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First of all, the authors are honored to have got a positive feedback about this study from either reviewers, and editor.

We are also thankful for the rigorous editorial work they have paid to our manuscript. In this light, the authors have introduced all the corrections and enhancements suggested by the reviewers. Changes are in red, in the revised manuscript.

For the Authors

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COMMENTS FROM EDITORS AND REVIEWERS

Dear Dr. Bonadiman,

two reviews of your manuscript are now available. I am quite glad to see that the reviewer's comments are quite positive as they recommend publication after minor revision and/or acceptance of the paper in the present form.

Compliments for the interesting work.

I look forward to receive the revised manuscript to proceed with acceptance.

With kind regards

Marco Scambelluri

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Reviewer #1: The manuscript by Curetti et al. describes an un common assemblage of dioctahedral and trioctahedral micas with different polytypes, together with all the thermodynamic reactions leading to the formation of the mentioned assemblage.

The interesting results provided by authors and the sound scientific approach leading to their generation and interpretation deserve publication on Lithos. I certainly recommend publication after fixing some points, mainly related to form rather than to the scientific matter. Some points to be considered for correction are listed below.

Table S1 reports Suluphe instead of Phe-3T as reported throughout the text.

Authors' reply: Thanks for noting. We change accordingly.

Several references reported in the manuscript are not reported in the reference list, e.g. Castelli et al. 1998; Gresen et al. 1971; Goodman 1976; Aldrige et al., 1987; Finch et al. 1982; Shabani et al.1998; Franz et al. 1987. Vice versa many quotations in reference list are not present in the text, e.g. Hermann, J., Rubatto, D., 2014; Ivaldi, G., Curetti, N., Gula, A., 2002; Frank, W., Höck, V., Miller, C.; Hermann, J., Rubatto, D., Korsakov, A., Shatsky, V.S., 2001; Pavese, A., 2002; Pavese, A., Diella, V., 2010; Shaw, D.M., 1970; Wallis, S., Tsuboi, M., Suzuki, K., Fanning, M., Jiang, L.L., Tanaka, T., 2005; Wallis, S., Ishiwatari, A., Hirajima, T., Ye, K., Guo, J., Nakamura, D., Kato, T., Zhai, M., Enami, M., Cong, B., and Banno, S., 1997; Zhang, R-Y., Liou, J.G., Shau, J.F., 2002; Zhang Z-M., Xiao Y-L., Liu F-L., Liou, J.G., and Hoefs, J., 2005; Zhao, Z-F., Zheng, Y-

F., Zhang, J., Dai, L.Q., Liu, X.M., 2012; Zheng, Y-F., 2012; Zheng, Y-F., Hermann, J., 2014; Zheng, Y-F, Xia, Q-X, Chen, R-X, Gao, X-Y., 2011.

Authors' reply: We apologize for this. It is attributable to the corresponding author who uploaded a preliminary reference-crosschecked version of the manuscript.

The revised version is complete and duly checked for references in each section. The missing references (both in the text and in the reference list) are in red.

Reviewer #2: The manuscript deals with a rare occurrence of phlogopite in phengite megacryst found in a phengite-quartz vein within the UHP Sulu metamorphic terrane. Profiting of a detailed crystal-chemical analysis including Mossbauer Spectroscopy for the determination of Fe²⁺ and Fe³⁺ the authors propose a fluid-dominated reaction in an open metamorphic system that allow the formation of quasi-exsolving phlogopite. Thermodynamic modeling is then used to determine PT metamorphic conditions of an exhumation stage to be compared with reported metamorphic peak for the Sulu UHP terrane.

The manuscript is well written, the goal clearly explained and all the data well presented. The topic is certainly of broad scientific interest and deserves to be published in Lithos almost in the present form. In the following only few minor corrections.

Minor corrections:

lines 51-53: delete "usually hydrous"

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line 61: substitute "in dry conditions" with "at dry conditions"

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lines 62: move the reference (Poli and Fumagalli 2003) in the end of the sentence. As it is, it seems that Poli and Fumagalli stated that eclogites form at dry conditions.

Authors' reply: thanks for noting. We move the reference accordingly

Best regards.
Patrizia Fumagalli

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7 Highlights:

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50 **1. Introduction**

51 During prograde metamorphism, veins promoted by the availability of the fluid released
52 by the dehydration reactions accompanying temperature (and pressure) increase are
53 ubiquitous (Cong et al. 1994; Zheng et al., 2005). In case of decarbonation reactions, CO_2
54 also occurs in the fluid phase and carbonate minerals may form in place of or together with
55 silicates. The vein mineral assemblage, which reflects the occurring P - T - X conditions at
56 the time of its formation, is useful to infer the metamorphic path experienced by a rock
57 during the whole tectonic evolution. Usually, a close relationship exists between the
58 country rock and the mineralogical composition of the metamorphic vein: *e.g.*, in low-
59 grade metapelites, most metamorphic veins consist of quartz and/or low-temperature
60 minerals such as Fe-rich chlorite and epidote (Hermann and Rubatto, 2009).

61 Conversely to a widespread opinion that eclogites form at dry conditions or at very low
62 water activity, metamorphic veins involving fluids are not unusual in the HP (high
63 pressure) and UHP (ultra-high pressure) eclogite-facies (Poli and Fumagalli, 2003). For
64 example, in eclogites quartz-rutile veins are ubiquitous, and they were used to estimate the
65 metamorphic temperatures by means of the oxygen isotopes partitioning (*e.g.*, Desmons
66 and O'Neill, 1978).

67 Good examples of such HP veins in subducted continental crust are found in the “Eclogitic
68 Micaschist Complex” of the Sesia Zone, Western Alps, where quartz veins may include
69 rutile crystals, more than 20 cm long (Compagnoni et al., 2014 and references therein). In
70 the same unit, a metamorphic vein was found, 1-2 m thick and more than 80 m long,
71 mainly consisting of phengite and minor quartz: the phengite flakes, which are up to 30 cm
72 wide, show a unique oscillatory zoning and the coexistence of $3T$ and $2M_1$ polytypes, and
73 no evidence of phlogopite polytypes (Ivaldi et al., 2001).

74 In the HP/UHP eclogites of the Dabie-Sulu orogenic belt, in addition to the ubiquitous
75 quartz-rutile veins, quartz+zoisite+kyanite veins were found in the Zhu-Jia-Chong eclogite
76 body, where the vein minerals may also attain a pegmatoid size (Castelli et al., 1998). It
77 was proposed that such veins were formed in a closed system during the breakdown of
78 lawsonite which resulted in a kyanite +zoisite +hydrous fluid, either before peak
79 metamorphic conditions (Castelli et al., 1998) or during exhumation (Li et al., 2005).

80 These metamorphic veins are quite different from veins formed by partial melting during
81 exhumation, which are characterised by a mineral assemblage that reflects the minimum
82 melting granite, *i.e.* the ubiquitous presence of feldspars and mineral grain-size of the order
83 of millimetres (Deng et al., 2017 and references therein).

84 The phengite specimen under investigation was sampled from a phengite+quartz
85 metamorphic vein, excavated at Qinglongshan, very close to the G30 Lianhuo Expressway,
86 crossing the Donghai County (eastern China). The phengite was collected in a small dump
87 derived from a vertical shaft, excavated in the eclogites-bearing rocks of Sulu UHP
88 metamorphic terrane to mine pure quartz (Fig. 1).

89 The peak conditions of the UHP metamorphism of the Qinglongshan rocks were estimated
90 at $T \sim 700\text{-}800^\circ\text{C}$ and $P > 2.8$ GPa (Hirajima and Nakamura, 2003; Liu et al., 2015; Xu et al.,

91 2012; Zhang et al., 1995) and several P - T paths have been suggested (*e.g.*, Ferrando et al.,
92 2005; Frezzotti et al., 2007).

93 The phengite sample consists of a single undeformed platy crystal, about 520 cm³ in
94 volume, with a dusky yellowish green colour (Rock Colour Chart, 1991), and it shows the
95 unusual thin lamellae of Fe-phlogopite.

96 The coexistence of phengite and phlogopite is rarely observed in UHP eclogite-bearing
97 rocks (*e.g.*, Eastern Alps; Eclogite Zone, Tauern, Austria; Frank et al., 1986) and, to the
98 authors' knowledge, has never been reported from Sulu UHP terrane.

99 The condition and nature of the reactions that lead to the equilibrium of phengite with
100 phlogopite (Zanazzi and Pavese, 2002) upon decreasing pressure are still poorly defined.

101 Melting experiments, conducted on the synthetic K₂O-MgO-Al₂O₃-SiO₂-H₂O (KMASH)
102 system (Massonne and Szpurka, 1997; Thomsen and Schmidt, 2008) and on natural
103 carbonate-bearing eclogites (Droop et al., 1990; Zhang et al., 1995), suggest that a silicate
104 melt at $P > 2$ kbar and $600^\circ < T < 700^\circ\text{C}$ produces volatile-rich phases, among which
105 phengite plays a relevant role as potassic mineral (Hermann and Green, 2001; Massonne
106 and Szpurka, 1997; Schmidt and Poli, 1998; Schmidt et al., 2004).

107 In view of this, the finding in a quartz+mica assemblage of a large crystal of phengite
108 together with seemingly exsolved phlogopite motivated the present investigation. Note
109 that, an exsolving process in a closed system alone cannot account for the coexistence of
110 phengite and phlogopite, and complex metasomatic reactions involving fluids are also to
111 be assumed. The aim of this work is to provide a thermodynamic model that estimates the
112 P - T of formation, starting from a detailed crystal-chemical characterisation of the involved
113 micas.

114 Phengites (*Phe*) are dioctahedral micas (ideal composition: $\text{KAl}_{2-x}(\text{Fe}, \text{Mg})_x[\text{Si}_{3+x}\text{Al}_{1-x}]$

115 $x]O_{10}(OH)_2$) that usually occur in nature as $2M_1$ (more abundant) and $3T$ polytypes (S.G.
116 $C2/c$ and $P3_112$, respectively). Several $3T$ structures were refined and reported in literature
117 (Amisano-Canesi et al., 1994; Ivaldi et al., 200; Pavese et al., 1997, 1999, 2000, 2003a;
118 Smyth et al., 2000; Weiss et al., 1993), although special attention must be paid to the
119 reliability of the occupancy factors (Pavese and Diella, 2013). Because of its occurrence in
120 high-pressure metamorphic rocks, the $3T$ polytype is thought to be more suitable for high P
121 conditions than $2M_1$. The $3T$ polytype presents two independent occupied octahedral-sites
122 (Ferraris et al., 1995; Ferraris and Ivaldi, 2002) while the $2M_1$ only shows one. The $3T$ to
123 $2M_1$ transition is supposed to take place upon decreasing the P/T ratio (Ivaldi et al., 2001;
124 Sassi et al., 1994). The occurrence of one polytype instead of the other is useful in
125 constraining the pressure-temperature conditions of formation.

126 In the metamorphic dioctahedral micas, the ^{IV}Si content increases with increasing
127 crystallisation pressure. Single crystals of quartz platelets, 100-700 Å thick, were observed,
128 along with talc, in a phengite coming from the UHP Brossasco-Isasca Unit of southern
129 Dora-Maira Massif, Western Italian Alps (Ferraris et al., 2000). Their occurrence was
130 related to an intra-crystalline re-organisation during decompression of the original
131 phengites.

132 Phlogopites (*Phl*) are trioctahedral micas (ideal composition $KMg_3[Al Si_3]O_{10}(OH)_2$) that
133 usually crystallise as $1M$ (S.G. $C2/m$) and rarely as $3T$ (S.G. $P3_112$) polytypes. Only two
134 phlogopites $3T$ were refined and reported in literature: the first one comes from Traversella
135 - Western Alps (Gatta et al., 2011) and the second from Kasenyi – Uganda (Schingaro et
136 al., 2013).

137 A miscibility gap between dioctahedral and trioctahedral micas is known. Lester (1946)
138 and Gresen et al. (1971) described exsolutions in micas coming from Mitchell Creek

139 (Georgia, USA). The quoted authors observed unusual and pyramidal intergrowths of
140 biotite in muscovite. Two instances of transmission electron microscopy investigations on
141 trioctahedral exsolutions in magmatic muscovite $2M_1$ were reported: very small
142 exsolutions (~10nm scale) in muscovite from Lawler Peak granite -Arizona (Ferrow et al.,
143 1990) and ferro-aluminian phlogopitic lamellae (~1mm scale) in muscovite from pegmatite
144 outcropping near Gorduno -Switzerland (Ferraris et al., 2001). Experimental studies in the
145 system $K_2O-M^{2+}-Al_2O_3-SiO_2-H_2O\pm(HF)$ with $M^{2+}=Mg^{2+}$ or Fe^{2+} at $P\sim 2$ kbar and variable
146 T (200-700°C) showed a relevant dependence of the solid solution stability on temperature
147 (Monier and Robert, 1986a, 1986b).

148 Understanding the principles underlying the coexistence of the observed phengite and
149 phlogopite in a quartz dominated (silica oversaturated) mineral assemblage of the Sulu
150 vein, will shed light on the “peculiar” P - T - X conditions and evolution of the process
151 involved in their formation.

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153 **2. Materials and Methods**

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155 *2.1. Sample Description*

156 The original specimen is a large, flat, regular flake (about 20 cm ×15 cm × 2 cm) of a
157 seemingly hosting phengite mica, characterised by a homogeneous deep green colour.
158 Optical observations and single crystal X-ray rotation photos were performed on several
159 samples extracted from different regions of the phengite mica. They confirmed an overall
160 homogeneous trigonal symmetry of the phengite mica (Fig. 2).

161 In some areas of the sample, especially near the margins of the flake, associations of quartz
162 and brown micas were observed (Fig. 3). Their nucleation and growth are clearly

163 successive to the hosting phengite crystallisation, because of the preserved iso-orientation
164 of the (001) plane in both hosted- and hosting-micas. This suggests the occurrence of
165 exsolving processes, with the contribution from an “external chemical supplier” (most
166 probably ascribable to fluid circulation). Therefore, the term “*quasi-exsolution*” is used
167 hereafter to address a non-isochemical exsolution process. Such *quasi-exsolved* micas have
168 sub-millimetre extension and micrometre thickness; their shape can be euhedral and
169 pyramidal (Lester, 1946. Fig. 2), or irregular (Fig. 3). Several *quasi-exsolved* mica samples
170 were extracted and tested by single crystal X-ray rotation photos. Most of the specimens
171 are trigonal, and only a few present monoclinic symmetry.

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173 *2.2 Analytical methods*

174 A fragment of the original mica-matrix sample was grounded to carry out preliminary X-
175 ray powder diffraction characterisations. The measurements were performed by a Huber-
176 Guinier 670 camera, CuK α radiation, scan range $2^\circ < 2\theta < 70^\circ$ and the diffraction patterns
177 were processed by the GSAS Software Package.

178 The combination of X-ray powder diffraction, optical observations and chemical
179 composition from micro-analyses, revealed the simultaneous occurrence of a major
180 phengite (hereafter *Phe-3T*) and two minor phlogopite polytypes (*Phl-3T* and *Phl-1M*, for
181 trigonal and monoclinic *quasi-exsolved* phlogopites, respectively). Single crystal
182 specimens were separated for X-ray diffraction, which was performed at room temperature
183 using MoK α radiation by both a Siemens P4 diffractometer, equipped with a point detector
184 (University of Turin), and a Gemini R Ultra X-ray diffractometer, equipped with a Ruby
185 CCD detector (CrisDi Interdepartmental Center for Crystallography, University of Turin).
186 The former was used to measure lattice parameters of the samples under investigation; the
187 latter to record diffraction intensities. Because of the limited crystal thickness, the *quasi-*

188 exsolved crystals provided a comparatively small number of *hkl*-reflections. Structure
189 refinements have been performed using both SHELXL-97 package (Sheldrick, 1997) and
190 Jana2006 software (Petricek et al., 2014). *Phl-3T* data allowed a structure refinement using
191 isotropic atomic displacement parameters, only. Single crystal X-ray diffraction
192 experimental setup, overall refinement conditions and lattice parameters of each phase are
193 reported in Table S1.

194 Four fragments from different areas of the original hosting-phengite flake were embedded
195 in epoxy resin and analysed to determine their for chemical composition. Major element
196 compositions were obtained by an ARL-SEMQ electron microprobe analyser (EMPA)
197 equipped with wavelength- and energy-dispersive spectrometers (University of Modena
198 and Reggio Emilia). The following operating conditions were set: 15 kV and 20 nA beam
199 current. Quartz (Si), corundum (Al), periclase (Mg), magnetite (Fe), rhodonite (Mn),
200 grossular (Ca), rutile (Ti), chromium oxide (Cr), vanadinite (V), albite (Na), apatite (P)
201 have been used as standards for the elements in parentheses.

202 Mössbauer spectroscopic analyses were performed on the *Phe-3T* sample in order to
203 quantify Fe^{2+} and Fe^{3+} . The spectrum was collected at room temperature on about 80 mg of
204 powdered sample (Fig. 4), by a conventional constant acceleration spectrometer, using a
205 rhodium matrix ^{57}Co source, nominal strength 1850 mBq (University of Padua). To reduce
206 the crystal iso-orientation, a “magic angle” setting was used (54° between the incident
207 beam and the sample plain). The hyperfine parameters isomer shift (δ), quadrupole
208 splitting (Δ), full linewidth at half maximum (Γ), were expressed in mms^{-1} while the
209 relative area (A) in %. The parameters were obtained by means of standard least-squares
210 minimiaation techniques. The spectra were fitted to Lorentzian line shapes with the
211 minimum number of doublets. δ is quoted to $\alpha\text{-Fe}$, using a 4-lines calibration.

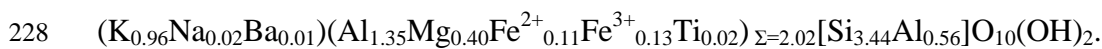
212 The water content was assessed by means of thermogravimetric analyses (TGA). TG
 213 analyses were carried out under dynamic nitrogen atmosphere (35 mL min⁻¹) by a Pyris 1
 214 ultra-micro-balance - Perkin Elmer. The sample was heated in the temperature range 30-
 215 1000 °C (heating rate 20 °C min⁻¹) and an overall weight loss of 4.5% was observed. A
 216 first process, observed between 30 and 180 °C, was responsible for a weight loss of 0.5%
 217 and was attributed to the desorption of physisorbed water. From 180°C the sample
 218 continuously lost weight up to 980 °C due to a not well defined process which was
 219 responsible for a weight loss of 4% and was reasonably attributed to the evolution of
 220 structural water.

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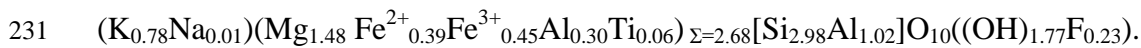
222 3. Results

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224 *Phe-3T* and *quasi-exsolved Phl*-phases major element compositions are reported in Table
 225 1, whereas the doublets best fit parameters of Mössbauer patterns are listed in Table S2.
 226 On the basis of EMPA and Mössbauer analyses, the chemical formula unit of *Phe-3T*
 227 (calculated according to 22 negative charges) is:



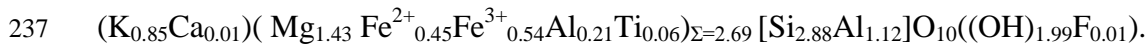
229 Quantitative chemical analyses performed on the *Phl-3T* specimens provided the following
 230 chemical formula unit:



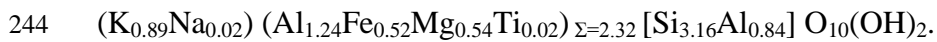
232 Comparing the two compositions, *Phl-3T* is consistently richer in Fe and Mg than *Phe-3T*,
 233 but the ^{VI}Mg/^{VI}Fe ratio in the two phases is similar [^{VI}Mg/^{VI}Fe]_{*Phe-3T*} = 1.70,
 234 [^{VI}Mg/^{VI}Fe]_{*Phl-3T*} = 1.63].

235 The analyses on the *quasi-exsolved monoclinic polytype, Phl-1M*, provided a chemical

236 composition very close to the trigonal polytype's:



238 Changes of composition from *Phe-3T* to its phlogopite *quasi*-exsolved products were
239 measured along radial directions departing from the separation edge (Fig. 5). A shell with
240 variable width (~300-500 μm) and zoned composition was found: approaching the *quasi*-
241 exsolved phases, Si and Al decrease, while Fe and Mg increase (Table 1; Fig.5). Midway
242 along the transition region from phengite to phlogopite, the following approximated
243 composition occurs:



245 The compositions of *Phl-1M* and *Phl-3T* correspond in micas' nomenclature (Rieder et al.,
246 1998) to "ferrian aluminian phlogopite"; abbreviated to "phlogopite" in the rest of the
247 study.

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249 *3.1 Phe-3T and Phl-polytypes*

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251 *3.1.1 Phe-3T*

252 The average distances $\langle\text{T1-O}\rangle$ and $\langle\text{T2-O}\rangle$ are equal (1.631(1) Å; Tables S3 and S4) and
253 in agreement with literature values. The ditrigonal rotation (Table S5) of the tetrahedral
254 sheet (~4.48°) is in keeping with a HP regime (Curetti et al., 2008).

255 The average distances $\langle\text{M2-O}\rangle$ and $\langle\text{M3-O}\rangle$ are meaningfully different (1.958(1) Å and
256 1.972(1) Å, respectively) and indicate a partial octahedral ordering of large cations in M3,
257 although the refined number of electrons (14.3(2) *e* and 14.7(2) *e* in M2 and M3,
258 respectively; Table S3) cannot confirm this inference from bond-lengths.

259 Mössbauer spectroscopy suggests partial octahedral ordering of iron: (i) Fe^{3+} absorption is

260 modelled by only one doublet, which suggest that the trivalent iron is completely ordered
261 in one octahedron (0.13 Fe³⁺ a.p.f.u.); (ii) Fe²⁺ absorption is fitted by two doublets, each
262 corresponding to one site (0.05 and 0.06 Fe²⁺ a.p.f.u.). Several Mössbauer analyses on
263 dioctahedral micas 2M₁ were reported in literature (Aldrige et al., 1987; Finch et al., 1982;
264 Goodman, 1976; Shabani et al., 1998). The patterns usually show two different doublets
265 for Fe²⁺, even if they are expected to have only one occupied symmetry independent
266 octahedral site. To explain the unexpected second doublet (very weak and corresponding to
267 0.03-0.04 Fe²⁺ a.p.f.u., at most) the quoted authors assumed a partial occupancy of the M1–
268 *trans* site. The 3T polytype has two independent octahedral sites (M2 and M3) and the two
269 Fe²⁺ doublets can be assigned without resorting to the M1 empty site (Merli et al., 2009;
270 Pavese et al., 2000; Pavese et al., 2001;). In fact, partial and very low M1 occupancy is
271 suggested by both chemical analyses (octahedral cations sum = 2.02 a.p.f.u.) and structural
272 refinement (0.86 *e* in the Fourier difference, 0.3(1) *e* refined), though the electron content
273 corresponding to each Mössbauer doublet is too high in comparison with the M1 refined
274 occupancy (0.05 a.p.f.u. corresponding to about 1.3 *e*). Mössbauer spectroscopy is not able
275 to univocally associate iron doublets to specific sites, however its combination with
276 structure refinements allows one to infer a partially ordered distribution of Fe, Al and Mg.
277 The M1 octahedral site is almost completely empty. The H atom position was determined
278 by the Fourier Difference and refined; the O-H distance is 0.80(4) Å and the angle between
279 O-H bond and (0 0 1) plane is ~6.55°.

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281 3.1.2 *Phl-3T*

282 Several crystals of phlogopite 3T were sampled from the hosting phengite *Phe-3T*, but only
283 a few were suitable for measurements and structure refinements. Such specimens are about

284 200-400 μm in length and width, and very thin ($<50 \mu\text{m}$). A modest number of reflections
285 were measured for *Phl-3T* and the structural refined parameters show large uncertainties,
286 as shown in the figure of merit reported in Table 1, i.e. $R[|F_o| > 4\sigma(|F_o|)] = 8.50\%$. Therefore
287 structure constraints were introduced in the refinement strategy. The atomic displacement
288 parameters have been constrained as follows: $U_{iso}(\text{M1}) = U_{iso}(\text{M2}) = U_{iso}(\text{M3})$, $U_{iso}(\text{T1}) =$
289 $U_{iso}(\text{T2})$, $U_{iso}(\text{O1}) = U_{iso}(\text{O2}) = U_{iso}(\text{O3}) = U_{iso}(\text{O4}) = U_{iso}(\text{O5}) = U_{iso}(\text{O6})$ (Table 4).
290 Conversely, the fractional coordinate distances were refined without any constraint, and
291 the cation-anion distances were determined accordingly.

292 The structural results can be compared with those of the trigonal phlogopite samples from
293 Traversella (*Phl-TR*) and from Uganda (*Phl-UG*). In *Phl-TR* $\langle\text{M1-O}\rangle$ is 2.079 \AA , and
294 2.072(6) \AA in *Phl-UG*. In both samples, $\langle\text{M1-O}\rangle$ s are not significantly different from
295 $\langle\text{M2-O}\rangle$ and $\langle\text{M3-O}\rangle$. Conversely, the trigonal phlogopite sample investigated here,
296 exhibits $\langle\text{M1-O}\rangle$ of 2.245(3) \AA , some 10% longer than $\langle\text{M2-O}\rangle = 1.991(8) \text{\AA}$ and $\langle\text{M3-}$
297 $\text{O}\rangle = 2.052(8) \text{\AA}$ (Table S4).

298 The occupancy factors of Fe-Al-Mg-Si in the tetrahedral and octahedral sites were not
299 refined and the cations were arranged according to a completely disordered distribution.
300 Only the number of electrons in the interlayer site was refined, as 16.9(2) e .

301 Comparing the distortion parameters (Table S5) with those reported for *Phl-TR/UG*, *Phl-*
302 *3T* is more strained. Such an aspect is more marked in *Phl-UG*. The major distortions are
303 not related to bond lengths, but mainly to angular values, thus suggesting that the structure
304 strain is probably due to the *Phl-3T*'s growth process, which took place as a progressive
305 substitution of the pre-existing framework of *Phe-3T*.

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307 3.1.3 *Phl-1M*

308 Only a few specimens of monoclinic *quasi*-exsolved phase were found in the hosting
309 phengite. Using the largest one we performed single crystal X-ray diffraction experiments
310 with a satisfactory number of reflections. The structure refinement in the S.G. *C2/m*
311 converged to $R \sim 4.78\%$ (Table S3).

312 The cell parameters ($a = 5.3195(13) \text{ \AA}$, $b = 9.2117(12) \text{ \AA}$, $c = 10.210(3) \text{ \AA}$, $\beta = 100.04(2)^\circ$,
313 $V = 492.7(2) \text{ \AA}^3$; Table S4) are in excellent agreement with the ones of *Phl-3T* ($a =$
314 $5.318(1) \text{ \AA}$, $c = 30.21(2) \text{ \AA}$; $c_{(1M)} \times \sin \beta_{(1M)} = 30.16 \text{ \AA}$).

315 Average bond distances $\langle \text{T-O} \rangle_{1M} = 1.652(1) \text{ \AA}$, $\langle \text{M-O} \rangle_{1M} = 2.074(1) \text{ \AA}$ and $\langle \text{I-O} \rangle_{1M} =$
316 $3.159(1) \text{ \AA}$ are very similar to the corresponding values in *Phl-3T* sample (Tables S3 and
317 S4). The two M-O distances are meaningfully different from one another ($\langle \text{M1-O} \rangle =$
318 $2.088(1)$; $\langle \text{M2-O} \rangle = 2.061(1) \text{ \AA}$), but the refined electron content (14.17(14) and
319 14.18(12) e for M1 and M2, respectively) does not indicate any cation order.

320 *Phl-1M* yields bond-lengths, bond-angles and distortion parameters ($\alpha=8.00^\circ$, $\Delta z=0.01 \text{ \AA}$;
321 $\Delta_{\text{TM}} = 0.44 \text{ \AA}$, $\text{BLD}_{\text{M1}} = 0.76\%$, $\text{BLD}_{\text{M2}} = 0.80\%$, $J_{\text{M1}} = 0.00^\circ$ and $J_{\text{M2}} = 0.88^\circ$; Table S5) in
322 agreement with those reported in literature on phlogopite *1M* (Brigatti and Guggenheim,
323 2002).

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325 4. Discussion

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327 4.1 Mass balance calculation

328 The rock containing the studied micas and quartz is a thick metamorphic vein, similar to
329 those commonly observed in the Sulu UHP terrane. A not-weighted mass balance
330 calculation (Wright and Doherty, 1970) was used to provide the best match between the

331 sampled mineralogical assemblage and fluid alkali-alumino-silicate components that
332 mirror the bulk rock averaged compositions of the Sulu-vein (ASV), reduced to an
333 anhydrous major oxides system (Table 2):

$$334 \quad x_1 \text{Phe-3T} + x_2 \text{quartz} + x_3 \text{Phl-3T} + x_4 \text{Phl-1M} + x_5 \text{K-feldspar} = 1 \text{ASV} \quad (1)$$

335 where x_i represents the i -phase proportion. The solution is (least square residuum, $r^2=0.8$):

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$$337 \quad 0.574 \text{Phe-3T} + 0.488 \text{quartz} + (-0.049) \text{Phl-3T} + (-0.002) \text{Phl-1M} + (-0.001) \text{K-feldspar} = 1$$

338 ASV (2)

339 Eq.(2) demonstrates that ASV accounts for a phengite-quartz based rock and the occurrence
340 of phlogopite micas can be explained as an effect of disproportion in combination with a
341 supply of elements, *i.e.* Mg, Al and K, most probably solute components of alkali-alumino-
342 silicate aqueous solutions at high pressure rock-fluid interactions.

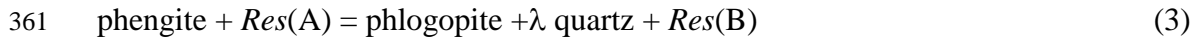
343 Such results agree with the observed petrographic characteristics of the vein fragment from
344 which the studied micas were extracted: (1) phengite and quartz are comparably
345 proportioned in the rock; (2) the negative phase proportion coefficients suggest that
346 phlogopites are *per force* scarce and only occur as *quasi-exsolved* phases, in combination
347 with an elemental supply from alkali-alumino-silicate high pressure fluids; (3) K-feldspar
348 is modally absent in the fragment, as the negligible resulting negative proportion (*i.e.* -
349 0.001) suggests.

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351 4.2 *P-T-X Equilibrium phases in an open system*

352 The coexistence of *Phe-3T*, *Phl-3T* and *Phl-1M* micas cannot be reduced to bare exsolving
353 reactions in a closed system and a contribution from an “external chemical supplier”, *i.e.* a
354 “reservoir”, has to be taken into account (eq.(2)). Therefore, the reactions were modelled

355 in terms of an open system. Following Merli et al. (2017), the “reservoir” is now seen as a
 356 matter exchanger, whose composition, addressed by $Res(A/B)$, encompasses all the
 357 potential solids and fluids taking part in the petrogenetic reactions, but micas and quartz.
 358 A/B are used to indicate a specific chemical condition of the reservoir. In this case, we
 359 modelled the reaction process from phengite to phlogopite with the following
 360 transformation:



362 where λ is related to the amount of quartz exsolved from the reacting phengite, *i.e.* $\lambda \approx 0.46$.

363 The equilibrium conditions of the assemblage require that

$$364 \Delta G = G(\text{phengite}) + G[Res(A)] - G(\text{phlogopite}) - G[Res(B)] - \lambda G(\text{quartz}) =$$

$$365 G(\text{phengite}) - G(\text{phlogopite}) - \lambda G(\text{quartz}) + \{G[Res(A)] - G[Res(B)]\} =$$

$$366 G(\text{phengite}) - G(\text{phlogopite}) - \lambda G(\text{quartz}) + \delta G[Res] = 0, \quad (4)$$

367 where G is the molar Gibbs energy of a given phase, *i.e.* its chemical potential, and
 368 $\delta G[Res]$ is the molar Gibbs energy difference between $Res(A)$ and $Res(B)$. Phengite and
 369 phlogopite refer to $Phe-3T$ and $Phl-3T$, respectively.

370 The Gibbs energy of a phase at given P - T conditions can be determined by two distinct
 371 integrations, one along an isobar at P_0 and the other along an isotherm at T , *i.e.*

$$372 G(P, T) = G(P_0, T_0) - \int_{T_0}^T S(P_0, T') dT' + \int_{P_0}^P V(P', T) dP' \quad (5)$$

373 where P_0 and T_0 are in general reference pressure and temperature (for explicit calculations
 374 refer to Pavese and Diella, 2007), here corresponding to room pressure and temperature.

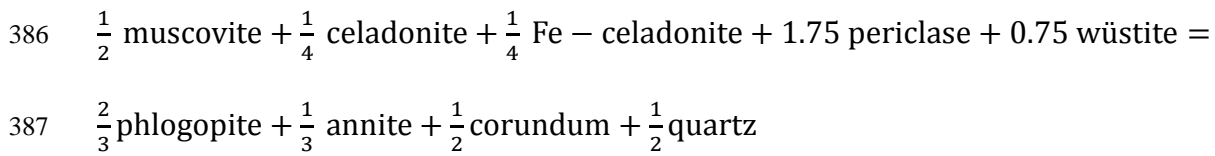
375 Equation (5) can be written as

$$376 \Delta G(P, T) = \Delta G(P_0, T_0) + \Delta I_{T-T_0} + \Delta I_{T-T_0, \text{config}} + \Delta I_{P-P_0}. \quad (6)$$

377 where $\Delta G(P_0, T_0)$ is the formation energy with respect to the standard state of the
 378 constituent oxides. ΔI_{P-P_0} is due to the solid phases of eq. (4), *i.e.* micas and quartz, and it

379 can be determined by means of the equations of state of the involved minerals. We used a
 380 third order Birch-Murnaghan P - V - T relationship and thermo-elastic parameters from
 381 Amisano-Canesi et al. (1994); Angel et al. (1997); Chon et al. (2003, 2006); Comodi et
 382 al. (1999); Curetti et al. (2006); Gatta et al. (2009, 2011), Gemmi et al. (2008). Hazen
 383 and Finger (1978); Russell and Guggenheim (1999); Takeda and Morosin (1975) and
 384 Ventruti et al. (2009).

385 $\Delta G(P_0, T_0) + I_{T-T_0}$ were estimated by the reaction:



388 taking the Gibbs energy of formation and heat capacity at constant pressure from Holland
 389 and Powell (1998). The $\Delta G(P_0, T_0) + I_{T-T_0}$ is modest and weakly dependent on T in the
 390 investigated 770-1200 K thermal range. It was therefore approximated by a constant as
 391 large as 13 kJ/mol. However, taking into account the high degree of approximation, we
 392 assumed a confidence range from 10 to 15 kJ/mol, and explored its limits. Lastly,
 393 $\Delta I_{T-T_0, \text{config}}$ is due to the configuration contribution to entropy, S_{config} , which is calculated
 394 as follows:

395
$$S_{\text{config}} = -R \sum_{j=1}^{\text{sites}} \sum_{\alpha=1}^{\text{chemical species}} p_{j,\alpha} \ln (p_{j,\alpha})$$

396 where R is the universal gas constant and $p_{j,\alpha}$ is the occupancy factor of the α -species at
 397 the j^{th} -sites. In figure 6 we display the P - T loci (GPa and °C) of equilibrium for reaction
 398 (4), with $\Delta G(P_0, T_0) + I_{T-T_0}$ equal to 10 and 15 kJ/mol, respectively.

399 The intersection between the equilibrium P - T locus and the supposed P - T metamorphic
 400 path of OH-rich quartzite from Sulu UHP terrane from Frezzotti et al. (2007) occurs at $P \approx$
 401 2.4 ± 0.2 GPa and $T \approx 700$ °C. Such a result is consistent with the observation of Hermann

402 and Green (2001), if the phengite existence curve of the quoted authors is extrapolated to
403 700 °C.

404 On the basis of petrological data, stable isotope geothermometry and theoretical phase
405 relationships of quartzites from Sulu terrane, the UHP fluids composition estimated by
406 Frezzotti et al. (2007) is an intermediate alkali-alumino-silicate aqueous solutions (H₂O
407 ~50 wt %), that constrains the metamorphic peak at $P \sim 3.5$ PGa and $T \sim 780$ °C .

408 The obvious compositional similarity between the quartzites investigated by Frezzotti et al.
409 (2007) and the Sulu vein of this study allowed us to state that the calculated P-T conditions
410 for phlogopite growth in a SiO₂ oversaturated system indicate at a region that reflects early
411 stages of exhumation, close to the metamorphic peak (Fig. 6).

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413 **5. Conclusions**

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415 The main purpose of this work was to study the rare coexistence of dioctahedral mica and
416 trioctahedral *quasi*-exsolutions observed in a thick quartz+phengite metamorphic vein
417 found in the northern part of Sulu UHP metamorphic terrane, of Donghai County (eastern
418 China).

419 The process leading to such an assemblage is described as a “*quasi*-exsolution” process
420 and it is constituted by non-isochemical exsolution . The composition change is due to an
421 external supplier.

422 The reaction process from phengite to phlogopite favours /requires the exsolution of
423 quartz. Because of the trigonal structure provided from phengite, the *quasi*-exsolved
424 phlogopite crystallised as *3T*-polytype, which is unusual for trioctahedral micas.

425 Mass balance calculations suggest that the phengite-quartz based rock and the occurrence
426 of phlogopite micas can be explained as an effect of disproportion in combination with a

427 supply of elements, *i.e.* Mg, Al and K, from alkali-alumino-silicate high pressure fluids,
428 that mirror the bulk Sulu vein composition.

429 The calculated equilibrium *P-T locus* of phengite-phlogopite-quartz reaction intersects the
430 *P-T* metamorphic path at $P \approx 2.4 \pm 0.2$ GPa and $T \approx 700$ °C, indicating an early stage of
431 exhumation, close to the metamorphic peak of the Sulu UHP terrane.

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679 **Figure 1.** Simplified geologic sketch map of the Sulu orogen showing major tectonic units.
680 YQWF, Yantai-Qingdao-Wulian fault White circles mark the location of labelled towns
681 (from Mattinson et al., 2004 and Zhang et al., 2005, modified); The phengite+quartz
682 metamorphic vein was excavated at Qinglongshan (evidenced in the map), in the Donghai
683 County.

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685 **Figure 2.** Optical micrograph (plane polarised light) of Fe-phlogopite *quasi*-exsolution
686 (brown colour) developed in pyramidal form (its thickness increases toward the centre),
687 with several evident growth stages.

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689 **Figure 3.** Optical micrographs of mica *quasi*-exsolutions and quartz crystals in trigonal
690 phengite observed under plane polarised (a) light and crossed polarised (b) lights,
691 respectively. The *quasi*-exsolution is apparent in (a) (darker portions) while the mica-
692 quartz reaction is amplified in (b) (white portions).

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694 **Figure 4.** Mössbauer spectrum collected on *Phe-3T* sample. The peaks are fitted with three
695 doublets and they indicate that 57(1)% of the total Fe is trivalent, 43(1)% bivalent
696 (parameters in Table S1).

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699 **Figure 5.** Changes of chemical composition from *Phe-3T* to *Phl-3T*; (a) schematic
700 representation of the analysed sample and location of the analysis points. (b) The
701 histogram reports the variation by weight % of the principal oxides; approaching the *quasi*-
702 exsolved phases, Si and Al decrease, while Fe and Mg increase.

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704 **Figure 6.** Pressure-temperature loci of equilibrium for the phengite-phlogopite-quartz
705 reaction (eq. 2). The cases of $\Delta G(P_0, T_0) + I_{T-T_0}$ equal to 10 and 15 kJ/mol are shown.
706 The blue line represents the Sulu UHP-HP metamorphic P - T evolution stages from the
707 prograde metamorphic peak at $P \sim 3.5$ GPa and $T \sim 780$ °C (large blue square) to the late
708 stage of exhumation $P \sim 0.3$ GPa and $T \sim 400$ °C (small blue square). The intersection of
709 the calculated equilibrium P - T locus of phengite-phlogopite-quartz reaction with the
710 metamorphic path (from Frezzotti et al., 2007) is marked by the blue box.

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19 **Abstract**

20 A large crystal of trigonal phengite (*Phe-3T*;
21 $\text{K}_{0.96}\text{Na}_{0.02}\text{Ba}_{0.01}(\text{Al}_{1.35}\text{Mg}_{0.40}\text{Fe}^{2+}_{0.11}\text{Fe}^{3+}_{0.13}\text{Ti}_{0.02})_{\Sigma=2.02}[\text{Si}_{3.44}\text{Al}_{0.56}]\text{O}_{10}(\text{OH})_2$), sampled
22 from a phengite+quartz metamorphic vein in the eclogites-bearing rocks of Sulu UHP
23 metamorphic terrane, exhibits unusual thin lamellae of ferrian-aluminian
24 trigonal/monoclinic phlogopite polytypes (*Phl-3T*:
25 $(\text{K}_{0.78}\text{Na}_{0.01})(\text{Mg}_{1.48}\text{Fe}^{2+}_{0.39}\text{Fe}^{3+}_{0.45}\text{Al}_{0.30}\text{Ti}_{0.06})_{\Sigma=2.68}[\text{Si}_{2.98}\text{Al}_{1.02}]\text{O}_{10}((\text{OH})_{1.77}\text{F}_{0.23})$; *Phl-1M*:
26 $(\text{K}_{0.85}\text{Ca}_{0.01})(\text{Mg}_{1.43}\text{Fe}^{2+}_{0.45}\text{Fe}^{3+}_{0.54}\text{Al}_{0.21}\text{Ti}_{0.06})_{\Sigma=2.69}[\text{Si}_{2.88}\text{Al}_{1.12}]\text{O}_{10}((\text{OH})_{1.99}\text{F}_{0.01})$). This
27 assemblage is rarely observed in UHP eclogite-bearing rocks, and has never been reported
28 before in the Sulu UHP metamorphic terrane. A detailed crystal-chemical characterisation
29 of *Phe-3T*, *Phl-3T* and *Phl-1M* allowed the development of a thermodynamic model that
30 estimates the *P-T* conditions of formation of such an assemblage and helps to understand
31 the relationship between mica polytypes and a quartz dominated (silica oversaturated)
32 system, which characterized the Sulu vein. *Phe-3T* varies in composition upon approaching
33 *Phl-3T/1M*, showing a decrease of Si and Al and an increase of Fe and Mg contents.
34 Observed phlogopites cannot be ascribed to bare exsolving processes, and require the
35 involvement of a non-isochemical reaction, dominated by exsolution (*quasi-exsolution*
36 process) in combination with a contribution from an “external chemical supplier” (most
37 probably provided by circulating fluids). Mass balance calculations between the
38 mineralogical assemblage of Sulu vein and the solute components of alkali-alumino-
39 silicate high pressure fluids demonstrate that a silicic-type major element composition
40 accounts for a phengite-quartz based rock. The occurrence of phlogopite micas can be
41 explained as an effect of disproportion in combination with supply components, *i.e.* Mg, Al
42 and K, from alkali-alumino-silicate high pressure fluids.

43 On the basis of energy modelling of the reaction process from phengite to phlogopite in
44 presence of quartz and a matter exchanger, we determined that such a transformation is
45 weakly dependent on T over the 500-930° C thermal range. The intersection of the
46 calculated P - T assemblage equilibrium curve with the country rock P - T metamorphic path
47 occurs at $P \sim 2.4 \pm 0.2$ GPa and $T \sim 700^\circ$ C, thus reflecting an early stage of exhumation,
48 close to the metamorphic peak of the Sulu UHP terrane.

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50 **1. Introduction**

51 During prograde metamorphism, veins promoted by the availability of **the fluid released**
52 by the dehydration reactions accompanying temperature (and pressure) increase are
53 ubiquitous (Cong et al. 1994; Zheng et al., 2005). In case of decarbonation reactions, CO_2
54 also occurs in the fluid phase and carbonate minerals may form in place of or together with
55 silicates. The vein mineral assemblage, which reflects the occurring P - T - X conditions at
56 the time of its formation, is useful to infer the metamorphic path experienced by a rock
57 during the whole tectonic evolution. Usually, a close relationship exists between the
58 country rock and the mineralogical composition of the metamorphic vein: *e.g.*, in low-
59 grade metapelites, most metamorphic veins consist of quartz and/or low-temperature
60 minerals such as Fe-rich chlorite and epidote (Hermann and Rubatto, 2009).

61 Conversely to a widespread opinion that eclogites form **at** dry conditions or at very low
62 water activity, metamorphic veins involving fluids are not unusual in the HP (high
63 pressure) and UHP (ultra-high pressure) eclogite-facies (**Poli and Fumagalli, 2003**). For
64 example, in eclogites quartz-rutile veins are ubiquitous, and they were used to estimate the
65 metamorphic temperatures by means of the oxygen isotopes partitioning (*e.g.*, Desmons
66 and O'Neill, 1978).

67 Good examples of such HP veins in subducted continental crust are found in the “Eclogitic
68 Micaschist Complex” of the Sesia Zone, Western Alps, where quartz veins may include
69 rutile crystals, more than 20 cm long (Compagnoni et al., 2014 and references therein). In
70 the same unit, a metamorphic vein was found, 1-2 m thick and more than 80 m long,
71 mainly consisting of phengite and minor quartz: the phengite flakes, which are up to 30 cm
72 wide, show a unique oscillatory zoning and the coexistence of $3T$ and $2M_1$ polytypes, and
73 no evidence of phlogopite polytypes (Ivaldi et al., 2001).

74 In the HP/UHP eclogites of the Dabie-Sulu orogenic belt, in addition to the ubiquitous
75 quartz-rutile veins, quartz+zoisite+kyanite veins were found in the Zhu-Jia-Chong eclogite
76 body, where the vein minerals may also attain a pegmatoid size (Castelli et al., 1998). It
77 was proposed that such veins were formed in a closed system during the breakdown of
78 lawsonite which resulted in a kyanite +zoisite +hydrous fluid, either before peak
79 metamorphic conditions (Castelli et al., 1998) or during exhumation (Li et al., 2005).

80 These metamorphic veins are quite different from veins formed by partial melting during
81 exhumation, which are characterised by a mineral assemblage that reflects the minimum
82 melting granite, *i.e.* the ubiquitous presence of feldspars and mineral grain-size of the order
83 of millimetres (Deng et al., 2017 and references therein).

84 The phengite specimen under investigation was sampled from a phengite+quartz
85 metamorphic vein, excavated at Qinglongshan, very close to the G30 Lianhuo Expressway,
86 crossing the Donghai County (eastern China). The phengite was collected in a small dump
87 derived from a vertical shaft, excavated in the eclogites-bearing rocks of Sulu UHP
88 metamorphic terrane to mine pure quartz (Fig. 1).

89 The peak conditions of the UHP metamorphism of the Qinglongshan rocks were estimated
90 at $T \sim 700\text{-}800^\circ\text{C}$ and $P > 2.8$ GPa (Hirajima and Nakamura, 2003; Liu et al., 2015; Xu et al.,

91 2012; Zhang et al., 1995) and several P - T paths have been suggested (*e.g.*, Ferrando et al.,
92 2005; Frezzotti et al., 2007).

93 The phengite sample consists of a single undeformed platy crystal, about 520 cm³ in
94 volume, with a dusky yellowish green colour (Rock Colour Chart, 1991), and it shows the
95 unusual thin lamellae of Fe-phlogopite.

96 The coexistence of phengite and phlogopite is rarely observed in UHP eclogite-bearing
97 rocks (*e.g.*, Eastern Alps; Eclogite Zone, Tauern, Austria; Frank et al., 1986) and, to the
98 authors' knowledge, has never been reported from Sulu UHP terrane.

99 The condition and nature of the reactions that lead to the equilibrium of phengite with
100 phlogopite (Zanazzi and Pavese, 2002) upon decreasing pressure are still poorly defined.

101 Melting experiments, conducted on the synthetic K₂O-MgO-Al₂O₃-SiO₂-H₂O (KMASH)
102 system (Massonne and Szpurka, 1997; Thomsen and Schmidt, 2008) and on natural
103 carbonate-bearing eclogites (Droop et al., 1990; Zhang et al., 1995), suggest that a silicate
104 melt at $P > 2$ kbar and $600^\circ < T < 700^\circ\text{C}$ produces volatile-rich phases, among which
105 phengite plays a relevant role as potassic mineral (Hermann and Green, 2001; Massonne
106 and Szpurka, 1997; Schmidt and Poli, 1998; Schmidt et al., 2004).

107 In view of this, the finding in a quartz+mica assemblage of a large crystal of phengite
108 together with seemingly exsolved phlogopite motivated the present investigation. Note
109 that, an exsolving process in a closed system alone cannot account for the coexistence of
110 phengite and phlogopite, and complex metasomatic reactions involving fluids are also to
111 be assumed. The aim of this work is to provide a thermodynamic model that estimates the
112 P - T of formation, starting from a detailed crystal-chemical characterisation of the involved
113 micas.

114 Phengites (*Phe*) are dioctahedral micas (ideal composition: $\text{KAl}_{2-x}(\text{Fe}, \text{Mg})_x[\text{Si}_{3+x}\text{Al}_{1-x}]$

115 $x]O_{10}(OH)_2$) that usually occur in nature as $2M_1$ (more abundant) and $3T$ polytypes (S.G.
116 $C2/c$ and $P3_112$, respectively). Several $3T$ structures were refined and reported in literature
117 (Amisano-Canesi et al., 1994; Ivaldi et al., 200; Pavese et al., 1997, 1999, 2000, 2003a;
118 Smyth et al., 2000; Weiss et al., 1993), although special attention must be paid to the
119 reliability of the occupancy factors (Pavese and Diella, 2013). Because of its occurrence in
120 high-pressure metamorphic rocks, the $3T$ polytype is thought to be more suitable for high P
121 conditions than $2M_1$. The $3T$ polytype presents two independent occupied octahedral-sites
122 (Ferraris et al., 1995; Ferraris and Ivaldi, 2002) while the $2M_1$ only shows one. The $3T$ to
123 $2M_1$ transition is supposed to take place upon decreasing the P/T ratio (Ivaldi et al., 2001;
124 Sassi et al., 1994). The occurrence of one polytype instead of the other is useful in
125 constraining the pressure-temperature conditions of formation.

126 In the metamorphic dioctahedral micas, the ^{IV}Si content increases with increasing
127 crystallisation pressure. Single crystals of quartz platelets, 100-700 Å thick, were observed,
128 along with talc, in a phengite coming from the UHP Brossasco-Isasca Unit of southern
129 Dora-Maira Massif, Western Italian Alps (Ferraris et al., 2000). Their occurrence was
130 related to an intra-crystalline re-organisation during decompression of the original
131 phengites.

132 Phlogopites (*Phl*) are trioctahedral micas (ideal composition $KMg_3[Al Si_3]O_{10}(OH)_2$) that
133 usually crystallise as $1M$ (S.G. $C2/m$) and rarely as $3T$ (S.G. $P3_112$) polytypes. Only two
134 phlogopites $3T$ were refined and reported in literature: the first one comes from Traversella
135 - Western Alps (Gatta et al., 2011) and the second from Kasenyi – Uganda (Schingaro et
136 al., 2013).

137 A miscibility gap between dioctahedral and trioctahedral micas is known. Lester (1946)
138 and Gresen et al. (1971) described exsolutions in micas coming from Mitchell Creek

139 (Georgia, USA). The quoted authors observed unusual and pyramidal intergrowths of
140 biotite in muscovite. Two instances of transmission electron microscopy investigations on
141 trioctahedral exsolutions in magmatic muscovite $2M_1$ were reported: very small
142 exsolutions (~10nm scale) in muscovite from Lawler Peak granite -Arizona (Ferro et al.,
143 1990) and ferro-aluminian phlogopitic lamellae (~1mm scale) in muscovite from pegmatite
144 outcropping near Gorduno -Switzerland (Ferraris et al., 2001). Experimental studies in the
145 system $K_2O-M^{2+}-Al_2O_3-SiO_2-H_2O\pm(HF)$ with $M^{2+}=Mg^{2+}$ or Fe^{2+} at $P\sim 2$ kbar and variable
146 T (200-700°C) showed a relevant dependence of the solid solution stability on temperature
147 (Monier and Robert, 1986a, 1986b).

148 Understanding the principles underlying the coexistence of the observed phengite and
149 phlogopite in a quartz dominated (silica oversaturated) mineral assemblage of the Sulu
150 vein, will shed light on the “peculiar” $P-T-X$ conditions and evolution of the process
151 involved in their formation.

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153 **2. Materials and Methods**

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155 *2.1. Sample Description*

156 The original specimen is a large, flat, regular flake (about 20 cm ×15 cm × 2 cm) of a
157 seemingly hosting phengite mica, characterised by a homogeneous deep green colour.
158 Optical observations and single crystal X-ray rotation photos were performed on several
159 samples extracted from different regions of the phengite mica. They confirmed an overall
160 homogeneous trigonal symmetry of the phengite mica (Fig. 2).

161 In some areas of the sample, especially near the margins of the flake, associations of quartz
162 and brown micas were observed (Fig. 3). Their nucleation and growth are clearly

163 successive to the hosting phengite crystallisation, because of the preserved iso-orientation
164 of the (001) plane in both hosted- and hosting-micas. This suggests the occurrence of
165 exsolving processes, with the contribution from an “external chemical supplier” (most
166 probably ascribable to fluid circulation). Therefore, the term “*quasi-exsolution*” is used
167 hereafter to address a non-isochemical exsolution process. Such *quasi-exsolved* micas have
168 sub-millimetre extension and micrometre thickness; their shape can be euhedral and
169 pyramidal (Lester, 1946. Fig. 2), or irregular (Fig. 3). Several *quasi-exsolved* mica samples
170 were extracted and tested by single crystal X-ray rotation photos. Most of the specimens
171 are trigonal, and only a few present monoclinic symmetry.

172

173 2.2 Analytical methods

174 A fragment of the original mica-matrix sample was grounded to carry out preliminary X-
175 ray powder diffraction characterisations. The measurements were performed by a Huber-
176 Guinier 670 camera, CuK α radiation, scan range $2^\circ < 2\theta < 70^\circ$ and the diffraction patterns
177 were processed by the GSAS Software Package.

178 The combination of X-ray powder diffraction, optical observations and chemical
179 composition from micro-analyses, revealed the simultaneous occurrence of a major
180 phengite (hereafter *Phe-3T*) and two minor phlogopite polytypes (*Phl-3T* and *Phl-1M*, for
181 trigonal and monoclinic *quasi-exsolved* phlogopites, respectively). Single crystal
182 specimens were separated for X-ray diffraction, which was performed at room temperature
183 using MoK α radiation by both a Siemens P4 diffractometer, equipped with a point detector
184 (University of Turin), and a Gemini R Ultra X-ray diffractometer, equipped with a Ruby
185 CCD detector (CrisDi Interdepartmental Center for Crystallography, University of Turin).
186 The former was used to measure lattice parameters of the samples under investigation; the
187 latter to record diffraction intensities. Because of the limited crystal thickness, the *quasi-*

188 exsolved crystals provided a comparatively small number of *hkl*-reflections. Structure
189 refinements have been performed using both SHELXL-97 package (Sheldrick, 1997) and
190 Jana2006 software (Petricek et al., 2014). *Phl-3T* data allowed a structure refinement using
191 isotropic atomic displacement parameters, only. Single crystal X-ray diffraction
192 experimental setup, overall refinement conditions and lattice parameters of each phase are
193 reported in [Table S1](#).

194 Four fragments from different areas of the original hosting-phengite flake were embedded
195 in epoxy resin and analysed to determine their for chemical composition. Major element
196 compositions were obtained by an ARL-SEM-Q electron microprobe analyser (EMPA)
197 equipped with wavelength- and energy-dispersive spectrometers (University of Modena
198 and Reggio Emilia). The following operating conditions were set: 15 kV and 20 nA beam
199 current. Quartz (Si), corundum (Al), periclase (Mg), magnetite (Fe), rhodonite (Mn),
200 grossular (Ca), rutile (Ti), chromium oxide (Cr), vanadinite (V), albite (Na), apatite (P)
201 have been used as standards for the elements in parentheses.

202 Mössbauer spectroscopic analyses were performed on the *Phe-3T* sample in order to
203 quantify Fe^{2+} and Fe^{3+} . The spectrum was collected at room temperature on about 80 mg of
204 powdered sample ([Fig. 4](#)), by a conventional constant acceleration spectrometer, using a
205 rhodium matrix ^{57}Co source, nominal strength 1850 mBq (University of Padua). To reduce
206 the crystal iso-orientation, a “magic angle” setting was used (54° between the incident
207 beam and the sample plain). The hyperfine parameters isomer shift (δ), quadrupole
208 splitting (Δ), full linewidth at half maximum (Γ), were expressed in mms^{-1} while the
209 relative area (A) in %. The parameters were obtained by means of standard least-squares
210 minimiaation techniques. The spectra were fitted to Lorentzian line shapes with the
211 minimum number of doublets. δ is quoted to $\alpha\text{-Fe}$, using a 4-lines calibration.

212 The water content was assessed by means of thermogravimetric analyses (TGA). TG
213 analyses were carried out under dynamic nitrogen atmosphere (35 mL min⁻¹) by a Pyris 1
214 ultra-micro-balance - Perkin Elmer. The sample was heated in the temperature range 30-
215 1000 °C (heating rate 20 °C min⁻¹) and an overall weight loss of 4.5% was observed. A
216 first process, observed between 30 and 180 °C, was responsible for a weight loss of 0.5%
217 and was attributed to the desorption of physisorbed water. From 180°C the sample
218 continuously lost weight up to 980 °C due to a not well defined process which was
219 responsible for a weight loss of 4% and was reasonably attributed to the evolution of
220 structural water.

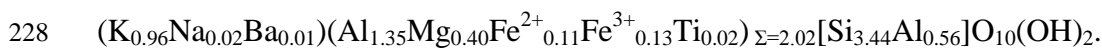
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222 3. Results

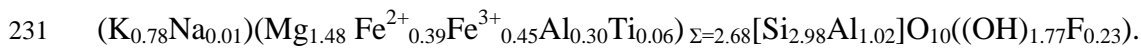
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224 *Phe-3T* and *quasi-exsolved Phl*-phases major element compositions are reported in [Table](#)
225 [1](#), whereas the doublets best fit parameters of Mössbauer patterns are listed in [Table S2](#).

226 On the basis of EMPA and Mössbauer analyses, the chemical formula unit of *Phe-3T*
227 (calculated according to 22 negative charges) is:



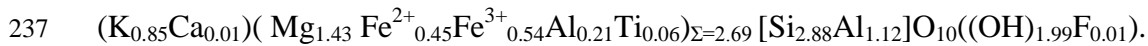
229 Quantitative chemical analyses performed on the *Phl-3T* specimens provided the following
230 chemical formula unit:



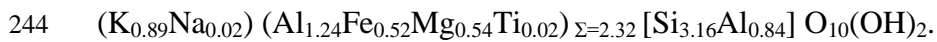
232 Comparing the two compositions, *Phl-3T* is consistently richer in Fe and Mg than *Phe-3T*,
233 but the ^{VI}Mg/^{VI}Fe ratio in the two phases is similar [^{VI}Mg/^{VI}Fe]_{*Phe-3T*} = 1.70,
234 [^{VI}Mg/^{VI}Fe]_{*Phl-3T*} = 1.63].

235 The analyses on the *quasi-exsolved monoclinic polytype, Phl-1M*, provided a chemical

236 composition very close to the trigonal polytype's:



238 Changes of composition from *Phe-3T* to its phlogopite *quasi*-exsolved products were
239 measured along radial directions departing from the separation edge (Fig. 5). A shell with
240 variable width (~300-500 μm) and zoned composition was found: approaching the *quasi*-
241 exsolved phases, Si and Al decrease, while Fe and Mg increase (Table 1; Fig.5). Midway
242 along the transition region from phengite to phlogopite, the following approximated
243 composition occurs:



245 The compositions of *Phl-1M* and *Phl-3T* correspond in micas' nomenclature (Rieder et al.,
246 1998) to "ferrian aluminian phlogopite"; abbreviated to "phlogopite" in the rest of the
247 study.

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249 *3.1 Phe-3T and Phl-polytypes*

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251 *3.1.1 Phe-3T*

252 The average distances $\langle\text{T1-O}\rangle$ and $\langle\text{T2-O}\rangle$ are equal (1.631(1) Å; Tables S3 and S4) and
253 in agreement with literature values. The ditrigonal rotation (Table S5) of the tetrahedral
254 sheet (~4.48°) is in keeping with a HP regime (Curetti et al., 2008).

255 The average distances $\langle\text{M2-O}\rangle$ and $\langle\text{M3-O}\rangle$ are meaningfully different (1.958(1) Å and
256 1.972(1) Å, respectively) and indicate a partial octahedral ordering of large cations in M3,
257 although the refined number of electrons (14.3(2) *e* and 14.7(2) *e* in M2 and M3,
258 respectively; Table S3) cannot confirm this inference from bond-lengths.

259 Mössbauer spectroscopy suggests partial octahedral ordering of iron: (i) Fe^{3+} absorption is

260 modelled by only one doublet, which suggest that the trivalent iron is completely ordered
261 in one octahedron (0.13 Fe³⁺ a.p.f.u.); (ii) Fe²⁺ absorption is fitted by two doublets, each
262 corresponding to one site (0.05 and 0.06 Fe²⁺ a.p.f.u.). Several Mössbauer analyses on
263 dioctahedral micas 2M₁ were reported in literature (Aldrige et al., 1987; Finch et al., 1982;
264 Goodman, 1976; Shabani et al., 1998). The patterns usually show two different doublets
265 for Fe²⁺, even if they are expected to have only one occupied symmetry independent
266 octahedral site. To explain the unexpected second doublet (very weak and corresponding to
267 0.03-0.04 Fe²⁺ a.p.f.u., at most) the quoted authors assumed a partial occupancy of the M1–
268 *trans* site. The 3T polytype has two independent octahedral sites (M2 and M3) and the two
269 Fe²⁺ doublets can be assigned without resorting to the M1 empty site (Merli et al., 2009;
270 Pavese et al., 2000; Pavese et al., 2001;). In fact, partial and very low M1 occupancy is
271 suggested by both chemical analyses (octahedral cations sum = 2.02 a.p.f.u.) and structural
272 refinement (0.86 *e* in the Fourier difference, 0.3(1) *e* refined), though the electron content
273 corresponding to each Mössbauer doublet is too high in comparison with the M1 refined
274 occupancy (0.05 a.p.f.u. corresponding to about 1.3 *e*). Mössbauer spectroscopy is not able
275 to univocally associate iron doublets to specific sites, however its combination with
276 structure refinements allows one to infer a partially ordered distribution of Fe, Al and Mg.
277 The M1 octahedral site is almost completely empty. The H atom position was determined
278 by the Fourier Difference and refined; the O-H distance is 0.80(4) Å and the angle between
279 O-H bond and (0 0 1) plane is ~6.55°.

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281 3.1.2 *Phl-3T*

282 Several crystals of phlogopite 3T were sampled from the hosting phengite *Phe-3T*, but only
283 a few were suitable for measurements and structure refinements. Such specimens are about

284 200-400 μm in length and width, and very thin ($<50 \mu\text{m}$). A modest number of reflections
285 were measured for *Phl-3T* and the structural refined parameters show large uncertainties,
286 as shown in the figure of merit reported in Table 1, i.e. $R[|F_o| > 4\sigma(|F_o|)] = 8.50\%$. Therefore
287 structure constraints were introduced in the refinement strategy. The atomic displacement
288 parameters have been constrained as follows: $U_{iso}(\text{M1}) = U_{iso}(\text{M2}) = U_{iso}(\text{M3})$, $U_{iso}(\text{T1}) =$
289 $U_{iso}(\text{T2})$, $U_{iso}(\text{O1}) = U_{iso}(\text{O2}) = U_{iso}(\text{O3}) = U_{iso}(\text{O4}) = U_{iso}(\text{O5}) = U_{iso}(\text{O6})$ (Table 4).
290 Conversely, the fractional coordinate distances were refined without any constraint, and
291 the cation-anion distances were determined accordingly.

292 The structural results can be compared with those of the trigonal phlogopite samples from
293 Traversella (*Phl-TR*) and from Uganda (*Phl-UG*). In *Phl-TR* $\langle\text{M1-O}\rangle$ is 2.079 \AA , and
294 2.072(6) \AA in *Phl-UG*. In both samples, $\langle\text{M1-O}\rangle$ s are not significantly different from
295 $\langle\text{M2-O}\rangle$ and $\langle\text{M3-O}\rangle$. Conversely, the trigonal phlogopite sample investigated here,
296 exhibits $\langle\text{M1-O}\rangle$ of 2.245(3) \AA , some 10% longer than $\langle\text{M2-O}\rangle = 1.991(8) \text{\AA}$ and $\langle\text{M3-}$
297 $\text{O}\rangle = 2.052(8) \text{\AA}$ (Table S4).

298 The occupancy factors of Fe-Al-Mg-Si in the tetrahedral and octahedral sites were not
299 refined and the cations were arranged according to a completely disordered distribution.
300 Only the number of electrons in the interlayer site was refined, as 16.9(2) e .

301 Comparing the distortion parameters (Table S5) with those reported for *Phl-TR/UG*, *Phl-*
302 *3T* is more strained. Such an aspect is more marked in *Phl-UG*. The major distortions are
303 not related to bond lengths, but mainly to angular values, thus suggesting that the structure
304 strain is probably due to the *Phl-3T*'s growth process, which took place as a progressive
305 substitution of the pre-existing framework of *Phe-3T*.

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307 3.1.3 *Phl-1M*

308 Only a few specimens of monoclinic *quasi*-exsolved phase were found in the hosting
309 phengite. Using the largest one we performed single crystal X-ray diffraction experiments
310 with a satisfactory number of reflections. The structure refinement in the S.G. *C2/m*
311 converged to $R \sim 4.78\%$ (Table S3).

312 The cell parameters ($a = 5.3195(13) \text{ \AA}$, $b = 9.2117(12) \text{ \AA}$, $c = 10.210(3) \text{ \AA}$, $\beta = 100.04(2)^\circ$,
313 $V = 492.7(2) \text{ \AA}^3$; Table S4) are in excellent agreement with the ones of *Phl-3T* ($a =$
314 $5.318(1) \text{ \AA}$, $c = 30.21(2) \text{ \AA}$; $c_{(1M)} \times \sin \beta_{(1M)} = 30.16 \text{ \AA}$).

315 Average bond distances $\langle \text{T-O} \rangle_{1M} = 1.652(1) \text{ \AA}$, $\langle \text{M-O} \rangle_{1M} = 2.074(1) \text{ \AA}$ and $\langle \text{I-O} \rangle_{1M} =$
316 $3.159(1) \text{ \AA}$ are very similar to the corresponding values in *Phl-3T* sample (Tables S3 and
317 S4). The two M-O distances are meaningfully different from one another ($\langle \text{M1-O} \rangle =$
318 $2.088(1)$; $\langle \text{M2-O} \rangle = 2.061(1) \text{ \AA}$), but the refined electron content (14.17(14) and
319 14.18(12) e for M1 and M2, respectively) does not indicate any cation order.

320 *Phl-1M* yields bond-lengths, bond-angles and distortion parameters ($\alpha=8.00^\circ$, $\Delta z=0.01 \text{ \AA}$;
321 $\Delta_{\text{TM}} = 0.44 \text{ \AA}$, $\text{BLD}_{\text{M1}} = 0.76\%$, $\text{BLD}_{\text{M2}} = 0.80\%$, $J_{\text{M1}} = 0.00^\circ$ and $J_{\text{M2}} = 0.88^\circ$; Table S5) in
322 agreement with those reported in literature on phlogopite *1M* (Brigatti and Guggenheim,
323 2002).

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325 4. Discussion

326

327 4.1 Mass balance calculation

328 The rock containing the studied micas and quartz is a thick metamorphic vein, similar to
329 those commonly observed in the Sulu UHP terrane. A not-weighted mass balance
330 calculation (Wright and Doherty, 1970) was used to provide the best match between the

331 sampled mineralogical assemblage and fluid alkali-alumino-silicate components that
332 mirror the bulk rock averaged compositions of the Sulu-vein (ASV), reduced to an
333 anhydrous major oxides system (Table 2):

$$334 \quad x_1 \text{Phe-3T} + x_2 \text{quartz} + x_3 \text{Phl-3T} + x_4 \text{Phl-1M} + x_5 \text{K-feldspar} = 1 \text{ASV} \quad (1)$$

335 where x_i represents the i -phase proportion. The solution is (least square residuum, $r^2=0.8$):

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$$337 \quad 0.574 \text{Phe-3T} + 0.488 \text{quartz} + (-0.049) \text{Phl-3T} + (-0.002) \text{Phl-1M} + (-0.001) \text{K-feldspar} = 1 \\ 338 \quad \text{ASV} \quad (2)$$

339 Eq.(2) demonstrates that ASV accounts for a phengite-quartz based rock and the occurrence
340 of phlogopite micas can be explained as an effect of disproportion in combination with a
341 supply of elements, *i.e.* Mg, Al and K, most probably solute components of alkali-alumino-
342 silicate aqueous solutions at high pressure rock-fluid interactions.

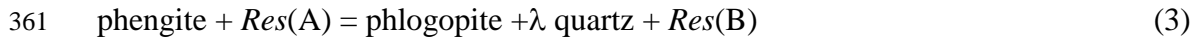
343 Such results agree with the observed petrographic characteristics of the vein fragment from
344 which the studied micas were extracted: (1) phengite and quartz are comparably
345 proportioned in the rock; (2) the negative phase proportion coefficients suggest that
346 phlogopites are *per force* scarce and only occur as *quasi-exsolved* phases, in combination
347 with an elemental supply from alkali-alumino-silicate high pressure fluids; (3) K-feldspar
348 is modally absent in the fragment, as the negligible resulting negative proportion (*i.e.* -
349 0.001) suggests.

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351 4.2 *P-T-X Equilibrium phases in an open system*

352 The coexistence of *Phe-3T*, *Phl-3T* and *Phl-1M* micas cannot be reduced to bare exsolving
353 reactions in a closed system and a contribution from an “external chemical supplier”, *i.e.* a
354 “reservoir”, has to be taken into account (eq.(2)). Therefore, the reactions were modelled

355 in terms of an open system. Following Merli et al. (2017), the “reservoir” is now seen as a
 356 matter exchanger, whose composition, addressed by $Res(A/B)$, encompasses all the
 357 potential solids and fluids taking part in the petrogenetic reactions, but micas and quartz.
 358 A/B are used to indicate a specific chemical condition of the reservoir. In this case, we
 359 modelled the reaction process from phengite to phlogopite with the following
 360 transformation:



362 where λ is related to the amount of quartz exsolved from the reacting phengite, *i.e.* $\lambda \approx 0.46$.

363 The equilibrium conditions of the assemblage require that

$$364 \Delta G = G(\text{phengite}) + G[Res(A)] - G(\text{phlogopite}) - G[Res(B)] - \lambda G(\text{quartz}) =$$

$$365 G(\text{phengite}) - G(\text{phlogopite}) - \lambda G(\text{quartz}) + \{G[Res(A)] - G[Res(B)]\} =$$

$$366 G(\text{phengite}) - G(\text{phlogopite}) - \lambda G(\text{quartz}) + \delta G[Res] = 0, \quad (4)$$

367 where G is the molar Gibbs energy of a given phase, *i.e.* its chemical potential, and
 368 $\delta G[Res]$ is the molar Gibbs energy difference between $Res(A)$ and $Res(B)$. Phengite and
 369 phlogopite refer to $Phe-3T$ and $Phl-3T$, respectively.

370 The Gibbs energy of a phase at given P - T conditions can be determined by two distinct
 371 integrations, one along an isobar at P_0 and the other along an isotherm at T , *i.e.*

$$372 G(P, T) = G(P_0, T_0) - \int_{T_0}^T S(P_0, T') dT' + \int_{P_0}^P V(P', T) dP' \quad (5)$$

373 where P_0 and T_0 are in general reference pressure and temperature (for explicit calculations
 374 refer to Pavese and Diella, 2007), here corresponding to room pressure and temperature.

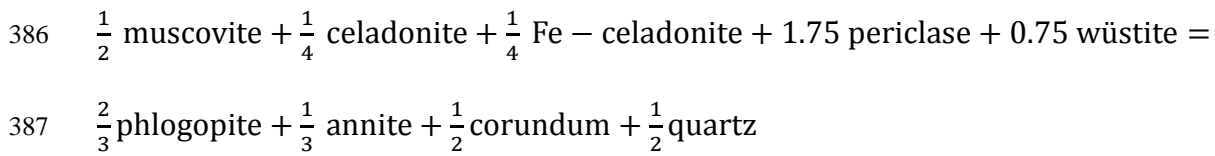
375 Equation (5) can be written as

$$376 \Delta G(P, T) = \Delta G(P_0, T_0) + \Delta I_{T-T_0} + \Delta I_{T-T_0, \text{config}} + \Delta I_{P-P_0}. \quad (6)$$

377 where $\Delta G(P_0, T_0)$ is the formation energy with respect to the standard state of the
 378 constituent oxides. ΔI_{P-P_0} is due to the solid phases of eq. (4), *i.e.* micas and quartz, and it

379 can be determined by means of the equations of state of the involved minerals. We used a
 380 third order Birch-Murnaghan P - V - T relationship and thermo-elastic parameters from
 381 Amisano-Canesi et al. (1994); Angel et al. (1997); Chon et al. (2003, 2006); Comodi et
 382 al. (1999); Curetti et al. (2006); Gatta et al. (2009, 2011), Gemmi et al. (2008). Hazen
 383 and Finger (1978); Russell and Guggenheim (1999); Takeda and Morosin (1975) and
 384 Ventruti et al. (2009).

385 $\Delta G(P_0, T_0) + I_{T-T_0}$ were estimated by the reaction:



388 taking the Gibbs energy of formation and heat capacity at constant pressure from Holland
 389 and Powell (1998). The $\Delta G(P_0, T_0) + I_{T-T_0}$ is modest and weakly dependent on T in the
 390 investigated 770-1200 K thermal range. In was therefore approximated by a constant as
 391 large as 13 kJ/mol. However, taking into account the high degree of approximation, we
 392 assumed a confidence range from 10 to 15 kJ/mol, and explored its limits. Lastly,
 393 $\Delta I_{T-T_0, \text{config}}$ is due to the configuration contribution to entropy, S_{config} , which is calculated
 394 as follows:

395
$$S_{\text{config}} = -R \sum_{j=1}^{\text{sites}} \sum_{\alpha=1}^{\text{chemical species}} p_{j,\alpha} \ln (p_{j,\alpha})$$

396 where R is the universal gas constant and $p_{j,\alpha}$ is the occupancy factor of the α -species at
 397 the j^{th} -sites. In figure 6 we display the P - T loci (GPa and °C) of equilibrium for reaction
 398 (4), with $\Delta G(P_0, T_0) + I_{T-T_0}$ equal to 10 and 15 kJ/mol, respectively.

399 The intersection between the equilibrium P - T locus and the supposed P - T metamorphic
 400 path of OH-rich quartzite from Sulu UHP terrane from Frezzotti et al. (2007) occurs at $P \approx$
 401 2.4 ± 0.2 GPa and $T \approx 700$ °C. Such a result is consistent with the observation of Hermann

402 and Green (2001), if the phengite existence curve of the quoted authors is extrapolated to
403 700 °C.

404 On the basis of petrological data, stable isotope geothermometry and theoretical phase
405 relationships of quartzites from Sulu terrane, the UHP fluids composition estimated by
406 Frezzotti et al. (2007) is an intermediate alkali-alumino-silicate aqueous solutions (H₂O
407 ~50 wt %), that constrains the metamorphic peak at $P \sim 3.5$ PGa and $T \sim 780$ °C .

408 The obvious compositional similarity between the quartzites investigated by Frezzotti et al.
409 (2007) and the Sulu vein of this study allowed us to state that the calculated P-T conditions
410 for phlogopite growth in a SiO₂ oversaturated system indicate at a region that reflects early
411 stages of exhumation, close to the metamorphic peak (Fig. 6).

412

413 **5. Conclusions**

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415 The main purpose of this work was to study the rare coexistence of dioctahedral mica and
416 trioctahedral *quasi*-exsolutions observed in a thick quartz+phengite metamorphic vein
417 found in the northern part of Sulu UHP metamorphic terrane, of Donghai County (eastern
418 China).

419 The process leading to such an assemblage is described as a “*quasi*-exsolution” process
420 and it is constituted by non-isochemical exsolution . The composition change is due to an
421 external supplier.

422 The reaction process from phengite to phlogopite favours /requires the exsolution of
423 quartz. Because of the trigonal structure provided from phengite, the *quasi*-exsolved
424 phlogopite crystallised as 3*T*-polytype, which is unusual for trioctahedral micas.

425 Mass balance calculations suggest that the phengite-quartz based rock and the occurrence
426 of phlogopite micas can be explained as an effect of disproportion in combination with a

427 supply of elements, *i.e.* Mg, Al and K, from alkali-alumino-silicate high pressure fluids,
428 that mirror the bulk Sulu vein composition.

429 The calculated equilibrium *P-T locus* of phengite-phlogopite-quartz reaction intersects the
430 *P-T* metamorphic path at $P \approx 2.4 \pm 0.2$ GPa and $T \approx 700$ °C, indicating an early stage of
431 exhumation, close to the metamorphic peak of the Sulu UHP terrane.

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678 **Figure 1.** Simplified geologic sketch map of the Sulu orogen showing major tectonic units.
679 YQWF, Yantai-Qingdao-Wulian fault White circles mark the location of labelled towns
680 (from Mattinson et al., 2004 and Zhang et al., 2005, modified); The phengite+quartz
681 metamorphic vein was excavated at Qinglongshan (evidenced in the map), in the Donghai
682 County.

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684 **Figure 2.** Optical micrograph (plane polarised light) of Fe-phlogopite *quasi*-exsolution
685 (brown colour) developed in pyramidal form (its thickness increases toward the centre),
686 with several evident growth stages.

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688 **Figure 3.** Optical micrographs of mica *quasi*-exsolutions and quartz crystals in trigonal
689 phengite observed under plane polarised (a) light and crossed polarised (b) lights,
690 respectively. The *quasi*-exsolution is apparent in (a) (darker portions) while the mica-
691 quartz reaction is amplified in (b) (white portions).

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693 **Figure 4.** Mössbauer spectrum collected on *Phe-3T* sample. The peaks are fitted with three
694 doublets and they indicate that 57(1)% of the total Fe is trivalent, 43(1)% bivalent
695 (parameters in [Table S1](#)).

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698 **Figure 5.** Changes of chemical composition from *Phe-3T* to *Phl-3T*; (a) schematic
699 representation of the analysed sample and location of the analysis points. (b) The
700 histogram reports the variation by weight % of the principal oxides; approaching the *quasi*-
701 exsolved phases, Si and Al decrease, while Fe and Mg increase.

702

703 **Figure 6.** Pressure-temperature loci of equilibrium for the phengite-phlogopite-quartz
704 reaction (eq. 2). The cases of $\Delta G(P_0, T_0) + I_{T-T_0}$ equal to 10 and 15 kJ/mol are shown.
705 The blue line represents the Sulu UHP-HP metamorphic P - T evolution stages from the
706 prograde metamorphic peak at $P \sim 3.5$ GPa and $T \sim 780$ °C (large blue square) to the late
707 stage of exhumation $P \sim 0.3$ GPa and $T \sim 400$ °C (small blue square). The intersection of
708 the calculated equilibrium P - T locus of phengite-phlogopite-quartz reaction with the
709 metamorphic path (from Frezzotti et al., 2007) is marked by the blue box.

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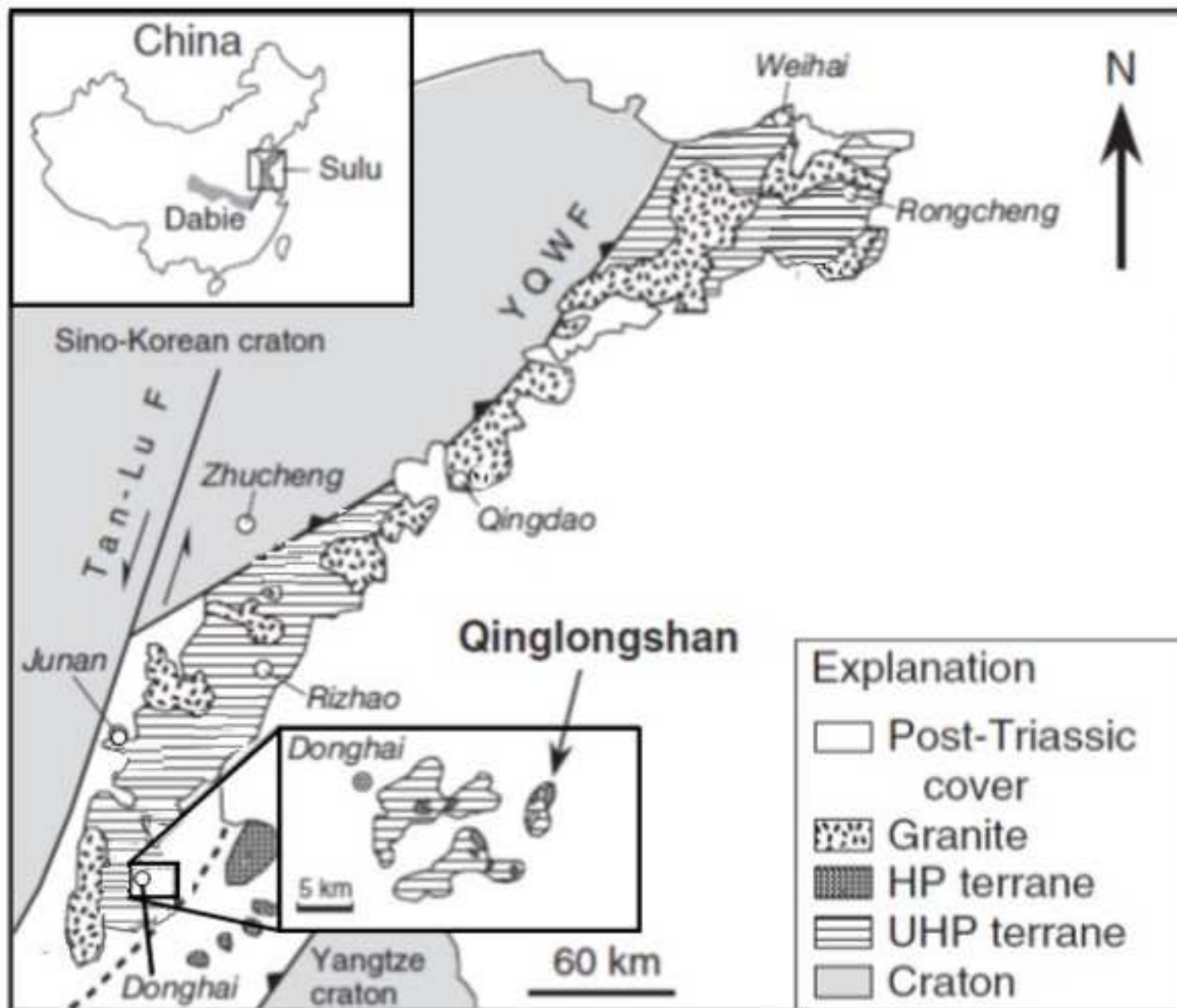


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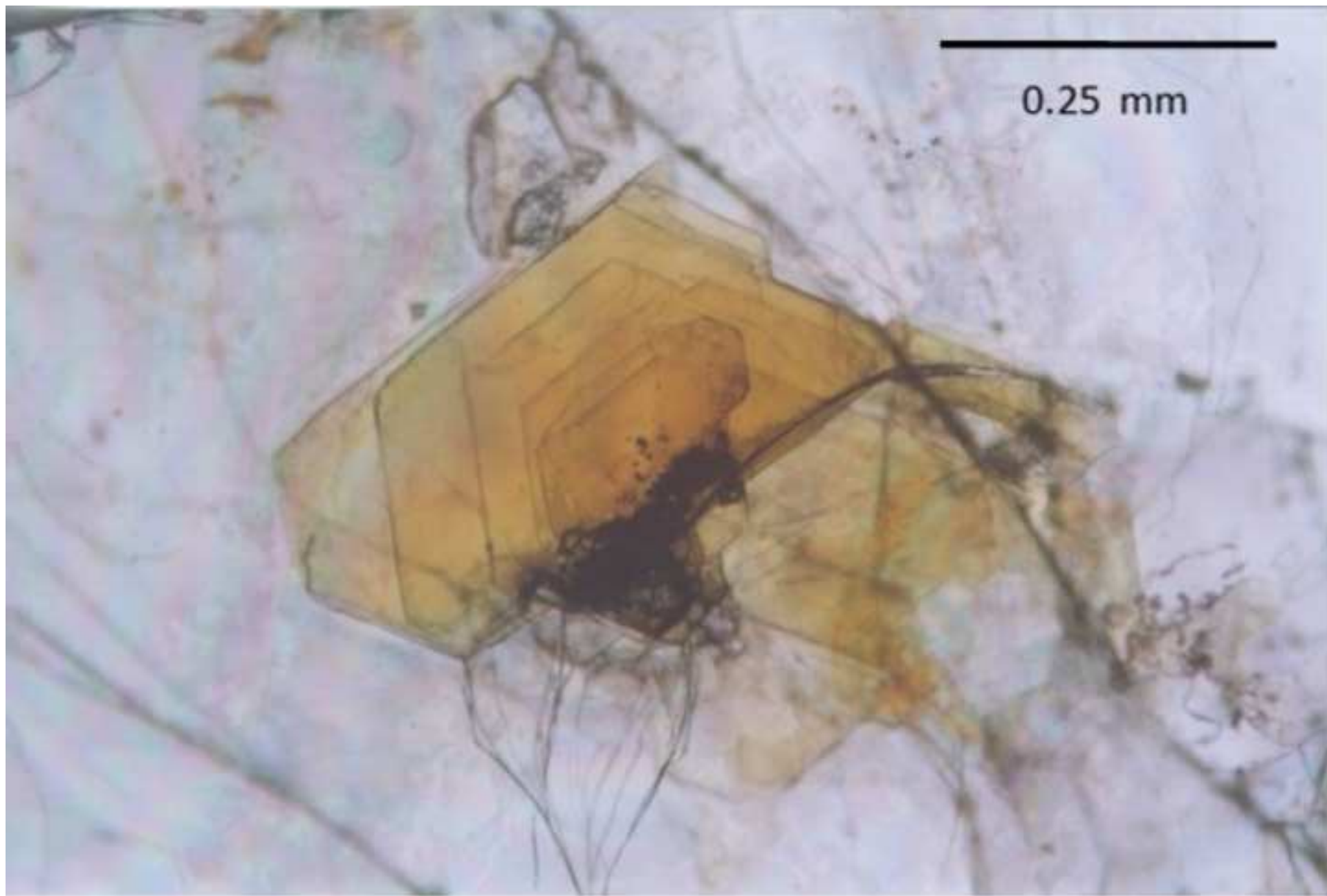


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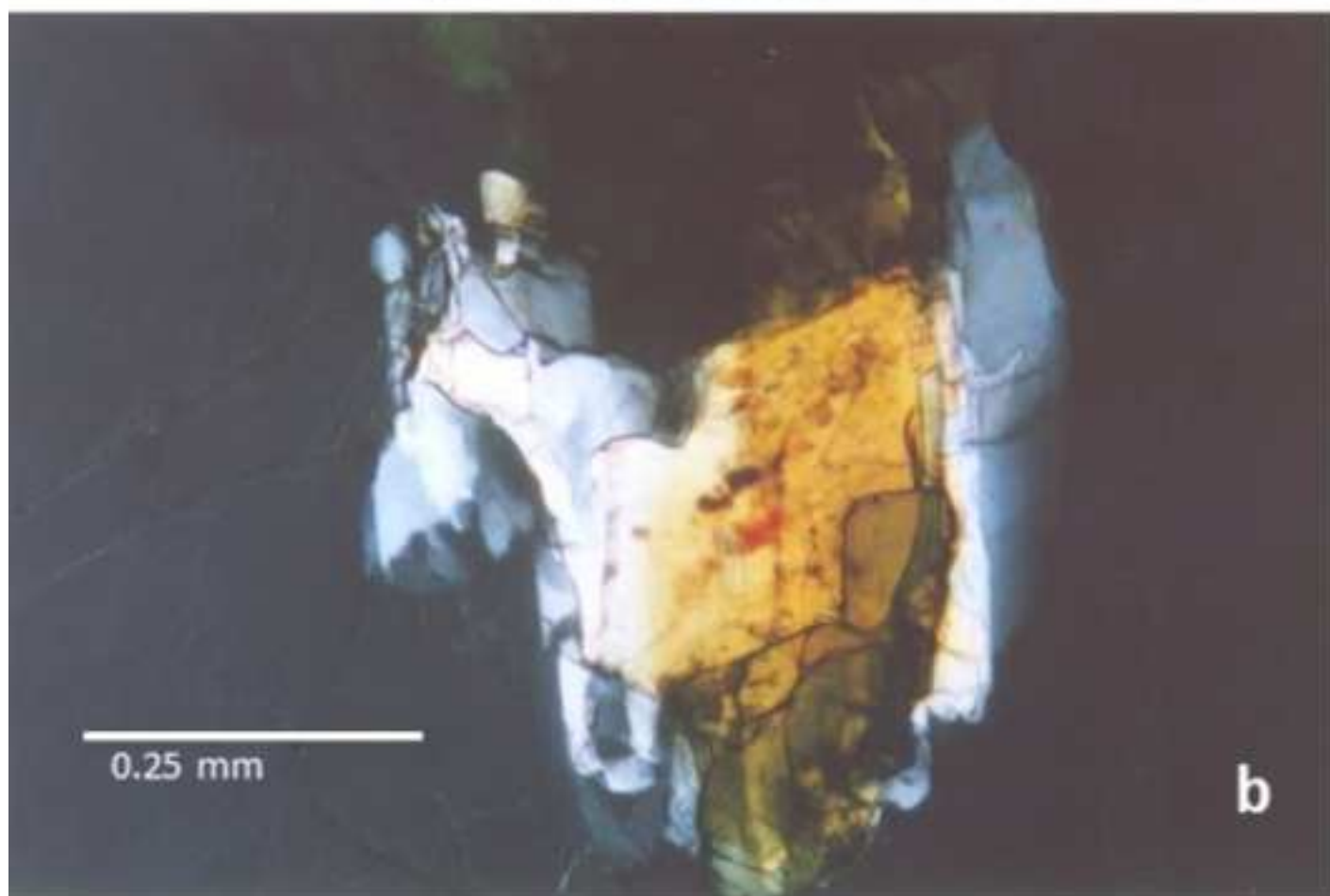
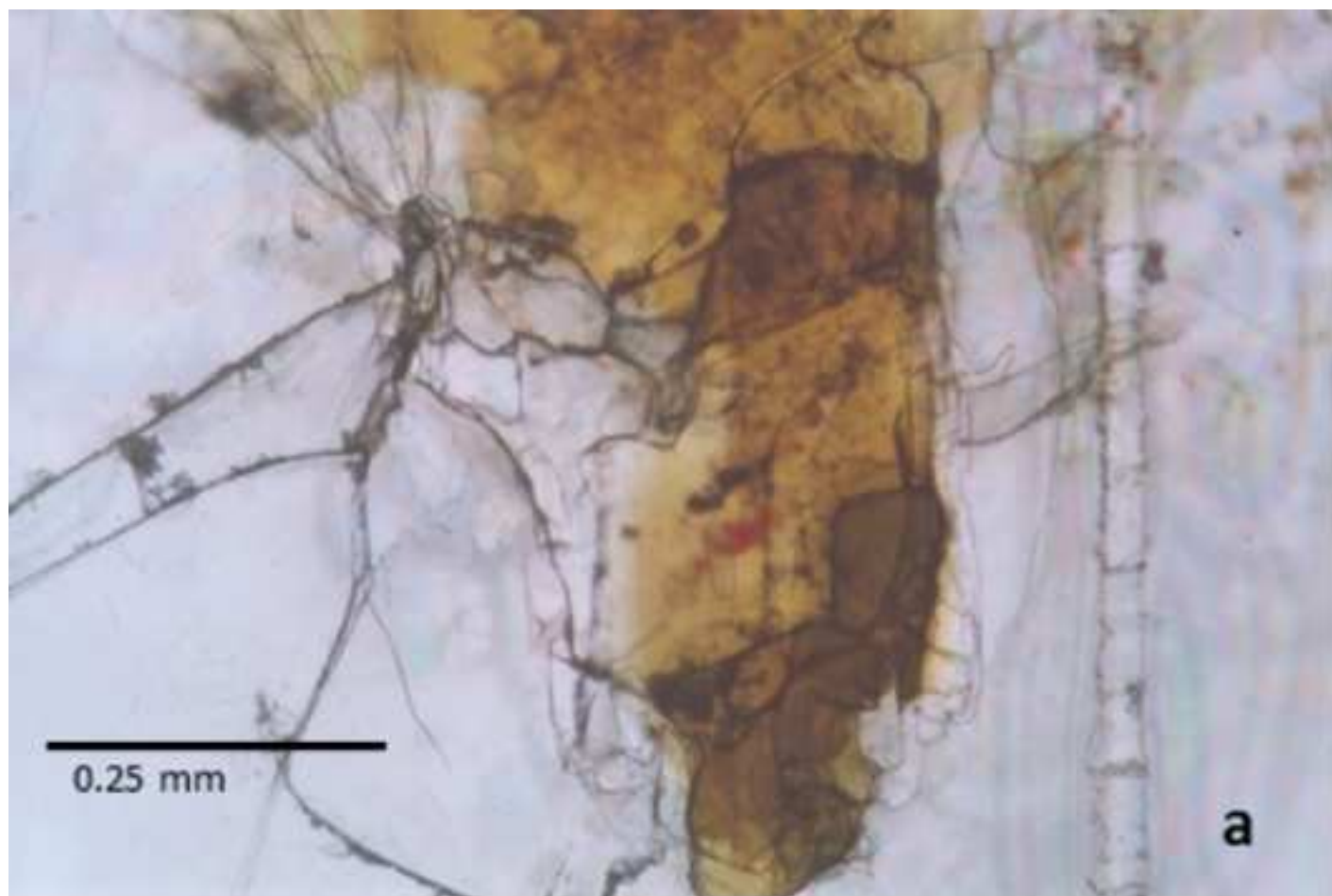


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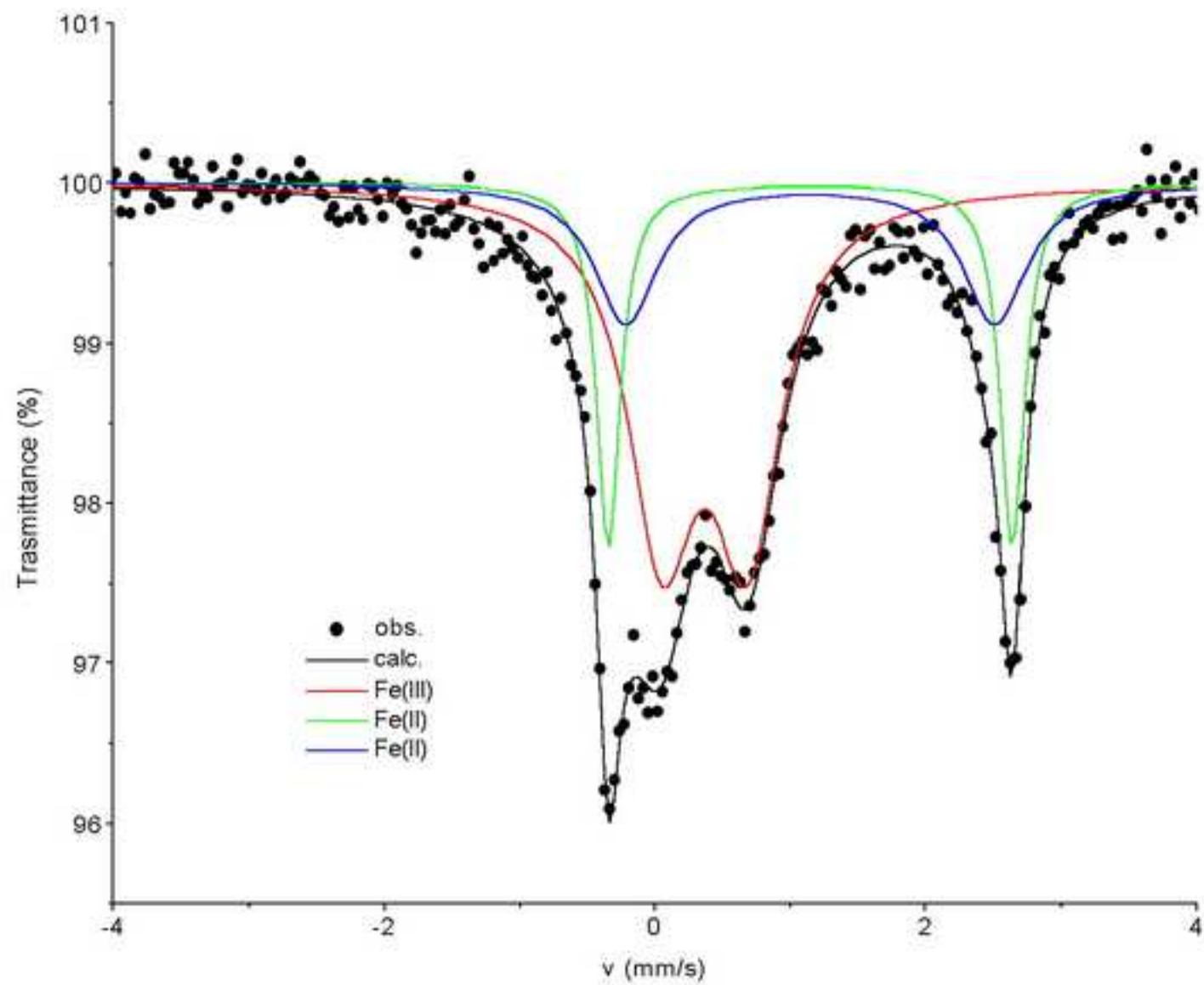


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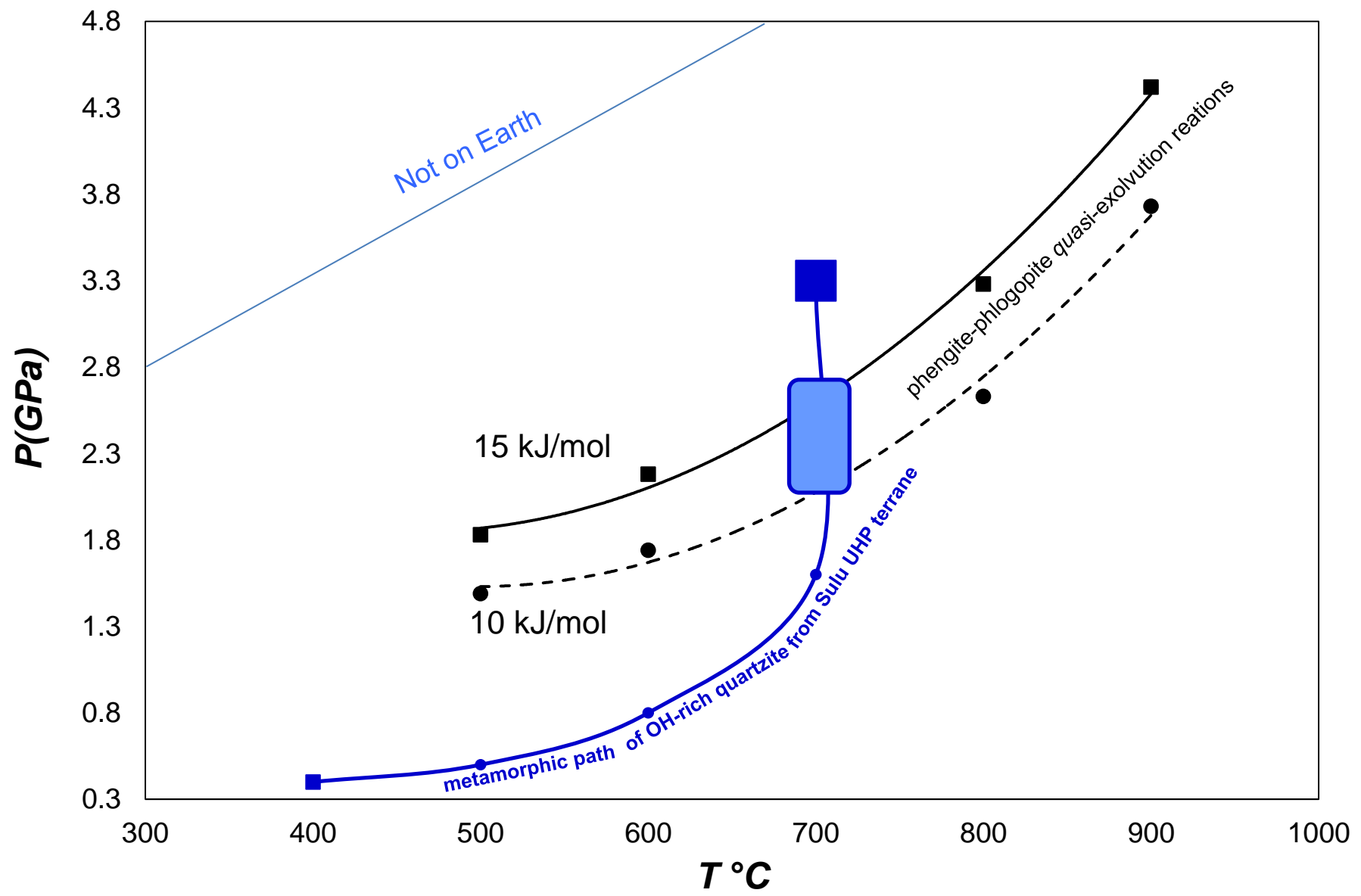


Table 1[Click here to download Table: Table_1.docx](#)**Table 1.** Major element analyses (% by weight) of Phe-3T and *quasi-exsolved* Phl-phases determined by EMP

Sample	Phe-3T		phl-3T		phl-1M	
No. of crystals	4		5		9	
No. of analyses	24		15		9	
SiO ₂	50.76	(49.00-51.69)	39.35	(38.27-40.50)	37.80	(37.07-38.75)
Al ₂ O ₃	23.44	(21.73-25.04)	15.00	(14.88-15.93)	14.87	(13.98-15.75)
K ₂ O	10.83	(9.90-11.31)	7.96	(7.69-8.35)	8.76	(8.06-9.98)
Na ₂ O	0.04	(0.01-0.08)	0.04	(0.00-0.07)	0.03	(0.00-0.08)
CaO	0.00	(0.00-0.00)	0.00	(0.00-0.00)	0.16	(0.10-0.24)
BaO	0.25	(0.16-0.35)	0.03	(0.00-0.16)	0.00	(0.00-0.00)
MgO	4.02	(3.73-4.40)	13.10	(12.70-13.36)	12.58	(12.32-12.81)
FeO	1.92	(1.75-2.21)	14.22	(13.26-14.91)	16.40	(16.03-16.76)
Fe ₂ O ₃	2.53	(2.30-2.94)	-	-	-	-
TiO ₂	0.48	(0.42-0.55)	1.10	(0.67-1.29)	0.99	(0.90-1.04)
MnO	0.00	(0.00-0.00)	0.05	(0.00-0.11)	0.07	(0.00-0.13)
F ⁻	0.00	(0.00-0.00)	0.92	(0.00-1.82)	0.00	(0.00-0.00)
Cl ⁻	0.00	(0.00-0.00)	0.02	(0.00-0.05)	0.00	(0.00-0.00)
Total	94.27	(90.40-96.78)	92.03	(90.22-93.71)	91.73	(90.73-93.29)
a.p.f.u.						
Si ⁴⁺	3.46	(3.42-3.55)	2.97	(2.96-3.17)	2.88	(2.84-3.02)
Al ³⁺	1.89	(1.78-1.98)	1.33	(1.31-1.48)	1.33	(1.28-1.44)
K ⁺	0.94	(0.88-0.99)	0.77	(0.76-0.83)	0.85	(0.80-0.98)
Na ⁺	0.01	(0.00-0.01)	0.01	(0.00-0.01)	0.00	(0.00-0.01)
Ca ²⁺	0.00	(0.00-0.00)	0.00	(0.00-0.00)	0.01	(0.01-0.02)
Ba ²⁺	0.01	(0.00-0.01)	0.00	(0.00-0.00)	0.00	(0.00-0.00)
Mg ²⁺	0.41	(0.38-0.45)	1.47	(1.43-1.59)	1.43	(1.39-1.49)
Fe ²⁺	0.11	(0.10-0.17)	0.39	(0.36-0.43)	0.45	(0.42-0.48)
Fe ³⁺	0.13	(0.12-0.19)	0.46	(0.41-0.50)	0.53	(0.49-0.56)
Ti ⁴⁺	0.02	(0.02-0.03)	0.06	(0.04-0.07)	0.06	(0.05-0.06)
Mn ²⁺	0.00	(0.00-0.00)	0.00	(0.00-0.02)	0.00	(0.00-0.01)
F ⁻	0.00	(0.00-0.00)	0.22	(0.00-0.47)	0.00	(0.00-0.00)
Cl ⁻	0.00	(0.00-0.00)	0.00	(0.00-0.01)	0.00	(0.00-0.00)
Σcat	6.98	(6.95-7.02)	7.46	(7.40-7.99)	7.56	(7.51-7.86)
Σcat ^{VI}	2.02	(1.99-2.05)	2.69	(2.55-2.98)	2.69	(2.60-2.92)

The a.p.f.u. have been calculated on the basis of 22 negative charges. Fe²⁺ and Fe³⁺ are determined using Mössbauer spectroscopy results (see supplementary materials Table S2)

Maximum and minimum observed values as in brackets; the bottom lines: the sum of total cations (Σcat) and of octahedral cations (Σcat^{VI}).

Table 2[Click here to download Table: Table _2.docx](#)**Table 2:** Major element compositions (wt%) of phases and bulk rock used in mass balance calculations.

	<i>Phe-3T</i>	<i>Phl-3T</i>	<i>Phl-1M</i>	*Qtz	*K-Feld	ASV
SiO ₂	54.13	43.35	41.27	100	63.78	76.30
TiO ₂	0.51	1.21	1.08		0.00	0.19
Al ₂ O ₃	25.00	16.53	16.24		20.46	13.31
FeO	4.48	15.67	17.91		0.24	2.58
MgO	4.29	14.43	13.74		0.00	1.06
CaO	0.00	0.00	0.17		0.51	0.99
Na ₂ O	0.04	0.04	0.03		1.53	0.99
K ₂ O	11.55	8.77	9.56		13.47	4.57

* = quartz (Qtz) and K-feldspar (K-feld) compositions are from metamorphic veins of Sulu -UHP terrains (Wang et al., 2014; Frezzotti et al., 2007)

AVS: bulk rock averaged compositions of Sulu metamorphic veins (Wang et al., 2014; Frezzotti et al 2007)

Supplementary : S1

Single crystal X-ray diffraction data collection and refinement conditions.

	<i>Phe-3T</i>	<i>phl-3T</i>	<i>phl-1M</i>
<i>a</i> (Å)	5.2248(6)	5.3166(5)	5.3195(13)
<i>b</i> (Å)	-	-	9.2117(12)
<i>c</i> (Å)	29.737(5)	30.21(2)	10.210(3)
β (°)	-	-	100.04(2)
<i>V</i> (Å ³)	703.1(3)	739.00(12)	492.7(2)
Space Group	<i>P3₁12</i>	<i>P3₁12</i>	<i>C2/m</i>
<i>Z</i>	3	3	2
Radiation	MoK α	MoK α	MoK α
Monochromator	graphite	graphite	graphite
2 θ -range (°)	70.00	64.32	70.02
Independ. Refl.	2088	1281	966
$ F_o > 4\sigma(F_o)$	1828	753	750
Goodness of fit	1.172	2.633	1.066
R [$ F_o > 4\sigma(F_o)$]	3.50	8.50	4.78
R (all data)	4.34	12.00	8.73
Refined parameters	97	33	57

Table S2.

Mössbauer spectrum refinement results for the sample *Phe-3T*. From left to right: label of the doublet (with reference to Fig.5); chemical shift, δ ; quadrupole splitting, ΔE_Q ; linewidth, Γ ; area proportions of each doublet; attribution to Fe^{2+} and Fe^{3+} corresponding number of atom in a formula unit; * marks the not-refined value.

<i>Doublet</i>	δ (mm/s)	ΔE_Q (mm/s)	Γ (mm/s)	<i>A</i> (%)	χ^2	<i>Attribution</i>	<i>a.p.f.u.</i>
A	0.37±0.01	0.63±0.01	0.60±0.02	57±1	1.00	Fe(III) ott.	0.13
B	1.15±0.01	2.98±0.01	0.21±0.02	21±1		Fe(II) ott.	0.05
C	1.15*	2.73±0.08	0.56±0.07	22±1		Fe(II) ott.	0.06

Table S3 Refined number of electrons (e^-), atom positions (xyz) and isotropic equivalent displacement factors (U_{eq}). *Phe-3T*, first line; *Phl-3T*, second line; *Phl-1M*, third line; esd's values between brackets.

Atom	e^-	x	y	z	U_{eq}
I	19.2(1)	0.1278(1)	0.2556(2)	0.16667	0.0268(2)
	16.9(2)	0.108(1)	0.217(3)	0.16667	0.0267(9)
	17.85(18)	0.00000	0.50000	0.00000	0.0394(5)
M1	0.3(1)	0.11(3)	0.55(1)	0.00000	-
	-	0.146(2)	0.573(1)	0.00000	0.0100(4)
	14.17(14)	0.00000	0.00000	0.50000	0.0095(3)
M2	14.3(2)	0.7976(2)	0.8988(1)	0.00000	0.0099(3)
	-	0.805(2)	0.9024(9)	0.00000	0.0100(4)
	14.18(12)	0.00000	0.3338(1)	0.50000	0.0090(2)
M3	14.7(2)	0.4550(2)	0.2275(1)	0.00000	0.0104(3)
	-	0.473(3)	0.237(1)	0.00000	0.0100(4)
	-	-	-	-	-
T1	-	0.7863(1)	0.5811(1)	0.09034(2)	0.0099(2)
	-	0.789(3)	0.559(3)	0.0900(6)	0.0053(4)
	-	0.0759(2)	0.16716(8)	0.22616(9)	0.0158(2)
T2	-	0.4680(1)	0.9215(1)	0.09037(2)	0.0098(2)
	-	0.457(2)	0.905(2)	0.0924(4)	0.0053(4)
	-	-	-	-	-
O1	-	0.6543(5)	0.7773(5)	0.11294(6)	0.0160(3)
	-	0.648(7)	0.755(6)	0.1103(9)	0.0038(6)
	-	0.0158(7)	0.00000	0.1705(4)	0.0264(7)
O2	-	0.1272(5)	0.7168(5)	0.10722(6)	0.0172(3)
	-	0.118(7)	0.690(6)	0.1103(9)	0.0038(6)
	-	0.3261(5)	0.2297(3)	0.1684(3)	0.0254(5)
O3	-	0.6004(5)	0.2506(6)	0.11251(6)	0.0169(3)
	-	0.571(7)	0.232(8)	0.109(1)	0.0038(6)
	-	0.1314(5)	0.1687(2)	0.3912(3)	0.0175(4)
O4	-	0.7513(5)	0.5671(5)	0.03590(6)	0.0138(3)
	-	0.760(4)	0.559(4)	0.038(1)	0.0038(6)
	-	0.1286(7)	0.50000	0.3989(4)	0.0200(6)
O5	-	0.5024(5)	0.9406(4)	0.03603(6)	0.0145(3)
	-	0.521(8)	0.954(9)	0.035(1)	0.0038(6)
	-	-	-	-	-
O6	-	0.1249(6)	0.1908(5)	0.03492(6)	0.0189(5)
	-	0.150(4)	0.230(4)	0.036(6)	0.0038(6)
	-	-	-	-	-
H (<i>Phe-3T</i>)	-	0.11(2)	0.32(2)	0.039(3)	0.021(9)

Table S4. Cation-oxygen bond lengths in *Phe-3T*, *Phl-3T* and *Phl-1M*. Estimated standard deviations in parentheses.

	<i>Phe-3T</i>	<i>Phl-3T</i>	<i>Phl-1M</i>	
T1-O1 Å	1.638(2)	1.673(10)	T1-O1 Å	1.6536(12)
T1-O2 Å	1.631(2)	1.638(9)	T1-O2 Å	1.651(2)
T1-O3 Å	1.636(2)	1.649(11)	T1-O2 Å	1.6558(19)
T1-O4 Å	1.619(2)	1.564(11)	T1-O3 Å	1.649(2)
<T1-O> Å	1.631(1)	1.631(10)	<T1-O> Å	1.652(1)
T2-O1 Å	1.616(2)	1.668(10)	-	-
T2-O2 Å	1.638(2)	1.669(9)	-	-
T2-O3 Å	1.631(2)	1.618(4)	-	-
T2-O5 Å	1.638(2)	1.760(20)	-	-
<T2-O> Å	1.631(1)	1.679(10)	-	-
M1-O4 Å (x2)	2.18(7)	2.326(11)	M1-O3 Å (x2)	2.0998(18)
M1-O5 Å (x2)	2.29(7)	2.273(18)	M1-O3 Å (x2)	2.0998(18)
M1-OH Å (x2)	2.202(3)	2.136(15)	M1-OH Å (x2)	2.064(3)
<M1-O> Å	2.22(2)	2.245(10)	<M1-O> Å	2.088(1)
M2-O4 Å (x2)	1.943(2)	2.000(13)	M2-O3 Å (x2)	2.075(2)
M2-O5 Å (x2)	1.951(2)	1.95(3)	M2-O3 Å (x2)	2.078(2)
M2-OH Å (x2)	1.981(2)	2.022(12)	M2-OH Å (x2)	2.030(2)
<M2-O> Å	1.958(1)	1.991(8)	<M2-O> Å	2.061(1)
M3-O4 Å (x2)	1.956(2)	2.077(10)	-	-
M3-O5 Å (x2)	1.966(2)	1.98(3)	-	-
M3-OH Å (x2)	1.994(2)	2.100(9)	-	-
<M3-O> Å	1.972(1)	2.052(8)	-	-
I-O1 Å (x2)	2.980(2)	2.987(6)	I-O1 Å (x2)	2.982(3)
I-O2 Å (x2)	3.016(2)	3.018(9)	I-O2 Å (x2)	2.974(2)
I-O3 Å (x2)	2.981(2)	2.965(14)	I-O2 Å (x2)	2.974(2)
<I-O> _{in} Å	2.992(1)	2.990(4)	<I-O> _{in} Å	2.977(1)
I-O1 Å (x2)	3.143(2)	3.332(6)	I-O1 Å (x2)	3.351(3)
I-O2 Å (x2)	3.279(2)	3.297(7)	I-O2 Å (x2)	3.335(2)
I-O3 Å (x2)	3.156(2)	3.366(14)	I-O2 Å (x2)	3.335(2)
<I-O> _{out} Å	3.193(1)	3.332(4)	<I-O> _{out} Å	3.340(1)
<I-O> _{tot} Å	3.093(1)	3.161(4)	<I-O> _{tot} Å	3.159(1)
$\Delta(I-O)_{in-out}$ Å	0.200(1)	0.342(1)	$\Delta(I-O)_{in-out}$ Å	0.364(1)

Table S5. Sheet thickness and principal distortion parameters in *Phe-3T*, *Phl-3T* and *Phl-1M*. Symbols: Thick: thickness; τ : tetrahedral elongation; α : ditrigonal rotation; Δz : tetrahedral tilting; Δ_{TM} : misfit between T and M sheets; Ψ : octahedral flattening; BLD: bond length distortion; TAV: tetrahedral angle variance; ELD: edge length distortion; J: counter rotation.

	<i>Phe-3T</i>	phl-3T	phl-1M
Thick (T) (Å)	2.241(2)	2.216(8)	2.261(3)
Thick (M) (Å)	2.131(2)	2.212(8)	2.161(3)
Thick (I) (Å)	3.305(2)	3.410(8)	3.453(3)
α (°)	4.48	7.52	8.00
Δz Å	0.15	0.01	0.01
Δ_{TM} Å	0.75	0.71	0.45
τ (T1) (°)	112.12	111.38	110.3
τ (T2) (°)	112.16	109.15	-
BLD% (T1)	0.35	2.05	0.14
BLD% (T2)	0.46	2.42	-
TAV (T1)	9.96	22.84	0.87
TAV (T2)	10.16	37.47	-
ELD% (T1)	1.44	1.80	0.62
ELD% (T2)	1.39	2.93	-
Ψ (M1) (°)	61.38	60.47	58.83
Ψ (M2) (°)	57.04	56.24	58.38
Ψ (M3) (°)	57.31	57.39	-
BLD (M1) (%)	1.98	3.22	0.76
BLD (M2) (%)	0.77	1.36	1.00
BLD (M3) (%)	0.76	2.35	-
BLD (I) (%)	3.23	5.41	2.31
J (M1) (°)	0.53	2.28	0.00
J (M2) (°)	12.19	11.83	0.88
J (M3) (°)	12.70	9.55	-
ELD% (M1)	14.79	6.70	5.31
ELD% (M2)	3.44	4.59	4.53
ELD% (M3)	6.48	5.77	-

