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1 **New evidence for the prograde and retrograde PT-path of high-pressure granulites,**  
2 **Moldanubian Zone, Lower Austria, by Zr-in-rutile thermometry and garnet diffusion**  
3 **modelling**

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26 **ABSTRACT**

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28           Compositional zoning in garnet, mineral inclusions and the application of the Zr-in-rutile  
29 thermometry on rutile inclusions in garnet in combination with conventional geothermobarometry  
30 and thermodynamic modelling allows a reconstruction of the prograde pressure-temperature  
31 evolution in felsic and mafic high-pressure granulites from the Moldanubian Zone, Bohemian  
32 Massif, Lower Austria. Most garnets in these rocks show homogeneous core compositions with  
33 high grossular contents (~30 mol.%), while their rim zones have a markedly reduced grossular  
34 content. Rutile inclusions in the grossular rich garnet cores have low Zr concentrations (400 to 1300  
35 ppm) indicating a formation temperature of ~810–820 °C which implies that the garnet host grew at  
36 these temperature conditions as well. Based on numerous polycrystalline melt inclusions, high Ti-  
37 biotite relics and a generally high Ti concentration in garnet cores, the peritectic biotite breakdown  
38 reaction is considered to be responsible for a first garnet growth, now observed as high-grossular  
39 garnet cores. The corresponding pressure is estimated to be in the range of 1.6 to 2.5 GPa, based on  
40 experimentally determined biotite breakdown reactions, thermodynamic modelling and the  
41 occurrence of high-Ti biotite in garnet cores. Rutile inclusions in low-Ca garnet rims contain  
42 significantly higher Zr concentrations (1700 to 5800 ppm) resulting in ultrahigh temperatures of  
43 ~1030 °C. Similar temperature as well as corresponding pressure estimates of  $1000 \pm 50$  °C and  
44  $1.60 \pm 0.10$  GPa were obtained by geothermobarometry and thermodynamic modelling using garnet  
45 rim and re-integrated ternary feldspar compositions. These high pressure and ultrahigh temperature  
46 conditions are well known from literature for these granulites. The proposed two-phase garnet  
47 growth is not only seen in different temperatures obtained from rutile inclusions in garnet core and  
48 rim areas, but also in discontinuous trace (Cr, Ga, P, Ti, V, Zr) and heavy rare earth element profiles  
49 across garnet porphyroblasts, implying a different reaction mechanism for garnet rim growth. This  
50 second phase of garnet growth must have occurred during near isobaric heating to the ultrahigh  
51 temperature peak, most likely even at slightly lower pressures compared to the garnet core growth.

52 By applying a binary Fe-Mg diffusion model to strongly zoned garnet grains a maximum  
53 timescale of 5–6 million years was estimated for the exhumation and cooling process, assuming a  
54 linear cooling path from 1000 °C at 1.6 GPa to 760 °C at 0.8 GPa. This short-lived ultrahigh  
55 temperature event corresponds to cooling and exhumation rates of 40–50 °C Ma<sup>-1</sup> and 5.3–6.6 mm  
56 y<sup>-1</sup>, respectively.

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58 **Keywords:** Bohemian Massif; Moldanubian granulite; prograde metamorphic evolution; Zr-in-  
59 rutile thermometry; rapid exhumation/cooling

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## 62 1. INTRODUCTION

63

64 Ultrahigh-temperature (UHT) metamorphism is defined as a sub-division of the granulite  
65 facies (700–1000 °C and 0.3–1.5 GPa) where rocks are subjected to extreme temperatures of more  
66 than 900 °C (Harley, 1998). More than forty occurrences of UHT rocks have been documented so  
67 far, for instance in the Highland Complex in Sri Lanka (e.g. Osanai et al., 2006), the Oygarden  
68 Complex in Antarctica (Kelly and Harley, 2004), the Labwor Hills in Uganda (Sandiford et al.,  
69 1987), the Lewisian Complex in Scotland (Baba, 2003), the Gruf Complex in Italy (Droop and  
70 Bucher-Nurminen, 1984), the Peekskill, New York, USA (Caporuscio and Morse, 1978), the  
71 Saxonian Granulite Massif (Rötzler and Romer, 2001; O'Brien and Rötzler, 2003) and the  
72 Moldanubian Zone of the Bohemian Massif in Austria and the Czech Republic (Carswell and  
73 O'Brien, 1993; Kotková and Harley, 1999; Cooke, 2000; Cooke et al. 2000; Janousek et al., 2004;  
74 Vrána et al., 2005).

75 Studying the petrogenesis and the geological (tectonic) evolution of UHT rocks is a  
76 challenge, due to the fact that high peak temperatures erase nearly all traces of the incipient  
77 metamorphic PT path (e.g. Carswell and O'Brien, 1993; Hauzenberger et al., 2005; Jedlička et al.,  
78 2015). The rapid reaction kinetics at high temperatures causes most pre-UHT mineral phases to  
79 decompose and even stable minerals like garnet re-equilibrate by solid state diffusion where  
80 chemical zoning pattern as a consequence of prograde growth is erased. Only in case of a short  
81 residence time at high peak conditions, and in a fluid/melt poor environment, there is a chance that  
82 minerals from the prograde metamorphic stage survive. For instance, Cooke et al. (2000)  
83 documented the preservation of early, prograde high-Ca garnet cores surrounded by high-Mg garnet  
84 mantle and Zack et al. (2004) and Usuki et al. (2017) showed that Zr-in-rutile thermometry gives  
85 meaningful results for prograde rutile relics in garnet.

86 The focus of this study are felsic to mafic UHT granulites from the Austrian part of the  
87 Bohemian Massif. The high-grade metamorphic nature of these rocks was recognized many years

88 ago (Scharbert and Kurat, 1974). Later work by Carswell and O'Brien (1993), Cooke et al. (2000)  
89 and Cooke (2000) has highlighted a very complex polyphase PTt (pressure-temperature-time)  
90 evolution of these rocks, involving a HP-HT (high-pressure and high-temperature) granulite facies  
91 stage (~1000 °C and ~1.6 GPa), subsequent near isothermal decompression to intermediate  
92 granulite facies conditions (900 °C, 1.0 GPa), and final cooling to amphibolite facies conditions  
93 with significantly lower exhumations rates.

94 More recently Faryad et al. (2010) postulated that granulites in the Bohemian Massif  
95 experienced an eclogite facies PT-path prior to the HP-HT granulite facies stage. Based on coesite  
96 and microdiamond inclusions in garnets, Perraki and Faryad (2014) reported UHP metamorphic  
97 conditions of about 3.2–4.0 GPa (at 700 °C) for granulites in the Czech part of the Bohemian  
98 Massif. Whether the granulites in the Austrian part of the Moldanubian Zone experienced a similar  
99 eclogite facies prograde metamorphic evolution, is controversially debated. Carswell and O'Brien  
100 (1993) argued that an eclogite facies imprint on these rocks is unlikely due to the lack of clear  
101 eclogite facies textures and mineral assemblages in metabasic rocks directly enclosed within these  
102 granulites.

103 In this study, we present new evidence for the prograde evolution of the Moldanubian  
104 granulites from the Pöchlarn-Wieselburg, Dunkelsteinerwald and Zöbing areas, Lower Austria,  
105 based on major and trace element zoning patterns of garnets, and by investigating the inclusions  
106 preserved in the garnets, with particular emphasis on Zr-in-rutile thermometry. In addition, we  
107 model the retrograde Fe-Mg diffusive re-equilibration of garnet based on detailed microprobe  
108 profiles to quantify the fast exhumation and cooling segment of the retrograde path.

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## 110 **2. REGIONAL GEOLOGY**

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112 The Variscan orogenic belt is exposed in several large-scale basement blocks which outcrop  
113 across western and central Europe (Fig. 1a). The Bohemian Massif is the easternmost of these

114 Variscan basement blocks. The Austrian sector of the Bohemian Massif exposes mainly the  
115 Moldanubian Zone, which is considered to represent the exhumed core of the Variscan orogeny.  
116 Regionally, the Moldanubian Zone is subdivided into three tectonic units, the hangingwall Gföhl  
117 Unit, the underlying Drosendorf Unit (Variegated Series) and the Ostrong Unit (Monotonous Series)  
118 at the bottom (e.g. [Fuchs and Matura, 1968](#)). The UHT granulites are part of the Gföhl Unit, and  
119 occur in contact to large masses of migmatic gneiss termed the Gföhl gneiss. There is wide  
120 agreement that the Gföhl Unit underwent Variscan continental collision and, subsequently, fast  
121 exhumation to mid-crustal levels ([Finger et al. 2007](#)).

122         The Moldanubian granulites in Lower Austria show significant similarities in terms of  
123 lithology and metamorphism to their counterparts in the Czech Republic, which have been more  
124 intensively studied in the recent past (e.g. [Faryad, 2009](#); [Faryad et al., 2010](#); [Jedlička et al., 2015](#);  
125 [Usuki et al., 2017](#)). Almost all Moldanubian granulite bodies contain both felsic and mafic types,  
126 with estimated peak metamorphic conditions ranging between 850–1100 °C and 1.6–2.0 GPa (e.g.  
127 [Carswell and O'Brien, 1993](#); [Petračakis 1997](#); [O'Brien et al., 1997](#); [Kotková and Harley, 1999](#);  
128 [Cooke, 2000](#); [Cooke et al., 2000](#); [Cooke and O'Brien, 2001](#); [Štípská and Powell, 2005](#); [Tajčmanová,](#)  
129 [et al., 2006](#); [Kotková and Harley, 2010](#)).

130         U-Pb zircon and Rb-Sr whole rock dating show two distinct age clusters at 490–430 Ma and  
131 c. 340 Ma ([Arnold and Scharbert, 1973](#); [Frank et al., 1990](#); [Kröner et al., 2000](#); [Friedl et al., 2004,](#)  
132 [2011](#)). The Ordovician ages are generally interpreted as the time of protolith formation, the early  
133 Carboniferous dates as the age of the UHT stage of metamorphism. A number of ages of around 370  
134 Ma, obtained by Sm-Nd garnet geochronology in various granulites and peridotites ([Carswell and](#)  
135 [Jamtveit, 1990](#); [Brückner et al., 1991](#); [Prince et al., 2000](#)) are interpreted to reflect a Devonian HP-  
136 UHP event.

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### 138 3. METHODS

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140 Quantitative mineral analyses were performed on carbon coated thin sections using a JEOL  
141 JSM 6310 scanning electron microscope (SEM) at the NAWI Graz Geocenter-Department of  
142 Petrology and Geochemistry, University of Graz, Austria equipped with a LINK ISIS energy  
143 dispersive system and a MICROSPEC wavelength dispersive system. Additional analyses and  
144 chemical maps were obtained using a JEOL JXA-8200 electron probe microanalyzer (EPMA) at the  
145 Eugen F. Stumpfl Electron Microprobe Laboratory, UZAG, University of Leoben, University of  
146 Graz, Graz University of Technology. BSE images of submicron mineral inclusions were obtained  
147 with a JEOL JXA-8530F Plus EPMA at the NAWI Graz Geocenter. Measurement conditions of the  
148 SEM and EPMA were 15kV acceleration voltage, 10 nA beam current and ~1 µm beam diameter  
149 with 20s counting time on peak and 10s on each background.

150 To ensure that the garnets selected in thin section for compositional profiles have actually  
151 been cut through their true cores, we measured the average garnet grain size as seen in the related  
152 hand specimen and then chose equivalent sized garnets in the thin section for analysis.

153 Detailed systematic investigation of mineral inclusions in garnet, zircon and kyanite was  
154 conducted using polished thin sections of whole rocks and separated grains embedded in epoxy.  
155 More than 700 garnet, zircon and kyanite grains from different granulite samples were investigated.  
156 In order to obtain central cuts through the separated garnet, kyanite and zircon grains only the  
157 largest were selected and ground down until their predetermined maximum diameter was reached.

158 Concentration of Zr-in-rutile was determined using the EPMA with operating conditions of  
159 15kV, 120nA beam current, ~1 µm beam diameter and count times of 60s on peak and 30s on each  
160 background. So as to enhance the detection limit, three spectrometers equipped with TAP and PETJ  
161 analyzer crystals were chosen to measure the Zr-La ratio. For the trace element Zr-in-rutile  
162 thermometer we used the empirically calibration of [Zack et al. \(2004\)](#) as well as the experimentally  
163 calibration of [Ferry and Watson \(2007\)](#) and [Tomkins et al. \(2007\)](#).

164 The original composition of the early, peak hypersolvus ternary feldspar was determined by  
165 the re-integration technique of [Raase \(1998\)](#). Following this procedure the host and exsolution

166 feldspar were analyzed by a slightly defocused microprobe beam to avoid Na loss. The volume  
167 percentage of the exsolved phase was determined by computer image analysis of back-scattered-  
168 electron (BSE) images and then transformed into weight percentages. The bulk composition of the  
169 early, peak hypersolvus ternary feldspar was obtained by combining the weight percentages of both  
170 the host and exsolution feldspar phases.

171 Whole rock compositions were determined by X-ray fluorescence (XRF) on glassy discs  
172 using a Bruker Pioneer S4 under standard conditions at the NAWI Graz Geocentre.

173 Trace elements and REE contents in garnet, apatite and perthitic alkali-feldspar were  
174 obtained from polished thin sections using an LA ICP MS (laser ablation inductively coupled  
175 plasma mass spectrometer) system at the NAWI Graz Central Lab for Water, Minerals and Rocks,  
176 with an ESI New Wave 193 Excimer Laser (193nm wavelength) coupled to an quadrupole Agilent  
177 7500 CX mass spectrometer. The settings for the element analyses were a beam size of 35–50  $\mu\text{m}$ ,  
178 with a fluence energy of  $\sim 4\text{--}5 \text{ J/cm}^2$ , helium flow of 0.7 l/min, 30 ms gas blank followed by 60 s of  
179 ablation and a dwell time of 30 s for each mass were used for the element analyses. We used NIST  
180 SRM 612 glass for standardization. As internal calibration Si and Ca were used for garnet, perthitic  
181 alkali-feldspar and apatite, respectively. The USGS reference glass BCR-2G was analyzed as a  
182 monitor standard that could be reproduced within errors. Values of 0.1–0.5 ppm were quantified  
183 fairly accurate. For data reduction, the software “GLITTER” was used and the values for NIST  
184 SRM 612 were taken from [Jochum et al. \(2011\)](#).

185 Mineral abbreviations used in subsequent sections of this paper are after [Whitney and Evans](#)  
186 [\(2010\)](#).

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#### 188 **4. PETROGRAPHY AND MINERAL CHEMISTRY**

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190 For this study, 225 granulite samples were collected from 62 localities within three granulite  
191 bodies in the south-easternmost Moldanubian Zone in Lower Austria. All three granulite bodies

192 formed a coherent granulite occurrence, which is now displaced by the Diendorf Fault system. (21  
193 samples from Zöbing, 101 samples from Dunkelsteinerwald and 103 samples from Pöchlarn-  
194 Wieselburg). The sample localities are shown in [Figure 1b](#), with geographical coordinates,  
195 lithologies etc. provided in [Table A](#) of the supplementary material.

196 The detailed petrography and textural relations of the Moldanubian granulites in Lower  
197 Austria, have been discussed in [Carswell and O'Brien \(1993\)](#), [Cooke et al. \(2000\)](#) and [Cooke](#)  
198 [\(2000\)](#). Two varieties of granulites are present. The most abundant type is a middle to fine-grained,  
199 leucocratic granulite. With the exception of the small granulite body near Zöbing, these felsic  
200 granulites are accompanied by subordinate, massive, mafic granulites. Both rock types are acidic in  
201 terms of their SiO<sub>2</sub> content but differ in their absolute concentrations. Whilst felsic granulites show  
202 70–77 wt.% SiO<sub>2</sub>, mafic granulites are lower with 63–70 wt.%. In addition, mafic granulites are  
203 enriched in CaO, FeO, MgO and depleted in K<sub>2</sub>O resulting in a different HP mineral assemblage  
204 (e.g. [Fiala et al. 1987](#); [Carswell and O'Brien, 1993](#)).

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#### 206 **4.1 Felsic granulites**

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208 The retained HP granulite facies mineral assemblage in felsic granulites is represented by  
209 garnet + kyanite + perthitic alkali-feldspar + quartz, along with accessory rutile, apatite and zircon.  
210 This equilibrium assemblage is best preserved in least deformed, very light-coloured samples with  
211 partly preserved granoblastic fabrics ([Fig. 2a](#)). Red garnet, deep-blue kyanite and perthitic alkali-  
212 feldspar, reaching up to 3 mm in size, appear as disseminated coarser grained porphyroblasts  
213 enclosed in a strongly recrystallized quartzo-feldspatic matrix ([Fig. 2b](#)).

214 Retrogression accompanied by strong deformation has led to the formation of secondary  
215 biotite, sillimanite, ilmenite and recrystallization of the early single-phase perthitic alkali-feldspar  
216 into separate K-feldspar and plagioclase. In addition, fine-grained plagioclase (100–300 µm in size)  
217 within the matrix appear to have formed due to the recrystallization of the early feldspar. Retrograde

218 biotite predominately occurs within distinct slightly darker bands developed within the very light-  
219 coloured felsic granulite (Fig. 2c). Within these bands, fine-grained sillimanite interpenetrates the  
220 flaky biotite and rare ilmenite to form elongated masses oriented parallel to foliation, which is  
221 mainly defined by quartz ribbons (Fig. 2d, e). The formation of sillimanite and biotite is the result  
222 of the continuous reaction  $\text{garnet} + \text{K-feldspar} + \text{H}_2\text{O} = \text{biotite} + \text{sillimanite} + \text{quartz}$ . Locally, some  
223 sillimanite seems to have been formed by direct replacement of earlier kyanite.

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### 225 **Garnets**

226 Light red, subhedral garnet porphyroblasts show two different patterns of chemical zoning.  
227 Garnet zoning profile type I (Fig. 3a, b and c) appears in felsic granulites with a whole rock  
228 composition slightly elevated in CaO (1.80–3.60 wt.%). Their core regions (up to c. 800  $\mu\text{m}$  wide)  
229 are homogeneous with a composition of  $\text{Alm}_{41-48}$ ,  $\text{Pyp}_{22-27}$ ,  $\text{Grs}_{24-36}$  and  $\text{Sps}_1$  (Table 1). In  
230 contrary, their rims (up to c. 500  $\mu\text{m}$  wide) with  $\text{Alm}_{46-57}$ ,  $\text{Pyp}_{24-34}$ ,  $\text{Grs}_{7-28}$   $\text{Sps}_1$  show a marked  
231 chemical zonation, where grossular content decreases substantially, matched by an increase in  
232 almandine and pyrope as well as an increase in  $X_{\text{Mg}}$ . The spessartine content remains constant along  
233 the whole profile. A similar garnet zoning pattern has been reported from leucocratic granulites in  
234 the Blanský les Massif, Czech Republic (Kotková and Harley, 2010).

235 Garnet zoning profile type II (Fig. 3d and e) usually occurs in felsic granulites with slightly  
236 lower amounts of CaO 0.60–1.20 wt.% in their whole rock geochemistry. The garnet has a  
237 composition in the range of  $\text{Alm}_{78-46}$ ,  $\text{Pyp}_{44-16}$ ,  $\text{Grs}_{4-14}$  and  $\text{Sps}_{1-2}$  (Table 1) and is characterized by  
238 the absence of a wide, homogeneous core. The zonation is also less pronounced with grossular  
239 content decreasing gradually from core to the rims, while almandine and pyrope contents increase  
240 progressively from core towards the rims. Spessartine content is low throughout the garnet with no  
241 obvious zoning.

242 Small garnet grains in biotite and sillimanite rich domains (Fig. 2d, e) have a general  
243 composition of  $\text{Alm}_{77}$ ,  $\text{Pyp}_{17}$ ,  $\text{Grs}_4$  and  $\text{Sps}_1$  (Table 1).

244

245 ***Feldspars***

246 [Carswell and O'Brien \(1993\)](#) and [O'Brien and Rötzler \(2003\)](#) documented the occurrence of  
247 perthitic alkali-feldspar instead of an early peak ternary feldspar in felsic granulites in the  
248 Moldanubian Zone. This perthitic alkali-feldspar recrystallized into K-feldspar and plagioclase  
249 during retrogression. Compositional re-integration of the millimeter-sized, perthitic alkali-feldspar  
250 porphyroblasts reveals a composition in the range of An<sub>5-11</sub> Ab<sub>17-25</sub> Or<sub>78-64</sub> in our samples ([Table 3](#)).

251 Significantly finer-grained plagioclase (100 to 300 µm in size) within the quartz-rich  
252 granoblastic matrix is also interpreted to be the result of recrystallization of the early single-phase  
253 feldspar. It has a compositional range between An<sub>17</sub> Ab<sub>80</sub> to An<sub>24</sub> Ab<sub>75</sub> ([Table 4](#)).

254

255 ***Biotites***

256 Biotite, up to 1.5 mm in length, is especially abundant within the slightly darker bands,  
257 which pervade the leucocratic granulites ([Fig. 2c, d](#)). These biotite flakes have a significant fluorine  
258 content, with a maximum of 5.40 wt.% (1.265 apfu) ([Table 2](#)). Rare biotites outside the slightly  
259 darker bands also show elevated F contents, typically higher than 0.5 wt.%, as reported from similar  
260 rocks by [Tropper and Hauzenberger \(2015\)](#).

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262 **4.2 Mafic granulites**

263 Mafic granulites ([Fig. 2f](#)) are not as common as the felsic type. In some places a sharp  
264 boundary between both granulites is observed, in other cases gradual changes are noticed (e.g. road  
265 outcrop between Aggsbach-Dorf and Wolfstein, E15.423122, N48.292625). The HP granulite facies  
266 mineral assemblage is represented by the coexistence of garnet + clinopyroxene + ternary feldspar +  
267 quartz, together with accessory rutile, apatite and zircon ([Fig. 2g](#)). However, clinopyroxene is not  
268 observed as stable phase in the matrix anymore and is only found as inclusion in garnet. Red garnet  
269 and antiperthitic plagioclase form homogeneously distributed coarser grains of up to 1.5 mm size,

270 which are embedded within a recrystallized fine-grained quartzo-feldspathic matrix. Almost all  
271 samples of mafic granulites display an intensive retrogression accompanied with the growth of  
272 abundant orthopyroxene (Fig. 2g). These orthopyroxene grains were formed during decompression  
273 subsequent to the HP granulite facies peak (Cooke, 2000).

274 In some samples the retrogression and rehydration cause the growth of late stage biotite and  
275 amphibole which are locally intergrown with orthopyroxene, small ilmenite and garnet grains (Fig.  
276 2i, j). The formation of these amphibole and biotite grains is due to a garnet and/or orthopyroxene  
277 consuming reaction. As a consequence of retrogression, the former single high-temperature feldspar  
278 phase recrystallized into antiperthitic plagioclase with irregular intergrowths between plagioclase  
279 host (80–74 vol.%) and K-feldspar patches. Fine-grained plagioclase and minor K-feldspar within  
280 the matrix are also thought to be formed by recrystallization of the early single-phase peak feldspar  
281 and are considered to be part of the retrograde metamorphic assemblage.

282

### 283 *Garnets*

284 Large garnet porphyroblasts in mafic granulites (Fig. 3f) display a garnet zonation pattern  
285 similar to the garnet zonation profile type I seen in felsic granulites. The zonation is characterized  
286 by a uniform central high grossular portion (up to 1 mm wide) with a narrow compositional range  
287 of Alm<sub>43–46</sub> Pyp<sub>14–16</sub> Grs<sub>39–41</sub> Sps<sub>1</sub> (Table 1). In contrast, their rims (up to 200 μm wide) are strongly  
288 zoned with a grossular decrease and pyrope and almandine increase. Their composition is Alm<sub>44–59</sub>  
289 Pyp<sub>19–28</sub> Grs<sub>10–36</sub> Sps<sub>1–2</sub>. In some garnets, an increase of X<sub>Mg</sub> at the rim zone is also present. Within  
290 the mafic granulites there is always a slight increase in the spessartine content towards the rims of  
291 garnets, typical for resorption and back diffusion (Müller et al., 2015). Small garnet grains  
292 associated with amphibole, biotite and ilmenite rich patches in some mafic granulites are Alm<sub>63</sub>  
293 Pyp<sub>19</sub> Grs<sub>16</sub> Sps<sub>2</sub> (Table 1).

294

### 295 *Feldspars*

296 Coarse grained porphyroblasts (up to 1.5 mm size) of antiperthitic plagioclase occur in a  
297 strongly recrystallized, granoblastic matrix. They show an irregular, patchy-like intergrowth  
298 between host and exsolution lamellae, with a calculated re-integrated composition of An<sub>39</sub> Ab<sub>35</sub> Or<sub>26</sub>  
299 (Table 3). Recrystallized fine-grained matrix plagioclase and K-feldspar (200 to 300 μm in size),  
300 coexisting with the retrograde mineral assemblage of amphibole + biotite + ilmenite, show  
301 compositions about An<sub>27</sub> Ab<sub>71</sub> and Or<sub>89</sub> Ab<sub>10</sub> (Table 3 and 4), respectively.

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### 303 *Orthopyroxenes*

304 Numerous small orthopyroxene grains belonging to the retrograded mineral assemblage  
305 occur throughout the rock matrix in mafic granulites (Fig. 2i). Orthopyroxene is rich in ferrosilite  
306 component ( $X_{Mg}$  0.43–0.22), with Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> content of about 0.44–1.19 wt.% (Table 2).

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### 308 *Amphiboles*

309 Light to dark green secondary amphiboles, up to 600 μm in size, occur primarily in biotite  
310 and ilmenite rich mafic granulites, which are strongly affected by retrogression. They are Ferro-  
311 Tschermakites, with low fluorine and chlorine contents (~0.05 wt.%, Cl ~0.35 wt.%, respectively)  
312 and  $X_{Mg}$  values ranging between 0.41 and 0.44 (Table 2).

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### 314 *Biotites*

315 Retrograde biotites (up to 500 μm in size) are especially abundant within amphibole and  
316 ilmenite rich domains (Fig. 2j). They have TiO<sub>2</sub> contents of ~4.34 wt.%,  $X_{Mg}$  values of 0.44 and,  
317 compared with biotites in felsic granulites, have low fluorine contents (<0.50 wt.% / <0.116 apfu)  
318 (Table 2).

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## 320 5. MINERAL INCLUSIONS

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322 Red garnet porphyroblasts from both, felsic and mafic granulites commonly enclose a variety  
323 of different mineral phases. The most common inclusions are quartz, perthitic alkali-feldspar,  
324 antiperthitic plagioclase, kyanite, apatite and rutile. However, white mica relics, clinopyroxene,  
325 high-Ti biotite, and polyphase mineral inclusions composed of quartz + K-feldspar + plagioclase or  
326 kaolinite + K-feldspar + quartz are also present in some garnet grains. Deep blue kyanite  
327 porphyroblasts in felsic granulites contain perthitic alkali-feldspar. K-feldspar, quartz, monazite and  
328 pyrite grains have been observed within zircon grains.

329 We distinguish two different varieties of rutile inclusions within garnets. The first type forms  
330 thin, euhedral needles, with greater abundance in garnet cores compared to their rims. This needle-  
331 like rutile clearly indicates exsolution along crystallographic planes from a former high titanium  
332 garnet during retrogression. The second type of rutile inclusions form rounded, anhedral grains, up  
333 to 300  $\mu\text{m}$  in size (Fig. 4a) which are very common in both, the cores and rims of garnet.

334 Apatite is a common inclusion within garnets of both felsic and mafic granulites. It appears  
335 as a prismatic subhedral single phase up to 300  $\mu\text{m}$  in size and is present in the core as well as the  
336 rim of the garnet.

337 Euhedral biotite inclusions, up to 40  $\mu\text{m}$  in size, are only found in the grossular-rich cores of  
338 garnet from felsic granulites, in some cases associated with tiny rutile and quartz (Fig. 4b). These  
339 biotites have very high  $\text{TiO}_2$  content (6.1 wt.%) and elevated fluorine content (2.32 wt. %) (Table  
340 2).

341 Perthitic alkali-feldspar, up to a maximum size of  $\sim 400$   $\mu\text{m}$ , are commonly included within  
342 both garnets and kyanites of the felsic granulites (Fig. 4c). The perthitic texture is laminar, with  
343 plagioclase exsolution occupying 30–35 vol.% of the K-feldspar host. The reintegrated  
344 compositions are similar to those of matrix perthite grains, approximately  $\text{An}_6 \text{Ab}_{26} \text{Or}_{68}$  (Table 3).  
345 In contrast, garnets of mafic granulites contain antiperthitic plagioclase inclusions.

346 Clinopyroxene inclusions, up to 80  $\mu\text{m}$  in size, are found in the medium to low Ca garnet  
347 zone in mafic granulites (Fig. 4d). It has a diopsidic composition with  $X_{\text{Mg}} = 0.55\text{--}0.61$ ,  $X_{\text{Na}} =$

348  $\text{Na}/(\text{Na}+\text{Ca}) = 0.04\text{--}0.05$  and  $\text{Al}^{\text{IV}} = 0.015\text{--}0.024$  (Table 1). The complete lack of clinopyroxene in  
349 the matrix and the abundant occurrence of orthopyroxene indicates that the decompression driven  
350 reaction  $\text{grt} + \text{cpx} + \text{qz} = \text{opx} + \text{pl}$  took place.

351 White mica occurs in polyphase inclusions within the high-grossular garnet cores,  
352 intergrown with biotite, quartz and locally also with apatite and rutile (Fig. 4e). Although these  
353 inclusions show some signs of late alteration, analyses of white mica reveal a phengitic composition  
354 with MgO contents of 0.90–1.44 wt.%, and FeO of 1.68–2.47 wt.%, and a Si content of up to 3.164  
355 apfu (Table 2). Biotite in such inclusions has an unusual low  $\text{TiO}_2$  content of about 0.30 wt.%.

356 Intergrowths of anhedral kaolinite, K-feldspar and quartz were found in the central parts of  
357 Ca-rich garnets from felsic granulites (Fig. 4f). These inclusions reach up to a maximum of 300  $\mu\text{m}$   
358 in size and frequently contain kyanite, tiny rutile and small flakes of strongly decomposed white  
359 mica.

360 Small euhedral-shaped, former melt inclusions in crack-free garnet domains (Fig. 4g–i)  
361 consist of quartz, K-feldspar, biotite,  $\pm$  rutile,  $\pm$  plagioclase,  $\pm$  ilmenite and  $\pm$  apatite. This type of  
362 inclusion is commonly found in felsic and mafic granulites within the garnet core and rim.

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## 364 6. GARNET TRACE ELEMENT ZONING

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366 The garnet from felsic granulite sample WG336 was selected to compare major and trace  
367 element zoning (Fig. 3a and 5). In this particular garnet the zoning pattern of trace elements is  
368 correlated to changes in grossular, almandine and pyrope contents. However, the decrease or  
369 increase in trace elements occurs over a shorter distance compared to the major elements.

370 Therefore, the slower diffusing trace elements such as Ti, Zr, Y and Er are better suitable to define  
371 the original core-rim interface (Fig. 5). For detailed LA-ICP-MS mineral chemical data see Table B  
372 in the supplementary material. The selected garnet shows a general homogeneous core composition,  
373 rich in phosphorous, titanium and zirconium, with a marked and sharp decrease of these elements at

374 the outer rims. The distribution of vanadium, chromium and gallium follows the opposite trend,  
375 with low concentrations in the core and high concentrations at the rims (Fig. 5). Yttrium, as well as  
376 heavy REE (HREE: erbium, ytterbium) show a relatively uniform concentration in the garnet core,  
377 with a marked depletion at the outermost rim. Light REE (LREE: neodymium, europium)  
378 concentrations are generally low with flat profiles in the core and strong depletion towards the rims.  
379 In a chondrite normalized spider plot (Fig. 5q), using chondrite REE compositions from Nakamura  
380 (1974), this particular garnet shows HREE-enriched and steep LREE-depleted pattern for the core  
381 as well as for the rim. Furthermore, the rim composition is even more depleted in REE compared to  
382 the core. It also has a negative europium anomaly as a whole, which is more pronounced for rim  
383 composition.

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## 385 7. APATITE TRACE ELEMENT COMPOSITION

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387 Fourteen single apatite grains with different textural appearance have been analysed for trace  
388 elements from the same felsic granulite sample WG336. LA-ICP-MS mineral chemical data are  
389 given in Table C in the supplementary material. Interestingly, apatite crystals cannot only be  
390 differentiated based on their textural appearance but also on their varying Y concentrations. Apatite  
391 within the high-grossular core of garnet shows by far the lowest Y concentrations (310–530 ppm,  
392 mean=425, n=4). In contrast, apatite within the garnet rim (967–1003 ppm, mean=985, n=2) and  
393 matrix (649–862 ppm, mean= 765, n=8) are significantly higher in Y. Based on the chondrite  
394 normalized spider plot in Fig. 6a, all analysed apatite crystals show a steep HREE depleted and  
395 LREE-enriched pattern with a marked negative Eu anomaly. Apatite within the garnet core is more  
396 depleted in HREE compared to those in the matrix and garnet rim area.

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## 398 8. PERTHITIC ALKALI-FELDSPAR TRACE ELEMENT COMPOSITION

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400 Nine spot analyses by LA-ICP-MS on large perthitic alkali-feldspar porphyroblasts were obtained  
401 from the felsic granulite sample WG336. In a chondrite normalized spider plot (Fig. 6b), the  
402 analysed perthitic alkali-feldspar exhibits enrichments in LREE and depletions in HREE as well as  
403 a marked positive Eu anomaly. For detailed LA-ICP-MS mineral chemical data see Table D in the  
404 supplementary material.

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## 406 **9. PRESSURE – TEMPERATURE ESTIMATION**

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408 In order to constrain the prograde evolution from the onset of garnet core growth in felsic  
409 and mafic granulites up to UHT granulite facies peak we applied the Zr-in-rutile thermometry to  
410 single rutile grains, enclosed in garnet cores and rims displaying zoning profile type I. For  
411 evaluating the full PT path, we additionally estimated PT conditions of the metamorphic peak  
412 mineral assemblage and retrograde mineral assemblage by using an approach that consisted of  
413 robust net-transfer reactions, feldspar solvus thermometry and Zr-in-rutile thermometry of matrix  
414 grains, combined with phase equilibrium modelling (pseudosections). Estimates of these peak and  
415 retrograde PT conditions are consistent with results from literature (Carswell and O'Brien, 1993;  
416 Kotková and Harley, 1999; Cooke, 2000; Cooke et al., 2000; Cooke and O'Brien, 2001; Štípská and  
417 Powell, 2005; Tajčmanová, et al., 2006; Kotková and Harley, 2010).

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### 419 **9.1 Zr-in-rutile thermometry on rutile inclusions within garnets**

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421 Both, garnet cores and rims commonly enclose grains of quartz, zircon and anhedral  
422 rounded rutile of up to 300  $\mu\text{m}$  in size (Fig. 4a). Based on this observation we conclude that the Zr-  
423 content in rutile inclusions is buffered with respect to  $\text{SiO}_2$  and  $\text{ZrO}_2$  activities by the coexisting  
424 quartz and zircon. The rutile inclusions in the high-grossular garnet cores formed during the early  
425 prograde metamorphic evolution, whereas those in low-grossular garnet rims are considered to have

426 recrystallized during the high pressure - ultrahigh temperature granulite facies peak. Corresponding  
427  $X_{\text{Grs}}$  values of the garnet host mineral were calculated as mean values from three separate analyses  
428 5–10  $\mu\text{m}$  around the rutile inclusion to ensure sufficient spatial resolution. For a detailed summary  
429 of rutile analyses, including measured Zr-contents, calculated temperatures following the  
430 calibrations of [Zack et al. \(2004\)](#), [Ferry and Watson \(2007\)](#) and [Tomkins et al \(2007\)](#) and  
431 corresponding  $X_{\text{Grs}}$  values see [Table F](#) in the supplementary material. Presented temperature  
432 estimates in the text are related to the pressure independent calibration of [Zack et al. \(2004\)](#) and the  
433 [pressure dependent calibration of Tomkins et al. \(2007\)](#) for an assumed pressure of 1.6 GPa. In the  
434 following these two calibrations are referenced as (Z04) and (T07), respectively.

435 Rutile inclusions in garnet cores of felsic granulites ( $0.285 < X_{\text{Grs}} > 0.313$ ) have rather low  
436 Zr-contents, ranging from 444 to 814 ppm. Zr-in-rutile thermometry applied to these rutile grains  
437 yields an average temperature of  $\sim 810$  °C (Z04, [Fig. 7a](#)) and  $\sim 740$  °C (T07, [Fig. 7b](#)) for this early  
438 stage of garnet growth. Rutile grains enclosed within garnet rims of these felsic granulites, which  
439 have considerably lower  $X_{\text{Grs}}$  ( $0.030 < X_{\text{Grs}} > 0.143$ ), yield significantly higher Zr-contents, in the  
440 range of 1651 to 5774 ppm. The average temperature estimate obtained from these high Zr-rutile  
441 grains is  $\sim 1030$  °C (Z04) and  $\sim 930$  °C (T07). This higher temperature is in accordance with the PT  
442 conditions of c. 1000 °C at 1.6 GPa reported from the literature.

443 Rutile inclusions within garnet cores and rims from mafic granulites show a similar  
444 correlation between calculated temperature and corresponding position in garnet. Rutile grains  
445 enclosed in high-grossular garnet cores ( $0.354 < X_{\text{Grs}} > 0.370$ ) have low Zr-concentrations (385–  
446 1184 ppm) resulting in an average temperature estimate of  $\sim 820$  °C (Z04, [Fig. 7c](#)) and  $\sim 750$  °C  
447 (T07, [Fig. 7d](#)). In contrast, rutile grains in low-grossular garnet rims ( $0.081 < X_{\text{Grs}} > 0.166$ ) have  
448 higher Zr contents ranging from 1851 to 5774 ppm yielding significantly higher average  
449 temperature estimates of  $\sim 1025$  °C (Z04) and  $\sim 920$  °C (T07).

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## 451 **9.2 Peak mineral assemblage**

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### 453 **9.2.1 Conventional geothermobarometry**

454 To obtain robust estimates for pressures and temperatures of the granulite facies peak  
455 mineral assemblages the GASP barometer and the one and two feldspar thermometry are applicable.  
456 The GASP reaction was evaluated using the TWEEQU software of [Berman \(1991, version](#)  
457 [winTWQ 2.3, updated 1996\)](#) with the internally consistent thermodynamic data set of [Berman](#)  
458 [\(1988, 1990\)](#), as well as with the calibration from [Koziol \(1989\)](#). For the one and two feldspar  
459 thermometry, originally established by [Fuhrman and Lindsley \(1988\)](#), we used the ternary feldspar-  
460 mixing model after [Benisek et al. \(2010\)](#). Additionally, we applied the trace element Zr-in-rutile  
461 thermometer to matrix rutile by using the empirically calibration of [Zack et al. \(2004\)](#) as well as the  
462 experimentally calibration of [Ferry and Watson \(2007\)](#) and [Tomkins et al. \(2007\)](#).

463 [Carswell and O’Brein \(1993\)](#), [Cooke et al. \(2000\)](#), [Cooke \(2000\)](#) and [Kotková and Harley \(2010\)](#)  
464 pointed out that the application of geothermobarometers to granulites are problematic as the stable  
465 mineral assemblage at the peak conditions change their compositions due to diffusional  
466 modifications, re-equilibration and/or re-crystallization. In the case of our granulite samples this  
467 uncertainty addresses the garnet composition coexisting with a ternary feldspar composition.

468 This ternary feldspar is now represented by perthitic alkali-feldspar which must be re-  
469 integrated before being used for estimating peak temperature by the feldspar solvus thermometry.  
470 Although this approach is well established, the intensive mylonitisation of our granulite samples  
471 leading to a pervasive recrystallization of the feldspar bedevilled our attempt to obtain the original  
472 ternary feldspar composition. Consequently, we restricted our geothermobarometric applications by  
473 only selecting the very coarsest grained, undeformed perthitic alkali-feldspar porphyroblasts from  
474 felsic granulites that display regular exsolution lamellae right up to their grain boundaries. It should  
475 be noted that any calculated temperatures for hypothetical coexisting feldspar pairs will give only a  
476 minimum temperature, since, at peak granulite facies conditions obviously only one hypersolvus  
477 ternary feldspar existed. In this study we have applied the feldspar thermometry method after [Kroll](#)

478 [et al. \(1993\)](#) and feldspar activity models of [Benisek et al. \(2010\)](#) at an assumed pressure of 1.60  
479 GPa. Further we assumed that the hypothetical recovered compositions of the feldspar pairs lie on  
480 the same solvus in the ternary feldspar diagram. The one-feldspar thermometric approach on non-  
481 equilibrated reintegrated perthitic alkali-feldspar ( $An_{5-11} Ab_{17-26} Or_{78-64}$ ) and the two-feldspar  
482 thermometry applied to the same feldspar composition and secondary matrix plagioclase ( $An_{17-24}$   
483  $Ab_{80-75}$ ), provides approximately similar temperature conditions, ranging from 960 up to 1090 °C.  
484 We note, however, the occurrence of rare feldspar pairs that gave higher temperature estimates of up  
485 to 1150 °C. A comparison of the results of the one- and two-feldspar thermometry is shown on a  
486 ternary plot An-Ab-Or in [Figure 8](#).

487         The preserved garnet zoning in felsic granulites aggravates a clear identification of the  
488 actual granulite facies peak garnet composition. As discussed in previous sections garnet rim zones  
489 of zoning profile I in very light-coloured, biotite and sillimanite poor felsic granulites ([Fig. 3a](#)),  
490 display a strong decrease in grossular component at the rim. The decreasing grossular content is  
491 matched with an increase in  $X_{Mg}$  and is therefore interpreted to reflect prograde garnet growth  
492 during temperature increase. Thus, utilizing the composition of garnet rim and the reintegrated  
493 perthitic alkali-feldspar composition, the GASP barometer yields peak pressures ranging between ~  
494 1.45 and ~ 1.70 GPa, at a temperature of 1000 °C. For representative mineral analyses see [Table 1](#)  
495 and [3](#). The combined results of the GASP barometry and the feldspar thermometry indicate PT  
496 conditions of  $1.60 \pm 0.10$  GPa and  $1000 \pm 50$  °C for the formation of the peak equilibrium mineral  
497 assemblage comprising garnet + kyanite + ternary feldspar + quartz.

498         The granulite facies peak mineral assemblage includes matrix rutile coexisting with quartz  
499 and zircon in both felsic and mafic granulites. Consequently, Zr-in-rutile thermometry can be  
500 applied in addition to feldspar thermometry (see also [Kotková and Harley, 2010](#)). Details of the  
501 compositional analyses of all rutile grains, with corresponding Zr-content and calculated  
502 temperatures are shown in [Table E](#) of the supplementary material. The Zr concentrations of the 51

503 matrix rutile grains analysed are in the range of 1747–5256 ppm, providing temperature estimates  
504 of about 940–1090 °C (Z04, Fig. 7e) and 850–990 °C at 1.6 GPa (T07, Fig. 7f).

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### 506 9.2.2 Phase equilibrium modelling

507 Phase equilibrium modelling calculations were performed over the PT range of 0.6–3.0 GPa  
508 and 400–1100 °C, for the ten-component system Mn-NCKFMATSH. We utilised the Gibbs free  
509 energy minimization software Theriak/Domino (de Capitani and Brown, 1987; De Capitani, 1994;  
510 de Capitani and Petrakakis, 2010, see also:  
511 <http://titan.minpet.unibas.ch/minpet/theriak/theruser.html>), employing the thermodynamic dataset  
512 from Holland and Powell (1998) and subsequent updates. The following mixing models were used:  
513 Benisek et al. (2010) for feldspar, Coggon and Holland (2002) for white mica, Tajčmanová et al.  
514 (2009) for biotite, Holland and Powell (1998) for garnet, Powell and Holland (1999) for  
515 orthopyroxene and Holland and Powell (1996) for clinopyroxene. The model utilised for the melt  
516 phase was that initially introduced by Holland and Powell (2001) and adapted from White et al.  
517 (2001).

518 For meaningful peak PT estimates, a pseudosection was calculated for a weakly deformed,  
519 felsic granulite sample with partly preserved granoblastic fabrics, as it represents the dominant  
520 high-grade assemblage rock type in investigated granulite bodies. The selected sample is poor in  
521 secondary biotite and sillimanite but rich in kyanite, perthitic alkali-feldspar and contains garnet  
522 with zoning profile type I (Fig. 3a). It is very siliceous, with a normalized whole rock composition  
523 (in weight %) of SiO<sub>2</sub> 71.10, TiO<sub>2</sub> 0.48, Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> 14.64, FeO 2.71, MnO 0.039, MgO 0.85, CaO 1.56,  
524 Na<sub>2</sub>O 2.82, K<sub>2</sub>O 4.80, H<sub>2</sub>O 1.00. As the sample selected is a very fresh felsic granulite, we assume  
525 that it has a very low water content due to metamorphic dehydration reactions. Therefore, for our  
526 calculations we have assumed that during the high temperature imprint the water content was 1.00  
527 wt.%. In order to evaluate sensitivity, we constructed additional pseudosections using 0.5 % and  
528 1.5 % water contents, noting that there were no significant changes in their geometry. As the

529 granulite selected contains only small amounts of garnet and biotite, we concluded that ferric iron  
530 was not likely to be an important component in this system. This assumption was supported by a  
531 redox-titration analysis, following [Yokoyama and Nakamura \(2002\)](#), which found that the  
532 proportion of ferric iron was close to zero. It was recognised that sequestration of chemical  
533 components into garnet cores during their growth ([Stüwe, 1997](#)) may have altered the effective bulk  
534 composition of the rock. Even though we ensured that the selected sample had a low garnet content,  
535 we double checked by constructing a pseudosection using a bulk composition calculated by  
536 subtracting chemical components incorporated into garnet cores from the whole rock composition.  
537 This variation in bulk chemistry had negligible effect to the pseudosection geometry.

538 The resulting pseudosection is shown in [Figure 9](#). The peak metamorphic assemblage  
539 observed in thin section comprises garnet + ternary feldspar + kyanite + rutile (+ liquid) + quartz,  
540 which is stable at pressures and temperatures higher than 1.40 GPa and 850 °C, respectively. Based  
541 on computed isopleths, the grossular content (7 mol.%) at the outer rims of zoning profile type I  
542 garnets ([Fig. 3a](#)), which are considered to represent equilibrium composition at peak temperatures,  
543 and the anorthite content (11 mol.%) of the re-integrated perthitic alkali-feldspar, equilibrium  
544 conditions were reached at about 1.70 GPa and 1030 °C (field 1 in [Fig. 9a and b](#)). This estimate fits  
545 well with PT conditions derived from conventional geothermobarometry ([field 2](#)).

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### 547 **9.3 Retrograde mineral assemblage**

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#### 549 **9.3.1 Conventional geothermobarometry**

550 Reasonable temperature estimates of the retrograde assemblage using Fe-Mg exchange  
551 thermometry are hampered by continuous diffusional resetting of Fe-Mg ratios during cooling,  
552 resulting in temperature underestimation and strong scattering. In contrast, metamorphic conditions  
553 calculated from net-transfer reactions are less affected by such retrogressive diffusion processes.  
554 Therefore, we applied the amphibole-plagioclase thermometer after [Holland and Blundy \(1994\)](#) to

555 mafic granulites, where petrographic evidence indicated that these minerals had obviously  
556 recrystallised during late deformation and are stable phases within the retrograde assemblage  
557 together with biotite and ilmenite. These results were combined with calculated pressures by the  
558 GASP barometry applied to garnet in biotite-rich domains (Fig. 2d, e) and newly crystallized  
559 sillimanite in felsic granulites (TWQ 2.3, Berman, 2007). Undoubtedly garnet in these domains  
560 grew under prograde granulite facies conditions. However, they show direct contact with biotite,  
561 sillimanite and ilmenite and are thought to have experienced substantial elemental diffusion to have  
562 chemically re-equilibrated with the retrograde metamorphic assemblage. Using the composition of  
563 these garnet grains and finely grained recrystallized matrix plagioclase, combined with sillimanite,  
564 the GASP barometer provides pressure estimates in a narrow range of 0.80–0.85 GPa (assuming a  
565 temperature of 760 °C). For detailed mineral chemical analyses used for the calculation see Table 1  
566 and 4.

567 The amphibole-plagioclase thermometry applied to mafic granulites, utilizing homogeneous  
568 compositions of amphibole and fine-grained recrystallized plagioclase (Table 2 and 4), gives  
569 temperature estimates in the narrow range of 740–765 °C (assuming a pressure of 0.80 GPa).

570 Results from felsic and mafic granulites clearly indicate a recrystallization event at about  
571  $0.85 \pm 0.1$  GPa and  $760 \pm 50$  °C. This metamorphic overprint was accompanied by deformation and  
572 mylonitization (Figs. 2d,e, i).

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### 574 9.3.2 Phase equilibrium modelling

575 Additional constraints on the PT conditions of the retrograde mineral assemblage were  
576 obtained by constructing a PT pseudosection in the range of 700–850 °C and 0.6–1.1 GPa for the  
577 ten-component system Mn-NCKFMATSH (Fig. 10) for a biotite rich domain of a felsic granulite  
578 (Fig. 2c), which contains besides biotite the retrograde minerals sillimanite and ilmenite. The  
579 normalized whole rock composition (in weight %) is SiO<sub>2</sub> 76.75, TiO<sub>2</sub> 0.12, Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> 12.46, FeO 1.49,  
580 MnO 0.028, MgO 0.17, CaO 0.40, Na<sub>2</sub>O 2.81, K<sub>2</sub>O 4.77, H<sub>2</sub>O 1.00. As for previous samples

581 discussed above, a check on the validity of this pseudosection was performed by calculating an  
582 alternative pseudosection using an alternative bulk rock composition by subtracting garnet cores  
583 from the whole rock XRF analysis. Again, there are no significant differences between the  
584 geometries of the two pseudosections generated.

585 The computed pseudosection (Fig. 10) shows that the retrograde assemblage sillimanite,  
586 biotite, plagioclase and ilmenite can only be stable in the presence of both garnet and melt at  
587 maximum PT conditions of 770 °C and 0.90 GPa. In this respect, the compositional garnet isopleths  
588 of grossular (4 mol.%) in garnet grains from biotite and sillimanite rich domains, suggest that  
589 equilibrium for this particular retrograde mineral assemblage was obtained at conditions of  
590 approximately 770 °C and 0.8 GPa (field 1 in Fig. 10a and b). These estimates are in good  
591 agreement with estimated PT conditions using conventional geothermobarometry (field 2).

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## 593 10. FE-MG DIFFUSION CHRONOMETRY MODELLING

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595 Diffusion chronometry has been shown to be a powerful tool to extract timescales of cooling  
596 and exhumation processes in metamorphic rocks (Müller et al. 2010). We developed a 1-D  
597 numerical model to simulate multicomponent diffusion in garnet (Loomis, 1978) to determine the  
598 timescales of retrograde re-equilibration processes. Three compositional profiles have been chosen  
599 (WG1, WG94, and WG336), that have been identified to be close to central sections and represent  
600 type 1 and type 2 profiles. Diffusive element transport in garnet depends on composition,  
601 temperature and pressure. Following mineralogical arguments provided by Borinski et al (2012), we  
602 limit our model to PT dependent Fe-Mg inter-diffusion and ignore the role of the grossular  
603 component. Diffusion coefficients are updated for each timestep and calculated for each node  
604 following the data of Borinski et al (2012) and the activation volume of Chakraborty and Ganguly  
605 (1992). Müller et al. (2015) has presented convincing evidence that garnet compositions are  
606 effectively homogenised independent of the cooling rate above 1000°C. Thus, we model a linear

607 cooling path from 1000 to 750 °C accompanying linear decompression from 1.6 to 0.8 GPa. The  
608 initial concentration profile is assumed to have a homogeneous core with an overgrowth rim that is  
609 equally homogeneous in composition (dashed lines in [Figure 11](#)) assuming fast overgrowth of an  
610 existing garnet core of homogeneous composition. Although, this is a substantial simplification, the  
611 combination of observed compositional zoning patterns and Zr-in-rutile thermometry data justify  
612 the choice of a simple kink-step profile as starting condition. For each individual garnet, the core  
613 and boundary compositions have been adjusted to the measured values for each garnet simulation  
614 ([Fig. 11](#)). The modelled profiles were chosen as being closest to a central section. Inspection of  
615 [Figure 11](#), however, reveals that measured profiles are not perfectly symmetric. Nevertheless,  
616 modelled profiles still match the data satisfactorily. It is important to bear in mind that any section  
617 that is off the central cut will produce a geometrical artefact that will increase the “virtual” diffusion  
618 profile and thus result in longer timescales. Hence, the extracted timescales need to be regarded as  
619 maximum timescales. The rim thickness was determined to be half of the observed distance  
620 between the flat core composition and the garnet interface. We note, that this ignores possible  
621 retrograde garnet resorption and thus the profile might have been shortened to some extent.  
622 Similarly, modelled timescales of diffusive re-equilibration must be regarded as maximum  
623 estimates. Model simulations have been fitted to measured Fe and Mg concentration profiles by  
624 varying the run duration. Modelling results of all three garnet profiles representing central sections  
625 (including type 1 and type 2) yield timescales for the exhumation and cooling history of 5–6 Ma  
626 ([Fig. 11](#)). This translates into exhumation rates of 5.3–6.6 mm y<sup>-1</sup>, and cooling rates of 40–50 °C  
627 Ma<sup>-1</sup>, respectively.

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## 629 **11. DISCUSSION**

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### 631 **11.1. A key issue: the prograde evolution of the Moldanubian granulites**

632           There is wide agreement today that the Moldanubian granulites are high pressure - ultra high  
633 temperature rocks which experienced conditions of ca. 1000 °C and 1.6–1.8 GPa during the  
634 Variscan orogeny. There is also consensus that the rocks then underwent a strong recrystallization  
635 during their rapid exhumation to intermediate granulite facies conditions and their subsequent  
636 cooling to amphibolite facies conditions (e.g. [Vrána, 1992](#); [Kotková and Harley, 1999, 2010](#);  
637 [Carswell and O'Brien, 1993](#); [Cooke, 2000](#); [Cooke et al. 2000](#); [Kotkova, 2007](#); [Tajčmanová et al.,](#)  
638 [2009](#); [Jedlička et al., 2015](#)). However, many uncertainties exist with reference to the prograde PT  
639 evolution of the Moldanubian granulites.

640           For some granulite bodies in the Czech Republic (Kutná Hora and Blanský les), [Faryad et al.](#)  
641 [\(2010\)](#) showed an incipient phase of eclogite facies metamorphism preceding the granulite facies  
642 stage (see also [Perraki and Faryad, 2014](#) and [Jedlička et al., 2015](#)). On the other hand, based on an  
643 occasionally preserved prograde zoning in garnet and prograde corona reaction textures, [Carswell](#)  
644 [and O'Brien \(1993\)](#) and [Cooke et al. \(2000\)](#) proposed a prograde PT evolution for the Lower  
645 Austrian granulite bodies under amphibolite-facies to granulite facies conditions. These authors  
646 excluded that the Lower Austrian granulites did ever experience a typical plagioclase-free eclogite  
647 facies imprint, arguing that any eclogite facies assemblages in metabasic rocks intercalated with  
648 granulites are completely missing. Only few mantle-derived garnet bearing peridotite lenses  
649 tectonically emplaced within the granulite bodies show signs of UHP metamorphism ([Carswell and](#)  
650 [O'Brien, 1993](#)). Available data from the literature is summarized in [Figure 12](#).

651           The question whether or not the Moldanubian granulites (and which of them) have  
652 experienced an eclogite facies precursor stage, is important and absolutely crucial for the tectonic  
653 interpretation of this part of the Variscan orogen (see e.g. [Schulmann et al. 2009](#), [Finger et al. 2007](#),  
654 [Faryad 2009](#), [Faryad et al. 2010](#)). Based on our new petrological observations we discuss this issue  
655 below.

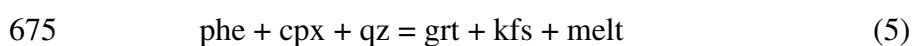
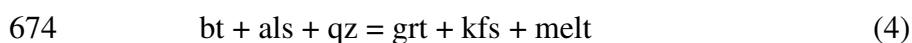
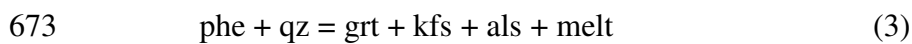
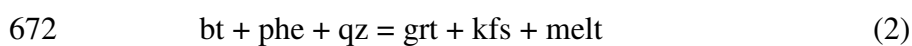
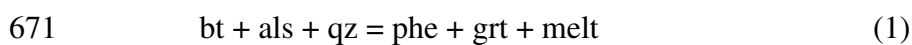
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## 657 **11.2. Significance of mineral inclusions in garnet**

658 Preserved primary mineral inclusions in garnet provide the chance to constrain the pre-UHT  
659 metamorphic evolution of the granulites. We could not find any eclogite facies mineral relics in the  
660 garnets, despite of a careful search. The most abundant primary inclusions in the garnets are:  
661 crystallized melt inclusions, Ti-rich biotite, rutile, and composite kaolinite-K-feldspar-quartz  
662 inclusions replacing primary muscovite.

663 **Trapped melt inclusions:** garnet cores in both felsic and mafic granulites commonly bear  
664 small composite inclusions of quartz + K-feldspar + biotite + rutile ± plagioclase ± ilmenite ±  
665 apatite (Fig. 4g–i), which can be interpreted as trapped melt. Their high abundance implies a rapid  
666 growth rate of the garnet cores, most probably in the course of peritectic garnet producing reactions.  
667 Such possible melt and garnet producing reactions are listed below. Reaction (1) is driven by  
668 increasing pressure whilst reactions (2), (3), (4), and (5) are overstepped with increasing  
669 temperature (Vielzeuf and Holloway, 1988; Patiño Douce, 2005).

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677 **Biotite:** Inclusions of unaltered biotite within the high-grossular garnet cores of felsic  
678 granulites (Fig. 4b) have significantly elevated Ti-contents compared to biotites in the matrix. These  
679 inclusions are completely surrounded by crack-free hosting garnet and thus belong to the stable  
680 mineral assemblage at this stage. Similar biotite inclusions in garnet cores were reported in felsic  
681 granulites by Carswell and O'Brien (1993). The solubility of Ti in biotite is mainly a function of  
682 temperature, pressure and chemical composition of a biotite grain (Henry et al., 2005 and references  
683 therein). Experimental work by Robert (1976) demonstrated that the Ti solubility in biotite is

684 relatively low at 0.1 GPa and 600 °C (0.07 Ti apfu). It increases to 0.20 Ti apfu at 800 °C and to  
685 0.70 Ti apfu at 1000 °C. Thus, we conclude that the Ti-rich biotite inclusions in the garnets (with  
686 0.333 Ti apfu) were in equilibrium with garnet cores at a temperature of about 800–850 °C.

687 **Composite kaolinite-K-feldspar-quartz inclusions:** The presence of polyphase inclusions  
688 of kaolinite (interpreted as hydrated kyanite) + K-feldspar + quartz within garnet cores (Fig. 4f)  
689 indicates initial garnet growth in the presence of white mica, which probably subsequently  
690 decomposed by the melt producing reaction: muscovite + quartz = K-feldspar + kyanite + melt. In  
691 rare cases we have found relics of white mica in the same core regions of garnets.

692 **Rutile inclusions and Zr-in-rutile thermometry:** Rutile inclusions in high-grossular garnet  
693 cores show significantly lower Zr-contents compared to those in the low-grossular garnet rims. As  
694 rutile grains enclosed in garnet should be largely shielded by diffusive re-equilibration during  
695 cooling (Zack et al., 2004) the compositional variability of rutile inclusions from core to rim can be  
696 used to determine the temperature evolution during the growth of the garnets and importantly, allow  
697 us to define the formation temperature of the early garnet and the subsequent granulite facies peak  
698 garnet growth. However, the Zr-in-rutile temperature estimates vary depending on the used  
699 calibration. In Figure 7, the empirical calibration of Zack et al. (2004) results in temperatures which  
700 are ~80–100 °C higher compared to results from the experimentally calibrated equation of Tomkins  
701 et al. (2007) at a pressure of 1.6 GPa. Although the calibration of Zack et al. (2004) does not  
702 include a pressure dependent term we use this version of the Zr-in-rutile thermometer due to its  
703 consistent results with feldspar solvus thermometry and pseudosection modelling.

704 The Zr-contents of rutile enclosed in the garnet cores from both the felsic and mafic  
705 granulites indicate that the majority of garnet cores grew at ~810–820 °C (Fig. 7a). Slightly lower  
706 temperatures of 700–800 °C were reported for incipient garnet growth in garnet-clinopyroxene  
707 bearing granulites from the St. Leonhard granulite body (Cooke et al., 2000). These temperatures  
708 were obtained from the Fe-Mg exchange garnet-clinopyroxene thermometer. As correctly indicated  
709 by the authors, these clinopyroxene is only in equilibrium with the HP granulite facies mineral

710 assemblage and therefore temperature estimates for the early garnet core growth are uncertain.  
711 Comparable temperatures (~830 °C) were recently reported from Zr-in-rutile thermometry of rutile  
712 inclusions in high-grossular garnets from the Blanský les granulites (Usuki et al. 2017). Considering  
713 our results as well as from literature, the garnet cores in the granulites started to nucleate at unusual  
714 high T conditions, considerably above the hypothetical equilibrium grt-in reaction as expected for a  
715 typical prograde metamorphic evolution of metagranitoids (see Spear, 2017).

716 The higher Zr content in rutile enclosed in garnet rims of both felsic and mafic granulites  
717 give a temperature estimate of ~1030 °C. This result is in good agreement with temperatures of  
718 matrix rutile and feldspar solvus thermometry obtained by this study and previous studies (e.g.  
719 Kotková and Harley, 2010) and is proof of the garnet rim growth during the HP-UHT granulite  
720 facies stage.

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### 722 **11.3. Garnet growth history revealed by trace element zoning**

723 Both, major and trace elements show a nearly flat zoning profile over a broad core region  
724 but change sharply at the rim. The changes in trace elements at the rim occurs over a shorter  
725 distance compared to major elements, reflecting their lower susceptibility to diffusion within the  
726 garnet structure and makes them more likely to record earlier evolutionary stages (e.g. Spear and  
727 Kohn, 1996). The homogeneous and flat zoning of trace elements (P, Ti, Zr, Y, V, Cr, Ga and REE)  
728 in the broad garnet core region implies that this part of the garnet formed during a single garnet  
729 forming reaction at a narrow PT range. Considering the relatively high Ti-content of about 900 ppm  
730 in the garnet core, we interpret that a Ti-rich reactant mineral was involved in the garnet forming  
731 reaction. Since high-Ti biotite is a common inclusion it is likely that the garnet cores grew at the  
732 expense of biotite. Based on the Zr-in-rutile temperature estimate of 810–820 °C for the garnet core  
733 growth, reaction (1)  $bt + als + qz = phe + grt + melt$  is considered to be responsible for garnet core  
734 growth during pressure increase.

735           The sharp decrease of Ti within the garnet rim region as well as sharp changes in other trace  
736 elements suggest that the UHT rims formed by different garnet producing reactions. We speculate  
737 that the UHT garnet rims formed by incongruent melting reactions involving phengitic white mica  
738 ( $\pm$ clinopyroxene), for instance by reactions (3) or (5). The kyanite consuming reaction (4) is less  
739 likely since kyanite is part of the granulite facies peak mineral assemblage. Also, reaction (2), which  
740 requires biotite, was probably not involved, as indicated by the low Ti-content in the garnet rims.  
741 The significant drop of Zr within the garnet rims may be explained by enhanced crystallisation of  
742 rutile which incorporates high amounts of Zr at UHT conditions. The increase in V, Cr, and Ga at  
743 the outermost garnet rim is interpreted as the result of white mica decomposition en route to peak  
744 granulite facies conditions. The elevated contents of P, Y and LREE in the garnet core and the  
745 pronounced drop of these elements at the rim indicate that garnet core grew prior to significant  
746 ternary feldspar and apatite crystallization. Similar observations has been reported from leucocratic  
747 granulites in the Blanský les Massif ([Kotková and Harley, 2010](#)).

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#### 749 **11.4. Possible geological scenario**

750           The new data presented and discussed above strongly suggest that the prograde PT evolution  
751 of the granulite bodies in the southeastern Moldanubian Zone involved two separate stages: (1) the  
752 UHT stage of  $\sim 1000$  °C and 1.6 GPa, which has been documented in a number of earlier studies as  
753 well (see [Kotková, 2007](#) for review), and (2) a preceding lower-T metamorphic stage which is  
754 represented by the garnet cores and their inclusions. This stage occurred at temperatures of  $\sim 810$ –  
755  $820$  °C. Unfortunately, we do not have precise constraints on the pressure conditions of this stage.  
756 Rutile inclusions in the garnet cores define a lower pressure limit of  $\sim 1.2$  GPa ([Fig. 13](#)). If the  
757 garnet cores formed by overstepping of the biotite consuming peritectic reaction (1), what we  
758 consider most likely, then the pressure should have been at around 1.6 GPa. Experimental data by  
759 [Hermann \(2002\)](#) showed that Ti-rich biotite can be stable up to  $\sim 2.5$  GPa at  $\sim 810$ – $820$  °C, setting  
760 the upper pressure limit for the early garnet core formation. Assuming a geothermal gradient of  $\sim 10$

761 °C/km, which is observed in subduction settings with fast plate motion, pressures of 2.0–2.5 GPa  
762 could be reached at a temperature of ~810–820 °C. At a higher geothermal gradient of ~20 °C/km,  
763 the peritectic reaction (1) is overstepped at significantly lower pressure (~1.5–2.0 GPa).

764 Depending on the geometry of the prograde path (Fig. 13), the subsequent granulite facies  
765 event was either (a) caused by isobaric heating (likely in case of a geothermal gradient of 20  
766 °C/km), or (b) by decompression and contemporaneous heating or (c) isothermal decompression  
767 followed by heating (likely in case of a thermal gradient of 10 °C/km). The ultimate cause for the  
768 UHT metamorphism was most likely the introduction of mantle heat, either provided by slab  
769 breakoff (Finger et al., 2007), mantle delamination (Massone, 2006) or slab roll back (Sizova et al.,  
770 2018). As a result, the superheated, partially molten crustal material becomes highly mobile and  
771 "flows" upward into a mid-crustal position where it re-equilibrates (Schulmann et al. 2009).

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### 773 **11.5. Exhumation and cooling history of the Lower Austrian granulites**

774 Previous studies concluded that the exhumation and cooling rates of the Moldanubian  
775 granulites were in a range of. 2.9–3.5 mm year<sup>-1</sup> and 7–20 °C myr<sup>-1</sup>, respectively (Svojtka et al.,  
776 2002; Tajčmanová et al., 2006). These numbers are based on either an extrusion model or a  
777 combination of petrographic observations and zircon dating in multiple rock units. In this study we  
778 use a combination of methods (geothermobarometry, pseudosections and diffusion chronometry) on  
779 individual rock specimens. In all cases, we determined a minimum uplift of 5.3–6.6 mm year<sup>-1</sup> and  
780 cooling rates of 40–50 °C myr<sup>-1</sup>. Thus, our results indicate a much faster exhumation compared to  
781 previous results for Moldanubian granulites. We note, however, that these estimates are still about  
782 an order of magnitude lower than those simulated for the uplift of mantle xenoliths further north in  
783 the Granulite Massif (Müller et al., 2015). Hence, we interpret our rates which are based on a  
784 holistic approach to be realistic and provide estimates of the steep exhumation and cooling history  
785 from peak HP granulite facies conditions to lower granulite/amphibolite facies conditions.

786 The proposed PT evolution for granulites from this study area differs from the PT path of  
787 granulites from the northern and central part of the Moldanubian Zone (Blanský les and Kutná Hora  
788 granulite). In the latter, an eclogite facies evolution at about 700 °C at 3.2–4.0 GPa was reported  
789 based mainly on ultra-high pressure phases included in garnet (Faryad et al., 2010; Perraki and  
790 Faryad, 2014). Our study does not provide any evidence for such an UHP imprint for the large  
791 granulite bodies in the southeastern part of the Moldanubian Zone. Nevertheless, we do not  
792 necessarily rule out a PT path up to coesite or diamond stability (Fig. 13), since relics of this UHP  
793 evolution are likely to be of limited extent and extremely rare in these granulites.

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## 795 **12. Conclusions**

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- 797 1. Rutile inclusions in garnet and application of the Zr-in-rutile thermometry provides a tool to  
798 improve our understanding of the prograde metamorphic evolution of granulites from the  
799 Moldanubian Zone. Garnet cores with high grossular content formed at a temperature of  
800 ~810–820 °C contemporaneous with extensive melting recorded in abundant polycrystalline  
801 melt inclusions throughout these cores. The presence of high-Ti biotite inclusions within the  
802 garnet cores constrains confining pressures between 1.6 and 2.5 GPa.
- 803 2. Rutile inclusions in low-grossular rims of the same garnets record UHT conditions at  
804 ~1030 °C. This temperature is within errors to T estimates of  $1000 \pm 50$  °C based on  
805 conventional geothermobarometry and pseudosection phase diagrams. Pressure was estimated  
806 with  $1.60 \pm 0.10$  GPa for the garnet rim growth.
- 807 3. High-grossular garnet cores from felsic granulites do not show significant compositional  
808 changes in trace elements indicating a single reaction (peritectic biotite breakdown reaction)  
809 for the garnet core crystallization. In contrast, the sharp changes in trace element contents  
810 within the rim of garnets implies different garnet forming reaction(s). The low-grossular  
811 garnet rim was most likely formed by incongruent phengitic white mica consuming and melt

812 producing reactions. Also white mica is not observed as a matrix mineral phase, inclusions in  
813 garnet confirm the presence of white mica during the prograde PT path.

814 4. The pronounced zoning of major elements at the garnet rim despite UHT conditions points to  
815 an extremely short lived metamorphic episode. Otherwise diffusion would have homogenised  
816 the garnet right through to its core. Therefore, the garnet rim must have formed rapidly,  
817 probably due to a certain overstepping of the garnet rim forming reactions.

818 5. Binary Fe-Mg diffusion chronometry on garnet profiles indicates that the Moldanubian  
819 granulites in the southeastern Bohemian Massif underwent rapid exhumation and cooling  
820 ( $\sim 4.4\text{--}5.3\text{ mm y}^{-1}$  and  $\sim 40\text{--}50\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C Myr}^{-1}$ ) subsequent to granulite facies peak conditions.

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## 1155 **Figure Captions**

1156

1157 **Fig. 1.** (a) Simplified geological framework of the Bohemian Massif (modified after [Franke, 2000](#)).  
1158 Upper left inset shows the tectonic subdivision of the central European Variscides. Letters indicate  
1159 granulite bodies in the Moldanubian Zone: DW – Dunkelsteinerwald granulite, PW – Pöchlarn-  
1160 Wiselburg granulite, SL – St. Leonhard granulite, B – Blumau granulite, J – Jemnice granulite, Mo –  
1161 Mohelno granulite, SU – Strážek Unit granulite, KH – Kutná Hora granulite, L – Lišov granulite, Bl  
1162 – Blanský les granulite, P – Prachatice granulite, K – Křišťánov granulite. (b) Simplified geological  
1163 map of the southeastern Bohemian Massif (modified after [Schnabel et al., 2002](#)).

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1165 **Fig. 2.** Hand-specimen photographs and corresponding photomicrographs of (a) a felsic granulite  
1166 containing (b) the HP granulite facies peak mineral assemblage of garnet + kyanite + peritectic  
1167 alkali-feldspar + rutile + quartz; (c) a felsic granulite with slightly darker bands where (d, e)

1168 retrogressive biotite-flakes interpenetrate sillimanite and ilmenite to form masses oriented parallel to  
1169 the foliation, mainly defined by quartz ribbons; (f) a fresh mafic granulite with (g) large  
1170 porphyroblasts of peak garnet and antiperthitic plagioclase and randomly distributed, small  
1171 secondary orthopyroxene and biotite in a quartzo-feldspathic matrix; (h) a strongly retrograde mafic  
1172 granulite with (i, j) secondary amphibole, biotite and ilmenite intergrown with small garnet.

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1174 **Fig. 3.** BSE images and major element zoning profiles of representative garnets from felsic (a, b, c,  
1175 d, e) and mafic (f) granulites. Y-axes indicates mol. % of garnet endmembers; x-axes indicate rim-  
1176 core-rim distances in millimetres.

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1178 **Fig. 4.** Photomicrographs of representative inclusions. (a) Rounded, anhedral rutile within garnet.  
1179 (b) Euhedral inclusion of fresh high-Ti biotite in garnet core. (c) Perthitic alkali-feldspar within  
1180 kyanite reflecting the equilibrium coexistence between ternary feldspar and kyanite at granulite  
1181 facies peak conditions. (d) Euhedral-shaped diopside dominated clinopyroxene in the medium to  
1182 low Ca garnet zone of a mafic granulite, note this is a garnet rim section. (e) Relics of white mica,  
1183 quartz, biotite and rutile form a polyphase inclusion in the Ca-rich garnet core region; (f) Inclusion  
1184 of kaolinite, K-feldspar and randomly decomposed quartz in garnet core, most probably formed  
1185 after the muscovite break-down. (g) Numerous small melt inclusions within garnet core and rim  
1186 areas. Inset shows a zoom-in where the euhedral-shaped melt inclusions are located in a crack-free  
1187 garnet domain. (h, i) Euhedral-shaped polycrystalline melt inclusion composed of quartz, K-feldspar  
1188 and biotite.

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1190 **Fig. 5.** Garnet profile type I from felsic granulite WG336, major element compositional maps of Ca,  
1191 Fe, Mg, (b–d), major element zoning (e), trace element and REE zoning (f–p) and chondrite  
1192 normalized Rare Earth Element plot (q) for garnet core and garnet rim. Y-axes indicates ppm of  
1193 trace elements; x-axes indicate rim-core-rim distances in millimetres. Note zoning of selected trace

1194 elements were slightly smoothed. Rim-core-rim boundaries are based on the trace element changes  
1195 in (e).

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1197 **Fig. 6.** Chondrite normalized Rare Earth Element plot for (a) apatite in garnet core, garnet rim and  
1198 rock matrix and (b) perthitic alkali-feldspar.

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1200 **Fig. 7.** Plot of calculated Zr-in-rutile temperatures against (a, b)  $X_{Grs}$  of garnet host enclosing rutile  
1201 in felsic granulites and (c, d)  $X_{Grs}$  of garnet host enclosing rutile in mafic granulites. Red squares  
1202 and green diamonds indicate measured rutiles in low grossular garnet rim and high grossular garnet  
1203 core regions, respectively. (c, d) Zr-contents of matrix rutiles (grey diamonds) in felsic and mafic  
1204 granulites vs calculated temperatures. Temperature estimates are after [Zack et al. \(2004\) - Z \(04\)](#) and  
1205 [Tomkins et al. \(2007\) - \(T07\)](#) for an assumed pressure of 1.6 GPa.

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1207 **Fig. 8.** Exemplary feldspar pairs using the one feldspar (open symbols) and two feldspar (full  
1208 symbols) thermometry for a given pressure of 1.60 GPa. Temperature isopleths are obtained using  
1209 the recent interaction parameters of [Benisek et al. \(2010\)](#) for 1.60 GPa.

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1211 **Fig. 9.** PT pseudosection for the granulite facies peak mineral assemblage. (a) Presents fields of  
1212 stable mineral assemblages and volume isopleths of garnet. Important phase transitions are indicated  
1213 as bold coloured lines. Labels for small PT fields are omitted for avoiding confusion. (b) Presents  
1214 isopleths of grossular and anorthite in ternary feldspar.

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1216 **Fig. 10.** PT pseudosection for the retrograde mineral assemblage. (a) Presents fields of stable  
1217 mineral assemblages and volume isopleths of garnet. Important phase transitions are indicated as  
1218 bold coloured lines. Labels for small PT fields are omitted for avoiding confusion. (b) Presents  
1219 isopleths of grossular.

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1221 **Fig. 11.** Representative fits for the measured and calculated (diffusion model) almandine and pyrope  
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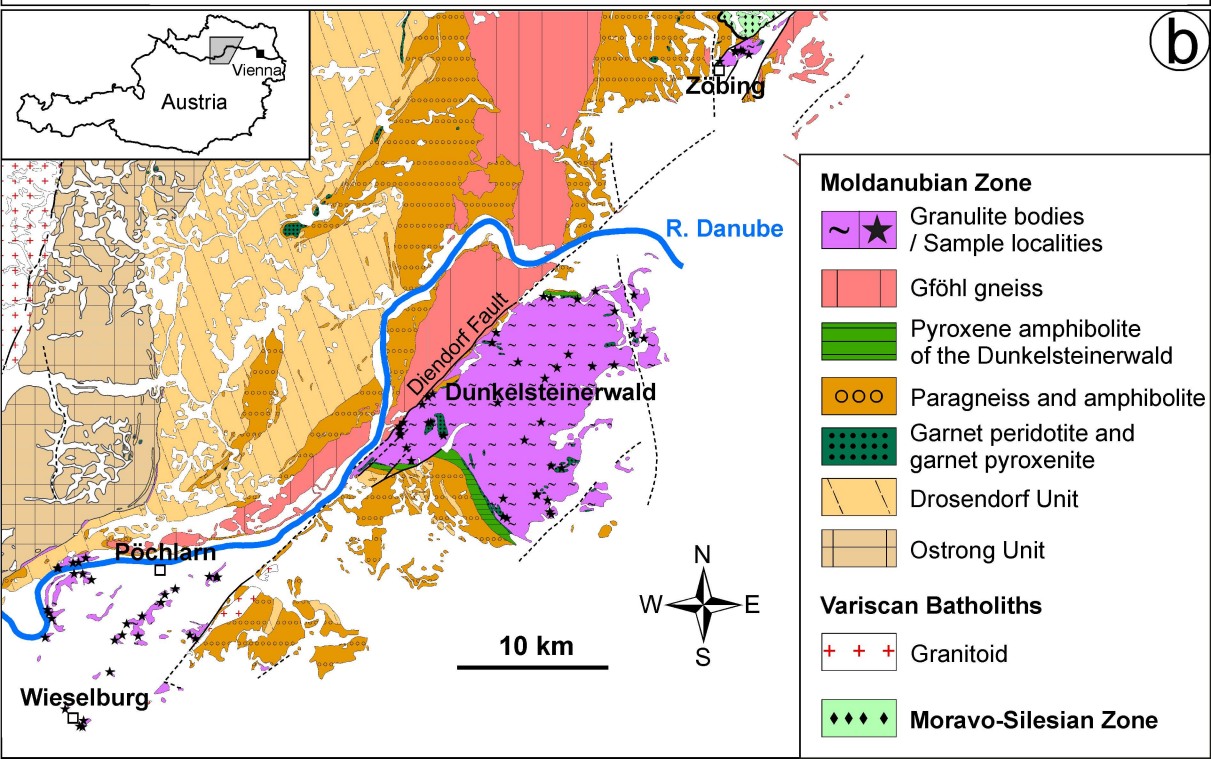
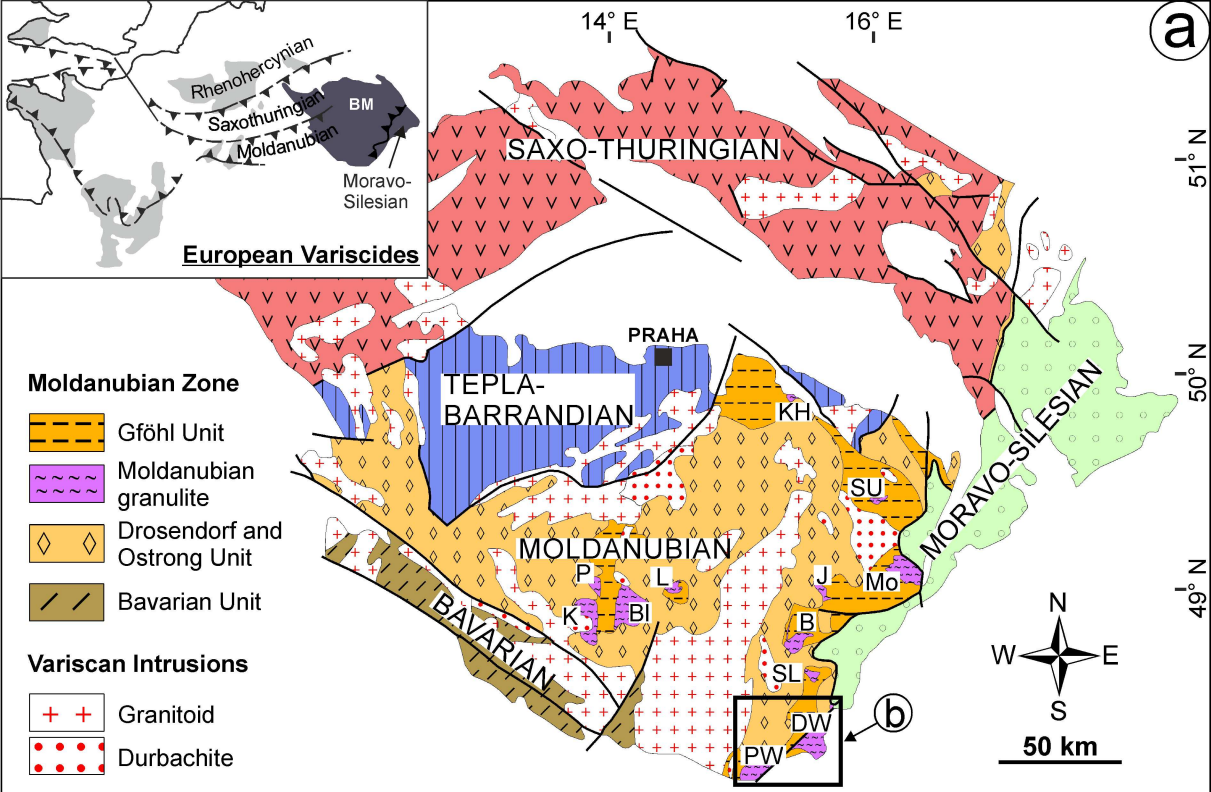
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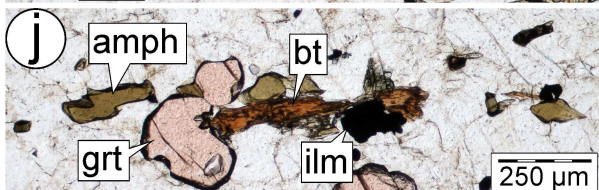
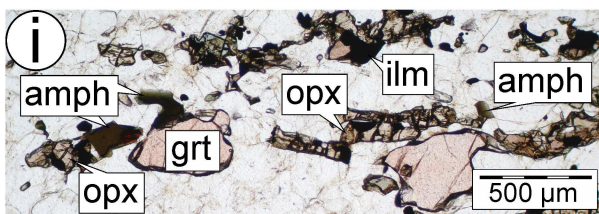
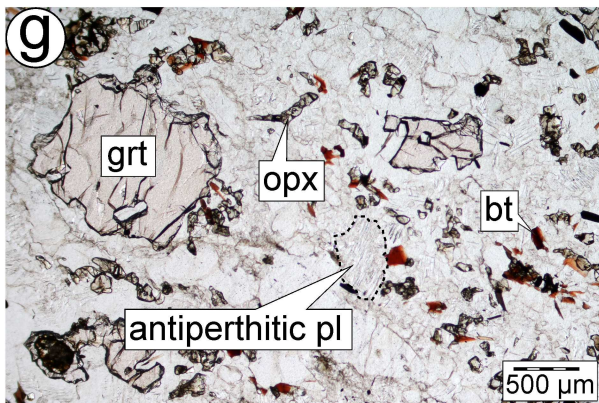
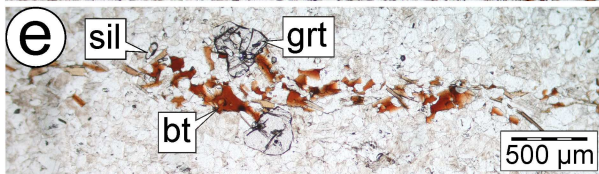
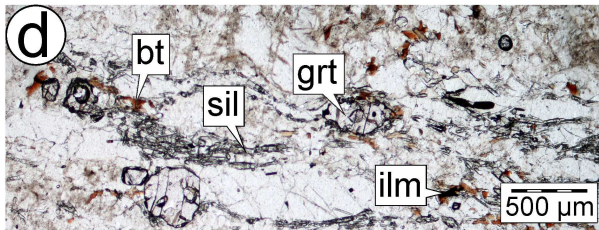
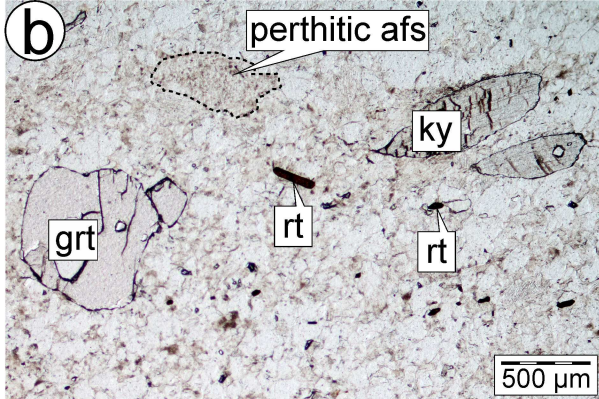
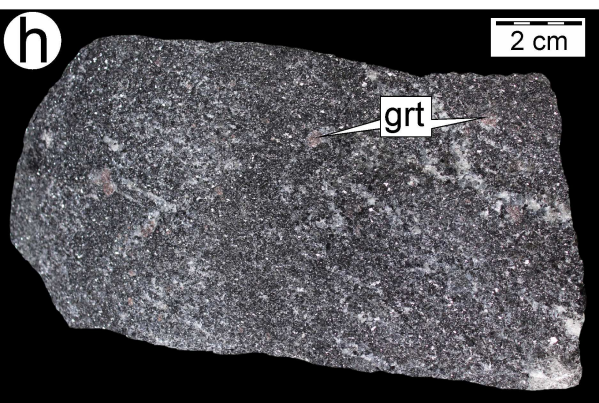
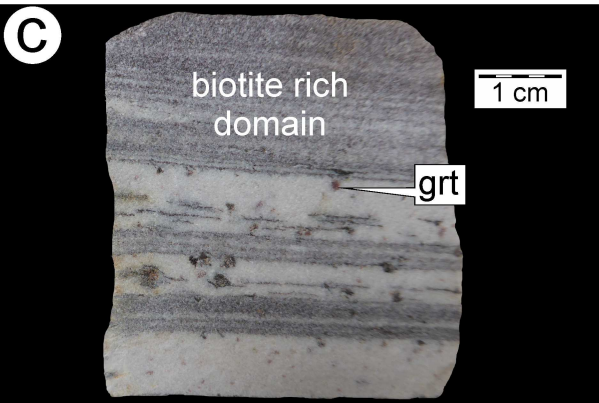
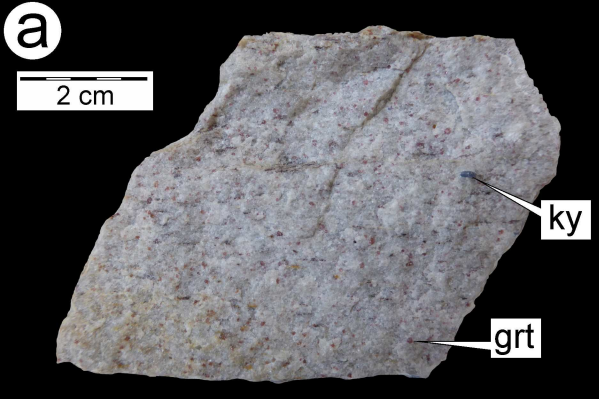
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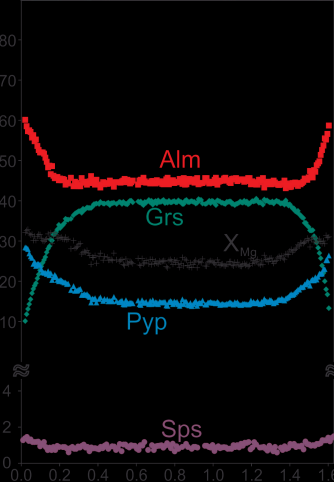
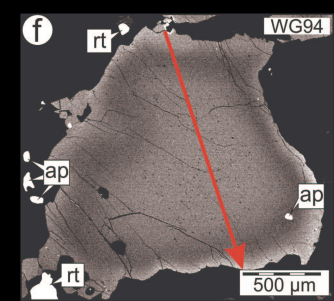
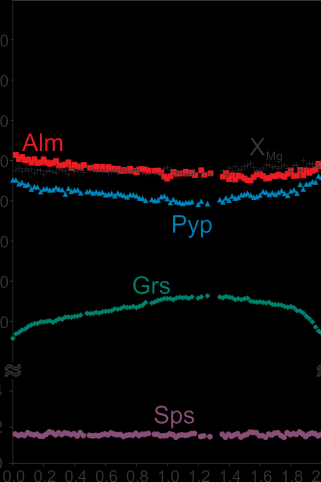
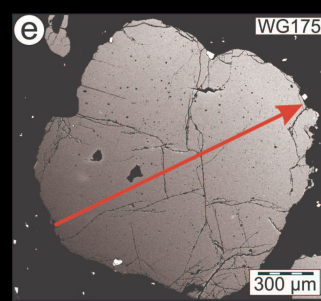
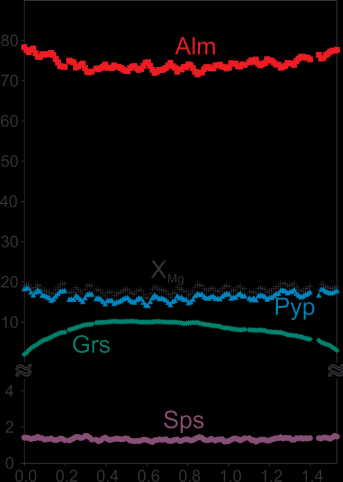
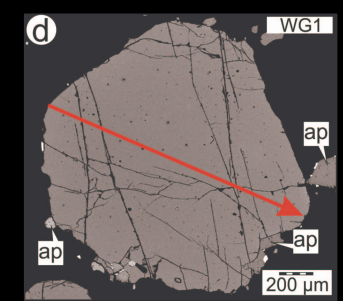
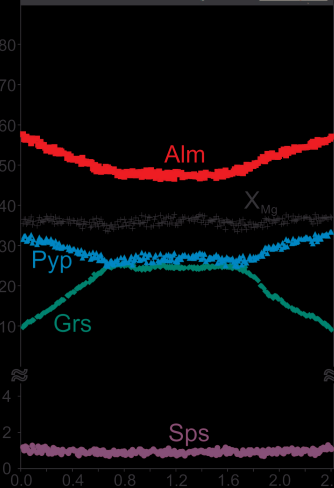
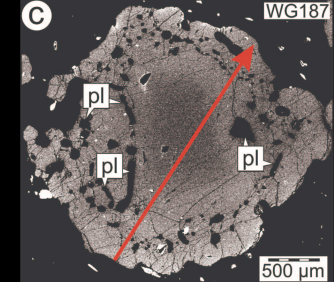
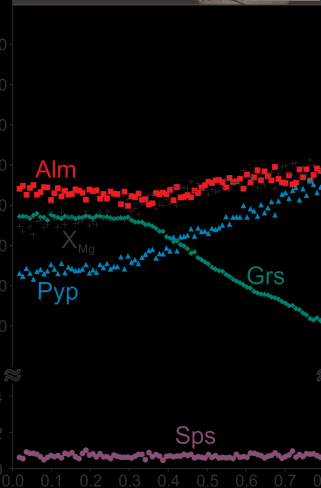
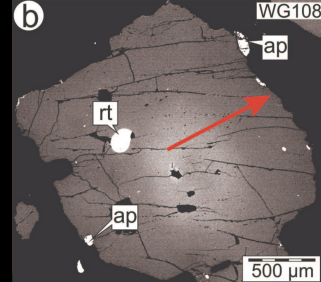
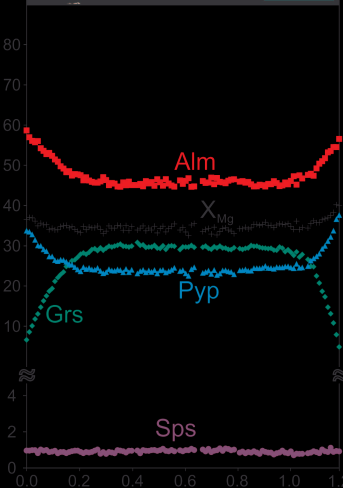
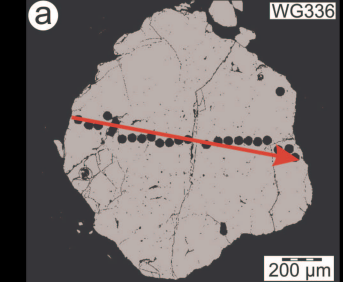
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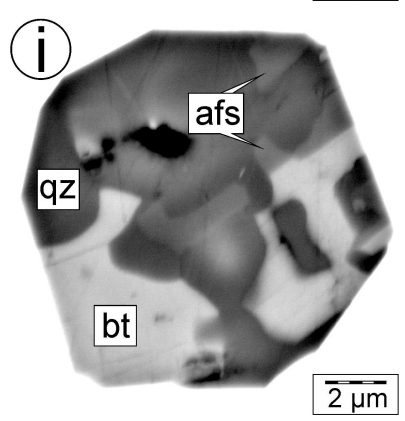
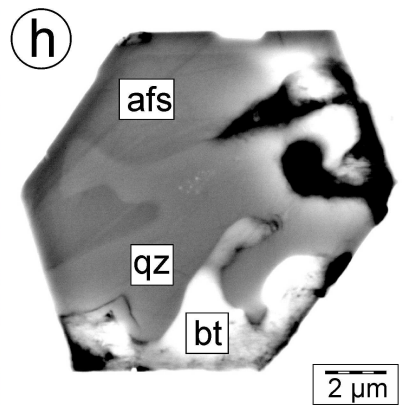
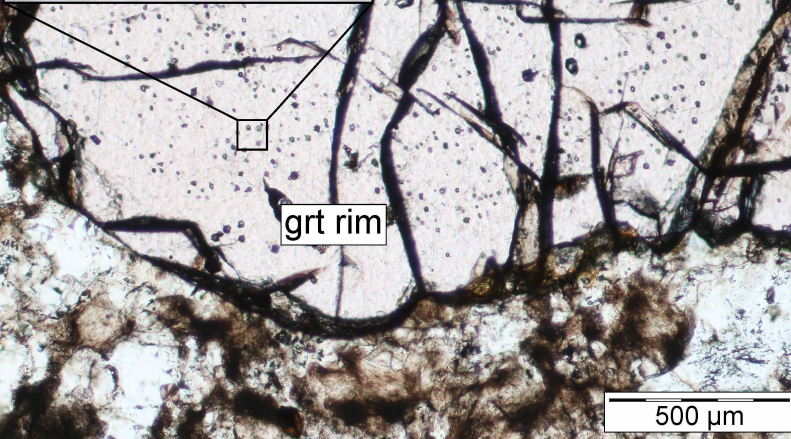
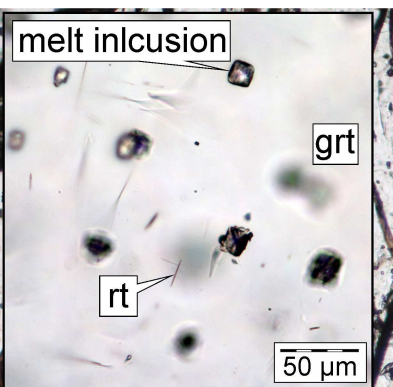
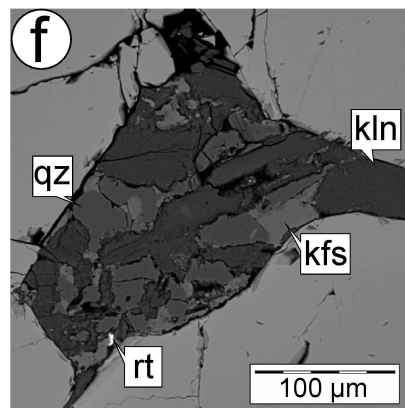
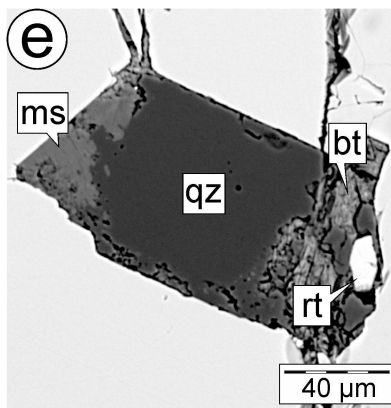
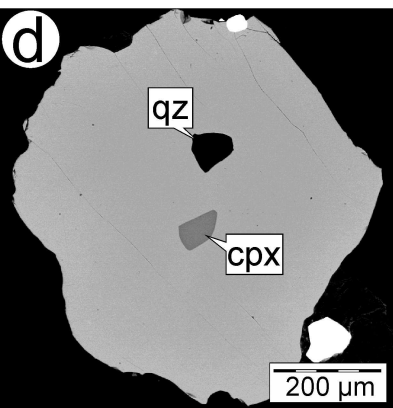
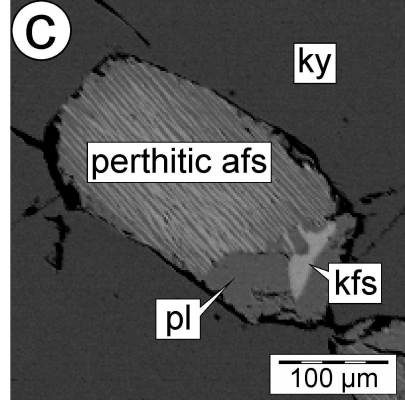
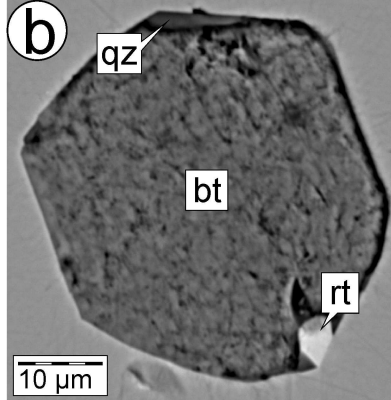
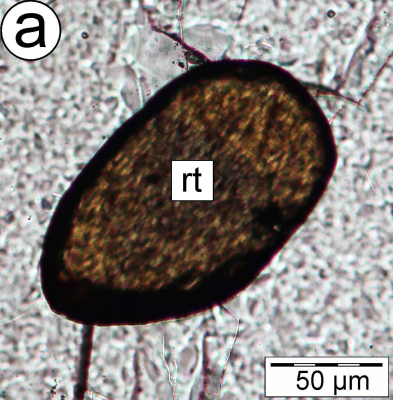
1230 **Fig. 13.** Reconstructed PT paths and estimated exhumation and cooling rates for the Moldanubian  
1231 granulites in the southeastern Bohemian Massif. Field a and b indicates estimated PT conditions for  
1232 the formation of the metamorphic peak and the retrograde mineral assemblage, respectively.  
1233 Peritectic garnet growth reactions (1)  $bt + als + qz = ms + grt + melt$ , (2)  $bt + ms + qz = grt + kfs +$   
1234  $melt$ , (3)  $ms + qz = grt + kfs + als + melt$ , (4)  $bt + als + qz = grt + kfs + melt$  (5)  $ms + cpx + qz = grt$   
1235  $+ kfs + melt$  are from [Vielzeuf and Holloway \(1988\)](#) and [Patiño Douce \(2005\)](#). Biotite stability is  
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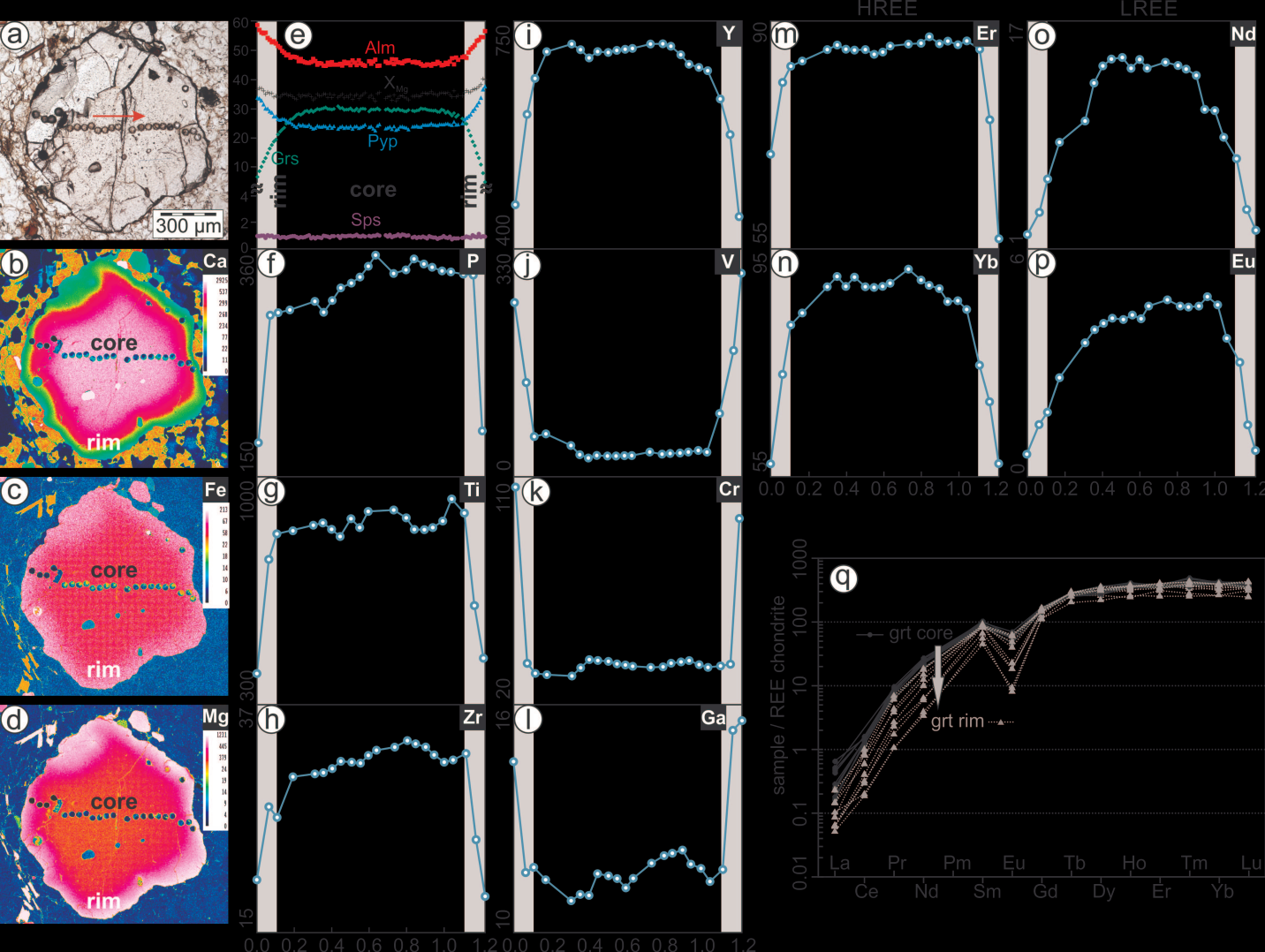


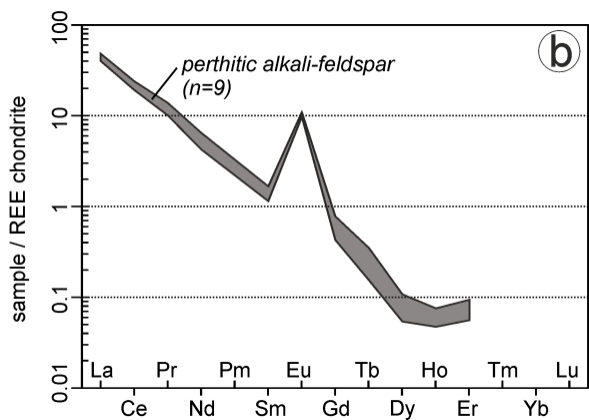
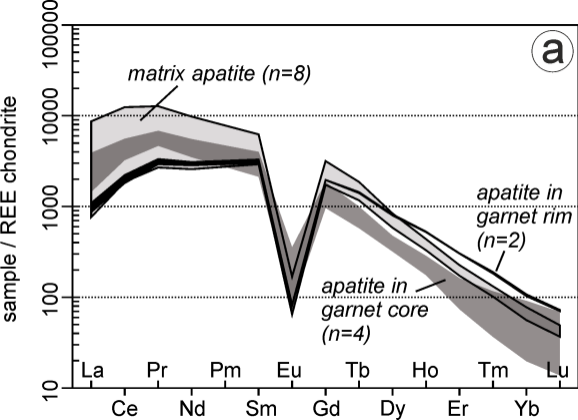


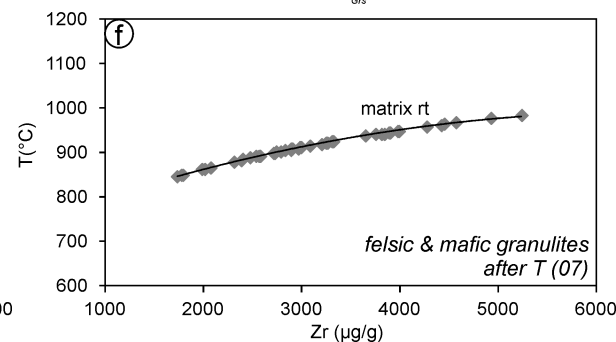
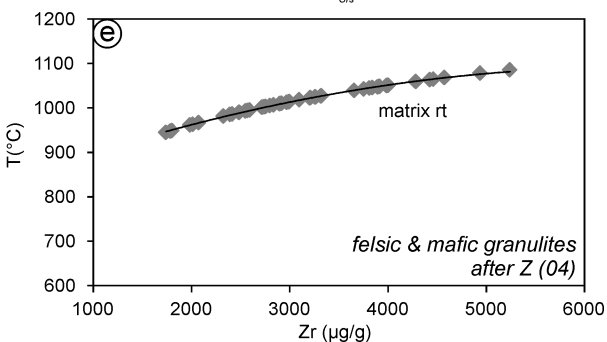
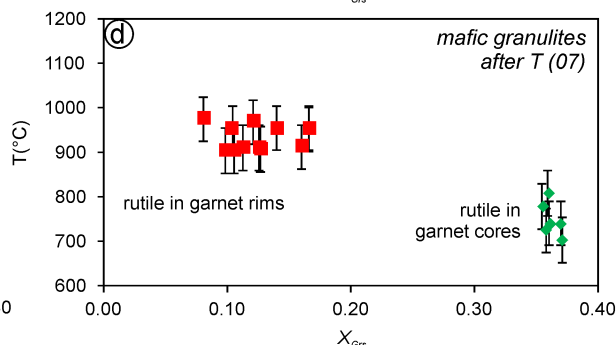
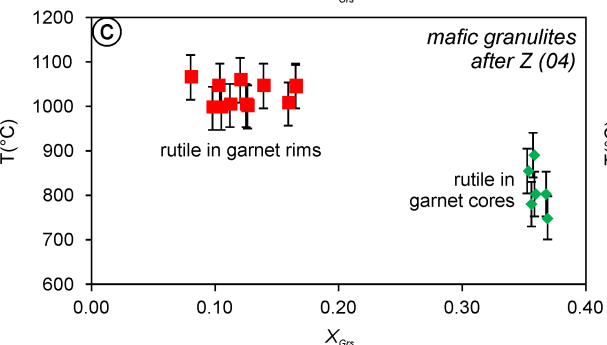
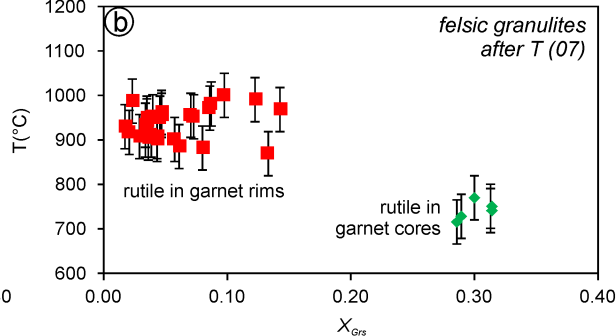
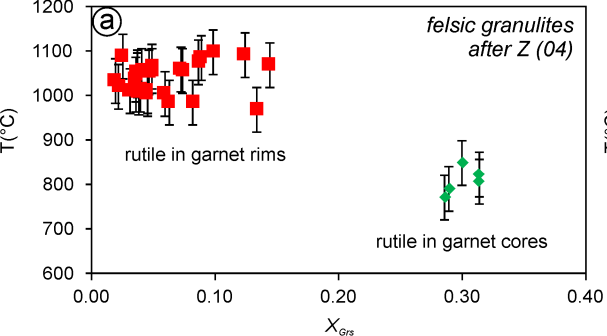










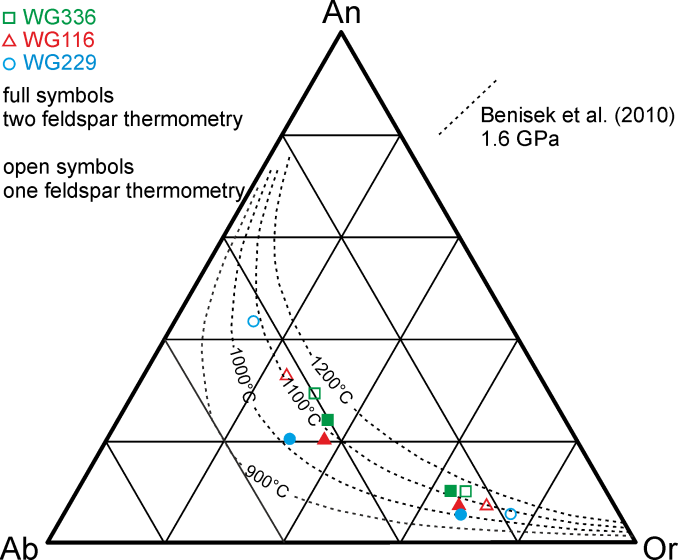


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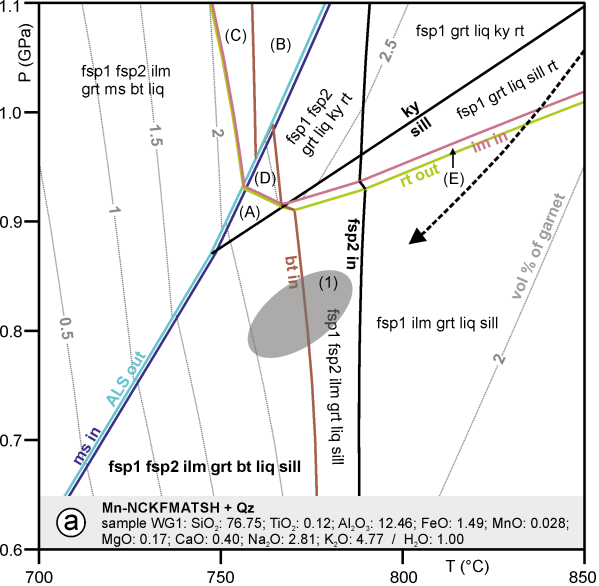
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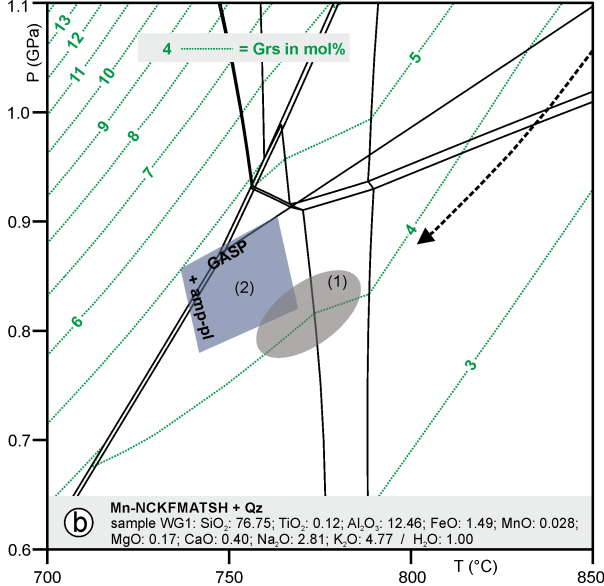
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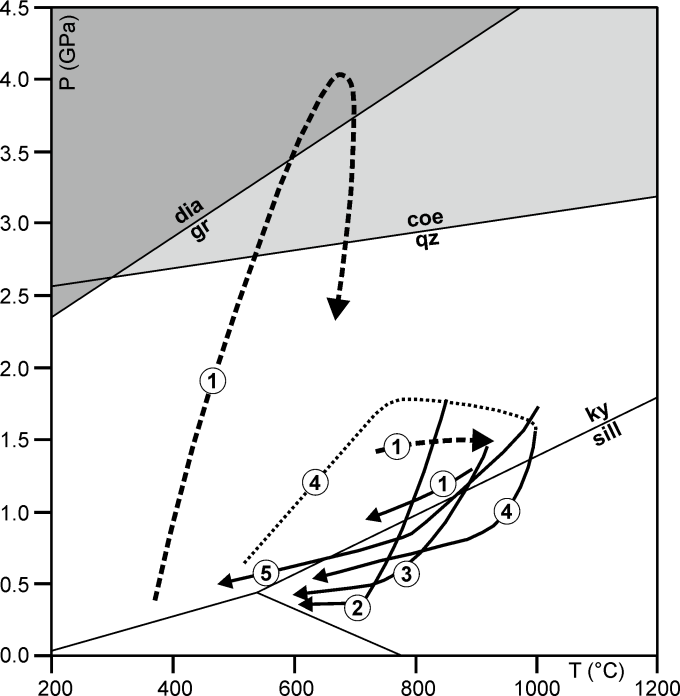
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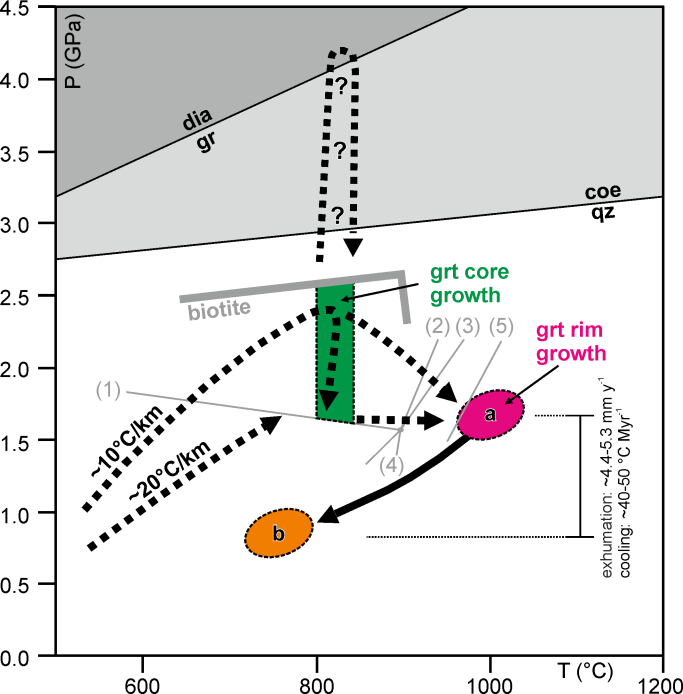
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4 = Grs in mol%







**Table 1** Representative composition of garnet and clinopyroxene inclusions in garnet.

Mineral	garnet																				cpx	
	felsic granulite												mafic granulite									
Rock type																						
Sample WG	1				108		175		187		336		93		94		342		345		344	
Location*	r	c	#	#	r	c	r	c	r	c	r	c	r	r	r	c	r	r	r	r	inc	
SiO <sub>2</sub> wt.%	36.90	36.63	36.83	37.03	39.15	38.29	38.54	37.72	38.91	38.85	37.76	38.15	36.19	37.54	38.00	38.54	37.30	37.78	36.38	37.05	51.71	51.78
TiO <sub>2</sub>	0.11	0.13	b.d.	0.13	0.03	0.21	b.d.	0.12	0.16	0.16	b.d.	0.19	b.d.	b.d.	b.d.	b.d.	b.d.	0.22	b.d.	b.d.	0.21	0.34
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	21.21	21.66	21.04	21.66	22.04	22.26	22.45	22.50	22.48	23.18	22.11	21.87	20.64	21.02	21.60	21.46	20.56	21.24	20.96	20.96	1.84	1.71
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	b.d.	0.10	0.06	b.d.	0.06	0.06	0.05	0.00	0.15	0.09	b.d.	b.d.	b.d.	b.d.	b.d.	b.d.	0.07	b.d.	b.d.	b.d.	b.d.	b.d.
FeO	35.19	33.33	34.72	34.89	23.95	20.02	24.99	23.62	25.84	21.64	28.01	22.59	34.94	28.37	27.96	21.09	30.91	25.62	30.98	30.69	14.70	12.94
MnO	0.57	0.46	0.63	0.57	0.39	0.35	0.72	0.67	0.56	0.38	0.43	0.42	1.33	0.73	0.59	0.45	0.98	0.59	1.06	1.00	0.07	0.16
MgO	4.09	4.05	4.28	4.29	10.79	5.70	11.39	9.77	8.34	6.98	8.52	6.07	3.06	2.56	7.54	4.64	4.16	4.57	4.62	4.75	10.22	11.13
CaO	1.38	3.44	1.40	1.43	3.79	12.82	1.72	4.95	3.63	8.62	2.32	10.63	2.61	9.51	3.62	13.34	5.88	10.30	5.39	5.62	19.79	20.57
Na <sub>2</sub> O	b.d.	b.d.	b.d.	b.d.	b.d.	b.d.	b.d.	b.d.	b.d.	b.d.	b.d.	b.d.	b.d.	b.d.	b.d.	b.d.	b.d.	b.d.	b.d.	b.d.	0.52	0.53
<b>Total</b>	<b>99.45</b>	<b>99.80</b>	<b>98.96</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.20</b>	<b>99.71</b>	<b>99.86</b>	<b>99.35</b>	<b>100.07</b>	<b>99.90</b>	<b>99.15</b>	<b>99.92</b>	<b>98.77</b>	<b>99.73</b>	<b>99.31</b>	<b>99.61</b>	<b>99.86</b>	<b>100.32</b>	<b>99.39</b>	<b>100.07</b>	<b>99.06</b>	<b>99.16</b>
	<i>atoms per 12 O</i>																				<i>atoms per 6 O</i>	
Si	2.968	2.921	2.972	2.954	2.963	2.945	2.926	2.887	2.986	2.968	2.939	2.942	2.948	2.983	2.967	2.990	2.961	2.941	2.894	2.924	1.985	1.976
Ti	0.007	0.008	0.002	0.008	0.002	0.012	0.000	0.007	0.009	0.009	0.000	0.011	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.005	0.000	0.013	0.000	0.000	0.006	0.010
Al	2.010	2.036	2.001	2.037	1.966	2.018	2.009	2.030	2.033	2.087	2.028	1.987	1.981	1.969	1.988	1.962	1.924	1.949	1.965	1.950	0.083	0.077
Cr	0.000	0.006	0.004	0.002	0.004	0.004	0.003	0.000	0.009	0.005	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.004	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Fe <sup>3+</sup>	0.041	0.100	0.048	0.037	0.101	0.063	0.136	0.182	0.000	0.000	0.095	0.107	0.123	0.064	0.078	0.048	0.149	0.142	0.246	1.823	0.000	0.000
Fe <sup>2+</sup>	2.326	2.122	2.295	2.291	1.415	1.224	1.451	1.330	1.658	1.382	1.728	1.349	2.257	1.821	1.748	1.320	1.903	1.526	1.816	0.203	0.472	0.413
Mn	0.039	0.031	0.043	0.039	0.025	0.023	0.046	0.043	0.036	0.025	0.028	0.027	0.092	0.049	0.039	0.030	0.066	0.039	0.071	0.067	0.002	0.005
Mg	0.490	0.481	0.515	0.510	1.217	0.654	1.289	1.115	0.954	0.795	0.989	0.698	0.372	0.303	0.878	0.537	0.492	0.530	0.548	0.559	0.585	0.633
Ca	0.119	0.294	0.121	0.122	0.307	1.057	0.140	0.406	0.298	0.706	0.193	0.878	0.228	0.810	0.303	1.109	0.500	0.859	0.459	0.475	0.814	0.841
Na																					0.039	0.039
<b>Σ Cat.</b>	<b>8.000</b>	<b>7.999</b>	<b>8.001</b>	<b>8.000</b>	<b>8.000</b>	<b>8.000</b>	<b>8.000</b>	<b>8.000</b>	<b>7.984</b>	<b>7.977</b>	<b>8.000</b>	<b>7.999</b>	<b>8.000</b>	<b>8.000</b>	<b>8.000</b>	<b>8.000</b>	<b>8.000</b>	<b>8.000</b>	<b>8.000</b>	<b>8.000</b>	<b>3.986</b>	<b>3.995</b>
Alm mol%	78.2	72.5	77.2	77.3	47.7	41.4	49.6	46.0	56.3	47.5	58.8	45.7	76.6	61.0	58.9	44.1	64.3	51.6	62.7	62.3		
Pyp	16.5	16.4	17.3	17.2	41.1	22.1	44.1	38.5	32.4	27.3	33.6	23.6	12.6	10.2	29.6	17.9	16.6	18.0	18.9	19.1		
Grs	4.0	10.0	4.1	4.1	10.4	35.7	4.8	14.0	10.1	24.3	6.6	29.7	7.7	27.1	10.2	37.0	16.9	29.1	15.9	16.3		
Sps	1.3	1.1	1.4	1.3	0.8	0.8	1.6	1.5	1.2	0.8	1.0	0.9	3.1	1.6	1.3	1.0	2.2	1.3	2.5	2.3		
X <sub>Mg</sub>	0.174	0.185	0.183	0.182	0.462	0.348	0.470	0.456	0.365	0.365	0.364	0.341	0.141	0.143	0.334	0.289	0.205	0.258	0.232	0.734	0.553	0.605
X <sub>Na</sub>																					0.046	0.044
Al <sup>IV</sup>																					0.015	0.024

\*specifies textural position of analyzed mineral: r-rim; c-core; #-garnet in biotite and sillimanite rich domains; inc-inclusion in garnet

**Table 2** Representative composition of muscovite, biotite, orthopyroxene and amphibole.

Mineral	muscovite		biotite				orthopyroxene		amphibole	
	felsic	mafic	felsic granulite		mafic granulite					
Rock type										
Sample WG	336	344	4	178	345	87	342	345		
Location*	inc	inc	mx	inc	mx	core	rim	rim	core	
SiO <sub>2</sub> wt.%	46.90	47.57	38.60	38.18	35.87	48.00	49.88	39.89	40.24	
TiO <sub>2</sub>	b.d.	b.d.	1.62	6.13	4.34	0.10	0.11	2.26	2.02	
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	32.75	37.43	15.37	15.39	15.38	0.44	1.19	11.65	10.80	
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	b.d.	b.d.	0.06	b.d.	b.d.	b.d.	b.d.	b.d.	b.d.	
FeO	2.47	1.68	13.57	8.46	21.26	43.06	33.78	20.44	20.20	
MnO	0.00	b.d.	b.d.	b.d.	b.d.	0.42	0.43	0.12	0.14	
MgO	1.44	0.90	16.02	17.21	9.50	6.80	14.21	7.45	8.06	
CaO	0.05	b.d.	b.d.	b.d.	0.05	1.06	0.57	10.95	10.91	
Na <sub>2</sub> O	0.26	0.94	0.07	0.25	b.d.	b.d.	b.d.	1.70	1.56	
K <sub>2</sub> O	10.73	9.97	9.94	9.91	9.38			1.86	1.75	
F	0.43	b.d.	5.40	2.32	0.48			0.06	0.05	
Cl	b.d.	b.d.	b.d.	0.09	0.05			0.35	0.35	
<b>Total</b>	<b>95.03</b>	<b>98.49</b>	<b>100.65</b>	<b>97.94</b>	<b>96.31</b>	<b>99.88</b>	<b>100.17</b>	<b>96.73</b>	<b>96.08</b>	
	<i>atoms per 11 O</i>					<i>atoms per 6 O</i>		<i>atoms per 23 O</i>		
Si	3.164	3.054	2.859	2.762	2.751	1.992	1.960	6.229	6.302	
Ti	0.000	0.000	0.090	0.333	0.250	0.003	0.003	0.265	0.238	
Al <sup>IV</sup>	0.836	0.946	1.141	1.238	1.249	0.008	0.040	1.771	1.698	
Al <sup>VI</sup>	1.768	1.886	0.201	0.073	0.141	0.014	0.016	0.373	0.295	
Cr	0.000	0.000	0.004	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	
Fe <sup>3+</sup>	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.018	0.203	0.284	
Fe <sup>2+</sup>	0.139	0.090	0.841	0.512	1.364	1.494	1.093	2.467	2.361	
Mn	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.015	0.014	0.016	0.019	
Mg	0.145	0.086	1.769	1.856	1.086	0.421	0.833	1.734	1.882	
Ca	0.004	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.004	0.047	0.024	1.832	1.831	
Na	0.034	0.117	0.010	0.035	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.515	0.474	
K	0.923	0.817	0.939	0.914	0.918			0.371	0.350	
F	0.092	0.000	1.265	0.531	0.116			0.030	0.025	
Cl	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.011	0.006			0.093	0.093	
<b>Σ Cat.</b>	<b>7.013</b>	<b>6.996</b>	<b>7.853</b>	<b>7.724</b>	<b>7.763</b>	<b>3.994</b>	<b>4.001</b>	<b>15.775</b>	<b>15.734</b>	
<i>X<sub>Mg</sub></i>	0.511	0.489	0.678	0.784	0.443	0.220	0.433	0.413	0.444	

\*specifies textural position of analyzed mineral: inc-inclusion in garnet; mx-matrix;

**Table 3** Representative composition of former ternary feldspar and K-feldspar.

Mineral	former ternary feldspar										kfs
	felsic granulite								mafic granulite		
Rock type											
Sample WG	116		329		336		192		94		345
Location*	ho	ex	ho	ex	ho	ex	ho #	ex #	ex	ho	mx
SiO <sub>2</sub> wt.%	64.57	62.95	65.21	63.07	64.96	62.49	65.29	65.27	66.11	58.98	64.40
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	19.01	22.57	18.77	22.75	18.78	23.30	18.01	22.23	18.01	26.17	18.91
CaO	0.12	4.29	0.05	3.93	0.12	4.76	b.d.	2.76	b.d.	7.94	0.09
BaO	0.17	b.d.	b.d.	b.d.	0.14	b.d.	b.d.	b.d.	b.d.	b.d.	0.58
Na <sub>2</sub> O	1.05	9.01	1.10	9.08	1.29	8.91	1.15	9.93	0.73	6.94	0.95
K <sub>2</sub> O	15.44	0.26	15.27	0.67	14.86	0.18	15.31	0.13	15.14	0.27	15.23
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.36</b>	<b>99.08</b>	<b>100.40</b>	<b>99.50</b>	<b>100.15</b>	<b>99.64</b>	<b>99.76</b>	<b>100.32</b>	<b>99.99</b>	<b>100.30</b>	<b>100.16</b>
<i>Si per 8 O</i>	2.971	2.806	2.987	2.805	2.985	2.777	3.014	2.858	3.025	2.615	2.974
Al	1.031	1.186	1.013	1.192	1.017	1.220	0.980	1.152	0.971	1.368	1.029
Ca	0.006	0.205	0.002	0.187	0.006	0.227	0.000	0.129	0.000	0.377	0.004
Ba	0.003	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.003	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.010
Na	0.094	0.779	0.098	0.783	0.115	0.768	0.103	0.843	0.065	0.597	0.085
K	0.906	0.015	0.892	0.038	0.871	0.010	0.902	0.007	0.884	0.015	0.897
<b>Σ Cat.</b>	<b>5.011</b>	<b>4.991</b>	<b>4.992</b>	<b>5.005</b>	<b>4.997</b>	<b>5.001</b>	<b>4.999</b>	<b>4.989</b>	<b>4.945</b>	<b>4.972</b>	<b>4.999</b>
An mol%	0.6	20.5	0.2	18.6	0.6	22.6	0.0	13.2	0.0	38.1	0.4
Ab	9.3	78.0	9.9	77.7	11.6	76.4	10.2	86.1	6.8	60.4	8.6
Or	90.1	1.5	89.9	3.8	87.8	1.0	89.8	0.7	93.2	1.5	91.0
	reintegrated		reintegrated		reintegrated		reintegrated		reintegrated		
An mol%	8.5		4.9		11.0		5.9		38.9		
Ab	21.4		16.9		25.2		25.8		34.6		
Or	70.2		78.2		63.8		68.4		26.4		

\*specifies textural position of analyzed mineral: ho-host; ex-exsolution; #-feldspar enclosed in kyanite

**Table 4** Representative composition of plagioclase.

Mineral	plagioclase				
	felsic granulite			mafic granulite	
Rock type					
Sample WG	116	322	336	87	345
Location*	mx	mx	mx	mx	mx
SiO <sub>2</sub> wt.%	63.40	64.14	62.46	61.04	61.53
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	22.88	22.66	23.34	23.98	23.65
CaO	4.32	3.51	5.01	5.73	5.58
BaO	b.d.	b.d.	b.d.	b.d.	b.d.
Na <sub>2</sub> O	8.89	9.15	8.54	8.15	8.22
K <sub>2</sub> O	0.26	0.50	0.24	0.48	0.35
<b>Total</b>	<b>99.75</b>	<b>99.96</b>	<b>99.59</b>	<b>99.38</b>	<b>99.33</b>
Si <i>per 8 O</i>	2.803	2.828	2.775	2.725	2.747
Al	1.192	1.178	1.222	1.262	1.245
Ca	0.205	0.166	0.238	0.274	0.267
Ba	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Na	0.762	0.782	0.736	0.705	0.712
K	0.015	0.028	0.014	0.027	0.020
<b>Σ Cat.</b>	<b>4.977</b>	<b>4.982</b>	<b>4.985</b>	<b>4.993</b>	<b>4.991</b>
An <i>mol%</i>	20.9	17.0	24.1	27.2	26.7
Ab	77.6	80.1	74.5	70.1	71.3
Or	1.5	2.9	1.4	2.7	2.0

\*specifies textural pos. of analyzed mineral: mx-matrix