and Rb-Sr "mixed ages" of mica, changing to Cretaceous
71 ages towards the SE. The successive occurrence of chloritoid and then staurolite towards the
72 Schneeberger Zug and the Texel Complex, accompanied by distinct growth zones in garnet
73 porphyroblasts (Frank et al., 1987; Tropper and Recheis, 2003) are also assigned to this Early
74 Alpine overprint. The Late Alpine (Tertiary) events with South Alpine indenter and lateral extrusion
75 led to faults and shear zones which reframe and dissect the OSC. The main tectonic lines are the
76 sinistral Inntal fault zone to the North, the Brenner normal fault zone to the East, the Schneeberg
77 fault zone and Vinschgau shear zone to the South, the Schlinig zone to the West and the Engadine
78 line to the Northwest (Ratschbacher et al., 1991; Frisch et al., 2000; Schmid et al., 2004).

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80 Within this frame, Permian mica ages were formerly interpreted as Carboniferous - Cretaceous
81 "mixing ages" (Thöni, 1981). However, these days the Permian magmatic and metamorphic ages
82 which are known from various parts of the Austroalpine basement are interpreted to express a
83 distinct geodynamic event (Schuster et al., 2001; Marotta and Spalla, 2007; Schuster and Stüwe,
84 2008). The Permian event has been explained by westward propagation of the Meliata ocean in
85 the course of a post-collisional extension of the Variscan orogen. Extensional fabrics and
86 decompression melting (granites and pegmatites) are discussed as indicators for this HT/LP
87 metamorphism (Schuster and Stüwe, 2008).

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89 In this context, the OSC represents a difficult situation for the resolution of the thermal events by
90 age dating. Dependent on metamorphic grade and P-T paths, Rb-Sr, K-Ar and Ar-Ar methods can
91 provide at best the age of maximal pressure and further ages on the cooling history of the latest
92 metamorphic event. Methods based on U-Pb in zircon mostly fail, as the corresponding closure
93 temperature and formation temperatures have not been achieved during amphibolite-facies and
94 eclogite-facies metamorphism. Other methods as Sm-Nd in metamorphic garnet are difficult in
95 specific applications and rarely available. In this frame, the electron microprobe (EMP) Th-U-Pb
96 monazite dating in metapelites appears as promising. Here, we report corresponding data from the
97 Alpeiner Valley in the OSC. The monazite ages and the P-T evolution in this part of the
98 Austroalpine basement provide a link between the domains with Variscan metamorphism and the
99 domains where the Permian-to-Triassic event is manifested by numerous pegmatite intrusions.

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101 **2. Geological setting and petrography**

102 In the Alpeiner Valley around the Franz-Senn-Hütte in the NE part of the OSC, a succession from
103 metapsammites and metapelites in the southern part, to an amphibolite dominated northern part of
104 a Wechselserie are observed. Metagranitoids occur within this sequence (Fig. 2). Previous
105 regional petrographic and tectonic studies (Hammer, 1929; Purtscheller, 1978; Schulz, 1994; Rode
106 et al., 2012; Eggseder and Fügenschuh, 2013) cover the NE part of the OSC, but are lacking
107 details from the Alpeiner Valley.

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109 The Alpeiner metabasites are mostly amphibolites and biotite hornblende gneisses and form the
110 eastern succession of the Central Metabasite Zone (CMBZ) of the OSC. Protoliths of the CMBZ
111 are gabbros and basalts with MORB-chemistry (Mogessie et al., 1985) and Early Cambrian ages
112 (Miller and Thöni, 1995), emplaced in a back-arc setting. The CMBZ is subdivided from N to S into
113 five zones (Purtscheller, 1978): (1) Roughly foliated amphibolite with layers and lenses of eclogite
114 and rare peridotite, (2) Dark, garnet-bearing amphibolites, (3) Alumosilicate gneisses (4)
115 Wechselserie (5) Southern eclogite zone. The Alpeiner metabasites are alternating with
116 metapelites to metapsammites and therefore have been assigned to the Wechselserie

117 (Purtscheller, 1978). Lenses of retrogressed eclogites and calc-silicate-gneisses are interbedded
118 within the succession in the northern part (Figs 2; S1).

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120 The metapelitic and -psammitic rocks within the study area are composed of quartzites and
121 staurolite bearing micaschists and paragneisses. In the northern part, micaschists form lenses
122 within the "Wechselserie", often not extending more than 50 x 20 m. The mineral assemblage is
123 quartz, plagioclase, mica, biotite, garnet, staurolite and kyanite. Accessories are tourmaline,
124 sphene and ilmenite. Dependent on the grade of retrograde metamorphism, intense crystallisation
125 of chlorite can be observed. Staurolites is rimmed and pseudomorphed by sericite aggregates.
126 Plagioclase is also altered and shows deformation twins. Microstructures show asymmetric
127 pressure shadows around the garnets and sub-grain boundary recrystallisation of quartz.

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129 In the southern branch of the study area occur WSW striking layers of biotite-rich paragneisses.
130 Modal mineralogy consists of quartz, plagioclase mica and biotite. Accessories are garnet,
131 staurolite, kyanite and microcline. Chlorite and epidote occur in small scale shear zones. Snowball
132 structures in garnet are typical of syn-deformational growth. Nests and layers of green amphiboles
133 occur in the periphery to amphibolites. Monomineralic quartz layers up to 5 cm thickness are
134 common. Quartz microstructures show recrystallisation by subgrain boundary rotation (SGR) and
135 grain boundary migration (GBM). Quartz ribbons indicate a static recrystallisation during the
136 retrograde phase.

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138 The variety of metabasites ranges from amphibolitized eclogite, garnet-amphibolite and
139 amphibolite to biotite-hornblende-gneiss with folded layers of calcsilicate gneiss. The unit shows in
140 mean a smooth, zonal, anastomosing, sometimes gradational foliation. The amphibolitized eclogite
141 can be observed in small, often altered lenses elongated several meters. Clinopyroxene and
142 plagioclase appear exclusively in coarse-grained symplectites. Primary clinopyroxene has not
143 been found. Garnet displays sieve-like internal structures and is often replaced by mica and
144 feldspar.

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146 The amphibolites and hornblende gneisses are mainly composed of green amphibole and
147 plagioclase. Green amphibole has fringes by actinolite and chlorite. Garnet up to 2 cm in diameter
148 overgrows the foliated main fabric, indicating a crystallisation at a late stage of microstructure
149 formation. Plagioclase often displays saussuritisation. Epidote is characterised by core-rim-
150 structures. Quartz with subgrain boundary rotation recrystallisation forms layers parallel to the
151 foliation.

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153 The calcsilicate gneiss forms folded lenses and layers within amphibolite and plagioclase-
154 hornblende-gneisses. The SW-NE striking layers follow the main foliation and are associated to the
155 northern rim of metabasite zone (Purtscheller, 1978). The protoliths are syn-sedimentary
156 carbonate and marl layers. Often a fluent transition to surrounding lithology can be observed. This
157 often goes ahead with increasing occurrence of ore minerals and gradational interbedding. Modal
158 mineralogy is made of plagioclase, quartz, epidote, chlorite, garnet, wollastonite, Ca-amphibole
159 and mica. Garnet is often pseudomorphed to batches composed of plagioclase, quartz, epidote
160 and chlorite.

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163 **3. Structures and tectonic setting**

164 The Oetztal-Stubai basement can be divided into two tectonic domains (Purtscheller, 1978;
165 Eglseder and Fügenschuh, 2013): (1) Pre-Mesozoic large amplitude open folds in the northern
166 part and (2) the large-scale Schlingen-structures in the southeastern part around Vent. In the
167 studied area, these large-scale fold structures (F_3) deform a pre-Mesozoic steeply N- and S-
168 dipping main foliation S_2 . Sub-horizontal to slightly ESE-WNW plunging non-cylindric parasitic folds
169 F_3 are minor structures of this large-scale folds. The geometrical interpretation of the S_2 main
170 foliation planes in the Alpeiner Valley reveals a 5 km scale gentle cylindric fold (Eglseder and
171 Fügenschuh, 2013) with a fold axis slightly plunging to NE. The π -pole at 024/27 was calculated by
172 an Bingham axial distribution (cylindrical best fit) with OSX Stereonet (Cardozo and Allmendinger,
173 2013). The additionally calculated conical best fit axis coincides with the axis from cylindrical best
174 fit. The regional major fold pattern is South-vergent with a WNW-ENE trending fold axis (Eglseder

175 and Fügenschuh, 2013). Same study revealed a mixed Type 2/3 fold interference pattern (Ramsay
176 and Huber, 1987) for pre-Alpine two-stage folding (F_2 - F_3). Measured axes of monocline second
177 order folds result in a mean vector of L 038/39. The calculated π -pole coincides with the 95%
178 confidence interval of the measured second order fold axes (Fig. S1). The second order folds (F_3)
179 are outstandingly visible in the units of the Wechselserie, where they are composed of calcsilicates
180 or monomineralic quartz layers.

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182 At least, six deformation stages (e.g., Purtscheller, 1978; Eggseder and Fügenschuh, 2013) can
183 be observed in the study area: Large amplitude isoclinal folding F_2 was originated parallel to the
184 stretching direction during intense shearing D_1 - D_2 . This deformation is expressed in small scales
185 by isoclinally folded quartz-veins and calcsilicate layers. D_2 is associated to the formation of the
186 main foliation (S_2 and fold axes F_2) and isoclinal folds F_2 of quartz layers. The deformation stages
187 D_1 - D_2 and D_3 belong to the pre-Alpine events, because the axial traces and foliations are not
188 observed in the Brenner Mesozoic (Eggseder and Fügenschuh, 2013). Also mineral cooling ages
189 (Thöni, 1999) imply no Alpine (Cretaceous) metamorphic event with ductile deformation in the
190 northern parts of the Oetztal-Stubai Complex. The subsequent Alpine deformations display an
191 increasing brittle component (Eggseder and Fügenschuh, 2013): W to NW directed thrusts are
192 related to a Cretaceous thrusting. This stage is not observed in the study area. A subsequent top-
193 to-SE directed shearing, appears to be related to a late Cretaceous extension. This stage is
194 observed in the two-mica porphyroblastic gneiss in the south-eastern part of the study area. Then
195 followed small scale NNW to SSE vergent brittle thrusts, related to thrusting of Austroalpine units
196 upon Penninic units. The final brittle stage are NE- and NW-trending strike-slip faults, related to
197 Miocene to Neogene lateral extrusion and exhumation of Tauern Window (Ratschbacher et al.,
198 1991; Egger, 1997). One of these NE-SW striking faults can be observed in the western part of the
199 Rinnengrube. Also sub-vertical NE-SW trending Mohr-fracture systems belong to this stage (Fig.
200 S1).

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203 **4. Analytical methods**

204 **4.1. SEM-based automated mineralogy (MLA)**

205 Automated mineralogical methods (e.g. Fandrich et al., 2007), based on a scanning electron
206 microscope SEM Quanta 650-FEG-MLA by FEI Company, equipped with Bruker Dual X-Flash
207 energy dispersive spectrometers for EDX analyses were applied to complete thin sections of
208 garnet micaschists. Electron beam conditions were set at 25 kV acceleration voltage at spotsize
209 5.0, which corresponds to beam current of 10 nA. A software package for mineral liberation
210 analysis (MLA version 2.9.0.7 by FEI Company) was used for the automated steering of the
211 electron beam for EDX identification of mineral grains and collection of numerous EDX spectra.
212 The following measurement routines were applied:

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214 1) The SPL (Selected Phase Lineup) routine combines a backscattered electron (BSE) grey colour
215 value trigger and single spot EDX-ray spectral analysis. This enables the detection of rare phases
216 as monazite and xenotime and their surrounding minerals. One receives a catalogue of all
217 monazite and xenotime intermineral relationships. This was used to select monazite grains for
218 detailed EMP analysis.

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220 2) The GXMAP routine produces a narrow grid of ~ 1600 single EDX-ray spectra per mm². Garnet
221 and biotite were chosen as the target phases. For the classification of mineral phases and
222 compositions in SPL and GXMAP measurements, a list of identified reference EDX-ray spectra
223 was established by collecting spectra from matrix phases and from defined parts of several garnet
224 porphyroblasts (core - mid - rim). Garnet reference spectra are characterized by EDX-ray single
225 spot elemental analyses which revealed strong variations of Fe, Mg, Mn and Ca in the
226 porphyroblasts. In a next step, the reference spectra were labelled in a generic way with the
227 corresponding garnet Fe-Mg-Mn-Ca compositions. When the labelled spectra are arranged in a
228 color scale, they correspond to semi-quantitative garnet zoning maps (Fig. 3a). The GXMAP
229 measurements were classified against the reference EDX-ray spectra list with a high degree of
230 probability of match. The GXMAP measurements allowed to select a few typical garnets out of
231 dozens of porphyroblasts for quantitative WDS analysis with electron microprobe (EMP).

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233 **3.2. Electron microprobe (EMP) and monazite dating**

234 The mineral-chemical analyses from metabasite and metapelite samples and were performed with
235 a JEOL JXA-8900-RL instrument at beam conditions of 15 kV, 20 nA, 2 μm , and with the
236 corresponding ZAF correction procedures. The ~900 analytical points on garnet, mica, feldspar,
237 amphibole, clinopyroxene and epidote from the metapelite and metabasite samples enclose
238 detailed garnet zonation traverses.

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240 EMP-Th-U-Pb dating is based on the observation that common Pb in monazite (LREE, Th)PO₄ is
241 negligible when compared to radiogenic Pb resulting from the decay of Th and U (Montel et al.,
242 1996). Electron microprobe analysis of the bulk Th, U and Pb concentrations in monazite, at a
243 constant ²³⁸U/²³⁵U, allows for the calculation of a chemical model age (CHIME) with a considerable
244 error (Jercinovic et al., 2008; Montel et al., 1996; Pyle et al., 2005; Spear et al., 2009; Suzuki and
245 Kato, 2008). The M α 1 lines of Th and Pb and the M β 1 lines for U of a PETH crystal were selected
246 for monazite analysis. Analytical errors of 2 σ at 20 kV acceleration voltage, 100 nA beam current,
247 5 μm beam diameter and counting times of 320 s (Pb), 80 s (U) and 40 s (Th) on peak have been
248 considered for the calculations of ages. For Pb the error ranges typically from 0.016-0.024 wt. %
249 for the given dwell time, based on measurement on a reference monazite (Madmon).

250 Orthophosphates of the Smithsonian Institution were used as standards for REE analysis
251 (Jarosewich and Boatner, 1991). Calibration of PbO was carried out on a vanadinite standard. The
252 U was calibrated on a glass standard with 5 wt% UO₂. A reference monazite labelled as Madmon,
253 with special ThO₂*-PbO characteristics (Schulz and Schüssler, 2013) was used for calibration and
254 offline re-calibration of ThO₂ as well as for the control of data. Interference of YLy on the PbM α line
255 was corrected by linear extrapolation as proposed by Montel et al. (1996). An interference of ThMy
256 on UM β was also corrected. The number of single analyses varies with the grain size of the
257 monazites, e.g. 1-2 analyses in grains of <40 μm and up to 10 analyses in grains of 100 μm in
258 diameter. Monazite chemical ages were first calculated using the methods of Montel et al. (1996).
259 The error resulting from counting statistics was typically on the order of ± 20 to ± 40 Ma (1 σ) for
260 Palaeozoic ages. Weighted average ages for monazite populations calculated using Isoplot 3.0
261 (Ludwig, 2001) are interpreted as the time of closure for the Th-U-Pb system of monazite during

262 growth or recrystallisation in the course of metamorphism. Ages were further determined using the
263 ThO_2^* -PbO isochrone method (CHIME) of Suzuki et al. (1994) and Montel et al. (1996) where
264 ThO_2^* is the sum of the measured ThO_2 plus ThO_2 equivalent to the measured UO_2 . This is based
265 on the slope of a regression line in ThO_2^* vs PbO coordinates forced through zero. In all analysed
266 samples, the model ages obtained by the two different methods coincide within the error.

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269 **5. Mineral chemistry and geothermobarometry**

270 **5.1 Metapelites**

271 The garnet- and staurolite bearing micaschists (RZ33 and RZ42) show an overall mineral
272 assemblage of garnet, kyanite, staurolite, biotite, muscovite, plagioclase and quartz. Sample RZ42
273 is an aluminous gneiss and contains all three Al_2SiO_5 -phases. The aluminosilicates are not in
274 invariant equilibrium, as andalusite statically overgrows the foliated fabric with kyanite and
275 sillimanite, as it also has been described by Purtscheller (1978). Garnet is variable in shape and
276 size. Crystals range from small (1 mm) isometric to several mm large subhedral to euhedral grains
277 (Fig. 3a). Inclusions of ilmenite, titanite, mica, quartz and plagioclase can line up to an internal
278 foliation S_{1i} . Asymmetric pressure shadows by quartz and mica imply a high fraction of simple
279 shear during generation of the external foliation S_2 . Garnet zonations show a core-to rim trend with
280 decreasing spessartine (Sps 15 - 1 mole%, calculated from mole fraction*100) and grossular (Grs
281 20 - 10 mole%), and increasing pyrope (Prp 5 - 20 mole%) (Fig. 3a - d). Some garnets display
282 retrogressive spessartine rich overgrowths. Such rim zones are characterised by strong decrease
283 of the pyrope component (Fig. 3b, c). Staurolite, sometimes twinned and up to 2 mm in size, can
284 be observed. Staurolite within the matrix is not zoned and chemically homogeneous with $\text{Fe}_{\text{tot}}/(\text{Fe}_{\text{tot}}$
285 $+ \text{Mg})$ ratio of 0.87 to 0.91 and 11.7 to 13.4 wt% FeO. Staurolite inclusions in garnet are richer in
286 Fe exhibiting a $\text{Fe}_{\text{tot}}/(\text{Fe}_{\text{tot}} + \text{Mg})$ ratio of 0.65 and FeO_{tot} of 26.5 wt%. Biotite defines together with
287 muscovite the main foliation. Single biotites are not zoned. Dependent on the sample, they display
288 only little differences in composition with an overall range of X_{Mg} between 0.42 and 0.47 (sample
289 RZ42), and X_{Mg} between 0.38 and 0.55 (sample RZ33). Among the microstructures, three
290 different positions of biotite can be distinguished (Tropper and Recheis, 2003): (1) Biotites aligned

291 along the main foliation, (2) Biotite as inclusions in garnet with evolving Ti-contents from 0.08 to
292 0.10 (p.f.u.), and (3) Biotite in pressure shadows of garnets formed by the breakdown reaction of
293 garnet = biotite + sillimanite + quartz. These biotites have highest Ti-contents (0.10 - 0.12). Matrix
294 plagioclase shows a trend with An-rich (An₃₀) cores to albite-rich rims (An₅₋₁₀). Plagioclase grains
295 within garnet (An₂₅₋₃₀) and in the pressure shadows (An₁₀₋₂₀) show lower An-contents. Aggregates
296 with sericite are formed by breakdown reaction of staurolite and plagioclase during retrogression.

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298 The garnet zonations in the metapelite samples represent segments of a common mineral-
299 chemical trend, as can be demonstrated in the XMg-XCa coordinates (Fig. 3d). A crystallization of
300 the garnet first at increasing temperature and pressure, then during decompression at amphibolite
301 facies conditions, followed by decompression-cooling can be semiquantitatively derived from the
302 zonations in the XMg-XCa coordinates (Spear, 1993). Cores of garnet and matrix plagioclase as
303 well as relic mica and inclusion minerals in garnet should document the early stage of
304 metamorphism. Late stage metamorphic evolution is preserved in rims of matrix plagioclase and
305 garnet and plagioclase and large biotite in pressure shadows and microlithons. Thus,
306 representative and distinct single analysis of garnet, plagioclase and biotite were chosen in each
307 sample and labeled in the zonation diagrams (Fig. 3a-d, Table 1). Each single garnet zonation
308 trend represents a segment in the overall P-T evolution. Accordingly, the garnet-biotite Fe-Mg
309 exchange geothermometer and the garnet-plagioclase Ca-net-transfer geobarometers (Hodges
310 and Spear, 1982) were chosen. The latter are established as linearised garnet-alumosilicate-
311 plagioclase-quartz (GASP) geobarometers. The datasets are based on internally consistent
312 thermodynamic data given by Hodges and Spear (1982) and Spear and Kohn (1999). P-T were
313 calculated by the program GTB OSX (Spear and Kohn, 1999). Alternatively, temperatures were
314 estimated by the garnet-biotite geothermometers by Battacharya et al. (1992), and Holdaway
315 (2001). Pressures were also calculated with the garnet-aluminosilicate-plagioclase-quartz (GASP)
316 and the garnet-biotite-muscovite-plagioclase (GBMP) geobarometers, enclosing the internally
317 consistent thermodynamic mineral data set (Holland and Powell, 1998), with the activity models for
318 garnet and plagioclase taken from Powell and Holland (1993) and Ganguly et al. (1996), and the
319 empirical re-calibration of the GBMP barometer by Wu (2015).

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321 In detail and dependent on Mn bulk rock compositions, garnet cores started to crystallise at ~ 460 -
322 500 °C/7 - 8 kbar (Fig. 4a). Then maximal pressures at around 12 kbar were achieved at 680 °C.
323 This was followed by a decompression to 6 kbar, accompanied by only slight cooling to 660 °C.
324 The Mg-poor and Mn-enriched marginal zones of some garnets signal a cooling and
325 decompression toward 590 °C/4 - 6 kbar (Fig. 4a). Geothermobarometric estimates include a
326 minimum error of $\pm 35^\circ\text{C}$ and ± 1 kbar (Spear and Kohn, 1999). Thus, resulting errors of
327 thermobarometric calculations are much higher than quantitative systematic error in
328 thermodynamic data and microprobe analysis. If these facts are considered, the P-T path's shape
329 and/or relative $\Delta P/\Delta T$ trends will be obtained. When applied to garnet cores and rims in the
330 samples RZ33 and RZ42, the single P-T segments line up to a clockwise prograde-retrograde P-T
331 path (Fig. 4a).

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333 **5.2 Metabasites**

334 Two metabasite samples were selected for mineral chemistry analyses and related
335 geothermobarometry. Sample RZ 24 is an amphibolitized eclogite (Purtscheller, 1978). Garnets
336 are up to 3 mm in diameter in a matrix composed of fine-grained symplectites, green amphiboles,
337 plagioclase, epidote and quartz. Titanite and ilmenite appear as the Ti-bearing phases. From cores
338 to rims the garnets are zoned with decreasing spessartine (Sps 12 to 1 mole%, calculated from
339 mole fraction*100), strongly increasing pyrope (Prp 5 - 25 mole%) at quite constant high grossular
340 (Grs 22 - 25 mole%). This pyrope zonation trend indicates crystallization at increasing
341 temperature. The Mg- and Ca-rich garnet rim compositions are typical of eclogites without coesite.
342 In combination with the symplectites this indicates a former eclogitic stage for the Alpeiner
343 amphibolite unit. Many inclusions of epidote towards the garnet rim are typical. Plagioclases are
344 slightly zoned, sometimes with oligoclase cores, but mostly with albitic compositions at An < 10.
345 Plagioclase is also albitic in the symplectites with secondary clinopyroxene with Jd < 10. Ca-
346 amphiboles in the metabasites display considerable zonations and compositional variations which
347 can be described best in $^{\text{IV}}\text{Al}$ vs. $^{\text{VI}}\text{Al}$ coordinates (Fig. 3e) and also in the Si vs XMg nomenclature
348 diagram (Fig. 3f) after Leake et al. (1997). Amphibole cores in sample RZ24 have high $^{\text{VI}}\text{Al}$ (~ 3.8

349 p.f.u.) of ferro-tschermakite and rims with lower ^{VI}Al (1.0) at similar ^{IV}Al (1.6). In sample RZ37 one
350 observes amphibole cores with Mg-hornblende compositions at ^{VI}Al of 1.5 and ^{IV}Al of 1.2 - 1.6
351 (p.f.u.). In this sample, amphibole rims and also a second generation of porphyroblasts are
352 actinolites with ^{VI}Al and ^{IV}Al below 0.4 (Fig. 3e,f).

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354 The garnet-clinopyroxene Fe-Mg geothermometer cannot be used for sample RZ24, as the only
355 observed clinopyroxene in the symplectites has low Na (Jd < 10) and no Na-rich clinopyroxene
356 corresponding to the eclogitic stage remained preserved. The dependence of Si and ^{IV}Al on
357 temperature and ^{VI}Al on pressure in Ca-amphiboles in assemblages with plagioclase, epidote,
358 quartz, ilmenite and/or titanite can be used for P-T estimates. The amphibole-bearing assemblages
359 in samples RZ24 and RZ match the requirements for the application of the geothermobarometer of
360 Zenk and Schulz (2004) which involves experimental data listed by Gerya et al. (1997).

361 Accordingly, the zoned ferro-tschermakitic to tschermakitic amphiboles in sample RZ24
362 crystallized during a nearly isothermal decompression from 11 to 6 kbar at 680 - 600 °C (Fig. 4b).
363 The Mg-hornblende and actinolites in sample RZ37 crystallized at mainly decreasing temperatures
364 from 600 to 400 °C/4 - 2 kbar (Fig. 4b). The P-T estimates from the metabasites contribute with
365 retrograde P-T segments to the overall clockwise P-T path of the Alpeiner series.

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368 **6. Monazite ages and mineral chemistry**

369 In the garnet micaschists the monazite appears in different grain sizes and microstructural
370 associations (Fig. 6). Grains with an elongated shape and an average length of 200 µm and width
371 of 50-150 µm allowed for up to 15 single spot analysis. The grains are parallel to S₂ foliation. Large
372 monazite with slightly embayed grain boundaries show partly darker zones in the backscattered
373 electron (BSE) images (Fig. 5a, b). The single ages in these large grains vary from Carboniferous
374 to Permian (320 - 250 Ma), with Permian weighted average ages. No systematic variation of the
375 ages with the darker core and the lighter rim zones with higher ThO₂ contents are observed. A
376 strongly embayed large monazite gives a Triassic weighted average age due to numerous Jurassic
377 to Cretaceous single ages apart from the Permian ages (Fig. 5c). In samples RZ31 and RZ29, one

378 observes Permian monazite with the double corona structure by apatite and allanite. The apatite-
379 allanite corona structures around Permian monazite (Fig. 5d-f) are interpreted as an indicator for
380 monazite decomposition. Monazite is progressively replaced in stages by apatite accompanied by
381 formation of allanite surrounding apatite. The initial stage of corona formation is characterized by
382 single tiny apatite grains which have crystallized between an allanite corona and monazite (Fig.
383 5d). The next stage is a continuous corona of apatite around monazite, which itself is surrounded
384 by a mantle of allanite. The allanite mantle is composed of crystals with radial orientation (Fig. 5d-
385 f). This can be explained by pseudomorphic partial replacement of the original monazite by apatite
386 and allanite via a fluid-mediated coupled dissolution-precipitation process (Harlov et al., 2011;
387 Budzyń et al., 2011). At the present stage of knowledge, such monazite corona structures are
388 generated during decreasing pressure and temperature (Broska and Siman, 1998; Budzyń et al.,
389 2011; Finger et al., 1998; Krenn and Finger, 2007), and retrogression (Upadhyay and Pruseth,
390 2012). When the weighted average ages of monazites in the corona structures are compared, a
391 systematic shift from Permian ages in well preserved monazite cores (Fig. 5d) toward Triassic and
392 Jurassic ages in tiny thin monazite relics in the coronas (Fig. 5f) can be stated.

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394 Another microstructural feature are clusters composed of numerous small monazite grains with
395 diameters of mostly $< 10 \mu\text{m}$ (Fig. 5g-h). These small monazite grains are surrounded by allanite.
396 The cluster monazite in association with allanite, plagioclase, mica display mostly Permian to
397 Triassic ages. This arrangement of cluster monazite are distinct from the satellite monazite
398 structure as it was described by Finger et al. (2016). The satellite monazite microstructure are
399 small grains arranged around a larger central grain and is considered as the new crystallization of
400 monazite in a former apatite-allanite double corona structure when monazite stability conditions
401 are attained by re-increasing temperature after a retrogression. In contrast, the monazite clusters
402 apparently pseudomorph large mica. Each of the small monazite grains is embedded and
403 surrounded by allanite. However, at the present limited stage of knowledge about this structure,
404 the Permo-Triassic monazites in the clusters represent at least a period of intense re-
405 crystallization.

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407 The monazites in the three studied samples display a diverse mineral chemistry. In the age vs
408 Y_2O_3 plot, monazite in sample RZ29 are mostly high in Y_2O_3 (up to 3 wt%), whereas in sample
409 RZ42 they are mostly low in Y_2O_3 (0.2 - 1.5 wt%). In sample RZ31 the whole compositional range
410 of Y_2O_3 contents occur (Fig. 6a). Overall, the contents of LREE, and also ThO_2 (1.5-6 wt%) and
411 UO_2 (0.1-1.6 wt%) are within the range of metamorphic monazites (Spear and Pyle, 2002, Wing et
412 al., 2003). In the age vs UO_2 , X_{HREE+Y} vs X_{LREE} and also in the X_{GdPO_4} vs X_{YPO_4} plots,
413 overlapping trends are observed in the three samples (Fig. 6b-d). The X_{YPO_4} slightly exceed the
414 limit of the garnet zone or garnet isograd as given by Pyle et al. (2001), but do not reach the limit
415 between the sillimanite zone and migmatism (Fig. 6d). The X_{Hutt} is negligible and the X_{Cher} in
416 most monazites ranges from 0.05 to 0.15 (not shown). The dominant cheralite exchange (Th or U
417 + $Ca = 2 REE$) is typical for systems with elevated Ca (Spear and Pyle, 2002). Monazites in
418 sample RZ42 strictly follow the cheralite substitution trend in $Th+U$ vs Ca coordinates (Fig. 6e). In
419 contrast, the monazites in samples RZ31 and especially sample RZ29 with many Triassic ages
420 deviate from the pure cheralite substitution trend and display almost constant Ca at increasing
421 $Th+U$ (Fig. 6e).

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423 In the histogram view, the distribution of single spot ages display a prominent maximum in the
424 Permian (280 - 270 Ma) and a second and considerably lower maximum in Triassic times at 230 -
425 220 Ma (Fig. 6f). Only a few Carboniferous ages appear in the histogram view. Cretaceous ages
426 are also rare. As expressed in the histogram, in the single large grains and the cluster weighted
427 average mean ages (Fig. 5), several isochrones can be defined in the single samples. However, all
428 these isochrones are mainly established by sorting of the data and are characterised by low values
429 of R^2 and weak MSWD. Carboniferous isochrones at 304 ± 26 Ma (sample RZ42) and 321 ± 33 Ma
430 (sample RZ31) are poorly defined and underlined by only a few data (Fig. 7a, b). The Permian age
431 isochrones at 272 ± 15 Ma (RZ42) and 269 ± 13 Ma (RZ31) enclose a considerable number of
432 single ages. For sample RZ29 the Permian isochrone at 252 ± 31 Ma is poorly defined with a few
433 data and most monazite ages fall into the Triassic (202 ± 34 Ma, Fig. 7c). In the other samples,
434 one can also calculate Triassic isochrones at 215 ± 59 Ma and 209 ± 17 Ma, which sometimes can
435 be defined by monazites with lower ThO_2^* (Fig. 7a, b)

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437 **7. Discussion and Conclusions**

438 The combination of the thermobarometric results from garnet metapelites and metabasites in the
439 Alpeiner Valley points to a clockwise P-T path which evolved mainly in the high-pressure
440 amphibolite-facies. The prograde P-T path started in the kyanite stability field. Maximal pressures
441 and temperatures range around 12 kbar and 680 °C. Then the P-T path passed the sillimanite field
442 at decreasing pressure. Zoned green amphiboles recorded conditions from 4 - 5 kbar/600 °C to 2
443 kbar/400 °C, indicating a retrograde P-T path which entered the andalusite stability field (Fig. 8a).
444 This matches the observation of the three aluminosilicates in sample RZ42, where andalusite
445 overgrows the fabric at a late stage of the evolution. By a comparison to P-T data and paths from
446 garnet metapelites in adjacent parts of the Oetztal-Stubai Complex (e.g., Schulz, 1994; Tropper
447 and Recheis, 2001; Rode et al., 2012), it appears likely that the amphibolite-facies metamorphism
448 in the Alpeiner Valley matches the Variscan (Carboniferous) event described from the Sellrain,
449 Umhausen and Sölden areas (Fig. 8a). It was not possible to constrain eclogite facies P-T
450 conditions in the Alpeiner Valley metabasites, as it has been described from the Central
451 Metabasite Zone (CMBZ) in the Oetztal (Miller and Thöni, 1995; Rode et al., 2012). Omphacite
452 with high jadeite contents was not preserved in the Alpeiner Valley metabasites. However, the
453 pervasive occurrence of symplectites with low jadeite bearing clinopyroxene demonstrates that the
454 metabasites should have experienced somewhat higher pressures as were actually recorded by
455 the green amphiboles.

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457 It appears tempting to relate the pressure-dominated amphibolite-facies metamorphism in the
458 Alpeiner Valley to the pervasive crystallisation of Permian to Triassic monazites. However, the
459 similarity of the P-T path from the Alpeiner Valley to the Carboniferous P-T paths from the Oetztal
460 (Fig. 8a) counts against such an interpretation. Also the monazite phase stability limits should be
461 considered in this discussion. Studies in amphibolite-facies metapelites have identified a major
462 pulse of monazite growth, which could be linked to the breakdown of garnet at decreasing
463 pressure (Pyle and Spear, 1999; Pyle et al., 2001; Spear, 2010). In fact, the P-T record in the
464 metapelite garnet ceased during decompression. This could explain the wide variety of Y in

465 monazite which crystallized subsequent to the garnet and which could have incorporated the Y
466 from decomposed garnet. According to Janots et al. (2007), Spear (2010), Spear and Pyle (2010)
467 and Goswami-Banerjee and Robyr (2015), monazite is stable under amphibolite-facies conditions.
468 The temperature-dependent univariant allanite-monazite equilibrium with the monazite stability limit
469 is qualitatively shifted toward lower temperature with decreasing Ca and increasing Al in the bulk
470 rock (Fig. 8a). Within this frame, monazite should have crystallized when the actual P-T path
471 passed the allanite-monazite stability limit at decreasing pressure (Fig. 8a). Considering XCa and
472 XAn in garnet and plagioclase, and the occurrence of the metapelite layers within a rock suite
473 dominated by metabasites, the Alpeiner Valley garnet micaschists should have considerably higher
474 bulk rock Ca when compared to the aluminous micaschist samples at Umhausen, Sölden and
475 Sellrain as reported by Rode et al. (2012). This implicates that most of the Alpeiner Valley
476 monazite should have crystallized at comparably lower pressures and at a late stage, when the
477 decompression P-T path passed from the sillimanite to the andalusite stability field (Fig. 8a). If this
478 is accepted, the P-T evolution within the kyanite and sillimanite stability fields should be also
479 Carboniferous in the Alpeiner Valley, as was similarly reported from the adjacent Sellrain,
480 Umhausen and Sölden micaschists (Rode et al., 2012). Monazite isochrones at 324 ± 27 Ma
481 (sample RZ31) and 304 ± 26 Ma (sample RZ42) support this interpretation. These poorly defined
482 isochrones (Fig. 7a, b) are assembled by disperse single monazite analyses within larger grains.
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484 The bulk of monazite analyses is related to isochrones at 272 ± 15 Ma and 260 ± 12 Ma, partly
485 with a broad cluster of the data around the regression, and a maximum in the histogram at ~ 270
486 Ma (Fig. 7b, c, 8b). One sample (RZ29) displays a Triassic isochrone (Fig. 7a), however, in the
487 histogram view a sub-maximum of ages appears at ~ 220 Ma (Figs 5f, 8b). When compared to the
488 monazite age data from the Sellrain, Umhausen and Sölden regions (Rode et al., 2012), with their
489 unimodal age distributions around 317 ± 5 Ma, the mostly Permian Alpeiner Valley monazites
490 apparently indicate a distinct thermal event in the histogram distribution (Fig. 8b). However, in the
491 Alpeiner Valley on one hand large Permian monazite grains were consumed during retrogression
492 in the double corona structures. On the other hand. the monazite cluster structures support a new
493 crystallization of monazite in domains of allanite. Their age pattern also differs from observations

494 from the Austroalpine basement to the south of the Tauern Window, where bimodal Carboniferous
495 and Permian monazite age distributions occur (Krenn et al., 2012). The monazite age pattern of
496 Alpeiner Valley also differs from the Eclogite Unit of the Saualpe to the E of the Tauern Window,
497 where Cretaceous monazite is abundant apart a Permian population (Schulz, 2016). Permian
498 metamorphic and magmatic ages have yet been mainly reported from Austroalpine basement
499 domains where numerous intrusions of Permian pegmatites occurred (Schuster et al., 2001;
500 Schuster and Stüwe, 2008, and references therein). Evidently, the fluid activity associated to these
501 intrusions enhanced the monazite crystallisation in metapelites, when low pressure and low bulk
502 Ca compositions are given.

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504 There are yet no own observations or reports of pegmatites and Permian pegmatites respectively
505 from the Alpeiner Valley and the OSC nearby. As a consequence, the P-T path and the monazite
506 ages from the Alpeiner Valley may be considered as a link between the Austroalpine domains with
507 exclusively Carboniferous high-pressure amphibolite to eclogite facies metamorphism, and the
508 domains with the Permian event evidently manifested by the pegmatites. The observations from
509 the Alpeiner Valley also indicate that a distinct Permian to Triassic thermal event appeared after a
510 precedent Carboniferous collisional crustal thickening, as proven by clockwise P-T paths.

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512 The nature and geodynamic significance of a Permian to Triassic event in the Austroalpine and
513 also Southalpine basement units has been increasingly discussed with the emerging new age data
514 and the re-interpretation of existing data (Schuster et al., 2001). According to Schuster and Stüwe
515 (2008), the Permian event can be related to (1) intrusion of Permian gabbros into the middle and
516 lower crust, (2) granite and pegmatite intrusions at mid-crustal levels, (3) quartz-andalusite veins
517 and (4) Permian volcanics. These Permian magmatic features are possible in an extensional
518 tectonic cycle as outlined by Schuster and Stüwe (2008). The P-T data from the Alpeiner
519 metamorphic rocks provide no detailed resolution of the Permian to Triassic event in terms of a re-
520 heating and then further cooling path at low pressures. However, the monazite age data at least
521 documents a prolonged, decelerated, and possibly more complex post- Permo-Triassic history
522 subsequent to the Carboniferous amphibolite facies stage. By comparison to P-T-t data from the

523 adjacent Oetztal, it is also evident that monazite age data not necessarily refers to the garnet
524 crystallization during the main metamorphic event in the basement, but can give witness to a
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815 **Supplementary Files**

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817 **Figure S1:** (a) Geological map of the area W of Franz-Senn-Hütte, Alpeiner Valley, Austroalpine
818 Oetztal-Stubai basement. (b) Lithological cross section.

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820 **Table S2:** Electron microprobe analyses of Ca-amphiboles in amphibolitized eclogite and
821 amphibolite from the Alpeiner Valley around Franz-Senn-Hütte, Austroalpine Oetztal-Stubai
822 basement. Cation formula is calculated on the basis of 23 oxygens (Leake et al., 1997), with site
823 allotment CNK13.

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827 **Captions**

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829 **Figure 1:** (a) Location of study area in the basement units of the Central and Eastern Alps: BSTW
830 - Basement South of Tauern Window; GWZ - Graywacke Zone; IL - Insubric Line; IQ - Innsbrucker
831 Quartzphyllite; JL - Judicarie Line; Ko - Koralpe; Oe - Oetztal-Stubai; PL - Periadriatic Lineament;
832 Sa - Saualpe; SA - South Alpine; Si - Silvretta; TW - Tauern Window (Penninic Unit). (b)
833 Geological map of the Oetztal-Stubai basement in the Central Alps, with Variscan mineral zones
834 after Purtscheller (1978), and domains of Alpine Cretaceous metamorphism after Thöni (1981) and
835 Hoinkes and Thöni (1993). Study area around the Franz-Senn-Hütte is marked.

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837 **Figure 2:** (a) Geological sketch map of the area W of Franz-Senn-Hütte in the Alpeiner Valley,
838 Austroalpine Oetztal-Stubai basement, with sampling locations referred to in the text. See details in
839 Fig. S1.

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841 **Figure 3:** (a) Map of energy dispersive X-ray (EDX) spectra in garnet micaschist. Spectra for
842 garnet porphyroblasts are labelled in a generic way by Fe, Mg, Mn, and Ca contents in normalised
843 element wt%. Bt - biotite; Grt - garnet; Locations of analytical profiles and traces of foliations S_{1i}
844 and S_2 are marked. Numbers are EMP analyses along profiles. (b, c) Zonations in micaschist
845 garnet including almandine (Alm-50 %, due to scale), pyrope (Prp), grossular (Grs) and
846 spessartine (Sps) components (in mole %). Numbers are selected garnet analyses used for
847 geothermobarometry. The profiles are labelled from the cores (c) to the rims (r) of garnet. (d)
848 Garnet zonations in XMg-*X*Ca coordinates. Arrows indicate core-to-rim (c, r) zonation trends from
849 single garnet profiles. Numbers are selected garnet analyses for geothermobarometry. The garnet
850 XMg-*X*Ca zonations refer to the semiquantitative pressure-temperature trends A (heating-
851 compression), B (heating-decompression) and C (isothermal decompression), as outlined in Spear
852 (1993). (e) Mineral chemistry and zonations of Ca-amphibole in metabasite samples, according to
853 Leake et al. (1997). (f) Ca-amphibole zonations in ^{IV}Al vs ^{VI}Al coordinates, with relative *P-T* trend.
854 c1, c2 - cores, r1, r2 - rims of amphiboles.

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856 **Figure 4:** (a) Geothermobarometry and *P-T* estimates from garnet micaschists. Crosses mark
857 results from garnet-biotite (Grt-Bt) thermometers and GASP and GBMP barometers (HP - Holland
858 and Powell (1998); SK - Spear and Kohn (1999); Wu - Wu (2015). See text and Table 1 for details
859 and combination of analyses. Arrow indicate *P-T* trend given by combination of data from samples
860 RZ33 and RZ42. The aluminosilicates (And, Ky, Sill), cordierite-in (Cd+), muscovite-out (Ms-) and
861 staurolite-in and -out (Sta+, Sta-) univariant lines are after Spear (1993). Bold cross at lower right
862 marks a general uncertainty of ± 50 °C/1.0 kbar. (b) Geothermobarometry and *P-T* estimates
863 (crosses) from amphibolitized eclogite (RZ24) and amphibolite (RZ37), by the Ca-amphibole
864 equilibria geothermobarometer (ZS) by Zenk and Schulz (2004). Isopleths for jadeite (Jd10)

865 content in clinopyroxene after Holland (1980; 1983). The arrow combines the *P-T* data from garnet
866 micaschists to data from metabasites.

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868 **Figure 5:** Microstructures of monazite in backscattered electron images (BSE). Numbers are
869 single Th-U-Pb ages in Ma. Weighted averages with 2 sigma error are calculated from several
870 analyses within a grain. (a) Large monazite (Mnz) with slightly embayed rims and patchy darker
871 core zones, with Permian and Triassic ages. (b) Large monazite with patchy darker core zone. (c)
872 Embayed large monazite with darker domains and numerous Mesozoic single ages. (d) Initial
873 stage of corona structure around a Carboniferous-to-Permian monazite with apatite (Ap) and
874 allanite (Aln) along the margin. (e) Progressed stage of corona formation with broad apatite zones;
875 weighted average ages are Triassic. (f) Late stage of corona formation with broad apatite and
876 allanite rims and thin relic monazite with Triassic ages. (g) Large cluster of small monazite grains
877 which are surrounded by allanite. (h, i) Details of monazite cluster arrangement with allanite rims
878 around all small monazite grains. The monazite cluster is embedded in coarse-grained matrix with
879 biotite (Bt), plagioclase (Pl) and quartz (Qtz).

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881 **Figure 6:** Mineral chemistry of monazite and distributions of monazite Th-U-Pb chemical ages. (a,
882 b) Monazite mineral chemistry vs age for each sample. (c) Monazite LREE and HREE
883 compositions in mole fractions. (d) Diagram $XGdPO_4$ vs $XYPO_4$, with compositions above the
884 garnet (Grt) metamorphic mineral zone as defined by Pyle et al. (2001). Moles calculated
885 according to Pyle et al. (2001). (e) Monazite compositions in reference to the cheralite substitution
886 trend, note different trends in samples RZ29 and RZ31. (f) Histogram with distribution of single
887 monazite ages to Permian (280 - 270 Ma.) and Triassic (220 - 210 Ma) populations.

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889 **Figure 7:** Th-U-Pb chemical model ages of monazite (Mnz). Total ThO_2^* vs PbO (wt.%) isochrons
890 diagrams. ThO_2^* is $ThO_2 + UO_2$ equivalents expressed as ThO_2 . General minimal 2σ error on
891 monazite PbO analysis is shown by a bar. Regression lines with the coefficient of determination R^2
892 are forced through zero (Suzuki et al., 1994; Montel et al., 1996). Weighted average ages (Ma)
893 with MSWD and minimal error of 2σ are calculated from single analyses according to Ludwig

894 (2001). The symbols mark analyses belonging to monazite age populations and defining
895 isochrones, falling into Carboniferous, Permian and Triassic ranges of ages.

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897 **Figure 8:** (a) P-T-t evolution and monazite ages in the Stubai region (Alpeiner Valley), compared
898 to data from the Oetztal basement to the west, given in Rode et al. (2012). Segments of the P-T
899 path are marked with EMP monazite ages, and data from eclogites in Miller and Thöni (1995).

900 Stability fields for kyanite (Ky), andalusite (And), sillimanite (Sil) after Spear (1993). stability fields
901 of monazite (Mnz) and allanite (Aln) at different bulk rock contents as a function of Ca wt %, and
902 with the xenotime (Xtm+) stability field (Janots et al., 2007; Spear, 2010).

903 (b) Frequency distribution (recalculated to percent) of the EMP-Th-U-Pb monazite ages in Stubai
904 (Alpeiner Valley) as reported in Fig. 5f, compared to data from the Oetztal regions to the W, as
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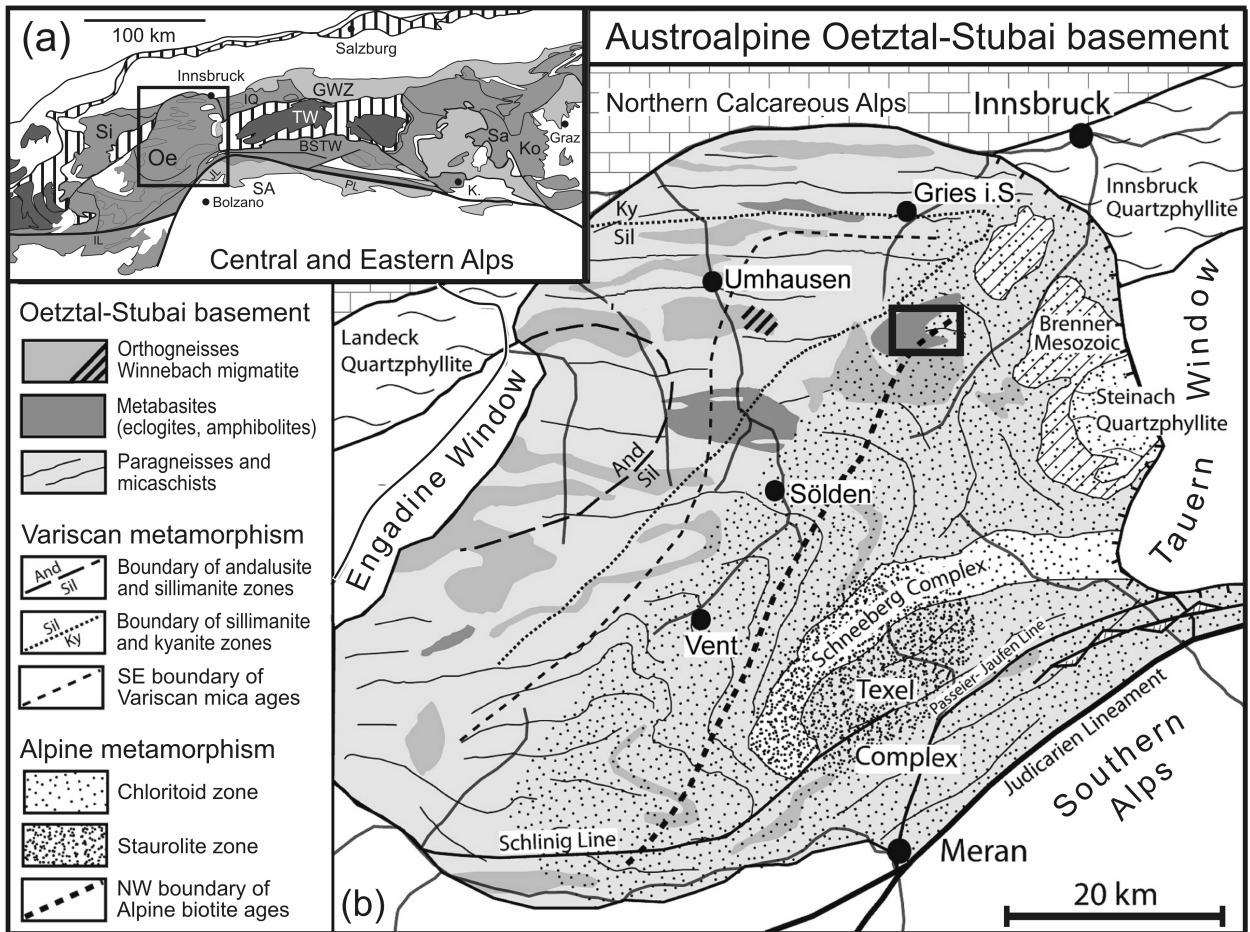
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908 and plagioclase (Pl) in micaschists and gneisses from the Austroalpine Oetztal-Stubai basement,
909 Alpeiner Valley around Franz-Senn-Hütte, normalized to 12 oxygen (garnet), 11 oxygen (biotite,
910 muscovite) and 8 oxygen (plagioclase). Almandine (Alm), anorthite (An), grossular (Grs), pyrope
911 (Prp), spessartine (Sps) contents in mole %. Mineral analyses combined for geothermobarometric
912 calculations are as follows: Sample RZ33: Grt31–Bt119–Pl173; Grt4–Bt108–Pl170: Sample RZ42:
913 Grt245–Bt161–Ms187–Pl171; Grt104–Bt161–Ms187–Pl171; Grt84–Bt247–Ms187–Pl203; Grt77–
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916 **Table 2:** Electron microprobe analyses of metamorphic monazite from metapelites of the Oetztal-
917 Stubai basement in the Alpeiner Valley around Franz-Senn-Hütte. Th* is calculated from Th and U
918 after Suzuki et al. (1994). Monazite ages from single analyses are given with 2sigma error. Mnz
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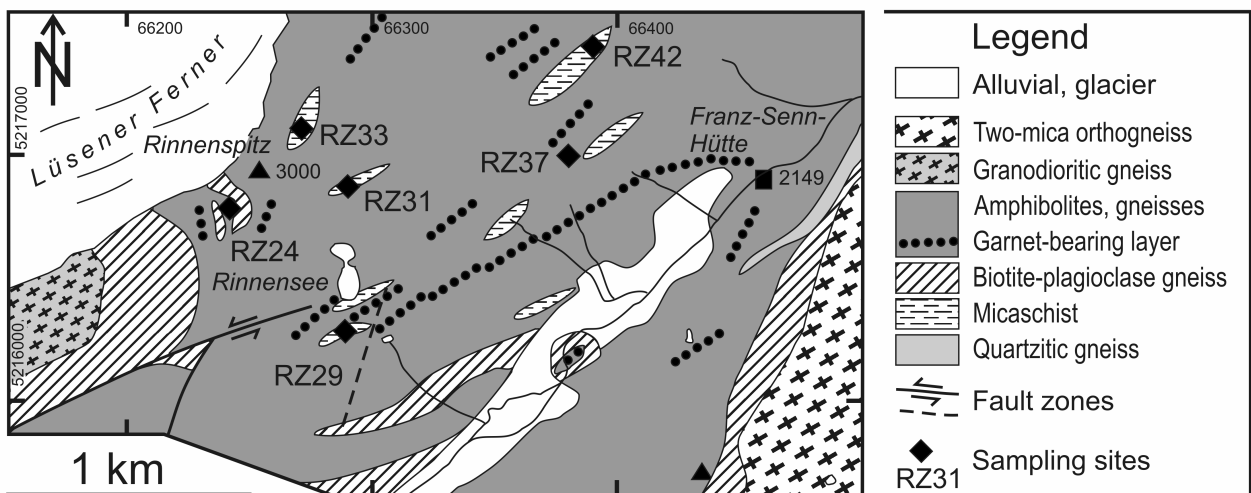
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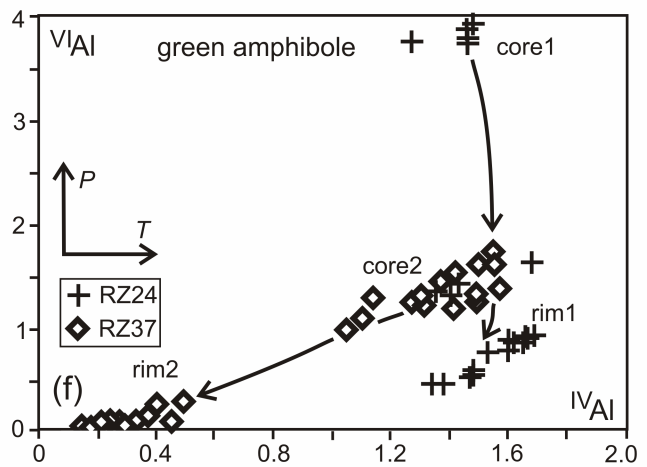
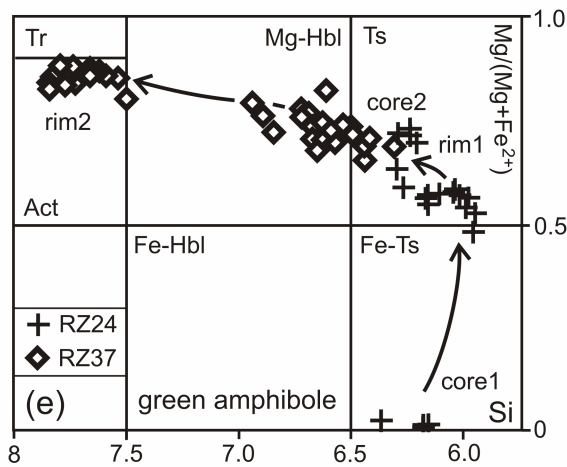
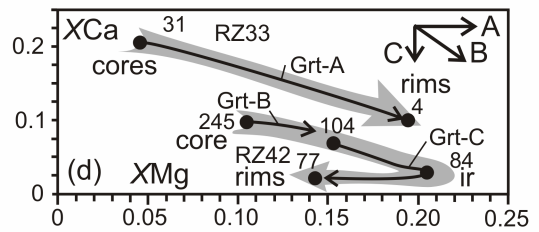
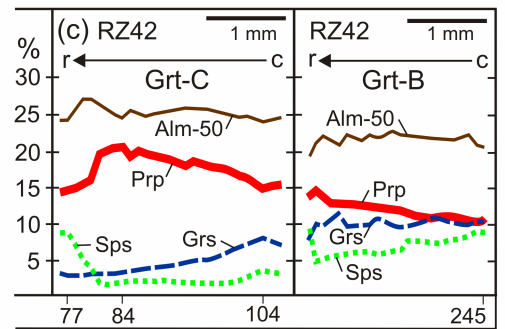
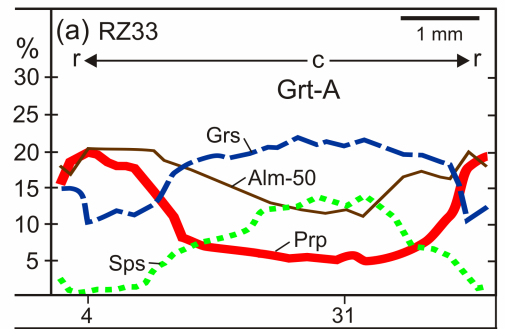
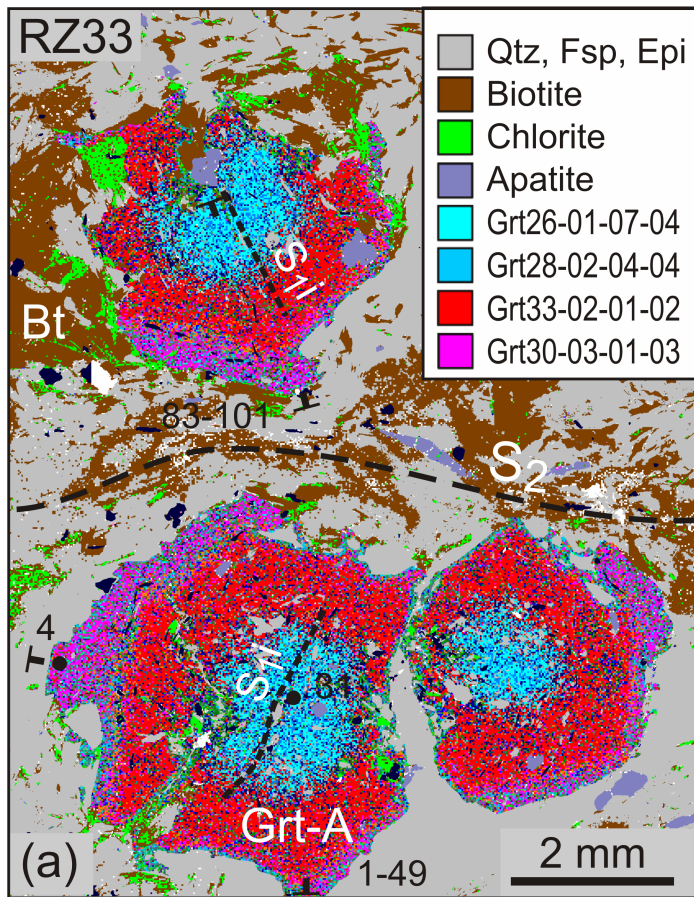
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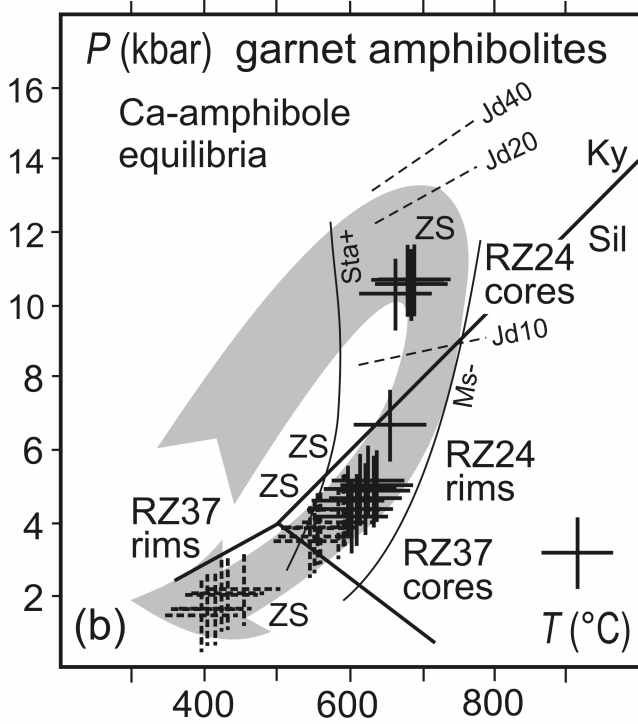
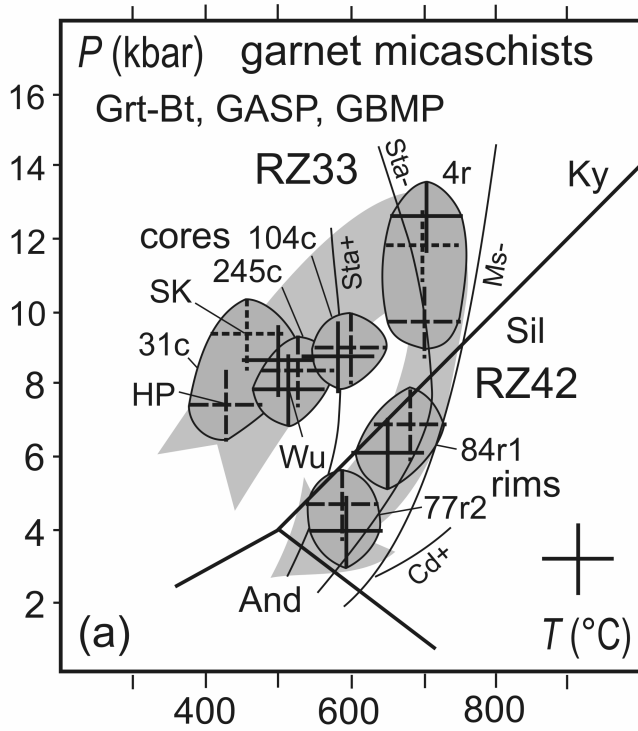
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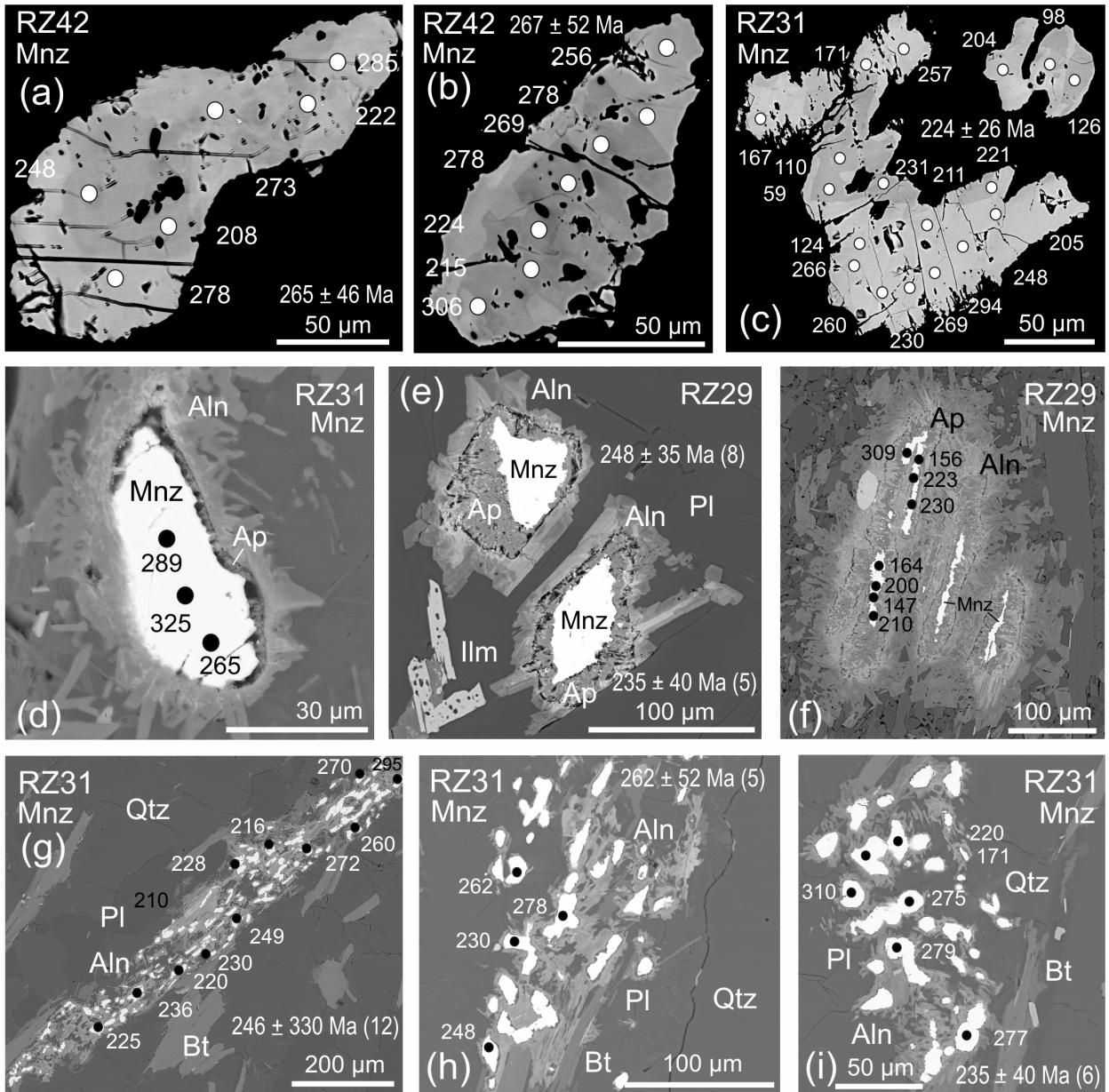
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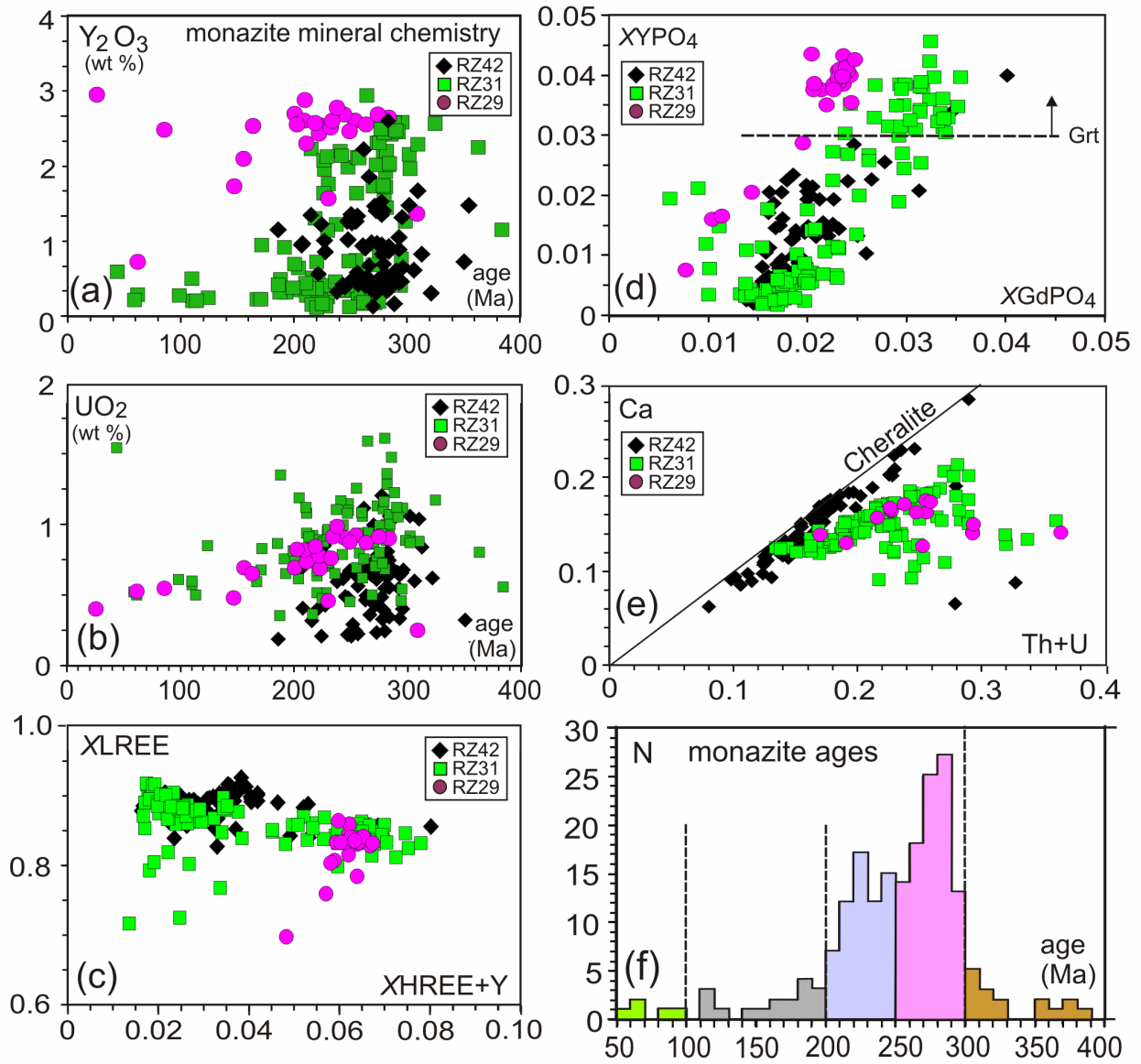
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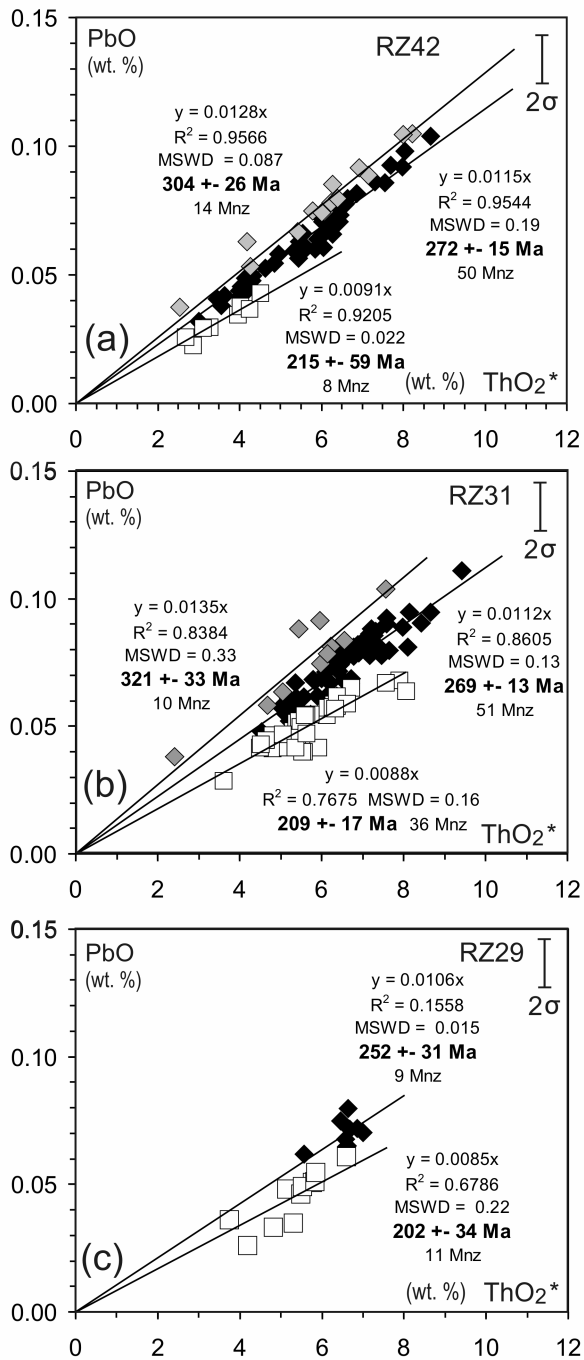
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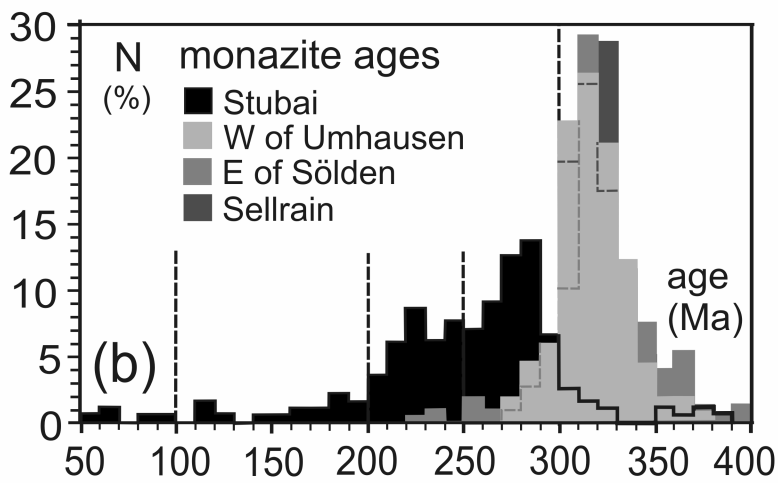
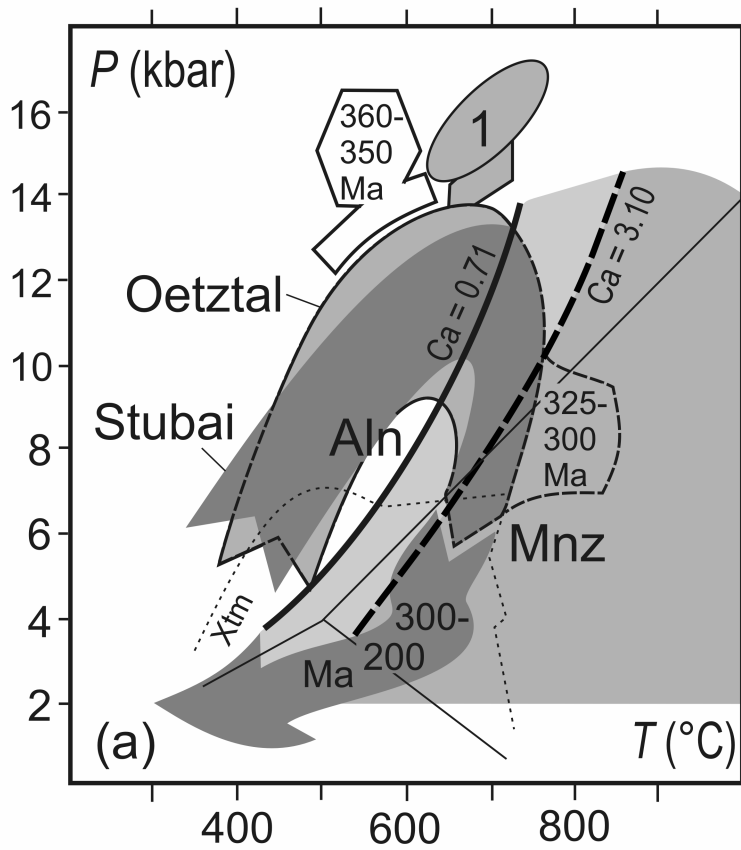
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Grt	31c	4r	245c	104c	84r	77r
Si	3.013	2.972	2.997	3.004	3.003	3.000
Al	1.922	1.969	1.979	1.987	1.978	1.970
Fe	1.876	2.165	2.132	2.232	2.248	2.251
Mn	0.404	0.013	0.266	0.090	0.056	0.267
Mg	0.148	0.604	0.318	0.459	0.618	0.432
Ca	0.642	0.310	0.305	0.216	0.104	0.086
Tot	8.005	8.033	7.997	7.989	8.007	8.007
Alm	61.1	70.0	70.6	74.5	74.3	74.2
Prp	4.8	19.5	10.5	15.3	20.4	14.2
Sps	13.2	0.4	8.8	3.0	1.9	8.8
Grs	20.9	10.0	10.1	7.2	3.4	2.8
XMg	0.048	0.195	0.105	0.153	0.204	0.142
XCa	0.209	0.100	0.101	0.072	0.034	0.028
	Bt119	Bt108	Bt161	Ms187	Bt247	Ms188
Si	2.727	2.737	2.636	3.152	2.654	3.300
^{IV} Al	1.273	1.263	1.364	0.848	1.346	0.700
^{VI} Al	0.349	0.368	0.419	1.821	0.387	1.793
Ti	0.095	0.090	0.045	0.008	0.095	0.013
Fe	1.261	1.183	1.155	0.092	1.229	0.094
Mn	0.003	0.003	0.005	0.001	0.005	0.001
Mg	1.186	1.240	1.443	0.096	1.255	0.089
Ca	0.000	0.000	0.002	0.001	0.001	0.002
Na	0.024	0.028	0.027	0.131	0.030	0.128
K	0.922	0.919	0.692	0.839	0.793	0.770
Tot	7.840	7.831	7.787	6.990	7.796	6.890
XMg	0.48	0.51	0.56	0.51	0.51	0.49
Pl	173	170	171	173	203	204
Si	2.731	2.747	2.847	2.842	2.779	2.805
Al	1.254	1.239	1.150	1.152	1.220	1.190
Ca	0.279	0.260	0.152	0.163	0.222	0.205
Na	0.748	0.766	0.846	0.846	0.762	0.798
K	0.004	0.004	0.008	0.002	0.013	0.004
Tot	5.016	5.016	5.003	5.005	4.996	5.001
An	27.1	25.3	15.1	16.1	22.3	20.3

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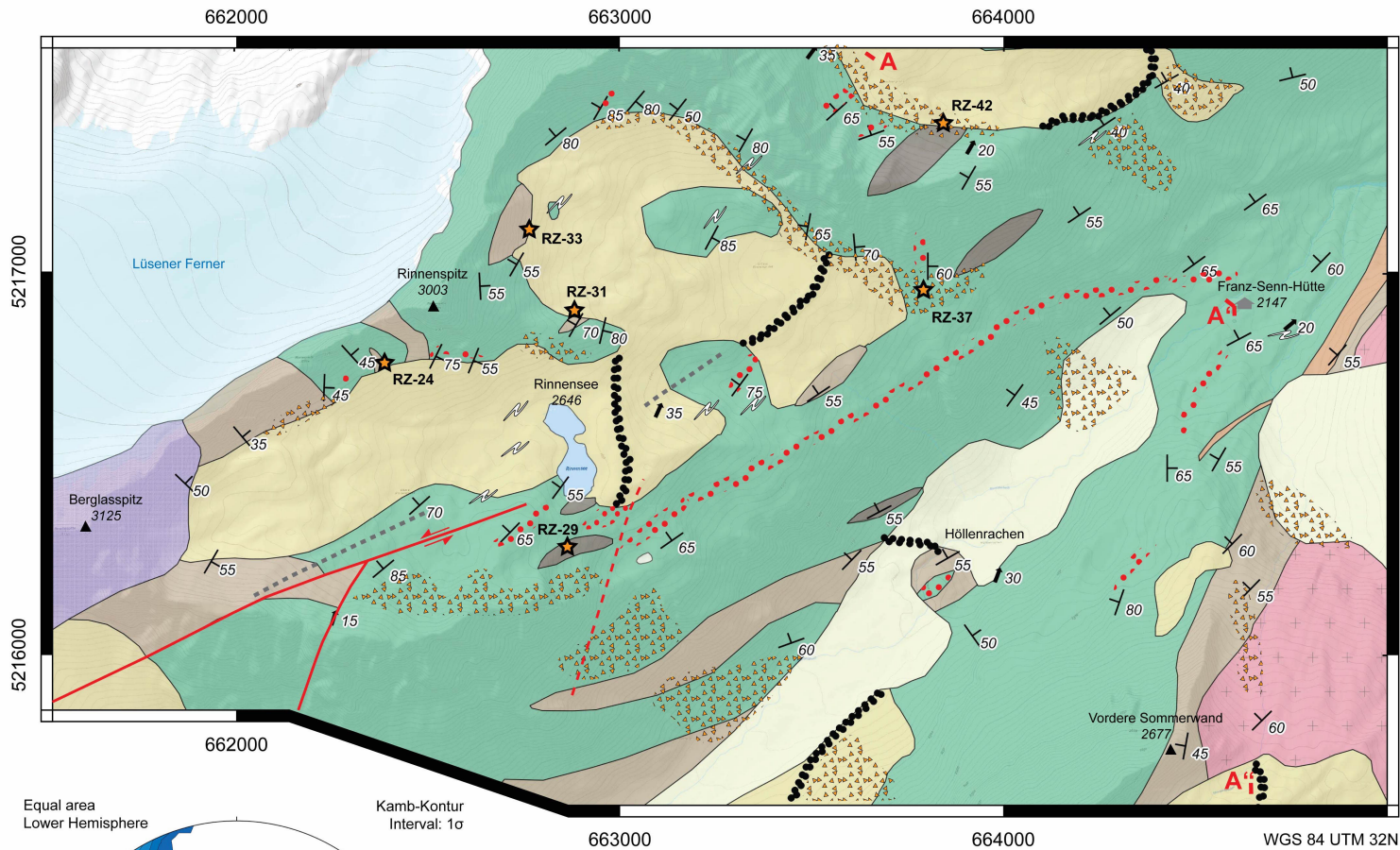
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Table 2

Sample	SiO ₂	P ₂ O ₅	CaO	Y ₂ O ₃	La ₂ O ₃	Ce ₂ O ₃	Pr ₂ O ₃	Nd ₂ O ₃	Sm ₂ O ₃	Gd ₂ O ₃	ThO ₂	UO ₂	PbO	Total	Th	U	Pb	ThO ₂ *	Age	± 2σ
RZ29-4	0.34	30.29	19.01	1.17	9.61	19.85	2.62	9.85	1.77	1.30	2.27	0.456	0.036	99.02	1.99	0.402	0.034	3.740	230	164
RZ29-8	0.15	29.50	1.75	2.16	12.87	27.76	3.52	13.75	2.60	1.89	3.14	0.816	0.051	100.56	2.76	0.720	0.047	5.770	210	106
RZ29-m2-1	0.13	29.68	1.35	1.95	12.67	27.47	3.46	13.76	2.55	1.91	3.70	0.920	0.071	100.25	3.25	0.811	0.066	6.671	254	92
RZ29-m2-10	0.16	29.51	1.51	1.89	12.99	27.39	3.41	13.54	2.47	1.78	4.15	0.762	0.065	100.25	3.64	0.672	0.060	6.607	233	93
RZ29-m2-11	0.16	29.77	1.35	1.93	12.83	27.47	3.51	13.66	2.60	1.81	3.87	0.846	0.061	100.49	3.40	0.746	0.056	6.596	219	93
RZ29-m2-9	0.20	29.68	1.29	2.01	12.61	27.34	3.53	13.94	2.65	1.87	3.51	0.911	0.075	100.28	3.09	0.803	0.069	6.462	274	95
RZ31-m1-12	0.21	29.61	1.33	1.68	12.58	28.04	3.19	12.72	2.61	2.30	3.35	0.802	0.091	99.15	2.94	0.707	0.085	5.963	363	103
RZ31-m1-13	0.69	29.42	2.48	1.62	12.60	27.06	3.03	12.23	2.40	2.10	3.59	0.915	0.084	98.81	3.15	0.806	0.078	6.554	302	94
RZ31-m1-4	0.15	28.48	1.66	0.34	12.74	29.07	3.24	12.96	2.40	1.57	3.42	0.888	0.059	97.60	3.01	0.783	0.054	6.287	221	98
RZ31-m1-5	0.13	29.69	0.92	0.54	13.33	30.01	3.49	13.92	2.78	1.80	2.75	0.635	0.044	100.68	2.42	0.560	0.041	4.803	220	128
RZ31-m1-6	0.17	29.43	1.12	1.17	12.98	28.42	3.22	12.95	2.73	2.29	3.57	0.684	0.068	99.46	3.14	0.603	0.064	5.788	280	106
RZ31-m1-7	0.15	29.43	1.32	1.44	12.71	28.13	3.11	12.74	2.80	2.26	3.81	0.998	0.083	99.72	3.34	0.879	0.078	7.037	281	87
RZ31-m1-8	0.17	29.34	1.43	1.49	12.45	27.43	3.14	12.70	2.77	2.38	3.94	1.146	0.080	99.27	3.46	1.011	0.074	7.644	248	80
RZ31-m10-12	0.34	29.31	1.12	0.85	13.82	29.17	3.47	13.31	2.45	1.55	3.28	0.961	0.062	100.33	2.88	0.847	0.057	6.380	230	96
RZ31-m10-13	0.34	29.17	0.89	0.09	14.52	30.67	3.52	14.10	2.40	1.33	2.85	0.514	0.042	100.89	2.50	0.453	0.039	4.503	220	136
RZ31-m12-4	0.13	29.61	1.23	1.72	12.87	28.40	3.41	13.53	2.51	1.90	3.36	0.881	0.081	100.23	2.95	0.777	0.076	6.219	310	99
RZ31-m12-6	0.27	29.66	1.24	1.31	12.81	28.54	3.44	13.77	2.58	1.88	3.32	1.163	0.083	100.73	2.92	1.025	0.077	7.087	279	87
RZ31-m14-1	0.13	29.71	1.34	1.48	13.47	28.70	3.41	12.87	2.29	1.86	3.32	0.871	0.078	100.14	2.92	0.767	0.073	6.146	303	100
RZ31-m4-19	0.19	29.38	1.54	0.21	13.53	29.44	3.39	13.03	2.42	1.41	4.22	0.915	0.078	100.37	3.71	0.806	0.072	7.181	257	85
RZ31-m5-4	0.26	29.92	1.49	1.85	12.51	27.45	3.25	12.76	2.60	2.27	3.31	1.068	0.081	99.54	2.91	0.941	0.075	6.774	284	91
RZ31-m9-2	0.20	29.40	1.47	1.59	12.74	27.92	3.40	13.66	2.81	2.39	2.67	0.919	0.054	99.98	2.35	0.810	0.051	5.636	229	109
RZ42-m1-1	0.21	29.50	1.05	0.46	14.18	29.25	3.63	14.38	2.58	1.54	3.94	0.660	0.075	101.46	3.46	0.582	6.077	0.069	291	101
RZ42-m1-2	0.20	29.32	0.88	1.02	14.27	29.45	3.73	14.15	2.54	1.58	3.46	0.210	0.044	100.85	3.04	0.185	4.136	0.041	251	148
RZ42-m10-3	0.17	29.40	1.11	0.65	14.00	28.93	3.48	14.32	2.62	1.65	4.22	0.553	0.072	101.17	2.47	0.408	4.309	0.044	284	102
RZ42-m10-4	0.28	29.14	1.43	0.25	14.17	29.17	3.57	14.09	2.61	1.44	4.13	0.593	0.061	100.93	5.30	0.345	7.304	0.080	238	102
RZ42-m12-4	0.18	29.24	0.84	1.01	14.22	28.65	3.52	13.81	2.94	2.45	2.18	1.202	0.071	100.32	2.97	0.199	4.112	0.041	278	101
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RZ42-m13-12	0.27	29.31	1.04	0.23	14.38	29.23	3.64	14.26	2.60	1.41	4.26	0.619	0.085	101.33	3.71	0.488	6.009	0.067	322	98
RZ42-m13-8	0.13	29.29	1.20	0.62	14.00	28.73	3.59	13.98	2.47	1.46	4.20	0.837	0.092	100.62	3.63	0.523	6.043	0.056	313	88
RZ42-m14ig2	0.25	29.27	1.36	1.11	12.92	27.70	3.48	13.57	2.65	2.08	4.79	1.056	0.105	100.34	1.15	0.375	2.687	0.024	302	75
RZ42-m15-3	0.18	29.39	1.34	0.12	14.24	29.20	3.53	13.69	2.39	1.09	4.62	1.054	0.098	100.96	1.92	1.060	6.072	0.066	289	76
RZ42-m4-4	0.12	29.38	0.83	0.68	14.74	30.06	3.65	14.20	2.65	1.56	2.81	0.462	0.048	101.19	3.13	0.564	5.628	0.056	263	142
RZ42-m5-1	0.26	29.18	1.46	0.52	13.68	28.46	3.55	13.49	2.43	1.24	6.04	0.391	0.086	100.79	3.74	0.545	6.271	0.079	279	84
RZ42-m6-1	0.26	29.17	0.97	0.46	15.08	29.62	3.61	13.67	2.39	1.38	3.85	0.599	0.075	101.13	3.70	0.738	6.924	0.085	306	106
RZ42-m7-1	0.26	29.10	1.03	0.36	14.49	29.25	3.62	13.91	2.54	1.40	4.12	0.687	0.077	100.83	4.06	0.929	8.039	0.091	287	97
Madmon-18	3.15	25.07	0.14	0.98	7.91	25.20	4.01	15.96	4.64	2.24	10.92	0.383	0.262	100.98	9.59	0.344	0.242	12.195	504	15



Legend

Quaternary

- Debris
- Alluvial terrace
- Moraine
- Frontal moraine

Austroalpine basement

- Quartz vein, partly mineralized

Granitoids

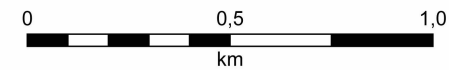
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Units of CMBZ

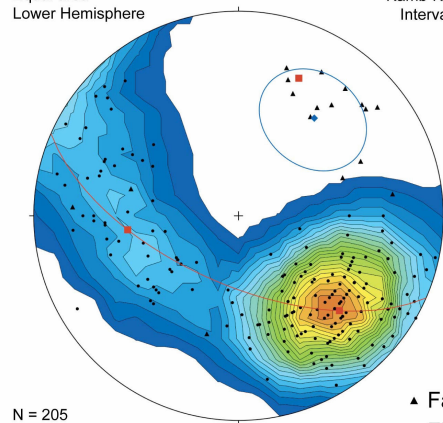
- Amphibolites and gneisses, alternating
- Garnet-bearing layer
- Calc-silicate gneiss
- Biotite-plagioclase-gneiss
- Micaschist with garnet and staurolite
- Quartzitic gneiss

Tectonics

- Foliation (dip azimuth/dip)
- Fold axis
- Fault (inferred) with shear sense
- Fault (indicated)



Equal area
Lower Hemisphere
Kamb-Kontur
Interval: 1σ



N = 205

▲ Faltenachsen
● Flächenpole

