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Abstract

This study aims to unravel the impact of diagenetic alterations on porosity loss of forelandbasin turbiditic hybrid arenites and associated siliciclastic sandstones of the Eocene Hecho Group (south-central Pyrenees, Spain).

In this succession, hybrid arenites and calclithites are extensively cemented by mesogenetic calcite cement ($\delta^{18}O_{V-PDB}$ =-10.0% to -5.8%; T_h, mode= 80°C; salinity mode = 18.8 wt% eq. NaCl), Fe-dolomite ($\delta^{18}O_{V-PDB}$ = -8.5% to -6.3%) and trace amounts of siderite. The extent of carbonate cementation is interpreted to be related to the amounts of extrabasinal and intrabasinal carbonate grains, which provided nuclei and sources for the precipitation and growth of carbonate cements. Other diagenetic alterations, such as pyrite and albitization, had no impact on reservoir quality. Scarce early diagenetic cements, coupled with abundant ductile carbonate and siliciclastic framework grains, have led to rapid porosity loss owing to compaction. Conversely, abundant quartz in the sandstones prevented rapid loss of porosity by mechanical compaction.

Reservoir quality was affected by mesogenetic cementation by quartz overgrowths, calcite and dolomite intergranular pressure dissolution of quartz grains, and formation of fracture-filling calcite cement ($\delta^{18}O_{V-PDB}$ values from -10.4% to -7.8%; T_h temperatures of $\approx 150^{\circ}$ C), which

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are attributed to deep circulation of hot meteoric waters during extensional stages of tectonism. The results of this study illustrate that diagenetic evolution pathways of the arenites and sandstones are closely linked to the variation in detrital composition, particularly the proportion and types of extrabasinal noncarbonates, extrabasinal carbonates, and intrabasinal carbonate grains. These insights suggest that marine turbiditic hybrid arenites and calclithites of foreland basins are subjected to more rapid and extensive porosity loss owing to compaction and cementation than associated siliciclastic sandstones. Degradation of reservoir quality makes these hybrid arenites, calclithites, and sandstones suitable as tight gas reservoirs, but only if fracture porosity and permeability develop during tectonic deformation.

Keywords:

Arenites; Siliciclastic Sandstones; Foreland Basins; Eocene Hecho Group; Pyrenees; Spain; porosity loss; diagenetic evolution; carbonate cementation; Reservoir quality

I. Introduction

The diagenetic evolution of sandstones is complex and controlled by several interrelated parameters, including the tectonic setting of the basin and provenance (Morad *et al.* 2000), which exert a profound impact on the composition of the extrabasinal sand grains (Dickinson and Suczek 1979; Dickinson and Valloni 1980; Dickinson *et al.* 1983; Dickinson 1984; Lawton 1986; Schwab 1986). Although the impact of detrital composition on the mechanical and chemical stability and, hence, on burial diagenesis of sandstones is well documented (Bloch 1994), comparative diagenetic and related reservoir-quality evolution pathways of foreland-basin hybrid arenites and of closely associated siliciclastic sandstones are relatively poorly explored. Furthermore, only rarely is the diagenesis of such arenites integrated with the depositional facies and tectonostratigraphic evolution of the basins (*e.g.*, Scholle 1971; Spadafora *et al.* 1998).

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II. Geological background

The Pyrenees Mountains are an Alpine chain formed as a fold and thrust belt during the Late Cretaceous to early Miocene at the collision front between the Iberian and the Eurasian plates as a result of roughly north–south crustal contraction (Figure 1). At lithospheric scale, there are two main features (Muñoz 1992; Teixell 1998), including: (a) subducted Iberian lower crust beneath Eurasia, and (b) delaminated orogenic prism overlying the lower crust showing an asymmetric, fan-shaped body.

Within the orogenic prism, south-vergent structures dominate in number and extension, and form the south-Pyrenean zone, including the study area (Figure 1). Bedrock in this zone includes: (i) a Hercynian basement with granitoids and low-grade metamorphic rocks, (ii) a Mesozoic preorogenic sedimentary succession up to late Santonian, (iii) a synorogenic assemblage of Upper Cretaceous to lower Miocene sedimentary rocks, and (iv) a post-tectonic sedimentary succession, which is developed mostly in the Ebro basin (Figure 1).

The Eocene Hecho Group strata (Mutti *et al.* 1972) consist of a succession of turbidite systems filling a foredeep, here referred to as a turbidite wedge. The succession consists of five major unconformity-bounded tectonostratigraphic units, or TSUs (Remacha *et al.* 2003; Remacha *et al.* 2005), which reach a maximum thickness of about 4500 m (Figure 2). The boundaries between the TSUs record the main basin-modifying events and the greater stepwise depocentermigration onto the gently slopingmargin of the foreland basin (Figure 2). Consequently, the tectonic signature is expressed at the boundaries of the TSUs at south-central Pyrenees scale, with these unconformities extending into adjacent basins. Thus, the stratigraphic succession of TSUs within the turbidite basin represents the more practical division that is linking major units. The TSUs can also be expressed in both the time-equivalent fluviodeltaic domain (Figure 3), developed to the east on a thrust-top basin (Ager-Tremp-Graus Basin), and the associated carbonate ramps of the southern margin of the foreland basin.

The five turbidite wedges (TSUs) fill the basin floor of a series of successive narrow and elongated foredeeps that are strongly controlled by the tectonic evolution of the basin. Each wedge consists of two main growth stages (*cf.* Mutti *et al.* 1985a; Mutti *et al.* 1985b): a lower sandy stage (type I and II), transitionally evolving upward into a muddy stage (type III) (Figure 3). The sandy deposits have a single entry point to the southeast (submarine canyon head) with the inner segment of the foredeep trending north—south. In the youngest turbidite systems of TSU-5, the general sediment entry point is dominant yet there was a northern supply known as the Rapitán system (Remacha *et al.* 1995), located North of Jaca.

III. Methods

A total of 241 very fine- to coarse-grained arenite samples were collected from fresh outcrops of four turbidite systems (TSU2-TSU5) of the Hecho Group (Figures 4, 5). Samples include various depositional facies within the Hecho Group (*i.e.*, channel, channel-to-lobe transition, overbank, and sheetlike lobes; Figure 4A). Double-polished thin sections from each sample were stained for carbonates (alizarin red-s and potassium ferricyanide). Modal analyses from 84 representative samples (TSU-2: n = 6, TSU-3: n = 29, TSU-4: n = 25, and TSU-5: n = 21) with medium-sand median grain size (0.25–0.5 mm) and moderate to poor sorting were used to minimize compositional differences due to grain-size variations. Quantification of framework grains, porosity, and diagenetic minerals were obtained by counting 300 points per thin section. Modal abundances of framework grains are reported normalized to 100%, whereas abundances of diagenetic components and porosity are relative to total rock volume (*i.e.*, 300 counted points). Cathodoluminescence (CL) microscopy was carried out using a Technosyn 8200 MkII using 12-16 kV accelerating voltage, 300-350 µA beam current, and 0.2-0.1 Torr vacuum pressure. The chemical composition of carbonate cements was determined by electron microprobe analysis (EMP) using a JEOL JXA-8900 with four detectors. Double-polished samples were coated with carbon film. Microprobe operation conditions were 15 kV accelerating voltage, 20 nA beam current, and 10 µm beam size.

Detection limits were approximately 250 ppm for Mn, 200 ppm for Fe, 100 ppm for Mg, 400 ppm for Ca, and 270 ppm for Sr. For comparison purposes, the results were normalized to 100 mole % of CaCO₃, MgCO₃, FeCO₃, and MnCO₃.

Bulk-rock stable carbon and oxygen (δ^{13} C and δ^{18} O) isotope analyses were conducted on carbonate cement and detrital carbonate grains in 21 samples. Two steps of reaction with phosphoric acid were used to separate calcite (CO₂ extracted after three hours at 25°C) from dolomite (CO₂ extracted after 24 hours at 50°C) in whole-rock powders (Al-Aasm *et al.* 1990). Isotopic ratios are reported in per mil relative to the V-PDB standard. Values were calibrated using NBS-19 as the primary standard, and analytical precision was better than 0.05‰.

Thirty polished sections were studied for chemical composition of feldspars and were then examined in BSE images, using a JEOL JXA-8900 electron microprobe with four detectors (15 kV accelerating voltage, 21.5 nA beam current, and 5 μ m beam size). Fluid-inclusion microthermometry was carried out on a Linkam THMSG 600 heating–cooling stage attached to an Olympus BH-2 microscope equipped with a longfocal-distance lens (80 X). The apparatus was calibrated at low temperature by inclusion of pure CO₂ in topaz (-56.6°C) and synthetic inclusions of pure water in quartz (0.015°C) and at high temperature by known standard melting temperature provided by Merck. Vitrinite reflectance analyses included the measure of up to 100 points per sample in the organic matter. Vitrinite fragments displaying evidence of recycled origin were not observed in the studied samples.

IV. Results detrital composition

IV.1. Hybrid Arenites and Calclithites

Noncarbonate extrabasinal (NCE), carbonate extrabasinal (CE), and carbonate intrabasinal (CI) components (*sensu* Zuffa 1980) of the Hecho Group arenites (Figure 6A) reveal that TSU-3 (Torla, Broto, Gerbe, and Cotefablo turbitide systems), TSU-4 (Banastón turbitide system) and TSU-5 (Aínsa, Morillo, and Guaso turbitide systems) are made up of hybrid arenites (*sensu* Zuffa 1980) and calclithites (*sensu* Pettijohn *et al.* 1972). Calclithites are rich in CE grains, such as dolostones, dolomicrite, discrete rounded dolomite crystals with grain size similar to other grain types, grainstones, sparitic and micritic limestones, micritic fossiliferous limestones, and discrete sparitic crystals (Table 1). Hybrid arenites are characterized by the occurrence of CI grains, which include mainly Eocene foraminifera and skeletal fragments of shallow-water organisms (foramol facies), intraclasts, peloids, and phosphate fragments (Table 1).

Below, "hybrid arenites" refers to both hybrid arenites (*sensu stricto*) and calclithites to simplify the comparison of diagenetic processes affecting carbonate-rich arenites and siliciclastic sandstones.

Total feldspar content in the hybrid arenites is variable, from 1% to 18% (of total rock volume) but can reach up to 41% (Figure 6B). K-feldspar and plagioclase are partly replaced by clay minerals and carbonates. Kfeldspar content ranges from 1% up to 8%, (TSU-3, Torla), and plagioclase ranges from 1% to 16% (TSU-4, Banastón 1 and 2; Table 1). Monocrystalline quartz (16% to 28%) is more abundant than polycrystalline quartz grains (5% to 9%). Chert grains range in abundance from 1% to 3%, lithic rock fragments from 1% to 3%, and mica (dominantly muscovite) and heavy minerals are present in amounts less than 1%.

Abundance of the lithic rock fragments and extrabasinal CE (Figure 6C) increases upwards, from 41% in TSU-3 to 46% in TSU-4 to 55% in TSU-5 (Table 1). Lithic grains include metamorphic (MRF), plutonic (PRF), and sedimentary (SRF) rock fragments. The TSU-3 arenites contain dominantly SRF (up to 1%), whereas the TSU-4 and TSU-5 contain greater amounts of SRF (2% and 3%, respectively) and MRF (3% and 1%, respectively) than PRF (1% in TSU-4 and TSU-5). The MRF are of high-, medium-, and low-grade origins (phyllites and metasandstones). Sedimentary rock fragments, which dominate in TSU-3, are mainly sandstones, mudrocks, and chert. Other lithic grains include minor amounts of volcanic rock fragments, subvolcanic alkaline (basalt), and acidic (andesite–rhyolite), which are most abundant in TSU-5 (Table 1). Total feldspar content increases upwards, from 10% in TSU-3,

to 16% in TSU-4, to 16% in TSU-5, (Table 1). Abundance of monocrystalline and polycrystalline quartz grains decreases from TSU-3 to TSU-5 (79% in TSU-3, 64% in TSU-4, and 63% in TSU-5).

IV.2. Sandstones

The sandstones occur only in the lowermost unit of TSU-2. Plotted on a QFL ternary diagram (Q, quartz; F, feldspars; L, lithic fragments, including chert of volcanic and sedimentary origin; Pettijohn *et al.* 1972), the sandstones are classified as quartzarenites (Figure 6B). Monocrystalline quartz is more abundant (up to 67%) than polycrystalline grains (up to 18%). Detrital feldspars (<6%) include equal proportions of plagioclase and K-feldspars. Lithic grains in the siliciclastic sandstones are scarce (<2%) and include metamorphic and sandstone rock fragments. Conversely, CE grains are abundant (up to 40%, average of 18%; Figure 6C), which include dominantly dolostone (up to 13%), micritic limestones (up to 10%), and bioclasts (up to 8%; Table 1). Muscovite occurs up to 3%, and heavy minerals, mainly tourmaline and zircon, are present in minor amounts, up to 2%.

V. Petrology and chemistry of diagenetic minerals

V.1. Calcite Cement

Intragranular, intergranular, and scarce fibrous circumgranular calcite cement occurs in the siliciclastic sandstones and the hybrid arenites but is most abundant in the hybrid arenites of TSU-5, in which they compose up to 31% of the rock (Table 1). Intragranular ferroan calcite cement displays reddish-brown luminescence and equant mosaic texture, and engulfs pyrite in the skeletal grains, particularly the foraminifera (Figures 7A–F). The chemical composition of this calcite is similar in all turbidite systems (Figure 8, Table 2). Blocky to poikilotopic, ferroan calcite crystals occur as grain-displacive, intergranular cement (150–1200µm; Table 1, Figures 9A, B). This cement displays various luminescence colors, including: (i) red circumgranular crystals engulfed by nonluminescent calcite (Figures 9C, D), and (ii) nonluminescent to dark-red calcite crystals (Figures 9E, F). Small amounts of calcite cement occur also as syntaxial overgrowths around echinoderms being engulfed by, and hence predating, intergranular poikilotopic calcite cement.

Electron microprobe analyses revealed that the intergranular and intragranular carbonate cements are ferroan calcite (Table 2; Figure 8). Fe content ranges from 630 to 15981 ppm in all TSU, Mn is up to 1231 ppm, Ba is up to 2553 ppm, and Sr varies nonsystematically within the different TSU from below the detection limit up to 12143 ppm (Table 3).

Intergranular calcite cement in arenites from TSU-4 (Banastón 5) contains primary fluid inclusions based on their occurrence along crystal growth lines. Homogenization temperatures (T_h) range from 70°C to 120°C, with modal values of 80°C. Final melting of ice ranges between -14.2 and -17°C (mode -15.2°C), indicating salinities of 17.9–20.2 wt % eq. NaCl (mode = 18.8 wt % eq. NaCl). Eutectic temperatures lower than -40°C are characteristic of the H₂O–NaCl–(CaCl₂) system. Scarce, small (<5–40 μ m), primary fluid inclusions in vein-filling calcite cement show higher T_h values (145 to 162°C; mode =150°C) than those measured in the intergranular cement. Final melting of ice displays values from -0.8 to -2°C, indicating relatively low salinities (1.3 to 3.3 wt % eq. NaCl; mode of 2.3 wt % eq. NaCl). Intergranular calcite cement has $\delta^{18}O_{V-PDB}$ values that range from -10.0‰ to -5.8‰ and $\delta^{13}C_{V-PDB}$ from - 2.7‰ to +0.4‰ (Table 4).

The red luminescent, fibrous circumgranular calcite cement (40–60 μ m wide) is most abundant in the sandstones of the TSU-2, *i.e.*, in the lowermost and most deformed tectonostratigraphic unit (Figures 10A, B). This cement shows the highest Sr content among the carbonate cements (1640 to 5978 ppm), whereas Fe, Mn, and Ba contents are relatively low (2340 to 6179 ppm; up to 720 ppm; and up to 484 ppm, respectively) (Tables 2 and 3, Figures 8). Fibrous calcite cement has $\delta^{18}O_{V-PDB}$ values close to -9.7‰ and $\delta^{13}C_{V-PDB}$ values varying from +0.7‰ to +0.4‰ (Table 4; Figure 11).

V.2. Vein Calcite

Vein calcite, which is common in siliciclastic sandstones of TSU-2 and occasionally in the lowermost part of the hybrid arenite units (TSU-3), occurs as prismatic to coarse blocky crystals (>2 mm: Figure 10C, D) with curved faces and concavo-convex and sutured intercrystalline contacts. Barite crystals are scattered between the blocky calcite crystals. Some of the calcite crystals are saddle shaped with sweeping extinction, and curved crystal faces occur in the veins. Vein, blocky, and prismatic calcites have $\delta^{18}O_{V-PDB}$ values from -10.4‰ to -7.8‰ and $\delta^{13}C_{V-PDB}$ from -1.8‰ to -1.4‰ (Table 4, Figure 11).

V.3. Dolomite Cement and Overgrowths

Dolomite cement occurs in small amounts in the siliciclastic sandstones and in the hybrid arenites but may reach amounts as high as 23% in sandstones from TSU-2 and up to 12% in the hybrid arenites of TSU-5 (Guaso unit; Table 1). Dolomite cement occurs as small (<20 μ m), scattered crystals, or as aggregates of few crystals in the intergranular pores or as rims around the framework grains (Figures 9A, B, 11A, B). These scattered dolomite rhombs, which occur in small amounts (<2%) in all TSUs, are engulfed by, and hence predate, intergranular ferroan calcite cement (Figures 12A, B). No textural differences were observed between the dolomite cement in the siliciclastic sandstones and the hybrid arenites.

Dolomite cement occurs also as syntaxial overgrowths (50–100 μ m wide) around detrital monocrystalline dolomite grains present in the siliciclastic sandstones and the hybrid arenites (Table 1). The dolomite core is nonluminescent, whereas the overgrowths show bright orange luminescence (Figures 12C, D). Two zones of dolomite overgrowths were distinguished using backscattered electron imaging (Figures 12E, F). The early dolomite overgrowth is characterized by relatively low Mn and Fe contents (up to 1928 ppm and 84009 ppm, respectively), whereas the later overgrowths are richer in Mn and Fe (up to 1928 ppm and 84009 ppm, respectively; Table 2). The small amounts and small size of the overgrowths precluded obtaining separate isotopic analyses for the diagenetic and detrital dolomite. Bulk detrital dolomite and the overgrowths have $\delta^{18}O_{V-PDB}$ values that range from -8.5% to -6.1‰ and $\delta_{13}C_{V-PDB}$ from -1.2‰ to + 0.7‰ (Figure 11, Table 4) and are, thus, largely similar to stable-isotope values for some of the intergranular calcite cements. Some of the samples contain trace amounts of siderite cement (<1%; occasionally up to 10% in calclithites of the Banastón 5 unit) composed of small (<20 μ m) scattered crystals or groups of few crystals replacing carbonate bioclasts and lithic grains.

V.4. Albite

Feldspar grains in the sandstones and the hybrid arenites display petrographic features similar to albitized feldspars described by Morad (1986), Morad *et al.* (1990), and Saigal *et al.* (1988), such as the irregular and obliterated twinning planes, and the presence of untwinned, vacuolated feldspar grains that display patchy extinction patterns.

Nonluminescent diagenetic albite occurs as overgrowths on primary green-to-blue luminescent plagioclase. Diagenetic albite overgrowths on plagioclase and albitized K-feldspar grains are engulfed by, and hence predate, ferroan calcite cement (Figures 13A, B). Most of the diagenetic albite has replaced K-feldspar and plagioclase (Figures 13C, D). In many cases, calcite cement has selectively replaced the non-albitized parts of the detrital feldspar while the albitized part remained unaffected (Figures 13E, F). Electron microprobe analysis of albite overgrowths shows nearly pure end-member composition (99.9 mol % Ab), whereas albite replacing plagioclase grains has more variable composition (*nil* to 2.6 mol % An; Table 5, Figure 14). Scarce, coarse barite crystals are closely associated with albitized K-feldspars.

V.5. Quartz and Pyrite

Quartz cement occurs as syntaxial overgrowths around the monocrystalline quartz grains (up to 4% in TSU-5, Morillo unit; Table 1). Pyrite occurs in trace amounts (<1%) as framboids within carbonate bioclasts in most of the studied samples. Pyrite is engulfed by, and thus predates, intergranular, coarsely crystalline, ferroan calcite cement (Figures 15A, B). Organic matter associated with pyrite is composed of vitrinite, inertinite, and bituminite. The mean

vitrinite reflectance (Ro) measured in TSU-3 is 0.9 (n = 25), TSU-4 is 0.39 (n = 34) and TSU-5 is 1.51 (n = 5) (Barker and Pawlewicz 1994) indicates temperatures of 128°C, 62°C, and 169°C, respectively.

V.6. Compaction Features and Porosity

Primary intragranular porosity in bioclasts was completely occluded by ferroan calcite cement. Primary intergranular porosity has been nearly completely destroyed in the siliciclastic sandstones and the hybrid arenites. In both rock types, physical and chemical compaction are the dominant processes causing porosity loss. Mechanical compaction is indicated by bending of mica grains and plastic deformation of ductile sedimentary and metasedimentary (slates and phyllites) as well as carbonate grains (Figures 15C, D). In the siliciclastic sandstones, chemical compaction is evidenced by intergranular straight, concavoconvexand sutured contacts that occur along the quartz–quartz and carbonate–carbonate grain contacts (Figure 15E).

Total intergranular volumes (*i.e.*, the sum of intergranular pore space and intergranular cement) of hybrid arenites are relatively low (10-20%; Table 1). Siliciclastic sandstones in TSU-2, however, have total intergranular volumes up to 47%. Minor secondary porosity (1-2%) occurs in the hybrid arenites and in the sandstones, formed by dissolution of coarsely crystalline, intergranular calcite cement and carbonate grains. Open fracture porosity was not observed. Fractures in the siliciclastic sandstones from TSU-2 and TSU-3 are completely filled by carbonate cement.

VI. Discussion

VI.1. Paragenetic Sequence

The petrographic data suggest that diagenetic alterations of the Hecho Group, which are interpreted to have been accomplished during eodiagenesis (<2 km depth) and mesodiagenesis (>2 km) (sensu Morad et al. 2000), vary significantly among the turbiditic hybrid arenites and the sandstones. Due to the lack of a detailed knowledge of the burial history of the succession, it is difficult to interpret the exact timing and burial depths or temperatures for all of the diagenetic processes and products. Nevertheless, an overall paragenetic sequence was established based on superposition and textural relationships of various diagenetic alterations and on the fluid-inclusion analyses (Figure 16). Eogenetic alterations in the hybrid arenites include: (i) precipitation of minor amounts of framboidal pyrite from marine pore waters within carbonate bioclasts, reflecting local reducing conditions (Raiswell 1997; Schieber 2002), (ii) precipitation of ferroan calcite cement in intragranular pores of bioclasts, (iii) cementation by intergranular poikilotopic ferroan calcite. and (iv) intense mechanical compaction favored by the presence of abundant ductile framework grains (primarily sedimentary, shale and siltstones, vitreous volcanic rock fragments, lowgrade metamorphic rock fragments, and carbonate intraclasts). Mesogenetic alterations include: (i) pressure dissolution (i.e., chemical compaction) of the carbonate grains, (ii) cementation by intergranular blocky ferroan calcite, (iii) precipitation of dolomite overgrowths, and (iv) albitization of detrital feldspars and development of albite overgrowths. Eogenetic alterations in the siliciclastic sandstones include: (i) fibrous circumgranular calcite cement, (ii) minor amounts of framboidal pyrite from marine pore waters precipitating within the carbonate bioclasts, and (iii) cementation by intergranular poikilotopic ferroan calcite and dolomite cement. Mesogenetic alterations in the sandstones include: (i) intergranular pressure dissolution (*i.e.*, chemical compaction) of detrital quartz grains and concomitant formation of quartz overgrowths, (ii) cementation by intergranular blocky ferroan calcite, (iii) precipitation of dolomite overgrowths, (iv) albitization of detrital feldspars with development of albite overgrowths, and (v) formation of vein-filling calcite and scarce barite crystals in TSU-2. Dissolution of coarsely crystalline, intergranular calcite cement and carbonate grains giving secondary porosity occurs in the hybrid arenites and the sandstones. There are no pronounced differences in diagenetic evolution of the siliciclastic sandstones and hybrid arenites among the studied TSUs and various depositional facies (e.g., channel, channel-to-

lobe transition, overbank, and sheetlike lobes; Figure 4A). Thus, variations in the diagenetic evolution pathways can be attributed mainly to variation in the detrital compositions, particularly the proportion and types of extrabasinal noncarbonate grains (feldspar and low-grade metamorphic rock fragments), extrabasinal carbonate grains, and intrabasinal carbonate grains (Figures 6, 17), which do not show any systematic facies control.

VI.2. Distribution and Conditions of Carbonate Cementation

Cementation of the turbiditic hybrid arenites by carbonate was enhanced by the presence of abundant carbonate grains, which can act as nuclei for the precipitation and growth of carbonate cement (*cf.* South and Talbot 2000; Ketzer *et al.* 2002; Ketzer *et al.* 2003; El-Ghali *et al.* 2006).

Pressure dissolution of the carbonate grains rendered them assources of carbonate cement (Morad 1998). However, the common occurrence of fibrous circumgranular calcite (Figure 7A, B), which is commonly considered as typical marine cement (Tucker and Wright 1990), in arenites of TSU-2 and TSU-3 suggests that eogenetic calcite cement was also sourced by marine pore waters. Cementation by fibrous circumgranular calcite may have been promoted by diffusion of dissolved Ca²⁺ and HCO₃⁻ from the overlying seawater (Kantorowicz *et al.* 1987; Ketzer et al. 2003). Thus, cementation by fibrous calcite likely commenced near the seafloor (Kendall 1985; Tobin et al. 1996). Fibrous calcite in marine sediments has been interpreted to be derived from the neomorphism of aragonite and/or high-Mg calcite (Tucker 1986; Moore 1989). The high Sr content (up to 6000 ppm; Figure 8) of this calcite may support an aragonitic precursor (Tucker 1986; Moore 1989; Tucker and Wright 1990), whereas the relatively high amounts of Fe in these calcites suggest precipitation from suboxic to anoxic pore waters (Froelich et al. 1979). The reason behind limited amounts of fibrous calcite in TSU-4 and TSU-5 is unclear but could be caused by relatively short residence time of the sediments near the seafloor due to high sedimentation rates during deposition of these units (cf. Morad et al. 2000; Ketzer et al. 2003).

The $\delta^{3}C_{V-PDB}$ values of fibrous calcite (+0.4‰ to +0.7‰) also suggest derivation of dissolved carbon from seawater or from the dissolution of detrital marine carbonate grains. However,

the low oxygen isotope values of the calcite cements ($\delta^{18}O_{V-PDB} \approx -9.7\%$) are indicative of formation at elevated temperatures or from meteoric water (Morad 1998). Assuming that these calcite cements, which commonly fill small pores in compacted sandstones, are derived from evolved basinal brines with $\delta^{18}O_{V-SMOW}$ value of +2%, the $\delta^{18}O_{V-PDB}$ values of calcite would

indicate precipitation temperatures of 55–90°C, whereas precipitation from meteoric waters

with δ^{8}_{8} O_{v-smow} value of -6‰ results in near-surface, eogenetic temperatures of 15–35°C. Nevertheless, the rapid loss of porosity and permeability of the arenites, which are rich in ductile grains (Nagtegaal 1978; Pittman and Larese 1991), particularly by mechanical compaction, probably precluded influx of considerable volumes of meteoric waters into the arenites. Hence, the fibrous calcite might have been recrystallized at elevated temperatures (Saigal and Bjorlykke 1987) and stretched by tectonic shear stresses.

Cementation of the arenites by intragranular ferroan calcite (Figure 8) probably occurred in the Mn–Fe reduction geochemical zone below the seafloor (Froelich *et al.* 1979). The intergranular patches of blocky to poikilotopic calcite cement are suggested to have been sourced by dissolution of carbonate grains and pressure dissolution of these components during progressive burial. The low and variable $\delta^{i8}O_{V-PDB}$ values of the intergranular calcite cement (-10.0‰ to -6.0‰) suggest precipitation at temperatures of 35–50°C if a pre-Quaternary marine water $\delta^{i8}O_{V-smow}$ value of -1.2‰ (Shackleton and Kenneth 1975) is assumed. Higher temperatures (*ca.* 50–75°C) are obtained if precipitation is assumed to have occurred from evolved formation waters with $\delta^{i8}O_{V-smow}$ value of +2‰ (Morad 1998). The $\delta^{i3}C_{V-PDB}$ values (-1.4‰ to +0.4‰) are consistent with derivation of dissolved carbon from the dissolution of detrital marine carbonate grains.

Calculated precipitation temperatures for intergranular blocky calcite cement from fluidinclusion analyses ($\approx 80^{\circ}$ C; Figure 17) and the high salinity (ranging from 17.9 to 20.2 wt % eq. NaCl) support an interpretation of precipitation from hot basinal fluids, probably sourced from the underlying Upper Triassic evaporitic deposits (Díaz Merino *et al.* 2006). Low oxygen

isotope values ($\delta^{I8}Ov_{PDB} = -10.4\%$ -7.9‰), high measured Th (≈ 150 °C), and low salinities of vein calcite that crosscuts all other diagenetic carbonates suggest formation from hot meteoric waters (Bitzer *et al.* 2001; Ferket *et al.* 2004). Meteoric-water infiltration into these tight arenites is expected to have influenced only host rock in the vicinity of fractures, which were formed during uplift and deformation of the foreland basin (Spadafora *et al.* 1998). The orientation of the calcite crystal growth perpendicular to the vein walls (Figure 7C) indicates that meteoric-water flux and cementation occurred during extensional deformation of the sandstones (Travé *et al.* 1997; Bodego and Agirrezabala 2007). The occurrence of saddle-like calcite crystals may indicate a dolomite precursor, which is typical high-temperature carbonate cement formed at temperatures greater than 70°C (Spötl and Pitman 1998). The replacement of fracture-filling saddle dolomite is attributed to flux of hot meteoric waters (Zeeh *et al.* 2000; Marfil *et al.* 2005).

Petrographic evidence suggests the presence of two generations of dolomite cement, including early scattered dolomite crystals that precipitated around the framework grains (particularly around extrabasinal dolostone grains), followed by chemically zoned, syntaxial dolomite overgrowths. The grain-coating dolomite cement is interpreted to have been precipitated at or near to the seafloor from marine pore waters, and could have been sourced by the dissolution of high-Mg bioclasts and by the alteration of volcanic rock fragments (Morad 1998).

Formation of microcrystalline calcite and dolomite cements around the carbonate grains at shallow depths below the seafloor may be sourced by diffusion of Mg^{2+} , Ca^{2+} , and HCO_3^- from the overlying seawater (Wilkinson 1989). The chemical zonation in dolomite overgrowths (Figure 8) presumably mimics variations in the concentrations of dissolved Fe and Mn in the pore waters, which might reflect changes in pore-water chemistry owing to mixing zones, Eh fluctuations in the reactant fluid, or variations in the supply of Fe and Mn ions, possibly from terrestrial input (Hendry *et al.* 2000).

The $\delta^{i_3}C_{V-PDB}$ values of bulk dolomite (-1.2‰ to +0.7‰) suggest derivation of dissolved carbon from marine pore waters and/or from dissolution of marine carbonate grains. Assuming precipitation from marine pore waters, the narrow range of low oxygen isotope values in dolomite cement ($\delta_{i_8}O$ from -8‰ to -6‰) would indicate precipitation at elevated temperatures. Using the fractionation equation of Land (1983), precipitation temperatures of $60-75^{\circ}C$ are obtained with a pre-Quaternary marine water $\delta^{i_8}O_{v-smow}$ value of -1.2‰ (Shackleton and Kenneth 1975). However, higher temperatures (*ca.* 75–100°C) are obtained if precipitation occurred from evolved marine pore waters with $\delta^{i_8}O_{v-smow}$ value of +2‰. The lack of correlation between $\delta^{i_8}O$ and $\delta^{i_3}C$ values (Figure 11) may be the result of derivation of dissolved carbon from dissolution of detrital carbonate grains in the host sediments,

independently of the variation in temperature, and hence in δ^{i8} O values. Variation in the amount of cementation was controlled not only by the amounts of detrital carbonate grains but also by the residence time of the sediments near the seafloor (*i.e.*, sedimentation rates; Wilkinson 1989; Morad *et al.* 2000).

Dolomite cement similar to that in the arenites is present in the condensed sections within the lowstand wedges of depositional sequences in the Eocene Hecho Group (Marfil *et al.* in press). Textural relationships and chemical composition suggest an early diagenetic origin for microcrystalline dolomite, which could be similar to the grain-coating dolomite reported in this paper. In the condensed episodes (dolomite in yellow beds, Figure 11), the dolomite overgrowths show $\delta^{i8}O$ values comparable to detrital dolomites and overgrowths of the turbidite arenites (from -8.5 to -6.3‰ $\delta^{i8}O$, Table 4), which could indicate that cementation

by dolomite continued during deeper burial (Hendry *et al.* 2000; Aqrawi *et al.* 2006; Machent *et al.* 2007).

VI.3. Origin and Conditions of Albitization

Albite can be of detrital or diagenetic origin. The petrographic evidence from this succession suggests that albite in the sandstones and the hybrid arenites was formed by the replacement (i.e., albitization) of detrital plagioclase and K-feldspars. Diagenetic albitization in sandstones is controlled by temperature, chemistry of formation water, and reaction kinetics (Boles 1982; Aagaard et al. 1990; Morad et al. 1990). Albitization is also a common feature of hydrothermally altered granitic source rocks (Varlamoff 1972). Evidence of diagenetic albitization in these sandstones include: (i) absence of sericite and epidote, which typically occur in hydrothermally albitized feldspars (Zurcher et al. 2005), (ii) occurrence of both of grain-replacive albite and euhedral albite overgrowths (Figures 13A,B), indicating that the overall geochemical conditions were suitable for albite formation in the arenites, (iii) nearly pure chemical composition of the replacive albite and of albite overgrowths (Morad 1986; Saigal et al. 1988), and (iv) lack of luminescence of the albite overgrowths and albitized grains (Figure 13C–F; Kastner and Siever 1979; Saigal *et al.* 1988; Morad *et al.* 1990). The presence of barite within altered feldspars (e.g., in TSU-3) may be the result of derivation of barium from albitization of Kfeldspar (Ali and Turner 1982; Long and Luth 1986; Kastner and Siever 1979). Al³⁺ and Ca²⁺, by-products of plagioclase albitization, may be precipitated in carbonates relatively easily under the pCO₂ levels present in most basins (Boles 1982; Morad *et al.* 1990), consistent with the presence of abundant calcite cement in the siliciclastic sandstones and in the hybrid arenites.

VI.4. Evolution of Reservoir Quality

Scarce early diagenetic calcite and dolomite cements rendered the hybrid arenites and sandstones sensitive to mechanical compaction, which resulted in significant porosity destruction during eogenesis (cf. De Souza et al. 1995). The relatively low intergranular volume data (Table 1) reflect that the arenites suffered from significant compaction prior to cementation (cf. Paxton et al. 2002). The higher amounts of mechanically stable quartz grains in the sandstones resulted in less pervasive mechanical compaction, and thus preserved higher intergranular volume compared to the hybrid arenites (cf. Bloch et al. 2002). Porosity loss in the sandstones is interpreted to have occurred mainly by chemical compaction, *i.e.*, intergranular pressure dissolution along quartz-quartz grain boundaries, and by concomitant cementation by syntaxial quartz overgrowths (cf. Fontana et al. 1989). The presence of dominantly point contacts between grains engulfed by poikilotopic ferroan calcite cement suggests relatively early precipitation of this cement. The presence of various types of grain contacts (point, straight, and sutured) and various intergranular volumes within intergranular ferroan calcite cement suggest precipitation during progressive burial and concomitant mechanical and chemical compaction (Machent et al. 2007). Several authors have concluded that pressure dissolution of quartz grains is enhanced by a considerable increase in burial depth (*i.e.*, increase in effective stress), temperature, and time (>3 km, >90°C; Oelkers *et al.* 1996; Sheldon et al. 2003), whereas the onset of pressure dissolution of carbonate grains has been suggested to occur at burial depths less than ca. 1500 m (Buxton and Sibley 1981; Saller 1984). Carbonate pressure dissolution has acted as a source of burial carbonate cements in the studied rocks.

Secondary porosity is rare in the siliciclastic and hybrid arenites and has resulted mainly from the dissolution of coarsely crystalline, intergranular calcite cement and carbonate grains. Dissolution of calcite cement and pressure dissolution of carbonate grains indicate that the diagenetic evolution of these deposits has involved considerable cement redistribution (Dutton and Barton 2001). The extremely low porosity and permeability of sandstones and hybrid arenites from this foreland basin (Ketzer and Morad 2006) make them suitable only for gas rather than oil reservoirs. However, porosity and permeability in such reservoirs can be generated by tectonic fracturing (Camara *et al.* 1988; Díaz Merino *et al.* 2006).

This study thus reveals that the diagenetic evolution of turbiditic arenites of foreland basins follow various diagenetic evolution pathways, which can induce considerable variation in the spatial and temporal distribution of reservoir quality and heterogeneity. Sandstones rich in mechanically stable quartz grains have been subjected to slower rates of porosity loss than arenites rich in ductile extrabasinal and intrabasinal carbonate grains (Bloch *et al.* 2002; Paxton *et al.* 2002). Moreover, these carbonate grains act as sites for nucleation and growth of carbonate cement, and hence contribution to the greater rates of porosity loss than the quartz-rich sandstones (Buxton and Sibley 1981; Saller 1984).

VII. Conclusions

Petrological and geochemical study of marine foreland basin turbiditic hybrid arenites and sandstones of the Hecho Group (Eocene), southcentral Pyrenees, Spain, reveals that diagenetic evolution pathways are closely linked to the variation in detrital composition, particularly the proportions and types of extrabasinal noncarbonates, extrabasinal carbonates, and intrabasinal carbonate grains. Important results include:

- Marine turbiditic hybrid arenites are subjected to more rapid and extensive porosity loss owing to more compaction and cementation in these than in siliciclastic sandstones in the same succession. Total elimination of reservoirs quality makes the hybrid arenites and sandstones suitable only as tight gas reservoirs dominated by microporosity.
- ✤ Hybrid arenites are cemented extensively by mesogenetic carbonates (calcite, dolomite, and trace amounts of siderite). The low $\delta^{8}O$ values of the intergranular calcite cement (-10.0‰ to -5.8‰) coupled with the high salinity (mode = 18.8 wt % eq. NaCl) and Th (mode = 80°C) of fluid inclusions suggest involvement of basinal saline fluids sourced from the underlying Upper Triassic evaporitic deposits. The low $\delta^{18}O_{V-PDB}$ values of the Fe-dolomite ($\delta^{18}O = -8.5\%$ to -6.3‰) suggest continuous precipitation during progressive burial and increasing temperatures, sourced mainly from pressure dissolution of intrabasinal and extrabasinal carbonate grains.
- The siliciclastic sandstones in the deepest tectonostratigraphic unit are characterized by the dominance of quartz grains, which prevented substantial porosity loss by mechanical compaction. Mesogenetic processes affecting the reservoir quality included quartz cementation, calcite and dolomite cementation, and chemical compaction (*i.e.*, intergranular pressure dissolution of quartz grains). The well-lithified sandstones were brittle, favoring the development of fracture porosity and permeability during tectonic deformation.
- Diagenetic alterations common to hybrid arenites and siliciclastic sandstones, such as pyrite precipitation, intragranular calcite cementation, and albitization, which are not extensive, had no effect on reservoir quality.
- ♦ The formation of vein saddle calcite with $\delta^{18}O_{V-PDB}$ values from -10.4‰ to -7.8‰ and

 $\delta^{i_3}C_{V-PDB}$ from -1.8‰ to -1.4‰, with Th temperatures of $\approx 150^{\circ}C$, is attributed to deep circulation of hot meteoric waters during fracturing associated with the extensional stage of tectonism in the foreland basin.

These results illustrate that proper understanding of the spatial and temporal distribution of reservoir-quality evolution in marine turbiditic arenite successions should be based on an integrated approach that links, primarily, diagenesis to variations in composition of primary framework grains. The diagenetic evolution pathways likely are not unique to this succession, and may thus provide insights into patterns of diagenesis in other foreland-basin successions.

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Figure 1: Highly simplified geological map of the Pyrenees showing location of both the study area and the cross sections included below (A–B and C–D). The lithosphere-scale balanced cross sections show the main structural features of the central Pyrenees, a fan-shaped delaminated orogenic wedge overlying the lower crust, related to the subduction of the Iberian crust beneath the Eurasian plate. Cross section A–B (from Muñoz 1992) accounts for field data and interpretation of the ECORS Pyrenees seismic survey. Cross section C–D (from Teixell 1998) is based on field work data and interpretation of the ECORS–Arzak seismic survey following the Veral transect to the south (Ansó valley).

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Figure 2: Composite stratigraphic column, mostly made along the Ara River valley, from Sierra Tendenera to Santa Maria del Buil, with chronostratigraphic reference for the TSUs and their component turbidite systems and nomenclature. The colors used in the different TSUs are subjective and do not have geological meaning.



Figure 3: Schematic cross section of the eastern and central part of the Eocene foreland basin of the southcentral Pyrenees, Spain. See Figure 1 for location of Boltaña and Tremp–Ager regions. The stratigraphic section consists of five major unconformity-bounded units (TSUs; redrawn from Mutti et al. 1985, Mutti et al. 1988).

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Figure 4: Chronostratigraphic succession of the turbidite system within the Hecho Group, showing the various tectonosedimentary units, the facies, and the studied sections.

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Figure 5: Examples and field appearance of sampled outcrops of the Hecho Group. **A**) TSU-2, and **B**) lower TSU-3 or Torla turbidite systems. Both outcrops are located in the Barranco del Sorrosal (west of the Boltaña anticline) and show strongly folded composite depositional sequences (third-order scale) with facies associations of sheetlike sandstone lobes (sandy stages of growth), transitionally overlain (to the left) by fine-grained and thin bedded mudstones (muddy stages of growth or slopedelta wedges). **C**) Overturned (top to the left) finingupward high-frequency facies cycle (fourth-order scale) of the Broto sheet sandstone lobes, within TSU-3, exposed along the road trenches between Broto and the Cotefablo pass (NW of the study zone). **D**) Sheet sands of the channel–lobe transition facies of TSU-4 (Banastón turbidite systems) in the San Vicente zone, north of the Hecho Group outcrop belt, located east of the Boltaña anticline (Aínsa Basin). **E**) Outcrops of the Barranco Forcaz, north of Aínsa, showing the Aínsa-2 turbidite systems, which are located in the lower part of the TSU-5, and showing channel–lobe transition facies association. **F**) Sand-rich high-sinuosity channels of the Morillo turbidite systems, within TSU-5, in the Barranco Sieste.

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Figure 6: Compositional plots of the Hecho Group carbonate-rich arenites. Firstorder NCE-CE-CI classification (after Zuffa 1985), second-order, Q–F–L classification (after Pettijohn et al. 1972) and Q–F–L + CE classification. Note the increase in L + CE toward the TSU-5. The most characteristic facies of the studied units are: TSU-2, channel–lobe transition turbiditic arenites (Figols); TSU-3, channels (Torla, Arro, and Gerbe), channel–lobe transition (Torla, Broto), and lobes (Cotefablo); TSU-4, canyon–channel transition, overbank deposits, and channel–lobe transition (Banastón 1 to 4); TSU-5, channel and channel–lobe transition (Aínsa 1 and 2), highsinuosity channel systems (Morillo), and channel–overbank complexes (Guaso).

Figure 7: Optical photomicrographs (cross-polarized light), cathodoluminescence images and BSE images showing: **A**, **B**) red luminescent intragranular calcite cement (TSU-5); the brighter luminescence observed is due to the presence of elevated Mn/Fe ratio. **C**, **D**) Dark-red luminescent intragranular calcite cement (TSU-5). **E**, **F**) Intragranular and intergranular calcite cement engulfing small crystals of pyrite. Note in Part E the presence of partially broken skeletal fossils by mechanical compaction, which predates the intergranular calcite cement.

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Figure 8: Cross plots of Fe versus Sr (TSU-2), and Fe versus Mn (TSU-3, TSU-4, and TSU-5) of calcite and dolomite cements showing the high Sr contents in fibrous calcite cement of TSU-2 and the high Mn and Fe contents in the outer dolomite overgrowth compared to inner overgrowth.

Figure 9: Optical photomicrographs (cross-polarized light) and cathodoluminescence images showing: **A**, **B**) small dolomite crystals around the framework grains engulfed by the coarse mosaics of intergranular calcite cement. **C**, **D**) Dark-red to nonluminescent drusy crystals followed by red luminescent mosaic calcite crystals (TSU-5). **E**, **F**) nonluminescent to dark red luminescent calcite cement enclosing well rounded detrital carbonate grains (CE and CI), green and blue detrital plagioclase, and volcanic rock fragment in TSU-5 turbidites.

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Figure 10: Optical photomicrographs (cross-polarized light) and cathodoluminescence images showing: **A**, **B**) dark red luminescent fibrous to bladed calcite cement engulfed in a red luminescent intergranular calcite cement (TSU-2 quartzarenites). **C**, **D**) Partial view of red luminescent vein-filling calcite cement in a subarkose from TSU-2.



Figure 11: Cross plot of $\delta_{13}C_{V-PDB}$ versus $\delta_{18}O_{V-PDB}$ of calcite cements and detrital dolomite grains and their overgrowths in the studied turbidite arenites. Authigenic dolomite in the "yellow beds" corresponds to dolomite occurring in condensed succession of the turbidite arenites of the Hecho Group (Marfil et al. in press).

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Figure 12: A) Optical photomicrograph (plane polarized) showing early dolomite (blue stained color) postdated by intergranular ferroan calcite cement (purple stained color). B) Cathodoluminescence image showing nonluminescent early dolomite cement (TSU-4). C, D) Optical photomicrograph (plane-polarized and cathodoluminescence images, respectively) of dolomite detrital grains showing the brighter luminescence of the overgrowths. E, F) BSE image of two chemical zones of dolomite overgrowths with different Fe and Mn contents (TSU-4).

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Figure 13: **A**) Optical photomicrograph (cross-polarized light) showing partly albitized K-feldspar (Ab). Calcite cement (Ca) is selectively replacing the non-albitized parts of the detrital feldspar while the albitized part remained unaffected. **B**) Optical photomicrograph (cross-polarized light) showing albite overgrowth on K-feldspar. **C**) Optical micrograph (plane-polarized light) showing turbid, vacuolated appearance, which is typical of albitized feldspars. **D**) CL image of Part C showing diagenetic albite (dark luminescent) replacing K-feldspar and coexisting with inherited plagioclase (green and blue luminescent). **E**) Optical photomicrograph (plane-polarized light) showing albite overgrowths on plagioclase. **F**) CL image of Part E showing that the overgrowths are characterized by dark luminescence, which is typical of diagenetic albite. The diagenetic albite overgrowths on plagioclase grains are engulfed by, and hence predate, ferroan calcite cement (Ca).



Figure 14: Ternary diagrams showing the electron-microprobe chemical composition of detrital feldspars and diagenetic albite. In contrast to detrital feldspar, albite overgrowths show pure end-member composition.

Figure 15: A) Optical photomicrograph (cross-polarized light) showing early pyrite crystals engulfed in intragranular calcite cement. B) SEM view of early diagenetic pyrite framboids within carbonate bioclasts. C) Optical photomicrograph (cross-polarized light) showing grain-to-grain contacts (TSU-4). D) Optical photomicrograph (plane-polarized light) showing concavo-convex contacts between detrital carbonate grains (CE) and foraminifera fossils (CI; TSU-4). E) Optical photomicrograph (plane-polarized light) showing sutured contacts between quartz grains (TSU-2). F) Calcite cement in fractured quartz grains.

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Figure 16: General paragenetic sequence of diagenetic events in the Hecho Group turbidite sandstones constructed on the basis of the textural relationships among diagenetic events.



Figure 17: Microthermometry of aqueous fluid inclusions in intergranular blocky ferroan calcite cement and in vein-filling prismatic calcites showing the higher temperatures of the vein-filling prismatic calcites and the wide range of precipitation temperatures of the intergranular calcite cement.

Tables

Table 1: Modal analyses of the studied arenites of the Hecho Group "tectonosedimentary units" (TSU).

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Quartz monocrystalline	NCE	Q	30.3	67.0	50.1	24.3	42.7	30.3	32.3	34.3	33.2	28.7	34.3	31.5	12.2	28.3	20.3	30.1	10.3	32.9	23.6	28.2	31.6	24.7
Quartz polycristalline with 2-3 subgrains	NCE	Q	2.7	14.7	7.2	4.0	8.7	6.3	4.0	12.0	8.3	3.0	8.3	5.1	1.0	6.7	4.4	7.4	4.3	5.7	5.0	6.1	6.9	5.2
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Carbonate replacement on quartz		`		-		-	-	-		-			-			3.0	1.3	-	-	-	-	0.2	0.0	0.4
K-feldspar	NCE	F	-	2.0	0.6	-	7.3	1.9	-	2.0	1.3	0.3	2.3	1.4	-	2.3	1.0	1.7	-	2.0	0.8	1.3	1.5	1.2
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Carbonate replacement on K-							2.0	0.7								0.9	0.1	1.7		0.7	0.2	0.4	0.0	0.5
feldspar		_	-	1.0	0.2	-	6.7	2.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.0	0.5	2.3	-	1.0	0.4	0.9	0.8	1.0
Plagioclase Plagioclase in rock fragment	NCE	F	-	1.3	0.4	-	1.7	0.6	9.3	10.7	9.8	4.0	9.7	6.3	2.0	6.7	4.1	0.7	0.3	2.3	1.3	3.8	5.6	2.0
Clay minerals replacement on	NCE	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.7	0.5	-	2.3	0.5	-	-	-	-	0.1	0.1	0.1
plagioclase			-	-	-	-	-	-	5.7	7.3	6.7	3.3	5.7	4.9	0.7	5.7	2.6	-	-	0.3	0.2	2.4	3.8	0.9
Carbonate replacement on																								
plagioclase Metamorphic rock fragment	NCE	т	-	1.7	0.8	-	1.3	0.5	-	1.3	0.3	- 0.3	3.3	1.6	0.7	7.0	4.2	-	-	3.0	1.1	1.3	0.6	1.9
Plutonic rock fragment	NCE	Ľ	-	-	0.2		3.7	1.5		1.0	0.3	-	1.0	0.3		0.3	- 0.0	0.3	-	2.0	0.6	0.4	0.3	0.2
Volcanic rock fragment	NCE	Ĩ.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.3	0.1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0	0.0	0.0
Sandstone rock fragment	NCE	L	-	0.3	0.1	-	3.0	1.1	1.0	2.7	1.8	-	2.7	1.3	-	5.9	2.6	0.3	-	2.3	1.0	1.3	1.1	1.6
Shale rock fragment	NCE	L	-	1 3	0.6	0.7	43	22	13	0.3	0.1	- 1.0	7.0	20	-	0.3	0.1	5.0	17	43	3 3	2.0	0.0	0.0
Mica	NCE	L	-	2.7	0.6	- 0.7	0.7	0.3	1.5	1.3	0.6	0.7	2.7	1.4		4.7	1.5	1.0	-	4.5	5.5	0.8	1.0	0.6
Mica in metamorphic rock																								
fragments Stable heavy minerals (Zircon,			-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	•	-	-	-	-	0.3	-		-	-	-	0.0	0.0	0.0
rutile, tourmaline,)			-	1.7	0.7	-	0.3	0.1	-	-	-	-	0.7	0.3	-	0.7	0.2	-	-		-	0.1	0.1	0.1
Phosphates	NCI		-	0.7	0.1	-		-	-	-	-	-	2.0	1.1	-	2.7	0.7	-	-	0.7	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.3
Pelitic rip-up clast Monocrystalline sparitic	NCI		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	0.0	0.0	0.0
limestone	CE		-	5.3	1.6	4.0	8.1	6.3	0.3	12.0	5.2	3.3	12.0	6.2	1.3	20.7	8.8	2.0	4.3	10.6	7.9	6.1	4.5	7.7
Sparitic limestone	CE		-	1.3	0.3	-	5.4	2.2	1.0	3.3	1.8	1.7	5.3	3.1	2.0	6.7	4.1	2.3	2.0	7.0	4.4	3.0	2.4	3.6
Micritic limestone	CE		3.0	10.7	6.6	6.0	14.8	10.2	5.3	12.0	7.9	3.0	7.7	5.1	3.4	16.7	9.1	11.4	17.1	21.3	19.4	10.5	8.1	12.9
Dolomicrite	CE		2	15.0	2.4		2.7	1.5	-	0.7	0.5	5.0	1.0	0.3	-	2.0	0.3	2.0	-			0.1	0.1	0.1
Grainstone	CE		-	0.7	0.2	-	2.0	0.5	2.7	5.0	3.3	-	1.7	0.6	-	4.3	1.2	0.3	1.0	1.7	1.3	1.2	1.4	1.0
Other fossils (microcodium)	CE		0.7	3.7	1.6	1.3	3.0	2.3	0.7	4.7	2.5	-	1.3	0.3	-	3.3	0.4	0.7	2.7	5.3	3.9	1.7	1.1	2.2
Detrital dolomite	CE		2.3	2.3	0.4	6.7	6.7	1.7	-	-	-	-		-	-	6.7	0.6	4.7	0.7	3.3	1.3	1.4	1.6	1.2
Intraclast	CI		2	7.0	- 2.2	2.5	20.7	0.5		1.5	0.8	-	2.1	-		- 15.9	4.1		-	- 15.7	4.7	0.0	0.7	0.0
Tectono Sedimentary Unit				TSU-2										TSU-3								0.0	0.0	010
Turbidite Systems			F	FIGOLS	5		FORLA		BR	OTO 4	&5	Bl	ROTO	5	Bl	ROTO	6	GERBE	CC	TEFAE	BLO			
Composition				Arenites		Hyb	rid Areı	nites	Ca	lclithit	es	Ca	alclithit	es	Hybr	id Are	nites	Calclithites	Hyt	orid Are	nites	TSU-3	Calclithites	Hybrid Arenites
Number of Samples				6			4			4			5			11		1		4		29	10	19
			min.	max.	ave.	min.	max.	ave.	min.	max.	ave.	min.	max.	aw.	min.	max.	ave.		min.	max.	ave.	ave.	ave.	awe.
Peloid	CI		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0	0.0	0.0
Calcite cement			3.7	47.3	15.3	6.0	21.5	10.8	-	10.0	4.9	-	18.0	9.9	2.0	26.3	18.2	9.0	3.3	21.3	11.9	10.8	7.9	13.6
Replacive calcite cement			-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0	0.0	0.0
Dolomite cement			-	22.6	0.3	-	3.0	0.8	-	0.3	0.1	-	27	1.5	-	20	07	1.7		-	-	0.5	0.6	0.0
Replacive dolomite cement			-			-	2.0	0.5	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.1	0.0	0.2
Albitization			-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other cements (Q, K-feldspar,				1.2																	o •			0.1
re-oxide,) Purite				1.3	0.7	0.3	2.3	1.0	-	-	-	-	0.2	0.1	-	2.7	0.3	5.0	- 0.3	1.3	0.4	0.2	1.7	0.6
Siliciclastic matrix			-	-	- 0.5	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	- 0.1	-	-		-	-	-	-	0.0	0.0	0.0
Carbonate matrix			-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.7	0.3	-	1.0	0.3	-	1.3	0.2	-	-	-	-	0.1	0.2	0.1
Carbonate pseudomatrix			-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.7	1.5	-	2.7	1.2	0.6	9.0	3.4	-	-	-	-	1.0	0.9	1.1
Carbonate undetermined grain Porosity	s		-	-	-	-	6.0	2.3	-	0.7	0.2	-	-	-	-	0.7	0.1	5.4	0.7	4.0	2.9	1.8	1.8	1.8
			-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0	0.0	0.0

Table 2: Summary of elemental composition of diagenetic carbonate cements obtained by electron microprobe analysis showing the chemical differences between the diagenetic carbonates in the Hecho Group "tectonosedimentary units" (TSU).

n	Ca (mole %)	Mg (mole %)	Fe (mole %)	Mn (mole %)	Sr (mole %)
24	97.5	1.1	0.8	0.1	0.5
14	97.3	0.5	2.0	0.1	0.1
32	97.2	1.2	1.4	0.1	0.1
27	96.1	1.5	2.0	0.1	0.3
4	98.2	0.2	1.4	0.1	0.1
19	95.3	2.2	2.0	0.1	0.4
19	96.6	1.4	1.9	0.1	0
28	56.5	33.4	9.8	0.1	0.1
5	57.3	28.3	13.4	0.4	0
69	97.3	1.0	1.4	0.1	0.2
	n 24 14 32 27 4 19 19 28 5 69	n Ca (mole %) 24 97.5 14 97.3 32 97.2 27 96.1 4 98.2 19 95.3 19 96.6 28 56.5 5 57.3 69 97.3	n Ca (mole %) Mg (mole %) 24 97.5 1.1 14 97.3 0.5 32 97.2 1.2 27 96.1 1.5 4 98.2 0.2 19 95.3 2.2 19 96.6 1.4 28 56.5 33.4 5 57.3 28.3 69 97.3 1.0	n Ca (mole %) Mg (mole %) Fe (mole %) 24 97.5 1.1 0.8 14 97.3 0.5 2.0 32 97.2 1.2 1.4 27 96.1 1.5 2.0 4 98.2 0.2 1.4 19 95.3 2.2 2.0 19 96.6 1.4 1.9 28 56.5 33.4 9.8 5 57.3 28.3 13.4 69 97.3 1.0 1.4	n Ca (mole %) Mg (mole %) Fe (mole %) Mn (mole %) 24 97.5 1.1 0.8 0.1 14 97.3 0.5 2.0 0.1 32 97.2 1.2 1.4 0.1 27 96.1 1.5 2.0 0.1 4 98.2 0.2 1.4 0.1 19 95.3 2.2 2.0 0.1 19 96.6 1.4 1.9 0.1 28 56.5 33.4 9.8 0.1 5 57.3 28.3 13.4 0.4 69 97.3 1.0 1.4 0.1

n: number of analyses.

Table 3: Summary of elemental composition of diagenetic carbonate cements obtained by electron microprobe analysis showing the chemical differences between the diagenetic carbonates in the Hecho Group "tectonosedimentary units" (TSU).

	п	(ppm)	Fe	Mn	Ba	Sr
Fibrous calcite cement (TSU-2)	24	Min. Max. A v.	2340 6179 4540	< d.l. 720 279	< d.l. 484 109	1640 5978 4399
Interparticle ferroan calcite cement			10 10	217	107	
TSU-5	14	Min. Max. Ay.	7594 15103 10929	< d.l. 1154 654	< d.l. 869 212	< d.l. 2241 444
TSU-4	32	Min. Max.	630 13548 7808	< d.l. 1231 635	< d.l. 1424 267	< d.1. 2841 252
TSU-3	27	Min. Max. Av.	1290 15219 11313	< d.l. 1115 530	< d.l. 2553 375	< d.l. 6875 2424
Intraparticle ferroan calcite cement						
TSU-5	4	Min. Max. Ay.	4500 12996 7662	< d.l. 813 461	< d.l. 1585 734	< d.1. 3069 1131
TSU-4	19	Min. Max.	3070 15981 11844	< d.l. 829 376	< d.l. 1317 315	< d.l. 12143 3375
TSU-3	19	Min. Max. Av.	8434 13222 10729	< d.l. 1154 581	< d.l. 1505 281	< d.l. < d.l. < d.l.
Dolomite overgrowth 1 (TSU-4 and 5)	28	Min. Max. Av.	12071 84009 61156	< d.l. 1928 633	< d.l. 1352 362	< d.l. 3830 502
Dolomite overgrowth 2 (TSU-4 and 5)	5	Min. Max. Av.	46450 112418 72264	1789 2548 1983	< d.l. 448 113	< d.l. < d.l. < d.l.
Vein-filling calcite cement	69	Min. Max. Av.	< d.l. 17551 7855	< d.l. 1394 549	< d.l. 2920 328	< d.l. 9572 1717

n: number of analyses.

< d.l.: below detection limit.

Table 4: Summary of stable carbon and oxygen isotope analyses of calcite cements, detrital dolomite, and their overgrowth of the Hecho Group "tectonosedimentary units" (TSU)

		mort			Calcite	Calcite 13		Dolomite	Dolomite
Sample	Site	TSU	System	Type of Cement	"O _{PDB}	CPDB	Type of Cement	~O _{PDB}	···C _{PDB}
GH100	LaTorrecilla	TSU5	Guaso	Intergranular calcite	-5.82	-0.12	Dolomite in YB	-5.48	0.84
GH101B	LaTorrecilla	TSU5	Guaso	Intergranular calcite	-6.11	0.24	Dolomite in YB	-6.20	1.61
GH101G2	LaTorrecilla	TSU5	Guaso	Intergranular calcite	- 5.94	0.27	Dolomite in YB	-6.73	2.17
GH101G3	LaTorrecilla	TSU5	Guaso	Intergranular calcite	- 5.57	0.35	Dolomite in YB	-6.72	1.67
CGG01C	LaTorrecilla	TSU5	Guaso	Intergranular calcite	-6.64	-0.59	Dolomite in YB	-7.23	1.96
CGB2-01	SanVicente	TSU4	Banaston3	Intergranular calcite	-7.07	-0.34	Dolomite in YB	-9.98	0.99
CGB2-02y1	SanVicente	TSU4	Banaston3	Intergranular calcite	-6.73	-2.50	Dolomite in YB	-10.13	0.42
CGB2-02y2	SanVicente	TSU4	Banaston3	Intergranular calcite	-6.87	-2.70	Dolomite in YB	-10.38	0.37
CGB2-02gr	SanVicente	TSU4	Banaston3	Intergranular calcite	-6.61	-1.64	Dolomite in YB	-8.23	-0.28
CG B2-03B	SanVicente	TSU4	Banaston3	Intergranular calcite	-6.77	-1.58	Dolomite in YB	-8.72	-0.02
GH01A	Labuerda	TSU4	Banaston2	Intergranular calcite	-6.50	-0.12	Dolomite in YB	-7.87	-0.29
GH01B1	Labuerda	TSU4	Banaston2	Intergranular calcite	-7.05	-0.03	Dolomite in YB	-10.17	0.84
GH01B3	Labuerda	TSU4	Banaston2	Intergranular calcite	-6.92	0.22	Dolomite in YB	-9.97	0.74
CG B1-01	Usana	TSU4	Banaston2	Intergranular calcite	-6.66	-0.37	Dolomite in YB	-8.32	0.66
CGB1-02	Usana	TSU4	Banaston2	Intergranular calcite	-6.48	-1.36	Dolomite in YB	-8.56	-0.05
GH18A3	Usana	TSU4	Banaston	Intergranular calcite	-7.66	-1.70	Detrital dolomite & overgrowth	-7.14	-1.17
GH31A6	Bergua	TSU4	Banaston	Intergranular calcite	-6.81	-0.65	Detrital dolomite & overgrowth	-5.75	0.72
GH163A	CarBolt	TSU4	Banaston	Intergranular calcite	-6.70	-0.07	Detrital dolomite & overgrowth	-6.11	0.36
GH18	Usana	TSU4	Banaston	Vein-filling calcite (prismatic)	-7.85	-1.82			
GH22B	Arro	TSU3	Broto6	Intergranular calcite	- 7.98	-1.37	Dolomite in YB	-8.37	-0.01
GH23B	Arro	TSU3	Broto6	Intergranular calcite	-7.32	-1.73	Dolomite in YB	-10.14	0.25
GH26A1	Arro	TSU3	Broto6	Intergranular calcite	-8.07	-0.69	Dolomite in YB	-9.68	0.63
GH26A2	Arro	TSU3	Broto6	Intergranular calcite	-7.91	-0.67	Dolomite in YB	-9.22	0.71
GH231A4	Estrech	TSU3	Gerbe	Intergranular calcite	- 7.94	-1.77			
GH25B4	Arro	TSU3	Broto	Intergranular calcite	-8.16	-0.59	Detrital dolomite & overgrowth	-7.38	0.04
GH294A1	Arro	TSU3	Broto	Intergranular calcite	-8.37	-0.95	Detrital dolomite & overgrowth	-8.52	-0.81
GH61A7	Fanlo	TSU3	Broto	Intergranular calcite	-8.50	-1.27	Detrital dolomite & overgrowth	-6.83	0.18
GH264A	Cotefablo	TSU3	Cotefablo	Intergranular calcite	- 5.87	-0.70	Detrital dolomite & overgrowth	-6.42	0.33
GH228	Fuebas	TSU3	Torla	Intergranular calcite	-10.01	-1.53	Detrital dolomite & overgrowth	-6.28	0.31
GH25B	Arro	TSU3	Broto	Vein-filling calcite (blocky)	-8.71	-0.75			
GH294	Arro	TSU3	Broto	Vein-filling calcite (blocky)	-8.14	-1.08			
GH61	Fanlo	TSU3	Broto	Vein-filling calcite (prismatic)	-10.42	-1.38			
GH206	Fuebas	TSU2	Figols	Intergranular calcite	-9.67	-2.01	Detrital dolomite & overgrowth	-6.42	0.69
GH212	Fuebas	TSU2	Figols	Fibrous calcite	-9.73	0.72			
GH226A	Fuebas	TSU2	Figols	Fibrous calcite	-9.68	0.38			
GH215	Fuebas	TSU2	Figols	Vein-filling calcite (prismatic)	-9.55	-1.36			

Table 5: Summary of electron microprobe chemical analyses on albite and detrital feldspars showing a pure end member composition of the albite overgrowth.

				% K-								
Sample	Turbidite System	TSU	%Phyllosilicates	%Kaol	%Ilite	%Chlorite	%Q	Feld	%Plag	%Cal	%Dol + Ank	Others
RAC-5	Jaca	TSU-5 TSU-5	9.0 4.8	2.8 2.1	5.6 2.4	0.6 0.3	47.1 21.4	0.4 3.3	- 5.0	40.4 63.8	3.1 1.7	Pyrite
CAI-3	Aínsa	Av. $(n = 34)$	3.8	1.4	2.3	0.2	28.0	2.6	4.7	55.3	5.5	-
CBA-4 CO-2 SVB-3 B6	Banastón 5 Banastón 4 Banastón 3 Banastón 2	TSU-4 TSU-4 TSU-4 TSU-4 TSU-4	4.9 4.3 3.8 4.5 8.6	1.9 1.2 1.6 1.5 2.9	2.5 3.1 2.2 3.0 5.7	0.5 	30.2 34.1 28.1 16.6 35.5	2.9 - 0.7 1.6	1.9 5.2 3.7 2.7 6.7	60.1 56.4 57.7 67.4 43.7	- 6.8 8.1 3.9	Pyrite
BcC3	Banastón 1 and 2	Av. (n = 44)	4.5	1.9	2.6	0.1	31.2	1.5	5.1	54.8	2.9	
AR-C3 BF-2	Broto 6 Broto 5	TSU-3 TSU-3 TSU-3	4.2 8.3 4.5	0.8 3.5 1.2	3.3 4.2 1.5	- 0.5 1.8	21.2 35.0 52.6	0.3 3.1 2.7	2.8 9.6 17.7	69.6 38.8 22.0	1.9 5.3 0.5	Pyrite
BR1	Broto 4 and 5	Av. $(n = 39)$	6.0	2.4	3.4	0.2	35.7	1.3	6.1	47.4	3.5	
GH220 GH219	Fígols Fígols	TSU-2 TSU-2	33.5 4.9	10.5 4.9	14.2 +	8.8	37.7 60.1	_	15.0	9.2 35.0	4.6	Pyrite
GH214B GH-214A	Fígols Fígols	TSU-2 TSU-2 TSU-2	 25.6	- - 8.6	- 17.0		54.6 86.5 22.7	_	13.8 	31.6 13.5 18.0	- - 8.7	Pyrite Pyrite
GH-206	Fígols	Av. $(n = 5)$	12.8	4.8	6.2	1.7	52.3	-	10.7	21.4	2.6	

+: presence.