

1 Deposition of highly crystalline graphite from moderate-
2 temperature fluids

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14 **ABSTRACT**

15 Recognized large occurrences of fluid-deposited graphite displaying high
16 crystallinity are so far restricted to high-temperature environments (mainly granulite
17 facies terranes). However, in the extensively mined Borrowdale deposit (UK), the
18 mineralogical assemblage, notably the graphite-epidote intergrowths, shows that fully-
19 ordered graphite precipitated during the propylitic hydrothermal alteration of the volcanic
20 host rocks. Fluids responsible for graphite deposition had an average $X_{CO_2}/X_{CO_2+XCH_4}$
21 ratio of 0.69, thus indicating temperatures of ~500 °C at the FMQ buffered conditions.

22 Therefore, this is the first reported evidence indicating that huge concentrations of highly
23 crystalline graphite can precipitate from moderate-temperature fluids.

24 INTRODUCTION

25 The progressive transformation of carbonaceous matter through prograde
26 metamorphism (graphitization) and the deposition from C-O-H fluids are the two major
27 processes responsible for the formation of graphite in rocks. Transformations induced by
28 metamorphism of carbonaceous matter include both structural and chemical
29 modifications that eventually lead to the formation of graphite. Thus, metamorphic
30 graphite distinctively shows a wide range of structural ordering that can be correlated
31 with metamorphic grade, mainly with temperature (Landis, 1971; Wopenka and Pasteris,
32 1993; Wada et al., 1994; Nishimura et al., 2000; Beyssac et al., 2002). That is,
33 “crystallinity”, described as the degree of crystalline perfection (i.e., the similarity of a
34 given arrangement of carbon atoms to the ideal graphite structure, both along the stacking
35 direction of the carbon layers and along the a-b plane), increases with metamorphic
36 grade. Compared with metamorphic graphite, fluid-deposited graphite in volumetrically
37 large occurrences is known at the present to be restricted to high-temperature
38 environments and universally displays high crystallinity (Luque et al., 1998; Luque and
39 Rodas, 1999; Pasteris, 1999). Small-volume, poorly crystalline fluid-deposited graphite
40 has been described associated with hydrothermal gold-quartz veins (Mastalerz et al.,
41 1995) or along shear zones (Pasteris and Chou, 1998). Precipitation of graphite has also
42 been observed within fluid inclusions, both by natural and experimental mechanisms
43 involving re-equilibration of metastable C-O-H fluids (Cesare, 1995; Satish-Kumar,

44 2005; and references therein). Such mechanisms systematically resulted in the formation
45 of poorly crystalline graphite.

46 This paper presents the first known evidence from a large graphite deposit of
47 highly crystalline graphite precipitated from moderate-temperature fluids. This evidence
48 comes from the mineral assemblages and textural relationships between graphite and
49 other mineral phases, along with fluid inclusion microthermometric data from the historic
50 Borrowdale graphite deposit in NW England (UK). The findings of this study clearly
51 contrast with previous work that argued against volumetrically large highly-crystalline
52 graphite deposits being precipitated from carbon-bearing fluids at low-pressures and low
53 to moderate temperatures (Pasteris, 1999). In addition, this study sheds new light on the
54 constraints controlling highly crystalline graphite precipitation from low- to moderate-
55 temperature fluids, which could be of interest for laboratory, and even industrial,
56 synthesis.

57 **GEOLOGICAL AND PETROGRAPHICAL CHARACTERISTICS OF THE**
58 **DEPOSIT**

59 The Borrowdale graphite deposit consists of mineralized faults hosted by andesite
60 lavas and sills belonging to the upper Ordovician (Caradoc) Borrowdale Volcanic Group,
61 and by a probably contemporaneous hypabyssal dioritic intrusion (Millward, 2004). This
62 epigenetic deposit is unique worldwide since it is the only economic concentration of
63 graphite hosted by volcanic rocks. Mining at Seathwaite began, at least, as early as in the
64 late 16th century, and continued until the late 19th century, producing material for the
65 casting of cannonballs and as the basis for the renowned Keswick pencil industry.

66 The graphite mineralization occupies about a 400 m length of a conjugate set of
67 normal faults having up to 45°. Strens (1965) recorded five faults striking 158–182° and
68 three at 105°. Narrow veins and stringers filling the faults comprise massive graphite and
69 chlorite along with quartz, but the richest deposits are developed at the intersections of
70 the faults where there are steeply inclined pipe-like bodies up to 1 × 3 m in cross-section
71 and from a few meters to over 100 m in length (Ward, 1876). The pipe-like bodies
72 contain nodular masses and patches of graphite, typically 1–2 cm across, but ranging
73 from a few millimeters to 1 m or more; the yellow-brown matrix comprises intensely
74 altered wall-rock and brecciated quartz.

75 Graphite crystals in the nodules and patches from the pipes display three different
76 morphologies: flakes (the most abundant morphology in the deposit, >90%),
77 cryptocrystalline graphite (mostly as colloform masses usually surrounded by flaky
78 graphite), and spherulites (5–40 µm in diameter, within laminar graphite). Graphite
79 nodules and patches frequently include radiating aggregates of elongate epidote crystals,
80 chlorite, polycrystalline quartz, pyrite, chalcopyrite and minor sericite. In particular,
81 epidote is restricted to nodules composed exclusively of flaky graphite.

82 The andesite and dioritic wall rocks adjacent to the veins have been intensely
83 hydrothermally altered to an assemblage containing quartz, chlorite, and albite, along
84 with some disseminated small aggregates of graphite and late calcite veinlets. These
85 features are indicative of an intense propylitic alteration, and evidence that graphite
86 precipitated during this hydrothermal event.

87 **FLUID INCLUSION DATA**

88 A study of fluid inclusions in quartz fragments from the pipes has allowed
89 characterization of the fluid responsible for graphite deposition. The quartz fragments
90 contain abundant two-phase vapor-rich inclusions, made up of a mixture of H₂O, CO₂
91 and CH₄. These are secondary inclusions along trails within the clear cores of the quartz
92 grains, representing the earliest fluids circulating during brecciation of the quartz and
93 transport of the fragments upwards within the breccia pipes. This transport was coeval
94 with major graphite precipitation along these structures, as evidenced from the textural
95 relationships between graphite and quartz fragments in the pipes. These inclusions likely
96 represent the composition of the fluid just before graphite saturation was reached.
97 Microthermometric and Raman data from this fluid inclusion assemblage indicate an
98 average fluid bulk composition (mol fraction) of 0.65 H₂O, 0.24 CO₂, 0.11 CH₄ and 1.4
99 wt% NaCl, a XCO₂/(XCO₂+XCH₄) ratio of 0.69, a total carbon concentration in the fluid
100 of 11 % atomic C and an average molar volume of 40 cm³.mol⁻¹. Calculations were
101 performed with the computer program *DENSITY* version 12/02 (Bakker, 1997; Bakker
102 and Brown, 2003) using the Duan et al. (1992a, b) equation of state. Total
103 homogenization of the inclusions in the ranges 295–340 °C (V) and 328–350 °C (C)
104 indicate a minimum temperature of fluid circulation of 350 °C.

105 Actual temperatures of graphite precipitation from this fluid can be estimated
106 from the fluid composition and the oxidation state of the system at that moment. The
107 intergrowth of flaky graphite and epidote indicates that the minerals are coeval. Epidote
108 is not stable for XCO₂>0.2 (Liou, 1993). Textural relationships suggest that flaky
109 graphite (in which epidote occurs) precipitated after spherulitic and cryptocrystalline
110 graphite. The only way that the CO₂ content (and indeed the bulk carbon content) of the

111 fluid would decrease (and stabilize epidote) is if through cooling, the graphite field
112 continued to enlarge and thereby lower the concentration of carbon in the co-existing
113 fluid. Thus, it is likely that **epidote** crystallization was triggered by CO₂ depletion in the
114 fluid caused by the early graphite precipitation (spherulites and colloform aggregates)
115 which, in turn, would be related to hydration reactions occurring during the simultaneous
116 propylitic alteration of the host rock. Precipitation of hydrous minerals (mainly chlorite)
117 in the propylitic assemblage would deplete the fluid in H₂O, thereby enriching the
118 remaining fluid in C and driving it to graphite saturation (Duke and Rumble, 1986; Luque
119 et al., 1998). On the other hand, it is well known that the Fe³⁺ content in epidote is
120 extremely dependent upon fO₂ (Liou, 1993). Within the graphite nodules, the
121 composition of the epidote is Ps₂₅, expressed as the pistacite proportion, indicating an
122 oxygen fugacity buffered at the FMQ (Liou, 1993). Thermodynamic calculations show
123 that carbon-saturated fluids with a gas XCO₂/(XCO₂+XCH₄) of 0.69 and an fO₂ in
124 equilibrium with the FMQ buffer, are stable at temperatures of ~490 °C. Calculations
125 were carried out using thermodynamic data for fluid species and graphite from Holland
126 and Powell (1998). Fugacity coefficients were calculated using the equations of state
127 after Shi and Saxena (1992). The FMQ buffer from Ohmoto and Kerrick (1977) was
128 used. These calculations were done for a pressure of 2–3 kbar, compatible with pressure
129 estimates inferred from emplacement of the graphite deposit in a subvolcanic setting
130 (Millward, 2004). A pressure below 2 kbar is not possible as graphite is not stable under
131 these conditions for the given fluid composition (Frost, 1979). A deviation from FMQ of
132 plus or minus 0.5 log units results in fluid temperatures of 410 °C and 570 °C,
133 respectively. However, the ubiquitous occurrence of epidote associated with graphite in

Comment [D1]: 'its' as used here would refer to graphite, but I think epidote crystallization is meant.

134 the mineralized bodies points to a fO_2 at the FMQ buffer conditions and, therefore, to a
135 temperature close to 500 °C.

136 **STRUCTURAL FEATURES OF GRAPHITE**

137 The structural characterization of graphite from the Borrowdale deposit has been
138 carried out by means of X-ray diffraction (XRD) and Raman spectroscopy (for details on
139 analytical conditions, see Data Repository). XRD of graphite is generally used to obtain
140 bulk information on the order of the structural arrangement along the stacking direction
141 (c-axis) of the carbon layers. On the other hand, Raman spectroscopy records changes in
142 crystallinity as manifested in the in-plane crystallite size (L_a), and it is a suitable
143 analytical technique to get information on the structural homogeneity/heterogeneity of a
144 given sample at the micrometric scale.

145 The XRD patterns of all the samples show sharp and symmetrical (00l) peaks, as
146 well as (hkl) reflections of smaller intensity corresponding to fully crystalline hexagonal
147 graphite. The average (002) spacing is 3.351 Å, and the average crystallite size along the
148 stacking direction (L_c), calculated according to Wada et al. (1994) is 1110 Å (Table 1).

149 First-order Raman spectra of the studied graphite show a sharp peak at ≈ 1580
150 cm^{-1} (G band) indicative of high degree of atomic ordering, and weak or absent disorder
151 bands at $\approx 1350 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ and 1620 cm^{-1} (D1 and D2 bands, Fig. 1a). The average intensity
152 and area ratios for the disorder to order bands ($R1 = D1/G$ peak intensity ratio, and $R2 =$
153 $D1/(G+D1+D2)$ peak area ratio) of laminar, cryptocrystalline, and spherulitic graphite
154 range from 0.07 to 0.09 for R1, and from 0.05 to 0.12 for R2 (Table 1). Thus,
155 independently of the morphology of graphite, the average crystallite size L_a is in excess
156 of 1000 Å, according to the estimation of Wopenka and Pasteris (1993). No significant

157 changes were observed in the second-order Raman region of graphite, all the spectra
158 showing a well-defined shoulder at $\approx 2685 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ on the S-peak. Thus, the features of the
159 first- and second-order Raman spectra are indicative of a high degree of crystalline
160 perfection along the basal plane of the graphite structure and also of the attainment of the
161 triperiodic ABAB stacking (Lespade et al., 1982).

162 **DISCUSSION**

163 Field, petrographic, crystallographic and fluid inclusion data indicate that graphite
164 in the Borrowdale deposit precipitated along with chlorite, epidote, quartz and albite from
165 carbon-bearing fluids at $\sim 500 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ during the stage of propylitic alteration of the volcanic
166 host rocks. This represents the first report of a deposit of highly crystalline graphite
167 precipitated from moderate-temperature fluids.

168 As previously mentioned, poorly ordered, low-crystalline graphite has been
169 observed in a wide variety of metamorphic terranes. Graphitization involves the
170 progressive solid-state transformation of carbonaceous matter with increasing
171 crystallinity as metamorphism proceeds. The array of carbon atoms in the graphitizable
172 aromatic molecules of the carbonaceous matter influences the sixfold arrangement of
173 carbon atoms within the layers of the graphite structure. That is, the original array of
174 carbon atoms in the carbonaceous matter acts as a template during the graphitization
175 process. Thus, graphite with low crystallinity formed under low-grade metamorphism
176 reflects the original disordered pattern of carbon compounds within the organic matter
177 (short continuity of the aromatic skeleton along both the in-plane directions and the
178 stacking direction). As shown in Figure 1b, under the same analytical conditions,
179 metamorphic graphite formed at equivalent temperatures (i.e., greenschist to epidote-

180 amphibolite facies) distinctively shows lower crystallinity (R1 ratio around 0.50, and
181 average R2 close to 0.3; Beyssac et al., 2002) than that estimated in this study of the
182 Borrowdale deposit. Therefore, firstly it may be concluded that the high crystallinity of
183 the graphite from the Borrowdale deposit should be attributed to the different mechanism
184 of formation of fluid-deposited graphite compared with metamorphic graphite.

185 However, the formation of highly crystalline graphite from low- to moderate-
186 temperature fluids is in contrast with experimental studies which suggest that
187 temperatures required to produce highly crystalline graphite by fluid precipitation should
188 be higher than those operating during metamorphism of organic matter (Pasteris and
189 Chou, 1998). Fluid-deposited graphite results from the nucleation and growth from a
190 carbon-bearing fluid and kinetics might therefore affect the precipitation conditions and
191 the physical properties of fluid-deposited graphite (Luque et al., 1998). Since both
192 nucleation and growth require high activation energy (Ziegenbein and Johannes, 1980),
193 this could be one of the reasons why highly crystalline fluid-deposited graphite is
194 restricted mostly to high-temperature environments (Luque and Rodas, 1999; Pasteris,
195 1999). In addition, precipitation of graphite from low- to moderate-temperature fluids is
196 hindered by the high solubility of carbon in such C-O-H fluids (Pasteris, 1999). Thus,
197 compared with high-temperature, high-pressure C-O-H fluids, low-pressure, lower
198 temperature fluids demand a very high initial concentration of carbon for graphite to be
199 precipitated.

200 The data presented herein indicate that suitable conditions for the precipitation of
201 highly crystalline graphite at moderate temperatures occurred at the Borrowdale deposit.
202 However, experimentally re-equilibrated carbonic fluid inclusions at high temperature

203 failed to precipitate fully crystalline graphite even at temperatures of 1400 °C (Pasteris
204 and Wanamaker, 1988; Pasteris and Chou, 1998). It has been shown (Ziegenbein and
205 Johannes, 1990) that in the C-O-H system the stability field for fully crystalline
206 graphite+fluid is larger than that for poorly ordered graphite at lower temperature (400
207 °C; Fig. 2). This suggests that ordered graphite might be stabilized more readily than
208 disordered graphite. Thus, considering that structurally disordered graphite is the phase
209 that firstly precipitates in many experiments, Luque et al. (1998) concluded that
210 disordered graphite is probably easier to nucleate at low temperature than is highly
211 crystalline graphite, up to a (unknown) temperature threshold. Above this temperature,
212 the larger size of the stability field for ordered graphite becomes the controlling factor.
213 The results presented in this paper place the lowermost temperature limit for the
214 precipitation of fully ordered graphite in any known volumetrically large fluid-deposited
215 graphite occurrence.

216 As summarized by Luque et al. (1998) the mechanisms leading to graphite
217 saturation in carbon-bearing fluids comprise both isochemical changes (e.g. the field of
218 graphite+fluid is enlarged with decreasing temperature) and/or changes in the
219 composition of the system (e.g. removal of water from the system increases the relative
220 carbon content in the fluid, thus allowing entry into the graphite+fluid field).
221 Temperature has been regarded as the major factor controlling the formation of fluid-
222 deposited graphite deposits worldwide (Luque et al., 1998; Pasteris, 1999). Graphite
223 precipitation in the Borrowdale deposit occurred as the result of the rapid cooling of the
224 fluid as it migrated upwards along the fracture system, as evidenced by the structure of
225 the ore bodies (pipe-like breccias) which indicates a catastrophic mineralizing event. In

226 addition, as previously discussed, concomitant hydration reactions involved in the
227 propylitic alteration of the host rocks also played a role in graphite precipitation.

228 The final point to be addressed refers to the high carbon contents required by low-
229 and moderate-temperature fluids to attain saturation (Pasteris, 1999). High carbon
230 concentration in the fluids from which the Borrowdale graphite deposit was formed can
231 be inferred on the basis of some of the graphite morphologies recognized in polished
232 sections and are supported by fluid inclusion data. In particular, cryptocrystalline graphite
233 and spherulitic morphologies suggest high carbon supersaturation in the fluids. These
234 morphologies are consistent with high nucleation rates and rapid crystal growth from a
235 large number of crystalline nuclei (Sunagawa, 1987). Moreover, the formation of
236 cryptocrystalline and spherulitic graphite implies a mechanism of heterogeneous
237 nucleation, that is, graphite nucleation occurs over a pre-existing substrate (mainly
238 silicate grains). It is well known (see Sear, 2006, and references therein) that such a
239 mechanism reduces considerably the energy barrier for nucleation with respect to the
240 direct crystallization from an initially homogeneous fluid (homogeneous nucleation).

241 The results presented in this paper demonstrate that under appropriate P-T-X
242 conditions highly crystalline graphite can precipitate at moderate temperature (~500 °C)
243 from fluids containing CO₂ and CH₄. This could have implications for the industrial
244 synthesis of graphite that is currently obtained from carbonaceous precursors at much
245 higher temperatures (>2000 °C; Chang, 2002).

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353 **FIGURE CAPTIONS**

- 354 Figure 1. A) Typical first-order Raman spectrum of laminar graphite from the
355 Borrowdale deposit. Note the weak intensity of the D1 band at $\sim 1355\text{ cm}^{-1}$ compared
356 with the sharp and symmetrical G band at $\sim 1580\text{ cm}^{-1}$. B) First-order Raman spectrum of
357 metamorphic graphite from Taiwan formed at 490 °C (for details see Beyssac et al.,
358 2007).
- 359 Figure 2. The C-O-H system at 400 °C and 2 kbar showing the stability fields for fully
360 ordered graphite (dotted curve) and disordered graphite (continuous line). After
361 Ziegenbein and Johannes (1980). The area labeled BF represents the fluid compositions
362 for the Borrowdale graphite deposit calculated from selected fluid inclusions.

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TABLE 1. AVERAGE X-RAY DIFFRACTION AND RAMAN DATA OF GRAPHITE FROM THE BORROWDALE DEPOSIT

XRD				Raman						
n	d ₀₀₂ (Å)	FWHM (°2θ)	Lc (Å)	Morphology	n	D1 position	G position	FWHM	R1	R2
10	3.351 (0.005)*	0.311 (0.038)	1110 (130)	Laminar	21	1350.34 (2.74)	1580.75 (1.30)	20.54 (2.76)	0.09 (0.09)	0.12 (0.09)
				Cryptocrystalline	24	1354.87 (2.84)	1581.38 (1.75)	25.15 (3.57)	0.09 (0.03)	0.05 (0.08)
				Spherulitic	15	1355.88 (3.18)	1581.97 (0.92)	19.93 (1.51)	0.07 (0.07)	0.06 (0.09)

n = number of analyses.

FWHM = full width at medium height.

* Standard deviation.

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1 **Analytical techniques**

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3 The structural characterization of graphite from the Borrowdale deposit has been
4 carried out by means of X-ray diffraction (XRD) and Raman spectroscopy. For the
5 XRD study, after grinding and homogenization to $<53 \mu\text{m}$, ten samples of randomly
6 orientated powders of graphite were run in a Siemens D-500 diffractometer, using Cu-
7 $K\alpha$ radiation at 30 kV and 40 mA, a step size of $0.03 (^\circ 2\theta)$, a slit system of $1^\circ\text{-}1^\circ\text{-}1^\circ\text{-}$
8 0.15° , and time per step of 1 s (scan rate of $1.8^\circ 2\theta/\text{min}$). Each sample was run at least
9 twice using silicon as the internal standard. Measurements on the XRD patterns were
10 done using the Diffrac Plus EVA 10.0 software.

11 Raman spectra were collected with the Renishaw INVIA equipment at the Ecole
12 Normale Supérieure (Paris, France) on polished thin sections used for the petrographic
13 study. A total of 60 measurements were obtained focusing the laser beam on graphite
14 located beneath the surface of adjacent transparent minerals (usually quartz, chlorite,
15 and epidote) to avoid the effect of polishing at the surface of the thin section which may
16 alter the graphite structure (Pasteris, 1989; Beyssac et al., 2003). The 514.5 nm
17 wavelength of a 20 mW Spectra Physics Argon laser focused through a 100x objective
18 (N.A.=0.90) was used for the analyses. Under these conditions the spatial resolution is
19 $\sim 1 \mu\text{m}$ and the spectral resolution is close to 1 cm^{-1} . Laser power on the sample surface
20 was reduced to 2 mW to avoid radiation damage to the graphite. Raman analysis of
21 graphite also might be affected by polarization effects between the incident laser
22 electromagnetic field and the structure of graphite, and this might virtually enhance the
23 defect bands especially for measurement on the graphite edge planes. These effects are
24 rather weak with a 514.5 nm wavelength (Tan et al., 2004), and to further attenuate
25 them we used a $\frac{1}{4}$ wavelength plate before the microscope which yields a circular
26 polarization of the laser. The Raman parameters (peak position, band intensity, and
27 band area) were determined with the computer program PeakFit 3.0 using a Voigt
28 function.

29 The microthermometric study of the fluid inclusions was carried out using a
30 Linkam THMSG 600 heating and freezing stage at the Department of Crystallography
31 and Mineralogy, Universidad Complutense, Madrid. Raman analysis of the volatile
32 fraction was also performed at the Ecole Normale Supérieure under the same analytical
33 conditions given above, but the laser power in this case was 50 mW. Bulk composition,
34 density and molar volume of the inclusions were calculated with the computer programs

35 DENSITY, ICE and BULK, versions 12/02 (Bakker and Brown, 2003) using the Duan
36 et al. (1992a,b) equation of state and considering NaCl as the only salt in solution.

37 **Fluid inclusions data**

38 Fluid inclusions were studied in quartz fragments hosted by the graphite
39 nodules-bearing pipes (Figure DR1). The angular shape of these fragments and their
40 internal grainy texture indicate that the quartz was brecciated, pulled up from its original
41 location and transported upwards within subvertical structures favoured by a fluid-rich
42 regime that eventually resulted in the precipitation of huge amounts of graphite. These
43 fluids were recorded as secondary fluid inclusions in the quartz xenoliths. Three types
44 of secondary fluid inclusions have been recognized, based upon appearance at room
45 temperature and microthermometric behaviour:

46 Type V. Two-phase vapour-rich inclusions ($V_v/V_t = 60-90\%$), made up by H_2O-
47 CO_2-CH_4 . These inclusions are very abundant and occur along trails within the clear
48 cores of the quartz grains. Raman data of the volatile fraction indicate mixtures of CO_2-
49 CH_4 , with X_{CO_2} between 0.6-0.75. The average bulk composition (mol fraction) of
50 these inclusions is 0.65 H_2O , 0.24 CO_2 , 0.11 CH_4 and 1.4 wt% NaCl, with a
51 $X_{CO_2}/(X_{CO_2}+X_{CH_4})$ ratio of 0.69 and an average molar volume of $40\text{ cm}^3.\text{mol}^{-1}$. Total
52 homogenization of the inclusions ranges 295-340 °C (into vapour) and 328-350 °C
53 (critical behaviour) indicating that the fluid would be a vapour-like supercritical phase
54 at the trapping conditions. Complete microthermometric and compositional data of
55 selected type V inclusions can be found in Table DR1.

56 Type L1. Two-phase liquid-rich $H_2O-CO_2-CH_4$ -bearing inclusions ($V_v/V_t = 25-$
57 40%). These inclusions are very scarce and occur spatially associated with type V
58 inclusions. Raman analysis indicate X_{CO_2} between 0.03-0.28 in most L1 inclusions
59 ($n=6$) and only two specimens with $X_{CO_2}=0.6-0.62$. Bulk composition (mol fraction),
60 calculated only in one inclusion due to the difficulty of measuring clathrate melting, is
61 estimated to be 0.916 H_2O , 0.018 CO_2 , 0.022 CH_4 and 0.044 NaCl (7.2 wt% NaCl),
62 with a $X_{CO_2}/(X_{CO_2}+X_{CH_4})$ ratio of 0.45 and a molar volume of $25\text{ cm}^3.\text{mol}^{-1}$. Total
63 homogenization occurs between 279 and 378 °C, in a range which is similar to
64 homogenization temperatures for type V inclusions. However, whereas type V
65 homogenizes either by bubble expansion or show critical behaviour, L1 inclusions
66 always homogenize into liquid.

67 Type L2. Two-phase liquid-rich inclusions ($V_v/V_t < 10\%$). They are very
68 abundant and occur along trails that occasionally cross-cut quartz grain boundaries, thus

69 indicating that the inclusions are secondary in origin and postdate the type V and L1
70 fluid circulation. They also occur in recrystallized boundaries of the quartz grains,
71 probably as primary inclusions. CH₄ is the only carbonic species in these inclusions,
72 with an estimated average composition of 0.93 H₂O, 0.02 CH₄ and 0.05 NaCl. Melting
73 of ice occurs in the range -6 to -2.8 °C and indicates salinities between 4.5 and 9.5 wt%
74 NaCl. The total homogenization of the L2 inclusions occurs between 123 and 204 °C,
75 with a maximum in the interval 180-190 °C.

76 These fluid inclusions assemblages have been interpreted to be the record of the
77 evolution of the carbon-bearing fluids involved in the pipes development and the
78 subsequent graphite deposition. In this scenario, the type V vapour-rich fluid would be
79 the fluid circulating at the earliest stages of the process just before graphite saturation
80 was reached. Therefore, the physicochemical parameters estimated from this fluid
81 would indicate the initial P-T-fO₂ conditions of the graphite forming system which are
82 the aim of this paper.

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TABLE DRI. MICROTHERMOMETRIC, RAMAN AND CALCULATED COMPOSITIONAL DATA OF SELECTED TYPE V INCLUSIONS FROM THE BORROWDALE DEPOSIT

Vv/Vt	Non aqueous phase data						Bulk inclusion data						
	TmCO ₂	ThCO ₂	TmCl	XCO ₂	XCH ₄	Molar volume	XH ₂ O	XCO ₂	XCH ₄	Salinity	TH	Bulk molar volume	#XCO ₂
0.8	-58.4	+1.5 L	+14.2	0.64	0.36	75.43	0.49	0.33	0.18	3.03	294 *	46.50	0.65
0.5	-57.4	+8.9 L	+14.2	0.75	0.25	75.52	0.78	0.17	0.05	0.47	340 C	29.66	0.43
0.7	-	+3.8 L	+14.2	0.75	0.25	77.29	0.63	0.28	0.09	0.28	300 *	39.50	0.76
0.7	-	-8.1 L	+14.2	0.60	0.40	86.52	0.64	0.21	0.13	2.86	295 *	40.90	0.62
0.7	-58.7	-1.9 L	+14.4	0.67	0.33	81.78	0.64	0.245	0.11	1.36	293 *	40.21	0.69
0.7	-	+3.3 L	+14.2	0.75	0.25	76.16	0.62	0.29	0.09	0.4	318 V	39.30	0.76
0.6	-61.8	+5.1 L	+14.2	0.69	0.31	74.99	0.71	0.20	0.08	2.02	340 V	33.62	0.71
0.9	-	+4.1 L	+14.2	0.68	0.32	75.83	0.0024	0.768	0.23	-	322 V	84.26	0.77

Molar volume in cm³.mol⁻¹, salinity in eq. NaCl wt%, temperature in °C. Vv/Vt: bubble volume fraction, X: molar fraction, Tm: melting temperature, Th: partial homogenization temperature, TH: total homogenization temperature, Cl: clathrate, #XCO₂= XCO₂/(XCO₂+XCH₄), * Decrepitation temperature before homogenization, C: critical homogenization, L: homogenization into liquid, V: homogenization into vapour.

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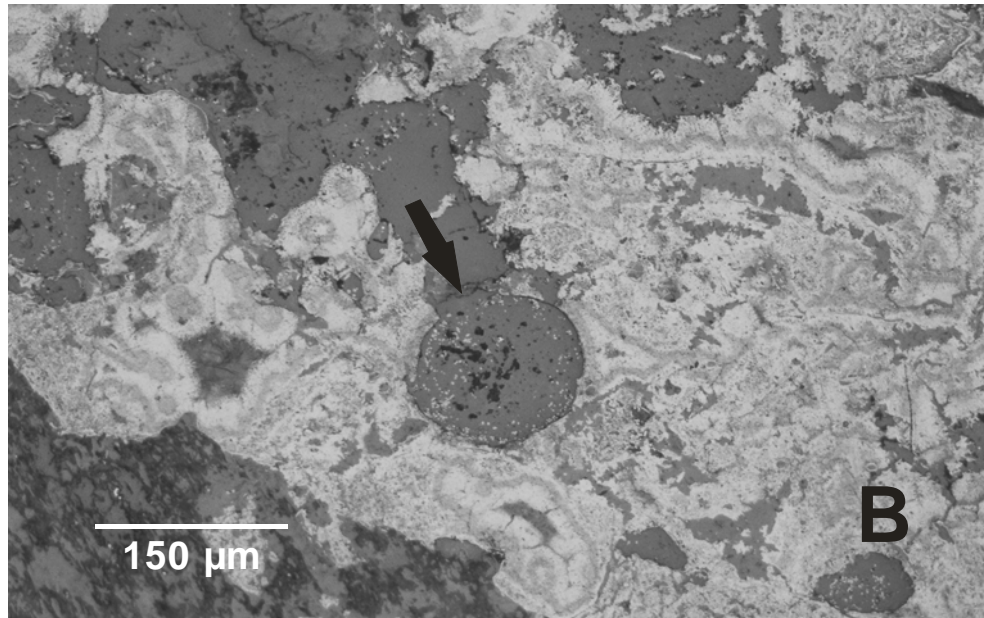
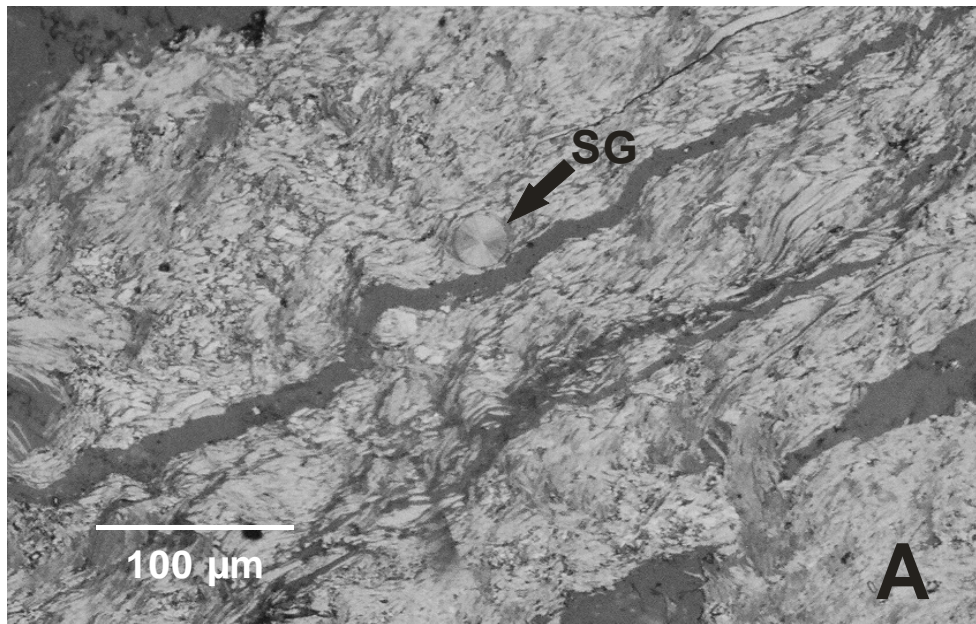
113 Figure DR1. Hand specimen of the common graphite-quartz association from the

114 Borrowdale deposit. Note the large angular quartz fragment (Qtz), and the intense

115 alteration of the andesite host rock (AA). Small quartz fragments are also embedded

116 within the graphite mass (Gph).

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120 Figure DR2: Reflected light photomicrographs (one polar) of graphite morphologies

121 from the Borrowdale deposit. A) Spherulitic graphite (SG) within flaky graphite. B)

122 Cryptocrystalline graphite with colloform texture enclosing quartz grains. The arrow

123 indicates a rounded quartz grain containing minute spherulites of graphite.

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127 Figure DR3: Transmitted light photomicrograph showing radial aggregates of epidote

128 crystals within a graphite (in black) nodule.

