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# Thermobarometry of Diamond Inclusions: Mantle Structure and Evolution Beneath Archean Cratons Worldwide

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**Abstract:** Thermobarometric calculations for mineral inclusions in diamonds provide a systematic comparison of PTXFO2 conditions for different cratons worldwide, using a database of 4440 mineral EPMA analyses. Beneath all cratons, the cold branch of the mantle geotherm (35–32 mWm<sup>-2</sup>) relates to the sub-Ca garnets and rarely omphacitic diamond inclusions, referring to major continental growth events in Archean. High-temperature plume-related geotherms are common in Proterozoic kimberlites such as Premier, Mesozoic – Roberts Victor etc. and are common in Slave and Siberian cratons. In mobile belts: Limpopo, Magondi, Ural Ural, Khapchan belts and in the marginal parts of cratons like Kimberly Australia pyroxenitic and eclogitic pyroxenes and garnets prevail. The pyropes in the mobile belts are more Fe- and Ca-rich, in central parts of cratons, the peridotitic associations with sub-Ca pyropes prevail. The accretionary complexes like Khapchan and Magondi belts a thick eclogite-pyroxenite lens is highly diamondiferous.

Comparison by minerals shows that the PT estimates for clinopyroxenes and orthopyroxenes from peridotites and eclogites are representing mainly the middle part of the sub-lithospheric mantle while garnets gives more high-pressure estimates. refer to eclogites and reflect the processes of the differentiation during migration of partial melts. This produces the trends of joint decreasing Mg' and pressures. The PT for the chromites reflect conditions just above the lithosphere-asthenosphere boundary and mainly were formed due to interaction with the hydrous plume protokimberlite melts.

Archean diamond inclusions from Wawa province Canada are represented by Ca-enrich pyropes giving low-temperature conditions. Inclusions from younger kimberlites in Superior and Slave (and Siberian and East European ) cratons show complex high-temperature geotherms due to plumes influence.

Peridotite garnets beneath the Amazonian craton indicate complex layering in the lithosphere base and a pyroxene layer in the middle part of SCLM. Diamond inclusions from the Kimberly craton of Australia show the greatest variations in the temperatures and composition.

**Keywords:** diamond inclusions; thermobarometry; pyrope; clinopyroxenes; chromite; eclogites; peridotites

## 1. Introduction

The sub-cratonic lithospheric mantle (SCLM) is the source of native diamonds as demonstrated by the rock associated with diamonds in kimberlites, and the typical mantle mineralogy of kimberlite diamond inclusions [1–8]. Diamond inclusions and associations (DIA) give direct information about the deepest accessible zones of the Earth. They can be used to decipher the ancient growth processes within the continental mantle, and the transformation of the cratonic mantle under the influence of melts and fluids related to deep mantle plumes and oceanic crustal subduction in ancient times.

Diamond inclusions are divided into two major groups: peridotitic and eclogitic [8]. Peridotitic inclusions are more informative regarding their genesis and thermobarometry [9–11], but eclogitic inclusions can yield more information about the geodynamic conditions and history of the cratonic lithosphere [12–18].

Despite detailed studies of diamond inclusions, their association and their media of formation, and the major stages of their formation in Earth history [7,18–20], a systematic comparison of their thermobarometry have not been made because all together studies in previous only ~ 300–400 gains and associations [8,20] were used on the diagrams and tables for direct PT estimates (excluding projections of temperatures on geotherm).

Many diamond inclusions were conserved in Archean time [18,19] and they provide very important information for the mantle composition and thermal stage of the mantle in early Earth stages.

It is very important to compare different cratons and their concrete parts to decipher the Early history of the Earth. The knowledge about the creation and composition of the deep parts of the mantle is still very restricted. It is necessary to provide the information and compare different constituting parts of the ancient continents and reconstruct the thermal regime of the ancient cratons. Nowadays there is no concrete information about the nucleation and further development of the cratons they are studying mainly using tectonics and geology of the Archean rocks on the surface, which were subjected to numerous modifications. Mantle rocks may give more information, but they were often also transformed. Diamonds are the containers that preserve the ancient materials from the deepest mantle zones from Archean time.

In this paper, we will use the set of consistent monomineral thermobarometers [21–28] to compare the conditions of diamond formation beneath different cratons worldwide and try to understand the reasons for the observed differences. Earlier review work [8] used a restricted set of minerals for thermobarometry used for peridotitic pyropes and clinopyroxenes. T. Stachel and J. Harris using a rather large database were mainly detailing the subdivisions to mineral types and gave a general outlook of their geochemistry. Here we are using a wider set of minerals and their compositions >4440 analyses (350 olivines) and give concrete information for many cratons mobile belts and their parts. We did not detail the difference between the parts of the Kaapvaal craton, dividing from others only Proterozoic Premier pipe. Also, the source rocks were not taken into account. The variations of the thermal regime in time were not systemized because the ages of diamond inclusions mostly do not know. More detailed work could be done after the receiving and accumulation of the new information.

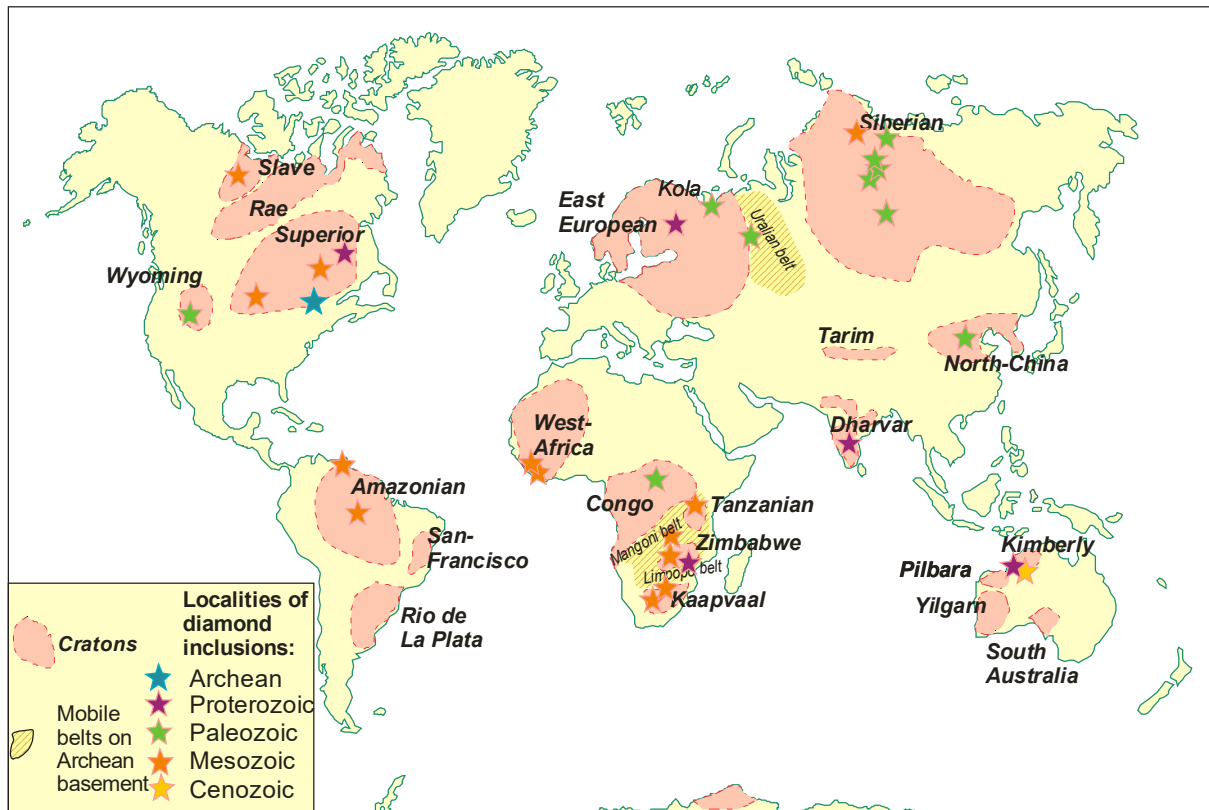
## 2. Craton Settings of Kimberlites with Diamond Inclusions Worldwide

The studied mantle domains with diamond inclusions are represented on the worldwide scheme of [29] (Figure 1). This dataset is naturally incomplete but it includes >4440 published analyses collected from open sources mostly from dissertations (Table 1). We will show these data in some cratons, for example in the integrated diagrams, which may be quite different for different areas and pipes, depending on the location in separate terranes and mobile belts and on the time of kimberlite magmatism.

### 2.1. Siberian Craton

Previous studies [22–28] show that stratification beneath Yakutia and most cratons worldwide was formed by accretion of 6–7 plates of probable subduction genesis separated by pyroxenite, eclogite, metasomatic horizons and dunite lenses. The Siberian craton in Yakutia is a collage of microplates and tectonic terranes [30,31] (Figure 2) of different origins that were formed in the Early–Middle Archean [18]. Under the Anabar and Aldan shields, the mantle sections are more coarsely layered and consist of 3–4 large dunite horizons, separated by eclogite-pyroxenite lenses. Terranes that represent suture zones between protocratons, like Khapchansky located to the east of the Anabar shield, are often saturated with eclogites and pyroxenites at the mantle level. The pyroxenite layer at the

level of 3.5–4.5 GPa probably was formed in the Early Archean at high heat flux during the melting of eclogites [24,28].



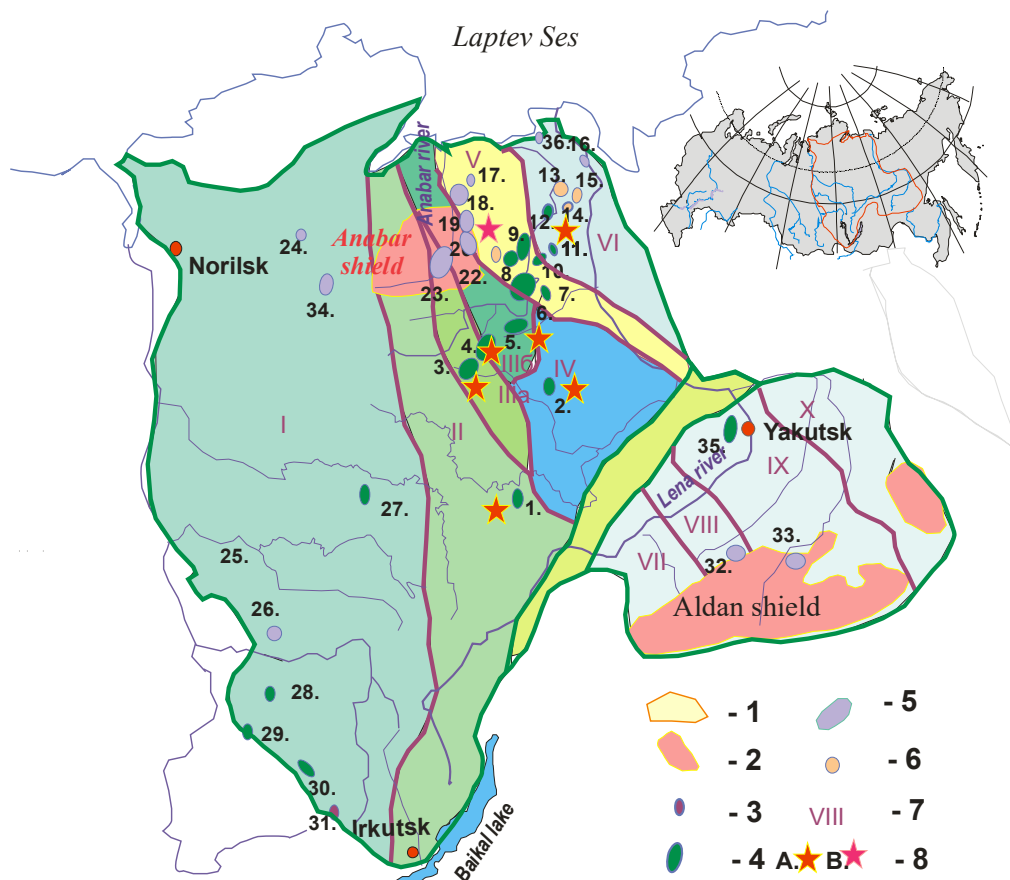
**Figure 1.** Location of the Precambrian cratons from [29]. The stars mark the location of the kimberlites with inclusions in diamonds for which were made PT estimates. The stars are marking the location of diamond inclusions. Blue star for Archean Wawa province, green stars for Proterozoic and Phanerozoic kimberlite provinces.

The Siberian craton was subjected to the kimberlite plume magmatism in Paleozoic and Mesozoic times crossing it from the north to south [32], and the mantle xenoliths and xenocrysts allow mantle reconstructions [24–28]. Within the early Archean protocratons, beneath granite-greenstone terranes such as Tungusky, Markhinsky, Berektinsky and Shary-Zhalsky, with an age of ~3.8–3.0 Ga [30,31], the mantle lithosphere is less depleted and often metasomatized. The Daldyn and Magan granulite-orthogneiss terranes have a layered SCLM structure [26] with folding shown in sections from North to South. From the Daldyn field to the Alakit field, the degree of metasomatism and alkalinity of pyroxenes and the amount of phlogopite are increasing and as well the number of chromites among the peridotites and diamond inclusions [33]. The most productive Aykhal and Yubileynaya pipes are confined to the dunite core, which is accompanied by changes of high field strength elements (HFSE) (Ta-Nb -Zr-Hf). Beneath the Magansky terrane, the thin-layered structure of the middle and upper part of the cratonic keel is replaced by a sharply depleted productive horizon at its base. The mantle beneath the granite-greenstone Markhinsky terrane contains different eclogites (including metapelitic type), suggesting subduction of the fragments of the continental lithosphere or pelitic sediments beneath the Khapchan terrane, the amount of eclogites in the lithospheric mantle exceeds the number of peridotites [34]. The diamonds and their inclusions are abundant also in the low stretches of the Lena River and the coast of the Laptev Sea but the compositions of DIA were not published.

## 2.2. Africa

Diamondiferous kimberlites were mainly found in the Kalahari supercraton consisting of the Kaapvaal and Zimbabwe cratons. Tanzanian, Congo and West Africa cratons also contain the diamondiferous kimberlites [35-38]. Congo and Tanzanian cratons and Limpopo, Magondi mobile belts have high importance in economic terms and definite interest from the scientific point of view. In Kaapvaal craton the kimberlites trace the plume tails in different times: 1800–1700 Ma, 1110 Ma, 500–600 Ma, 110–130 Ma and 80–90 Ma [35,36]. Different groups of kimberlites have affinities varying from group II to group I in time [36]. Group-1 kimberlites have diverse ages. Cretaceous (Kimberley and Orapa), Permian (Jwaneng), Cambrian (Venetia) and Proterozoic (Premier-Cullinan). Details of ages and references are possible to find in reviewing works [35-37].

All kimberlites have different rather high diamond grades [37]. The most abundant are in Premier (Cullinan) pipe where they have a high-temperature signature and huge diamonds due to plume influence [38]. Mesozoic kimberlites commonly have varied in their diamond grade and sizes and properties and morphology diamonds having different ages.



**Figure 2.** Location of kimberlite and kimberlite fields on the Siberian platform [32]. 1. Malo-Botuobinsky, 2. Nakyn; 3. Alakit-Markha, 4. Daldyn, 5. Upper Muna, 6. Chomurdakh, 7. Severnei, 8. West Ukukit, 9. East Ukukit, 10. Ust-Seligir, 11. Upper Motorchun, 12. Merchimden, 13. Kuoyka, 14. Upper Molodo, 15. Toluop, 16. Orto-Yargyn, 17. Ebelyakh, 18. Staraya Rechka, 19. Ary-Mastakh, 20. Dyuken, 21. Luchakan, 22. Kuranakh, 23. Middle Koupnamka, 24. Middle Kotui, 25. Chadobets, 26. Taichikun-Nemba, 27. Tychan, 28. Muro-Kova, 29. Tumanshet, 30. Belaya Zima, 31. Ingashi, 32. Chompolo, 33. Tobuk-Khatystyr, 34. Kharamai, 35. Manchary; 36. Karny sediments. I. Siberian platform. II. Shields. III. Precambrian kimberlites. IV. Palaeozoic kimberlites. V. The Triassic kimberlites. VI. kimberlites of the upper Jurassic. VII. Tectonic terranes according to [31]. VIII. Location of the studied fields with the diamond inclusions. A. In Devonian kimberlites. B. Ebelyakh diamond placer.

2.3. North America

In Canada, the oldest diamonds were found in the Archean Ca-alkaline lamprophyres (2.7Ba) in the Wawa district Ontario Superior craton. The other localities in Superior include the Renard kimberlites in Quebec with an age of 654–656 Ma [36,39,40] and the Attawapiskat kimberlites of age ~187–183 Ma [42] and Fort la Corne about 100 Ma [43].

In the Slave craton, the older kimberlites of Snap Lake are 537 Ma old [44], whereas the well-known Jericho kimberlite (173 Ma) and Lac de Gras kimberlites are Mesozoic.

In the Wyoming craton of Montana, kimberlites from the Front Range [45] diamonds are found in Devonian Sloan and Kelsey Lake pipes but the diamond inclusions are different as well as the structure of the mantle columns [46].

2.4. South America

In South America diamonds are found mainly in placers in the Amazonian craton and very few kimberlites contain diamonds. The kimberlites in Venezuela (Guyana shield) have Neoproterozoic age [47,48]. In the Central Brazilian shield of the Amazonian craton in Juina, the known kimberlites with diamonds are dated ca. 70–80 Ma [49,50].

In the Sao Francisco craton, the known kimberlites have Neoproterozoic ages [51] but most kimberlites occur in off craton settings [52] and are common of low diamond grade.

Table 1. The location of the sources of diamond inclusions and the bibliographic sources.

Region	Craton	Area	Eclogite DIA %	Pipe	Reference
North America	Superior	Wawa	27%	Lamprophyre dyke	[53–56]
	Superior	Quebec	32%	Renards	39,40]
	Superior	Attawapiskat		T1 and U2	[42,57,58]
	Superior	Alberta, Buffalo Head Hills		K11, K91 and K252	[59]
	Slave	Snap Lake	29%	Snap Lake	[60–64]
	Slave	Northern Slave, Muskox		Jericho	[16,65–69]
	Slave	Lac de Gras		DO27, A154, A21, A418, DO18, DD17 and Ranch Lake	[70–73]
	Wyoming	Front Range	48%	Kelsey Lake	[74]
	Wyoming	Front Range		Sloan	[75]
South America	Amazonian	Brazil	44%	Juina	[76–78]
	Amazonian	Venezuela			[47,48]
	Sao Paulo	Brazil		Fazenda Largo	[49]
Africa	Kaapvaal	South Africa, Mz	47%	Jagersfontein	[79,80]
	Kaapvaal	South Africa		Koffiefontein	[80,81]
	Kaapvaal	South Africa		Rietfontein	[82]
	Kaapvaal	South Africa		Finsch	[83–88]
	Kaapvaal	South Africa		Bultfontein	[89]
	Kaapvaal	South Africa		Roberts Victor	[91–95]
	Kaapvaal	South Africa		De Beers Pool	[83, 90]
	Kaapvaal	South Africa		Voorspoed	[96]
	Kaapvaal	South Africa		Lace	[97,98]
	Kaapvaal	Swaziland		Dokolwayo	[99]
	Kaapvaal	South Africa		Monastery	[100]
	Kaapvaal	Botswana		Jwaneng	[105,109–110]
	Kaapvaal	Lesotho		Letseng -la-Terai	[103]
	Kaapvaal	South Africa, Pz	45%	Premier	[38,84,86,87,101,102]
	Magondi belt	Botswana	44%	Damtshaa	[106,107]
	Magondi belt	Botswana		Letlhakane	[107,108]
	Magondi belt	Botswana		Orapa	[15,104–108]
	Limpopo belt	Zimbabwe	47%	Venetia	[112–114]
	Limpopo belt	Zimbabwe		River Ranch	[115]
	Tanzanian	Tanzania	32%	Murowa	[116]
	West African	Man shield	40%	Koidu	[117]
	West African	Man shield		Akwatia	[5]
	West African	Man shield		Ghana	[118]
	West African	Man shield		Kankan	[119]
	Congo	Kasai craton	64%	Alluvial placer	[120]

	Congo	NE Congo		Catoca	[121]
Australia	Kimberly	N Australia	69%	Ellendale	[122]
	Kimberly	N Australia		Argyle, Ellendale	[123–127]
Siberia	Siberian	M.Botuobinsky	14%	Sputnik	[128]
	Siberian	M.Botuobinsky		Mir	[17,32,129–132]
	Siberian	M.Botuobinsky, Daldyn, Alakit		Mir, Udachnaya, Internatsionalnaya, Aykhal, Sytykansskaya, Yubileynaya, Komsomolskaya and Krasnopresnenskaya	[133–137]
	Siberian	Daldyn	64%	Udachnaya	[2,137–140]
	Siberian	Daldyn		Dalnyaya, Zarnitsa	[141]
	Siberian	Alakit	15%	Sytykansskaya	[142]
	Siberian	Alakit		Yubileynaya, Komsomolskaya	[133–137]
	Siberian	Alakit		Komsomolskaya, Krasnopresnenskaya	[138]
	Siberian	Alakit		Komsomolskaya	[143]
	Siberian	Alakit		Aykhal	[134]
	Siberian	Nakyn	91%	Nyurbinskaya	[145–148]
	Siberian	Ebelyakh	92%	Mayat, Kholomolokh	[34]
East Europe	East European	Arkhangelsk	44%	Arkhangelsk	[148–150]
	East European	Finland		Lahtojoki	[151]
	East European	Urals	83%	Urals placers	[152–154]
China	Sino-Korea craton	China, Mengyin	0%	Shengli, pipe 50	[155]
Kalimantan	Borneo	Kalimantan	10%	placers	[156]

### 2.5. Australia

Known kimberlites in Australia are of low diamond grade or barren. Diamonds and their inclusions were investigated in the margins of Kimberly craton. Argyle lamproite pipe [122–127] is situated within the Creek Mobile Zone and Ellendale within the Leopold Mobile zone). They have quite different ages, 1126 Ma and 20.6 Ma respectively.

### 2.6. East-European Craton

There are several localities of diamonds in East European craton. The Arkhangelsk Devonian kimberlites in NE part [148–149]. Vendian and late Proterozoic kimberlites contain diamond-bearing xenoliths and diamonds also. In Devonian Priazovie kimberlites, diamonds are extremely rare. In Finland, the Lahtojoki pipe contain diamonds [151]

### 2.7. Ural Mobile Belt

In the western slope of Urals diamond-bearing tuffites and placers of diamonds with the inclusions were discovered. Inclusions reveal Devonian ages and mainly are of eclogitic affinity [152–154].

### 2.8. North China craton

In China, the diamonds and hosting kimberlites were discovered mainly within the North China (Sino-Korean) craton. The main deposits are located in the Mengyin kimberlite field (Shandong province) which contain also diamonds with inclusions [155].

### 2.9. Malaysia

The placers in Kalimantan contain beautiful diamonds with diamond inclusion [156]. They are related to the kimberlites because the picrolimenite nodules are associated with the diamonds.

India was for a long time the most productive region for diamonds but discovered inclusions in lamproites are represented by olivines only [157] which does not allow the thermobarometric estimates without the precise measurements.



### 3. Thermobarometric Methods

A major problem of interpretation of the location of diamonds in the SCLM is thermobarometry. For Cr-diopside, the single grain barometer of P. Nimis and W. Taylor [158] gives rather good estimates [159,160] but does not work for the low-Cr eclogitic and basaltic pyroxenitic systems. S. Simakov and L. Taylor [161] suggested a barometer using a series of equations and references which gave estimates for eclogitic Cpx but without direct formulae, so it is difficult for other people to use this thermobarometer. The garnet thermobarometer of C. Ryan [162] uses the Ni-thermometer for peridotitic garnets [10,163] and an empirical garnet barometer using Cr in garnet to determine the Al in coexisting pyropes and then the Al-in-Opx barometer after D. McGregor [164]. This procedure gives appropriate results only for very depleted sub-Ca garnets [165]. Another method of PT estimates was obtained by the projection of the Ni-in-garnet temperatures to previously obtained geotherm or a common 40 mWm<sup>-2</sup> geotherm [162]. The attempt to use this method for the diamond inclusions [8] produce the appropriate results for <10% only and some part of them are locating outside the diamond stability field [166,167]. Usage of the Cr- tchermakite [158] gives results only for about 103 of Cpx from the al data base. Mostly they reveal pressure below 3 GPa and they demonstrate quite variable thermal conditions (SF1, Fig.1), major part is tracing relatively low-temperature. There is also to use the Ca-Cr content in garnets for the pressure estimates by [165] but it can be used for numeric results. The application of the Opx [168] thermometer together with Opx barometer [164] using an iteration scheme in the PT program gives appropriate results for 290 analyses from all data (SF1, Fig.2). This method produces very similar results to those obtained by the Gar-Opx barometry [168,169].

We used the system of the published thermobarometers for the major peridotitic minerals developed by I. Ashchepkov: clinopyroxenes (Cpx), orthopyroxenes (Opx), garnets (Gar), chromites (Chr), ilmenites (Ilm) [21–28]. For the Cpx in the peridotitic system, a Jd-Di barometer [21,22,24] is used. In combination with the modified Cpx thermometer [158] it produces the wider PT plot for 150 peridotitic clinopyroxenes (SF1, Fig.3).

The corrected Jadeite-Diopside Cpx barometry is used also for the omphacites in the eclogitic system [24] (SF1, Fig.4). It produces a rather dense plot in the middle part of the mantle-3-4.5 GPa (SF1, Fig.4).

The modified Cr- garnet barometer [24] together with the monomineral version of Gar-Ol thermometer [170] applied for the pyrope garnets. Most of the PT estimates trace the LT -35mWm<sup>-2</sup> geotherm.

The eclogite garnet barometer in combination with the Gar-Cpx thermometer [171] gives appropriate results for the Ca-, Na-bearing garnets using the dependence of Na in garnet from pressure with FeO varying from 12 to 30 wt.% [24]. For the Cr-spinels and chromites, we calibrated their dependence of Cr# on pressure separately in garnet and spinel mantle facies [21]. The barometer is in combination with the spinel-olivine thermometer of [172] where the Fe#Ol is calculated from Fe#Ilm and T °C by the empirical equations.

Although ilmenite inclusions are rare in diamonds (17), and sometimes occur in diamond-bearing xenolith [140] we successfully used the dependence geikelite mineral (MgTiO<sub>3</sub>) [27] from pressure for barometry in combination with the ilmenite-olivine thermometer [172] where the Fe#Ol is calculated from Fe#Ilm and T °C by the empirical equations.

The precision of the used thermobarometric methods was shown in the previous publication [24]

It is close to 0.2–0.1 GPa for Cpx –Gar- Chr method for peridotites and to 0.4–0.5 for eclogites. The pressure estimates for almandine barometer are highly sensitive to the precision of Na analyses. ]. The correlations of the estimates with the J-Di barometer is high (see SF1, fig.8). As well the calibration using the experimental data is quite good for all methods [24], (SP1, Fig.9).

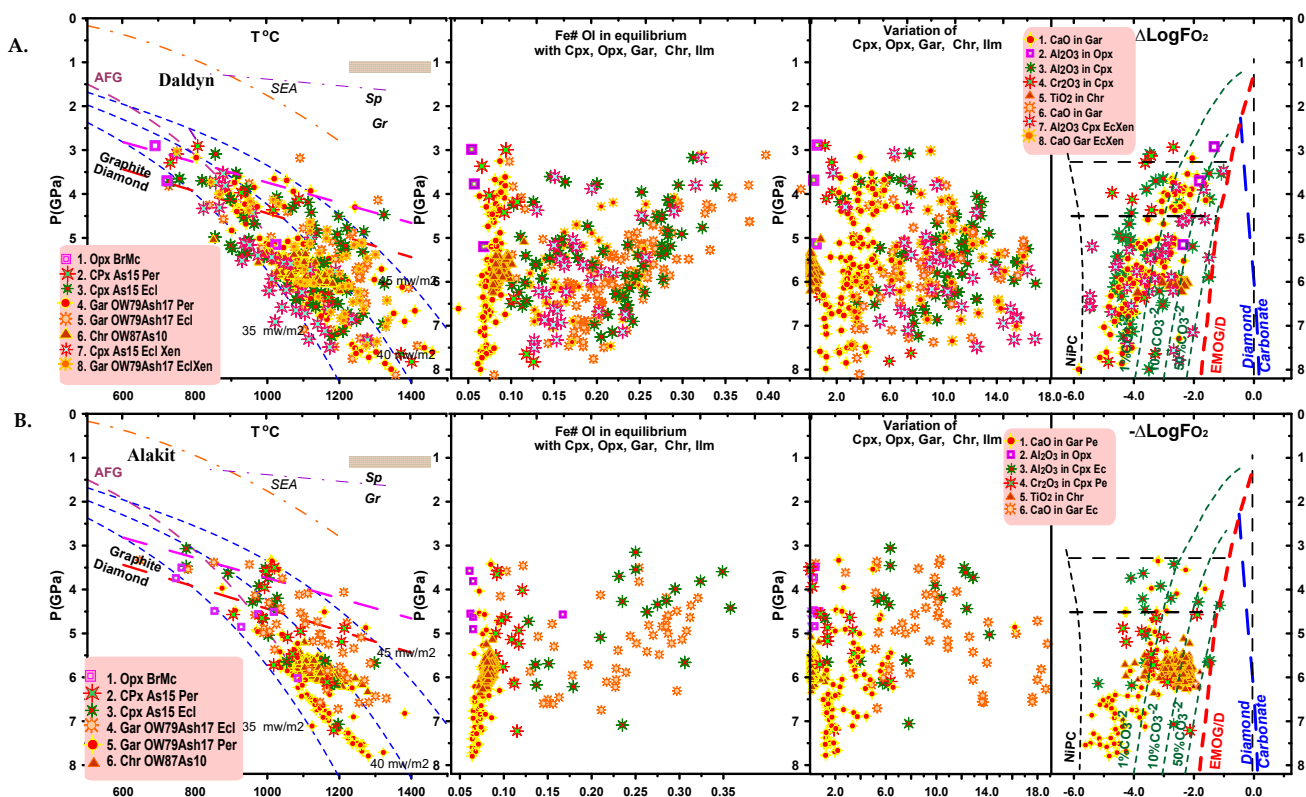
For the calculation of the oxygen fugacity the monomineral version of the G.Gudmundsson, B.Wood [174] for peridotitic garnets. The Fe<sup>3+</sup> is determined by the stoichiometry. Since the method of the V. Stagno [175] for eclogites needs also the Fe<sup>3+</sup> clinopyroxenes we skipped the FO<sub>2</sub> estimates for eclogitic garnets. The FO<sub>2</sub> for ilmenites and chromites according to [172] in monomineral version, for ortho- and clinopyroxenes, the polynomial formulas [23] were used.

All these thermobarometers are combined in the PT program Ter55 written in FORTRAN-70 [25].

#### 4. Results of Thermobarometric Reconstructions for Diamond Inclusions

##### 4.1. Results of Thermobarometry of Mineral Inclusions in Diamonds of Yakutia.

For diamond inclusions from Siberian kimberlite pipes, regularities were determined using data from the following authors: [126–145] and others. We used the total set of 2145 analyses for the construction of the PTX diagrams for individual areas of kimberlite magmatism. Preliminary information about the structure of the lithosphere was published in series of papers [21–28].



**Figure 3.** PTXFO<sub>2</sub> diagram for diamond inclusions from (A) Daldyn kimberlite field; (B) Alakit kimberlite field, Yakutia. **Signs.** Opx: T°C [165]–P (GPa) [161]; Cpx: 2. T°C [156]–P (GPa) [24] for diamond inclusions from peridotites; 3. The same for eclogitic DIA; 4. Garnet (monomineral): T°C [167]–P (GPa) [24] for diamond inclusions from eclogites; 5. T°C [168]–P (GPa) [24] for peridotitic garnets. 6. Chromite for diamond inclusions: T°C [167]–P (GPa) [24]; 7. T°C [156]–P (GPa) [24] Cpx from eclogite xenolith. 8. T°C [167]–P (GPa) [24] Gar from eclogite xenolith. Position of conductive geotherms are after [176] and the graphite–diamond transition after [158]; the same line above after [159]. SEA South-East Australian geotherm [177]. AEG - The geotherm for mantle xenolith from Archangelsk mantle [171]. The lines EMOG/D [178] and Diamond/Carbonate [175] buffers and concentration of %CO<sub>3</sub><sup>2-</sup> in melts [179] in diagram P-FO<sub>2</sub>. NiPC-nickel precipitation curve [173]. AFG – Arkhaneklsk geotherm [180]. Data for diamond eclogite associations from Udachnaya [181–187].



#### 4.1.1. Daldyn Field

Pyrope garnet diamond inclusion of the Daldyn field are from diamonds from Udachnaya pipe [2,137-140] and several grains from Dalnyaya and Zarnitsa [141] pipes (Table 1). The PT array for garnet inclusions is divided into two groups near 5 GPa. They formed the joint array of increasing Fe# with decreasing pressures (IFDP), but they differ in CaO. Variations in CaO are quite wide and the most depleted garnets belong to the depth interval >6.5 GPa. There is an increase and splitting of the P- CaO trends with decreasing pressure. Eclogite clinopyroxenes and garnets show two IFDP trends of increase of iron content from Fe#Ol ~10–15 to 16–37 wt.% with a decrease in pressure from 7.5 to 3.5 GPa. The latter nearly coincides with the garnet IFDP trend. The decrease in Fe in pyroxenes is found at 7–7.5 GPa. The most CaO-rich garnets and Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> clinopyroxenes are found at 5–6 GPa. Clinopyroxene differences are less dependent on the estimated depth. (Figure 3A). The chromite IFDP trend is nearly coinciding with the Cr-pyrope trend in 6.2–5 GPa interval being slightly higher in Fe#.

The trend for the eclogitic garnets splits into two trends in the PT plot (Figure 3A). The low-temperature (LT) branch coincides with the LT branch of pyrope garnets. The others form a rather scattered plot between the 45 and 35 mWm<sup>-2</sup> geotherms. The chromites plot on the dense cluster together with the high population of the eclogitic garnets just at the inflexion of the convective branch usually traced by the deformed or sheared peridotites [4]. Many eclogitic and pyroxenitic varieties plot in the high-temperature (HT) field and coincide with the diamond-graphite boundary [166,167]. The plot of the point with the boundary at 3.4–4.5 GPa corresponds to the middle pyroxenite layer [187].

In the P-fO<sub>2</sub> diagram, the eclogitic CPx and Cr-rich garnets form the less oxidized branches ~-5 relative to  $\Delta$ QMF (Quartz-Magnetite-Fayalite buffer) [171] and this is a common trend for African [and other cratons worldwide 188]. At lower pressure, they form the inclined trend. The diamond stability boundary for peridotitic [178, 179] and eclogitic associations [175] does not completely coincide. The peridotitic clinopyroxenes, eclogitic garnets and chromites are essentially more oxidized to -1  $\Delta$ QMF [175].

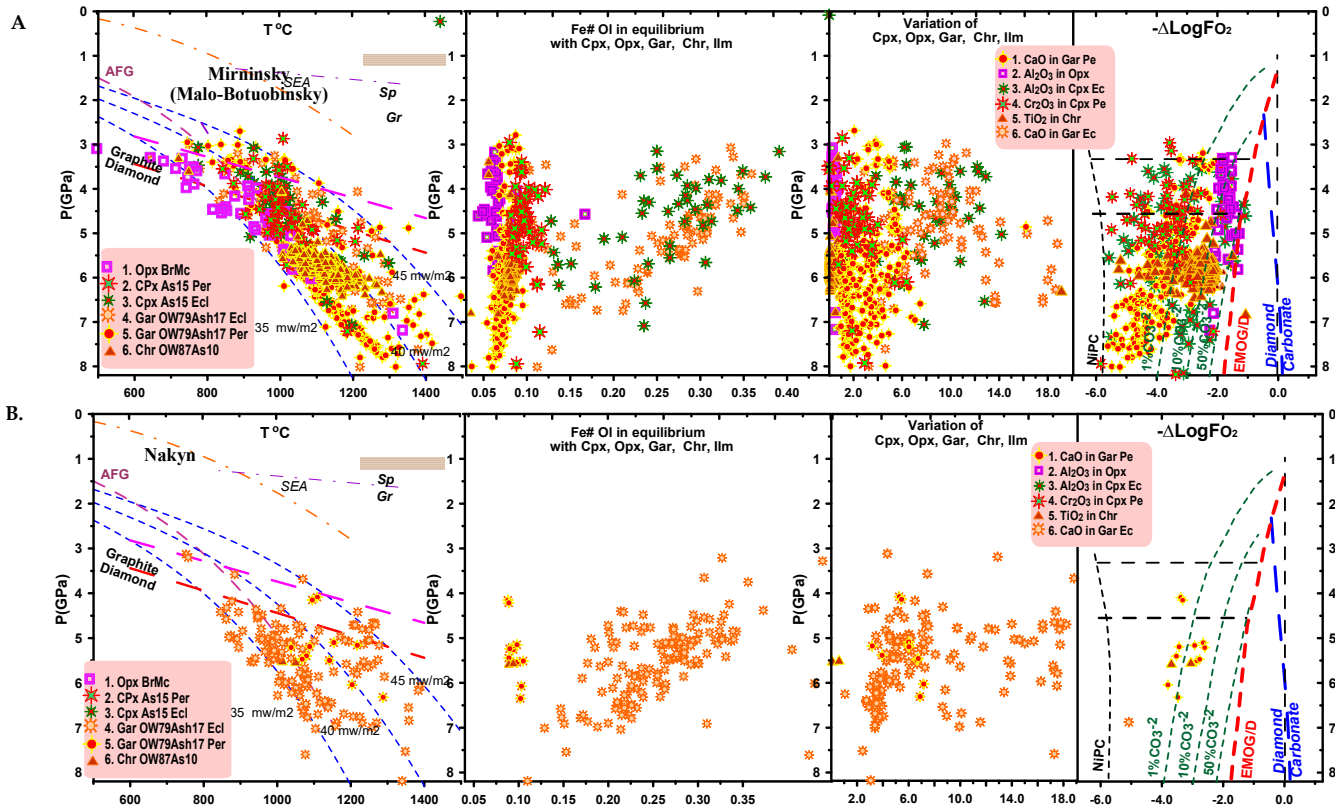
#### 4.1.2. Alakit Field

Among the Alakit diamond inclusions (Table 1), sub-calcic dunitic pyropes dominate over eclogitic garnets. The Cr-rich garnets reveal nearly the same trend of IFDP in the P-Fe# plot as those from Daldyn but more Cr-rich varieties strongly prevail. Varieties of Cr garnets with 4 and 6 wt% CaO are found at a greater lower depth than more depleted varieties. They reveal two separate branches at pressures <6 GPa. The chromite trend is nearly the same in large diamondiferous pipes and the number of chromites in diamond inclusions and associations everywhere prevail over the garnets. Eclogite pyroxenes and garnets (Table 1) form a similar upward IFDP trend as in the Daldyn field but with a steeper increase of iron and the Fe-rich part is mainly composed of garnets. The low-Cr Mg-rich pyroxenes are confined mainly to the average pressure range as well as for enstatites which belong to the 5.0–3.5 GPa interval and mainly form the pyroxenite layer. The proportion of chromites is much higher compared to Daldyn diamonds (Figure 3B). The pyropes in the high pressure are oxidized less than -4  $\Delta$ QMF. The values for chromites vary from -2 to -4. Eclogitic garnets are less oxidized and are close to EMOG/D buffer [163] but omphacites are relatively reduced.

#### 4.1.3. Malo—Botuobinsky Field

In the PT plot for the Mirninsky (Malo-Botuobinsky) region [128–132], the DIA pyropes have an opposite trend, i.e., the largest variations in CaO are in the lower part of the section and the most magnesian dunite varieties form an interval from 6.5 to 5 GPa, and then above them, the harzburgitic garnets again appear in the middle of the SCLM. There is a high proportion of peridotite Cr-bearing varieties of ortho- and clinopyroxenes in the middle part of the mantle column, which suggests that the pyroxenites originated from the peridotite partial melts. This more enriched horizon possibly is complementary to the

depleted lower SCLM. Omphacites together with garnets form an IFDP in the PT P-Fe# plot (Figure 4A).



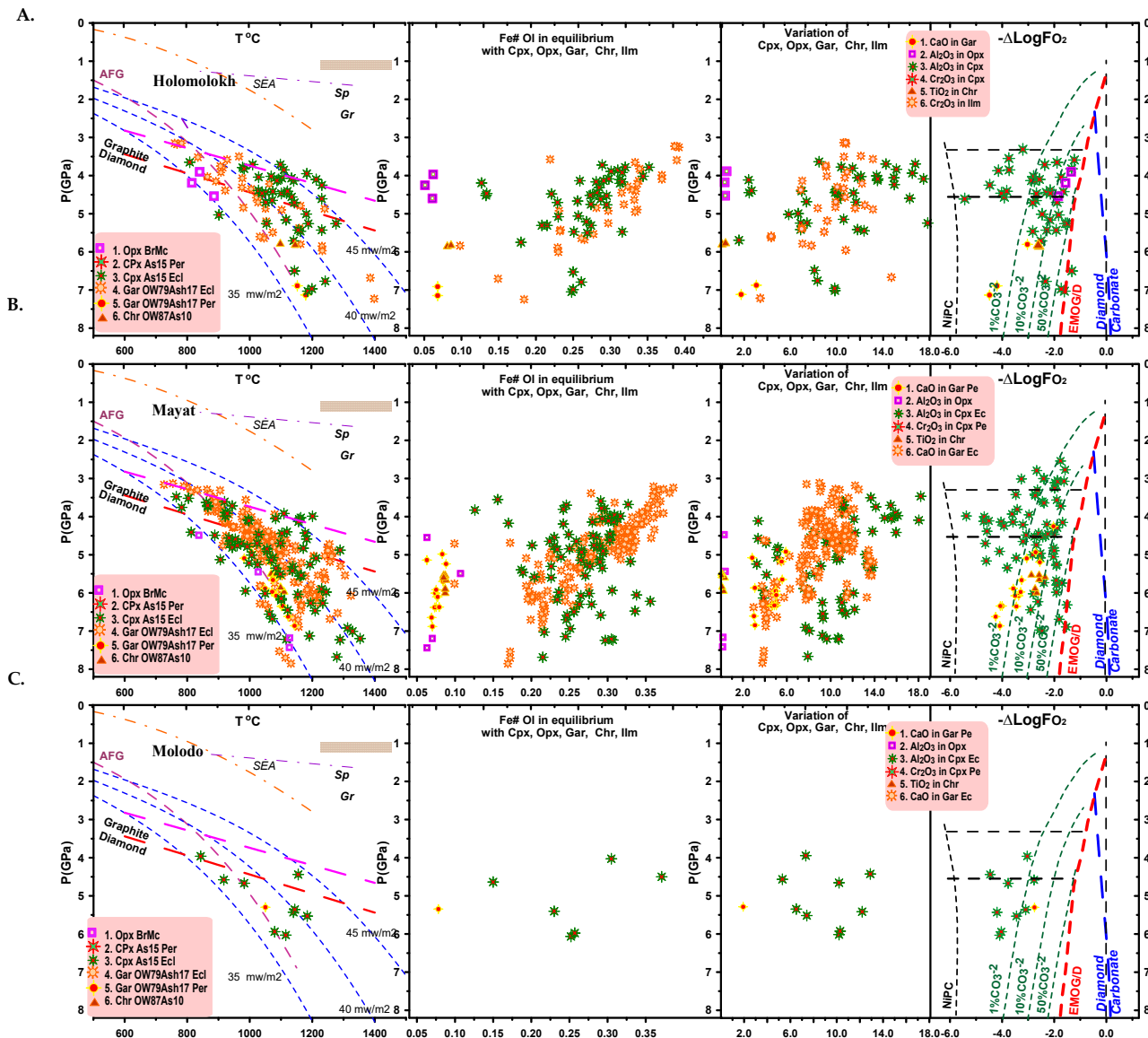
**Figure 4.** PTXFO2 diagram for diamond inclusions from (A) Mirninsky field; (B) Nakyn kimberlite field Yakutia. Symbols are the same as in Figure 3.

The geothermal conditions traced by diamond inclusions also refer to two branches. Even Cr-garnets partly trace the convective branch is not so evident in the middle part. The Cr garnets are found also at more HT conditions at the deeper part of the SCLM. But most of them are plotting within the 35–40  $\text{mWm}^{-2}$  geothermal interval. The Cr-pyroxenites and Cr-diopsides form the colder branches—to 35  $\text{mWm}^{-2}$  geotherms or even lower. In the P- $f\text{O}_2$  diagram, the less oxidized conditions correspond to the eclogitic clinopyroxenes in the middle SCLM. At high pressures, the lowest in  $f\text{O}_2$  conditions corresponds to the Cr-rich garnets.

#### 4.1.4. Nakyn Field

In the Nakyn field [145–147] all pipes are very rich in eclogitic material and Al-rich Cpxs prevail in the mantle peridotites and eclogites (Table 1). Cr-pyroxenes are relatively rare and belong to the lherzolite harzburgite type and the latter is even more rarely found. Among inclusions, almandines dominate, which also form a broad uptrend of P-Fe#. They formed the dispersed IFDP trend. The Fe-poor garnets yield deeper conditions. Two horizons with the Ca-rich associations going to grosspyroxites are found at 6 GPa and in 6–7 GPa intervals. The Fe-enriched varieties are rare and refer to the MSCLM (Figure 4B).

The geotherm formed by the eclogitic garnet varies from 33–37  $\text{mWm}^{-2}$  (most of the garnets) to 45  $\text{mWm}^{-2}$ . The separate clots trace the diamond-graphite boundary in various heating degrees. Practically all Cr-garnets show HT temperature conditions, some of them trace the convective branch and the others yield even more heated conditions. And this may explain the hybridism of the eclogitic and peridotitic material in SCLM.



**Figure 5.** PTXFO2 diagram for diamond inclusions from Ebelyakh kimberlite field Holomolokh (A) and Mayat (B) and for (C) Molodo kimberlite field. Symbols are the same as in Figure 3.

#### 4.1.5. Ebelyakh Field

Inclusions from the North-Eastern Anabar Region from placers of the Mayat river (Figure 5A) and the Holomolokh river [34] (Figure 5B) are similar. The division into two groups shows the individual sources for these two placers. Just as there are few peridotite inclusions in the Nakyn field, harzburgite-type pyropes create a high-Mg trend together with orthopyroxenes and chromites and they mostly come from the Mayat placers (Figure 5B). All together the Cr-rich association gives a linear steep IFDP trend in the Mg-rich part of the diagram. Almandines give the usual trend with increasing gradually together with omphacites, which give a more gradual trend (P-Fe#). Uneven heating in the PT diagram starting from 6 GPa reflects interaction with plume melts. The heated regions are located not only at the base but also in the middle part of the section. In general, the inclusions of these two locations are similar, but may also represent individual sources.

#### 4.1.6. Molodo Field

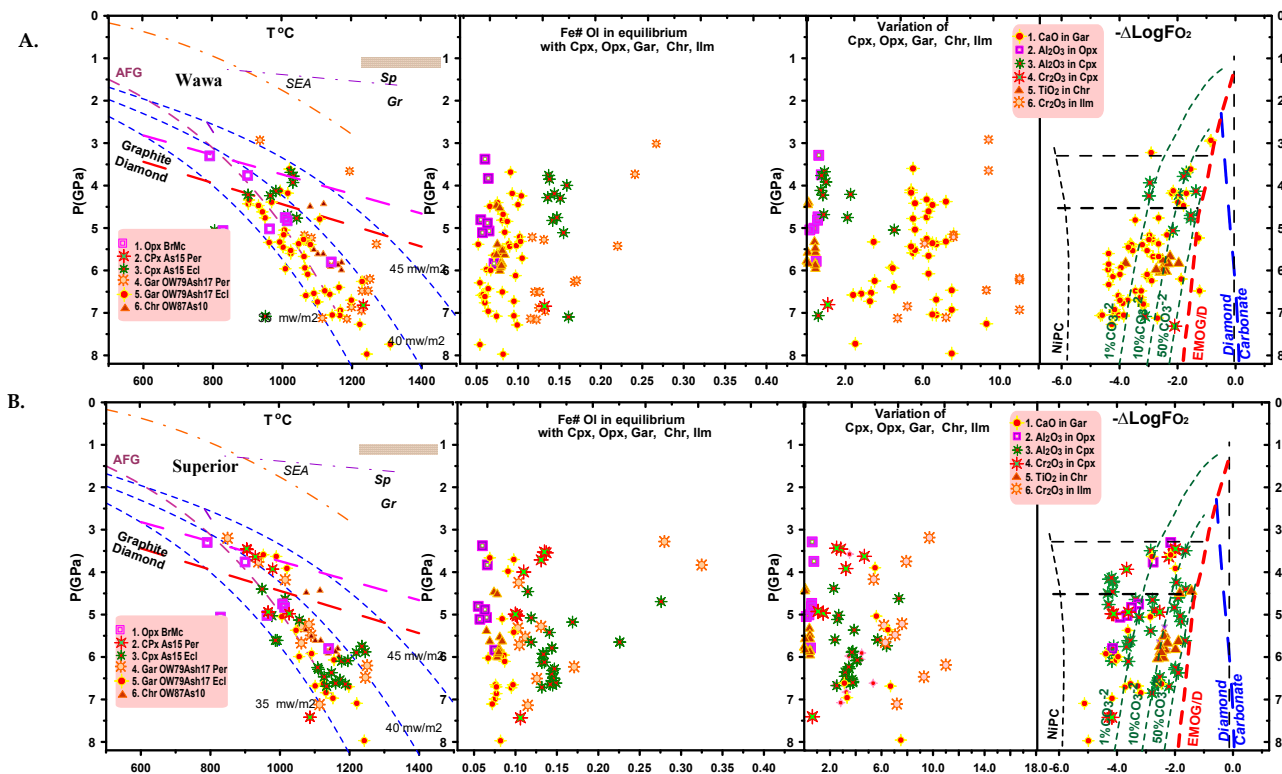
The diamond placer along the Molodo river also contains mainly inclusions from the diamond of eclogite source (Figure 5C) similar to those from the previous two localities. The plots in P-Fe# and P-Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> are very scattered also. They form the dispersed geotherm from 37 to 45 mWm<sup>-2</sup>. One Cr- pyrope of dunitic type refer to 5 GPA and 37 mWm<sup>-2</sup> geotherm. All of them suggest very cold conditions. All inclusions are reduced to -3-5 relative QMF buffer.

### 5. Thermobarometry of Diamond Inclusions of Various Cratons Worldwide.

#### 5.1. Canada

##### 5.1.1. Superior Craton, Wawa Province, Archean Lamprophyres

The diagram for the diamond inclusions only (Figure 6A) reveal rather wide variations of the pyrope garnets which create the broad field at the PT diagram between 40 and 35 mWm<sup>-2</sup> and compositionally varying from sub-Ca (6-7 GPA) to pyroxenitic types at the LAB and in 6 - 4 GPA interval. Eclogitic Cpxs are low in Fe# and are slightly more heated than peridotitic inclusions.



**Figure 6.** PTXFO2 diagram for diamond inclusions from Wawa lamprophyres (A) and Superior craton (B). Symbols are the same as in Figure 3.

The Superior craton in Canada contains the most ancient lamprophyre pipes with abundant diamonds and inclusions in the Wawa province. The pipes yield an age of 2.7 Ga [55], which give the possibility to model the structure of the Archean mantle at a time of the worldwide peak of crustal growth accompanied by the subduction and intense percolation of hydrous melts through craton keels. The

The garnet geotherm resembles that from the Archangelsk mantle [180] and is close to the semi-advective type with low-temperature conditions near the LAB and a higher temperature part near the Moho [28]. The pyrope garnets just follow this geotherm and only the Ca-, Fe-rich pyroxenitic group deviates to the high-T conditions. There is some increase in temperature near the LAB. In the P-CaO diagram, there is a split to high-Ca

and low-Ca branches. There are at least 4 low-Ca, low-Fe fluctuations in P-CaO -Fe# diagrams for garnets followed by the Opx (Figure 6A).

There are no serious differences between the Archean diamond inclusions and those found in Devonian and Mesozoic and other later kimberlites. Though those from Wawa are, on average, even more, enriched in Fe and Ca than those in younger kimberlites. The clinopyroxenes belong to low-Al and low-Cr groups typical of the depleted cratonic mantle keel. A few follow the ilmenite trend. The Fe-rich pyroxenitic garnets are found in shallow <2 GPa in the upper SCLM. Ilmenites form the long fractionation trend with the continuous increase of Cr<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> to lower pressures [27].

#### 5.1.2. Superior Craton, Phanerozoic Kimberlites

There are significant differences between the Archean diamond inclusions and those found in diamonds from Devonian and Mesozoic and other later kimberlites. Those from Wawa are, on average, even more, enriched in Fe and Ca than those in younger kimberlites.

Diamond inclusions of peridotitic and eclogitic types in the Jurassic (180–174 Ma) Attawapiskat kimberlites [57–59] and Renards kimberlites [55] yield a semi-advective geotherm. The peridotitic inclusions (orthopyroxene and garnet) in the upper part at 3–5 GPa are more fertile types and give the 40–45 mWm<sup>-2</sup> geotherm than in the LAB where near 7 GPa they are low-temperature (35–37 mWm<sup>-2</sup>). They coincide in PT conditions with the Mg-rich eclogites falling on the low-temperature branch while the chromites together with the more Fe-rich pyroxenes marking the inflexion to the convective branch (Figure 6B). The Fe-rich eclogitic garnet and clinopyroxenes refer to the middle part of mantle and HT conditions.

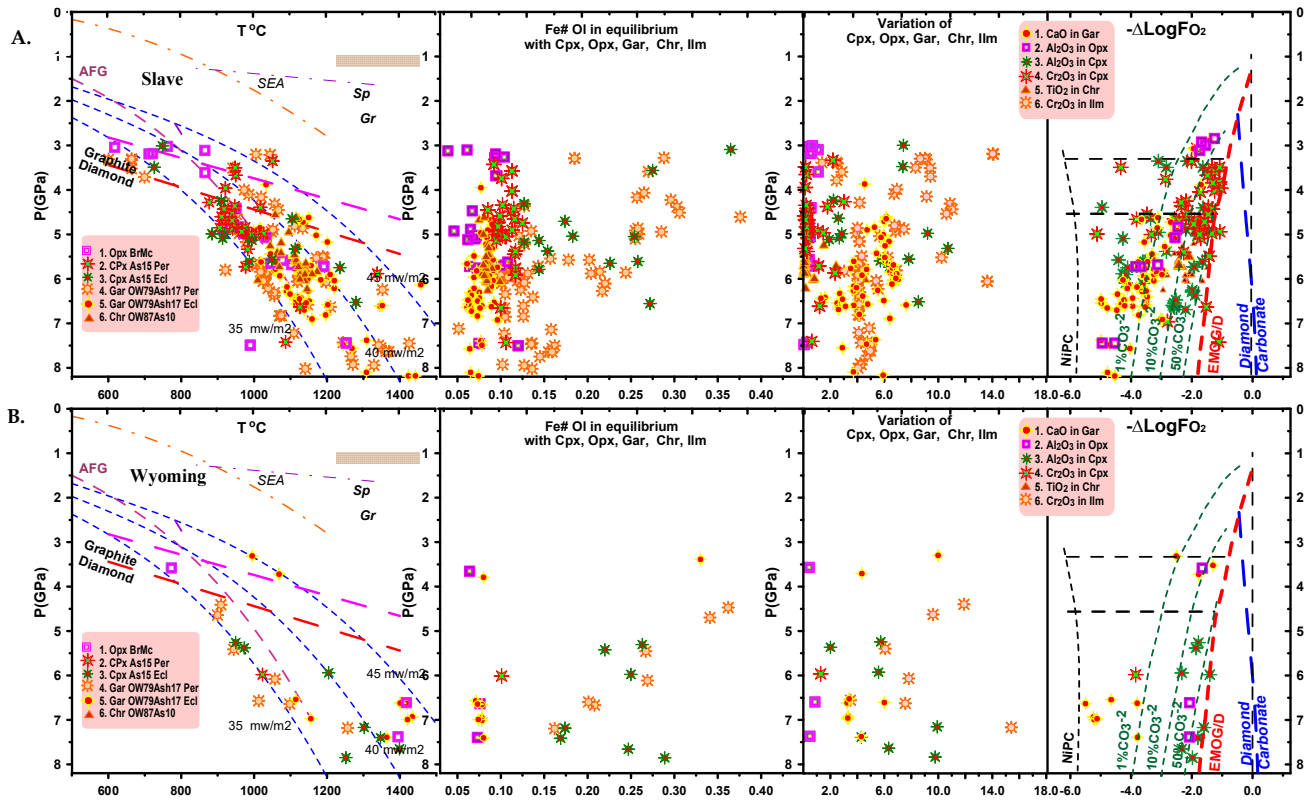
#### 5.1.3. Slave Craton

Peridotite inclusions are particularly abundant in diamonds from the Slave craton [66–73] and mainly come from the Lac de Gras cluster (Table 1) [69–73]. Calculations made for inclusion from the Panda pipe Diavik, Jericho and Lac de Gras field together, with a predominance of peridotite diamond inclusions and addition Snap Lake, show rather wide geothermal conditions from the LAB to the graphite-diamond boundary. Many relatively enriched types of pyropes fall on the high-temperature geotherm. In the middle SCLM, they are related to the advective branch. There is an impression that there are several arrays of the convective geotherm which compile together the scattered plot in the middle part. The cold branch is mainly composed of the eclogitic garnets at the deeper part and Cr-pyroxenites in the middle and the uppermost part of the cold branch is marked by the eclogitic Cpx. Cpx from diamond-bearing Mg-type eclogites are located at the 4.5–6 GPa interval and garnets of this type are found to 8 GPa. The IFDP trend compiled together by the Gar and Cpx points is rather steep and starts from 6 GPa, with Fe#Cpx ~0.2 and rises to 3 GPa where Fe#Cpx = 0.3–0.35 (Figure 7A).

#### 5.1.4. Wyoming Craton

Late Devonian kimberlites in Wyoming craton have different type of diamond inclusions. In the Sloan pipe [75] the peridotitic inclusions prevail while the Kelsey Lake [74] pipe contains more eclogitic garnets and CPx. Altogether the PT estimates compile the low-T geotherm at 35 mWm<sup>-2</sup> from 3 to 6 GPa but in the lower part from 6 to 8 GPa the mantle keel was extremely heated up to 1450 °C and the peridotite Cr-pyropes give the highest temperatures (Figure 7B). They are rather Mg-rich, on average having Fe#Ol 0.07–0.08. The eclogitic inclusions as common create the IFDP trend with variations of Fe# from 0.15 to 0.37 and pressures from 8 to 3.5 GPa.





**Figure 7.** PTXFO2 diagram for diamond inclusions from kimberlites Slave craton (A); (B) the same for diamond inclusions from Wyoming craton. Symbols are the same as in Figure 3.

## 5.2. Africa

### 5.2.1. Kaapvaal Craton

Data on the inclusions in diamonds the kimberlites from Africa are the most abundant and the Kaapvaal craton with their numerous kimberlite pipes is the most studied (Table 1). The kimberlites are of various ages starting from the Proterozoic like Premier [100,101] to the Mesozoic: Roberts Victor, Letlhakane, Finsch, Jagersfontain, Koffiefontain, Bultfontain, Letseng, Bellsbank, DeBeers Pool, Orapa, Monastery [79–114] and other pipes of similar compositions of the diamond inclusions formed during the Mesozoic episodes of activity, which trace the tails of the major plume events.

Here we represent the separate diagrams for the Proterozoic kimberlites and those from the Mesozoic stage though the varieties of the types from different pipes in the Mesozoic mantle is quite high and we give the separate PTXfO2 diagram (SF1, Fig. 9–24).

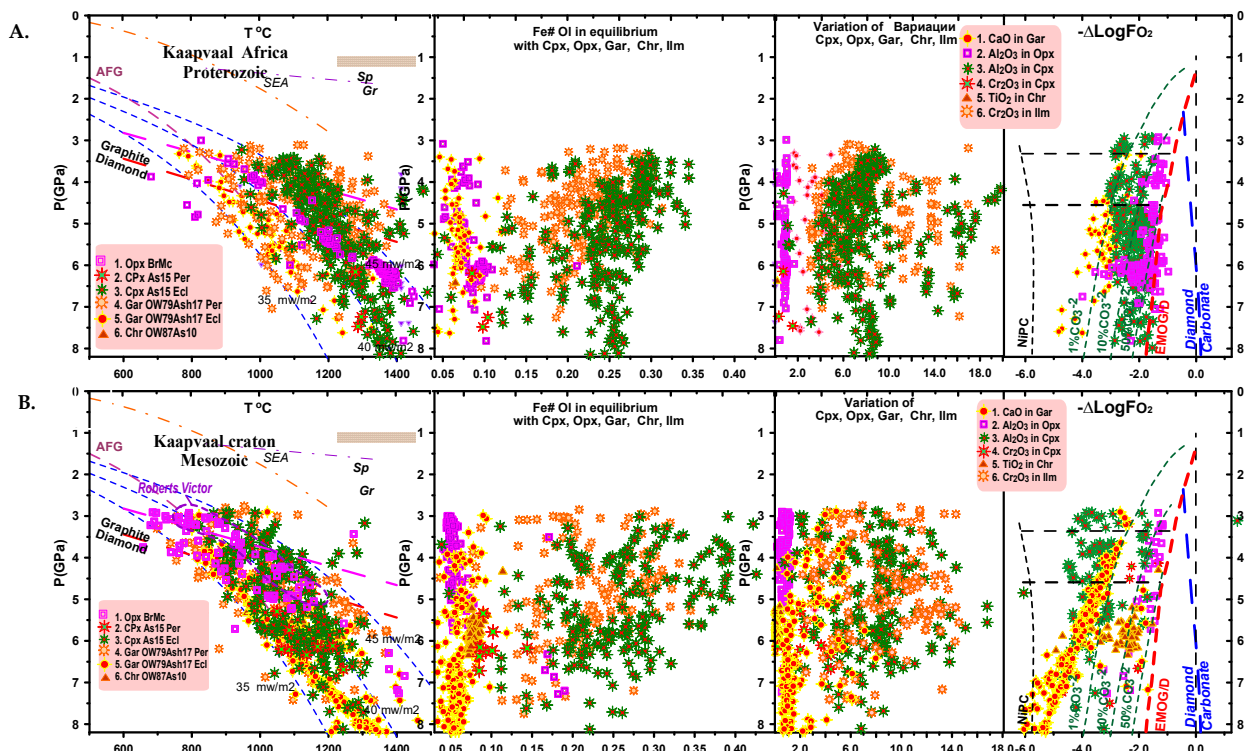
We made the combined diagram including the diamond inclusions from the listed Mesozoic pipes to make the diagram for the Mesozoic stage (Figure 8A). The garnet trend there is represented by the dunitic pyropes only, which create the low-T geotherm slightly heated to the lithosphere base. The Opx estimates form several fields there. The HT branch is made by the Fe- enriched ( $Fe\# \sim 0.2$ ) inclusions together with several points of the pyropes garnets at 6–7 GPa related to the plume heating. The several points together with the very low-T eclogitic garnets marking 30–33  $mW/m^2$  geotherm. There are three steps of the gently heated geotherms strengthening along the line of the diamond- graphite boundaries. The eclogitic garnets compiles also several branches—One practically repeats the cold geotherm made up by the pyrope garnets the others repeat the OPX stepped geotherms but in a wider range. The PT estimates for omphacites from the eclogites practically repeat the positions of the eclogitic garnets. The chromites similar to Siberian inclusions mainly compiles the heated branch at 6 GPa. The PT points for diamond inclusions of the Cr-pyroxenites follow this estimate.

### 5.2.1.1. Mesozoic Kimberlites from Kaapvaal Craton

The eclogitic garnets and Cpx formed in the P-Fe# diagrams make up several branches of the IFDP trends on the diagram with the different inclinations joining at the 4.5 and 6 GPa levels possibly they are reflecting the melting and fractionation or interaction of the partial eclogite melts at several levels in the SCLM.

The low-Fe# peridotitic area of this diagram shows several clots referring to the mantle layering. There is the Fe-rich clot for the chromites possibly caused by the protokimberlite melts heating. In the P-fO<sub>2</sub> diagram, there are two major trends. Those very low in fO<sub>2</sub> are related to the ascending high-Mg trend which made the majority of the ancient pyrope sub-Ca garnets. The second event traces the diamond stability field starting from ~2 ΔQMF.

The special compositions of the DIA in the Voorspoed pipe [96] (Figure SF10) are close to the megacrystic suite (SF1, Figure 1). The trend starts with low-Cr megacrystic garnets, Cpx and Opx. The joint cotectic crystallization pass of Cpx and Gar is tracing to the 45 mWm<sup>-2</sup> geotherm from 6.5 to 2.8 GP. The Opx-Cpx clot deviates to the lower T conditions possibly refer to the intermediate magmatic source with the joint crystallization of two pyroxenes. The eclogitic garnets and clinopyroxenes are more Fe-rich and yield colder conditions in general.



**Figure 8.** PTXFO<sub>2</sub> diagram for diamond inclusions from kimberlites from: (A) Kaapvaal craton inclusions in Mesozoic kimberlites; (B) Kaapvaal craton inclusions in Proterozoic kimberlites. Symbols are the same as in Figure 3.

### 5.2.1.2. Proterozoic Kimberlites Kaapvaal Craton

We used the analyses of the diamond inclusions from the most studied pre-Mesozoic pipe—Premier [84–87,101,102] (Table 1). This pipe is famous for extremely large diamonds and the second one for the abundance of the various eclogites dominated also among the diamond inclusions. The PT diagram for this stage represents the hottest material from all studied groups (Figure 8B).

The peridotitic garnets are represented by the relatively fertile harzburgite-lherzolite and even pyroxenitic varieties. The latter refers to ~40 mWm<sup>-2</sup> close and below 7 GPa and at the common for the Cr-spinels level near 6 GPa and 1200–1350 °C. Garnets of the

harzburgitic type gives the colder parts of the PT array showing the layered structure of the mantle keel by the 7–8 low  $T_0$  fluctuations from 3 to 6.5 GPa. The Opx from this stage reveals the HT conditions tracing 45 mWm<sup>-2</sup> geotherm from 7 to 3 GPa going to 40 mWm<sup>-2</sup> geotherm at the top/ the relic very low-temperature geotherm ~32 mWm<sup>-2</sup> which also is traced by the eclogitic garnets and Cpx. The garnets from eclogites are pyrope almandine type and give the low to mean temperature conditions at the lithospheric part of mantle giving the estimates practically coinciding with those for the pyrope garnets. They also create the exclusively HT part of the PT plots to 50 mWm<sup>-2</sup> from 3 to 6 GPa together with the HT eclogitic Cpx. The latter forms the advective branch from 1450 °C and 8 GPa to 3 GPa to 1250 °C. The other omphacites trace the PT estimates of the pyrope garnets within the lithospheric part of the mantle column.

In the P-Fe# plot, the peridotitic minerals form the nearly coinciding trend with the gradual rise of the Fe# from 0.05 at 3 GPa to 0.11 at 7GPa with the deviations to Mg part for the OPx. The eclogitic CPx are in general more Fe-rich than eclogitic garnets. They are forming the High Fe group (Fe# to 0.4) from 3 to 5 GPa. The deepest Cpx plot to 0.25–8–8.5 GPa. The Al-Ca rich eclogitic minerals are found in all pressure intervals but they create the clot ~5 GPa. The P-fO<sub>2</sub> plot is characterized by the nearly continuous variations of the FO<sub>2</sub> in all pressure intervals. The deepest part is characterized by the more oxidized condition near and lower than EMOG buffer. The more reduced conditions give the pyrope garnets with the starting of the array from -5 ΔQMF, which corresponds to the 15 CO<sub>3</sub>-2 according to [179].

### 5.2.2. Zimbabwe Craton

There are two main clusters of diamondiferous kimberlites [115] in Zimbabwe craton in River Ranch and Murowa [116,223] pipes. The first contains mostly eclogitic inclusions while in the second peridotitic diamond inclusions prevail.

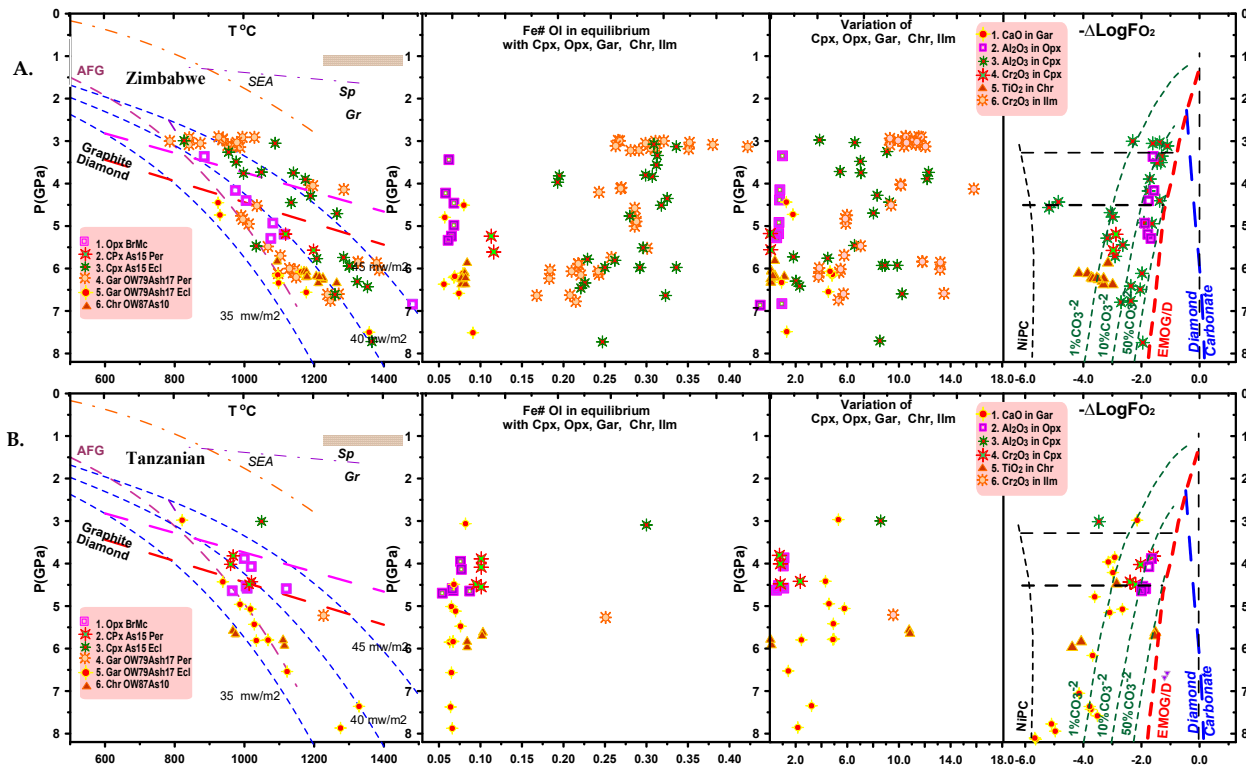
The ultra-depleted peridotitic DIA [109] give the low-T branch 37 mWm<sup>-2</sup> from 3 GPa to the LAB and then to 8 GPa is traced mainly by the pyropes of sub-Ca type, higher temperature branch 40 mWm<sup>-2</sup> is marked by Opx from 5.5 to 3 GPa. The Sp commonly plot at the inflexion from 35 mWm<sup>-2</sup> at 5 GPa to 40 mWm<sup>-2</sup> at 6.5 GPa. Eclogitic Cpx are mainly located along the 40 mWm<sup>-2</sup> geotherm and in the upper part, they go to the 45–50 mWm<sup>-2</sup> geotherm. The garnets are in general lower temperature and form an LT cluster near 5 GPa and shallower levels are located near the omphacitic PT estimates (Figure 9A).

In general peridotitic minerals have low Fe# 0.05–0.07 but Cr-spinels and some Cpx are more Fe-rich to Fe# = 0.12. Eclogitic minerals are mostly Fe-rich with the Fe# of 0.15–0.2 near the lithosphere base and show a rapid increase up from 6.5 to 3 GPa reaching Fe#~0.36.

Pyropes are extremely depleted in CaO near the LAB and sporadically tend to lherzolite at a shallower level.

### 5.2.3. Tanzanian Craton.

Diamond inclusions of the Tanzanian craton [190] are mainly of peridotitic type. The PT points of the pyrope garnets are located along the 35–40 mWm<sup>-2</sup> geotherm from the lithosphere base to 4 GPa. The Opx, Sp and Cpx plot in the upper part (5–3 GPa) and are a bit more high temperature 38–42 mWm<sup>-2</sup>. The Cpx and Sp are slightly more Fe-rich than depleted garnets (Figure 9B). A few eclogitic diamond inclusions are more high temperature and have Fe# ~0.25–0.30.



**Figure 9.** PTXFO2 diagram for diamond inclusions from kimberlites from: (A) Zimbabwe craton; (B) Tanzanian craton. Symbols are the same as in Figure 3.

#### 5.2.4. Magondi Belt

The diagram for the Magondi belt is compiled by the diamond inclusions from the Orapa [15,103-108], Letlhakane [107] and Damtshaa [106] Karowe pipes [190], (Table 1). Pyropes form 4 clusters which represent quite different thermal conditions of 35 and 43–50 mWm<sup>-2</sup>. Opx scatters between 38–42 mWm<sup>-2</sup> with a few deviations to HT conditions. Cpxs of low Fe type are forming relatively low-temperature cluster from 4.5 to 6 GPa.

Eclogitic garnets mainly form the broad dense field from 36–43 mWm<sup>-2</sup> starting from 8 to 3 GPa. Eclogitic Cpxs are even more scattered and have higher temperatures (to 1200 °C) in shallow levels (Figure 10A). But they also formed extremely low-temperature geotherm 33–35 mWm<sup>-2</sup> from 5 to 7.5 GPa.

The Fe# of the peridotite garnets are different; some pyropes have Fe# 0.15 increasing in the upper level and even higher for Cpx and Opx, The eclogitic garnets show the definite trend of increasing Fe with decreasing pressure. For the Cpx this tendency also exists but they show more scatter.

#### 5.2.5. Limpopo Belt

The diagram for the Limpopo belt is compiled by the diamond inclusions from the Cambrian Venetia pipe [110–112] (Table 1). The diamond inclusions PT estimates also reveal the heated conditions in general and very wide variations of the geothermal conditions. The pyrope garnets give the cold inclined geotherm. Splitting to convective branch at 7 GPa which is common for the other localities. They also reveal the clots for the lherzolitic- pyroxenitic garnets plotting on the 50 mWm<sup>-2</sup> geotherm at 6.5 GP and at 40 mWm<sup>-2</sup> with two clusters 6.–5.5 and 7–8 GPa. The Opx conditions and compositions are quite variable. The most Fe-rich Opx are found in the PT plot near the 45 mWm<sup>-2</sup> geotherm at pressures starting from 6.5 GPa. Some of the trace the graphite- diamond boundary but there are also clots at 35 mWm<sup>-2</sup> geotherm at 4 GPa. The eclogitic Cpx and garnets reveal the scattering between the 50–35 mWm<sup>-2</sup>. The relic cold geotherm to 33 mWm<sup>-2</sup> and even

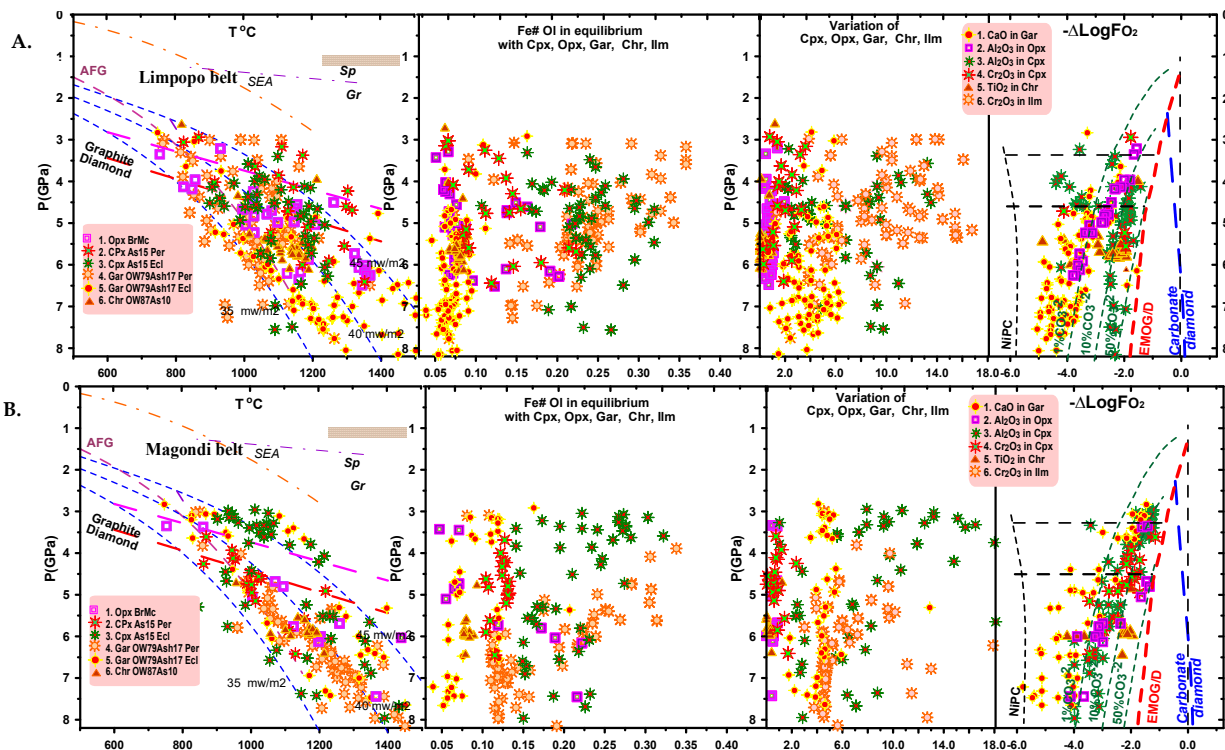


lower also exist (Figure 10B). The variations for the eclogitic Gar-Cpx at the P-Fe#, in general, are similar to the other fields with the general ascending IFDP trend and highest Fe# at 3 GPa but there are all Fe variations among the peridotitic and eclogitic compositions (Figure 10B).

The oxidation state of the garnets show very low values for the pyrope ( $-5.5\Delta\text{LogQMF}$ ) from the deeper part and much less for the eclogitic garnets (to  $-2\Delta\text{LogQMF}$ ).

### 5.2.6. Congo Craton

For the Congo craton, diamond-bearing eclogites were suggested in Catoca pipe [121]. However, the largest data set for the diamond inclusions was published for the alluvial deposits of the Kasai River, NE Angola [120].



**Figure 10.** PTXFO2 diagram for diamond inclusions from kimberlites from: (A) Magondi mobile belt; (B) Limpopo mobile belts. Symbols are the same as in Figure 3.

### 5.2.7. West Africa Craton.

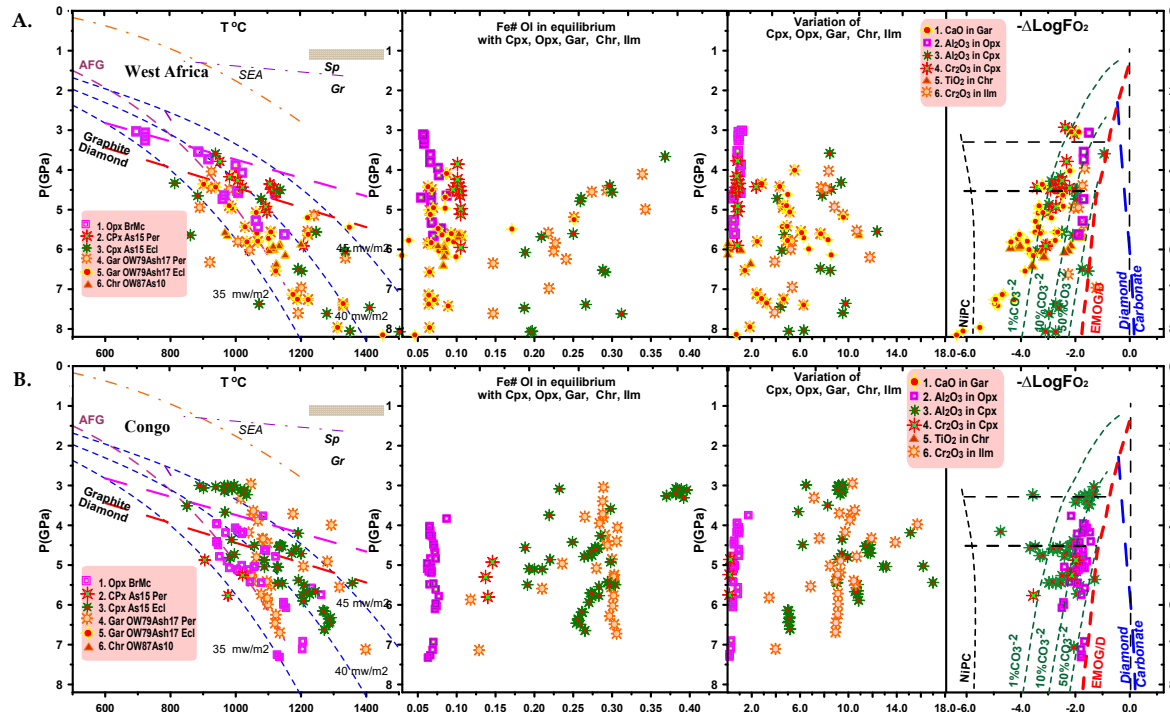
The PT estimates for the Opx and other minerals, in general, repeat the diagram for the Limpopo belt showing the GPa 1370 °C. The HT branch from conditions is found in the lithosphere base. It was traced also by the pyroxenitic and eclogitic CPx and garnets. Opx show division to 4 discrete pressure intervals. The eclogitic Cpx is divided into several discrete groups. The Fe-rich Cpx reveal the irregularly heated conditions at 4–4.5 GPa. The eclogitic Cpx with garnets the Fe#~0.3 together forms the sub-vertical trend. The Cpx and Ga (Fe#~0.20–0.25) form another cluster in the upper LAB 6–5 GPa (Figure 11A).

In West Africa, some pipes like Koidu [117] while in Akwatia [5] peridotitic diamond inclusions occur more often. The peridotite pyrope is divided by CaO into three groups (Figure 11B). The Opx inclusions and pyrope pyroxenes belong to the advective geotherm which is close to cold 36 mWm<sup>-2</sup> branch, and at 3 GPa to the heated to 48 mWm<sup>-2</sup> (Figure 11B) with high scatter near the diamond stability boundaries. Eclogitic Gar and Cpx also repeat this distribution.



The Fe# of Opx varies from 0.06 at the LAB to 0.1 at 3.5 GPa. The eclogitic minerals show two clusters with close values Fe# from ~0.3 and the next ~0.4.

The oxygen conditions vary from -4 to -1.7, being higher near the diamond stability boundary [175,178].



**Figure 11.** PTXFO2 diagram for diamond inclusions from kimberlites from: (A) Congo craton; (B) West Africa craton. Symbols are the same as in Figure 3.

### 5.3. South America

#### 5.3.1. Amazonian Craton

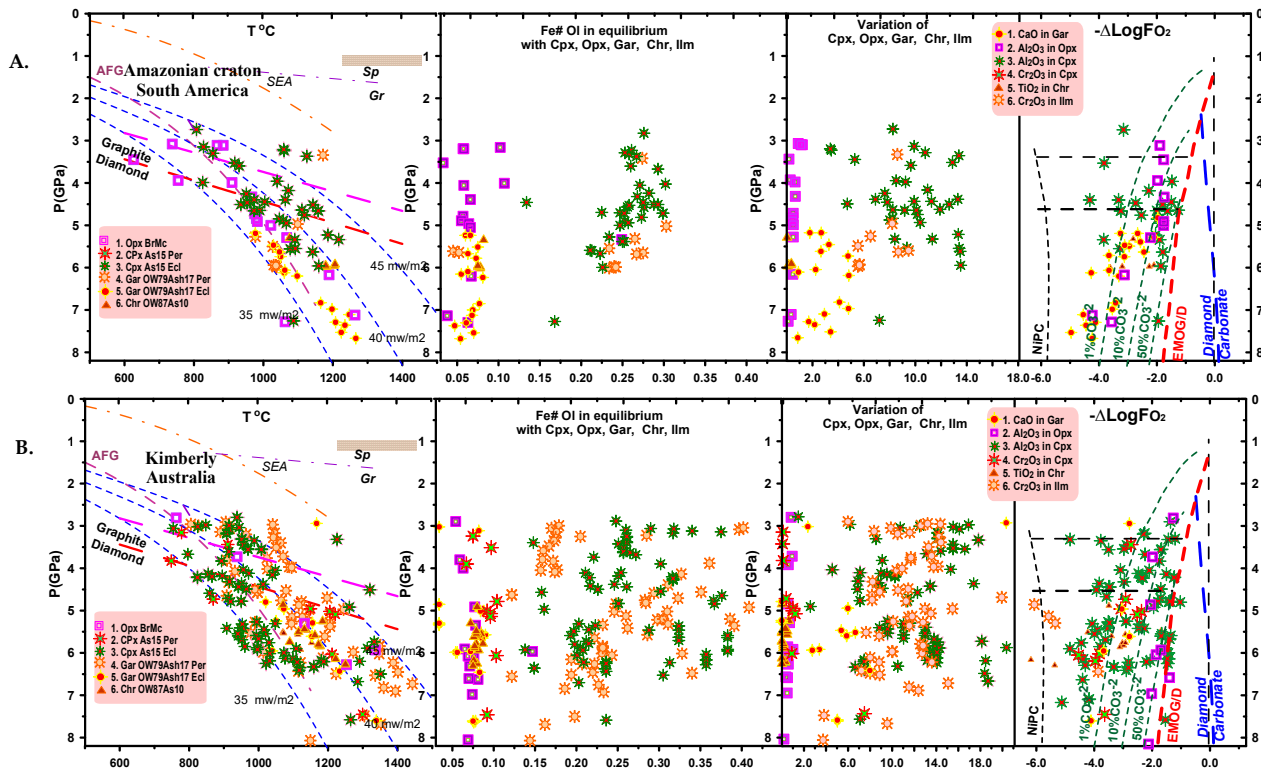
Data for the Amazonian craton of South America are limited [47,48,76–78] (Table 1). The peridotite part is orthopyroxene and garnet, medium- low-temperature (35–40 mWm<sup>-2</sup>). They have variations of Fe#~0.05–0.10 showing a higher value for Opx from the upper level. Garnets are revealing variations from dunitic to pyroxenitic values. Eclogitic form a fairly high-temperature trend and, as usual, a joint trend of increasing iron content (0.16–0.32) with decreasing pressure from 7.2 to 2.8 GPa. The Cpx are mainly of the high-Al type (Figure 12A).

The amount of published data for Sao Paulo craton is scarce and did not allow construction representative diagram [75].

### 5.4. Australia

#### 5.4.1. Kimberly craton

Eclogite inclusions of the Kimberley craton, Australia [122–127] (Table 1) vary widely in temperature regime and composition (Figure 12B). The Cr-Mg peridotitic inclusions are moderately Fe-enriched but extremely Al-depleted and give a relatively HT geotherm tracing the advective branch from 7 to 4.5 GPa crossing the 40 mWm<sup>-2</sup> geotherm. The eclogites are in general lower in temperatures and scatter from 35 to 40 mWm<sup>-2</sup> geotherm though the exclusively HT varieties also occur. They also scatter in the P-Fe# plot (Figure 12B).



**Figure 12.** PTXFO2 diagram for diamond inclusions from kimberlites from: (A) Amazonian craton, South America; (B) Kimberly craton, Australia. Symbols are the same as in Figure 3.

### 5.5. Eastern European Craton

For the Eastern European craton kimberlites are found in the Baltic Shield [151] and the Arkhangelsk province [148–150]. Eclogitic garnet inclusions are located along the 36  $\text{mWm}^{-2}$  geotherm while the omphacites plot between 40 and 45  $\text{mWm}^{-2}$  peridotitic chromites are located near 6 GPa at 3.8  $\text{mWm}^{-2}$ . The eclogitic Gar and Cpx DIA together form the IFDP trend. It is less steep for garnets and more scattered and more HT for the Cpx (Figure 13A).

The eclogitic Gar and Cpx DIA together are forming the IFDP trend. It is less steep for garnets and more scattered and more HT for the Cpx (Figure 13A).

### 5.6. Ural Mobile Belt

In Polar Urals [150–152], a few peridotite DIA were found. Eclogite omphacites show higher temperatures than garnets. The compositions of the prevailing eclogitic and Cpx give together the relatively HT conditions but garnets are determined the lower T scattered geotherm below 40  $\text{mWm}^{-2}$ . The Cpx give the advective geotherm from the lithosphere base to 3 GPa.

The Cr-Mg trend is relatively scarce and represented by the lherzolite-harzburgite garnets chromites (5–6 GPa) and Opx at 4 GPa (Figure 13B).

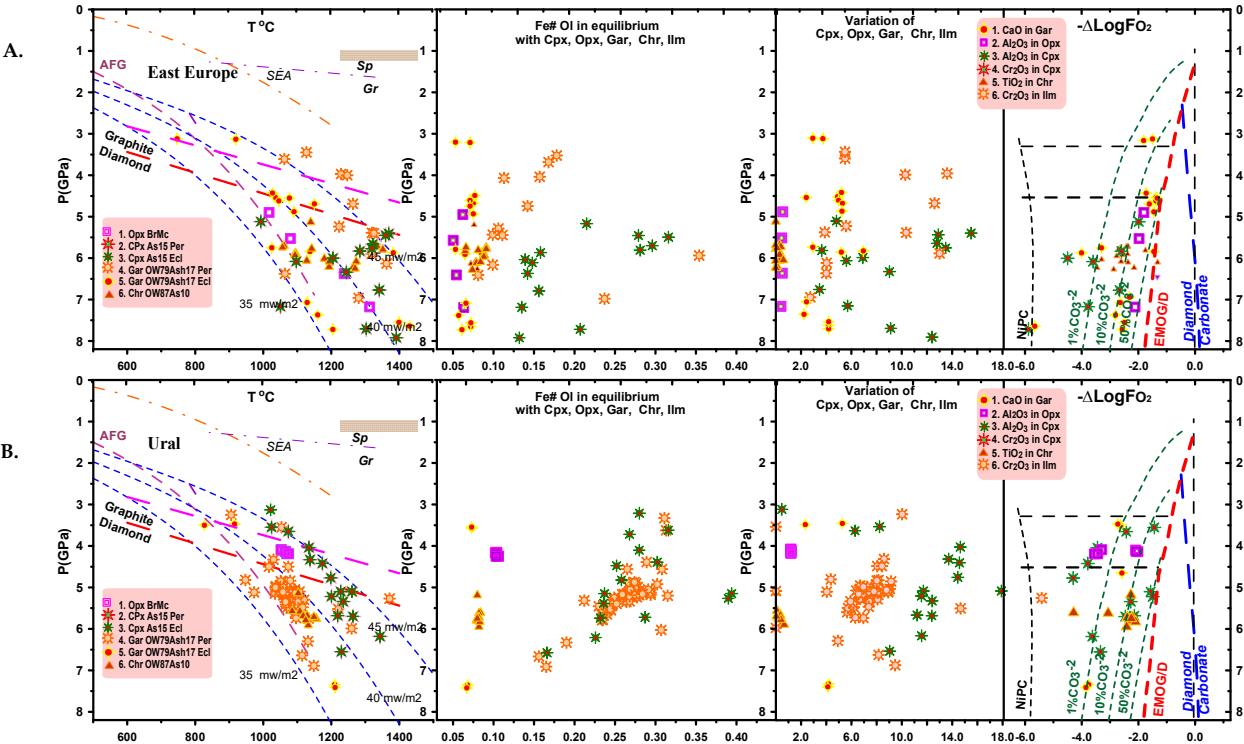


Figure 13. PTXFO2 diagram for diamond inclusions from kimberlites from: (A) East European craton; (B) Ural mobile belt. Symbols are the same as in Figure 3.

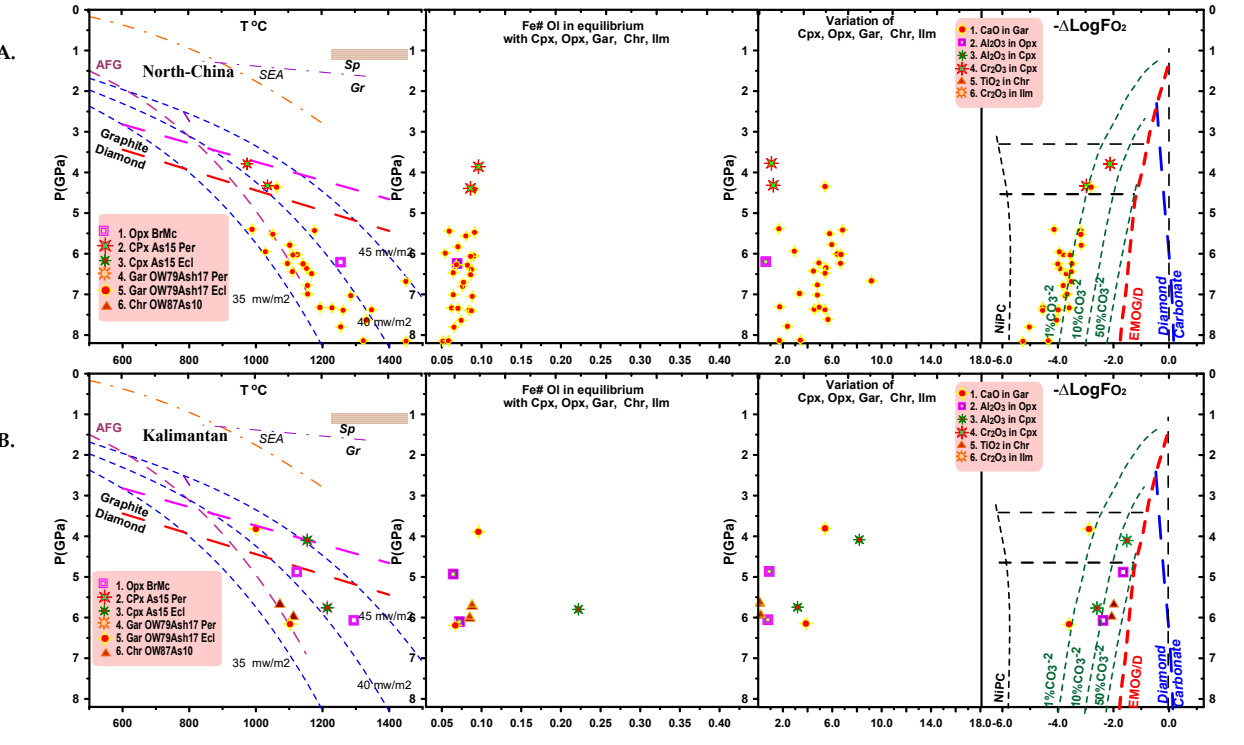


Figure 14. PTXFO2 diagram for diamond inclusions from kimberlites from (A) North-China craton. (B) Kalimantan Island. Symbols are the same as in Figure 3.

### 5.7. Sino–Korean (North China) Craton

In North China craton the only known DIA are from Shengli, N 50 pipes are mainly Cr- pyrope garnets [153]. They vary from dunitic and harzburgitic to lherzolitic varieties. In the PT plot, they give  $\sim 37 \text{ mWm}^{-2}$  geotherm with the more heated to  $40 \text{ mWm}^{-2}$  below 7 GPa, though this geotherm is sporadically traced to 4 GPa (Figure 14A). Only one sample is heated to  $45 \text{ mWm}^{-2}$ . The clinopyroxenes plot in the deepest part of the mantle column and Opx at 6 GPa. The Fe# of the olivine in equilibrium with the garnets is varying from 0.05 to 0.1, the latter values are typical of the Cpx also while the Opx show Fe# $\sim 0.08$ . The CaO content of the garnets is rising with the decreasing pressure. Thus the DIA from the Sino-Korea craton represents a very deep heated and relatively fertile or fertilized mantle source of diamond.

### 5.8. Kalimantan

In Borneo kimberlites or lamproites were not found alluvial diamond inclusions [154] give rather high-temperature conditions for both peridotitic and eclogitic suits. Only pyrope garnet and chromites drop the  $38 \text{ mWm}^{-2}$  geotherm at 6 GPa. The Opx, eclogite and pyroxenite PT estimates are plotting between 40 and  $45 \text{ mWm}^{-2}$  geotherm (Figure 14B).

## 6. Discussion

### 6.1. Distributions of Different Types of Mantle Inclusions in Mantle Sections

It is clear from the diagrams for all data set (SF1, Fig.1-3) that the amount of the Opx, as well as the amount of Cr-bearing, pyroxenites commonly, increase towards the middle part of mantle columns. It seems that the degree of melting and the concentration of the melts greatly increases in the so-called pyroxenitic layer [188] in the middle SCLM. Comparing the diagrams for the eclogitic clinopyroxenes and garnets it is also clear that garnets more frequently occur in the lower parts of SCLM and clinopyroxenes are tending to the middle part. This possibly reflects the effect of the migration upward of the light part of the ancient adakitic melt formed after the remelting of the primary eclogites and the effect of garnet fractionating at the lower part of SCLM.

In some mobile belts like Urals, Khapchan, in SCLM beneath Premier pipe the Cpx form more HT branches despite commonly eclogite garnets and omphacites form a joint trend. This discrepancy may be explained by the different reactions of the Gar and Cpx to the heating, garnet is less affected by the influence of magmas and in xenoliths, they are often un-equilibrated [184]. Even in the same locality, they may refer to the different times of formation.

Chromites are mostly concentrated just above the LAB (SF1, Fig.1-7) which is the mechanical layer caused by magmatic fracturing produced by protokimberlite and kimberlite magmas and it seems that most spinels are formed during the latest magmatic event in the SCLM and often trace the inflexion of the convective geotherm. Such conditions 1140-1200 - 6 GPa were determined for chromites by the elastic barometry [192].

Fe-type eclogites are distributed frequently in the mantle column just the middle part of the mantle column. The structure and composition of the upper and middle parts of SCLM essentially differ and are highly likely that the upper SCLM part with the Fe-eclogites at the basement was created in Early Archean time. The IFDP trends may also be the results of the evolution of ascending eclogitic partial melts produced during subduction and the later influence of superplumes and plumes. This evolving melt may become more Fe-rich in the upper levels.

However, such trends may be also produced by sequential melting of subducted oceanic gabbroic cumulates. The Ca-Al eclogites tend to concentrate within the 5–6 GPa interval but may occur at any level.

## 6.2. Geothermal Regimes of Diamond Formation

It is generally accepted that the mantle has the same geotherms for the same locality with the inflexion and at the lithosphere base. Commonly xenoliths geotherm is rather cool and refers to 38 mWm<sup>2</sup> [4]. But even beneath Udachnaya, the xenoliths give quite different thermal conditions for each group of peridotites and eclogites the single geotherm is produced by the rather old set of thermobarometers. The correct estimates give rather cold conditions for dunites (35 mWm<sup>2</sup>). And pyroxenites related to plume melts give hot geotherm to 45 mWm<sup>2</sup> [28].

The correct determination using Opx and Cpx methods give a rather wide range of conditions and geothermal gradients from 35 to 45 mWm<sup>2</sup> [8,9,38, 159,160]. Relatively cold 40 mW/m<sup>2</sup> were determined for the peridotitic DIA from Premier pipe [38]. The super adiabatic plum related geotherm created by Bushveld plume influences and refer mainly to pyroxenitic and eclogitic inclusion. Our estimates show HT regime for Premier pipe DIA (SF1, Fig.11). The olivine thermobarometry [193] for DIA from Akwatia produces 40 mWm<sup>2</sup> geotherm. The thermobarometry of fluid-related minerals [194] suggest rather cold conditions of diamond formation.

Diamonds belonging to the different associations formed at the time distance from 3.5 GA [16,195] to kimberlite eruptions and thus they give the different PT regime of formation. The CPx diamond inclusions in the Urals are dated as Devonian [154] as well as in Eastern Europe craton c time close to host kimberlite eruption and they trace rather hot geotherm branches which differ from the garnet geotherms.

The coldest geotherm near 35 mWm<sup>-2</sup> and lower is determined everywhere for sub-Ca pyrope garnets [196] which were created 3-2.7 GA [18,19].

## 6.3. PT Conditions and Presence of Metastable Associations in Diamonds

One of the newest conclusions of this research is that diamond PT conditions of most diamonds are estimated within the diamond stability field [166] many types are at the upper boundary of upper the diamond stability field [167] and even re-estimated version [164]. And this is not a mistake of the new methods [21–27] because all existing barometers including Al-in-Opx [164], Cr-in-Cpx C [158] barometer as well as [11,182] and [21–24] methods give for >10% of inclusions the pressure estimates upper than determined graphite-diamond boundary [163,164]. It is necessary to say that some inclusions like K-feldspar [97] also suggest rather low-pressure conditions. There is a suggestion about the crust conditions for gemstone diamonds [197]. We do not support this idea but should emphasise that most of the natural associations reveal the presence of volatiles, fluids [198–202] and growth in metasomatic associations [5,6,201]. This is supported by the experiments [203–204].

## 6.4. Influence of Protokimberlitic Magmas

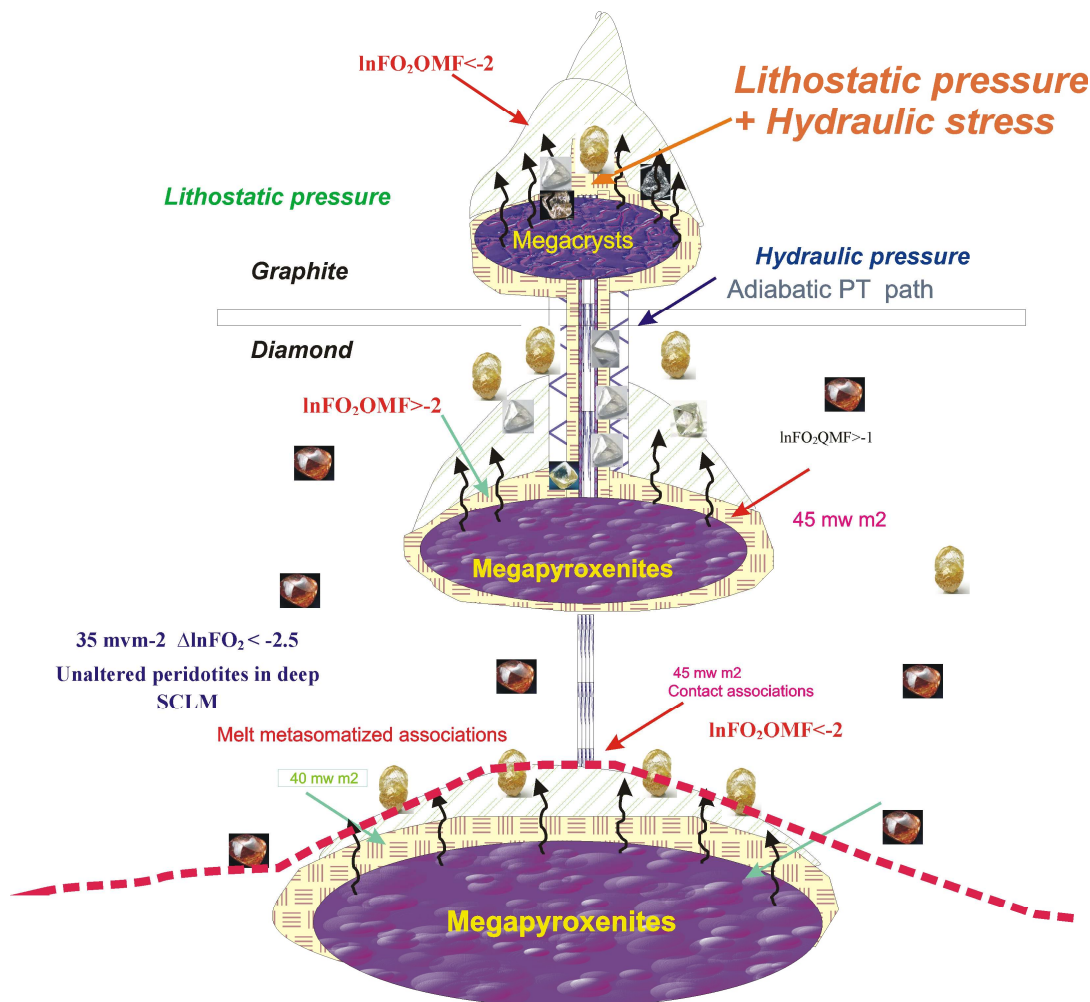
Boyd F.R. and colleagues [4] showed the inflexions of the geotherms at the LAB and the heating of sheared peridotites. The advective geotherms mark the interaction with the ascending protokimberlitic melts. The HT geotherms like for Premier pipe [38] means that most of the diamonds in this region were growing during the plume event. All chromite inclusion at the geotherm inflexion at the LAB should reflect the influence of protokimberlites.

Commonly the protokimberlite magmas create Ti-rich associations which are rare among the DIA but dominate among the Voorspoed DIA [96] which are mainly composed of the megacrystic association [187]. Very often large well-shaped diamonds of type II [191] are determined as megacrysts. There is also geochemical evidence for the crystallization of diamonds from protokimberlites [205–207] supported by ages [208].

There are many shreds of evidence that the diamonds were created at the vicinity of the magmatic systems and chambers and mechanically capture minerals from the magmatic-fluid mush of different associations. The magmatic systems cold increase the pressure around the magmatic system due to the hydraulic effect transferring it from the depth



(Figure 15). Hydrous conditions and extra fluid pressure could expand the diamond stability field to lower pressure. Commonly the most active interaction with the protokimberlite melts occurs near the LAB which is the physical boundary of the minima of the ultimate strength of olivine at the presence of hydrous melts [209]. And the division on the lithospheric and asthenospheric diamonds is only in presence of the protokimberlitic melts at diamond forming media. The diamond inclusions sometimes do not refer to the diamond-forming media but represent the mechanically trapped inclusions of crystal mush having lithostatic characteristics. And this explains the presence of mixed paragenesis [210].



**Figure 15.** Scheme of diamond growth below and above the diamond-graphite boundary.

#### 6.5. Evolution of Diamond Forming Processes in Time.

The first questions about mantle reconstructions with the DIA and are: have they evolved over time? How do they reflect the conditions of the cratonic growth and evolutions [2008, 2010-214].

The ages of diamond formation vary from Archean to the time of intrusion of the host kimberlites [57,106,107,112,119,195,208,211,220]. Comparison between the Wawa DIA [216] and those from younger kimberlites suggests that such an evolution can be observed. The pyrope garnets from Wawa lamprophyres are more Fe-rich in general, excluding some ultra-depleted compositions. The Ca-rich varieties are more abundant than

among the later Proterozoic and Phanerozoic kimberlites. They do not form the continuous trends and geotherms as is common for other cratons such as Siberia or South Africa but trace four separate levels. Though the crystallization of megacrystalline dunites beneath Udachnaya [212] also refer to separate levels [21-27,216]. Our opinion that the low-Ca garnet [221] LT geotherms were formed due to the hydrous subduction-related melt percolation in dunitic channels [214-221] possibly occurred during the major event of growth of the continental crust 3.0–2.7 Ga [18,19,210,222], accompanied by hydrous melt percolation and generation of dunite channels in the mantle. Chromites in Wawa lamprophyres are similar to those from younger kimberlites but are slightly more Fe-rich.

The Proterozoic kimberlites from the Kaapvaal are much higher temperature but this is probably due to the influence of the Bushveld superplume which also caused extensive removal of all the ultra-depleted dunitic garnets [38,208]. The eclogitic inclusions in Premier (SF1, Fig.11) are very HT and also seem to be mainly re-melted. Though some of them keep subduction characteristics [223]. This is less pronounced for the Mesozoic pipes though the Roberts-Victor inclusions (SF1, Fig.16) are also HT by eclogite xenoliths show less influence of the plume melts and as reported [94] and keep their primary subduction features but also they are relatively high temperatures compared to DIA from the other Mesozoic pipes in South Africa. In general, the Proterozoic kimberlites contain more eclogitic inclusions of various types. The study of the eclogitic diamonds gives information about both plume [223,224] and subduction [225-228] processes and the formation of the ancient crust [209–215].

It is possible that the high dispersion of the geothermal trend forming several arrays of the convective branch was formed by the thermal perturbation under plume events [214,219,224,228] from 2.5. to 2.0 Ga beneath the Slave [13] and Kaapvaal craton [38] and later to the rifting at 0.7 Ga, possibly to the protokimberlite event which gives the separate trajectories of the melt movements [230]. The viscosity of the carbonatitic melts related to the plumes is very low [231] which allow the pervasive melt percolation and creation of advective geotherms.

#### *6.6. Dependence of DIA Compositions on the Position Within the Cratons and terrain type*

In the SCLM beneath South Africa, pyrope garnets from the off-craton Limpopo and Magondi belt show more variable compositions than in the Kaapvaal craton. They also contain more eclogitic and pyroxenitic types of inclusions. This is be a common feature of the suture zones between terrains [232]. If we compare the cores of cratons with the marginal parts, the amount of ultra-depleted pyropes is higher in the centres, and they contain more Opx relative to Cpx. Suture zones, such as the Khapchan zone in Siberia, contain mainly eclogitic inclusions of Cpx and Gar [34]. This is possible because suture zones contain the inclined remnants of subducted slabs and are the location of the transfer of eclogitic partial melts. The thermal regime of the mobile belts commonly has very high variations from the cold to very high-temperature conditions ( $\sim 35\text{--}50\text{ mWm}^{-2}$ ).

The PT conditions estimated for the different terranes in Yakutia (Siberia) are quite variable [21-28]. The late Archean Early Proterozoic granulite-orthogneiss Daldyn and Alakit terranes marking ancient suture zones differ mainly in the amount of pyroxenitic pyropes which are abundant in the East Daldyn (Alakit) terrane [33]. They all demonstrate the folded mantle structure [25]. The sub-terrains such as Alakit and Daldyn (and other examples) demonstrate the difference in the eclogites (prevailing B- oceanic type Daldyn) and dominating types of Cr-diopsides more depleted for the latter possibly referring to the continental arc and abyssal oceanic material, respectively. In the granite-greenstone terranes such as Magan, Berikte terranes the prevailing type is peridotitic [128-131]. They contain OPx and Cr-Cpx in equal amounts. The eclogites tend to have more acid and pelitic compositions. The granulite-orthogneiss terranes like Daldyn terrane contain highly variable eclogites pyroxenite and peridotite compositions in nearly equal amounts [133-140].

The suture and accretion terranes concentrate mainly on mafic eclogites and basic pyroxenites. In the Khapchan terrane, most diamond inclusions are of the eclogitic type

like in the Ebelyakh field [34]. The mobile belts like the Urals [154], Magondi [15,105-108] and Limpopo [110–112] belts which are suture zone having cratonic keels in the basement demonstrate similar features.

The perspectives of the study of diamond inclusions are widely discussed. It is evident that the oxidation state is the major factor of diamond formation [233]. They may characterise the source and possible host melts [234] and processes of their formation and as well as geodynamic regimes in ancient times [235-240].

## 7. Conclusions

1. The PT conditions of diamond inclusion and associations from the Proterozoic, Paleozoic and Mesozoic kimberlites differ.
2. There are regularities in in-depth distributions of DIA in mantle columns. Pyroxenitic inclusions are tending to concentrate in the middle part of the mantle section as well as Fe-rich eclogites. Chromites and often Ca-Al rich pyropes trace the lithosphere-aesthenosphere boundary.
3. Commonly the peridotitic inclusions are lower temperature than pyroxenitic and eclogitic varieties, subjected to the plume influences.
4. The extra pressures by the hydraulic effect of protokimberlites could expand the intervals of the diamond creation.
5. Diamond inclusions in off-craton settings and mobile belts show higher temperature conditions and prevailing pyroxenitic and eclogitic assemblages.
6. There is an essential difference in compositions of diamond inclusions depending on their geodynamic specialization.

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