

Chemistry and origin of povondraite-bearing rocks from Alto Chapare, Cochabamba, Bolivia

Chemismus a původ hornin s povondraitem z Alto Chapare, Cochabamba, Bolívie (Czech Summary)



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Povondraite and schorl-dravite occur in an ancient, probably Cambrian, metaevaporite known as the Locotal Breccia in Alto Chapare, Cochabamba Department, central Bolivian Andes. They originated, together with a variety of silicate minerals as reaction crust between dikes of highly alkaline volcanites, and B-rich evaporite. Chemical composition of the protolith (mainly various concentrations of alkalis) and local oxygen activity probably played decisive role in the formation either of povondraite or schorl-dravite. There are relatively small differences in SiO₂ (42-50 wt.%) and Al₂O₃ (12.2-15.5 wt.%), all rocks are relatively rich in TiO₂ (0.85-3.00 wt.%) and poor in CaO (0.0X-0.34 wt.%). The rocks rich in povondraite have extremely high concentrations of K₂O (10-12 wt.%), low Na₂O (0.4-0.7 wt.%), very low CaO (0.0X-0.13 wt.%) and increased Cr₂O₃ (about 0.1 wt.%), whereas the rock rich in dravite is slightly richer in CaO (0.34 wt.%) and the concentrations of both Na₂O and K₂O are about 4 wt.%. The concentrations of MgO (2.6-9.0 wt.%) and FeO^{tot} (5.4-13.0 wt.%) are variable and independent on given type of tourmaline.

Povondraite displays both continuous and oscillatory zoning patterns and chemical variability ranging in (wt.%): Fe₂O₃^{tot} = 29.5-42.4, Al₂O₃ = 2.39-10.90, TiO₂ = 0.38-3.48, Na₂O = 1.45-2.29, K₂O = 1.15-2.35, and strongly variable Cr₂O₃ (0.0-1.36). Povondraite compositions differ from the ideal end-member formula NaFe₃³⁺Fe₆³⁺(BO₃)₃(Si₆O₁₈)(O,OH)₄ by a constant presence of MgO ranging from 6 to 8 wt.% and potassium X-site occupancy of 25-48 at.%. The highest TiO₂ and K₂O concentrations recorded (3.48 and 2.35 wt.%, respectively) represent the upper concentration levels of these oxides in tourmaline. Successive crystallization of povondraite (1) - intermediate dravite-povondraite (2) and dravite-schorl (3) gives evidence for decreasing oxygen activity during tourmaline crystallization.

Key words: tourmaline, povondraite, schorl-dravite, electron microprobe composition, metaevaporite, Locotal Breccia, Bolivia

Introduction

Povondraite, a new member of the tourmaline group was described originally as "*ferridravite*" by Dunn - Walenta (1979) and redefined and renamed by Grice et al. (1993) in honour of Czech mineralogist and well-known tourmaline specialist Dr. P. Povondra (Charles University, Prague). *Povondraite* occurs with many additional minerals in a highly unusual rock called the Locotal Breccia, which represents brecciated metamorphosed evaporite caprock. Locotal Breccia outcrops sporadically within a roughly 50 km² area of highly dissected rainforest topography in the Alto Chapare region, Cochabamba Department, Bolivia, in the steep eastern foothills of the Andes at an altitude between 400 to 2000 metres (Franz et al. 1979, Petrov 1994).

This paper brings new data on mineral assemblages, compositions and origin of povondraite-bearing rocks from Alto Chapare, Bolivia.

Geology and mineralogy of the Locotal Breccia

The Locotal Breccia most probably represents ancient slightly metamorphosed salt dome caprock (Petrov et al. 1997). This Cambrian (or Late Proterozoic) unit is the oldest rock in the central Bolivian Andes. It is not known what lies beneath it, but several potent brine springs (rich in NaCl) attest that halite must be present. The Locotal

Breccia is overlain by rocks of the Limbo Formation, which include highly fractured beds of massive sandstone, *magnesite* and *dolomite*, containing some *talca* and *danburite* and commercially operated deposits of *magnesite*, *dolomite* and *magnesianiebeckitic asbestos* (e.g., San Francisco Mine near Villa Tunari, see Franz et al. 1979). The Limbo Formation, in part, may represent a slightly metamorphosed Cambrian "false marine carbonate caprock" like a similar but younger and unmetamorphosed rock in Mississippi (Swan - Saunders 1992). The youngest strata of the Limbo Formation are coarse conglomerates of Cambrian or early Ordovician age containing rounded boulders of schists, granitic rocks and a rare granitic pegmatite, presumably derived from rocks of the Precambrian Brazilian shield. These sediments are followed by the monotonous sedimentary Ordovician and Silurian series typical of much of the Bolivian Andes (Franz et al. 1979).

The Locotal Breccia is composed (in approximate descending order of abundance) of a fine-grained aggregate of *dolomite*, *magnesite*, *gypsum*, *anhydrite*, *K-feldspar*, *talca*, and *smectites*. Additional minerals occur in minor or accessory amount, some of them included in the groundmass as euhedral crystals (in alphabetic order): *boracite*, *chalcopyrite*, *clinopyroxene*, *danburite*, *dravite*, *ericaitite*, *graphite*, *hematite*, *magnesianiebeckitic?*, *minnesotaite?*, *polyhalite*, *povondraite*, *pyrite*, *rutile*, and *tennantite*. The metacrysts of some these minerals can reach the size up to several centimetres. The most common is *danburite*, which

is also the best known mineral from the Locotal Breccia. It occurs in many places in almost all outcrops of the Locotal Breccia. The crystals are double-terminated, in contrast to other famous world *danburite* localities and they can reach up to 6 cm in length. The crystals are grey and of greasy lustre; the coloration is caused by many tiny inclusions predominantly *dolomite*, *talca*, *anhydrite* and opaque phase, probably *pyrite*. *Boracite* is much rarer than *danburite*. Additional occurrences of *boracite* have been found during our recent field investigations and one place yielded large green crystals up to almost 3 cm, having the form of a simple cube. However, most abundant are tiny colourless crystals about 1 mm in size, showing a ball-like form. All *boracite* crystals display polycrystalline, very fine parquet-like structure under the polarizing microscope, in crossed polarizers. Among other minerals forming single euhedral, up to 2-3.5 cm sized metacrysts, *dolomite* and *magnesite* are most common, the former as black, black-brown, white or bluish rhombohedrons, the latter as platy, pseudo-hexagonal crystals, colourless or with yellowish coloration. *Hematite* forms loose platy crystals with typical triangular striation reaching a size of 15 x 12 x 5 mm. Recent solution cavities in the breccia are filled with secondary acicular *aragonite* or stalactitic *calcite* or *aragonite*. Other supergene minerals found in the breccia are *azurite*, *goethite*, *hydromagnesite*, *mcguinnessite*, and *malachite*.

The evaporite breccia includes also angular cm-dm sized clasts ("xenoliths") of silicate-rich highly alkaline rocks in its groundmass. They reacted with the surrounding evaporite matrix to form crystal crusts composed of *potassium feldspar (microcline)*, tourmalines (*povondraite* and *schorl-dravite*), *magnesioriebeckite*, *hematite*, and *pyrite*; less common are *rutile*, *clinopyroxene*, and *clinochlore*. Other "xenoliths", not associated with tourmalines, are represented by sandstone and monomineralic *quartz* and *lizardite* clasts, but they appear to have been non-reactive and have no crystal crusts (Petrov 1994, Petrov et al. 1997). The largest and best-shaped crystals of silicate minerals occur as components of crystal crusts on the surface of the "xenoliths", but they also occur in massive form as veinlets or directly in the matrix of the clasts. The most common mineral is *microcline* (determined by X-ray analysis) as pink, lenticular crystals composing druses. It displays a red luminescence in a short-wave UV-light. White tiny pseudo-hexagonal crystals were found growing on *povondraite* crystals. *Povondraite* commonly forms black, short prismatic crystals reaching about 5 mm, growing on two types of "xenoliths" (samples B-2, B-3, see further in the text), locally it also forms veinlets or metacrysts in these xenoliths. The crystals of *povondraite* are sometimes covered by younger crystals of poorly determined *clinopyroxene (diopside or aegirine)*, and yellowish *magnesite*. Besides *povondraite*, members of *schorl-dravite* series (closer to *dravite*) are common on a certain type of the xenoliths (sample B-1, see further in the text). In contrast to the short prismatic *povondraite*, this deep-

brown to black tourmaline forms columns and needles up to 1 cm long, or radiating aggregates.

Samples and methods

Four typical silicate-rich "xenoliths" with tourmalines, newly sampled by two of the authors (A. P. and J. H.), were studied. Two slightly different rocks studied (B-2, B-3) are rich in macroscopic povondraite, one rock (B-1) is rich in coarse dravite and one sample (B-4) contains accessory tourmalines seen only under the microscope. Chemical compositions were determined using energy dispersive electron microprobe Camscan-Link-eXL with operating conditions of 20 kV, 3 nA, counting time 80s, and Co as calibration element. Synthetic oxides, plagioclase and K-feldspar were used as standards. Because of lack of sufficient material for wet analyses, chemical composition of the samples, was estimated by integrating scanning analyses covering area of 5 x 4 mm. The presence of Cr, Ti, Ba, V, Sr was verified in the wavelength-dispersive mode using a MICROSPEC spectrometer (Ba, V, Sr were analysed but not detected). The analyses were made in the laboratories of the Czech Geological Survey in Prague, I. Vavřín, analyst. The microprobe analyses obtained were recalculated using computer program MINCALC (Melín - Kunst 1992). Tourmaline compositions (including povondraite) were calculated on the basis 31 anions assuming stoichiometric amount of OH = 4 and B = 3 without the ordering of cations into crystallochemical sites (compare Grice - Ercit 1993). For povondraite, all Fe is assumed to be Fe³⁺, because standard recalculation schemes lead to overestimate of Fe²⁺ (Grice - Ercit 1993, Grice et al. 1993). For dravite, all Fe is assumed to be Fe²⁺, although some Fe³⁺ is most probably also present. Mica compositions were normalized based on 20 oxygen atoms and 4 OH groups, and assuming all Fe to be divalent.

Petrology and bulk compositions of "xenoliths" with tourmaline

The samples studied are represented by 2-4 cm long fragments of silicate-rich, but quartz-free rocks occurring as clasts or "xenoliths" in the Locotal Breccia. All the rocks studied are composed besides tourmalines predominantly of K-feldspar and phlogopite with rutile and pyrite as minor to accessory phases. Minor aegirine was found in sample B-1. A comparison of chemical analyses of the rocks studied reveals significant differences between the rocks with povondraite and those with schorl-dravite (compare samples B-1 - B-4 in Table 1). There are relatively small differences in SiO₂ (42-50 wt.%) and Al₂O₃ (12.2-15.5 wt.%), all rocks are relatively rich in TiO₂ (0.85-3.00 wt.%) and poor in CaO (0.0X-0.34 wt.%). The rocks rich in povondraite have extremely high concentrations of K₂O (10-12 wt.%), low Na₂O (0.4-0.7 wt.%), very low CaO (0.0X-0.13 wt.%) and increased Cr₂O₃ (about 0.1 wt.%),

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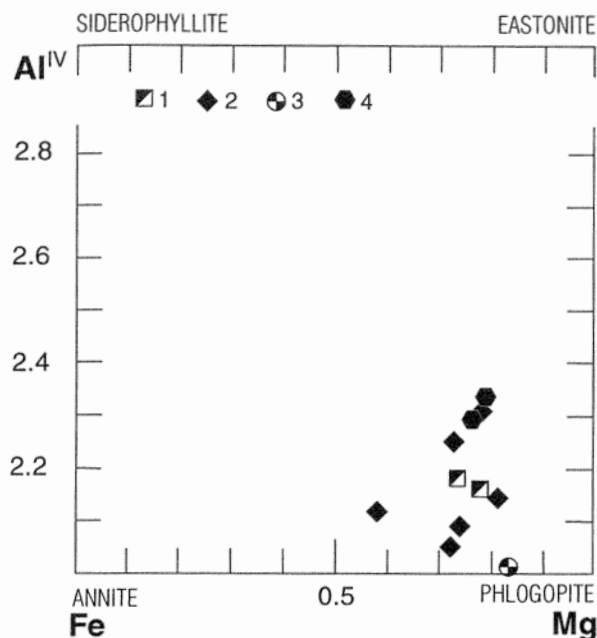


Fig. 1. Al^{IV}- Mg/(Mg + Fe^{tot}) diagram for mica from Locotal Breccia. Two mica compositions with Al^{IV} = 1.7-1.9 fall out of this diagram. Symbols 1-4 represent samples B-1-4

Sample B-1 is represented by apple-green to pale grey-green massive material with two parallel zones with the intensive blastesis of the black (at the edges brown) tourmaline, much coarser than the matrix. On the surface of the clast, tourmaline forms clusters of columnar to acicular crystals, 1-3 mm in size, together with minute crystals of K-feldspar.

Yellow-green fine matrix, rich in tiny inclusions prevails (about 60 vol.%), along with randomly dispersed colourless grains and crystals of K-feldspar (about 10 mod.%), which frequently includes fine sagenitic brown

rutile. Tourmaline (about 30 vol.%) forms euhedral grains 0.X-2 mm in size, composing several mm up to 1 cm sized aggregates. The crystals are optically zoned, with darker zone of the variable thickness near the edge. Wide centres display significant pleochroism (ϵ -very light brown, ω -deep olive green), the rims are still darker (ϵ -pale brown-yellow, ω -deep olive green). Pyrite is accessory. By electron microprobe, potassium feldspar was identified as the only colourless mineral. Dominant green matrix mineral is mica close to phlogopite with $X_{Mg} = Mg/(Mg + Fe) = 0.74-0.78$ and $Al^{IV} = 2.16-2.19$ (see Fig. 1). Taking into account the highly oxidic mineral assemblage, a portion of Fe could be present as Fe³⁺. The concentrations both of TiO₂ and Na₂O in the mica are low (0.3-0.4 and 0.2 wt.%, respectively). Tourmaline is schorl-dravite ($X_{Mg} = 0.71-0.83$), for details see further in the text. Clinopyroxene close to the end-member aegirine was detected by microprobe as tiny inclusions (10-50 microns) concentrated mainly in centres in tourmaline crystals. The aegirine analysed has the following composition: SiO₂ = 53.5-54.9, Al₂O₃ = 1.0-1.4, Fe₂O₃^{tot} = 28.5-31.0, MgO = 0.3-0.8, Na₂O = 12.9-13.3, all in wt.%. Increased bulk Na₂O concentrations (4.14 wt.%, see Table 1), imply the rock most probably contains many aegirine inclusions in the matrix. Rutile nearly corresponds to pure TiO₂, with only slightly increased concentration of FeO (about 1.3 wt.%).

Sample B-2 represents in hand-specimen massive grey-brown rock with isolated prismatic crystals of pink K-feldspar. Much smaller, lath-shaped to acicular crystals of K-feldspar occur as a component of the fine-grained matrix. Tourmaline (povondraite) occurs as black crusts and small crystals on the surface of the clast and as 0.X mm wide veinlets.

The rocks displays ophitic texture, dominated by lath-shaped to acicular crystals of potassium feldspar, which prevails over light-green or yellow-green, slightly pleochroic mica. Tourmaline occurs both as accumulations of anhedral grains and as well-shaped crystals concentrated in thin veinlets. In addition, small anhedral grains and aggregates of povondraite are disseminated in the matrix.

Table 1. The average of n scanning microprobe chemical analyses, each covering area 5 x 4 mm of four most common "xenoliths" in the Locotal Breccia. B-3, B-2 - the rocks with povondraite, B-1 - the rock with schorl dravite, B-4 - the rock poor in tourmaline but with three successive populations of accessory tourmaline

sample	B-3		B-2		B-1		B-4	
	n=3	average	n=3	average	n=3	average	n=2	average
SiO ₂	48.40 - 49.27	48.87	49.15 - 49.92	49.58	39.94 - 43.42	41.50	45.34 - 46.47	45.91
TiO ₂	2.96 - 3.03	3.00	1.54 - 2.02	1.84	0.72 - 0.95	0.85	1.29 - 0.36	1.32
Cr ₂ O ₃	0.0 - 0.11	0.00	0.0 - 0.13	0.00	0.0	0.00	0.0 - 0.13	0.00
Al ₂ O ₃	12.85 - 13.24	13.03	15.29 - 15.62	15.47	10.98 - 16.79	13.54	12.08 - 12.40	12.24
CaO	0.00	0.00	0.08 - 0.16	0.13	0.23 - 0.47	0.34	0.25 - 0.26	0.26
FeO _{tot}	11.17 - 12.33	11.87	5.09 - 5.72	5.39	12.60 - 13.75	13.00	7.82 - 7.95	7.89
MgO	2.47 - 2.81	2.64	8.86 - 9.04	8.96	7.74 - 8.78	8.17	8.68 - 8.79	8.73
MnO	0.0 - 0.09	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0 - 0.10	0.00	0.0 - 0.14	0.00
K ₂ O	9.82 - 10.39	10.12	11.73 - 12.23	11.97	2.30 - 5.47	4.03	9.24 - 9.54	9.39
Na ₂ O	0.64 - 0.69	0.66	0.39 - 0.41	0.40	3.96 - 4.32	4.14	2.02 - 2.18	2.10
Tot	89.62 - 91.08	90.19	93.30 - 94.74	93.76	83.84 - 87.76	85.57	87.12 - 88.81	87.83

Tourmaline is strongly pleochroic with ϵ -light cinnamon brown, ω -deep brown-black. Rutile and pyrite are accessory. The composition of green mica is variable, (Fig. 1), corresponding to annite-phlogopite solid solution ($X_{Mg} = 0.57-0.83$, $Al^{IV} = 1.70-2.14$), with strongly variable concentrations of TiO_2 (0.2-3.8 wt.%) and Na_2O (0.1-1.1 wt.%). A deficiency of Al^{IV} (in two analyses $Al^{IV} = 1.7$ and 1.9) indicates significant replacement of Al by Fe^{3+} in tetrahedral sites. The povondraite is compositionally zoned, generally, with a rimward increase in Al (at the expense of Fe), and with many oscillations in composition, characterized in the following text. Besides povondraite, accessory dravite was found as 20 microns long inclusion in the matrix.

Sample B-3 is massive fine-grained rock in hand-specimen, with grain size near 1 mm, black and light yellowish speckled, resembling by its appearance serpentinite. It is composed mainly of K-feldspar and tourmaline (povondraite), the modal compositions of both minerals being mostly between 40-60 vol.%. Speckled light portions with a prevalence of potassium feldspar may pass continuously into massive black, cm-sized accumulations formed by nearly monomineralic povondraite. Povondraite also forms crystalline crusts and crystals on the surface of the clast.

Under the microscope, the rock is composed of an aggregate of randomly oriented, lath-shaped colourless crystals of K-feldspar and of grains and accumulations (mostly anhedral) of strongly pleochroic povondraite (pleochroism is the same as in sample B-2). Light yellow-

green mica is present only as rare relics in tourmaline. It displays composition similar to phlogopite from samples discussed above ($X_{Mg} = 0.84$, $Al^{IV} = 2.02$, see Fig. 1). Textural criteria indicate that povondraite grew at the expense of phlogopite. Compositionally, the povondraite is richer in TiO_2 relative to sample B-2, however the zonation of crystals is indistinct. Hematite with increased concentration of TiO_2 (2.6 wt.%) and sagenitic rutile are accessory minerals.

Sample B-4 represents a massive fine-grained (grain size 0.X mm) grey-green coloured rock without bigger porphyroblasts, suggesting in the hand-specimen weathered greywacke or rather a chloritized volcanic tuff. Under the stereomicroscope, green and colourless grains are visible besides pyrite and rare crystals and crusts of black tourmaline (0.X mm) are sitting predominantly on the surface of the clast.

Under the polarizing microscope, the rock represents a uniform mosaic of tiny lath-shaped feldspars and of slightly pleochroic greenish mica compositionally close to phlogopite ($X_{Mg} = 0.77$, $Al^{IV} = 2.3$, $TiO_2 = 0.2-0.3$ wt.%, Fig. 1). K-feldspar strongly prevails but minor (or accessory) oligoclase, 19 An, was found by microprobe. Rare tourmaline (0.X vol.%) forms corroded columns (up to 0.5 x 0.4 mm in size), is pleochroic (ϵ -pale brown, nearly colourless, ω -cinnamon brown), but locally irregular pale-blue and deeper-brown spots appear in the centres. In addition, the tourmaline porphyroblasts include tiny irregular inclusions of deep-brown tourmaline 10-40 microns in size.

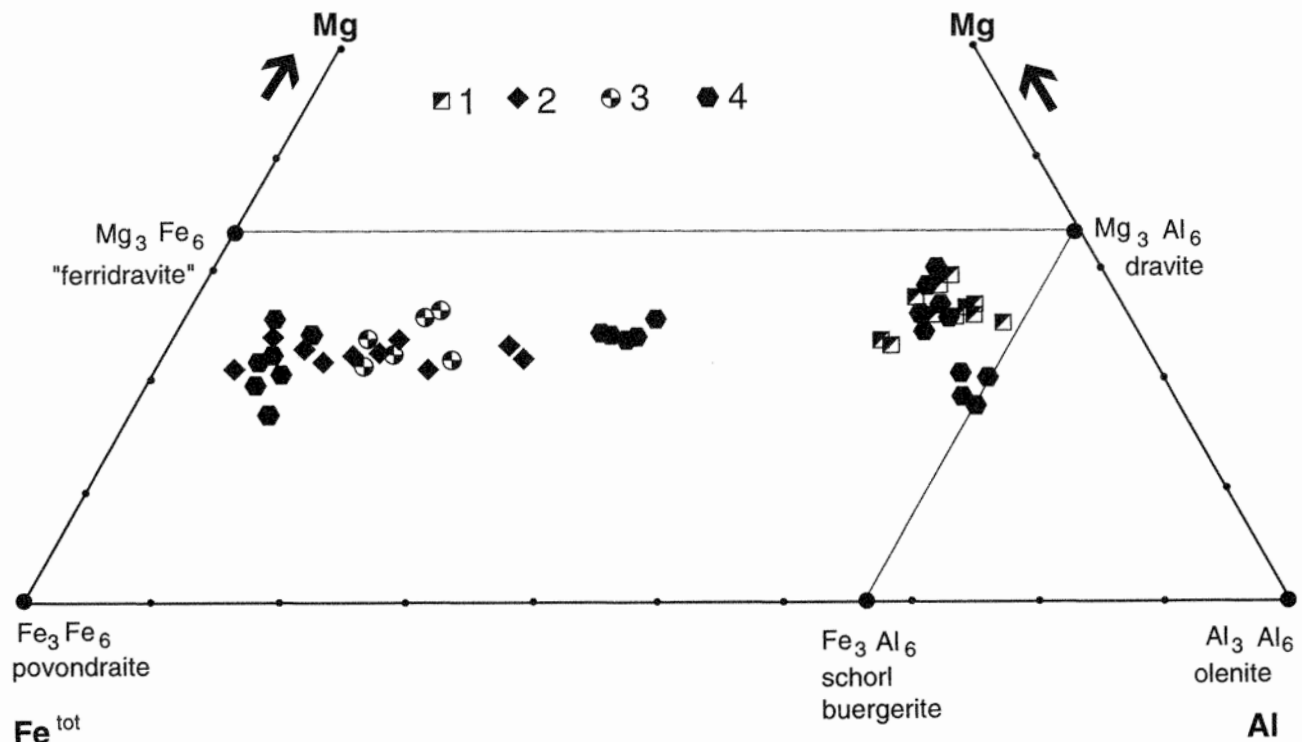


Fig. 2. Fe^{tot} -Al-Mg diagram for tourmaline from Locotal Breccia

Symbols 1-4 represent samples B-1 - B-4. Due to the incorporation of Mg into the Y-site and Z-site (see Grice et al. 1993), the povondraite compositions fall seemingly closer to the end-member $NaMg_3Fe_6^{3+}(BO_3)_3(Si_6O_{18})(O,OH)_4$, "ferridravite"

Chemical composition of tourmaline

Two different dominant tourmaline types occur as crystal crusts and also in the matrix of silicate clasts of various compositions included as "xenoliths" in the metaevaporite (Fig. 2). Povondraite occurs as stubby prisms and anhedral grains in matrix of ultrapotassic, low-Na, Ca-poor rocks, whereas tourmaline of the schorl-dravite series (columnar to acicular) grew in rock with K₂O and Na₂O concentrations about 4 wt.% and CaO about 0.3 wt.% (Table 1).

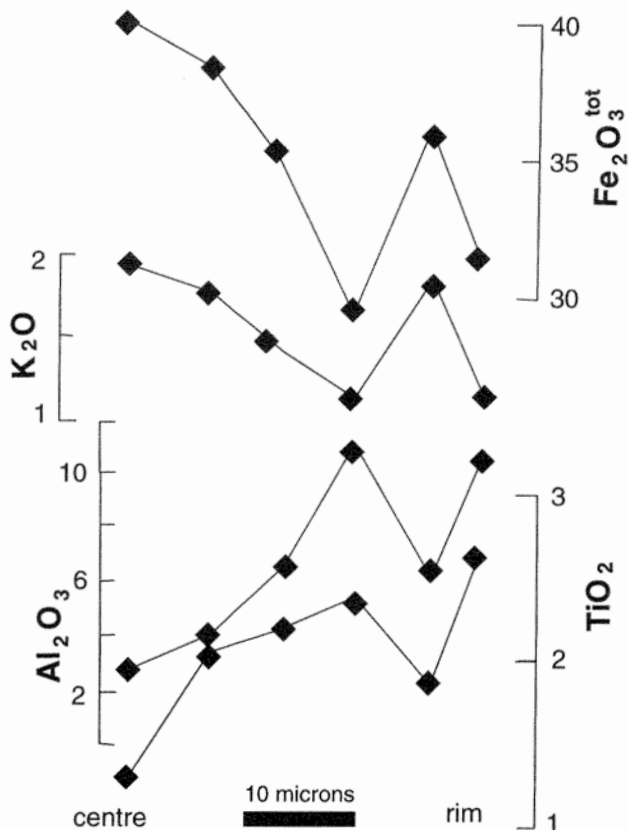


Fig. 3. Compositional profile in povondraite porphyroblast, sample B-2

Povondraite displays significant variations controlled by different chemical compositions of the parent-rock and by zoning in the range of the crystal. Euhedral povondraite from the sample B-2 displays pronounced growth zoning characterized by a rimward increase in Al and Ti and decreased Fe, K and K/(K + Na). However, a significant oscillation near the rim exhibits an opposite trend (Fig. 3, Table 2, analyses 3181-3184) which is different from that established by Grice et al. (1993). Potassic compositions with $X_K = K/(K + Na) > 0.5$ described by Grice et al. (1993) were not found, however compositions with $X_K = 0.40-0.46$ are quite frequent both in the centre of the crystals and near the edge (see Fig. 4). The concentrations of individual oxides vary in the range (wt.%): Al₂O₃ = 2.39 (wide centres) -10.90 (narrow marginal zone), TiO₂ = 0.38-2.65, Na₂O = 1.45-2.29, K₂O = 1.15-1.92; the concentrations of Cr₂O₃ and MnO are mostly lower than 0.1 wt.% (Fig. 2). Minor oscillatory zoning was observed in

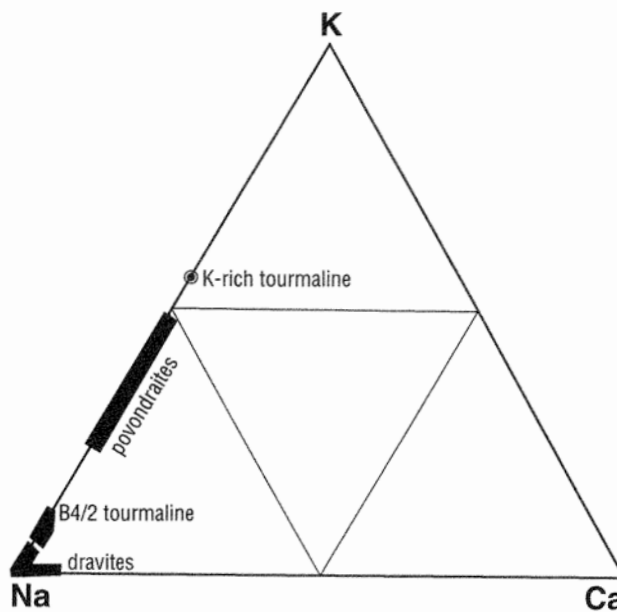


Fig. 4. Na-Ca-K diagram for tourmalines from Locotal Breccia. K-rich tourmaline composition from Grice et al. (1993). B4/2 tourmaline is intermediate povondraite-dravite from sample B-4

anhedral povondraite from the sample B-3. Generally, B-3 povondraite is more aluminous (Al₂O₃ = 5.15-8.78), with variable concentrations of TiO₂ = 1.46-3.48, Na₂O = 1.58-2.13 and K₂O = 1.28-2.35 and traces of Cr₂O₃ = 0.0X-0.26 (all in wt.%, see Table 2, Fig. 2).

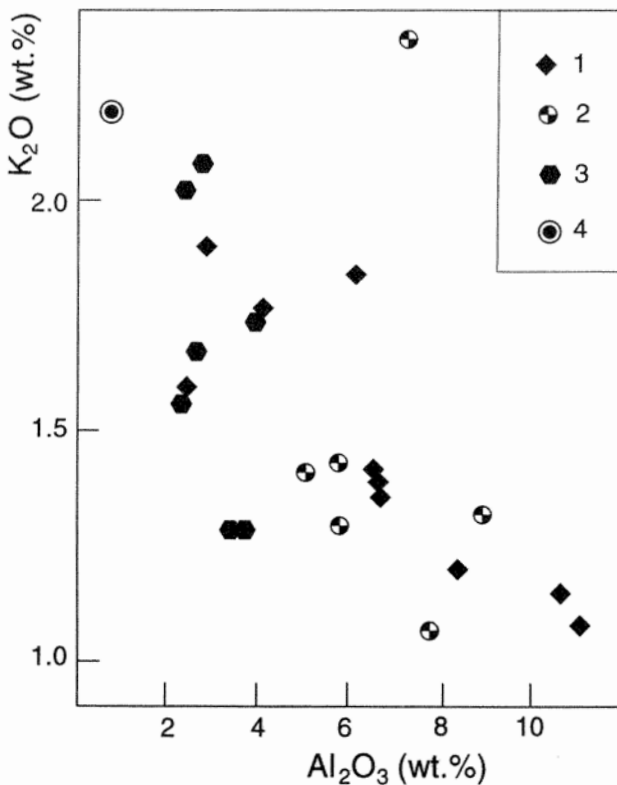


Fig. 5. K₂O-Al₂O₃ diagram for povondraite from Locotal Breccia 1 - sample B-2; 2 - sample B-3; 3 - sample B-4; 4 - K-rich tourmaline from Grice et al. (1993)

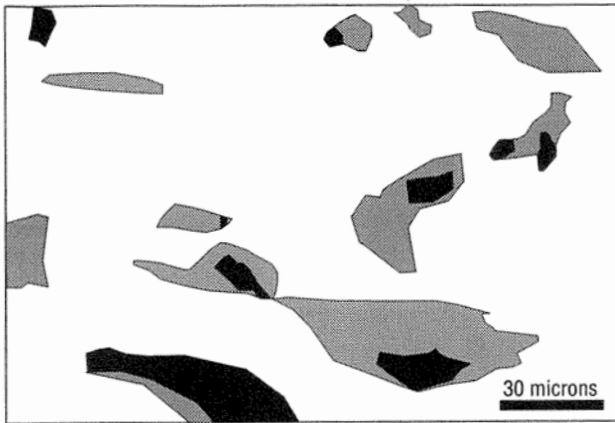


Fig. 6. Line-drawing based on back-scattered electron image of tourmaline from sample B-4

Black - povondraite (TUR-1); gray - intermediate povondraite-dravite (TUR-2); white - schorl-dravite (TUR-3)

Tourmaline from sample B-1 is schorl-dravite with prevalence of the dravite component (Fig 2). The values of $Mg/(Mg + Fe)$ range from 0.63 to 0.73 considering all Fe as FeO^{tot} . The tourmaline displays minor zonation with rimward increase in TiO_2 (0.0-0.49) and FeO^{tot} (7.7-10), compensated by a decrease in Al_2O_3 (30.1-25.9), all in wt.%, but many oscillations appear (see Table 3). The tourmaline contains a slightly variable concentration of $MgO = 9.2-10.4$ wt.%, low CaO (0.0X-0.34 wt.%), with negligible MnO and Cr_2O_3 . The X-site occupancy is close to 1.

Tourmaline of similar composition was found in the matrix of sample B-2 as rare, isolated inclusions, several tens of microns in diameter, without any relation to associated povondraite (Table 3). It contains a higher concentration of $TiO_2 = 1.6-1.7$ wt.%, and is poorer in CaO (lower than 0.1 wt.%) compared to the sample B-1.

Sample B-4 displays a highly unusual tourmaline assemblage. It contains tourmaline as a rare accessory but three successive tourmaline populations were distinguished (Fig. 2). The dominant tourmaline is schorl dravite (TUR-3), compositionally close to B-1 tourmaline. It includes tiny anhedral inclusions of povondraite (10-40 microns in size) and inclusions of unusual tourmaline of intermediate povondraite-dravite (schorl) composition (10-100 microns in size, Tab. 4). All three tourmalines are well recognizable in electron backscattered image (Fig. 6). Textural criteria indicate that the oldest tourmaline-povondraite (TUR-1), is overgrown and partly replaced by younger TUR-2 tourmaline. The povondraite is rich in $TiO_2 = 0.79-3.44$ wt.%, equal to 0.12-0.39 apfu, and displays increased but very variable Cr_2O_3 concentrations (0.0-1.36 wt.%, equal 0.0-0.21 apfu). However, Al_2O_3 (2.7-2.9 wt.%) and $Fe_2O_3^{tot}$ (38.4-40.5 wt.%) concentrations show remarkable uniformity compared to povondraites from samples B-2 and B-3. The unusual B4/2 tourmaline (TUR-2) is intermediate Ti-bearing povondraite-(schorl)-dravite, containing 3.3-3.6 TiO_2 (equal to 0.46-0.51 apfu), 0.0-0.6 Cr_2O_3 (equal to 0.00-0.09 apfu), 14-14.8 Al_2O_3 , 23-24 $Fe_2O_3^{tot}$, 7.4-7.8 MgO, 2.6-2.8 Na₂O about 0.3 K₂O and low MnO and CaO (0.0X-0.2), all in wt.%.

Table 2. Electron microprobe analyses of povondraite. Analyses No 3181-3184 are representative from the compositional profile of sample B-2

sample anal. N°	B-3 3157	B-3 3159	B-3 3161	B-3 3162	B-2 3174	B-2 3181c	B-2 3182	B-2 3183	B-2 3184r
SiO ₂	31.96	32.66	33.11	32.12	31.06	32.17	32.13	32.41	33.22
TiO ₂	2.31	1.46	2.05	3.48	0.38	1.26	2.04	2.20	2.34
Al ₂ O ₃	5.71	7.71	7.19	5.15	2.39	2.93	4.11	6.57	10.91
Fe ₂ O ₃	35.60	32.46	32.31	36.08	42.37	40.19	38.57	35.21	29.56
MnO	-	-	0.11	-	-	-	0.09	0.10	-
MgO	6.65	7.95	7.70	6.24	6.19	7.02	6.72	6.72	6.75
CaO	-	-	-	-	-	0.05	-	-	-
Na ₂ O	1.64	2.13	1.66	1.58	1.55	1.48	1.61	1.82	2.02
K ₂ O	1.44	1.07	2.35	1.41	1.60	1.92	1.77	1.39	1.09
B ₂ O _{3 calc}	8.63	8.78	8.83	8.69	8.39	8.62	8.68	8.77	8.97
H ₂ O _{calc}	3.18	3.24	3.26	3.21	3.10	3.18	3.20	3.24	3.31
Total	97.13	97.45	98.57	97.95	97.03	98.82	98.91	98.42	98.17
Si	6.018	6.044	6.092	6.006	6.015	6.066	6.013	6.004	6.014
Al	1.268	1.681	1.558	1.135	0.546	0.650	0.906	1.434	2.328
Fe ³⁺	5.045	4.521	4.473	5.076	6.175	5.701	5.433	4.909	4.027
Ti	0.327	0.203	0.284	0.489	0.055	0.179	0.287	0.307	0.318
Mn	-	-	0.017	-	-	-	0.014	0.016	-
Mg	1.868	2.194	2.112	1.738	1.788	1.973	1.875	1.856	1.822
Ca	-	-	-	-	-	0.010	-	-	-
Na	0.600	0.764	0.592	0.573	0.583	0.540	0.583	0.653	0.710
K	0.347	0.253	0.551	0.336	0.396	0.461	0.424	0.329	0.251
B	3.000	3.000	3.000	3.000	3.000	3.000	3.000	3.000	3.000
O	27.000	27.000	27.000	27.000	27.000	27.000	27.000	27.000	27.000
OH	4.000	4.000	4.000	4.000	4.000	4.000	4.000	4.000	4.000

0.0X < Cr₂O₃ < 0.26 wt.%

Table 3. Electron microprobe analyses of tourmaline of schorl-dravite series. Analyses No 3205-3213 represent compositional profile from centre to rim

sample anal. N ^o	B-2 3198	B-2 3202	B-1 3205c	B-1 3206	B-1 3207	B-1 3208	B-1 3209	B-1 3210	B-1 3211	B-1 3213r
SiO ₂	36.46	36.63	37.35	37.11	37.20	37.32	37.58	37.19	36.78	36.37
TiO ₂	1.67	1.71	0.12	-	0.08	0.25	0.22	0.69	0.49	0.49
Al ₂ O ₃	24.58	24.49	28.15	28.16	28.49	27.72	30.17	25.92	26.13	26.32
FeO _{tot}	12.18	12.10	7.98	8.00	7.69	8.89	6.21	8.68	8.25	9.77
MnO	-	-	0.08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MgO	7.85	7.93	9.37	9.38	9.39	9.24	9.22	10.23	10.40	9.26
CaO	-	0.08	0.34	0.27	0.32	0.28	0.14	0.07	0.34	-
Na ₂ O	3.05	2.97	2.91	3.07	3.03	2.92	3.05	3.23	3.11	3.02
K ₂ O	0.09	0.20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.06
B ₂ O _{3 calc}	9.54	9.56	9.85	9.81	9.85	9.84	10.00	9.74	9.70	9.61
H ₂ O _{calc}	3.52	3.53	3.64	3.62	3.64	3.63	3.69	3.60	3.58	3.55
Total	98.94	99.20	99.78	99.42	99.68	100.08	100.28	99.34	98.77	98.45
Si	6.212	6.225	6.161	6.146	6.134	6.163	6.103	6.201	6.161	6.148
Al	4.936	4.905	5.473	5.497	5.537	5.395	5.775	5.093	5.158	5.243
Ti	0.214	0.218	0.015	-	0.010	0.031	0.026	0.086	0.062	0.063
Fe ²⁺	1.736	1.720	1.100	1.107	1.060	1.228	0.843	1.210	1.155	1.380
Mn	-	-	0.011	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mg	1.994	2.010	2.303	2.315	2.307	2.274	2.232	2.543	2.596	2.334
Ca	0.000	0.015	0.060	0.048	0.056	0.050	0.025	0.013	0.060	-
Na	1.008	0.979	0.930	0.985	0.968	0.936	0.959	1.044	1.011	0.989
K	0.020	0.044	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.013
B	3.000	3.000	3.000	3.000	3.000	3.000	3.000	3.000	3.000	3.000
O	27.000	27.000	27.000	27.000	27.000	27.000	27.000	27.000	27.000	27.000
OH	4.000	4.000	4.000	4.000	4.000	4.000	4.000	4.000	4.000	4.000
X _{Mg}	0.535	0.539	0.677	0.676	0.685	0.649	0.726	0.678	0.962	0.628

0.0X < Cr₂O₃ < 0.17 wt.%

Table 4. Electron microprobe analyses of three successive tourmaline populations, sample B-4 (TUR 1-3, see Fig. 6)

B-4 anal. N ^o	TUR 1 3677	TUR 1 3671	TUR 1 3672	TUR 1 3681	TUR 2 3673	TUR 2 3674	TUR 2 3683	TUR 3 3676	TUR 3 3686	TUR 3 3687
SiO ₂	31.46	31.78	31.10	30.24	33.79	33.64	34.18	36.29	36.61	37.03
TiO ₂	0.79	1.15	2.66	3.44	3.60	3.32	3.56	0.22	0.17	0.51
Cr ₂ O ₃	-	0.65	1.36	0.74	0.24	0.61	-	0.08	0.10	0.10
Al ₂ O ₃	2.90	2.62	2.71	2.76	13.96	14.03	14.82	26.90	29.56	26.64
Fe ₂ O ₃	40.52	38.53	38.83	36.91	23.81	24.05	22.99	-	-	-
FeO	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8.52	9.96	8.33
MnO	-	0.09	-	0.15	-	-	0.19	-	-	-
MgO	6.36	7.87	5.62	5.85	7.38	7.44	7.77	9.33	6.86	9.71
CaO	0.24	-	-	-	-	-	0.07	0.10	0.16	-
Na ₂ O	1.47	1.98	1.81	1.62	2.73	2.60	2.81	3.02	2.91	3.03
K ₂ O	2.12	1.55	1.65	2.06	0.31	0.31	0.27	0.28	-	-
B ₂ O _{3 calc}	8.45	8.50	8.36	8.22	9.18	9.15	9.32	9.60	9.77	9.70
H ₂ O _{calc}	3.12	3.14	3.08	3.03	3.39	3.38	3.44	3.54	3.61	3.58
Total	97.43	97.86	97.18	95.02	98.39	98.53	99.42	97.88	99.71	98.63
Si	6.046	6.077	6.047	5.978	5.982	5.971	5.957	6.144	6.090	6.201
Al	0.657	0.590	0.621	0.643	2.913	2.939	3.044	5.367	5.795	5.258
Fe ³⁺	5.860	5.544	5.681	5.491	3.172	3.212	3.015	-	-	-
Cr	-	0.099	0.209	0.115	0.033	0.086	-	0.011	0.013	0.013
Ti	0.117	0.165	0.389	0.511	0.479	0.443	0.467	0.028	0.021	0.064
Fe ²⁺	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.206	1.386	1.167
Mn	-	0.015	-	0.025	-	-	0.028	-	-	-
Mg	1.822	2.243	1.629	1.724	1.948	1.969	2.019	2.355	1.701	2.424
Ca	0.050	-	-	-	-	-	0.013	0.018	0.029	-
Na	0.548	0.734	0.682	0.621	0.937	0.895	0.950	0.992	0.939	0.984
K	0.520	0.378	0.409	0.520	0.070	0.070	0.060	0.060	-	-
B	3.000	3.000	3.000	3.000	3.000	3.000	3.000	3.000	3.000	3.000
O	27.000	27.000	27.000	27.000	27.000	27.000	27.000	27.000	27.000	27.000
OH	4.000	4.000	4.000	4.000	4.000	4.000	4.000	4.000	4.000	4.000
X _{Mg}								0.661	0.551	0.675

Discussion

This paper presents new compositional data on an unusual tourmaline assemblage including povondraite (22 analyses, Figs. 2-5, Tables 2, 4), intermediate Ti-bearing povondraite-dravite (5 analyses, Fig. 2, Table 4) and schorl-dravite (20 analyses, Fig. 2, Tables 3, 4), along with compositional data on mica close to phlogopite (Fig. 1) and aegirine (in the text). Four samples with tourmalines (povondraite and schorl-dravite) occurring as "xenoliths" in metaevaporite are characterized by bulk chemistry (Table 1).

Povondraite occurs in ultrapotassic Na-low, Ca-poor rocks ($\text{SiO}_2 = 48\text{-}50$ wt.%, $\text{K}_2\text{O} = 10\text{-}12$ wt.%, $\text{Na}_2\text{O} = 0.4\text{-}0.7$ wt.%, $\text{CaO} = 0.0\text{X}\text{-}0.13$ wt.%), whereas tourmaline of the schorl-dravite series grew in rock with SiO_2 concentration about 42 wt.%, K_2O and Na_2O concentrations about 4 wt.% and the CaO concentration about 0.3 wt.% (Table 1). Although the chemical composition and mineral assemblage of "xenoliths" are probably influenced by metasomatism, high concentrations of alkalis and the presence of relic aegirine indicate that these rocks originally represented highly alkaline volcanites close to phonolite.

No simple equation modelling the formation of tourmaline can be put together but the textural criteria indicate, that tourmalines studied grew predominantly at the expense of mica compositionally close to phlogopite, and in some cases also aegirine (sample B-1). Boron was evidently supplied by fluid from evaporite. The main factor favouring growth of either povondraite or tourmaline of schorl-dravite series seems to be bulk composition, mainly the concentration of alkalis and CaO , while the presence and concentrations of other major oxides played only a minor role (see Table 1). One of the rocks with povondraite studied (B-3) is rich in accessory hematite and pyrite but other rocks (including those with schorl-dravite) contain only pyrite.

All povondraite analyses are characterized by a very low CaO concentration (mostly below the detection limit) and a stable concentration of MgO ranging from 6 to 8 wt.%. The $\text{K}/(\text{K} + \text{Na})$ values vary between 0.25-0.48, the X-site occupancy is close to 1 (Fig. 4). Significant negative correlation between K_2O and Al_2O_3 (Fig. 5), shows that the compositions with lowermost Al_2O_3 , nearest to the ideal formula of povondraite, $\text{NaFe}_3^{3+}\text{Fe}_6^{3+}(\text{BO}_3)_3(\text{Si}_6\text{O}_{18})(\text{O},\text{OH})_4$, contain the highest K_2O concentration (corresponding up to 48 % K in X-site) and tend therefore towards a potential new tourmaline species "K-povondraite" (see also Grice et al. 1993). The povondraites newly analysed are also significantly richer in TiO_2 (0.38-3.48 wt.% equal to $\text{Ti} = 0.06\text{-}0.45$ apfu), in contrast to Ti-poor povondraite compositions (with $\text{TiO}_2 < 0.1$ wt.%) given both by Walenta - Dunn (1979) and Grice et al. (1993). The highest TiO_2 and K_2O concentrations recorded (3.48 and 2.35 wt.%, respectively) represent the upper concentration levels of these oxides in tourmaline (Henry - Dutrow 1996), with one ex-

ception of TiO_2 concentration up to 4.07 wt.% (Lottermoser - Plimer 1987). Successive crystallization of three populations of tourmaline (sample B-4) with decrease Fe_{tot} and Fe^{3+} reflects probably the changes in fluid composition and mainly a decreasing of oxygen activity during crystallization (Table 4, Fig. 6).

From geological viewpoint, the probable sequence of events is as follows: A deeply buried salt dome (Cambrian or Upper Proterozoic) was intruded by dikes of highly alkaline rock(s), probably close to phonolite and affected by volcanite-derived fluids. Brittle deformation of the dikes started by diapiric movement of the salt. Evaporite-derived boron and other elements in the fluids reacted with the brecciating volcanites to form the povondraite, schorl-dravite, and other minerals. Evidence that reaction continued during successive stages of brecciation is provided by the fact that different faces of single angular volcanite clast often show tourmaline crusts of varying crystal size and type. Complex brecciation occurs in the caprock over a long period of constant diapiric uplift. After the Andean orogeny, uplift and erosion exposed the caprock on the surface in a tropical rainforest, where halite was leached and anhydrite was converted to gypsum. Present leaching of halite and gypsum continues at ambient temperature, further concentrating the carbonates and silicates in eluvia.

Few occurrences of tourmalines in metaevaporite rocks are reported in the literature. In general, the tourmaline associated with anhydrite and halite is dravite, but little is currently known of their exact composition (see Henry - Dutrow 1996, Popov - Sadykhov 1962). A somewhat similar assemblage as in Alto Chapere was described by Cabella et al. (1987) from lower Permian Briançonnais sequence, Maritime Alps. Danburite mineralization with tourmaline in dolomitic beds in metapelites of probably lacustrine environment likely originated during diagenesis of evaporitic sediments and later recrystallized during Alpine metamorphism (probably favoured by volcanic activity). The danburite-bearing beds reach a thickness of several decimetres to about 5 metres, passing continuously into pelitic beds composed of fine-grained black dravite, graphite, quartz and minor phlogopite. Tourmaline contains 27-30 wt.% Al_2O_3 , 6.4-11 wt.% MgO , 3.5-7.7 wt.% FeO^{tot} and up to 0.40 wt.% K_2O . At higher metamorphic grades, tourmaline takes on the unusual bulk composition of the original evaporite (Henry - Dutrow 1996). For example, a Mn-rich metaevaporite contains manganian dravite (Ayuso - Brown 1984). The high-pressure dravite-bearing Mg-rich schist from the Dora Maira Massif, western Alps, is considered to have originated as siliceous mudstone in an evaporitic environment (Schreyer 1977).

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Chemismus a původ hornin s povondraitem z Alto Chapare, Cochabamba, Bolívie

Povondraite a skoryl-dravit se vyskytují v metaevaporitu zvaném Locotal Breccia, patrně kambrického stáří, v Alto Chapare, provincie Cochabamba v centrálních bolívijských Andách. Turmalín společně s řadou silikátových minerálů vznikl pravděpodobně jako reakční krusty mezi žilnými intruzemi alkalicích hornin a bórem bohatým evaporitem. Rozhodující roli při vzniku určitého typu turmalínu mělo chemické složení protolitu (hlavně různé koncentrace alkálií) a lokální aktivita kyslíku. Poměrně malé rozdíly jsou v koncentracích SiO_2 (42-50 hm.%) a Al_2O_3 (12,2-15,5 hm.%), všechny horniny jsou relativně bohaté TiO_2 (0,85-3,00 hm.%) a chudé CaO (0,0X-0,34 hm.%). Horniny bohaté povondraitem vykazují extrémně vysoké koncentrace K_2O (10-12 hm.%), málo Na_2O (0,4-0,7 hm.%) a jsou velmi chudé CaO (0,0X-0,13 hm.%). Naproti tomu horniny s turmalínem skoryl-dravitového typu jsou poněkud bohatší CaO (0,34 hm.%) a koncentrace Na_2O a K_2O se pohybují kolem 4 hm.%. Koncentrace MgO (2,6-9,0 wt.%) a FeO^{tot} (5,4-13,0 wt.%) silně kolísají u všech studovaných vzorků bez zjevné závislosti na daném typu turmalínu.

Krystaly povondraitu vykazují jak kontinuální, tak oscilační zonálnost a chemickou variabilitu kolísající v rozmezí (hm.%): $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3^{\text{tot}} = 29,5-42,4$, $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3 = 2,39-10,90$, $\text{TiO}_2 = 0,38-3,48$, $\text{Na}_2\text{O} = 1,45-2,29$, $\text{K}_2\text{O} = 1,15-2,35$, a silně kolísající Cr_2O_3 (0,0-1,36). Zjištěná chemická složení povondraitu se dosti výrazně liší od ideálního vzorce $\text{NaFe}_3^{3+}\text{Fe}_6^{3+}(\text{BO}_3)_3(\text{Si}_6\text{O}_{18})(\text{O},\text{OH})_4$ zejména stabilní přítomností MgO v rozmezí 6-8 hm.% a přítomností draslíku v pozici X odpovídající 25-48 at.%. Povondraite s koncentrací TiO_2 nad 2,1 hm.% (>10 % v pozici Y) odpovídá podle Henry - Dutrow (1996) Ti-povondraitu (Ti-bearing povondraite). Nejvyšší analyzované koncentrace TiO_2 a K_2O (3,48 a 2,35 hm.%) představují vrchní koncentrační limity těchto oxidů zjištěné v turmalínu. Postupná krystalizace povondraitu (1), středního povondraitu-dravitu (2) a dravitu-skorylu svědčí pro pokles aktivity kyslíku během krystalizace turmalínu.