



# P-T evolution of metapelites from the Bajgan complex in the Makran accretionary prism, south eastern Iran



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## ABSTRACT

The Bajgan Complex, one of the basement constituents of the arc massif in Iranian Makran forms a rugged, deeply incised terrain. The complex consists of pelitic schists with minor psammitic and basic schists, calc silicate rocks, amphibolites, marbles, metavolcanosediments, mafic and felsic intrusives as well as ultramafic rocks. Metapelitic rocks show an amphibolite facies regional metamorphism and contain garnet, biotite, white mica, quartz, albite ± rutile ± apatite. Thermobarometry of garnet schist yields pressure of more than 9 kbar and temperatures between 560 and 675 °C. The geothermal gradient obtained for the peak of regional metamorphism is 19 °C/km, corresponding to a depth of ca. 31 km. Replacement of garnet by chlorite and epidote suggest greenschist facies metamorphism due to a decrease in temperature and pressure through exhumation and retrograde metamorphism (370–450 °C and 3–6 kbar). The metapelitic rocks followed a 'clockwise' P-T path during metamorphism, consistent with thermal decline following tectonic thickening. The formation of medium-pressure metamorphic rocks is related to presence of active subduction of the Neotethys Oceanic lithosphere beneath Eurasia in the Makran.

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## 1. Introduction

The Iranian plateau which is located in the central part of the Alpine–Himalayan orogenic belt between the Arabian and Eurasian plates, has been divided into several major tectonic units characterized by a diverse structural history and developed through long and complicated plate tectonic processes that started in the Late Proterozoic and ended in Tertiary (Berberian and Berberian, 1981; Berberian and King, 1981; Aghanabati, 1995; Berberian, 2014) (Fig. 1). The three outstanding, NW-SE trending are: (a) the Zagros fold–thrust belt (ZFTB), (b) the Sanandaj–Sirjan zone (SSZ) and (c) the Urmia–Dokhtar Magmatic Assemblage (UDMA) (Fig. 1) which are known as the Zagros orogenic belt of Iran (Förster et al., 1972; Jung et al., 1976; Berberian et al., 1982; Ahmad and Posht Kuhi, 1993; Alavi, 2004). The Zagros orogenic belt and the Iranian plateau preserve a noticeable record of the convergence history between Eurasia and Arabia (~150 ma. to present) which started with a sub-

duction/obduction process and ended by the present-day collision between the two plates (Ahmad and Posht Kuhi, 1993).

The northwest-southeast trending SSZ (roughly 200 Km wide) is a part of the Iranian plateau and can be traced from northwest Iran to Makran accretionary prism for about 1600 km. The zone lies between the ZFTB in the south and southwest bordered by a number of strongly dismembered and mylonitized ophiolite assemblages and the UDMA of Central Iran to the northeast. To the northwest, the intracontinental trough of the SSZ is exposed in southeast Turkey. Subduction of the Neotethys Ocean which lied between the Afro-Arabian plate and Iranian micro plates and subsequent continental collision (during Cretaceous to Early Tertiary), resulted in metamorphism and magmatism in the SSZ (Sengoï, 1984; Mohajjel et al., 2003; Moazzen et al., 2004). A series of thrust faults in the SSZ are responsible for transporting numerous considerable slivers of Phanerozoic metamorphosed rocks. Field evidences from stratigraphic column and synorogenic conglomerates indicate that thrusting initiated during Late-Cretaceous (Sarkarinejad et al., 2008). The SSZ is consisted of various Paleozoic and Mesozoic Barrovian-type and Abukuma-type metamorphosed volcano–sedimentary (magmatic arc) rocks together with obducted Paleozoic and Mesozoic ophiolites along the suture lines of collision (Berberian, 1976, 1977, 1983, 1989;

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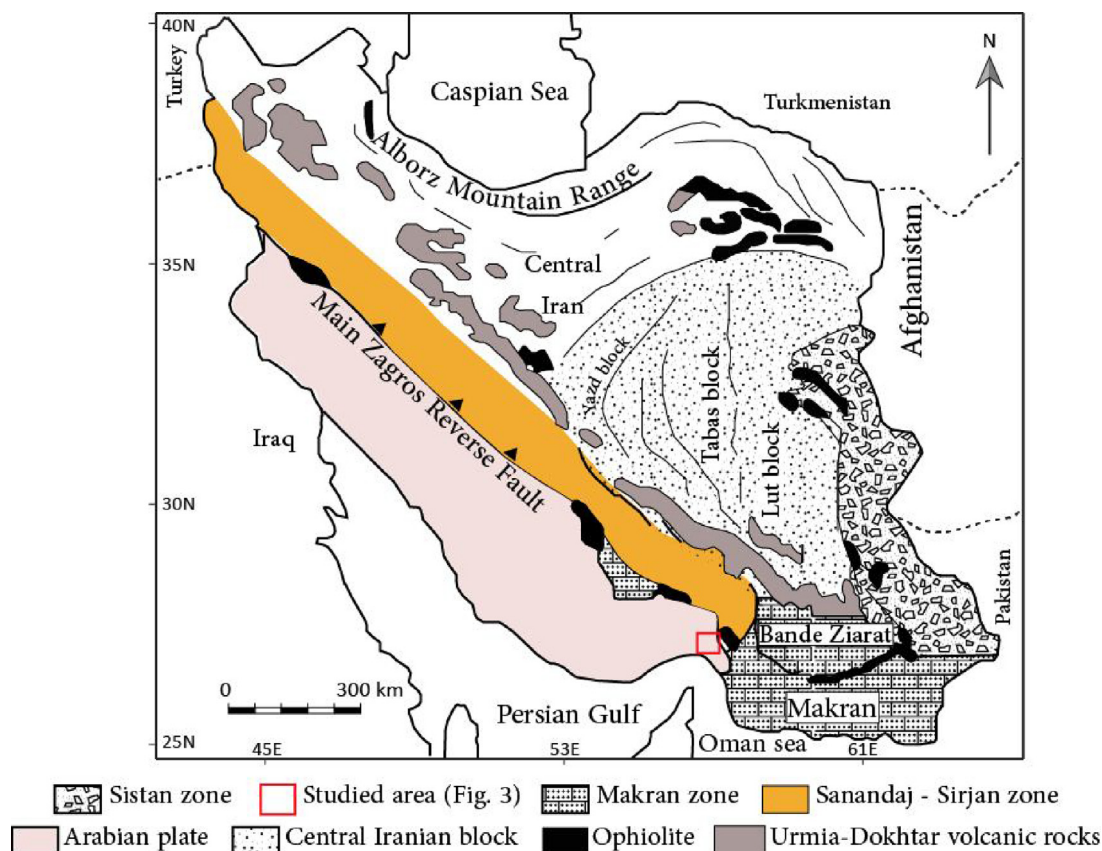


Fig. 1. Simplified structural subdivision map of Iran and the locality of the studied area (modified after Omrani et al., 2013).

Berberian and Alavi-Tehrani, 1977; Berberian and King, 1981; Ghasemi et al., 2002; Berberian, 2014). The SSZ can be traced from northwest Iran through the Makran E–W accretionary wedge in the south east (Berberian, 2014) which is a fragment of the Iranian plateau that formed above the active Makran subduction zone. Along this subduction zone, the Arabian (Oman) seafloor is being subducted beneath the Makran accretionary wedge of south-eastern Central Iran. Subduction probably started during the Palaeocene, leading to an initiation of accretion during the Eocene and the modern accretionary prism since the Late Miocene (Berberian, 2014). The prism has about 6 km of sediments over a low-angle ( $5^\circ$ ) subduction zone, with a deformation front approximately along the 3000 m depth contour in the north Oman Sea (Jacob and Quittmeyer, 1979; Berberian and King, 1981; McCall and Kidd, 1982; White, 1982; White and Loudon, 1982; Palvis and Bruhn, 1983; Harms et al., 1984; McCall, 1985b, 1997, 2003; Platt et al., 1985, 1988; Laane and Chen, 1989; Byrne et al., 1992; Ravaut et al., 1997; Kopp et al., 2000; Hosseini-Barzi and Talbot, 2003; Smith et al., 2013; Berberian, 2014; Omrani et al., 2017).

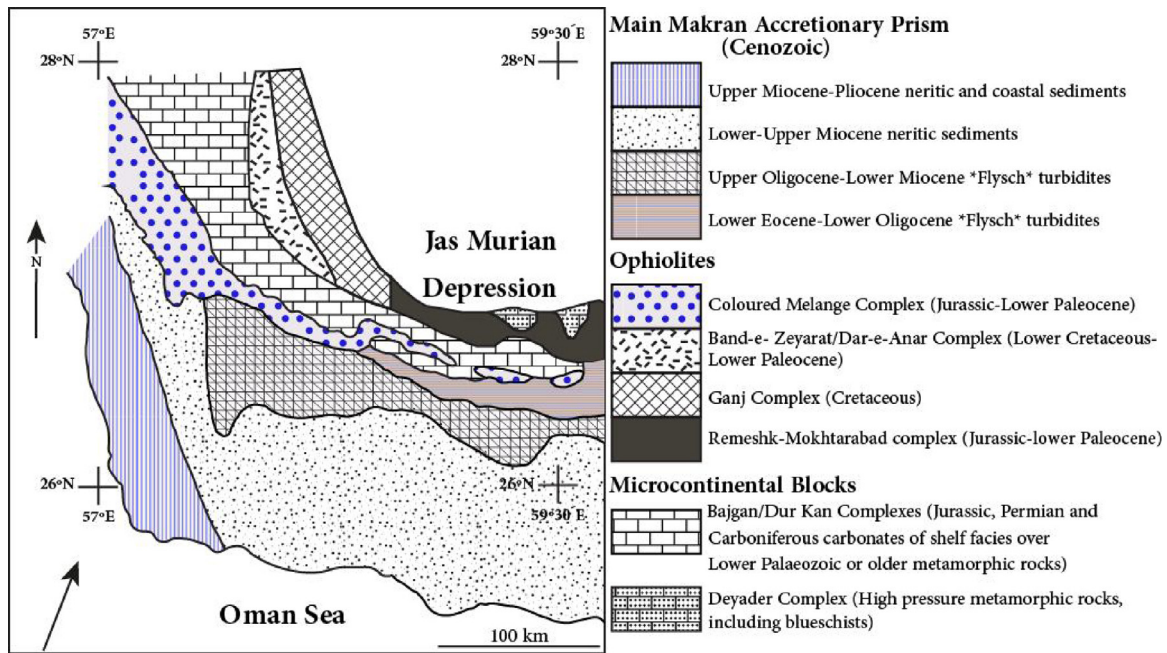
In the Makran area, the SSZ consists of Early Paleozoic metamorphic basement rocks of the Bajgan Complex (McCall and Kidd, 1982; Davoudzadeh et al., 1986), overlain to the east by a highly disrupted, Lower and Upper Cretaceous continental shelf limestones, from the backstop and remnant rafts of Carboniferous, Permian and Jurassic Dur kan Complex (Fig. 2) (McCall and Kidd, 1982; McCall 1985b, 1997; Hunziker et al., 2015). The Sanandaj-Sirjan/Bajgan-Dur kan Complex is a long but narrow microcontinent that extends from western Makran possibly into the south Armenian block (Oberhänsli, 2016, personal communication) and represents one of a number of microcontinents, which were detached from Gondwana no later than Early Triassic (Stocklin, 1968; Takin, 1972; Haynes and Reynolds, 1980; Ricou, 1994; McCall, 1997; Sengör et al., 1988). This

microcontinent tapers off at its southern end near Band-e-Zeyarat ophiolite and the metamorphic basement disappears, becoming completely buried (Ghazi et al., 2004).

Besides a few short field report about general geology of Bajgan complex (McCall, 1985a) there is no detailed study on the formation of metapelitic rocks in the Bajgan complex. The aim of this paper is to integrate the data from metamorphic textures and mineral chemistry data to unravel the metamorphic process (s) of these rocks. Phase diagram analysis and P–T grids are used to study the sequence of mineral assemblages, estimate metamorphic P–T conditions and define the P–T paths experienced by the pelitic rocks in the Bajgan complex. We hope that the results of this study could shed some light on the tectonic evolution of Makran region and as a whole subduction of Neotethys Ocean.

## 2. Geological setting

The Iranian Makran is about 350 km wide and located between the Jaz Murian Depression and the Gulf of Oman coast in south-eastern Iran. The area has been subdivided into three geotectonic units: (1) Cenozoic main Makran accretionary prism, (2) Mesozoic developments of ophiolite sequences, and (3) two microcontinental blocks; Bajgan-Dur-kan and Deydar (Fig. 2) (McCall, 1997, 2002, 2003). The Cenozoic Makran accretionary prism were divided into four main sequences: (a) Upper Miocene-Pliocene neritic and coastal sediments, (b) Lower-Upper Miocene neritic sediments, (c) Upper Oligocene-Lower Miocene flysch turbidites and (d) Lower Eocene-Lower Oligocene flysch turbidites (Fig. 2). The Mesozoic ophiolites partly exist as classic ophiolitic mélange of tectonic origin in south of the Bajgan-Dur kan microcontinental block and contains two large bodies of ultramafic rocks named Sorkhband and Rudan. The Sorkhband body is marked with lay-



**Fig. 2.** Generalized geological map of the Makran accretionary prism and the adjacent areas (modified after McCall, 2003). The arrow indicates the present vector of the subduction plate.

ered chromitite and scarce pyroxenite and gabbro while Rudan outcrops are mostly harzburgite (Fig. 3). The Makran ophiolite north east of the Bajgan-Dur kan microcontinental block contains three relatively well preserved complete sequences and are known as Band-e-Zeyarat/Dar-e-Anar, Ganj and Remeshk-Mokhtarabad (Fig. 2). Interlayered with volcanic rocks in the Makran ophiolites are Jurassic to Paleogene deep oceanic sedimentary rocks such as micrite, radiolarite, and Globotruncana limestone (McCall, 1997, 2002, 2003). These ophiolites represent remnants of former narrow oceanic crust (Arvin et al., 2001; Kananian et al., 2001; McCall, 2003; Arvin et al., 2005; Najafzadeh et al., 2008). The two microcontinental blocks together with Mesozoic ophiolites, to the north, are found behind the Cenozoic accretionary prism (Fig. 2). The microcontinental blocks are divided into the Bajgan-Dur kan Complexes and the Deyader metamorphic Complex, lying on Lower Paleozoic or older metamorphic basement rocks (McCall, 2003). The Deyader metamorphic complex is located to the north of Remeshk–Mokhtarabad ophiolites on the southern edge of the Jaz Murian Depression (Fig. 2) and is believed to be the southern tip of the Tabas microcontinental block (Fig. 1) (McCall, 1997, 2003).

The Bajgan Complex (Early Paleozoic or older?) is structurally overlain by Cretaceous Dur kan Complex and is outlined on the Kahnij and Now Dez geological maps (Fig. 3) (Morgan et al., 1980). To the southeast, the Bajgan Complex dips beneath the Dur kan Complex. The latter is formed by folded Mesozoic sediments including shelf limestones, sandstones, argillites and phyllites, interbedded lavas and small basic intrusions. The Bajgan Complex is separated from the Dar-e-Anar Complex by a major high angle, east dipping, Sabzevaran reverse fault (Fig. 3). East of this fault, 5 km south of Kahnij, minor outcrops of the Bajgan complex are intruded by gabbros of the Band-e-Zeyarat ophiolitic complex (Fig. 3). To the south of the Bajgan Complex an ophiolitic mélangé occurs which mainly comprises of disrupted fragments of various rock types (McCall, 1985a).

Structural features within the Bajgan Complex point to a series of inferred faults that are believed to follow the E-NE trend of Darreh – E-Muri Kardi in the west of Kahnij (Fig. 3) (Morgan et al., 1980).

North of these inferred faults, schistosity and fold axes of crenulations in the metamorphic rocks trend approximately parallel to the fault (NW-SE) (Figs. 3b, 4a). In the southern part of the Bajgan Complex, the foliation trends N-NW and N-NE in the mapped rocks.

The Bajgan Complex forms a rugged, deeply eroded terrain (Morgan et al., 1980) with a diverse metamorphic rocks suggesting a variety of original rocks and the degree of metamorphism, Pelitic schists (Fig. 4b) with minor psammitic, basic schists, calc silicate rocks (Fig. 4b, e), amphibolites (Fig. 4c), recrystallized limestones (Fig. 4d), metavolcano sediments (Fig. 4d), as well as basic and acidic intrusive rocks (Fig. 4c), are examples of such diverse lithology. Elongate bodies of metagabbros with minor schist and serpentinite and one body of metadiabase crop out at southeast of Deh Kahan (Fig. 3).

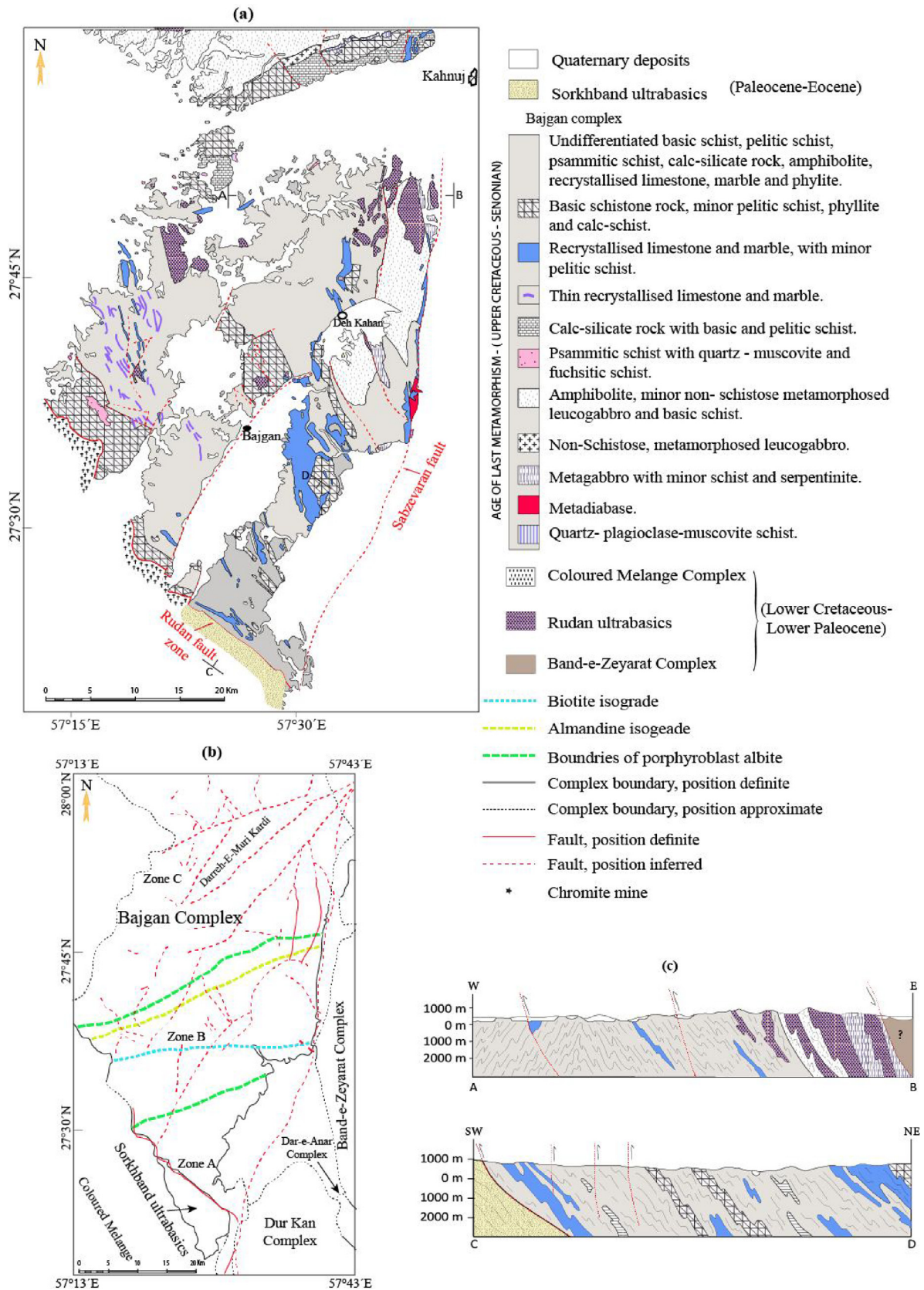
The ultrabasic rocks, believed to be tectonically emplaced, probably during Alpine orogeny (Fig. 4e), contain highly tectonized, anastomosing serpentinite (Fig. 4f) and chromite bodies that concentrated along fault zones (McCall, 1985a). At the north of Deh Kahan village, within the Bajgan Complex, (Fig. 3) a chromite deposit occurs in a serpentinitised dunite body (Fig. 3a) (Morgan et al., 1980).

McCall (1985a) defined three zones (A, B and C) of progressive metamorphism in both basic and pelitic schists in the Bajgan Complex, each separated by east-west trending isogrades (Fig. 3b). He inferred, from south to north, moderately high pressure-temperature type of metamorphism from greenschist facies to amphibolite facies. McCall's study concluded a moderately high pressure (3–9 kb) and high temperature (350–400°C) metamorphism in the A and C zones. Moreover, Morgan et al. (1980) has defined biotite and almandine isogrades based on mineral assemblages in the pelitic rocks (Fig. 3b).

### 3. Petrography

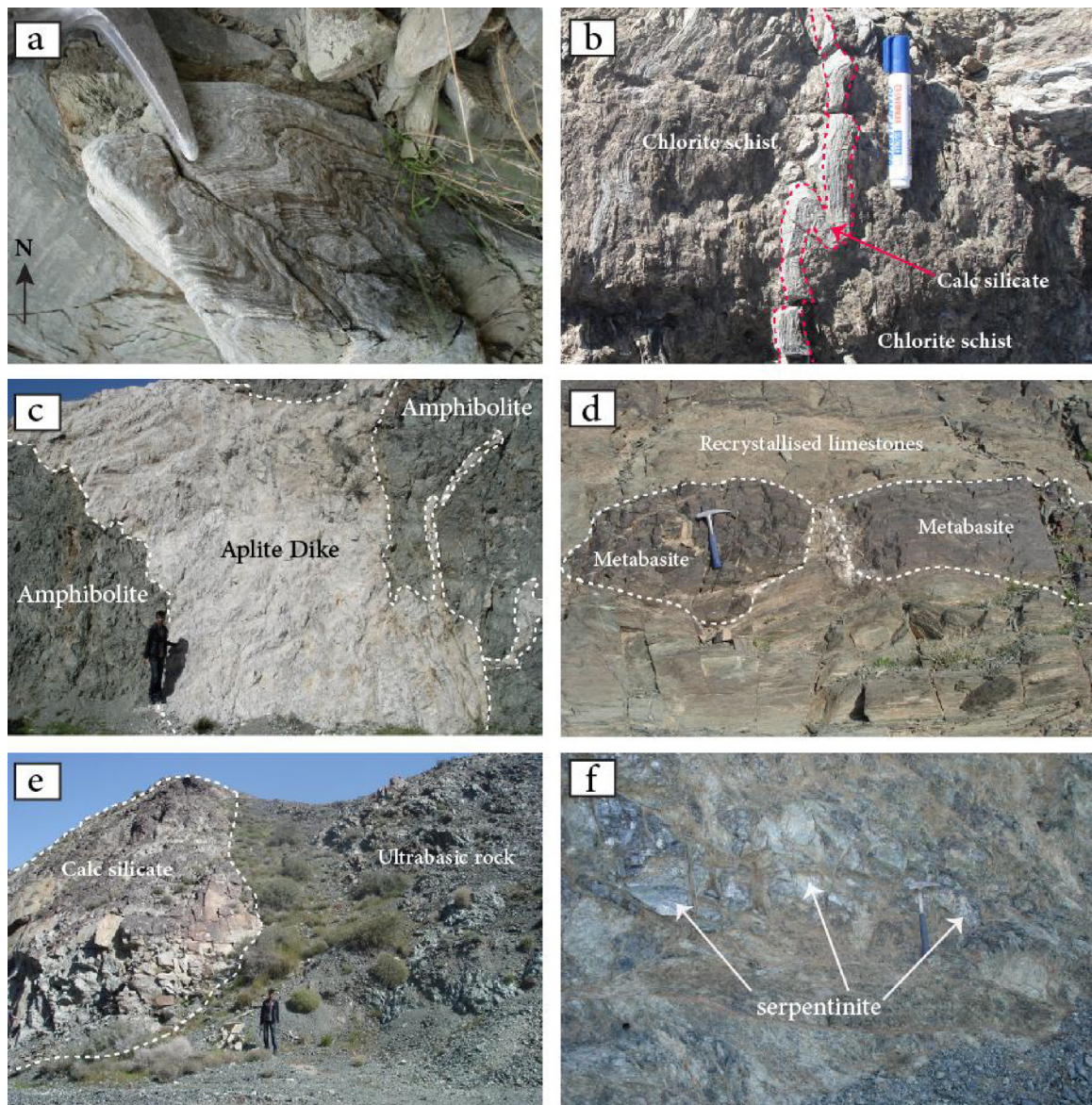
To better understand the degree of metamorphism of Bajgan Complex, 40 samples of metapelitic rocks were prepared for petrographic analysis and their representative mineral assemblages are





**Fig. 3.** (a) Geological map of the Bajgan Complex (studied area in Fig. 1) showing the main rock types. (b) Major structural features, metamorphic zones (after McCall, 1985a) and mineral isograds accompanied by the boundaries of other adjacent rock units (modified after Morgan et al., 1980). (c) Two cross sections from a, E-W and NE-SW, illustrating the relation between the main rock units.





**Fig. 4.** Some structural and lithologies in the Bajgan Complex: (a) NW-SE fold of crenulation in the metamorphic rocks. (b) Folded and faulted calc silicate rocks in chlorite schist. (c) Aplite dike in amphibolite. (d) Amphibole bearing meta-volcanic sediment intercalated with schistose recrystallized limestone. The massive metabasalts occur along a shear zone in the meta-sediments. (e) Sharp contact between calc silicate and ultrabasic rocks. (f) Anastomosing serpentinite showing abundant fracturing along the shear zone.

shown in [Table 1](#). A short description of petrography and textural relations of the studied metapelitic rocks is given below.

### 3.1. Rutile – bearing garnet schist

This rock type occurs locally in the east of the Bajgan Complex and mineralogically consists of garnet + biotite + white mica + quartz + albite ± chlorite ± rutile ± apatite ([Fig. 5a](#)). The spaced schistosity is defined by biotite and white mica cleavage domains, showing strong  $S_1$  and a weaker  $S_2$  foliation. In some parts, chlorite as retrograde product from biotite occurs in cleavage domains. Microlithons consist of quartz, albite and garnet. Quartz shows deformation lamellae, undulose extinction, grain boundary migration (GBM) recrystallizations and occasionally appears as grain shape preferred orientation. The presence of myrmekites is a sign of retrograde trend from high to low temperatures ([Barker, 1998](#)). Garnet porphyroblasts (0.5 mm in size) have inclusions of quartz, albite, rutile and minor amounts of white mica, biotite and

apatite. Fractures of garnets are emplaced by chlorite ([Fig. 5a](#)). Albite crystals, 0.7–1 mm in size, are surrounded by biotite and white mica. They show taper twinning, intracrystalline fractures and contain inclusions of biotite and white mica. Occasionally a weak crenulation of biotite and white mica is visible ([Fig. 5b](#)) and in some parts, white mica crystals form mica fish. Commonly, trails of small mica fragments extend into the matrix forming the tips of isolated mica fish ([Fig. 5c](#)). They are used as reliable shear sense indicators ([Passchier and Trouw, 2005](#)). Rutile is seen both in biotite and in the matrix, where garnet was disintegrated. Apatite occurs as inclusions in garnets and rarely in the matrix where they are encircled by biotite and white mica.

### 3.2. Garnet mica schist

These rocks are mostly found in the southern part of the Bajgan Complex. The mineral assemblage is white mica, biotite, chlorite, garnet, albite, quartz ± titanite ± zircon. White mica and

**Table 1**  
Mineral assemblage and coordinates of the representative metamorphic rocks in the Bajgan complex.

Sample no.	167	168	203	199	268	270	271	125	217
Grt	X	X		O	X	X		X	X
Na-Ca Am				X					
Ca Am				X				X	
Ep group			Xret	O	Xret			Xret	X
Pg	X	X			X	X	X	X	X
Bt	X	X	X		O	O	X		O
Chl	Xret	Xret	Xret		Xret	Xret	X	Xret	Xret
Pl	X	X		X	O		O	O	
Rt	Xinc	X	X	O			O	O	
Ttn		O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O
Cal	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O
Qtz	X	X	X	O	X		X	X	X
Ore	O	O		O				O	O
Ap	Xinc		Xinc					Xinc	
Stp							O		
Coordinate	E560380 N3066029	E560396 N3066216	E548872 N3082392	E548840 N3082446	E546007 N3032621	E546011 N3032614	E546013 N3032613	E563069 N3095036	E542340 N3067681

X, major mineral; O, minor mineral; X ret, retrograde product; X (inc), inclusion. Mineral abbreviations are after [Bucher and Grapes, \(2011\)](#). **167** Garnet mica schist, **168** Rutile bearing garnet schist, **203** Rutile bearing biotite schist, **199** biotite chlorite schist, **268** Albite garnet chlorite schist, **270** Garnet mica schist, **271** Chlorite mica schist, **125** Epidote-amphibole bearing garnet schist, **217** Garnet epidote schist.

minor amounts of chlorite are the main component of the cleavage domains that form a spaced foliation in these rocks. According to two  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  fabrics ([Fig. 5d](#)), they have experienced two deformation phases ( $D_1$  and  $D_2$ ). The shape of cleavage domains is often wriggly and the spatial relation between cleavage domains shows anastomosing trend. Microlithons are usually rich in quartz, albite and relicts of garnet. Small albite grains (1 mm in size) rarely show taper twinning and contain inclusions of titanite, zircon and minor biotite. Nearly all garnet porphyroblasts ( $M_1$ ), ~0.3–0.7 mm in size, are replaced by chlorite ( $M_2$ ) ([Fig. 5e](#)). Recrystallized quartz inclusions show S shape trails in the relicts of garnets, indicating syntectonic crystallization for the garnet. Titanite and zircon are accessory minerals. In some parts, small white micas are surrounded by quartz as a result of GBM recrystallization (pinning, dragging and window microstructure) ([Fig. 5f](#)).

### 3.3. Epidote-amphibole bearing garnet schist

Epidote-amphibole bearing garnet schist is seen in the north of the Bajgan Complex. It comprise of garnet + quartz + phengite + chlorite + albite + amphibole + epidote ± ilmenite ± titanite ± rutile ± apatite. The rock is characterized by a porphyroblastic texture and shows a spaced schistosity defined by amphibole + chlorite + phengite. Syntectonic garnet, ranging between 0.5–0.7 mm in size, has sub-idiomorphic rounded shapes and illustrates crystallization of chlorite after fracturing ([Fig. 6a](#)). Inclusions are abundant in garnet and consist of quartz + epidote + zircon + apatite ([Fig. 6b](#)). In general, two garnet types are distinguished on the basis of textural relationships. The first type shows an inclusion-poor core overgrown by an inclusion-rich rim ([Fig. 6c](#)) whereas the second type consists of inclusions throughout the garnet ([Fig. 6d](#)). Recrystallized quartz in the matrix shows undulose extinction, deformation lamellae and Tuttle lamellae (healed microfractures) ([Fig. 6e](#)), GBM and BLG (bulging) recrystallizations. Blue-green amphibole, up to 2.5 mm in length, defines the foliation and has brownish rim. Amphibole is partially replaced by chlorite and has inclusions of apatite, epidote and quartz ([Fig. 6f](#)). Backscattered electron images reveal that composition of epidote inclusions varies from core to rim as it appears lighter at rims ([Fig. 6f](#)). Moreover, epidote (averaging 0.4 mm in diameter) can be found in matrix. The principal Ti minerals in the matrix are titanite, ilmenite and often relicts of rutile ([Fig. 6g](#)).

### 3.4. Biotite- chlorite schist

These rocks crop out at the south of the Bajgan village and consist of white mica + chlorite + biotite + quartz + calcite ± rutile ± stilpnomelane. The two latter minerals are scattered in these rocks. The spaced schistosity ( $S_1$ ) (a product of the first deformation  $D_1$ ) is defined by preferred orientation of biotite, white mica and chlorite minerals. Pervasive second deformation ( $D_2$ ) has clearly affected the  $S_1$  and hence the  $S_2$  foliation can be seen as crenulation cleavage planes. The microfolds show an asymmetric shape and there is a gradual transition between cleavage domains and microlithons. The major components of microlithon are quartz, anhedral and fractured feldspar, calcite and minor amount of white mica and biotite. Biotite is considered as  $M_1$  which defines  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  foliations. As a result of retrograde metamorphism, the chlorite overgrowth ( $M_2$ ) is visible on biotite ( $M_1$ ). Quartz shows features of sub grain, undulose extinction, syntaxial overgrowth, BLG and weak GBM (as window microstructure) recrystallizations.

## 4. Mineral chemistry

Three representative of metapelitic samples (167, 168, and 125) were chosen for microprobe analysis ([Tables 1 and 2](#)). Major element compositions of garnet, amphibole, white mica, biotite, plagioclase, chlorite and epidote were obtained by wavelength-dispersive spectrometry using a JEOL 8800 electron microprobe at Potsdam University, Germany. Operating conditions were 15 kV accelerating voltage and 10–20 nA specimen current. The beam diameter was set between 2 and 10  $\mu\text{m}$ . Natural and synthetic standards (rhodonite [Mn], rutile [Ti], wollastonite [Si, Ca], MgO [Mg], orthoclase [Al, k], fluorite [F], albite [Na] and  $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$  [Fe]) were used for calibration. Representative mineral compositions are given in [Table 2](#).

### 4.1. Garnet

Garnet occurs in rutile-bearing garnet schist (168), garnet-biotite schist (167) and epidote-amphibole bearing garnet schist (125). In general, all analysed garnets have an almandine-rich solid solution ([Fig. 7a, b](#)). Garnet in rutile-bearing garnet schist preserves a growth zoning ([Fig. 7d](#)). It is characterized from core to rim by: decreasing grossular content, nearly

**Table 2**

Representative microprobe analyses for metapelite Epidote – amphibole bearing garnet Schist (125), Rutile-bearing garnet Schist (168) and Biotite-garnet Schist (167) from the Bajgan complex.

Am sample	Grt																	
	125			125			168			167								
Type	Ts	Mg-Hbl	Tr		Rim	Core	Core	Rim	Core	Rim								
Note	Core	Rim	Rim	SiO <sub>2</sub>	37.62	38.05	38.27	38.54	37.81	37.87								
SiO <sub>2</sub>	42.5	51.74	54.1	TiO <sub>2</sub>	0.06	0.12	0.08	0.05	0.08	0.06								
TiO <sub>2</sub>	0.58	0.06	0.08	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	21.06	21.55	21.62	21.73	21.83	21.77								
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	14.5	5.11	2.38	FeO	28.1	25.88	29.72	27.59	29.91	31.05								
FeO	19.1	15.09	14.1	MnO	2.62	4.64	1.73	3.00	0.63	0.37								
MnO	0.40	0.42	0.36	MgO	1.70	0.87	0.96	2.81	1.72	1.60								
MgO	8.50	13.57	15.00	CaO	8.80	9.97	8.65	6.69	8.79	8.21								
CaO	11.5	12.51	12.7	Na <sub>2</sub> O	0.02	0.06	0.05	0.03	0.00	0.02								
Na <sub>2</sub> O	1.86	0.71	0.33	K <sub>2</sub> O	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.02	0.00	0.00								
K <sub>2</sub> O	0.70	0.19	0.10	Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.00	0.04	0.00	0.02	0.03	0.00								
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.04	0.01	0.01	Total	99.99	101.17	101.1	100.5	100.8	100.95								
Total	99.6	99.42	99.1	<i>cations per 23 equivalent Oxygens</i>														
<i>cations per 23 equivalent Oxygens</i>				<i>cations per 24 Oxygens</i>														
T: Si	6.20	7.39	7.70	Si	6.01	6.01	6.07	6.09	5.98	5.99								
Al (IV)	1.80	0.61	0.30	Ti	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01								
Fe <sup>3+</sup>	0.00	0.00	0.00	Al	3.96	4.01	4.04	4.05	4.07	4.06								
Ti	0.00	0.00	0.00	*Fe <sup>3+</sup>	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00								
T-Sum	8.00	8.00	8.00	Fe <sup>2+</sup>	3.74	3.42	3.94	3.65	3.96	4.11								
C: Al (VI)	0.70	0.25	0.10	Mn	0.35	0.62	0.23	0.40	0.08	0.05								
Ti	0.06	0.01	0.01	Mg	0.40	0.21	0.23	0.66	0.41	0.38								
*Fe <sup>3+</sup>	0.71	0.28	0.20	Ca	1.51	1.69	1.47	1.13	1.49	1.39								
Cr	0.00	0.00	0.00	Na	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.01								
Mg	1.85	2.89	3.18	K	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00								
Fe <sup>2+</sup>	1.62	1.52	1.47	Cr	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00								
Mn	0.05	0.05	0.04	Total	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00								
Ca	0.00	0.00	0.00	Alm(%)	62.25	57.63	67.13	62.41	66.65	69.31								
C-Sum	5.00	5.00	5.00	Prp(%)	6.75	3.46	3.88	11.33	6.83	6.37								
B: Ca	1.79	1.92	1.94	Sps(%)	5.91	10.46	3.96	6.87	1.41	0.84								
Na	0.21	0.08	0.06	Grs (%)	25.09	28.45	25.04	19.38	25.1	23.48								
B-Sum	2.00	2.00	2.00	*XMg	0.10	0.06	0.05	0.15	0.09	0.08								
A: Ca	0.00	0.00	0.00															
Na	0.32	0.11	0.03															
K	0.13	0.03	0.02															
A-Sum	0.45	0.15	0.05															
**XMg	0.53	0.66	0.68															
Al IV/(AlIV + Fe3+)	0.5	0.47	0.32															
<b>Phe</b>																		
	125			168			167			Bt			168			167		
	in matrix		in Am	in matrix		InGrt	in Pl	InGrt	in Pl	in matrix	168		167		167			
											InGrt	in Pl	in matrix	InGrt	in matrix	in Pl		
SiO <sub>2</sub>	49.78	48.55	47.24	46.54	46.51	46.17	46.18	49.52	SiO <sub>2</sub>	34.12	34.68	32.61	35.48	34.94	36.18			
TiO <sub>2</sub>	0.03	0.27	0.36	0.39	0.42	0.37	0.48	0.51	TiO <sub>2</sub>	1.75	1.67	1.52	0.60	1.34	1.30			
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	28.61	30.44	34.44	36.02	35.63	37.87	34.73	31.88	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	19.72	20.34	19.62	19.59	18.67	19.30			
FeO	3.91	3.67	1.76	1.26	0.86	1.29	1.50	1.40	FeO	19.47	18.13	19.74	19.65	19.36	17.64			
MnO	0.05	0.03	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.01	MnO	0.18	0.18	0.21	0.19	0.20	0.19			
MgO	3.22	2.42	1.19	0.96	1.01	0.50	1.81	2.16	MgO	10.76	10.71	11.96	11.03	11.74	11.25			
CaO	0.01	0.06	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.03	0.00	Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.05	0.03	0.06	0.04	0.04	0.02			
K <sub>2</sub> O	10.9	11.07	10.86	10.42	10.37	10.19	10.59	10.75	CaO	0.19	0.13	0.28	0.17	0.25	0.20			
Na <sub>2</sub> O	0.21	0.18	0.41	0.73	0.67	0.87	0.45	0.36	K <sub>2</sub> O	0.15	0.08	0.13	0.11	0.13	0.11			
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.01	0.02	0.03	0.03	0.02	Na <sub>2</sub> O	7.26	7.79	5.22	7.64	6.44	7.68			
Total	96.71	96.67	96.27	96.33	95.51	97.28	95.8	96.63	Total	93.64	93.75	91.35	94.49	93.09	93.85			
<i>Tetrahedral site</i>				<i>cations per 11 equivalent Oxygens</i>									<i>cations per 11 equivalent Oxygens</i>					
Si	3.31	3.23	3.12	3.06	3.08	3.00	3.07	3.25	Si	2.62	2.64	2.55	2.70	2.68	2.74			
Al <sup>IV</sup>	0.69	0.77	0.88	0.94	0.92	1.00	0.93	0.75	Ti	0.10	0.10	0.09	0.03	0.08	0.07			
Sum	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	Al <sup>IV</sup>	1.38	1.36	1.45	1.30	1.32	1.26			
<i>Octahedral site</i>																		
Ti	0.00	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.03	Al <sup>VI</sup>	0.40	0.47	0.36	0.45	0.37	0.46			
Al <sup>VI</sup>	1.55	1.62	1.80	1.85	1.86	1.91	1.78	1.71	Fe	1.25	1.16	1.29	1.25	1.24	1.12			
Fe	0.22	0.20	0.10	0.07	0.05	0.07	0.08	0.08	Mn	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01			
Mn	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	Mg	1.23	1.22	1.40	1.25	1.34	1.27			
Mg	0.32	0.24	0.12	0.09	0.10	0.05	0.18	0.21	Cr	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00			
Cr	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	Ca	0.02	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.02	0.02			
Sum	2.09	2.07	12.24	2.03	2.03	2.05	2.06	2.03	K	0.02	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02			
<i>interlayer</i>																		
Ca	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	Na	0.71	0.76	0.52	0.74	0.63	0.74			
K	0.92	0.94	0.92	0.87	0.88	0.85	0.90	0.90	Total	7.75	7.73	7.72	7.77	7.72	7.71			
Na	0.03	0.02	0.05	0.09	0.09	0.11	0.06	0.05	Fe/(Fe + Mg)	0.50	0.49	0.48	0.50	0.48	0.47			
Sum	0.95	0.96	0.97	0.96	0.97	0.96	0.96	0.95	Mg/(Mg + Fe)	0.50	0.51	0.52	0.50	0.52	0.53			
Total	7.04	7.04	7.00	7.01	6.99	7.00	7.03	6.97										
Na/(Na + K)	0.03	0.02	0.05	0.10	0.09	0.11	0.06	0.05										
Mg/(Mg + Fe)	0.60	0.54	0.55	0.58	0.68	0.41	0.68	0.73										
Ms	0.97	0.98	0.95	0.90	0.91	0.89	0.94	0.95										
Pg	0.03	0.02	0.05	0.10	0.09	0.11	0.06	0.05										



Table 2 (Continued)

Chl	Ep						Pl						
	125 ret.f. Grt	ret.f. Am	168 ret.f. Grt	ret.f. Bt	167 ret.f. Grt	ret.f. Bt	125	168	125	168	167		
SiO <sub>2</sub>	27.64	28.36	27.64	27.40	29.25	29.55	SiO <sub>2</sub>	38.46	35.19	SiO <sub>2</sub>	69.16	63.92	64.49
TiO <sub>2</sub>	0.04	0.04	0.51	0.44	0.16	0.43	TiO <sub>2</sub>	0.20	0.20	TiO <sub>2</sub>	0.00	0.00	0.00
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	19.40	17.95	19.78	19.55	18.85	19.26	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	26.29	23.75	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	20.17	23.47	22.13
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.04	0.04	0.03	FeO	8.96	9.84	FeO	0.01	0.03	0.02
FeO	27.13	28.47	24.20	24.63	26.10	22.28	MnO	0.19	0.56	MnO	0.03	0.00	0.00
MnO	0.51	0.44	0.27	0.31	0.36	0.30	MgO	0.04	0.08	MgO	0.00	0.00	0.02
MgO	15.51	14.65	15.80	15.89	13.62	15.32	Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.03	0.00	Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.02	0.01	0.00
CaO	0.13	0.05	0.21	0.25	0.17	0.13	CaO	23.52	18.45	CaO	0.02	3.68	3.02
Na <sub>2</sub> O	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.05	0.05	Na <sub>2</sub> O	0.00	0.00	Na <sub>2</sub> O	10.89	8.95	9.85
K <sub>2</sub> O	0.01	0.03	0.40	0.28	0.79	1.66	K <sub>2</sub> O	0.00	0.00	K <sub>2</sub> O	0.07	0.12	0.16
Total	90.40	89.99	88.81	88.79	89.38	89.01	Total	97.70	88.07	Total	100.38	100.18	99.70
cations per 14 equivalent Oxygens						cations per 12.5 equivalent Oxygens						cations per 8 equivalent Oxygens	
Si	2.84	2.95	2.86	2.84	3.03	3.02	Si	3.00	3.03	Si	3.03	2.83	2.85
Ti	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.03	0.01	0.03	Ti	0.01	0.01	Ti	0.00	0.00	0.00
Al	2.35	2.20	2.41	2.39	2.30	2.32	Al	2.41	2.41	Al	1.04	1.22	1.15
Cr	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	Fe <sup>3+</sup>	0.58	0.71	Fe <sup>3+</sup>	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fe <sup>2+</sup>	2.33	2.48	2.09	2.14	2.26	1.91	Mn	0.01	0.04	Mn	0.00	0.00	0.00
Mn	0.04	0.04	0.02	0.03	0.03	0.03	Mg	0.00	0.01	Mg	0.00	0.00	0.00
Mg	2.38	2.27	2.43	2.46	2.10	2.34	Cr	0.00	0.00	Cr	0.00	0.00	0.00
Ca	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.03	0.02	0.01	Ca	1.96	1.70	Ca	0.00	0.17	0.14
Na	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.01	Na	0.00	0.00	Na	0.92	0.77	0.84
K	0.00	0.00	0.05	0.04	0.10	0.22	K	0.00	0.00	K	0.00	0.01	0.01
Total	9.98	9.95	9.93	9.95	9.87	9.89	Total	7.99	7.90	Sum	5.00	5.00	5.00
							XP	0.19	0.23	An	0.10	18.38	14.37
										Ab	99.51	80.92	84.71
										Or	0.39	0.70	0.92

\*Fe<sup>3+</sup> was estimated by charge balance; \*\*X<sub>Mg</sub> = Mg/(Mg + Fe<sup>2+</sup>). **Am** amphibole, **Ts** tschermakite, **Mg-Hbl** magnesiohornblende, **Tr** tremolite, **Grt** garnet.

**Phe** phengite, **Bt** Biotite.

**Chl** Chlorite, **Ep** Epidote, **Pl** plagioclase, **ret.f. Grt** retrograde from garnet, **ret.f. Am** retrograde from amphibole, **ret.f. Bt** retrograde from biotite.

constant pyrope content, increasing the almandine component from core to mantle and then decreasing towards the rim. In regard to almandine, the spessartine component shows a reverse trend (Fig. 7d). Three representative compositions are: Alm<sub>51–52</sub>Grs<sub>26–27</sub>Sps<sub>16–17</sub>Prp<sub>3–4</sub> (core), Alm<sub>65–68</sub>Grs<sub>22–25</sub>Sps<sub>1.5–3</sub>Prp<sub>5–10</sub> (mantle), and Alm<sub>62–63</sub>Grs<sub>15–21</sub>Sps<sub>5–10</sub>Prp<sub>9–11</sub> (rim). A chemical profile across garnets in the epidote-amphibole-garnet schist (Fig. 7c) shows insignificant pyrope increase towards the rim coupled to grossular decrease. Almandine first sharply increases and then decreases towards the rim (Fig. 7c), whereas spessartine first exhibits a noticeable decreasing and then increasing from core to rims. It is characterized by a core composition with Alm<sub>50–52</sub>Grs<sub>30–31</sub>Sps<sub>14–16</sub>Prp<sub>2–3</sub> a mantle with Alm<sub>61–64</sub>Grs<sub>25–27</sub>Sps<sub>6–7</sub>Prp<sub>4–5</sub> and a rim with Alm<sub>55–60</sub>Grs<sub>25–26</sub>Sps<sub>9–14</sub>Prp<sub>6–6.5</sub>.

#### 4.2. Amphibole

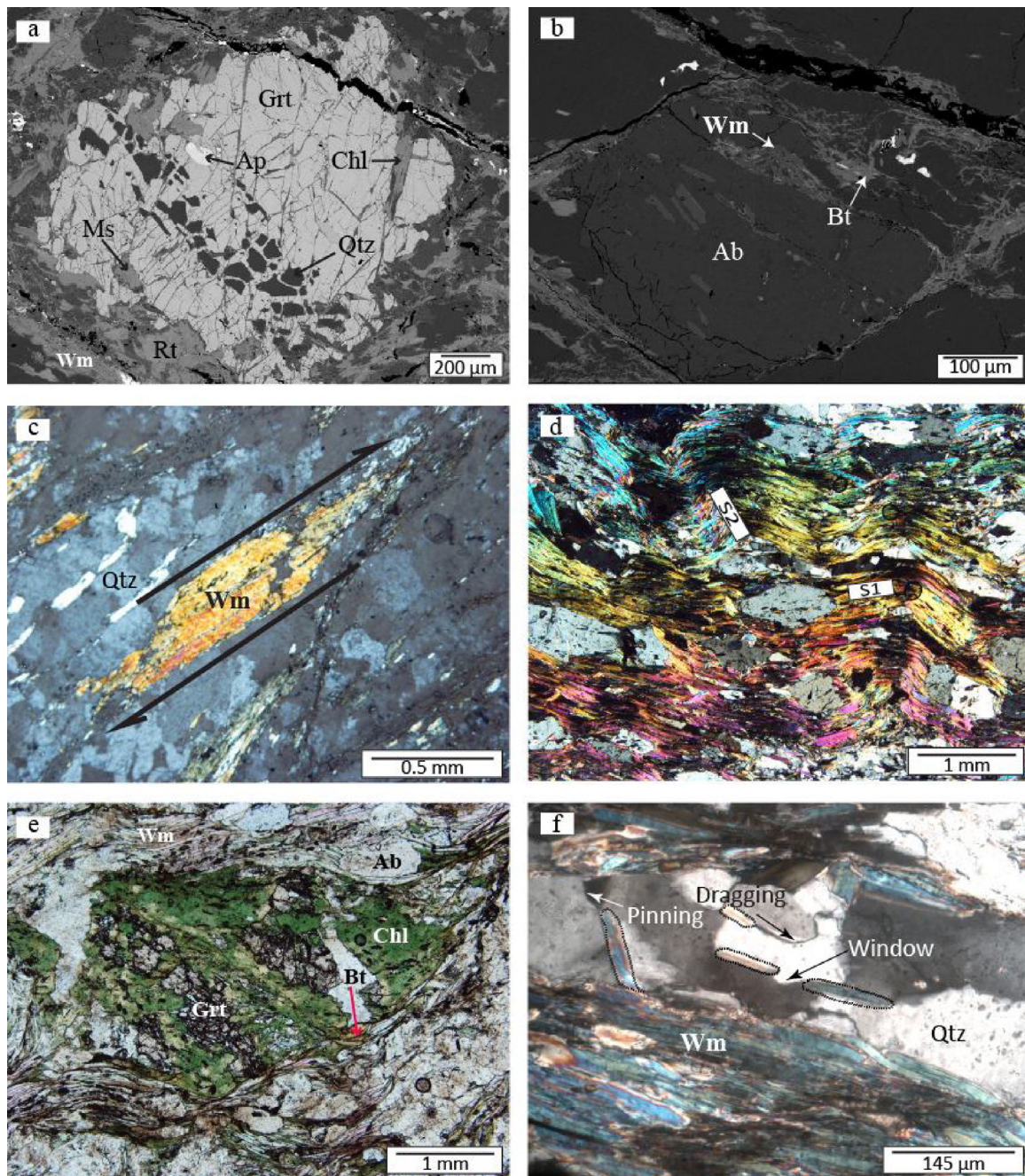
The analyzed amphiboles of sample 125 show calcic compositions in the nomenclature scheme of Hawthorne et al. (2012). The predominant cations of T and C sites are Si and Mg, respectively and concentration of Al (as Al<sup>IV</sup>) is on the T site. Although most Na occupies the A site, the content of K and Na on the A site is very low. The site is virtually empty ((K + Na)<sub>A</sub> ≤ 0.31). There is a compositional change from core to rim as tschermakite, magnesio-hornblende and tremolite (Fig. 8a). This change is associated to increasing X<sub>Mg</sub> (core 0.04; rim 0.70), Ca (core 1.23; rim 1.94), Si (core 6.17; rim 7.71), and decreasing Na (0.00–0.24 a.p.f.u.), Al (0.40–2.59 a.p.f.u.), Fe<sub>total</sub> (1.67–2.40 a.p.f.u.) and A-site occupancy (23.39%–2.35%) (Table 2). Note that the Si content of Ca-amphibole increases progressively with decreasing temperature (Ernest and Liu, 1998). All amphiboles in Ca<sup>tot</sup>/Na<sup>tot</sup> diagram (Fig. 8b) plot parallel to the Ca–Na exchange vector and indicate an edenite substitution. Fig. 8c, shows aluminium and titanium contents of amphibole that their concentrations (in high-temperature calcic amphiboles) are pressure and temperature dependent, respectively (Ernest and Liu, 1998). It is

apparent that the Ti content of amphibole decreases with decreasing temperature during growth.

#### 4.3. White mica

Representative analyses of phengite have been calculated to 11(O) assuming all iron to be Fe<sup>2+</sup>. All data of phengite from samples 125, 168 and 167 are plotted on Si–[Mg/(Fe + Mg)], Si–[Na/(Na + K)] and Si–Al diagrams (Fig. 9a–c). The content of silica in phengite is relatively high, ranging between 3.00 and 3.43 c.p.f.u. In the Si versus Al diagram (Fig. 9a–c), the line represents the celadonite substitution. Some analysis plot slightly above the Si (Fe<sup>2+</sup>, Mg) Al<sub>2</sub>-tie line (Fig. 9a, b), suggesting the presence of low amounts of Fe<sup>3+</sup> (Cetinkaplan et al., 2014) while some plot below the tie line (Fig. 9c), indicating that a part of the Fe is in a trivalent state and it was substituted by Al (López-Carmona et al., 2011), showing significantly high oxidation state in these rocks (Itaya and Fujino, 1999). Variation of X<sub>Mg</sub> is visible among different samples (Fig. 9a–c) and it is wider in biotite–garnet schist (0.36–0.73 p.f.u.) (Fig. 9a). Tschermakite-substitution (Mg<sup>VI</sup><sub>–1</sub>Al<sup>VI</sup><sub>+1</sub>Si<sup>IV</sup><sub>–1</sub>Al<sup>IV</sup><sub>+1</sub>) is visible on a Si–[Mg/(Fe + Mg)] diagram (Fig. 9). All phengites show very low Na content, reaching the maximum 0.10 (p.f.u.) in rutile-bearing garnet schists (Fig. 9b). The ratio of Na/(Na + K) is 0.05 in epidote-amphibole bearing garnet schists (Fig. 9c) and up to 0.12 in rutile-bearing garnet schists (Fig. 9b).

In some parts, phengite in the matrix is distinctly different in composition from the ones included in garnet and plagioclase (Fig. 9a–c). The former shows a wider chemical variation than the latter. This large chemical variation of matrix phengite is due to significant retrograde chemical reactions during the cooling and exhumation of the host schists (e.g. Itaya and Fujino, 1999; Miyashita and Itaya, 2002; Takeshita et al., 2004). Phengite in rutile-bearing garnet schist shows brighter rims than core (Fig. 9d). This probably reflects higher Fe concentration and correspondingly higher Si substitution (Smart and Wakabayashi, 2009). Compositions of white micas from metapelites are plotted on the



**Fig. 5.** (a) Back-scattered electron image of rutile-bearing garnet schist consisting of garnet, white mica, quartz, albite, chlorite, rutile, apatite. (b) Back-scattered electron image of rutile-bearing garnet schist showing inclusions of biotite and white mica in albite. (c) In the rutile-bearing garnet schist, the rhomboidal mica fish is visible under crossed polars. Shearing is parallel to long side of the mica fish. (d) Under crossed polars,  $D_1$  and  $D_2$  deformational phases in the garnet mica schist manifested by  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  schistosity. (e) Photomicrograph, taken in plane-polarized light, showing mineral assemblage of garnet mica schist. Garnet grains are commonly replaced by chlorite. (f) Pinning, dragging and window structures of quartz grain boundaries on white mica are shown under crossed polars. Mineral abbreviations are after Bucher et al. (2011).

$\text{FeO}_T\text{-Al}_2\text{O}_3$  diagram (Fig. 9e) of Miyashiro (1973) where they fall in the field of Chlorite-Biotite-Almandine Zone.

#### 4.4. Biotite

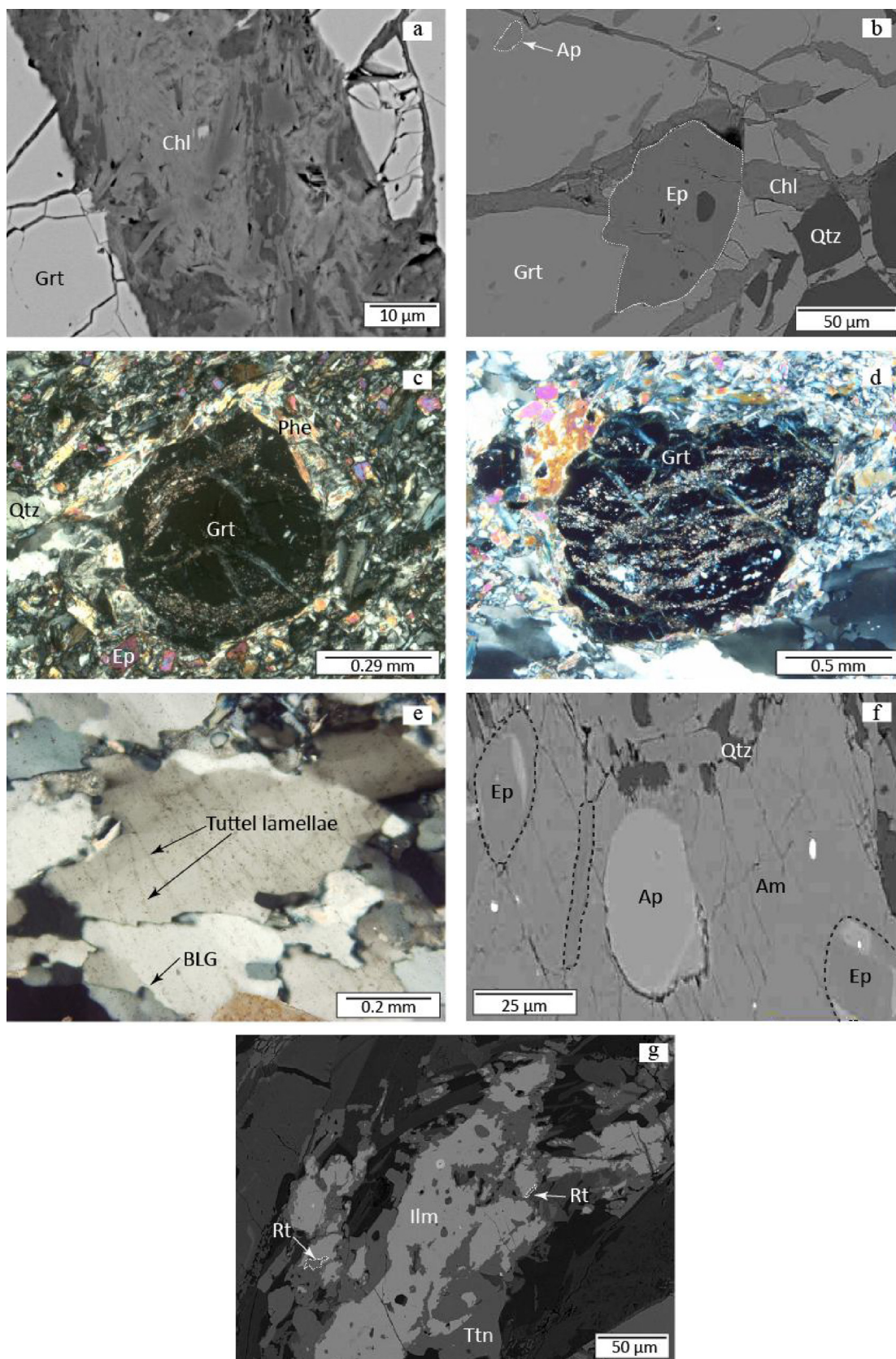
The analyzed biotites of samples 167 and 168 are plotted in a  $\text{Fe}/(\text{Fe} + \text{Mg})$  versus  $\text{Al}^{\text{VI}}$  diagram (Fig. 10a) (Deer et al., 1991). The biotites in the matrix show a wider  $\text{Al}^{\text{VI}}$  variation than those included in garnet and plagioclase (Fig. 10a). The amount of  $X_{\text{Mg}}$  in biotites varies between 0.44 and 0.52 (p.f.u.) with the highest amounts in biotite-garnet schist (Fig. 10b). In general, Mn concentration is low and shows similar ranges in the two samples

varying between 0.007 and 0.056 (p.f.u.) (Fig. 10b). The  $\text{Fe}/\text{Mg}$  ratio (0.84–1.25) of biotite is variable in both rock types (Fig. 10b). The higher Mg contents of biotite in the matrix compare to biotite in garnet and plagioclase is probably due to higher degree of metamorphism (Deer et al., 1991).

#### 4.5. Chlorite

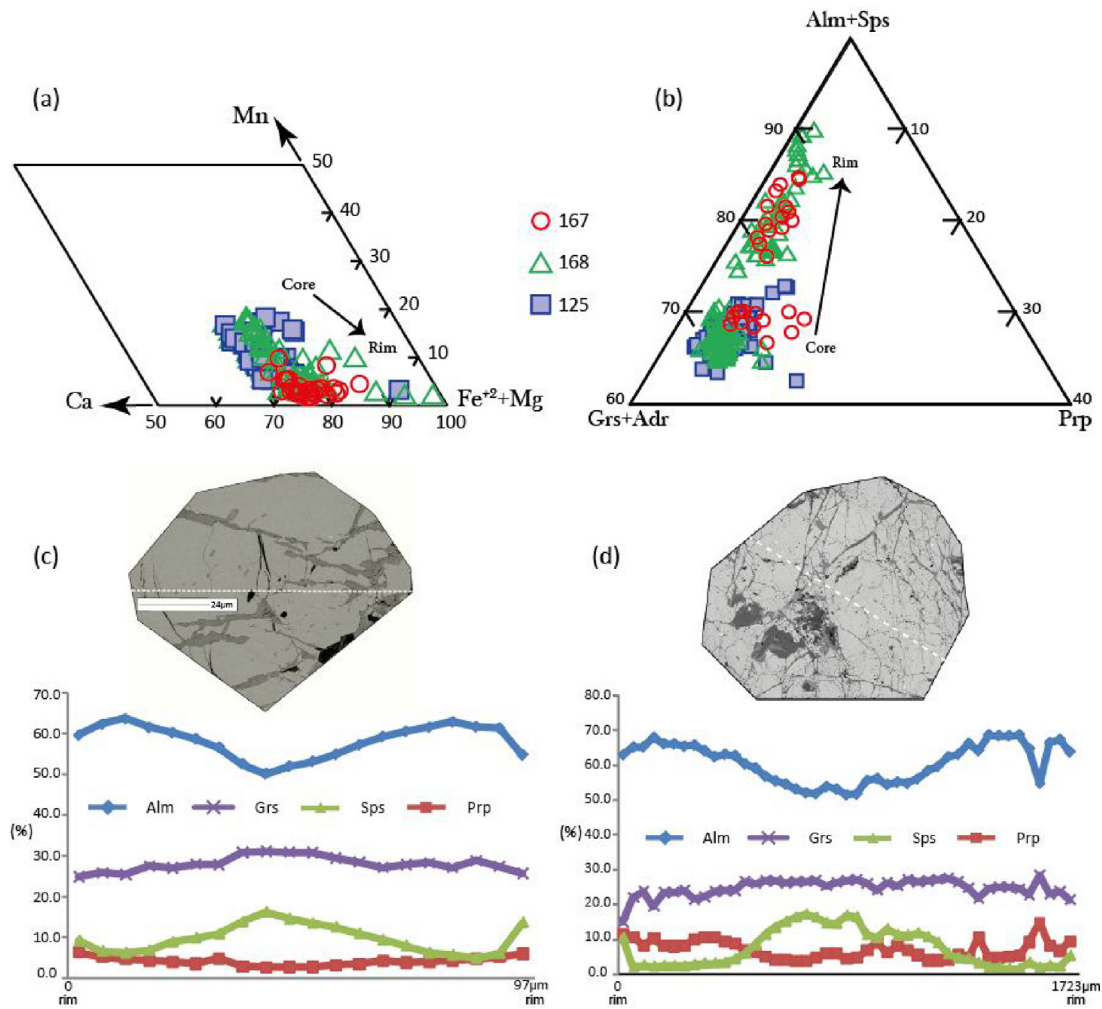
Assuming no ferric iron and 14 oxygens in the formula, the chlorite compositions of samples 125, 168 and 167 are plotted in Si vs.  $\text{Mg}/(\text{Mg} + \text{Fe})$  diagrams (Fig. 11a) (Hey, 1954). They show compositions which is corresponding to ripidolite, brunsvigite and



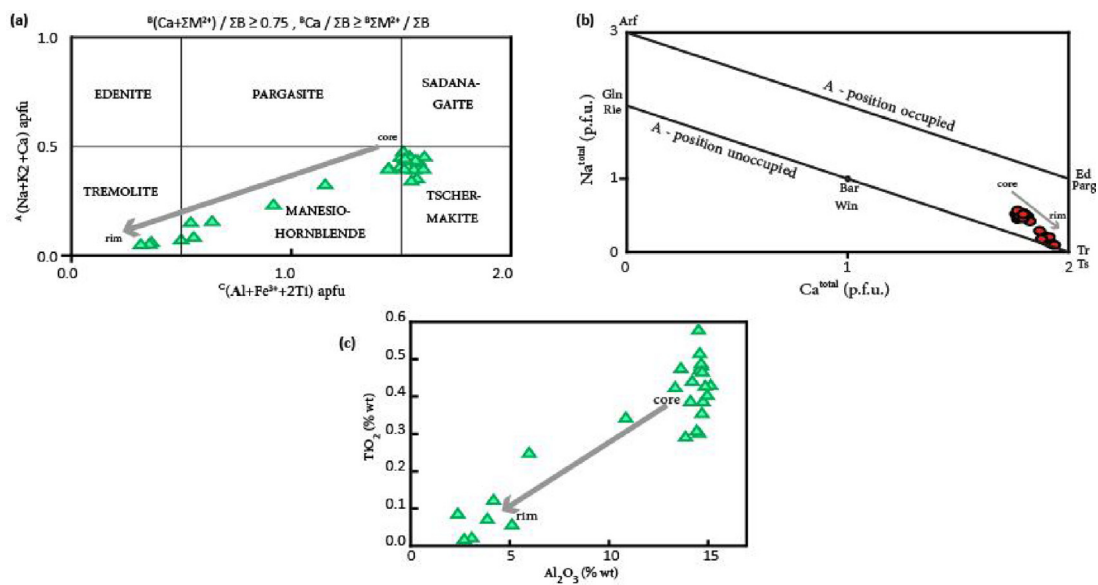


**Fig. 6.** (a) Back-scattered electron image of epidote-amphibole bearing garnet schist showing the replacement by chlorite in the fractures of garnet. (b) Back-scatter image showing Qtz, Ep and Ap inclusions in garnet of epidote-amphibole bearing garnet schist. (c) Under crossed polars, garnet porphyroblast in epidote-amphibole bearing garnet schist shows the presence of inclusions in rim and lack of those in the core. (d) Under crossed polars, syntectonic garnet porphyroblast in epidote-amphibole bearing garnet schist shows curved inclusion pattern throughout the garnet. (e) Under crossed polars, tuttle lamellae and BLG recrystallization in quartz of epidote-amphibole bearing garnet schist. (f) Qtz, Ep and Ap inclusions and chlorite replacement in amphibole of epidote-amphibole bearing garnet schist. (g) Back-scattered electron image of sample 125 illustrates Ti minerals in the matrix. It is worth to note that rare relicts of rutile can be found between ilmenite (core) and titanite (rim).

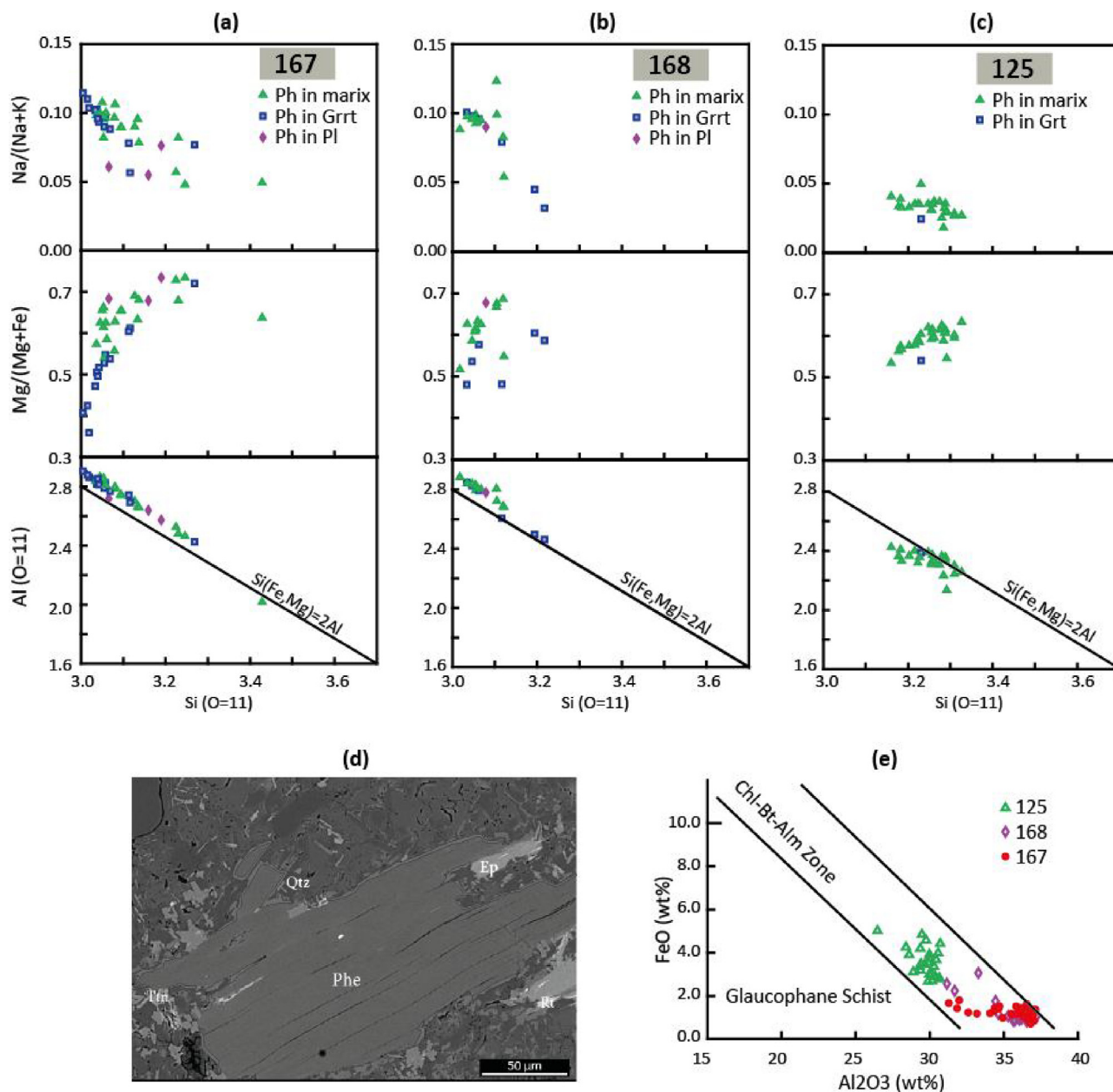




**Fig. 7.** (a) Garnet composition in Ca-Mn-(Fe<sup>2+</sup>+Mg) and (b) Alm+Sps-Gr+Adr-Prp diagrams. Chemical zoning in garnet from (c) epidote-amphibole bearing garnet schist (sample 125), (d) rutile-bearing garnet schist (sample 168). In the Back-scattered electron images, the dashed lines show microprobe traverse analyses.



**Fig. 8.** (a) Compositional variations of metapelite's amphiboles in the Bajgan Complex (diagram of Hawthorne et al., 2012). (b) Ca<sub>total</sub> versus Na<sub>total</sub> diagram (Spear, 1993) to discriminate the Ca-Na exchange vector. (c) Aluminium and titanium contents in amphiboles and their variation from core to rim.



**Fig. 9.** Phengite compositions plotted in Si versus Na/(Na + K), (Mg/Mg + Fe) and Al diagrams. Line illustrates the ideal celadonite substitution ( $\text{Si}(\text{Fe}^{2+}, \text{Mg})\text{Al}_2$ ) for samples (a) 167. (b) 168, (c) 125. (d) Back scattered electron (BSE) image of 168. Phengite (phe), epidote (Ep) titanite (Ttn), rutile (Rt) and quartz (qtz). The rims of the phengites are slightly brighter than the cores, probably reflecting higher Fe concentration and correspondingly higher Si substitution. (e) White mica classification diagram based on metamorphic origin (Miyashiro, 1973).

pycnochlorite. From the textural perspective, chlorites are secondary phases replacing garnet, amphibole and biotite (Fig. 11a). In some cases they show distinct chemical compositions. It is possible to distinguish in chlorite a decrease in  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$  (2.60 to 0.00 a.p.f.u), with a corresponding increase in Mg (1.66 up to 2.66 a.p.f.u), for different samples (Fig. 11b). Also in chlorite the abundance of Cr and Mn in all samples is ignorable and the highest content of Ti is recorded from sample 168 (0.11 p.f.u.).

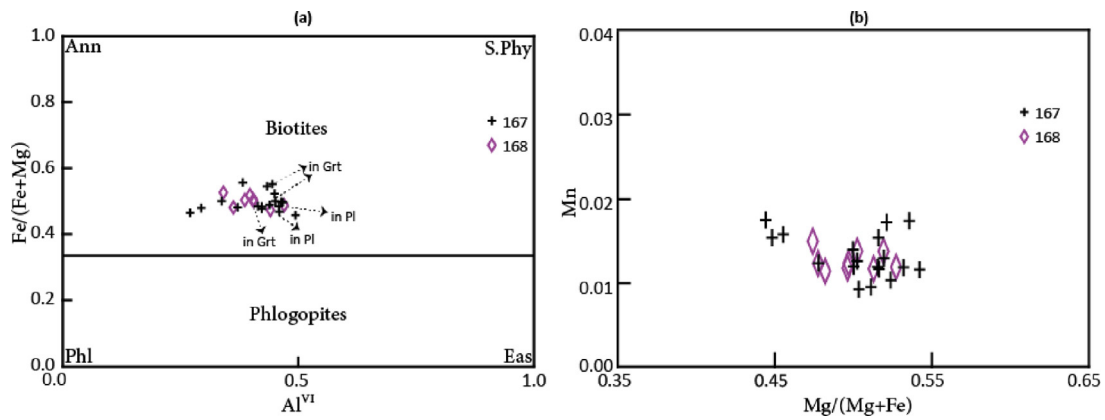
#### 4.6. Epidote group minerals

The analyzed epidote group minerals of two samples (125, 168) are classified as clinozoisite subgroup, using nomenclature of Armbruster et al. (2006). The ternary diagram Al- $\text{Fe}^{3+}$ -Ca shows that

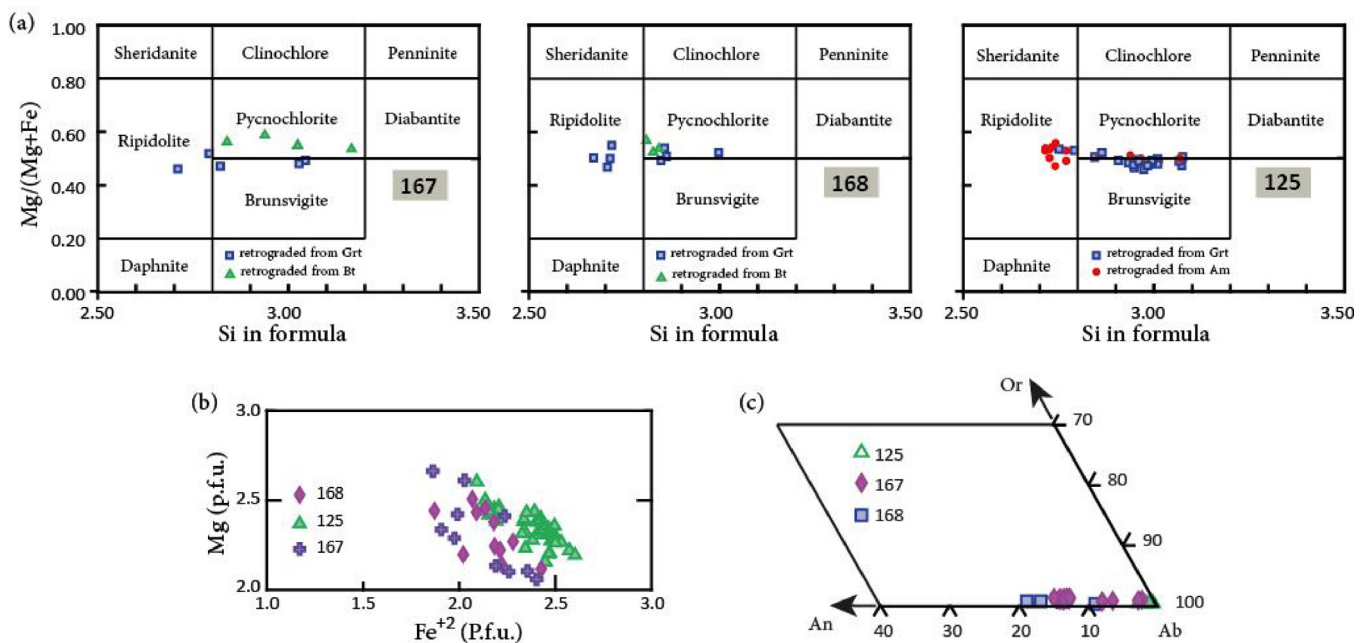
there is no significant compositional variation in the epidotes from the two samples. Epidote in sample 125 is less ferric than in sample 168. There is a variation of  $X_{\text{Ps}}$  [ $\text{Ps} = \text{pistacite}, \text{Fe}^{3+}/(\text{Fe}^{3+} + \text{Al})$ ] for epidote group minerals found in the matrix ( $X_{\text{Ps}} = 0.19$ ), included in amphibole ( $X_{\text{Ps}} = 0.21$ ) and as retrogression product in garnet ( $X_{\text{Ps}} = 0.22$ ). A slight compositional zoning was detected in clinozoisites of the matrix where  $X_{\text{Fe}^{3+}}$  shows a weak trend of increasing towards the rim that suggests retrogressive growth with increasing temperature (e.g. Kawai et al., 2008).

#### 4.7. Plagioclase

As illustrated in an An-Ab-Or plot (Fig. 11c), the albite component is dominant in all plagioclases. Plagioclases in sample 125 are



**Fig. 10.** (a) Phlogopite-biotite compositional fields (Deer et al., 1991). The line indicates Mg:Fe = 2:1. Ann: Annite, S.Phy: Siderophyllite, Phl: phlogopite, Eas: Eastonite. (b) Biotite compositions in Mn versus Mg/(Mg + Fe) diagram.



**Fig. 11.** (a) Chlorite compositions plotted on Si vs. Mg/(Mg + Fe) diagram (all as atoms per formula unit) (Hey 1954). (b) Compositional variations of chlorites in terms of Fe<sup>2+</sup> (p.f.u.) vs. Mg (p.f.u.).

nearly pure albite ( $X_{Ab} = 99.86$ ). The anorthite content ( $X_{An}$ ) of plagioclases varies between the samples. For example, rutile-bearing garnet schist ( $X_{An} = 18.4$ ) and garnet-biotite schist ( $X_{An} = 14.4$ ) have higher anorthite than epidote-amphibole bearing garnet schist ( $X_{An} = 0.10$ ) and plagioclase has a composition between albite and oligoclase (Fig. 11c). In sample 167, the albite and anorthite content of plagioclase in the matrix and as inclusions in garnet vary from  $X_{An} = 1.89$  and  $X_{Ab} = 97.5$  (in the matrix) to  $X_{An} = 14.37$  and  $X_{Ab} = 84.71$  (in the garnet).

## 5. P–T estimation

Metamorphic conditions for metapelites in the Bajgan Complex are estimated by combining micro-structural observations and two methods of calculations for rutile-bearing garnet schist (sample 168). The first is a conventional method based on local equilibrium and seven calibrations of the garnet–biotite Fe–Mg-exchange. The second method uses Theriak-Domino software (de Capitani and Petrakakis, 2010) based on bulk rock composition to calculate the

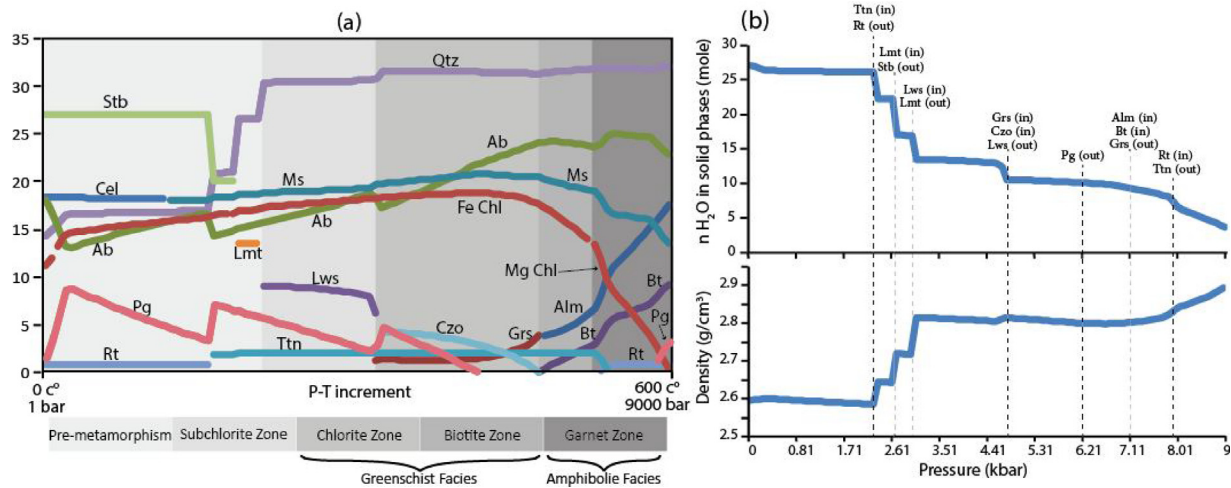
pseudosection by using the updated JAN92.RGB thermodynamic database of Berman (1988).

The peak of metamorphism of the metapelitic rocks in the Bajgan Complex is marked by the formation of rutile-bearing garnet schist that contains garnet, biotite, phengite and rutile. Garnet and biotite equilibrium temperatures for rutile-bearing garnet schists were estimated, using seven different geothermometers. In samples where rim compositions of garnet–biotite pairs show textural equilibrium, the metamorphic temperature was estimated between 594 and 610 °C at a given pressure of 9 kbar, using the calibration of Bhattacharya et al. (1992). The temperature range differs when the calibrations of Hodges and Spear (1982); Perchuk and Lavrent'eva (1983); Thompson (1976); Holdaway and Lee (1977); Dasgupta et al. (1991) are used. The range varies from 638 to 663 °C, 574–587 °C, 596–614 °C, 567–584 °C and 633–657 °C, respectively. The temperature of post deformation chlorite crystallization in the garnet fractures was estimated to be ~400 °C, applying the Al<sup>IV</sup> contents of chlorite calibration of Cathelineau (1988).

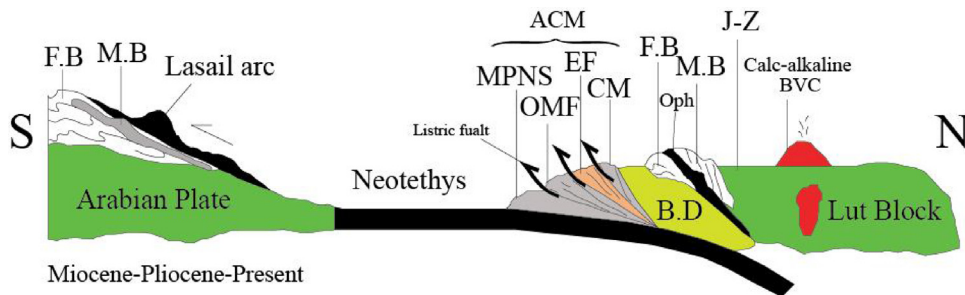
The estimated conventional temperature results are consistent with the garnet–albite–biotite–phengite–rutile–quartz stability







**Fig. 14.** (a) Predicted mineral evolution for the P-T increment of rutile-bearing garnet schist in the Bajgan Complex calculated using Theriak-Domino (de Capitani and Petrakakis, 2010). (b) Calculated water decrease and density increase during the P-T increment, using bulk chemistry of rutile bearing garnet schist.



**Fig. 15.** A cross section through the active subduction zone in the Iranian Makran, at present time (ACM, Active Continental Margin; CM, Coloured Mélange; B.D, Bajgan-Durkan continentalsliver; EF, Eocene Flysch; F.B, Folded Belt (passive margin sediments); J-Z, Jaz Murian depression; OMF, Oligo-Miocene Flysch; M.B, Metamorphic Belt; Oph, Ophiolite remnant; MPNS, Miocene – Pliocene Neritic and Molassic Sediments). (After Omrani et al., 2017; with modification).

The sequence of index minerals from chlorite to garnet is interpreted as zones of progressive metamorphism and implies that rutile-bearing garnet schists experienced greenschist and amphibolite facies metamorphism (Fig. 14a) during collision of Bajgan-Dur Kan microcontinent with and Central Iran.

## 6.2. Evolution of the Makran and the Bajgan Complex

Fig. 15 shows the cross section of the active subduction zone in the Iranian Makran and geotectonic zones at present time, which consists of the Makran accretionary prisms, coloured mélange complex, Bajgan-Dur kan complex, Band-e-Zeyarta and Dar-e-Anar ophiolitic complexes as well as the Jaz Murian Depression (McCall, 1997; Omrani et al., 2017). The Makran, together with southern and Central Iran and the Zagros, are parts of a Paleozoic microcontinent, which was detached from the edge of Gondwana during Triassic time (McCall, 2002). Presence of the Jurassic pelagic rocks in the Inner Makran, suggests the development of a rift, McCall and Kidd (1982) believe that subduction of the Neotethys between the Arabian, the lower plate external zones to the SW, and the Makran, upper plate internal zones to the NE may have commenced by Middle Jurassic. On the other hand, the inferred subduction was responsible for the volcanic activity in the Inner Makran spreading zone and the occurrence of calc alkaline ophiolites in the inner NE side of the microcontinental slivers of the Bajgan and Dur kan complexes (McCall and Kidd, 1982). K–Ar age for slivers of Bajgan and Dur Kan complexes give an age ranging from  $134 \pm 4$  to  $146 \pm 5$  Ma for low-level gabbros and  $121 \pm 4$  to  $130 \pm 4$  Ma for

high-level gabbros on five hornblende in the Band-e-Zeyarta ophiolite (Hassanipak et al., 1996). This three  $^{40}\text{Ar}-^{39}\text{Ar}$  plateau ages of  $140.7 \pm 2.2$ ,  $142.9 \pm 3.5$  and  $141.7 \pm 1.0$  Ma (Ghazi et al., 2004) suggest that these ophiolites formed during the Late Jurassic–Early Cretaceous. The tectonic Coloured Mélange, between the main Makran accretionary prism and the Bajgan/Dur kan Complexes, is a tectonic imbrication of pillow lava, andesites, andesitic tuffs, rhyodacites, welded tuffs, pelagic sediments and exotic components including serpentinite, reefal limestone and amphibolite (McCall and Kidd, 1982; McCall, 2002).

The metamorphic rocks of the Bajgan Complex and the overlying Dur kan Complex are part of a forearc formed on a continental basement and emerged during Cretaceous (McCall and Kidd, 1982). Since the Bajgan Complex is overlain by Carboniferous and Permian limestones of Dur kan to the southeast and Jurassic sediments to the north of the Makran, it must be older than Carboniferous in age (McCall, 2002). Fossil record and K–Ar method suggest that Bajgan Complex age ranges between Paleozoic and Devonian (McCall, 1985a). K–Ar dating of the north extension of this complex indicates a Cretaceous (Senonian) event, which must have been superimposed on the much older complex (McCall, 1985b).

The metapelites of the Bajgan Complex preserve different stages of prograde (Fig. 14a), peak and retrograde metamorphism. The prograde metamorphism which is marked by amphibolite facies may be related to a transition stage from subduction to collision. The absence of HP metamorphism in the metapelitic rocks of the Bajgan Complex shows that the continental margin did not experience metamorphism in the subduction zone. Subduction process continued by initiation of, collision between Bajgan-Dur Kan micro-



continent with and Central Iran and changed the thermodynamic conditions from subduction (cold geotherm) to collision (warm geotherm).

Garnet (Grs) formation began at greenschist facies condition and remained stable as Alm in the amphibolite facies. The late (retrograde) greenschist facies condition is documented by chlorite and clinozoisite that emplaced garnet in the fractures.

Pressure and temperature of about 9 kbar and 600 °C were estimated for the metamorphic peak conditions which correspond with a depth of ~30 km and analogous to Barrovian metamorphism. The textural and petrographic evidence and the estimated conditions during prograde and retrograde metamorphism indicate a clockwise P–T path.

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