Models of collision and exhumation

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Petrologic P-T-(t) paths: indicators of rock burial and exhumation











Retrograde Pressure-Temperature paths



... and their numerical implementation:



Gerya et al., Lithos, 2008



after Yamato, PhD 2007 **Rocks-indicators of HP-LT** 6.0 UHP HP Lithosphere Mantle 5.0 4.0-P (GPa) Dry EC 3.0-Ep-EC LW-EC 2.0-Amp-EC BS ON 50 µm 200 µm 1.0-EA AM Crust GR GS op: 1000 200 400 600 800 T (°C) 500 µ

(Chopin, 2003)



(Liou et al., 2004; Maruyama et al., 1996)



Geodynamic contexts







Continental UHP exhumation rates may exceed 10x the convergence rate !



(Yamato et al., 2007)

Accretionary complex:

LP and HP rocks, brittle material, Slow exhumation Overburden removal by the accretional mechanism and erosion



Subduction channel: HP and UHP rocks Fast exhumation, Ductile material, Special Mechanisms





Continental Subduction



UHP exhumation: dynamic flow overpressure P=pgz+P_d (rocket-nozzle model by N. Manctelow) ?





Fig. 7: Pressure distribution with depth at different % shortening for (a) 120 km thick lithosphere, and (b) 160 km thick lithosphere. The line indicated with 'lithostatic' corresponds to a lithostatic pressure gradient ($P=1\rho gz$); the other lines correspond to the pressure resulting from the model at different stages of shortening.

(Petrini and Podlachikov, 2000)

(Vrijmoed et al, 2009)

Continental Lithosphere: THICK MULTI-LAYER with EVP rheology



UHP exhumation: continental subduction ?





MINIMAL CONDITION via Peclet number : $Pe/u_{x}h_{k}/\kappa > 1; Pe \gg 1$

Pe = heat advection rate heat diffusion rate

Collision/Subduction models



Continental collision and UHP exhumation



Multi-level exhumation, Stokes mechanism for UHP part

Burov et al., 2001

Summary of requirements to numerical code



(RED: specific requirements compared to convection codes)

Hybrid FEM-FDM FLAC-like codes (e.g., Paravoz, Flamar)



visco-plastic (+elastic) Stokes FDM (P. Tackley, T. Gerya ...)





Numerical method

FLAMAR12







\blacksquare Erosion - sedimentation

➡ Progressive phase changes Thermodynamic processes (via Perple-X and Theriak)

$$\rho = f(P,T) \qquad G = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \mu_i N_i$$

$$\lambda, G \qquad k, f_p, \sigma, H$$

3100

3600

2600

Example: density - P-T for mantle



 $\partial h_s / \partial t - \nabla (k_e (\nabla h)^m \nabla h_s) = 0$



primitive mantle



PerpleX (J. Connolly)

Predicted seismic velocities (m/s) Vp Vs



Predicted density anomaly







Calculated grids of basalt water content for both undersaturated and saturated cases (PerpleX) *Angiboust et al., in prep.*





^{*:} only for mantle phases

Angiboust et al., in prep.

Initial water content distribution (PerpleX) as a function of the lithology and PT conditions

High resolution experiment



Maximum water content allowed as a function of the lithological distribution of the model and PT conditions

High resolution experiment



Angiboust et al., in prep.



Yamato et al., 2007

TYPICAL SETUP INCLUDING OCEANIC SUBDUCTION PHASE



1. Influence of the convergence rate

Dependence on shortening rate. Snapshot at $\Delta x = 180$ km


Influence of absolute velocity

0 Ma Sediments 2cm.an⁻¹ 10 Ma Sediments 2cm.an⁻¹ 20 Ma 100 km 500 100 km 1000 500 -700 600 Length [km] 1200 200 400 800 1000

influence de l'orientation de la convergence

Evolution de la topographie du modèle en fonction du temps



influence de la vitesse de convergence



Evolution de la topographie du modèle en fonction du temps



Francois et al., 2010

2. Influence of thermo-rheological profile

The jelly sandwich versus crème-brûlée



Influence of thermo-rheological age - A1: CREME - BRULEE RHEOLOGY (SOFT)



Thermal age of 25 Ma Tm = 850°C, Δx = 330 km, t = 5,5 Ma, 2x3 cm/yr

wait ...

Example: Pannonian Basin / Carpathians



Influence of thermo-rheological age - A2 JELLY SANDWICH (MEDIUM)



Thermal age of 90 MA, Tm =600°C, Δx = 330 km, *t* = 5,5 Ma, 2x3 cm/yr

wait ...

Influence of thermo-rheological age - B1 JELLY SANDWICH RHEOLOGY



Thermal age of 200MA, Tm =500°C, Δx = 330 km, *t* = 5,5 Ma, 2x3 cm/yr *wait* ...

Influence of thermo-rheological age – C1 JELLY – SANDWICH RHEOLOGY



Thermal age of 300MA, Tm =450°C, Δx = 330 km, *t* = 5,5 Ma, 2x3 cm/yr *wait* ...





Moho temperature = Thermotectonic Age = thermo-rheological profile

Toussaint et al., 2004

Zagros-type collision: oceanic-to contient phase, 3 cm/y







Zagros-type collision: continental phase, 3 cm/y



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Strong lithosphere (Te > 60 km), « India-Asia » collision



India-Asia collision, thermo-dynamically consistent density, 6 cm/y



India-Asia collision, thermo-dynamically consistent density, 6 cm/y



Time = 6.74762 Myr





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3. Importance of coupling with surface processes



EROSION – TECTONICS FEEDBACK SEMI-ANALYTICAL PURE SHEAR MODEL



Avouac and Burov, 1996

INSUFFICIENT EROSION



EROSION-TECTONIC BALANCE



distance [km]

3 MAJOR MODES OF OROGENIC EVOLUTION (PURE SHEAR)



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Avouac and Burov, 1996

Final stages of subduction-collision, as function of convergence and erosion rate



Dependence on efficiency of surface erosion rate (k)









Maximal erosion rate and subduction length as function of k, convergence rate 60 mm/yr



Topography evolution



Amount of subduction, S, versus surface erosion coefficient, k.



4. End-member case: Fast convergence (India-Eurasia Collision)

A simulation compatible with Indian–Asian collision

Geotherm 450 Ma (T_{Moho} = 400°C) High initial convergence rate (6cm/y)

About 700km of subduction



Plastic strain

Temperature





Phase 1 (dx= 0-220km): deformation at suture





Lower crustal prism

Transitory regime...





Phase 2: Majour thrust fault activity




Phase 3: accretion of a large crustal prism



Successions of frontal thrusts towards South







5. End-member case: Slow convergence (Alpes)

Slow Alpine Collision: Oceanic phase

PhD thesis of Ph. Yamato; Yamato et al., 2007





















































The Results:

Evolution of an accretion prism





The Results

➡ Observed versus predicted P-T-t paths



Exhumation rates of sediments in the accretion prism





Serpentinite layer (light, weak) below the oceanic crust: : important impact on oceanic subduction



Slow Alpine Collision II: continental phase

PhD thesis of Ph. Yamato; Yamato et al., 2007, 2008, Burov and Yamato, 2008

Alpine lithosphereasthenosphere system

(Courtesy of E. Kissling)









Lippitsch et al. 2003, JGR

SLOW collision, WEAK (Te<30 km) lithosphere





σ1-σ3 (GPa) σ1-σ3 (GPa) σ1-σ3 (GPa) 00 0.5 1.0 1.5 2.0 0.5 1.0 1.5 2.0 0.5 1.0 1.5 2.0 Fragile Fragile Croûte Croûte Croûte Fragile supérieure supérieure supérieure Ductile Fragile Profondeur (km) Croûte Croûte Profondeur (km) Croûte (km) (km) Ductile Ductile Ducti inférieure inférieure inférieure Profondeur Fragile Fragile Fragile 60 60 60 Manteau Manteau Manteau Ductile Ductile Ductile lithosphérique lithosphérique lithosphérique 90 90 90 Croûte QD = Quartz - Diabase Croûte QQ = Quartz - Quartz Croûte DD = Diabase - Diabase

Influence of the crustal rheology









PhD Thesis Yamato, 2007

Influence of convergence rate





Reference case: evolution details








Reference case: predicted P-T-t paths





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Alpes: Oceanic versus Continental subduction





6. Collision, Roll-Back and Exhumation (Aegean Sea)

Aegean Sea accretion history



- Major events:
- Subduction, consumption of oceanic domains and accretion of several continental terranes
- Several episodes of continental extension due to the African slab retreat



Van Hinsbergen et al., 2005

History of the terranes accretion





1 nappe terrain





nappe as a part of the accretionary wedge





progressive incorporation of the nappe







Roll-back extension 1 nappe terrain







Time = 9.63822 Myr

Processes of subduction-accretion-exhumation



2 nappe terrains

2 nappes



flat and deep shear zone shear zone divided in two branches

continental subduction



progressive incorporation of the first nappe



Tirel et al., 2010,2011

3Myr

2 nappes



progressive incorporation of the second nappe



second continental subduction



accretion of marine sediments and oceanic crust



2 nappe terrains A roll-back extension











2 nappe terrains B roll-back extension



2 nappe terrains C roll-back extension









Time = 1.54747 Myr



Exhumation of UHP-HP rocks, followed by an increase of temperature in the first block





(SOME) CONCLUSIONS

• Rheologically strong mantle and subduction rate > 1.5 cm/y is a primary condition for continental subduction.

•The HP-UHP exhumation mechanisms are different for different convergence styles and rates, as well as during different phases of collision. P-T-t data here represent a important constraint on the dynamics of collision zones.

• Slow convergence rates (e.g., Alpine) favour UHT/UHP exhumation through a multi-level exhumation mechanism with QD crust rheology

• Fast convergence rates (e.g., Himalaya) favour polyphase evolution with several episodes of crustal prism evolution and exhumation.

 In real life, slow-down of the convergence rate during collision should play a primary role for exhumation and futher evolution of collision

 Surface but also subsurface evolution strongly depends on dynamic interplays between subsurface and surface processes

• Tectonic heritage can have a major impact on subduction and exhumation

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