

Evidence from HP/UHP metasediment for recycling of isotopically heterogeneous potassium into the mantle

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ABSTRACT

1
2 Potassium isotopes may provide a novel approach for fingerprinting recycled sediments
3 in the mantle due to the significant differences in K abundance and isotopic ratio between
4 subducting sediment and the mantle. However, the behavior of K isotopes in sediments during
5 subduction zone metamorphism is still unknown. Here we investigate K isotopic composition of
6 a set of well-characterized high- to ultrahigh-pressure metasediments from the Schistes Lustrés
7 nappe (western Alps), which represents marine sediments subducted down to ~90 km depth in a
8 cold subduction zone, and their protoliths from the Lavagna nappe (Apennines, Italy). The
9 metasediments display $\delta^{41}\text{K}_{\text{SRM 3141a}}$ values from -0.76‰ to -0.48‰, which are on average lower
10 than the mantle value (-0.43‰) but similar to those of non-metamorphic equivalents (-0.79‰ to
11 -0.49‰). No systemic variation of $\delta^{41}\text{K}$ with metamorphic grade is observed, suggesting
12 negligible K isotope fractionation in these sediments during prograde metamorphism. This is in
13 accord with the limited loss of K during the entire metamorphic history as evidenced by the
14 constancy of K/Rb and K/Cs ratios between metamorphic and non-metamorphic sediments and
15 the absence of correlations of $\delta^{41}\text{K}$ with K/Rb and K/Cs. The heterogeneous $\delta^{41}\text{K}$ values of
16 metasediments are most likely inherited from their protoliths, which experienced different degree
17 of chemical weathering depending on their provenances. Our results demonstrate that the
18 variable and light K isotopic signatures in subducting sediments could be preserved to depths of
19 at least 90 km along a cold geotherm gradient, indicating that introduction of sediments into the
20 mantle could produce K isotope heterogeneity in the source regions of mantle-derived lavas.

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24 INTRODUCTION

25 Global subducting sediment (GLOSS) has an average K₂O content (2.21 wt.%; [Plank,](#)
26 [2014](#)) several orders of magnitude higher than that of the mantle (0.03 wt.%; [McDonough and](#)
27 [Sun, 1995](#)). Accordingly, recycling of sediments into the mantle has been commonly invoked to
28 explain the significant K enrichment observed in many mantle-derived lavas such as arc volcanic
29 rocks and EM-type oceanic island basalts (OIBs) relative to mid-ocean ridge basalts (MORBs)
30 (e.g., [Plank and Langmuir, 1993](#); [Tatsumi and Eggins, 1995](#); [Elliott, 2003](#); [Jackson and](#)
31 [Dasgupta, 2008](#); [Rapp et al., 2008](#)). Recent developments in high-precision K isotope
32 measurements revealed that, compared with the mantle with a mean value of -0.43 defined by
33 global oceanic basalts ([Tuller-Ross et al., 2019](#)), subducting sediments display an overall ~1.3‰
34 variation in δ⁴¹K and commonly have δ⁴¹K values (down to -1.31‰) lower than the mantle ([Hu](#)
35 [et al., 2020](#)). Low δ⁴¹K value of sediments were mainly ascribed to preferential leaching of
36 heavy K isotopes during chemical weathering ([Li et al., 2019a, 2019b](#); [Chen et al., 2020](#); [Hu et](#)
37 [al., 2020](#); [Huang et al., 2020](#); [Teng et al., 2020](#)) or incorporation of light K isotopes into
38 authigenic clays during diagenesis ([Santiago Ramos et al., 2018](#); [Hu et al., 2020](#)). By contrast,
39 altered oceanic crust (AOC), another major K sink in subducting slabs, has an average δ⁴¹K
40 similar to or higher than the mantle due to interaction with isotopically heavy seawater ([Parendo](#)
41 [et al., 2017](#); [Hille et al., 2019](#); [Hu et al., 2020](#); [Santiago Ramos et al., 2020](#)). Hence, K isotopes
42 have great potential to discriminate recycled sediments in the mantle. In this regard, the lighter K
43 isotopic compositions relative to the mantle observed in some mantle-derived lavas have been
44 explained to reflect recycled sediments in their mantle sources (e.g. δ⁴¹K down to -0.81‰ for
45 potassic basalts from Northeast China and δ⁴¹K down to -0.60‰ for arc volcanic rocks from
46 Lesser Antilles; [Sun et al., 2020](#); [Hu et al., 2021](#)). However, this conclusion relies on the

47 assumption that K isotopes are not fractionated in sediments during slab subduction into deep
48 mantle, which is still required to be verified.

49 To date, only one recent study investigated the K isotope behavior during dehydration of
50 subducted oceanic crust. Based on data for eclogites from Tibet, [Liu et al. \(2020\)](#) proposed that
51 dehydration of oceanic crust preferentially releases heavy K isotopes into fluids with an isotope
52 fractionation factor of 1.0015, leaving the residual eclogites extremely enriched in light K
53 isotopes ($\delta^{41}\text{K}$ down to -1.64‰). Nevertheless, the low- $\delta^{41}\text{K}$ eclogites are very depleted in K
54 (<0.1 wt.%) and unlikely to be a major isotopically light K input to subduction zones. By
55 contrast, subducting sediments that are highly concentrated in K make up the key isotopically
56 light reservoir within subducting slabs ([Plank, 2014](#); [Hu et al., 2020](#)). Moreover, trace elemental
57 studies suggest that “sediment components” dominate the volcanic output of large ion lithophile
58 elements (LILE, e.g., K, Rb, Sr, Ba, Cs) in subduction zones ([Plank and Langmuir, 1993](#)). Thus,
59 understanding the behavior of K isotopes in subducting sediments during prograde
60 metamorphism can provide important insights into the fate of sediments in subduction zones
61 particularly on: (1) contribution of sediments to arc magmatism through metamorphic
62 dehydration and/or partial melting and (2) the role of sediments in creating mantle heterogeneity
63 beyond sub-arc regions.

64 Here we reported K isotopic data for metasediments from the Schistes Lustrés nappe
65 (western Alps) and their protoliths from the Lavagna nappe (northern Apennines, Italy). This
66 suite of samples comprises a continuous metamorphic sequence representative of oceanic
67 sediments subducted at depths between 15 and 90 km along a cold subduction path ([Agard et al.,](#)
68 [2001](#); [Busigny et al., 2003](#); [Bebout et al., 2013](#)) and thus provides an excellent opportunity to
69 assess element mobility and isotope behavior during forearc devolatilization of sediments.

70 Previous studies have demonstrated impressive retention of many elements thought to be fluid-
71 mobile (e.g., K, Rb, Cs, Li, B, N, H, C and Cl) and no discernible fractionation of N, H, Li and
72 Cl isotopes in the Schistes Lustrés metasediments across a wide range of metamorphic grade
73 (Busigny et al., 2003; Philippot et al., 2007; Bebout et al., 2013; Cook-Kollars et al., 2014;
74 Barnes et al., 2019; Epstein et al., 2020). We explore the influence of metamorphism on K
75 isotopic compositions of these sediments and evaluate the robustness of K isotopes as a tracer of
76 sediment recycling in the mantle.

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78 GEOLOGICAL BACKGROUND AND SAMPLES

79 The western Alps formed following the closure of the approximately north-south trending
80 Valais and Liguro-Piemontese slow-spreading oceans from 100 Ma, through an eastward
81 subduction zone below Apulia/Africa plate at rates of <20 mm/yr (e.g., Rosenbaum and Lister,
82 2005). The Schistes Lustrés nappe, located in the Piemonte-Ligurian domain of the western Alps
83 (Fig. 1), is mostly composed of upper Mesozoic pelagic metasedimentary rocks that were
84 originally deposited from the Alpine Ocean (e.g., Agard et al., 2009). The peak metamorphic
85 conditions of metasediments from Lago Nero, Fraiteve, Assieta and Finestre continually increase
86 from 0.8 GPa, < 300 °C to the west to 1.8-2.0 GPa, 450-500 °C to the east (Martin and Polino,
87 1984; Agard et al., 2001), which is indicated by the successive stability fields of lawsonite,
88 chloritoid and garnet (Agard et al., 2001; Busigny et al., 2003). Samples from Lago di Cignana
89 underwent ultrahigh-pressure (UHP) metamorphism (2.7-2.9 GPa and 630 °C; Reinecke, 1998),
90 as exemplified by the occurrence of UHP minerals such as microdiamond and coesite (Reinecke,
91 1998; Frezzotti et al., 2011). Together, the Schistes Lustrés metasediments represent oceanic
92 sediments that were subducted to variable depths down to ~90 km along a "cold slab" geothermal

93 gradient (~8 °C/km).

94 In this study, we measured K isotopic compositions of 12 metasediments from the
95 Schistes Lustrés nappe, covering all the metamorphic grades described above (Busigny et al.,
96 2003). They mainly consist of quartz, carbonate, phengite, paragonite and chlorite with minor
97 amounts of lawsonite, garnet, rutile, graphite and/or epidote (Busigny et al., 2003). The
98 lithologies range from calc-schist to siliceous metapelite depending on the modal abundance of
99 carbonate (0-49%). The petrology, major-trace element and C-H-O-N isotope geochemistry of
100 these samples have been reported in Busigny et al. (2003), which found large variations in K₂O
101 content (0.61-7.96 wt.%). For comparison, we also analyzed four non-metamorphic sediments
102 from the Lavagna nappe lying within the internal Ligurid units of the Northern Apennines, Italy
103 (Fig. 1), which were taken as protoliths of the Schistes Lustrés metasediments (Busigny et al.,
104 2003). These samples include marls, calcareous and siliceous pelites, with variable proportions
105 of calcite, clay minerals (mostly illite) and quartz, and experienced low-grade diagenetic
106 alteration ($P < 0.17$ GPa and $T < 300$ °C) (Bonazzi et al., 1987; Reinhardt, 1991). Their K₂O
107 contents vary from 1.20 to 4.75 wt.% (Fig. 2).

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METHODS

110 Potassium isotopic analyses were carried out at the Isotope Laboratory of the University
111 of Washington, Seattle, following a protocol reported in Hu et al. (2018) and Xu et al. (2019).
112 Only a brief description is provided below. Approximately 10-15 mg whole-rock powders were
113 dissolved in a mixture of Optima-grade HF-HNO₃-HCl to achieve complete dissolution.
114 Afterwards, the solutions were evaporated to dryness and redissolved in 0.5N HNO₃. Sample
115 solution in 1 ml 0.5 N HNO₃ was loaded onto a column filled with 2 ml Bio-Rad AG 50W-X8

116 cation exchange resin (200-400 mesh) to separate K from other matrix elements. The column
117 chromatographic procedure was performed twice with the K yield approaching 100% and the
118 total procedural K blank < 9 ng.

119 The K isotopic ratios were measured on a Nu Plasma II multicollector inductively
120 coupled plasma mass spectrometer. To minimize the isobaric interference of ArH⁺ on ⁴¹K⁺,
121 sample solution in 3% HNO₃ was introduced into a "cold plasma" via a CETAC Aridus II
122 desolvating nebulizer system at the RF power of 700 W. The signals of ³⁹K⁺ and ⁴¹K⁺ were
123 measured simultaneously at the interference-free shoulder using pseudo-high resolution mode.
124 Around 4-6 V signal of ³⁹K⁺ can be obtained for solutions containing 3 ppm of K. Instrumental
125 mass bias was corrected using standard-sample bracketing method. The final results are reported
126 in δ notation against the K standard NIST SRM 3141a:

$$\delta^{41}\text{K} (\text{‰}) = \left\{ \frac{({}^{41}\text{K}/{}^{39}\text{K})_{\text{sample}}}{({}^{41}\text{K}/{}^{39}\text{K})_{\text{SRM 3141a}}} - 1 \right\} \times 1000$$

127 A long-term external precision better than 0.06‰ (95% confidential interval) is routinely
128 achieved based on repeated analysis of geostandards and pure K solutions (Hu et al., 2018). A
129 shale standard SCo-1 and a granite standard G-2 analyzed in the course of this study yielded
130 δ⁴¹K values of -0.40 ± 0.04‰ and -0.46 ± 0.05‰ (Table 1), respectively, which are in good
131 agreement with the results reported previously (Chen et al., 2019; Li et al., 2019b; Xu et al.,
132 2019).

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RESULTS

135 The K isotopic compositions of all samples investigated in this study are reported in
136 Table 1. The Schistes Lustrés metasediments have δ⁴¹K values from -0.76 ± 0.04‰ to -0.48 ±

137 0.03‰, averaging at $-0.61 \pm 0.15\text{‰}$ (2SD, $n = 12$). No systematic variation in $\delta^{41}\text{K}$ is observed
138 with increasing metamorphic grade (Fig. 2). The Lavagna non-metamorphic rocks display a
139 similar range in $\delta^{41}\text{K}$ from $-0.79 \pm 0.04\text{‰}$ to $-0.49 \pm 0.04\text{‰}$, with a mean of $-0.58 \pm 0.28\text{‰}$
140 (2SD, $n = 4$). Notably, most samples have K isotopic compositions lighter than the average
141 mantle ($\delta^{41}\text{K} = -0.43\text{‰}$; Tuller-Ross et al., 2019) and upper continental crust ($\delta^{41}\text{K} = -0.44\text{‰}$;
142 Huang et al., 2020). Such light K isotopic signatures have also been observed in sediments or
143 sedimentary rocks reported previously ($\delta^{41}\text{K} = -1.31\text{‰}$ to -0.02‰ ; Li et al., 2019a, 2019b; Chen
144 et al., 2020; Hu et al., 2020; Huang et al., 2020; Teng et al., 2020).

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DISCUSSION

147 The significant K isotopic variation in metasediments might reflect isotope fractionation
148 during metamorphism, protolith heterogeneity or both. Below, we first examine the effects of
149 metamorphism and protolith heterogeneity on the observed K isotopic variation, then discuss the
150 implications for K isotope geochemistry of arc magmatism and mantle heterogeneity.

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152 **Metamorphism**

153 The K budget in the Schistes Lustrés metasediments is dominated by phengite, with
154 minor K hosted in paragonite (Bebout et al., 2013), which is depicted by the whole rock data
155 falling along a linear trend between bulk K_2O content and $\text{K}_2\text{O}/(\text{SiO}_2 + \text{Al}_2\text{O}_3)$ defined by the
156 phengite and paragonite (Fig. 3). Further support for the whole-rock K_2O variations resulting
157 from variable abundance of phengite in metasediments comes from the positive relationship
158 between K_2O and H_2O (Fig. 4a). Therefore, the behaviors of K and its isotopes in metapelites
159 during metamorphism are strictly controlled by metamorphic reactions involving phengite as it is

160 the main K host in our samples. Phengite breakdown will release H₂O and K into fluids, resulting
161 in a decrease in H₂O and K₂O contents of the residual metasediments. However, H₂O and K₂O
162 are not depleted in the majority of metasediments compared with their purported protoliths and
163 their contents do not correlate with metamorphic grade either (Figs. 2, 4a), indicating limited
164 breakdown of phengite and K loss during metamorphism.

165 To eliminate the potential impact of protolith heterogeneity on K₂O content, we
166 employed K₂O/Rb and K₂O/Cs ratios as indicators of K loss. Because of the similar ionic radius
167 among K, Rb and Cs, Rb and Cs are partitioned predominantly into K-bearing minerals (i.e.,
168 phengite in this study). Consequently, the K₂O/Rb and K₂O/Cs ratios of whole-rock reflect those
169 of phengite. Based on this assumption, the extent of phengite breakdown (F) in an open system
170 can be calculated through the Rayleigh distillation equation: $R^0 = R^1 \times (1-F)^{\left(\frac{1}{K_D}-1\right)}$ (Busigny et
171 al., 2003), where R^0 and R^1 represent the K₂O/Rb and K₂O/Cs ratios in phengite before and after
172 dehydration, respectively, and K_D refers to the Rb-K or Cs-K exchange coefficient between
173 phengite and fluid. Using this method and the exchange coefficient determined by Melzer and
174 Wunder (2000), Busigny et al. (2003) found that strong fractionation between K and Rb or Cs
175 could be induced by a small degree of phengite dehydration (indicated by the dashed curves in
176 Figs. 4b-c). However, almost all samples including metamorphic and non-metamorphic
177 sediments display linear trends in the K₂O vs. Rb and K₂O vs. Cs diagrams and the maximum
178 extent of phengite breakdown is below 5%. The above observations, together with previous
179 studies of other fluid-mobile and volatile element systems (e.g., Ba, Li, B, N, H, C and Cl;
180 Busigny et al., 2003; Philippot et al., 2007; Bebout et al., 2013; Cook-Kollars et al., 2014; Barnes
181 et al., 2019; Epstein et al., 2020), strongly suggest that the Schistes Lustrés metasediments
182 remained almost in closed systems at the bulk-rock scale during the entire metamorphic history.

183 Therefore, metamorphic overprinting of K isotopic systems in these metasediments is minimal,
184 which is also evidenced by the same overall range in $\delta^{41}\text{K}$ as their protoliths (Fig. 2) and the lack
185 of obvious correlations of $\delta^{41}\text{K}$ with H_2O , $\text{K}_2\text{O}/\text{Rb}$ and $\text{K}_2\text{O}/\text{Cs}$ (Figs. 4d-f).

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187 **Protolith heterogeneity**

188 Both metamorphic and non-metamorphic samples studied here cover a range of
189 lithologies from carbonate-rich to silicate-rich pelites (Busigny et al., 2003). The heterogeneous
190 protoliths are likely responsible for the variation in K isotopic compositions of the Schistes
191 Lustrés metasediments. This is particularly well illustrated by the most siliceous metamorphic
192 sample (7-00), which has the lowest $\delta^{41}\text{K}$ value close to the most siliceous unmetamorphosed
193 equivalent (00-Li7) (Fig. 5a).

194 Despite the lithological variation, recent studies revealed that varying intensity of
195 chemical weathering exerts a fundamental control on producing the large $\delta^{41}\text{K}$ range of
196 sediments (Li et al., 2019a, 2019b; Chen et al., 2020; Huang et al., 2020; Teng et al., 2020).
197 During chemical weathering, heavy K isotopes are preferentially leached by fluids, as
198 demonstrated by the high $\delta^{41}\text{K}$ values of river water and seawater (Hille et al., 2019; Li et al.,
199 2019a; Teng et al., 2020; Wang et al., 2020, 2021). Correspondingly, the $\delta^{41}\text{K}$ values of
200 weathered residues are shifted towards lower values with increasing intensity of weathering
201 (Chen et al., 2020; Teng et al., 2020). Therefore, sediments sourced from highly weathered
202 provenances often have low $\delta^{41}\text{K}$ values.

203 All metasediments in this study have very high chemical index of alteration values (CIA,
204 defined in the footnote of Table 1) from 69 to 85, resembling those of the Lavagna
205 unmetamorphosed sediments (73-83). Their $\delta^{41}\text{K}$ values overlap with those of sediments

206 reported previously at similar CIA values (Fig. 5b). Although there is no correlation between
207 CIA and $\delta^{41}\text{K}$ due to the narrow range of CIA and/or protolith heterogeneity, the variable and
208 low $\delta^{41}\text{K}$ values of these metasediments likely inherited the signatures from surface weathering
209 of their protoliths. This hypothesis is supported by the low Li isotopic ratios, a typical feature of
210 weathered sediments (e.g., Penniston-Dorland et al., 2017), observed in the Schistes Lustrés
211 metasediments with high CIA values similar to those of our samples (Barnes et al., 2019).

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IMPLICATIONS

214 The absence of K isotope fractionation during prograde metamorphism documented in
215 the Schistes Lustrés metasediments confirms that the variable K isotopic compositions of
216 subducting sediments can be preserved to depths at least approaching those beneath volcanic
217 fronts (~90 km) along a cold geotherm gradient typical for most modern subduction zones.
218 Nevertheless, it remains unclear whether K isotopes are fractionated in sediments during warmer
219 subduction. Experimental studies showed that aqueous fluids derived from slab dehydration even
220 under P-T conditions of warm subduction zones contain limited amount of K (Johnson and
221 Plank, 2000; Hermann and Spandler, 2008). Thus, limited K isotope fractionation induced by
222 sediment dehydration along a hot subduction path may also be expected. The light K isotopic
223 signatures of metasediments are distinct from the speculative ^{41}K -enriched fluids released
224 through dehydration of oceanic mafic crust (Liu et al., 2020). This makes K isotopes an effective
225 tool to distinguish recycled sediments from fluids in the petrogenesis of arc magmas, as
226 illustrated in studies of the Lesser Antilles arc lavas (Hu et al., 2021). Furthermore, sediments
227 may survive from dehydration melting and transport substantial K into deeper mantle beyond
228 sub-arc depths (Hermann and Spandler, 2008; Rapp et al., 2008; Grassi and Schmidt, 2011).

229 Indeed, two studies on deep mantle-derived lavas have revealed low $\delta^{41}\text{K}$ values in EM1-type
230 intracontinental potassic basalts from northeast China (as low as -0.81‰; [Sun et al., 2020](#)) and
231 some EM2-type OIBs from Society hotspot (as low as -0.57‰; [Tuller-Ross et al., 2019](#)), both of
232 which might manifest the recycling of sediments into the mantle transition zone and even lower
233 mantle.

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368 **FIGURE CAPTIONS**

369 **Figure 1.** Sketch tectonic map of the western Alps and northern Apennines (modified after
370 [Busigny et al., 2003](#)). From south to north, internal crystalline massifs are Dora Maira, Grand
371 Paradiso and Monte Rosa, respectively. The peak *P-T* condition of each sampling zone is from
372 [Busigny et al. \(2003\)](#).

373
374 **Figure 2.** Variations of K_2O and $\delta^{41}K$ with increasing metamorphic grade. Symbols with
375 different colors refer to different metamorphic grades. The grey horizontal bar represents the
376 average $\delta^{41}K$ value of samples of each grade and the grey band refers to the 2SE range.

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378 **Figure 3.** Variation of K_2O with $K_2O/(SiO_2+Al_2O_3)$ (symbols as in [Fig. 3](#)). The original data are
379 from [Busigny et al. \(2003\)](#) and reported in [Table 1](#). Data for the Schistes Lustrés metasediments
380 (open diamonds) reported in [Bebout et al. \(2013\)](#) and [Epstein et al. \(2020\)](#) are also shown for
381 comparison. Data for phengites and paragonites in the Schistes Lustrés metasediments are from
382 [Bebout et al. \(2013\)](#). The black line refers to the least square line of best fit throughout all the
383 studied samples.

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385 **Figure 4.** Plots of (a) K_2O versus H_2O , (b) K_2O versus Rb, (c) K_2O versus Cs, (d) $\delta^{41}K$ versus
386 H_2O , (e) $\delta^{41}K$ versus K_2O/Rb , and (f) $\delta^{41}K$ versus K_2O/Cs (symbols as in [Fig. 3](#)). Open diamonds
387 in (b) and (c) are the Schistes Lustrés metasediments from [Bebout et al. \(2013\)](#) and [Epstein et al.](#)
388 [\(2020\)](#). Data for phengites are from [Bebout et al. \(2013\)](#). The black lines in (b) and (c) are the
389 least square lines of best fit throughout the studied metasediments. The dashed curves in (b) and
390 (c) refer to the variations in K_2O , Rb and Cs concentrations of metasediments during

391 devolatilization, which are simulated using the same methods and parameters as those reported in
392 [Busigny et al. \(2003\)](#). Numbers next to small black circles indicate the fraction of phengite
393 broken down.

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395 **Figure 5.** Plots of (a) $\delta^{41}\text{K}$ versus SiO_2 and (b) $\delta^{41}\text{K}$ versus CIA (chemical index of alteration, see
396 definition in footnote of [Table 1](#)) (symbols as in [Fig. 3](#)). The grey squares represent sediments or
397 sedimentary rocks reported in literature ([Li et al., 2019a, 2019b](#); [Chen et al., 2020](#); [Hu et al.,](#)
398 [2020](#); [Huang et al., 2020](#); [Teng et al., 2020](#)). The average CIA (50.76) and $\delta^{41}\text{K}$ value (-0.44‰)
399 of upper continental crust are from [Rudnick and Gao \(2014\)](#) and [Huang et al. \(2020\)](#),
400 respectively.

1 **Table 1** Potassium isotopic compositions of the Lavagna sediments, the Schistes Lustrés
 2 metasediments and geostandards, together with selected major and trace elemental data.

Sample	SiO ₂ (wt.%)	Al ₂ O ₃ (wt.%)	CaCO ₃ (wt.%)	K ₂ O (wt.%)	Na ₂ O (wt.%)	CaO (wt.%)	H ₂ O (wt.%)	Rb (ppm)	Cs (ppm)	CIA	δ ⁴¹ K (‰)	2SD (‰)	95% c.i. (‰)	N
Lavagna (unmetamorphosed)														
00Li10	40.98	16.66	17	2.44	0.66	11.49	4.82	117	6.4	82	-0.51	0.06	0.04	7
00Li8S	58.99	20.58	1	4.75	1.36	0.85	4.10	229	15.6	74	-0.54	0.04	0.04	7
00Li9	22.91	7.90	68	1.20	0.16	32.06	3.20	62	3.8	83	-0.49	0.07	0.04	7
00-Li7	79.10	8.90	0	2.22	0.53	0.20	2.08	97	6.1	73	-0.79	0.04	0.04	7
Lago Nero (0.8 GPa/300 °C)														
C18	62.00	8.28	13	0.93	0.72	11.34	2.00	51	3.2	79	-0.56	0.07	0.04	13
Fraiteve (1.5 GPa/350 °C)														
98SE3	38.41	11.33	19	1.36	0.31	19.56	4.36	72	4.4	85	-0.68	0.08	0.04	7
SL98- 2P	54.49	19.80	2	2.48	0.48	4.99	5.96	126	7.4	85	-0.61	0.08	0.03	14
Assieta (1.8 GPa/400 °C)														
98SE5	48.71	27.67	0	7.07	0.33	0.00	5.19	341	19.6	77	-0.48	0.08	0.03	7
98SE6	45.54	28.02	0	5.23	1.58	0.18	5.78	272	16.0	77	-0.57	0.06	0.03	7
SL98- 3C	29.13	7.56	49	0.88	0.50	30.89	2.78	45	2.4	81	-0.52	0.06	0.03	7
SL98- 3P	46.43	28.30	0	7.96	0.19	0.22	5.44	347	19.7	76	-0.63	0.04	0.03	7
Finestre (2.0 GPa/450 °C)														
98SE7	39.80	4.04	44	0.61	0.19	29.13	1.24	39	2.4	81	-0.60	0.05	0.03	7
98SE8	68.06	13.24	2	3.52	0.17	1.93	2.80	151	9.0	76	-0.65	0.03	0.03	7
98SE9	43.75	17.54	21	2.94	0.64	12.27	3.88	127	7.3	81	-0.65	0.06	0.03	7
Lago di Cignana (2.9 GPa/630 °C)														
90- 25A	43.52	10.81	29	2.23	0.49	18.01	2.45	109	4.9	77	-0.63	0.04	0.04	7
7-00	79.79	8.80	0	2.08	0.99	0.54	1.16	94	5.9	69	-0.76	0.07	0.04	7
Geostandards														
SCo-1											-0.40	0.07	0.04	11
G-2											-0.46	0.09	0.05	12

3 Note: Major and trace elemental data are from [Busigny et al. \(2003\)](#), except for Al₂O₃, Na₂O,
 4 and CaO, which are reported here for the first time and were determined by ICP-AES following
 5 the same method described in [Busigny et al. \(2003\)](#). CIA = molar ratio of
 6 $100 \cdot \text{Al}_2\text{O}_3 / (\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3 + \text{Na}_2\text{O} + \text{K}_2\text{O} + \text{CaO}^*)$, where CaO* refers to the CaO content of silicate
 7 fraction only ([Nesbitt and Young, 1982](#)). 2SD refers to two standard deviation. 95% c.i. is 95%
 8 confidential interval, which is calculated using the equation of $t \frac{SD}{\sqrt{N}}$, where t is the Student's t
 9 factor and N refers to number of measurements (see details in [Hu et al., 2018a](#)).

Figure 1

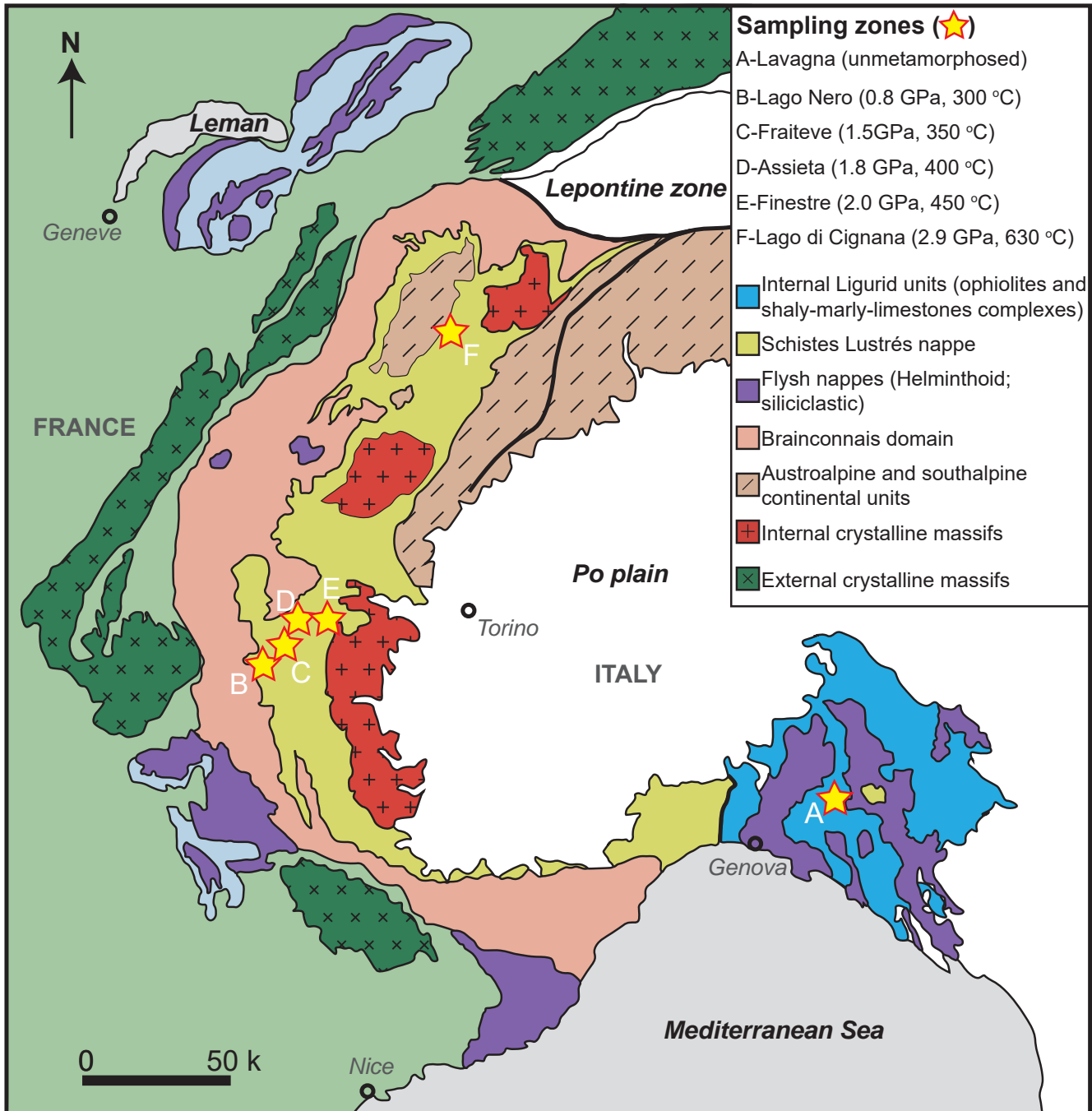


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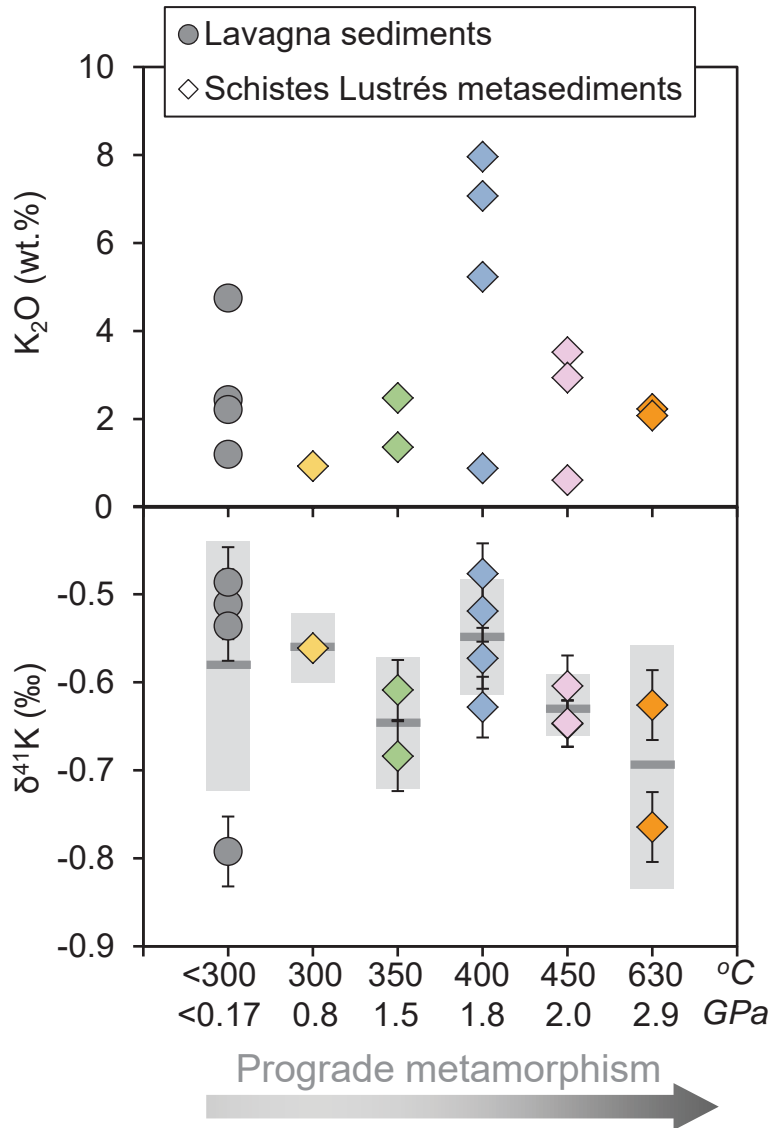


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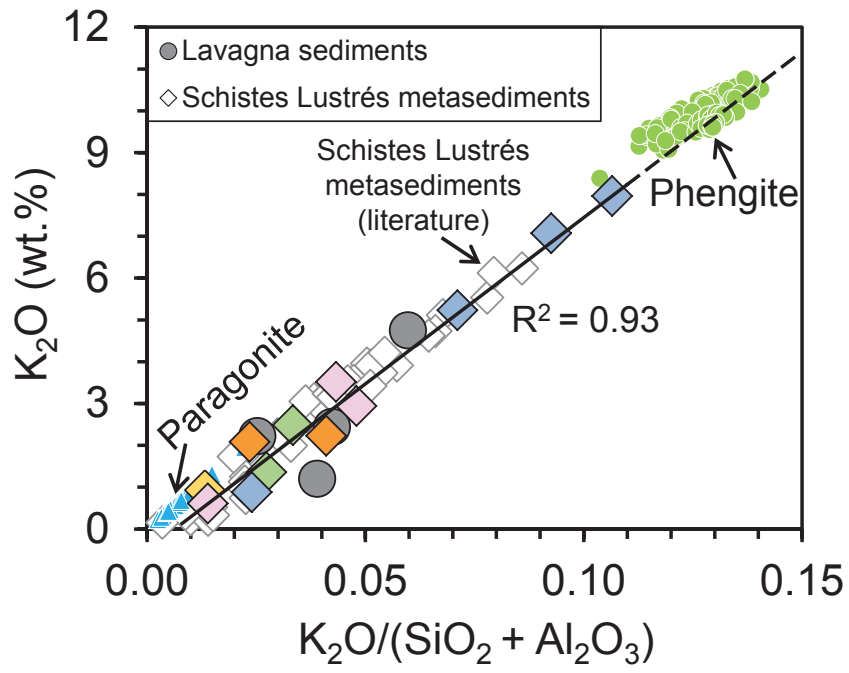


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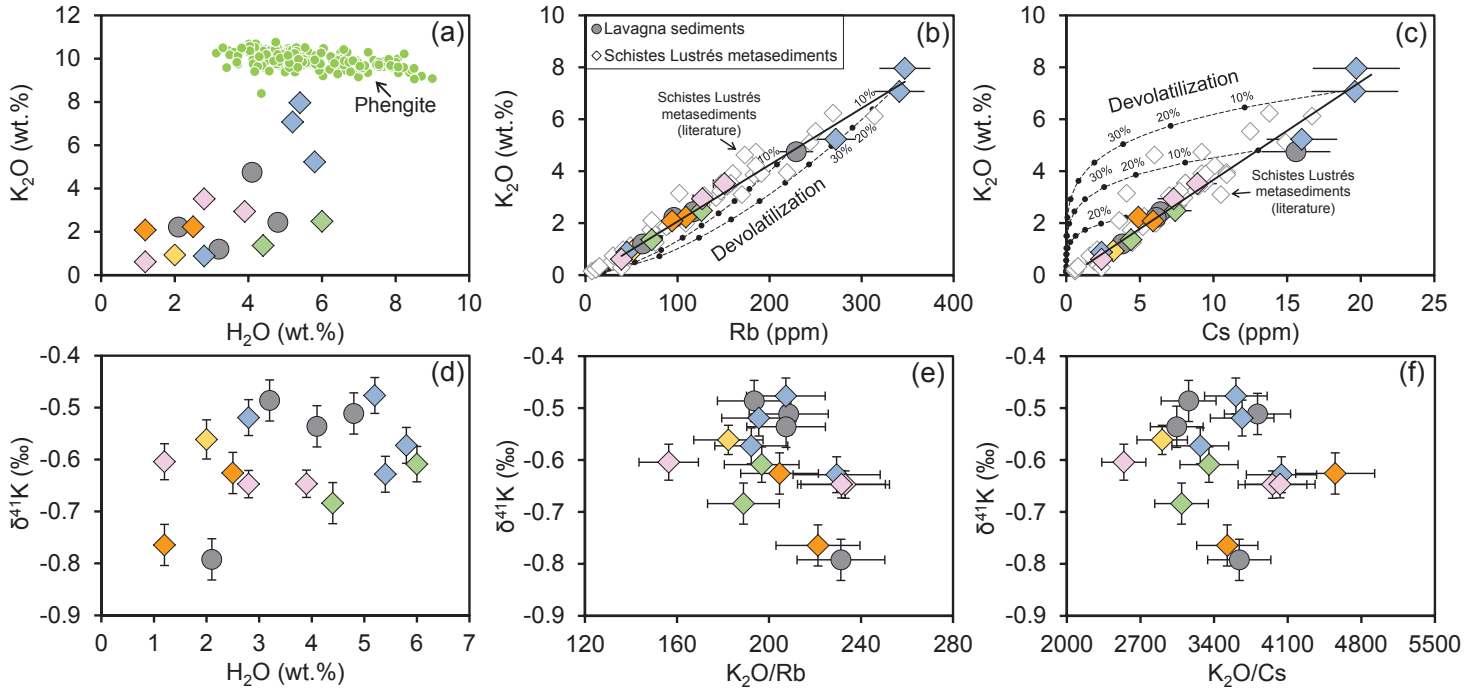


Figure 5

