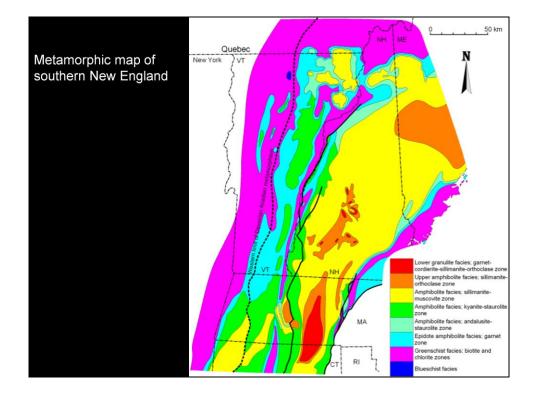


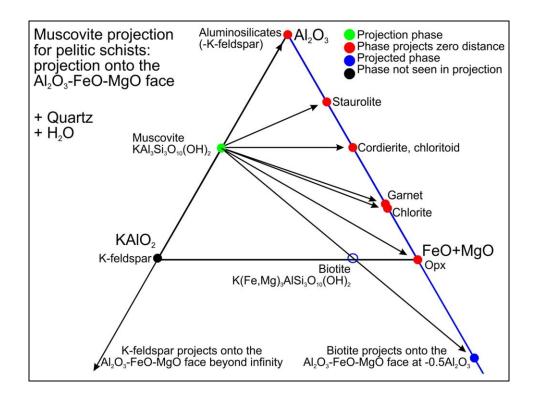
All of the samples collected here are from the white rocks in the Connecticut Valley-Gaspé synclinorium, Bronson Hill anticlinorium, and Merrimack-Central Maine synclinorium.



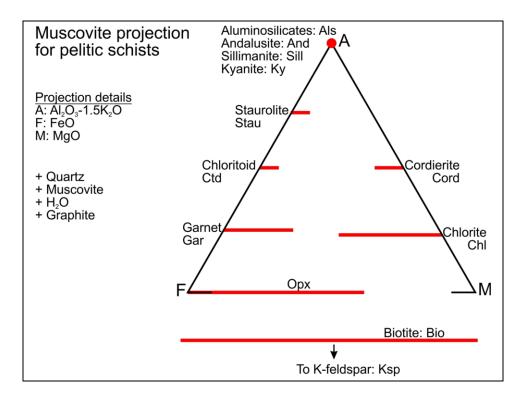
The samples were all metamorphosed in the Acadian (Devonian), though some in the south experienced high-grade metamorphism continuing into the Pennsylvanian. Pressures of metamorphism ranged from about 4 to 6 kbars.

		Basalt	Shale	
	SiO ₂	50.41	65.40	Shale more Shale less
	TiO ₂	1.22	0.84	
	Al ₂ O ₃	15.93	16.50	
	FeO	8.83	6.63	
	MnO	0.16	0.12	
	MgO	8.55	2.72	
	CaO	11.82	2.44	
	Na ₂ O	2.56	1.41	
	K ₂ O	0.16	3.50	
	P_2O_5	0.14	0.18	Basalt data from Kelemen et al. (2004) and Oppenheimer (2004), shale data from Li (1991).
	S	0.21	0.26	
	Total	100.00	100.00	

Basaltic and pelitic (shale) rocks differ in composition principally with the shales being richer in silica, potassium, and (slightly) aluminum, and poorer in Mg, Ca, and Na. Having less Ca and slightly more Al makes non-calcareous shales strongly peraluminous, with considerably more Al than is needed to make feldspars. This leaves a lot of Al left over to make aluminous minerals like muscovite, garnet, staurolite, cordierite, and Al-silicates.



AFM projected face



Projection from muscovite

