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#### ABSTRACT

Three main sedimentological, structural and metamorphic zones are recognised, the Central Zone in the northwest, bordered on the south by the Okahandja Lineament Zone, and the easternmost Trough Zone.

Lithologies and sedimentary structures indicate the Damara succession (from the base upwards—Nosib Group, Rössing, Chuos and Karibib Formations) to have been largely deposited in shallow water in the Central Zone. The Tinkas Member (in part a lateral equivalent of the Karibib Formation and partly the basal portion of the Kuiseb Formation) is characteristic of the Okahandja Lineament Zone and appears to have been of turbidite origin derived from the Central Zone and deposited on a continental slope.

The first three regional deformations and the two metamorphisms (M<sub>1</sub> synchronous with the second deformation and M<sub>2</sub>, late to post the third deformation) can be directly correlated in the Central Zone and the Okahandja Lineament Zone, indicating similar tectono-metamorphic histories. The M<sub>1</sub> event occurred just after the intrusion of the pre-tectonic Salem Granite and is considered to be due to an early phase of subduction of a north-westerly dipping plate (700–650 Ma.). M<sub>2</sub> is believed to be due to the final stages of closure of the north-easterly trending Damara Sea. Thus the Central Zone represents a lower pressure/high temperature metamorphic belt. Both M<sub>1</sub> and M<sub>2</sub> are recognised in the Trough Zone, and on that basis the first two and perhaps the third deformations can be correlated with Trough Zone events.

Thermodynamic consideration of reaction equilibria for two Central Zone  $M_2$  pelitic assemblages yield  $T=652\pm25$  °C,  $P=4,25\pm0,3$  kb,  $X_{H_2O}=0,12$ . In the Trough Zone calculated reaction equilibria for three  $M_2$  pelitic assemblages indicate  $T=605\pm25$  °C,  $P=7,3\pm1,2$  kb,  $X_{H_2O}=0,5$ . Consideration of calc-pelite and calc-silicate assemblages in the Okahandja Lineament Zone suggests  $T=585\pm25$  °C,  $P=4,0\pm1,0$  kb,  $X_{H_2O}=0,9$  for  $M_2$ .

Geothermal gradients in the Central Zone and the Okahandja Lineament Zone were about 40 °C. km<sup>-1</sup> during M<sub>2</sub> whereas that of the Trough Zone was about 22 °C. km<sup>-1</sup>. The two areas are thus characterised as low-pressure and high-pressure metamorphic belts respectively.

Diapiric structures in the Central Zone formed during M<sub>2</sub> with metamorphism serving to accelerate dome growth on a gravitationally unstable boundary between dense Damara metapelites and marbles and less dense pre-Damara granitic gneisses. Calculated dome spacing derived from a simple two-layer model representative of the Damara cover on the granitic basement are similar to those determined in the field.

A total of 50 to 80 per cent shortening is calculated from F<sub>2</sub> folds, deformed pillows and variolites for the second Trough Zone deformation. A similar order of shortening is obtained from third-generation folds in the Okahandja Lineament Zone.

Ten kilometres of uplift occurred in the Trough Zone after M<sub>2</sub> and before the emplacement of the Donkerhuk Granite. Uplift occurred along a subvertical lineament having the characteristics of a 'median tectonic line' at the very eastern edge of the Okahandja Lineament Zone. Uplift is considered to be due to isostatic rebound of continental crust at the southern edge of the Trough Zone which was partly overthrust and deeply buried by the Central Zone crustal block during the final stages of a continent—continent collision.

Finally the Donkerhuk Granite intruded along the line of uplift and thermally metamorphosed adjacent country rocks. Mineral assemblages from the aureole north of Hope Mine indicate  $T=700^{\circ}\pm20^{\circ}C$ ,  $P=4,6\pm1,0^{\circ}$  kb. During the emplacement of the granite fourth- and fifth-generation folds were formed in the Hope area of the Trough Zone.

#### UITTREKSEL

Drie hoof- sedimentologiese, strukturele en metamorfe sones word onderskei: die Sentraalsone in die noordweste, aan die suide begrens deur die Okahandja Lineamentsone, en die Trogsone in die ooste.

Litologieë en sedimentêre strukture dui daarop dat die Damara-opeenvolging (van die basis opwaarts—Groep Nosib, en Formasies Rössing, Chuos en Karibib) in die Sentraalsone grootliks in vlak water afgeset is. Die Lid Tinkas (gedeeltelik 'n laterale ekwivalent van die Formasie Karibib en gedeeltelik die basale gedeelte van die Formasie Kuiseb) is kenmerkend van die Okahandja Lineamentsone en blyk van turbiditiese oorsprong, afkomstig van die Sentraalsone en op 'n kontinentale helling afgeset, te wees.

Die eerste drie regionale vervormings en die twee metamorfoses (M<sub>1</sub> gelyktydig met die tweede vervorming en M<sub>2</sub>, laat tot na die derde vervorming) kan in die Sentraalsone en die Okahandja Lineamentsone direk gekorreleer word, duiende op soortgelyke tektono-metamorfe geskiedenisse. Die M<sub>1</sub>-gebeurtenis het net na die indringing van die voortektoniese variëteit van die Suite Salemgraniet plaasgevind en word beskou te wyte te wees aan 'n vroeë fase van subduksie van 'n noordweshellende plaat (700 tot 650 Ma). M<sub>2</sub> word beskou as die finale stadia van sluiting van die noordoosstrekkende Damarasee. Die Sentraalsone verteenwoordig dus 'n laer druk/hoër temperatuur metamorfe gordel. Beide M<sub>1</sub> en M<sub>2</sub> word in die Trogsone herken en op daardie basis kan die eerste twee en moontlik die derde vervorming met gebeure in die Trogsone korreleer word.

Termodinamiese oorwegings van reaksie-ekwilibria vir twee  $M_2$  pelitiese versamelings van die Sentraalsone dui op  $T=652\pm25$  °C,  $P=4,25\pm0,3$  kb,  $X_{H,O}=0,12$ . In die Trogsone dui berekende reaksie-ekwilibria vir drie  $M_2$  pelitiese versamelings op  $T=605\pm25$  °C, P=7,3 kb $\pm1,2$  kb,  $X_{H,O}\simeq0,5$ . Oorweging van kalkpeliet- en kalksilikaatversamelings in die Okahandja Lineamentsone suggereer  $T=585\pm25$  °C,  $P=4,0\pm1,0$  kb,  $X_{H,O}\simeq0,9$  vir  $M_2$ .

Geotermiese gradiënte in die Sentraal- en Okahandja Lineamentsone was ongeveer 40 °C. km<sup>-1</sup> gedurende M<sub>2</sub> terwyl dié van die Trogsone ongeveer 22 °C. km<sup>-1</sup> was. Die twee gebiede word dus respektiewelik as lae druk en hoë temperatuur metamorfe gordels karakteriseer.

Diapiriese strukture het in die Sentraalsone tydens M<sub>2</sub> gevorm met metamorfose om koepelgroei op 'n gravitasionele onstabiele grens tussen digte Damarametapeliete en -marmers en minder digte voor-Damaragranietgneise te versnel. Berekende koepelspasiëring, soos afgelei van 'n eenvoudige tweelaagmodel verteenwoordigend van die Damaradekking op die granitiese vloer, is soortgelyk aan dié in die veld bepaal.

'n Totaal van 50 tot 80 persent verkorting is van F<sub>2</sub>-plooie, vervormde kussings en variëteite vir die tweede Trogsonevervorming bereken. 'n Soortgelyke orde verkorting is vir derdegenerasie plooie in die Okahandja Lineamentsone verkry.

Tien kilometer opheffing het in die Trogsone ná M<sub>2</sub> en vóór die inplasing van die Donkerhukgraniet plaasgevind. Opheffing het langs 'n subvertikale lineament met die kenmerke van 'n 'mediaan tektoniese lyn' op die oostelike rand van die Okahandja Lineamentsone plaasgevind. Opheffing word beskou te wyte te wees aan isostatiese terugsprong van kontinentale kors by die suidelike rand van die Trongsone, wat gedeeltelik oorgeskuif en diep begrawe is deur die korsblok van die Sentraalsone tydens die finale stadia van 'n kontinent—kontinentbotsing.

Ten slotte het die Donkerhukgraniet langs die lyn van opheffing ingedring en die aangrensende wandgesteentes termies gemetamorfoseer. Mineraalversamelings van die oureool noord van die Hope-myn dui op  $T=700\,^{\circ}\text{C}\pm20\,^{\circ}\text{C}$ ,  $P=4,6\pm1,0$  kb. Tydens die inplasing van die graniet het vierde- en vyfdegenerasieplooie in die Hope-gebied van die Trogsone gevorm.

Folder I.1 - Geological map of the area Voufiguur I.1 - Geologiese kaart van die gebied

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

#### 1.1 GENERAL

The area investigated is situated south-east of Walvis Bay in the Namib Desert of South West Africa/Namibia. Covering some 5 000 km² it is bounded by latitude 23°S along its northern edge and longitude 15°30'E at its eastern edge, and the Kuiseb River to the south and west. Exposures on the south bank of the Kuiseb and those present between sand dunes were also mapped (Folder 1.1).

The mapping project was initiated as part of Geological Survey's programme of mapping economically interesting areas in South West Africa/Namibia. The detailed description of the stratigraphy, outcrop and rock-types has been dealt with elsewhere (Sawyer 1979) and only a brief summary of the rock types will be given in Section 2.

#### 1.2 PREVIOUS WORK

The earliest geological work was carried out in the area centered around the copper deposits at Hope and Gorob. A shaft was also sunk near Homeb, at what was thought to be a nickel occurrence. Between 1953 and 1954 the Bethlehem Steel Company undertook some reconnaissance mapping over the western part of the present area. The Hope-Gorob area was investigated by Rand Mines in 1957 and 1958, and recently in detail by the Johannesburg Consolidated Investment Company. The staff of the Desert Research Station at Gobabeb are engaged in geomorphological and ecological work within the confines of the Namib-Naukluft Park.

#### 1.3 PRESENT INVESTIGATION

During mapping it became apparent that the area could be divided into four distinct structural and metamorphic domains (see Fig. 1.1). Three of these areas, the Central Zone, the Trough Zone and the Okahandja Lineament Zone have an important bearing on the sedimentological, structural and metamorphic evolution of the Damara Orogen. The aureole around the Donkerhuk Granite forms the fourth zone.

The sedimentological aspect has been dealt with elsewhere (Sawyer 1979). Here an attempt is made at establishing the deformation history of each zone and of correlating the deformation events between the various zones. An investigation of mineral-fabric relations is intended to resolve the metamorphic history and to fix metamorphic events within the tectonic framework. To define the conditions of metamorphism within each subzone a thermodynamic approach to reaction equilibria of selected low-variance mineral assemblages is used.

It is proposed that a combination of structural and metamorphic data obtained from each of the three subzones will enable new constraints to be placed upon a model attempting to explain the evolution of the Damara Orogen.

#### 1.4 CHOICE OF UNITS

For the thermodynamic calculations, units based on the c.g.s. system are used in order to remain compatible with the bulk of available literature. Thus, for example, kilobars and calories are used in preference to pascals and joules respectively.

#### 2. STRATIGRAPHY

#### 2.1 INTRODUCTION

As far as possible the lithostratigraphic names approved by the South African Committee for Stratigraphy for subdivisions of the Damara Sequence and its intrusives have been adhered to. An informal nomenclature has, however, been employed for some Damara intrusives and rock units of the pre-Damara Abbabis Complex for which lithostratigraphic names have not yet been coined.

The stratigraphy is outlined in Table 2.1.

#### 2.2 PRE-DAMARA ABBABIS COMPLEX

Pre-Damara rocks occur in the cores of several antiformal structures just west of the Okahandja Lineament Zone. Large parts of these basement rocks have undergone Damara reconstitution producing high-grade gneisses which have locally suffered partial melting to form red granite, red gneissic granite or buff leucocratic granite.

Four pre-Damara divisions have been recognised. Medium- to coarse-grained quartzo-feldspathic gneisses, quartzites, micaceous quartzites and cordierite schists constitute the "lower metasedimentary sequence". In the Swartbank area the "lower metasedimentary sequence" is overlain, probably unconformably, by the "upper metasedimentary sequence" consisting of calc-silicate rocks and marble near the base passing into a sequence of gneisses, schists and glassy quartzites. The rocks of both the lower and upper metasedimentary sequences are considered to be metasediments because of varied appearance, thin banding and rare cross-lamination.

The eastern part of the pre-Damara contains a large body of coarse-grained augen gneiss of very uniform appearance. Rare cross-cutting contacts with the "lower metasedimentary sequence", occasional xenoliths and aplitic dykes indicate this to be an ortho-augen gneiss derived from a porphyritic granite of batholithic proportions intruded into older pre-Damara metasediments.

Several metamorphosed dolerite dykes of two distinct ages intrude the ortho-augen gneiss and the "lower metasedimentary sequence" and represent the youngest pre-Damara rocks.

The pre-Damara rocks have a strong foliation, often striking east-west, contrary to the Damara trend. However, the Damara fabric is seen at the margins of pre-Damara outcrop areas, and it is probable that the rocks underwent at least one tectonic and metamorphic event before the Damara overprint.

## 2.3 DAMARA SEQUENCE

#### 2.3.1 Nosib Group

The Nosib Group rocks are divided into a lower Etusis Formation and an upper Khan Formation. In the Leeukop Antiform (Folder 1.1), however, the sequence is rather mixed and the Nosib commences with Khan facies rocks interfingering with Etusis facies higher in the sequence. Nosib rocks occur only west of the Okahandia Lineament Zone.

#### 2.3.1.1 Etusis Formation

The Etusis Formation buries a topography of up to 800 m relief on the pre-Nosib surface. The topographic lows are filled with locally derived material from the underlying pre-Damara. The development of a basal schistose metarudite is thus local. Above the metarudite is a thick sequence of pink or buff feldspathic mediumgrained quartzites and meta-arkoses which are often cross-bedded and cross-laminated with heavy-mineral segregation laminae. Clean-washed metarudite bands are also present. In the Rooibank area especially, some Etusis Formation rocks contain up to 75 per cent microcline and may represent reworked acid extrusives. The derivation of the Etusis appears to have been largely

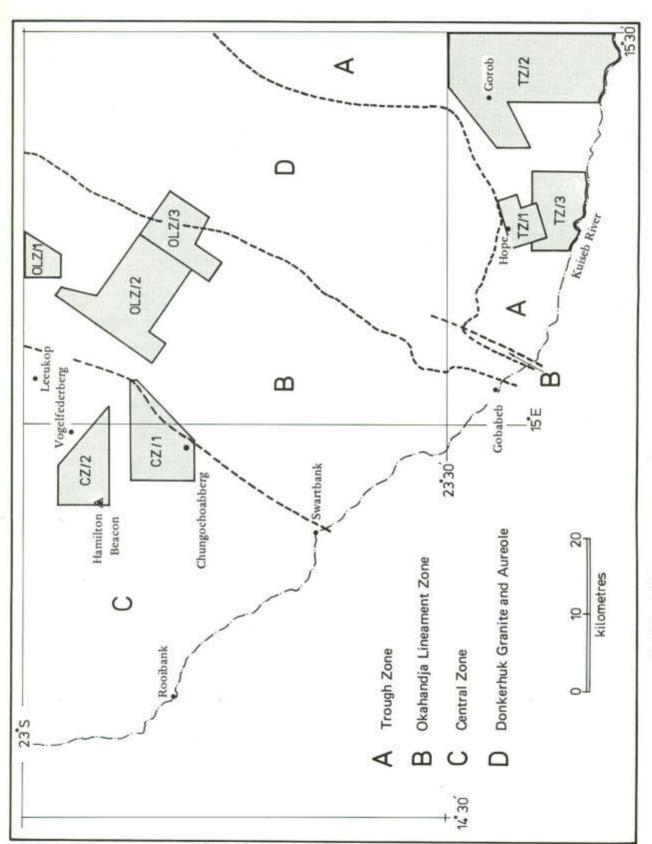


Fig. 1.1 — Major tectono-metamorphic zones and location of structural subzones.
Belangrikste tektono-metamorfe sones en ligging van strukturele subsones.

Table 2.1—STRATIGRAPHIC SEQUENCE WITHIN AREA MAPPED

DAMARA INTRUSIVES	POST- TECTONIC		Donkerhuk Granite  ‡ Samut granite  * Post-tectonic quartz diorite  The Red Granites	,
	PRE- and SYN- TECTONIC		Aussinanis Granite Salem Granite Suite	
DAMARA SEQUENCE	SWAKOP GROUP	KHOMAS	Kuiseb Formation  Karibib Formation  Chuos Formation	Matchless Member Tinkas Member
RA SE	SWA		Rössing Formation	
DAMA	NOSIB		Khan Formation Etusis Formation	
PRE-DAMARA			Abbabis Complex	* Metadolerites     * Ortho-augen gneiss     * Upper metasedimentary sequence     * Lower metasedimentary sequence

<sup>\*</sup> Denotes informal term.

from the north-west, based on palaeocurrent estimates made from cross-bedding and cross-laminations.

#### 2.3.1.2 Khan Formation

Typically the rocks are pale greenish-grey in colour, and fairly massive, occasionally banded but generally lacking in fissility. The texture is granoblastic to granoblastic-polygonal and fine to medium grained. Although there is rarely a shape orientation the rocks are generally not gneisses in the sense of Miyashiro (1973b), Spry (1969) and Winkler (1976), because of lack in fissility. The term fels (Winkler 1976) is appropriate with regard to the hand specimen and thin section appearance of these rocks. Quartz and plagioclase are ubiquitous whilst garnet, wollastonite, scapolite, microcline, epidote, clinozoisite, calcite, diopside-hedenbergite, amphibole and sphene may also be present. Near the base of the formation metarudites are locally developed, especially where Khan rocks underlie Etusis rocks as in the Leeukop area (Sawyer 1979).

In migmatite areas both the Etusis and Khan Formations have undergone partial melting to form either red gneiss or red homogeneous granite and rarely leucocratic granite.

#### 2.3.2 Swakop Group

#### 2.3.2.1 Rössing Formation

The Rössing Formation has been recognised in only two small areas, viz the Leeukop Antiform and south-west of Chungochoabberg, both west of the Okahandja Lineament. With a maximum thickness of about 10 m, it consists of a medium- to coarse-grained grey-blue marble up to 3 m thick at the base which is overlain by thinly banded greenish-brown, medium-grained calc-silicate rocks. The Rössing Formation rocks overstep the Nosib in the Leeukop Antiform, but elsewhere in the mapped area are bounded by a disconformity at the base.

#### 2.3.2.2 Chuos Formation

Chuos Formation rocks crop out only to the west of the Okahandja Lineament Zone where these show rapid thickness variations. These may rest unconformably upon pre-Damara, Nosib or Rössing rocks but the angular discordance is small.

In the extreme west the Chuos is some 30 m thick and comprises a blackish ferruginous quartzite of variable iron content at the base overlain by greenish-white calc-silicate rocks. In the eastern part of its outcrop the Chuos is considerably thicker with the development of a ferruginous quartzite at the base, followed by thick schist, micaceous quartzite, schistose metarudite, and pebbly schist units. Dark-green, hard, medium- to coarsegrained glassy calc-silicate bands are numerous at the base and again at the top of the succession. Yellowishbrown, grey or bluish fine- to medium-grained dolomitic marbles occur only near the base.

Nowhere has evidence (e.g. striated clasts) been found to suggest a glacial origin for the schistose metarudite and pebbly schist units. These do, however, contain a wide range of clast-types, -sizes and -shapes.

#### 2.3.2.3 Karibib Formation

The Karibib Formation occurs only in the Central Zone and is largely a carbonate sequence with lesser amounts of pelitic material. South of Vogelfederberg the base rests discordantly (up to 60°) upon the Chuos Formation, whilst in the Leeukop Antiform the Karibib oversteps Chuos and Rössing rocks. Further west the Karibib Formation rests directly on rocks of the Nosib Group, thus indicating the existence of a major unconformity between the Karibib and Chuos Formations.

<sup>‡</sup> Name not yet submitted to SACS for approval.

In most places the succession begins with a few metres of schist and calc-silicate rocks followed by the main marble sequence. The calc-silicate rocks occur either as dark-greenish bands within the marble or as light greenish-blue bands in the schists. The calc-silicates are medium grained with rare scapolite crystals reaching 50 mm in length. Quartz, plagioclase, diopside-hedenbergite and sphene are ubiquitous with frequent hornblende, tremolite, carbonate, epidote and clinozoisite while garnet and scapolite (mizzonite) are rare. The schists are dark and fine grained, often with small cordierite porphyroblasts. These also occur as laterally discontinuous lensoid intercalations within the marbles.

The bulk of the Karibib Formation consists of massive yellow, greenish, brown, pink, white and grey marbles. The colour reflects the mineralogy which covers the range from pure dolomite to pure calcite to siliceous marble. Deformation of the marbles has been intense, producing a strong banded appearance perhaps reflecting attenuated bedding. Grain size ranges from 0,5 mm to 300 mm with the fine-grained marbles tending to be dolomitic. Minerals frequently occurring are calcite, dolomite, forsterite, antigorite, tremolite, and phlogopite with occasional chondrodite, microcline, plagioclase and talc.

A maximum thickness of about 1 000 m is reached in the Hamilton Mountains, but the formation thins markedly to the south-west, where schists are virtually absent.

#### 2.3.2.4 Kuiseb Formation

The youngest rocks of the Damara Sequence belong to the Kuiseb Formation. All metasediments cropping out in and east of the Okahandja Lineament Zone belong to this formation. West of the Lineament the formation is much thinner and in most cases its position is taken by Salem Granite.

Many rock types are present, but in terms of volume, pelitic schists are by far the most important constituents. In addition to plagioclase, biotite and quartz, the Trough Zone pelites may contain garnet, staurolite, muscovite and kyanite; the Okahandja Lineament pelites may contain muscovite, cordierite, andalusite and rarely garnet or staurolite; the Central Zone pelites may contain garnet, sillimanite, cordierite and microcline. Grain size varies from fine to medium, although porphyroblasts (e.g. cordierite, staurolite and kyanite) may reach 100 mm in length.

Calc-silicate rocks occur widely in the Kuiseb Formation although volumetrically minor. Quartz and plagioclase (labradorite) are common to all samples examined with lesser amounts of garnet, diopside, amphibole, biotite, epidote, clinozoisite and carbonate. The glassy varieties of calc-silicate rock generally contain porphyroblastic quartz.

Quartzites, micaceous quartzites and marbles are very rare, although adjacent to the Matchless Member siliceous marble, calc-silicate rocks, magnetite quartzite, sericite quartzite and graphitic schists are locally developed.

Two members of the Kuiseb Formation are recognised: Tinkas Member—Being the lowermost part of the Kuiseb Formation it is only present in and just west of the Okahandja Lineament Zone. The sequence of marbles, calc-silicates, pelites, semipelites and metagreywackes may in part be considered to be a lateral and upward facies change from the Karibib Formation, thickening rapidly eastwards into the Lineament Zone.

Characteristically the metapelites are strongly cleaved, dark bluish-grey schists of fine grain size frequently containing cordierite and andalusite. Calc-silicate rocks may have a bluish-green colour due to epidote and hornblende or a pale-green colour resulting from diopside. The marbles vary from pure carbonate to very siliceous types and may be white, buff, pinkish or grey in colour. Marbles of the Tinkas Member may possibly be correlated with those of the Karibib Formation but no direct connection has been proved. Scant palaeocurrent indicators in Tinkas metagreywackes point to a source area to the west. Clasts in the greywackes are frequently crystals of feldspar or small granitic fragments.

Matchless Member—Rocks belonging to this member constitute a prominent linear feature in the mapped area ending in a fold structure at the Hope Mine. However, small isolated bodies on the Kuiseb River and thin bands as far west as Gobabeb are also considered to belong to this member. The Matchless rocks are intercalated with schists of the Kuiseb Formation.

The rocks are typically dark-green amphibole-bearing schists and massive metagabbros. Epidote-banded amphibole schists represent deformed pillow lavas resembling those of Zermatt\*. A minor amount of more basic material is also present. Metamorphosed dolerite dykes may be seen cross-cutting the amphibole-bearing rocks, but the dykes do not penetrate adjacent metapelites, possibly suggesting a tectonic emplacement of the amphibole-bearing rocks. Elsewhere, however, an intimate interlayering with pelitic schist and even gradational contacts suggest a non-tectonic relationship.

#### 2.4 DAMARAN IGNEOUS ROCKS

## 2.4.1 Salem Granite Suite

Rocks of the Salem Granite Suite crop out in large areas west of the Okahandja Lineament Zone, and over a limited area within the Lineament (Folder 1.1). Rocks of this suite are intruded by the Aussinanis Granite, red homogeneous and buff leucocratic granites, the Donkerhuk Granite, and in the Leeukop area by a post-tectonic quartz diorite.

Characteristically the principal rock type is a greyishpink coarse-grained porphyritic adamellite or locally a granodiorite. Aphyric adamellite, granodiorite and quartz diorite are minor constituents of the suite. In the majority of cases there is a marked foliation in the rock although small unfoliated portions are present in the Okahandja Lineament Zone. Field and thin-section evidence suggest that the penetrative foliation is tectonic, indicating that the Salem Granite Suite is largely pre- or syn-tectonic, whilst small parts of it (in the Lineament Zone) are clearly post-tectonic. The position of the Salem Granite in the Central Zone is generally where rocks of the Kuiseb Formation would be expected. This association has caused some workers (Miller 1973) to suggest an origin by partial melting of the Kuiseb Formation. This hypothesis is not acceptable since it requires an even earlier high-grade metamorphic event (for which no evidence can be found), as the main metamorphic episode post-dates much of the deformation (Section 7).

#### 2.4.2 Aussinanis Granite

The Aussinanis Granite intrudes the Salem Granite Suite in the Gobabeb area. The granite is important since it contains a protomylonitic fabric having the same orientation as the Okahandja Lineament Zone schistosity. The fabric in the Salem rocks must thus also be tectonic in this vicinity. The Aussinanis fabric is marked by a layering of fine-grained recrystallised quartz and feldspar, distinct planes being 1-2 mm apart. The rocks vary from

<sup>\*</sup> Personal communication: J. G. Ramsay.

granite to adamellite in composition, are generally medium grained and locally weakly porphyritic. Both muscovite and biotite occur, with small amounts of allanite and rarely hornblende. Donkerhuk Granite intrudes the Aussinanis Granite, but lacks a planar fabric.

#### 2.4.3 Red Granites

Field relations (Sawyer 1979) show that the different varieties of red granite, viz the red gneissic, red homogeneous and buff leucocratic granites are contemporaneous and have interrelated origins. The use of an informal name is deemed necessary since no collective name has been accepted by the South African Committee for Stratigraphy. The Sopiehoogte vicinity contains virtually all Red Granite types present in the area mapped.

The gneissic variety is, as the name indicates, a darkred gneissose rock of granitic composition. It appears at first glance to be older than the other two, but nebulitic and gradational as well as cross-cutting contacts occur and indicate a related origin. The red gneissic granite occurs through migmatisation of either pre-Damara or Nosib rocks; leucosomes (Mehnert 1968) that developed parallel to the regional fabric give rise to the gneissose appearance. The fabric is continuous with that of adjacent unaffected country rock. In some areas where partial melting is extensive, as in the Nosib at Rooibank, neosomes (Mehnert 1968) have coalesced to give rise to irregular nebulitic patches of red homogeneous or rarely buff coloured leucocratic granite within the gneissic portion. In the Leeukop Antiform, pre-Damara gneisses show a gradation via a nebulitic stage to red homogeneous and buff leucocratic granite. In places both the red homogeneous and buff leucocratic granites contain small oriented microcline phenocrysts and a weak tectonic foliation. Rarely (e.g. south of Vogelfederberg) the red homogeneous granite passes into a grey granite of identical texture and mineralogy, the colour difference being ascribed to differences in the state of oxidation of included Fe-bearing opaque minerals. Although called red homogeneous granite it is also leucocratic and has a similar texture and mineralogy to the volumetrically less abundant buff leucocratic granite. Many outcrops show the buff leucocratic granite to cross-cut the red homogeneous variety and mixing of the melt is often indicated by a pinkish streaky granite suggesting a virtually contemporaneous origin.

All varieties of Red Granites occur only in the Central Zone. The red gneissic granite is confined to antiforms where Nosib and pre-Damara rocks occur whilst the other two varieties are often found intruding the Salem Granite Suite in synformal areas.

#### 2.4.4 Post-tectonic Quartz Diorite

South of Leeukop a dark-grey biotite-hornblende quartz diorite intrudes foliated Salem Granite (Folder 1.1). The quartz diorite contains xenoliths and xenocrysts derived from the porphyritic adamellite country rock; the rock itself is unfoliated. The lack of named geographical features near to the quartz diorite precludes a formal name.

#### 2.4.5 Samut Granite

The Samut granite occurs as two small bodies in the north-eastern part of the Okahandja Lineament (Folder 1.1). The smaller northern body is in part a slightly porphyritic adamellite, the remainder and the whole of the larger southern body is a cataclastic (protoclastic) (Higgins 1971) clinopyroxene-bearing granite. Associated aplites are also cataclastic, There are numerous fracture-cleavage planes and minor mylonitic bands oriented subparallel to structures in the Okahandja

Lineament, It is probable that this granitic rock was intruded during the last stages of movement in the Lineament, and that protoclasis accompanied intrusion.

#### 2.4.6 Donkerhuk Granite

Typically a fine- to medium-grained light-grey granite to adamellite, it contains both muscovite and biotite with occasional garnet. Locally small feldspar phenocrysts are present. The marginal parts may be melanocratic or coloured. There is an extensive thermal aureole. Numerous pegmatites and aplites are associated with the granite, the earliest of these are deformed by late movements of the Okahandja Lineament Zone whereas the later granite stocks, notably the smaller ones north of Gobabeb deform the "breccia bands" by forceful intrusion. Country-rock sheets and xenoliths are common in the granite whilst lit-par-lit injection migmatites are common in the country rock. Donkerhuk Granite intrudes the Aussinanis Granite and units of the Salem Granite Suite in the Gobabeb area.

#### 3. STRUCTURAL GEOLOGY

#### 3.1 INTRODUCTION

During mapping it became evident that the area could be divided into four distinct zones (Fig. 1.1), each characterised by its own structural style and metamorphic assemblages, viz A. The Trough Zone; B. The Okahandja Lineament Zone; C. The Central Zone and D. The Donkerhuk Granite Aureole. Zones A, B and C are of significance in the history of the Damara Orogen, whilst Zone D is essentially post-tectonic and post-regional metamorphism.

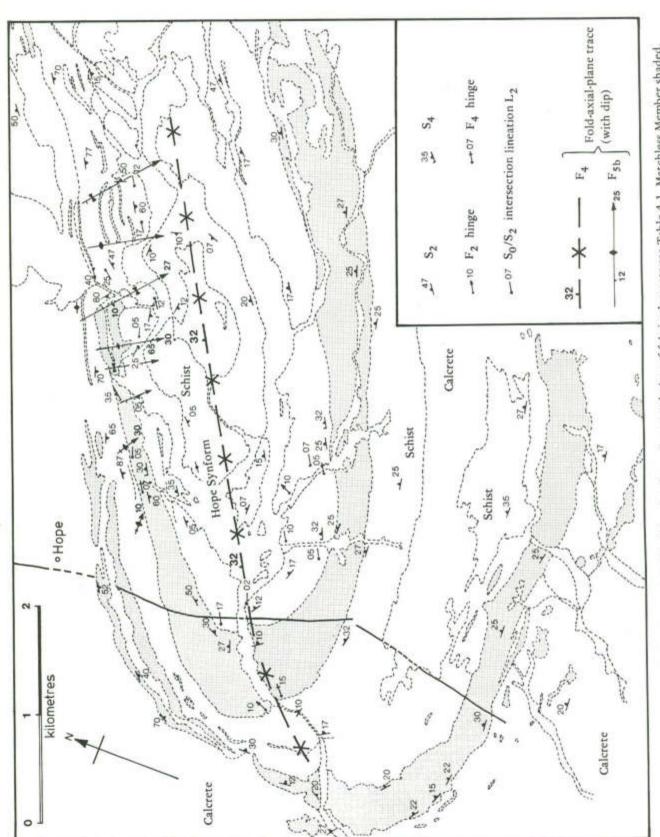
In broad terms the Trough Zone is characterised by a strongly pervasive schistosity dipping 30-50° northwestwards which is axial-planar to tight, almost isoclinal, folds. Locally, as at the Hope Mine, schistosity is folded. Characteristic mineral assemblages include kyanite, staurolite and garnet.

The Okahandja Lineament Zone is defined as a structural domain characterised by a near-vertical, strongly pervasive schistosity or cleavage, striking about 30° east of north and axial-planar to elongated domes and basins or very tight, nearly isoclinal folds. Movement parallel to the cleavage planes is evident from rotated porphyroblasts, off-set pegmatites, and mylonite and breccia bands parallel to the regional schistosity. Porphyroblastic minerals are andalusite and cordierite with rare garnet and staurolite.

In the Central Zone the major trend strikes northeastwards and although axial planes vary in orientation these are moderately to steeply dipping north-westwards. Hinge directions plunge fairly constant northwards. The outcrop pattern is generally complex due to dome- and basin-like structures and considerable granite intrusion. The metamorphic conditions were essentially high-grade with sillimanite and/or cordierite-microcline assemblages.

The Donkerhuk Granite Aureole surrounds a large post-tectonic intrusion of adamellite accompanied by migmatisation and buckling of the country-rock schistosity.

The Okahandja Lineament Zone has an important position separating the Central Zone from the Trough Zone. The boundary between the Lineament Zone and the Central Zone is generally fairly sharp and defined by a change in orientation of schistosity from vertical to dipping steeply westward. It coincides with the appearance of Chuos, Karibib and Nosib rocks and the isograd muscovite+quartz out. Along the southern margin of the area the boundary is placed about 10 km east of



Structural details of subzone TZ/1;The Hope Synform. For correlation of fabric elements see Table 4.1. Matchless Member shaded. Struktuurgegewens van subsone TZ/1: Die Hope-sinform. Vir korrelasie van maakselelemente verwys Tabel 4.1. Lid Matchless donkerkleurig aangetoon. Fig. 3.1 -

Gobabeb and is again fairly abrupt over about 1 km, marked by a steepening of schistosity from east to west. The exact relationship between the schistosities of the two zones is not clear because of the effect of the Donkerhuk Granite (Section 9).

Since the major zones are extensive and not uniformly exposed, detailed studies of a number of subzones from each of the three major zones (A, B and C) were made.

#### 3.2 NOMENCLATURE AND CONVENTIONS USED

The structural elements are designated in age order for each zone. The convention adopted is that of Turner and Weiss (1963) where S denotes a planar penetrative fabric, La linear penetrative fabric and F a folding of the fabric; suffixes 1, 2, 3 . . . denote which generation a particular fabric element belongs to. Bedding is referred to as S<sub>0</sub>. When describing the geometrical properties of folded surfaces, e.g. interlimb angle, attitude of hinge line, and dip of axial plane the terms defined by Fleuty (1964) are used. In the description of folded layers the terms parallel and similar are used in the sense of Turner and Weiss (1963); for folds which have been more accurately measured the scheme of Ramsay (1967, p. 365) is used with the fold class stated. S<sub>e</sub> and S<sub>i</sub> respectively, refer to fabric external to and enclosed in poikiloblasts.

Orientations of planes give the dip direction and the amount of dip, i.e. 235/70. Linear elements are orientated by trend and plunge. Structural data are plotted on Schmidt equal-area-projection stereographic nets.

Since no single structural subzone contains all the fabric elements, Tables 3.1, 3.2 and 3.3 show the distribution of the observed elements together with the main characteristics for each zone. It is conceded that the nomenclature of these tables implies a knowledge of the sequence of structural events discussed in Section 4.

The interrelationship of fabric elements evolved in Section 4 is used here to eliminate excessive descriptive repetition. The correlation of Section 4 is based largely on field observations summarised under the heading "effect on pre-existing fabrics" in the tables mentioned.

## 3.3 TROUGH ZONE STRUCTURAL GEOMETRY

The distribution and main characteristics of the penetrative fabrics observed in the Trough Zone are given in Table 3.1.

## 3.3.1 Subzone TZ/1: The Hope Synform

This subzone lies immediately to the south and east of the Hope Mine (Fig. 1.1), and includes the large synformal structure (the Hope Synform) delineated by the Matchless Member (Fig. 3.1).

#### 3.3.1.1 Fabric Elements

Including bedding, four penetrative planar elements can be seen, although two are of minor local significance. Linear fabric elements are either S-surface intersections or rods.

Planar Elements—Contacts between pelitic schist and the Matchless Member rocks may be bedding in a few cases. Generally this is uncertain although the contact may be at a small angle to the dominant schistosity S<sub>2</sub> (see below). Contacts between metapelite and the Matchless Member metagabbro may represent an intrusive contact; there is, however, some doubt because of the strong effect of later boudinaging, folding and foliation development. Bedding contacts between cale-silicate rocks and metapelite are frequently observed.

The transposition of S<sub>0</sub> into S<sub>2</sub> is common (Turner and Weiss 1963, Fig. 5-26, domain IV; Hobbs et al. 1976, Fig. 31). Such transposition incorrectly suggests

Table 3.1-MAIN CHARACTERISTICS OF TROUGH ZONE PENETRATIVE FABRIC ELEMENTS

Element	Occurrence	Main features	General orientation	Effect on pre-existing fabrics
S <sub>0</sub>	TZ/1, 2 & 3	Bedding, variation of lithology, mineralogy, grain- size or colour. Possibly also represents some con- tacts between Matchless Member rocks and metapelites	Variable but generally NW	_
Sı	TZ/2	Biotite foliae, parallel layers 1-2 mm thick, up to 10 mm apart; internal fabric in some porphyro- blasts	Variable but gene- rally NW	Discordant to S <sub>0</sub>
F <sub>1</sub>	TZ/2	Tight to isoclinal, moderately inclined gently plung- ing folds	Hinge 310/17; axial plane 355/40	Folds So. S1 axial-planar?
Sa	TZ/1, 2 & 3	Schistosity, parallel orientation of muscovite and usually biotite in pelites; also frequent elongation of quartz and plagioclase, hornblende y-z (100) crystallographic planes parallel S <sub>2</sub> in Matchless Member schists; numerous quartz veins often with pinch-and-swell structure also parallel to S <sub>2</sub>	TZ/1 340/25; TZ/2 325/32 and TZ/3 variable	Transposes S <sub>0</sub> (especially calc-sili- cate layers) into L <sub>2</sub> cleavage mullions Crenulates and transposes S <sub>1</sub>
F <sub>2</sub>	TZ/1, 2 & 3	Tight to isoclinal, gentle to moderately inclined and plunging folds, nearly reclined. S <sub>2</sub> defines axial plane; hinge parallel to L <sub>2</sub>	TZ/1 hinge variable; TZ/2 hinge 355/30 and TZ/3 hinge variable	Folds S <sub>0</sub> and S <sub>1</sub> . Type E interference pattern with F <sub>1</sub>
Sa	TZ/2	Crenulation cleavage, common in pelites, rare in Matchless Member rocks	280/50	Crenulates S <sub>0</sub> , S <sub>1</sub> and S <sub>2</sub> and inter- section with S <sub>2</sub> =L <sub>3</sub>
S <sub>4</sub>	TZ/1 & 3	Weak crenulation cleavage, rare quartz veins paral- lel S <sub>4</sub>	TZ/1 332/32, TZ/3 345/40	Intersection with S <sub>2</sub> defines L <sub>4</sub>
F4	TZ/1 & 3	Close to tight moderately inclined subhorizontal asymmetric folds, S <sub>4</sub> axial planar	Hinge TZ/1 050/10	Folds So, Sa and La
S <sub>sa</sub>	TZ/I West	Crenulation cleavage in micaceous schists (mig- matitic in TZ/3)	TZ/1 010/45	Intersection with Sa defines Ls
-	TZ/3 N.W.		TZ/3 average 345/15	/ <u>-</u> -
Fsa	TZ/1 West	Kink folds, chevron or parallel gently plunging moderately inclined; S <sub>5a</sub> axial planar	TZ/1 hinge (L <sub>s</sub> ) 042/	Folds S <sub>2</sub>
-	TZ/3		TZ/3 hinge (L <sub>s</sub> ) 320- 010/15	
Fab	TZ/1 North	Medium-scale folds of varying geometry from west to east	Variable	Folds Sz, S4 and L4

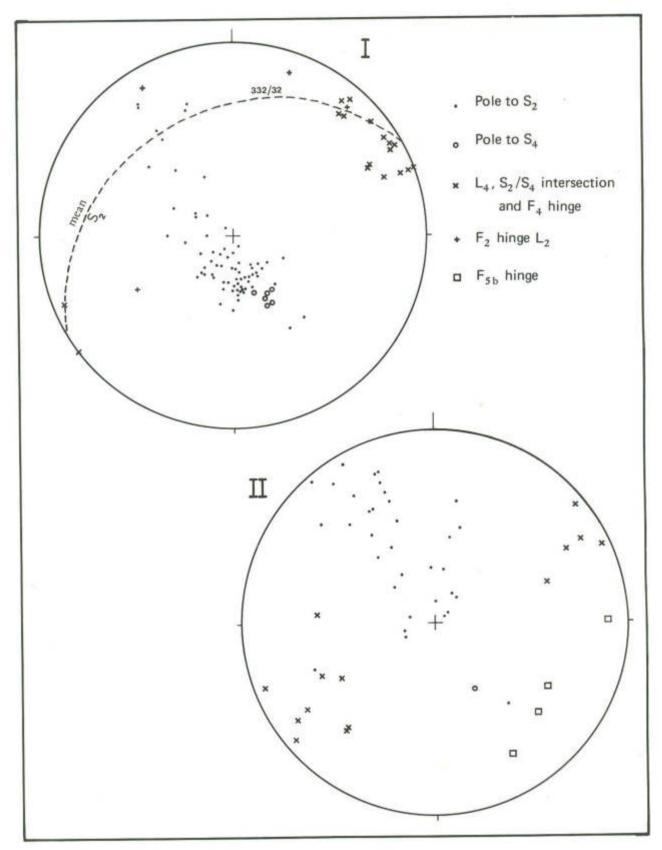


Fig. 3.2 – Fabric-element orientations in subzone TZ/1. I. Hope Synform excluding the northern limb where affected by F<sub>5</sub> folds. II. Hope Synform, northern limb. For correlation of fabric elements see Table 4.1.

Maakselelementoriëntasies in subsone TZ/1. I. Hope-sinform, uitgesluit die noordelike vleuel

waar deur  $F_{.5}$  plooie geaffekteer. II. Hope-sinform, noordelike vleuel. Vir korrelasie van maakselelemente verwys Tabel 4.1.

that  $S_0$  and  $S_2$  are parallel, which generally is not the case (Fig. 4.1A). Further evidence for transposition (Turner and Weiss 1963, p. 117) of  $S_0$  by  $S_2$  comes from occasional small isolated, rootless, almost isoclinal fold closures found with limbs parallel to  $S_2$ , the dominant schistosity. Where  $S_2$  is oblique to  $S_0$  (e.g. a calc-silicate band) the latter may be transposed step-like into cleavage mullions.

The orientation of the S<sub>2</sub> schistosity varies as a result of later folding, but the mean in the relatively undisturbed southern part of the subzone is 340/25. For the northern part dips average 150/60 and are locally overturned.

A widespread but weak second cleavage  $S_4$  reorientates  $S_2$  parallel minerals. On average  $S_4$  crenulation planes are 5 mm to 10 mm apart,  $S_4$  is steeper than  $S_2$  on the southern limb but shallower than  $S_2$  on the northern limb of the Hope Synform.

In the river gorge at the Hope Synform closure a sporadically occurring crenulation cleavage  $S_{5a}$  is developed in mica-rich layers.

Linear Elements—The  $L_2$  lineation is defined by elongated calc-silicate fels cleavage mullions and hinges of  $F_2$  minor folds. In a few cases quartz veins parallel to  $S_2$  are rodded along  $L_2$ , whilst in rare cases hornblende needles in Matchless Member amphibole schists also lie parallel to  $L_2$ . The general trend and plunge of  $L_2$  vary due to later folding.

Biotite lineation  $L_4$  on  $S_2$  planes has a constant orientation over the subzone except in the northern part where later folding reorientates  $L_4$  (Fig. 3.2).

Although quartz rods are frequently found parallel to  $L_2$  and very rarely parallel to  $L_4$ , these commonly have orientations of only local significance, dependent to some extent upon the orientation of the initial vein relative to  $S_2$ . It is also probable that there are several ages of vein emplacement.

#### 3.3.1.2 Minor Folds

Rarely rootless F<sub>2</sub> minor folds can be seen transposed in S<sub>2</sub>; these intrafolial folds may be up to 200 mm in length and are best recognised as small folded quartz veins in metapelitic rocks. F<sub>2</sub> folds range in size from tens of millimetres to metres and belong to class 1C (Ramsay 1967), occasionally with very attenuated limbs. In one extreme case the measured wavelength was 300 mm and the amplitude 5 m. Limbs are frequently sheared out leaving a closure and only a thin vestige of a limb. Interlimb angles seldom exceed 7°. Hinge orientation L<sub>2</sub> has been disturbed by later folding over the whole subzone, but generally plunge northwards. Quartz veins folded by F<sub>2</sub> are frequently rodded parallel to L<sub>2</sub>.

Widely occurring on both the northern and southern limbs of the Hope Synform are minor F<sub>4</sub> folds, generally of millimetre-scale having Z-shaped profiles on the southern and S-shaped profiles on the northern limb. F<sub>4</sub> folds belong to class 1C.

In the closure of the Hope Synform several F<sub>5a</sub> kink folds are present but are only of local significance and confined to very micaceous pelites.

F<sub>6</sub> kink-type folds occur in the same area and often show dilation of folded S<sub>2</sub> cleavage planes in hinge zones. Hinges plunge gently northwards (010/15) with axial planes 270/52. These folds are of local importance and commonly occur with joint planes.

#### 3.3.1.3 Major Folds

The most striking feature of this subzone both on maps and aerial photographs is the very large F<sub>4</sub> fold closing to the south-west. Folding of S<sub>2</sub> indicates this structure

to be a synform. A stereographic plot of poles to  $S_2$  from the closure and southern limb is shown in Figure 3.2 I whilst Figure 3.2 II shows poles to  $S_2$  for the northern limb affected by later folding. Poles to  $S_4$  (Fig. 3.2 I) give a tight grouping on the  $\pi$  girdle to  $S_4$  poles, suggesting  $S_4$  to be axial-planar to  $F_4$ . Lineation  $L_4$  approximates to the  $F_4$  hinge.

Using the evidence that S<sub>4</sub> is axial-planar to F<sub>4</sub> minor folds, then Figure 3.1 can best be interpreted by making F<sub>4</sub> a major synform with a mean axial plane 332/32 plunging 050/10 at the closure. Effects of later folding cause the hinge line to be undulose (non-cylindrical). The Hope Synform is asymmetric with a short northern limb.

Smaller-scale, but still important fold structures (F<sub>5b</sub>) on the northern limb of the Hope Synform increase in size from west to east and show a concomitant change in hinge orientation from 090/20 to 150/20 (Fig. 3.2 II). The axial planes also change orientation from near-vertical in the west to dipping moderately south-west further east. Thus upright folds become reclined east-wards, enabling the easternmost folds to significantly affect the outcrop distribution by folding pelitic schists from north of the amphibole schists southwards over the Matchless Member thus giving rise to its discontinuous outcrop. Figure 3.2 II shows the scattering of L<sub>4</sub> due largely to F<sub>5b</sub> folds.

#### 3.3.1.4 Major Faults and Discontinuities

A subvertical fracture trend with apparently little vertical or lateral displacement traverses the closure of the Hope Synform. Some granitic dykes are intruded along a similar trend which is also parallelled by quartzand calcite-filled tension gashes in the same area.

## 3.3.2 Subzone TZ/2: The Gorob Area

This subzone lies to the north and south-east of Gorob and includes rocks from both north and south of the Matchless Member (see Fig. 3.3).

#### 3.3.2.1 Fabric Elements

Including bedding S<sub>0</sub>, four penetrative planar-fabric elements are present, but only two (S<sub>0</sub> and S<sub>2</sub>) are present everywhere. Five basic types of linear-fabric elements are recorded, and principally have two trends. Others are of purely local significance.

Planar Elements-On a large scale the bedding (So) trend is shown by the outcrop of a graphitic schist just south of the Matchless Member. At outcrop, bedding contacts between graphitic and pelitic schists are often gradational or disrupted by the strong regional schistosity S2. In metapelites bedding is clearly shown on aerial photographs, but So may be virtually impossible to establish at outcrop unless calc-silicate rocks are present. Frequently even sizeable (up to 10 m) fragments of calcsilicate rocks become transposed into S2. Thus So is only unambiguously seen in some fold closures where it is at a high angle to S2. Within the Matchless Member differences in rock type probably reflect degrees of deformation, as for example when a continuous gradation from metagabbro to hornblende schist occurs. At a few places spotted amphibole schists containing deformed variolites (having pressure shadows) represent primary structure concentric to pillow lava structures in epidote-banded and amphibole schists.

S<sub>0</sub> generally dips north-westwards and cleavage(S<sub>2</sub>)bedding relations indicate that steep limbs (F<sub>2</sub>) are overturned

At two localities, A and B in Figure 3.3, a locally penetrative fabric  $S_1$  is seen to be oblique to bedding  $S_0$ . The fabric is crenulated by  $S_2$  and rarely by  $S_3$ . Biotite flakes comprising  $S_1$  are oriented parallel to  $S_2$  or occa-

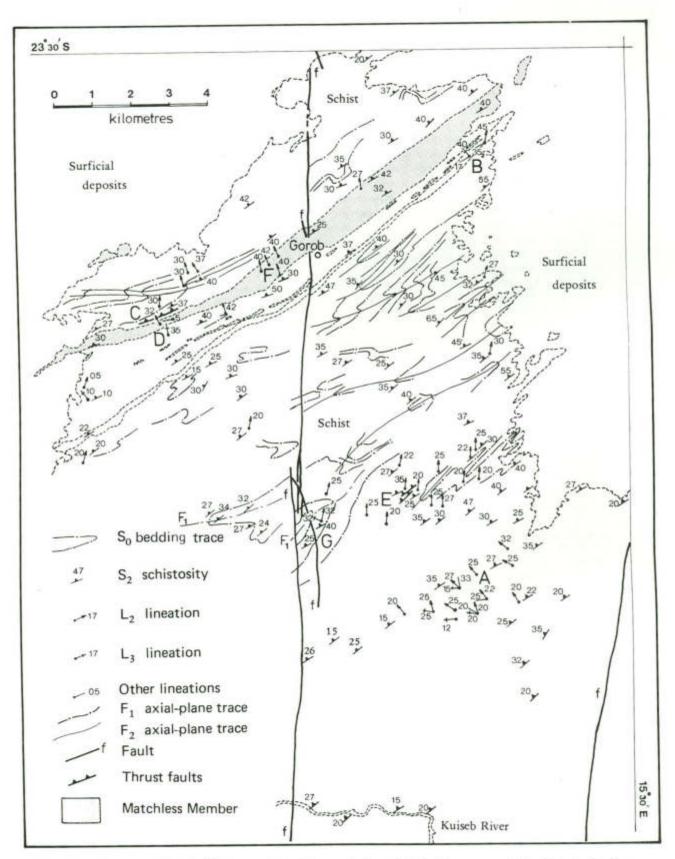


Fig. 3.3 – Structural details of subzone TZ/2. For correlation of fabric elements see Table 4.1. A–G refer to localities mentioned in the text. Struktuurgegewens van subsone TZ/2. Vir korrelasie van maakselelemente verwys Tabel 4.1. A–G verwys na lokaliteite in die teks genoem.

sionally S<sub>3</sub> (Fig. 4.1A). S<sub>1</sub> does not appear to be related to folding.

Parallelism of biotite and especially muscovite in metapelites define the dominant S<sub>2</sub> schistosity, but in some schists muscovite parallels S<sub>2</sub> whilst porphyroblastic biotite, garnet, staurolite and kyanite have random orientations.

Small rootless F<sub>2</sub> folds and calc-silicate cleavage mullions indicate transposition of S<sub>0</sub> by S<sub>2</sub>. Schistosity may be enhanced in highly micaceous rocks (which appear to be depleted in quartz) adjacent to S<sub>2</sub>—parallel quartz segregation lenses. Small quartz-plagioclase knots of metamorphic origin present in some Matchless Member schists are elongated parallel to S<sub>2</sub>. The degree of elongation of the knots increases rapidly adjacent to minor shear zones (150–200 mm wide) parallel to S<sub>2</sub>. The orientation of S<sub>2</sub> is slightly variable as shown in Figure 3.4.

S<sub>3</sub> crenulation cleavage planes are 5-10 mm apart but are rare in amphibole schists. Post-tectonic growth of garnet in S<sub>3</sub> has occurred, especially along the S<sub>2</sub> and S<sub>3</sub> intersection (L<sub>3</sub>). At D (Fig. 3.3) S<sub>3</sub> deforms both kyanite and staurolite, but later growth of both mineral species post-dates S<sub>3</sub>. The orientation of S<sub>3</sub> is shown in Figure 3.4. Steeper dips tend to occur in the north of the subzone.

Linear Elements—Calc-silicate cleavage mullions occurring either singly or in trains and F<sub>2</sub> fold hinges define the L<sub>2</sub> lineation (Figs 3.3 and 3.4). The orientation of L<sub>2</sub> in Figure 3.3 shows marked differences in trend at localities A, E and F which may reflect later deformation, sliding (thrusting) along S<sub>2</sub> planes as at E, or orientation of S<sub>0</sub> due to pre-existing F<sub>1</sub> folds.

In many cases quartz rods lie parallel to L<sub>2</sub>. L<sub>2</sub> mineral lineations occur as oriented amphiboles and garnet trains at cleavage mullion margins, or as oriented biotite flakes growing in the pressure shadows of quartz rods. Some Matchless Member amphibole schists contain pillows, epidote-amphibole pods (boudins) and ellipsoidally deformed variolites, all of which are elongated parallel to L<sub>2</sub>.

L<sub>3</sub> occurs as biotite streaks or rarely as trains of garnets on S<sub>2</sub>. In amphibole schists oriented hornblende crystals or hinges of S<sub>3</sub> crenulations define L<sub>3</sub>.

Mineral lineations are abundant throughout the subzone, but cannot all be related to L<sub>2</sub> or L<sub>3</sub>. Amphibole needles parallel to the S<sub>3</sub> strike direction have been observed in two widely separated localities within the Matchless Member. Prismatic biotite crystals in some metapelites locally define a lineation, especially near to quartz veins and rods, becoming seemingly random a few hundreds of millimetres away from the veins. Quartz rods are a prominent lineation, but the orientation is often irregular even in a single outcrop.

#### 3.3.2.2 Minor Folds

At one locality F<sub>1</sub> deformed a biotite-rich layer (S<sub>0</sub>) in a metapelite, with an axial plane 355/40 and hinge 310/17. The biotites of the layer have subsequently been reoriented parallel to S<sub>2</sub> at 330/20 (Fig. 4.1B). At locality G (Fig. 3.3) interference between F<sub>1</sub> and F<sub>2</sub> folds gives rise to an interference pattern resembling type E (Ramsay 1967, p. 531).

F<sub>2</sub> minor folds are common throughout the subzone, although less so in the Matchless Member. Characteristically these are of class 1C and have amplitudes far in excess of wavelength. Because of shearing along S<sub>2</sub> it is commonplace for one or other limb to be absent.

F<sub>3</sub> microfolds are best developed in micaceous schists and are often markedly asymmetric with small amplitude: wavelength ratios.

Occasionally, folds of differing hinge orientation and tightness are found, but generally plunge northwards. These are invariably defined by folded quartz veins having an orientation oblique to  $S_2$ . These veins may have been injected during  $F_2$  formation, or were alternatively folded by a late flattening normal to  $S_2$  (Section 7).

#### 3.3.2.3 Major Folds

Figure 3.3 shows the outlines of the larger  $(F_2)$  folds as structural form lines depicting  $S_0$ . The large fold shown at G is a large  $F_1$  synform since interference patterns are associated with it on aerial photographs (also Fig. 3.2), and  $S_2$  can be seen to cut  $F_1$  axial-plane traces at angles of  $60^{\circ}$ .

F<sub>2</sub> folds change in profile from S-shaped near B (Fig. 3.3) to M-shaped just north of locality E and Z-shaped at E. This may reflect a large F<sub>2</sub> synform between B and E.

Interference between the postulated  $F_2$  synform and the north-eastward continuation of the  $F_1$  structure at G may be responsible for the brachy-antiform just north of E.

#### 3.3.2.4 Major Faults and Discontinuities

At E (Fig. 3.3) two thrust planes sensibly parallel to S<sub>2</sub> displace S<sub>0</sub> giving rise to a narrow zone where calcsilicate bands are extensively sheared and quartz lenses far more flattened than in adjacent schists. Just north of the Matchless Member at C (Fig. 3.3) kyanite-bearing schists terminate abruptly and a 40-m-wide zone contains intensively stretched and sheared quartz veins parallel to S<sub>2</sub>. This zone possibly represents a small thrust.

A major north-south post-Damara fault crosses the subzone near Gorob. The fault has a down-throw to the east and, in the Gorob area, a strike displacement of about 75 m and an estimated dip separation of 50 m.

#### 3.3.3 Subzone TZ/3

This subzone lies south of TZ/1 (Fig. 3.5) and extends to the south bank of the Kuiseb River.

#### 3.3.3.1 Fabric Elements

Apart from the bedding there is only one penetrative planar element present over the whole area. However, locally penetrative planar elements do occur. Linear elements are common and are manifested as fold hinges, mineral lineations, rods and intersection of S planes.

Planar Elements—Bedding, S<sub>0</sub>, is often seen in pelitic schists, whilst the contact between Matchless Member rocks and metapelites is generally parallel to S<sub>2</sub>. The exceptions, however, are the massive metagabbros which are often present as pod-like bodies in the metapelite. It is possible that these contacts represent primary igneous ones, although some bodies may be large bouding

The dominant planar fabric over the whole subzone is the S<sub>2</sub> schistosity (Figs 3.5 and 3.6), to which both quartz veins in metapelites and epidote bands in the Matchless Member are parallel.

An incipient crenulation cleavage S<sub>4</sub> is present in a small area (A in Fig. 3.5) and is axial-planar to an F<sub>4</sub> minor fold in amphibole schists of the Matchless Member.

In the north-west of the subzone the S<sub>5a</sub> crenulation cleavage is developed in schists showing signs of migmatisation with coarsening of grain size.

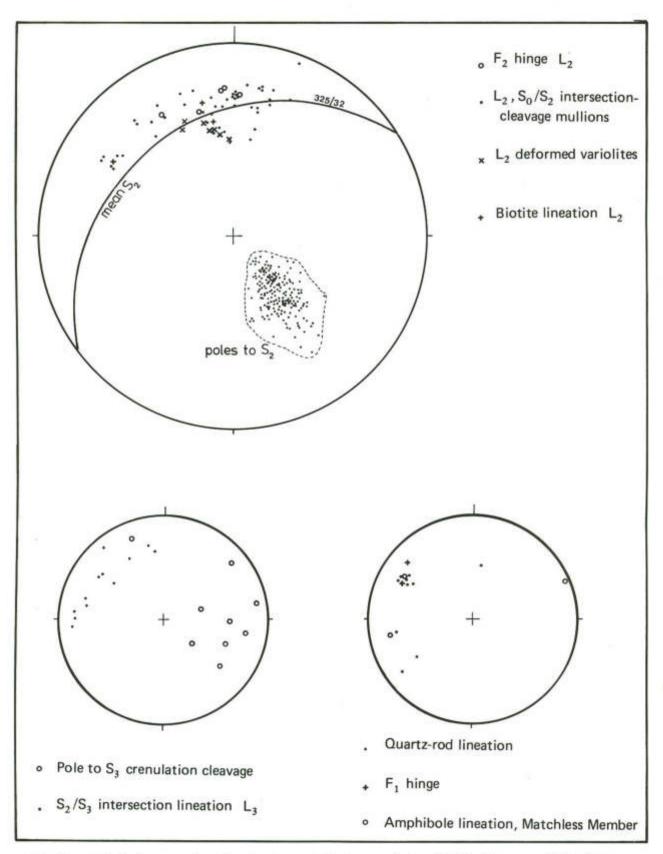
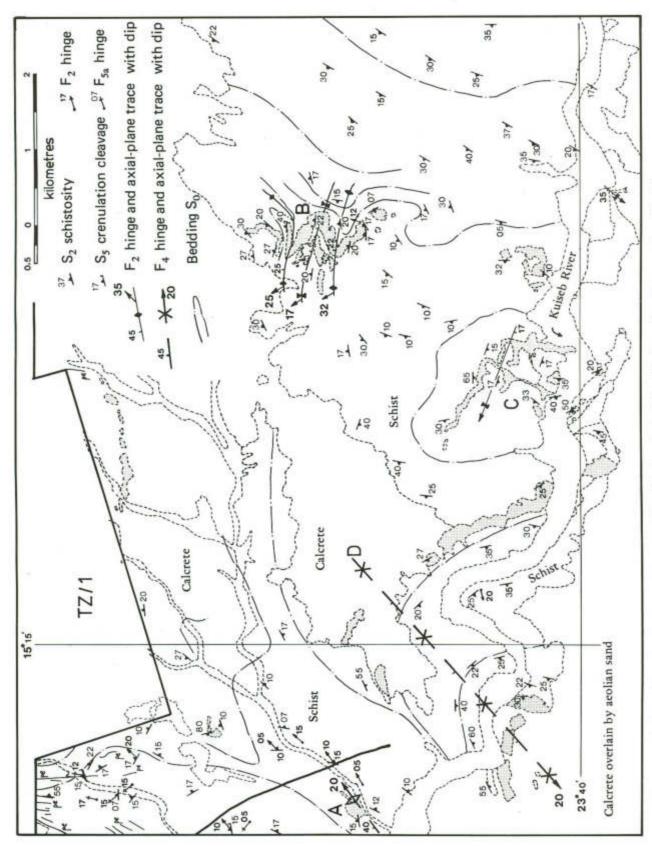


Fig. 3.4 – Fabric-element orientations in subzone TZ/2. For correlation of fabric elements see Table 4.1.
Maakselelementoriëntasies in subsone TZ/2. Vir korrelasie van maakselelemente verwys Tabel 4.1.



Struktuurgegewens van subsone TZ/3. Lid Matchless donkerkleurig aangetoon. A-D verwys na lokaliteite in die teks genoem. Fig. 3.5 - Structural details of subzone TZ/3. Matchless Member shaded. A - D refer to localities mentioned in the text.

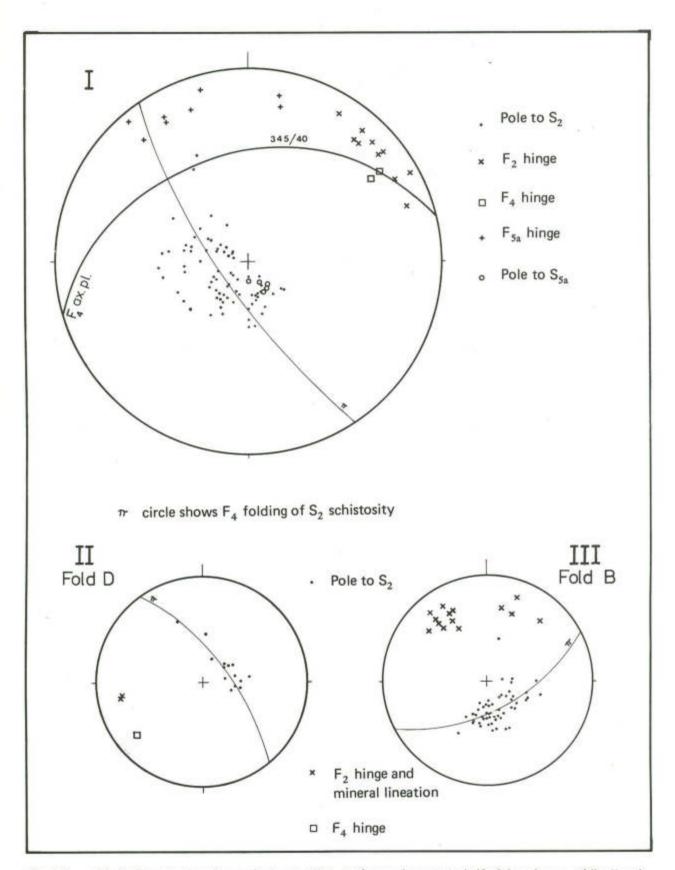


Fig. 3.6 – Fabric-element orientations of subzone TZ/3. I refers to the western half of the subzone, whilst II and III refer to folds shown in Figure 3.5. See Table 4.1 for correlation of fabric elements.
Maakselelementoriëntasies van subsone TZ/3. I verwys na die westelike belfte van die subsone terwyl II en III na plooie soos in Figure 3.5 aangedui, verwys. Sien Tabel 4.1 vir korrelasie van maakselelemente.

Linear Elements—The  $L_2$  lineation is defined by cleavage mullions, minor  $F_2$  fold hinges and occasional quartz rods. It is however, consistently found that  $L_2$  lies to the right of the down-dip direction of  $S_2$  (as it does in TZ/2). The orientation of  $L_2$  varies due to later folding (Fig. 3.6).

The  $L_4$  lineation at A (Fig. 3.5) is a mineral striping on  $S_2$  planes and trends 053°, parallel to  $F_4$  fold hinges. A sporadically developed  $L_4$  lineation on Fold D (Fig. 3.6) plunges south-westwards as seen on  $S_2$  planes.

Hinges of F<sub>5a</sub> minor folds and occasional quartz rods define the L<sub>5</sub> lineation which varies in azimuth orientation, although its plunge is consistent at about 15° in the S<sub>5</sub> plane.

#### 3.3.3.2 Minor Folds

Class 1C F<sub>2</sub> minor folds range in size from tens of millimetres up to 100 m, and for these folds amplitude may exceed wavelength by 20:1. The Matchless Member rocks of Fold B (Fig. 3.5) commonly contain amphibole clusters elongated parallel to F<sub>2</sub> hinges (i.e. L<sub>2</sub>).

F<sub>4</sub> minor folds at A in Figure 3.5 have an axial plane of about 345/40 and a plunge of 055/20. Folds are generally asymmetric with a short south-eastern limb to the main antiform and closely resemble F<sub>4</sub> minor folds of the southern limb of the Hope Synform (TZ/1).

Minor F<sub>54</sub> folds are of millimetre- or metre-scale occurring in migmatised schists in the north-western part of the subzone.

## 3.3.3.3 Major Folds

Major F<sub>2</sub> folds give rise to the outcrop pattern of the Matchless Member rocks in the eastern part of the subzone at C (Fig. 3.5). The fold geometry is complicated by the presence of large bodies of metagabbro which appear to have resisted deformation and in some cases form large boudins or pinch-and-swell structures. The folds are essentially of class 1C but have various hinge orientations due to later refolding. Initially these probably plunged north-westwards.

A large  $F_4$  synform is clearly seen on the Kuiseb River (D, Fig. 3.5). Both  $S_2$  and  $F_2$  are reoriented by the fold, the axial plane of which possibly dips northwestwards whilst the plunge is 230/20, in contrast to  $F_4$  minor folds at A in Figure 3.5. The axial-plane trace trend is essentially similar to that of the Hope Synform, the two folds being separated by a large antiformal region (Section 4).

Other folds can be seen from the structural form lines plotted on Figure 3.5; these folds are disharmonic and probably related to the intrusion of the Donkerhuk Granite (Section 4).

#### 3.3.3.4 Major Faults and Discontinuities

There are no major faults in this subzone, although the southern continuation of a fault crossing the Hope Synform closure penetrates into the northern part of the subzone.

#### 3.4 OKAHANDJA LINEAMENT ZONE STRUC-TURAL GEOMETRY

Table 3.2 summarises the distribution and main features of the penetrative fabric elements observed. 3.4.1 Subzone OLZ/I

This subzone lies wholly within the outcrop area of the Tinkas Member of the Kuiseb Formation (Figs 1.1 and 3.7) and displays the most characteristic structural style of this zone.

#### 3.4.1.1 Fabric Elements

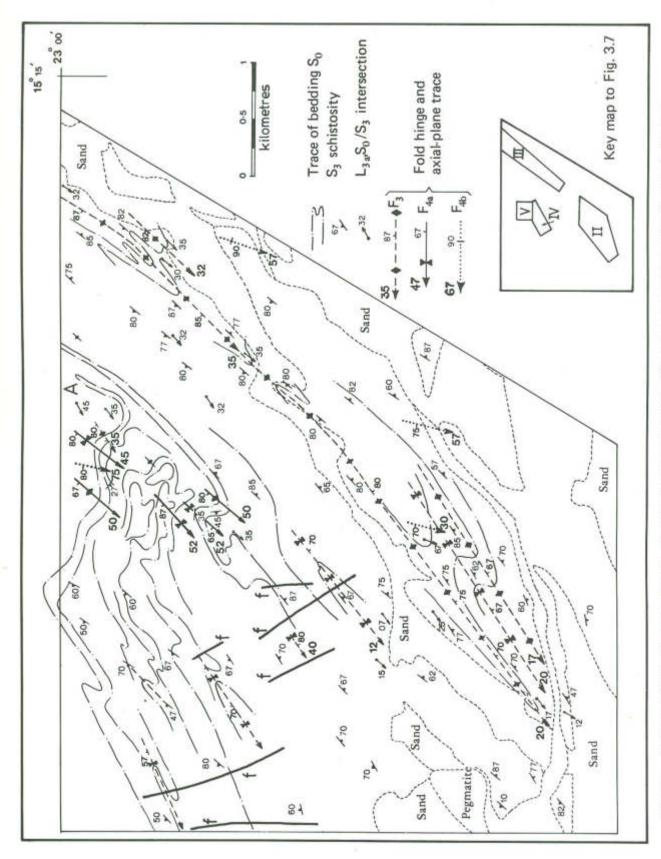
Four planar elements are present including bedding, but only two have a wide distribution. Two major linear trends are present due to fold hinges and intersection of S surfaces.

Planar Elements—Bedding S<sub>0</sub> is readily seen over the whole subzone because of the varied lithology of calcsilicate rocks and marbles in pelitic types.

S<sub>3</sub>, a strong schistosity in metapelites, is a mylonitic compositional layering (Vernon 1974) in calc-silicate bands and is the dominant fabric element of the subzone.

Table 3.2-MAIN CHARACTERISTICS OF THE OKAHANDJA LINEAMENT ZONE PENETRATIVE FABRIC ELEMENTS

Element	Occurrence	Main features	General orientation	Effect on pre-existing fabrics
So	OLZ/1, 2, 3	Bedding, variations in lithology, mineralogy, grain size or colour	Variable	2 <b>—</b> 2
S1	OLZ/2 & 3	Biotite laminae. Parallel layers 1-2 mm thick up to 10 mm apart discordant to S <sub>6</sub>	Variable	( <del>-</del>
F <sub>1</sub> ?	OLZ/1 OLZ/3	Isoclinal gently inclined subhorizontal folds Tight to isoclinal gently inclined subhorizontal folds on cm scale	Axial plane dips NW, hinge N—S	Folds $S_0$ . $S_1$ axial planar? Folds $S_0$ and $S_1$
Sa	OLZ/1, 2 &	Schistosity, parallel orientation of muscovite and biotite in most pelites; also elongation of quartz and plagioclase. Mylonitic layering in calc-sili- cate rocks	OLZ/1, 318/80; OLZ/2, 310/90 and OLZ/3, 115/80	Intersection with $S_0=L_{aa}$ and in tersection with $S_1=L_{ab}$
F <sub>s</sub>	OLZ/1, 2 &	Tight to isoclinal upright moderately plunging folds, S <sub>3</sub> axial-planar, Class 1C tending to class 2, Hinges parallel to L <sub>3a</sub>	Hinge OLZ/I 232/ 37; OLZ/2 040/10 and 220/05; OLZ/ 3, 027/30 and 202/ 20	Folds S <sub>0</sub> and S <sub>1</sub>
S <sub>40</sub> F <sub>40</sub>	OLZ/1, 2, 3 OLZ/1, 2, 3	Crenulation cleavage in hinges of F <sub>4a</sub> folds Close-tight steeply inclined moderately plunging	300/77 Hinge 217/40	Intersection with S <sub>3</sub> =L <sub>4</sub> Folds S <sub>0</sub> , S <sub>1</sub> , S <sub>2</sub> and L <sub>3a</sub>
1 411	OLE 1, 2, 3	folds. S4a axial-planar	Tillige 217/40	1 olds 50, 51, 55 and 1532
Sab	OLZ/1, 3	Fracture cleavage, rarely crenulation cleavage in hinges of F <sub>4b</sub> folds	280/75 and 095/82	-
F <sub>4b</sub>	OLZ/1, 3	Close-tight steeply inclined moderately plunging folds. S <sub>4b</sub> axial-planar	Hinge 200/45 and 007/37	Folds S <sub>3</sub> and some pegmatites
Ss	OLZ/2, 3	Mylonitic layering associated with 'breccia bands'	Parallel to Sa	<del>-</del>
F	OLZ/2, 3	Conjugate kink folds associated with 'breccia bands'	Variable	Folds S <sub>0</sub> and S <sub>3</sub>
S <sub>5</sub> F <sub>5</sub> S <sub>6</sub>	OLZ/3	Crenulation cleavages associated with Donkerhuk Granite emplacement	Variable	Crenulates So and Sa
F <sub>6</sub>	OLZ/3	Locally developed kink folds	Variable	1995 AND 200 - 708 - 20
	10-200-11-000 D	Close-tight parallel moderately inclined gently plunging minor folds	Hinge 210/12 axial plane 300/35	Folds So and Sa



Struktuurgegewens van subsone OLZ/1. Verwys Tabel 4.1 vir korrelasie van maakselelemente. In teks word na lokaliteit A verwys. Fig. 3.7 - Structural details of subzone OLZ/1. See Table 4.1 for correlation of fabric elements. Locality A referred to in the text.

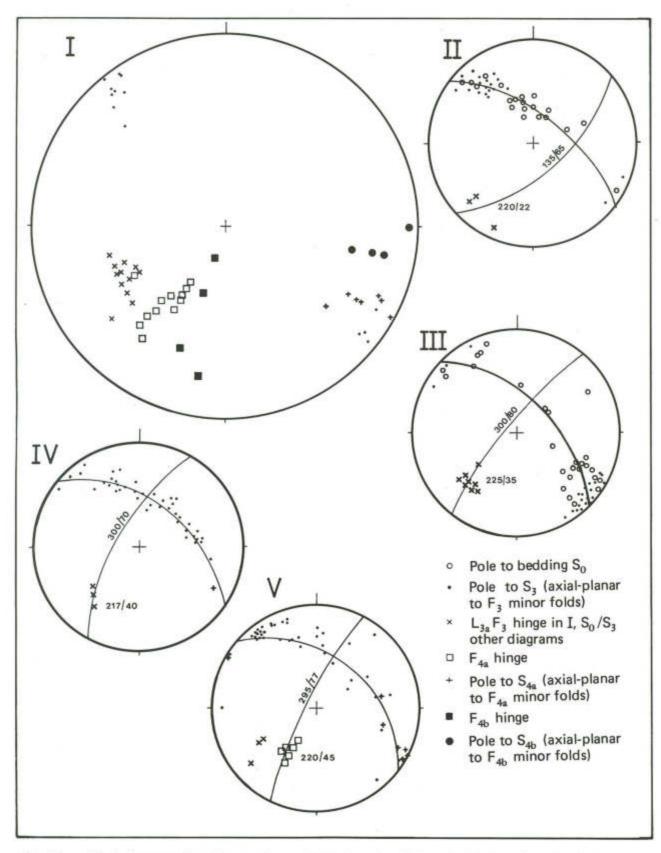


Fig. 3.8 – Fabric-element orientations in subzone OLZ/1. I - minor folds and axial planes from the whole subzone. II – V refer to domains shown in Figure 3.7. See Table 4.1 for correlation of fabric elements. Maakselelementoriëntasies in subsone OLZ/1. I - ondergeskikte plooie en asvlakke van die subsone in gebeel. II – V verwys na domeine in Figure 3.7 aangetoon, Verwys Tabel 4.1 vir korrelasie van maakselelemente.

Tabular calcite crystals in many marbles also lie parallel to  $S_2$ . Transposition of bedding parallel to the  $S_3$  planes is evident in fold closures where calc-silicate layers are commonly disrupted into cleavage mullions. The average orientation of  $S_3$  is subvertical, striking north-north-eastwards (Fig. 3.8).

 $S_{4a}$ , a weak crenulation cleavage, is best seen in more micaceous rocks, in the hinge areas of  $F_{4a}$  folds.

The  $S_{4b}$  fracture cleavage is present in the synformal closures of  $F_{4b}$  folds, and is invariably fanned (Fig. 4.2E).

Linear Fabric Elements—The dominant linear element  $L_{3a}$  is defined by cleavage mullions of calc-silicate fels or marble, and  $F_3$  fold hinges. In a few cases horn-blende needles adjacent to cleavage mullions are also aligned parallel to  $L_{3a}$ . On calc-pelite bedding planes  $L_{3a}$  often appears as ripple-like structures. Variation of  $L_{3a}$  orientation is slight as shown on the stereograms of Figure 3.8.

 $L_4$  is a weak biotite lineation on  $S_3$  planes due to  $S_{4a}$  intersection.  $L_4$  is found only close to  $F_{4a}$  hinges.

## 3.4.1.2 Minor Folds

F<sub>3</sub> minor folds are uncommon, except in major fold closures, probably due to transposition of S<sub>0</sub> by S<sub>3</sub>, which may be so severe as to totally disrupt calc-silicate layers leaving thin 'smears' of calc-silicate fels on S<sub>3</sub> planes. Minor folds are thus destroyed on fold limbs but may be preserved in thick marble and calc-silicate layers. F<sub>3</sub> plunges are gentle, and typically 232/37 (Fig. 3.8). When asymmetric with respect to S<sub>3</sub> long limbs may be sheared out, and the short limbs locally overturned.

 $F_{4a}$  and  $F_{4b}$  folds are of similar orientation to  $F_3$  although folding  $S_3$  planes. Figures 3.7 and 3.8 I show the change in hinge and axial surface orientation between  $F_3$ ,  $F_{4a}$  and  $F_{4b}$ . Pegmatites intruded parallel to  $S_3$  are folded by  $F_{4b}$ .

## 3.4.1.3 Major Folds

Possible F<sub>1</sub> folds are present in the north of this subzone giving rise to the fold closure at A in Figure 3.7 and a dome-and-basin pattern 1 km south-west of A. There is no apparent axial-planar schistosity associated with these folds but these are strongly folded and cleaved by F<sub>3</sub> and S<sub>3</sub> respectively.

Large-scale F<sub>3</sub> folds are developed in the east of the subzone. Interlimb angles are generally less than 5°. Calc-silicate cleavage mullions (L<sub>3a</sub>) are abundant in the fold closures and lie parallel to F<sub>3</sub> hinges. The folds are slightly asymmetric often with the short limb locally overturned. Bedding, hinge and axial-plane orientations for one F<sub>3</sub> fold are shown in Figure 3.8 III.

#### 3.4.1.4 Major Faults and Discontinuities

There are no major faults, although northerly trending minor faults with sinistral displacement of a few metres are common.

#### 3.4.2 Subzone OLZ/2

A structural map of the subzone is shown in Figure 3.9. The area lies athwart much of the Okahandja Lineament Zone and includes rocks of the Kuiseb Formation and part of the Tinkas Member.

## 3.4.2.1 Fabric Elements

There are essentially four planar fabric elements—the crenulation cleavage S<sub>4a</sub>, however, is only of local importance. Linear elements are cleavage mullions, fold hinges, mineral lineations and S-surface intersections constituting three main trends.

Planar Elements—The lithological variation in the Tinkas Member rocks enables  $S_0$  to be determined readily. Above the Tinkas Member, however, pelitic schists dominate and  $S_0$  is not as easily located. Orientation of  $S_0$  is shown in Figure 3.10 I for the area east of the Tinkas Member, and Figure 3.10 VI shows bedding around the synform X-X on Figure 3.9.

The pelitic schists above the Tinkas Member (i.e. east of the upper Tinkas boundary) occasionally contain the  $S_1$  fabric.  $S_1$  is not observed over any great extent since it is folded by  $F_3$  and strongly crenulated by  $S_3$  into which fabric the biotites of  $S_1$  have recrystallised.

The orientation of the strongly penetrative S<sub>3</sub> schistosity is fairly uniform over the subzone (Fig. 3.10 III). The fabric is seen as a compositional layering in calc-silicate cleavage mullions.

A crenulation cleavage S<sub>4a</sub> is rarely developed, but when present is often very intense in F<sub>4a</sub> fold closures. Orientation is shown in Figure 3.10 IV and is nearly co-planar with S<sub>3</sub>.

East of the Tinkas Member thin breccia bands are developed parallel to S<sub>3</sub>. These bands are not more than a metre thick, commonly only 50 mm wide and impersistent along strike grading into thin mylonitic bands (S<sub>5</sub>) still parallel to S<sub>3</sub>. The breccias contain angular fragments of schist cemented by carbonate or epidote. Because the bands are thin only about 20 have been found but they appear to be widespread.

Linear Elements—The L<sub>3a</sub> lineation is common throughout the subzone as elongated cleavage mullions and rare F<sub>3</sub> fold hinges. Quartz veins are generally scarce in this subzone and in the Okahandja Lineament Zone in general, but a few of those present are rodded parallel to L<sub>3a</sub>. L<sub>3a</sub> orientations are shown in Figure 3.10 III.

A biotite lineation  $L_{3b}$  on  $S_3$  planes is frequently broken up into small elongated spots whose long axes define  $L_{3b}$  where  $S_1$  transposition into  $S_3$  has occurred. The orientation of this lineation which has not yet been observed in the Tinkas Member, varies as shown in Figure 3.10 II.

A biotite lineation microcrenulation on S<sub>3</sub> planes defines L<sub>4</sub>, which trends 030/05-20.

#### 3.4.2.2 Minor Folds

Minor F<sub>3</sub> folds are common having axial planes dipping steeply north-westwards or south-eastwards. The long limbs of a few folds occurring in the Tinkas Member are sheared (e.g. on 290/70).

F<sub>4a</sub> folds are nearly co-axial with F<sub>3</sub> folds; the plunge is consistently to the south-west averaging 210/45 (Fig. 3.10 V). These folds are frequently markedly asymmetric.

Minor F<sub>5</sub> kink folds, commonly in conjugate sets and having various orientations, are found adjacent to breccia bands.

## 3.4.2.3 Major Folds

Many of the F<sub>3</sub> folds are elongated basins or domes (Fold X-X, Fig. 3.9) with plunges (L<sub>3a</sub>) either to the north-east or south-west (Fig. 3.10 III and VI). This may be due to undulating hinges, i.e. the folds are not cylindrical, or it may result from interference with pre-F<sub>3</sub> folds.

#### 3.4.2.4 Major Faults and Discontinuities

A thrust fault is proposed in the western part of this subzone, parallel to the strike of S<sub>3</sub>, but the dip of the plane is unknown. Evidence for the fault comes from a

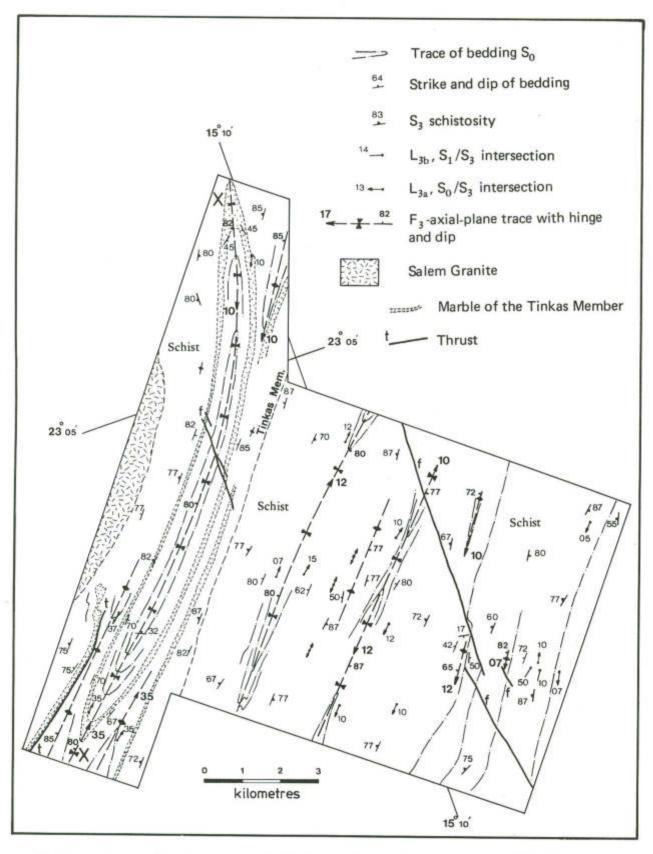


Fig. 3.9 - Structural details of subzone OLZ/2. For correlation of fabric elements see Table 4.1. Struktuurgegewens van subsone OLZ/2. Vir korrelasie van maakselelemente verwys Tabel 4.1.

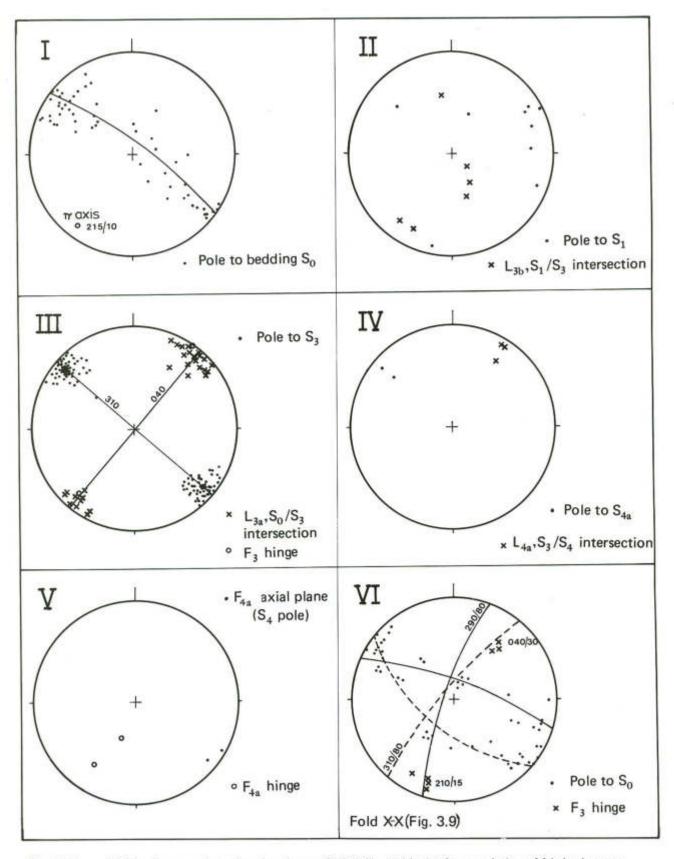


Fig. 3.10 - Fabric-element orientations in subzone OLZ/2. See Table 4.1 for correlation of fabric elements. Maakselelementoriëntasies in subsone OLZ/2. Verwys Tabel 4.1 vir korrelasie van maakselelemente.

thin band of iron-stained metapelite accompanied by a grey brecciated quartz vein. In addition, part of the stratigraphic succession appears to be absent, and below the fault plane imbricate-type structures are present in dark massive rocks interbedded with semipelites. In the vicinity en echelon tension gashes indicate a dextral shear couple. This structure may be associated with the breccia bands. It is not known whether this thrust is present beneath the folded marble band east of the known outcrop of the fault plane.

Numerous small-scale northerly trending fractures are present often with metre-scale sinistral displacements.

#### 3.4.2.5 Other Structures

A locally penetrative second schistosity  $S_f$  is visible in some of the more micaceous schists. In these rocks muscovite lies parallel to  $S_a$  whereas biotite defines the  $S_f$  fabric, or may be irregularly oriented.  $S_f$  is generally subhorizontal (approximately 315/15) and includes biotites grown in associated tension-gash-like structures. The texture on  $S_a$  planes is similar to that of a garben-schiefer as a result of the new biotite orientation. The relationship between  $S_f$  and  $S_a$  is not known.  $S_f$  is enclosed helicitically in both andalusite and cordierite porphyroblasts which generally grow in bands parallel to  $S_a$  (Section 7). No fold structures are obviously associated with  $S_f$  which may be of metamorphic origin. This fabric has been observed as far north-east as Gross Barmen.

#### 3.4.3 Subzone OLZ/3

This subzone lies at the eastern edge of the Okahandja Lineament Zone adjacent to the Donkerhuk Granite, and contains several features not seen elsewhere in the zone. Figure 3.11 shows the main structural details.

#### 3.4.3.1 Fabric Elements

Four main penetrative fabric elements are seen. The crenulation cleavage, however, may represent several 'events'. Linear elements are abundant and include fold hinges, rods, mineral lineation and S-plane intersections. Orientations of the various elements are shown in Figure 3.12.

Planar Elements—Bedding is generally transposed parallel to S<sub>3</sub> making precise orientation of S<sub>0</sub> difficult.

The  $S_1$  fabric is fairly common although confined to mica-rich metapelites.  $S_1$  is oblique to bedding and crenulated by  $S_3$ .  $S_1$  may be a metamorphic banding or a pressure-solution cleavage.

S<sub>3</sub>, the dominant planar fabric, is a schistosity in which most platy minerals are aligned. There is also a tendency for amphibole crystals to lie in S3 at the edge of calcsilicate cleavage mullions. Towards the contact with the Donkerhuk Granite coarse-grained muscovite flakes, cauliform andalusite and nodular cordierite grow randomly across S<sub>3</sub>. Crenulation cleavage is very common over the whole subzone with orientation differing from point to point. Thus the crenulations may represent several events and are only locally significant fabric elements, i.e. S<sub>4a</sub> is associated with F<sub>4a</sub>, S<sub>4b</sub> with F<sub>4b</sub> and S<sub>6</sub> with F<sub>6</sub>. Some crenulations are axial-planar to similar type folds, whilst others belong to kink fold sets. The crenulations are best seen in the finer-grained micaceous schists. S<sub>5</sub>, a mylonitic banding, commonly grades along strike from breccia bands, and is often of papery appearance and parallels S3.

Linear Elements—The  $L_{3a}$  lineation of cleavage mullions,  $F_3$  fold hinges and occasional mineral orientation has a uniform strike of 030° (Fig. 3.12 I) over the subzone.

Elongated biotite spots and biotite striping on S<sub>3</sub> surfaces define L<sub>3b</sub>. Northerly trending crinkles on  $S_3$  planes due to  $S_{4a}$  define  $L_4$  and are found in the hinge areas of  $F_{4a}$  folds.

Quartz rods due to boudinage or pinch-and-swell structures in quartz veins have various orientations, other than the lineations above. In general, however, quartz rods trend and plunge northwards.

#### 3.4.3.2 Minor Folds

In one instance the  $S_1$  fabric is folded into a nearly isoclinal recumbent  $F_2$  minor fold and later crenulated by  $S_3$ . The fold is apparently rootless and may originally have had a subhorizontal axial plane. Biotite spots  $(L_{3b})$  elongated along 210/35, are abundant nearby (Fig. 4.2C).

Minor F<sub>3</sub> folds are not abundant but often occur as rootless intrafolial folds parallel to S<sub>3</sub>. F<sub>3</sub> orientations are shown in Figures 3.11 and 3.12 I.

The  $F_{4a}$  folds are almost co-axial with  $F_3$  folds (Fig. 3.12 I and II). The  $F_{4b}$  folds show the same slight change in orientation from  $F_{4a}$  as in OLZ/1, (Fig. 3.12 II and III). Quartz veins are locally rodded parallel to the  $F_{4b}$  hinge.

Locally penetrative kink-and-buckle folds belong to F<sub>6</sub> and often occur in conjugate sets, close to the Donkerhuk Granite. Small to meso-scale asymmetric folds also belong to F<sub>6</sub>, but do not occur in conjugate sets being parallel close-to-tight gently inclined folds with hinges 210/12 and axial planes 300/35 (Fig. 3.11).

## 3.4.3.3 Major Folds

Observed F<sub>3</sub> folds are very tight with interlimb angles of less than 10° (Figs 3.11 and 3.12 I).

## 3.4.3.4 Major Faults and Discontinuities

Very frequently bands of breccia are observed parallel to S<sub>3</sub>. These are laterally impersistent and grade into mylonitic rocks. A thin band of marble is parallel to one such breccia and calc-silicate layers within the marble show small-scale folding (F<sub>5</sub>), often with limbs sheared out. The shear couple producing these minor drag folds appears to have been sinistral. In another case en echelon tension gashes adjacent to a breccia band wholly in metapelitic schists indicate a dextral shear couple.

Close to the Donkerhuk Granite pegmatites are intruded either parallel to, or at high angles to S<sub>3</sub>. In five instances where pegmatites are perpendicular to S<sub>3</sub>-parallel breccia bands, the pegmatites are displaced sinistrally by up to 25 m. An S<sub>3</sub>-parallel fracture cleavage (S<sub>5</sub>) is developed in the brecciated pegmatite within the dislocation zone. Medium-grained muscovite pegmatites (early set) parallel to S<sub>3</sub> are occasionally boudinaged or show pinch-and-swell (L<sub>5</sub>) structures having subvertical long axes typically plunging 200/70. Quartz veins may be present at boudin necks. Although at several localities S<sub>3</sub>-parallel surfaces of breccia bands are exposed, no slickenside markings have been found. Breccia bands are numerous and in one instance persistent for 3 km along strike. Fracture cleavage and kink folds are often associated with the bands.

Post-Damara, northerly trending fractures with minor sinistral displacement are frequent and in a few places have been intruded by dolerite dykes.

#### 3.5 CENTRAL ZONE STRUCTURAL GEOMETRY

The main characteristics of the fabric elements observed in the Central Zone are shown in Table 3.3.

#### 3.5.1 Subzone CZ/1

This zone lies immediately to the west of the Okahandja Lineament Zone and contains structural elements common to both zones (Fig. 3.13).

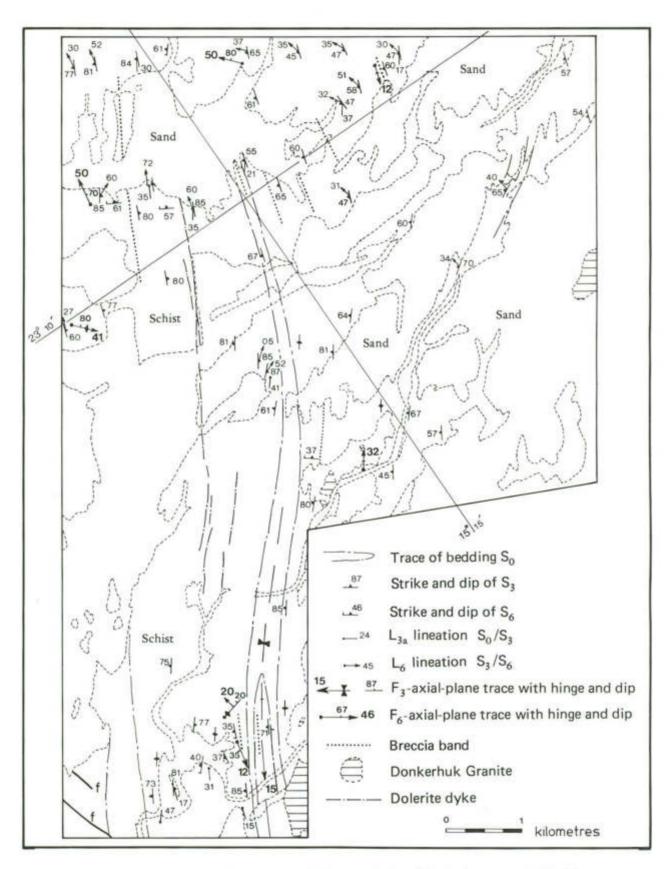


Fig. 3.11 - Structural details of subzone OLZ/3. For correlation of fabric elements see Table 4.1.
Struktuurgegewens van subsone OLZ/3. Vir korrelasie van maakselelemente verwys Tabel 4.1.

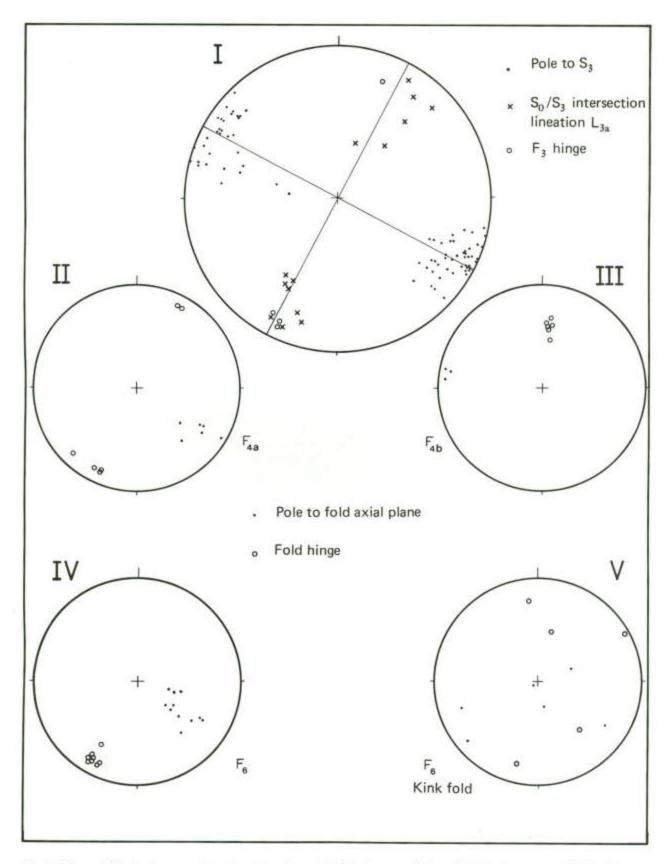
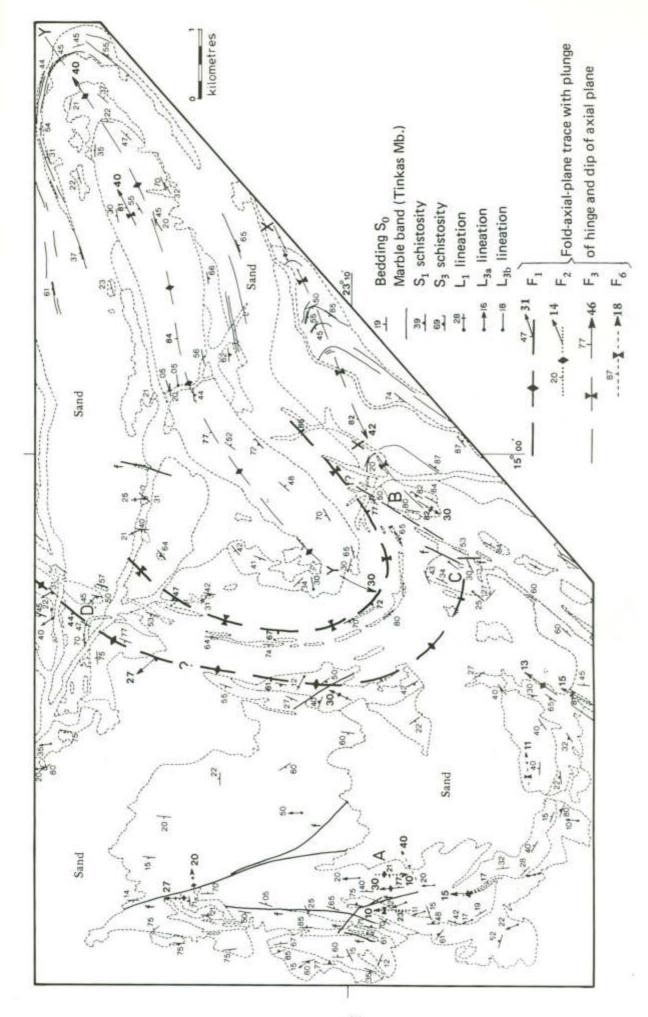


Fig. 3.12 - Fabric-element orientations in subzone OLZ/3. For correlation of fabric elements see Table 4.1.
Maakselelementoriëntasies in subsone OLZ/3. Vir korrelasie van maakselelemente verwys Tabel 4.1.



Struktuurgegewens van subsone CZ/1. Verwys Tabel 4.1 vir korrelasie van maakselelemente. A, B, C, D, X-X en Y-Y verwys na lokaliteite en plooie in teks genoem. - Structural details of subzone CZ/1. See Table 4.1 for correlation of fabric elements. A, B, C, D, X-X and Y-Y refer to localities and folds mentioned in the text. Fig. 3.13

Table 3.3-MAIN CHARACTERISTICS OF CENTRAL ZONE PENETRATIVE FABRIC ELEMENTS

Element	Occurrence	Main features	General orientation	Effect on pre-existing fabrics
S <sub>o</sub>	CZ/1 and 2	Bedding, variation of lithology, mineralogy, grain size of colour	Variable	
$S_1$	CZ/1 and 2	Schistosity in metapelites, parallelism of biotite and muscovite where present. Many granitic neo- somes parallel S <sub>1</sub>	Variable, generally north-westerly dip- ping	Subparallel to S <sub>0</sub> in most areas except F <sub>1</sub> fold closures
F <sub>1</sub>	CZ/1 and 2	Tight to isoclinal moderately inclined gently plunging folds, $S_1$ is axial-planar, hinge parallel to $L_1$	Hinge north or north- westerly plunge	Folds S <sub>0</sub> which it locally inverts. Elongation of clasts in Chuos Formation defines L <sub>1</sub>
$\begin{array}{c} S_2 \\ F_4 \end{array}$	CZ/1 CZ/1 and 2	Extremely weak alignment of biotite in F <sub>2</sub> closures Tight to isoclinal gently inclined subhorizontal folds, S <sub>2</sub> axial-planar	Subhorizontal Hinge (L <sub>2</sub> ) 350/10	Reorientates biotites of S <sub>0</sub> and S
Sa	CZ/1 and 2	Schistosity or crenulation cleavage, locally very strong replacing S <sub>1</sub> . Alignment of the platy minerals, some granite neosomes parallel to S <sub>2</sub> planes	300/80	Intersection with S <sub>0</sub> = L <sub>3b</sub> (in east) mineral and lineation L <sub>3bc</sub> else where
$F_{a}$	CZ/1 and 2	Tight to isoclinal steeply inclined to upright gently plunging class 1C folds. S <sub>3</sub> axial-planar. Folds modified by diapirism	L <sub>sa</sub> hinge 350/10-20 and L <sub>ab</sub> hinge 210/ 30	Folds So, S1, F1 and F2
F <sub>4</sub>	CZ/2	Tight asymmetric moderately inclined, moderately plunging folds, class IC	Axial plane 025/55 and hinge 355/40- 025/60	Folds S <sub>0</sub> , S <sub>1</sub> , F <sub>1</sub> , F <sub>2</sub> , F <sub>3</sub> presen mainly in Karibib marble
$\mathbf{F}_{a}$	CZ/2	Close-tight moderately inclined moderately plung- ing class 1C folds	Axial plane 320/55 and hinge 010/40	Not observed folding F4
F <sub>4</sub>	CZ/1 and 2	Open parallel upright moderately plunging folds	Axial plane subverti- cal hinge 000-070/ 45	Folds F <sub>3</sub> and F <sub>4</sub>

#### 3.5.1.1 Fabric Elements

A number of planar fabric elements can be discerned of which two are clearly pre-Damara, but only the Damara structures will be considered. Linear fabric elements of Damara age are abundant and include fold hinges, mineral lineations, deformed clasts and intersection lineations.

Planar Elements—The Nosib Group rests unconformably upon the pre-Damara, in effect burying a pre-Nosib topography. Within the Nosib Group, bedding is recognised by heavy-mineral layering, presence of pebble bands, schist intercalations and sedimentary structures such as cross-laminations, channel fills and graded bedding. No bedding-plane structures appear to be preserved. The bedding is inverted at Fold C in Figure 3.13.

Bedding (S<sub>0</sub>) within the Chuos and Kuiseb Formations is less easy to define but nevertheless, can generally be found as lithological variations although sedimentary structures are scarce. A compositional layering seen in the Karibib marbles is probably bedding.

The  $S_1$  schistosity is well developed in pelites but very weakly developed in the quartzo-feldspathic rocks of the Nosib Group.  $S_1$  is generally subparallel to  $S_0$ , but can be seen to lie oblique to  $S_0$  locally (D in Fig. 3.13).

 $S_2$  is a very weak schistosity confined to the closures of  $F_2$  folds where biotites of  $S_0$  or  $S_1$  are reoriented (Fig. 4.3C.)

The S<sub>3</sub> schistosity or crenulation cleavage changes strikes from 350° to 035° from west to east as the Okahandja Lineament Zone is approached (Fig. 3.14 II and III). Flattened sillimanite knots also lie parallel to S<sub>3</sub> and oblique to S<sub>1</sub>.

Linear Elements—The  $L_1$  lineation is defined by the elongation of clast in the Chuos Formation and rarely by a lineation on  $S_1$  planes. The orientation of  $L_1$  is variably due to later folding, notably by  $F_3$ .

F2 fold hinges define the L2 lineation.

The change in orientation of S<sub>3</sub> from west to east is reflected in the orientation of associated lineations (Fig. 3.14 II and III). The L<sub>3a</sub> lineation found in the western part of CZ/1 is due to elongation of augen in

pre-Damara rocks, elongation of sillimanite knots and minor F<sub>3</sub> fold hinges in the Nosib. L<sub>3b</sub>, present adjacent to the Okahandja Lineament Zone, is defined by clast elongation in the Nosib and Chuos rocks and occasional minor F<sub>3</sub> fold hinges. Typical orientations are: L<sub>3a</sub> 355/30 and L<sub>3b</sub> 040-220/00-20. L<sub>3b</sub> in the Central Zone parallels L<sub>3a</sub> of the Okahandja Lineament Zone.

## 3.5.1.2 Minor Folds

This subzone contains minor folds crucial to the correlation of Central Zone structures with those of the Okahandja Lineament Zone.

Recumbent, nearly isoclinal F<sub>2</sub> minor folds occur at A in Figure 3.13. The folds deform the fabric in pre-Damara gneisses and S<sub>1</sub> in the lowermost rather micaceous Nosib Group rocks. Axial planes are subhorizontal dipping either to the west or east.

 $F_3$  folds deform  $F_2$  structures (Fig. 4.3C) in the west of the subzone. In one example of an  $F_3$  fold (Fig. 4.3A) a pegmatite vein intrudes across the fold and is deformed co-axially with  $F_3$  suggesting post-pegmatite flattening of the  $F_3$  fold. In other cases pegmatite and granitic leucosomes are intruded parallel to  $F_3$  axial planes.

F<sub>3</sub> minor folds change orientation from west to east across the subzone as shown in Figure 3.13. The change of F<sub>3</sub> hinges from west (L<sub>3a</sub>) to east (L<sub>3b</sub>) is shown in Figure 3.14 II and III.

F<sub>6</sub> minor folds are frequently found in the western part of the subzone, but do not significantly affect the outcrop pattern.

#### 3.5.1.3 Major Folds

Two major pre-F<sub>3</sub> axial plane traces are shown on Figure 3.13. These folds have S<sub>1</sub> axial-planar and L<sub>1</sub> defining hinge directions. The folds are F<sub>1</sub> since the axial-planar schistosity S<sub>1</sub> is folded by another pre-F<sub>3</sub> fold trend in the west of the subzone. F<sub>1</sub> folds invert the stratigraphy locally (B and C in Fig. 3.13, Section 4). The non-inverted limb is characterised by subhorizontal Nosib rocks north-west of Chungochoabberg.

F<sub>3</sub> folds in the western part of the subzone commonly have faults developed parallel to their limbs.

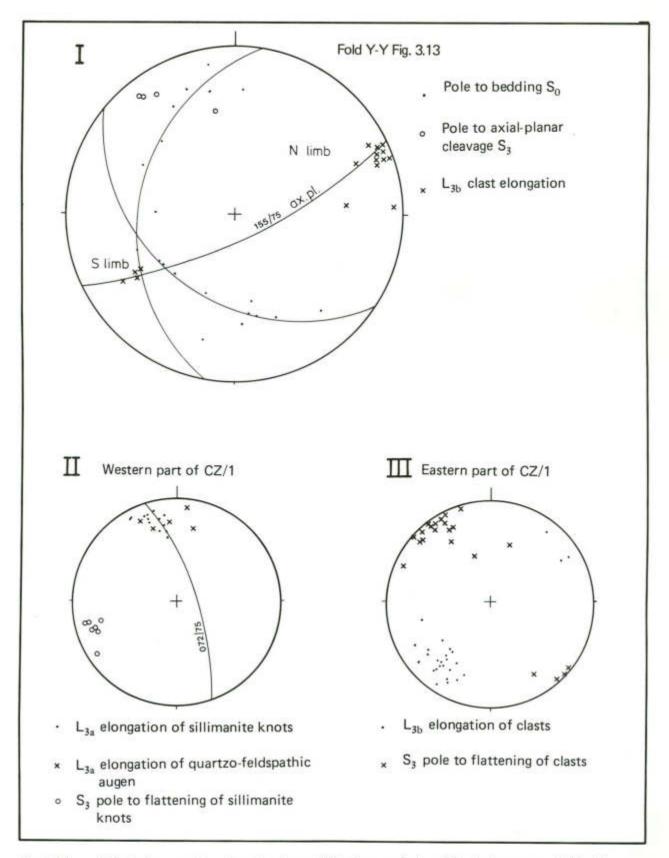


Fig. 3.14 — Fabric-element orientations in subzone CZ/1. For correlation of fabric elements see Table 4.1.
Maakselelementoriëntasies in subsone CZ/1. Vir korrelasie van maakselelemente verwys Tabel 4.1.

At the boundary with the Okahandja Lineament Zone an F<sub>3</sub> brachy-antiform Y-Y on Figure 3.13 deforms F<sub>1</sub> axial-plane traces. The shape of the fold results from F<sub>1</sub>/F<sub>3</sub> interference, but may also be due to the intrusion of a large body of Salem Granite 5 km north of the fold deflecting the northern part of the Y-Y fold-axial trace. An axial-planar fracture cleavage is developed in the Nosib rocks of the fold and parallels S<sub>3</sub> in the Okahandja Lineament Zone. Fold X-X is indicated to be a synform from the attitude of marble bands in the Tinkas Member, but contains older rocks in the core, indicating the stratigraphy to be inverted.

## 3.5.1.4 Major Faults and Discontinuities

The fold Y-Y (Fig. 3.13) has a well-developed fracture cleavage which appears to be closely axial-planar. It is noted (Fig. 3.13) that the elongation of pebbles on the northern limb plunges north-eastwards, whilst the elongation plunges south-westwards for the other limb. In addition, poles to S<sub>0</sub> on a band of marble (Tinkas Member) outlining the northern closure fall on separate great circles (Fig. 3.14 I), suggesting some degree of axial-planar movement.

Faulting in Nosib Group rocks north-west of Chungochoabberg is often accompanied by a distinct red colouration of rock adjacent to the fault plane, due to growth of microcline.

#### 3.5.2 Subzone CZ/2

This subzone covers an area dominated by fold structures in the Karibib Formation (Fig. 3.15).

#### 3.5.2.1 Fabric Elements

Two penetrative planar-fabric elements are seen in the area. Linear elements include mineral lineations, clast elongations and fold hinges. The orientation of the latter is to some extent dependent on later folding.

Planar Elements—Differing lithologies in the Chuos and Karibib Formations make S<sub>0</sub> bedding readily apparent. Calc-silicate layers frequently parallel to S<sub>0</sub> in the Karibib marble are boudinaged and/or folded.

In areas of local partial melting, granitic neosomes are often found parallel to  $S_1$  (e.g. red gneissic granite). Later folding-and-diapir formation gives rise to a highly variable orientation to  $S_1$ .

The subvertical  $S_3$  fabric is occasionally seen in pelites folded by  $F_3$ .  $S_3$  crenulates  $S_1$  and contains flattened sillimanite knots. Locally partial-melt neosomes may intrude along  $S_3$ .

Linear Elements—The L<sub>1</sub> lineation is defined by elongation of clasts within the Chuos Formation, forming a lineation on S<sub>1</sub> planes.

The L<sub>2</sub> lineation is formed by F<sub>2</sub> fold hinges occasionally seen as folded calc-silicate bands within the Karibib marble.

Mineral lineation  $L_{3a}$  due to elongated aggregates of sillimanite, cordierite or quartzo-feldspathic neosomes (augen) lies parallel to  $F_3$  hinges and all plunge gently northwards. In many cases cordierite porphyroblasts lie along the  $S_1/S_3$  intersection but parallel to  $L_{3a}$ . The orientation of  $L_{3a}$  lineations is shown in Figure 3.16 I and II.

#### 3.5.2.2 Minor Folds

Folded interference patterns at B in Figure 3.15, suggest a gently inclined set of  $F_1$  minor folds to be present in the subzone.

Recumbent F<sub>2</sub> minor folds are occasionally seen where marble and pelite are interbedded, e.g. A in Figure 3.15. The subhorizontal axial planes dip gently eastwards with a northerly trending hinge line.

Minor F<sub>3</sub> folds are abundant in the Karibib marble, commonly accompanied by parasitic Z-, M- and S-shaped microfolds. F<sub>3</sub> interlimb angles are generally 5° or less. F<sub>3</sub> refolds F<sub>2</sub> giving rise to numerous interference fold patterns (Fig. 4.3).

F<sub>4</sub> minor folds are particularly common in the central part of the subzone, reorienting earlier structures (Figs 3.16 I and II).

F<sub>6</sub> concentric buckles with rare axial-planar fractures are common over the whole subzone.

## 3.5.2.3 Major Folds

The major F<sub>3</sub> folds trend north to north-eastwards and are locally modified by diapirism into north-trending dome structures (e.g. C, D, E in Fig. 3.15). The F<sub>3</sub> folds have essentially vertical limbs and appear to plunge northwards. Diapirically modified forms still plunge northwards, but often have a cylindrical form with bulbous antiforms and tightly pinched adjacent synforms, e.g. Sopiehoogte Antiform, C in Figure 3.15.

F<sub>4</sub> folds give rise to the north-westerly strike of the Karibib Formation south of Vogelfederberg.

F<sub>s</sub> folds are only present in the western part of the subzone and are arranged in en echelon fashion along the outcrop of the Karibib Formation.

#### 3.5.2.4 Major Faults and Discontinuities

No major faults have been recognised in this subzone.

#### 4. KINEMATIC INTERPRETATION

For the purposes of this chapter the fabric elements in each of the subzones are combined into an overall scheme for each zone; in Table 4.1 the elements present in the different zones are correlated. The relationship between the various elements observed is discussed and illustrated below enabling the overall histories of the subzones to be compiled (Tables 4.2, 4.3 and 4.4).

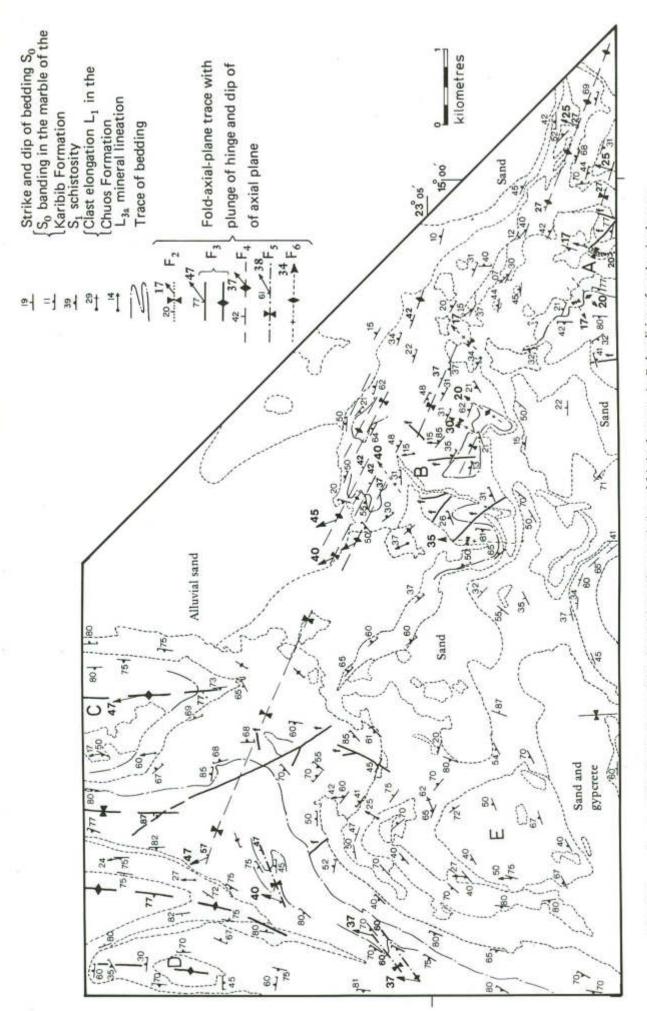
#### 4.1 TROUGH ZONE

Bedding is common to all areas, although it is rarely traceable over any distance in the field. The Matchless Member, although an excellent marker, may not reflect S<sub>0</sub> in all areas, notably the metagabbro bodies and ultramafic types which are probably intrusive into either pelites or metabasites.

In all three subzones there is a single dominant penetrative fabric, which has a fairly uniform orientation dipping moderately steeply north-westwards. In thin section the fabrics in Matchless Member rocks are marked by alignment in y-z planes of phyllosilicates in metapelites and amphiboles. A large proportion of all quartz veins observed lie parallel to this fabric. Transposition of bedding, notably calc-silicate layers, is characteristic of this fabric. The schistosity is common to all three subzones and is termed S<sub>2</sub> since it can be seen to crenulate an earlier fabric in TZ/2.

The S<sub>1</sub> biotite folia in TZ/2 are regularly spaced biotite-rich layers, possibly of pressure solution origin. It is not known whether the biotite has mimetically grown in S<sub>1</sub> or was there originally. All biotite flakes defining S<sub>1</sub> now lie parallel to S<sub>2</sub>. Since S<sub>1</sub> lies oblique to bedding in aluminous schists it is probably of structural or metamorphic origin (Fig. 4.1A).

There is also evidence of pre-S2 folding for TZ/2 where small tight F1 folds are obliquely cut and crenulated by



Struktuurgegewens van subsone CZ/2. Verwys Tabel 4,1 vir korrelasie van maakselelemente. A-E: lokaliteite waarna in teks verwys word. - Structural details of subzone CZ/2. See Table 4.1 for correlation of fabric elements. A-E: localities referred to in the text. Fig. 3.15

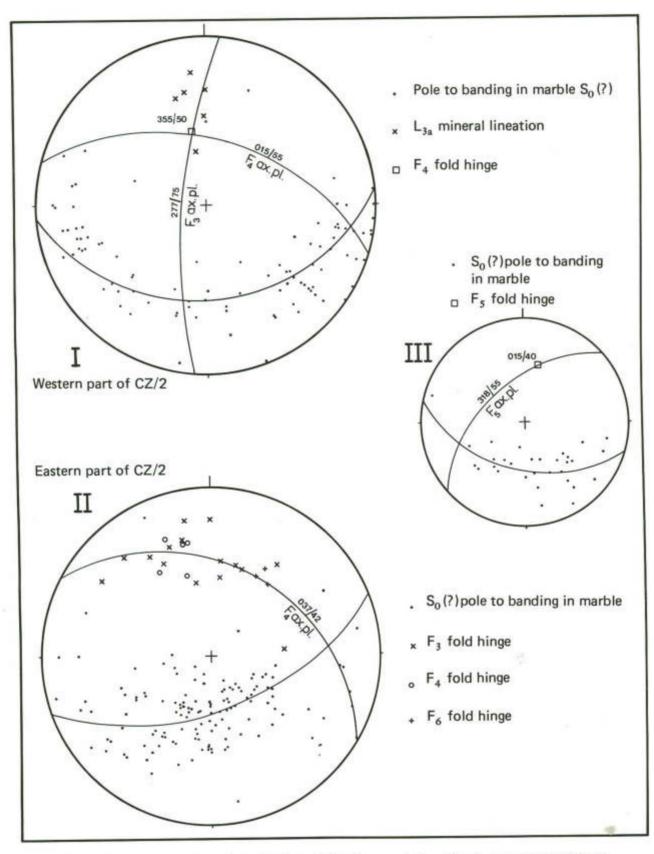
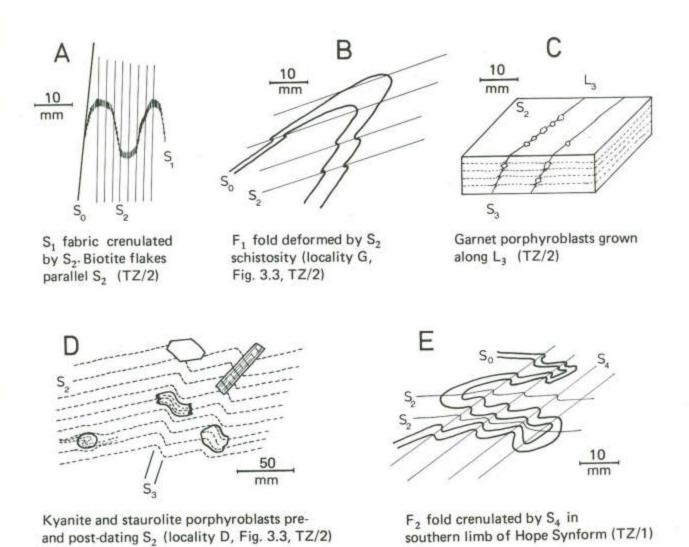
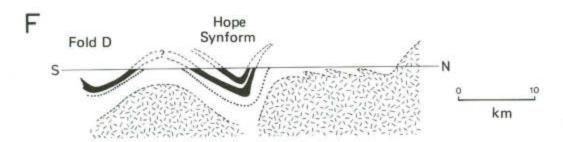


Fig. 3.16 - Fabric-element orientations of subzone CZ/2. For correlation of fabric elements see Table 4.1.
 Maakselelementoriëntasies van subsone CZ/2. Vir korrelasie van maakselelemente verwys Tabel 4.1.





Hypothetical N—S section across Hope Synform (TZ/1) and fold D (TZ/3) showing the Matchless Member (black) on the low-temperature side of the Donkerhuk Granite aureole sillimanite isograd (dotted line). Donkerhuk Granite shown hachured

Fig. 4.1 — Structural and fabric-element relationships in the Trough Zone. Struktuur-en maakselelementverhouding in die Trogsone.

Table 4.1—CORRELATION OF FABRIC ELEMENTS FOUND WITHIN EACH SUBZONE INTO OVERALL SCHEME FOR EACH MAJOR TECTONIC ZONE

Deformation event	PI	anar eleme	nts	L	inear elemer	nts		Folds	
TROUGH ZONE	TZ/I	TZ/2	TZ/3	TZ/1	TZ/2	TZ/3	TZ/I	TZ/2	TZ/3
D <sub>TI</sub> D <sub>T2</sub> D <sub>T3</sub> *D <sub>T4</sub> *D <sub>T4</sub> Post-Damara	S <sub>2</sub> S <sub>4</sub> S <sub>5a</sub>	S <sub>1</sub> S <sub>2</sub> S <sub>3</sub>	S <sub>2</sub> S <sub>4</sub> S <sub>58</sub>	L <sub>2</sub>	L <sub>2</sub> L <sub>3</sub>	L, L, L,	F <sub>a</sub> F <sub>4</sub> F <sub>5a</sub> , F <sub>5b</sub> F <sub>6</sub>	F <sub>1</sub> F <sub>2</sub> F <sub>3</sub>	F <sub>4</sub> F <sub>4a</sub>
OKAHANDJA LINEAMENT ZONE	OLZ/I	OLZ/2	OLZ/3	OLZ/I	OLZ/2	OLZ/3	OLZ/1	OLZ/2	OLZ/3
D <sub>L1</sub> D <sub>L2</sub> D <sub>L3</sub> D <sub>L4</sub> D <sub>L4</sub> D <sub>L5</sub> *D <sub>L6</sub>	S <sub>8</sub> S <sub>48</sub> , S <sub>4b</sub>	S <sub>1</sub> S <sub>f</sub> ? S <sub>3</sub> S <sub>4a</sub> S <sub>5</sub>	S <sub>1</sub> Sf? S <sub>3</sub> S <sub>40</sub> , S <sub>4b</sub> S <sub>5</sub> S <sub>6</sub>	Laa L4	L <sub>sa</sub> , L <sub>sb</sub> L <sub>4</sub>	L <sub>3a</sub> , L <sub>ab</sub> L <sub>4</sub> L <sub>5</sub>	F <sub>1</sub> ? F <sub>3</sub> F <sub>44</sub> , F <sub>4b</sub>	F <sub>8</sub> F <sub>4a</sub> F <sub>5</sub>	F <sub>3</sub> F <sub>3</sub> F <sub>48</sub> , F <sub>4b</sub> F <sub>5</sub> F <sub>6</sub>
CENTRAL ZONE	CZ/1	CZ/2		CZ/1	CZ/2		CZ/I	CZ/2	
D <sub>C1</sub>	S <sub>1</sub> S <sub>2</sub> S <sub>3</sub>	S <sub>1</sub> S <sub>2</sub>		L <sub>1</sub> L <sub>2</sub> L <sub>3a</sub> , L <sub>3b</sub>	L <sub>1</sub> L <sub>3a</sub>		F <sub>1</sub> F <sub>2</sub> F <sub>3</sub>	F <sub>1</sub> F <sub>2</sub> F <sub>3</sub> F <sub>4</sub> F <sub>4</sub>	

<sup>\*</sup> Deformation events associated with the emplacement of the Donkerhuk Granite.

### Table 4.2-SUMMARY OF DEFORMATION HISTORY OF THE TROUGH ZONE

		a deformations:
$D_{ri}$	Sı	Biotite fabric oblique to bedding
	S <sub>1</sub> F <sub>1</sub>	Tight rootless folds, hinge 310/17 axial plane 355/40; rare quartz veins parallel S,
$D_{T2}$	S.	Schistosity axial-planar to F <sub>a</sub> ; mean orientation 330/30
	S <sub>2</sub> F <sub>2</sub>	Tight to isoclinal class 1C folds, hinge 325/25-015/20 depending on later folding; many quartz segregation veins parallel S <sub>2</sub>
Dra	$S_a$	Crenulation cleavage and micro-folding axial plane 260-330/30-70; garnets grow along S <sub>2</sub> /S <sub>2</sub> intersection
Donkerhuk	Granite	emplacement (Late Damara):
$D_{T4}$	S.	Weak crenulation cleavage 332/32 axial planar to F.
	F <sub>4</sub> S <sub>5</sub> F <sub>5</sub> F <sub>5</sub>	Close-tight asymmetric folds, hinge 050/10–230/30
$D_{T^k}$	S.	Crenulation cleavage 340/10-000/07 west of Hope
14	F.	Minor folds chevron-type hinge 320/05-060/12 west of Hope
	F.	Minor folds of variable orientation on northern limb of Hope Synform

### Post-Damara:

 $F_a$ N-S-trending faults, joints and minor kink bands

# Table 4.3—SUMMARY OF DEFORMATION HISTORY OF THE OKAHANDJA LINEAMENT ZONE

neament	Zone Damara deformations:
S <sub>1</sub>	Biotite lamination, pressure solution cleavage (?) oblique to S <sub>0</sub>
F <sub>2</sub> S <sub>3</sub> F <sub>3</sub>	Tight to isoclinal, north-trending, gently inclined folds Axial-planar schistosity 312/80, transposing S <sub>0</sub> and S <sub>1</sub> local tectonic striping Tight to isoclinal class 1C/2 upright folds, locally with overturned short limb. Hinge 030-040/15 to 220/20 some long limbs sheared
S.	Weak axial-planar cleavage 300/75 or crenulation cleavage 280/70
huk pegi	matites:
F4a F4b	Open-tight upright folds hinge 200/25-240/50 Open-tight upright folds hinge 195/45 or 007/37 folds early Donkerhuk pegmatites S <sub>3</sub> parallel breccia and mylonite bands. Reactivation of S <sub>3</sub> planes. Sinistral offset of early Donkerhuk pegmatite
	S <sub>1</sub> S <sub>f</sub> ? F <sub>2</sub> S <sub>3</sub> F <sub>3</sub> S <sub>4</sub> huk pegi

Main Donkerhuk Granite emplacement (Late Damara): Crenulation cleavage of various orientations DLE Concentric open folds hinge 210/12, axial plane 300/25. Many kink folds; only adjacent to Donkerhuk Granite

Post-Damara: N-S-trending fractures and joints sinistral offset

#### Central Zone Damara deformations:

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$D_{c_1}$	St	Schistosity, axial-planar to F <sub>1</sub>
	F <sub>1</sub>	Moderately inclined folds with westward-dipping axial planes and north-westerly trending hinges
$D_{c_2}$	S <sub>1</sub> F <sub>1</sub> F <sub>2</sub>	Gently inclined folds with westerly dipping axial planes. North-south-trending hinges. Folds and reorientates S <sub>1</sub> biotites. Thrusting with north-south strike
Des	S.	Crenulation cleavage or axial-planar schistosity; subvertical
	$F_a$	Tight to isoclinal class 1C upright folds S <sub>3</sub> =axial plane c 300/80; hinge 355/20 Late modification by diapric rise gives domes and bulbous antiforms
D.	S.	Very, very weak axial-planar fracture cleavage
D <sub>cs</sub> D <sub>cs</sub>	S <sub>4</sub> F <sub>4</sub> F <sub>5</sub>	Close-tight class 1C folds axial plane variable 025/50; hinge 355/40-025/60
Des	F	Close tight small- to medium-scale folds, axial plane 320/55; hinge 010/40
Des	Fa	Small-scale open concentric folds: axial plane subvertical; hinge 000/50-070/40

the  $S_2$  fabric (Fig. 4.1B). No axial-plane structures were observed in the  $F_1$  folds. Evidence of large-scale  $F_1$  folds can be seen on aerial photographs covering the area around G in Figure 3.3 which indicate a large synformal structure ( $F_1$ ) refolded by  $F_2$  and cleaved by  $S_2$ . The north-eastern part of this fold at G in Figure 3.3 shows no pre- $S_2$  axial-planar fabric.

No evidence has been found to relate  $S_1$  and  $F_1$ ; these are, however, combined into  $D_{T1}$ .

S<sub>3</sub> and S<sub>4</sub> are observed to crenulate S<sub>2</sub> in TZ/2 and TZ/1 respectively (Fig. 4.1C, D and E). S<sub>3</sub> is considered to be older than S<sub>4</sub> on the grounds (Fig. 4.1C and D) of kyanite, staurolite and garnet growth across S<sub>3</sub> or along its L<sub>3</sub> lineation with S<sub>2</sub>. S<sub>4</sub>, however, has only been observed crenulating minerals, most notably post-S<sub>2</sub> random growth of actinolite (at F in Fig. 3.3). This suggests that S<sub>3</sub> pre-dates a regional metamorphism, whereas S<sub>4</sub> post-dates it. It is unlikely that the mineral growth across S<sub>3</sub> planes is related to the Donkerhuk Granite since thin sections fail to show muscovite replacement of kyanite or staurolite, typical of thermally affected Trough Zone rocks near the Donkerhuk Granite

No reason can be offered as to why S<sub>3</sub> is absent from TZ/1 and TZ/3, but within TZ/2 the S<sub>3</sub> fabric becomes stronger from west to east.

Large-scale folds deforming S<sub>2</sub> (i.e. F<sub>4</sub>) are unique to TZ/1 and TZ/3 since they are absent from TZ/2 and further east on sheet area 2315B\*. Hence F<sub>4</sub> folding is only a local phenomenon. Figure 8.1 shows both major F4 folds (the Hope Synform and Fold D in Figure 3.5) to lie on the low-temperature side of the sillimanite isograd (6). The proximity of the Donkerhuk Granite to the F<sub>4</sub> folds suggests a relationship. A schematic N-S crosssection through Hope Synform and Fold D (Fig. 3.5) is drawn (Fig. 4.1F) bearing in mind the position of the sillimanite isograd. As shown in Figure 3.5, S2 orientations are irregular between the Hope Synform and the Kuiseb River but define a post-S2 antiform between the Hope Synform and Fold D. This suggests that the amphibole schists of the Hope area and at Fold D are the same band. The Matchless Member rocks in the eastern part of TZ/3 are largely metagabbros and are probably separate bodies. Whether the curvature of the sillimanite isograd is due to F4 folds or to the increased thickness of rocks in the synform is uncertain. The second alternative is preferred.

The similar axial-plane orientations of the Hope Synform and Fold D suggest a common direction of maximum stress during formation, the plunges being controlled by the form of the intruding Donkerhuk Granite. Within this scheme the complex folds east of D are interpreted as disharmonic structures associated with the doming north of Fold D.

 $S_4$  and  $S_{4a}$  have similar dip directions but Figure 3.6 I shows the  $F_5$  hinge defining  $L_5$  on the  $S_5$  axial surface to have a completely different orientation to  $F_4$  folds to which  $S_4$  is axial-planar. This may, however, be related to variable orientation of the folded surface. The  $F_{5a}$  folds of TZ/3 are found only in extensively recrystallised migmatitic schists where they fold the  $S_2$  fabric. These also fold small Donkerhuk pegmatites intruded parallel to the  $S_2$  fabric. Folds of similar orientation and geometry occur in the closure of the Hope Synform, but affect non-migmatised rocks.

The folds designated  $F_{5b}$  along the northern edge of the Hope Synform are unique to that area, clearly postdating  $F_4$  by folding the  $L_4$  lineation (Fig. 3.2). Pegmatites intruded along  $F_{5b}$  axial planes are boudinaged\*, suggesting that folds formed during pegmatite emplacement. There is no interrelationship between the  $F_{5b}$  folds of the Hope Synform's northern flank and those just south-east of its closure. Both are considered to have originated through the emplacement of Donkerhuk Granite.

Late F<sub>6</sub> kink folds and crenulations are associated with joints and fractures and are of post-Damara age.

### 4.2 OKAHANDJA LINEAMENT ZONE

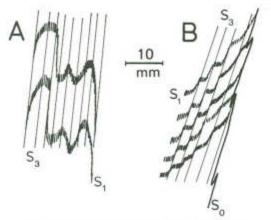
Bedding, S<sub>0</sub>, is readily discernible in the Tinkas Member, but is more difficult to recognise in the remainder of the Kuiseb Formation. Within the Tinkas Member graded bedding, turbidite structures (similar to those described by Allen 1970), and possible flute casts can be recognised locally. The sedimentary structures all indicate a sediment transport direction largely from the west.

S<sub>1</sub> biotite laminae are seen over much of the zone (especially in OLZ/2 and OLZ/3) east of the Tinkas Member. S<sub>1</sub> is strongly deformed being crenulated and transposed by S<sub>3</sub> giving rise to the L<sub>3b</sub> lineation. Figure 4.2A shows the general appearance of S<sub>1</sub> whilst Figure 4.2B from OLZ/3 shows S<sub>1</sub> to be oblique to S<sub>0</sub>, and that both are disrupted by S<sub>3</sub>. This and the very regular spacing suggest that S<sub>1</sub> is of structural origin. An origin as a pressure solution-type structure is preferred. In all cases the biotite defining S<sub>1</sub> has recrystallised parallel to S<sub>3</sub>.

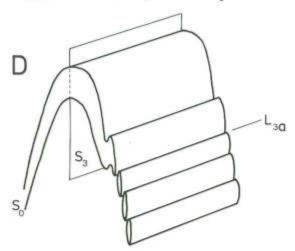
Evidence for pre-S<sub>3</sub> folding can be seen in OLZ/1 (Fig. 3.7, locality A) and OLZ/3 (Fig. 4.2C). In the first case a macroscopic fold is clearly crossed by the S<sub>3</sub> fabric which is not axial-planar to the fold; F<sub>3</sub> and F<sub>4</sub> also fold the structure. The resulting Type 3-interference pattern (Ramsay 1967) suggests that the earlier fold was gently inclined and had a northerly plunge ( $\alpha \simeq 0$ ,  $\beta < 70^{\circ}$ , Ramsay 1967, Fig. 10-2). The second case shows another Type 3-interference pattern, but on a microscopic scale. Figure 4.2C shows a gently inclined rootless fold crenu-

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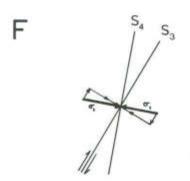
<sup>\*</sup> Personal communication: A Killick, Johannesburg Consolidated Investment Co. Ltd.



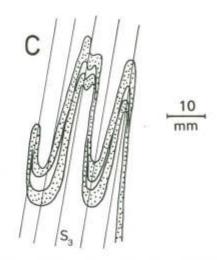
 $S_1$  crenulated and transposed by  $S_3$ ; note biotite flakes parallel to  $S_3$  (OLZ/3)



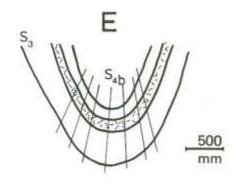
Relationship between  $F_3$ ,  $S_3$  and  $L_{3a}$  showing cleavage mullions formed by  $S_0/S_3$  intersection (OLZ/1)



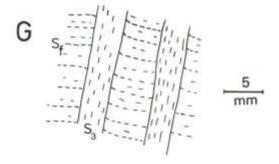
Sense of shear on  $S_3$  planes during  $F_4$  fold formation



 $\rm F_2$  fold refolded along  $\rm S_3$  planes (OLZ/3)



Fracture cleavage in  $F_{4b}$  synform deforming a pegmatite vein parallel to  $S_3$ 



 ${\rm S_3}$  schistosity cutting the  ${\rm S_f}$  fabric (OLZ/2)

Fig. 4.2 — Fabric-element relationships in the Okahandja Lineament Zone. Maakselelementverhoudings in die Okahandja-lineamentsone,

lated by S3. The geometry of this interference pattern and the known orientation of F3 suggest that F2 may have had a northerly trend. This microscopic interference fold deforms the S1 biotite fabric, the biotites of which now lie parallel to S3.

S3 is common to all three subzones; correlation is based upon similar orientations, similar microscopic relationships to micas, similar associated folds and continuity observable in the field. It is the principal fabric imparting a fissility to the rocks of the Okahandja Lineament Zone. The fabric is a schistosity although it probably originated as a crenulation cleavage (Fig. 4.2A). Williams (1972) notes that a schistosity may initially begin as a crenulation cleavage becoming modified to a true schistosity. The relationship between S<sub>a</sub>, F<sub>3</sub> and L<sub>3a</sub> is shown schematically in Figure 4.2D.

The  $S_3$  schistosity is folded (OLZ/1, Figure 3.8 IV and V) by  $F_{4a}$  and  $F_{4b}$ . These two folds have very similar profiles but slightly differing orientations.  $F_{4a}$  and  $F_{4b}$ are distinguished because F4b folds have been observed to fold and cleave pegmatites intruded parallel to S3 (Fig. 4.2E) whereas no such relationship has been observed with F4a folds. It is believed that both fold trends represent minor changes in trend during the same deformation during which pegmatite intrusion took place.

Although the relationship between F2, F3 and F4 can be established, the status of the 'breccia bands' and associated mylonites is uncertain. The sense of shear on S planes from offset pegmatites, drag folds and rotated porphyroblasts is sinistral during breccia band deformation. One set of en echelon tension gashes does, however, indicate a dextral sense of shear. The sense of shearing induced along S3 planes during F4 deformation would be dextral (Fig. 4.2F).

Breccia and mylonite bands post-date the Samut Granite and early Donkerhuk pegmatites, yet pre-date the late Donkerhuk pegmatites and main Donkerhuk Granite, and may thus in part overlap the F4 deformation. The sense of shear on S3 planes during F4 would mitigate against such a correlation.

The breccia bands could perhaps be the result of the emplacement of the Donkerhuk Granite, as they are more numerous near to the Donkerhuk Granite, that is towards the eastern edge of the Okahandja Lineament Zone. Crenulations and conjugate kink bands are commonly associated with the breccia bands. Because of the problem of assigning the breccia bands to either DL4 or DL6 they are given separate status as DL5 and probably are related to a stage of uplift occurring late in the Damaran orogenesis (Section 9).

Numerous crenulations and minor folds occur close to the Donkerhuk Granite and are considered to belong to the phase of granite emplacement on the following

- (1) They occur close to the granite and die out westwards (cf. Pitcher and Read 1960. Fig. 4).
- (2) They occur in migmatised pelites adjacent to the Donkerhuk Granite.
  - (3) They fold and boudinage many pegmatites. Therefore these structures are assigned to DL6.

The S<sub>f</sub> fabric is problematical in that it has not been observed in direct association with any folds. Its relationship to S<sub>3</sub> is shown in Figure 4.2G, which indicates that S<sub>f</sub> pre-dates S<sub>3</sub> (see also Turner and Weiss 1963, Figs 2-8 and 4-29). Muscovites in the aluminium-rich pelites are generally parallel to S3 planes whereas biotites tend to parallel Sf or are irregularly oriented. In a few cases S<sub>f</sub> traces appear to curve slightly into S<sub>3</sub> planes. S<sub>f</sub> is crenulated by the various crenulation cleavages near the Donkerhuk Granite. Regional metamorphic andalusite and cordierite often enclose Sf helicitically since these minerals tend to grow in aluminium-rich pelites.

The orientation of S<sub>f</sub> is such that it may represent an axial-planar fabric to the F2 folds. It is also interesting to note that Sf bears a similar orientation to S2 of the Trough Zone (Section 9).

# 4.3 CENTRAL ZONE

The relationship between fold phases is based largely upon interference structures which are very common in CZ/2.

In CZ/2, and the rest of the Central Zone, folds with a northerly or north-easterly trend are common, and are accompanied by a crenulation cleavage or schistosity (S<sub>3</sub>). In the CZ/1 subzone, however, the orientation of these folds and S<sub>3</sub> changes markedly from west to east across the subzone, trending more north-east at the Okahandja Lineament Zone boundary. The relationship of these folds and the peak of metamorphism is illustrated in Figure 4.3A and G. In the former case a pegmatite is intruded across an F3 fold and deformed co-axially with that fold, whilst in the latter example granitic neosomes are intruded parallel to fold-axial planes. This relationship to metamorphism can be seen throughout the Central Zone. The peak of metamor-phism during late or just after F<sub>3</sub> corresponds with an episode of diapir formation. The rise of the domes, detailed in the next chapter, has in many cases modified F3 folds making antiforms bulbous or cylindrical in form.

Evidence for two deformation events prior to F<sub>3</sub> comes largely from CZ/2 and may be summarised thus:

- Figure 4.3B shows the enveloping surface of an F<sub>2</sub> fold containing and deforming a train of basin-and-dome structures (Type 1-interference pattern) indicating two fold phases pre-dating F3 assuming that the basins and domes are due to fold interference and not non-cylindrical inhomogeneous folding.
- (2) Figure 4.3D and E show Type 2-interference patterns in which one of the deforming fold episodes is F3. Since the geometry of F3 is well known the geometry of the other fold set can be inferred from the interference pattern ( $\alpha > 20^{\circ}$ ,  $\beta < 70^{\circ}$ ). This suggests the other and earlier fold set to have had gently inclined axial surfaces, which is confirmed by direct observation at A in Figure 3.15. Hinges probably plunge northwards.
- (3) If Figure 4.3B represents a folded interference pattern it is possible to state that one of the fold sets involved in the Type 1-interference pattern had a gently inclined axial surface. Therefore with  $\alpha \neq 0^{\circ}$ ,  $\beta > 70^{\circ}$  for Type 1-patterns it is possible that the other fold set also had moderate to gently inclined axial planes. Hinge trends of F<sub>1</sub> and F<sub>2</sub> are probably at a fairly large angle from the shape of domes and basins.

Evidence from CZ/1 supplements that of CZ/2 thus:

- (4) S<sub>1</sub> is folded by a gently inclined fold (F<sub>2</sub>) trending north-south which is in turn folded by F3 (Fig.
- (5) S<sub>1</sub> is axial-planar to F<sub>1</sub> folds and intersects S<sub>0</sub> at a high angle in F<sub>1</sub> closures. F<sub>1</sub> folds invert the stratigraphy at B and C in Figure 3.13, the former locality is a Type 1-interference pattern of basin form. These folds have a north-westerly plunge and are gently to moderately inclined although strongly deformed by F3.

The fabric and structural relationships in both CZ/1 and CZ/2, therefore tend to suggest two fold episodes prior to F<sub>3</sub> as shown in Table 4.4.

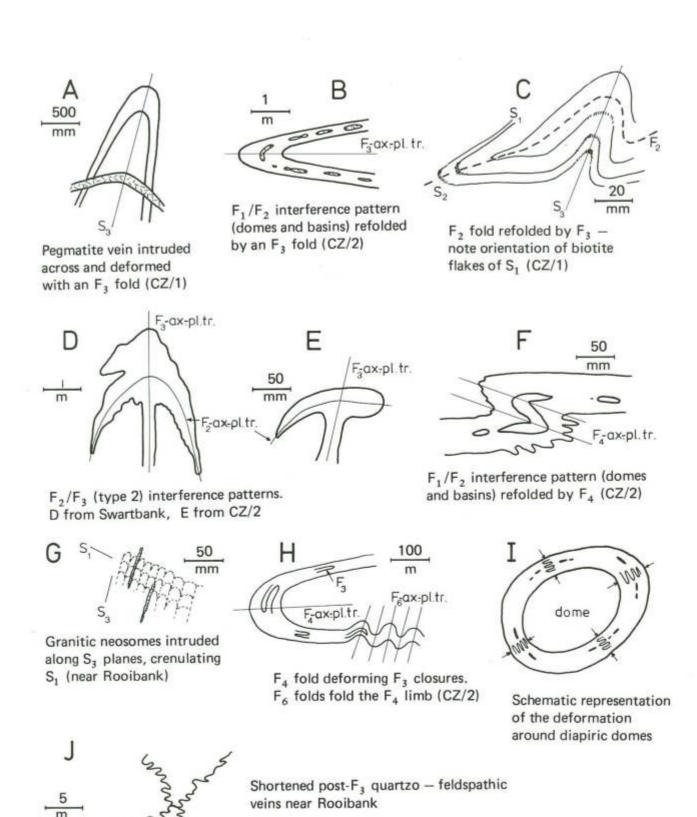


Fig. 4.3 - Structural and fabric-element relationships in the Central Zone.

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 $S_3$  is a locally strong crenulation cleavage which deforms  $S_1$  (Fig. 4.3G). On  $F_3$  fold limbs, however,  $S_1$  and  $S_3$  are subparallel, a fact observed in the Rooibank area where a thin section of a pelite from an  $F_3$  fold limb shows  $S_1$  and  $S_3$  to be about  $5^\circ$  apart. Thus mineral lineations and mineral-fabric relations on  $F_3$  fold limbs are difficult to determine accurately since both  $S_1$  and  $S_3$  schistosities are virtually parallel. At  $F_3$  fold closures, however,  $S_1$  and  $S_3$  are virtually perpendicular and clearly visible as separate fabrics.

The S<sub>1</sub> schistosity is in general concentrically folded around F<sub>3</sub> dome structures.

Over most of the Central Zone, dome structures are accompanied by layer-parallel extensional features such as boudins or elongated clasts, and compressional features such as shortened veins perpendicular to layering (Fig. 4.3 I). This represents the expected strains developed during diapiric rise of domes (Fletcher 1972; Dixon 1975).

In the area north of Rooibank quartz veins intersecting at right angles show shortening in all directions on the horizontal plane, indicating constrictional strain with possible extension in the vertical sense. Such a deformation scheme is not compatible with diapiric dome formation seen further eastwards in the Central Zone. Any domes within the western extremity of the mapped area may thus be of interference origin.

 $F_4$  folds in the CZ/2 subzone deform both  $F_1/F_2$  interference patterns (Fig. 4.3F) and  $F_3$  folds (e.g. Fig. 4.3H, which shows schematically a thick marble unit containing  $F_3$  minor folds deformed by  $F_4$ ).

F<sub>5</sub> minor folds are of local occurrence and are considered to be separate from F<sub>4</sub> because of differing axial plane orientation.

Minor  $F_6$  folds occur throughout the subzone deforming  $F_3$  and  $F_4$  fold limbs (Fig. 4.3H). These are parallel folds and generally of small amplitude.

Several large-scale dislocations are present west of Hamilton Beacon. These structures generally have vertical dips, as a result of subsequent folding by F<sub>3</sub>. In one example the dislocation plane cuts Salem Granite and induces a locally strong schistosity parallel to the shear plane (Ramsay and Graham 1970). The age of these structures is believed to be D<sub>2</sub> as they appear to have been low-angle thrusts subsequently refolded by F<sub>3</sub>. The sense of movement on the dislocation planes indicates overriding from the west or north-west.

# 5. SOME ASPECTS OF QUANTITATIVE STRUC-TURAL ANALYSIS

Several aspects of the structural geology in the area mapped are of special interest because of relevance to the broad-scale development of the Damara Orogen. Several aspects will be dealt with, one from each of the major structural areas:

- Structures due to gravity tectonics in the Central Zone.
  - (2) F2 fold development in the Trough Zone.
- (3) Strain determinations in the Trough Zone and the Okahandja Lineament Zone.

### 5.1 STRUCTURES DUE TO GRAVITY TECTONICS IN THE CENTRAL ZONE

### 5.1.1 General Description

During mapping of the Central Zone eight dome or brachy-antiforms were recognised (Fig. 5.1). Two of these structures are rather elongated with length to breadth ratios of about five whereas for the other domes the ratio is about two. In general the domes are elongated approximately north-south, with the exception of the structure A-A in Figure 5.1 which has a north-easterly trend. Several of the structures have slightly curved axial-plane traces probably due to deformation during  $D_{C4}$  or  $D_{C5}$ . The structure A-A in Figure 5.1 is possibly a  $D_{C1}$ - $D_{C3}$  interference fold whilst the other domes further west are diapirs of late  $D_{C3}$  age.

The domes all have near-vertical, vertical or even overturned margins and are surrounded by pinched synformal areas. The domal nature is shown by the outcrop distribution of either Nosib Group or Karibib Formation rocks. The structures may be divided into two groups, an eastern and a western one separated by the Hamilton Mountain range. The eastern group is characterised by having a core of pre-Damara rocks which is overlain unconformably by Damara metasediments. This contact is not tectonised. In the Leeukop Antiform, for example, the basal Nosib metarudite contains clasts of the underlying pre-Damara and can be traced around the whole structure north of the area mapped. The pre-Damara core rocks consist of high-grade paragneiss, ortho-augen gneiss and minor amounts of schist, quartzite and calc-silicate rocks. The pre-Damara and parts of the Nosib sequence are extensively migmatised forming red gneissic, red homogeneous and buff leucocratic granites. Some red homogeneous granite bodies and veinlets intrude the Nosib Group rocks across the unconformity.

The western domes lack the core of pre-Damara rocks although red homogeneous and red gneissic granite derived from Nosib Group rocks are present in the cores. The Nosib Group rocks forming these domes frequently have vertical dips throughout much of the dome structure.

The difference in the two dome levels may be due simply to erosion, but it seems more likely to be due to level of diapir rise controlled by such factors as cover thickness, degree of heating with resultant viscosity contrasts or basement control in the location of the domes.

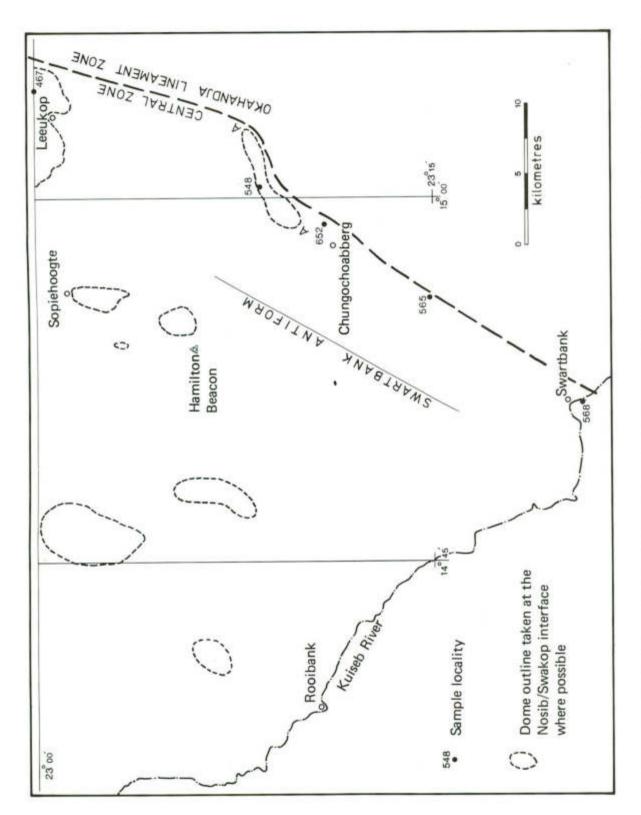
The Damara domes closely resemble the mantled gneiss domes of the Karelidies (Eskola 1948) and those of the Appalachians (Thompson et al. 1968; Naylor 1968).

In the original description, Eskola considered that mantled gneiss domes formed over granite plutons in the basement of a later cover sequence, these granites being remobilised during the "orogenic revolutions" which deformed the cover sequence, and the basement granites then rising into the cover. Since Eskola, further work (e.g. Thompson et al. 1968; Naylor 1968) have shown that many mantled gneiss domes do not contain basement plutons in their cores, but all do contain high-grade rocks of essentially granitic composition.

An alternative origin for the Damara domes is that they are interference structures. Evidence (see below) suggests they are diapiric structures.

# 5.1.2 Model for Damara Domes

Mapping has shown the Damara to be deposited on an essentially flat terrain, with occasional topographic highs of up to 800 m (Sawyer 1979). The nature of the Nosib sediments, however, suggests deposition on a highly eroded basement (Smith 1965; Sawyer 1979). The underlying pre-Damara rocks consist of high-grade granitic gneisses of igneous and sedimentary origin, together with pelitic schists and minor amounts of other rock



Ligging van koepelstrukture in die Sentraalsone. A-A stel 'n interferensieplooi voor. Monstervindplekke soos na verwys in Seksie Fig. 5.1 - Location of dome structures in the Central Zone. A-A represents an interference fold. Sample localities are those referred to in

types. In contrast, the Damara metasediments consist of quartzites and marbles overlain by a considerable thickness of pelitic schist. The approximate thickness of the Damara pile above the Karibib Formation can be estimated from the metamorphic mineral assemblages contained within the metapelites. For the Central Zone, pressures are of the order of 4 kb (Section 8) giving an approximate thickness of 13,5 km above the Karibib Formation or 16 km above the pre-Damara—Damara contact, Thus in a pre-orogenic state with a normal geothermal gradient (say 25 °C, km<sup>-1</sup>) the rocks at the contact would be at about 400 °C.

At the pressure and temperature of burial it is reasonable to assume that the Damara cover will be largely dewatered and compacted, losing much of its pore space. The bulk density will then be of the order 2,70 g. cm<sup>-3</sup>. Bean (1953) shows that there is an increase in density from about 2,77 g. cm<sup>-3</sup> to 2,82 g. cm<sup>-3</sup> between medium- and high-grade metapelitic rocks. The implication is that during ensuing metamorphism the Damara cover will become progressively denser. The mean density of granitic rocks is about 2,67 g. cm<sup>-3</sup> (Johnson and Wenk 1974), so even before tectonism and metamorphism the Damara cover and the pre-Damara floor constituted a layered sequence with marked density contrast and with denser material over lighter.

The lowermost Damara, the Nosib Group, presents a slight complexity. The quartz-microcline dominant Etusis Formation is of granitic composition and hence of granitic density. The Khan Formation, however, is essentially calc-silicate material and would have a bulk density comparable to the metapelites. Mechanically the Nosib as a whole is "competent" and similar to the underlying basement.

A situation with denser material resting upon less dense material is gravitationally unstable. The unstable state is relieved by "spontaneous overturn" of the inverted density stratification (Ramberg 1967, 1968a, 1973; Fletcher 1972; Dixon 1975). The relief of instability takes the form of the development of small amplitude waves at the interface between the two media due to rise of the buoyant less dense layer. Several groups of waves will be established (Ramberg 1968, 1968a and 1968b) but a dominant wavelength based on layer thickness will produce bulges on the interface as the less dense material is forced upwards. The initiation of the dominant wavelength is dependent on the viscosity contrast, with the only condition that the overlying layer is not perfectly rigid. However, for rapid development and sustained rise, an optimum viscosity contrast is required.

Thus by establishing a model based on this principle it is possible to predict the spacing of the incipient waves developed on the interface, waves which could be established before any significant deformation and more important metamorphism.

### 5.1.3 Simple Model for Dome Initiation

If the Damara cover sequence above the Etusis Formation has a minimum thickness of 15 km and a bulk mean density of  $\rho$ =2,76 g. cm<sup>-3</sup> (Johnson and Wenk 1974, Table II), and overlies a granitic basement (including the Etusis Formation) of mean density  $\rho$ =2,67 g. cm<sup>-3</sup>, a two-layer model can be assumed in the initial case. The thickness of the pre-Damara is not known, but a minimum value can be set by halving the diameter of the largest dome—this gives about 4 km. In addition approximately 1 km is required for the Etusis Formation giving 5 km.

Within a crustal sequence it is noted that a discontinuity — the Conrad — separates granitic crust

 $\rho$ =2,67 g. cm<sup>-3</sup>, from dioritic to gabbroic material  $\rho$ =3,1 g. cm<sup>-3</sup>. This boundary is concidered to be rigid and gravitationally stable with light material above more dense material. Although not always present as a marked discontinuity (change in seismic velocity of 6,0 km. s<sup>-1</sup> to 6,5 km. s<sup>-1</sup>) it has an average depth of about 20–25 km (Rast 1969).

In the non-orogenic case a two-layer model is not too unrealistic, but during an orogenic episode probably a four-layer model is required to describe all the density and viscosity variations expected. For the model chosen the upper surfaces of the top layer (Layer 1) will be assumed to be free since the thickness of the cover is large, compared to the basement thickness (15 km against 5 km). The model scheme is shown in Figure 5.2.

In Ramberg's consideration of the simple two-layer model (1968a, 1968b), growth of the instability at the Layer 1/Layer 2-interface has been calculated for various viscosity contrasts  $\eta_1/\eta_2$ . The wavelength of the dominant perturbation is dependent upon viscosity  $\eta$ , density  $\rho$ , layer thickness h, rate of change of amplitude and number of layers. For the above model, curves relating the various factors have been calculated by Ramberg (1968a, 1968b) and are shown in Figure 5.3. The maximum for each curve corresponds to the dominant wavelength.

The viscosity contrast between Layer I and Layer 2 (pelitic and granitic respectively) has to be estimated. Examination of the structures within the domes shows that the core rocks are relatively undeformed with most of the deformation being confined to small ductile shear zones. The marble and pelitic sequence above is strongly deformed. These factors indicate that the Layer 2-rocks are far more viscous than the cover rocks, i.e.  $1 > \eta_1/\eta_2 > 0$ . This is in marked contrast to salt domes where the rising salt is both less dense and less viscous than the mantle rocks. Fletcher (1972) has suggested that the bulk viscosity of core gneisses may be up to 100 times that of the mantling rocks, so that  $\eta_1/\eta_2$  is of the order 0,01.

For the calculation of the dominant wavelength forming on the Layer 1/Layer 2-interface, data can be obtained from Figures 5.3 where:

h<sub>2</sub>=thickness of Layer 2

λ =dominant wavelength

$$\phi = \frac{2\pi h_2}{\lambda}$$

v =vertical velocity component

y =amplitude

$$q = \frac{(\rho_1 - \rho_2)h_2g}{2\eta_2}$$

 $k = \frac{v}{yq} = \frac{growth}{the}$  factor, i.e. time required to enlarge the original amplitude 100 times

thus for:

(a) 
$$\eta_1/\eta_2 = 1$$
  $\phi = 1,95$  and

(b) 
$$\eta_1/\eta_2 = 0$$
  $\phi = 2,49$ 

let h<sub>2</sub>=5 km

$$\lambda_a = 16,1 \text{ km} \text{ and } \lambda_b = 12,6 \text{ km}$$

The dominant wavelength range of 16,1 km to 12,6 km, depending on the viscosity contrast is in good agreement with the observed dome separations of 13,5 km (one very small dome with length of less than 2,5 km is ignored, as the remainder have a mean length of  $6\pm2,5$  km).

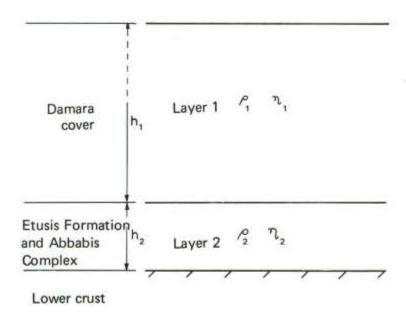


Fig. 5.2 – Simple two-layer model for Damara dome formation by diapirism. Base of layer 2 is rigid. Eenvoudige tweelaagmodel om Damara-koepelvorming deur middel van diapirisme te verduidelik. Basis van laag 2 is star.

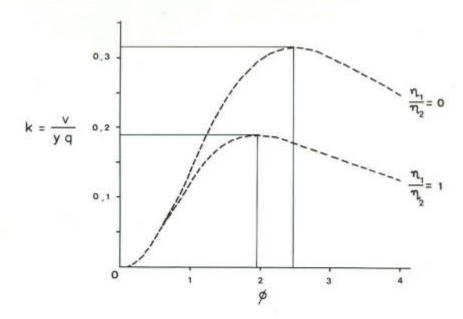


Fig. 5.3 — Growth factor k plotted against  $\phi$  for a simple two-layer model (Fig. 5.2) with selected viscosity ratios  $\eta_1/\eta_2$ . Maxima show  $\phi$  values of dominant perturbation (after Ramberg 1968b).

Groeifaktor k uitgestip teen  $\phi$  vir 'n eenvoudige tweelaagmodel (Fig. 5.2) met geselekteerde viskositeitverhoudings  $\eta_1/\eta_2$ . Maksima toon  $\phi$ -waardes van dominante versteuring (volgens Ramberg 1968b).

The effect of making the granitic Layer 2 thicker, to say, 7 km, is to change the dominant wavelengths, thus

(a) 
$$\eta_1/\eta_2=1$$
  $\lambda_a=22,5 \text{ km}$   
(b)  $\eta_2/\eta_2=0$   $\lambda_b=17,7 \text{ km}$ 

An expression derived by Ramberg (1968b) estimates the time taken for a 100 times amplification of the wave amplitude:

$$t = \frac{4.6}{kq}$$

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 for (a)  $\eta_1/\eta_2 = 1$   $h_2 = 5 \text{ km}$   $t_a = 70 \times 10^6 \text{ y}$  (b)  $\eta_1/\eta_2 = 0$   $h_2 = 5 \text{ km}$   $t_b = 42 \times 10^6 \text{ y}$ 

(b) 
$$\eta_1/\eta_2=0$$
  $h_2=5 \text{ km}$   $t_b=42\times10^6 \text{ y}$ 

assuming  $\eta_2=2,2\times10^{21}$  poise, and  $\rho_1-\rho_2=0,1$  g. cm<sup>-3</sup> the time for growth is longer than would occur in practice, since changes in density and viscosity within increasing temperature all tend to accelerate dome growth since  $\eta_2$  would decrease and  $\rho_1$ - $\rho_2$  would increase.

These estimates are intended to establish the spacing between sites of potential dome formation. Establishment thereof could well have begun before metamorphism, although the Damaran metamorphic events would provide the impetus for rapid dome formation. Assumptions made in establishing the model are (i) Newtonian viscosity, (ii) small amplitude/wavelength ratio (sinusoidal), (iii) negligible internal forces, (iv) two-dimensional flow, and (v) orthogonal gravity-field symmetry (Ramberg 1968a).

# 5.1.4 Origin of the Damara Domes

Deposition of a thick sequence of largely metapelitic rocks upon a granitic pre-Damara basement, initiated a gravitational instability even before orogenic activity. The instability is relieved by flexing of the interface, taken as the top of the Etusis Formation, the perturbations being the site for future rapid diapiric dome rise, spaced between 12,6 km and 16,1 km. During ensuing Damara metamorphism the density contrast would increase as the metapelites progressively recrystallised and lost water whereas the viscosity of the granitic layer would tend to be lower although still higher than that of the cover rocks. These two factors would tend to accelerate dome rise at pre-established interface perturbations.

The irregularities in the pre-Damara—Damara interface would have had an effect on compaction of the overlying Damara sediments giving rise to incipient antiforms and potential sites of dome rise. However, by considering the Etusis Formation as mechanically part of the granitic Layer 2, large-scale irregularities will not be present. The effect of compaction over topography is merely to give a locus for later diapiric rise of granitic material.

The shape of many domes with overturned margins, or, as in the case of the Sopiehoogte Antiform, a flattened inclined cylindrical shape, is suggestive of diapir structures. Folding during F<sub>4</sub> and F<sub>5</sub> has affected the dome outcrop pattern, e.g. at Leeukop.

Dixon (1975) has studied the states of finite strain within diapir core and mantle rocks and finds distinct structural patterns to be expected at different erosion levels within an individual diapir. From this evidence it would appear that progressively lower levels are seen to the west.

Evidence suggesting a diapiric rather than interference fold origin are:

- (a) initial gravity instability,
- (b) dome spacing,
- (c) dome rise during peak of metamorphism with granite generation (Section 7),

- (d) dome shape and form,
- (e) highly irregular pattern of associated synforms, which appear to be marginal synformal development as a result of intrusion through density inversion,
- (f) lack of systematic lines of fold axes and large-scale interference pattern.\*

Viscosity contrast structures are common in the central zone as a whole, with large-scale antiforms having a bulbous shape, but synforms generally tightly pinched.

# 5.2 F2 FOLD DEVELOPMENT IN THE TROUGH

Tight to nearly isoclinal  $F_2$  folds (of  $D_{T2}$ ) are very common in the Trough Zone. These invariably have a strong axial-planar schistosity,  $S_2$ , which transposes bedding  $S_0$ . Hinges are defined by the intersection lineations  $S_0/S_2$ . In most cases the folds are observed by the folding of calc-silicate bands in a metapelitic matrix. There is probably a significant difference in viscosity between the calc-silicate bands and enclosing schists. Such a difference in relative viscosity appears to be a prerequisite for fold development and for similar folds in particular.

# 5.2.1 F2 Fold Morphology

Figure 5.4 (A, B) shows the outline of two F2 folds from the Trough Zone. It is noted that the dip isogons are mildly converging and that the layer thickness parallel to the axial plane does not vary greatly, a fact suggesting that the folds are of class 1C approaching class 2 (Ramsay 1967). By plotting t' against angle of dip a (Hudleston 1973; Ramsay 1967) the various classes of folds are delineated. In addition the ratio of the principal quadratic elongation of superposed strain  $\sqrt{\lambda_2/\lambda_1}$  can be determined. Figure 5.5A shows such a plot and the folds lie in the class 1C (Fig. 5.5B) field close to similar folds.

Transposition of bedding So in the axial-planar schistosity is very common giving rise to cleavage mul-lions as shown in Figure 5.4C. Thin sections show the metapelites to have a very good fabric defined by biotite, muscovite and frequently by the elongation of quartz and feldspar. In the calc-silicate rocks, however, a planar fabric is not always developed, although many minerals are elongated in S2. In the calc-silicates the fabric is sometimes mylonitic.

### 5.2.2 Similar Fold Development

The formation of similar folds is generally considered to result from the flattening of parallel buckle folds (Ramsay 1962, 1967; Dieterich 1970; Hudleston 1973, 1973a; Hudleston and Stephansson 1973; Parrish et al. 1976). Ramsay (1967, p. 415) notes that the effect of imposed homogeneous strain upon various fold classes, e.g. 1A, 1B and 1C, is to produce folds of class 1C morphology which approach class 2-type.

During the development of a fold, whilst still essentially concentric, an axial-planar cleavage develops, which will be refracted in layers of differing bulk viscosity. The cleavage forms essentially perpendicular to the maximum compressive strain  $\sigma_1$ , and will lie in the X-Y plane of the finite strain ellipsoid (Dieterich 1969; 1970; Ramsay 1967; Hudleston 1973, 1973a; Ramsay and Graham 1970). However, cases have been cited where the cleavage is oblique to the axial plane and the X-Y plane of the strain ellipsoid (Williams 1977).

<sup>\*</sup> Personal communication: J. G. Ramsay.

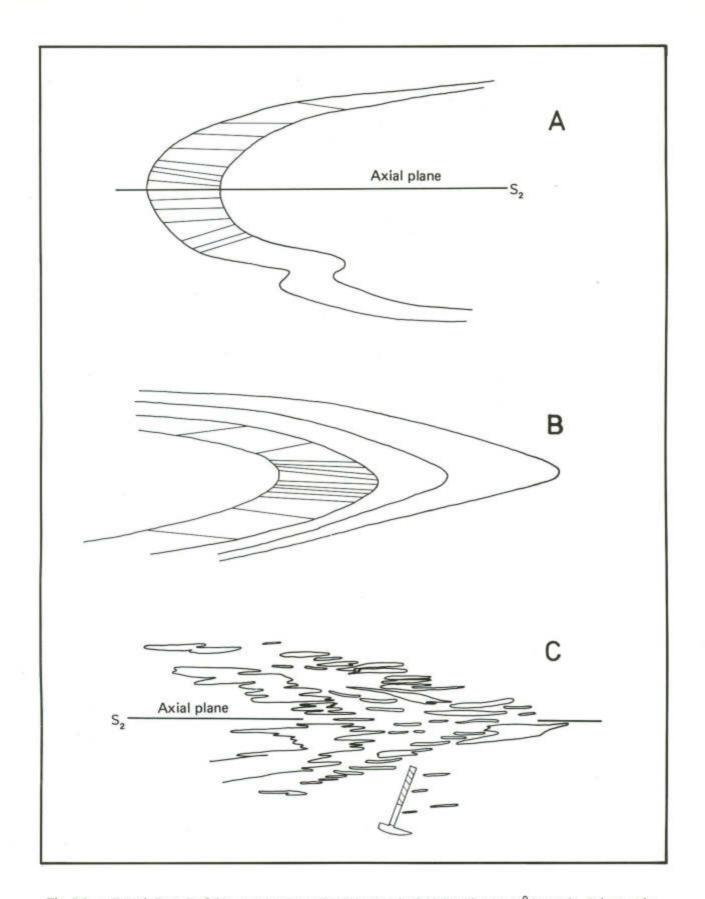
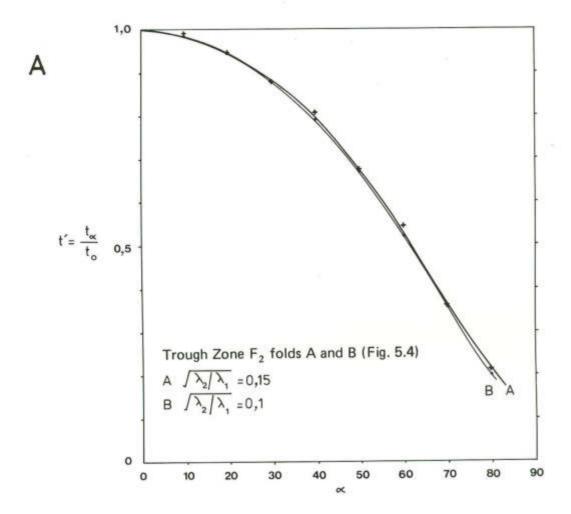
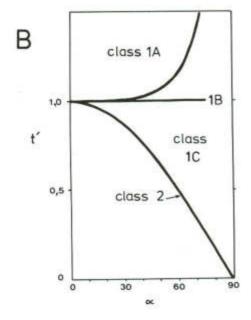


Fig. 5.4 — Trough Zone F<sub>2</sub> folds. A and B show dip isogons to the folded surface at 10° intervals. C shows calc-silicate bands in metapelite transposed into S<sub>2</sub> parallel cleavage mullions.
F<sub>2</sub>-plooie van die Trogsone. A en B toon hellingisogone teen die plooi-oppervlak op intervalle van 10°. C dui kalksilikaatbande in metapeliet, getransponeer in S<sub>2</sub> parallelle splytroeistrukture, aan.





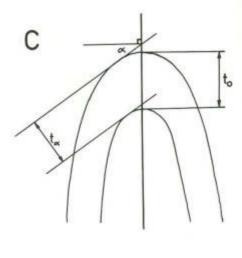


Fig. 5.5 – A: plot of t'against α for Trough Zone F<sub>2</sub> folds shown in Figure 5.4<sub>i</sub>B and C define terms used in A and in the text (after Ramsay 1967).
A: uitstipping van t'teen α vir F<sub>2</sub>-plooie van die Trogsone aangetoon in Figure 5.4<sub>i</sub>B en C definieer terme soos gebruik in A en in die teks (volgens Ramsay 1967).

As folds become tighter the cleavage tends to become parallel from initially being fanned (Dieterich 1969; 1970). Shearing or slip along cleavage planes is a well-known phenomenon (Ramsay 1967, Fig. 7-90) and can occur only after cleavage has formed; shearing along cleavage is a feature of late-stage fold development, the cleavage offering a mechanical anisotropy for relief of stress as the stress field changes in orientation (Dieterich 1969, 1970; Ramsay 1967; Schwerdtner 1973; Parrish et al. 1976).

Parrish et al. (1976) conducted a series of folding experiments with a wet quartzite band in a marble matrix with an initial viscosity contrast of 10 (i.e.  $\eta_q/\eta_m=10$ ). Initial buckling produced concentric folds at 375 °C. With rising temperature and flattening of the folds, 'similar-type' geometries developed with a concomitant decrease in the viscosity contrast to as little as 0,6 especially on fold limbs (Parrish et al. 1976 Figs 9 and 10). They conclude that 'similar' folds can only develop when the viscosity contrast is reduced to 2 or less.

'Similar' folds produced by a process of shearing along discrete planes (slip folds) or by bulk movement (flow parallel to axial planes, i.e. flow folds) has often been cited (Whitten 1966; Ramsay 1967; Hobbs et al. 1976).

Whilst explaining the geometry of similar folds adequately, such processes present problems concerning the mechanical generation of the folds (Ramsay 1967). Production of similar folds by flow-folding and especially slip-folding is probable under certain conditions, although these processes may just be modifications to generally flattened buckle folds.

### 5.2.3 Formation of Trough Zone F2 Folds

During  $D_{T1}$  a mineral banding was developed  $(S_1)$  which can now be seen sporadically as a biotite lamination. There is no evidence to suggest that the biotite formed during  $S_1$  but the rocks were metamorphosed to greenschist facies at approximately 450 °C before or during early  $D_{T2}$  (Section 7 and Fig. 7.1). Thus before  $D_{T2}$  deformation commenced, the rocks would be crystalline and practically dewatered with the calc-silicate rocks having a higher bulk viscosity than the enclosing metapelites.

As F<sub>2</sub> folds developed, it is reasonable to assume that temperature was also rising since the peak of metamorphism is post-F<sub>2</sub> (porphyroblastic garnet, staurolite and kyanite enclose S<sub>2</sub>). As deformation commenced, buckle folds of concentric geometry formed as the calc-silicate rocks are the more viscous. With increasing temperature and continued stress the viscosity contrast between metapelite and calc-silicate bands decreased allowing the folds to be flattened to near-similar geometry. Cleavage planes approach parallelism and an axial-planar cleavage in the X-Y plane of the strain ellipsoid is formed.

After formation of the schistosity planes perpendicular to  $\sigma_1$ , a plane of low-bulk viscosity existed in the rock, acting as a locus for late-stage shearing in the fold. Some cleavage planes remained 'active' long after  $F_2$  folds had formed and post-dated the metamorphism (Section 7).

Thus the folds are seen as flattened buckle folds modified by late slip-fold processes.

### 5.2.4 F<sub>3</sub> Folds in the Okahandja Lineament Zone

F<sub>3</sub> folds of D<sub>L3</sub> are rather frequent in the Okahandja Lineament Zone, both on a large and small scale. The folds have an appearance very similar to Trough Zone  $F_2$  folds as described above. There is, however, a greater slip-fold component to the Lineament Zone folds, although the mode of origin is essentially similar to that of the Trough Zone. Figure 5.6A, B and C shows several typical fold profiles, and Figure 5.6D shows plots of t'against  $\alpha$  indicating the folds to be class 1C and class 2.

## 5.3 STRAIN DETERMINATIONS

### 5.3.1 Folds

By considering the folds of  $F_3$  age in the Okahandja Lineament Zone and the  $F_2$  folds of the Trough Zone to be flattened concentric folds (not necessarily of the same age) it becomes possible to estimate the degree of flattening. The method used is that of Ramsay (1962, 1967) and Hudleston (1973). It is assumed that the original folds had concentric profiles and that one of the principal directions of the three-dimensional strain ellipsoid is parallel to the fold axis. The latter assumption is reasonable since fold hinges parallel the stretching lineations defined by elongate variolites. The modification of the fold shape by a homogeneous flattening is a measure of  $\sqrt{\lambda_2/\lambda_1}$  the ratio of the principal quadratic elongations of the superimposed strain.

From plots of t' against  $\alpha$  (terms defined in Fig. 5.5C) the class of fold (Ramsay 1967) can be determined as well as  $\sqrt{\lambda_k/\lambda_k}$  (Table 5.1). Thus plots of t' against  $\alpha$  have been made for two Trough Zone F<sub>2</sub> folds (Figs 5.4A and B) and three Okahandja Lineament Zone F<sub>3</sub> folds (Figs 5.6A, B and C).

Table 5.1—RATIO  $\sqrt{\lambda_2/\lambda_1}$  FOR TROUGH ZONE F<sub>2</sub> AND OKAHANDJA LINEAMENT ZONE F<sub>3</sub> FOLDS (FIGS 5.5A AND 5.6D)

Structural Zone	Fold	Class	$\sqrt{\lambda_0/\lambda_1}$
Trough Okahandja Lineament	Fig. 5.4A Fig. 5.4B+C Fig. 5.6A Fig. 5.6B Fig. 5.6C	1C 1C 1C 1C 1C	0,15 0,10 0,23 0,13

### 5.3.2 Deformed Pebbles and Variolites

In the Trough Zone near Gorob, pillow structures can be seen in epidote-banded amphibole schists of the Matchless Member. In addition, outcrops show pillow outlines by variolite-bearing margins now observed as highly flattened spots. Both pillows and spots which have pressure shadows in thin section and are thus pre-tectonic, enable an estimate of strain to be made. Measurements from 20 pillows in epidote-banded amphibole schists were made near D in Figure 3.3, whilst 100 variolite measurements were made from oriented samples of spotted schists at F in Figure 3.3. For the variolites an initial spherical shape is assumed. Cuts parallel to the three principal axes of the strain ellipsoid were made. The measurements are shown in Table 5.2 after making Z=1. Orientation of the axes are also given.

Table 5.2—DEFORMED VARIOLITES AND PILLOWS NEAR GOROB (TROUGH ZONE)

	n	$\overline{\mathbf{x}}$	Y	$\overline{z}$
Pillows (C – Fig. 3.3). Orientation (S <sub>2</sub> =330/35)	20	15 005/30	6 275/22	1 150/55
Variolites (F - Fig. 3.3) Orientation (S <sub>2</sub> = 340/45)	100	19,1 355/45	5,8 260/10	1 150/45

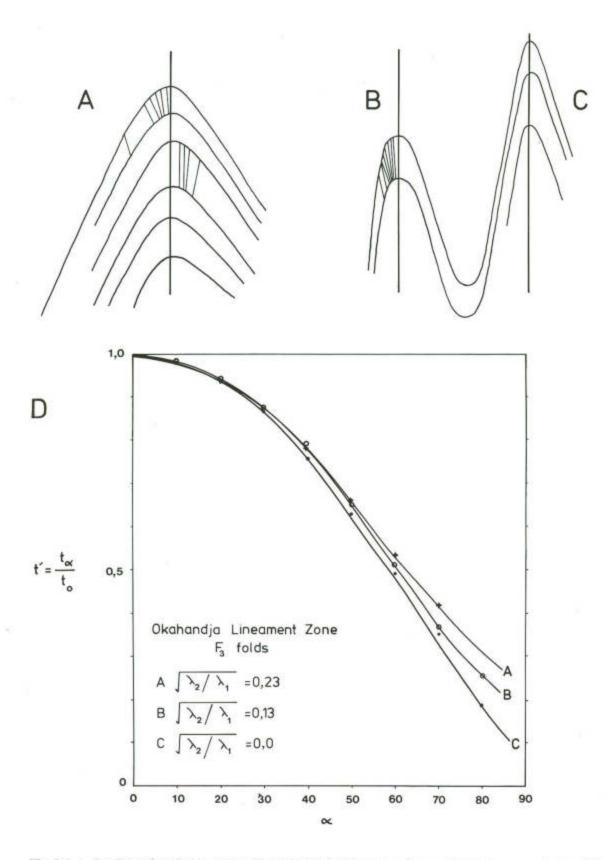


Fig. 5.6 – Sections of typical F<sub>3</sub> folds of the Okahandja Lineament Zone with dip isogons and plot of t' against α for the sections.
Snitte van tipiese F<sub>3</sub>-plooie van die Okahandja-lineamentsone met hellingisogone en uitstipping van t'teenoor α vir die snitte.

Table 5.3—CLAST DEFORMATIONS AT THE EASTERN EDGE OF THE CENTRAL ZONE (SAMPLE LOCALITIES SHOWN IN FIG. 5.1)

Locality	n	$\overline{\mathbf{x}}$	¥	Z	Formation/Group	Matrix
467	20	3,50	1,67	1,00	Khan	Calc-silicate Feldspathic quartzite Musc-bte-qtz-fsp schist Slightly micaceous quartzite Calc-silicate and quartzite
652	26	2,46	1,66	1,00	Etusis	
568	18	3,43	1,72	1,00	Etusis	
548	10	4,16	1,49	1,00	Nosib (undifferentiated)	
565	17	3,88	1,52	1,00	Chuos	

No rudaceous beds are developed in the Lineament Zone, although the eastern edge of the Central Zone contains many rudites and is deformed by Lineament Zone deformations since these possess a near-vertical planar fabric and have lineations parallel to those of the Lineament Zone further east. Figure 5.1 shows the locations where pebble measurements were made.

Measurements taken at each site include the long (X), intermediate (Y) and short (Z) axes. The orientations of X and where possible also the X-Y plane and together with clast type and matrix type were also noted. As far as possible only quartzite clasts were measured. The mean axial ratios for the quartzite clasts together with matrix type are shown in Table 5.3.

X, Y and Z are plotted on modified Flinn diagrams with axes logea and logeb, where a=X/Y and b=Y/Z. Such a diagram is used since it allows the type of strain ellipsoid, deformation path (Ramsay 1967, p. 138) and volume change to be determined (Hobbs et al. 1976,

p. 39). Also plotted is the line K=1 where  $K=\frac{a-1}{b-1}$  which corresponds to no-volume-change plane strain. Below the line K=1 lies the field of flattened ellipsoids (1>K>0) whilst above K=1 are the constricted ellipsoids  $(1<K<\infty)$ . Figure 5.7 shows modified Flinn diagrams for the measured clasts together with the orientation data for each locality cited in Table 5.3 above. The diagrams show the orientation of X, the orientation of the X-Y plane (shown as poles to flattening) and the orientation of  $S_0$  bedding (as poles) where known. The poles to the X-Y plane define Z, thus with X and Z defined, Y can be found knowing X, Y and Z to be mutually perpendicular.

## 5.3.3 Strain Data: Conclusions

The degree of shortening of F<sub>2</sub> and F<sub>3</sub> folds is a minimum value since the degree of shortening, whilst still concentric, has not been allowed for and may amount to 36 per cent (De Sitter 1958).

The ratio  $\sqrt{\lambda_2/\lambda_1}$  of 0,1 and 0,15 from  $F_2$  folds of the Trough Zone agrees well with the value of 0,16 (Z/Y) determined from pillows and 0,17 from deformed variolites with the maximum elongation direction parallel to  $F_2$  hinges (Z/Y) 0,05. The orientation of the strain ellipse from pillows and variolites is given in Table 5.2 above. The strain from flattened  $F_2$  folds may be in error since movement along the cleavage planes is evident, although this may have occurred after fold formation. In addition, the variolites may not have been initially spherical and the pillows almost certainly were not of regular shape.

The  $\sqrt{\lambda_2/\lambda_1}$  value of  $F_3$  folds in the Okahandja Lineament Zone varies from 0,23 to 0,0, the latter reflecting class 2 folds. Change in the orientation of the strain ellipsoid during deformation is evident from the change in fold orientation from  $F_2$  to  $F_4$ .

There is no direct evidence for large-scale vertical movements within the Okahandja Lineament Zone, and all elongations of clasts, fold hinges and lineations are subhorizontal. The cleavage and clast-flattening planes suggest that during the main deformation  $(D_{L_3})$ ,  $\sigma_1$  was essentially horizontal, perpendicular to  $S_3$  whilst  $\sigma_3$  parallelled the clast elongations and fold hinges. Minor structural evidence suggests that sinistral, and, to a much lesser extent, dextral shear couples existed for the late movement  $(D_{L_5})$  on  $S_3$ . Whilst the possibility of moderate-scale lateral movement in the Okahandja Lineament cannot be discounted, there appears to be no single zone of intense shear movement apart from a thrust in OLZ/2 and its continuation southwards.

Clast deformation at the edge of the Central Zone shows that the intense vertical fabric of the Okahandja Lineament Zone  $(D_{L_3})$  affects the eastern edge of the Central Zone and is correlated with  $D_{C_3}$ . Clasts, however, are far less deformed than the Okahandja Lineament Zone rocks as determined from the  $F_3$  folds, although clasts are flattened parallel to  $F_3$  i.e. parallel to  $F_3$  axial planes in the Okahandja Lineament Zone  $(D_{L_3})$ .

# 6. MINERAL ASSEMBLAGES

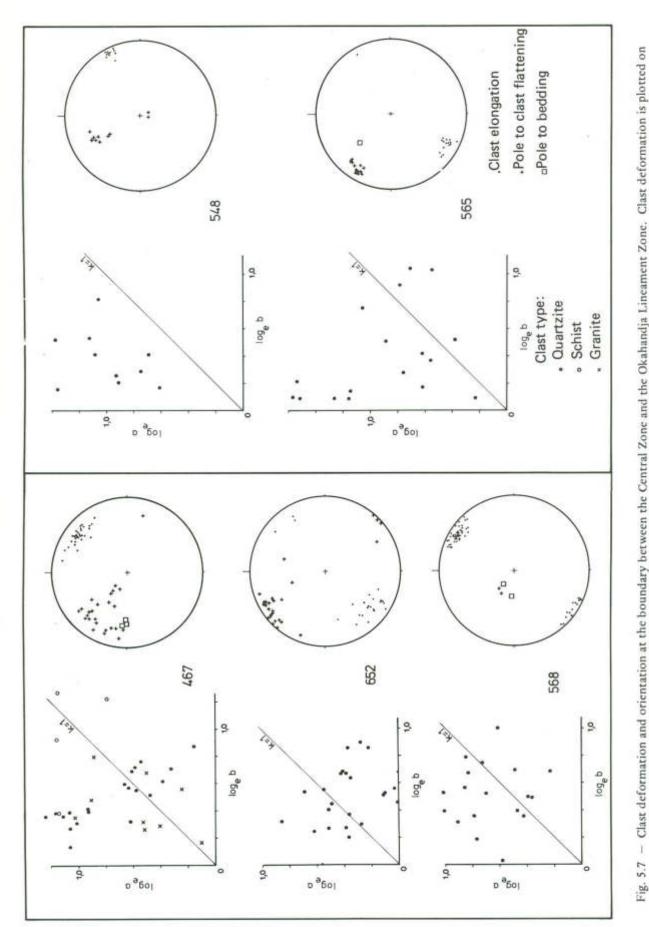
The three separate regional metamorphic zones have characteristic mineral assemblages, reflecting difference in P-T-X conditions and bulk chemistry. The aureole of the Donkerhuk Granite also has a distinctive appearance since the Kuiseb Formation pelitic schists show extensive migmatisation and recrystallisation.

Metapelites and calc-silicate rocks are common to all three regional metamorphic areas, thus more of these rock types are examined than metabasites or marbles. Mineral parageneses are given in order of increasing abundance (Winkler 1976, p. 326). Pre-Damara rocks are not included because of the possibility of pre-Damara metamorphism affecting present assemblages. Mineral assemblages are tabulated in Appendix II. The description that follows is intended to draw attention to the differences between characteristic assemblages in the three zones.

### 6.1 METAPELITES

The most common pelitic assemblage in the Trough Zone and the Okahandja Lineament Zone is muscovite-plagioclase-biotite-quartz, and in both zones probably comprises 75 per cent of all the pelites by volume. Occasionally small idioblastic garnets are also present.

In the Central Zone assemblages containing±sillimanite±garnet±cordierite-plagioclase-K feldspar-biotite-quartz are common. These rocks are generally not porphyroblastic. On rare occasions quartz and muscovite are found co-existing as primary minerals. Secondary muscovite is, however, common. A few metapelites are very dark in colour, being depleted in quartz, K feldspar and plagioclase, these minerals being removed in a melt



Klastdeformasie en -oriëntasie op die grens tussen die Sentraalsone en die Okabandja-lineamentsone. Klastdeformasie is uitgestip op gemodifiseerde - Clast deformation and orientation at the boundary between the Central Zone and the Okahandja Lineament Zone. Clast deformation is plotted on modified Flinn diagrams, whilst orientations are shown on stereograms. Flinn-diagramme terwyl oriëntasies op stereogramme aangedui word.

component during high-grade metamorphism. Quartzofeldspathic leucosomes are often interlayered with cordierite-biotite melanosomes in migmatitic schists.

Diagnostic mineral assemblages of the Trough Zone and the Okahandja Lineament Zone are kyanite-garnet-staurolite-plagioclase-biotite-muscovite-quartz, and andalusite-cordierite-plagioclase-muscovite-biotite-quartz, respectively. Both these assemblages are found in the more aluminium-rich schists, actual mineral proportions depending on bulk rock chemistry and X<sub>Hz</sub>o.

Fine-grained graphite-bearing schists are common in both the Trough Zone and the Okahandja Lineament Zone. The assemblage graphite-muscovite-biotite-plagioclase-quartz is common to both zones, but Trough Zone rocks often contain kyanite, staurolite and/or garnet in addition.

Calc-pelites in the Tinkas Member contain the assemblages±K feldspar-white mica-chlorite-plagioclase-biotite (phlogopite)-quartz.

Small idioblastic crystals of tourmaline are present in many pelites from all three zones. Common accessory minerals are apatite, zircon and opaque ore.

# 6.2 CALC-SILICATE ROCKS

Calc-silicate rocks present a wide variety of mineral assemblages commonly with eight or more mineral species present. However, quartz and plagioclase (generally andesine or labradorite) are present in virtually all samples, and frequently comprise large portions of the rock by volume.

Thin calc-silicate bands commonly form cleavage mullions in the Okahandja Lineament Zone and the Trough Zone. Those of the former are commonly bluegreen in colour, having the assemblage + calcite + garnet ± biotite-epidote and/or clinozoisite-hornblende (bluegreen)-plagioclase-quartz. Thicker bands (over 150 mm wide) are commonly zoned having light-green cores containing the assemblage garnet-diopside-calcite-plagioclase-quartz. From core to margin, diopside is progressively replaced by hornblende, whilst calcite and plagioclase are replaced by epidote/clinozoisite. Garnet may or may not persist from core to margin. The calcsilicate bands of the Trough Zone are less commonly zoned and contain the assemblage+chlorite+biotitecalcite-hornblende-garnet-plagioclase-quartz with occasional colourless amphibole rims to hornblende.

Thicker (up to 5 m) bands of fine-grained, pale-green calc-silicate rocks in the Tinkas Member have the assemblage ± epidote-tremolite-diopside-carbonate-plagio-clase-quartz, with tremolite replacing diopside. Thick (over 10 m) bands in the Trough Zone with the assemblage epidote-clinozoisite-carbonate-hornblende-diopside/hedenbergite-biotite-plagioclase-quartz are of glassy appearance and resemble the calc-silicate bands in the Chuos Formation of the Central Zone.

Massive calc-silicate rocks of the Khan Formation, like the Etusis Formation rocks (see Section 6.5), often contain high proportions (up to 60 per cent) of microcline which is probably of detrital origin. Typical assemblages are ±scapolite±chlorite-epidote/clinozoisite-hornblende-diopside/hedenbergite-microcline-plagio-clase-quartz. Biotite, garnet, tremolite and wollastonite may also be present.

Garnets of the Trough Zone and Okahandja Lineament Zone are pink in hand specimen and colourless in thin section whereas those of the Central Zone are brownish and strongly honey coloured in thin section. Furthermore, epidote in contact with Central Zone garnets is distinctly pleochroic and contains up to 24 per cent pistacite. The garnet thus may have a high andradite component. Epidotes from the other zones are generally weakly pleochroic.

Scapolite (mizzonite) is fairly abundant in the Central Zone, but rare in both the other zones, and commonly intergrown with plagioclase in a myrmekite-like manner.

In virtually all cases (except cores of zoned Okahandja Lineament Zone rocks) diopside is replaced by tremolite at its margins. Fe content varies considerably from rock to rock within the calc-silicates, and is reflected in the wide range of pleochroic schemes of clinopyroxene (diopside/hedenbergite) and amphibole (tremolite/actinolite).

Sphene, often rimming ilmenite, is a common accessory. Chlorite is usually secondary.

## 6.3 MARBLES

Marbles of the Okahandja Lineament Zone are principally carbonate (usually calcite) with minor (less than 5 per cent) quartz, talc, phlogopite, plagioclase and microcline. In contrast, the Karibib marble of the Central Zone shows considerable variation from calc-silicate to pure calcite and pure dolomite-types. A common and distinctive assemblage is ± chondrodite/clinohumite-antigorite-forsterite-dolomite-calcite. Dolomite exsolution-textures from high Mg-calcite are common. Other minerals occurring are tremolite, phlogopite, talc, garnet and sulphide.

Late, possibly post-Damara, siliceous alteration affects marbles in the Central Zone, notably near Hamilton Beacon.

### 6.4 METABASITES

Metabasites are only of significance in the Trough Zone. Assemblages are listed by fabric type in Appendix II.

Blue-green hornblende is abundant in all types whilst clinopyroxene (diopside or augite) occurs infrequently but is intergrown with hornblende in metagabbro types. Epidote-rich bands with minor amounts of pink calcite are frequent and in some cases have the form of closed loops, albeit very elongated. The epidote bands resulted from Ca metasomatism (analogous to Na metasomatism in spilites) of the material interstitial to pillows. Deformed variolites at some pillow margins consist of plagioclase and quartz with minor hornblende. Small (up to 7 mm) quartz-plagioclase knots of metamorphic origin (lacking pressure shadows) are also present.

The gradation from amphibole schist to metagabbro is accompanied by a progressive decrease in epidote and quartz content whilst plagioclase content rises. Relict ophitic textures are seen in some metagabbros between hornblende and plagioclase.

### 6.5 FELDSPATHIC QUARTZITES

Feldspathic quartzites of the Etusis Formation may contain up to 80 per cent microcline; typical assemblages are  $\pm$  biotite  $\pm$  muscovite  $\pm$  sillimanite-microcline-quartz. Plagioclase is generally rare.

# 6.6 DONKERHUK GRANITE AUREOLE

In the Trough Zone rocks, sillimanite is developed at the expense of muscovite and perhaps staurolite. In some cases cordierite appears to replace staurolite and some samples contain four or five AFM phases, indicating relict minerals from the regional metamorphic assemblage.

Within the Okahandja Lineament Zone, andalusite and cordierite have formed close to the granite, in both zones partial melting of pelites took place very close to the granite, whilst growth of randomly oriented muscovite flakes has occurred for some considerable distance from the granite body.

# 7. RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN MINERALS AND FABRIC ELEMENTS AND TEXTURE

When discussing the relationship between metamorphic minerals and the fabric it must be borne in mind that the minerals are components of an assemblage and ought not to be thought of as separate entities. Thus, although garnet porphyroblasts overgrow biotite parallel to S2 in the Trough Zone, it is most likely that the biotite has progressively changed its composition and/or perhaps recrystallised mimetically in S2, thus remaining in equilibrium with the garnet (Vernon 1977). An important point to consider from fabric-mineral relationships is the effect of early fabrics upon later mineral growth. Over most of the area mapped an early fabric (e.g. S<sub>1</sub> of the Central Zone) is present and gives rise to a marked chemical anisotropy in the rock which may persist through subsequent events. The anisotropy once established may force later minerals to grow mimetically in this pre-existing mechanical and chemical anisotropy (Spry 1969, p. 9, 194 and 218; Etheridge and Hobbs 1973; Ferguson and Harte 1975, p. 469; Vernon 1976) complicating the metamorphic-structural relationships.

Similarly, the sequence of metamorphic crystallisation cannot be unambiguously determined, although the sequence of completion of growth is more readily discerned. Taking another example, some staurolite porphyroblasts of the Trough Zone enclose idioblastic garnets, indicating that staurolite finished growth after garnet. Nothing is, however, known about the sequence of the nucleation.

If mineral growth is considered to take place in sequential episodes, one species at a time, it is frequently necessary to invoke metasomatic introduction or removal of material for crystallisation of the final phase (e.g. Rast 1958). Consideration of the metamorphic assemblage as a whole generally obviates the need to invoke metasomatism.

Relationships between mineral species and fabric elements are given in Appendix II; the important conclusions are summarised below.

### 7.1 TROUGH ZONE

A locally penetrative planar fabric S<sub>1</sub> takes the form of biotite laminae 10 to 20 mm apart and could be a pressure-solution cleavage. No significant degree of metamorphism appears to accompany S<sub>1</sub>.

The main regional schistosity S2 is characterised by a strong-preferred orientation of prismatic and platy minerals. Much of this mineral alignment is the result of mimetic recrystallisation after D<sub>T2</sub>. At one locality, however, clear evidence is available for the sequence of events. At D in Figure 3.3 kyanite and staurolite are rotated by up to 90° and cleaved along S2 indicating these to be syn-S2 mineral growths (Fig. 7.1A). A later S<sub>3</sub> crenulation cleavage further deforms these crystals, but a later growth of both staurolite and kyanite (and probably biotite also) post-dates the S3 fabric. The syn-S2 staurolites contain biotite crystals defining the internal fabric; thus some biotite is either pre- or syn-S2 in age. Therefore not all biotite can post-date S<sub>2</sub> and grow mimetically in S<sub>2</sub> planes (Hoffer 1975, considers biotite growth to be entirely post-S2). A few hundred metres further north a strong  $S_2$ -planar fabric in Matchless Member rocks is defined by oriented hornblende crystals, some of which are polygonised by  $S_3$  crenulations. Here, also, a randomly oriented mineral growth (ortho-amphibole) post-dates  $S_3$ .

Further east garnets and staurolite crystals helicitically enclose straight inclusion trails of quartz and plagioclase elongated in S<sub>2</sub>. In other instances garnets growing in S<sub>3</sub> planes helicitically enclose S<sub>2</sub>. In the Hudaub area (Fig. 7.1B) a garnet showing about 90° discordance of included S<sub>1</sub> (?) fabric is probably pre-S<sub>2</sub>; however, most of the garnet, kyanite and staurolite also helicitically enclose a fabric (S<sub>2</sub>) but are slightly deformed, probably by a weak flattening of the S<sub>2</sub> fabric.

Calc-silicate rocks show garnet porphyroblasts enclosing the mylonitic cleavage but are themselves not deformed. Amphiboles also grow randomly across the S<sub>2</sub> fabric.

Thus, for the Trough Zone, S<sub>1</sub> may have developed through pressure solution during low-grade, but waxing metamorphism. The first metamorphic event reached its peak during S<sub>2</sub> and gave rise to the very strong regional fabric during intense deformation. The work of Parrish et al. (1976) shows that medium- to high-grade metamorphism is conducive to the formation of similar style folds, e.g. F<sub>2</sub> structures. Locally kyanite and staurolite assemblages were developed. A second metamorphic peak occurred post-dating D<sub>T2</sub> and D<sub>T3</sub>, this event giving rise to the widespread biotite-muscovite-staurolite-garnet-kyanite-bearing assemblages of garbenschiefer appearance. In this scheme the muscovite felt-mat fabric may belong to the first event and a plagioclase fabric representing the second event.

During cooling chlorite formed at the expense of biotite, garnet and rarely staurolite. The conditions of the second thermal event are considered in Section 8.

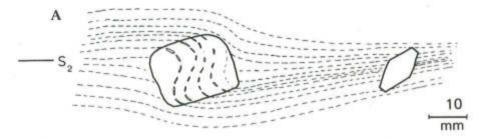
### 7.2 OKAHANDJA LINEAMENT ZONE

In this zone mimetic growth of minerals and a late reactivation of  $S_3$  planes during  $D_{L_5}$  cause difficulty. An early schistose fabric  $S_1$  may be the result of pressure solution processes or may in part represent banding of metamorphic origin.

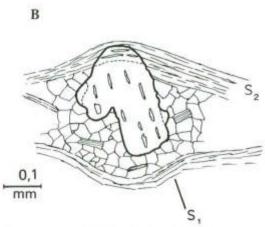
Evidence clearly indicates two metamorphic events separated by an intense deformational event. It is unlikely that the metamorphic (thermal) events are entirely separate. They actually represent two peaks of a broad thermal episode. Similar folds formed during DL3 indicating a "hot rock" deformation (Section 5). In an example of a massive schist which has not undergone reactivation of  $S_3$  planes, cordierite porphyroblasts enclose an earlier fabric  $(S_f)$  at a high angle to  $S_3$ . In addition, S3 schistosity planes wrap around the cordierite porphyroblasts, which show no sign of rotation. A banding or irregular spacing (So?) is also present within the rock and is also helicitically included by the cordierite, passing straight through the porphyroblast with no rotation or disruption (hence no D<sub>L5</sub> rotations - Fig. 7.1C). Thus there is clear evidence of a cordierite growth postdating S<sub>f</sub> but pre-dating S<sub>3</sub> in aluminous schists.

Elsewhere pre-existing cordierite porphyroblasts are flattened into  $S_3$  with the  $S_3$  schistosity planes wrapping around the porphyroblasts, and subsequently being deformed during  $D_{L_5}$ .

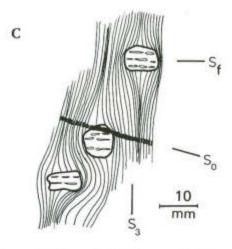
The intense deformation of  $D_{L3}$  gives rise to a pervasive schistosity. In most metapelitic rocks the biotite and muscovite fabrics are essentially parallel. In such pelites it is common for cordierite porphyroblasts to be elongated parallel to  $S_3$  and enclose  $S_3$  helicitically as straight



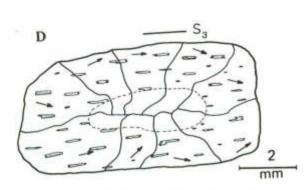
 $Syn-S_2$  staurolite poikiloblast with curved inclusion trains of biotite (left) and post- $S_2$  staurolite (right) (TZ/2)



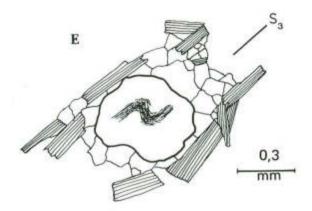
 $\operatorname{Pre-S}_2$  garnet enclosing  $\operatorname{S}_1$  fabric with post- $\operatorname{S}_2$  overgrowths (TZ/2)



Pre-S<sub>3</sub> cordierite poikiloblasts enclosing the S<sub>f</sub> fabric (OLZ/2)



Andalusite poikiloblast with inclusion-free core. Arrows show extinction directions of subgrains (OLZ/3)



Sillimanite inclusions in cordierite outlining micro-crenulations (CZ/2)

Fig. 7.1 — Mineral-fabric relationships. Mineraalmaakselverboudings.

inclusion trails. There are often biotite-rich rims around such porphyroblasts (including andalusite), possibly the result of slow porphyroblast growth being able to remove other reaction products from the site of the growing crystal (Spry 1969). Andalusite porphyroblasts are often ramdomly oriented across S<sub>3</sub>, although mimetic growth in S<sub>3</sub> chemical anisotropy is common. In a few cases both cordierite and andalusite have sigmoidally curved inclusion trails suggesting a late S<sub>3</sub> age.

In one example from fairly close to the Donkerhuk Granite, yet showing no outward signs of textural change, andalusite poikiloblasts grow across S<sub>3</sub> and exhibit an unusual texture. The poikiloblast margins contain abundant S<sub>3</sub>-parallel inclusions whilst the cores are devoid of inclusions. The optical pattern bears little relationship to the poikiloblast outline being made up of large subgrains as much as 45° out of optical coincidence. Individual subgrains contain both an inclusion-free and inclusion-bearing part of the poikiloblast (Fig. 7.1D). The origin for this texture may be:

- (a) Regional metamorphic growth of an inclusion-free core followed by overgrowth of thermal andalusite due to intrusion of the Donkerhuk Granite followed in turn by subsequent granulation by movement in the Okahandja Lineament Zone, or
- (b) slow growth of a clear core followed by rapid spongy growth of the outer part during regional metamorphism, subsequent deformation and/or recrystallisation giving rise to the present texture.

Aluminium-rich schists, however, show the metamorphic history rather more clearly. Muscovites lie parallel to S<sub>3</sub>, yet biotites are often oriented at various angles to S<sub>3</sub> (at a consistent angle on outcrop scale) forming the S<sub>f</sub> fabric (see OLZ/2, Sections 3 and 4). Both cordierite and andalusite porphyroblasts enclose the S<sub>f</sub> fabric helicitically. In many cases the porphyroblasts are markedly tabular, being confined to the aluminous layers. Rarely, small idioblastic staurolite porphyroblasts grow randomly across S<sub>3</sub> and S<sub>f</sub>. At the very western edge of the Okahandja Lineament Zone sillimanite has developed from quartz and muscovite in Chuos Formation rocks. Thus sillimanite forms radiating knots parallel to S<sub>3</sub> planes since that is the plane containing the reactant minerals.

Some calc-silicate rocks show a mylonitic compositional layering (Vernon 1974) which is helicitically enclosed in garnet and randomly overgrown by amphibole. The majority of calc-silicate rocks do not show this mylonitic layering at all, although these are commonly zoned, containing cores of oriented diopside showing peripheral alteration to amphibole. This apparently retrograde texture is discussed in Section 8. The randomly oriented amphibole is ubiquitous among the calc-silicate rocks.

The Okahandja Lineament Zone textures are thus best explained by a thermal event, possibly during D<sub>L2</sub> and a second, very late event, essentially post-D<sub>L3</sub>.

Conditions of the second metamorphism are discussed in Section 8.

### 7.3 CENTRAL ZONE

Sillimanite crystals defining microfolds are occasionally observed in the cores of cordierite crystals. The cordierite appears to post-date  $D_{C3}$  and is rarely associated with garnet porphyroblasts growing across the schistose  $S_1$  and  $S_3$  fabrics. As the cordierite post-dates  $D_{C3}$ , the sillimanite evidently must pre-date at least  $D_{C3}$ .

Elsewhere (e.g. CZ/1 near Chungochoabberg) sillimanite porphyroblasts growing in the S<sub>1</sub> layering are flat-

tened together with most of the  $S_1$  biotites and reoriented into the  $F_3$  axial-planar cleavage ( $S_3$ ). In most cases where the sillimanite knots are not highly flattened the  $S_3$  fabric tends to wrap around the porphyroblasts, a few of which have pressure shadows. This suggests that sillimanite growth occurred prior to  $F_3$  folding and flattening.

The schistosity in rocks of the Kuiseb Formation cropping out just north of Rooibank represents  $S_1$  modified into parallelism with  $S_3$  on the flanks of  $F_3$  folds. The microclines of a sample taken from such an  $F_3$  flank contain the  $S_1$  fabric as biotite inclusion trains, but are wrapped around by the  $S_3$  schistosity. The inclusion fabric is subparallel to the external one, although occasional crystals show up to  $40^\circ$  discordance.

The Rooibank area shows further clear evidence of a metamorphic event, either late or post-dating  $D_{\text{C3}}$ . Garnet porphyroblasts grow across both  $S_1$  and  $S_3$  and commonly are associated with undeformed quartzo-feldspathic veinlets. Cordierites from the same area do not appear to contain  $S_1$  inclusions and commonly grow mimetically along  $S_1$  and  $S_3$ . In some cases equant, roundish cordierite crystals grow across the mica fabric. Small randomly oriented quartz veins are strongly shortened, indicating a constrictional deformation with the long axis of the strain ellipsoid approximately vertical, this occurring late- to just post- $F_3$ .

Further east in the Central Zone, quartzo-feldspathic leucosomes intrude along S<sub>3</sub> planes, and in one case a pegmatite is slightly folded during final flattening of an F<sub>3</sub> fold. In addition, both garnet and cordierite grow across the S<sub>3</sub> fabric, which in several cases has been almost totally destroyed. In situ partial melting, giving rise to red homogeneous granite which intrudes F<sub>3</sub> structures but itself lacks any fabric, also suggests a strong post-F<sub>3</sub> thermal event which produced the diapiric structures of the area.

Within calc-silicate rocks, amphibole formed at the expense of diopside, and wollastonite developed with random orientation at calcite-quartz contacts. These factors may indicate changes in fluid-phase composition (Section 8).

Thus the Central Zone is charactererised by a sillimanite-producing event during  $D_{C2}$  and a garnet-cordierite grade thermal event which largely outlasted  $D_{C3}$ .

### 7.4 DONKERHUK GRANITE AUREOLE

The general effect of the intrusion of Donkerhuk Granite upon regionally metamorphosed schists is to induce the random growth of large muscovite poikilo-blasts across the schistose fabric. Approaching the granite the schists become progressively coarser grained due largely to mimetic recrystallisation of the biotite parallel to the regional schistosity. Still closer to the granite partial melting gives rise to migmatites and lit-par-lit injection of granitic material.

Most of the mineralogical changes occur where coarsening of grain size or migmatite development has taken place. The pre-existing fabric has exercised a strong influence on the orientation of newly formed minerals. Thus sillimanite on the eastern and southern boundaries forms parallel to the S<sub>2</sub> fabric (D<sub>T2</sub>) since the reactants necessary for sillimanite formation lie in S<sub>2</sub>. Along the western edge new growth of andalusite and cordierite has occurred with the former frequently growing in and helicitically enclosing crenulated S<sub>3</sub> (D<sub>L3</sub>) schistosity, the crenulation cleavage apparently being caused by granite emplacement.

Early Donkerhuk pegmatites are deformed by D<sub>L5</sub>.

The Donkerhuk Granite is undeformed and shows clearly cross-cutting contacts with country-rock fabrics. The existence of a large thermal aureole is confirmed by the presence of sillimanite on the eastern side, and post-regional-fabric andalusite along the western margin. The time of intrusion post-dates Trough Zone regional tectonism but is clearly synchronous with the very final stages of significant tectonism in the Okahandja Lineament Zone.

# 7.5 PRE-DAMARA ROCKS OF THE CENTRAL ZONE

Large-scale mineralogical and fabric evidence strongly suggests at least one high-grade pre-Damaran metamorphic event.

In pre-Damara outcrops a strong foliation can be seen in pelites and gneisses. This foliation tends to strike in an east-west direction away from contacts with the overlying Damara cover. As the Damara-pre-Damara contact is approached the pre-Damara foliation is generally reoriented into near parallelism with the Damara trend. Close to contacts a Damara foliation is impressed upon the pre-Damara rocks, often showing two gneissic fabrics at 5-10° and giving rise to a lineation and rarely a pencilgneiss fabric. Thus a very coarse-grained gneissic fabric was in existence in pre-Damara rocks before the Damara metamorphism and deformation.

### 8. CONDITIONS OF METAMORPHISM

Mineral assemblages in the three main structural-metamorphic zones enable some constraints to be placed upon the conditions of metamorphism within the respective areas. In all cases the last metamorphic event (M<sub>2</sub>), i.e. largely post-deformational, is investigated. When considering the conditions of metamorphism an attempt at assessing X<sub>H<sub>2</sub>O</sub> and changes in fluid-phase composition is also made.

Both pelitic and calc-silicate rocks offer assemblages and mineral reactions from which the various parameters may be determined. However, only the pelitic rocks were investigated by microprobe analysis and thermodynamic considerations. In some cases the parameters P and T derived from pelites are used to augment data derived from calc-silicates. In applying thermodynamics to mineral reactions and assemblages the following assumptions are made:

- The minerals in contact or in small domains are in equilibrium with each other unless disequilibrium textures (Zen 1963) are present;
- (2) the present composition of the minerals concerned is the same as that attained at the peak of metamorphism;
- (3) volume change of reaction, △V°, is not a function of pressure and temperature over the range of interest;
- (4) any fluid phase present is assumed to be an ideal mixture;
- (5) minerals are ideal solid solutions (i.e. ideal on-site mixing is assumed) except for Reaction I where allowance has been made for non-ideality of the solid solutions; and
- (6) errors in △H°, △S° and △V° are considered in calculating reaction curves, but errors in microprobe analysis are not considered.

Mineral margins were analysed since these can be assumed to have been in equilibrium with adjacent minerals and the fluid phase, bearing in mind that at least two metamorphic events have occurred over the area. Mineral-core analyses are not used in the thermodynamic considerations below. Calculation was made on the basis of mean values for the composition of each mineral

species of interest in each rock and not by individual mineral pairs (e.g. if five garnet-cordierite pairs were analysed in a rock, then the mean garnet and mean cordierite compositions were used). Thermodynamic data has been extracted either from published data using the method of Weisbrod (1968), or from unpublished data.\*

### 8.1 TROUGH ZONE

## 8.1.1 Introduction

No chlorite or chloritoid was observed in any of the rocks other than as minor retrograde alteration of biotite, garnet or rarely staurolite. In addition, kyanite is present in rocks over the whole area examined. Furthermore, there is no evidence of partial melting in any of the rocks. These three field observations are combined to provide a lower and upper temperature and a lower pressure estimate. Figure 8.2 shows the field delineated by the observations. The breakdown of chlorite and chloritoid is from the investigations of Richardson (1968), Hoschek (1969) and Ganguly (1972). The beginning of partial melting is taken from Winkler (1976), and the aluminium-silicate triple point from Richardson et al. (1969). The various determinations of the Al<sub>2</sub>SiO<sub>5</sub> triple point are shown in Vernon (1976, Figure 4–3).

In order to define the metamorphic conditions further, three pelitic schists (EWS 115, 235 and 316) have been investigated (see Figure 8.1 for localities). All three rocks contain the assemblage:

Quartz+ kyanite + staurolite + garnet + plagioclase + muscovite+ biotite, which in equilibrium with fluid represents eight phases. The assemblage may be described by the seven components:

(K,Na)2O, CaO, (Fe,Mn)O, MgO, A12O3, SiO2, H2O

Thus by application of the phase rule the assemblage has a variance of one, i.e. it is isobaric invariant. If one phase (plagioclase) and one component (CaO) are temporarily removed from consideration, the variance remains as one, but the phases can now be linked by the reaction:

> Staurolite+muscovite+quartz≠ garnet+biotite+kyanite+H<sub>2</sub>O

Since staurolite has an Fe/Mg ratio intermediate between garnet and biotite (Carmichael 1970; Thompson 1976) the reaction is discontinuous (Thompson 1976) and as such ought to define an isograd. However, the assemblage occurs widely in the Trough Zone. This may be explained by several factors:

- (1) If the fluid were not pure H<sub>2</sub>O, and H<sub>2</sub>O not perfectly mobile, then the equilibrium assemblage may buffer the fluid composition (Greenwood 1975; Vernon 1976), allowing the full-phase assemblage to occur over a wide but undefined range of temperature.
- (2) The effect of extra components: the garnets in all three samples contain significant amounts of Mn and Ca. The effect of Mn on the Mg-Fe discontinuous reaction above would be to make it an Mn-Fe-Mg continuous reaction, and therefore present over a range of temperature (Thompson 1976; Tracy et al. 1976). Ca may affect the stability of the assemblage through garnet-plagioclase continuous reactions (Tracy et al. 1976).

Of the five continuous reactions (Thompson 1976) which can be written between minerals in the above assemblage the following Fe end-member equilibria are important:

Fe staurolite + quartz  $\Rightarrow$  almandine + kyanite + H<sub>2</sub>O; almandine + muscovite  $\Rightarrow$  annite + 2 kyanite + quartz

<sup>\*</sup> Personal communication: D. Waters.

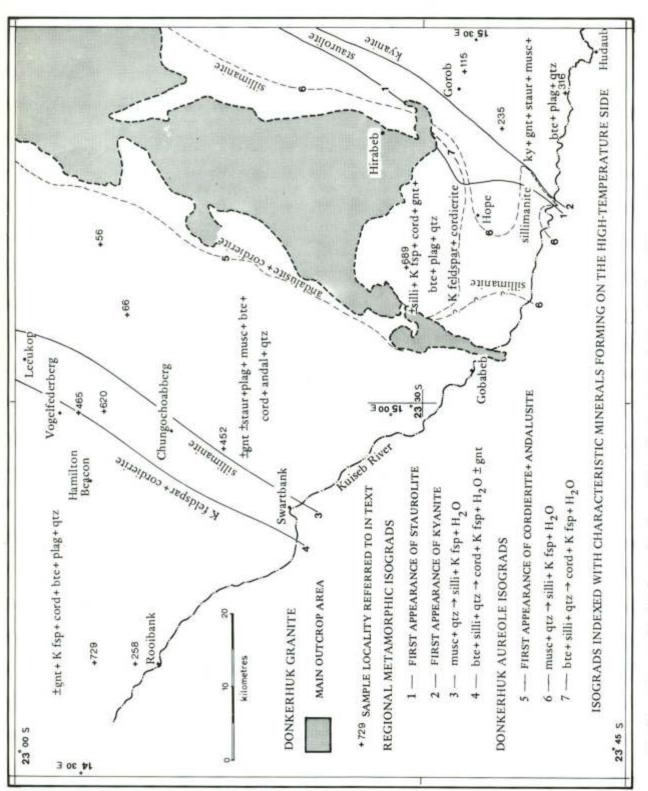


Fig. 8.1 - Metamorphic sketch map based on pelitic rocks showing distribution of major pelitic assemblages (see Appendix 1 for Metamorfe sketskaart gebaseer op pelitiese gesteentes wat die verspreiding van die belangrikste pelitiese versamelings abbreviations).

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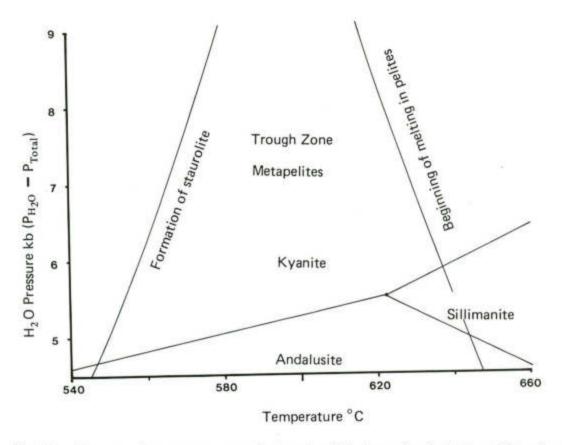


Fig. 8.2 - Pressure and temperature constraints based on field observations in the Trough Zone (see Section 8.1).
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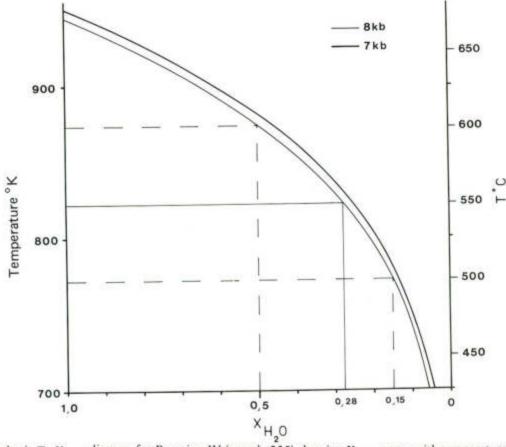


Fig. 8.3 – Isobaric T-X<sub>H2O</sub> diagram for Reaction IV (sample 235) showing X<sub>H2O</sub> range with temperature estimates (±50 °C) from Reaction III.

Isobariese T-X<sub>H2O</sub>-diagram vir Reaksie IV (monster 235) wat die bestek van X<sub>H2O</sub> met benaderde temperature (±50 °C) van Reaksie III aandui.

## 8.1.2 Reaction Equilibria

The pelitic schists analysed all contain plagioclase, kyanite and garnet, enabling the plagioclase-garnet-Al<sub>2</sub>SiO<sub>5</sub>-quartz geobarometer to be used. The reaction:

3 anorthite ⇒ grossular + 2 A1<sub>2</sub>SiO<sub>5</sub> + quartz has been investigated experimentally by Hays (1967) and Hariya and Kennedy (1968), whilst its potential as a geobarometer was discussed by Ghent (1975, 1976). In this case the following reaction is applicable:

# (I) 3 anorthite = grossular + 2 kyanite + quartz

Thermochemical data used are from Waters (Appendix I), but do not differ greatly from those of Ghent (1976), and Schmid and Wood (1976). Since the phases present are impure (e.g. anorthite in oligoclase and grossular in garnet) activities in terms of the pure phases were calculated for the observed minerals. Plagioclase activity data were taken from Orville (1972).

The equilibrium equation (Appendix I) contains both P and T as variables and was solved by fixing T at values within the range of interest. The results are shown in Table 8.1 below. Uncertainties are estimated at ±1 kb.

Table 8.1—EQUILIBRIUM DATA, REACTION I

Sample	550 °C	600 °C	650 °C
115 235 316	bar 7 258 6 304 7 546	bar 8 183 7 158 8 480	bar 9 093 8 018 9 418

A further check on pressure is given by the reaction:

Although potentially an extremely useful reaction together with its Mg counterpart enabling both P and T to be established, the thermochemical data have very large errors at present. Attempts to calibrate the reactions have been made (Thompson 1976, 1976a); those used here are from Waters.\* As the errors are large (±300 °C for the Mg end member) only the Fe endmember reactions have been calculated and are shown in Table 8.2. Activities of the minerals present have been calculated in terms of the end-member compositions.

Table 8.2—EQUILIBRIUM DATA, REACTION II

	8 000 bar		7 00	0 bar	6 000 bar	
Sample	T °C	Error	T °C	Error	T °C	Error
115	637	554 745	590	509 692	544	464 640
235	622	539 727	576	498 675	531	457 624
316	592	514 689	548	474 640	504	435 590

Temperature may be determined from Fe-Mg exchange between garnet-biotite mineral pairs. Determination of K<sub>D</sub> values from mean garnet and biotite composition for mineral pairs in contact give temperatures of the order of 525 °C, using the calibrations of Thompson (1976a) and Ferry and Spear (1977). Using the data of Holdaway and Lee (1977) for the reaction:

Garnet-biotite  $K_D$  values give the temperatures shown in Table 8.3. These values are still considered to be low and have an error limit of  $\pm 50$  °C.

Table 8.3—TEMPERATURES DETERMINED FROM Fe-Mg EXCHANGE, REACTION III

n.t.	Sample 115	Sample 235	Sample 316
P bar	T °C	T °C	T °C
6 000 7 000 8 000 9 000	544 548 551 554	546 549 552 555	535 538 541 545

Temperature is potentially determinable from the reaction:

The thermodynamic data given in Appendix I are derived from the experimental data of Ganguly (1972) using the staurolite formula of Richardson (1968) as the analytical data indicate this to be more appropriate than the formula used by Ganguly.

The equilibrium temperature for Reaction IV is dependent upon  $X_{H_4O}$  as the isobaric T–X diagram (Figure 8.3) shows (calculated from the re-arranged equation of state, Appendix I). Assuming temperatures determined by Reaction III to be correct ( $\pm 50~^{\circ}$ C) it can be seen from Figure 8.3, that  $X_{H_4O}$  has the range 0,15 to 0,50 at 7 to 8 kb (pressure estimates from Tables 5.1 and 5.2).

Wells (1976) finds P<sub>H<sub>2</sub>O</sub> to be about half P<sub>total</sub> in upper amphibolite-grade rocks of Greenland. French (1966) suggests X<sub>H<sub>2</sub>O</sub> to be of the order of 0,5 in graphite-bearing pelites. Ohmoto and Kerrick (1977) consider that under typical moderate- to high-metamorphic grades, X<sub>H<sub>2</sub>O</sub> must be less than 0,9 in the presence of graphite. Graphite-bearing pelites are common within the Kuiseb Formation especially in subzone TZ/2 where the three samples were collected. Should graphite have been present then the reaction:

2 graphite 
$$+ 2H_2O \Rightarrow CO_2 + CH_4$$

may well have occurred, consuming H<sub>2</sub>O and thereby reducing X<sub>H<sub>2</sub>O</sub> in the fluid phase.

In view of the indicated  $X_{H,O}$  range of 0,15 to 0,5 and the findings of other workers the value  $X_{H,O}$ =0,5 has been chosen and the equilibrium for Reaction IV calculated accordingly (Table 8.4).

Table 8.4-REACTION IV EQUILIBRIA AT XHO-0,5

	Samp	ple 115	Samp	ole 235	Sample 316	
P bar	T °C	Error	T °C	Error	T °C	Errot
9 000	596	565 617	593	559 614	595	562 615
8 000	604	575 622	601	570 619	602	572 621
7 000	610	583 627	608	580 623	609	581 626
6 000	614	590 631	611	585 627	612	589 630
5 000	616	594 632	612	588 630	615	594 632

Temperature may also be estimated by the reaction: (V) paragonite + quartz = albite + kyanite + H<sub>2</sub>O where paragonite and albite are involved in solid solutions.

<sup>\*</sup> Unpublished data, see Appendix I.

Microprobe analysis of the white micas (samples 115 and 235) show them to be muscovites with 17-20 per cent paragonite, which is close to the maximum possible crystalline solution of paragonite in muscovite (Thompson 1974).

Several metapelites (e.g. sample 694) have a felt-like mat fabric of white mica, whereas other samples (e.g. 115 and 235) have a groundmass consisting largely of oligoclase. The difference in mineralogy between the two rocks is attributed to the occurrence of Reaction V.

Chatterjee (1972) and Thompson (1974) show that the breakdown of paragonite+quartz occurs at lower temperatures than that of muscovite+quartz. The sub-assemblage oligoclase-muscovite-kyanite found in samples 235 and 115 corresponds to the K feldspar-deficient part of the phase diagram in section E, Figure 1 of Thompson (1974). At 7 kb, Reaction V occurs at 630 °C ( $X_{H_0O} = 1$ ) and therefore after the beginning of melting in pelites. With reduced  $X_{H_0O}$  the reaction is displaced to lower temperatures, e.g. 576 °C at 6 kb and 591 °C at 7 kb for  $X_{H_0O} = 0.5$  (Wintsch 1975). The occurrence of muscovite-rich and plagioclase-rich assemblages in Trough Zone pelites may be attributed to the occurrence of Reaction V in rocks of suitably low  $X_{H_0O}$ .

### 8.1.3 Conclusions

The reaction equilibria for the three samples investigated are plotted on Figures 8.4A, B and C. Reaction I tends to give lower-pressure determinations when the bulk Ca content of the co-existing garnet and plagioclase is low (Table 8.5).

Table 8.5—MEAN Ca CONTENT OF GARNET AND PLA-GIOCLASE FROM ANALYSED SAMPLES

Sample	X garnet Ca	X plagioclase Ca
115	0,082	0,318
235	0,042	0,230
316	0,079	0,280

Reactions I and II are in reasonable agreement for sample 235 and in excellent agreement for 316, however, the discrepancy between the two equilibria for sample 115 may be due to the upward displacement of Reaction I due to higher Ca content.

Temperature estimates from Reaction III give consistent results for the three samples, although temperatures are considered low, in spite of large errors (±50 °C).

Figure 8.3 shows that  $X_{H_2O}$  could not have been greater than about 0,8 since partial melting ought then to have been widespread. Reaction III with its large errors suggests  $X_{H_2O}=0.15$  to 0,5. Taking the value of  $X_{H_2O}=0.5$ , since graphite is common in Trough Zone rocks, Reaction IV gives temperatures of about 600 °C, which is in very good agreement with Reaction V, also assuming  $X_{H_2O}=0.5$ .

Quartz veins parallel to S<sub>2</sub> contain abundant fluid inclusions, a high proportion of which are CO<sub>2</sub>-filled, thus lending support to the suggestion that H<sub>2</sub>O was diluted in the fluid phase by CO<sub>2</sub>.

The eight-phase isobaric invariant assemblage is expected to occur over a limited area in outcrop; on the contrary, however, it is rather widespread. This is probably due to the buffering effect of the assemblage on the fluid phase. In a closed system, or where H<sub>2</sub>O is not perfectly mobile, the occurrence of devolatilisation reactions yield internal control of the chemical potentials of fluid components. The process of buffering in rocks

undergoing devolatilisation is considered to be commonplace (Greenwood 1975; Ohmoto and Kerrick 1977; Fyfe et al. 1978). Other explanations for the apparent low variance of the assemblage are: (i) The presence of Mn in the system makes the discontinuous reaction:

staurolite+muscovite+quartz=garnet+biotite+H2O

divariant in which Mn stabilises garnet at lower temperatures than in the Fe-Mg range; (ii) Harte (1975) notes the refractory (non-reactive) nature of garnets in particular. It may thus be that garnet is a refractory mineral having formed at lower temperatures.

Metamorphic conditions experienced by samples 115 and 235 during  $M_2$  (last regional metamorphism postdating  $S_2$ ) appear to be a pressure of  $7.3\pm1.2$  kb and a temperature of  $605\pm25$  °C. Sample 316, collected 16 km further south-eastwards indicates pressures of  $8.2\pm1.2$  kb and temperatures of  $600\pm25$  °C.

## 8.2 CENTRAL ZONE

### 8.2.1 Introduction

High-grade metapelites of the Central Zone often contain the assemblage:

±garnet±sillimanite+K feldspar+plagioclase+ cordierite+biotite+quartz

The K feldspar is always microcline and the plagioclase an oligoclase. Furthermore, partial melting in metapelites and Etusis Formation feldspathic quartzites begins in the vicinity of sample 465 and is widespread at sample 729, the two samples chosen for investigation (Fig. 8.2).

Sample 465 contains the assemblage (with all phases in contact):

sillimanite+garnet+oligoclase+microcline+biotite+ quartz+cordierite

which with a fluid phase represents eight phases in the seven component system:

(Na,K)<sub>2</sub>O, CaO, (Fe,Mn)O, MgO, Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, SiO<sub>2</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>O

This indicates isobaric invariance. Excluding plagioclase and CaO from consideration the variance is still one, but the reaction:

biotite + sillimanite + quartz  $\neq$  cordierite + garnet + K feldspar +  $H_2O$ 

can be written linking all phases. This reaction is discontinuous (Thompson 1976) and thus ought to define an isograd.

Sample 729, however, contains the isobaric univariant assemblage:

garnet + biotite + cordierite + oligoclase + microcline + quartz

for which the reaction:

biotite+cordierite+quartz=garnet+K feldspar+H<sub>2</sub>O can be written (neglecting plagioclase and CaO).

### 8.2.2 Reaction Equilibria

Estimates of temperature can be made using the Fe-Mg exchange reactions:

(III) 1/2,52 Mg biotite + 1/3 almandine = 1/2,52 Fe biotite + 1/3 pyrope

(VI) 1/2 Mg cordierite + 1/3 almandine ≠ 1/2 Fe cordierite + 1/3 pyrope

of Holdaway and Lee (1977). Both reactions have been calibrated by Thompson (1976) but yield temperatures below 600 °C. Wells (1976) gives thermodynamic data for Reaction VI with results similar to those obtained from the data of Holdaway and Lee (1977).

- I 3 anorthite ≠ grossular + 2 kyanite + quartz
- II almandine + muscovite ≠ annite + 2 kyanite + quartz
- III 1/2,52 Mg biotite + 1/3 almandine ≠ 1/2,52 Fe biotite + 1/3 pyrope
- IV 6 Fe staurolite + 25 quartz ≠ 8 almandine + 46 kyanite + 12 H<sub>2</sub> O

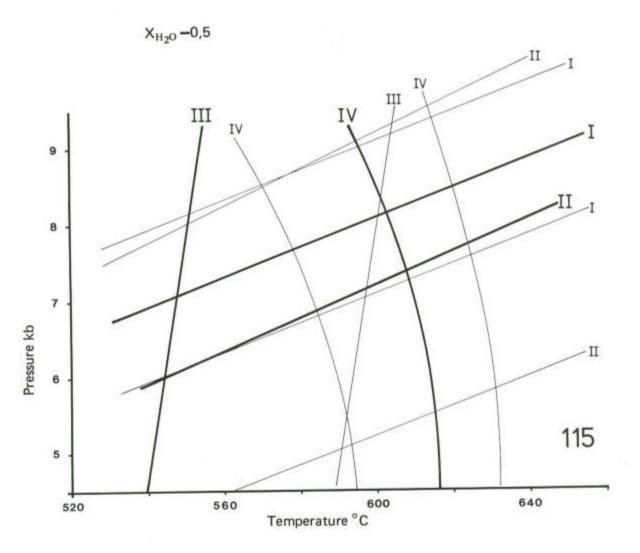


Fig. 8.4A – Reaction equilibria for sample 115 from the Trough Zone plotted on a P–T diagram with  $X_{\rm H2O}=0.5$ . Heavy lines show equilibria calculated from the 'best fit' thermodynamic data (see Appendix I). Light lines indicate errors due to uncertainties in the thermodynamic data. Reaksie-ekwilibria vir monster 115 van die Trogsone uitgestip op 'n P–T-diagram met  $X_{\rm H2O}=0.5$ . Dik lyne toon ekwilibria bereken vanaf die 'mees toepaslike' termodinamiese data (verwys Aanhangsel I). Dun lyne dui foute te wyte aan onsekerbede in die termodinamiese data aan.

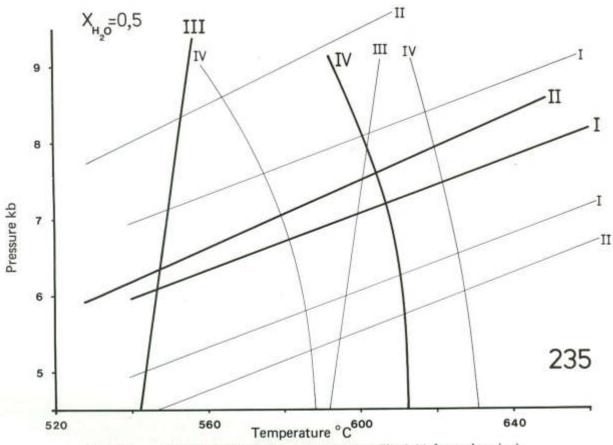


Fig. 8.4B — Reaction equilibria for sample 235 (see Fig. 8.4A for explanation).

Reaksie-ekwilibria vir monster 235 (kyk Fig. 8.4A vir toeligting).

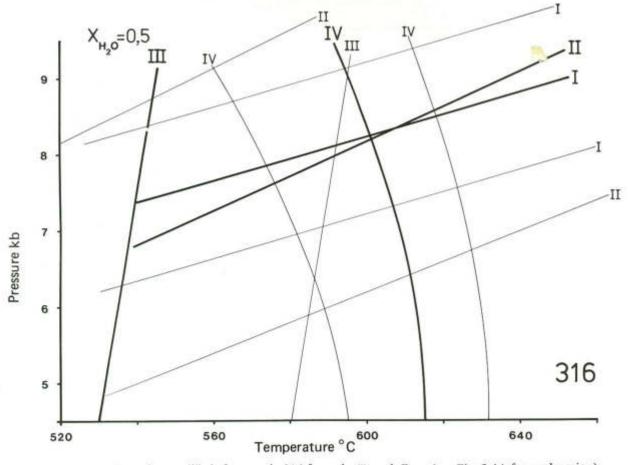


Fig. 8.4C - Reaction equilibria for sample 316 from the Trough Zone (see Fig. 8.4A for explanation).

Reaksie-ekwilibria vir monster 316 uit die Trogsone (kyk Fig. 8.4A vir toeligting).

K<sub>D</sub> values for Reactions III and VI are shown in Table 8.6 and are used to calculate the temperatures shown in Table 8.7, using the data of Holdaway and Lee (1977). Temperatures for Reaction VI from the data of Wells (1976) are shown in Table 8.8.

Table 8.6—K<sub>p</sub> VALUES FOR REACTIONS III AND VI (HOLDAWAY AND LEE 1977)

Sample	465		729	
Reaction	Ш	VI	ш	VI
Κ <sub>0</sub>	0,1826	0,0928	0,1846	0,1046

Table 8.7—TEMPERATURE DETERMINATIONS FROM REACTIONS III AND VI USING DATA IN TABLE 8.6

	Sample 465		Sample 729	
P bar	T °C (III)	T °C (VI)	T °C (III)	T °C (VI)
3 000 4 000 5 000	646 650 654 658	568 572 577 582	649 653 656 660	597 601 605 609

Table 8.8—EQUILIBRIUM DATA FOR REACTION VI USING DATA OF WELLS (1976)

P bar	Sample 465	Sample 729  T °C  657±4 653±4
	T °C	
3 000. 4 000.	626±5 622±5	
5 000	618±5 614±5	649±4 645±4

Since partial melting of metapelites occurs at both sample localities, the higher temperatures from Reaction III are preferred, and a temperature of 652 °C (925 °K) is assumed for both samples. An error of  $\pm 25$  °C is also assumed, and thus encompasses the results from Reaction VI using the data of Wells (1976)—Table 8.8.

The combination of garnet and cordierite offers a potentially useful geobarometer (Currie 1971, 1974; Hutcheon et al. 1974; Hensen 1977). However, considerable variation in the thermochemical data exists. Seifert (1976) experimentally investigated the Mg reaction:

6 muscovite + 2 phologopite + 15 quartz = 3 Mg cordierite 0,5 H<sub>2</sub>O + 8 K feldspar + 6,5 H<sub>2</sub>O

whilst Hoffer (1976), using natural minerals, experimentally investigated the reaction:

2 biotite+6 sillimanite+9 quartz ≠ 3 cordierite+2 K feldspar+0,5 H<sub>2</sub>O

Fe end-member reactions experimentally determined are:

(VII) 3 Fe cordierite. 3nH<sub>2</sub>O ≠ 2 almandine+4 sillimanite+5 quartz+3nH<sub>2</sub>O by Weisbrod (1973, 1973a) and Holdaway and Lee (1977) (n=number of mols H<sub>2</sub>O in cordierite); and

(VIII) Fe biotite +2,08 sillimanite +4 quartz ≠ 1,26 Fe cordierite +0,84 K feldspar +(1-1,26n) H<sub>2</sub>O

by Holdaway and Lee (1977). Although both experimental determinations of Reaction VII give similar results (Appendix I) the data of Holdaway and Lee are used for compatibility.

With temperature known, an isothermal P-X<sub>H,O</sub> diagram can be constructed for sample 465, enabling Reactions VII and VIII to be solved simultaneously yielding values for both P and X<sub>H,O</sub>. To ensure both reactions are compatible, the experimental data of Holdaway and Lee (1977) are used since both experimental determinations (for VII and VIII) used similar buffers (QFM) and experimental procedure. A further complication arises from the problem of water in cordierites. The number of mols of H<sub>2</sub>O (n) in cordierite is approximately 0,5 at 2 kb P<sub>H,O</sub> and 0,7 at 5 kb P<sub>H,O</sub> (Weisbrod 1973a, Fig. 61). Since the experiments of Holdaway and Lee (1977) are in the pressure range 2-3,5 kb, and the expected pressure is about 4 kb in the Central Zone X<sub>H<sub>2</sub>O</sub><1; a value of n=0,5 has been chosen as realistic for the amount of water in cordierite.

Figure 8.5 shows the isothermal  $P-X_{H_8O}$  diagram for Reactions VII and VIII and sample 465. Equilibria are shown for temperatures of  $652\pm25$  °C and also take into account errors due to the uncertainty in the thermochemical data (Appendix I).

Neither Reaction VII nor VIII are applicable to sample 729 since sillimanite is not present. However, the reaction:

can be written for the assemblage of 729. The experimental data of Holdaway and Lee (1977) can be combined to yield thermochemical data for Reaction IX\*.

Although no detailed work was carried out on calcsilicate rocks, the following observations are significant:

In one case (EWS 620, see Figure 8.1 for locality) the isobaric invariant assemblage:

clinozoisite+quartz+anorthite+grossular+calcite was found. Since clinozoisite and not zoisite is present the reaction:

4 zoisite+quartz = grossular+5 anorthite+H<sub>2</sub>O is displaced upwards to higher temperature (Holdaway 1972) whilst the reaction:

2 clinozoisite+CO<sub>2</sub> ≠calcite+3 anorthite+H<sub>2</sub>O is little altered (Thompson 1975a). Thus the isobaric invariant assemblage lies at approximately 650 °C at 4 kb and is indicative of a very low X<sub>CO<sub>2</sub></sub>.

A common subassemblage in calc-silicate rocks is: diopside/hedenbergite+tremolite/actinolite+quartz+

generally with the amphibole forming at the expense of the clinopyroxene, possibly by the reaction investigated by Slaughter et al. (1975):

5 diopside+3 CO<sub>2</sub>+H<sub>2</sub>O 

tremolite+3 calcite+2 quartz.

<sup>\*</sup> The data used are those obtained by D. Waters (personal communication). See Appendix I.

In many such rocks diopside comprises over 20 per cent of the rock volume. During progressive metamorphism of a rock containing quartz, dolomite and calcite, it is reasonable to assume that the fluid composition will be driven to a fairly high CO<sub>2</sub> content by reactions involving talc and tremolite (Greenwood 1975). Thus diopside may form by:

tremolite+3 calcite+2 quartz≠ 5 diopside+3 CO<sub>2</sub>+H<sub>2</sub>O

at low to moderate XCO, or at high XCO, by:

dolomite+2 quartz=diopside+2 CO2.

Frequently the rocks also contain the subassemblage: epidote/clinozoisite+quartz+calcite±plagioclase which is indicative of a low X<sub>CO<sub>3</sub></sub>. Thus a change of fluid composition is indicated during metamorphism of the calc-silicate rocks, possibly due to:

- (i) Two metamorphic events, the first at high X<sub>CO<sub>s</sub></sub> producing diopside and the second event at low X<sub>CO<sub>s</sub></sub> producing the epidote/clinozoisite+tremolite assemblage.
- (ii) A change of fluid composition during a single metamorphic event by the continuous gain of water from adjacent pelitic rocks effectively reducing X<sub>CO2</sub> and thus affecting the stability of certain minerals in favour of low X<sub>CO</sub>, assemblages.

Three rocks taken from close to bodies of red granite contain the subassemblage:

calcite+quartz+wollastonite.

In one case (sample 258, see Fig. 8.1) the assemblage:

plagioclase+quartz+calcite+scapolite+garnet+ microcline+wollastonite+diopside

is present. This contains the isobarically invariant assemblage:

grossular+quartz+wollastonite+anorthite+calcite as well as products of the reactions;

calcite+quartz = wollastonite+CO<sub>2</sub>

and,

plagioclase+calcite = scapolite (mizzonite).

Mizzonite is the scapolite stable at the lowest temperatures (Orville 1975). The isobarically invariant assemblage suggests a pressure of about 3,8 kb at 652 °C. The pressure and temperature estimates suggest that wollastonite formed at  $X_{CO_2} \simeq 0,20$  (Winkler 1976, Fig. 9–8).

### 8.2.3 Conclusions

Unlike the Trough Zone, Fe-Mg exchange reactions give temperatures considered to be realistic from the occurrence of partial melting in pelitic rocks. The Fe-Mg exchange reaction between garnet and cordierite gives satisfactory results when the thermodynamic data of Wells (1976) are used. A range of ±25 °C covers the calculated temperatures from Reaction III and Wells' Reaction VI.

The experimental data of Hoffmann (1976a) for the Central Damara rocks suggest that partial melting begins at 655 °C in pelitic rocks (excess H<sub>2</sub>O at 4 kb total pressure) and most samples contain melt by 670 °C. The Nosib feldspathic quartzites at Rooibank will begin to produce red homogeneous granite at 662 °C and have produced 20 per cent melt by 670 °C (Hoffmann 1976).

The derived temperature of 652±25 °C therefore appears to be realistic.

The production of large amounts of melt at a eutectic will have the effect of buffering the temperature, since addition of heat leads to continued melting (until one of the phases is consumed) rather than a rise in temperature (Bailey 1976, p. 27). Thus it is unlikely that temperatures would exceed 675 °C except locally where melting did not occur.

The isobaric invariant assemblage of sample 465 enables both P and  $X_{H_2O}$  to be determined by plotting Reactions VII and VIII (assuming  $n\!=\!0,5$ ) on an isothermal  $P\!-\!X_{H_2O}$  diagram such as Figure 8.5. The pressure so indicated is  $4,25\!\pm\!0,3$  kb with  $X_{H_2O}$  ranging from 0,082 to 0,169. At 652 °C values are 4,24 kb and  $X_{H_2O}\!=\!0,124$  respectively. Although  $X_{H_2O}$  and n (number of mols  $H_2O$  in cordierite) are related, assuming  $n\!=\!0,7,$  raises  $X_{H_2O}$  to a maximum value of 0,237 at  $T\!=\!652\!\pm\!25$  °C.

An assemblage in a calc-silicate rock (EWS 620) taken near to sample 465 indicates the same order of pressure and temperature.

Calc-silicate sample 258 suggests a pressure of just below 4 kb at 652 °C which, when applied to the isothermal  $P-X_{H_2O}$  plot for sample 729 (Fig. 8.6), suggests an  $X_{H_2O}$  of about 0, 18.

Holdaway and Lee (1977) state that the assemblage: almandine+cordierite+K feldspar+quartz

requires  $P_{H_{*}O} < P_{total}$  to form, and that with cordierite of  $Mg_{50}$  requires  $X_{H_{*}O} \leq 0,4$ . ( $X_{MB}$  cordierite are 0,6047 and 0,6107 for samples 465 and 729 respectively). The determined values of  $X_{H_{*}O}$  thus appear to be reasonable.

# 8.3 OKAHANDJA LINEAMENT ZONE

Chloritoid has not been found in any metapelites, whilst chlorite is generally retrograde, the sole exception being the prograde continuous reaction:

The most characteristic pelitic assemblage encountered is:

plagioclase + quartz + muscovite + biotite + cordierite + andalusite

which with a fluid phase has a variance of two in the seven-component system (Na,K)<sub>2</sub>O, CaO, (Fe,Mn)O, MgO, Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, SiO<sub>2</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>O.

In a few instances staurolite is also present making the system isobarically invariant,

Since both garnet and staurolite are very rare in metapelites the disappearance of chlorite probably involved cordierite through the continuous reactions:

 $\begin{array}{c} chlorite + and alusite + quartz = cordierite + H_2O;\\ chlorite + muscovite + quartz = \\ cordierite + biotite + H_2O \end{array}$ 

for which the two Mg-end-member reactions have been carried out by Seifert and Schreyer (1970) and Seifert (1970) respectively. However, Guidotti et al. (1975) suggest that the actual disappearance of chlorite takes place via the terminal univariant reaction:

chlorite+muscovite+quartz  $\Rightarrow$  cordierite+ $A1_2SiO_5$ +biotite+ $H_2O$ 

which thus sets a lower temperature limit to pelites (Fig. 8.7).

The pelitic assemblages are characteristic of Buchantype low-pressure metamorphism (Harte 1975).

Calc-silicate rocks often contain the isobaric invariant assemblage:

clinozoisite+grossular+calcite+quartz+anorthite

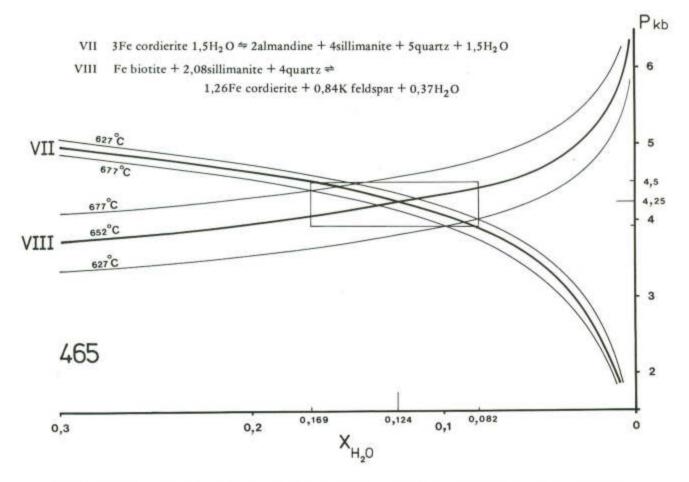


Fig. 8.5 – Isothermal P-X<sub>H2O</sub> diagram for Reactions VII and VIII for sample 465 showing errors for a temperature of 652±25 °C.
Isotermale P-X<sub>H2O</sub>-diagram van Reaksies VII en VIII vir monster 465 wat foute by 'n temperatuur van 652±25 °C uitwys.

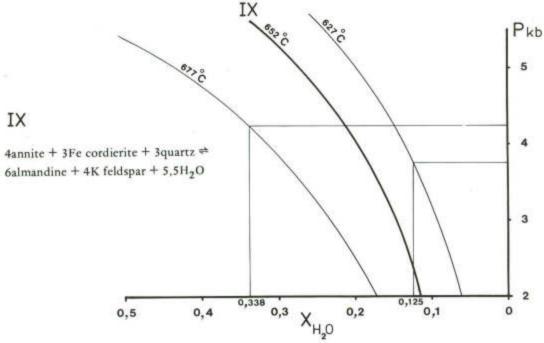


Fig. 8.6 – Isothermal P-X<sub>H2O</sub> diagram for Reaction IX for sample 729 at a temperature of 652±25 °C. Pressure estimate from sample 258.
Isotermale P-X<sub>H2O</sub>-diagram van Reaksie IX vir monster 729 by 'n temperatuur van 652±25 °C. Benaderde druk van monster 258.

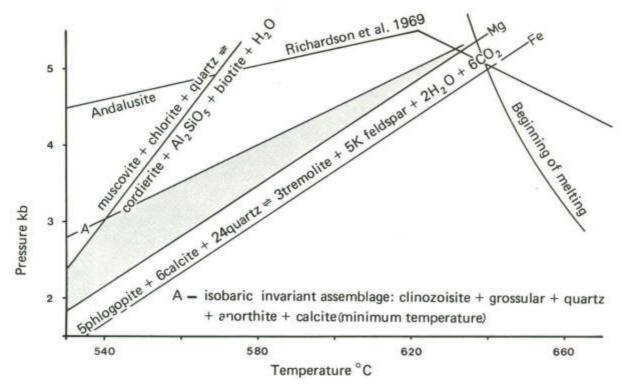


Fig 8.7 - Pressure and temperature constraints at locality 66 in the Okahandja Lineament Zone. Druk-en temperatuurbeperkinge by lokalitiet 66 in die Okahandja-lineamentsone.

- a 5dolomite + 8quartz + H<sub>2</sub>O ⇒ tremolite + 3calcite + 7CO<sub>2</sub>
- b chlorite + 3calcite + 7quartz ≠ tremolite + anorthite + 3H<sub>2</sub>O + 3CO<sub>2</sub>
- c 5phlogopite + 6calcite + 24quartz ≠ 3tremolite + 5K feldspar + 3H<sub>2</sub>O + 6CO<sub>2</sub>
- d tremolite + 3calcite + 2quartz ≠ 5diopside + H<sub>2</sub>O + 3CO<sub>2</sub>
- e calcite + 3anorthite +  $H_2O \neq 2$ clinozoisite +  $CO_2$
- f 2clinozoisite + tremolite + 2quartz ≠ 5diopside + 3anorthite + H<sub>2</sub>O

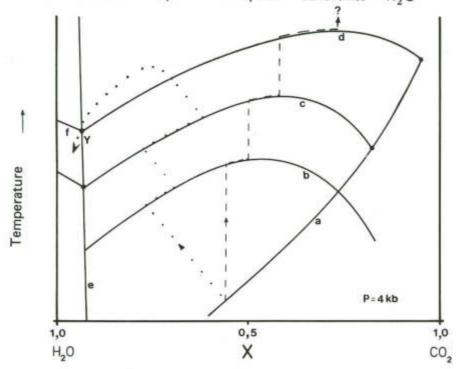


Fig. 8.8 - Possible paths of fluid-composition change in sample 452. Dashes: closed-system path; dots: open-system path to the isobaric invariant assemblage Y in a single metamorphic event.
Moontlike paaie van verandering in fluidumsamestelling in monster 452. Strepe: geslote sisteempad; kolletjies: oop-sisteempad na die isobariese, onveranderlike versameling Y in 'n enkele metamorfe gebeurtenis.

for which the minimum temperature is shown on Figure 8.7. Increasing the Fe content of the epidote mineral displaces the equilibria to higher temperatures (Holdaway (1972).

Calc-pelites are fairly common in the Tinkas Member. Five examples from locality 66 (Fig. 8.1) show the subassemblage:

phlogopite+calcite+quartz

i.e. tremolite which could have formed via the Fe-Mg continuous reaction:

5 phlogopite+6 calcite+24 quartz ≠

3 tremolite+5 K feldspar +2 H2O+6 CO2

is absent. This enables a maximum to be placed upon temperature of (Thompson 1975a)

610 °C at 5 kb  $\rm H_2O$  pressure 580 °C at 4 kb  $\rm H_2O$  pressure 550 °C at 3 kb  $\rm H_2O$  pressure

assuming pure Mg end members. However, the addition of Fe could raise these temperatures by 30 °C (Hewitt 1975; Thompson 1975a). These temperatures lie just above the minimum temperatures of the assemblage:

clinozoisite+grossular+calcite+quartz+anorthite.

Many calc-silicate rocks contain diopside grains rimmed by acicular, disoriented amphibole crystals. Sample EWS 452 (see Fig. 8.1 for location) shows such an amphibole accompanied by clinozoisite; the full assemblage is:

plagioclase+biotite+clinozoisite+tremolite+calcite+ diopside+quartz+K feldspar.

Textural evidence suggests that the following reactions have occurred:

5 phlogopite+6 calcite+24 quartz ≠

3 tremolite+5 K feldspar+2H2O+6 CO2;

2 clinozoisite+quartz ⇒calcite+3 anorthite+H<sub>2</sub>O;

2 clinozoisite+tremolite+2 quartz.

Since diopside comprises about 20 per cent of the rock by volume it is evident that the reaction;

tremolite+3 calcite+2 quartz≠ 5 diopside+3 CO<sub>2</sub>+H<sub>2</sub>O

was the diopside-producing reaction since it occurs at lower temperatures than the reaction:

3 tremolite+6 calcite+ K feldspar = phlogopite+12 diopside+6 CO<sub>2</sub>+2 H<sub>2</sub>O. (Rice 1977, Fig. 3).

The generation of tremolite and diopside would tend to enrich the fluid phase in CO<sub>2</sub> in a closed system (Greenwood 1975). However, the subassemblage:

diopside+plagioclase+tremolite+clinozoisite+ quartz+calcite

is isobaric invariant at about 580 °C at 4 kb with  $X_{CO_4}$  less than 0,1. Thus the composition of the fluid phase has changed from relatively rich in  $CO_2$  to being  $CO_2$ -deficient. This is difficult to explain in a closed system, but may occur in an open system where  $CO_2$  is lost to and  $H_2O$  gained from adjacent pelites. Calc-silicate bands commonly show zoning with core, intermediate and rim assemblages:

diopside+calcite+plagioclase+quartz+garnet; diopside+tremolite+clinozoisite+calcite+quartz+ garnet;

tremolite+clinozoisite+quartz+calcite+garnet respectively, suggesting increasing X<sub>H<sub>4</sub>O</sub> from core to margin. Thompson (1975) and Vidale and Hewitt (1973) considered such zoned calc-silicate rocks to be the result of diffusion of volatile components (e.g. CO<sub>2</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>O) and non-volatile components (e.g. KCl, CaCl<sub>2</sub>) down activity gradients between the calc-silicate rock and a large external pelite reservoir.

Hence by considering sample 452 as an open system it is possible to derive the present assemblage by constant diffusion of CO<sub>2</sub> from H<sub>2</sub>O into the rock, Figure 8.8 shows two suggested paths of open and closed systems assuming a single metamorphic event.

A further explanation may be sought by considering the diopside to result from an earlier metamorphism in which  $X_{CO_2}$  was high, which has been subsequently retrograded by the  $M_2$  event with high  $X_{H_2O}$ .

### 8.3.1 Conclusions

A lower limit to temperature for M<sub>2</sub> metamorphism can be established by the absence of chlorite in metapelites, and by the assemblage (isobaric invariant):

clinozoisite+grossular+calcite+anorthite+quartz in calc-silicate rocks. The upper limit can be established at locality 66 by the reaction:

5 phlogopite+6 calcite+24 quartz =3 tremolite+ 5 K feldspar+ 2H<sub>2</sub>O+6 CO<sub>2</sub>

which has not occurred, whereas it has occurred at locality 452. Thus locality 452 must have been at higher temperature and/or lower pressure than locality 66, or else contained less Fe in the bulk composition than at 66. This together with the only occurrence of prograde chlorite (locality 56) indicates increasing temperatures from east to west across the Okahandja Lineament Zone.

Thus temperature has a range of 535 to 610 °C and pressure a range of 2,0-5,25 kb with the andalusite  $\neq$  kyanite transition as the upper limit and the occurrence of staurolite as a lower limit. At locality 66, P=4,0±0,9 kb and T=585±25 °C.

### 8.4 DONKERHUK GRANITE AUREOLE

The following comments are confined to the area between Hope Mine and Hirabeb Mountain (Fig. 8.1).

Donkerhuk Granite has intruded Kuiseb Formation schists of the Trough Zone containing the assemblage:

garnet+staurolite+muscovite+biotite+quartz+ plagioclase.

Compositionally the granite is a peraluminous adamellite containing both muscovite and biotite with almandine garnet also frequently present. Whitney et al. (1976) describe a similar granite from Georgia, U.S.A., and have used the muscovite+quartz-out reaction, together with the minimum melting of granite to indicate a minimum pressure of intrusion of about 3,3 kb. Carmichael et al. (1974, p. 65) suggest a minimum pressure of about 4 kb.

In many of the country rocks partial melting has occurred and thus the minimum melting temperature in metapelites has been exceeded, although the

muscovite+quartz⇒sillimanite+K feldspar+H<sub>2</sub>O reaction can still occur up to 6 kb and 730 °C.

An assemblage occasionally found is:

plagioclase+sillimanite+quartz+biotite+staurolite+ cordierite+almandine+K feldspar

whilst one sample contains a cordierite porphyroblast enclosing sillimanite, biotite, staurolite and quartz suggesting the reactions:

staurolite+muscovite+quartz → sillimanite+biotite+H<sub>2</sub>O and,

sillimanite+biotite+quartz of cordierite+K feldspar+H<sub>2</sub>O occurred. Cordierite and almandine do not appear to be produced together in any reaction involving staurolite breakdown since almandine and cordierite have not been observed in contact. In several cases small idioblastic staurolite crystals appear to be forming at the edge of cordierite porphyroblasts. The final assemblage and the remaining staurolite suggests  $P_{\text{min}}=3.7$  kb at 680 °C and  $P_{\text{max}}=5.5$  kb at 720 °C depending on Fe/Mg ratios (Thompson 1976a) and  $X_{\text{HgO}}$ . Furthermore the assemblage:

plagioclase+sillimanite+cordierite+biotite+garnet+ hercynite+ilmenite±quartz±K feldspar±corundum found in sample 689 suggests temperatures in the range 650-800 °C (Loomis 1976).

### 8.4.1 Conclusions

The data indicate that the Donkerhuk Granite has a marked thermal aureole, contrary to the view of Faupel (1973, p. 335) and that in the southern part of that aureole the country rocks underwent very high-grade thermal metamorphism in the range P=4,6±1,0 kb and T=700±20 °C. The western and eastern margins underwent lower-grade thermal metamorphism with andalusite and sillimanite developed respectively. The degree of metamorphism experienced in the aureole is probably a function of angle of contact and contacts are relatively steep on the east and west flanks, but of low angle in the south.

### 9. CONCLUSIONS

### 9.1 PRESENT STUDY

### 9.1.1 Damara Deposition

Within the area mapped a marked contrast exists between the Central Zone with its fairly thin cover sequence of Nosib and Swakop Group rocks consisting of feldspathic quartzites, marbles and pelites, and the thick, largely pelitic succession in the Okahandja Lineament and Trough Zones.

Sedimentary structures such as cross-lamination, cross-bedding and channel fills in the Nosib Group suggest a derivation from the west and north-west. In addition an intraformational rudite in the Karibib Formation marbles suggest shallow-water deposition (Sawyer 1979). The Trough Zone rocks show layering similar to that of distal turbidites (Allen 1970) whilst submarine volcanism gave rise to pillow lavas and associated gabbro and dolerite intrusions of the Matchless Member.

The Okahandja Lineament Zone and the eastern Central Zone contain the peculiar Tinkas Member, partly interfingering with and partly overlying the Karibib Formation. The contact between the Tinkas Member and the Kuiseb Formation is fairly sharp, although rocks east of the boundary often are as dark and fine grained as those of the Tinkas Member. Sedimentary structures in the Tinkas Member include flute casts and slump structures whilst sedimentary layering tends to become finer grained and more pelitic from west to east in the manner of distal turbidites (Allen 1970). All the sedimentary features thus indicate a derivation from the west or north-west for the Tinkas Member. Mapping shows that the Tinkas Member thickens from nothing about eight km west of the Okahandja Lineament to over 3 000 m just a few kilometres into the Lineament. These facts suggest that the Tinkas Member is a local, thick accumulation of pelite and carbonate of turbidite origin at the edge of the Central Zone, that was deposited in moderately deep water on the continental slope with the Karibib Formation as a shelf edge reef (Dietz and Holden 1966, Fig. 3).

Taking a broader view of the Damara Orogen it is apparent that the lower Damara succession in the Hakos-Rostock area 70 km to the south-east bears little resemblance to the rocks of the Central Zone of the mapped area.\* In the Rostock area, thick metarudites and quartzites are developed which together with amphibolites and graphitic schists have no counterpart in the Central Zone. The only exception is the useful marker, the Chuos Formation, a schistose rudite of wide distribution. The rocks of the Hakos-Rostock area seem to be of local provenance representing local outwashes of predominantly clastic sediment derived from a pre-Damara highland area further south-east towards Rehoboth and deposited in a tectonically active environment.

The flysch-like Kuiseb Formation (minus the Tinkas Member) is envisaged filling the Trough Zone, and separating two distinct Damara successions resting unconformably upon the respective pre-Damara gneissic basements. In this scheme the Tinkas Member would require separate formation status within the depositional sequence of the Central Zone, forming a wedge-shaped accumulation of sediment at the edge of the shallowwater depositional regime of the Central Zone and the deep water Trough Zone.

# 9.1.2 Metamorphic Geology

Two metamorphic events have been established in the Central and Trough Zones through mineral-fabric relations.

In the Central Zone sillimanite porphyroblasts are flattened and rotated during F<sub>3</sub> folding, whilst in one case sillimanite folded by the S3 crenulation cleavage is enclosed in a cordierite porphyroblast. The M1 metamorphism hence reached at least sillimanite grade. In the Khan-Swakop area garnet-cordierite assemblages formed during M1 suggesting that (if XH2O=1) pressure could not have exceeded 6 kb, the upper stability limit of Mg cordierite. Pressure was probably well below this maximum since muscovite and quartz would still be stable until beyond the beginning of melting if pressure was above about 4 kb. Furthermore, some partial melting appears to be associated with M<sub>1</sub>. Pressures during M<sub>1</sub> were probably similar to those during M<sub>2</sub> although temperatures may have been somewhat less (600-625 °C). Fabric relations indicate M1 to be syn-DC2.

The M<sub>2</sub> metamorphic event in the Central Zone occurred partly during but largely after D<sub>C3</sub>, giving rise to wide-spread partial melting in pelites. Mineral assemblages and reaction equilibria suggest temperatures of 652±25 °C and pressures of 4,25±0,3 kb at sample locality 465 with X<sub>H<sub>2</sub>O</sub> in the range 0,08–0,17. The fluid phase in calc-silicate rocks was low in CO<sub>2</sub> since epidote and wollastonite are frequently present. The increasing degree of partial melting from east to west suggests a temperature rise in that direction.

In the Trough Zone staurolite and kyanite porphyroblasts are rotated and deformed by both D<sub>T2</sub> and D<sub>T3</sub> in the same outcrop. Later post-S<sub>3</sub> growth of both minerals is across the pre-existing fabric indicating two metamorphic events, M<sub>1</sub> being syn-S<sub>2</sub> and M<sub>2</sub> being late- but largely post-S<sub>3</sub>.

The M<sub>1</sub> event produced staurolite-kyanite-bearing assemblages as did M<sub>2</sub>. However, the presence of M<sub>2</sub> ortho-amphibole (anthophyllite) porphyroblasts in an ultrabasic unit of the Matchless Member suggests that

<sup>\*</sup> Field work: R. S. Hill and E. W. Sawyer.

 $M_2$  was of higher temperature than  $M_1$ . Conditions for  $M_2$  are pressures of  $7.3\pm1.2$  kb and temperatures of  $605\pm25$  °C with  $X_{\rm H_{2O}}$  approximately 0.5 in metapelites.

Conditions for  $M_1$  in the Okahandja Lineament are difficult to establish. Some  $M_2$  and alusite porphyroblasts have a bladed habit which may be indicative of inversion from kyanite. If this is so, then  $M_1$  was at higher pressure (hence greater depth) than the  $M_2$  metamorphism which could indicate uplift after  $M_1$  due to erosion. If diopside in the calc-silicates was formed during  $M_1$  rather than during  $M_2$  then a higher temperature and  $X_{\rm CO_2}$  during  $M_1$  is indicated.  $M_1$  occurred during the  $D_{\rm L2}$  deformation event.

The M<sub>2</sub> syn- to post-D<sub>L3</sub> metamorphism shows increased temperatures from east to west as in the Central Zone. Pressures were probably about 4 kb and temperature approximately 580 °C as deduced from calc-silicate assemblages.

The common occurrence of diopside altering to tremolite in Central and Okahandja Lineament Zones calcsilicate rocks cannot be adequately explained by assuming a single metamorphic event and a system closed to exchange of fluids with adjacent rocks. The alteration can be explained by either considering the system open to fluid exchange with adjacent metapelites, or by considering the assemblage to be derived from two metamorphic events. The open system is preferred since it can be used to explain the zoning commonly seen in thick calc-silicate bands in the Tinkas Member,

Five Trough Zone and Central Zone metapelites were examined by microprobe and thermodynamic considerations. In all cases it was found that the  $X_{\rm H_2O}$  of the fluid phase in equilibrium with the mineral assemblages was 0,5 or less. Thus when dealing with metapelites of the Damara it cannot be assumed that  $X_{\rm H_2O} = 1$ , with the consequence that reaction equilibria will be displaced to lower temperatures, the exceptions being melting reactions.

Figure 8.1 shows the distribution of the main pelitic assemblages, characteristic of the zones. The compilation is based upon 300 thin sections and approximately 2 000 field observations. The regional isograds are shown where possible. Partial melting in regionally metamorphosed rocks begins at curve 3, and increases westwards until it is widespread beyond curve 4. The isograds are indexed with the characteristic minerals shown on the side of the curve on which these occur.

Curves 1 and 2 mark the first occurrences of kyanite and staurolite respectively. The change-over to regional cordierite-andalusite assemblages occurs roughly parallel to lines 1 and 3, some 10 km east of Gobabeb, but is obscured by the Donkerhuk Granite. In addition this boundary also marks the north-western limit of abundant garnet.

Isograds of the Central and Okahandja Lineament Zones are virtually parallel to the structural trends, whereas those of the Trough Zone are oblique to the regional fabric by up to 30°.

The  $\rm M_2$  regional metamorphism characterises both the Central Zone and the Okahandja Lineament Zones as low-pressure metamorphic facies series (Miyashiro 1973) having geothermal gradients of 42,1 $\pm$ 3,7 °C. km<sup>-1</sup> (locality 465) and 39,8 $\pm$ 9 °C. km<sup>-1</sup> (locality 66, large errors due to poor pressure determination) respectively. These estimates assume the density of pelite to be 2,80 g. cm<sup>-3</sup> (Bean 1953). If a pressure of 4,0 $\pm$ 0,25 kb is assumed from the evidence of sample 258 at 652 $\pm$ 25 °C the geothermal gradient at locality 729 is 45 $\pm$ 4,5 °C. km<sup>-1</sup>. This shows that both the Central and Okahandja

Lineament Zones belong to the same metamorphic regime and have similar geothermal gradients.

M₂ regional metamorphism in the Trough Zone took place with a geothermal gradient of 22,8±4,0 °C. km<sup>-1</sup>, that is just within the high-pressure metamorphic zone of Miyashiro (1973) which is drawn at the 25 °C. km<sup>-1</sup> geotherm.

Figure 9.1 summarises the P-T conditions established for each zone and the intrusion of the Donkerhuk Granite.

#### 9.1.3 Structural Geology

In broad terms the three subzones represent an antiformal region (Central Zone) separated from a synformal region (Trough Zone) by a monoclinal region (Okahandja Lineament Zone).

Both the Okahandja Lineament Zone and the Central Zone show the same deformation event (D<sub>L3</sub> and D<sub>C3</sub> respectively) producing structures of similar orientation and morphology, although much more intense in the Okahandja Lineament Zone. In both zones two earlier fold phases having subhorizontal and moderately inclined axial planes are postulated. It is assumed, therefore, that the deformation history of the two zones was similar up to and including DL3 and DC3. Indeed, all of its history from deformation sequence, timing of metamorphic events and geothermal gradients are closely related up to the post-D<sub>L3</sub> and D<sub>C3</sub> M<sub>2</sub> metamorphic event. The main difference between the two zones appears to be largely sedimentological with thin cover over partly exhumed basement in the Central Zone and very thick cover on an unseen basement in the Okahandja Lineament Zone. The other main distinguishing feature is that metamorphic temperatures were rather higher in the Central Zone.

Later deformations, i.e. post-D<sub>L3</sub> and -D<sub>C3</sub>, cannot be correlated between the two subzones. In the Central Zone the D<sub>C4</sub> and D<sub>C5</sub> folding episodes, although probably of local significance, show thickened hinge regions (i.e. class 1C) and may be indicative of quasi-plastic 'hot rock' deformation (Parrish et al. 1976) whereas it is not until Dc6 that parallel folds with associated fracture cleavage develop. The Okahandja Lineament Zone, however, shows increasingly brittle deformation during D<sub>L4</sub> with the early folds having an axialplanar crenulation cleavage and the later folds a fannedfracture cleavage. Also during D<sub>L3</sub> the intense S<sub>3</sub> schistosity (with locally considerable shearing along S3 planes) produced a mylonitic fabric parallel to S<sub>3</sub> in calc-silicate rocks, mylonitic cleavage planes being 1-3 mm apart. During D<sub>L5</sub> deformation, however, an essentially brittle deformation-style produced the 'breccia bands' parallel to S<sub>3</sub> and developed associated kink folds. The change in deformation-style from quasi-plastic (DL3) to elasticoviscous (D<sub>L5</sub>) (Sibson 1977) may be due to cooling in response to uplift.

The  $S_f$  fabric of the Okahandja Lineament Zone does not appear to have a counterpart in the Central Zone, but it does have a similar orientation to the  $S_2$  ( $D_{T2}$ ) schistosity of the Trough Zone. No deformational event has been proved to be related to  $S_f$ , which retains a similar orientation as far north-eastwards as Okahandja. Thin-section evidence has so far failed to show conclusively what the relationship between  $S_f$  and  $S_3$  ( $D_{L3}$ ) is, although it indicates  $S_f$  to pre-date  $S_3$ . In aluminous schists  $S_f$  is defined by biotite whilst  $S_3$  is defined by muscovite. Andalusite and cordierite of  $M_2$  commonly enclose  $S_f$  helicitically. The orientation of  $S_f$  is similar to axial planes of  $D_{L2}$  folds, and is thus correlated with  $D_{L2}$ . Also the orientation of  $S_f$  is similar to that of the  $S_2$  Trough Zone schistosity and the two are tentatively

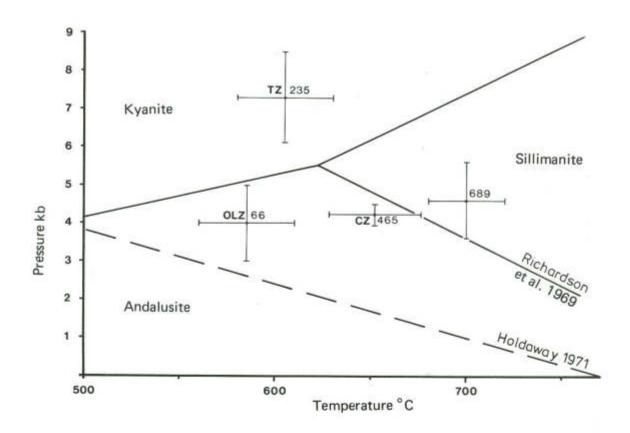


Fig. 9.1 – Determined P-T conditions during M<sub>2</sub> with reference to the Al<sub>2</sub>SiO<sub>5</sub> phase diagram.
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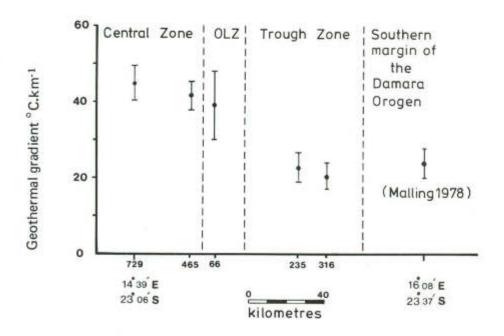


Fig. 9.2 — Calculated geothermal gradients (mean rock density = 2,80 g.cm<sup>-3</sup>) for M<sub>2</sub> projected onto a section across the area mapped from locality 729 (14°39′E, 23°06 °S) to the southern margin of the Damara Orogen (16°08′E, 23°37′S).

Berekende geotermale gradiënte (gemiddelde gesteentedigtheid = 2,80 g.cm<sup>-3</sup>) vir M<sub>2</sub> geprojekteer op 'n snit geneem dwarsoor die gekarteerde gebied vanaf vindplek 729 (14°39′O, 23°06′S) tot by die suidgrens van die Damara-orogeen (16°08′O, 23°37′S).

correlated. Lines of evidence supporting this are: (i) although the relationship between the Okahandja Lineament Zone and the Trough Zone fabrics is not clearly visible since the Donkerhuk Granite intrudes along the boundary between the two zones, outcrops some seven km east of Gobabeb indicating the subvertical S<sub>3</sub> fabric of the Lineament Zone to post-date the gently inclined Trough Zone S<sub>2</sub> schistosity; (ii) it is known that M<sub>1</sub> is contemporaneous with D<sub>L2</sub> and M<sub>2</sub> syn- to post-D<sub>L3</sub> in the Lineament Zone, and that M<sub>1</sub> is syn-D<sub>T2</sub> and M<sub>2</sub> post-D<sub>T3</sub> in the Trough Zone. Now by assuming that both the M<sub>1</sub> and M<sub>2</sub> metamorphic events are the same in both zones then it follows that D<sub>T2</sub> and D<sub>L2</sub> could be the same event.

Correlation of deformation events between the three zones suggests that all experienced the same three (pre-M<sub>2</sub>) deformation episodes within the tectonometamorphic framework, although the style and orientations of structures produced in the Central and Okahandja Lineament Zones differ markedly from those in the Trough Zone. Later deformations (post-M<sub>2</sub>) differ in each zone, but all indicate a progressive transition to elastico-viscous and brittle behaviour.

The degree of shortening determined from F<sub>2</sub> folds, deformed pillows and flattened variolites in the Trough Zone is 50-80 per cent. A similar although less reliable amount of shortening is obtained for F<sub>3</sub> folds in the Okahandja Lineament Zone.

An initial gravity instability of denser Damara metasediments upon a granitic pre-Damara basement in the Central Zone caused diapiric domes to form during the M<sub>2</sub> metamorphic event. An origin by interference folding is discounted in the mapped area because of the lack of regional interference patterns, presence of rim synclines around the domes, shortening across bedding concentric to the dome, whilst extension parallel to such layers has occurred, and finally by the close agreement between actual dome spacing and that calculated for a simple gravitationally unstable model.

The large-scale synforms in the Hope area are considered to have formed through the emplacement of the Donkerhuk Granite. It is envisaged that these folds were compressed between granite bodies during the ascent of the Donkerhuk Granite. Sufficiently large in volume the cores of these synforms did not undergo high-grade thermal metamorphism thus causing the muscovite+quartz thermal aureole isograd to curve around every synform (Figs. 4.1F and 8.1).

# 9.2 CONSIDERATION OF PREVIOUS WORK

At Swartkrans 224, Rehoboth Gebiet, on the southern margin of the Damara Orogen mineral assemblages indicate a decline in temperature and pressure from the Trough Zone (Malling 1978). Using the garnet-biotite calibration of Ferry and Spear (1977) and the phengite content of muscovite (Velde 1967), Malling (1978) has obtained T=545±50 °C and P=6,3±0,5 kb for a biotite-muscovite-garnet-chlorite-albite-quartz schist. Assuming a mean rock density of 2,8g. cm<sup>-3</sup> these P-T estimates indicate a geothermal gradient of 24±4 °C. km<sup>-1</sup>. Figure 9.2 shows the different geotherms obtained from the mapped area and from the data of Malling (1978).

Within the mapped area no radiometric dating has been carried out save a biotite K-Ar cooling age at Gorob (Clifford 1967). The following data are, however, significant in interpreting the area mapped (all Rb-Sr whole rock ages):

(i) Syn- or pre-tectonic Salem granite: 700 Ma: Haack (1977).

- (ii) Post-tectonic Salem Granite: 550 Ma: Hawkesworth et al. (in prep.).
- (iii) Donkerhuk Granite: 528±7 Ma: Haack (1977).
- (iv) Khan Formation, Central Zone: 663±14 Ma: Kröner et al. (prep.).
- (v) Khan Formation, Central Zone: 475±6 Ma: Kröner et al. (in prep.).

Within the Trough Zone it is evident that the regional metamorphism pre-dates the Donkerhuk Granite, and furthermore, in the Okahandja Lineament an unfoliated post-tectonic variety of the Salem Granite is intruded by Donkerhuk Granite indicating M2 to pre-date the 550 Ma age. The  $663\pm14$  Ma age (iv above) may represent M1 since it is noticeably younger than the date obtained by Haack for syn- or pre-tectonic granite of the Salem Suite. Thus an age of 170 Ma covers the intrusion of syn- or pre-tectonic varieties of the Salem Granite Suite and the emplacement of the post-tectonic Donkerhuk Granite.

The second Khan Formation Rb-Sr whole-rock age of 475 Ma and the Rössing alaskite age of 468±8 Ma (Kröner and Hawkesworth 1977) date a later, post-tectonic thermal event. The cause of this late thermal episode may be high-level radiogenic heating. An alternative cause of the heating is discussed in Section 9.3.

Fission-track data on garnet, idocrase and apatite (Haack 1976) together with K-Ar biotite ages (Clifford 1967; Haack and Hoffer 1976) reflect the times at which the various minerals cooled through the respective blocking temperatures.

The K-Ar data on biotites show no systematic regional variation and give ages of 513 to 420 Ma over much of the Damara belt. This led Haack and Hoffer (1976) to conclude that any differential uplift within the Damara belt must have taken place before the rocks cooled below 300-350 °C some 485 Ma ago.

Fission-track ages which indicate the time when annealing processes became so slow as not to destroy tracks, show a marked change across the Okahandja Lineament Zone with older ages to the south-east. This suggests that slower cooling north-west of the Lineament Zone are possibly due to:

- (i) higher geothermal gradient north-west of the Lineament;
- (ii) uplift south-east of the Lineament;
- (iii) continued heat supply north-west of the Lineament.

Pressures determined (Section 8) suggest that the depth of M<sub>2</sub> metamorphism in the Trough Zone was 26,6±4,4 km, whilst the depth of emplacement of the Donkerhuk Granite was 16,7±3,6 km. Hence an uplift of about 10 km (assuming mean density=2,80 g. cm<sup>-3</sup>) took place after M<sub>2</sub> and before 528 Ma (Haack 1977), the age of the Donkerhuk Granite, thus giving a more precise age to the uplift than the 485-Ma limit set by Haack and Hoffer (1976).

It is also noted that the pressure obtained for the metamorphism in the Okahandja Lineament Zone and that for the Donkerhuk Granite (Section 8) are of the same order, thus the uplift must have occurred at the very eastern boundary of the Okahandja Lineament Zone (Fig. 1.1) where it adjoins the Trough Zone, a site now occupied by the Donkerhuk Granite, which may have used the crustal discontinuity as a locus for its ascent.

Since the age of the Donkerhuk Granite is known all that is required to calculate the rate of uplift is the date of the M<sub>2</sub> metamorphic event. It is known that M<sub>2</sub> must be older than 550 Ma (age of post-tectonic Salem Granite). If an age of 560 Ma is assumed for M<sub>2</sub> the rate of uplift is approximately 300 m per million years, a rate comparable with the Upper Triassic uplift in the Appalachians or the Eocene to Recent uplift of the Himalayas (Sutton 1969).

Detailed mapping along a traverse from Okahandja to Windhoek enabled Hälbich (1977) to present clear evidence that the subvertical schistosity of the Okahandja Lineament Zone is overprinted by the main schistosity of the Trough Zone. Some 200 km to the south-west in the area mapped, the subvertical schistosity of the Okahandja Lineament Zone is considered to post-date the main schistosity of the Trough Zone. Blaine (1977) shows in his Figure 30 the subvertical schistosity of the Okahandja Lineament Zone (termed by him a metamorphic banding cleavage) to post-date the tight-inclined folding of the Khomas Trough below the basal unconformity of the fore-arc deposits. Within the Okahandja Lineament Zone pre- and syn-D<sub>L3</sub> granites (Salem and Aussinanis) are common in the Gobabeb area, whereas Blaine (1977) observes no such granites. Thus with reference to Blaine (1977, Fig. 30b) the conflicting observations of Hälbich (1977) and the author can be reconciled by considering Hälbich to have mapped structural relations within the fore-arc basin deposits, and the present study to have examined structural relationships below the fore-arc basin metasediments at a deeper structural level.

The structural elements associated with  $D_{C1}$ ,  $D_{C2}$  and  $D_{C3}$  are essentially the same as those observed by Jacob (1974). However, he (p. 37) considers that his  $F_1$  folds produced two foliations, one ( $S_0$ ) parallel to bedding (SS) and the other ( $S_1$ ) axial-planar to  $F_1$ , i.e. these two fabrics would be perpendicular in  $F_1$  hinges. The contention of two fabrics forming at right-angles during the same fold-forming event is untenable (Dieterich 1969, 1970; Hudleston 1973a, 1973b; Ramsay 1967; Ramsay and Graham 1970). It is preferred to consider the  $S_0$  fabric of Jacob (1974) to result from a deformation event and term this fabric element  $S_1$  belonging to the  $D_{C1}$  deformation. Thus  $F_1$  and  $F_2$  of Jacob (1974) correspond to  $D_{C2}$  and  $D_{C3}$  of this study.

Bickle and Coward (1977) show the existence of largescale thrusting along the southern edge of the Khomas Trough, a feature indicative of considerable crustal shortening, as determined for the Trough Zone.

The location of the Al<sub>2</sub>SiO<sub>5</sub> triple point has long been a topic of controversy. Experimental data are in fair agreement for the andalusite ≠ kyanite and the sillimanite ≠ kyanite reaction boundaries (Anderson et al. 1977). The andalusite ≠ sillimanite boundary has been variously determined, Richardson et al. (1969), Althaus (1967), and Holdaway (1971) being the most quoted.

The use of field data, e.g. Froese and Gasparini (1975), has been made to determine the location of the triple point. The data in Section 8 indicate that andalusite ≠ sillimanite reaction boundary lies between those of Richardson et al. (1969) and that of Holdaway (1971).

#### 9.3 DISCUSSION OF A MODEL FOR THE DAMA-RA OROGENIC BELT

It has been noted by Martin and Porada (1977) and Kröner (1977) that the Damara Orogen consists of three arms, two essentially parallel to the coast, and a third striking roughly east-north-east (the so-called intracratonic arm), with the hypothetical triple junction being off the present coastline. The area investigated lies entirely within the 'intracratonic arm'.

The authors mentioned above all consider the intracratonic branch of the Damara to be an aulacogen or rift-like system in which a cratonic area has rifted into a sequence of parallel graben structures, of which the Trough Zone is perhaps the most important. The aulacogen model is considered below.

Martin and Porada (1977) consider the site of Nosib sedimentation to be a graben structure, and cite palaeocurrent data which indicate infilling of the basin. During Kuiseb times however, they postulated thick schists to be deposited on the adjacent horsts, which ultimately became the Khomas Trough. Several questions arise: firstly, if the Nosib grabens filled with sediment derived from adjacent horsts, where did the material for the Kuiseb Formation come from? Secondly, the proposed model requires that structures that were grabens originally ultimately become horsts, and that horsts become grabens. The vertical movement being of the order of 20 km, what process is involved in generating such extreme reversals of uplift?

The palaeocurrent data of Martin and Porada (1977) are considered suspect, since within the mapped area cross-laminations and cross-bedding in the Nosib at the eastern edge of the Central Zone indicate westward or northerly source areas (Sawyer 1979). Furthermore, evidence from the Karibib Formation and Tinkas Member suggests a transport direction from the west. It is therefore contended that the Central Zone was always a positive area with respect to the Khomas Trough during the Damaran orogenesis.

In contrast, Kröner (1977) states that particular lithostratigraphic units are continuous across the whole orogen. This is possibly true of the Chuos Formation but for the other formations there is no positive correlation between Central Zone rocks and Southern Margin rocks. Similarities are outweighed by dissimilarities, i.e. the Auas quartzite is confined to the Southern Margin whilst the Tinkas Member is confined to the eastern edge of the Central Zone. Martin and Porada (1977) and Kröner (1977) base their correlation of the Damara stratigraphy on similarity of lithology, always a dubious method in highly deformed terrains with a complicated sedimentological history. Kröner (1977) following Miller (1973) considers that large volumes of granodioritic and adamellitic intrusives (i.e. the Salem Granite) are derived from partial melting of the Kuiseb Formation. Yet field evidence especially in the area mapped shows the Salem to be largely intrusive into the Kuiseb Formation. Miller\* now considers the Salem Granite Suite to be at least of lowermost crustal origin. The deep-level origin, range of compositions, zonation, age spread and size of the Salem Granite indicate a similarity with batholiths such as the Sierra Nevada.

The presence or absence of continental crust below the Khomas Trough during the Damaran orogenesis is crucial to the aulacogen model, since all well-documented examples, (Hoffmann et al. 1974) are floored by an unbroken layer of granitic crust. Furthermore, true aulacogens are devoid of ultramafic rocks. Whilst there is no direct geophysical evidence of oceanic crust flooring the Khomas Trough, the presence of alpine-type serpentinites† strongly suggests the presence of oceanic crust during the Damaran orogenesis. The presence of ultramafic rocks immediately separates the Damara Belt from a true aulacogen.

The model of Martin and Porada (1977) requires rifting accompanied by acid volcanism in parts of the

<sup>\*</sup> Personal communication: R. McG. Miller.

<sup>†</sup> Personal communication: S. J. Barnes.

Nosib sequence. They consider rifting with an asthenolith cushion developed but their scheme allows only moderate crustal extension (10 per cent in the Kenya rift, Bailey 1972) which after Damara deformation and closing cannot adequately explain the observed degree of deformation (50-80 per cent shortening) in the Trough Zone and large-scale thrusting along the Southern Margin (Bickle and Coward 1977).

Secondly, heating comes from below the crust, yet the oldest granites formed – the Salem Granite Suite – are considered by Kröner (1977) as having developed from the top of the sedimentary pile, dismissing any deeper origin. If near-surface temperatures were high enough to partially melt large amounts of sediment (ca 720 °C) why did the Red Granites not form then, as its source-rock was at still deeper levels, rather than at about 550 Ma ago? The Red Granites would thus have been pre- or syn-tectonic.

There is, in conclusion, no adequate explanation for two metamorphic events some 100 Ma apart. The degree of deformation permissible in the aulacogen model seems to be far too low for that observed. The generation of large volumes of Salem Granite is not adequately explained, nor is the late formation of the Red Granites. Lastly, there is no proof that continental crust floored the Khomas Trough, rather evidence favours a floor of oceanic material. The aulacogen model is thus seen to be wanting.

One alternative lies in a plate-tectonic model leading to continent-continent collision. Evidence for continental rifting during the Nosib is poor, the Naauwpoort volcanics suggested to belong to the graben or rifting episode of Martin and Porada (1977) actually interfinger with Ugab and Chuos metasediments in the Fransfontein area (South African Committee for Stratigraphy 1978, Table 4 in prep.) making a correlation with a rifting episode suspect. Furthermore, pre-Damara rocks of the Southern Margin (De Waal 1966) and those of the Central Zone (Blaine 1977; Sawyer 1979) have distinctly different sedimentological and deformational histories. Bailey (1972, 1974) notes that intracratonic rifting is often, but not always, accompanied by alkali magmatism. Assuming rifting to have occurred, then a period of spreading leading to the creation of oceanic crust is postulated, the resulting ocean taking the site of the Khomas Trough. During the spreading phase the Central Zone and the southern margin of the Khomas Trough developed their own characteristic sedimentary sequences, having only the Chuos Formation in common. The Central Zone sedimentation was generally of shallowwater type with turbidite sequences being deposited in deeper water of the Okahandja Lineament Zone continental slope.

Generation of the first granites of the Salem Suite approximately 700 Ma ago indicates the early history of the northward-dipping subduction zone beneath the Central Zone. As heat was conducted or convected up into the crust and sedimentary pile, the M<sub>1</sub> metamorphic event took place. During heating it can be expected that the rocks would become ductile, and flow, giving rise to the sub-similar recumbent folds of F<sub>1</sub> and F<sub>2</sub> (Central Zone and Okahandja Lineament Zone) in the manner of Hudleston (1977).

A period of relative quiescence followed M<sub>1</sub> until renewed plate descent caused the D<sub>C3</sub> and D<sub>L3</sub> deformations and related M<sub>2</sub> event during the final stages of closure, plate descent occurring at the same site as for M<sub>1</sub>. Mitchell and Reading (1971) note that intermittent plate descent may lead to narrow zones of differing structural trends. Hartnady (1977) and Porada and Wittig (1975)

have recognised several linear belts of differing tectonic style within the Khomas Trough.

During M2 a region of high-geothermal gradient was separated from a region of low-geothermal gradient by the eastern edge of the Okahandja Lineament Zone. Disregarding the post-tectonic Donkerhuk Granite, Damara granites occur only in and west of the Okahandja Lineament Zone, making the comparison with paired metamorphic belts separated by a median tectonic line (e.g. Japan and New Zealand, Miyashiro 1973, 1973a) more striking. In this case the median tectonic line is represented by the eastern edge of the Okahandja Lineament Zone. The Central Zone metamorphic conditions with large granite intrusions correspond well with those expected beneath a volcanic arc (Mitchell and Reading 1971, Table 1). The distribution of geothermal gradients across the Damara (Fig. 9.2) shows a pattern typical of that found in plate tectonic environments (Miyashiro 1973, Fig. 2; Ernst 1974, Figs 1 and 3).

Martin and Porada (1977) ask the pertinent question for a plate-tectonic model: "Where is the suture line?" Miyashiro (1973a) and Turcotte and Oxburgh (1972) show that high-pressure metamorphism takes place in the down-going slab, that is, in or near the trench. Thus the Trough Zone rocks and those further to the east on the Southern Margin with similar geothermal gradients must have been near to the trench. The low-pressure metamorphic belt occurs on the continent side of the high-pressure belt (Miyashiro 1973, 1973a; Mitchell and Reading 1971; Ernst 1974). The metamorphic pattern dictates that the trench must lie east of the Okahandia Lineament Zone. The south-easternmost position of the trench would be the pre-Damara outcrop of Rostock. The occurrence of serpentinite and talc schist on the farm Schlesien 483, together with large-scale thrusting in the Hakos-Rostock area (Bickle and Coward 1977) having a north-over-south sense may indicate that the suture zone lies along the northern edge of the Hakos Anticline of De Waal (1966). The suture line would be placed close to the red band (De Waal 1966) and its continuation eastwards. In the Windhoek area and further eastwards the suture line follows a line of ultramafic intrusions extending as far east as Amerongen 181, Windhoek District, and passing just north of the Rietfontein and Seeis Inliers. The proposed trace of the suture zone separates two distinctly different structural zones, the Trough Zone and the Southern Margin (Hartnady 1977).

If the highest regional metamorphism in the Central Zone is considered to mark the centre of the volcanic arc (Ernst 1974) then the distance to the eastern edge of the Okahandja Lineament Zone in the area mapped is 80 km. Allowing for 50-80 per cent crustal shortening during D<sub>Ca</sub> and D<sub>La</sub> the arc-trench gap becomes 280±120 km giving reasonable agreement with the computed thermal structure in a convergent plate (Turcotte and Oxburgh 1972; Ernst 1974, Fig. 3).

The eastern edge of the Okahandja Lineament Zone in the area mapped has the characteristics of a median tectonic line (Miyashiro 1973a), being a subvertical line of uplift. The origin for the uplift and hence the "median tectonic line" may be the isostatic rebound associated with partial subduction of continental crust belonging to the southern continental block. During the process of final closure a considerable amount of pelite was drawn down into the subduction zone. However, since the geothermal gradient in the Southern Margin rocks is low and the rocks underwent high-pressure metamorphism (7 kb) it is apparent that these too were deeply buried. It is considered that during the final stages of closure of the Damara Orogen the southern continent's leading edge of

#### Table 9.1—SUGGESTED SEQUENCE OF EVENTS IN THE HISTORY OF THE DAMARA OROGEN

- Deposition of early Nosib on gneissic basement; possible rifting.
- Deposition of Nosib complete, local uplift and erosion give rise to many unconformities; Chuos deposition; formation of oceanic crust.
- Uplift and minor folding before deposition of Karibib Formation in shallow sea on the northern continent (Central Zone). Tinkas deposited on continental slope; separate sedimentation on southern continent.
- 4. Matchless Member volcanism during deposition of Kuiseb Formation at margins to ocean basin.
- 5. Beginning of ocean closure.
- 700-600 Ma: Heating of Central Zone (northern continent) by a north-westward-dipping subduction zone; intrusion of early granites
  of the Salem Suite (700 Ma); D<sub>1</sub> and D<sub>2</sub> with M<sub>1</sub> metamorphism; emplacement of serpentinites.
- 560 Ma: Final closure of ocean, D<sub>3</sub> deformation in Central Zone and Okahandja Lineament Zone; thrusting in Trough Zone; overriding of leading edge of southern continent by northern continent; deep burial of granitic crust of southern continent.
- 550-528 Ma: Isostatic rebound of Trough Zone and Southern Margin of Orogen; uplift of 10 km accomplished before 528 Ma; formation of subvertical lineament (median tectonic line) at eastern edge of the Okahandja Lineament Zone due to Trough Zone uplift against northern continent.
- 9. 528-475 Ma: Late thermal event responsible for formation of Donkerhuk Granite and late alaskite emplacement in Central Zone.
- 10. Erosion and uplift of orogen.

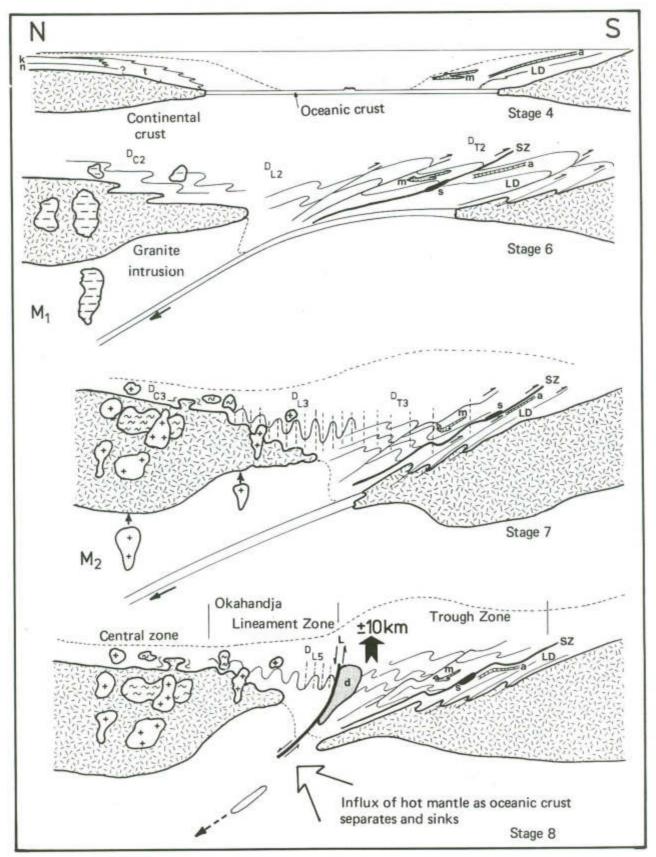
granitic crust (Southern Margin) was pulled by the downgoing slab (Molnar and Gray 1979) and was overridden by the northern (Central Zone) continental crust and hence forced to considerable depth (>26 km). After compression had ceased and the downgoing slab of oceanic lithosphere had separated from the continental lithosphere (Fig. 9.3), the low-density granitic and pelitic rocks were rapidly uplifted and the 'median tectonic line' marks the western edge of that uplift against the continental crust of the northern continent.

Expression of the uplift at the western edge of the Trough Zone as a deformation in the Okahandja Lineament Zone is considered to be the  $D_{L5}$  breccia bands and reworking of  $S_3$  schistosity planes into locally very thin slate-like cleavage sheets. Kojima and Suzuki (1958) describe such a fabric associated with the Sanbagawa metamorphic median tectonic line in Japan.

In an active subduction zone, the sediments passing into the trench are pushed upwards into a higher temperature/lower pressure environment, being welded to the continental plate, in this case the Central Zone/Okahandja Lineament Zone. In the area mapped this process

of adding material to the low-pressure side of the trench may account for the width of the Okahandja Lineament Zone (30 km) east of the Tinkas Member. Furthermore, this process may explain the bladed and alusite porphyroblasts, by considering these to have been inverted from kyanite after passing through the trench, being uplifted and welded to the Central Zone crust. In a continentcontinent collision it is common for the subducting oceanic slab to drag continental crust down with it into the subduction zone as in the Zagros Mountains (Bird et al. 1975). Detachment of the oceanic slab near to the leading edge of the subducted crust terminates the downward motion of the subducted continental crust, allowing it to rise by isostatic rebound. The process of detachment and sinking of the oceanic slab enables hot asthenosphere to upwell and heat the base of the crust causing a thermal event in the crust (Bird et al. 1975; Toksoz and Bird 1977). This late, post-tectonic event is considered responsible for the formation of the Donkerhuk Granite and perhaps the late Rössing alaskites as well.

The sequence of events outlined above is summarised in Table 9.1.



LEGEND: n = Nosib Group, k = Karibib Formation, t = Tinkas Member, m = Matchless Member, a = Auas quartzite, s = serpentinite (e.g. Schlesien), d = Donkerhuk Granite, SZ = Suture Zone, L = line of uplift (median tectonic line) at eastern edge of the Okahandja Lineament Zone, LD = Lower Damara succession of the southern margin.

Fig. 9.3 — Suggested sequence of events in the evolution of the Damara Mobile Belt shown schematically (not to scale) at Stages 4, 6, 7 and 8 respectively of Table 9.1.
Skematiese voorstelling van opeenvolging van gebeure in die evolusie van die Damara Mobiele Gordel (nie volgens skaal nie) op Stadiums 4, 6, 7 en 8 onderskeidelik van Tabel 9.1.

#### APPENDICES

### I. MINERAL FORMULAE AND REACTION EQUILIBRIA

Abbreviations for solid-solution minerals mentioned in Appendix I

cordierite=cord

staurolite=staur

white mica-w.mica

garnet=gnt

biotite=bte

plagioclase=plag

Mineral compositions and abbreviations

Almandine..... alm..... Fe<sub>3</sub> Al<sub>2</sub> Si<sub>3</sub> O<sub>12</sub>

Annite..... ann..... K Fe<sub>8</sub> A1Si<sub>3</sub> O<sub>8</sub> (OH)<sub>2</sub>

Anorthite...... anorth.... Ca Al<sub>2</sub> Si<sub>2</sub> O<sub>8</sub>

Fe cordierite..... Fe cord.... Fe<sub>2</sub> Al<sub>4</sub> Si<sub>5</sub> O<sub>18</sub>. nH<sub>2</sub>O Mg cordierite..... Mg cord... Mg<sub>2</sub> Al<sub>4</sub> Si<sub>5</sub> O<sub>18</sub>. nH<sub>2</sub>O

Grossular..... gross..... Ca<sub>3</sub> Al<sub>2</sub> Si<sub>3</sub> O<sub>12</sub>

K feldspar..... Kfsp..... K A1Si<sub>3</sub> O<sub>8</sub>

Kyanite..... Ky...... Al<sub>2</sub>SiO<sub>5</sub>

Muscovite..... musc..... K A1<sub>3</sub> Si<sub>3</sub> O<sub>10</sub> (OH)<sub>2</sub> Phlogopite..... phl...... KMg<sub>3</sub> A1Si<sub>3</sub> O<sub>10</sub> (OH)<sub>2</sub>

Pyrope...... py...... Mg3 Al2 Si3 O12

Quartz..... qtz..... SiO<sub>2</sub>
Sillimanite..... Silli..... A1<sub>2</sub>SiO<sub>5</sub>

Fe staurolite..... Fe staur... 2 Fe<sub>2</sub> A1, Si<sub>3,75</sub> O<sub>22</sub> (OH)<sub>2</sub>

 $\begin{array}{lll} \text{Fe biotite (III,VIII)} & \quad & \quad & \quad & \quad & \quad & \quad & \\ & K_{9:84} \;\; \text{Fe}_{2,52} \;\; \text{Al}_{1,72} \;\; \text{Si}_{2,74} \;\; \text{O}_{10} \;\; \text{(OH)}_2 \\ & \quad & \\ & Mg \;\; \text{biotite (III)} \, \dots & \quad & \quad & \quad & \quad & \quad & \\ & K_{9:84} \;\; Mg_{2,52} \;\; \text{Al}_{1,72} \;\; \text{Si}_{2,74} \;\; \text{O}_{10} \;\; \text{(OH)}_2 \\ & \quad & \quad & \quad & \quad & \quad & \quad & \\ \end{array}$ 

△G<sup>o</sup><sub>P,T</sub> —standard state Gibbs energy of reaction at the P and T of interest.

△H<sup>o</sup><sub>1,T</sub> —enthalpy of the reaction at one bar and T of interest.

△S<sub>1,T</sub> —entropy of the reaction at one bar and T of interest.

 $\triangle V_{solids}^{\circ}$ —volume change of reaction at one bar and 298 °K assuming volume changes of reactions are not functions of pressure and temperature.

#### A. GENERAL

Consider the reaction: bW+cX=dY+eZ

Then at equilibrium,

$$\triangle \, G_{P,T}^{\,\circ} \!= -RT \, \ln \left( \frac{(a_Y^{\,y})^d - (a_Z^{\,z})^e}{(a_W^{\,w})^b - (a_X^{\,x})^c} \right) = -RT \, lnK \! = \! 0$$

where ay refers to the activity of component Y in pure phase y, also,

$$\triangle G_{P,T}^{\circ} = \triangle H_{1,T}^{\circ} - T \triangle S_{1,T}^{\circ} + (P-1) \triangle V_{1,298}^{\circ} = 0$$

at equilibrium i.e.

$$\triangle \, G_{P,T}^{\circ} = \triangle \, H_{1,T}^{\circ} - T \triangle \, S_{1,T}^{\circ} + (P \text{--}1) \, \triangle \, V_{1,298}^{\circ} + RT \, \ln K = 0$$

Let the mineral AnFmSixOy be a component of the solid solution series

$$(A,B,C)_n(D,E,F)_mSi_xO_y$$

Then assuming ideal solution, the activity of the solid solution is:

$$\begin{array}{l} (A,B,C)_n \ (D,E,F)_m Si_X O_Y \\ a \\ A_n \ F_m \ Si_X \ O_Y \end{array} = (X_A)^n (X_F)^n \end{array}$$

where

$$X_A = (\frac{A}{A+B+C})$$
 and  $X_F = (\frac{F}{D+E+F})$ 

see Wood and Fraser (1976).

Now the general equation at equilibrium for an H2O-producing reaction is:

$$\triangle G_{P,T}^{\circ} = \triangle H_{1,T}^{\circ} - T \triangle S_{1,T}^{\circ} + (P-1) \triangle V_{\text{solids}}^{\circ} + RT \ln f_{H_{x}o} + RT \ln K = 0$$

rearranging

$$ln f_{H_0}o, X_{H_0}o = \left(\frac{-\triangle H_{1,T}^{\circ} + T\triangle S_{1,T}^{\circ} - (P-1) \triangle V_{solids}^{\circ}}{RT}\right) - ln K$$

hence

$$X_{H_{0}o} = \exp \frac{\left(\frac{-\triangle H_{1,T}^{\circ} + T\triangle S_{1,T}^{\circ} - (P-1) \triangle V_{solids}^{\circ}}{RT}\right) - \ln K}{F_{H_{0}o}}$$

#### B. REACTION EQUILIBRIA

3 anorthite ⇒grossular+2 kyanite+quartz

$$3 \ln \left( \frac{X_{gross}^{gnt}}{X_{anorth}^{plag}} \right) \frac{\gamma_{gross}^{gnt}}{\gamma_{anorth}^{plag}} = \frac{7444}{T} - 19,38 + \frac{0,7947 (P-1)}{T}$$

Data: D. Waters (pers. comm.); see also Ghent (1975, 1976 and 1978); plag from Orville (1972);

$$\ln \gamma_{gross}^{gnt} = \frac{(1-X_{gross}^{gnt})^2W}{RT}$$
 Ghent (1976); W=950 cal. mol.<sup>-1</sup> Schmid and Wood (1976).

II. almandine+muscovite annite+2 kyanite+quartz

$$\triangle G_{P,T}^{\circ} = \triangle H_{1,T}^{\circ} - T \triangle S_{1,T}^{\circ} + (P-1) \triangle V_{solids}^{\circ} + RT \ln \left( \frac{a_{ann}^{bte}}{a_{alm}^{gnt} - a_{musc}^{w.mica}} \right) = 0$$

△V<sub>solids</sub>=0,2199 cal. bar<sup>-1</sup>

 $\triangle S_{1,T}^{\alpha} = 0.45 \pm 0.55$  cal. mol. -1 deg. -1

 $\Delta H_{1.T}^{\circ} = 2.550 \pm 45$  cal. mol.<sup>-1</sup>

$$a_{alm}^{gnt} = (X_{Fe}^{gnt})^{3}, \qquad a_{ann}^{bte} = (X_{K})(X_{Fe}^{oct})^{3}(X_{Si})^{3}, \qquad a_{musc}^{w.mica} = (X_{K})(X_{Al}^{oct})^{2}(X_{Si})^{3}$$

Data: D. Waters (pers. comm.).

III. 1/2,52 Mg biotite+1/3 almandine ≠1/2,52 Fe biotite+1/3 pyrope

$$\triangle G_{P,T}^{\circ} = 6150 - 3,93 \text{ T} + 0,0246 \text{ P} + \text{RT ln} K_{D} = 0$$

where

$$K_{D} = \frac{X_{Fe}^{bte} \quad X_{Mg}^{gnt}}{X_{Mg}^{bte} \quad X_{Fe}^{gnt}}$$

Data: Holdaway and Lee (197

6 Fe staurolite+25 quartz ≈8 almandine+46 kyanite+12 H<sub>2</sub>O

$$\triangle G_{P,T}^{\circ} = 296\,653 - 463,0\,T - 7,1076(P-1) + 12\,RT \ln f_{H_{9}O} + 24RT \ln \left(\frac{X_{alm}^{gnt}}{X_{Fe-staur}^{staur}}\right) = 0$$

 $\Delta S_{1,T}^{\circ} = 465 \pm 55$  cal. mol. -1 deg. -1

△H1.T=298 727±53 305 cal. mol.-1

$$a_{alm}^{gnt} = (X_{Fe}^{gnt})^3$$
,  $a_{Fe}^{staur} = (X_{Fe}^{staur})^4$ 

Data: Ganguly (1972); Richardson (1968).

1/2 Mg cordierite+1/3 almandine ≥1/2 Fe cordierite+1/3 pyrope

$$\triangle G_{P,T}^{\circ} = 6150 - 2,69 \text{ T} + 0,0303 \text{ P} + \text{RT ln} K_{D} = 0$$

where

$$K_{D} = \frac{X_{Fe}^{cord}}{X_{Me}^{cord}} \frac{X_{Mg}^{gnt}}{X_{Fe}^{cord}}$$

Data: Holdaway and Lee (197

Also 3 Fe cordierite+2 pyrope ⇒3 Mg cordierite+2 almandine

$$\triangle \, G_{P,T}^{\,\circ} \! = \! -40\,291 + 15,88T + 0,1768(P-1) + RT \, \, \text{in} \, \left( \frac{(a_{Mg\ cord}^{cord})^{3} - (a_{alm}^{gnt})^{2}}{(a_{Fe\ cord}^{cord})^{3} - (a_{py}^{gnt})^{2}} \right) \! = \! 0$$

△V<sub>solids</sub>=0,1768cal. bar.-1

$$\triangle S_{1,T}^{\circ} = 15,88 \pm 2$$
cal. mol.-1deg.-1

$$\triangle H_{1,T}^{\circ} = 40.291 \pm 2.000$$
cal, mol.<sup>-1</sup>

where 
$$a_{Mg \text{ cord}}^{\text{cord}} = (X_{Mg})^a$$
,  $a_{Fe \text{ cord}}^{\text{cord}} = (X_{Fe})^a$ ,

$$a_{ny}^{gnt} = (X_{Mg})^3$$

$$a_{alm}^{gnt} = (X_{Fe})^3$$

Data: Wells (1976).

3 Fe cordierite.  $3nH_2O \Rightarrow 2$  almandine +4 sillimanite +5 quartz  $+3nH_2O$ VII.

$$\triangle G_{P,T}^{\circ} = 30\,837 - 41,3\,T - 4,0061\,(P-1) + 1,5\,RT\,\ln f_{H_4O} + RT \left( \frac{(a_{alm}^{gnt})^2}{(a_{Fe\ cord}^{cord})^3} \right) = 0$$

 $\triangle V_{\text{solids}}^a = -4,0061 \text{cal. bar.}^{-1}$ 

△S<sub>1,T</sub>=41,3±5,8cal, mol,-1deg,-1

 $\triangle H_{1.T}^{\circ} = 30.837 \pm 5.500 \text{ cal. mol.}^{-1}$ 

 $a_{alm}^{gnt} = (X_{Fe})^3$ ,

Data: Holdaway and Lee (1977).

 $\triangle G_{P,T}^{\circ} = 28\ 394 - 38,2T - 3,95\ (P-1) + 1,5\ RT\ \ln f_{H_4O} + 6\ RT\ \ln \left(\frac{X_{Fe}^{gnt}}{X_{Fe}^{cord}}\right) = 0$ Also:

 $\triangle V_{solids}^{\alpha} = -3,95$  cal. bar.-1

 $\triangle S_{1,T}^{9} = 37,9 \pm 4,5$  cal. mol. -1 deg. -1

 $\triangle H_{1,T}^{\circ} = 28 \ 165 \pm 4 \ 410 \ cal. \ mol.^{-1}$ 

Data: Weisbrod (1973, 1973a).

Fe biotite+2,08 sillimanite+4 quartz ≠1,26 Fe cordierite+0,84 K feldspar+(1-1,26n) H<sub>2</sub>O

$$\triangle G_{P,T}^{\circ} = 11599 - 20,12T + 1,0024(P-1) + 0,37RT \ln f_{H_4O} + RT \ln \left( \frac{(a_{Fe\ cord}^{cord})^{1,26} \cdot (a_{KA1Si_4O_4}^{K\ ISD})^{0,84}}{(a_{Fe\ bte}^{bte})} \right) = 0$$

△ V<sub>solids</sub>=1,0024 cal, bar.-1

n = 0.5

 $\triangle S_{1.T}^* = 20,12\pm3,59 \text{ cal. mol.}^{-1} \text{ deg.}^{-1}$ 

 $\triangle H_{1,T}^{\circ} = 11599 \pm 3403$  cal. mol.-1

 $a_{Fe\ cord}^{cord} = (X_{Fe})^2$ ,  $a_{KA1Si_9O_9}^{K\ fsp} = (X_K)$ ,  $a_{Fe\ btc}^{bte} = (X_K)(X_{Fe}^{oct})^3$ 

Thompson (1976).

Data: Holdaway and Lee (1977),

4 annite+3 Fe cordierite+3 quartz=6 almandine+4 K feldspar+5,5 H2O

$$\triangle G_{P,T}^{\circ} = 146\ 360 - 214,66T - 6,4351(P-1) + 5,5RT \ln f_{H_2O} + RT \ln \left( \frac{(a_{alm}^{ent})^6 - (a_{KA1Si_3O_4}^{K})^4}{(a_{ann}^{bte})^4 - (a_{Ee\ cord}^{cord})^3} \right) = 0$$

△ V<sub>solids</sub> = -6,4351 cal. bar-1

 $\triangle S_{1.T}^{*}$ =214,66±32,7 cal. mol.-1 deg.-1

 $\triangle H_{1,T}^{\circ} = 146\,360 \ (\pm 148 \ \text{at S} = 214,66) \ \text{cal. mol.}^{-1}$ 

$$a_{Fe\ cord}^{cord} = (X_{Fe})^{a}, \quad a_{KA1Si_{3}O_{8}}^{K\ fsp} = (X_{K}), \quad a_{alm}^{gnt} = (X_{Fe})^{a}, \quad a_{ann}^{bte} = (X_{K})\ (X_{Fe})^{a}$$

Data: D. Waters (pers. comm.) after Holdaway and Lee (1977).

# II. MINERAL ASSEMBLAGES AND MINERAL-FABRIC RELATIONSHIPS

# A. MINERAL ASSEMBLAGES (Tables 11a-11h)

# Table IIa - TROUGH ZONE PELITES

	97	111	112	115	116	233	235	236	237	239	316	693	694	695	231	327
quartz	0	+	X	0	X	X	0	X	X	X	X	0	X	X	X	X
plagioclase	0	X	X	X	X	Х	X	X	Х	X	Χ		X	X	X	X
biotite	Χ	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Χ	X	X	X	X	0
garnet	0	+		X	0		X			0	0	0	0	0	0	0
staurolite	X	X		X			X				X	Χ		0	X	
kyanite	X	0		0			0				0					
muscovite	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	+	0	0	0	X	0	+	Χ	
chlorite	X	0		0					+		0	0	+			
graphite	+				X			+	X				+	+	+	
opaque ore	0	+	+	0	+	+	+	+	+		+	0	+	+	0	+
apatite			+			+	+	+	+		+		+		+	
tourmaline			+	+		+	+	+	+		+		+	+	+	
zircon	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+			
cummingtonite																X

X abundant (> 5%); O minor (1-5%); + trace (< 1%) Sample localities shown on Folder 2.1.

Table IIb - TROUGH ZONE MATCHLESS MEMBER

quartz X X plagioclase X X hornblende X X		777	677	370	278	365	119	230	269	669	118	234	21/	323	169	000 V
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×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×		0
	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×
anthophyllite																×
clinopyroxene				×		×								×		
epidote +	0	+	×	×	+	+	0	×						×	×	
clinozoisite X					+			+			×					
O sphene O	×	×	0	+	0	0	0	+	×	0	0	+	0	0	0	
opaque ore X								+		0			0			
carbonate				×			0	0		0	×				×	
scapolite				×												
chlorite																×
talc																+

amphibole schists

metagabbro

X abundant (> 5%); O minor (1-5%); + trace (<1%) Sample localities shown on Folder 2.1.

Table IIc — TROUGH ZONE CALC SILICATES (359—113) AND OKAHANDJA LINEAMENT ZONE CALC SILICATES (39—68: TINKAS MEMBER; 33—592: KUISEB FORMATION)

	39	47	20	64	80	440	452	527	636	646	647	89	33	35	99	281	591	265	359	586	200	113
quartz	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×		×	×	×	×	×
microcline							×	0		+						×	0			0		
plagioclase	×		×	×	×	×	0	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×
biotite	0			0		0	0				0	×			×			×	0			×
garnet	0								×					×	×						×	×
hornblende	×		×	0	×	×			×	×	×		×					×	0		×	×
tremolite		+					×	0						×		×	0			×		0
clinopyroxene						×	×	×	×				+			×	×		0	×	×	
carbonate	+	+		×		0	×	×	×	×	0	×		×		×	0		0	×		×
epidote		×	×		×	×		+		0			0						0			
clinozoisite			×	+	×	+				0						+			0	0		+
chlorite	+	×		×			0				0	×		0	+				0			0
sphene	+		+				+	+	0	0	0		+	0				+	0	0	+	+
opaque ore			+	+			+			+	+	+		+	0		+					+
scapolite																+	×			×		
white mica				+								+			+							+

X abundant (> 5%); O minor (1–5%); +trace (< 1%) Sample localities shown on Folder 2.1.

Table IId - OKAHANDJA LINEAMENT ZONE PELITES (604 from a breccia band)

	34	40	41	48	99	70	156	276	279	280 436		439 538		631	16	28	31	32	57	62	578 6	604 65	8 66	658 660 662	2 663
quartz	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×
microcline			×		0	0			0		×														
plagioclase	×	×	×	0	×	×	×	×	0	0	×		0	0	×		×	×		0		×	×	×	0
biotite	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×		×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×
muscovite			×	0	0	0	+	0	0		+	0	×	×	+	×	×		×	×	×	×	×		×
andalusite				×						×		×	0	×					×			×	0		
cordierite	×			0						0		×	0	0		×							×	×	×
garnet	+							0																_	
staurolite																							+		+
chlorite					0	+		+			×			0							0	0			
carbonate					×	0		+							-						×	~			
graphite							0	+																	
opaque ore	+	+	+	+	+	+			+	+	0	0			+	0	+	+	+			+	+	+	+
apatite	+		+						+								+					+	+	_	+
tourmaline	+	+			+							+				+	+		+			+			+
	_					Tin	kas N	Tinkas Member	ь					_					Kuise	b Fo	Kuiseb Formation	n			

X abundant (> 5%); O minor (1-5%); + trace (< 1%) Sample localities shown on Folder 2.1.

Table IIe — CENTRAL ZONE AND OKAHANDJA LINEAMENT ZONE MARBLES

	170	175	192	212	256	470		43	44	65	67	82
carbonate	X	X	X	Х	X	X		X	X	X	X	X
quartz	+							0	0	0	0	+
plagioclase					+						0	+
white mica	+	+			0	0						
phlogopite					0					0	0	
talc							-	+	+	+	+	+
tremolite		0		0		0						
forsterite		X	X	X		X						
chondrodite			0	X								
garnet						0						
chlorite			0								0	
antigorite		X	0	X		X						
scapolite									+			

Central Zone

Okahandja Lineament Zone

X abundant (> 5%); O minor (1-5%); +trace (< 1%) Sample localities shown on Folder 2.1.

Table 11f — CENTRAL ZONE FELDSPATHIC QUARTZITES AND PELITES

Section   X   X   X   X   X   X   X   X   X		88	88	90	91	92	181	184	092	84 260 614 615	15 6	635	190	722	453	453 472	543	447	465	728	729	733
X       X	uartz	×	_	×	×	×	×	×	×			×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×
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0 0 + 0 + 0 + 0 + 0 + 0 + 0 + 0 + 0 + 0	lagioclase							0	×	0		0	0	×	0	×	×	×	×	×	×	×
+ + 0 0 0 + 0 + 0 + 0 0 0       X + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + +	iotite	0	0	+	0	+		0					0		×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×
0 + + + 0       X	nuscovite	+	_	0	0		+					0			×	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
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0 + 0 +	llimanite				0	0				J. Acade	0		×		×	0	+	+	0			0
+ + + +         + + + +         + + + +         + + + +         + + + +         + + + + +         + + + + +         + + + + + +         + + + + + + + +         + + + + + + + + + + +         + + + + + + + + + + + + + + +         + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + +	paque ore	0	+		0	+				+	-	+	×	0	+	+		0	+	+	+	+
+ + + +         + + +         + + + +         + + + + +         + + + + + +         + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + +	patite									+	-	+		+	+		+	+	+	+	+	+
Chuois Formation feldspathic quartzites   Final   Fi	rcon	+		_						+				+	+			+	+	+	+	+
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X abundant (> 5%); O minor (1-5%); +trace (<1%) Sample localities shown on Folder 2.1.

Table IIg — CENTRAL ZONE CALC SILICATES

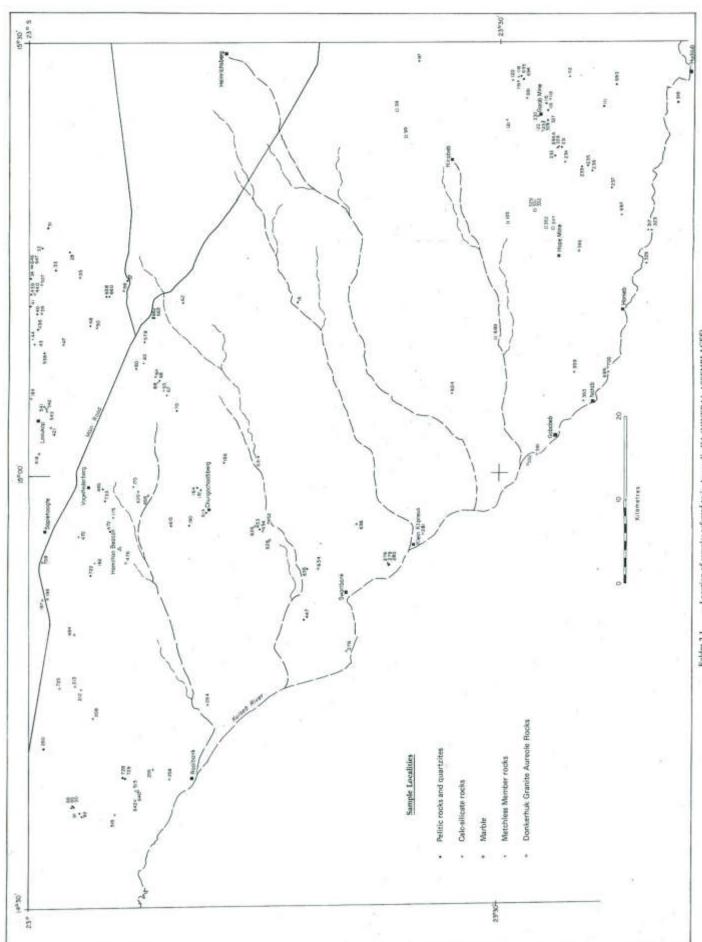
	164	208	213	258	258 418	628	634	640 642		7 807	725	541 4	454 4	468 5	513 54	542 62	620 62	626 19	197 199	9 264	4 421	1 47	476 494	4 516	5 270
quartz	×	×		×	×	×	×		×	×	×	+	×	×	×	×	×		×	×	×	0		×	×
microcline	×	×		×		0		×	×		×	,	+									×			
plagioclase	×	×	×	+	×	×	×	0	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	0		×	×	×	0		×	
biotite		×				0	0				0		0			0									
white mica						0	0			0		×	0			0	0				0	+	×	×	0
tremolite	0		×									0		0	×	×	V								
hornblende		×			×		+	0	×	0	0	-	+				×				+	×			
clinopyroxene	+		×	×	0	+		0	×	0	0	×	×	×	×	0	0		×	×	×	×	×	×	×
garnet				×				×								0	0	_							×
forsterite			0									×													
calcite	0	+	0	×	0		0	0	0	+	+	+	0	+	0	0	0		+ 0	1		×		0	0
wollastonite				×								0 0			-	-		2 - 5	×	~			×		
epidote	0				0	0	0	×	+	+			×				×	~			0	_			
clinozoisite	0				0	0								×	0	0	×					0			×
chlorite	0				0		0		+	0		0.000	0			0				×	~	+	1		
sphene	+		0		0	+		+		0	+		,	+	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
opaque ore	+	×			0	+			0	0	0			,	+	++	1	12		+	ı			+	
scapolite			×	×		0									0				×		_	-	×		
					×	Khan Fm	Fm				R	Rössing	222	O	Chuos Fm	Fm		_			Kar	Karibib Fm	Fm		

X abundant (> 5%); O minor (1-5%); +trace (<1%) Sample localities shown on Folder 2.1.

Table IIh — DONKERHUK THERMAL AUREOLE IN TROUGH ZONE PELITES

	98	99	105	329	331	332	347	352	689
quartz	X	X	X	Х	X	X	X	X	0
microcline					0	0	X		0
plagioclase	×	X	X	X	X	X	0	X	0
biotite	X	X	X	0	X	X	X	X	X
muscovite	0	X	X	0			X	0	
sillimanite	+	0	+	0	0	X			X
cordierite				X	X	X			X
staurolite				0		0			
garnet	+	+			0	+			X
chlorite				X		0			
opaque ore	+		+	0	0	0		+	0
tourmaline		+	+						+
hercynite									0

X abundant (> 5%); O minor (1-5%); +trace (< 1%) Sample localities shown on Folder 2.1.



Folder 2.1 – Location of sumples referred to in Appendix IIA (MINERAL ASSEMBLAGES).
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#### B. MINERAL-FABRIC RELATIONSHIPS TROUGH ZONE

Observations were made on rocks throughout the Trough Zone, and were not confined to the three subzones of Section 3. The fabric elements cited refer to those of the Trough Zone only, as indicated in Table 4.2, Section 4.

#### A. Pelitic Rocks

- (i) Muscovite-In the majority of metapelites muscovite flakes lie in the S<sub>0</sub> plane, and in some cases these are the only oriented mica. Sections of muscovite showing cleavage traces are generally far more elongated than biotite crystals. Generally muscovite comprises less than 10 per cent of the rock by volume. In some A1-rich schists, however, muscovite may comprise over half of the rock, forming a felt-like mat fabric parallel to S2. Recrystallisation of the mica produces larger, less elongated grains generally parallel to the S2 fabric. Such recrystallisation post-dates the biotite poikiloblasts. Muscovite derived from the alteration of staurolite and kyanite occurs as scaly randomly oriented aggregates. In the A1-rich schists with a largely plagioclase groundmass disoriented elongated muscovite laths are commonly present, possibly resulting from alteration of the plagioclase. Near the Donkerhuk Granite large muscovite poikiloblasts have grown randomly over the S<sub>2</sub> fabric.
- (ii) Biotite—In most quartz-rich schists north and south of the Matchless Member small flakes of darkbrown, almost black biotite parallel S2 and together with muscovite delineate the schistosity. Those biotites forming the S1 mineral laminations are undeformed and now also lie parallel to S2 suggesting recrystallisation rather than rotation. Those schists with the muscovite mat fabric or containing kyanite and staurolite have randomly developed porphyroblastic biotite, occasionally enclosing S2 poikiloblastically. This fabric clearly postdates the schistosity S2. The biotites are prismatic and resemble hornblende in hand specimens.
- (iii) Garnets—Some rocks from Hudaub in the very south-east show garnet growth to be pre-S<sub>2</sub> since one garnet contains straight inclusion trails of quartz and plagioclase at 90° to S<sub>2</sub>. There is evidence of a later overgrowth of new garnet upon the old, and later flattening of the S<sub>2</sub> fabric around the porphyroblast [see (iv) below and Fig. 7.1B]. Elsewhere garnets are usually idioblastic and grow across the S<sub>2</sub> schistosity. In some instances zones around the garnets are depleted in S<sub>2</sub> parallel muscovite and biotite, and rarely also graphite. Frequently post-S<sub>2</sub> garnets occur in embayments in post-S<sub>2</sub> biotite but without touching the biotite, elsewhere idioblastic garnets are enclosed by biotite blades parallel to and touching garnet crystal faces without apparent replacement textures. In an example where S<sub>3</sub> crenulation cleavage is present garnets grow in S<sub>3</sub> and enclose S<sub>2</sub> helicitically.
- (iv) Staurolite—Around Hudaub staurolite growth may be syn- to late-S<sub>2</sub>. Elongated inclusions within the staurolites make a slight angle with the external fabric (S<sub>2</sub>) which is undulose around the poikiloblasts (S<sub>2</sub> is defined by biotite lying in the schistosity). It is also possible that this texture was produced by the following sequence of events: (a) development of S<sub>2</sub> schistosity; (b) growth of staurolite; (c) flattening of the fabric essentially perpendicular to S<sub>2</sub> deforming the schistosity and causing slight rotation of the poikiloblasts. Elsewhere staurolite porphyroblasts may attain lengths of up to 20 mm and grow randomly across the S<sub>2</sub> schistosity. Such staurolites may enclose idioblastic garnets, small grains of biotite and plagioclase. At locality D in Figure 3.3 staurolite (and kyanite) orientated essentially parallel to

- S<sub>2</sub>, are sheared and rotated by S<sub>2</sub> and crenulated by S<sub>3</sub>. Later growth of staurolite (and kyanite) crosses both S<sub>2</sub> and S<sub>3</sub> randomly without being deformed. This locality, however, is considered unique as far as conditions of mineral nucleation and growth are concerned since some crystals reach 150 mm in length,
- (v) Kyanite—With the exception of pre-S<sub>3</sub> kyanite at locality D in Figure 3.3 [see (iv) above] kyanite is the last prograde mineral to complete its growth. Whilst generally in the S<sub>2</sub> plane, kyanite is randomly oriented (Spry 1969, p. 259). A kyanite growth across S<sub>2</sub> at Hudaub shows undulose extinction and bent cleavage traces possibly confirming late compression perpendicular to S<sub>2</sub> planes.
- (vi) Quartz—In quartz-rich schists and especially the graphitic schists, quartz is often elongated parallel to S<sub>2</sub> schistosity. In A1-rich schists quartz is generally rare and of granoblastic form. However, in A1-rich schists numerous S<sub>2</sub>-parallel quartz veins are present (amounting to 15 per cent of rock volume) and suggest migration of quartz, perhaps through pressure solution and metamorphic reactions.
- (vii) Plagioclase—Plagioclase (oligoclase) in the quartz-rich and graphite schists is often elongated in S<sub>2</sub> whereas the A1-rich schists have either a fairly fine-grained granoblastic-polygonal or fairly coarse-grained fabric with shape determined by impingement boundaries upon staurolite, biotite, garnet or kyanite. For A1-rich schists the groundmass is largely plagioclase, possibly derived from the muscovite mat fabric.
- (viii) Chlorite—All chlorite present results from the retrograde alteration principally of biotite but also of staurolite and garnet, in the latter along fractures.

#### B. Matchless Member

Only the amphibole schists are considered, since the coarser varieties tend to have a decussate texture and little or no fabric. Quartzo-feldspathic knots of metamorphic origin are abundant in some rocks and show progressive elongation adjacent to minor shear zones.

- (i) Blue-green amphibole (hornblende)—Much of the hornblende lies parallel to the S<sub>2</sub> schistosity, often with the y-z crystallographic plane in the fabric. Occasionally, however, crystals are oriented virtually perpendicular to S<sub>2</sub> and some have grown in the lineation caused by S<sub>3</sub> intersecting S<sub>2</sub>. In other instances hornblende needles are oriented parallel to the strike of S<sub>2</sub>.
- (ii) Ortho-amphibole—Undeformed porphyroblasts of ortho-amphibole (anthophyllite) reaching 15 mm in length grow across a fabric defined by blue-green hornblende parallel to S<sub>2</sub>.

#### C. Calc-silicate Rocks

Thin garnet-bearing calc-silicate bands are often transposed into the  $S_2$  cleavage in  $F_2$  folds, and frequently show a planar fabric of elongated recrystallised quartz and plagioclase. The fabric is a mylonitic compositional layering (Vernon 1974) parallel to the  $S_2$  schistosity. Porphyroblasts of garnet, hornblende and biotite are often elongated in  $S_2$  and contain abundant  $S_2$ -parallel inclusions, but do not show an optical-preferred orientation parallel to  $S_2$ . These minerals post-date  $S_2$  and may grow along the  $S_0/S_2$  lineation.

Massive glassy calc-silicate rocks west of Homeb contain small segregations or pods of epidote, diopside/hedenbergite or green amphibole parallel to S<sub>2</sub>. These minerals often occur as inclusions in quartz parallel to S<sub>2</sub>, suggesting development of quartz porphyroblasts by boundary migration after the main fabric formed.

#### OKAHANDJA LINEAMENT ZONE

#### A. Pelitic Rocks

- (i) Muscovite—Muscovite generally parallels the main S<sub>3</sub> fabric, but close to the Donkerhuk Granite and adjacent to the unfoliated type granite of the Salem Suite porphyroblastic muscovite grows across S<sub>3</sub>. Scattered small flakes oriented across the S<sub>3</sub> fabric are present in many porphyroblastic (andalusite and cordierite) schists, and these are not thermal aureole muscovites.
- (ii) Biotite—In many cases biotite iies parallel to the S<sub>3</sub> schistosity, but in some cases the biotite schistosity lies at 5-10° to the muscovite and quartz fabric. Biotite growth across S<sub>3</sub> is common either as randomly oriented scattered flakes or more commonly as a well-defined locally penetrative fabric S<sub>f</sub> almost at right angles to S<sub>3</sub> and occurring in thin A1-rich bands. The biotites defining the schistosity (S<sub>f</sub>) are locally deformed on planes parallel to S<sub>3</sub>.

Schists containing biotite spots due to S<sub>1</sub>/S<sub>3</sub> intersections have a muscovite-defined S<sub>3</sub> schistosity in which all biotite spots are disrupted, the spots frequently being small fold closures.

- (iii) Cordierite—Poikiloblastic cordierites up to 150 mm long frequently enclose the S<sub>3</sub> schistosity of biotite and quartz, in a few cases also enclosing the S<sub>5</sub> biotite fabric. The external fabric may differ slightly in orientation, but on examination of microscopic quartz veinlets the slight rotation appears to be due to the late compression of, and movement parallel to S<sub>3</sub> causing poikiloblasts to rotate (Ramsay 1962, Fig. 16). In other cases the S<sub>6</sub> and S<sub>i</sub> discordance varies from poikiloblast to poikiloblast and may result from crystallisation effects. Whilst the majority of inclusion trails are straight a few are slightly sigmoidal. Orientation of retrograde alteration products (e.g. muscovite) in cordierites appears to be generally irregular. Some cordierites are completely pseudomorphed by micaceous aggregates.
- (iv) Andalusite—Andalusite poikiloblasts generally have straight inclusion trains parallel to  $S_3$ , in a very few places they are curved. In other cases andalusite crystals appear to be disrupted parallel to  $S_3$ . This may be the result of late movement on  $S_3$  planes during  $D_{L5}$ .
- (v) Garnet—Occasionally small idioblastic or subidioblastic garnets which have grown across the S<sub>3</sub> schistosity are found. Very rarely minute idioblastic garnets with high Mn content are present in the outer edges of cordierite porphyroblasts.
- (vi) Quartz and Plagioclase—Xenoblastic polygonal or elongated grains often parallel to the S<sub>3</sub> schistosity tend to be elongated in muscovite- and/or graphite-bearing schists. In many andalusite- and cordierite-bearing schists both quartz and plagioclase are absent from the matrix adjacent to poikiloblasts.
- (vii) Staurolite—Small squat idioblastic crystals have grown across the S<sub>3</sub> fabric and S<sub>f</sub> schistosity.
- (viii) Chlorite—Subidioblastic porphyroblasts traverse the S<sub>3</sub> schistosity. In most cases chlorite is a retrograde alteration of biotite. Chlorite is not common.

#### B. Calc-silicate Rocks

(i) Quartz and Plagioclase (andesine-labradorite)—The majority of the calc-silicate rocks forming cleavage mullions have a mylonitic compositional layering (Vernon 1974) delineated by thin lamellae of quartz and plagioclase of noticeably finer grain size than that between the cleavage planes, spaced 1–2 mm apart. Recrystallisation of the smaller grains has removed strained extinction and produced granoblastic-polygonal textured layers parallel to the S<sub>3</sub> fabric.

- (ii) Amphibole—Sheaf-like aggregates of undeformed blue-green hornblende are common and grow randomly across the S<sub>3</sub> parallel fabric. Retrogressive alteration of clinopyroxene (diopside/hedenbergite) to amphibole gives rise to randomly oriented acicular crystals.
- (iii) Clinopyroxene—Skeletal poikiloblasts up to 10 mm across show no optical-preferred orientations in the fabric although poikiloblasts tend to be elongated parallel to S<sub>3</sub>.
- (iv) Garnet—Skeletal xenoblastic poikiloblasts of garnet tend to be elongated in S<sub>3</sub>, but post-date S<sub>3</sub> since these contain straight inclusion trails parallel to S<sub>3</sub>. In addition the inclusions tend to be elongated in S<sub>3</sub>. Small idioblastic garnets are often developed across S<sub>3</sub> in metapelites at contacts with calc-silicate rocks.
- (v) Epidote/Clinozoisite—Epidote that replaces plagioclase often forms streaks parallel to the S<sub>3</sub> fabric, the epidote forming rounded granoblastic grains. Epidote may in rare cases replace randomly oriented amphibole in zoned calc-silicate rocks with a mosaic of extremely fine-grained equant crystals. Generally, however, clinozoisite is secondary (retrograde) and irregularly oriented, but where associated with carbonate and garnet lies in S<sub>3</sub>, and may be prograde.
- (vi) Chlorite—Chlorite forms irregular sheaf-like aggregates, in some cases retrograde after garnet. In general, however, chlorites are alteration products of amphibole or biotite.

#### C. Marbles

Many marbles have a strong fabric consisting of elongated and flattened carbonate grains in the  $S_3$  fabric. Tremolite and phlogopite generally form at grain boundaries and hence have a parallelism to  $S_3$ .

#### CENTRAL ZONE

#### A. Pelitic rocks

- (i) Biotite—Biotite flakes define the S<sub>1</sub> fabric in metapelites. Locally these show regrowth or reorientation into F<sub>2</sub> and F<sub>3</sub> axial planes. In some cases S<sub>3</sub> crenulates S<sub>1</sub> and biotites then lie parallel to S<sub>3</sub>. Small biotite crystals (0,1 mm long) parallel to S<sub>1</sub> are frequently enclosed in poikiloblastic microcline and are also oriented subparallel to the external S<sub>3</sub> fabric. Rounded biotite crystals are commonly found in some cordierite porphyroblasts.
- (ii) Sillimanite—Radially oriented sillimanite fibres occur as small flattened knots up to 40 mm across or as small aggregates of fibres. The flattened knots lie in the S<sub>3</sub> axial-planar cleavage (generally a strong crenulation of the S<sub>1</sub> fabric) of F<sub>3</sub> folds. Sillimanite also lies in the S<sub>1</sub> plane where it has formed at the expense of muscovite and quartz. This growth parallel to S<sub>1</sub> may, however, be mimetic. Sillimanite, when not occurring as knots, is often disharmonious (Vernon and Flood 1977) with respect to quartz and feldspar, but harmonious with respect to cordierite. In one example small sillimanite needles outline a polygonal fold within a porphyroblast of cordierite in a rock with fairly strong schistosity but with granoblastic quartzo-feldspathic minerals (Fig. 7.1E).
- (iii) Cordierite—Cordierite may form small granoblastic grains or large poikiloblasts confined in the S<sub>3</sub> fabric e.g., north of Rooibank. The cordierites often contain inclusions which parallel the external fabric but S<sub>1</sub> and S<sub>3</sub> are subparallel in F<sub>3</sub> fold flanks from where the sample was taken. As far as the mapped area is concerned no cordierite has been observed which shows rotation. Rotated cordierites do exist further north in the Khan-Swakop area\*. Cordierite may be bluish or greenish and

<sup>\*</sup> Personal communication: S. J. Barnes and M. Coward.

in some cases is elongated along the intersection between  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  schistosities. In thin section many equant cordierites grow across the  $S_1$  fabric.

(iv) Garnet—In thin section the garnets are irregular, commonly embayed and elongated in S<sub>1</sub>. A few kilometres north of Rooibank garnet crystals can be seen to grow in the S<sub>3</sub> fabric whilst large garnet porphyroblasts or aggregates grow across the S<sub>1</sub> and S<sub>3</sub> fabrics. These occur in association with some late undeformed pegmatitic veins and are also disseminated throughout the rock. In the area mapped no rotated garnet porphyroblasts have been observed although these too are common in the Khan-Swakop area. Garnets in thin section appear to be late as the grow either across the fabric or are elongated parallel to S<sub>3</sub>, yet include large S<sub>1</sub>-parallel biotite grains. Garnet and cordierite are often in contact and associated with microcline.

#### B. Calc-silicate Rocks

The rocks are generally granoblastic-polygonal but those of the Chuos Formation often have a glassy appearance due to large elongated (parallel to S<sub>1</sub> fabric) quartz grains which enclose amphibole, diopside and epidote parallelling S<sub>1</sub>. In most rocks a mineral layering or segregation parallels S<sub>1</sub>, although a specific mineralpreferred orientation appears to be absent. Clinopyroxene (diopside/hedenbergite) invariably shows a degree of retrograde alteration peripherally to unoriented amphibole. Most mineral species are subidioblastic or xenoblastic.

#### C. Marbles

Carbonate minerals generally give rise to a granoblastic texture in which the various calc-silicate minerals have a random orientation, although a mineral banding (possibly S<sub>0</sub> or S<sub>1</sub>) is generally present.

#### III. MINERAL ANALYSES

The I03 mineral analyses (Tables IIIa-IIIj) were all done by Mr R. S. Rickard of the Department of Geochemistry, University of Cape Town, using an electron microprobe.

Operating conditions were a 15-kv accelerating potential and a beam current of 0,15 µamps. The 0,5 microndiameter beam was defocussed to 10-20 microns to obtain analyses for Na and K. Determinations were made as close as possible to the mineral margin (avoiding edge effects). Those minerals denoted by \* were analysed at their respective cores. A short dash in the tabulated data indicates "not analysed for".

Total iron is represented as FeO for all minerals.

Table IIIa—CENTRAL ZONE BIOTITES, SAMPLES 465 AND 729

	465A	465B	465C	465D	729A	729B	729C	729E
SiO <sub>4</sub>	34,54 3,17 19,38 19,63 0,02 8,54 0,00 0,11 9,63	34,32 3,38 19,31 19,90 0,05 8,40 0,00 0,09 9,51	34,21 3,32 19,27 19,06 0,03 8,89 0,01 0,09 9,52	33,99 3,65 18,92 19,81 0,04 8,36 0,01 0,09 9,70	33,81 2,94 18,43 18,58 0,05 9,18 0,00 0,13 10,00	33,93 2,36 18,53 18,88 0,06 9,59 0,00 0,09 9,86	34,25 2,35 18,35 18,81 0,06 9,66 0,02 0,15 9,87	34,14 2,86 18,51 18,66 0,06 8,99 0,03 0,09 9,79
Total	95,02	94,96	94,40	94,57	93,12	93,30	93,52	93,11

Si	5,296	5,272	5,267	5,255	5,298	5,306	5,339	5,337
	0,366	0,391	0,385	0,425	0,346	0,278	0,275	0,336
	3,496	3,497	3,498	3,450	3,404	3,416	3,373	3,411
	2,517	2,556	2,454	2,562	2,435	2,469	2,452	2,439
	0,003	0,006	0,004	0,005	0,007	0,007	0,008	0,009
	1,952	1,922	2,040	1,927	2,145	2,235	2,245	2,094
	0,000	0,000	0,002	0,002	0,000	0,000	0,003	0,002
	0,035	0,026	0,027	0,026	0,041	0,028	0,046	0,028
	1,884	1,863	1,870	1,912	1,999	1,967	1,963	1,953
Total	15,549	15,533	15,547	15,564	15,675	15,706	15,704	15,609

Table IIIb—CENTRAL ZONE CORDIERITES, SAMPLES 465 AND 729

Total .....

8,014

8,022

8,027

8,021

8,017

8,018

8,037

8,037

8,031

		465A	465B	465C	465D	465E	729A	729B	729C	729E	729G	729H
SiO <sub>2</sub> TiO <sub>3</sub>		47,97 0,01 33,33 9,07 0,08	47,53 0,01 32,25 9,09 0,08	47,53 0,01 33,52 8,94 0,10	47,45 0,01 33,54 8,99 0,09	47,62 0,02 33,45 9,04 0,08	47,28 0,01 33,69 8,77 0,16	47,28 0,00 32,82 8,79 0,15	47,33 0,00 33,46 8,96 0,17	47,44 0,01 33,39 8,77 0,16	47,04 0,02 33,44 8,59 0,19	47,39 0,02 33,87 8,71 0,21
MgO		7,75 0,01 0,17 0,03	7,71 0,00 0,19 0,01	7,73 0,01 1,16	7,80 0,01 0,17	7,77 0,01 0,19	7,83 0,02 0,14 0,00	7,85 0,03 0,24 0,00	7,46 0,03 0,17	7,79 0,04 0,17	7,73 0,02 0,13	7,65 0,01 0,12
Total		98,42	97,87	98,00	98,06	98,18	97,90	97,16	97,58	97,77	97,16	97,98
				Atomic	proporti	ons (18 o	xygens)					
Si		4,954 0,001 4,060 0,783 0,007 1,193 0,001 0,035 0,003	4,939 0,000 4,073 0,790 0,007 1,194 0,000 0,038 0,002	4,928 0,001 4,097 0,775 0,009 1,194 0,001 0,033	4,919 0,001 4,099 0,779 0,008 1,205 0,001 0,033	4,939 0,001 4,084 0,783 0,007 1,199 0,001 0,038	4,907 0,000 4,121 0,762 0,014 1,211 0,003 0,028 0,000	4,946 0,000 4,049 0,769 0,014 1,224 0,003 0,048 0,000	4,904 0,000 4,109 0,781 0,015 1,159 0,003 0,034	4,929 0,001 4,090 0,763 0,014 1,207 0,004 0,034	4,915 0,001 4,120 0,751 0,017 1,203 0,002 0,027	4,911 0,002 4,138 0,755 0,019 1,182 0,001 0,024
Total		11,037	11,043	11,038	11,045	11,052	11,046	11,053	11,005	11,042	11,036	11,032
Table IIIc—CENTI	RAL ZON	VE GARN	NETS, SA 465B	MPLES 4	65 AND 465C	729 465D	729Aii	729B	729C	729C*	729D	729E
SiO <sub>2</sub>							729Aii 36,26 0,02 21,36 35,09 2,80 3,33 0,96 0,00	729B 36,50 0,05 20,53 35,73 2,53 3,29 0,90	729C 36,53 0,05 20,47 35,52 2,35 3,35 0,92	729C*  36,62 0,03 21,47 34,35 2,47 3,80 1,00	729D 36,31 0,04 21,35 34,45 2,99 2,95 0,97	729E 36,33 0,02 21,10 34,43 2,91 3,22 0,91
SiO <sub>2</sub>	36,26 0,04 21,09 36,69 1,58 2,55 0,78	36,48 0,08 21,35 36,74 1,47 2,96 0,68	36,37 0,06 21,21 36,82 1,53 2,84 0,74	36,70 0,02 21,32 36,08 1,25 3,69 0,70	36,51 0,07 21,38 36,40 1,39 3,14 0,79	36,66 0,01 21,44 36,60 1,43 3,11 0,69	36,26 0,02 21,36 35,09 2,80 3,33 0,96	36,50 0,05 20,53 35,73 2,53 3,29	36,53 0,05 20,47 35,52 2,35 3,35	36,62 0,03 21,47 34,35 2,47 3,80	36,31 0,04 21,35 34,45 2,99 2,95	36,35 0,02 21,10 34,43 2,91 3,22
SiO <sub>2</sub> TiO <sub>2</sub> Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> FeO MnO MgO CaO Na <sub>2</sub> O	36,26 0,04 21,09 36,69 1,58 2,55 0,78 0,03	36,48 0,08 21,35 36,74 1,47 2,96 0,68 0,05	36,37 0,06 21,21 36,82 1,53 2,84 0,74 0,07	36,70 0,02 21,32 36,08 1,25 3,69 0,70 0,02 99,78	36,51 0,07 21,38 36,40 1,39 3,14 0,79 0,03 99,71	36,66 0,01 21,44 36,60 1,43 3,11 0,69 0,04 99,98	36,26 0,02 21,36 35,09 2,80 3,33 0,96 0,00	36,50 0,05 20,53 35,73 2,53 3,29 0,90 99,53	36,53 0,05 20,47 35,52 2,35 3,35 0,92	36,62 0,03 21,47 34,35 2,47 3,80 1,00	36,31 0,04 21,35 34,45 2,99 2,95 0,97	36,35 0,02 21,10 34,43 2,91 3,22 0,91
SiO <sub>2</sub> TiO <sub>2</sub> Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> FeO MnO MgO CaO Na <sub>2</sub> O	36,26 0,04 21,09 36,69 1,58 2,55 0,78 0,03	36,48 0,08 21,35 36,74 1,47 2,96 0,68 0,05	36,37 0,06 21,21 36,82 1,53 2,84 0,74 0,07	36,70 0,02 21,32 36,08 1,25 3,69 0,70 0,02 99,78	36,51 0,07 21,38 36,40 1,39 3,14 0,79 0,03 99,71	36,66 0,01 21,44 36,60 1,43 3,11 0,69 0,04 99,98	36,26 0,02 21,36 35,09 2,80 3,33 0,96 0,00 99,82 0xygens) 2,939 0,001 2,041 2,379 0,192 0,402 0,083	36,50 0,05 20,53 35,73 2,53 3,29 0,90 99,53	36,53 0,05 20,47 35,52 2,35 3,35 0,92	36,62 0,03 21,47 34,35 2,47 3,80 1,00	36,31 0,04 21,35 34,45 2,99 2,95 0,97	36,3 0,0 21,1 34,4 2,9 3,2 0,9

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Table IIId—CENTRAL ZONE MICROCLINES AND PLAGIOCLASES, SAMPLES 465 AND 729

			MICRO	CLINE			1	PL	AGIOCLA	ASE	
	465A	465B	465C	729A	729B	729C	465A	465B	729B	729D	729E
SiO <sub>2</sub> . TiO <sub>2</sub> . Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> . FeO. MgO. CaO. Na <sub>2</sub> O. K <sub>2</sub> O.	63,61 19,55 0,02 0,03 2,20 13,78	63,57 19,50 0,04 0,02 2,00 14,19	63,26 0,03 19,36 0,04 0,00 0,01 1,82 14,01	63,14 0,03 19,28 0,00 0,00 0,03 1,83 15,26	65,99 0,03 19,05 0,01 0,00 0,04 1,85 14,40	66,21 0,01 19,03 0,11 0,00 0,08 2,35 14,09	62,79 23,66 0,02 3,80 10,01 0,25	62,68 23,61 0,02 3,87 9,82 0,16	60,48 0,01 25,22 0,01 0,00 5,32 9,87 0,18	59,97 0,01 24,50 0,03 0,00 5,36 9,61 0,20	60,34 
Total	99,19	99,32	98,53	99,57	101,37	101,88	100,53	100,16	101,09	99,68	99,81
		Atomi	proporti	ons (8 ox	ygens)		А	tomic pro	portions (	8 oxygens	)
Si	2,946 1,067 0,001 0,001 0,197 0,814	2,945 1,065 0,002 0,001 0,179 0,839	2,950 0,001 1,064 0,002 0,000 0,001 0,165 0,834	2,937 0,001 1,057 0,000 0,000 0,001 0,165 0,906	2,987 0,001 1,017 0,000 0,000 0,002 0,162 0,831	2,984 0,000 1,011 0,004 0,000 0,004 0,205 0,810	2,769 1,230 0,001 0,180 0,856 0,014	2,772 1,231 0,001 0,184 0,842 0,009	2,674 0,000 1,314 0,000 0,000 0,252 0,846 0,010	2,688 0,000 1,294 0,001 0,000 0,258 0,835 0,011	2,696 1,293 0,004 0,249 0,823 0,007
Total	5,026	5,031	5,017	5,067	5,000	5,018	5,050	5,039	5,096	5,087	5,072

Table IIIe—TROUGH ZONE BIOTITES, SAMPLES 115 AND 235 (115F IS AN INCLUSION IN A STAUROLITE PORPHYRO BLAST)

	115A	115B	115C	115D	115E	115F	235A	235B	235C	235D	235E	235F
SiO <sub>2</sub>	35,56 1,44 20,14 16,28 	35,79 1,46 20,19 16,91 — 11,10 0,00 0,16 8,96	35,69 1,40 19,88 17,08 	34,60 1,44 19,77 17,11 	35,29 1,54 19,85 16,63 — 11,04 0,00 0,18 8,95	34,86 1,77 20,19 15,78 	35,62 1,42 20,29 16,93 0,07 11,33 0,01 0,39 8,66	35,72 1,47 20,05 17,28 0,06 11,09 0,02 0,41 8,57	35,38 1,46 19,76 17,60 0,05 10,79 0,01 0,34 8,70	35,30 1,34 19,76 16,75 0,06 11,00 0,02 0,28 8,67	35,11 1,46 20,01 17,41 0,07 11,05 0,02 0,39 8,62	35,69 1,48 20,55 16,64 0,07 11,06 0,04 0,42 8,70
Total	93,38	94,57	94,54	87,15	93,48	93,39	94,72	94,67	94,09	93,18	94,14	94,65

# Atomic proportions (22 oxygens)

Al. Fe. Mn Mn Mg Ca. Na. K.	3,606 2,068 2,524 0,003 0,031 1,701	3,587 2,130 2,492 0,000 0,046 1,723	3,537 2,157 2,544 0,002 0,045 1,734	3,613 2,218 2,428 0,004 0,044 1,692	3,569 2,121 2,508 0,000 0,053 1,741	3,610 2,001 	3,597 2,129 0,009 2,540 0,001 0,113 1,662	3,561 2,177 0,007 2,490 0,002 0,119 1,648	3,543 2,239 0,007 2,446 0,002 0,101 1,688	3,563 2,143 0,007 2,508 0,003 0,083 1,691	3,585 2,212 0,009 2,502 0,004 0,115 1,671	3,640 2,091 0,009 2,477 0,006 0,124 1,669
Total	15,488	15,535	15,566	15,531	15,549	15,526	15,570	15,553	15,575	15,551	15,599	15,547

Table IIIf—TROUGH ZONE GARNETS, SAMPLES 115 AND 235

	115Ai	115Aii	115B*	115B	115C	115D	1158	235A*	235A	235B	235C	235D
iO <sub>2</sub>	37,16 0,05	37,02 0,08	36,96 0,09	37,15 0,10	36,97 0,05	37,14 0,05	37,31 0,06	37,02 0,02	36,75 0,01	36,50 0,02 21,19	36,37 0,03 21,26	36,78 0,03 21,30
1.0	21,47	21,76	21,60	21,58 31,48	21,73 32,09	21,57 32,58	21,70 31,46	21,35 31,44	21,35 32,47	32,15	32,51	32,4
eO	32,13	32,12	29,84 4,90	3,17	3,09	3,56	3,19	4,95	5,04	4,97	5,25	5.1
InO	3,20	2,96 3,13	2,37	3,09	3,14	2,85	3,10	3,43	3.12	3,05	2,72	2,9
aO	3,06	3,32	4,28	3,66	2,98	2,78	3,57	2,07	1,37	1,69	1,50	1,5
Total	100,08	100,39	100,04	100,23	100,05	100,53	100,39	100,28	100,11	99,57	99,64	100,1
				Atomic	proporti	ons (12 o	xygens)					
<u> </u>		Francis	1	1	2.00	2.021	2.024	2.000	2.062	2,961	2,955	2.96
i	2,976	2,957	2,967	2,969 0,006	2,961 0,003	2,971	2,974	2,969 0,001	2,963	0,001	0,002	0,00
[i	0,003	0,005	0,005 2,045	2,033	2,052	2,035	2.039	2.018	2.029	2,026	2,037	2,02
Al e	2,027	2,145	2,003	2,104	2,149	2,180	2,097	2,109	2,189	2,181	2,209	2,18
Mn	0,204	0,200	0,333	0,215	0,210	0,241	0,216	0,336	0,344	0,341	0,361	0,3
Mg	0.382	0,373	0,284	0,367	0,374	0,340	0,368	0,410	0,375	0,368	0,330	0,35
à	0,262	0,285	0,368	0,313	0,256	0,239	0,305	0,178	0,118	0,147	0,131	0,1.
				-				0.000	0.010	0 035	8.025	0.0
Total	8,006	8,014	8,005	8,007	8,005	8,009	8,002	8,021	8,019	8,025	8,023	8,0
30 2007 (AMA) 1-200, AMA) (AMA)							8,002	8,021	8,019	8,023	8,023	1 8,01
Total				s, SAMPL	ES 115 A		235A*	8,021 235A	235		235C	235D
SiO <sub>2</sub>	JGH ZON	115Ai 27,17 0,57 54,91 13,10 0,19 1,94	27,4 0,5 54,0 11,8 0,2	3 26 9 0 11 13 13 26 19 0 14 54 11 13 20 0	ES 115 A	ND 235 115C 26,98 0,76 54,96 13,12 0,20 1,72			235 2 27 0 0 0 7 55 1 13 4 0	34 ,34 ,59 ,04		235D 27,03 0,66 55,0 13,33 0,2
SiO <sub>2</sub>	JGH ZON	115Ai 27,17 0,57 54,91 13,10 0,19 1,94 0,02	27,4 0,5 54,0 11,8 0,2 1,7 0,0	33 26 39 00 34 54 31 13 30 0 0	ES 115 A 5B 5,98 5,51 7,77 1,11 1,19 8,84 0,01	ND 235 115C 26,98 0,76 54,96 13,12 0,20 1,72 0,00	235A* 27,15 0,60 55,07 13,12 0,26	235A 27,3 0,5 54,7 13,2 0,2 1,6	235 2 27 0 07 55 1 13 4 0 5 1	,34 ,59 ,04 ,12 ,26	235C 27,35 0,65 55,22 13,17 0,25	235D 27,03 0,66 55,01 13,34 0,21 1,6
SiO <sub>2</sub>	JGH ZON	115Ai 27,17 0,57 54,91 13,10 0,19 1,94	27,4 0,5 54,0 11,8 0,2	3 26 9 0 11 3 12 54 13 10 10 0 17 0 10 0 13 97	ES 115 A 5B ,98 ,51 ,77 ,11 ,19 ,84 ,0,01	ND 235 115C 26,98 0,76 54,96 13,12 0,20 1,72 0,00 97,74	235A*  27,15 0,60 55,07 13,12 0,26 1,74 97,94	235A 27,3 0,5 54,7 13,2 0,2 1,6	235 2 27 0 07 55 1 13 4 0 5 1	,34 ,59 ,04 ,12 ,26 ,54	235C 27,35 0,65 55,22 13,17 0,25 1,54	235D 27,0: 0,6: 55,0 13,3: 0,2: 1,6
SiO <sub>2</sub>	JGH ZON	115Ai 27,17 0,57 54,91 13,10 0,19 1,94 0,02	27,4 0,5 54,0 11,8 0,2 1,7 0,0	3 26 9 0 11 3 12 54 13 10 10 0 17 0 10 0 13 97	ES 115 A 5B 5,98 5,51 7,77 1,11 1,19 8,84 0,01	ND 235 115C 26,98 0,76 54,96 13,12 0,20 1,72 0,00 97,74	235A*  27,15 0,60 55,07 13,12 0,26 1,74 97,94	235A 27,3 0,5 54,7 13,2 0,2 1,6	235 2 27 0 07 55 1 13 4 0 5 1	,34 ,59 ,04 ,12 ,26 ,54	235C 27,35 0,65 55,22 13,17 0,25 1,54	235D 27,0: 0,6: 55,0 13,3: 0,2: 1,6

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Table IIIh-TROUGH ZONE BIOTITES, GARNETS AND STAUROLITES, SAMPLE 316

		BIO	TITE			GARNET		STAUROLITE		
	316B	316C	316D	316E	316A*	316A	316BB	316A	316B	
SiO <sub>2</sub>	35,81 1,45 20,05 17,99 0,06 11,54 0,01 0,14 9,18	35,47 1,92 19,47 17,10 10,15 0,01 0,11 9,32	35,47 1,43 19,06 17,48 11,00 0,00 0,10 9,16	35,62 1,49 19,34 17,36 10,81 0,00 0,10 9,42	36,93 0,07 21,50 32,15 2,53 3,37 3,61	36,88 0,02 21,50 33,51 2,79 2,99 2,82	36,84 0,00 21,41 32,67 2,59 2,90 2,70	27,63 0,66 54,82 12,63 0,18 1,41 0,01	27,54 0,62 55,10 12,67 1,24 0,00	
Total	96,23	93,55	93,70	94,14	100,16	100,51	99,11	97,34	97,17	
	Ato	mic proporti	ons (22 oxy	gens)	Atomic pr	oportions (1	Atomic proportions (23 oxygens)			
Si	5,340 0,162 3,525 2,244 0,007 2,563 0,001 0,040 1,747	5,399 0,222 3,531 2,200 2,327 0,001 0,033 1,830	5,429 0,165 3,439 2,238 2,508 0,000 0,028 1,789	4,933 0,155 3,157 2,011 2,231 0,000 0,028 1,664	2,955 0,004 2,029 2,151 0,172 0,402 0,310	2,957 0,001 2,032 2,247 0,189 0,357 0,242	2,982 0,000 2,042 2,211 0,178 0,350 0,235	3,827 0,069 8,953 1,463 0,022 0,291 0,002	3,818 0,064 9,007 1,469 0,255 0,000	
Total	15,629	15,543	15,596	14,179	8,023	8,025	7,998	14,627	14,613	

# Table IIIi-TROUGH ZONE MUSCOVITES, SAMPLES 115, 235 AND 316

	115A	115B	115C	115D	235A	235C	235D	316A	316B
SiO <sub>2</sub> , TiO <sub>2</sub> , Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>a</sub> , FeO. MgO. CaO. Na <sub>2</sub> O. K <sub>b</sub> O.	45,62 0,32 37,19 1,10 0,73 0,01 1,37 9,30	45,81 0,39 36,48 1,05 0,76 0,02 1,22 9,03	46,25 0,30 36,47 0,97 0,76 0,00 1,23 9,32	46,03 0,54 36,61 0,94 0,67 0,01 1,21 9,30	45,75 0,55 36,31 0,82 0,70 0,00 1,60 8,87	45,38 0,30 37,46 0,71 0,44 0,00 1,97 8,41	45,89 0,50 37,03 0,71 0,50 0,01 1,74 8,54	46,01 0,49 36,12 1,42 0,56 0,00 1,50 9,05	45,67 0,37 36,66 1,42 0,45 0,00 1,55 8,86
Total	95,64	94,76	95,30	95,31	94,60	94,67	94,92	95,15	94,98

# Atomic proportions (22 oxygens)

Mg CaNaK.	0,143 0,001 0,351 1,566	0,151 0,002 0,314 1,530	0,151 0,000 0,314 1,570	0,132 0,001 0,311 1,568	0,138 0,000 0,412 1,506	0,086 0,000 0,506 1,421	0,099 0,002 0,446 1,439	0,112 0,000 0,385 1,531	0,090 0,000 0,399 1,501
Si	6,019 0,031 5,784 0,121 0,143	6,082 0,039 5,710 0,117	6,110 0,030 5,681 0,107 0,151	6,081 0,054 5,702 0,104 0,132	6,081 0,055 5,693 0,091 0,138	6,015 0,029 5,854 0,079 0,086	6,062 0,050 5,768 0,078	6,102 0,048 5,648 0,158 0,112	6,062 0,037 5,737 0,158

Table IIIj-TROUGH ZONE PLAGIOCLASES, SAMPLES 115, 235 AND 316

	115A	115B	115C	115D	235A	235B	235D	316A	316C	316BD
iO <sub>2</sub>	61,12 0,01 25,35 0,01 0,04 6,01 8,30 0,15	60,49 0,02 25,04 0,03 0,00 6,25 7,97 0,33	61,53 0,03 25,29 0,04 0,00 6,26 8,47 0,08	60,02 0,03 25,57 0,01 0,00 6,79 7,49 0,07	62,83 0,00 23,56 0,05 0,00 4,34 9,15 0,07	62,29 0,01 24,36 0,05 0,00 5,06 8,92 0,05	62,65 0,03 24,32 0,04 0,01 4,83 9,25 0,06	61,57 0,00 24,97 0,20 0,00 5,89 8,29 0,09	61,17 0,00 25,52 0,04 0,00 6,24 8,38 0,04	60,29 25,01 0,02 5,84 8,75 0,07
Total	100,99	100,13	101,70	99,98	100,00	100,74	101,19	101,01	101,39	99,98

#### Atomic proportions (8 oxygens)

Si	2,690 0,000 1,316 0,000 0,002 0,283 0,709 0,009	2,689 0,001 1,312 0,001 0,000 0,298 0,687 0,019	2,692 0,001 1,305 0,001 0,000 0,294 0,719 0,004	2,669 0,001 1,340 0,000 0,001 0,324 0,646 0,004	2,778 0,000 1,228 0,002 0,000 0,206 0,784 0,004	2,741 0,000 1,264 0,002 0,000 0,239 0,761 0,003	2,745 0,001 1,256 0,001 0,001 0,227 0,786 0,004	2,708 0,000 1,295 0,008 0,000 0,279 0,707 0,005	2,684 0,000 1,320 0,001 0,000 0,293 0,713 0,002	2,686 1,313 0,001 0,279 0,755 0,004
Total	5,009	5,007	5,016	4,985	5,002	5,010	5,021	5,002	5,013	5,038

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