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2 **Thallium geochemistry in the metamorphic Lengenbach sulfide**
3 **deposit, Switzerland: thallium-isotope fractionation in a sulfide melt**

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24 **Abstract**

25 The Lengenbach (Switzerland) Pb-As-Tl-Zn deposit was formed from a sulfide melt at about 500
26 °C during Alpine metamorphism, but details on its formation and especially the source of the metals
27 are still under debate. In this study we present two sample sets to address these questions:

- 28 1. MC-ICP-MS analyses of thallium isotopes in sulfides, sulfosalts and melt inclusions from
29 the Alpine metamorphic Lengenbach deposit in the Binn valley of Switzerland, the non-
30 metamorphic Wiesloch Mississippi Valley-type deposit in Southern Germany, and the Cu-
31 and As-rich mineralization at Pizzo Cervandone about 2 km SW of the Lengenbach deposit,
32 which has been discussed as potential source of the Lengenbach metals.
- 33 2. LA-ICP-MS analyses of micas from the Lengenbach deposit and surrounding country rocks
34 between the deposit and the Pizzo Cervandone to trace potential metal-bearing fluid
35 pathways.

36 We found that Tl isotope compositions expressed as $\epsilon^{205}\text{Tl}$ values in all investigated samples range
37 from -4.1 ± 0.5 to $+1.9 \pm 0.5$. The whole variation can be seen in the Lengenbach deposit alone,
38 which hence records considerable fractionation even during high-temperature processes involving a
39 sulfide melt. This large range of $\epsilon^{205}\text{Tl}$ is thought to be caused by nuclear volume-dependent
40 fractionation. Interestingly, the common fahlores at Lengenbach behave differently from all other
41 investigated sulfosalts: based on their heavy isotopic composition together with a low As/S-ratio,
42 they do not seem to be crystallized from the sulfide melt, but are interpreted to have formed from
43 hydrothermal fluids enriched in the heavy Tl isotopes.

44 Although As mobilization in the gneisses and dolomites surrounding the Lengenbach deposit is
45 evident based on secondary arsenites, no traces of such a country rock fluid could be found in
46 fissure micas at Lengenbach. Hence, considerations involving K/Rb, Rb/Tl, As/S and Pb/Tl ratios in
47 the sulfides and micas imply that the element enrichment in the Lengenbach deposit is either pre-
48 Alpine or related to peak metamorphism, but occurred definitely before mica growth at
49 Lengenbach.

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51 **Introduction**

52 The Lengenbach Pb-As-Tl-Zn deposit (Binn Valley/Switzerland) is well known for the occurrence
53 of rare Tl-bearing sulfosalts and sulphides (Giusca 1930; Graeser 1965, 1975; Hofmann and Knill
54 1996; Graeser et al. 2008). It is the type locality of 31 mineral species, 16 of which have only been
55 described from here (Hofmann et al. 1993; Graeser et al. 2008). This mineralogical diversity has
56 been investigated in numerous publications since its discovery in the 19th century (Giusca 1930;
57 Graeser 1965, 1975; Graeser et al. 2008).

58 The Lengenbach deposit formed under participation of a sulfide melt generated during regional
59 metamorphism (Hofmann 1994). This process has been involved even in the generation of some
60 world class deposits, such as Broken Hill in Australia (Sparks and Mavrogenes 2005; Tomkins et al.
61 2007). A sulfide melt is produced if metamorphic temperatures are high enough to melt a precursor
62 sulfide mineralization. The required temperature depends on the primary mineral composition, the
63 mineral assemblages and f_{O_2} . In the course of fractional crystallization of the sulfide melt (Tomkins
64 et al. 2007) As and Tl behave as incompatible elements. They are strongly enriched in the remaining
65 melt fraction from which minerals such as jordanite and dufrenoyite crystallize.

66 Although the Lengenbach deposit was the subject of many scientific investigations, details of its
67 formation and especially the source of the metals are still under debate: both the formation by
68 melting of a hypothetical precursor mineralization (under nearly closed system conditions) and an
69 external elemental input were discussed in the literature (e.g. Graeser and Roggiani 1976; Hofmann
70 and Knill 1996).

71 In this study we determined the chemical and Tl isotopic composition of various Tl-bearing
72 sulfosalts, sulfides and micas from the Lengenbach quarry in the Lengenbach deposit. The unusual
73 diversity of Tl-bearing minerals at the Lengenbach quarry makes it an ideal target for the
74 exploration of the potential use of the new analytical method of Tl isotope composition on ore

75 deposits (Rehkämper and Halliday 1998). For comparison, we also analyzed the Cu-As
76 mineralization in pre-Alpine gneisses of the Pizzo Cervandone south of the Lengenbach quarry and
77 a Mississippi Valley-type deposit at Wiesloch, South Germany. Alpine mobilization of the Pizzo
78 Cervandone mineralization has been invoked in models to explain the chemical inventory of the
79 Lengenbach deposit (Graeser 1965; Graeser and Roggiani 1976) while the Wiesloch Mississippi
80 Valley-type deposit has been considered as a non-metamorphic analogue for the precursor
81 mineralization of Lengenbach (Hofmann and Knill 1996; Pfaff et al., 2010). The main purpose of
82 this study was to obtain new insight into the formation of the Lengenbach deposit and the behavior
83 of Tl isotopes during sulfide melt formation and evolution. Mica fractions from various fissures in
84 different host rocks in the Binn valley were additionally investigated to reconstruct potential
85 pathways of Tl-bearing fluids or interaction with a sulfide melt.

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87 **Geology**

88 The Lengenbach deposit is located in southern Switzerland in the Penninic units of the Alpine realm
89 (Hofmann and Knill 1996). It occurs in metamorphosed Triassic dolomites in the Binn Valley (Fig.
90 1). Peak metamorphic conditions were determined in the Steinental close to the Binn Valley as
91 upper greenschist to lower amphibolite facies (around 500 to 520 °C and 6.5 to 7.5 kbar) at 28 Ma
92 ago (Frey et al. 1974; Vance and O'Nions 1992; Hofmann and Knill 1996).

93 Mineralized Triassic dolomites are located between a basement of granitic gneisses of the Monte
94 Leone nappe and the overlying Bündnerschiefer (Fig. 1). The pre-Alpine basement is built up by
95 Permian metasediments and meta-volcanics, and pre-Permian orthogneisses. The Bündnerschiefer
96 consist of metamorphosed carbonate-rich sandstones and marls deposited during the extension of
97 the Penninic basin and intercalated metamorphosed basalts. The dolomites hosting the
98 mineralization are interpreted to have formed as platform dolomites during the beginning of the
99 Penninic extension (Hofmann and Knill 1996; Galster in press).

100 Triassic dolomites occurring in the Binn Valley area can be subdivided into two strata, the
101 Lengenbacher stratum and the Feldbacher stratum (Fig. 1), at which the position of the locality
102 Balmen is unclear, but most probably a part of the Lengenbacher stratum. The dolomites hosting the
103 Lengenbach deposit are located in the Lengenbacher stratum and have a thickness of about 240 m.
104 The mineralized zone is located close to the crystalline basement (Graeser 1965, 1975; Hofmann
105 and Knill 1996). The major part of the mineralization consists of stratabound layers containing up to
106 80 vol% pyrite and smaller layers of sphalerite and galenite (Hofmann and Knill 1996), all with
107 various kinds of rare sulfosalts. These layers can be subdivided into a reduced zone, an As(III)-rich
108 zone and an intermediate redox zone (in stratigraphic order). The reduced zone is characterized by
109 the occurrence of pyrite, pyrrhotite, arsenopyrite, sphalerite, magnetite, biotite and uraninite. The
110 As(III)-rich zone is composed of pyrite, barite, sphalerite, baumhauerite, sartorite, orpiment, realgar
111 and other As-rich sulfosalts (see Tab. 1). In this zone, Pb-Tl-rich sulfide melt inclusions in quartz
112 have been identified and discordant veinlets containing baumhauerite, sartorite, realgar and
113 dufrenoyite are found (Hofmann and Knill 1996). The intermediate redox zone consists of pyrite,
114 barite, galena, sphalerite, jordanite and other As-poor sulfosalts. In addition to these
115 stratigraphically confined zones, mineral druses and open fissures containing a large number of
116 euhedral sulfosalts (>50 different species) and micas have been identified (Hofmann et al. 1993;
117 Graeser et al., 2008).

118 The formation of the Lengenbach deposit has been interpreted to be the result of a sulfide melt
119 generated at Alpine peak metamorphic conditions (Hofmann 1994). This sulfide melt underwent
120 fractional crystallization of sulfosalts such as jordanite, which resulted in the enrichment of As and
121 Tl, and the depletion of Pb in the remaining melt fractions. This is shown by compositional trends
122 of melt inclusions, namely the enrichment of As and the depletion of Pb (Hofmann 1994), and the
123 succession of more As-rich minerals observed in the Lengenbach deposit. Early phases include e.g.
124 rathite and jordanite, late phases e.g. baumhauerite and sartorite (Giusca 1930). In addition, the

125 presence of a hydrothermal aqueous fluid during and after the crystallization of the sulfide melt was
126 proposed to be responsible for the formation of mica and quartz in open fissures (Hofmann et al.
127 1993).

128 In addition to the Lengenbach deposit, samples from mineralized orthogneisses at Pizzo
129 Cervandone in the Binn Valley area (Fig. 1) have been investigated in this study as they are thought
130 to represent a possible metal source for Lengenbach (Graeser 1975). At Pizzo Cervandone,
131 basement orthogneisses host a pre-Alpine Cu-As mineralization consisting of sulfide minerals
132 (Graeser and Roggiani 1976; Guastoni et al. 2006) and Alpine veins with unusual arsenite minerals
133 (e.g. cafarsite, asbecasite, cervandonite). The major sulfide mineral is fahlore (tennantite) that is
134 associated with quartz and mica in cm-thick veins. Fahlore is partly altered to copper carbonates,
135 and occurs with minor pyrite, chalcopyrite and molybdenite. The Alpine fissures contain abundant
136 arsenates, arsenites, phosphates and fluorite (Graeser and Roggiani 1976). The most remarkable
137 among these are cervandonite-(Ce), gasparite-(Ce), paraniite-(Y), cafarsite, asbecasite and fetiasite,
138 which have their type locality in the Binn area (Graeser and Roggiani 1976; Armbruster et al. 1988;
139 Graeser et al. 1994; Demartin et al. 1994). The occurrence of arsenates and arsenites has been
140 interpreted to be a result of the remobilization of the orthogneiss-hosted tennantite (Guastoni et al.
141 2006).

142 Samples from the Mississippi Valley-type deposit at Wiesloch were also included in our
143 investigation since it can be regarded as a non-metamorphic equivalent of Lengenbach. The deposit
144 at Wiesloch formed during the extension of the Upper-Rhine graben in Muschelkalk dolomites at
145 temperatures of about 150°C (Pfaff et al. 2010). The mineralization consists of calcite, dolomite,
146 barite, sphalerite, galena, pyrite and subordinate sulfosalts like the Tl-bearing hutchinsonite.

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149 **Samples**

150 We analyzed two sample sets in this study which are interconnected through the Lengenbach
151 deposit: the first sample set comprises sulfides and melt inclusions from Lengenbach, the Pizzo
152 Cervandone mineralizations and the Wiesloch Mississippi Valley-type deposit in Southern
153 Germany. These samples were analyzed for their Tl isotope composition. All samples from
154 Lengenbach are hosted by dolomite. Jordanite occurs as massive aggregates in dolomite
155 (intermediate redox zone, see above), whereas sartorite, edenharterite and fahlore are isolated
156 euhedral crystals grown in vugs of the As(III)-rich zone. Orpiment occurs as thin fissure covers (see
157 Graeser 1965, 1975; Hofmann and Knill 1996 for more details). Sulfide melt inclusions investigated
158 and described by Hofmann (1994) were investigated in our study.

159 Samples from the deposit at the Pizzo Cervandone include fahlores (see Tab. 2) found in granitic
160 gneisses and the arsenite mineral asbecasite grown as euhedral free crystals in fissures. The mode of
161 occurrence of these minerals has been described by Graeser and Roggiani (1976).

162 Samples from Wiesloch include banded sphalerite (schalenblende) and massive galenite that have
163 been investigated and described by Pfaff et al. (2010).

164 The second sample set involves various types of micas from fissures in different host rocks sampled
165 all over the Binn valley including the Lengenbach deposit (for details on every sample see Tab. 3).

166 These micas were analyzed for their Tl concentrations. Most mica samples are muscovite (12), but
167 one sample of biotite was also analyzed. The samples are from fissures hosted by granitic gneisses
168 or by dolomite of the Lengenbacher and Feldbacher strata. The dolomite at Balmen could not
169 clearly be attributed to one of these strata and will therefore be discussed separately. The micas used
170 in this study occur together with a wide range of other minerals as follows (sample number of the
171 mica fraction in parentheses):

172 Sulfides including pyrrhotite (Bin30) and galenite (Bin23); sulfosalts including jordanite (Bin19),
173 arsenopyrite (Bin26) and tennantite (Bin20, Bin23); carbonates including dolomite (Bin21), calcite
174 (Bin28), azurite, malachite (both Bin20) and synchisite (Bin25) and silicates including quartz

175 (Bin22), chrysocolla (Bin23), talc (Bin21), stilbite (Bin28), turmaline and allanite (both in Bin25).
176 In addition, oxides such as magnetite (Bin24, B5108), hematite and rutile (B5108), the arsenites
177 graeserite and asbecasite and native gold (all three in Bin26) are found together with some of the
178 fissure micas.

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180 **Analytical methods**

181 *Electron microprobe analysis*

182 The major element compositions of the sulfosalts (As, S, Tl, Mn, Sb, Bi, Cu, Ag, Zn, Pb and Fe)
183 and fissure micas (Na, K, Ca, Mg, Fe, Mn, Al, Ti, Cr, Si, F and Cl) were determined quantitatively
184 using a JEOL JXA-8900RL Superprobe at the Fachbereich Geowissenschaften, Universität
185 Tübingen. For the sulfosalts we applied the same analytical conditions as Staude et al. (2010), the
186 micas were analyzed at 15 KV and 20 nA.

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188 *Tl isotope composition of sulfides, sulfosalts and melt inclusions*

189 For Tl isotope measurements, hand-picked samples were dissolved in aqua regia and subsequently
190 evaporated and redissolved in conc. HCl several times. Tl was then separated from the sample
191 matrix following an isotope analysis only version of the two-stage anion-exchange chromatography
192 described by Baker et al. (2009). All isotope measurements were performed using the Nu Plasma
193 HR multi-collector inductively coupled plasma mass spectrometry (MC-ICP-MS) (Nu Instruments)
194 at Imperial College London. A 5 % aliquot was used to determine the Tl concentration of each
195 sample and to determine concentration levels as well as to ensure separation from Pb had been
196 achieved. Subsequently, individual matching reference solutions (with the same Pb and Tl
197 concentrations) were prepared using the NIST SRM 981 Pb and NIST SRM 997 Tl reference
198 solutions. The measured $^{205}\text{Tl}/^{203}\text{Tl}$ ratio of each sample was mass-bias corrected relative to the
199 $^{208}\text{Pb}/^{206}\text{Pb}$ ratio of the Pb reference material NIST SRM 981 (Ketterer et al. 1991), which had been

200 mixed to each sample as well as to the matching reference solutions. Based on data obtained for
201 multiple analyses of many samples and the matching standards, uncertainties (2SD) are typically
202 $\pm 0.5 \epsilon^{205}\text{Tl}$ and better than $\pm 0.7 \epsilon^{205}\text{Tl}$ throughout (Table 4). Results of reference material analyses,
203 which show excellent agreement with literature values, can also be found in Table 4.

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205 *Trace element composition of fissure micas*

206 Trace element contents were determined on polished mineral separates using the laser ablation ICP-
207 MS (LA-ICP-MS) facility at the Institut für Geowissenschaften, Universität Mainz, equipped with
208 an ESI NWR 193 excimer laser system coupled to an Agilent 7500ce quadrupole ICP-MS. On each
209 grain up to 4 spots were analyzed, 34 isotopes (including ^{75}As , ^{85}Rb , ^{203}Tl and ^{205}Tl) were
210 monitored although this study is focused on the concentration of Tl and the large ion lithophile
211 elements (LILE), specifically Rb. We used a dwell time of 10 ms for each mass (except 50 ms for
212 ^{203}Tl and ^{205}Tl). A single spot analysis consists of 20 s background, 40 s ablation, and 20 s wash out.
213 A laser beam diameter of 50 μm was used and the pulse repetition rate was set to 10 Hz. Energy
214 density during ablation was around 5 J cm^{-2} . Before and after about 30 spots on the samples,
215 reference materials were analyzed, including the synthetic NIST SRM 610 as calibration material
216 and NIST SRM 614, USGS BCR-2G and GSD-1G as quality control materials (QCM). For data
217 reduction we used the software GLITTER 4.0 (www.glitter-gemoc.com) applying the preferred
218 values for NIST SRM 610 reported in the GeoReM database (<http://georem.mpch-mainz.gwdg.de/>,
219 Application Version 15, March 2013) (Jochum, 2005, 2011) as the “true” concentrations. All
220 measured isotope intensities were normalized to ^{29}Si . SiO_2 contents applied for the samples were
221 previously determined by EMPA; for the QCM we used the preferred values of the GeoReM
222 database. For BCR-2G, the current version of the GeoReM database reports no preferred value for
223 Tl. Therefore we applied as the “true” Tl concentration the value determined recently by Nielsen
224 and Lee (2013). For the QCM, relative standard deviation (RSD) for the averaged element

225 concentrations of the single spot measurements was <17 %, < 6 %, and < 11 % for NIST SRM 614
226 (n = 9), GSD-1G (n = 9), and BCR-2G (n = 6), respectively. The element concentrations measured
227 on the QCM (APPENDIX_TABLE_1) agree within <13 % with preferred values for most elements,
228 but As (30 % in GSD-1G), Sn (21 % in GSD-1G and BCR-2G), and Tl (18 % in NIST SRM 614).
229 The difference between measured and true Tl concentration in NIST SRM 614 could be explained
230 by analyses not only in the core region of the glass wafer but also closer to the rims. The rims have
231 been reported to be depleted in some elements including Tl (Jochum et al. 2011).
232 During regular measurement conditions (sensitivities optimized for the full mass range), about 800
233 cps on ²⁰⁵Tl were measured per 1 µg/g Tl. For both Tl masses, background intensities are usually
234 below 50 cps and relatively stable, resulting in minimum detection limits of about 0.2 µg/g. Isobaric
235 interferences on the Tl masses appear to be of little importance, since the concentrations calculated
236 from the intensities measured for ²⁰³Tl and ²⁰⁵Tl agree typically within 20 % for Tl concentrations
237 >0.2 µg/g and within 3 % for Tl concentrations of >10 µg/g.

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239 **Results**

240 *Chemical composition of the sulfides and sulfosalts from the Lengenbach deposit*

241 The various samples from the Lengenbach deposit show a wide range of As concentrations (see
242 Tab. 2) from 8.50 wt% in jordanite (Bin3) to 33.4 wt% in the sulfide melt inclusions (Bin13). This
243 leads to molar (As+Sb)/S-ratios between 0.24 in jordanite to 0.51 in the sulfide melt inclusions (see
244 Fig. 2a). The investigated samples also show a large range in Sb contents. The concentrations in the
245 fahlore samples are low ranging from below the detection limit up to ~0.1 wt%. All other samples
246 show higher contents from 0.32 wt% in the sulfide melt inclusions (Bin13) and up to >2 wt% in
247 jordanite (Bin3). This leads to a broad range in molar As/Sb-ratios between 7 in jordanite (Bin3)
248 and 169 in the sulfide melt inclusions (Bin13). Fahlores have even higher molar As/Sb-ratios
249 between 312 (Bin5) and 794 (Bin2).

250 Some of the samples are rich in Pb and Tl. Pb contents reach up to 70 wt% in jordanite (Bin3). The
251 highest concentration of Tl of 24.8 wt% was determined in hatchite (Bin4). However, some of the
252 samples have Pb and Tl abundances below the detection limit (both ~200 µg/g, depending on the
253 minerals analyzed) and especially the fahlores do not show measurable contents of these elements.
254 As a consequence, molar Pb/Tl-ratios, where they could be obtained, vary between 0.99 in
255 edenharterite (Bin3) and 581 in jordanite (Bin6; see Fig. 2b).

256 The sulfosalts from the Lengenbach quarry show a large range in molar Tl/As-ratios. Fahlore
257 samples have the lowest molar Tl/As-ratios of 0.001 (Bin2). Other sulfosalts have molar Tl/As-
258 ratios ranging from 0.004 in sartorite (Bin9) to 0.56 in hatchite (Bin4).

259 The fahlore samples (Bin2 and Bin5) are tennantites with high Cu and Zn contents between 42.0 to
260 42.9 wt% and 8.23 to 8.55 wt%, respectively. The contents of Fe are low (between 0.17 wt% and
261 0.25 wt%), while the Ag contents are rather high with concentrations between 1.32 wt% and 1.59
262 wt%. No Bi could be detected in our samples (see Fig. 3b).

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264 *Chemical composition of the sulfide samples from Pizzo Cervandone*

265 The fahlores of the Cu-As mineralization at Pizzo Cervandone are also tennantites (see Tab. 2). In
266 addition to As and S, we could detect Cu, Fe, Zn, Ag, Bi and Sb (see Fig. 3). The Cu contents are
267 high and vary between 43.2 wt% and 43.7 wt%, but Zn (3.54 to 3.88 wt%) and Ag contents (0.18 to
268 0.28 wt%) are low. Iron (3.89 to 4.13 wt%) and Bi (1.07 to 1.31 wt%) occur in significant
269 concentrations. The contents of Sb are within a narrow range between 0.30 and 0.33 wt%. This
270 leads to low molar As/Sb-ratios between 94 and 104.

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273 *Trace elements in fissure micas*

274 The Tl contents of dolomite-hosted micas (Table 3, Fig. 4) show a large variation from 1.91 µg/g

275 (Bin21) to 346 $\mu\text{g/g}$ (Bin18). Micas from the Feldbacher stratum (Bin24, Bin30) have relatively
276 limited Tl concentrations between 2.51 $\mu\text{g/g}$ (Bin30) and 7.34 $\mu\text{g/g}$ (Bin24), and the sample from
277 Balmen is characterized by a Tl abundance of 8.11 $\mu\text{g/g}$ (Bin23; see Fig. 4). In contrast, mica
278 samples from the Lengenbacher stratum (Bin16, Bin18, Bin19, Bin21) are the most variable ones
279 with regard to Tl concentrations (values from 1.91 to 346 $\mu\text{g/g}$). Micas hosted by granitic gneisses
280 are restricted to Tl contents between 2.10 $\mu\text{g/g}$ (Bin28) and 20.04 $\mu\text{g/g}$ (Bin22). Arsenic abundances
281 are mostly below the detection limit, whereas concentrations can reach high levels up to 79.6 $\mu\text{g/g}$
282 in sample Bin26. All micas with measurable contents of As are from orthogneiss host rocks.
283 The Rb contents range from 259 $\mu\text{g/g}$ (Bin21) to 2534 $\mu\text{g/g}$ (Bin22). The concentrations of Rb show
284 a continuum, but three groups can be distinguished based on their host rocks. Samples hosted by
285 Lengenbach strata dolomites generally show lower Rb contents (up to 375 $\mu\text{g/g}$ for Bin18) than the
286 other samples hosted by dolomites. The samples hosted by dolomites have Rb contents between 349
287 and 432 $\mu\text{g/g}$ (both Bin30), these are lower than Rb concentrations in samples hosted by
288 orthogneisses (>447 $\mu\text{g/g}$ in Bin25). The Cs contents show similar systematics: the samples from
289 the dolomite of the Lengenbacher stratum have Cs concentrations between 6.33 $\mu\text{g/g}$ (Bin16) and
290 13.7 $\mu\text{g/g}$ (Bin21), whereas samples hosted by the Feldbach stratum show Cs contents from 6.37
291 $\mu\text{g/g}$ (Bin30) to 142 $\mu\text{g/g}$ (Bin24). Micas hosted by granitic gneisses are also relatively rich in Cs
292 (values from 6.82 $\mu\text{g/g}$ in Bin28 to 523 $\mu\text{g/g}$ in Bin22).

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294 *Isotope composition of Tl*

295 The Tl isotope compositions were determined for ten samples from Lengenbach, three from Pizzo
296 Cervandone and two from Wiesloch. These data (see Tab. 4) show a broad range of values between
297 $\epsilon^{205}\text{Tl} = -4.1$ (Bin1) and $+1.9$ (Bin6). Both extreme results are from samples of the Lengenbach
298 deposit demonstrating the high variability within this deposit (Fig. 5). At Lengenbach, jordanite is
299 the mineral species with the lightest isotope compositions between $\epsilon^{205}\text{Tl} = -4.1$ and -1.5 . One

300 sartorite sample is isotopically heavier than jordanite, but another sartorite sample is slightly lighter
301 with a value of $\epsilon^{205}\text{Tl} = -2.2$. The other sulfosalts have higher values ranging from $\epsilon^{205}\text{Tl} = +0.6$ to
302 $+1.9$ whilst the sulfide melt inclusions shows $\epsilon^{205}\text{Tl} = -0.3$. The Tl isotope composition of the
303 arsenite sample (asbecasite; $\epsilon^{205}\text{Tl} = -2.0$) from the Cu-As mineralization at Pizzo Cervandone falls
304 right in the range of the fahlore compositions from the same locality ($\epsilon^{205}\text{Tl} = -3.0$ and 0.1). The
305 samples from the Wiesloch deposit show a smaller but still significant isotopic variability with
306 $\epsilon^{205}\text{Tl}$ values between -1.4 and -2.7 .

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308 **Discussion**

309 The formation of the Lengenbach deposit has been explained by melting of a stratabound precursor
310 mineralization of pre-Alpine age (Hofmann 1994). The Alpine metamorphism caused the melting,
311 and a subsequent fractional crystallization of the sulfide melt lead to the formation of the observed
312 large variety of sulfosalts.

313 The assumption of a stratabound precursor mineralization is based on the observation that the
314 mineralization in Lengenbach only occurs in metamorphosed Triassic dolomites. The association of
315 dolomites with sulfide mineralization is typical of Mississippi Valley-type deposits known from
316 several localities in Triassic dolomites such as e.g. Bleiberg, Austria, and Meggen and Wiesloch,
317 Germany (Gasser 1974; Gasser and Thein 1977; Schroll 1996; Pfaff et al. 2010).

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319 *The precursor mineralization and implications on external sources*

320 The elemental inventory of the Mississippi Valley-type deposits mentioned above is rather similar
321 to what is found in the Lengenbach deposit (Hofmann and Knill 1996). The Tl isotope composition
322 of sulfides from the Wiesloch deposit ($\epsilon^{205}\text{Tl}$ of -1.4 and -2.7) is also isotopically similar to the
323 composition of the Lengenbach deposit (Fig. 5). However, since our dataset is unfortunately too
324 limited to draw the conclusion if an external elemental input has occurred.

325 Even if the elemental inventory of Lengenbach is similar to the deposits discussed above, typical
326 Mississippi Valley-type deposits show lower As/Sb-ratios than the Lengenbach deposit (Hofmann
327 and Knill 1996). This can be explained by the addition of As to the Lengenbach deposit by
328 hydrothermal fluids before or during Alpine metamorphism (Graeser and Roggiani 1976). Arsenic
329 could principally be derived from Cu-As mineralizations located in basement orthogneisses as e.g.
330 at Pizzo Cervandone. This model would also explain the high Cu contents of Lengenbach compared
331 to Mississippi Valley-type deposits like Wiesloch. Mobilization of As at Pizzo Cervandone is
332 corroborated by the abundant occurrence of As-bearing minerals in nearby Alpine fissures (Graser
333 and Roggiani 1976; Guastoni et al. 2006).

334 The ionic radii as well as the charge of Tl and Rb are very similar, which implies that the
335 partitioning into mica is constant. Therefore, Rb/Tl-ratios in micas can be used as proxy for the
336 fluids crystallizing mica. However, based on the Rb-Tl systematics of micas both in host rocks,
337 their fissures and in the Lengenbach deposit (Fig. 4), no influence of an external fluid can be
338 discerned. Fissure micas of the mineralization in the Lengenbach dolomite stratum have
339 compositions different from all other analyzed mica samples with respect to Tl and Rb (Fig. 4). This
340 can be explained if Lengenbach is considered as a closed system during this fluid activity. The fluid
341 activity recorded in the fissure micas occurred at the time of or after fissure formation. Sulfide
342 melts, such as at Lengenbach (Hofmann 1994) are dominated by the components of sulfosalts
343 which have low solidus temperatures down to 300 °C (Tomkins et al. 2007). This is 200 °C lower
344 than peak metamorphic temperatures in the Binntal area and it also means that the crystallization
345 interval of the sulfide melt from liquidus to complete solidification is unusually large (>200 °C)
346 (Tomkins et al. 2007). This 200 °C cooling from about 500 to about 300 °C probably took around
347 20 Ma (Challandes et al. 2008) which in turn had the effect that the melt could interact with
348 hydrothermal fluids (e.g. with those present during the crystallization of the fissure micas). We
349 propose that in this temperature interval, the fissures and their micas could be formed and hence

350 could have reacted and equilibrated with the sulfide melt present in the rocks. In agreement with
351 this statement, the fissure micas from the Lengenbach deposit show higher Tl contents than any
352 other mica samples, indicating a very Tl-rich hydrothermal environment already during mica
353 growth.

354 Based on the distinct and relatively low Rb/Tl ratios of micas from the Lengenbach deposit (Fig. 4),
355 we again conclude that either the precursor sulfide mineralization was already enriched in Tl or the
356 enrichment took place under near-peak metamorphic conditions. Under peak metamorphic
357 conditions the sulfide melt could have interacted with hydrothermal fluid and element scavenging
358 could have effectively enriched the sulfide melt in Tl and As (Tooth et al. 2011). In contrast, fissure
359 micas from dolomites of the Feldbacher stratum have higher concentrations of Rb than samples
360 from the Lengenbacher stratum. The hydrothermal fluid responsible for the crystallization of the
361 fissure micas might have been influenced by the Bündnerschiefer surrounding the Feldbacher
362 dolomite stratum. Fissure micas from basement orthogneisses show Rb and Tl contents similar to
363 granitic crustal rocks (Rudnick and Gao 2003). In these fissures, also the arsenite minerals occur
364 recording the mobilization of the Pizzo Cervandone mineralization. Interestingly, and importantly,
365 however, they do not record at all the presence of a Tl-rich hydrothermal fluid.

366 The Tl isotope composition of most minerals from the Lengenbach deposit is heavier than the
367 average crustal value of $\epsilon^{205}\text{Tl} \approx -2$ (Fig. 5; Nielsen et al. 2005; Nielsen et al., 2011). The only
368 reservoir known to contain very heavy isotope compositions of Tl are marine ferromanganese (Fe-
369 Mn) oxides (Rehkämper et al., 2002; Rehkämper et al., 2004; Nielsen et al. 2009). In agreement
370 with investigations of Hofmann and Knill (1996), sea floor oxides, such as Fe-Mn nodules, are
371 among possible Lengenbach precursor rocks and hence they might have contributed to the element
372 inventory of the deposit, although we admit that it is not typical to find such nodules on carbonate
373 platforms. In addition, Fe-Mn oxides can be highly enriched in Tl (Rehkämper et al., 2002;
374 Rehkämper et al., 2004) and, therefore, are able to exert a major control on the Tl budget of the

375 Lengenbach deposit. The conclusion that marine Fe-Mn oxides can dominate the Tl budget of
376 magmatic systems is in accordance with a previous study, which suggested that the relatively high
377 $\epsilon^{205}\text{Tl}$ of some Hawaiian magmas is also a signature of such materials (Nielsen et al. 2006). As
378 shown by Calvert and Price (1977) and by Neal et al. (1979), such sea-floor oxides also contain
379 significant amounts of As and Cu. Accordingly, we propose that the precursor of the Lengenbach
380 mineralization may have been chemically modified by the addition of Tl, Cu and As from sea-floor
381 fluids and related Mn-oxides. The only other source for Tl could be K- (and therefore Tl-) bearing
382 minerals in the surrounding host rocks such as micas in the Bündnerschiefer or K-feldspar in the
383 granitic gneisses.

384

385 *Evidence from Tl isotope composition on the origin and mobilization of the Pizzo Cervandone*
386 *mineralization*

387 The Tl isotope composition of the mineralization at Pizzo Cervandone (Fig. 5) lies in the range
388 previously determined for Cu porphyry deposits (Baker et al. 2010). This supports the interpretation
389 of the magmatic origin of the Pizzo Cervandone mineralization as previously suggested by Graeser
390 and Roggiani (1979). The isotopic composition of asbecasite from Alpine fissures at Pizzo
391 Cervandone lies right in the middle of the range of the primary fahlores, indicating that a
392 mobilization of “primary Tl” is assumed to have occurred during the Alpine metamorphism.
393 However, the large range in the Tl isotopic composition of the primary minerals does not allow an
394 evaluation of whether isotopic fractionation occurred during the alteration and mobilization process.

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396 *Chemical and isotopic fractionation of the sulfide melt*

397 The range in the isotope composition of Tl within the Lengenbach deposit is 5 ϵ -units, which is
398 large (Nielsen and Rehkämper 2011), especially for high-temperature processes (Schauble 2004).
399 This large range can be theoretically explained by isotope fractionation during melt formation,

400 during fractional crystallization of the ore minerals from the melt, or by the input of variable
401 amounts of Tl from sources with different isotope compositions. During fractional crystallization Tl
402 and As are incompatible and enriched in the remaining melt fractions (Tomkins et al. 2007). This is
403 also seen in the crystallization sequence of the Lengenbach deposit, where later As-rich minerals
404 such as baumhauerite replace earlier As-poor phases such as e.g. jordanite (Giusca 1930).
405 Comparing molar Tl/As-ratios of the analyzed minerals with their Tl isotope composition, we
406 observe the lightest isotope compositions in the samples with the lowest molar Tl/As-ratios, and
407 vice versa for phases with heavier Tl isotope compositions (Fig.6). This can be explained by the
408 preferred incorporation of the lighter Tl isotope into the solid phase and an enrichment of the
409 heavier isotope in the remaining sulfide melt if fractional crystallization is the most important
410 process. In general, Tl isotope fractionation between sulfides or sulfosalts and a sulfide melt is
411 thought to be small because S and As are the most important nearest structural neighbors in both
412 cases. However, the structural arrangements (coordination and atomic distances) of these elements
413 differ between minerals and melt, which might explain larger fractionation effects on Tl isotopes
414 (compare e.g. Takeushi and Sadanaga 1969 and Pohl 1982). Larger fractionation is more likely for
415 partitioning between a sulfide melt and an aqueous fluid, because the chemical environments are
416 very different. Thallium is transported as a chloride complex in saline fluids (Xiong 2007), whereas
417 it is probably ionic in the melt. The presence of a saline aqueous fluid at Lengenbach during and
418 after the presence of the sulfide melt has been detected by the occurrence of fluid inclusions in
419 quartz (Hofmann and Knill 1996). Accordingly, an isotopic equilibrium between solids, sulfide melt
420 and an associated aqueous fluid can be assumed. In this case, isotope fractionation can be
421 considered as a fractionation between a bulk mobile phase (i.e., melt plus aqueous fluid) and the
422 solids, since isotope compositions shift due to mass-balance in the whole system. This model
423 requires that sulfides incorporate more light isotopes compared to the aqueous fluid, resulting in a
424 heavier bulk isotope composition of sulfide melt and aqueous fluid. This scenario could explain

425 most of the observed isotope variations.

426 The fahlores are the only minerals from the Lengenbach deposit, which do not follow the trend of
427 increasing Tl/As-ratios with increasing $\epsilon^{205}\text{Tl}$ (Fig. 6). According to their Tl/As-ratio they should
428 have crystallized at an early stage of the formation of the deposit. However, both the isotope
429 composition of Tl and the As/Sb-ratios of the fahlores do not corroborate this (see Fig. 5). The
430 isotope composition of Tl is among the heaviest found in the Lengenbach deposit suggesting a very
431 late crystallization. The fact that fahlore falls off the general trend in the $\epsilon^{205}\text{Tl}$ vs. molar Tl/As-
432 ratios diagram (Fig. 6) may reflect either that fahlore crystallization occurred after the sulfide melt
433 had solidified, while hydrothermal activity persisted at lower temperature, or it may be a hint that
434 indeed various metal sources contributed to the formation of the deposit.

435 Except for fahlore at Lengenbach, all of our results can be explained by Tl isotope fractionation
436 occurring during fractional crystallization of a sulfide melt in equilibrium with an aqueous fluid.

437 However, temperatures between 300 °C and 500 °C are very high for isotope fractionation of heavy
438 elements such as Tl and cannot be caused by mass-dependent fractionation, which is very low at
439 high temperatures (Bigeleisen and Mayer 1947). In contrast, nuclear volume-dependent or kinetic
440 processes can cause significant fractionation at high temperatures. Nuclear volume-dependent
441 fractionation is much stronger for heavy elements at high temperatures (Schauble 2007) and kinetic
442 fractionation can be caused by differences in the activation energies of ongoing reactions. However,
443 kinetic fractionation is dependent on the differences of ionic properties between the isotopes or on
444 diffusivity in high temperature processes (Schauble 2004). Since the mass difference is small and
445 diffusivity is rapid in sulfide melts (Majewsky and Walker 1998), this process probably is minor,
446 unless unknown kinetic effects take place.

447

448 **Implications**

449 Our study shows that crystallization of a sulfide melt can cause fractionation of heavy elements, as

450 exemplified by Tl. Therefore the isotopic analysis of high-temperature mineral deposits can be used
451 trace element distribution in a metamorphic environment where sulfide melts form. The
452 crystallization products of metamorphic sulfide melts form some world-class mineral deposits, and
453 isotopic investigations might give further hints on their generation and the processes involved.

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585 **Figure Captions**

586 Fig. 1 Schematic geological profile through the Binn Valley, Switzerland, showing the location of
587 the Lengenbach quarry and the Pizzo Cervandone deposit.

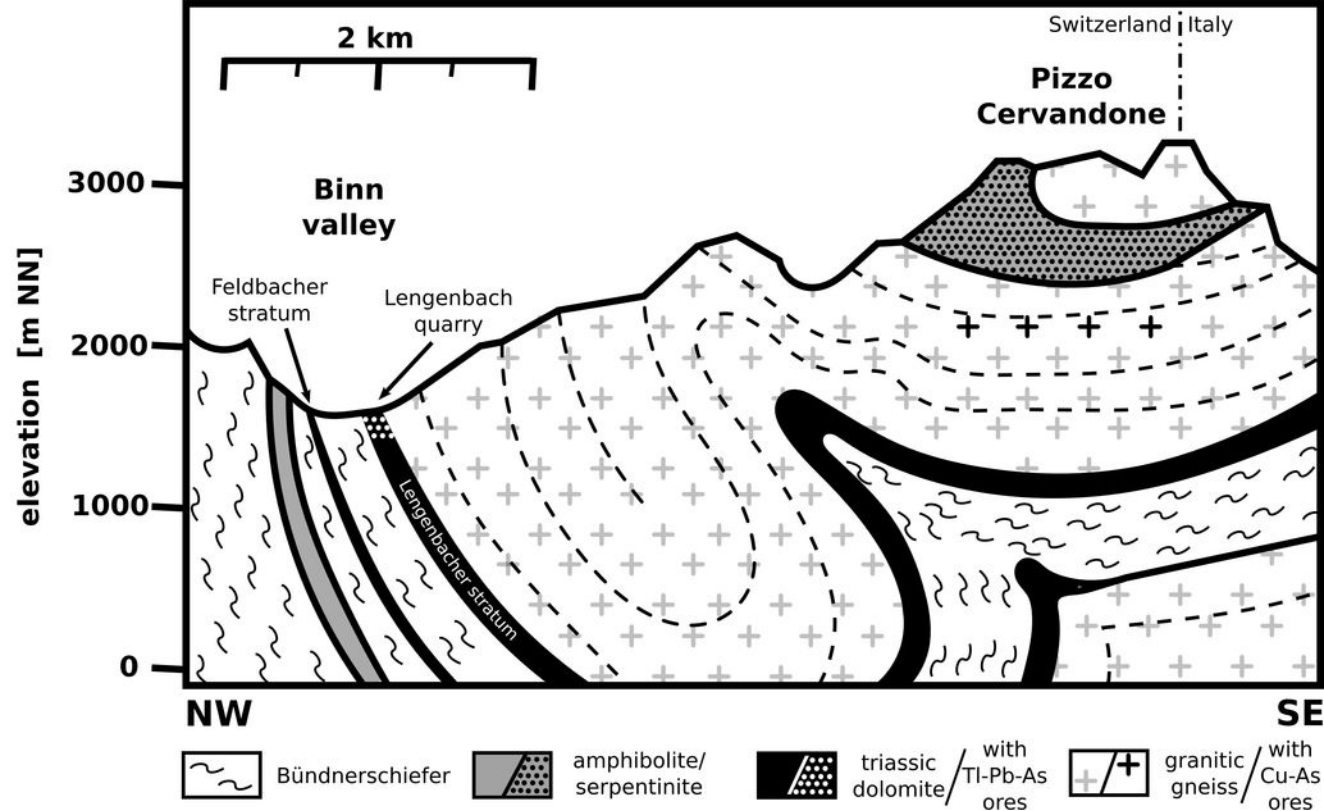
588 Fig. 2 The composition of sulfosalts from the Lengenbach quarry. (a) molar As/Sb vs. molar
589 (As+Sb)/S; (b) molar Pb/Tl vs. molar (As+Sb)/S.

590 Fig. 3 The composition of fahlore from the Lengenbach and the Pizzo Cervandone deposits. (a)
591 Cu+Fe vs. Ag+Zn; (b) ternary molar composition in the As-Bi-Sb system.

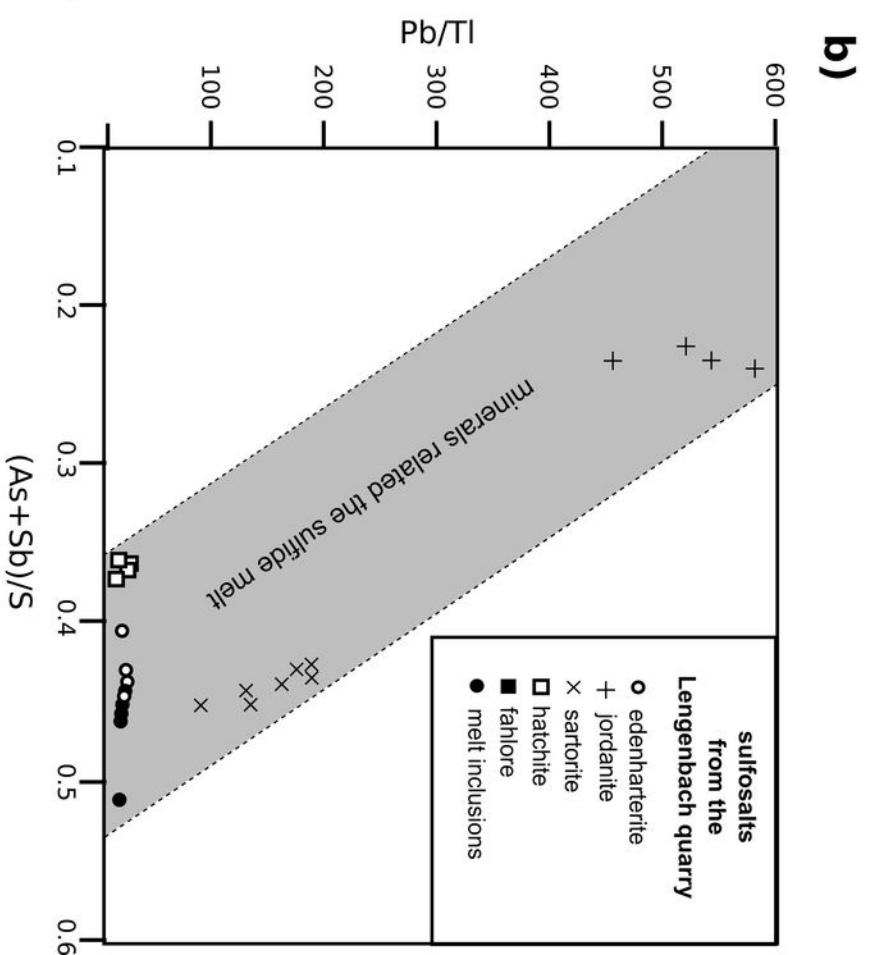
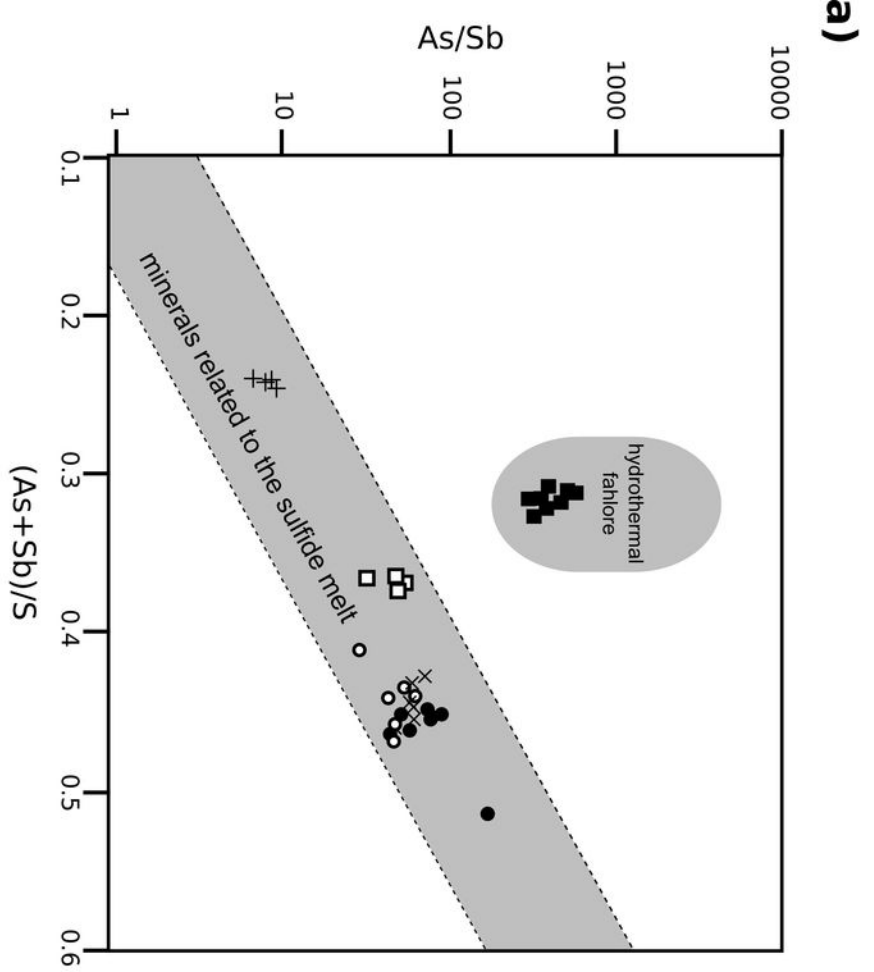
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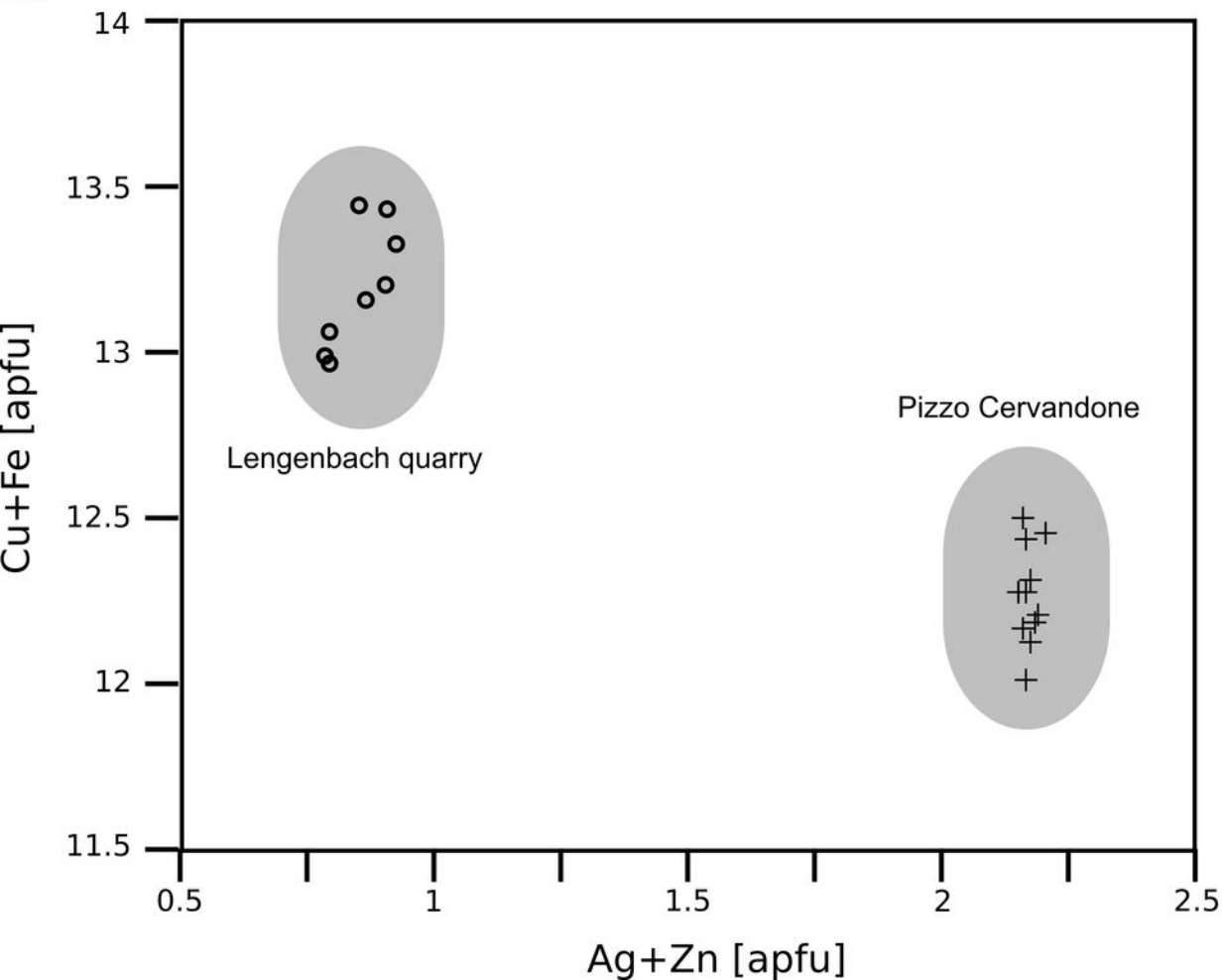
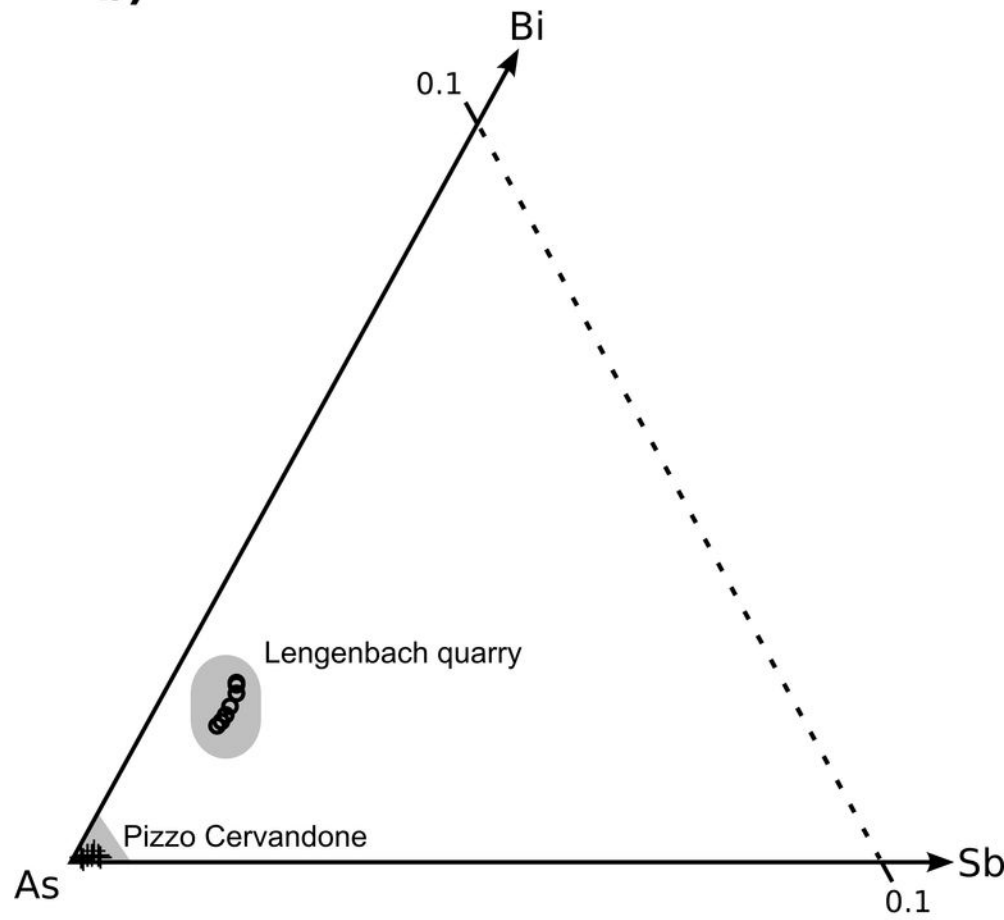
594 Fig. 5 The Tl isotope composition of various minerals from the Lengenbach quarry, Pizzo
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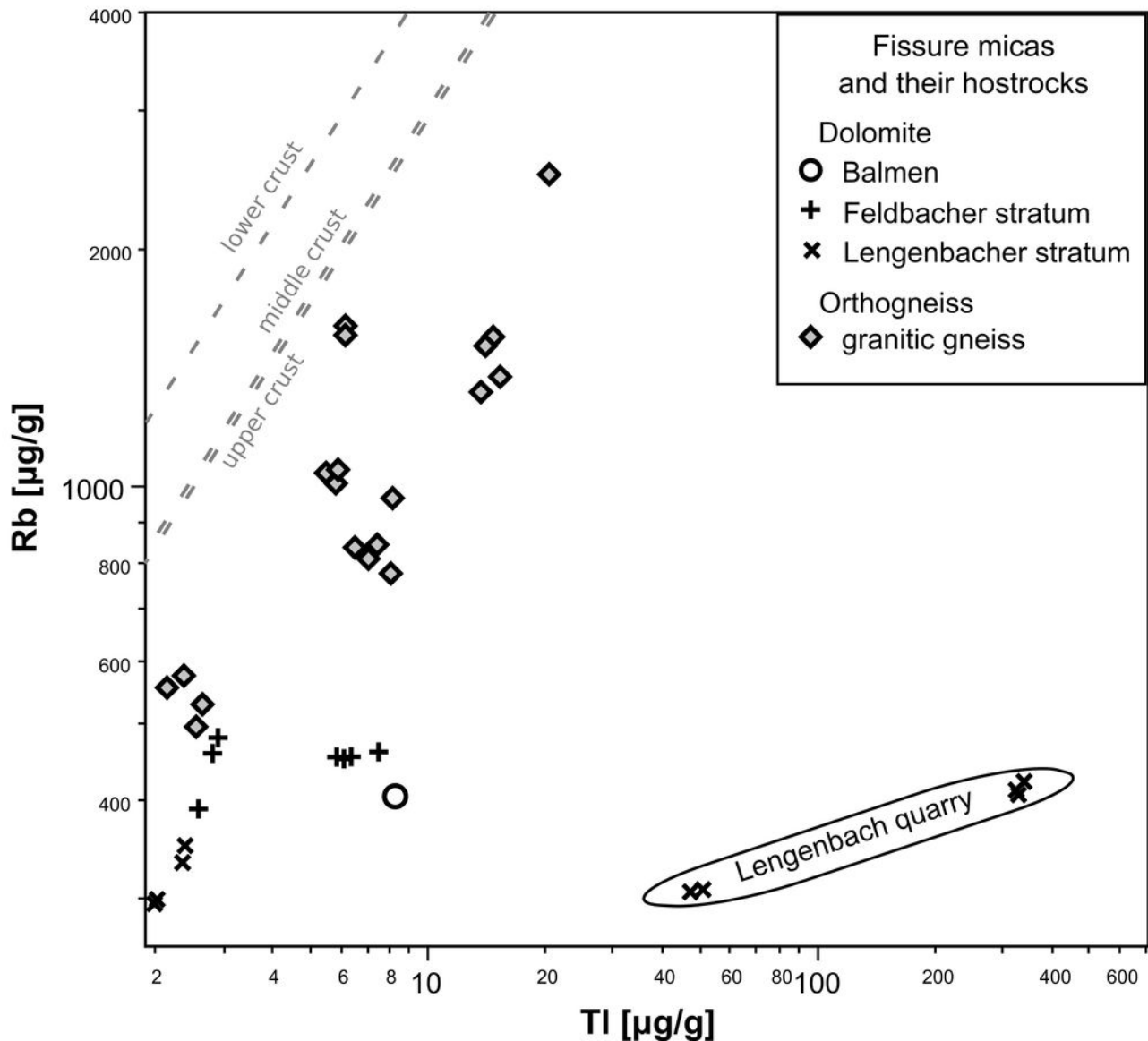
596 Fig. 6 Thallium isotope composition of sulfosalts from the Lengenbach quarry plotted versus molar
597 Tl/As-ratios

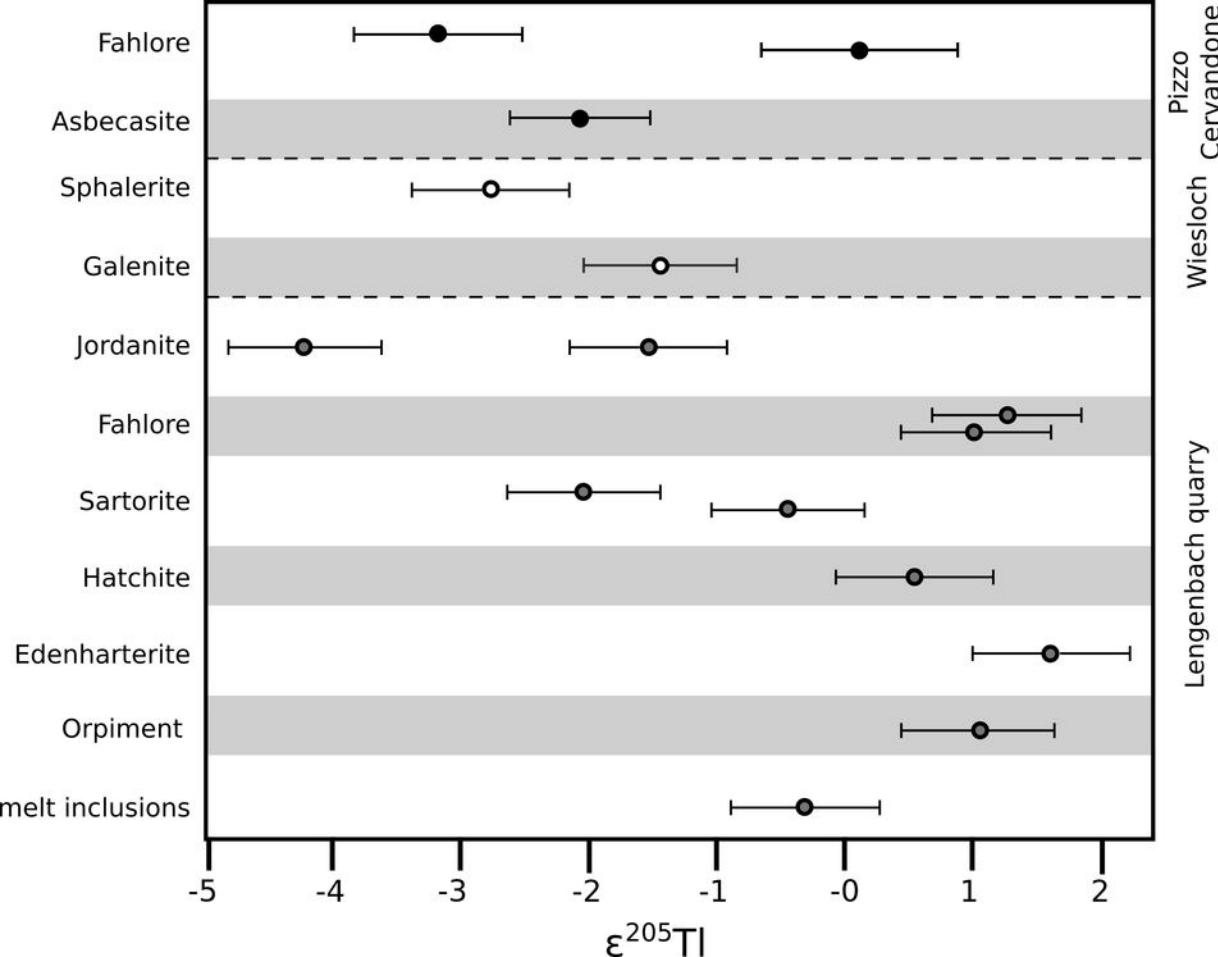


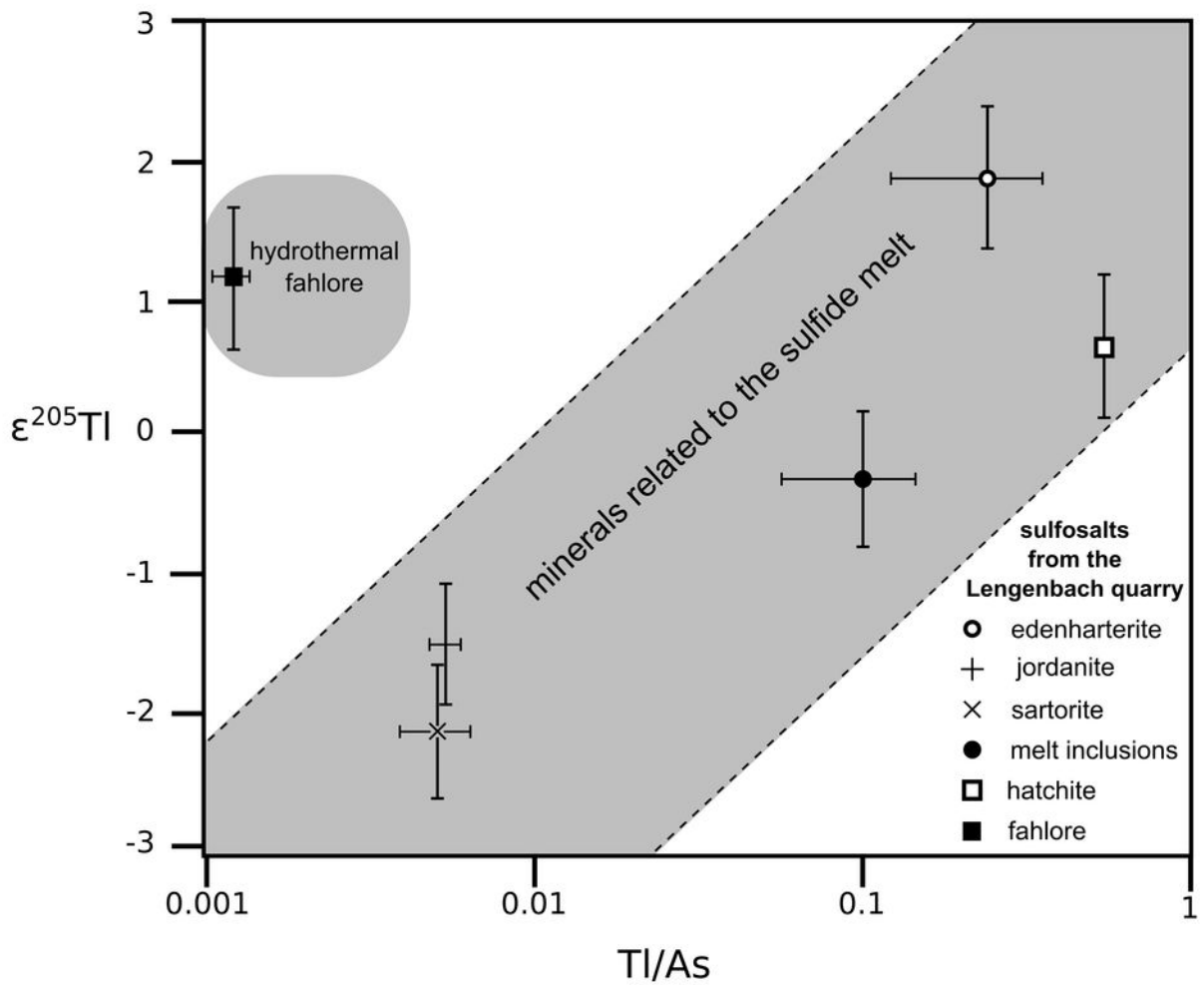
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Tab. 1 chemical composition of uncommon minerals mentioned in the text.

Mineral	Formula
asbestos	$\text{Ca}_3\text{TiAs}_6\text{Be}_2\text{Si}_2\text{O}_{20}$
baumhauerite	$\text{Pb}_{12}\text{As}_{16}\text{S}_{36}$
cafarsite	$\text{Ca}_{5.9}\text{Mn}_{1.7}\text{Fe}_3\text{Ti}_3(\text{AsO}_3)_{12} \cdot 4-5\text{H}_2\text{O}$
cervandonite-(Ce)	$(\text{Ce},\text{Nd},\text{La})(\text{Fe}^{3+},\text{Fe}^{2+},\text{Ti},\text{Al})_3\text{O}_2(\text{Si}_2\text{O}_7)_{1-x+y}(\text{As}^{3+}\text{O}_3)_{1+x-y}(\text{OH})_{3x-3y}$
chalcopyrite	FeCuS_2
dufrenoyite	$\text{Pb}_2\text{As}_2\text{S}_5$
edenharterite	$\text{PbTlAs}_3\text{S}_6$
fetiasite	$(\text{Fe}^{3+},\text{Fe}^{2+},\text{Ti}^{4+})_3(\text{As}_2\text{O}_5)\text{O}_2$
galenite	PbS
gasparite-(Ce)	$(\text{Ce},\text{REE})\text{AsO}_4$
giessenite	$(\text{Cu},\text{Fe})_2\text{Pb}_{26.4}(\text{Bi},\text{Sb})_{19.6}\text{S}_{57}$
hatchite	$\text{AgTlPbAs}_2\text{S}_5$
hutchinsonite	$(\text{Tl},\text{Pb})_2\text{As}_5\text{S}_9$
jordanite	$\text{Pb}_{14}(\text{As},\text{Sb})_6\text{S}_{23}$
molybdenite	MoS_2
orpiment	As_2S_3
paraniite-(Y)	$(\text{Ca},\text{Y},\text{Dy})_2\text{Y}(\text{WO}_4)_2(\text{AsO}_4)$
realgar	As_4S_4
sartorite	PbAs_2S_4
sphalerite	ZnS
tennantite	$\text{Cu}_6[\text{Cu}_4(\text{Fe},\text{Zn})_2]\text{As}_4\text{S}_{13}$

Tab. 2 Major element composition of various sulfosalts

Sample Locality	Bin6 Lengenbach	Bin6 Lengenbach	Bin6 Lengenbach	Bin6 Lengenbach	Bin6 Lengenbach	Bin6 Lengenbach	Bin6 Lengenbach	Bin4 Lengenbach	Bin4 Lengenbach	Bin4 Lengenbach	Bin4 Lengenbach
Mineral	Edenharterite	Edenharterite	Edenharterite	Edenharterite	Edenharterite	Edenharterite	Edenharterite	Hatchite	Hatchite	Hatchite	Hatchite
[wt%]											
As	24.9	25.0	23.5	25.0	23.3	25.7	21.5	16.2	16.2	16.1	16.4
S	23.8	23.4	23.4	23.7	23.4	25.4	23.1	19.4	19.2	19.4	19.2
Tl	24.4	24.5	16.4	24.4	14.0	4.80	6.40	24.6	24.8	24.8	24.8
Mn	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	bdl	bdl	bdl	bdl	bdl	bdl	0.02
Sb	0.82	0.86	0.90	0.84	0.70	0.67	1.20	0.56	0.49	0.80	0.52
Bi	bdl	bdl	bdl	bdl	bdl	bdl	bdl	bdl	bdl	bdl	bdl
Cu	0.28	0.35	bdl	0.45	0.13	0.19	bdl	1.49	1.41	1.28	1.44
Ag	bdl	bdl	0.10	bdl	0.13	0.03	0.32	10.5	10.5	10.7	10.7
Zn	bdl	0.03	bdl	bdl	bdl	bdl	bdl	bdl	bdl	bdl	0.03
Pb	24.4	24.7	34.1	24.6	37.1	42.8	46.6	24.5	25.0	24.7	24.6
Fe	0.03	bdl	bdl	bdl	bdl	0.03	0.03	bdl	bdl	bdl	bdl
Total	98.7	98.8	98.5	99.0	98.8	99.7	99.1	97.3	97.7	97.8	97.7
[apfu]											
As	2.69	2.75	2.58	2.71	2.56	2.60	2.39	1.78	1.80	1.77	1.83
S	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	5	5	5	5
Tl	0.97	0.99	0.66	0.97	0.56	0.18	0.26	0.99	1.01	1.00	1.02
Mn	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00							0.00
Sb	0.05	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.05	0.04	0.08	0.04	0.03	0.05	0.04
Bi											
Cu	0.04	0.05		0.07	0.02	0.03		0.23	0.22	0.20	0.22
Ag			0.01		0.01	0.00	0.02	0.80	0.81	0.82	0.83
Zn		0.00									0.00
Pb	0.95	0.98	1.35	0.96	1.47	1.56	1.87	0.98	1.01	0.98	0.99
Fe	0.00					0.00	0.00				
(As+Sb)/S	0.46	0.47	0.44	0.46	0.43	0.44	0.41	0.36	0.37	0.37	0.37
As/Sb	50	47	42	48	54	63	29	47	54	33	51
Tl/As	0.36	0.36	0.26	0.36	0.22	0.07	0.11	0.56	0.56	0.56	0.56
Pb/Tl	0.99	0.99	2.05	1.00	2.61	8.80	7.17	0.98	1.00	0.98	0.98

Tab. 2 Major element composition of various sulfosalts (continued)

Sample Locality	Bin3 Lengenbach	Bin3 Lengenbach	Bin3 Lengenbach	Bin3 Lengenbach	Bin9 Lengenbach	Bin9 Lengenbach	Bin9 Lengenbach	Bin9 Lengenbach	Bin9 Lengenbach	Bin9 Lengenbach	Bin9 Lengenbach
Mineral	Jordanite	Jordanite	Jordanite	Jordanite	Sartorite	Sartorite	Sartorite	Sartorite	Sartorite	Sartorite	Sartorite
[wt%]											
As	8.66	8.90	8.78	8.50	23.0	25.6	24.5	24.8	22.7	24.6	22.8
S	17.2	17.1	17.3	17.4	23.0	24.3	23.4	24.2	22.9	24.0	23.2
Tl	0.13	0.12	0.15	0.13	0.27	0.59	0.38	0.37	0.30	0.31	0.28
Mn	bdl	bdl	bdl	bdl	bdl	0.03	0.04	0.02	bdl	0.03	bdl
Sb	1.72	1.55	1.63	2.06	0.66	0.87	0.65	0.67	0.62	0.67	0.53
Bi	bdl	0.05	bdl	bdl	0.00	0.11	0.00	bdl	bdl	bdl	bdl
Cu	bdl	bdl	bdl	bdl	bdl	bdl	bdl	bdl	bdl	bdl	bdl
Ag	0.04	bdl	bdl	bdl	bdl	0.05	1.51	1.52	0.13	1.54	0.12
Zn	bdl	0.04	0.02	0.06	bdl	bdl	0.03	bdl	bdl	bdl	bdl
Pb	70.0	70.7	69.8	69.8	49.8	46.5	46.3	46.3	50.5	46.3	50.3
Fe	bdl	bdl	0.04	0.04	bdl	bdl	0.03	0.02	0.02	0.02	bdl
Total	97.7	98.5	97.8	98.0	96.7	98.0	96.8	97.9	97.1	97.5	97.3
[apfu]											
As	4.97	5.12	4.99	4.80	1.72	1.80	1.79	1.76	1.70	1.75	1.68
S	23	23	23	23	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
Tl	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
Mn						0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Sb	0.61	0.55	0.57	0.72	0.03	0.04	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.02
Bi		0.01			0.00	0.00	0.00				
Cu											
Ag	0.02					0.00	0.08	0.07	0.01	0.08	0.01
Zn		0.03	0.01	0.04			0.00				
Pb	14.53	14.70	14.36	14.26	1.34	1.19	1.22	1.19	1.37	1.19	1.34
Fe			0.03	0.03			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
(As+Sb)/S	0.24	0.25	0.24	0.24	0.44	0.46	0.45	0.45	0.43	0.45	0.43
As/Sb	8	9	9	7	56	48	61	60	59	60	70
Tl/As	0.005	0.005	0.006	0.006	0.004	0.008	0.006	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.005
Pb/Tl	544	581	453	518	182	78	120	123	165	149	175

Tab. 2 Major element composition of various sulfosalts (continued)

Sample	Bin13	Bin13	Bin13	Bin13	Bin13	Bin13	Bin13	Bin13	Bin13	Bin8	Bin8	Bin8
Locality	Lengenbach	Lengenbach	Lengenbach	Lengenbach	Lengenbach	Lengenbach	Lengenbach	Lengenbach	Lengenbach	Pizzo Cervandone	Pizzo Cervandone	Pizzo Cervandone
Mineral	Sulfide melt	Sulfide melt	Sulfide melt	Sulfide melt	Sulfide melt	Sulfide melt	Sulfide melt	Sulfide melt	Sulfide melt	Fahlore	Fahlore	Fahlore
[wt%]												
As	27.1	27.1	27.2	28.0	33.3	27.3	27.7	27.1	19.3	19.4	19.6	
S	25.9	26.2	26.3	26.4	27.9	26.1	26.3	26.0	28.2	28.3	28.6	
Tl	5.46	5.04	6.74	10.3	18.0	5.49	6.76	6.19	bdl	bdl	bdl	
Mn	0.03	0.03	0.02	0.03	0.02	0.02	bdl	0.03	bdl	bdl	bdl	
Sb	0.51	0.60	0.86	1.01	0.32	0.60	0.77	0.57	0.32	0.29	0.34	
Bi	bdl	bdl	bdl	bdl	bdl	bdl	bdl	bdl	1.19	1.38	1.14	
Cu	0.15	0.10	bdl	0.01	0.22	0.13	0.04	0.03	43.2	43.1	43.4	
Ag	bdl	bdl	0.06	bdl	bdl	bdl	0.03	bdl	0.19	0.24	0.20	
Zn	bdl	bdl	bdl	bdl	bdl	bdl	bdl	bdl	3.42	3.37	3.44	
Pb	40.9	41.3	38.6	34.2	19.2	40.1	38.3	39.3	bdl	bdl	bdl	
Fe	0.03	bdl	0.00	bdl	bdl	bdl	bdl	bdl	4.30	4.34	4.33	
Total	100.1	100.5	99.7	100.0	99.0	99.7	99.9	99.3	100.1	100.5	101.0	
[apfu]												
As	0.45	0.44	0.44	0.45	0.51	0.45	0.45	0.45	3.81	3.81	3.81	
S	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	13	13	13	
Tl	0.03	0.03	0.04	0.06	0.10	0.03	0.04	0.04				
Mn	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00				
Sb	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.04	0.04	0.04	
Bi									0.08	0.10	0.08	
Cu	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	11.92	11.84	11.83	
Ag			0.00				0.00		0.03	0.03	0.03	
Zn			0.00						0.77	0.76	0.77	
Pb	0.24	0.24	0.23	0.20	0.11	0.24	0.23	0.23				
Fe	0.00		0.00	0.00					1.14	1.14	1.13	
(As+Sb)/S	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.46	0.51	0.45	0.46	0.45	0.30	0.30	0.30	
As/Sb	86	74	52	45	169	74	58	77	98	107	93	
Tl/As	0.07	0.07	0.09	0.13	0.20	0.07	0.09	0.08				
Pb/Tl	7.39	8.10	5.64	3.27	1.05	7.20	5.59	6.27				

Tab. 2 Major element composition of various sulfosalts (continued)

Sample	Bin7	Bin7	Bin7	Bin7	Bin7
Locality	Pizzo	Pizzo	Pizzo	Pizzo	Pizzo
Mineral	Cervandone	Cervandone	Cervandone	Cervandone	Cervandone
	Fahlore	Fahlore	Fahlore	Fahlore	Fahlore
[wt%]					
As	19.2	19.3	19.2	19.2	19.1
S	27.5	27.8	27.7	28.0	27.2
Tl	bdl	bdl	bdl	bdl	bdl
Mn	bdl	bdl	bdl	bdl	bdl
Sb	0.32	0.33	0.30	0.33	0.32
Bi	1.20	1.07	1.31	1.10	1.11
Cu	43.6	43.7	43.2	43.4	43.2
Ag	0.23	0.24	0.28	0.18	0.24
Zn	3.54	3.88	3.80	3.70	3.72
Pb	bdl	bdl	bdl	bdl	bdl
Fe	4.11	4.03	3.90	4.13	3.89
Total	99.6	100.3	99.7	100.1	98.9
[apfu]					
As	3.88	3.88	3.86	3.82	3.92
S	13	13	13	13	13
Tl					
Mn					
Sb	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04
Bi	0.09	0.08	0.09	0.08	0.08
Cu	12.33	12.24	12.15	12.06	12.37
Ag	0.03	0.03	0.04	0.03	0.03
Zn	0.82	0.89	0.87	0.84	0.87
Pb					
Fe	1.12	1.08	1.05	1.10	1.07
(As+Sb)/S	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.30
As/Sb	97	96	104	94	98
Tl/As					
Pb/Tl					

Tab. 3 Major and trace element composition of fissure micas, determined by EMPA and LA-ICP-MS, respectively.

Mineral Locality Host rock Sample	Muscovite Lengenbach Lengenbacher stratum Bin 18			Muscovite Balmen Bin23	Muscovite Lengenbach Lengenbacher stratum Bin16		Muscovite Gischi orthogneiss Bin22		
	[wt%]								
F	0.41			2.80		0.58			0.64
Na2O	0.33			0.24		0.35			0.22
K2O	10.7			9.0		10.2			10.8
Cl	0.01			0.03		0.02			0.01
MgO	2.53			26.6		3.88			2.59
CaO	b.d.l.			b.d.l.		0.13			b.d.l.
BaO	1.33			1.71		0.42			0.04
Al2O3	32.7			14.1		28.3			28.7
MnO	b.d.l.			b.d.l.		0.04			0.11
TiO2	0.83			0.18		0.75			0.28
SiO2	48.1			43.7		49.2			48.1
FeO	b.d.l.			0.13		0.11			4.33
Cr2O3	0.05			b.d.l.		1.37			b.d.l.
Total	97.0			98.5		95.3			95.9
-F,Cl=O	0.17			1.18		0.25			0.27
H2O	3.96			2.63		3.82			3.74
Total	100.7			99.9		98.9			99.3
[µg/g]									
Li	418	427	404	548	240	224	763	762	1806
As	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	9.94
Rb	375	367	368	361	269	267	1554	1577	2534
Sr	7.71	15.9	8.59	37.8	428	284	3.83	3.92	2.76
Y	b.d.l.	0.177	0.135	0.337	5.46	2.03	2.28	b.d.l.	6.58
Zr	b.d.l.	0.176	0.151	b.d.l.	0.330	1.12	0.390	0.406	b.d.l.
Nb	1.00	1.54	2.38	2.31	7.70	5.32	95.6	98.5	96.5
Sn	28.8	34.7	45.6	4.23	6.75	8.68	392	408	108
Sb	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	0.730
Cs	8.48	9.03	8.66	37.8	6.33	6.91	84.0	85.2	523
La	0.026	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	0.670	17.4	6.79	0.434	b.d.l.	0.554
Ce	b.d.l.	0.126	0.021	0.950	19.4	8.08	1.08	b.d.l.	2.03
Pr	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	0.141	1.74	0.930	0.179	b.d.l.	0.213
Nd	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	7.34	2.44	0.730	b.d.l.	1.09
Sm	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	1.29	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	0.260
Eu	0.369	0.308	0.390	0.383	0.352	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	0.078
Gd	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	0.720
Tb	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	0.103	0.064	b.d.l.	0.132
Dy	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	1.31
Ho	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	0.133	b.d.l.	0.940
Er	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	0.267	b.d.l.	0.470
Tm	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	0.054	b.d.l.	0.098
Yb	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	0.460	0.210	0.630	0.390	23.7
Lu	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	0.179	0.189	0.070
Hf	0.219	0.050	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.
Ta	0.487	0.285	0.449	0.090	0.193	0.102	22.7	22.2	40.3
Tl	346	334	330	8.11	50.7	47.2	6.07	6.03	20.4
Pb	3.52	1.19	2.88	49.9	21.2	42.1	7.52	8.59	171
Th	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	2.56	0.380	0.227	0.108	0.050	1.09
U	b.d.l.	0.027	0.014	0.098	0.950	0.187	0.181	b.d.l.	3.31
K/Rb	237	243	242	207	313	316	57.8	57.0	35.5
K/Tl	258	267	270	9234	1661	1786	14799	14897	4408
Rb/Tl	1.09	1.10	1.11	44.5	5.31	5.66	256	262	124

Tab. 3 Major and trace element composition of fissure micas (continued)

Muscovite Pizzo orthogneiss Bin20				Muscovite Messerbach Lengenbacher stratum Bin21				Muscovite Gorb orthogneiss B5108	
		3.41				0.20		b.d.l.	
		0.08				0.31		0.26	
		9.47				11.0		10.9	
		b.d.l.				0.01		b.d.l.	
		15.6				3.02		1.71	
		b.d.l.				0.03		b.d.l.	
		b.d.l.				0.21		0.12	
		14.9				31.3		30.0	
		0.42				b.d.l.		0.04	
		0.80				1.04		0.96	
		41.1				47.7		45.6	
		13.4				0.29		5.60	
		0.03				0.03		b.d.l.	
		99.1				95.1		95.1	
		1.44				0.08		0.00	
		2.14				4.01		4.00	
		99.8				99.1		99.1	
791	943	769	899	268	260	264	263	520	512
28.8	74.9	20.9	56.7	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	12.2
1513	1330	1487	1272	293	259	310	261	766	782
1.48	1.54	0.842	2.25	8.59	12.6	10.4	11.2	1.48	1.03
0.808	20.2	0.362	4.06	0.059	0.074	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	0.130
b.d.l.	0.231	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	0.259	0.387	0.326	0.580	0.164	b.d.l.
21.0	40.7	20.8	22.4	8.26	11.6	5.02	21.1	44.4	42.1
94.8	102	94.9	85.0	10.4	13.3	8.46	18.4	7.80	7.68
0.670	1.41	0.500	1.98	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	2.01	2.57	1.87
318	344	237	264	12.4	11.0	13.7	12.0	52.5	53.0
b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	0.057
b.d.l.	0.195	0.017	0.161	0.279	b.d.l.	0.120	0.065	b.d.l.	b.d.l.
0.017	0.068	b.d.l.	0.024	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	0.021	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.
b.d.l.	0.350	b.d.l.	0.333	0.187	0.099	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	0.159
0.056	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	0.237	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.
b.d.l.	0.116	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.
b.d.l.	1.01	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.
b.d.l.	0.311	b.d.l.	0.076	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	0.021
b.d.l.	3.24	b.d.l.	0.520	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.
b.d.l.	0.771	b.d.l.	0.141	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.
0.043	3.03	b.d.l.	0.373	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.
b.d.l.	0.519	b.d.l.	0.097	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.
0.151	5.16	b.d.l.	0.610	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.
0.018	0.606	0.018	0.133	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	0.014
b.d.l.	b.d.l.	0.038	b.d.l.	0.115	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	0.047	b.d.l.
0.287	2.18	0.233	0.413	0.272	0.401	0.164	0.847	3.84	4.09
14.6	15.4	14.2	14.0	2.28	1.91	2.29	1.93	6.99	6.52
30.0	44.1	17.6	102	5.20	5.82	14.0	9.01	3.94	5.60
b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	0.344	0.205	0.493	0.560	b.d.l.	0.271
0.528	0.872	0.126	1.24	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	28.4	0.063
51.9	59.1	52.9	61.8	311	350	294	348	118	116
5381	5095	5533	55997	39871	47645	39697	47102	12922	13854
104	86.2	105	90.6	128	136	135	135	110	120

Tab. 3 Major and trace element composition of fissure micas (continued)

Muscovite Gorb orthogneiss Bin26			Biotite Feldbach Feldbacher stratum Bin24				Muscovite Turtschi Feldbacher stratum Bin30		
0.12				1.15			0.07		
0.63				0.07			0.52		
10.2				9.32			10.5		
b.d.l.				0.01			b.d.l.		
3.00				19.9			2.98		
b.d.l.				b.d.l.			b.d.l.		
0.36				0.05			0.28		
32.0				13.6			31.6		
b.d.l.				b.d.l.			b.d.l.		
0.68				0.30			0.53		
48.6				41.2			49.0		
0.47				11.6			0.43		
b.d.l.				b.d.l.			b.d.l.		
96.1				97.1			96.0		
0.05				0.49			0.03		
4.11				3.25			4.13		
100.1				99.9			100.1		
473	492	459	435	416	425	436	193	167	153
40.2	79.6	19.7	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.
792	726	921	409	408	408	414	432	413	349
7.43	15.8	2.13	0.422	0.381	0.233	0.540	0.760	3.78	13.5
17.6	40.5	1.39	0.053	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	0.280	1.49
0.064	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	0.028	b.d.l.	0.034	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	0.224	0.278
53.3	47.2	50.2	24.1	24.6	24.7	24.7	28.8	27.6	34.5
7.43	6.16	6.34	4.65	4.52	4.31	5.11	8.60	8.52	13.0
3.95	4.15	4.23	0.650	0.750	0.820	0.940	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.
60.2	73.7	59.5	142	139	124	129	9.66	9.77	6.37
68.1	116	4.10	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	0.148
23.7	59.3	2.94	0.011	b.d.l.	0.013	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	0.045	0.428
12.5	23.5	0.813	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	0.012	b.d.l.	0.075
47.2	87.8	2.77	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	0.206	0.420
5.73	12.6	0.400	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.
0.639	1.55	0.110	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	0.020	0.034	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.
4.17	7.16	0.316	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.
0.271	0.601	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	0.018	b.d.l.
1.53	3.38	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	0.130	0.364
0.269	0.964	0.036	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	0.036
1.20	3.53	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.
0.196	0.659	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.
2.02	6.23	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.
0.394	1.12	0.040	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.
b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	0.074	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.
3.08	3.19	3.51	1.17	1.21	1.27	1.26	3.02	2.75	3.60
7.33	7.92	8.07	6.20	5.97	5.78	7.34	2.81	2.70	2.51
27.5	42.2	16.4	6.82	4.89	6.66	11.0	0.269	1.22	2.96
0.142	0.397	b.d.l.	1.51	1.31	1.65	1.14	b.d.l.	0.079	0.070
1.69	0.558	0.023	0.088	0.062	0.086	0.444	b.d.l.	0.110	b.d.l.
107	117	92.2	189	190	190	187	202	212	251
11575	10713	10514	12480	12961	13387	10542	31110	32378	34829
108	91.7	114	66.0	68.3	70.5	56.4	154	153	139

Tab. 3 Major and trace element composition of fissure micas (continued)

Muscovite Schinhorn orthogneiss Bin28				Muscovite Ritterpass orthogneiss Bin25		
		0.04			1.54	
		0.21			0.06	
		10.9			9.45	
		b.d.l.			b.d.l.	
		1.44			15.7	
		b.d.l.			b.d.l.	
		0.10			b.d.l.	
		30.5			16.0	
		b.d.l.			0.65	
		0.80			1.45	
		46.0			40.9	
		5.50			12.5	
		b.d.l.			b.d.l.	
		95.6			98.3	
		0.02			0.65	
		4.00			3.09	
		99.6			100.7	
88.1	81.1	78.1	73.8	797	836	887
b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.
447	479	524	503	971	997	1006
11.5	12.7	6.68	7.14	1.06	0.939	0.343
b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	2.74	5.44	0.350
0.058	0.186	0.394	0.226	0.295	0.226	0.186
15.6	31.6	30.10	63.0	250	263	182
4.62	7.65	8.40	23.2	22.9	23.6	20.4
b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	0.780	0.600
7.35	8.55	8.77	6.82	123	121	130
b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	13.4	29.8	1.08
b.d.l.	b.d.l.	0.031	b.d.l.	17.6	14.0	2.81
b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	2.81	6.24	0.272
0.078	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	10.7	22.7	0.970
b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	1.68	3.34	0.183
0.082	b.d.l.	0.054	0.033	0.101	0.226	0.013
b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	0.980	3.14	b.d.l.
b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	0.175	0.262	b.d.l.
b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	0.540	1.22	b.d.l.
b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	0.079	0.172	b.d.l.
b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	0.212	0.385	b.d.l.
b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	0.007
b.d.l.	b.d.l.	0.067	b.d.l.	0.111	0.318	b.d.l.
b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	0.034	0.056	b.d.l.
b.d.l.	b.d.l.	0.098	0.056	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	0.026
0.728	1.46	0.452	2.12	13.5	14.0	10.6
2.51	2.57	2.31	2.10	5.59	5.44	5.71
6.04	9.11	3.73	3.79	4.22	3.73	1.50
b.d.l.	b.d.l.	0.061	b.d.l.	0.063	0.108	0.012
b.d.l.	0.017	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	1.13	1.19	0.225
203	190	173	181	80.8	78.7	78.0
36185	35340	39250	43353	14035	14422	13740
178	186	227	240	174	183	176

Table 4 Results of Tl isotope analysis

			$\epsilon^{205}\text{Tl}$	$\pm 2\text{sd}$	n
reference materials					
Aldrich Tl		this study	-0.8	0.6	3
		reference value	-0.81	0.33	
AGV-2		this study	-3.6	0.6	3
		reference value	-3.0	0.6	
samples	locality	mineral	$\epsilon^{205}\text{Tl}$	$\pm 2\text{sd}$	n
Bin 1	Lengenbach quarry	jordanite	-4.1	0.5	2
Bin 2	Lengenbach quarry	fahlore	1.1	0.5	2
Bin 3	Lengenbach quarry	jordanite	-1.5	0.5	2
Bin 4	Lengenbach quarry	hatchite	0.6	0.5	1
Bin 5	Lengenbach quarry	fahlore	1.0	0.5	1
Bin 6	Lengenbach quarry	edenharterite	1.9	0.5	2
Bin 7	Pizzo Cervandone	fahlore	0.1	0.7	1
Bin 8	Pizzo Cervandone	fahlore	-3.0	0.6	1
Bin 9	Lengenbach quarry	sartorite	-2.2	0.5	2
Bin 10	Pizzo Cervandone	asbecasite	-2.0	0.5	1
Bin 11	Lengenbach quarry	orpiment	1.1	0.5	1
Bin 12	Lengenbach quarry	sartorite	-0.5	0.5	2
Bin 13	Lengenbach quarry	melt inclusions	-0.3	0.5	2
BG 186	Wiesloch	galenite	-1.4	0.5	1
BW114	Wiesloch	sphalerite	-2.7	0.5	1

n = number of individual analyses conducted on the same sample solution

The reference values for Aldrich Tl and AGV-2 are from Nielsen and Rehkämper (2011)