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# **Fluid evolution and origin of the Tamazert fluorite deposits, Moroccan High Atlas**

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## **Abstract**

This study focuses on the origin of fluorite ore deposits that are associated with the Eocene alkaline igneous suite of the Tamazert complex in the Moroccan High Atlas. Based on field observations and mineralogy, two major ore styles were identified: 1) a disseminated purple fluorite in aegirine-rich nepheline syenites (stage 1) and 2) a banded purple-white fluorite ore in karstic cavities and veins hosted in the Jurassic carbonate (stage 2). Both fluorite mineralization stages are commonly accompanied by

calcite. The distribution of fluorite deposits at the peripheries of syenite and the surrounding Jurassic carbonates suggests the development of long-lived hydrologic systems around the shallow intrusion. Based on fluid inclusion, Rare Earth Elements and Yttrium (REY), and C-O isotopic constraints, this study reveals that different fluid systems were responsible for the deposition of fluorite ores in and around the Tamazert alkaline igneous complex. The disseminated interstitial fluorite precipitated from a F-rich magmatic-hydrothermal fluid, which exsolved from the highly evolved alkaline-silicate melt and was subsequently altered by Na-Ca metasomatic brines. Vein-type fluorite deposits hosted in the Jurassic carbonates precipitated from low salinity (1.6-8.5 wt.% NaCl equiv.) and heated ( $T_h = 118-157^\circ\text{C}$ ) meteoric fluids, which migrated in response to the heat flow around the shallow intrusion. Fluid cooling, fluid interaction with Jurassic carbonates, and pressure fluctuations were the most important fluorite deposition mechanisms. The evolved melt provided F and REY for the interstitial fluorites, whereas meteoric fluids leached F<sup>-</sup> from syenites and other F-bearing igneous rocks. Based on the fractionation pattern, the REY inventory of the vein fluorites was acquired by interaction of meteoric fluids with Jurassic carbonates.

Keywords: fluorite, ore deposits, Moroccan High Atlas, Tamazert complex, fluid inclusions, REY, C-O isotopes

## 1- Introduction

Many economic fluorite deposits are either associated with alkaline-peralkaline igneous rocks (Alvin et al., 2004; Öztürk et al., 2019; Salvi et al., 1990; Sami et al., 2017; Simonetti and Bell, 1995) or share attributes akin to Mississippi-Valley-Type (MVT) ore deposits (Bouabdellah et al., 2016; González-Partida et al., 2003; Munoz et al., 2005; Nadoll et al., 2019). The origin of fluorite deposits spatially associated with igneous cupolas remains controversial as their formation time span may not necessarily correspond to the timing of the magmatic event. Consequently, ore deposits around intrusions may be associated with different fluid systems, which can be directly or indirectly linked to magmatism, or which post-date the magmatic activity (e.g., Lüders et al., 2009; Sizaret et al., 2004; Wang et al., 2020).

Nevertheless, magmatic-hydrothermal fluids are commonly responsible for the precipitation of fluorite and rare metal-bearing minerals in intrusion-related settings (e.g., [Buhn et al., 2002](#); [Deng et al., 2015](#); [Öztürk et al., 2019](#); [Sami et al., 2022](#); [Wang et al., 2020](#); [Williams-Jones et al., 2000](#)). Numerous fluid inclusion studies revealed that basinal brines were responsible for the precipitation of the MVT fluorite mineralization, e.g., in the French Massif Central and the North German Basin (e.g., [Munoz et al., 1999](#); [Munoz et al., 2005](#); [Nadoll et al., 2019](#); [Sośnicka and Lüders, 2019](#)), whereas modified meteoric fluids played an essential role in the genesis of rift-related fluorite deposits, e.g., in the Hansonburg district and other Rio Grande rift deposits ([Hill et al., 2000](#); [Partey et al., 2009](#); [Rowan et al., 1996](#); [Zappettini et al., 2017](#)). Some studies suggest that fluorite mineralization, spatially and temporally linked to alkaline igneous plutons, requires the interaction of at least two fluid systems. For example, according to [Simonetti and Bell \(1995\)](#), the mixing of carbonatite-derived fluid with groundwaters contributed to the deposition of the giant Amba Dongar complex in India. An interplay of two fluid systems, i.e., orthomagmatic fluids and externally derived formation waters, has also been inferred as a precipitation mechanism for fluorite in breccia-hosted fluorite-bastnaesite deposits linked to syenite intrusions in the Gallinas Mountains, New Mexico ([Williams-Jones et al., 2000](#)). In Tunisia, the MVT-type ore deposits in the Zaghouan province, major producers of fluorite ore, are formed from the basinal fluids in relation to the Alpine orogeny ([Bouhleb et al., 1988](#); [Jemmali et al., 2019](#); [Souissi et al., 1997](#)). In Morocco, economic fluorite deposits (e.g., El Hammam, Aouli) are spatially associated with magmatic intrusions, which were emplaced during the Central Atlantic Magmatic event. The basinal brines, rather than magma-derived fluids, were proposed as the primary fluids responsible for fluorite precipitation of these ore deposits (El Hammam and Aouli deposits) based on fluid inclusion and REY data ([Bouabdellah et al., 2010](#); [Margoum et al., 2015](#)). Therefore, fluorite deposits are characterized by different sets of fluid characteristics depending on the ore style, geologic setting, and ore-forming processes.

The abundance of fluorite-bearing ore veins hosted in the Tamazert alkaline igneous complex, as well as the adjacent Jurassic carbonates in the Moroccan Central High Atlas, raises the question of whether

the F-rich fluids were primarily derived from the evolving alkaline magma or were supplied from external sources and acquired fluorine due to a long-lasting migration and leaching of the igneous Tamazert complex. The evolution of fluid systems around the Tamazert igneous body is poorly understood and it is not clear which fluid types were responsible for the ore formation. Previous studies have shown that syenites and pegmatites of the Tamazert complex are enriched in fluorine and suggested that F-rich and Ca-poor orthomagmatic brine likely exsolved from alkaline magma at high temperatures (<500°C) and mixed with Ca-rich meteoric fluids at shallow depths (Bouabdellah et al., 2010; Salvi et al., 2000). Based on preliminary petrographic information, Achmani (2017) suggested that fluorite veins precipitated by the interaction of the F-rich fluid with Jurassic carbonates at the Bou Izourane fluorite deposit, located near the Tamazert complex. However, there is a lack of convincing scientific support for this hypothesis. Hence, this contribution aims to constrain the types and sources of the ore-forming fluids and the mechanism(s) of fluorite precipitation.

## **2. Geological setting**

The Moroccan Atlas segment consists of the NE-SW-trending Middle Atlas and the ENE- WSW-trending High Atlas (Fig. 1). The High Atlas is marked by large-scale folds dominated by ENE-WSW-trending ridges, separated by wide synclines (Fig. 1). It consists of Mesozoic to Cenozoic sedimentary rocks covering the Paleozoic basement, which was deformed and metamorphosed during the Hercynian orogeny (Piqué and Michard, 1989; Yaagoub et al., 2022 and references therein). The Paleozoic succession, mainly composed of siliciclastic rocks, crops out in the Mouguer, Bou Dahar, and Tamlet inliers (Fig. 1). Two major tectonic events occurred in the High Atlas region: Jurassic rifting and Cenozoic tectonic inversion. The first event started with the Triassic rifting during the opening of the Central Atlantic Ocean and the formation of the Tethys Ocean (Ellero et al., 2020; Frizon de Lamotte et al., 2009; Laville, 1988). This rifting reactivated the Hercynian NE-SW-trending faults entrenched in the Paleozoic basement (Karaoui et al., 2022 and references therein; Laville, 1985; Laville et al., 2004). As a result, the Triassic rift basins were formed and were subsequently filled with detrital siliciclastic sediments and thick evaporitic sequences.

During this tectonic event, tholeiitic basaltic flows were emplaced and intercalated within the Triassic red beds (Du Dresnay, 1987; Yaagoub et al., 2022 and references therein). This magmatism represents the first magmatic event, known as the Central Atlantic Magmatic Event. Following the deposition of the Triassic series was the development of the Liassic carbonate platform, which evolved into marls alternating with limestones (Du Dresnay, 1979; El Ouali et al., 2021 and references therein). This change in sedimentation marked the Middle Liassic-Middle Jurassic rifting (Ellouz et al., 2003; Sadki and Sha, 2018 and references therein; Warme, 1988). The second magmatic event occurred during the Middle Jurassic-Early Cretaceous time in response to the crustal extensional tectonic activity (Essaifi and Zayane, 2018 and references therein; Frizon de Lamotte et al., 2009; Zayane et al., 2002). This magmatic event is represented by the emplacement of basaltic, alkaline lavas and mafic, gabbroic igneous rocks that intruded the ENE-WSW-trending ridges (Essaifi and Zayane, 2018 and references therein; Jenny et al., 1981; Laville and Harmand, 1982; Laville et al., 2004; Laville, 1985; Lhachmi et al., 2001; Zayane et al., 2002). At the end of the Middle Jurassic (late Bajocian-Bathonian), a regional uplift occurred (Saddiqi et al., 2009), and a marine regression led to the deposition of continental red beds (Charrière and Haddoumi, 2016; Jenny et al., 1981).

The collision between the African and European plates led to tectonic inversion (Alpine orogeny) (Ellero et al., 2020; Frizon de Lamotte et al., 2009; Tapponier, 1977). Two major compressional tectonic events with intermittent quiescent periods were recognized (Frizon de Lamotte et al., 2009). The first Atlasic tectonic event occurred during the Middle-Late Eocene, followed by a calm period during the Oligocene-Miocene (Frizon de Lamotte et al., 2009). The second shortening Atlasic event, responsible for the uplift and the formation of the High Atlas, occurred during the Late Miocene (Frizon de Lamotte et al., 2009). During the Alpine orogeny, a third magmatic event took place in the Eocene (Bouabdellah et al., 2010; Tisserant et al., 1976). During this magmatic event, the Eocene alkaline magmatic rocks crystallized from magma derived from the laterally flowing mantle plume of the Canary Islands, which was generated due to the delamination of the subcontinental lithosphere in response to the African-European collision (Bouabdellah et al., 2010; Duggen et al., 2009). The asthenosphere uplift (thermal anomaly) is inferred

under the Central High Atlas during the middle to late Miocene. This thermal doming anomaly is related to the lithospheric thinning and a shallow mantle plume emplaced during a period of relatively tectonic quiescence (Missenard et al., 2006; Teixell et al., 2005). This magmatic event formed the igneous rock complex of Tamazert, located north of the Central High Atlas (Fig. 1). Kchit (1990) suggested a syntectonic emplacement of the Tamazert intrusion along crustal fractures created by the same NE-SW sinistral shearing in relation to the convergence between the African and European plates. To account for the diverse igneous rocks of the Tamazert complex (Figs. 2-3), Bouabdli et al. (1988) and Kchit (1990) proposed fractional crystallization of a common parental magma of nephelinitic or monchiquitic composition. Recent works have suggested successive melting of the compositionally heterogeneous mantle, fractional crystallization of magmas (Marks et al., 2008; 2009), magma contamination by assimilation of Jurassic limestones (Bouabdellah et al., 2010; Marks et al., 2009), as well as late-stage fluid-rock interactions (Marks et al., 2009) to explain this diversity.

The Moroccan High Atlas range hosts numerous ore deposits and prospects (Ovtracht, 1978), which are mainly located near the Paleozoic paleohighs (e.g., Mougueur, Bou Dahar, Fig. 1), near the Jurassic magmatic intrusions and diapirs (e.g., Tirrhist, Ali Ou Daoud, Tazoult, Fig. 1), and close to the borders of sedimentary basins (e.g., Tigrinine-Taabast) (Fig. 1) (Rddad, 2021; Rddad and Mougouina, 2021). The Central High Atlas hosts Pb-Zn (Fe, Cu) deposits in the vicinity of the Jurassic igneous intrusions (e.g., Ali Ou Daoud Pb-Zn-Fe ore deposit, Mougouina, 2004; Rddad et al., 2018) or intimately associated with these igneous rocks (e.g., Tirrhist, Mougouina, 2004). These deposits were formed during the Jurassic to Early Cretaceous time in direct or indirect relation to Jurassic magmatism (Mougouina, 2004; Rddad et al., 2018). Other major Pb-Zn ( $\pm$  Ba, Sr) ore deposits hosted in Jurassic carbonates include the Bou Dahar (Adil et al., 2004; Rddad and Bouhlel, 2016) and Tigrinine Taabest (Rddad, 2021). These Mississippi-Valley-Type ore deposits were formed during the Eocene-Miocene times and are related to the Alpine orogeny (Bouabdellah and Sangster, 2016; Rddad, 2021; Rddad and Bouhlel, 2016). Ore deposits centered around the Tamazert

complex are set apart from other deposit types in the region due to their proximity to the Eocene alkaline igneous massif and their commodity, i.e., fluorite.

### **3. Local Geology**

The study area is located in the northern part of the Central High Atlas, about 30 km NW of Rich City (Fig. 1). In the studied area of about 48 km<sup>2</sup>, Jurassic carbonates and marls crop out at the surface, and they discordantly overlie the Paleozoic basement (Figs. 2-3). The latter is primarily composed of schists and amphibolites, siliciclastics in the area (Emberger, 1965; Ouanaimi et al., 2018). The Jurassic sequence begins with the Hettangian-Sinemurian unit (200-500 m thickness), consisting of massive dolomitic limestone (Fig. 4), which is followed by the Pliensbachian unit (~ 450 m), composed of alternating decimeter-sized beds of limestone and marl (Fig. 4) (Achmani, 2017; this study). The third Toarcian-Aalenian unit (~300 m) consists of limestone layers alternated with marl beds (Fig. 4). These Triassic-Jurassic series were intruded by alkaline igneous rocks, which include syenites, pegmatites, carbonatites, and lamprophyres (Figs. 2 and 3) (Bouabdellah et al., 2010; Marks et al., 2009).

The alkaline igneous rocks are part of the NE-SW-trending elliptical Tamazert alkaline complex, 17 km long and more than 5 km wide (Bouabdellah et al., 2010; Bouabdli et al., 1988). The nepheline syenites of the Tamazert complex crop out in the western part of the investigated area (Figs. 2-5), whereas the eastern part is dominated by older Liassic carbonate-bearing sedimentary sequences (Figs. 2-5). The nepheline syenites contain alkali feldspar, aegirine, and nepheline feldspathoid with subordinate plagioclase, amphibole, and disseminated fluorite. Syenite consists of aegirine, alkali feldspar, plagioclase, alkali feldspar, calcite, quartz, and disseminated fluorite (Fig. 6a-b). Pegmatite occurs as irregular, metric-sized bodies or pockets at the periphery of syenite/nepheline syenite and represents the late stage of magma evolution.



West of Tabeja (point 5 in Fig. 3), the contact between the syenite intrusion and the Jurassic carbonates is marked by a poorly developed skarn, which consists of fibro-radial wollastonite, abundant small crystals of calcite and clinopyroxene (Fig. 6c-d). At the Bou Imtessene, the skarn consists of pyroxene, fluorapatite, garnet, titanite, mica, alkali feldspars, plagioclase, disseminated fluorite, and abundant calcite (Figs. 6e-f and 7a-b). Lamprophyre rocks are abundant in the studied area and form a network of N-S- to NNE-SSW-trending dikes that crosscut syenites (Fig. 7d) and Jurassic rocks (Figs. 2 and 3). These lamprophyre dikes are 0.5-6 m wide (Fig. 7d) and extend over 2 km (Fig. 2). They have a fine-grained texture consisting mainly of alkali feldspar, clinopyroxene (aegirine), rare orthopyroxene, zircon, and disseminated fluorite (Bouabdli et al., 1988). Carbonatite rocks crop out about 6 km NW of the Bou Imtessene deposit and are predominant further to the north, where they occur as NE-SW-trending igneous rock units (Fig. 2) and cut through the syenite, the lamprophyre, and the Jurassic limestone (Bouabdellah et al., 2010; Marks et al., 2009). Based on structural relationships, Al-Haderi et al. (1998) and Kchit (1990) suggested that nepheline syenites and monzonites formed simultaneously, followed by the emplacement of various intrusive and extrusive dikes of lamprophyre and carbonatites, among other igneous rocks. The nepheline dikes and carbonatites that post-date syenite have radiogenic ages of  $35\pm 3$  Ma (Klein and Harmand, 1985) and  $39\pm 4$  Ma (Agard, 1977), respectively. Moreover, Tisserant et al. (1976) determined an Rb/Sr age of  $44\pm 4$  Ma for monzonites.

Field observations in the study area reveal three important systems of faults and fractures (Achmani, 2017; this study) (Figs. 3-5). The N-S-trending fault system is predominant in the area and consists of reverse faults with a sinistral strike-slip component, dipping at 70 to 90° towards the east. This fault system shared a similar orientation as the lamprophyre dikes. The ENE-WSW-trending fault system consists of subvertical faults that are frequent in the NW and SE of the studied area. Besides these major fault systems, less representative fault sets oriented NE-SW are also identified in the area. The ENE-WSW- and NE-SW-trending fault sets host fluorite ore (Figs. 3 and 5). The N-S faults that controlled the emplacement of lamprophyre dikes often offset the NE-SW-trending fluorite-bearing faults/fractures (Achmani, 2017; this study). These aforementioned faults were formed and/or reactivated during the Eocene-Oligocene

transpressive-transtensional tectonic regime shift when the Tamazert igneous rocks were emplaced (Bouabdellah et al., 2010). Following this tectonic regime shift, the Alpine tectonic phases caused the uplift of the present-day Tamazert complex and the simultaneous formation of the narrow anticlines separated by large synclines.

#### **4. Ore geology**

The Jurassic carbonate and Eocene igneous rocks of the Tamazert complex host several fluorite deposits: Bou Imtessene, Tabeja, Bou Izourane, and Bou Kharouba (Figs. 2-3). These ore deposits were discovered by the “La Society Global Des Mines” company in 2004. The Jurassic carbonate-hosted ore deposits are the economically profitable with an estimated annual production of fluorite of 11,000 tonnes and an estimated reserve of 150,000 tonnes at grades of 50% CaF<sub>2</sub>. Bou Imtessene fluorite deposit, formed at the peripheries of the syenite intrusion (Fig. 3, Fig. 7a-c), is currently of no economic interest. The Bou Imtessene, Tabeja, and Bou Izourane fluorite deposits are the focus of this study (Figs. 3-5).

In Bou Imtessene deposit, fluorite is disseminated within syenite and corresponds to the earliest recognized fluorite generation (F-1) (Figs. 7b and 6e-f). Vein-hosted fluorite (F-1a) and calcite (Ca-1a) crosscutting the syenite (Fig. 7c) belong to a relatively later substage of the syenite-related fluorite mineralization. The currently exploited structurally-controlled fluorite veins, which are hosted in the Jurassic carbonates (Fig. 8a-c), are considered the second generation of fluorite (F-2). The latter generation (F-2) is also found in brecciated zones and karstic cavities (Fig. 9a-b) of variable dimensions (Achmani, 2017; this study). The ore-bearing faults display similar NE-SW orientation (Fig. 8b) as those of the Tamazert igneous complex rock units.

#### **5. Sampling and methodology**

A suite of representative samples of two generations of fluorite mineralization (F-1 and F-2) was collected from the syenite and the Jurassic carbonates. The codes used for the samples' references are IM (Bou

Imtessene), TJ (Tabeja), and BZ (Bou Izourane). The fluorite and calcite samples were collected from the syenite of the Bou Imtessene deposit (IM samples) (Fig. 3, Table 1). The sampling of carbonate-hosted fluorite mineralization and calcite from fractures and karsts in the carbonate sequence has been performed at or near the ore deposits of Tabeja (TJ samples) and Bou Izourane (BZ samples) (Fig. 3, Table 1). The syenite, carbonatite, lamprophyre, pegmatite, Jurassic marls, limestone, and skarn rocks were collected at different sites near the studied ore deposits (Fig. 3, Table 1).

### 5.1. Rare earth elements and Yttrium (REY) geochemistry

REY and other trace elements were analyzed with quadrupole ICP-MS at the Geochemistry Lab at Jacobs University Bremen, Germany. All reagents used for sample decomposition were of pure grade, and the purity of all reagents was verified by blank measurements. The powdered country rocks and mineral separates (fluorite and calcite) were dried at 110°C for 24 h and then weighed into acid-cleaned PTFE digestion vessels of a Picotrace DAS acid digestion system (Picotrace GmbH, Bovenden, Germany). The digestion was conducted in closed vessels with 3 ml of concentrated HF and 3 ml of concentrated HClO<sub>4</sub> at elevated temperatures and pressures. After digestion and subsequent evaporation of the acid mixture to incipient dryness, the samples were taken up in 0.5 M HNO<sub>3</sub> and, following further dilution, analyzed with a Perkin-Elmer NexION 350x ICP-MS. 1 ppb of Ru, Rh, Re, and Bi was used for internal standardization. The certified reference materials J-Do1 (dolomite, Geological Survey of Japan) and BHVO-2 (basalt, USGS) were used for quality control of the analysis. Deviations from published literature values (Dulski, 2001) were <<5 % for all reported analytes except for Pr, which we measured as 7.2% lower.

### 5.2. C-O isotope analyses

The C-O isotope analysis was carried out at the Stable Isotope Mass Spectrometer facility at the Memorial University of Newfoundland, St. John's, Canada. Mineral separates for C and O isotope analyses were prepared under a binocular microscope by handpicking or using a micro-drill. The analysis of carbon and oxygen stable isotopes was performed on samples of the Jurassic limestone host rock (n = 2), altered limestone (n = 4), carbonatite (n = 3), skarn rocks of the contact zone (n = 5), and calcite (n =

9). One mg of powder sample was placed in a vial and heated to 50°C in an inert atmosphere for 5 minutes. Samples were, then, manually injected with 0.05 ml of 100% phosphoric acid using a syringe and needle. The carbon isotopic compositions were reported in delta notation ( $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ ) relative to V-PDB, and the oxygen isotopic compositions were reported in delta notation ( $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ ) relative to V-PDB and V-SMOW. The precision of carbonate analyses is better than  $\pm 0.1\%$  for both  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$  and  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ . The precision was determined by repeated measurements ( $n = 4$ ) of NBS-19 ( $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{VPDB}} = -2.20\%$ ,  $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{VPDB}} = +1.95\%$ ), CBM ( $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{VPDB}} = +22.06\%$ ,  $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{VPDB}} = +0.75\%$ ), and MUN-CO-1 ( $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{VPDB}} = +17.10\%$ ,  $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{VPDB}} = -21.02\%$ ).

### 5.3. Microthermometry and Raman spectroscopy

Microthermometric and Raman spectroscopic analyses were carried out at the GFZ German Research Centre for Geosciences in Potsdam, Germany. A fluid inclusion study was carried out on nine samples of fluorite and one sample of calcite. Doubly polished,  $\sim 190\ \mu\text{m}$  thick wafers were examined for fluid inclusions hosted in fluorite and calcite samples. Microthermometric measurements were performed using a FLUID INC. adapted to a USGS heating/freezing system mounted on a BX50 Olympus microscope. The USGS stage was calibrated with synthetic fluid inclusion standards supplied by Synflinc. The accuracy is  $\pm 0.1^\circ\text{C}$  for  $T_{\text{m(ice)}}$  and  $\pm 1.7^\circ\text{C}$  for  $T_{\text{h}}$  above  $350^\circ\text{C}$ . The salinities of aqueous fluid inclusions are expressed in wt. % NaCl equiv. and were calculated using the Microsoft Excel spreadsheet HOKIEFLINCS-H<sub>2</sub>O-NaCl (Bodnar, 2003; Steele-MacInnis et al., 2012; Sterner et al., 1988). Raman spectroscopic analyses were performed using a LabRAM HR Evolution (Horiba Scientific) Raman spectrometer equipped with the Nd:YAG green laser source with excitation radiation of 532 nm. The silicon standard ( $520\ \text{cm}^{-1}$ ) was used for internal calibration. Raman spectra of the solid phases were acquired in the spectral range between 200 and  $1300\ \text{cm}^{-1}$ , and a 2x20s acquisition time was used. Spectral data from this study were compared with reference data from the RRUFF database (Lafuente et al., 2015).

## 6. Results

### 6.1. Paragenetic sequence

The earliest recognized mineralization stage is represented by disseminated fluorite (F-1), which occupies the interstices in the altered syenite (Fig. 6e-f, samples IM3, IM11). Fluorite (F-1) is associated with calcite (Ca-1) and is hosted in the endoskarn (Fig. 6e-f). Later vein fluorite (F-1a) occurs in the NW- and NE-trending fractures, often forming irregular veins that crosscut syenite and the skarn rocks (Fig. 7b-c). The primary paragenetic sequence for fluorite-bearing deposits at the peripheries of the igneous Tamazert complex (altered syenite, skarn), excluding rock-forming and alteration minerals, can be summarized as follows: disseminated purple and white fluorite (F-1), disseminated calcite (Ca-1), and fluorite-calcite (F-1a, Ca-1a) veins.

In Bou Izourane and Tabeja deposits, the ore consists mainly of fluorite (F-2) associated with subordinate calcite (Ca-2). Fluorite (F-2) ore precipitated primarily in open-space fillings (Figs. 5, 8, and 9, Table 1) and is hosted in the Hettangian-Sinemurian carbonates and the Pliensbachian marl-limestone series (Fig. 4). The fluorite-bearing ore zones developed in limestones in the vicinity of the Bou Izourane fault zone (Figs. 5 and 8b-c). Fluorite ores display sharp contact with the host rock (Fig. 8a). Vein fluorite reaching up to 4 m-thickness and 200 m in length is also observed close to the fault zone (Figs. 3 and 5). The ore-bearing veins run parallel to the NE-SW- to NEE-SWW-trending faults (Fig. 8b). The latter faults are linked to satellite N-S to NNE-SSW faults, where fluorite ore was encountered in brecciated zones (Fig. 8c). In these zones, fluorite (F-2) and calcite (Ca-2) cement the Jurassic carbonate-derived breccia clasts (Fig. 8c). The fluorite (F-2) often occurs as euhedral purple coarse crystals intergrown with calcite (Ca-2) (Fig. 8d). Locally, the ore displays a color zonation with mm-thick alternating bands of purple fluorite (F-2) and white fluorite (F-2), referred to as “banded purple-white fluorite”. This banded fluorite is associated with calcite (Ca-2) and iron oxides (Figs. 6g and 8d). The euhedral plain white fluorite (F-2) is also intergrown with Fe oxides and purple fluorite (F-2) (Fig. 8e). The post-ore calcite (Ca-3) occurs as veins crosscutting fluorite (Fig. 6h). The paragenetic sequence at the Bou Izourane deposit is summarized as follows: banded purple-white fluorite (F-2)-white fluorite (F-2)-calcite (Ca-2)-calcite (Ca3).

In the Tabeja deposit, the fluorite ore occurs in veins and vugs, but primarily in karstic cavities (up to 40 m<sup>3</sup>). The latter cavities are frequently filled with purple fluorite and calcite minerals which cemented the Jurassic limestone angular blocks (Table 1, Figs. 5 and 9a-b). The interface between the ore and the host rock is sharp (Fig. 9a), indicating rapid brecciation likely caused by pressure fluctuations. Sometimes, fluorite forms euhedral, zoned purple crystals (Fig. 6i-j). The mineral paragenetic sequence is similar to that of the Bou Izourane deposit: banded purple-white fluorite (F-2)-calcite (Ca-2) (Fig. 9d-f). A few meters away from the orebodies, NE-SW- faults, N-S-trending faults, and N-S- to NNE-SSW-trending lamprophyre dikes are observed in the surroundings of the Tabeja deposit (Figs. 2 and 3).

## 6.2. Fluid and solid inclusions

Fluid and solid inclusions were investigated in samples of interstitial calcite (Ca-1) and fluorite (F-1) (IM13) hosted by altered aegirine-rich rock developed within the syenite at the Bou Imtessene deposit. The fluid inclusion study was also carried out in vein-type banded purple-white fluorite from the Tabeja deposit (TJ1) as well as banded purple-white fluorite (BZ1, BZ6, and BZ9) and white fluorite (BZ2, BZ3, and BZ5) from the Bou Izourane deposit (Figs. 10, 11, and 12). The microthermometric data from 103 fluid inclusions are shown in Fig. 13 and the Supplementary Data file. The identification of primary, pseudo-secondary, and secondary fluid inclusion assemblages (FIA's) followed the classic criteria described in Goldstein (2003), Goldstein and Reynolds (1994), and Roedder (1984).

### 6.2.1. Syenite-hosted Bou Imtessene deposit

The interstitial purple fluorite (F-1) from the Bou Imtessene deposit hosts secondary three-phase aqueous inclusions (L+V+S), which form trails that crosscut crystal boundaries (Fig. 10a). These fluid inclusions show regular shapes (cylindrical, cubic, spherical, prismatic, or negative crystal) and a small size (5-30 μm) (Fig. 10b). Petrographic observations show that they contain additional blurry-appearing solids (red arrows in Fig. 10b), which may be in disequilibrium with the inclusion fluid. The analyses of a solid phase (S) show two strong bands at 1071 cm<sup>-1</sup> and 1090 cm<sup>-1</sup> in the Raman spectrum, which indicate the

presence of shortite -  $\text{Na}_2\text{Ca}_2(\text{CO}_3)_3$  - in the fluid inclusions (Fig. 11). The latter solid did not dissolve upon heating and only partial homogenization temperatures  $T_h(\text{LVS} \rightarrow \text{LS})$  were measured, which ranges between 163 to 213°C (median: 199°C). Pseudo-secondary/secondary fluid inclusions hosted in calcite from the same sample have shown similar  $T_h(\text{LVS} \rightarrow \text{LS})$  values of 194-197°C (median: 197°C). These fluid inclusions are small (8–10  $\mu\text{m}$ ), cubic in shape, and form trails terminating against crystal boundaries. The first melting temperatures ( $T_{\text{fm}}$ ) of aqueous fluid inclusions hosted in both calcite and fluorite range between -50 and -46°C, indicating the presence of divalent cations in the solution (Bodnar, 2003). Fluorite-hosted inclusions show  $T_{\text{m(ice)}}$  values varying between -21 and -16.6°C (median: -18.3°C), corresponding to a salinity range of 19.9 to 23 wt. % NaCl equiv. (median: 21.2 wt.% NaCl equiv.). Calcite-hosted inclusions show relatively less variation in  $T_{\text{m(ice)}}$  values, ranging between -16.8 to -15.9°C (median: -16°C) and correspond to salinities of 19.4 to 20.1 wt. % NaCl equiv. (median: 19.4 wt. % NaCl equiv.). Due to similar  $T_h$  values and close salinity ranges, fluid inclusions in calcite, as well as fluorite, are considered Type 1 fluid inclusions.

The purple interstitial fluorite from IM13, IM14, and IM15 samples contain solid inclusions that caused the radiation-associated damage (Fig. 10c-d). The latter is manifested by halos surrounding the solids, their relics, or a cavity left behind by these solids (Fig. 10c-d). The halos' nuclei, the source of alpha radiation, are likely zircon and/or uraninite. In halo centers, the dark nuclei in places show hexagonal shapes (Fig. 10d), whereas the relict minerals may be spherical and yellowish in color (Fig. 10f) or exhibit elongated forms (Fig. 10c). The observed halos are multi-ring (Fig. 10e) or poorly developed, thus comprising only one outer ring (Fig. 10c-d).

### 6.2.2. Tabeja carbonate-hosted deposit

The banded purple-white fluorite (F-2) from the Tabeja deposit contains Type 2 primary two-phase ( $\text{L} + \text{V} \pm \text{S}$ ) aqueous fluid inclusions of ca. 9-50 $\mu\text{m}$  in size, which display spherical, cylindrical or negative crystal shapes and are arranged parallel to growth and color zonation (Fig. 12a). Some of these inclusions contain an insoluble, tiny, prismatic solid that has not been identified. The inclusions homogenize to the

liquid phase at temperatures ranging between 118 and 157°C (median: 136°C), whereas the  $T_{m(\text{ice})}$  values vary between -5.4 and -2.1°C corresponding to salinities of 3.5-8.4 wt.% NaCl equiv. (median: 5.9 wt.% NaCl equiv.).

### 6.2.3. Bou Izourane carbonate-hosted deposit

#### 6.2.3.1. Banded purple-white fluorite

The banded purple-white fluorites (F-2) (samples BZ1, BZ9) contain Type 2 primary two-phase (L+V) aqueous inclusions (12-40  $\mu\text{m}$ ) showing a wide range of shapes from irregular to regular, i.e., spherical, cylindrical, cubic, and prismatic (Fig. 12b-c). They are decorating growth zones and are oriented perpendicularly to the color zonation (Fig. 12b). Beside primary inclusions, discrete trails of Type 3 aqueous two-phase (L+V) inclusions with lower L:V ratios are observed within the growth zones in samples BZ6 and BZ9 (Fig. 12c-d). The inclusion trails/planes terminate within the individual growth zones; therefore, they are likely pseudo-secondary. The inclusions within these trails/planes are microscopic (5-20  $\mu\text{m}$ ) and show regular shapes (predominantly spherical, cubic, and a negative crystal) (Fig. 12d), and locally they contain an additional optically distinguishable  $\text{CO}_2$  phase (Fig. 12d inset).

Type 2 primary inclusions homogenized to the liquid phase at a temperature range of 124-137°C (median: 134°C), whereas the final melting temperature of ice varies between -4.1 and -0.9°C reflecting salinities of 1.6-6.6 wt.% NaCl equiv. (median: 5.1 wt.% NaCl equiv.). The first melting temperatures were observed in several of these inclusions, and their range between -27 and -42°C suggests that  $\text{K}^+$ , as well as  $\text{Ca}^{2+}/\text{Mg}^{2+}$  may be present in the aqueous solution (Bodnar, 2003). Homogenization temperatures of Type 3 pseudo-secondary inclusions vary depending on the FIA; however, they are consistent within an individual FIA's. In FIA1 the range is 218-261°C, median: 248°C, in FIA2: 303-317°C, median: 314°C, and in FIA3: 302-339°C, median: 335°C. The  $T_{m(\text{ice})}$  values of these inclusions range overall between -1.8 and -0.3°C (median: -0.95°C) and correspond to salinities of 1.9-3.1 (FIA1), 0.5-1.4 (FIA2), and 0.7-0.8 (FIA3) wt.% NaCl equiv. (overall median: 1.7 wt.% NaCl equiv.).

#### 6.2.3.2. White fluorite



The white fluorite (F-2) (samples BZ3, BZ5) hosts Type 2 primary two-phase (L+V) aqueous inclusions, which decorate growth zones. They are predominantly of elongated regular or irregular shapes and variable sizes (5-65  $\mu\text{m}$ ). Their  $T_{\text{h}}(\text{LV}\rightarrow\text{L})$  values of 130-155°C (median: 143°C) as well as  $T_{\text{m}}(\text{ice})$  values (-5.5 to -2°C) are similar to values typical of Type 2 inclusions hosted in banded purple-white fluorites from Tabeja and Bou Izourane deposits. The salinities of Type 2 inclusions from white fluorites range between 3.4 and 8.5 wt.% NaCl equiv. (median: 6.0 wt.% NaCl equiv.). Besides non-boiling FIA's, the white fluorite (sample BZ2) also contains boiling (Fig. 12e) and flashing assemblages (Fig. 12f). The boiling FIA's consist of one-phase vapor (V) inclusions co-existing with two-phase (L+V) aqueous inclusions. The latter occur within darkened growth zones, and they are of very small sizes (1-3  $\mu\text{m}$ ); therefore, they could not be measured (Fig. 12e inset). The flashing FIA's also occur within growth zones, and they contain dark one-phase vapor (V) inclusions (Fig. 12f). The stretching, necking down, partial leakage textures or inconsistent liquid-to-vapor ratios were not observed in the vicinity of the boiling/flashing assemblages, which indicates these FIA's have not been affected by volumetric re-equilibration (Bodnar et al., 2003).

### 6.3. Carbon and oxygen isotopes

The C and O isotopic compositions of Jurassic carbonate, hydrothermally altered carbonate, skarn, carbonatite, and calcite samples are listed in Table 2 and Figure 14. The host Liassic limestones show  $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{SMOW}}$  values of 23.3-25.7‰ and  $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{PDB}}$  values of 0.8-2.3‰. These isotopic values fall within the range typical of marine Jurassic limestone (Hoefs, 2018; Land, 1980; Veizer and Hoefs 1976). The altered limestone samples display negative  $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{VPDB}}$  values (-3.7 to -2.5‰) and relatively lower  $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{SMOW}}$  values (20.6-21.8‰) than those of the unaltered limestones (Fig. 14). C and O isotopic signatures of skarns ( $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{VPDB}} = 0.4$  to 1.7‰,  $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{SMOW}} = 25.3$  to 26.0‰) resemble isotopic compositions of the unaltered Jurassic carbonates (Fig. 14). The C-O isotope data of carbonatites fall within or close to those reported for Tamazert carbonatites (Bouabdellah et al., 2010), Cape Verde and Canary Islands carbonatites (Hoernle et al., 2002; Hoernle and Tilton, 1991), and other carbonatites (Keller and Hoefs, 1995; Srivastava et al., 2022

and references therein) (Fig. 14). The  $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{VPDB}}$  and the  $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{SMOW}}$  values for syenite-hosted calcite (Ca-1) of the Bou Imtessene deposit range from -3.8 to -3.2‰, and from 9.9 to 10.2‰, respectively (Table 2, Fig. 14). The  $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{VPDB}}$  and  $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{SMOW}}$  values of Jurassic carbonate-hosted vein calcites (Ca-2) of the Bou Izourane and Tabeja deposits vary from -1.5 to 1.7‰, and from 10.4 to 15.2‰, respectively (Table 2, Fig. 14).

#### 6.4. REY systematics

REY data of fluorite and calcite samples from the syenite-hosted ore deposit (Bou Imtessene) and the carbonate-hosted ore deposits (Tabaja and Bou Izourane), as well as the country rocks, are reported in Table 3. The chondrite-normalized REY patterns ( $\text{REY}_{\text{CN}}$ ) of these mineral and rock samples are shown in Figure 15. The REY are normalized to C1 chondrite (Barrat et al., 2012) (Fig. 14). The averaged total REY concentrations in fluorite ( $\sum\text{REY} = 1552 \text{ ppm}$ ) and calcite ( $\sum\text{REY} = 119 \text{ ppm}$ ) of the syenite-hosted ore deposit (Bou Imtessene) are higher than those from the carbonate-hosted deposits of Tabeja (fluorite:  $\sum\text{REY} = 9.60 \text{ ppm}$ , calcite:  $\sum\text{REY} = 26.09 \text{ ppm}$ ) and Bou Izourane (fluorite  $\sum\text{REY} = 17.38 \text{ ppm}$ , calcite:  $\sum\text{REY} = 18.53 \text{ ppm}$ ). Overall, the analyzed country rocks that crop out in the mining area display relatively low average total REY concentrations in the range of 3.13 ppm (limestone) to 590 ppm (carbonatite) (Table 4). In the syenite-hosted ore deposit, fluorite, calcite, and the igneous rocks (syenite, lamprophyre, and carbonatite) display strikingly similar chondrite-normalized patterns with a certain light rare earth elements (LREY) enrichment in chondrite-normalized patterns (Fig. 15). In the carbonate-related deposits, fluorite, calcite, limestone, and the hydrothermally altered marl samples show similar chondrite-normalized patterns with generally more flat patterns and a relatively less  $\text{LREY}_{\text{CN}}$  enrichment. The Jurassic limestone shows negative  $\text{Ce}_{\text{CN}}$  anomalies and positive  $\text{La}_{\text{CN}}$ ,  $\text{Gd}_{\text{CN}}$ , and  $\text{Y}_{\text{CN}}$  anomalies (Fig. 15), whereas the marl has two orders of magnitude higher concentrations of REY with a small negative  $\text{Ce}_{\text{CN}}$  anomaly and a positive  $\text{Y}_{\text{CN}}$  anomaly. The yttrium anomaly is positive for all studied fluorite and calcite samples ( $\text{Y}/\text{Y}^* \gg 1$ ) (Table 3).

## 7. Discussion

### 7.1. Evolution of the ore-forming fluids

The fluid inclusion study reveals that fluids of different origins (Fig. 13) were mobilized within one large, long-lived hydrothermal system centered around the Tamazert alkaline igneous complex. Different types of fluid inclusions were observed in fluorite and calcite from syenites and adjacent carbonate-hosted deposits (Fig. 13), and they reflect different hydrological conditions (Sośnicka et al., 2021). Pressure corrections are minimal due to the emplacement of syenite at shallow depths (< 3km, Salvi et al., 2000). Hence, the homogenization temperatures of fluid inclusions hosted in interstitial minerals in the altered syenite can be used as a proxy for the true trapping temperatures.

#### 7.1.1. Fluid migration in syenite

The high salinity (19.4 to 23 wt.% NaCl equiv.) secondary Type 1 fluid inclusions (stage 1) represent a magmatic-hydrothermal fluid. The blurry interior appearance of some of these inclusions suggests that the solid, identified as shortite (Fig. 10b), may be in disequilibrium with the inclusion fluid. Thus, it was likely formed by the reaction of the inclusion liquid and the fluorite host. Sparse experimental studies show that shortite crystallizes at  $T=125\text{-}300^{\circ}\text{C}$  and 2 kbar, reaching equilibrium at  $90\pm 25^{\circ}\text{C}$  (Bradley and Eugster, 1969). Therefore, the  $T_h$  values ( $163\text{-}213^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) and petrographic observations suggest that shortite has not reached equilibrium with the liquid phase in Type 1 fluid inclusions. Shortite has been previously recognized in natrocarbonatites as an exotic subsolidus mineral and a low-temperature alteration product (Zaitsev et al., 2008). The presence of shortite is evidence for migration of the residual magmatic-hydrothermal fluids, which exsolved from the nepheline syenite or carbonatites at late stages of magmatic activity. Alternatively, this exotic mineral (i.e., shortite) could be derived from the dissolution of the Jurassic carbonates and the subsequent infiltration of calcium at a depth where Ca metasomatism of syenites could occur. The lack of Eu anomalies in REY<sub>CN</sub> patterns of the ore minerals (Fig. 15b-c) indicates that the

temperatures of Na-Ca-metasomatizing fluids have not reached 250°C; therefore, the Type 1 secondary fluid inclusions were entrapped shortly after precipitation of the interstitial fluorite and calcite.

The magmatic-hydrothermal origin of interstitial fluorites is supported by the presence of solid inclusions with halos manifesting radiation-induced damage to the host (Fig. 10c-f). The damage is attributed to radionuclides in the  $^{238}\text{U}$  decay chain (Dill and Weber, 2010). Many halos in purple interstitial fluorites developed a complete set of rings displaying the full spectrum of  $\alpha$ -particle emitting radionuclides (Fig. 10e). However, there are also halos with one ring only, which are poorly developed polonium halos ascribed to radionuclides succession:  $^{225}\text{Ra}$ ,  $^{210}\text{Po}$ ,  $^{222}\text{Rn}$ ,  $^{218}\text{Po}$ , and  $^{214}\text{Po}$  (Dill and Weber, 2010). The nepheline syenites of the Tamazert complex are enriched in zirconium (Salvi et al., 2000); therefore, U-rich and Zr-rich mineral phases appear to be the most likely sources of alpha radiation, which caused fluorite damage. These halo-inducing radioactive inclusions could also be attributed to uraninites. Similar radiogenic uraninite inclusions were observed in the purple fluorite of the La Azul epithermal fluorite ore deposit in southern Mexico (Pi et al., 2007). The hexagonally as well as spherically shaped dark nuclei (Fig. 10d-e) could be likely after zircon and/or uraninite, whereas the elongated phases are likely to be baddeleyite (Fig. 10c). The signatures from these radioactive minerals may contribute to the “U-shaped” REY patterns of highly fractionated nepheline syenites, as their presence results in depletion of HREE’s relative to LREE’s (Fig. 15a) (Rollinson, 1993). The well-developed halos, which show full ring sets, are syngenetic to fluorite and indicate that U was carried by the F-rich fluid as fluorocomplexes (Aiuppa et al., 2009). The polonium halos may be attributed to an early alteration event (Dill and Weber, 2010) that could be related to the migration of Na-Ca metasomatizing fluids represented by Type 1 fluid inclusions.

Another line of evidence supporting the magmatic-hydrothermal origin of interstitial fluorites and calcites in nepheline syenites is the REY inventory of these minerals. The REY<sub>CN</sub> patterns and high  $\sum\text{REY}$  values of both interstitial minerals are similar to REY trends of the Tamazert igneous rocks: syenites, lamprophyres, and carbonatites (Fig. 15a-c). This leads to the conclusion that the REY inventory of interstitial fluorites and calcites at the Bou Imtessene deposit has been derived from the magmatic-hydrothermal source.

The  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$  and  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  isotopic values of syenite-hosted interstitial calcite (Ca-1) from Bou Imtessene plot close to the range of isotopic values typical for the igneous rocks ( $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{VPDB}} = -10$  to  $-5\%$ , [Ohmoto and Goldhaber, 1997](#);  $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{SMOW}} \sim -5$  to  $12\%$ , [Hoefs, 2009, 2018](#)). The oxygen isotopic compositions of these calcites are also similar to O isotopic signatures of carbonatites located NW of Bou Imtessene ([Table 2](#)). It is commonly accepted that the residual fluids exsolving from peralkaline melts are highly enriched in fluorite and depleted in Ca ([Webster, 1990](#)). Consequently, calcium in Type 1 brine inclusions could have originated from interaction with external fluids or a carbonatitic source. Based on the above-mentioned considerations, the Type 1 fluid inclusions represent a late-stage, modified high salinity alteration fluid of primarily magmatic-hydrothermal origin, that migrated shortly after the precipitation of magmatic-hydrothermal fluorite at  $T < 250^\circ\text{C}$ .

#### 7.1.2. Fluid circulation in Jurassic carbonates

Jurassic carbonate-hosted fluorite from both Tabeja and Bou Izourane deposits precipitated from overall low salinity fluids (1.6-8.5 wt.% NaCl equiv.) at a temperature range of  $118$ - $157^\circ\text{C}$  as evidenced by Type 2 primary inclusions ([Fig. 13](#)). These salinities and temperatures are significantly lower compared to data from the interstitial fluorites hosted in altered syenites. Low salinities and temperatures indicate that the fluids responsible for the precipitation of carbonate-hosted fluorites are of meteoric origin. The non-magmatic origin of the ore-forming fluids is also supported by REY data of carbonate-hosted fluorites and calcites from Tabeja and Bou Izourane deposits ([Fig. 15b-c](#)). The REY patterns of fluorites and calcites do not show considerable  $\text{Eu}_{\text{CN}}$  anomalies and are similar to those of the carbonate host rocks ([Fig. 15a-c](#)), which suggests that they inherited their REY inventory from (possibly Liassic) carbonate rocks. Based on these considerations, the most likely mechanisms leading to purple-white fluorite precipitation are cooling and fluid-wall rock interaction.

The presence of Type 3 fluid inclusions in banded purple-white fluorites from the Bou Izourane deposit indicates that fluorite precipitation from the meteoric fluids was interrupted by the intermittent influx of high temperature ( $218$ - $339^\circ\text{C}$ ) and low salinity (0.5-3.1 wt.% NaCl equiv.) fluids ([Fig. 13](#)). Very

low salinities point towards the meteoric origin of the latter fluids, however they are relatively lower compared to the ore-forming fluid (Fig. 13). Temperature variations among different Type 3 FIA's were caused by heating up at depths to different degrees due to fluid convection induced by elevated geothermal gradients developed around relatively shallow Tamazert igneous intrusion. The vanishing magmatic activity provided the heat necessary to drive the large-scale fluid circulation. Alternatively, the magmatic-hydrothermal origin of the high-temperature Type 3 fluids cannot be excluded. The presence of carbon dioxide in the high-temperature Type 3 fluid inclusions (Fig. 12d inset) may suggest a minor magmatic contribution or derivation of CO<sub>2</sub> from the dissolution of Jurassic carbonates during interaction with the high-temperature (218-339°C) fluid. However, CO<sub>2</sub>-rich magmatic gas phase could have dissolved into downdrawn heated meteoric fluids, simultaneously causing a relative salinity decrease of the meteoric fluid. This would increase fluid acidity and cause more efficient fluorine scavenging from the surrounding F-rich igneous rocks. Other possibilities are that the high-temperature Type 3 fluids represent fluids sourced from the lamprophyre dikes. These fluids could have been released episodically into the hydrological system during the precipitation of banded purple-white fluorite from meteoric fluids. These scenarios, including magmatic-hydrothermal contribution, are not unlikely since the Bou Izourane ore deposit is controlled by a deep-seated fault zone (Fig. 5), which is a perfect conduit facilitating fluid transfer to shallower crustal levels. In the Tabeja deposit, Type 3 fluid inclusions were not observed, likely due to a lack of connection to major deep-seated structures.

The carbonate-hosted white fluorite from the Bou Izourane deposit contains alternating growth zones with non-boiling, boiling, and flashing FIA's, which indicate a dynamically evolving hydrothermal system at shallow levels (Fig. 12e-f). These fluid inclusion data evidence the evolution of P-T conditions as well as ore-forming mechanisms during the precipitation of white fluorite. A change from non-boiling conditions to boiling and flashing conditions indicates significant fluid pressure fluctuations in the hydrothermal system (Moncada et al., 2012). The rapid and significant pressure drop from near-lithostatic to below hydrostatic during rock fracturing may lead to instantaneous vaporization of the fluid ("flashing")

(Moncada et al., 2012). The extensive breccia zones encountered in both Bou Izourane and Tabeja deposits (Figs. 8b-c and 9a-b) also suggest rapid pressure fluctuations and intense fluid-wall rock interactions.

The  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$  and  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  values of the Jurassic carbonate-hosted vein calcites (Ca-2) plot in the area between the fields of Jurassic limestones and igneous rocks (Fig. 14). Such intermediate isotopic signatures may be produced by fluid-wall rock interactions (Taylor, 1997) or mixing of fluids from different sources. Using the equilibrium fractionation equation of O'Neil et al. (1969), median temperatures of 133 and 135°C, measured in calcite from the Bou Izourane deposit (samples BZ1 and BZ9), and measured  $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{SMOW}}$  values (12.8-15.2‰) in the same calcite samples (Table 2), the calculated  $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{SMOW}}$  values of the aqueous fluid are -1.0 and +1.2‰. These values confirm that the fluid responsible for the precipitation of vein calcite accompanying fluorite was primarily meteoric water (N'da et al., 2016).

## 7.2. REY constraints on fluid chemistry and transport

Overall, the REY concentrations of syenite-hosted fluorite (F-1) and calcite (Ca-1) are higher than those of Jurassic carbonate-hosted fluorite (F-2) and calcite (Ca-2), especially with regard to the lighter REY (Table 3, Fig. 15). Higher REY contents in fluorite associated to carbonatite—alkaline igneous rocks compared to those for fluorite in carbonate-hosted ore were also observed for the Late Cretaceous to Miocene ore deposits in Turkey (Öztürk et al., 2019). The strikingly similar chondrite-normalized REY patterns of the Tamazert igneous rocks (syenite, carbonatite, and lamprophyre) and the interstitial minerals (i.e., F-1 and Ca-1) at Bou Imtessene support a magmatic-hydrothermal origin of the fluids that are involved in the precipitation of the syenite-related mineralization. The syenite-hosted fluorite and calcite also do not show a strong  $\text{Eu}_{\text{CN}}$  anomaly, indicating that the magmatic-hydrothermal ore-forming fluids did not reach 200-250°C prior to mineral precipitation. At temperatures usually in excess of ca 250°C, Eu(III) is reduced to Eu(II) and can thus be decoupled from its strictly trivalent REY neighbors (Bau, 1991; Möller et al., 1994; Sverjensky, 1984). Especially fluorite is known to show positive Eu anomalies in normalized patterns if the fluid temperatures exceeded 200-250°C prior to the mineral formation (i.e., in the Pennine Orefield,

UK: [Bau et al., 2003](#); [Kraemer et al., 2019](#)). Hence, low temperatures (<200-250°C) that prevailed in the hydrothermal system, as indicated by Eu geothermometry, are in agreement with microthermometric data.

The vein fluorite (F-2) and calcite (Ca-2) from the carbonate-hosted ore deposits show overall similar REY<sub>CN</sub> patterns to those of the Jurassic marls and limestones ([Fig. 15a-b](#)), indicating water-rock interaction and REY leaching from these formations by the heated meteoric fluid. The lack of a strong Eu anomaly in the carbonate-hosted fluorite and calcite suggests low fluid temperatures prior to mineral precipitation (<250°C). This conclusion is corroborated by the fluid inclusion data of the carbonate-hosted fluorite, which revealed low temperature (118-157°C) and low salinity (1.6-8.4 wt. % NaCl equiv.) fluids, typical of heated meteoric waters.

Owing to the abundance of calcite, particularly in the Jurassic carbonate-hosted ore deposits, and due to the presence of fluorite, REY-carbonato and -fluoro complexes have played a significant role in REY transport and/or deposition. The enrichment of Y (i.e., Y<sub>CN</sub> anomaly) in fluorites (Y/Y\* = 1.67- 2.17) and calcites (Y/Y\* = 1.32-1.34) is related to the significantly higher stability constants of Y-fluoro complexes relative to Ho-fluoro complexes ([Bau, 1996](#); [Bau and Dulski, 1995](#)). However, it is emphasized that the Y anomaly may also have been inherited from the hydrothermal fluid or the surrounding country rocks, as all of them, including the magmatic suite, show minor positive Y<sub>CN</sub> anomalies in their bulk rock compositions ([Fig. 15](#)). [Salvi et al. \(2000\)](#) had already suggested fluoro complexes as carriers for HFSE and REY transportation in the Tamazert magmatic-hydrothermal system. We conclude that Cl<sup>-</sup>, F<sup>-</sup> and CO<sub>3</sub><sup>2-</sup> and/or HCO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup> complexes were responsible for the mobilization and transport of REY in the hydrothermal fluid. The destabilization of these complexes, particularly of the F<sup>-</sup> complexing agents, through e.g., fluid-wall rock interaction, led to fluorite precipitation.

### **7.3. Constraints on sources of fluorine and REY**



According to recent studies (e.g., [Bouabdellah et al., 2010](#); [Kchit, 1990](#); [Marks et al., 2009](#)), the igneous rocks of the Tamazert complex originated from fractional crystallization of the mantle-derived magma, which was affected by crustal assimilation, and thus interaction with surrounding sediments, namely Jurassic carbonates. These considerations alone primarily point toward a mantle source of fluorine-rich melts. During magma differentiation in a closed system, fluorine partitions into the residual silicate melt if F<sup>-</sup> concentrations in the melt are below ca. 7-8 wt. % ([Webster, 1990](#)). Progressive crystallization of minerals such as micas, apatite, fluorite, or amphiboles leads to a decrease of F<sup>-</sup> concentrations in the remaining residual melt ([Aiuppa et al., 2009](#); [Gabitov et al., 2005](#)). Recent studies have shown that minerals forming the Tamazert syenite have elevated fluorine contents, i.e., average concentrations of fluorine in apatite, biotite, amphibole, and titanite are 3.2%, 2.6 %, 1.1%, and 0.6%, respectively, whereas the estimated F<sup>-</sup> content in the melt ranges between 1500 ppm and 2500 ppm ([Wang et al., 2014](#)). Such low fluorine concentrations may suggest that the interstitial fluorite (F-1) precipitated directly from a residual melt. However, owing to the low crystallization temperatures (<250°C), based on REY inventory, it is unlikely that it formed directly from a high-temperature melt. Significant amounts of fluorine may partition into the late-stage aqueous magmatic-hydrothermal fluids from alkaline/carbonatite melts and may lead to the metasomatism of the silicate rocks (e.g., [Dolejš and Baker, 2007](#); [Mangler et al., 2014](#); [Webster, 1990](#)). The secondary fluid inclusion (Type 1) trails most likely represent a late Na-Ca metasomatic fluid, which altered syenites and migrated after fluorite (F-1) crystallization. In shallowly emplaced systems that are susceptible to fluid loss through e.g., surrounding fault systems, degassing of F-bearing species may also occur during fractional crystallization ([Aiuppa et al., 2009](#)). Since the shallow Tamazert intrusion is centered on an interconnected fault network, such degassing might have episodically occurred and is likely recorded by fluorite (F-2)-hosted high-temperature Type 3 secondary fluid inclusions ( $T_h=218-339^\circ\text{C}$ ).

The Jurassic carbonate-hosted ores show a lower degree of fractionation of LREY relative to MREY and HREY than the syenite-hosted ores, which show steeper patterns that closely resemble the igneous suite. Pristine marine limestones, formed in an oxygenated environment, usually display negative

Ce anomalies in normalized patterns, a signal that is inherited from seawater, where Ce(III) is oxidatively scavenged as Ce(IV) from the water column by oxyhydroxide minerals (i.e., [Bau and Koschinsky, 2009](#)), leaving behind Ce-depleted seawater. Both the pristine limestone and the marl show small negative  $Ce_{CN}$  anomalies in addition to further signatures indicative of formation from such seawater, i.e., positive  $La_{CN}$  and  $Y_{CN}$  anomalies ([Tostevin et al., 2016](#)) ([Fig. 15a](#)). The pristine limestone also displays a typical positive  $Gd_{CN}$  anomaly. Carbonate-hosted fluorites and calcites show, to different extents, a variety of these 'limestone' features in their REY<sub>CN</sub> patterns. The carbonate-hosted fluorites from Bou Izourane deposit display all four features (positive  $La_{CN}$ ,  $Gd_{CN}$ ,  $Y_{CN}$ , and negative  $Ce_{CN}$  anomalies), whereas the carbonate-hosted fluorites and calcites from Tabeja deposit and the carbonate-hosted calcites from Bou Izourane deposit show at least two of these features ([Fig. 15](#)). In addition to these observations, the high similarity to the patterns of the limestone host units ([Fig. 15](#)) also argues in favor of the fact that REY in the carbonate-hosted ores were sourced from Jurassic limestones and not from the igneous suite of rocks.

## 8. Conclusions

Based on geological observations, mineralogical, geochemical and stable isotopic constraints, different major types of ore-related fluid systems, as well as the mechanisms of fluorite ore precipitation, were identified and are summarized as follows:

- 1) The REY-enriched interstitial fluorite (F-1), hosted in aegirine-rich syenite, precipitated from a F-rich magmatic-hydrothermal fluid, which exsolved from the highly evolved alkaline-silicate melt and rapidly cooled to temperatures below 250°C. This event was subsequently followed by migration of post-fluorite (F-1) Na-Ca metasomatic brines of unclear origin but likely related to later carbonatitic or lamprophyre intrusions. Partitioning of F<sup>-</sup> into the magmatic fluid phase was facilitated by magma ascent to the shallow crustal levels in response to the reactivation of the NE-SW-trending fault system.
- 2) Banded fluorite (F-2) deposits hosted in Jurassic carbonates, located in the vicinity of the Tamazert igneous complex, precipitated from low temperature (118-157°C) and low salinity fluids (1.6-8.5

wt.% NaCl equiv.) of primarily meteoric origin. The circulation of these fluids was driven by the heat flow around the shallow intrusive body and the possible influence of emanations of hot magmatic gases/fluids from syenite or later carbonatite/lamprophyre intrusions into the hydrological system. The inferred deposition mechanisms include cooling, fluid-wall rock interactions, and pressure fluctuations. Karstic features and deep-seated structural discontinuities have facilitated fluid transport.

- 3) Fluorine and REY in syenite-hosted fluorites were sourced from the evolving alkaline-silicate melt, whereas heated meteoric fluids precipitating carbonate-hosted fluorite veins acquired fluorine by leaching the syenites and presumably other F-rich igneous rocks. In contrast, the REY inventory of the latter fluorite veins has been acquired by fluid interaction with Jurassic carbonates.
- 4) The  $\text{Cl}^-$ ,  $\text{F}^-$  and  $\text{CO}_3^{2-}$  and/or  $\text{HCO}_3^-$  complexes were responsible for the mobilization and transport of REY in hydrothermal fluids. The destabilization of  $\text{F}^-$  complexing agent by e.g., fluid-wall rock interactions led to the precipitation of fluorite ores.

This study reveals the importance of processes such as differentiation of the mantle-derived alkaline-silicate F-rich magmas, alteration, fluid cooling, fluid-wall rock interactions, and decompression at shallow crustal levels in the formation of abundant fluorite deposits centered in and around the Tamazert alkaline igneous complex. Future studies of these fluorite deposits should focus on constraining Ca sources and determining the accurate ages of mineralization of various ore types. This would allow a better understanding of the genetic relationships between igneous rocks and fluorite deposits.

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## FIGURES

**Fig. 1.** Map showing the Central and Oriental High Atlas with the location of the Tamazert fluorite ore deposits (redrawn and edited from the Moroccan Geological Map at a scale of 1/1,000,000 and modified after [Rddad and Mouguina, 2021](#)).

**Fig. 2.** Geologic map of the Eocene Tamazert igneous complex (modified after [Agard, 1973](#); [Kchit, 1990](#); [Duggen et al., 2009](#); [Bouabdellah et al., 2010](#)) with the location of the investigated area (black rectangle).

**Fig. 3.** Geologic map displaying details of the investigated area shown in the inset of Figure 2 (black rectangle). It shows the location of the investigated fluorite-bearing ore deposits and the sites of collected samples in and around Tamazert complex, High Atlas, Morocco.

**Fig. 4.** Main lithostratigraphic column showing rock sequence, which hosts Tamazert fluorite ore deposits, High Atlas, Morocco. Numbers 1, 2 and 3 (pink circles) represent the fluorite ore deposits of Bou Imtessene, Tabeja, and Bou Izourane, respectively, High Atlas, Morocco

**Fig. 5.** Geologic cross sections showing the location of fluorite ore deposits: the Bou Imtessene (BTD), Bou Izourane (BZD), and Tabeja (TJD) in and around the Tamazert igneous complex, High Atlas, Morocco.

**Fig. 6.** Photomicrographs from syenite intrusion and associated skarn zone (a-f) and carbonate-hosted fluorite ore deposits (g-j). a) Syenite with alkali feldspar (Afs), aegirine (Aeg), pyroxene (Pyx), plagioclase (Pl), and subordinate chlorite, sample IM3, PPL; b) Syenite with aegirine (Aeg) and calcite (Ca-1) (sample TJ6), PPL; c) Skarn developed at the contact syenite-Jurassic limestone with abundant calcite (Ca-1) and subordinate wollastonite (Wo), sample TJ5, PPL; d) Skarn developed at the contact syenite-Jurassic limestone with calcite (Cal), clinopyroxene (Cpx), sample TJ4, XPL; e) Skarn with abundant plagioclase (Pl), alkali feldspar (Afs), calcite-1 (Ca-1), and interstitial fluorite-1 (F-1), PPL; f) Same photomicrograph as “e” in XPL; g) Purple fluorite (F-2) alternating with white fluorite (F-2) associated with iron oxides, Bou Izourane deposit, PPL; h) Veinlet of post ore calcite (Ca-3) crosscutting fluorite (F-2) vein, Bou Izourane deposit, XPL; i) Zoned purple fluorite (F-2), Tabeja deposit, PPL; j) Purple fluorite (F-2) associated with marls hosted in the Jurassic limestone, Tabeja deposit, PPL

**Fig. 7.** Photos of outcrops near the syenite-hosted Bou Imtessene ore deposit. a) Skarn developed at the contact between the syenite intrusion and the Jurassic limestone; b) Purple fluorite (F-1) disseminated within the skarn developed at the contact between the syenite and the Jurassic limestone; c) Vein of

purple fluorite (F-1a) associated with calcite (Ca-1a) and iron oxide hosted in syenite; d) Dike of lamprophyre crosscutting the contact zone and syenite.

**Fig. 8.** Photos of outcrops and hand specimens collected from the Bou Izourane fluorite deposit, which is hosted by Jurassic limestones. a) Fluorite (F-2) and calcite (Ca-2) replacing Jurassic limestone; b) Fluorite (F-2) and calcite (Ca-2) assemblage in the proximity of a NE-SW-trending fault, Bou Izourane ore deposit; c) Fluorite (F-2) in breccia associated with a reverse fault, the reactivation of which occurred after the deposition of the ore; d) Euhedral purple fluorite (F-2) associated with calcite (Ca-2); e) Zoned white and purple fluorite (F-2).

**Fig. 9.** Photos of outcrops and hand specimens collected from the Tabeja fluorite deposit, which is hosted by Jurassic carbonates. a) Karstic cavity filled with fluorite (F-2). Note the presence of blocks of limestone within the cavity; b) Fluorite (F-2) and calcite (Ca-2) in brecciated Jurassic limestone; c) Fluorite (F-2) and calcite (Ca-2) associated with iron oxides hosted in the Jurassic limestone; d) Fresh sample of purple fluorite (F-2) collected from the karstic cavity; e) Brecciated purple fluorite (F-2) and calcite (Ca-2) hosted in the Jurassic limestone and marl; and f) Purple fluorite (F-2) in vugs hosted in the altered Jurassic limestone.

**Fig. 10.** Microphotographs of fluid and solid inclusions in interstitial fluorites (F-1) hosted by altered syenite. a) Type 1 secondary trail of aqueous fluid inclusions (black arrows) crosscutting crystals of interstitial fluorite (sample IM13); b) Type 1 secondary 3-phase (L+V+S) aqueous inclusions with blurry content (inset) (sample IM13); c) alteration assemblage of fluorite and aegirine (Aeg), fluorite contains multiple elongated crystals causing radiation damage in the form of halos (sample IM13); d-e) Multi-ring and one-ring radiation damage halos in purple fluorite (samples IM15, IM14); and f) Yellowish relict mineral in the centre of the poorly-developed radiation damage halo.

**Fig. 11.** Raman spectrum of a shortite solid enclosed in a high salinity Type 1 fluid inclusion (P1\_fi1) hosted in fluorite from the Bou Imtessene deposit (sample IM13). For a reference, the spectrum of shortite from the RRUFF database was used (in grey)

**Fig. 12.** Microphotographs of fluid inclusions hosted in fluorite (F-2) from carbonate-hosted Tabeja (a) and Bou Izourane (b-f) deposits. a) Spherical Type 2 primary two-phase (L+V) aqueous inclusions within the growth zone in banded purple-white fluorite (sample TJ1); b) Irregularly-shaped Type 2 primary two-phase (L+V) aqueous inclusions decorating a growth zone in banded purple-white fluorite (sample BZ1);

c) Growth zone containing prismatic Type 2 primary two-phase (L+V) aqueous inclusions as well as discrete trails of Type 3 pseudo-secondary two-phase (L+V) aqueous inclusions (marked by dotted lines), banded purple-white fluorite (sample BZ9); d) High -temperature Type 3 fluid inclusion trail, inset: rare three-phase (L+L<sub>CO2</sub>+V<sub>CO2</sub>) Type 3 inclusions, banded purple-white fluorite (sample BZ9); e) Darkened growth zones in white fluorite with boiling FIA's, inset: boiling FIA consisting of co-existing aqueous two-phase (L+V) and vapor (V) inclusions (sample BZ2); f) Growth zone containing flashing FIA consisting of vapor (V) inclusions, white fluorite (sample BZ2).

**Fig. 13.** Diagram presenting microthermometric data from three types of fluid inclusions (fi's) hosted in fluorite (F-1) and calcite (Ca-1) from altered syenite as well as carbonate-hosted deposits. For interpretation of the references to color in this figure's legend, the reader is referred to the web version of this article).

**Fig. 14.** The plot of  $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{VPDB}}$  vs  $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{VSMOW}}$  values for Jurassic limestones, carbonate-rich skarns, carbonatites, and calcites in the Tamazert ore deposits. The isotope values of marine carbonate (Hoefs, 2018; [Veizer and Hoefs, 1976](#)), primary carbonatite ([Keller and Hoefs, 1995](#)), igneous rocks (Hoefs, 2018; [Hoefs, 2009](#); [Ohmoto and Goldhaber, 1997](#)), Tamazert carbonatites ([Bouabdellah et al., 2010](#)), and Cape Verde and Canary Islands carbonatites ([Hoernle et al., 2002](#); [Hoernle and Tilton, 1991](#)) are added for comparison.

**Fig. 15.** Chondrite-normalized REY patterns of the country rocks (top), the fluorites (middle), and the calcites (bottom) from the Tamazert fluorite ore deposits. Chondrite values used for normalization are from [Barrat et al. \(2012\)](#).

## Tables

**Table 1.** The analyzed minerals and country rocks in the Tamazert fluorite deposits.

**Table 2.** Carbon and oxygen isotopes of the host-rock limestone, skarn, carbonatite, and calcite in the Tamazert ore deposits

**Table 3.** REY and other trace elements data for fluorite, calcite, and the country rocks in the Tamazert ore deposits.

# FIGURES

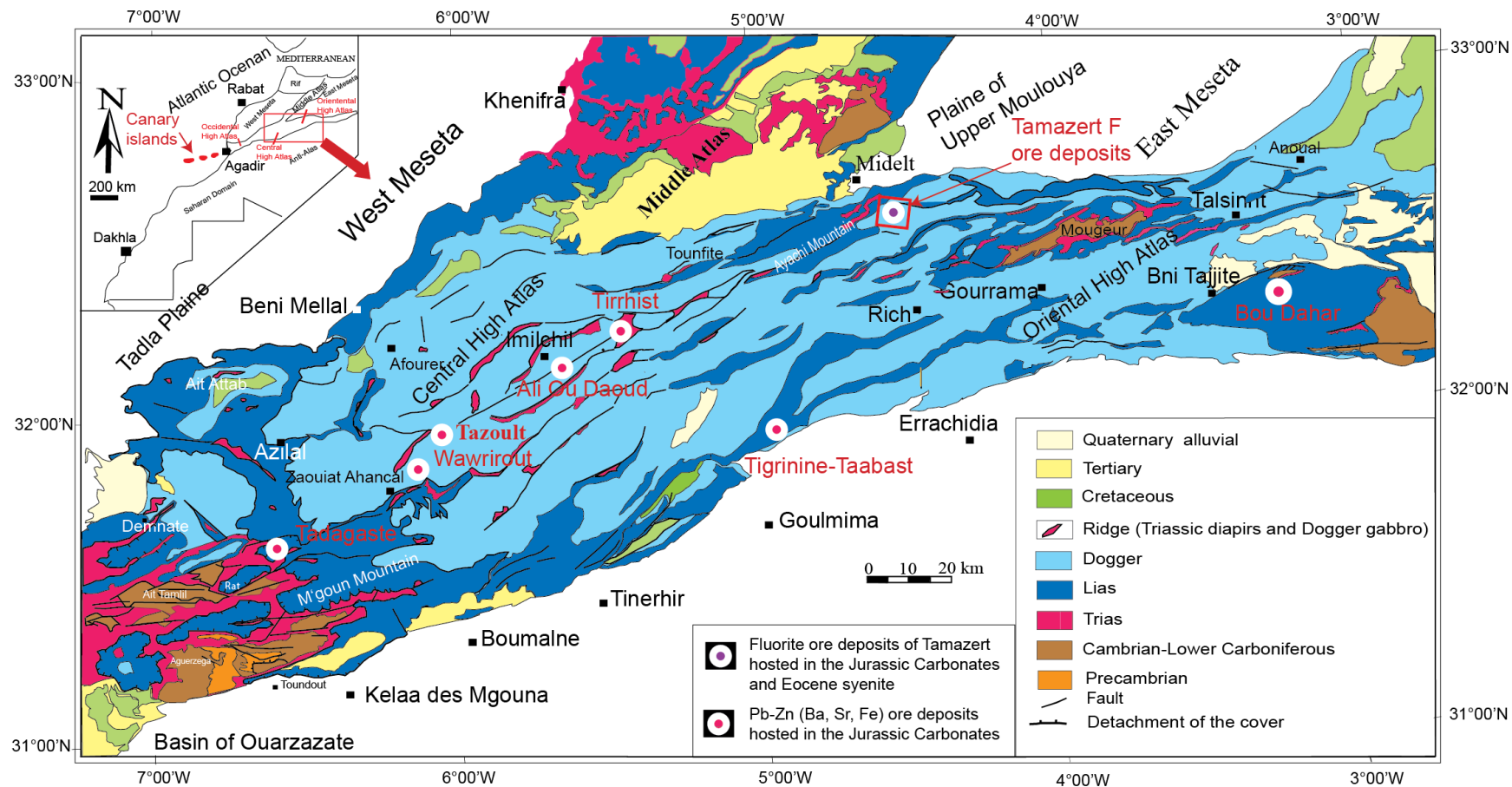
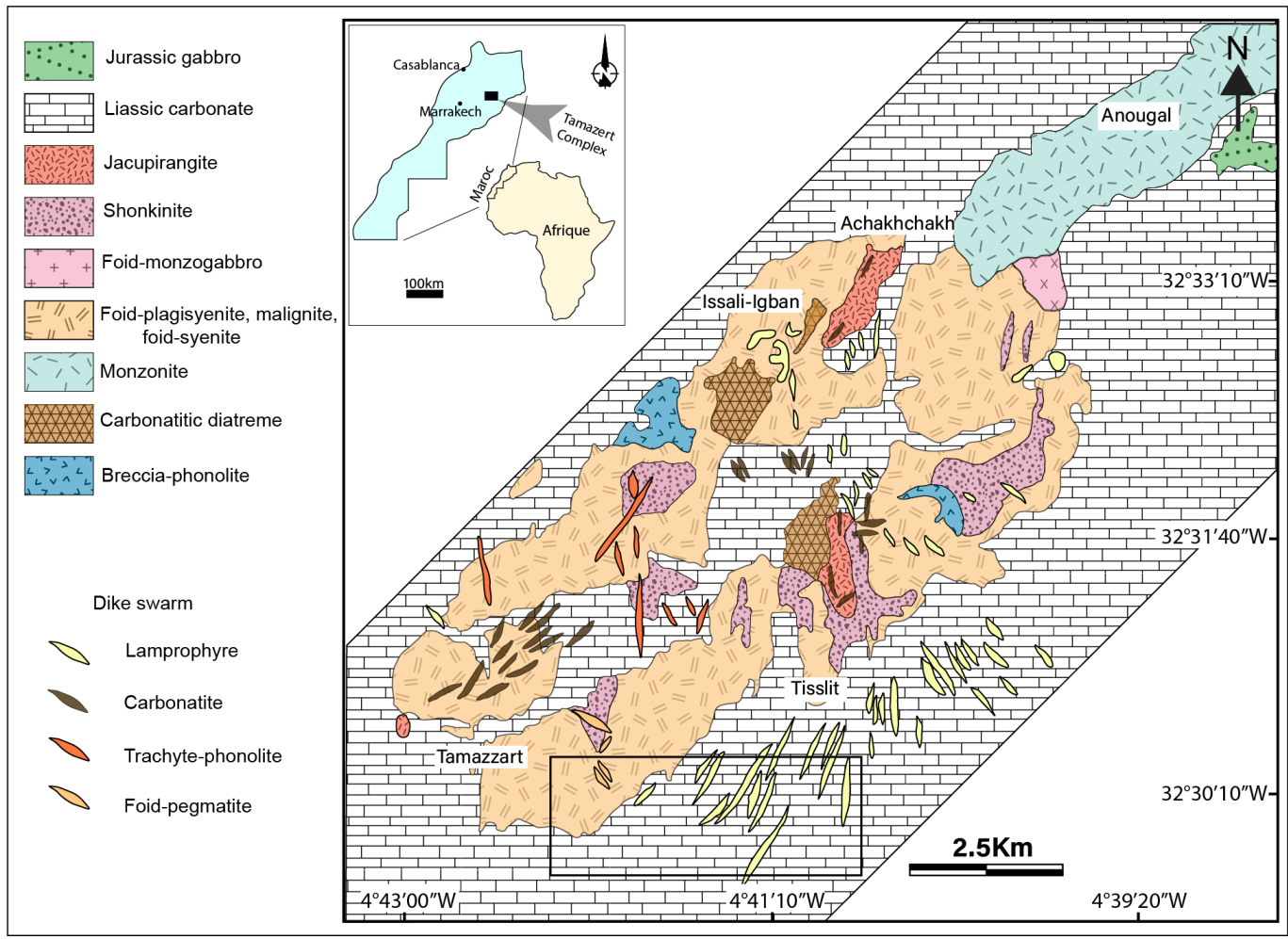


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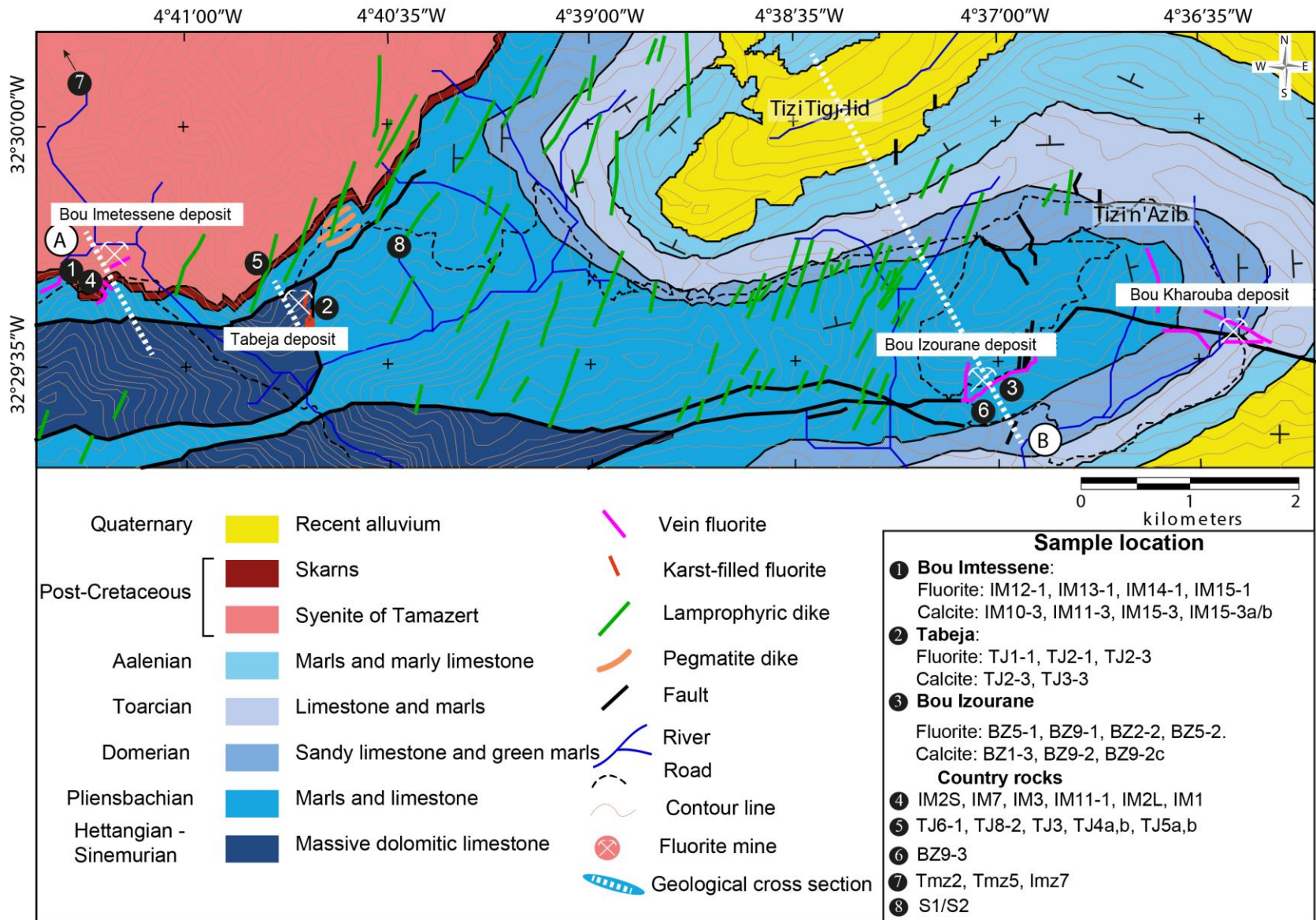
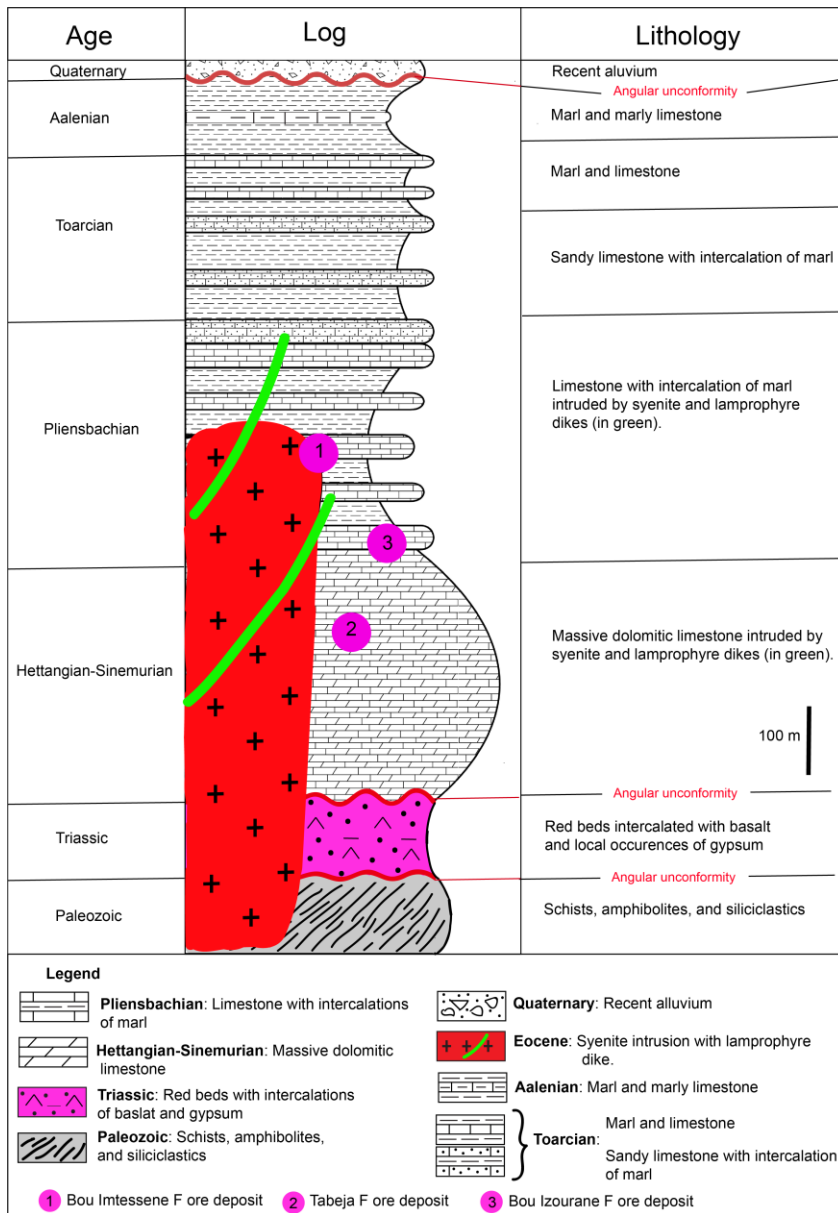
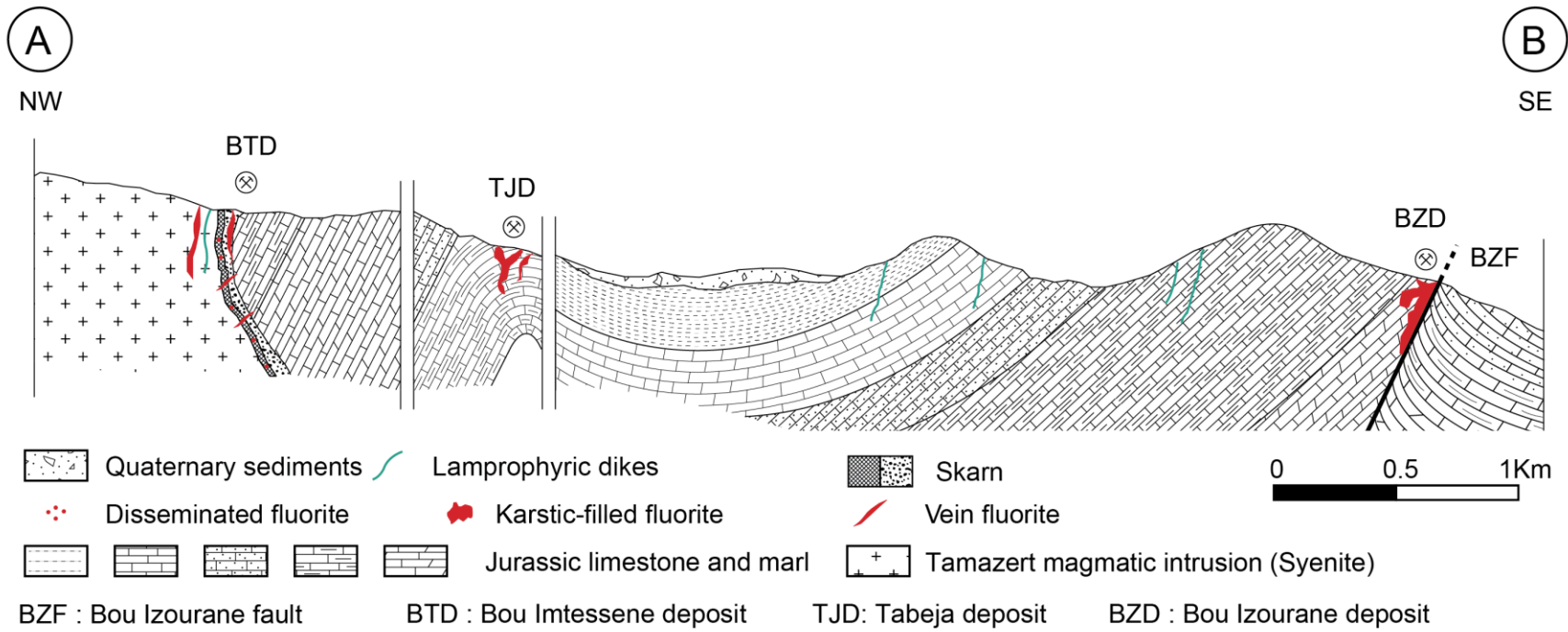


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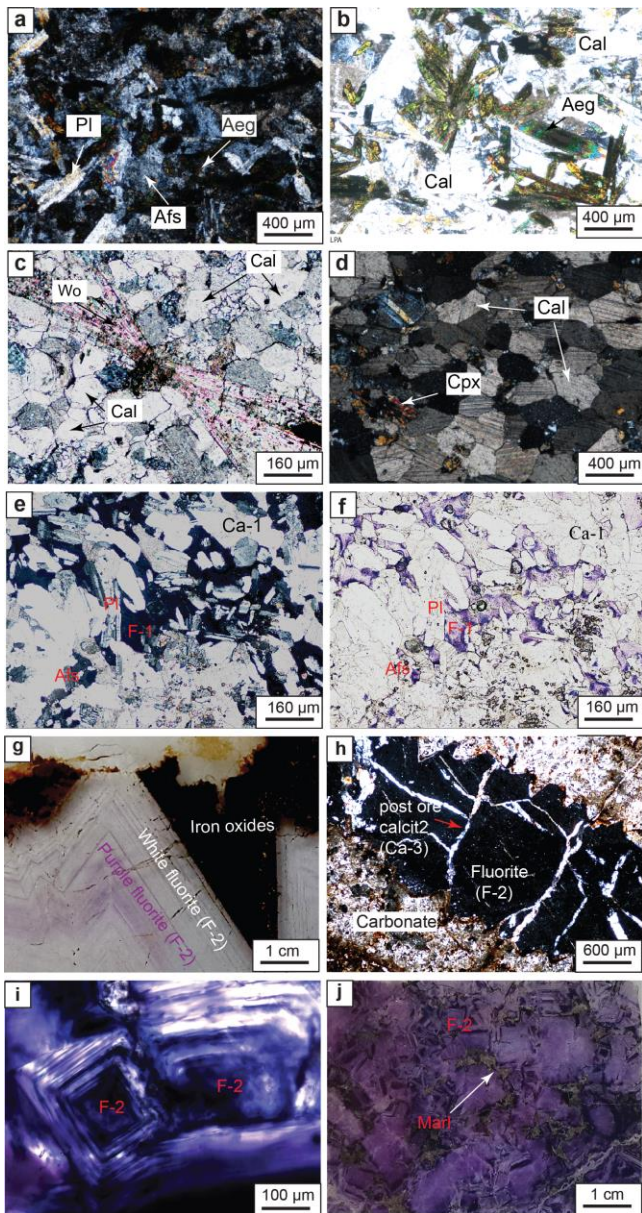


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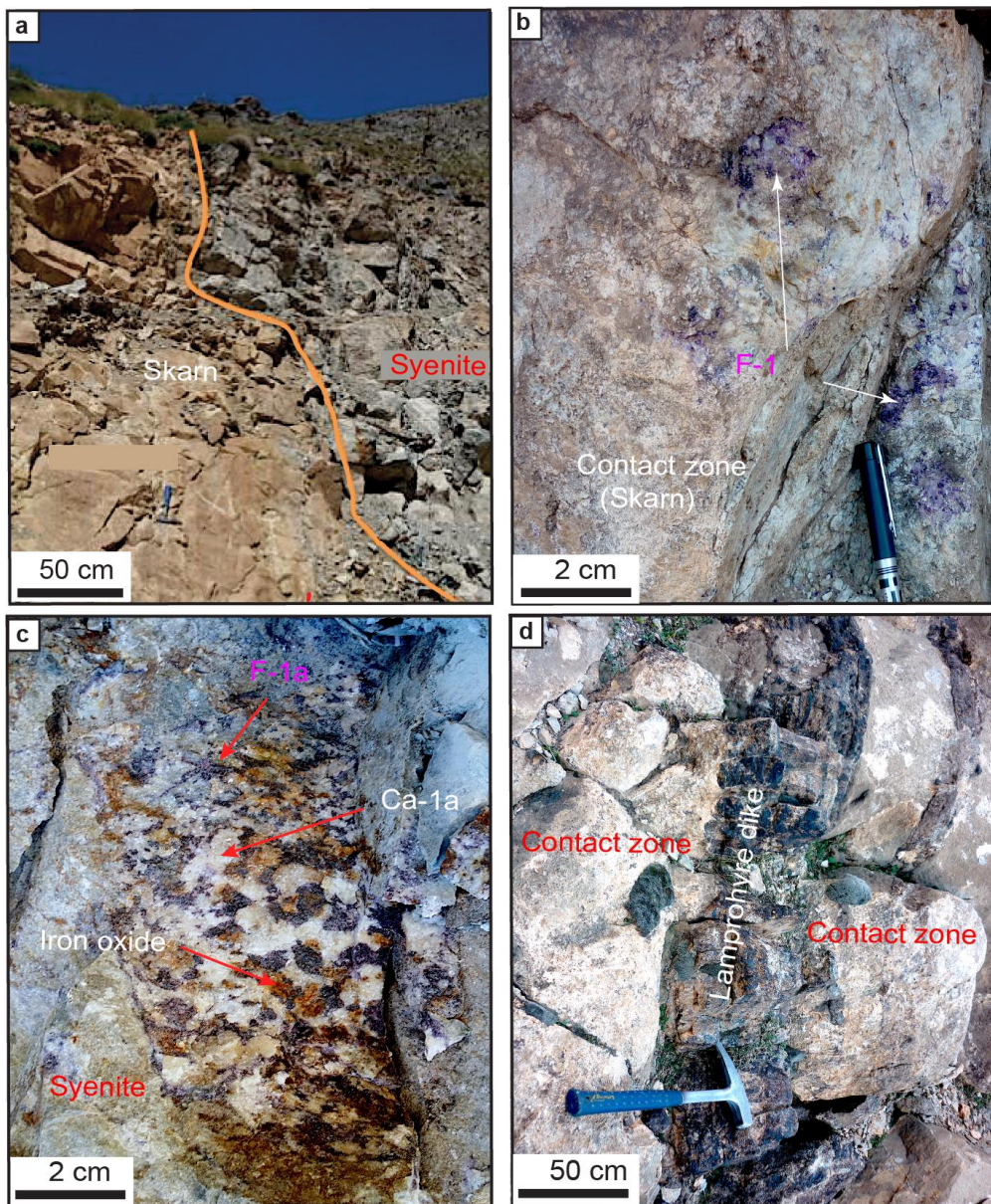
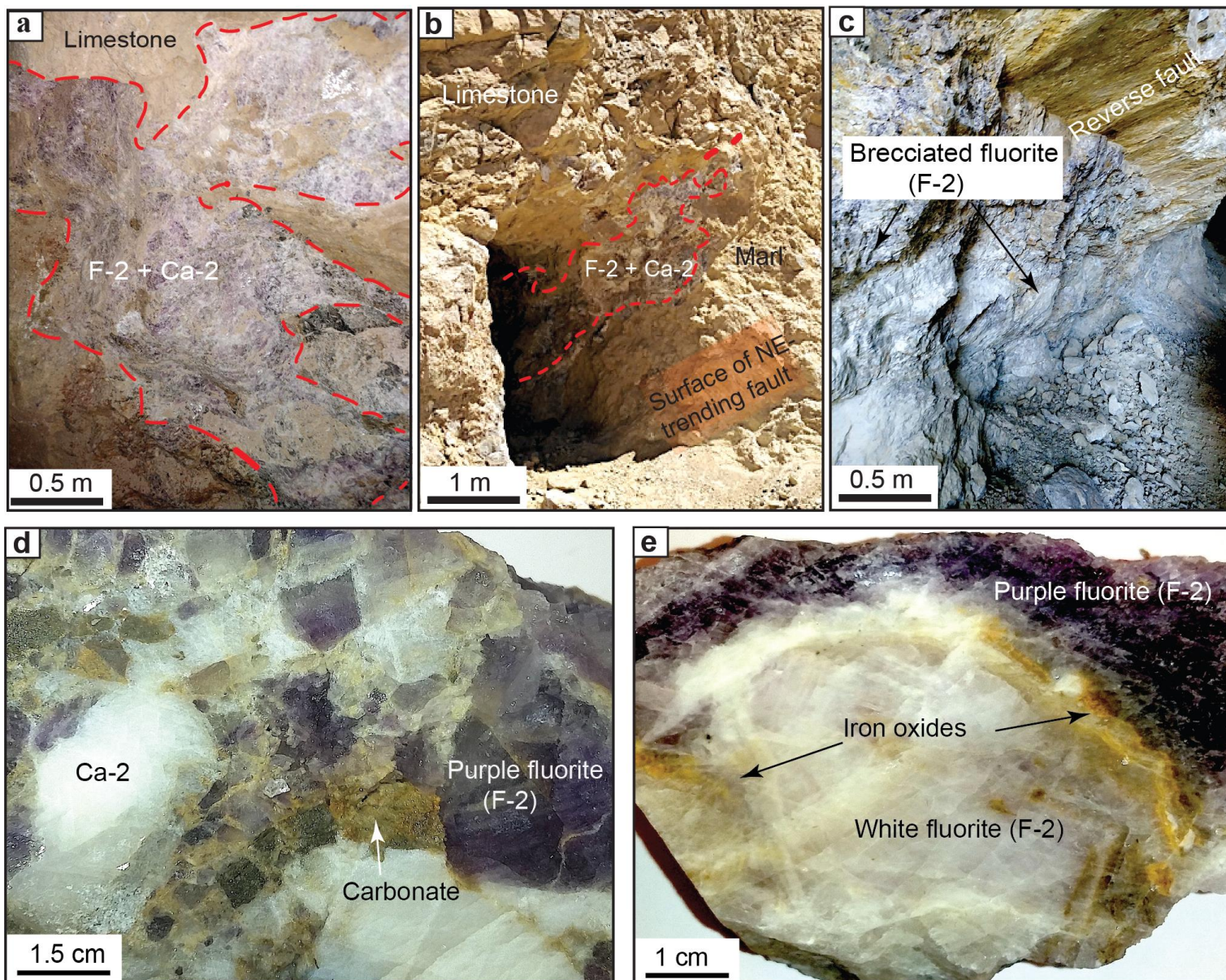


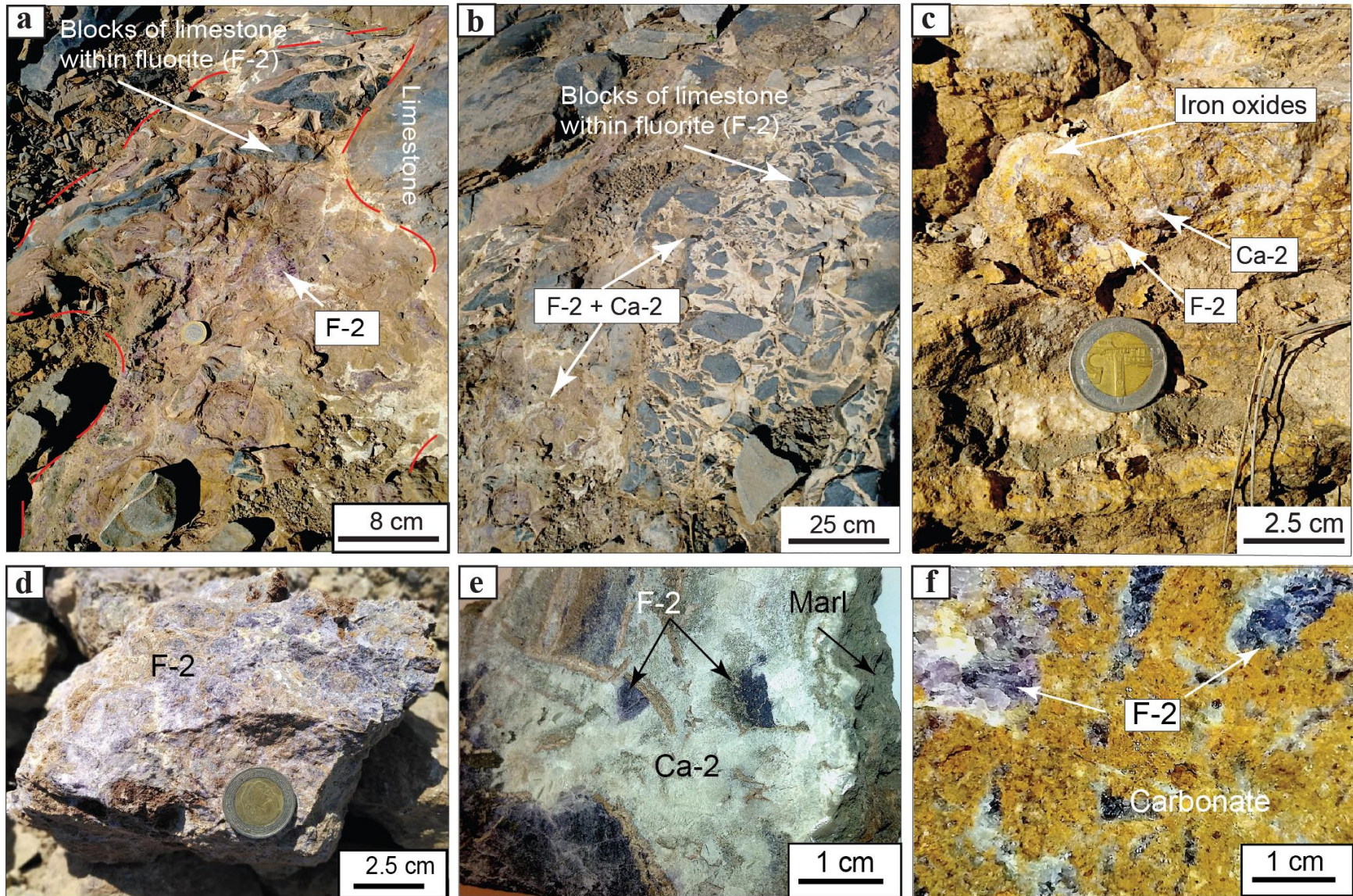
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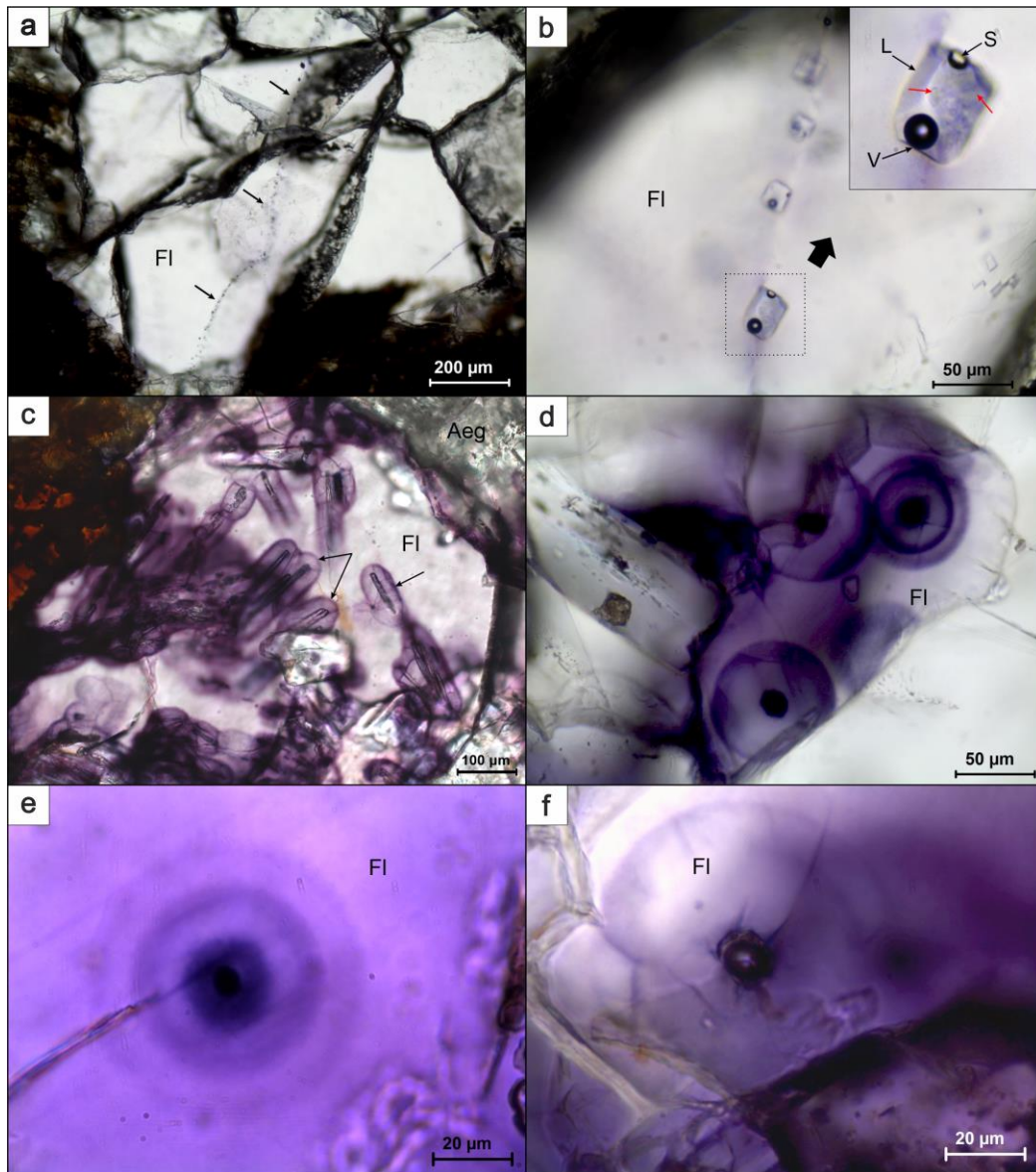


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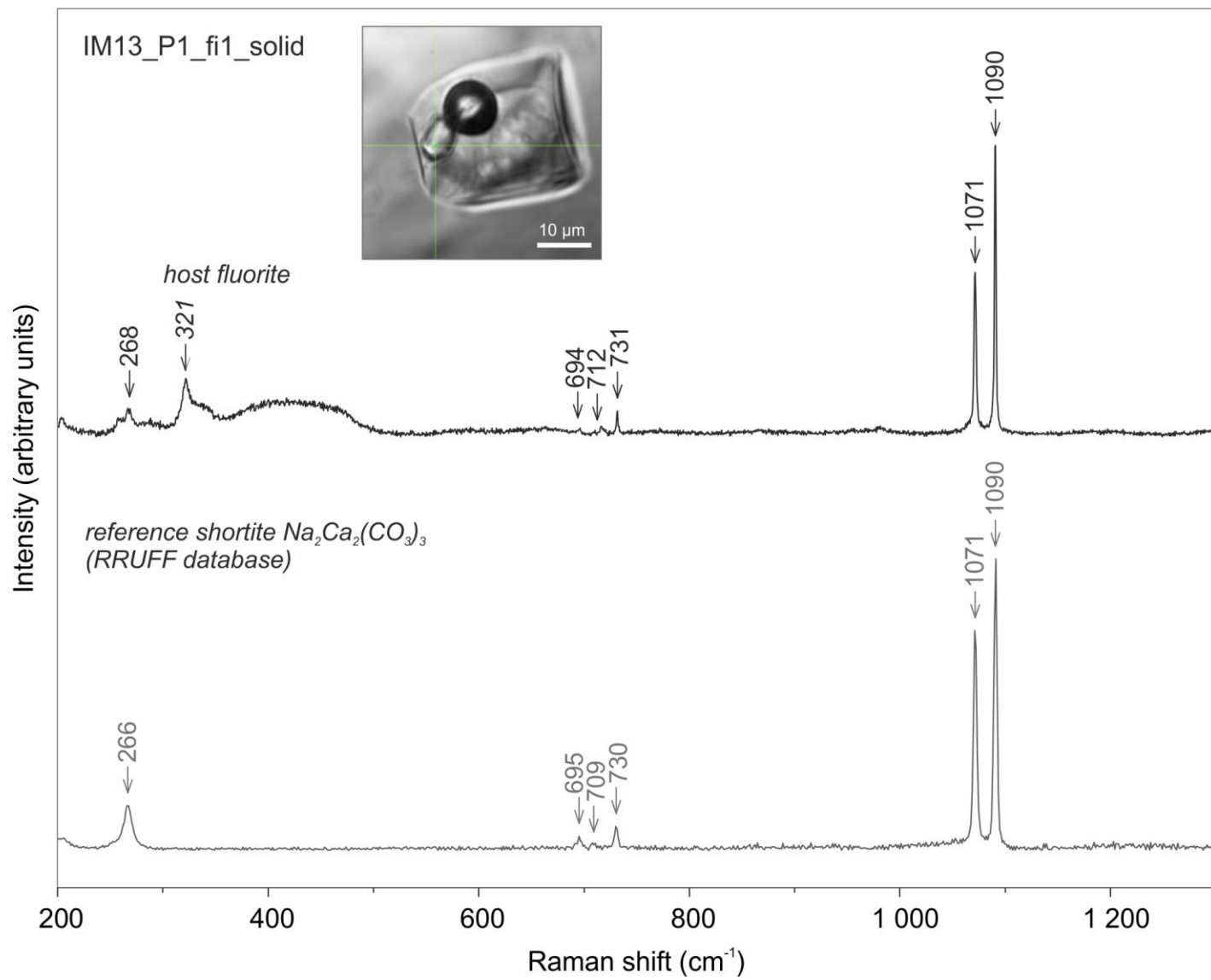


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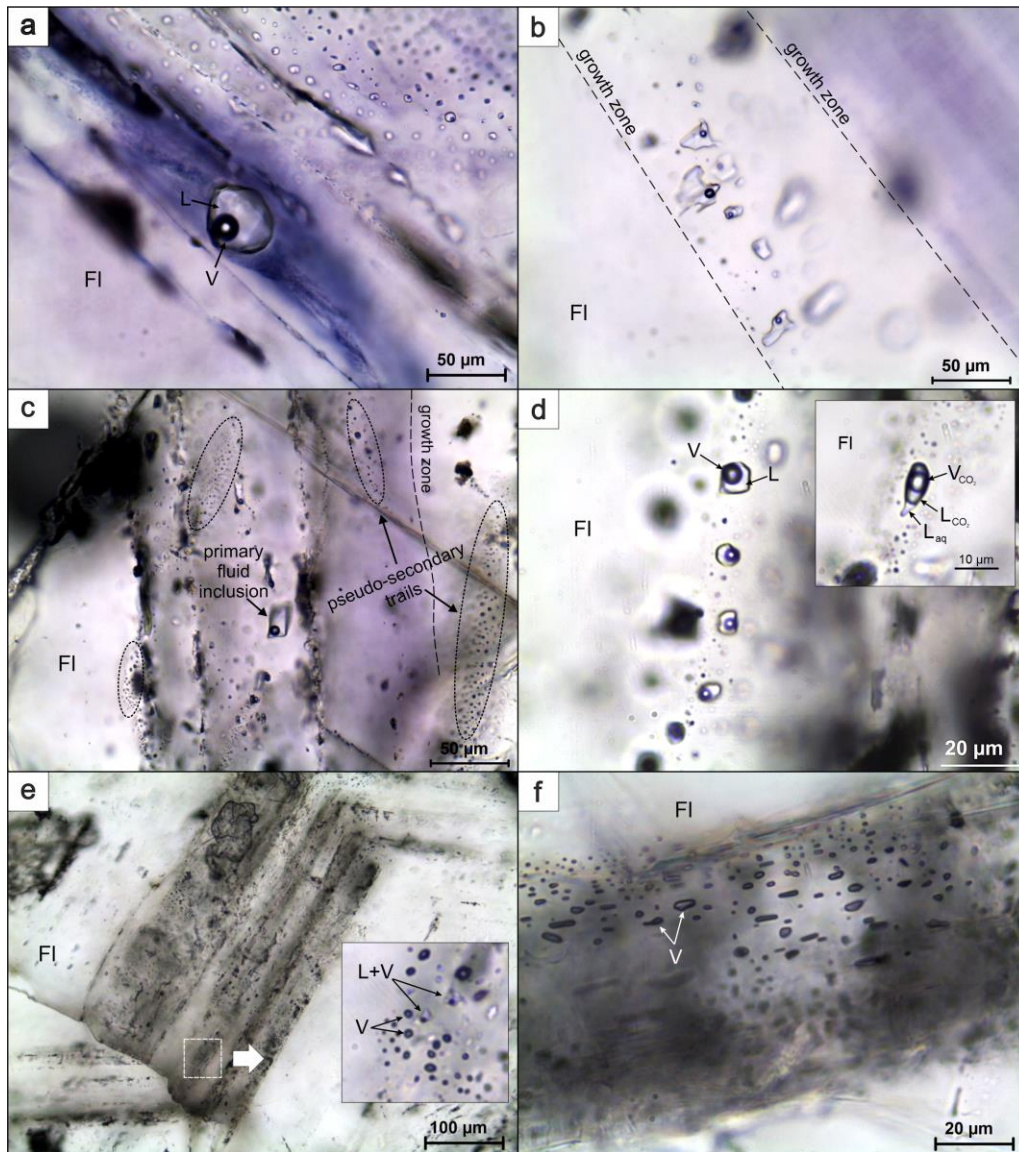


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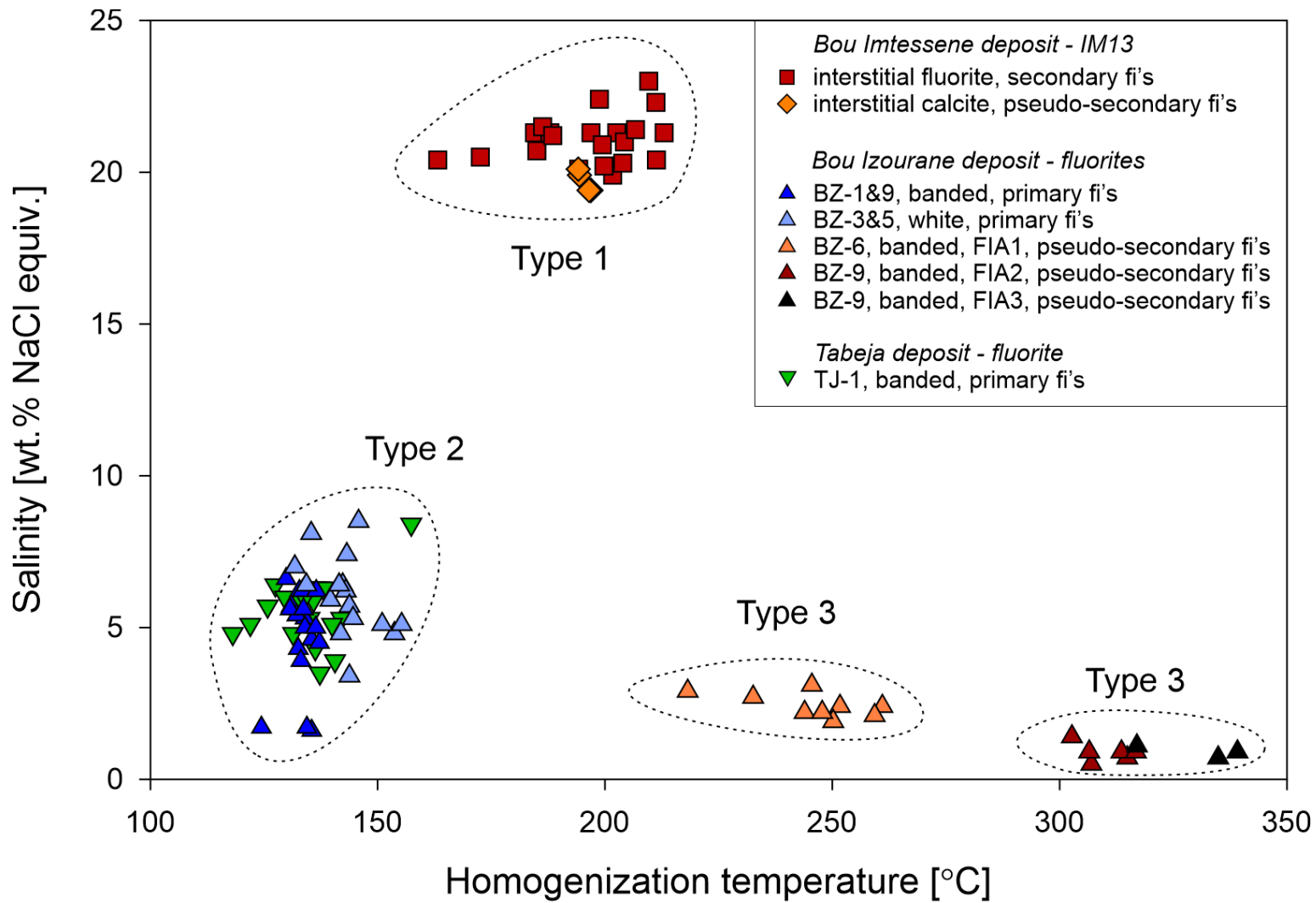


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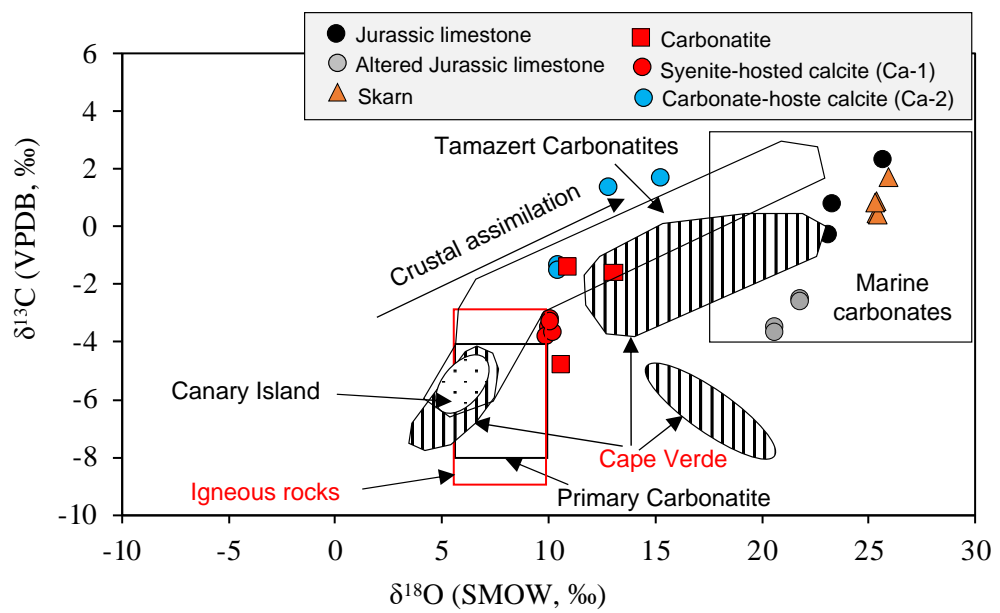


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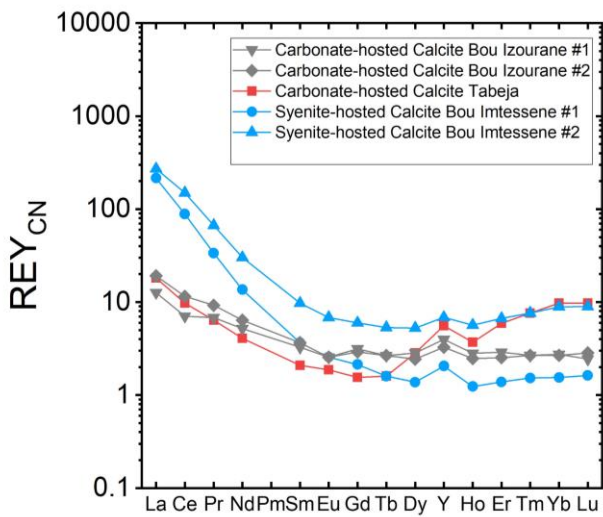
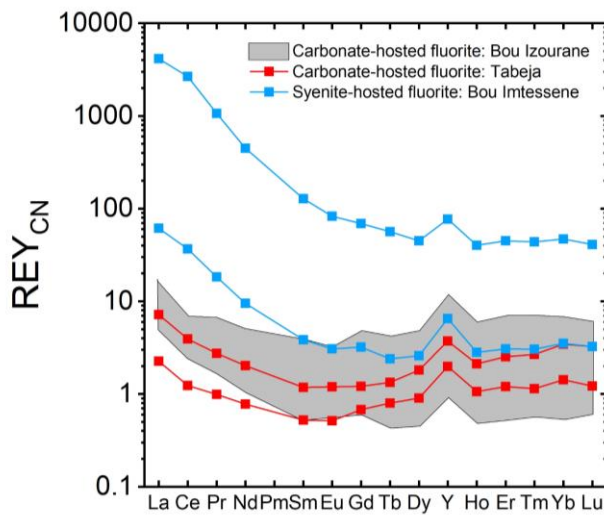
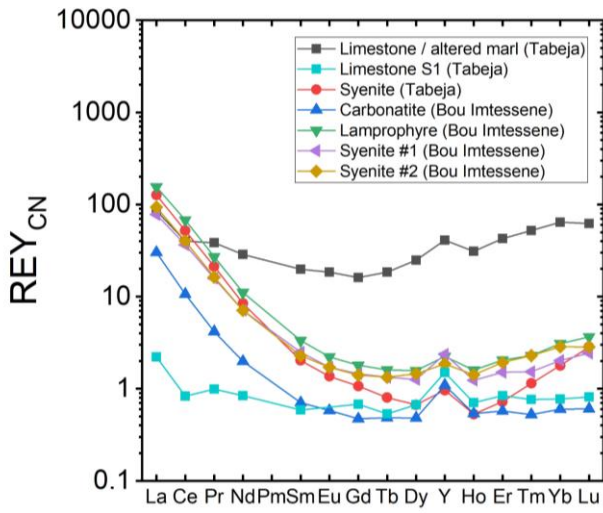


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## Tables

**Table 1**

| Samples                  | Locality       | Description                 | Mode of occurrence and texture   |
|--------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|--|
| <b><u>Mineral</u></b>    |                |                             |  |
| IM12-1                   | Bou Imtessene  | Purple fluorite (F-1)       | Purple fluorite disseminated within the syenite  |
| IM13-1                   | Bou Imtessene  | Purple fluorite (F-1, Ca-1) | Purple fluorite and calcite disseminated within the syenite  |
| IM15-1                   | Bou Imtessene  | Purple fluorite (F-1)       | Purple fluorite disseminated within the syenite  |
| IM10-3                   | Bou Imtessene  | Calcite (Ca-2)              | Coarse-grained calcite in syenite rock with elongated Crystal  |
| IM11-3                   | Bou Imtessene  | Calcite (Ca-2)              | Calcite viens in pegmatite with large biotite crystals   |
| IM14-3                   | Bou Imtessene  | Calcite (Ca-2)              | Calcite associated with purple fluorite occurring as breccia hosted in syenite rock                  |
| IM15-3                   | Bou Imtessene  | Calcite (Ca-2)              | Coarse-graine calcite associated with purple fluorite hosted in syenite                              |
| TJ1-1                    | Tabaja         | Purple fluorite (F-2)       | Massive purple fluorite in karstic cavities in the Liassic limestone                                 |
| TJ2-1                    | Tabaja         | Purple fluorite (F-2)       | Purple fluorite associated with calcite  |
| TJ2-3                    | Tabaja         | Calcite (Ca-2)              | Calcite associated with purple fluorite  |
| BZ5-1                    | Bou Izourane   | Purple fluorite (F-2)       | Corase-graine purple fluorite associated with calcite  |
| BZ9-1                    | Bou Izourane   | Purple fluorite (F-2)       | Corase-graine purple fluorite and calcite hosted in the Liassic limestone                            |
| BZ2-2                    | Bou Izourane   | White fluorite (F-2)        | Banded fluorite with alternating purple and white fluorite   |
| BZ5-2                    | Bou Izourane   | White fluorite (F-2)        | Coarse-graine white fluorite associated with calcite   |
| BZ1-3                    | Bou Izourane   | Calcite (Ca-2)              | Corase-graine calcite associated with fluorite   |
| BZ9-2                    | Bou Izourane   | Calcite (Ca-2)              | Calcite lining a fracture filled with purple fluorite  |
| <b><u>Whole rock</u></b> |                |                             |  |
| IM2S                     | Bou Imtessene  | Syenite                     | Coarse-grained texture syenite crosscut by Lamprophyre dyke  |
| IM7                      | Bou Imtessene  | Syenite                     | Coarse- grained syenite with phenocrusts and dessiminated fluorite                                   |
| IM11-1                   | Bou Imtessene  | Pegmatite                   | Pegmatite, associated with syenite, with large crystals of biotite and contains fluorite and calcite |
| IM2L                     | Bou Imtessene  | Lamprophyre                 | Fine-graine texture lamprophyre dyke crosscutting syenite  |
| IM1                      | Bou Imtessene  | Skarn                       | Hosts disseminated fluorite  |
| IMz2                     | Bou Imtessene  | Carbonatite                 | Coarse-graine texture carbonatite outcropping North of the investigated area                         |
| IMz7                     | Bou Imtessene  | Carbonatite                 | Coarse-graine texture carbonatite outcropping North of the investigated area                         |
| TJ6-1                    | West of Tabaja | Syenite                     | Coarse-grain texture syenite   |
| TJ8-2                    | West of Tabaja | Pegmatite                   | Coarse-grain texture with large ellongated crystals  |
| TJ4                      | West of Tabaja | Skarn                       | Calcite-rich contact zone with foliated-like structure   |
| TJ2-4                    | Tabaja         | Altered marl                | Light green marls associated with fluorite and calcite   |
| BZ9-3                    | Bou Izourane   | Altered carbonate           | Hydrothermally altered Liassic limestone   |
| S1                       | Near Tabaja    | Liassic limestone           | Unaltered limestone far from igneous rocks and fluorite ore deposits                                 |
| S2                       | Near Tabaja    | Liassic Limestone           | Unaltered limestone far from igneous rocks and fluorite ore deposits                                 |

**Table 2**

| Samples | Location            | Description       | $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ (VPDB, ‰) | $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ (VPDB, ‰) | $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ (VSMOW, ‰) |
|---------|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| S1      | Near Tabeja         | Limestone         | 0.8                             | -7.4                            | 23.3                             |
| S2      | Near Tabeja         | Limestone         | 2.3                             | -5.0                            | 25.7                             |
| TMz2    | NW of Bou Imtessene | Carbonatite       | -1.6                            | -17.3                           | 13.1                             |
| TMz7    | NW of Bou Imtessene | Carbonatite       | -4.8                            | -19.7                           | 10.6                             |
| TMz5    | NW of Bou Imtessene | Carbonatite       | -1.4                            | -19.4                           | 10.9                             |
| BZ4     | Bou Izourane        | Altered limestone | -3.5                            | -10                             | 20.6                             |
| BZ4b    | Bou Izourane        | Altered limestone | -3.7                            | -10                             | 20.6                             |
| BZ9h    | Bou Izourane        | Altered limestone | -2.5                            | -9.1                            | 21.8                             |
| BZ9hb   | Bou Izourane        | Altered limestone | -2.6                            | -8.8                            | 21.8                             |
| IM1     | Bou Imtessene       | Skarn             | 1.7                             | -4.8                            | 26.0                             |
| TJ4a    | West of Tabeja      | Skarn             | 0.5                             | -5.4                            | 25.4                             |
| TJ4b    | West of Tabeja      | Skarn             | 0.4                             | -5.3                            | 25.5                             |
| TJ5a    | West of Tabeja      | Skarn             | 0.9                             | -5.4                            | 25.4                             |
| TJ5b    | West of Tabeja      | Skarn             | 0.8                             | -5.4                            | 25.3                             |
| IM10-3  | Bou Imtessene       | Calcite-1         | -3.5                            | -20.5                           | 10                               |
| IM11-3  | Bou Imtessene       | Calcite-1         | -3.8                            | -20.4                           | 9.9                              |
| M14-3   | Bou Imtessene       | Calcite-1         | -3.7                            | -20.1                           | 10.2                             |
| IM15-3a | Bou Imtessene       | Calcite-1         | -3.2                            | -20.2                           | 10.1                             |
| IM15-3b | Bou Imtessene       | Calcite-1         | -3.3                            | -20.5                           | 10.1                             |
| TJ2-3   | Tabeja              | Calcite-2         | -1.3                            | -19.9                           | 10.4                             |
| TJ3-3   | Tabeja              | Calcite-2         | -1.5                            | -19.9                           | 10.4                             |
| BZ1-3   | Bou Izourane        | Calcite-2         | 1.7                             | -15.3                           | 15.2                             |
| BZ9-2c  | Bou Izourane        | Calcite-2         | 1.4                             | -17.6                           | 12.8                             |



**Table 3**

| mg * kg <sup>-1</sup> | Bou Intessene   |                 |               |               | Tabeja          |                 |              | Bou Izourane    |                 |                 |                |                |              |              |
|-----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|
|                       | Purple fluorite | Purple fluorite | Calcite       | Calcite       | Purple fluorite | Purple fluorite | Calcite      | Purple fluorite | Purple fluorite | Purple fluorite | White fluorite | White fluorite | Calcite      | Calcite      |
| Element/Ref.          | IM12-1          | IM15-1          | IM10-3        | IM15-3        | TJ1-1           | TJ2-1           | TJ2-3        | BZ2-1           | BZ5-1           | BZ9-1           | BZ2-2          | BZ5-2          | BZ1-3        | BZ9-2        |
| La                    | 973.43          | 14.39           | 50.65         | 63.85         | 0.53            | 1.69            | 4.27         | 1.72            | 3.16            | 1.59            | 1.16           | 3.86           | 2.98         | 4.52         |
| Ce                    | 1592.97         | 22.04           | 53.09         | 89.75         | 0.74            | 2.35            | 5.87         | 2.17            | 4.16            | 2.17            | 1.41           | 3.53           | 4.23         | 6.91         |
| Pr                    | 96.81           | 1.67            | 3.06          | 6.08          | 0.09            | 0.25            | 0.58         | 0.29            | 0.60            | 0.40            | 0.15           | 0.33           | 0.62         | 0.84         |
| Nd                    | 207.55          | 4.41            | 6.31          | 13.98         | 0.36            | 0.94            | 1.90         | 1.19            | 2.33            | 1.91            | 0.47           | 0.98           | 2.41         | 2.97         |
| Sm                    | 19.52           | 0.59            | 0.56          | 1.49          | 0.08            | 0.18            | 0.32         | 0.24            | 0.48            | 0.59            | 0.08           | 0.14           | 0.50         | 0.56         |
| Eu                    | 4.84            | 0.18            | 0.15          | 0.40          | 0.03            | 0.07            | 0.11         | 0.07            | 0.14            | 0.19            | BaO            | 0.05           | 0.15         | 0.15         |
| Gd                    | 14.22           | 0.66            | 0.44          | 1.23          | 0.14            | 0.25            | 0.32         | 0.33            | 0.67            | 0.98            | 0.12           | 0.17           | 0.65         | 0.60         |
| Tb                    | 2.12            | 0.09            | 0.06          | 0.20          | 0.03            | 0.05            | 0.06         | 0.05            | 0.12            | 0.16            | 0.02           | 0.03           | 0.10         | 0.10         |
| Dy                    | 11.41           | 0.66            | 0.35          | 1.34          | 0.23            | 0.46            | 0.72         | 0.37            | 0.81            | 1.22            | 0.11           | 0.18           | 0.72         | 0.62         |
| Y                     | 120.17          | 10.2            | 3.2           | 10.7          | 3.1             | 5.8             | 8.7          | 5.5             | 11.5            | 18.3            | 1.4            | 3.3            | 6.2          | 5.1          |
| Ho                    | 2.27            | 0.16            | 0.07          | 0.32          | 0.06            | 0.12            | 0.21         | 0.10            | 0.22            | 0.33            | 0.03           | 0.04           | 0.16         | 0.14         |
| Er                    | 7.45            | 0.51            | 0.23          | 1.11          | 0.20            | 0.42            | 0.98         | 0.33            | 0.73            | 1.16            | 0.09           | 0.15           | 0.48         | 0.42         |
| Tm                    | 1.15            | 0.08            | 0.04          | 0.20          | 0.03            | 0.07            | 0.20         | 0.04            | 0.10            | 0.18            | 0.01           | 0.02           | 0.07         | 0.07         |
| Yb                    | 7.88            | 0.59            | 0.26          | 1.50          | 0.24            | 0.58            | 1.64         | 0.32            | 0.69            | 1.15            | 0.09           | 0.12           | 0.46         | 0.45         |
| Lu                    | 1.01            | 0.08            | 0.04          | 0.22          | 0.03            | 0.08            | 0.24         | 0.05            | 0.10            | 0.15            | 0.01           | 0.02           | 0.06         | 0.07         |
|                       |                 |                 |               |               |                 |                 |              |                 |                 |                 |                |                |              |              |
| <b>∑REY</b>           | <b>3048.57</b>  | <b>56.31</b>    | <b>118.04</b> | <b>191.19</b> | <b>5.86</b>     | <b>13.33</b>    | <b>26.09</b> | <b>12.81</b>    | <b>25.78</b>    | <b>30.45</b>    | <b>5.18</b>    | <b>12.70</b>   | <b>13.57</b> | <b>23.49</b> |
| Y/Ho                  | 1.92            | 2.35            | 1.58          | 1.22          | 1.84            | 1.74            | 1.46         | 2.11            | 1.91            | 2.02            | 1.91           | 2.65           | 1.37         | 1.33         |
| Ce/Ce*                | 1.05            | 1.04            | 1.06          | 1.01          | 0.88            | 1.02            | 0.98         | 0.91            | 0.79            | 0.76            | 0.87           | 0.96           | 0.78         | 0.87         |
| Eu/Eu*                | 0.85            | 0.94            | 0.93          | 0.85          | 0.89            | 0.93            | 0.95         | 0.83            | 0.76            | 0.80            | -              | 0.97           | 0.81         | 0.78         |
| Y/Y*                  | 0.17            | 3.07            | 4.51          | 0.73          | 6.16            | 2.75            | 0.99         | 4.27            | 1.74            | 1.15            | 14.59          | 12.08          | 1.89         | 2.10         |

**Table 3 (Continued)**

| mg * kg <sup>-1</sup> | Nepheline<br>syenite | Syenite | Syenite | Pegmatite | Pegmatite | Lamprophyre | Carbonatite | Carbonatite | Limestone | Limestone | Altered<br>carbonate | Marl   | Skarn | Skarn  |
|-----------------------|----------------------|---------|---------|-----------|-----------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|----------------------|--------|-------|--------|
| Element               | IM2S                 | IM7     | TJ6-1   | IM11-1    | TJ8-2     | IM2L        | TMZ2        | TMZ7        | S1        | S2        | BZ9-3                | TJ2-4  | IM1   | TJ4    |
| La                    | 18.30                | 22.06   | 29.82   | 112.62    | 30.34     | 36.61       | 162.77      | 144.03      | 0.52      | 0.26      | 75.64                | 20.10  | 7.10  | 74.12  |
| Ce                    | 21.94                | 24.01   | 31.18   | 143.40    | 42.19     | 40.60       | 268.34      | 215.04      | 0.50      | 0.43      | 146.81               | 24.04  | 6.38  | 78.44  |
| Pr                    | 1.44                 | 1.48    | 1.93    | 9.46      | 3.02      | 2.46        | 26.75       | 20.30       | 0.09      | 0.05      | 16.17                | 3.49   | 0.38  | 5.39   |
| Nd                    | 3.30                 | 3.30    | 3.91    | 22.24     | 7.32      | 5.14        | 91.73       | 68.04       | 0.39      | 0.22      | 59.81                | 13.33  | 0.92  | 13.75  |
| Sm                    | 0.38                 | 0.35    | 0.31    | 2.50      | 0.89      | 0.51        | 12.33       | 10.04       | 0.09      | 0.04      | 10.09                | 3.04   | 0.11  | 1.81   |
| Eu                    | 0.10                 | 0.10    | 0.08    | 0.73      | 0.28      | 0.13        | 3.43        | 2.99        | BaO       | 0.01      | 2.97                 | 1.08   | 0.03  | 0.47   |
| Gd                    | 0.30                 | 0.29    | 0.22    | 2.16      | 0.79      | 0.37        | 8.56        | 9.12        | 0.14      | 0.05      | 7.69                 | 3.32   | 0.1   | 1.69   |
| Tb                    | 0.05                 | 0.05    | 0.03    | 0.36      | 0.13      | 0.06        | 1.30        | 1.35        | 0.02      | 0.01      | 0.92                 | 0.69   | 0.02  | 0.23   |
| Dy                    | 0.32                 | 0.37    | 0.17    | 2.31      | 0.75      | 0.40        | 8.76        | 9.21        | 0.17      | 0.05      | 4.47                 | 6.30   | 0.12  | 1.36   |
| Y                     | 3.7                  | 2.9     | 1.5     | 17.8      | 5.6       | 3.5         | 52.41       | 41.90       | 2.34      | 0.48      | 18.3                 | 64.0   | 1.7   | 10.6   |
| Ho                    | 0.07                 | 0.08    | 0.03    | 0.53      | 0.15      | 0.09        | 1.65        | 1.59        | 0.04      | 0.01      | 0.74                 | 1.76   | 0.03  | 0.26   |
| Er                    | 0.25                 | 0.32    | 0.12    | 1.79      | 0.52      | 0.34        | 4.78        | 4.10        | 0.14      | <d.l.     | 1.78                 | 7.09   | 0.09  | 0.79   |
| Tm                    | 0.04                 | 0.06    | 0.03    | 0.30      | 0.09      | 0.06        | 0.59        | 0.49        | 0.02      | <d.l.     | 0.21                 | 1.37   | 0.01  | 0.11   |
| Yb                    | 0.34                 | 0.48    | 0.30    | 2.20      | 0.79      | 0.52        | 3.51        | 3.14        | 0.13      | 0.03      | 1.27                 | 10.80  | 0.10  | 0.65   |
| Lu                    | 0.06                 | 0.07    | 0.07    | 0.30      | 0.14      | 0.09        | 0.44        | 0.42        | 0.02      | <d.l.     | 0.16                 | 1.53   | 0.01  | 0.08   |
|                       |                      |         |         |           |           |             |             |             |           |           |                      |        |       |        |
| ∑REY                  | 50.26                | 55.67   | 69.49   | 316.54    | 92.23     | 90.48       | 647.35      | 531.76      | 4.61      | 1.64      | 347.01               | 161.98 | 17.03 | 189.75 |
| Y/Ho                  | 1.79                 | 1.30    | 1.63    | 1.23      | 1.33      | 1.39        | 1.15        | 0.96        | 2.12      | 1.74      | 0.90                 | 1.32   | 2.04  | 1.47   |
| Ce/Ce*                | 1.04                 | 1.08    | 0.97    | 1.06      | 1.01      | 1.02        | 1.02        | 1.06        | 0.72      | 1.13      | 1.00                 | 0.78   | 1.22  | 1.10   |
| Eu/Eu*                | 0.84                 | 0.86    | 0.96    | 0.92      | 0.99      | 0.82        | 0.96        | 0.95        | 0.30      | 0.65      | 1.07                 | 0.95   | 0.93  | 0.84   |
| Y/Y*                  | 4.71                 | 2.68    | 8.70    | 0.46      | 1.68      | 2.75        | 0.16        | 0.15        | 10.07     | -         | 0.33                 | 0.12   | 14.27 | 1.24   |

**Supplementary Data - Fluid Inclusion Microthermometry**

| No | Deposit       | Sample | Mineral                      | FIA  | Inclusion no. | Shape            | Size (µm) | Description     | FIA description | Origin    | Type   | $T_h$ | $T_h$ mode | $T_m$ (ice) | $T_{fm}$ | Salinity (wt.% NaCl equiv.) |
|----|---------------|--------|------------------------------|------|---------------|------------------|-----------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------|--------|-------|------------|-------------|----------|-----------------------------|
| 1  | Bou Imtessene | IM13   | interstitial fluorite        | FIA1 | fi1           | prismatic        | 30        | aqueous, 3phase | trail           | secondary | Type 1 | 163   | LVS→LS     | -17.2       | -46      | 20.4                        |
| 2  | Bou Imtessene | IM13   | interstitial fluorite        | FIA1 | fi2           | cubic            | 20        | aqueous, 3phase | trail           | secondary | Type 1 | 185   | LV→L       | -18.5       | -48      | 21.3                        |
| 3  | Bou Imtessene | IM13   | interstitial fluorite        | FIA1 | fi3           | prismatic        | 15        | aqueous, 3phase | trail           | secondary | Type 1 | 197   | LV→L       | -18.4       |          | 21.3                        |
| 4  | Bou Imtessene | IM13   | interstitial fluorite        | FIA1 | fi4           | cubic            | 10        | aqueous, 3phase | trail           | secondary | Type 1 | 203   | LV→L       | -18.4       |          | 21.3                        |
| 5  | Bou Imtessene | IM13   | interstitial fluorite        | FIA1 | fi5           | prismatic        | 20        | aqueous, 3phase | trail           | secondary | Type 1 | 185   | LV→L       | -17.6       | -49      | 20.7                        |
| 6  | Bou Imtessene | IM13   | interstitial fluorite        | FIA1 | fi6           | cubic            | 20        | aqueous, 3phase | trail           | secondary | Type 1 | 188   | LV→L       | -18.5       | -49      | 21.3                        |
| 7  | Bou Imtessene | IM13   | interstitial fluorite        | FIA1 | fi7           | cubic            | 18        | aqueous, 3phase | trail           | secondary | Type 1 | 186   | LV→L       | -18.8       |          | 21.5                        |
| 8  | Bou Imtessene | IM13   | interstitial fluorite        | FIA2 | fi1           | negative crystal | 25        | aqueous, 3phase | trail           | secondary | Type 1 | 173   | LV→L       | -17.4       | -49      | 20.5                        |
| 9  | Bou Imtessene | IM13   | interstitial fluorite        | FIA2 | fi2           | cubic            | 10        | aqueous, 3phase | trail           | secondary | Type 1 | 211   | LV→L       | -17.3       |          | 20.4                        |
| 10 | Bou Imtessene | IM13   | interstitial fluorite        | FIA2 | fi3           | cubic            | 10        | aqueous, 3phase | trail           | secondary | Type 1 | 204   | LV→L       | -18         |          | 21.0                        |
| 11 | Bou Imtessene | IM13   | interstitial fluorite        | FIA2 | fi4           | negative crystal | 12        | aqueous, 3phase | trail           | secondary | Type 1 | 202   | LV→L       | -16.6       | -50      | 19.9                        |
| 12 | Bou Imtessene | IM13   | interstitial fluorite        | FIA2 | fi5           | negative crystal | 15        | aqueous, 3phase | trail           | secondary | Type 1 | 207   | LV→L       | -18.6       | -49      | 21.4                        |
| 13 | Bou Imtessene | IM13   | interstitial fluorite        | FIA2 | fi6           | negative crystal | 10        | aqueous, 3phase | trail           | secondary | Type 1 | 213   | LV→L       | -18.5       | -49      | 21.3                        |
| 14 | Bou Imtessene | IM13   | interstitial fluorite        | FIA3 | fi1           | negative crystal | 10        | aqueous, 3phase | trail           | secondary | Type 1 | 200   | LV→L       | -17         |          | 20.2                        |
| 15 | Bou Imtessene | IM13   | interstitial fluorite        | FIA3 | fi2           | negative crystal | 10        | aqueous, 3phase | trail           | secondary | Type 1 | 194   | LV→L       | -16.9       |          | 20.1                        |
| 16 | Bou Imtessene | IM13   | interstitial fluorite        | FIA3 | fi3           | negative crystal | 10        | aqueous, 3phase | trail           | secondary | Type 1 | 204   | LV→L       | -17.1       |          | 20.3                        |
| 17 | Bou Imtessene | IM13   | interstitial fluorite        | FIA3 | fi4           | negative crystal | 10        | aqueous, 3phase | trail           | secondary | Type 1 | 199   | LV→L       | -17.9       |          | 20.9                        |
| 18 | Bou Imtessene | IM13   | interstitial purple fluorite | FIA4 | fi1           | cylindrical      | 10        | aqueous, 3phase | trail           | secondary | Type 1 | 189   | LV→L       | -18.3       | -46      | 21.2                        |
| 19 | Bou Imtessene | IM13   | interstitial purple fluorite | FIA4 | fi2           | prismatic        | 7         | aqueous, 3phase | trail           | secondary | Type 1 | 199   | LV→L       | -20         |          | 22.4                        |
| 20 | Bou Imtessene | IM13   | interstitial purple fluorite | FIA4 | fi3           | spherical        | 6         | aqueous, 3phase | trail           | secondary | Type 1 | 211   | LV→L       | -19.9       |          | 22.3                        |
| 21 | Bou Imtessene | IM13   | interstitial purple fluorite | FIA4 | fi4           | cylindrical      | 5         | aqueous, 3phase | trail           | secondary | Type 1 | 210   | LV→L       | -21         |          | 23.0                        |
| 22 | Bou Imtessene | IM13   | interstitial calcite         | FIA1 | fi1           | negative crystal | 10        | aqueous, 3phase | trail           | secondary | Type 1 | 194   | LV→L       | -16.6       | -49      | 19.9                        |
| 23 | Bou Imtessene | IM13   | interstitial calcite         | FIA1 | fi2           | negative crystal | 10        | aqueous, 3phase | trail           | secondary | Type 1 | 197   | LV→L       | -15.9       | -50      | 19.4                        |

|    |               |      |                              |      |      |                  |    |                  |             |           |        |       |        |       |      |     |
|----|---------------|------|------------------------------|------|------|------------------|----|------------------|-------------|-----------|--------|-------|--------|-------|------|-----|
| 24 | Bou Imtessene | IM13 | interstitial calcite         | FIA1 | fi3  | cubic            | 8  | aqueous, 3phase  | trail       | secondary | Type 1 | 197   | LV→L   | -16   | 19.4 |     |
| 25 | Bou Imtessene | IM13 | interstitial calcite         | FIA1 | fi4  | negative crystal | 10 | aqueous, 3phase  | trail       | secondary | Type 1 | 197   | LV→L   | -16   | 19.4 |     |
| 26 | Bou Imtessene | IM13 | interstitial calcite         | FIA1 | fi5  | cubic            | 8  | aqueous, 3phase  | trail       | secondary | Type 1 | 194   | LV→L   | -16.8 | 20.1 |     |
| 27 | Tabeja        | TJ1  | purple fluorite              | FIA1 | fi1  | spherical        | 50 | aqueous, 2phase  | growth zone | primary   | Type 2 | 157.4 | LV→L   | -5.4  | 8.4  |     |
| 28 | Tabeja        | TJ1  | purple fluorite              | FIA1 | fi2  | spherical        | 10 | aqueous, 2phase  | growth zone | primary   | Type 2 | 135   | LV→L   | -3.2  | 5.3  |     |
| 29 | Tabeja        | TJ1  | purple fluorite              | FIA1 | fi3  | spherical        | 11 | aqueous, 2phase  | growth zone | primary   | Type 2 | 136.3 | LV→L   | -2.6  | 4.3  |     |
| 30 | Tabeja        | TJ1  | purple fluorite              | FIA1 | fi4  | spherical        | 9  | aqueous, 2phase  | growth zone | primary   | Type 2 | 142   | LV→L   | -3.2  | 5.3  |     |
| 31 | Tabeja        | TJ1  | purple fluorite              | FIA1 | fi5  | spherical        | 10 | aqueous, 2phase  | growth zone | primary   | Type 2 | 131.4 | LV→L   | -2.9  | 4.8  |     |
| 32 | Tabeja        | TJ1  | purple fluorite              | FIA1 | fi6  | spherical        | 10 | aqueous, 2phase  | growth zone | primary   | Type 2 | 132.7 | LV→L   | -3.6  | 5.9  |     |
| 33 | Tabeja        | TJ1  | purple fluorite              | FIA2 | fi1  | negative crystal | 23 | aqueous, 2phase  | growth zone | primary   | Type 2 | 136.1 | LV→L   | -3.9  | 6.3  |     |
| 34 | Tabeja        | TJ1  | purple fluorite              | FIA2 | fi2  | negative crystal | 30 | aqueous, 2phase  | growth zone | primary   | Type 2 | 137.4 | LV→L   | -3.9  | 6.3  |     |
| 35 | Tabeja        | TJ1  | purple fluorite              | FIA2 | fi3  | spherical        | 19 | aqueous, 2phase  | growth zone | primary   | Type 2 | 127.5 | LV→L   | -4    | 6.4  |     |
| 36 | Tabeja        | TJ1  | purple fluorite              | FIA2 | fi4  | cylindrical      | 25 | aqueous, 3 phase | growth zone | primary   | Type 2 | 137   | LVS→LS | -3.9  | 6.3  |     |
| 37 | Tabeja        | TJ1  | purple fluorite              | FIA2 | fi5  | negative crystal | 25 | aqueous, 3 phase | growth zone | primary   | Type 2 | 136.7 | LVS→LS | -3.8  | 6.2  |     |
| 38 | Tabeja        | TJ1  | purple fluorite              | FIA2 | fi6  | cylindrical      | 30 | aqueous, 3 phase | growth zone | primary   | Type 2 | 135.9 | LVS→LS | -3.6  | 5.9  |     |
| 39 | Tabeja        | TJ1  | purple fluorite              | FIA2 | fi7  | spherical        | 10 | aqueous, 3 phase | growth zone | primary   | Type 2 | 140.6 | LVS→LS | -2.3  | 3.9  |     |
| 40 | Tabeja        | TJ1  | purple fluorite              | FIA2 | fi8  | spherical        | 10 | aqueous, 2phase  | growth zone | primary   | Type 2 | 140   | LV→L   | -3.1  | 5.1  |     |
| 41 | Tabeja        | TJ1  | purple fluorite              | FIA2 | fi9  | negative crystal | 18 | aqueous, 2phase  | growth zone | primary   | Type 2 | 138   | LV→L   | -3.9  | 6.3  |     |
| 42 | Tabeja        | TJ1  | purple fluorite              | FIA2 | fi10 | spherical        | 40 | aqueous, 3 phase | growth zone | primary   | Type 2 | 125.8 | LVS→LS | -3.5  | 5.7  |     |
| 43 | Tabeja        | TJ1  | purple fluorite              | FIA3 | fi1  | negative crystal | 20 | aqueous, 2phase  | growth zone | primary   | Type 2 | 122   | LV→L   | -3.1  | 5.1  |     |
| 44 | Tabeja        | TJ1  | purple fluorite              | FIA3 | fi2  | negative crystal | 30 | aqueous, 2phase  | growth zone | primary   | Type 2 | 118.1 | LV→L   | -2.9  | 4.8  |     |
| 45 | Tabeja        | TJ1  | purple fluorite              | FIA4 | fi1  | negative crystal | 20 | aqueous, 3 phase | growth zone | primary   | Type 2 | 129.6 | LVS→LS | -3.7  | 6.0  |     |
| 46 | Tabeja        | TJ1  | purple fluorite              | FIA4 | fi2  | negative crystal | 18 | aqueous, 3 phase | growth zone | primary   | Type 2 | 133.9 | LVS→LS | -3.7  | 6.0  |     |
| 47 | Tabeja        | TJ1  | purple fluorite              | FIA4 | fi3  | negative crystal | 10 | aqueous, 3 phase | growth zone | primary   | Type 2 | 137.3 | LVS→LS | -2.1  | 3.5  |     |
| 48 | Bou Izourane  | BZ1  | banded purple-white fluorite | FIA1 | fi1  | equant           | 18 | aqueous, 2phase  | growth zone | primary   | Type 2 | 134   | LV→L   | -3.2  | 5.3  |     |
| 49 | Bou Izourane  | BZ1  | banded purple-white fluorite | FIA1 | fi2  | cylindrical      | 30 | aqueous, 2phase  | growth zone | primary   | Type 2 | 132.8 | LV→L   | -3.8  | 6.2  |     |
| 50 | Bou Izourane  | BZ1  | purple-banded fluorite       | FIA1 | fi3  | irregular        | 30 | aqueous, 2phase  | growth zone | primary   | Type 2 | 133.4 | LV→L   | -3.8  | -38  | 6.2 |

|    |              |     |   |      |      |                  |    |                 |             |         |        |       |      |      |     |     |
|----|--------------|-----|---|------|------|------------------|----|-----------------|-------------|---------|--------|-------|------|------|-----|-----|
| 51 | Bou Izourane | BZ1 | white<br>fluorite<br>banded<br>purple-<br>white<br>fluorite<br>banded<br>purple-<br>white | FIA1 | fi4  | cubic            | 18 | aqueous, 2phase | growth zone | primary | Type 2 | 135.5 | LV→L | -2.8 |     | 4.6 |
| 52 | Bou Izourane | BZ1 | white<br>fluorite<br>banded<br>purple-<br>white<br>fluorite<br>banded<br>purple-<br>white | FIA1 | fi5  | irregular        | 40 | aqueous, 2phase | growth zone | primary | Type 2 | 131   | LV→L | -3.5 | -40 | 5.7 |
| 53 | Bou Izourane | BZ1 | white<br>fluorite<br>banded<br>purple-<br>white<br>fluorite<br>banded<br>purple-<br>white | FIA1 | fi6  | equant           | 20 | aqueous, 2phase | growth zone | primary | Type 2 | 132.5 | LV→L | -2.6 |     | 4.3 |
| 54 | Bou Izourane | BZ1 | white<br>fluorite<br>banded<br>purple-<br>white<br>fluorite<br>banded<br>purple-<br>white | FIA1 | fi7  | cubic            | 18 | aqueous, 2phase | growth zone | primary | Type 2 | 132.2 | LV→L | -3.3 |     | 5.4 |
| 55 | Bou Izourane | BZ1 | white<br>fluorite<br>banded<br>purple-<br>white<br>fluorite<br>banded<br>purple-<br>white | FIA1 | fi8  | cubic            | 23 | aqueous, 2phase | growth zone | primary | Type 2 | 130.7 | LV→L | -3.4 | -42 | 5.6 |
| 56 | Bou Izourane | BZ1 | white<br>fluorite<br>banded<br>purple-<br>white<br>fluorite<br>banded<br>purple-<br>white | FIA1 | fi9  | irregular        | 20 | aqueous, 2phase | growth zone | primary | Type 2 | 133.7 | LV→L | -3.4 | -39 | 5.6 |
| 57 | Bou Izourane | BZ1 | white<br>fluorite<br>banded<br>purple-<br>white<br>fluorite<br>banded<br>purple-<br>white | FIA1 | fi10 | cylindrical      | 12 | aqueous, 2phase | growth zone | primary | Type 2 | 133.1 | LV→L | -2.3 |     | 3.9 |
| 58 | Bou Izourane | BZ9 | white<br>fluorite<br>banded<br>purple-<br>white<br>fluorite<br>banded<br>purple-<br>white | FIA1 | fi1  | negative crystal | 30 | aqueous, 2phase | growth zone | primary | Type 2 | 129.9 | LV→L | -4.1 | -32 | 6.6 |
| 59 | Bou Izourane | BZ9 | white<br>fluorite<br>banded<br>purple-<br>white<br>fluorite<br>banded<br>purple-<br>white | FIA1 | fi2  | negative crystal | 20 | aqueous, 2phase | growth zone | primary | Type 2 | 137.2 | LV→L | -2.7 |     | 4.5 |
| 60 | Bou Izourane | BZ9 | white<br>fluorite<br>banded<br>purple-<br>white<br>fluorite<br>banded<br>purple-<br>white | FIA1 | fi3  | negative crystal | 15 | aqueous, 2phase | growth zone | primary | Type 2 | 134   | LV→L | -3   | -36 | 5.0 |
| 61 | Bou Izourane | BZ9 | white<br>fluorite<br>banded<br>purple-<br>white<br>fluorite<br>banded<br>purple-<br>white | FIA1 | fi4  | negative crystal | 15 | aqueous, 2phase | growth zone | primary | Type 2 | 136.4 | LV→L | -3   |     | 5.0 |
| 62 | Bou Izourane | BZ9 | white<br>fluorite<br>banded<br>purple-<br>white<br>fluorite<br>banded<br>purple-<br>white | FIA1 | fi5  | negative crystal | 12 | aqueous, 2phase | growth zone | primary | Type 2 | 136.5 | LV→L | -3.8 |     | 6.2 |
| 63 | Bou Izourane | BZ9 | white<br>fluorite<br>banded<br>purple-<br>white<br>fluorite<br>banded<br>purple-<br>white | FIA1 | fi1  | prismatic        | 30 | aqueous, 2phase | growth zone | primary | Type 2 | 124.4 | LV→L | -1   | -27 | 1.7 |
| 64 | Bou Izourane | BZ9 | white<br>fluorite<br>banded<br>purple-<br>white<br>fluorite                               | FIA1 | fi2  | prismatic        | 15 | aqueous, 2phase | growth zone | primary | Type 2 | 135.5 | LV→L | -0.9 |     | 1.6 |

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| 65 | Bou Izourane | BZ9 | banded purple-white fluorite banded purple-white fluorite | FIA1 | fi3 | cylindrical      | 15 | aqueous, 2phase | growth zone              | primary          | Type 2 | 134.4 | LV→L | -1   | 1.7 |
| 66 | Bou Izourane | BZ9 | banded purple-white fluorite banded purple-white fluorite | FIA2 | fi1 | cubic            | 10 | aqueous, 2phase | trail within growth zone | pseudo-secondary | Type 3 | 303   | LV→L | -0.8 | 1.4 |
| 67 | Bou Izourane | BZ9 | banded purple-white fluorite banded purple-white fluorite | FIA2 | fi2 | cylindrical      | 12 | aqueous, 2phase | trail within growth zone | pseudo-secondary | Type 3 | 315   | LV→L | -0.4 | 0.7 |
| 68 | Bou Izourane | BZ9 | banded purple-white fluorite banded purple-white fluorite | FIA2 | fi3 | cubic            | 8  | aqueous, 2phase | trail within growth zone | pseudo-secondary | Type 3 | 307   | LV→L | -0.3 | 0.5 |
| 69 | Bou Izourane | BZ9 | banded purple-white fluorite banded purple-white fluorite | FIA2 | fi4 | cylindrical      | 10 | aqueous, 2phase | trail within growth zone | pseudo-secondary | Type 3 | 314   | LV→L | -0.5 | 0.9 |
| 70 | Bou Izourane | BZ9 | banded purple-white fluorite banded purple-white fluorite | FIA2 | fi5 | cylindrical      | 10 | aqueous, 2phase | trail within growth zone | pseudo-secondary | Type 3 | 317   | LV→L | -0.5 | 0.9 |
| 71 | Bou Izourane | BZ9 | banded purple-white fluorite banded purple-white fluorite | FIA2 | fi6 | cubic            | 8  | aqueous, 2phase | trail within growth zone | pseudo-secondary | Type 3 | 307   | LV→L | -0.5 | 0.9 |
| 72 | Bou Izourane | BZ9 | banded purple-white fluorite banded purple-white fluorite | FIA2 | fi7 | negative crystal | 8  | aqueous, 2phase | trail within growth zone | pseudo-secondary | Type 3 | 317   | LV→L | -0.6 | 1.1 |
| 73 | Bou Izourane | BZ9 | banded purple-white fluorite banded purple-white fluorite | FIA3 | fi1 | negative crystal | 12 | aqueous, 2phase | trail within growth zone | pseudo-secondary | Type 3 | 302   | LV→L |      |     |
| 74 | Bou Izourane | BZ9 | banded purple-white fluorite banded purple-white fluorite | FIA3 | fi2 | cubic            | 10 | aqueous, 2phase | trail within growth zone | pseudo-secondary | Type 3 | 335   | LV→L | -0.4 | 0.7 |
| 75 | Bou Izourane | BZ9 | banded purple-white fluorite banded purple-white fluorite | FIA3 | fi3 | negative crystal | 9  | aqueous, 2phase | trail within growth zone | pseudo-secondary | Type 3 | 339   | LV→L | -0.5 | 0.9 |
| 76 | Bou Izourane | BZ6 | banded purple-white fluorite banded purple-white fluorite | FIA1 | fi1 | negative crystal | 18 | aqueous, 2phase | plane within growth zone | pseudo-secondary | Type 3 | 252   | LV→L | -1.4 | 2.4 |
| 77 | Bou Izourane | BZ6 | banded purple-white fluorite banded purple-white fluorite | FIA1 | fi2 | spherical        | 10 | aqueous, 2phase | plane within growth zone | pseudo-secondary | Type 3 | 250   | LV→L | -1.1 | 1.9 |
| 78 | Bou Izourane | BZ6 | banded purple-white fluorite banded purple-white fluorite | FIA1 | fi3 | cylindrical      | 20 | aqueous, 2phase | plane within growth zone | pseudo-secondary | Type 3 | 244   | LV→L | -1.3 | 2.2 |
| 79 | Bou Izourane | BZ6 | banded purple-white fluorite                              | FIA1 | fi4 | negative crystal | 5  | aqueous, 2phase | plane within growth zone | pseudo-secondary | Type 3 | 233   | LV→L | -1.6 | 2.7 |

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| 80  | Bou Izourane | BZ6 | white<br>fluorite<br>banded<br>purple-<br>white<br>fluorite<br>banded<br>purple-<br>white | FIA1 | fi5 | cylindrical | 10 | aqueous, 2phase | plane within<br>growth zone | pseudo-<br>secondary | Type 3 | 248   | LV→L | -1.3 | 2.2 |     |
| 81  | Bou Izourane | BZ6 | white<br>fluorite<br>banded<br>purple-<br>white<br>fluorite<br>banded<br>purple-<br>white | FIA1 | fi6 | cubic       | 6  | aqueous, 2phase | plane within<br>growth zone | pseudo-<br>secondary | Type 3 | 218   | LV→L | -1.7 | 2.9 |     |
| 82  | Bou Izourane | BZ6 | white<br>fluorite<br>banded<br>purple-<br>white<br>fluorite<br>banded<br>purple-<br>white | FIA1 | fi7 | spherical   | 6  | aqueous, 2phase | plane within<br>growth zone | pseudo-<br>secondary | Type 3 | 246   | LV→L | -1.8 | 3.1 |     |
| 83  | Bou Izourane | BZ6 | white<br>fluorite<br>banded<br>purple-<br>white<br>fluorite<br>banded<br>purple-<br>white | FIA1 | fi8 | cubic       | 8  | aqueous, 2phase | plane within<br>growth zone | pseudo-<br>secondary | Type 3 | 261   | LV→L | -1.4 | 2.4 |     |
| 84  | Bou Izourane | BZ6 | white<br>fluorite<br>banded<br>purple-<br>white<br>fluorite<br>banded<br>purple-<br>white | FIA1 | fi9 | spherical   | 5  | aqueous, 2phase | plane within<br>growth zone | pseudo-<br>secondary | Type 3 | 259   | LV→L | -1.2 | 2.1 |     |
| 85  | Bou Izourane | BZ3 | white<br>fluorite<br>white<br>fluorite<br>white   | FIA1 | fi4 | cylindrical | 65 | aqueous, 2phase | growth zone                 | primary              | Type 2 | 130   | LV→L |      |     |     |
| 86  | Bou Izourane | BZ3 | white<br>fluorite<br>white<br>fluorite<br>white   | FIA1 | fi8 | prismatic   | 40 | aqueous, 2phase | growth zone                 | primary              | Type 2 | 130.3 | LV→L |      |     |     |
| 87  | Bou Izourane | BZ3 | white<br>fluorite<br>white<br>fluorite<br>white   | FIA1 | fi5 | irregular   | 40 | aqueous, 2phase | growth zone                 | primary              | Type 2 | 134.3 | LV→L | -4   | 6.4 |     |
| 88  | Bou Izourane | BZ3 | white<br>fluorite<br>white<br>fluorite<br>white   | FIA2 | fi1 | irregular   | 65 | aqueous, 2phase | growth zone                 | primary              | Type 2 | 139.6 | LV→L | -3.6 | 5.9 |     |
| 89  | Bou Izourane | BZ3 | white<br>fluorite<br>white<br>fluorite<br>white   | FIA2 | fi2 | cylindrical | 30 | aqueous, 2phase | growth zone                 | primary              | Type 2 | 142.3 | LV→L | -4   | 6.4 |     |
| 90  | Bou Izourane | BZ3 | white<br>fluorite<br>white<br>fluorite<br>white   | FIA2 | fi3 | cylindrical | 25 | aqueous, 2phase | growth zone                 | primary              | Type 2 | 143.2 | LV→L | -4.7 | 7.4 |     |
| 91  | Bou Izourane | BZ3 | white<br>fluorite<br>white<br>fluorite<br>white   | FIA2 | fi6 | cylindrical | 20 | aqueous, 2phase | growth zone                 | primary              | Type 2 | 142.7 | LV→L |      |     |     |
| 92  | Bou Izourane | BZ3 | white<br>fluorite<br>white<br>fluorite<br>white   | FIA2 | fi7 | cylindrical | 20 | aqueous, 2phase | growth zone                 | primary              | Type 2 | 143   | LV→L | -3.8 | 6.2 |     |
| 93  | Bou Izourane | BZ3 | white<br>fluorite<br>white<br>fluorite<br>white   | FIA2 | fi9 | irregular   | 20 | aqueous, 2phase | growth zone                 | primary              | Type 2 | 143.8 | LV→L | -3.5 | 5.7 |     |
| 94  | Bou Izourane | BZ3 | white<br>fluorite<br>white<br>fluorite<br>white   | FIA1 | fi1 | cylindrical | 22 | aqueous, 2phase | growth zone                 | primary              | Type 2 | 145.8 | LV→L | -5.5 | -35 | 8.5 |
| 95  | Bou Izourane | BZ3 | white<br>fluorite<br>white<br>fluorite<br>white   | FIA1 | fi2 | cylindrical | 12 | aqueous, 2phase | growth zone                 | primary              | Type 2 | 141.5 | LV→L | -4   | 6.4 |     |
| 96  | Bou Izourane | BZ3 | white<br>fluorite<br>white<br>fluorite<br>white   | FIA1 | fi3 | cubic       | 5  | aqueous, 2phase | growth zone                 | primary              | Type 2 | 135.4 | LV→L | -5.2 | 8.1 |     |
| 97  | Bou Izourane | BZ3 | white<br>fluorite<br>white<br>fluorite<br>white   | FIA1 | fi4 | equant      | 8  | aqueous, 2phase | growth zone                 | primary              | Type 2 | 131.8 | LV→L | -4.4 | 7.0 |     |
| 98  | Bou Izourane | BZ5 | white<br>fluorite<br>white<br>fluorite<br>white   | FIA1 | fi1 | prismatic   | 20 | aqueous, 2phase | growth zone                 | primary              | Type 2 | 143.8 | LV→L | -2   | 3.4 |     |
| 99  | Bou Izourane | BZ5 | white<br>fluorite<br>white<br>fluorite<br>white   | FIA1 | fi2 | spherical   | 10 | aqueous, 2phase | growth zone                 | primary              | Type 2 | 153.7 | LV→L | -2.9 | 4.8 |     |
| 100 | Bou Izourane | BZ5 | white<br>fluorite<br>white<br>fluorite<br>white   | FIA1 | fi3 | cylindrical | 30 | aqueous, 2phase | growth zone                 | primary              | Type 2 | 141.9 | LV→L | -2.9 | 4.8 |     |
| 101 | Bou Izourane | BZ5 | white<br>fluorite<br>white<br>fluorite<br>white   | FIA1 | fi4 | cylindrical | 10 | aqueous, 2phase | growth zone                 | primary              | Type 2 | 151   | LV→L | -3.1 | 5.1 |     |
| 102 | Bou Izourane | BZ5 | white<br>fluorite<br>white<br>fluorite<br>white   | FIA1 | fi5 | cylindrical | 10 | aqueous, 2phase | growth zone                 | primary              | Type 2 | 144.6 | LV→L | -3.2 | 5.3 |     |

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| 103 | Bou Izourane | BZ5 | white<br>fluorite | FIA1 | fi6 | equant | 8 | aqueous, 2phase | growth zone | primary | Type 2 | 155.3 | LV→L | -3.1 | 5.1 |
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