

Cadomian metabasites of the Eastern Pyrenees revisited

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ABSTRACT

This study presents a new geochemical, petrological, and geochronological U-Pb dataset from Ediacaran metabasites and associated rocks of the Canigó and Cap de Creus massifs, Eastern Pyrenees. Metabasites are composed of calcic amphibole + plagioclase + chlorite + epidote ± quartz plus titanite + apatite + ilmenite ± biotite ± rutile as accessory phases and show relict igneous textures. Peak pressure-temperature determinations share common conditions, ranging 452–482°C and 5.2–7.7 kbar, which suggest Barrovian-type metamorphism, most likely related to a collisional setting. The metabasites correspond to evolved basaltic rocks ($Mg\# < 0.55$) with moderate TiO_2 content (up to 2.08 wt.%) and relatively low Cr (43–416 ppm). The rocks are moderately enriched in Light Rare Earth Elements (LREE) relative to Heavy Rare Earth Elements (HREE) (average $(La/Lu)_n$ of 2.7) and the N-MORB normalized multi-element patterns show negative slopes, with prominent negative Nb anomalies ($(Nb/La)_{NMORB} = 0.33–0.78$). These variations are akin to island arc tholeiites generated in back-arc basins and to other metabasites described in the Eastern Pyrenees with a putative Ediacaran age, and they differ from the Ordovician tholeiitic metabasites from the Canigó massif, which derived from a contaminated E-MORB source. The positive $\varepsilon_{Nd(T)}$ values (0.82–3.05) of the studied metabasites preclude a notable contribution from an older continental crust. Detrital zircon U-Pb dating Laser Ablation-Inductively Coupled Plasma-Mass Spectrometry (LA-ICP-MS) of one chlorite-rich schist sample in contact with the metabasites from the Canigó massif yielded a main peak at ca. 632 Ma and apparent maximum age of deposition at ca. 550 Ma. We argue that the Cadomian metabasites from the Pyrenees formed during back-arc extension in the continental margin of Gondwana and were later affected by (probably early Variscan) medium-P metamorphism before the Low-Pressure High-Temperature (LP-HT) metamorphism classically described in the Pyrenees.

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INTRODUCTION

Ediacaran mafic magmatic rocks related to the Pan-African collisional orogen (~790–605 Ma in the Anti-Atlas) and Cadomian accretional orogen (~590–550 Ma in SW Europe) have been extensively described in the north-western margin of Gondwana, exposed in several areas of the European Variscan Belt ([Arenas *et al.*, 2018](#); [Gutiérrez-Alonso *et al.*, 2004](#); [Rubio-Ordóñez *et al.*, 2015](#); [Sánchez-Lorda *et al.*, 2014, 2016](#) and references therein). Ediacaran magmatic rocks are the only evidence of the Cadomian orogenic event in areas far from the main sutures, where Cadomian-related deformation and metamorphism are absent, such as in the basement rocks of the Eastern Pyrenees ([Casas *et al.*, 2015](#); [Castiñeiras *et al.*, 2008](#); [Mezger, 2010](#); [Navidad and Carreras, 1995](#); [Padel *et al.*, 2018a](#)) or in the core of other massifs involved in the Alpine-Himalayan orogenic system ([Abbo *et al.*, 2015](#); [Bendokht *et al.*, 2021](#); [Fiannacca *et al.*, 2013](#); [Micheletti *et al.*, 2007](#); [Williams *et al.*, 2012](#); [Yilmaz Şahin *et al.*, 2013](#)). In general, the described Cadomian magmatic events are associated with the later stages of a long-lived active margin that resulted from the subduction of a former *peri*-Gondwanan Ocean (Protethys or Iapetus?) under Gondwana (*e.g.* [Kroner and Stern, 2005](#); [Nance *et al.*, 2010](#)).

Despite the efforts on clarifying the age and the tectonic settings of the metabasite rocks exposed in the Pyrenees ([Casas *et al.*, 2015](#); [Castiñeiras *et al.*, 2008](#); [Navidad and Carreras, 1995](#); [Padel *et al.*, 2018a](#)), there is still controversy regarding their paleogeographic location and geodynamic meaning during the Cadomian orogeny and so far, have been subsequently less studied compared with other areas (see [von Raumer *et al.*, 2015](#)). Recently, [Padel *et al.* \(2018a\)](#) interpreted the Ediacaran metabasites in the Eastern Pyrenees as formed due to the emplacement of tholeiitic magmas linked to an extensional regime. According to these authors, such extensional event preceded the Cadomian felsic and calc-alkaline more extensive magmatism attributed to the arc-related final stage of the Cadomian orogen. [Padel *et al.* \(2018a\)](#) also compared the magmatic geological record in the Eastern Pyrenees with that from the Serie Negra Group of the Ossa-Morena Zone, which is interpreted as an oceanic environment with island-arc affinity linked to fore- and back-arc basins ([Sánchez-Lorda *et al.*, 2014, 2016](#)). However, other authors suggest that the Cadomian mafic and felsic magmatic episodes in the Eastern Pyrenees may be coeval ([Álvaro *et al.*, 2018](#); [Ayora and Casas, 1986](#); [Navidad and Carreras, 2002](#)).

The purpose of this study is to provide more precise information on the petrogenesis of the late Neoproterozoic basic magmatism recorded in the basement rocks of the Pyrenees and to clearly differentiate the Ediacaran vs. Ordovician mafic magmatic pulses recorded in these rocks.

We present new geochemical and petrological, U-Pb zircon geochronological, and Sr-Nd isotopic data of the Eastern Pyrenees metabasites and associated rocks to further constrain their origin and age and, as a result, to get a better understanding of the geodynamic evolution of the basement rocks of the Pyrenees along the Gondwana margin during the Ediacaran-Cambrian transition. In addition, we discuss their P-T paths in order to constrain the metamorphism undergone by the studied mafic rocks.

GEOLOGICAL SETTING

The Pyrenees is an E-W trending Alpine belt formed between the Late Cretaceous and the Miocene by the convergence between the Iberian and European plates ([Muñoz, 1992](#)). Due to the tectonic stacking of several Alpine thrust-sheets, pre-Variscan basement rocks form a large strip in the core of the cordillera and provide evidence of Cadomian, Sardic, and Variscan magmatic episodes ([Casas *et al.*, 2010, 2015](#); [Castiñeiras *et al.*, 2008](#); [Cocherie *et al.*, 2005](#); [Liesa *et al.*, 2021](#); [Martínez *et al.*, 2016](#); [Navidad *et al.*, 2010](#); [Padel *et al.*, 2018a](#); [Pereira *et al.*, 2014](#)). The Ediacaran succession ([Casas and Palacios, 2012](#); [Castiñeiras *et al.*, 2008](#)) is a thick (up to 3000?m) unfossiliferous metasedimentary series (Canaveilles Group and lateral equivalents; [Padel *et al.*, 2018b](#)), composed of metapelites and metagreywackes interbedded with numerous layers of marbles, quartzites, and calc-silicates cut by orthogneiss derived from Ordovician protoliths ([Castiñeiras *et al.*, 2008](#); [Casas *et al.*, 2010](#); [Navidad *et al.*, 2018](#)). The study area is located on the southern flank of the Canigó massif and on the Cap de Creus massif ([Fig. 1](#)), where this lower metasedimentary series crops out extensively.

Variscan deformation events are also linked to regional metamorphic conditions ([Guitard, 1970](#); [Muñoz, 1992](#); [Ribeiro *et al.*, 2019](#); [Zwart, 1979](#); and references therein). The main Variscan structure is a pervasive S_1 foliation present at all structural levels. S_1 foliation is heterogeneously affected by later D_2 and D_3 folds with associated axial planar foliations, developing into broadly E-W to NW-SE orientation. The resulting main structure is characterized by dome-shaped antiforms (generally cored by orthogneisses) bounded by synforms formed by upright folded metasediments with a steeply dipping axial plane foliation ([Carreras and Capellà, 1994](#); [Carreras *et al.*, 1996](#)), thus, suggesting that the main Variscan phase was contractional ([Carreras and Capellà, 1994](#); [Matte and Mattauer 1987](#)).

Metamorphic zones linked to a Low-Pressure High-Temperature (LP-HT) metamorphism (broadly coeval with the Variscan D_2 event) are developed concentrically around

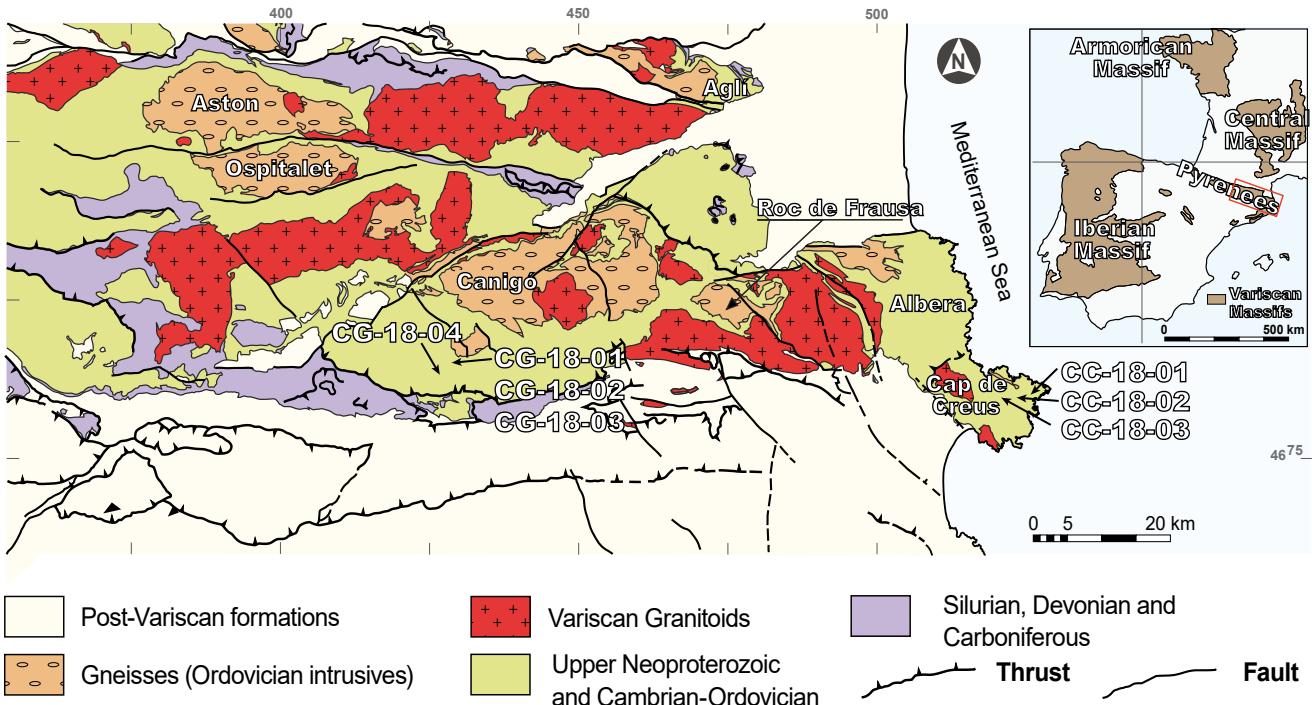


FIGURE 1. Simplified geological map of the Eastern Pyrenees with the location of the Canigó and Cap de Creus massifs, and the location of the studied samples. The inset in the upper right shows the location of the Pyrenees in southwestern Europe. Modified from Casas *et al.* (2015).

the antiforms (Gibson, 1989; Guitard, 1965; Guitard *et al.*, 1996; Liesa and Carreras, 1989; Soula, 1982; Zwart, 1962, 1979). Medium to high-grade rocks (cordierite-andalusite and sillimanite zones) and local migmatites are present in the inner parts, while the external parts of the antiforms are occupied by low-grade rocks (chlorite-muscovite and biotite zones). Late folds and shear zones affected the main foliation, and local retrograde greenschist facies metamorphism developed along mylonitic bands (Carreras and Casas, 1987; Carreras, 2001; Carreras and Druguet, 2014).

In the Cap de Creus, the deeper stratigraphic and highest metamorphic rocks are located towards the NE, structurally covered by a continuous series of progressively lower metamorphic grade rocks in the upper stratigraphic sequences (Druguet, 2001). Reche *et al.* (1996) estimated P-T conditions around 550–570°C and 2.5–3.6 kbar for the upper part of the cordierite-andalusite zone and between 3.9–6.5 kbar and 590–720°C for the sillimanite - K feldspar zone.

In the Canigó massif, P-T conditions of 4.6–6 kbar and 450–530°C were estimated for the biotite zone (Ayora *et al.*, 1993) and ~6.5 kbar and 550°C (de Marien *et al.*, 2019) coeval with the development of the main foliation. In the andalusite-cordierite zone, the presence of staurolite wrapped by andalusite and cordierite indicates a previous medium-pressure stage followed by lower-pressure

metamorphism (Castro *et al.*, 2002; Gibson, 1992; Martínez and Rolet, 1988). For the sillimanite zone, peak temperatures reached $725 \pm 25^\circ\text{C}$ at $4.5 \pm 0.5 \text{ kbar}$ (Gibson and Bickle, 1994).

The Cadomian cycle and the Ediacaran metabasites in the Pyrenees

The Canigó massif

The presence of pre-Variscan igneous rocks in the basement rocks of the Pyrenees was first reported in the Canigó massif by Guitard and Laffitte (1956) and Cavet (1957). These authors described metavolcanic acidic rocks with a porphyritic texture, known as *gneiss granulé* (granular gneiss) located in the lower part of the metasedimentary Canaveilles Group. Later, Guitard (1970), Casas *et al.* (1986), Ayora and Casas (1986) and Navidad and Carreras (2002) described greenschists and amphibolites derived from basaltic lava flows, diabasic dikes, and gabbro bodies mainly located in the lower and middle parts of the succession (Fig. 2). According to Ayora and Casas (1986) and Navidad and Carreras (2002), the close proximity of metavolcanic acidic and basic rocks may indicate that this bimodal magmatism could be coeval.

On the southern flank of the massif, Casas *et al.* (2015) provided radiometric ages ranging from 575 to 568 Ma for

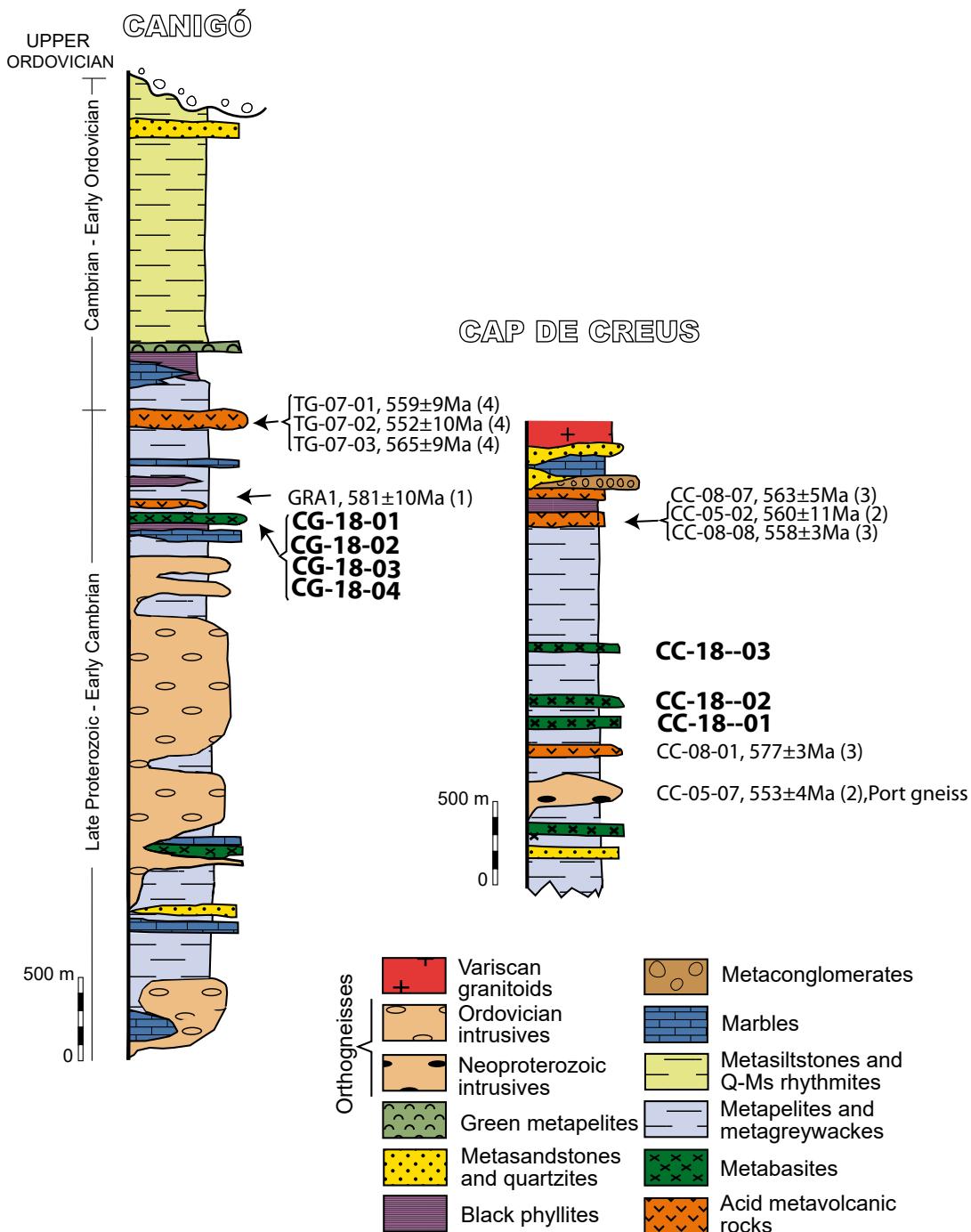


FIGURE 2. Synthetic logs of pre-Upper Ordovician rocks in the Canigó and Cap de Creus massifs with the location of the studied samples and the previous geochronological data related to Cadomian magmatism: 1) Cocherie *et al.* (2005); 2) Castiñeiras *et al.* (2008); 3) Casas *et al.* (2015); 4) Casas *et al.* (2015) recalculated after Padel *et al.* (2018a). Stratigraphic data from Guitard (1970), Santanach (1972), Ayora and Casas (1986) and Losantos *et al.* (1997).

feldspathic metaignimbrites collected near the Tregurà village, in an area where the metavolcanic rocks attain their maximum thickness (up to 500m). The geochemistry of the felsic rocks indicates that they were formed in a back-arc environment, and they record a fragment of a long-lived subduction-related magmatic arc (620-520Ma) in the active

northwestern Gondwana margin. In the same area, Padel *et al.* (2018b) proposed an updated revision of the Ediacaran-Lower Ordovician stratigraphic framework and subdivided the succession topped by the Sardic unconformity into the Canaveilles and Jujols groups. According to these authors, the main volcanic activity is located in the upper part of

the Canaveilles Group (Fabert and Finestrelles members of the Pic de la Clape Formation) crossing the Ediacaran-Terreneuvian boundary interval. *Padel et al.* (2018b) recalculated the age of the Tregurà volcanic rocks (ca. 565–552Ma) and proposed that the metabasites reflect the emplacement of tholeiitic magmatism linked to Ediacaran extensional conditions, whereas predominant subsequent intermediate and acid magmatic rocks should represent Cadomian magmatic events.

The Cap de Creus massif

In the Cap de Creus massif, the lower parts of the equivalent Canaveilles Group are mainly made up of a ca. 800m thick monotonous alternation of metagreywackes, with subordinate metapelites and discontinuous bands of plagioclase-amphibole rocks, banded quartzites, and marbles. Acidic metatuffs are mainly interstratified at the top of this succession, whereas metabasites crop out at its bottom and middle parts (*Fig. 2*; *Navidad and Carreras, 1995*). Metatuffs are interbedded with kerogenous black slates and marbles and are derived from late Ediacaran Al-rich calc-alkaline rhyolites and rhyodacites (*Navidad and Carreras, 1995*). They yield U-Pb zircon ages ranging from ca. 577Ma at the base of the succession (*Casas et al., 2015*), to ca. 560Ma, (*Castiñeiras et al., 2008*), ca. 563Ma, and ca. 558Ma (*Casas et al., 2015*) at its top. Metabasites are derived from gabbro-dolerite intrusions and basaltic lens-shaped bodies and, till now, no radiometric age has been obtained from these rocks.

In contrast to other Pyrenean massifs (Canigó, Albera, Roc de Frausa, and Aston-Ospitalet), no large augengneiss bodies derived from Ordovician plutonic rocks occur in the Cap de Creus massif. In contrast, a 200m thick subvolcanic orthogneiss body (the so-called Port gneiss; *Carreras and Ramírez, 1984*) crops out at the bottom of the succession. Its protolith corresponds to a small intrusion of quartz-monzonite yielding a ca. 553Ma U-Pb radiometric age (*Castiñeiras et al., 2008*) (*Fig. 2*). This gneiss can be considered as the plutonic equivalent of the metavolcanic rocks mainly located in the upper part of the succession. Its radiometric age is similar to the protolith age of other gneissic bodies located at similar stratigraphic positions, such as the Mas Blanc gneiss in the Roc de Frausa massif (ca. 560Ma; *Castiñeiras et al., 2008*), the Laparan orthogneiss in the Aston massif (ca. 545Ma; *Mezger and Gerdes, 2016*), and the Belesta gneiss in the Aglí massif (ca. 542Ma; *Tournaire Guille et al., 2019*).

In summary, the Canigó and Cap de Creus massifs of the Eastern Pyrenees provide evidence of a stepwise succession of Ediacaran-Terreneuvian magmatic events lasting 30m.y. Felsic rocks clearly predominate, which is common for the magmatism related to the Cadomian orogeny (*Villaseca*

et al., 2022 and references therein), and subsidiary mafic bodies have received different interpretations with no conclusive radiometric ages.

SAMPLES AND ANALYTICAL METHODS

Four localities from the Canigó massif near the Queralbs village were sampled, three of them between La Farga and Daió power station and one on the Queralbs-Fontalba road (see locations in *Table 1*; *Figs. 1; 2*). Two samples are metabasites (CG-18-01 and CG-18-04) and two samples are chlorite-rich schists (CG-18-02, CG-18-03) in close contact with the metabasites. Metabasites from the Cap de Creus were sampled in 3 localities: east of Mas d'en Melos, north of the Bufadors area, and in the Serrat de Conilleres, the three located between Cadaqués and Port de la Selva (see locations in *Table 1*; *Figs. 1; 2*).

In the Canigó massif, metabasites occur as lens-shaped half-meter to 3m-wide and about 10 to 100m-long bodies (*Fig. 3A-B*), with NW-SE trending direction and steep to sub-vertical dips (*Table 1*), sub-parallel to the main foliation in the country rocks. Metabasites occur in the lower part of the succession, in the vicinity of felsic metavolcanics (*Fig. 2*).

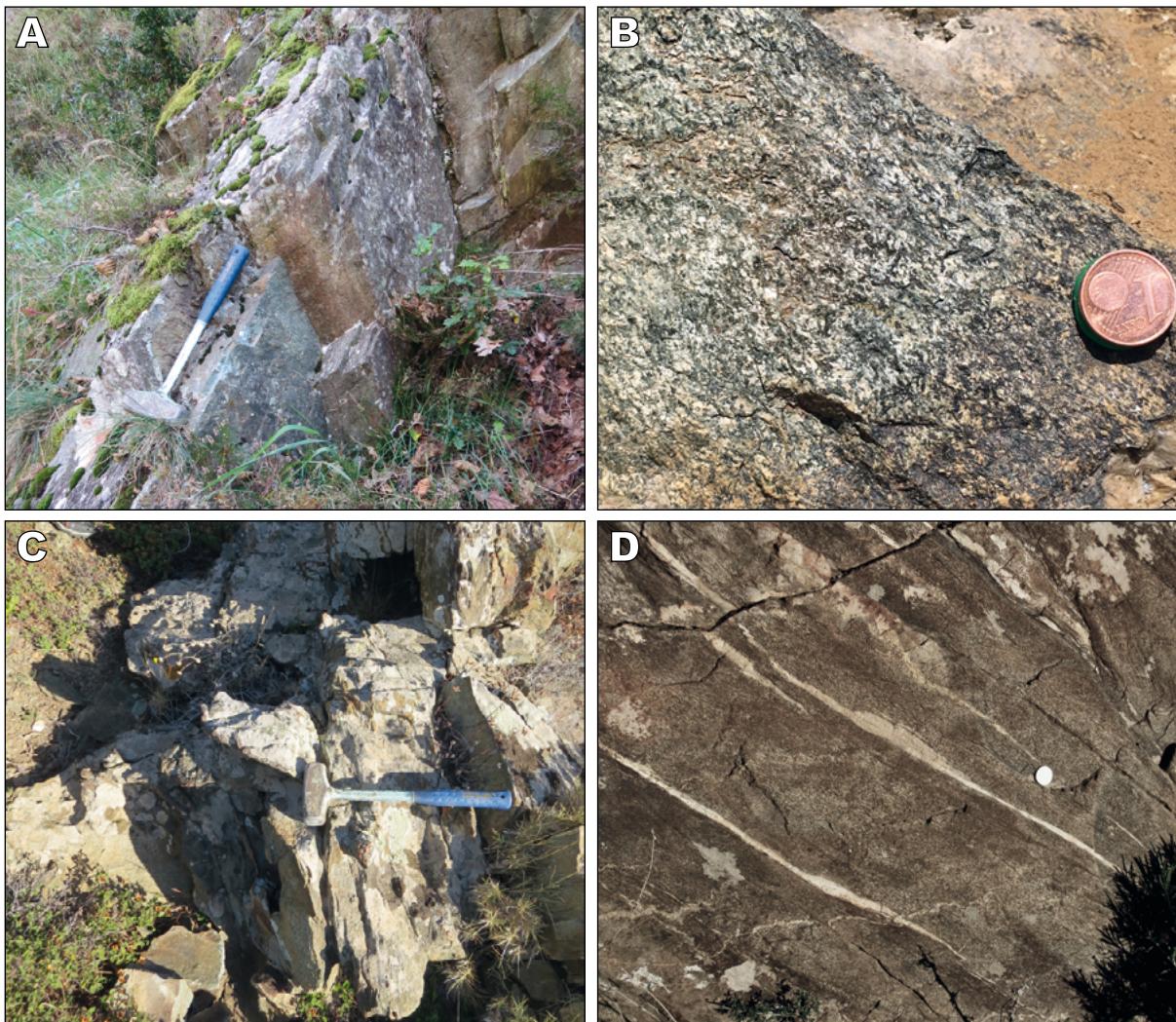
In the Cap de Creus massif, felsic bodies are scarce in the lower and middle part of the succession, where metabasites are abundant (*Fig. 2*). Metabasites also occur as lens-shaped bodies sub-parallel to the E-W to NW-SE trending main Variscan foliation, which affects the metabasite lenses (*Fig. 3C-D*) but may also wrap around the larger, more competent bodies. The larger body around the Bufadors area is about 200m wide and 1km long.

Unaltered representative metabasites (CG-18-01, CG-18-04, CC-18-01, CC-18-02, CC-18-03) and one chlorite-rich schist (CG-18-02) were crushed in a jaw crusher and powdered using a tungsten carbide disk mill (~1.5kg per sample). The powder was sieved using various mesh sizes disposable plastic sieves and the fractions 75–100 μm and 100–125 μm were separated first using a Frantz™ isodynamic separator and the non-magnetic fractions were hydroseparated at the Hydroseparation Lab (Universitat de Barcelona; <http://www.hslab-barcelona.com/>). The obtained grains were mounted as polished (1 μm diamond paste) monolayers on resin blocks (SimpliMet 1000). For details of the procedure see *Aigslperger et al. (2015)*.

Polished thin sections and monolayers were studied by optical and electron microscopy using a Quanta 200 FEI XTE 325/D8395 Scanning Electron Microscope (SEM) equipped with an INCA Energy 250 EDS microanalysis system and a JEOL JSM-7100 field-emission SEM at

TABLE 1. Studied samples, classification, location, and dip and dip direction of the main foliation

Sample	Rock type	Sampling site	Dip	Dip Dir.	Latitude	Longitude
CG-18-01	Metabasalt	Canigó massif, La Farga	82	218	42.35856987	2.17237632
CG-18-02	Chlorite-rich schist	Canigó massif, La Farga	71	53	42.35849162	2.17211774
CG-18-03	Chlorite-rich schist	Canigó massif, La Farga	82	225	42.35823539	2.17197935
CG-18-04	Metagabbro	Canigó massif, Fontalba road	68	19	42.35494545	2.16267494
CC-18-01	Metagabbro	Cap de Creus massif. E Mas d'en Melos	56	59	42.31122364	3.26784228
CC-18-02	Metagabbro	Cap de Creus massif. N Bufadors	75	62	42.30810586	3.24797851
CC-18-03	Metabasalt	Cap de Creus massif, Serrat de Conilleres	35	360	42.30689786	3.22657767

**FIGURE 3.** Field images of the studied samples. A-B) Metabasites from the Canigó massif. C-D) Metabasites from the Cap de Creus massif. Photograph D courtesy of J. Carreras.

the Centres Científics i Tecnològics de la Universitat de Barcelona (CCiTUB). Operating conditions were 15–20 kV accelerating voltage and 5 nA in BackScattered Electron (BSE) mode. Monolayers were studied uncoated under low-vacuum conditions. Semiquantitative compositions of the mineral assemblage were determined by X-ray Energy Dispersive System (EDS) analysis.

Quantitative Electron Probe Micro Analyses (EPMA) on amphibole, plagioclase, chlorite, epidote, titanite, ilmenite, rutile, magnetite and biotite were also conducted at the CCiTUB using a five-channel JEOL JXA-8230 operating in Wavelength-Dispersive Spectroscopy (WDS) mode. The analytical conditions were 15–20 kV accelerating voltage, 10–20 nA beam current, 1–2 μm beam diameter, and 10–20 s counting time per element, using WDS detectors and XPP matrix correction (Pouchou and Pichoir, 1991). The measurements and the calibrations were performed using the following natural and synthetic standards: diopside (Si), kyanite (Al), Cr_2O_3 (Cr), rutile (Ti), periclase (Mg), albite (Na), Fe_2O_3 (Fe), rhodonite (Mn), NiO (Ni), wollastonite (Ca), orthoclase (K), NaCl (Cl) and CaF (F). Representative analyses are given in Appendix I. Amphibole compositions were normalized following the procedures of Leake *et al.* (1997) and Fe^{3+} was estimated after the method of Schumacher (in Leake *et al.*, 1997), although they were revised by the newer scheme of Hawthorne *et al.* (2012). Epidote and feldspar were normalized to 12.5 and 8 oxygens, respectively, and $\text{Fe}_{\text{total}}=\text{Fe}^{3+}$. Chlorite was normalized to 28 oxygen and $\text{Fe}_{\text{total}}=\text{Fe}^{2+}$. Atoms per formula unit are abbreviated as apfu. Atomic Mg/(Mg+Fe²⁺) of minerals is expressed as Mg-number (Mg#). Mineral abbreviations are after Whitney and Evans (2010).

Bulk rock geochemical and isotopic analyses were performed at the Centro de Instrumentación Científica from the Universidad de Granada (CIC-UGR). Secondary veins and alteration rims were carefully removed by sawing before crushing. Sample powders were obtained using a tungsten carbide disk mill. Major-element concentrations were obtained by X-ray Fluorescence (XRF) spectrometry on glass beds using a Philips PV1404 spectrometer. Precision was better than $\pm 1.5\%$ for a concentration of 10 wt.%. Zr was determined by XRF on pressed powder pellets, with a precision better than $\pm 4\%$ at 100 ppm concentration. Further detail on the analytical technique can be found in Lázaro *et al.* (2015). Trace elements were analyzed by Inductively Coupled Plasma Mass Spectrometry (ICP-MS). Procedural blanks and international standards PMS, WSE, UBN, BEN, BR, and AGV (Govindaraju, 1994) were run as unknowns during analytical sessions. Precision was better than $\pm 2\%$ and $\pm 5\%$ for analyte concentrations of 50 and 5 ppm, respectively. Further detail in Lázaro *et al.* (2015). Major and trace elements of six metabasites from the Canigó (CG-18-01A, CG-18-01B, CG-18-04) and Cap

de Creus (CC-18-01, CC-18-02, CC-18-03) massifs are listed in Table 2.

The same metabasite samples analyzed for whole-rock geochemistry were analyzed for Sr and Nd isotopes at the CIC-UGR. Powders were digested using ultra-clean reagents, chromatographically separated with ion-exchange resins in a clean room and analyzed by Thermal Ionization Mass Spectrometry (TIMS) in a Finnigan Mat 262 spectrometer. Normalization values were $^{86}\text{Sr}/^{88}\text{Sr}=0.1194$ and $^{146}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}=0.7219$ and blanks were 0.6 and 0.09 ng for Sr and Nd respectively. The external precision (2σ ; Govindaraju *et al.*, 1994) was better than 0.0011% for $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$, and 0.0018% for $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$. The internal precision was estimated on the average of the standards NIST-987 for Sr with a mean $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}=0.710249 \pm 0.0003\%$ and Jndi-1 (Tanaka *et al.*, 2000) for Nd with a mean $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}=0.512123 \pm 0.0006\%$. $^{87}\text{Rb}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ and $^{147}\text{Sm}/^{144}\text{Nd}$ were directly determined by ICP-MS according to the method developed by Montero and Bea (1998), with a precision better than 1.2% and 0.9% (2σ) respectively. The analyses are given in Table 3.

Zircon grains were found in the mineral concentrates of only one chlorite-rich schist (CG-18-02). U/Pb isotopes of zircon were measured *in situ* on polished monolayers by an inductively coupled mass spectrometer Agilent 8800 QQQ ICP-MS interfaced to a laser ablation extraction line Photon Machines Analyte Excite 193 at the Andalchron lab (Instituto Andaluz de Ciencias de la Tierra, CSIC-UGR, Granada). Ablation conditions were set up to get the maximum sensibility on analysis, minimize interactions and interferences, and get accurate location analysis, avoiding mixed areas, fractures, and irregularities over the ablated area. 81 analyses on zircon grains from 2 different monolayers were performed with a spot size of 40 μm , fluence of 8 J/cm², static spot ablation mode, and automatic driven positioning. The masses measured and integration times were 0.38 s (206), 0.5 s (207), 0.2 s (208), 0.15 s (232), and 0.28 s (238). 91500 zircon (Wiedenbeck *et al.*, 1995) was used as primary reference material for every four analyses of unknowns and the Plesovice zircon (Sláma *et al.*, 2008) for secondary/validation. Data were subsequently reduced using Igor Pro Jolite 3.5 software (Paton *et al.*, 2011) and Isoplot R for data presentation. The obtained results are shown in Table VI, appendix I.

P-T conditions were determined with the average P-T method using the software THERMOCALC version 3.33 and dataset 5.5 (Powell and Holland, 1994; Holland and Powell, 1998). An H₂O-fluid was included in all the assemblages. The activities and activity uncertainties of each endmember included in the calculations were obtained with the software AX (Holland and Powell, unpublished). Endmembers with very low activities (<0.0001) were

TABLE 2. Whole-rock major and trace element data of the studied metabasites from the Canigó and Cap de Creus massifs

Sample	CG-18-01A	CG-18-01B	CG-18-04	CC-18-01	CC-18-02	CC-18-03
Region	Canigó	Canigó	Canigó	Cap de Creus	Cap de Creus	Cap de Creus
Rock type	Metabasalt	Metabasalt	Metagabbro	Metagabbro	Metagabbro	Metabasalt
SiO ₂ (wt.%)	44.95	44.93	48.51	50.93	52.84	52.16
TiO ₂	1.01	0.98	1.39	1.12	2.08	1.58
Al ₂ O ₃	14.98	15.02	17.74	13.96	12.26	14.14
Fe ₂ O _{3T}	11.54	11.63	9.56	10.69	15.26	12.40
MnO	0.18	0.19	0.12	0.17	0.22	0.20
MgO	11.08	11.10	5.69	7.41	5.07	5.56
CaO	9.10	9.13	9.30	10.65	7.21	7.89
Na ₂ O	2.21	2.19	3.83	2.89	3.72	4.25
K ₂ O	0.03	0.03	0.20	0.32	0.23	0.20
P ₂ O ₅	0.11	0.11	0.16	0.09	0.17	0.16
LOI	4.22	3.97	3.01	1.02	0.23	0.72
Total	99.41	99.28	99.51	99.25	99.29	99.26
Li (ppm)	43	44	35	8	7	13
Rb	1.3	1.2	5.9	6.5	6.1	4.6
Cs	0.19	0.18	0.47	0.51	1.58	0.42
Be	0.75	0.74	0.80	0.62	1.13	1.02
Sr	268	262	279	202	270	332
Ba	21	14	53	91	228	571
Sc	27	26	41	51	53	44
V	153	148	235	280	577	357
Cr	406	417	341	247	43	123
Co	190	244	72	120	136	125
Ni	221	218	59	47	14	35
Cu	16	15	120	53	12	63
Zn	96	94	82	89	96	94
Ga	15	15	20	17	20	20
Y	21	20	23	27	39	36
Nb	4	4	7	3	4	4
Ta	0.92	1.13	0.61	0.50	0.59	0.57
Zr	70	73	91	71	114	108
Hf	0.50	0.72	1.18	0.67	0.74	0.89
Mo	6	8	6	8	9	8
Sn	0.95	0.95	1.08	1.13	2.04	1.76
Tl	0.02	0.01	0.03	0.05	0.07	0.04
Pb	12	11	5	5	2	10
U	0.21	0.20	0.34	0.34	0.33	0.68
Th	0.84	0.80	1.51	1.25	1.90	2.17
La	6.3	6.0	9.5	7.4	7.6	13.4
Ce	13.9	13.4	20.1	15.8	20.0	30.1
Pr	1.88	1.81	2.56	2.11	2.97	4.02
Nd	9.05	8.61	11.69	10.10	15.04	18.27
Sm	2.50	2.45	3.16	2.93	4.57	4.80
Eu	1.08	0.97	1.17	1.18	1.72	1.70
Gd	2.94	2.79	3.54	3.57	5.28	5.33
Tb	0.51	0.49	0.62	0.66	0.96	0.91
Dy	3.13	3.13	3.72	4.16	6.62	5.99
Ho	0.71	0.69	0.79	0.94	1.47	1.33
Er	1.88	1.85	2.07	2.64	4.13	3.63
Tm	0.29	0.29	0.31	0.40	0.60	0.53
Yb	1.76	1.72	1.89	2.52	3.82	3.44
Lu	0.24	0.24	0.26	0.37	0.57	0.50

TABLE 3. Rb-Sr and Sm-Nd isotopic data for the studied metabasites. ϵ_{Nd} calculated for 580Ma, Nd model ages after DePaolo (1981), decay constant for ^{147}Sm = $6.54 \cdot 10^{-12} \text{ yr}^{-1}$ (Lugmair and Martí, 1978), and present-day CHUR parameters: $^{147}\text{Sm}/^{144}\text{Nd}= 0.1967$; $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}= 0.512638$ (Jacobsen and Wasserburg, 1980)

Sample	CG-18-01A	CG-18-01B	CG-18-04	CC-18-01	CC-18-02	CC-18-03
Region	Canigó	Canigó	Canigó	Cap de Creus	Cap de Creus	Cap de Creus
Rock type	Metabasalt	Metabasalt	Metagabbro	Metagabbro	Metagabbro	Metabasalt
Rb(ppm)	1.03	0.94	6.52	6.07	6.18	3.70
Sr(ppm)	307.6	307.4	226.5	325.6	315.1	387.2
$^{87}\text{Rb}/^{86}\text{Sr}$	0.0096	0.0089	0.0833	0.0540	0.0568	0.0277
$^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$	0.70723	0.70729	0.70624	0.70905	0.70792	0.70911
Error Sr/Sr	0.001	0.003	0.002	0.002	0.001	0.002
Sm(ppm)	2.43	2.46	2.98	3.25	4.44	4.95
Nd(ppm)	8.43	8.46	9.63	11.64	14.09	18.20
$^{147}\text{Sm}/^{144}\text{Nd}$	0.1742	0.1762	0.1869	0.1687	0.1908	0.1646
$^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$	0.512682	0.512680	0.512554	0.512675	0.512721	0.512569
Error Nd/Nd	0.002	0.002	0.002	0.003	0.002	0.003
$\epsilon_{\text{Nd}}(0)$	0.9	0.8	-1.6	0.7	1.6	-1.3
$\epsilon_{\text{Nd}}(T)$	3.0	2.6	0.8	2.3	2.6	1.5
T _{DM(Ga)}	1.18	1.32	1.48	1.46	1.62	1.31

excluded from the calculation. If fit indices exceeded the value allowable for 95% confidence in the P-T result, then the most suspected activity (largest e^*) was removed and the calculation was re-run (c.f. Powell and Holland, 1994). The results are shown in Table 4.

RESULTS

Petrography

The studied metabasites correspond to metagabbros (gabbro/dolerite sills) and metabasalts. Metagabbros show medium- to coarse-grained textures (Fig. 4A-D) and are mainly composed of albited plagioclase (45-55vol.%), zoned amphibole (40-50vol.%), and minor chlorite, epidote, and quartz, associated with accessory minerals such as ilmenite, biotite, rutile, magnetite, titanite, and apatite. Plagioclase crystals vary in texture from euhedral to anhedral, with sizes between few micrometers to 3mm, and can host amphibole inclusions up to 50 μm . Amphibole grains are subhedral to anhedral, with sizes between 0.2 and 1.5mm, and show green-brown pleochroism in plane-polarized light (Fig. 4A, C). In some samples, large (1-3mm) plagioclase and amphibole crystals are enclosed in a fine-grained matrix of plagioclase and amphibole. Epidote is also a common phase in all samples from both massifs. The metabasites from the Canigó massif show accessory ilmenite grains up to 2mm partially replaced by rutile and titanite (Fig. 5A-B), whereas ilmenite in the Cap de Creus metabasites occurs as skeletal crystals intergrown

with silicates and hosting multiple silicate inclusions (biotite, chlorite) (Fig. 5C-D). Apatite (up to 70 μm) is also quite common in the Cap de Creus studied samples (Fig. 5E). Chlorite appears in all the studied samples and the mineral association indicates greenschist to lower epidote-amphibolite metamorphic facies.

Metabasalts show a relict flow texture as observed in Figure 4E-G and are mainly composed of amphibole (45-60vol.%) and plagioclase (50-55vol.%), and minor proportion of chlorite and epidote, with accessory ilmenite, titanite, calcite, and quartz. Amphibole grains can host plagioclase (up to 100 μm), titanite (up to 240 μm), and/or small quartz inclusions (<5 μm) (Fig. 5F). Some samples show banded textures with alternating amphibole- and plagioclase-rich bands (Fig. 4G). Mineral grains are subhedral to anhedral with a grain size between a few micrometers and 500 μm for plagioclase and amphibole, and up to 100 μm for chlorite, epidote, titanite, and ilmenite. Larger crystals (200-500 μm) are embedded in a microcrystalline matrix (Fig. 4E-F). Chlorite and epidote are abundant (Fig. 5F-G) and the mineral association indicates greenschist to lower epidote-amphibolite metamorphic facies.

Samples CG-18-02 and CG-18-03 are chlorite-rich schists composed mainly of quartz, plagioclase, and chlorite \pm muscovite \pm biotite, with accessory subhedral zircon, titanite, apatite, and calcite (Figs. 4H; 5H). The samples show mm-wide mica-rich bands. Zircon grains were separated from CG-18-02 because of its close

TABLE 4. Results of average P-T calculations for the metabasites from the Canigó and Cap de Creus massifs (Eastern Pyrenees). The data includes the corresponding correlations and sigfit value. The sigfit value shows the quality of how well the activities of the selected endmembers match among one another, indicating more accurate and reliable results for the smaller values (Powell and Holland, 1994)

Sample	Massif	Temperature (°C)	Pressure (kbars)	Cor - SigFit
CC-18-01	Cap de Creus	452 ± 36	6.1 ± 1.6	0.831 – 1.62
CC-18-02	Cap de Creus	482 ± 31	7.7 ± 1.3	0.811 – 1.30
CC-18-03	Cap de Creus	479 ± 19	5.2 ± 0.9	0.885 – 0.85
CG-18-01	Canigó	465 ± 23	6.2 ± 0.9	0.826 – 1.10
CG-18-04	Canigó	452 ± 58	7.2 ± 2.5	0.780 – 2.63

location with the metabasites in order to precise the age of these rocks. Both samples are not included in the mineral chemistry and geochemistry sections.

Mineral chemistry

Representative analyses of the studied minerals in the metabasites are documented in Appendix I. Amphibole is calcic ($\text{Ca}^{\text{B}}=1.80\text{-}1.95\text{apfu}$), with moderate variation in Si (6.33–7.81apfu) and Mg# (0.35–0.80). Amphibole from samples of the Canigó massif has magnesio-hornblende to actinolite compositions (Fig. 6A), with high Si (7.33–7.81apfu) and Ca (1.80–1.97apfu), and low Al (0.22–0.92apfu) and Na (0.02–0.14apfu), whereas amphibole from samples of the Cap de Creus massif has ferro- to magnesio-tschermarkite, ferro- to magnesio-hornblende to actinolite compositions (Fig. 6A), with variable Si (6.33–7.69apfu) and Ca (1.79–1.97apfu), and moderate Al (0.32–2.56apfu) and Na (0.06–0.51apfu).

Plagioclase from metabasites of the Canigó massif corresponds to albite, whereas that from the samples from Cap de Creus massif corresponds to oligoclase-albite and only sample CC-18-01 has plagioclase with andesine composition (Fig. 6B). Chlorite in the samples from the Canigó massif has ripidolite to pycnochlorite compositions (Fig. 6C), with Si content ranging from 5.34 to 5.58apfu and Mg#=0.55–0.63. Chlorite in samples from the Cap de Creus massif corresponds to ripidolite and brunsvigite (Fig. 6C) with Si content ranging from 5.26 to 5.78apfu and Mg#=0.41–0.57. Epidote crystals have low to moderate pistacite content ($\text{X}_{\text{Ps}}=\text{Fe}^{3+}/[\text{Al}-2]+\text{Fe}^{3+}$) ranging from 0.25 to 0.44 in samples collected in the Canigó massif and from 0.39 to 0.42 in samples collected in the Cap de Creus massif (Fig. 6D).

P-T conditions

Average P-T conditions were determined for samples CG-18-01 and CG-18-04 from the Canigó massif and for samples CC-18-01, CC-18-02, and CC-18-03 from the Cap de Creus massif. The calculated peak conditions used the assemblage Amp + Czo + Pl + Ep + Qtz and the accessory minerals (Ilm, Rt, Mt, and Ttn) were included in

the corresponding samples. The obtained results (shown in Table 4 and Figure 7, including the uncertainties) for samples from the Canigó massif are $465 \pm 23^\circ\text{C}$ and $6.2 \pm 0.9\text{kbar}$ (CG-18-01) and $452 \pm 58^\circ\text{C}$ and $7.2 \pm 2.5\text{kbar}$ (CG-18-04), whereas for samples from the Cap de Creus massif are $452 \pm 36^\circ\text{C}$ and $6.1 \pm 1.6\text{kbar}$ (CC-18-01); $482 \pm 31^\circ\text{C}$ and $7.7 \pm 1.3\text{kbar}$ (CC-18-02), and $479 \pm 19^\circ\text{C}$ and $5.2 \pm 0.9\text{kbar}$ (CC-18-03). These data confirm the greenschist to lower epidote–amphibolite metamorphic facies for the massifs as already suggested by the mineral association (Fig. 7).

Whole-rock geochemistry

Major and minor elements

All the studied metabasites from the Eastern Pyrenees show SiO_2 content between 44.93 and 52.84wt.% (Table 2) and can be classified as sub-alkaline basalts on the Zr/Ti vs. Nb/Y classification diagram of Pearce, 1996 after Winchester and Floyd (1977) (Fig. 8A). Metagabbros and metabasalts have similar compositions and, hence, no differentiation can be made based on their geochemistry (Table 2). The studied metabasites are characterized by Al_2O_3 content ranging between 12.26 and 17.74wt.%, 5.07–11.1wt.% MgO , 9.56–15.26wt.% Fe_2O_3 , 7.21–10.65wt.% CaO , 2.19–4.25wt.% Na_2O , moderate content of TiO_2 (up to 2.08wt.%), and relatively low content in Cr (43–416ppm), K_2O (up to 0.32wt.%), and MnO (up to 0.22wt.%), and variable LOI values (0.23–4.22wt.%). The Mg# [$\text{Mg}/(\text{Mg}+\text{Fe}^{2+})$] is between 0.27 and 0.52, indicating evolved basaltic rocks (Hanson and Langmuir, 1978). The Zr vs. Y discrimination diagram of Ross and Bédard (2009) modified by Barrett and MacLean (1997) shows that all the studied metabasites belong to the transitional magmatic suites, with minor tholeiitic signatures for the Cap de Creus massif samples (Fig. 8B). In the AFM diagram (Irvine and Baragar, 1971), these rocks plot in the center of the tholeiitic field and in the limit tholeiite – calc-alkaline series (Fig. 8C).

Trace elements

Figure 9A shows the Rare Earth Element (REE) contents normalized to chondrite, and Figure 9B illustrates

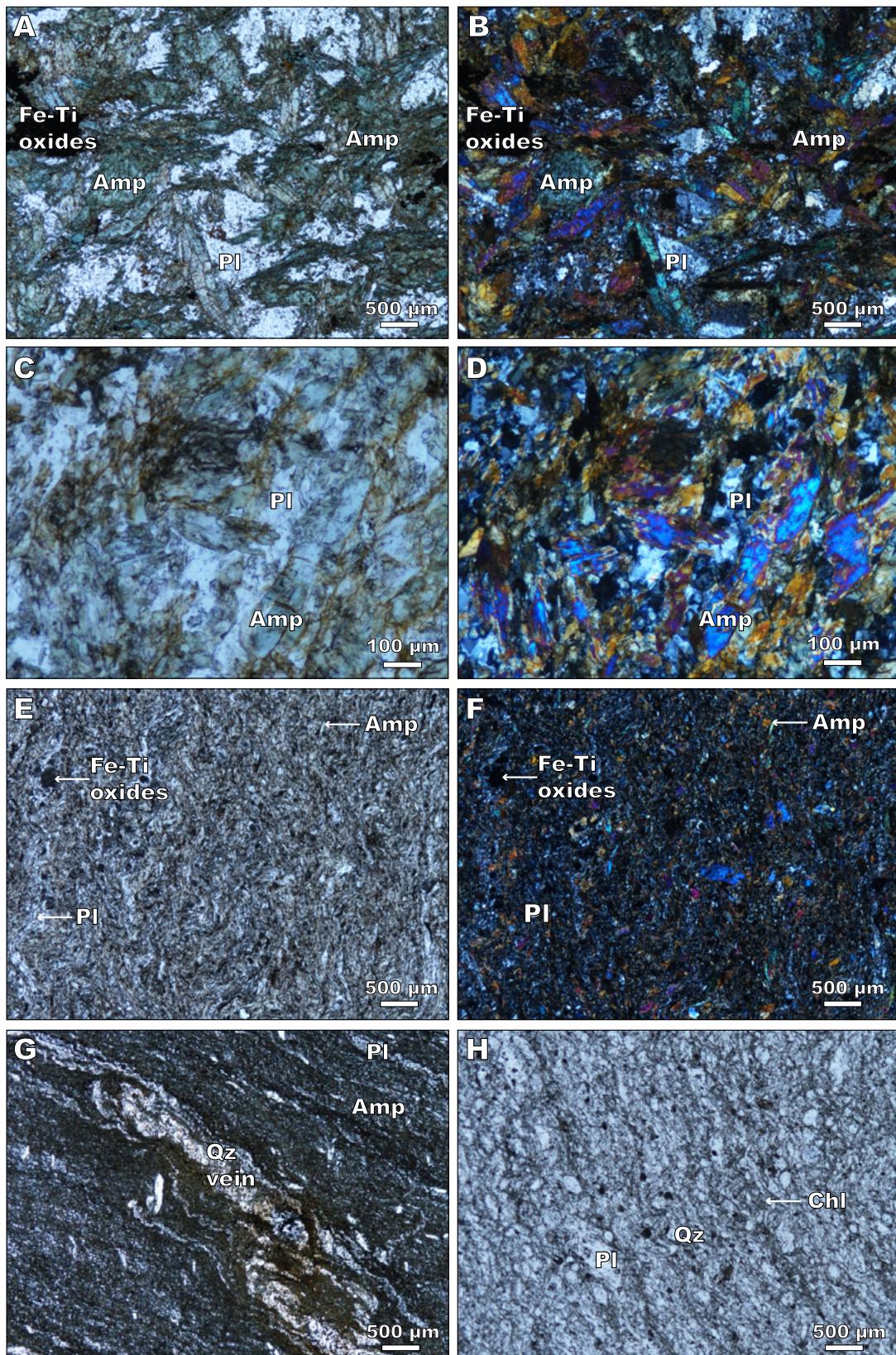


Figure 4. Photomicrographs (plane-polarized and cross-polarized light) of the studied metabasites and chlorite-rich schist showing the different mineral phases. A-D) Metagabbros, E-G) Metabasalts and H) Chlorite-rich schist. A-B) Sample CC-18-02, C-D) Sample CC-18-01, E-F) Sample CG-18-01, G) Sample CC-18-03 and H) Sample CG-18-02. Abbreviations: Amp= amphibole, Chl= chlorite, Pl= plagioclase, Qz= quartz.

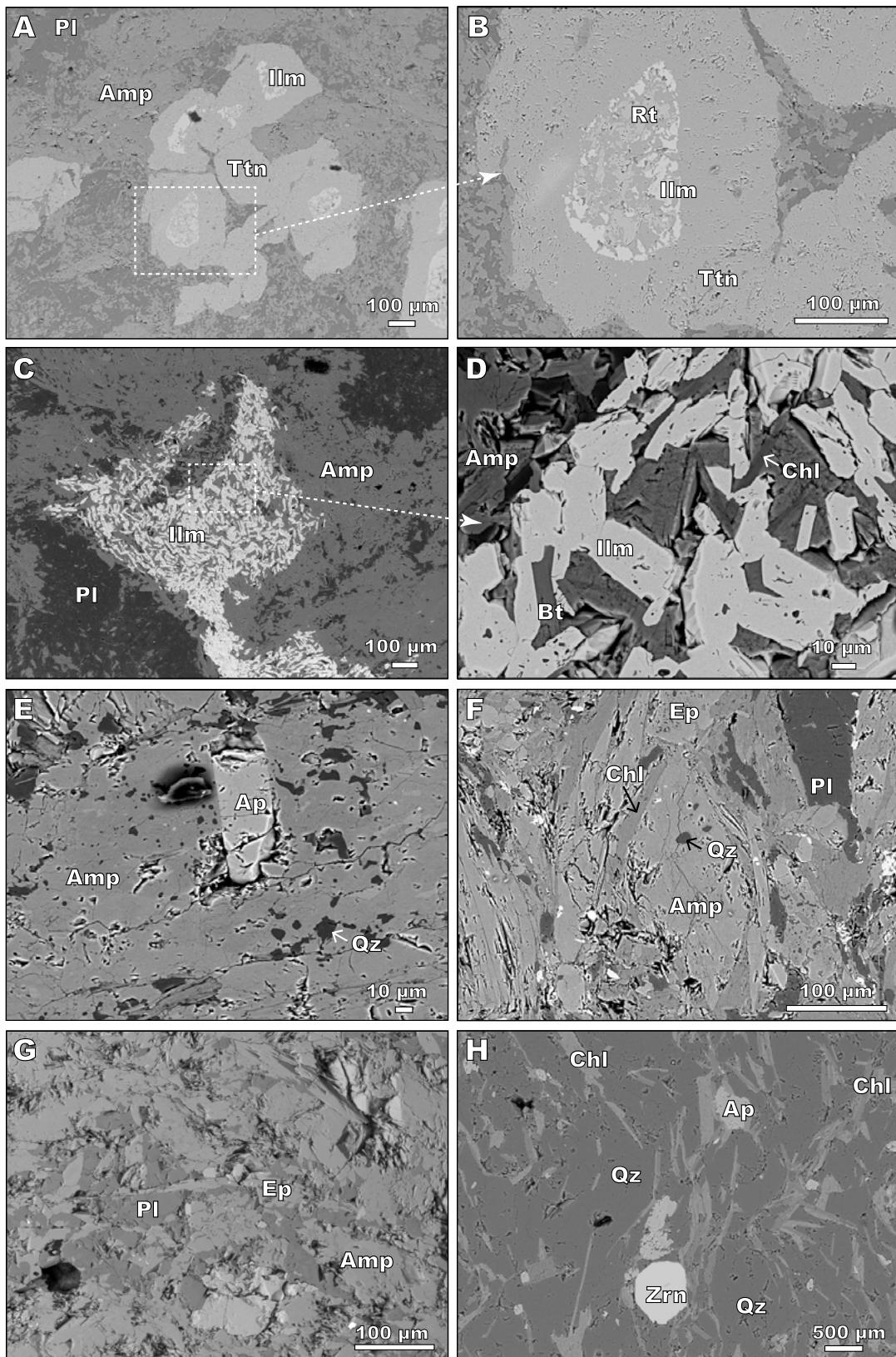


Figure 5. Backscattered electron images of the studied samples showing the different mineral phases. A-B) Metagabbros from the Canigó massif, C-E, F) Metabasalt from the Canigó massif G) Metagabbros from the Cap de Creus massif, and H) Chlorite-rich schist from the Canigó massif. A-B) Sample CG-18-04, C-E) Sample CC-18-02, F) Sample CG-18-01, G) Sample CG-18-01 and H) Sample CG-18-02. Abbreviations: Amp= amphibole, Ap= apatite, Bt= biotite, Chl= chlorite, Ep= epidote, Ilm= ilmenite, Pl= plagioclase, Qz= quartz, Rt= rutile, Ttn= titanite Zrn= zircon.

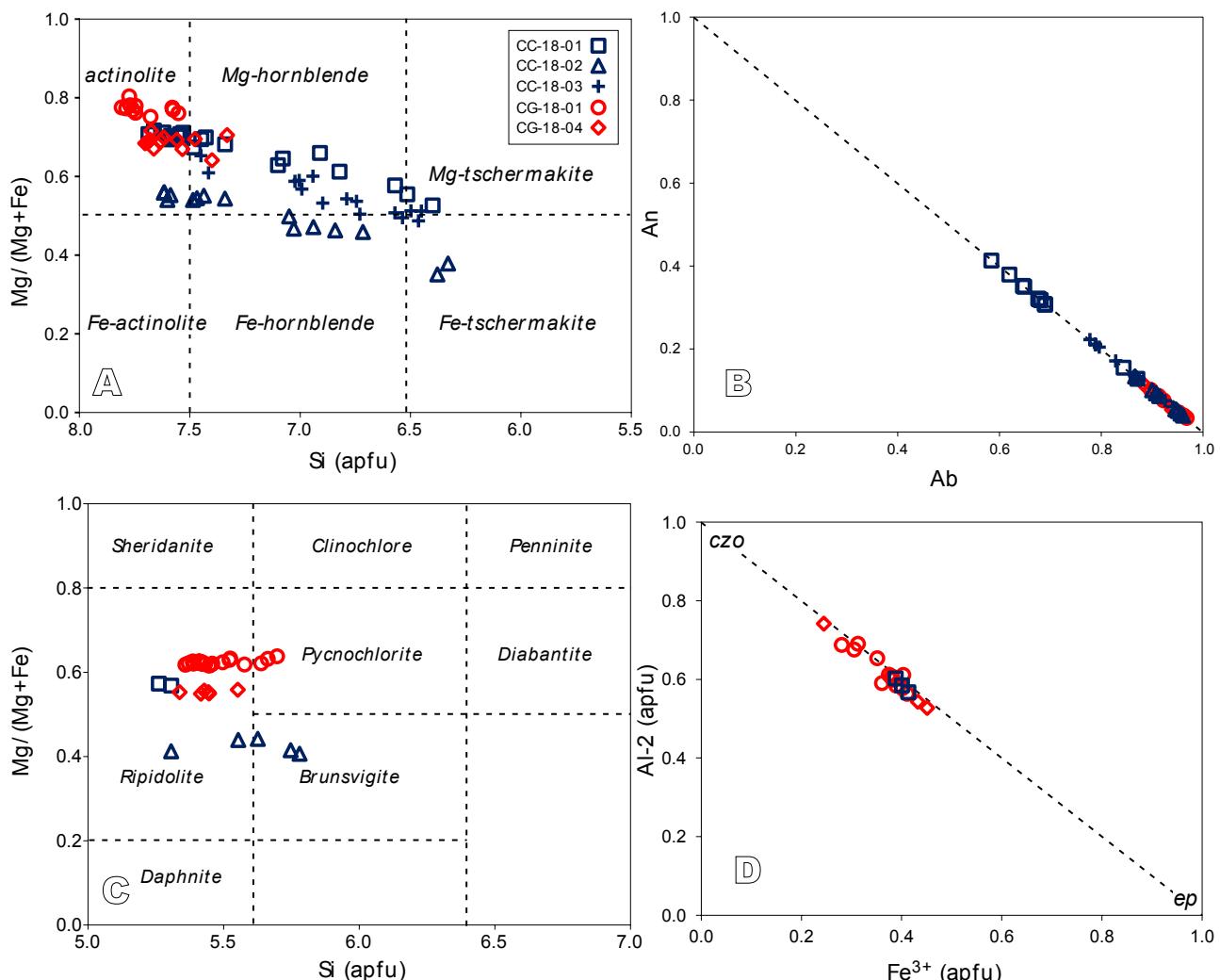


Figure 6. A) Amphibole classification diagram (Leake *et al.*, 1997; Hawthorne *et al.*, 2012). B) Plagioclase composition. C) Chlorite composition in the classification diagram modified from Hey (1954). D) Epidote composition.

the incompatible trace elements normalized to N-MORB for the studied metabasites (normalization values from Sun and McDonough, 1989). All metabasite samples exhibit similar patterns in both REE and spider diagrams, even though samples from the Cap de Creus massif are slightly more enriched in REE (Fig. 9). Total REE concentrations are between 44 and 94 ppm (Table 2), values of $(\text{La/Sm})_n / (\text{Gd/Lu})_n$ are between 0.9 and 1.3, and Eu-anomalies are negligible to slightly positive ($\text{Eu/Eu}^* = 1.0 - 1.2$). The REE patterns show a negative slope from La to Lu (Fig. 9A), indicating a moderate enrichment in Light Rare Earth Elements (LREE) relative to Heavy Rare Earth Elements (HREE), with an average $(\text{La/Lu})_n$ of 2.7. In the N-MORB-normalized spider diagrams (Fig. 9B), the patterns of the studied metabasites show negative slopes, with marked negative anomalies in Nb [$(\text{Nb/La})_{\text{NMORB}} = 0.33 - 0.78$] and positive anomalies in Th [$(\text{Th/La})_{\text{NMORB}} = 2.02 - 5.18$]. The obtained patterns are similar to those from other Ediacaran metabasites in the Pyrenees (Padel *et al.*, 2018a), and

distinctly different from Pyrenean Ordovician metabasites (*i.e.* see the difference in Nb in Fig. 9B; Navidad *et al.*, 2018).

Sr and Nd isotope geochemistry

Sr and Nd isotopic ratios of the studied metabasites from the Eastern Pyrenees are presented in Table 3. The obtained results are very similar for the metabasites from the Canigó and Cap de Creus massifs. Based on their approximate U-Pb crystallization age of 580 Ma (Casas *et al.*, 2015), the initial Sr and Nd isotopic ratios for metabasites were recalculated (formulas by DePaolo and Wasserburg, 1976 and DePaolo, 1981). The initial radiogenic isotope ratios are 0.511932-0.512047 for $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$ and 0.705565-0.708882 for $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$. They show positive $\varepsilon_{\text{Nd(T)}}$ values between 0.82 and 3.05 with T_{DM} model ages of 1.2 to 1.6 Ga (Fig. 10). The $\varepsilon_{\text{Nd(T)}}$ values are lower than those expected for magmas derived from a depleted mantle source, although

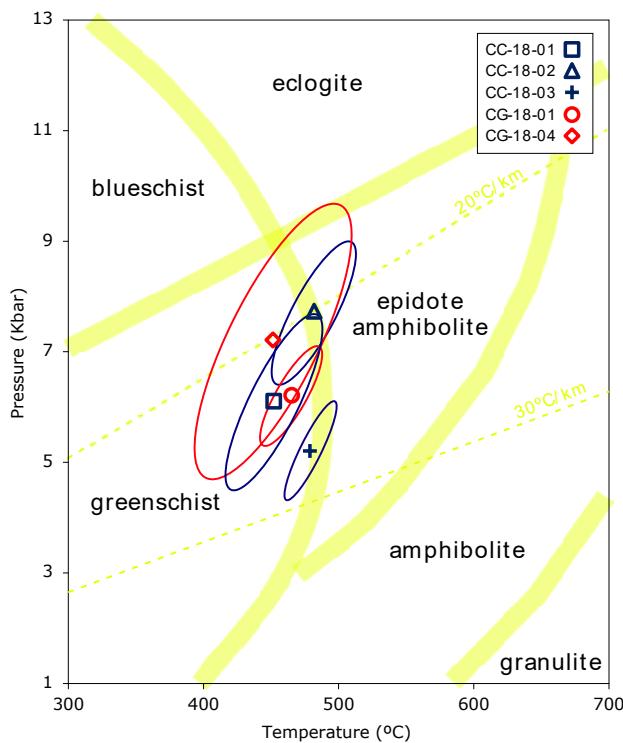


Figure 7. P-T conditions determined by average P-T, including the uncertainty ellipses, calculated following Powell and Holland (1994). The thick lines separate facies fields simplified after Spear (1993).

the positive $\varepsilon_{\text{Nd(T)}}$ values preclude a remarkable contribution from an older continental crust (Padel et al., 2018a). In addition, the studied Ediacaran metabasites clearly differ from the Ordovician metabasites from the Eastern Pyrenees (Navidad et al., 2018) that show negative $\varepsilon_{\text{Nd(T)}}$ (0.41 to -0.58) and T_{DM} model ages of 1.1–1.3 Ga (Fig. 10). Data for the Montemolín metabasites from the Serie Negra Group in Ossa Morena (Rojo-Pérez et al., 2022) have been also included in the diagram, which show a similar range of $\varepsilon_{\text{Nd(T)}}$ (from 2.1 to -1.0) but significantly older T_{DM} model ages (1.31–2.11 Ga).

U/Pb dating on zircon

Zircon grains were dated in sample CG-18-02 from the Canigó massif, which is a chlorite-rich schist in spatial contact with the metabasites (sample CG-18-01) (Table VI). The analyzed zircon grains range from 50 to 125 μm in size, are mostly colorless, euhedral to anhedral in shape, with variable zoning, and show no mineral inclusions. Out of the 81 analyses, 17 of them are $\pm 10\%$ discordant. The Kernel Density Estimate (KDE) plot (Fig. 11) shows one main peak at 632 Ma and other, smaller, peaks at 550 Ma (limit Paleozoic–Neoproterozoic), 806 Ma (Neoproterozoic), 994 Ma (limit Neoproterozoic–Mesoproterozoic), and at 2496 Ma (limit Paleoproterozoic–Archean). The zircon grains with Neoproterozoic dates (542–1000 Ma) represent

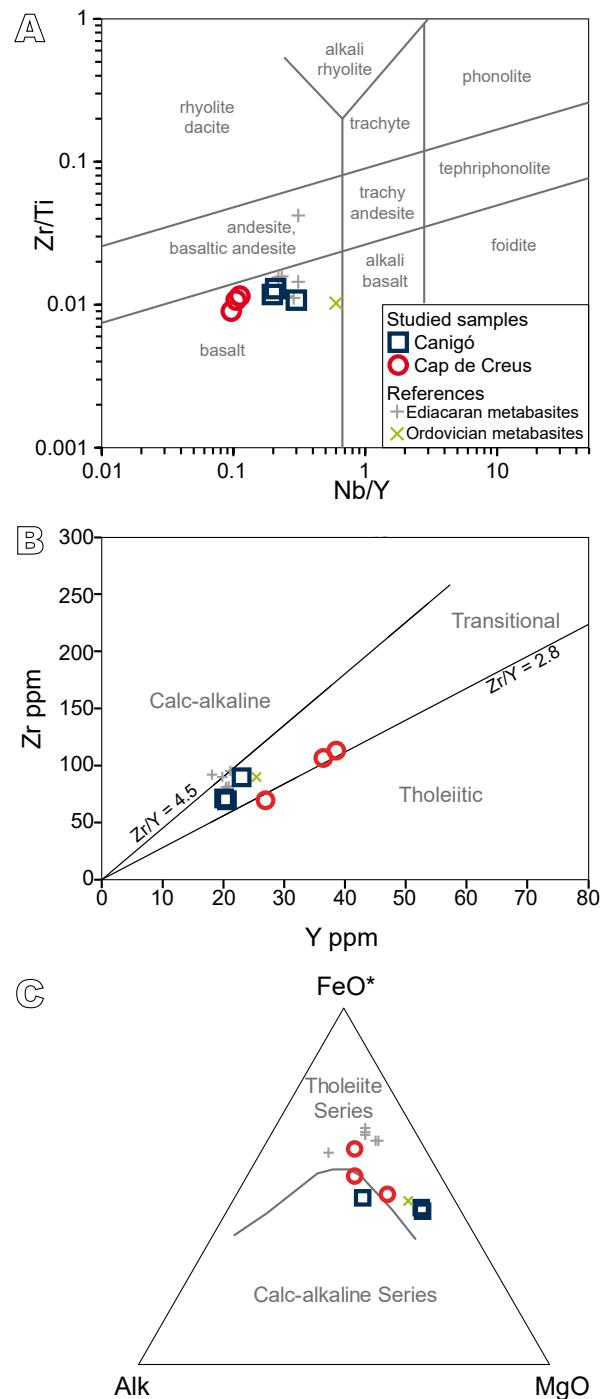


Figure 8. Classification diagrams for the studied metabasites. A) Zr/Ti vs. Nb/Y diagram (Pearce, 1996 after Winchester and Floyd, 1977). B) Zr vs. Y diagram (Ross and Bédard, 2009 modified from Barrett and MacLean, 1997). C) AFM diagram (Irvine and Baragar, 1971). References for metabasites in the Pyrenees are from Navidad et al. (2018) for Ordovician metabasites and Padel et al. (2018a) for Ediacaran metabasites.

74.7% of the analyses, 3.8% of the analyses have Late Mesoproterozoic ages (1000–1200 Ma), 17.7% of the analyses have Paleoproterozoic ages (1600–2500 Ma), and only 3.8% of analyses have Archean (>2500 Ma) ages. The

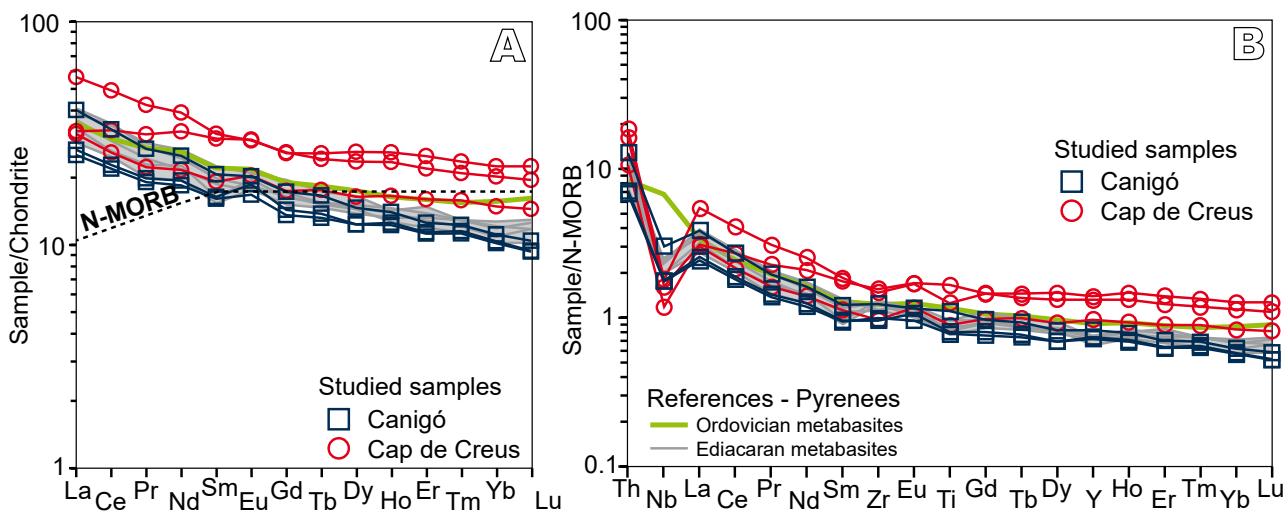


Figure 9. A) Chondrite-normalized REE patterns and B) primitive mantle-normalized patterns for the studied metabasites. Normalizing values from Sun and McDonough (1989). References for metabasites in the Pyrenees are from Navidad et al. (2018) for Ordovician metabasites and Padel et al. (2018a) for Ediacaran metabasites.

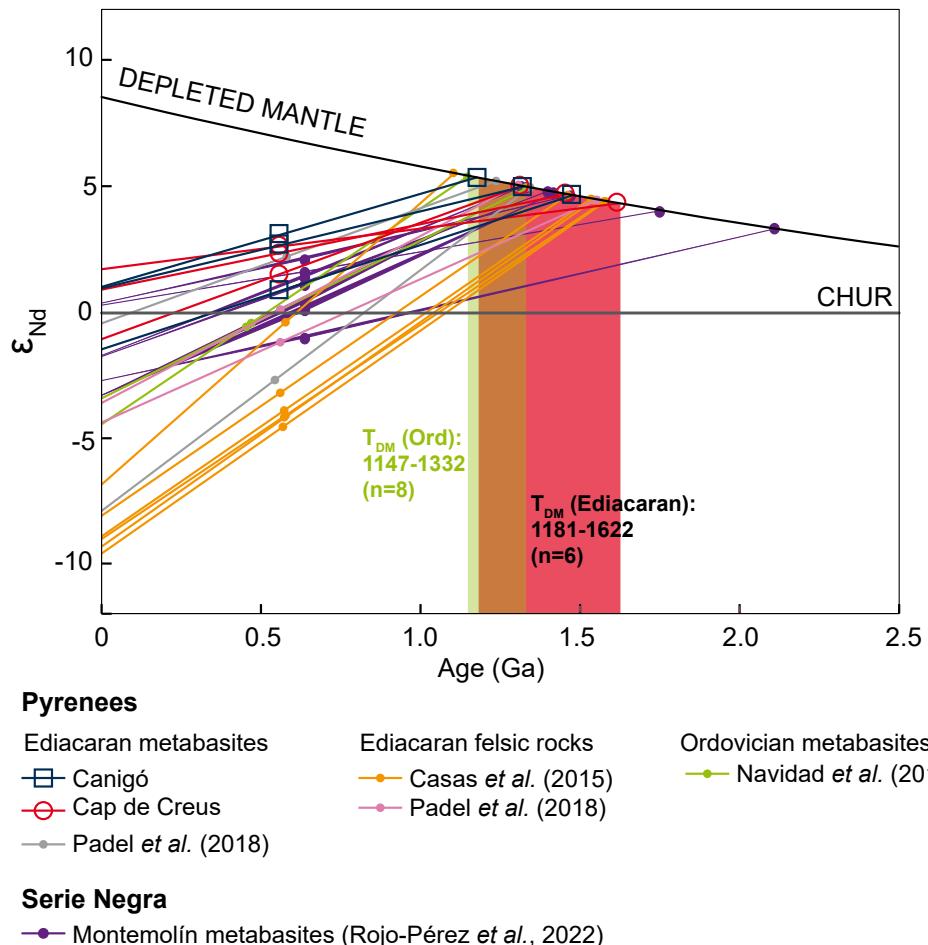


Figure 10. ϵ_{Nd} vs. age diagram showing T_{DM} values for the studied metabasites from the Eastern Pyrenees and for other Pyrenean Ediacaran metabasites and felsic rocks (Casas et al., 2015; Padel et al., 2018a), Pyrenean Ordovician metabasites (Navidad et al., 2018), and the Ediacaran Montemolín metabasites from the Serie Negra in the Ossa-Morena Zone (Rojo-Pérez et al., 2022). Depleted mantle evolution is calculated according to DePaolo (1981). CHUR= Chondritic Uniform Reservoir. The range of Nd model ages of selected regions is shown for comparison.

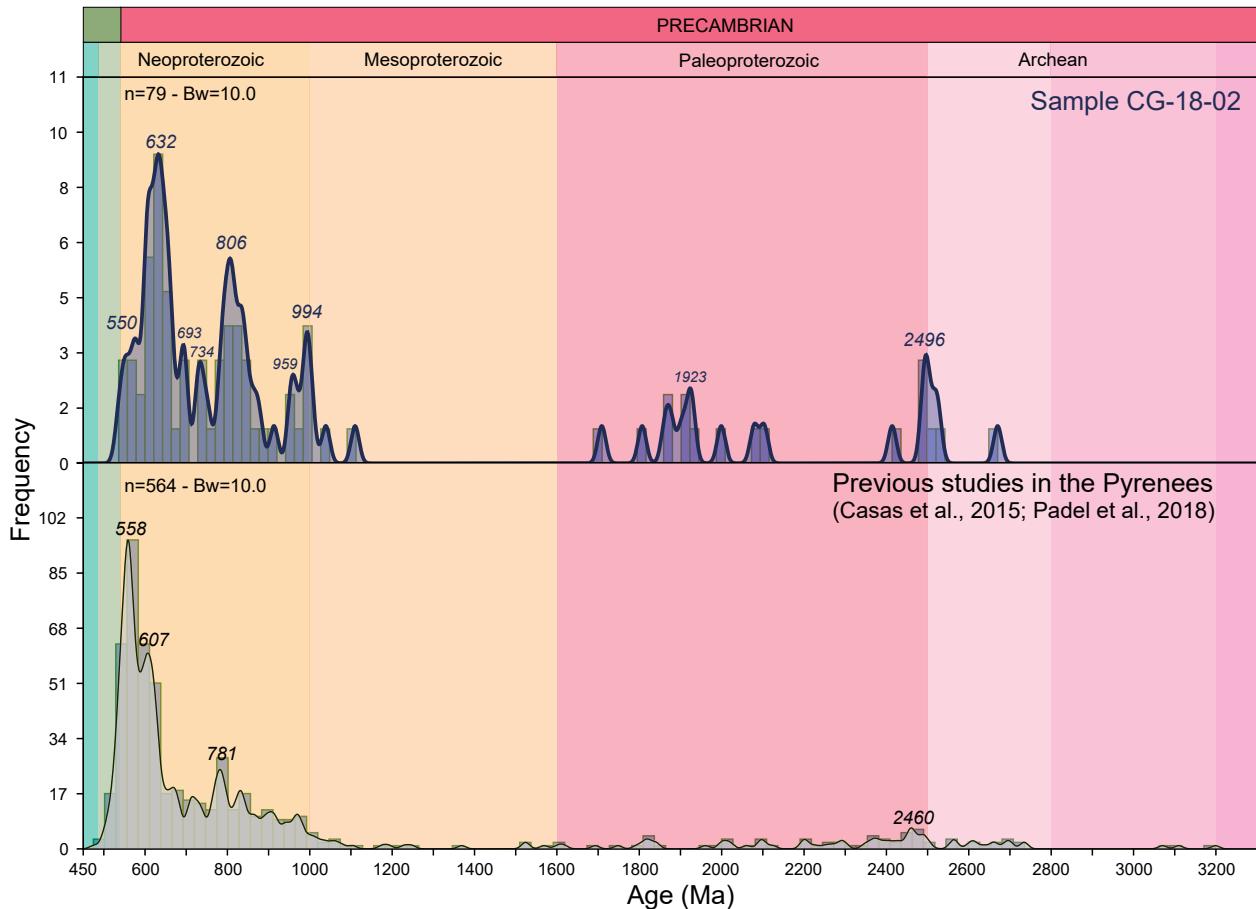


Figure 11. Kernel Density Estimates (KDE) plots, showing the peak ages, for the analyzed sample (CG-18-02) in the top, compared with previous data of Cadomian magmatism in the Pyrenees (Casas *et al.*, 2015; Padel *et al.*, 2018a) at the bottom. Abbreviations: Bw= Band width, n= number of samples. Figure elaborated with the HistogramsApp (Rodríguez-Corcho *et al.*, 2020; Rodríguez-Corcho and action users, 2021).

obtained data shows a broad range of detrital zircon ages, and the distribution is very similar to those observed in previous works (Fig. 11; Padel *et al.*, 2018a). Even though the main peak is at 632 Ma, indicating a magmatic event, the smaller peak of 550 Ma could represent the maximum depositional age of the metasedimentary chlorite-rich schist.

Previous studies of the Ediacaran magmatism in the Pyrenees obtained ages of ca. 565–552 Ma (Padel *et al.*, 2018a) for the Canigó massif (Tregurà for these authors), and minimum ages of 575–568 Ma (Casas *et al.*, 2015) for the felsic rocks in the Canigó and Cap de Creus massifs. However, the precise age of the Ediacaran mafic magmatism is still an unresolved matter. Geochronological studies from the Ediacaran section of the SW Iberian massif obtained older ages for the metabasites in the Serie Negra, for instance, ages pre 602 Ma are assumed for the protolith of the Montemolín metabasites (Rojo-Pérez *et al.*, 2022), and even older ages for the Group 3 amphibolites of Sánchez-Lorda *et al.* (2014), extending the onset of the Cadomian

arc mafic magmatism to the latest Cryogenian – earliest Ediacaran (645 ± 17 Ma; Sánchez-Lorda *et al.*, 2016).

DISCUSSION

The geochemical characteristics of the studied metabasites from the Canigó and Cap de Creus massifs indicate that these correspond to rocks with basaltic composition with transitional signatures between tholeiitic and calc-alkaline (Fig. 8) with affinities of volcanic arc basalts (Fig. 12A-B). The chondrite-normalized REE patterns of these metabasites (Fig. 9) are similar to those from normal Island Arc Tholeiites (IAT; see normal IAT basalts from Escuder-Viruete *et al.*, 2006), whereas they clearly differ from typical patterns for N-MORB and OIB basalts (Sun and McDonough, 1989). The N-MORB normalized multielement patterns of the studied rocks are also similar to those from normal IAT basalts (Escuder-Viruete *et al.*, 2006; Torró *et al.*, 2017 and references therein), contrasting with the patterns for rocks formed

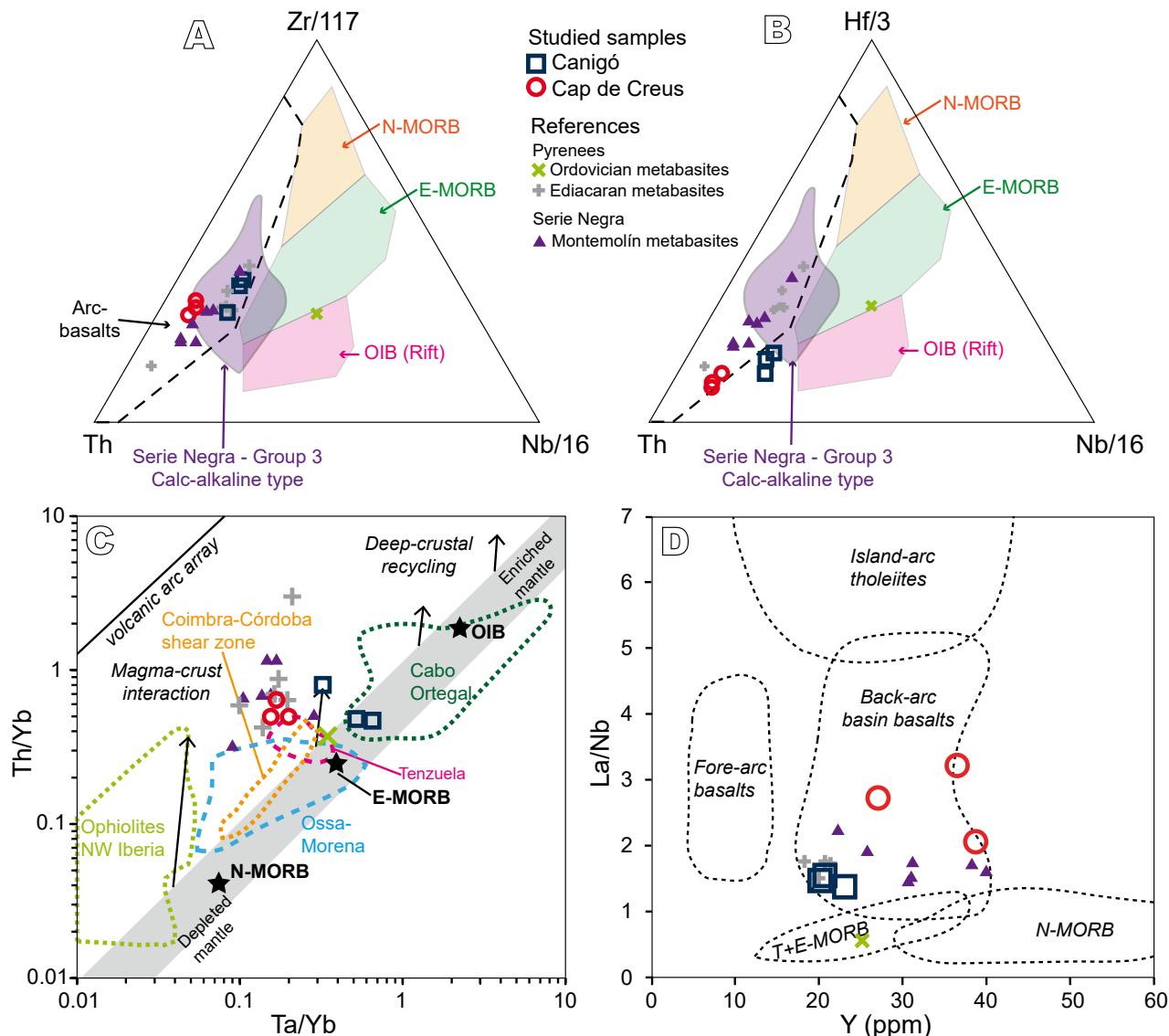


Figure 12. Tectonic setting of the studied Ediacaran metabasites. A-B) Th-Zr/117-Nb/16 and Th-Hf/3-Nb/16 ternary plots from Wood (1980). Serie Negra metabasites data from Sánchez-Lorda et al. (2014). C) Th/Yb vs. Ta/Yb. Diagram from Pearce (2008), fields compiled by Villaseca et al. (2015). D) La/Nb vs. Y (ppm). Fields from Ouabid et al. (2020) after Floyd et al. (1991). References for metabasites in the Pyrenees are from Navidad et al. (2018) for Ordovician metabasites and Padel et al. (2018a) for Ediacaran metabasites, and references for the Ediacaran Montemolín metabasites from the Serie Negra is from Rojo-Pérez et al. (2022).

during the initial stages of oceanic subduction (e.g. FAB, boninites; see Reagan et al., 2010). Trace elements also show relatively high Th/Yb ratios (Th/Yb=0.5–0.8) possibly indicating influence by a subduction-enriched mantle (Fig. 12C) (Pearce, 2014; Shervais, 2022 and references therein), whereas the low TiO₂/Yb (0.4–0.7) and variable Nb/Yb (0.9–3.7) ratios suggest a heterogeneous enriched shallow mantle source (characteristic of the spinel lherzolite stability field) without any contribution of OIB components (Pearce, 2014). In addition, trace element variations are akin to arc lavas generated in slab-distal back-arc basins (Fig. 12D) and clearly different from those of magmas formed during initial stages of oceanic subduction

(e.g. FAB-boninites-Low-Ti (LOTI)- Island Arc Tholeiites (IAT) in the IBM in the Izu-Bonin-Mariana arc; Ishizuka et al., 2011; Reagan et al., 2010; Torró et al., 2017). Studied metabasites systematically have Ti/V>20, consistent with lavas from Andean-type convergent continental margins (Shervais et al., 2022, fig. 9). As stated above, the obtained compositions are similar to other metabasites with an Ordovician or a putative Ediacaran age previously described in the Pyrenean area (Figs. 8; 9; 12; Navidad et al., 2018; Padel et al., 2018a). However, all the studied metabasites show a pronounced negative Nb anomaly in the N-MORB normalized spider diagrams (Fig. 9), whereas the Ordovician metabasites from the Canigó massif (one

sample from Navidad *et al.*, 2018) show a positive anomaly in Nb. This positive anomaly indicates a contaminated E-MORB source for the Ordovician rocks (Navidad *et al.*, 2018). These marked differences are also observed in the isotopic compositions: the studied Ediacaran metabasites from the Canigó and Cap de Creus massifs show positive $\epsilon_{\text{Nd(T)}}$ values (0.82-3.05), which excludes a remarkable contribution from an older continental crust (Fig. 10), whereas the Ordovician ones show negative ϵ_{Nd} (Navidad *et al.*, 2018).

The trace elements of the studied Ediacaran metabasites from the Eastern Pyrenees are also similar to those from the Group 3 amphibolites from the Ediacaran Serie Negra Group of the Ossa-Morena Zone (SW Iberia) (Sánchez-Lorda *et al.*, 2014) and to the metabasites hosted within the Montemolín Formation from the Serie Negra (Rojo-Pérez *et al.*, 2022). Both the Group 3 metabasites and the Montemolín metabasites from the Serie Negra are classified as basalts and their trace elements indicate volcanic arc signatures (Fig. 12A-B) related to an enriched mantle source modified by subducted slab components (Rojo-Pérez *et al.*, 2022). In addition, the Group 3 amphibolites are spatially associated with metabasites showing N-MORB signatures, which have been interpreted as FAB, and metabasites showing E-MORB signatures (Group 1 and 2 respectively in Sánchez-Lorda *et al.*, 2014). Based on these associations, Sánchez-Lorda *et al.* (2014) interpreted a N-dipping (in present-day geography) subduction of oceanic lithosphere beneath Gondwana during the late Ediacaran. The metabasites from the Serie Negra (Sánchez-Lorda *et al.*, 2014, 2016) with different signatures allow tracing this event from subduction-initiation (formation of FAB) to the development of a volcanic arc edifice on the thinned Gondwana margin during the latest Ediacaran to Terreneuvian. These authors also found E-MORB metabasites that interpreted as related to recycled oceanic crust, to a metasomatically enriched lithospheric mantle, or to recycling of alkaline basalts.

When comparing the trace elements content of the metabasites with those of the felsic rocks from the Eastern Pyrenees (Casas *et al.*, 2015; Padel *et al.*, 2018a), the higher silica rocks are more enriched in REE and trace elements. However, the patterns show similar trends and slopes, thus, an origin of these felsic rocks related to magmatic fractionation of mafic melts cannot be completely ruled out. Regarding the isotopic analyses, the T_{DM} model ages obtained for the mafic (1.2-1.6Ga) and the felsic (1.1-1.5Ga; Casas *et al.*, 2015; Padel *et al.*, 2018a) rocks are within the same range (Fig. 10), even though the mafic samples indicate slightly older model ages. Casas *et al.* (2015) interpreted that the Pyrenean Ediacaran felsic magmatism took place in a back-arc environment and that it represents evidence of a long-lived subduction-related magmatic arc. Padel *et al.* (2018a)

linked the Ediacaran mafic rocks in the Eastern Pyrenees to an extensional event and interpreted that these extensional conditions predated the Cadomian magmatism that formed the felsic rocks. In addition, Padel *et al.* (2018a) related this felsic magmatism to the final stages of the volcanic arc related to the SW-NE trending *peri*-Gondwana subduction that migrated from the Moroccan (Anti-Atlas) to the Ossa-Morena and Cantabrian zones.

The distribution of ages obtained for the studied chlorite-rich schist in close contact with the metabasites from the Eastern Pyrenees provides evidence of a Cadomian magmatic activity in the area. The younger peak in the obtained density distribution curve (Fig. 11) has an age of 550Ma, and probably represents the maximum depositional age for the metasedimentary chlorite-rich schist, but the stronger peak is at 632Ma and probably indicates magmatism around this age during the Cadomian. Hence, Cadomian magmatic activity could have started earlier than suggested in previous works (545Ma in Mezger and Gerdes, 2016, or 543Ma and 533Ma in Padel *et al.*, 2018a). Actually similar zircon age peaks were obtained for the felsic metavolcanics of the Canigó massif (600-640Ma, Castiñeiras *et al.*, 2008; Padel *et al.*, 2018a), for the Aston massif (ca. 608Ma, Gnioure paragneiss, Mezger and Gerdes, 2016), which indicates a long-lasting stepwise Cadomian magmatic activity in the Pyrenees, ranging from 630 to 530Ma approximately. In fact, the very similar (based on the geochemistry and $\epsilon_{\text{Nd(T)}}$ values; Figs. 10; 12) metabasites within the Montemolín Fm. in the Serie Negra (Rojo-Pérez *et al.*, 2022) have been interpreted as formed from a >602Ma protolith, which could have similar ages to the main magmatic peak that is observed in our study for the Pyrenean metabasites. Besides, other works in the Serie Negra suggest that the onset of the Cadomian arc magmatism could be further extended to the earliest Ediacaran (Sánchez-Lorda *et al.*, 2016). Therefore, the main peak at 632Ma obtained for the detritic rock (chlorite-rich schist) related to the direct dismantlement of the metabasites may indicate a major magmatic event during the Cadomian–Pan-African orogenies.

The tectonic setting depicted here may reflect the later stages of the Cadomian orogeny in this area, far from the main sutures, in which bimodal felsic and mafic magmatism are coeval. The Pyrenean margin would embrace the northwest margin of Gondwana during Ediacaran times (Fig. 13), extending from the Ossa-Morena Zone to the southwest (Rubio-Ordóñez *et al.*, 2015; Rojo-Pérez *et al.*, 2019, 2021; Sánchez-Lorda *et al.*, 2014) to the core of the Alpine-Himalayan orogenic system to the northeast through the Turkish massifs as far as the Iranian and Caucasus Mountains (Abbo *et al.*, 2015, 2020; Bendokht *et al.*, 2021; Fiannacca *et al.*, 2013; Micheletti *et al.*, 2007; Moghadam *et al.*, 2015, 2017; Williams *et al.*, 2012; Yilmaz Şahin *et al.*, 2013).

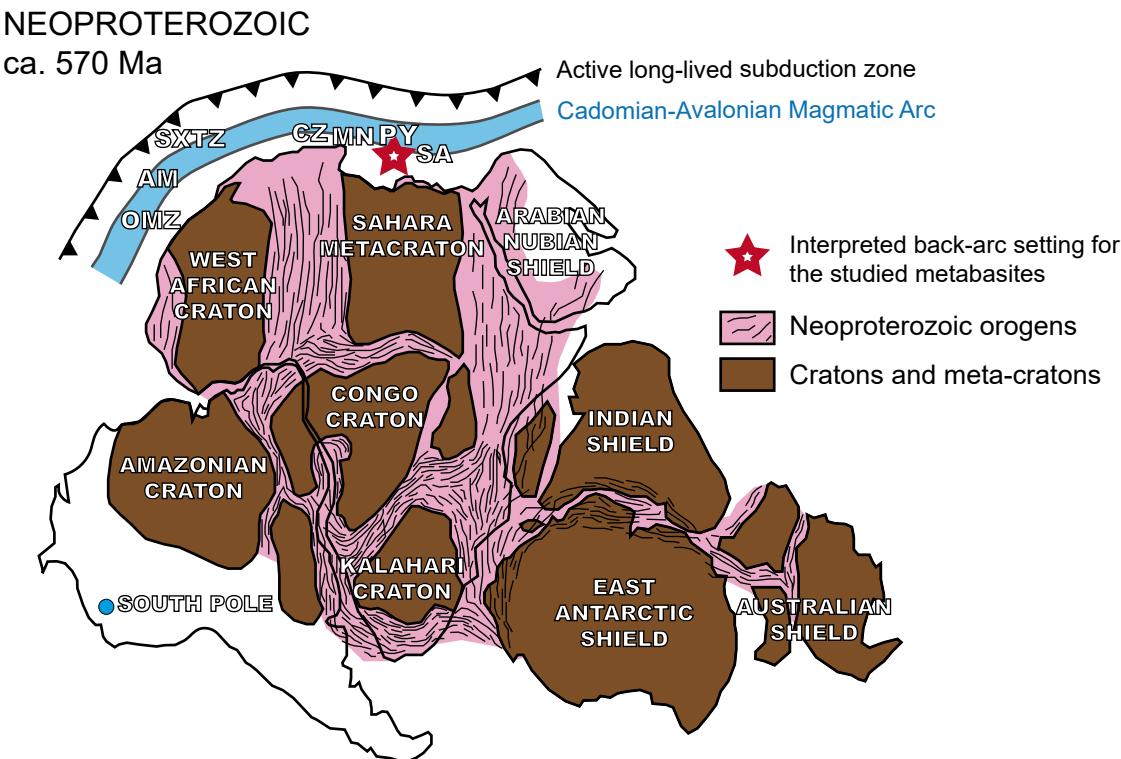


Figure 13. Paleogeographic reconstruction at c. 570Ma showing the interpreted paleo-position for the studied mafic magmatism in the Eastern Pyrenees. Abbreviations: OMZ= Ossa-Morena Zone, AM= Armorican massif, SXTZ= Saxo-Thuringian Zone, CZ= Cantabrian Zone, MN= Montagne Noire, PY= Pyrenees and SA= Sardinia. Figure modified from Rojo-Pérez *et al.* (2021), who based the Gondwana paleogeography on von Raumer and Stampfli (2008), Meert and Lieberman (2008), and Díez Fernández *et al.* (2010). The position of the different units along the northern Gondwana margin is after Casas and Murphy (2018) and Rojo-Pérez *et al.* (2021).

The peak P-T conditions of 452–482°C and 5.2–7.7 kbar for the studied metabasites from the Eastern Pyrenees suggest that the rocks reached depths down to approximately 16 to 23 km during prograde (burial + heating) metamorphism (Fig. 7). These data give an apparent geothermal gradient of 20–28°C/km, typical of intermediate P/T metamorphic field gradients (*i.e.* Barrovian type; Fig. 14) generally considered collision-related (*e.g.* Brown, 2007, 2009). These conditions are similar to the previous P-T data for the Variscan metamorphism recorded in the Canigó massif (Fig. 14; Ayora *et al.*, 1993), where P-T conditions of 4.6–6 kbar and 450–530°C were calculated for an early metamorphic Barrovian medium-P metamorphism coeval with the main deformation phase, as also suggested in other areas of the Eastern Pyrenees (Druguet, 2001, fig. 9). This episode of Barrovian metamorphism preceded the low-P/high-T metamorphism characteristic of the Variscan orogeny in the Pyrenees (Ribeiro *et al.*, 2019 and references therein) with maximum P-T conditions around 5–8 kbar and 650–840°C (Aguilar *et al.*, 2015, 2016; Ribeiro *et al.*, 2019) for the sillimanite K-feldspar zone and migmatites. Migmatites from the Eastern Pyrenees were dated to occur in the interval 320–315 Ma (Aguilar *et al.*, 2014), thus indicating a Variscan age for the above-

mentioned low-P/high-T metamorphism. Even though the previous medium-P metamorphism has been traditionally interpreted as related to the Variscan orogeny it has not been dated, thus a pre-Variscan (Cadmian?) age cannot be completely ruled out.

CONCLUDING REMARKS

The geochemical characteristics, particularly the trace elements, of the studied metabasites from the Eastern Pyrenees (Canigó and Cap de Creus massifs) indicate that these correspond to transitional tholeiite–calc-alkaline basalts with volcanic arc affinities influenced by a subduction-enriched mantle. The studied Pyrenean Ediacaran metabasites are similar to the previously described putative Ediacaran metabasites in the Eastern Pyrenees and to the Group 3 amphibolites and Montemolín metabasites of the Serie Negra Group (Ossa- Morena Zone, SW Iberia), but are clearly different from the Pyrenean Ordovician metabasites. Hence, we argue that the Cadomian metabasites from the Eastern Pyrenees were probably formed during back-arc extension or during the formation of an intra-arc basin in the continental margin of Gondwana. The

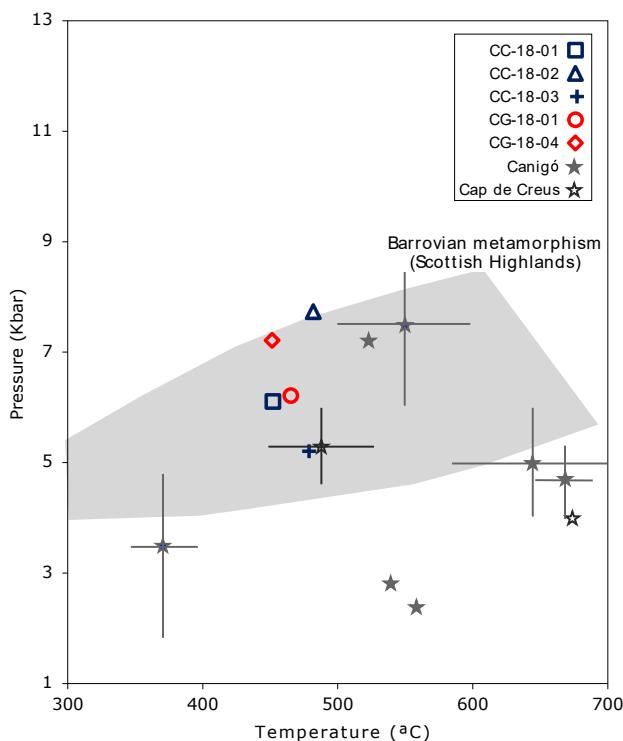


Figure 14. Comparison of average P-T peak conditions in this work with previous published data from the Canigó and Cap de Creus massifs (revision after Ribeiro *et al.*, 2019). The Barrovian metamorphism field is after Spear (1993).

distribution of ages observed in the zircon grains obtained from the chlorite-rich schist in close contact with the metabasites suggests a long-lasting stepwise Cadomian magmatic activity in the Pyrenees, ranging from 630 to 530 Ma approximately. Average P-T determinations yield peak conditions of 452–482°C and 5.2–7.7 kbar (depths of 16–23 km), with an apparent geothermal gradient of 20–28°C/km. These conditions are typical of intermediate P/T metamorphic field gradients (*i.e.* Barrovian type) generally related to collision. This metamorphism could have taken place during the Variscan orogeny, even though a pre-Variscan age cannot be ruled out.

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APPENDIX I

Representative electron probe microanalyses (EPMA) of the different minerals in the studied metabasites

Table I. Amphibole

Sample	CG-18-01	CG-18-01	CG-18-04	CG-18-04	CC-18-01	CC-18-01	CC-18-01	CC-18-02	CC-18-02	CC-18-03	CC-18-03	CC-18-03
Massif	Canigó	Canigó	Canigó	Canigó	Cap de Creus							
Mineral	Amp	Amp	Amp	Amp	Amp	Amp	Amp	Amp	Amp	Amp	Amp	Amp
SiO ₂	52.43	54.55	50.03	53.02	51.32	43.54	45.42	49.68	45.90	42.50	50.32	47.09
TiO ₂	0.03	0.04	0.10	0.05	0.05	0.43	0.38	0.11	0.41	0.47	0.12	0.29
Al ₂ O ₃	2.77	1.95	5.29	2.76	3.00	11.26	9.46	3.85	8.53	12.17	3.82	8.06
Cr ₂ O ₃	0.00	0.06	0.21	0.00	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.00	0.00	0.15	0.12	0.10
FeO	11.36	10.25	14.24	13.07	13.90	16.27	15.33	19.04	20.36	18.72	15.77	16.72
MnO	0.23	0.22	0.28	0.26	0.26	0.25	0.26	0.27	0.24	0.31	0.28	0.30
MgO	16.56	17.52	13.09	14.90	14.64	10.30	11.30	11.03	8.76	8.65	13.32	11.07
NiO	0.07	0.00	0.01	0.05	0.00	0.02	0.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
CaO	12.53	12.70	12.07	12.40	12.11	11.98	11.94	11.31	11.19	11.30	11.80	11.57
Na ₂ O	0.26	0.25	0.49	0.25	0.34	1.30	1.04	0.55	1.05	1.38	0.40	0.82
K ₂ O	0.06	0.04	0.20	0.09	0.07	0.46	0.25	0.16	0.22	0.27	0.05	0.14
Total	96.31	97.58	96.02	96.85	95.74	95.84	95.47	96.00	96.65	95.93	96.00	96.15
Si	7.58	7.74	7.40	7.70	7.55	6.57	6.82	7.49	6.94	6.45	7.45	7.02
Ti	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.05	0.04	0.01	0.05	0.05	0.01	0.03
Al	0.47	0.33	0.92	0.47	0.52	2.00	1.67	0.68	1.52	2.18	0.67	1.42
Cr	0.00	0.01	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.01	0.01
Fe ³⁺	0.33	0.16	0.14	0.10	0.34	0.35	0.32	0.29	0.36	0.51	0.38	0.35
Fe ²⁺	1.04	1.05	1.62	1.49	1.37	1.70	1.61	2.11	2.22	1.87	1.57	1.73
Mn	0.03	0.03	0.04	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.04
Mg	3.57	3.71	2.89	3.23	3.21	2.32	2.53	2.48	1.97	1.96	2.94	2.46
Ni	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Ca	1.94	1.93	1.91	1.93	1.91	1.94	1.92	1.83	1.81	1.84	1.87	1.85
Na	0.07	0.07	0.14	0.07	0.10	0.38	0.30	0.16	0.31	0.41	0.11	0.24
K	0.01	0.01	0.04	0.02	0.01	0.09	0.05	0.03	0.04	0.05	0.01	0.03
#Mg	0.77	0.78	0.64	0.68	0.70	0.58	0.61	0.54	0.47	0.51	0.65	0.59

Table II. Plagioclase

Sample	CG-18-01	CG-18-01	CG-18-04	CG-18-04	CC-18-01	CC-18-01	CC-18-02	CC-18-03	CC-18-03	CC-18-03
Massif	Canigó	Canigó	Canigó	Canigó	Cap de Creus					
Mineral	Pl	Pl	Pl	Pl	Pl	Pl	Pl	Pl	Pl	Pl
SiO ₂	67.00	64.28	64.04	66.81	63.97	56.45	67.40	63.50	61.45	65.91
TiO ₂	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.09
Al ₂ O ₃	20.08	21.09	21.54	20.09	22.07	26.79	20.44	21.66	23.15	20.95
Cr ₂ O ₃	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.10	0.04	0.00
FeO	0.41	0.39	0.18	0.21	0.26	0.21	0.11	0.32	0.27	0.24
MnO	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.03	0.00	0.01	0.00
MgO	0.05	0.02	0.00	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.01
NiO	0.03	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.01	0.04	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.00
CaO	0.70	2.02	2.51	0.90	3.00	8.63	0.84	2.75	4.32	1.60
Na ₂ O	11.63	10.01	10.72	11.58	9.08	6.75	11.65	10.01	8.92	11.06
K ₂ O	0.04	0.07	0.08	0.08	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.03	0.04	0.05
Total	99.95	97.88	99.09	99.70	98.49	98.94	100.53	98.39	98.25	99.91
Si	2.94	2.88	2.85	2.94	2.85	2.56	2.94	2.85	2.77	2.90
Ti	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Al	1.04	1.12	1.13	1.04	1.16	1.43	1.05	1.14	1.23	1.09
Cr	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fe ³⁺	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.01
Fe ²⁺	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Mn	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Mg	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Ni	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Ca	0.03	0.10	0.12	0.04	0.14	0.42	0.04	0.13	0.21	0.08
Na	0.99	0.87	0.93	0.99	0.79	0.59	0.99	0.87	0.78	0.94
K	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Ab	0.97	0.90	0.88	0.95	0.84	0.58	0.96	0.87	0.79	0.92
An	0.03	0.10	0.11	0.04	0.15	0.41	0.04	0.13	0.21	0.07
Or	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Table III. Chlorite

Massif	Canigó	Canigó	Canigó	Canigó	Cap de Creus	Cap de Creus	Cap de Creus
Mineral	Chl	Chl	Chl	Chl	Chl	Chl	Chl
SiO ₂	26.48	25.97	24.87	25.49	24.54	24.10	24.77
TiO ₂	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.10	0.05	1.00
Al ₂ O ₃	19.90	20.82	20.55	20.20	20.58	20.47	20.65
Cr ₂ O ₃	0.27	0.04	0.13	0.16	0.00	0.08	0.00
FeO	19.84	20.27	23.48	23.43	22.43	22.08	29.96
MnO	0.29	0.30	0.28	0.29	0.27	0.28	0.24
MgO	19.13	18.93	16.26	16.48	16.54	16.59	11.79
NiO	0.02	0.10	0.00	0.04	0.00	0.05	0.01
CaO	0.23	0.04	0.08	0.03	0.13	0.13	0.04
Na ₂ O	0.06	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.02	0.05	0.05
K ₂ O	0.05	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.08	0.04	0.34
Total	86.28	86.48	85.67	86.21	84.68	83.92	88.84
Si	5.53	5.41	5.34	5.43	5.31	5.26	5.31
Ti	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.16
Al	4.89	5.11	5.20	5.07	5.25	5.27	5.21
Cr	0.05	0.01	0.02	0.03	0.00	0.01	0.00
Fe ²⁺	3.46	3.53	4.21	4.17	4.06	4.03	5.37
Mn	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.04
Mg	5.95	5.88	5.20	5.23	5.33	5.40	3.77
Ni	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00
Ca	0.05	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.03	0.03	0.01
Na	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.02
K	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.01	0.09
#Mg	0.63	0.62	0.55	0.56	0.57	0.57	0.41

Table IV. Epidote

Sample	CG-18-01	CG-18-01	CG-18-04	CG-18-04	CC-18-01	CC-18-01
Massif	Canigó	Canigó	Canigó	Canigó	Cap de Creus	Cap de Creus
Mineral	Ep	Ep	Ep	Ep	Ep	Ep
SiO ₂	38.28	38.29	38.12	38.64	37.54	37.90
TiO ₂	0.03	0.00	0.18	0.04	0.11	0.10
Al ₂ O ₃	28.17	28.99	27.37	29.90	27.71	27.54
Cr ₂ O ₃	0.08	0.18	0.13	0.01	0.06	0.00
FeO	5.80	4.27	6.56	3.76	5.83	6.26
MnO	0.12	0.08	0.12	0.06	0.15	0.11
MgO	0.04	0.03	0.03	0.00	0.04	0.05
NiO	0.03	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.04	0.00
CaO	23.55	23.72	23.42	23.99	23.26	23.70
Na ₂ O	0.02	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.10	0.02
K ₂ O	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.10	0.00
Suma	96.12	95.57	95.96	96.40	94.94	95.69
Si	3.01	3.01	3.01	3.01	2.99	3.00
Ti	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.01
Al	2.61	2.69	2.54	2.74	2.60	2.57
Cr	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fe ³⁺	0.38	0.28	0.43	0.24	0.39	0.41
Mn	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.01
Mg	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01
Ni	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Ca	1.98	2.00	1.98	2.00	1.99	2.01
Na	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00
K	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00
Xpist	0.39	0.29	0.44	0.25	0.39	0.42

Table V. Accessory minerals: titanite, ilmenite, rutile, biotite, and magnetite

Sample	CG-18-01	CG-18-04	CG-18-04	CG-18-04	CC-18-01	CC-18-01	CC-18-01	CC-18-03	CC-18-03
Massif	Canigó	Canigó	Canigó	Canigó	Cap de Creus				
Mineral	Ttn	Ttn	Ilm	Rt	Ttn	Ilm	Bt	Mt	Ilm
SiO ₂	29.97	30.97	0.04	0.06	29.59	0.02	46.01	0.06	0.15
TiO ₂	38.55	35.17	52.01	91.67	37.92	53.35	0.18	0.04	51.97
Al ₂ O ₃	1.24	1.93	0.00	0.03	1.03	0.02	30.47	0.00	0.02
Cr ₂ O ₃	0.00	0.21	0.01	0.00	0.14	0.06	0.00	0.12	0.01
FeO	0.39	1.16	41.93	6.15	0.20	41.07	2.65	92.78	42.09
MnO	0.02	0.04	4.67	0.66	0.07	2.70	0.05	0.05	1.88
MgO	0.02	0.72	0.17	0.06	0.02	0.26	2.46	0.00	0.17
NiO	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.00
CaO	27.86	27.07	0.11	0.19	28.03	0.34	0.08	0.02	0.27
Na ₂ O	0.00	0.02	0.04	0.03	0.08	0.05	0.23	0.00	0.00
K ₂ O	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.05	0.01	8.41	0.08	0.00
Suma	98.05	97.30	98.98	98.86	97.12	97.87	90.56	93.15	96.56
Si	1.00	1.04	0.00	0.00	1.00	0.00	6.42	0.00	0.00
Ti	0.96	0.88	1.00	0.96	0.96	1.02	0.02	0.00	1.01
Al	0.05	0.08	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.00	5.01	0.00	0.00
Cr	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fe ³⁺	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.99	0.00
Fe ²⁺	0.01	0.03	0.89	0.07	0.01	0.87	0.31	0.99	0.91
Mn	0.00	0.00	0.10	0.01	0.00	0.06	0.01	0.00	0.04
Mg	0.00	0.04	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.51	0.00	0.01
Ni	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Ca	0.99	0.97	0.00	0.00	1.01	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.01
Na	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.06	0.00	0.00
K	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.50	0.00	0.00

TABLE VI. U/Pb isotopic data for the Canigó chlorite-rich schist sample (CG-18-02) and the Cap de Creus metabasite sample (CC-18-02). U-Pb-Th values (ppm) are referenced to the 91500 zircon standard and hence these are taken as approximate concentrations

Sample	Spot_ID	U (ppm)	SD U (ppm)	Th (ppm)	SD Th (ppm)	Pb (ppm)	SD Pb (ppm)	Age 207/235	SD	Age 206/238	SD	Concordia Age	Conc. Error
CG-18-02 (75-100)	8590	133.50	3.30	177.80	4.10	57.20	2.75	694	19	610	10	605	10
CG-18-02 (75-100)	8591	170.30	4.50	114.10	2.70	37.20	1.70	699	15	609	18	661	14
CG-18-02 (75-100)	9711	133.00	6.50	108.50	4.60	37.30	2.25	753	13	713	16	741	13
CG-18-02 (75-100)	8596-30	92.00	3.25	70.00	2.15	50.00	2.25	1742	25	1500	35	1807	27
CG-18-02 (75-100)	8594	326.00	12.50	131.60	3.30	58.40	2.55	722	14	729	11	729	11
CG-18-02 (75-100)	8600	297.00	7.00	106.80	2.70	36.40	1.95	656	14	609	13	627	12
CG-18-02 (75-100)	8675	408.00	10.50	49.20	2.05	61.50	4.15	1891	18	1867	36	1903	15
CG-18-02 (75-100)	9322	1216.00	41.50	1400.00	60.00	635.00	32.00	2041	18	1882	36	2103	15
CG-18-02 (75-100)	9325	475.00	19.00	162.00	5.50	73.80	2.70	905	13	845	12	866	11
CG-18-02 (75-100)	8716-30	248.00	16.00	23.10	1.65	39.00	11.50	1925	25	1935	63	1922	19
CG-18-02 (75-100)	8697	132.90	4.45	275.00	8.00	132.00	5.50	837	18	805	24	829	18
CG-18-02 (75-100)	9712	2020.00	50.00	59.90	1.65	32.40	1.10	875	10	849	17	878	10
CG-18-02 (75-100)	8607	755.00	16.50	277.00	6.00	370.00	13.50	2407	17	2391	42	2414	12
CG-18-02 (75-100)	8606	644.00	16.50	142.10	3.95	109.00	5.00	1904	19	1627	41	2079	7
CG-18-02 (75-100)	8774	636.00	13.00	343.00	7.50	179.40	4.45	957	10	953	17	958	10
CG-18-02 (75-100)	8781	549.00	14.50	225.00	7.00	68.70	3.45	640	12	634	15	642	12
CG-18-02 (75-100)	8816	413.00	13.00	114.10	3.95	56.20	2.05	951	16	996	20	954	16
CG-18-02 (75-100)	9354	373.00	7.50	179.80	4.45	208.00	8.50	2456	18	2346	45	2490	15
CG-18-02 (75-100)	9364	280.00	8.50	405.00	8.50	112.30	4.20	668	11	624	13	651	10
CG-18-02 (75-100)	9539	1267.00	41.50	200.70	3.80	217.00	7.50	2504	14	2536	54	2496	10
CG-18-02 (75-100)	9541	1450.00	43.00	438.00	9.00	106.30	4.15	656	10	639	14	659	10
CG-18-02 (75-100)	9543	88.80	2.85	58.30	1.15	18.90	1.35	704	23	616	16	632	16
CG-18-02 (75-100)	9636	645.00	13.00	563.00	13.50	573.00	16.50	2535	19	2579	47	2517	14
CG-18-02 (75-100)	9645	182.00	6.00	73.30	2.30	23.20	1.35	700	18	693	16	695	15
CG-18-02 (75-100)	9649	2530.00	70.00	2200.00	48.00	790.00	30.00	809	8	808	14	810	8
CG-18-02 (75-100)	9650	131.10	2.70	109.90	3.75	57.00	2.60	1119	25	1105	22	1110	21
CG-18-02 (75-100)	9570	700.00	65.00	173.00	8.00	177.00	30.00	1961	24	2006	50	1928	13
CG-18-02 (75-100)	9572	124.70	2.10	79.50	1.10	97.10	2.90	2683	14	2771	28	2670	13

TABLE VI. Continued

Sample	Spot_ID	U (ppm)	SD U (ppm)	Th (ppm)	SD Th (ppm)	Pb (ppm)	SD Pb (ppm)	Age 207/235	SD	Age 206/238	SD	Concordia Age	Conc. Error
CG-18-02 (75-100)	9573	389.00	8.50	283.00	5.50	113.60	4.40	1041	11	1029	15	1039	11
CG-18-02 (75-100)	9577	91.90	2.75	23.20	0.95	9.20	0.55	906	27	915	21	913	20
CG-18-02 (75-100)	9585	645.00	14.50	626.00	13.00	236.00	10.00	816	9	817	10	816	8
CG-18-02 (75-100)	9579	471.00	11.00	1016.00	18.00	284.00	10.00	786	11	813	16	788	11
CG-18-02 (75-100)	9586	641.00	16.00	311.00	5.00	316.00	12.50	2530	15	2610	39	2499	11
CG-18-02 (75-100)	9578	150.40	4.35	185.30	3.65	53.30	2.00	687	16	699	14	694	12
CG-18-02 (75-100)	9575	202.00	7.00	120.40	3.00	39.20	1.90	814	13	822	19	815	13
CG-18-02 (75-100)	9450	894.00	38.00	203.00	10.50	135.00	22.00	753	36	596	19	575	18
CG-18-02 (75-100)	9269	45.10	4.35	37.70	3.85	19.60	3.90	897	30	822	28	853	24
CG-18-02 (75-100)	9723	1720.00	50.00	419.00	11.50	119.50	4.95	639	9	633	15	639	9
CG-18-02 (75-100)	9273	1064.00	23.50	122.10	2.35	50.60	1.95	694	9	690	14	694	9
CG-18-02 (75-100)	9277	300.00	13.50	100.10	3.25	34.70	2.15	727	15	696	24	730	15
CG-18-02 (75-100)	9279	246.00	6.50	143.80	3.70	52.50	2.10	624	15	626	13	626	12
CG-18-02 (75-100)	9467	234.00	7.50	178.20	4.85	48.90	2.10	608	14	607	10	607	10
CG-18-02 (75-100)	9467_1	244.00	7.00	176.60	4.25	59.00	2.55	636	13	623	13	629	12
CG-18-02 (75-100)	9498	253.00	5.50	59.50	1.65	64.60	2.00	1999	23	2001	34	1999	23
CG-18-02 (75-100)	9284	242.00	6.00	147.10	3.75	49.10	1.90	645	13	672	14	657	11
CG-18-02 (75-100)	9303	296.00	7.00	219.00	5.50	316.00	13.50	2547	21	2614	56	2526	16
CG-18-02 (75-100)	8627	101.40	2.65	150.40	4.00	163.00	5.00	1872	19	1843	36	1877	18
CG-18-02 (75-100)	8630-30	703.00	23.00	154.00	7.00	104.00	6.50	1712	20	1741	39	1709	19
CG-18-02 (75-100)	8589	1027.00	25.50	1174.00	28.00	329.00	10.50	584	11	583	14	584	11
CG-18-02 (75-100)	8625	174.00	6.00	115.00	2.25	28.30	1.40	609	15	608	14	609	13
CG-18-02 (75-100)	8635	330.00	30.50	264.00	14.00	95.00	11.00	675	14	651	20	675	14
CG-18-02 (75-100)	9527	1047.00	32.50	986.00	20.50	216.00	7.50	599	7	588	15	603	6
CG-18-02 (75-100)	9529	276.00	9.00	262.00	7.50	85.80	3.75	806	15	808	17	807	15
CG-18-02 (75-100)	9616	946.00	29.50	772.00	34.00	199.00	9.50	865	11	817	11	834	11
CG-18-02 (75-100)	9685	479.00	15.50	340.00	11.50	76.20	2.95	606	11	615	13	609	11
CG-18-02 (75-100)	9683	396.00	13.00	216.00	5.00	79.60	2.70	967	9	919	17	995	7
CG-18-02 (75-100)	9676	37.20	0.75	74.50	1.60	23.90	1.00	955	25	820	16	836	16
CG-18-02 (75-100)	9599	592.00	20.50	178.40	4.55	56.60	2.55	802	8	799	15	802	8

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CG-18-02 (75-100)	9670	398.00	8.00	191.00	4.75	74.10	2.35	991	10	987	14	991	10
CG-18-02 (75-100)	9669	2990.00	120.00	7900.00	285.00	1910.00	90.00	971	9	877	14	1005	8
CG-18-02 (75-100)	9667	213.80	4.40	240.00	5.50	165.00	6.00	1864	7	1879	17	1863	7
CG-18-02 (75-100)	9656	76.40	1.45	73.80	1.75	26.80	1.25	805	19	854	14	842	13
CG-18-02 (75-100)	8581	302.00	8.00	117.90	2.90	52.70	2.40	975	12	957	15	971	12
CG-18-02 (75-100)	8582-30	267.00	34.50	96.00	10.50	34.00	5.00	780	17	759	26	780	17
CG-18-02 (75-100)	8585	151.70	3.90	102.00	3.80	27.90	1.40	597	15	603	15	600	14
CG-18-02 (75-100)	8618	116.40	4.05	170.00	6.50	66.90	2.70	991	10	992	18	991	10
CG-18-02 (75-100)	8617	171.60	4.95	128.00	4.00	48.30	1.95	749	18	758	17	754	16
CG-18-02 (75-100)	9244	51.60	1.65	81.70	2.75	38.40	1.50	787	19	828	23	798	18
CG-18-02 (100-125)	329	82.10	2.90	64.10	1.85	36.70	2.95	1112	46	616	18	553	18
CG-18-02 (100-125)	229	31.10	1.10	21.80	0.90	7.34	0.46	777	27	599	15	618	15
CG-18-02 (100-125)	244	1270.00	75.00	101.90	4.40	48.70	3.75	691	11	622	10	548	10
CG-18-02 (100-125)	124-1	1790.00	80.00	6810.00	215.00	1780.00	90.00	657	7	567	11	651	7
CG-18-02 (100-125)	124-2	1371.00	49.00	5830.00	195.00	1680.00	75.00	721	13	615	11	640	11
CG-18-02 (100-125)	55-1	1326.00	35.00	5020.00	165.00	1273.00	39.00	686	8	577	8	622	7
CG-18-02 (100-125)	55-2	1454.00	37.00	5990.00	160.00	1439.00	38.00	598	8	519	10	576	9
CG-18-02 (100-125)	6	174.70	3.30	68.80	1.10	20.20	0.60	646	6	600	8	637	6
CG-18-02 (100-125)	442	1146.00	29.00	1250.00	28.50	274.00	13.00	536	5	545	9	536	5
CG-18-02 (100-125)	1683	73.20	2.45	51.20	2.30	25.10	1.45	1152	31	654	14	563	14
CG-18-02 (100-125)	578	234.00	4.85	17.00	0.60	4.57	0.27	808	13	772	14	791	12