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2 **Intermediate Members of the Lime-Monteponite Solid Solutions**
3 **(Ca_{1-x}Cd_xO, x = 0.36-0.55): Discovery in Natural Occurrence**

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17 **ABSTRACT**

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19 Lime-monteponite solid solutions ((Ca,Cd)O ss) with 58.5-73.3 wt% CdO were discovered as an
20 accessory phase in medium-temperature combustion metamorphic (CM) spurrite-fluorellestadite/
21 fluorapatite marbles from central Jordan. The type locality is situated in the northern part of the
22 Siwaqa complex (Tulul Al Hammam area), the largest area of the “Mottled Zone” Formation in the
23 Dead Sea region. The marbles were derived from bitumen-rich calcareous marine sediments of the
24 Muwaqqar Chalk Marl Formation which have high Cd, Zn, U, and Ni enrichments and contain Cd-rich
25 wurtzite and sphalerite. Oxidative sintering of these sediments at 800-850 °C gave rise to unusual
26 oxide accessories: lime-monteponite solid solutions, Cd-bearing Ca and Zn aluminate – tululite,
27 zincite, and Zn-, Ni- and Cu-rich periclase. Cadmium incorporation into different oxides was
28 controlled by steric factors, while Cd^[6] → Ca^[6] was the principal isomorphic substitution. The
29 intermediate members (Ca_{0.645}Cd_{0.355})O – (Ca_{0.453}Cd_{0.547})O with a halite-type structure have a cadmium
30 incorporation ratio ($K_{Cd} = Cd_{\text{mineral}}/Cd_{\text{rock}}$) of about 843 and are the main sites for cadmium in CM
31 marbles. In supergene environments, at low water/rock ratios, (Ca_{1-x}Cd_x)(OH)₂ ss ($x \leq 0.5$) constitute
32 the main secondary phase after (Ca,Cd)O ss. At higher water/rock ratios and in the presence of Cl⁻ and
33 F⁻ in the solutions, calcium and cadmium precipitated as separate phases (fluorite (CaF₂) and basic

34 cadmium chloride ($\text{Cd}(\text{OH})_{2-x}\text{Cl}_x$). A part of cadmium becomes retained in calcium silicate hydrates.
35 The common occurrence of anhydrous $(\text{Ca,Cd})\text{O}$ grains in natural rocks, only partly altered to
36 (Ca,Cd) -hydroxide after at least 100 ka exposure to weather and climate, proves that both phases are
37 effective long-term Cd immobilizers.

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39 **Key-words:** lime-monteponite CaO-CdO solid solution, cadmium enrichment, hydrous alteration,
40 combustion metamorphism, central Jordan

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42 INTRODUCTION

43 The upper crustal abundances of Cd and Zn are 0.09 ppm and 67 ppm, respectively, and the
44 Cd/Zn ratio is 0.001 (Rudnick and Gao 2003). Since cadmium is similar to zinc in its crystal-chemistry
45 and geochemical behavior, it is hosted chiefly by sphalerite and fails to form commercially viable
46 deposits (Ye and Liu 1999; Schwartz 2000; Ye et al. 2012). Worldwide, the average cadmium to zinc
47 ratio is about 1/400 in zinc ores. The mean contents of Cd in sphalerites range between 0.2 and
48 0.6 wt% (Ye and Liu 1999; Schwartz 2000). Cadmium content is much higher in sedimentary-
49 exhalative (SedEx) and Besshi-type volcanic massive sulfide deposits (up to 1.0-2.5 wt% Cd in
50 sphalerite). The highest cadmium concentrations up to 5 wt%, with an average of 1.4 wt% Cd are
51 reported in sphalerite from the carbonate-hosted Mississippi Valley-type (MVT) Zn-Pb deposits,
52 where the low S^{2-} activity favored the formation of Cd-rich sphalerite (Schwartz 2000; Ye et al. 2012).

53 Besides sphalerite, Cd has been occasionally found as impurity in tetrahedrite (Patrick and
54 Hall 1983; Dobbe 1992), freibergite (Patrick 1978) or the metacinnabar-variety saukovite $(\text{Hg,Cd})\text{S}$,
55 considered an intermediate member of the metacinnabar-hawleyite series (Fleischer 1966). The few
56 known cadmium minerals (27 mineral species) are: sulfides and sulfosalts (11), phosphates and
57 arsenates (6), sulfates and selenates (7), carbonates (1), oxides (1) and native elements (1). The
58 relatively common minerals are greenockite (CdS, hexagonal) and otavite ($\text{Cd}(\text{CO}_3)$). Cadmium
59 minerals (greenockite, otavite, monteponite (CdO), cadmoselite (CdSe), hawleyite (CdS, cubic), native
60 cadmium, and niedermayrite ($(\text{CdCu}_4(\text{SO}_4)_2(\text{OH})_6 \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O})$) occur in the zone of chemically weathered
61 sulfide zinc ores. Their presence can be attributed to Zn scavenging by secondary smithsonite (ZnCO_3)
62 and/or hemimorphite ($\text{Zn}_4(\text{Si}_2\text{O}_7)(\text{OH})_2 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$) crystallization (Ye and Liu 1999; Schwartz 2000; Ye et
63 al. 2012).

64 The unusual mineral of a $\text{Ca}_{1-x}\text{Cd}_x\text{O}$ ($x = 0.36-0.55$) composition discussed in this paper
65 belongs to the lime-monteponite solid solution series and comes from particular calcareous combustion
66 metamorphic (CM) rocks of Jordan (the so-called Mottled Zone, Levant, Dead Sea area). It was
67 identified for the first time by the first author during screening of a voluminous collection of CM

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68 marbles from central Jordan (Khoury et al. 2014b). Later detailed field and SEM examination of
69 phosphate-rich marbles, which have been found at a local site within the Tulul Al Hammam area,
70 showed that (Ca,Cd)O was an indicative accessory mineral of the marbles formed under oxidative
71 sintering of Cd-containing, phosphate- and bitumen-rich chalky protolith.

72 The following work aims to characterize comprehensively the intermediate members of the
73 lime-montepelite solid solution series, to estimate cadmium and zinc incorporation into different
74 phases and crystal structures in Ordinary Portland Cement (OPC) clinker-like medium-temperature
75 assemblages, and to identify the secondary Cd-bearing compounds that formed and survived during
76 long acting supergene alteration of the marbles.

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78 **GEOLOGICAL BACKGROUND**

79 Unusual Cd mineralization together with various Ca-U(VI) oxides were identified in the
80 combustion metamorphic rocks, known under a local name of *varicolored marbles*, central Jordan
81 (Daba-Siwaqa complex of the Mottled Zone) (Khoury et al. 2015). For details of local geology see
82 (Khoury et al. 2014a, 2015). The rocks were derived from marine sediments, exposed everywhere in
83 central Jordan, which were deposited at shallow depths in a stable shelf high-productive environment
84 from the Late Cretaceous to the Early Eocene (ca. 90 – 50 Ma ago) and belong to the Belqa Group
85 (Ziegler 2001; Abed et al. 2005; Powell and Moh'd 2011; Fleurance et al. 2013; Khoury et al. 2015).
86 Their gentle folding and faulting were mostly related to the continued tectonic movement along the
87 Dead Sea-Jordanian Transform located ~60 km to the west of the Daba-Siwaqa area (Bender 1968,
88 Powell and Moh'd 2011). Two fault sets dominate in the Daba area: an E-W extension of the Zarqa-
89 Ma'in fault and the NW-SE striking Wadi Al Hammam fault set. The organic-rich sediments were
90 uplifted during the Quaternary time, exposed at the surface, and subjected to spontaneous oxidation
91 and *in situ* combustion of the hosted bitumen and disseminated sulfides within the tectonically
92 disturbed zones (Techer et al. 2006; Khoury et al. 2011). In Jordan the CM rocks, mostly marbles,
93 cover large areas in the Daba, Siwaqa, Khushaym Matruk, Suweilih, and Maqarin complexes (Figs. 1,
94 2) (Khoury and Nassir 1982 a,b; Techer et al. 2006; Fourcade et al. 2007; Elie et al. 2007; Khoury
95 2012; Fleurance et al. 2013).

96 The type locality of the (Ca,Cd)O phase is called Tulul Al Hammam (*Arabic for Pigeon's Hill*),
97 (31°32'N 36°12'E), and is situated in the northern Siwaqa area (Khoury et al. 2014a, 2015; Khoury and
98 Al-Zoubi 2014) (Fig. 1). Varicolored CM marbles typically occur as lenticular bodies from a few
99 meters to more than 60 m thick and form cliffs and hills. The hills are arranged in sub-parallel belts
100 (0.2-3 km wide and 1-10 km long) related to faults of the Daba system (Fig. 1). The marbles are
101 derived from the Maastrichtian-Paleogene Muwaqqar chalk and marl enriched in phosphorous, organic

102 matter, and trace elements, including Cd, Zn, and U (Table 1). The whole sequence crops out along the
103 valleys (*wadis*), where bituminous chalk and marl are overlain by CM rocks, unconformable
104 Pleistocene travertine, fluvial to lacustrine deposits, and Holocene to Present alluvium.

105 The CM marbles vary in color from black and brown to red, pink and green, depending on their
106 mineralogical composition, and the degree of alteration (Figs. 2a-c). The color diversity appears at all
107 levels, from outcrop to hand specimen (Khoury et al. 2015). In many outcrops, marbles are rather fresh
108 and preserve the original lamination of precursor sediments. Fresh marbles rich in disseminated
109 sulfides are black, while the altered varieties, as well as those enriched in fresh Ca-ferrites, are brown;
110 strongly altered marbles are pale red or pink. Green marbles are rich in fluorapatite and/or
111 fluorellestadite and have bluish tints specific to CM ellestadites (Zateeva et al. 2007; Kokh et al.
112 2015). Fresh massive samples often show thin bands up to 3cm of alternative colors that reflect uneven
113 distribution of sulfides and phosphates in the parent rocks.

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115 **MATERIALS AND METHODS**

116 (Ca,Cd)O mineral grains were identified in seven samples, after initial scrutiny of about sixty
117 marble samples from the Tulul Al Hammam quarries. In the beginning of the project, several tens of
118 Cd-bearing grains, including micrometer particles, were characterized by quick scanning and imaging
119 at the Department of Earth Sciences, University of Ottawa. Five selected samples of marbles bearing
120 Ca-Cd oxide (TH-11, TH-18, TH-72, TH-74, DT-7) and typical sedimentary parent rock (Daba oil
121 shale, DOS-1) were then studied by optical thin section petrography, with SEM, EPMA and Raman
122 spectroscopy for additional details at the V.S. Sobolev, Institute of Geology and Mineralogy (IGM,
123 Novosibirsk, Russia).

124 The bulk compositions of major and trace elements were analyzed by atomic emission-
125 spectrometry with inductively-coupled plasma (ICP-AES) (IRIS Advantage ThermoJarrell, Intertechs
126 Corporation, USA) at IGM. The powdered sample was mixed with lithium metaborate, and then fused
127 at 1050°C. Sample concentrations were measured after dissolution in 5% nitric acid (Shatsky et al.
128 2006). The analytical precision was about 10-15 %. Trace-elements (Th, U, and Y) were analyzed at
129 the Siberian Synchrotron and Terahertz Radiation Centre (SSTRC) at Budker Institute of Nuclear
130 Physics, Novosibirsk, using precise synchrotron radiation X-ray fluorescence analyses (SR XRF) with
131 EDS (energy-dispersion spectroscopy), at 23 kV and 42 kV excitation energy (Phedorin et al. 2000).

132 Organic fractions (TOC) were extracted from the sedimentary protolith sample following the
133 procedure from (Selby and Creaser 2003). C-H-N-S analyses of TOC were carried out at the
134 N.N. Vorozhtsov Novosibirsk Institute of Organic Chemistry SB RAS (NIOCH SB RAS,

135 Novosibirsk), according to (Fadeeva et al. 2008) using *Hewlett-Packard, model 185* (United States)
136 and *Euro EA 3000* (Italy) analyzers.

137 Thin sections of the marbles and sediments were prepared using standard equipment and
138 protocol (e.g., Humphries 1992). Polished thin (20–30 μm) sections in epoxy resin were used for
139 optical studies. The thin-section top surface was polished and the sections were studied with both
140 transmitted and reflected light. Petroleum was used for coolant/lubricant to accommodate preparation
141 of hydrophobic materials. Thin sections were finished by polishing using 0.25 μm diamond paste. Prior
142 to assessment in SEM, polished sections were sputter coated with ~ 30 nm gold (Au), for chemical
143 analysis using EPMA as well as for elemental mapping using SEM with carbon (C).

144 First Cd-bearing phases were characterized on a *A JEOL JSM 6610LV* electron microscope
145 (SEM) equipped with an Oxford INCA large area SDD detector (for qualitative analysis of Be to U
146 elements) at the University of Ottawa. Then the microfabric and phase distribution of the samples were
147 assessed on a JEOL JSM6380LA scanning electron microscope (at IGM) on both Au- and C-coated
148 polished thin sections, at chamber vacuum pressure 10–5 Torr (~ 0.01 Pa). The instrument was
149 operated at 10 kV and 2.0 nA beam current (Faraday cup). The images were acquired in both SE and
150 BE modes. SEM and EDS techniques were applied to grains smaller than 1–5 μm to determine their
151 morphology, mineral chemistry, compositional variations, and the alteration degree of Ca-Cd oxides.

152 Quantitative mineral analyses were performed using a *JEOL JXA 8230* Super Probe (EPMA).
153 The X-ray diffraction data were collected on a *Philips* powder X-Ray diffractometer with a double
154 goniometer *X'Pert* system (CuK α -radiation with $\lambda = 1.54178$ Å) at the University of Ottawa.

155 Afterwards, chemical compositions of individual minerals were analyzed at IGM using a *JEOL*
156 *JXA 8100* microprobe, in C-coated polished thin sections, with chamber vacuum kept at 10^{-6} Torr
157 (~ 0.001 Pa) or better. The EPMA measurements were conducted with an accelerating voltage of
158 20 kV, the peak count time was 10 s, the beam current was 20 nA, and the beam diameter was 2–3 μm
159 for anhydrous minerals. Volatile-rich phases were analyzed at an accelerating voltage of 20 kV, a
160 lower beam current (10 nA) and a shorter peak count time (5 s) in order to minimize damage from the
161 beam. Measurement of F was allocated to a WDS-TAP detector at the start of an analytical run, to
162 further minimize evaporation artifacts (Morgan and London 2005). Only the particles larger than 5 μm
163 were taken into consideration to avoid errors caused by the matrix capture. The compositions were
164 estimated with reference to natural and synthetic standards: diopside (Ca), pyrope O-145 (Si, Al, Fe,
165 Mg), CdS (Cd, S), ZnFe₂O₄ (Zn in oxides) or ZnS (Zn in sulfides), Sr-Si glass Gl-11 (Sr), TiO₂ (Ti),
166 fluorapatite (P, F), chlorapatite (Cl). Matrix correction using the PAP routine was applied to raw data
167 prior to recalculation into major oxides. The analytical accuracy was better than 2 %-relative to
168 >5 wt% elements and about 5 %-relative to ≤ 2 wt% elements and F. For detection limits of elements

169 see Table 3. Oxide contents are recalculated into atoms per formula unit (apfu) following routine
170 procedures (e.g., according to Deer et al. (1992) or Papike (1987, 1988)).

171 Single-crystal X-ray study of a $\text{Ca}_{0.5}\text{Cd}_{0.5}\text{O}$ grain was carried out using an *Oxford Diffraction*
172 *Xcalibur Gemini* diffractometer, $\text{MoK}\alpha$, $\lambda = 0.71073 \text{ \AA}$ (Novosibirsk State University, Novosibirsk).
173 Diffraction data were collected by scanning of ω angle with step of 1° per frame (ω scan technique).
174 The data were processed using *CrysAlis Pro* (Oxford Diffraction 2008). Semi-empirical absorption
175 correction was applied using the multi-scan technique.

176 Raman spectra were recorded on a *Horiba Jobin Yvon LabRAM HR800* spectrometer with a
177 1024 pixel LN/CCD detector using the 514.5-nm emission line of Ar^+ ion laser with the 50 mW
178 maximum beam power (up to 17 mW on the sample surface). The spectra were collected in a back-
179 scattering geometry, using an *Olympus BX41* microscope (Goryainov et al. 2012, 2014). The spectral
180 resolution of the recorded spectrum Stokes side was set to $\sim 2.2 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ at a Raman shift of $\sim 3000 \text{ cm}^{-1}$.
181 This resolution was achieved by using one grating with 1800 grooves/mm and equal 150 μm slit and
182 pin hole sizes. The microscope with an *Olympus PlanLWD 50X* objective lens of a working distance
183 $\text{WD} = 11 \text{ mm}$ with 0.5 numerical aperture provides a focal spot diameter of $\sim 2 \mu\text{m}$ on the sample
184 surface. The Raman spectra were deconvolved into Voigt amplitude functions using the *PeakFit*
185 software (Model S506 Interactive Peak Fit, 2002).

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187 **SEDIMENTARY PARENT ROCKS: LITHOLOGY, MINERALOGY, GEOCHEMISTRY**

188 The Belqa Group sedimentary sequence encloses large economic-scale beds of phosphorites
189 buried under bituminous chalk and marl, with C_{org} up to 25 wt% and disseminated francolite. The
190 sediments are remarkable by very high relative enrichments in Cd, Cr, Mo, Ni, U, V, Zn, and Se (Abed
191 et al. 2005; Abed 2012; Abed and Sadaqah 2013; Fleurance et al. 2013). They have relatively high
192 contents of both P and Cd but low Co ($< 3\text{-}12 \text{ ppm}$) and Mn ($< 0.01 \text{ wt\%}$), which is typical of
193 sediments from the upwelling zone (Nathan et al. 1997; Delgadillo-Hinojosa et al. 2001; Brumsack
194 2006).

195 The CM marbles exposed at the Tulul Al Hammam area are derived from bituminous chalk and
196 marl (locally known as ‘oil shales’) of the lower Muwaqqar Chalk Marl Fm. at the top of the Belqa
197 Group (Abed et al. 2005; Powell and Moh’d 2011; Fleurance et al. 2013; Khoury et al. 2015). We
198 analyzed a typical sample (DOS-1) of non-metamorphic chalky protolith from a site in the Daba area.
199 The fine-grained gray bituminous chalk is laminated, and contains abundant shell clasts and planktonic
200 foraminifera (*Globigerinoides*, *Anomalinoidea*, *Cibicides*, *Turrilines*, *Subbotina*; Figs. 3d and e). The
201 rock consists mainly of calcite and a minor amount of fine clayey matter. Biogenic carbonate-
202 fluorapatite (francolite) occurs as skeleton fragments and irregular nodules, some being oriented along

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203 the lamination. The sediment encloses porous clots of radiolarian spicules (consisting of cristobalite
204 opaline matter) and has 22.8 wt% C_{org}. Bitumen matter from this sediment stores 40 wt% C, 4.8 wt%
205 H, 1.3 wt% N, and 7.8 wt% S; organic matter filling the shells (Fig. 3e) contains up to 9 wt% sulfur on
206 average.

207 The sample DOS-1 bears high contents of Cd (224 ppm) and Zn (1498 ppm) and abundant
208 sulfides (Table 1 and Fig. 3). The chalk matrix contains disseminated framboidal pyrite with V and Ni
209 impurities (both ~ 0.4 wt%) (Fig. 3a). Cd-rich wurtzite is the main sulfide mineral sometimes
210 coexisting with Cd-rich sphalerite. Both minerals occur most often in free space of shells as
211 intergrowths of rather large and perfect crystals (Figs. 3b-d and f). Many micrometer-sized platy
212 crystals of (Zn,Cd)S form tight aggregates with radiolarian spicules (Fig. 3b) while coarser and more
213 perfect platy wurtzites and tetrahedral or pseudo-octahedral twin sphalerites in the matrix most likely
214 result from re-crystallization of finer imperfect (Zn,Cd)S grains (Figs. 3c and f). The average wurtzite
215 composition is 55.88 (55.5-56.6) wt% Zn, 8.91 (8.0-9.6) wt% Cd, and 31.25 (31.3-32.6) wt% S, with
216 the impurities of 0.74 wt% Cu (on average), 0.44 wt% Fe, and 0.52 wt% As. The average chemical
217 composition of sphalerite is 56.64 (56.3-57.0) wt% Zn, 8.29 (7.7-9.2) wt% Cd, and 32.49 (32.2-
218 32.9) wt% S, 0.54 wt% Cu, 0.30 wt% Fe, and 0.28 wt% As. The average compositions of the two
219 minerals correspond to $(\text{Zn}_{0.88}\text{Cd}_{0.08}\text{Fe}_{0.01}\text{Cu}_{0.01})_{\Sigma=0.99}\text{S}_{1.01}\text{As}_{0.01}$ and $(\text{Zn}_{0.88}\text{Cd}_{0.07}\text{Fe}_{0.01}\text{Cu}_{0.01})_{\Sigma=0.97}\text{S}_{1.03}$,
220 respectively. Thus a representative sample of bituminous chalk from the Muwaqqar Chalk-Marl
221 Formation as the non-metamorphic precursor of CM marble contains abundant Cd-rich wurtzite and
222 sphalerite (Cd/Zn ~ 0.15).

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COMBUSTION METAMORPHIC MARBLE: MINERAL CONTENT AND COMPOSITION

225 Intermediate members of the CaO-CdO_{ss} were found as accessory minerals in the fine-grained
226 spurrite-fluorellestadite/fluorapatite marbles, typical medium-temperature (T ~ 800-850°C) CM rocks
227 formed by partial decarbonation and sintering of calcareous bitumen-rich chalks (Khoury et al. 2014b,
228 2015). The marbles are varicolored homogeneous (or rarely foliated), massive, and microcrystalline
229 (up to 50 μm). They consist of 80-90 vol% calcite, and 2-15 vol% fluorapatite or fluorellestadite
230 (Ca₅(SiO₄)(PO₄)(SO₄)F) segregated into thin layers, as well as ≤5 vol% Na- and P-bearing spurrite
231 (Ca₅(SiO₄)₂(CO₃)), Ti-, Cr- and/or Zn-bearing brownmillerite (Ca₂(Fe_{1-x}Al_x)₂O₅), and sporadic
232 micrometer-sized grains of partially hydrated or hydroxylated fluormayenite (Ca₁₂Al₁₄O₃₂F₂) and/or
233 chlormayenite (Ca₁₂Al₁₄O₃₂Cl₂) (Table 2, Figs. 4 – 6). Samples TH-18 and TH-72 also contain high
234 fluorine Ca aluminate (< 1 to 10 μm in size) with 52.22-53.51 wt% CaO, 32.06-34.03 wt% Al₂O₃,
235 0.64-0.98 wt% SiO₂, 0.77-1.84 wt% Fe₂O₃, and 5.00-5.81 wt% F. All compositions are total deficient
236 (90-92 wt%), i.e., the mineral likely underwent hydration.

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237 The majority of the marbles in the area ((dark and black varieties (Fig. 2a)) are rich in
238 disseminated sulfides indicating their origin under reducing conditions at a greater availability of fuel
239 (dispersed bitumen matter and primary sulfides) relative to the oxidizer (atmospheric oxygen), i.e., at
240 high fuel/oxidizer ratios. Yellow sphalerite, the most abundant CM sulfide, contains 0.8-1.7 wt% Cd,
241 1.0-2.1 wt% Fe, and 0.4 – 1 wt% Se. Fine grains of greenockite (CdS), acanthite or argentite (Ag₂S),
242 samaniite (Cu₂Fe₅Ni₂S₈), and Cu-rich djerfisherite (K₆Na(Cu,Fe,Ni)₂₅S₂₆Cl) are common phases,
243 whereas pyrrhotite, galena, chalcopyrite, and oldhamite (CaS) are found very rarely as single fine
244 particles.

245 Numerous large grains of intermediate members of the CaO-CdO solid-solution series were
246 detected in three marble samples (DT-7, TH-72, TH-18) containing 3.44-7.20 wt% P₂O₅ and 100-
247 697 ppm Cd (Table 1, Figs. 2c and 4-6). These Cd concentrations are commensurate with the average
248 values in the marbles (~130 ppm according to Fleurance et al. (2013)) and in their sedimentary
249 precursors (197 ppm after Fleurance et al. (2013)). The marbles with lower Cd contents (28-75 ppm)
250 (TH-11, TH-74) only contain sporadic, finely dispersed grains of intermediate lime-monteponite series
251 minerals up to 5 μm. The presence of rock-forming fluorellestadite and/or sulfate-bearing fluorapatite
252 in marbles (TH-11, TH-18, TH-72, DT-7 in Table 2) implies oxidative sintering during combustion
253 metamorphism (Parat et al. 2002; Zateeva et al. 2007; Marks et al. 2012; Kokh et al. 2015).

254 Other important Cd-bearing accessories are Ca and Zn aluminate, tululite
255 (Ca,Cd)₁₄(Fe³⁺,Al)(Al,Zn,Fe³⁺,Si,P,Mn,Mg)₁₅O₃₆) with 5-8.5 wt% of CdO, just approved as a new
256 mineral (Figs. 4a and 5) (Khoury et al. 2014c), and zincite with 0.8-3 wt% of CdO. Brownmillerite, the
257 main opaque mineral of the marbles, includes 1-3.5 wt% of ZnO, but is free from Cd. Zn-rich periclase
258 (ZnO – 20-24 wt%; NiO – 5-6 wt%; CuO – 2.6-3.3 wt%) is also free from Cd (Table 2; Figs. 5 and 6f).
259 Other oxide accessories are Ca uranates (CaUO₄, Ca₂UO₅, Ca₃UO₆) (Figs. 6a and c), cuprite (Cu₂O)
260 (Fig. 4d), tenorite (CuO), cassiterite, Th-bearing cerianite (Ce,Th)O₂, U-bearing lakargiite
261 (Ca(Zr,Ti,U)O₃), most of them found as individual micrometer-sized grains (< 1 to 10 μm).

262 The TH-11 marble is an unusual sample, where Cd-bearing sphalerite (with 0.8-1.2 wt% of
263 Cd), galena, and silver minerals such as Ag⁰, Ag₂S, iodargirite (AgI) are superposed with zincite,
264 sporadic fine grains of (Ca,Cd)O, bunsenite (NiO), and lime (CaO) (Table 2). Oxide and sulfide
265 accessories occur in different micro-layers of the former sediment.

266 The marbles are unevenly hydrated and altered (Fig. 2b and Table 2). Fluorapatite,
267 fluorellestadite, and brownmillerite commonly remain intact. Spurrite is frequently replaced by
268 calcium silicate hydrates (CSHs). Both fluormayenite and chlormayenite, having high hydraulic
269 reactivity (Taylor, 1997; Galuskin et al., 2015), are partially hydrated or hydroxylated. The main
270 alteration products are secondary Ca-carbonates, namely aragonite, CSHs, hydrogarnets, including Cl-

271 bearing varieties, and hydrated phases after Ca aluminates (fluormayenite, chlormayenite, and high
272 fluorine Ca aluminate).

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274 **(Ca,Cd)O SOLID SOLUTIONS**

275 The finest grains $\leq 5 \mu\text{m}$ of intermediate lime-monteponite (Ca,Cd)O minerals are anhedral and
276 typically hosted by calcite and spurrite, or more rarely by fluorellestadite; they occur in phosphate-rich
277 thin layers associated with Ca-U(VI) oxides. Coarser grains $15\text{-}20 \mu\text{m}$ are anhedral to subhedral
278 showing $\{100\}$ and $\{111\}$ faces (Figs. 4 and 6). The coarsest grains $\sim 70 \mu\text{m}$ have an irregular habit,
279 may be partially hydrated along edges, and commonly contain inclusions of
280 fluorellestadite/fluorapatite, brownmillerite, spurrite, calcite, or rarely Zn-rich periclase. All (Ca,Cd)O
281 grains examined here are monocrystalline and appear contiguous in SEM without discernible internal
282 boundaries. No randomly intergrown polycrystalline or twinned grains common to monteponite have
283 been identified in the intermediate lime-monteponite series members we studied.

284 The mineral is pale yellowish-green with vitreous lustre, very brittle and transparent. It is
285 optically isotropic but some grains show local anisotropy, probably due to internal strain. The cleavage
286 is distinct on $\{111\}$ (Fig. 6b). The Mohs hardness is $(3\text{-}3\frac{1}{2})$, as measured by microindentation (VHN
287 load 5 g, mean of 10 = 140 kg/mm^2). Density could not be measured because of small grain sizes. The
288 calculated density is 5.703 g/cm^3 (based on the empirical formula). The mineral dissolves in 0.1 %
289 HCl.

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291 **MINERAL CHEMISTRY**

292 The chemistry of intermediate members of the lime-monteponite solid-solution series (Table 3)
293 was analyzed in a few tens of grains using a microprobe with an EDS analyzer at the University
294 Ottawa and at the Institute of Geology and Mineralogy (Novosibirsk). The compositional variation of
295 (Ca,Cd)O solid solutions is minimal within each sample (Fig. 7a). The examined fresh grains are
296 homogeneous and lack any zoning for the elements shown. The CdO content varies between
297 58.54 wt% (TH-18) and 73.25 wt% (DT-7), and the corresponding CaO concentrations are 41.46 wt%
298 and 26.51 wt%, respectively. ZnO ($< 0.2\text{-}0.93 \text{ wt}\%$) is the only significant impurity, while other
299 impurities (Al, Fe, Mg, Ti, and Sr) are negligible. Thus the composition range of the natural CM lime-
300 monteponite ss is: $(\text{Ca}_{0.645}\text{Cd}_{0.355})\text{O} - (\text{Ca}_{0.453}\text{Cd}_{0.547})\text{O}$ (Fig. 7b).

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302 **X-RAY DATA AND CRYSTAL STRUCTURE**

303 Crystal structure was determined in a (Ca,Cd)O grain ($\sim 50 \times 40 \times 30 \mu\text{m}$) extracted from sample
304 DT-7, along the edges altered to $\text{CaCd}(\text{OH})_4$ (Fig. 6d). The mineral $(\text{Ca}_{0.49}\text{Cd}_{0.51})\text{O}$ is cubic,

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305 $a = 4.75377(14) \text{ \AA}$, $V = 107.427(6) \text{ \AA}^3$, $Z = 4$. The unit-cell size was refined on the basis of 497
306 reflections (Table 4). The systematic absence of reflections is consistent with the space-group $Fm\bar{3}m$.
307 The solution and refinement of the crystal structure on the basis of F^2 was made using the SHELX
308 program package (Sheldrick 2008). Like the pure series endmember lime (CaO) and monteponite
309 (CdO), the natural intermediate $(\text{Ca}_{0.49}\text{Cd}_{0.51})\text{O}$ has a NaCl-type structure, without any discernible
310 ordering of Ca and Cd. The unit-cell a -parameter of $(\text{Ca}_{0.49}\text{Cd}_{0.51})\text{O}$ corresponds to the average of CaO
311 (Fiquet et al. 1999) and CdO (Zhang 1999) metrics.

312 For $(\text{Ca}_{0.49}\text{Cd}_{0.51})\text{O}$, we calculated the valence of cations using the bond valence sum (BVS)
313 formula in which each bond with a distance d_{ij} contributes the valence $v_{ij} = \exp[(R_{ij} - d_{ij})/0.37]$
314 with R_{ij} as an empirical parameter, and the total valences of atom i , V_i equals $V_i = \sum_j v_{ij}$ (Brese and
315 O'Keeffe 1991). The calculated valences of cations are +1.82, +1.81, and +1.83 for the CaO, CdO, and
316 $(\text{Ca}_{0.49}\text{Cd}_{0.51})\text{O}$ structures, respectively.

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318 RAMAN SPECTROSCOPY

319 The Raman spectra were recorded for a large grain ($\sim 70 \mu\text{m}$) with a $\text{Ca}_{0.51}\text{Cd}_{0.49}\text{O}$ core and a
320 thick $\text{CaCd}(\text{OH})_4$ rim (Table 5, sample DT-7). The (Ca,Cd)O phase, with its cubic unit cell ($Fm\bar{3}m$),
321 lacks the first order Raman scattering, like other compounds with the NaCl structure (Rieder et al.
322 1973; Smyth et al. 2000; Murtaza et al. 2012). The $\text{Ca}_{0.51}\text{Cd}_{0.49}\text{O}$ phase shows second-order scattering
323 (Fig. 9a). The most intense bands have been interpreted according to (Rieder et al. 1973) as $2\text{TA}(\text{X})$
324 501 cm^{-1} , $\text{TA}+\text{TO}(\text{X})$ 611 cm^{-1} , $2\text{TO}(\text{X})$ 704 cm^{-1} , and $2\text{LO}(\text{L})$ 1079 cm^{-1} . A weak 3582 cm^{-1} band in
325 the domain of O-H stretching vibrations is due to $\text{CaCd}(\text{OH})_4$ hydroxide.

326 Mixed Ca-Cd hydroxide $\text{CaCd}(\text{OH})_4$, being isostructural with $\text{Ca}(\text{OH})_2$ and $\text{Cd}(\text{OH})_2$ crystals in
327 the CdI_2 -type structure $P\bar{3}m1$, $Z = 1$, at ambient conditions, has total irreducible representation at the
328 Brillouin zone centre: $\Gamma = 2\text{A}_{1g} + 3\text{A}_{2u} + 2\text{E}_g + 3\text{E}_u$ (Shieh and Duffy 2002). Four modes are active in
329 the first order Raman scattering $2\text{A}_{1g} + 2\text{E}_g$, of which three are lattice modes and one is symmetric A_{1g}
330 O-H stretching vibration. Three Raman modes of $\text{CaCd}(\text{OH})_4$ are reliably identified in the spectrum of
331 Fig. 9b: E_g 216 cm^{-1} , A_{1g} 367 cm^{-1} and A_{1g} 3589 cm^{-1} , the second and third bands being the most
332 intensive. The bands of calcite admixture are labelled 'Cal' in Fig. 9a.

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334 PRODUCTS OF (CA,Cd)O ALTERATION

335 Grains of (Ca,Cd)O larger than 10-15 μm in diameter commonly have altered rims (Figs. 4c,d; 6d and
336 10; Table 5). In the freshest and densest marble DT-7 the hydrated rims vary in width from 0.1 to 0.5
337 grain diameter of the anhydrous precursor (Figs. 4d and 6d). The substitution front is directed inward

338 from the (Ca,Cd)O grains boundary while there is no signature of Cd leakage outside its limits. The
339 hydrated compound contains 25.4 wt% CaO and 56.8 wt% CdO (on average), with impurities of SiO₂
340 (0.41-1.45) and Cl (0.27-0.53) (Table 5), that corresponds with the chemical formula CaCd(OH)₄. The
341 newly-identified naturally-occurring phase CaCd(OH)₄ is discovered for the first time and has been
342 confirmed by X-ray diffraction (Fig. 8) and Raman spectroscopy (Fig. 9b). The position of Debye arcs
343 in 2D frames conform ICDD card file 00-050-0246 for synthetic CaCd(OH)₄ (Fig. 8). Furthermore,
344 sample DT-7 contains spurrite and chlormayenite hydrated along the edges, and anhydrous Ca-U(VI)
345 oxides partly replaced by Si-bearing CaO-UO₃ compounds (Tables 2 and 5). Alteration is most
346 significant in sample TH-72, which bears calcium silicate hydrates (CSHs), hydrogarnets, and brucite,
347 besides halite and fluorite.

348 The most obvious redistribution of Cd, marked by a train of its leakage from (Ca,Cd)O_{ss} grains,
349 was observed in the TH-72 marble sample containing quite strongly hydrated spurrite, fluormayenite,
350 and periclase (Table 5). The coexisting grains of altered (Ca,Cd)O_{ss} and fluorite have thin (2-5 μm)
351 rims containing 56-79 wt% Cd, 5-11 wt% Ca, 12.6-20.0 wt% O, and 9-11 wt% Cl determined by EDS,
352 as well as 1.8-8.7 wt% F at some sites (Table 5). Furthermore, Cd- and Cl-bearing compounds occur in
353 cracks and impregnate the mechanically soft aggregates of Ca hydrosilicates with porous fabric. Such
354 mineral aggregates with high Cd (53-69 wt% CdO) enrichment and variable contents of CaO (7.2-
355 14.7 wt%), Cl (5.2-7.2 wt%), and F (2.2-6.3 wt%) were found on fresh cracks near altered (Ca,Cd)O
356 grains.

357 Note that tululite (Khoury et al. 2014c) with 5-8.5 wt% of CdO, second strongest immobilizer
358 of Cd, which coexists with (Ca,Cd)O grains in both samples (DT-7 and TH-72), bears no traces of
359 dissolution, substitution or hydration (Fig. 5).

361 **DISCUSSION**

363 **Monteponite and lime: natural occurrences**

364 The geochemical cycle of cadmium follows closely that of zinc. In the hydrothermal
365 environment, the Cd/Zn ratio is generally not high enough to allow crystallization of independent
366 cadmium minerals (especially, CdS greenockite or hawleyite). Sphalerite is the chief host of cadmium
367 in zinc deposits. Cadmium may be readily separated from Zn and become mobilized in the oxidation
368 zone during post-depositional alteration of Cd-rich sulfide ores, which gives rise to smithsonite-
369 hemimorphite ± zincite, hydrozincite Zn mineralization and monteponite ± otavite Cd mineralization
370 (De Waele et al. 1999; Schwartz 2000; Ye et al. 2012).

371 Monteponite (CdO) was named after Monteponi, its type locality in Sardinia, where the mineral
372 was found for the first time in the oxide zone of secondary non-sulfide Zn ores, mainly smithsonite
373 ($\text{Zn}(\text{CO}_3)$) and hemimorphite ($\text{Zn}_4(\text{Si}_2\text{O}_7)(\text{OH})_2 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$). The primary Cd-rich sulfide ores belong to the
374 MVT deposits. The Sardinian monteponite exists as perfect crystals inside terra rossa sediments
375 deposited in natural paleokarst pockets and coexists with zincite, cuprite, baryte, smithsonite,
376 melanterite ($\text{Fe}(\text{SO}_4) \cdot 7\text{H}_2\text{O}$), and hydrozincite ($\text{Zn}_5(\text{CO}_3)_2(\text{OH})_6$) (Forti 1985; Forti and Perna 1988;
377 De Waele et al. 1999; De Waele and Forti 2005).

378 Another example was reported from the oxide zone of the MVT Niujaotang Cd-rich zinc
379 deposit among Early Cambrian carbonate rocks (Guizhou province, SW China). Primary sphalerite is
380 enriched in cadmium (average 1.4 wt% Cd). Greenockite, otavite, and cadmium oxides formed as
381 secondary phases during chemical weathering (leaching) of sulfide ores, along with the formation of
382 limonite, smithsonite, and hemimorphite (Ye and Liu 1999; Ye et al. 2012).

383 Monteponite was also found together with Cd sulfides and sulfosalts precipitated from high-
384 temperature ($T=400\text{-}910^\circ\text{C}$) gases in the fumarolic fields of Kudriavy Volcano in Iturup Island, the
385 Kuriles (Russia). It may result from oxidation of primary Cd-rich sulfides of the system ZnS-CdS (2.4-
386 69.5 wt% of Cd), while gas-transport reactions contribute to the deposition of mineral rarities such as
387 cadmoindite (CdIn_2S_4), kudriavite ($(\text{Cd,Pb})\text{Bi}_2\text{S}_4$) (Chaplygin et al. 2004, 2005, 2007) and pure rhenium
388 mineralization (Korzhinsky et al. 2004).

389 The occurrence of lime is restricted to high-temperature pyrometamorphic and/or combustion
390 metamorphic calc-silicate assemblages produced by the melting-free decarbonation reaction $\text{CaCO}_3 \rightarrow$
391 $\text{CaO} + \text{CO}_2\uparrow$ between 900 and 1250 °C at 1 and 40 bar P_{CO_2} , respectively (Bowen 1940; Tilley 1951;
392 Treiman and Essen 1983; Grapes 2011). Natural examples of this reaction were recorded in limestone
393 xenoliths in tephritic lava from the Eifel (Germany) and Vesuvius (Zambonini 1936), sites where lime
394 was found (Grapes 2011).

395 Lime, with its extremely high hydraulic reactivity, reacts quickly with water or water vapor to
396 form highly soluble and reactive portlandite ($\text{Ca}(\text{OH})_2$) (Taylor 1997). Therefore, lime (usually as
397 relicts in $\text{Ca}(\text{OH})_2$ or CaS) was mainly found in modern CM objects such as burnt coal dumps. It enters
398 unusual mineral assemblages found in calcined fragments of carbonate-petrified wood with the
399 development of nut-like aggregates having a dense anhydrite shell and a friable core. Depending on the
400 type of primary carbonates (calcite, dolomite, ankerite or siderite), the core consists either of a fine-
401 grained aggregate of ferropericlase ($(\text{Mg,Fe})\text{O}$), magnesioferrite (MgFe_2O_4), Ca-ferrites, hematite,
402 fluormayenite or chlormayenite, and lime partially converted into oldhamite or portlandite, sometimes
403 with larnite or spurrite. The anhydrite shell includes fluorapatite or fluorellestadite, chondrodite,
404 fluorite, forsterite, anorthite, and wollastonite. Lime produced by calcite and/or dolomite calcination is

405 a precursor phase for anhydrite (CaSO₄), fluorite, CaCl₂, and oldhamite formed during gas-transport
406 reactions commonly leading to total CaO consumption (Chesnokov and Tsherbakova 1991;
407 Chesnokov et al. 1998; Sokol et al. 2002, 2005; Zateeva et al. 2007; Grapes 2011; Kokh et al. 2015).

408 Khoury et al. (2015) found only single $\leq 10 \mu\text{m}$ grain of lime partly converted to CaS or
409 Ca(OH)₂ in natural CM marble of central Jordan (Table 2).

410 Lime and monteponite are obviously very rare minerals that occur in quite different geological
411 environments and explain why naturally occurring CaO-CdO solid solutions have not been discovered
412 before, though their presence is possible crystallochemically. CdO, ZnO, and Ca_xCd_{1-x}O solid
413 solutions are easily synthesized under dry high temperature – ambient pressure conditions and are
414 largely utilized for making oxide wide bandgap semiconductors and materials for optical and
415 electronic applications (Yogeeswaran et al. 2006; Duan et al. 2008; Srihari et al. 2011; Bakke et al.
416 2013; Chandiramouli and Jeyaprakash 2013). Intermediate members of the CaO-CdO series are
417 formed in natural processes due to a unique, local combination of protolith geochemistry and
418 Quaternary combustion metamorphism.

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420 **Protolith of Cd-rich combustion metamorphic marble**

421 The Belqa Gr. sediments acquired abnormal trace element enrichments during deposition in an
422 upwelling zone, as one may infer from relative contents of indicator elements (higher P and Cd and
423 lower Co and Mn in the sediments and in products of their CM alteration (Delgadillo-Hinojosa et al.
424 2001; Brumsack 2006; Abed et al. 2005; Abed 2012; Abed and Sadaqah 2013). However, according to
425 Fleurance et al. (2013), the abnormal Cr, Zn, and Ni enrichment, high Cd concentrations, and
426 especially high Cd/Zn ratios (up to 1.88) in the Belqa Gr. sediments are far beyond those reported for
427 such depositional environments and require a different explanation. Fleurance et al. (2013) attributed
428 the accumulation of trace elements in the Belqa sediments to primary precipitation either from normal
429 sea water during sedimentation or from sea water contaminated by an exogenic metal source, which
430 was derived from hydrothermal fluids and/or enriched with an exogenic metal flux leached from
431 ophiolites. The latter belong to the Baer Bassit (north-western Syria) and Troodos (Cyprus Island) syn-
432 sedimentary island arc complexes located farther in the north. Additionally, Fleurance et al. (2013)
433 invoked a hypothesis of epigenetic metal enrichment of buried sediments from diagenetic fluids akin to
434 Mississippi Valley Type (MVT) deposits.

435 Sample DOS-1 from the Maastrichtian-Paleocene Muwaqqar Formation chalks contains more
436 Cd (224 ppm) than the average (197.14 ppm) reported by Fleurance et al. (2013). Cadmium is hosted
437 chiefly by (Zn,Cd)S: wurtzite (Zn_{0.88}Cd_{0.08}Fe_{0.01}Cu_{0.01})_{Σ=0.99}S_{1.01}As_{0.01} and sphalerite
438 (Zn_{0.88}Cd_{0.07}Fe_{0.01}Cu_{0.01})_{Σ=0.97}S_{1.03}). The highest Cd content reaches 9.6 wt% and 9.2 wt%, respectively,

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439 that is above the maximum Cd concentrations in sphalerites from MVT deposits (Schwartz 2000; Ye et
440 al. 2012). This is additional proof that the Late Cretaceous – Early Tertiary Belqa Gr. shallow marine
441 sediments are young fresh equivalents of ancient carbonate sediments which became sources of Zn and
442 Cd mineralization during the formation of MVT deposits, such as the Niujiaotang deposit in China (Ye
443 et al. 2012). In the Dead Sea region, the Muwaqqar Fm. bitumen-rich chalky and marly sediments
444 store the highest concentrations of Cd (197.14 ppm). Average Cd contents in the CM marbles and in
445 the Muwaqqar Fm. limestones are, respectively, 129.80 ppm and 42.14 ppm (Fleurance et al. 2013).
446 Cd contents vary from 1.3 to 73.6 ppm in phosphorites of the Transjordanian Plateau (Abed and
447 Sadaqah, 2013) and are 22–43 ppm in the adjacent Negev desert phosphorites (Nathan et al. 1997).

448 Sedimentary parent rocks in different complexes from the Mottled Zone had notable
449 enrichments in P, S, F and trace elements (U, Zn, Ni, Ba, Cr) inherited by their CM counterparts and,
450 correspondingly, contained minerals that can concentrate these elements (Gross 1977; Techer et al.
451 2006; Fourcade et al. 2007; Milodowski et al. 2011; Sokol et al. 2011, 2014; Fleurance et al. 2013;
452 Galuskin et al. 2013, 2014; Khoury and Al-Zoubi 2014; Khoury et al. 2011, 2014a,b,c, 2015). The
453 marbles of the Tulul Al Hammam area produced by CM alteration of the Muwaqqar Fm. ‘oil shales’
454 are particular in this respect as they have high Cd/Zn ratios (0.185 on average) besides abnormal Cd
455 enrichment (Table 1).

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457 **Conditions for the formation of CaO-CdO solid solutions in nature**

458 The fine-grained Cd-bearing marbles rich in phosphorus and trace elements are ordinary CM
459 rocks produced by subsurface combustion of bitumen matter and disseminated sulfides of the
460 Muwaqqar Fm. Chalky sediments at medium temperatures ($T_{\max} = 800\text{--}850\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$), as reconstructed by
461 Khoury et al. (2015). Most marbles in the Tulul Al Hammam area were calcined at high fuel/oxidizer
462 ratios and bear Zn, Cd, Ni, Cu, Fe, Ag, Pb and Ca sulfides. Cadmium in these rocks is concentrated in
463 abundant sphalerite ($\leq 1.7\text{ wt}\%$ CdO).

464 Intermediate members of the CaO-CdO solid solutions were discovered only in a few samples
465 of CM marbles with a particular assemblage of accessory oxides. They are characterized by the (i)
466 absence or rare presence of sulfide grains (detected only in sample TH-11); (ii) presence of simple and
467 complex Ni, Zn, Cd, and Cu oxides, as well as (Mg,Zn,Ni,Cu)O solid solutions; (iii) stoichiometric
468 Ca-U⁶⁺ oxides (Khoury et al. 2015) (Table 2). Fluorellestadite or (rarely) (SO₄)²⁻-bearing fluorapatite,
469 which point to oxidative conditions, are rock-forming minerals in these marbles. At free oxygen access
470 to the combustion zone, sulfur (S²⁻) from disseminated sulfides and organic matter oxidized to S⁶⁺ to
471 form high-temperature complex sulfates, such as ternesite (Ca₅(SiO₄)₂(SO₄)), sulfate-rich apatite, and
472 fluorellestadite (Parat et al. 2002; Zateeva et al. 2007; Milodowski et al. 2011; Marks et al. 2012; Kokh

473 et al. 2014; Khoury et al. 2015). Thus, the main phases bear signature of combustion metamorphism
474 under oxidizing conditions, while the diverse accessories reflect local heterogeneity in trace-element
475 loading of the protolith. There is petrographic evidence that, the marbles and/or their accessory
476 minerals have formed by solid-state reactions.

477 Inasmuch as the CaO-CdO and ZnO-CdO systems are of special theoretical and practical
478 interest (their members exhibit semiconductive properties), the conditions at which lime-monteponite
479 ss form in nature can be checked against data on synthesis of their analogs (Miloua et al. 2008; Nazir
480 et al. 2009; Srihari et al. 2011). Solid solutions of $Cd_{1-x}Ca_xO$ with $x = 0.0-1.0$ result from a solid state
481 reaction, with CdO and CaO as starting materials. The procedure is as follows (Srihari et al., 2011):
482 mixed powders are heat treated for 24 hours at 800 °C for samples with 5-10 at % Ca, at 900 °C for
483 samples with 20-40 at % Ca, and at 1100 °C for other Ca-richer samples. $CaCdO_2$ compounds together
484 with CuO are obtained by high-temperature solid state reactions at ambient pressure in oxygen
485 atmosphere as synthesis byproduct of $CdBa_2CaCu_2O_y$ superconducting phases (Balchev 1994).

486 Given that sphalerite and wurtzite are main Cd concentrators in the parent sediments, it is also
487 pertinent to consider the conversion of CdS into CdO. In experiments reported by Sebastian and
488 Calixto (2000), CdS sintering in air (1 hour duration) led to a two-stage solid state reaction and
489 formation of CdO at the CdS surface: $CdS + 2O_2 \rightarrow CdSO_4 \rightarrow CdO + SO_3$. The intermediate phase
490 $CdSO_4$ arises at 300 °C, but breaks down at 400 °C and fully disappears at 500 °C. The XRD
491 reflections corresponding to CdO start to appear at 400°C; at a higher temperature (500°C), they
492 become intense and the CdS films eventually convert to a mixture of CdS and CdO phases.

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494 **Cadmium retention in high-temperature minerals**

495 Unlike zinc, cadmium is among the trace elements that are preferentially released as a gas
496 phase during decarbonation and, as a result, are hardly incorporated into the main OPC clinker phases
497 (Achterbosch et al. 2003; Yang et al. 2014). Mineral assemblages of CM marbles correspond to early
498 decarbonation of raw material during OPC clinker production: spurrite-fluormayenite/chlormayenite-
499 brownmillerite-periclase without larnite (Ca_2SiO_4) and hatrurite (Ca_3SiO_5). The Cd-bearing mineral
500 phases in these assemblages have implications for Cd retention in natural rocks for geological-scale
501 periods of time and for long-term Cd mobility.

502 It is reasonable to begin with the available data on the incorporation of Cd into different
503 crystalline phases of OPC clinkers. Like many other compounds of cadmium, its oxide is volatile
504 (Lamoreaux and Hildebrand 1987). At high contents of CdO (up to 1 wt. %) added into raw mixes, the
505 CdO incorporation ratio in OPC clinkers is 74-51 rel. % (Sprung 1985; Barros et al. 2004), while Cd
506 becomes fully incorporated at 0.05 and 0.10 wt. % CdO. In presence of Cl, Cd is volatilized as $CdCl_2$,

507 strongly reducing incorporation (Barros et al. 2004). According to Murat and Sorrentino (1996), only
508 22 % Cd is trapped in Portland cement mainly as isomorphic impurity in CaO. Achternbosch et al.
509 (2003) consider the (Ca,Cd)O phase to be the only Cd concentrator.

510 The mode of Cd occurrence in OPC clinker was studied by Yang et al. (2014) for experimental
511 mixtures calcined in furnace at 1450°C for 1 hour. The relative percentages of main and accessory
512 phases in these OPC clinkers were: 61.2 % alite (C_3S , Ca_3SiO_5), 21.5 % belite (C_2S , Ca_2SiO_4) 9.8 %
513 brownmillerite, 4.0 % mayenite, 2 % lime (CaO free), and 1.2 % (Mg,Ni)O solid solutions. Cadmium
514 was added to the raw mix as 1 wt% of CdO, and cadmium contents of OPC clinker product phases
515 were assessed by EPMA. Cadmium was identified only in C_3S (0.33-1.08 wt% CdO, isomorphic
516 substitution), brownmillerite (0.60-1.47 wt% CdO, interstitial solid solutions), and in the CaO phase
517 (1.83-7.97 wt% CdO as a Ca-Cd-O solid (solid particles dispersed in another solid)).

518 The distribution of Cd^{2+} in OPC clinker mineral assemblages is generally controlled by
519 crystallochemistry. There is isomorphic substitution of Cd^{2+} ($r^{[6]} = 0.95 \text{ \AA}$) for Ca^{2+} ($r^{[6]} = 1.00 \text{ \AA}$),
520 while the (Ca,Cd)O ss has the highest incorporation ratio. The case of CM marbles from central Jordan
521 provides another illustration for this conclusion. The marbles formed at much lower temperatures than
522 OPC clinkers and thus lack hatrurite (a natural analog of alite). As for other OPC clinker phases, Cd is
523 below the detection limit ($< 0.07 \text{ wt\% CdO}$) in spurrite, mayenite supergroup minerals, and
524 brownmillerite but is high in some accessory oxides, which allows calculation of their respective
525 incorporation ratios (Table 6).

526 **Intermediate members of lime-monteponite solid solution series.** The $(Ca_{0.645}Cd_{0.355})O -$
527 $(Ca_{0.453}Cd_{0.547})O$ phase stores most of cadmium in CM marbles ($58.54 \text{ wt\%} \leq \text{CdO} \leq 73.25 \text{ wt\%}$), with
528 the average incorporation ratio $K_{Cd} = 843$, but contains very little Zn ($0.75 \text{ wt\% ZnO}_{\text{max}}$; $K_{Zn} \leq 5.2$).
529 Our results for a natural single crystal of $(Ca_{0.49}Cd_{0.51})O$ are fully consistent with the earlier inference
530 that $Ca_xCd_{1-x}O$ ($0 \leq x \leq 1$) is a solid solution series with the NaCl-type crystal structure (Murtaza et al.
531 2012). The atomic positions of Ca and Cd are mixed, without evident cation ordering (Table 4). No
532 solid particles (CdO) dispersed in another solid (CaO), like those found by (Yang et al. 2014), have
533 been detected in natural minerals formed under long-term heating.

534 **Zincite** (wurtzite-type structure) has the highest average Zn incorporation ratio ($K_{Zn} = 525.6$),
535 while the content of CdO $\leq 3 \text{ wt\%}$. However, $K_{Cd} \leq 37.6$, and, according to the criterion of
536 Achternbosch et al. (2003), zincite in natural marbles is likewise a phase providing efficient Cd
537 retention.

538 **Tululite, a complex oxide of Ca, Al and Zn**, incorporates both Cd and Zn, with the respective
539 average ratios $K_{Cd} = 107.3$ and $K_{Zn} = 121.4$, due to its structure in which Cd^{2+} substitutes for Ca^{2+} in a
540 trigonal prismatic coordination and average interatomic distances are $M-O = 2.34 - 2.51 \text{ \AA}$. Zn^{2+} is

541 present in amounts commensurate with Al^{3+} and occupies the proper tetrahedral sites with a mean
542 interatomic distance of $\text{T}-\text{O} = 1.97 \text{ \AA}$. The mineral is a common accessory in the studied rocks;
543 although the Cd contents are moderate (5-8.5 wt% of CdO), the total amount of bound Cd may be
544 rather high. Other compounds proximal to tululite, which were inferred to be Zn immobilizers (Gineys
545 et al. 2011a,b), may incorporate Cd to a large probability.

546 *Periclase*, the second widespread accessory mineral with NaCl-type crystal structure,
547 accumulates large percentages of ZnO (23 wt%, with $K_{\text{Zn}} = 128.6$ on average), contains Ni and Cu but
548 lacks Cd.

549 Thus, the multi-component Ca-dominated system such as CM marbles contains Cd mainly in
550 the form of $(\text{Ca}_x\text{Cd}_{1-x})\text{O}$ solid solutions. This phase resulted from oxidative calcination of marine
551 carbonate sediments prior to clinkering (as indicated by calcite-spurrite assemblages). Tululite is
552 another concentrator of Cd, with Cd^{2+} substituting for Ca^{2+} in the structure. Cadmium is incorporated
553 into the wurtzite-type structure of ZnO in minor amounts but lacks from the NaCl-type structure of
554 MgO. The steric factor in natural assemblages impedes the formation of Cd-doped MgO ($r^{[6]} \text{Mg}^{2+}$
555 0.72 \AA) and ZnO ($r^{[4]} \text{Zn}^{2+} 0.60 \text{ \AA}$) in the presence of Ca phases ($r^{[6]} \text{Ca}^{2+} 1.00 \text{ \AA}$), which are more
556 favorable for incorporation of Cd ($r^{[6]} \text{Cd}^{2+} 0.95 \text{ \AA}$).

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558 **Cadmium retention in supergene environments**

559 The mechanism of cadmium immobilization and the influence of Cd on cement hydration
560 remain poorly understood, though it has been the subject of several publications. According to the
561 review of Achternbosch et al. (2003), the behavior of Cd in the hydrated young cement pastes depends
562 on the presence of dissolved salts (chlorides and/or sulfates). In their absence, under alkaline
563 conditions ($8 < \text{pH} < 12.5$), Cd mainly exists as insoluble hydroxides produced by primary hydration,
564 as carbonate or as non-hydraulic minor phases. Incorporation of cadmium as insoluble hydroxides was
565 inferred to provide effective Cd retention (Cartledge et al. 1990; Pomiès et al. 2001a,b), while Herrera
566 et al. (1992) suggested formation of mixed Ca-Cd hydroxides or calcium hydrocadmiates, $\text{CaCd}(\text{OH})_4$.
567 Achternbosch et al. (2003) also noted that Cd hydroxide precipitation was related with $\text{Ca}(\text{OH})_2$. The
568 retardant effect from the presence of Cd in the system was explained (Mollah et al. 1995) by the
569 formation of calcium hydrocadmiate as a result of the reaction between $\text{Cd}(\text{OH})_4^{2-}$ and Ca^{2+} that coat
570 the CSH surface.

571 The data we obtained for natural assemblages agree well with the results of Pomiès et al.
572 (2001a, b) that Cd speciation in hydrated cement systems is not a simple precipitation of $\text{Cd}(\text{OH})_2$,
573 which has low solubility ($K_{\text{sp}} = 10^{-13.7}$). Alkaline suspensions (high water/solid ratio) and cement
574 pastes (low water/solid ratio) have different mechanisms of cadmium fixation (Cartledge et al. 1990;

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575 Herrera et al. 1992; Diez et al. 1997; Achternbosch et al. 2003). In the case of cement paste, $\text{Cd}(\text{OH})_2$
576 precipitation has never been observed but $(\text{Ca}_{1-x}\text{Cd}_x)(\text{OH})_2$ solid solutions (with x up to 0.5) can form.
577 The wide compositional range of solid solutions does not depend on the initial cadmium content and
578 reflects the chemical composition heterogeneity of the system.

579 The hydration degree of high-temperature phases is the lowest in fine-grained hard marbles
580 (sample DT-7). The cores of spurrite and chlormayenite grains remain fresh and are coated with
581 hydrated rims, while periclase and brownmillerite grains are fresh over the greatest part. The degree of
582 secondary carbonation of CSHs is negligible. Hydration occurred upon percolation of meteoric water
583 film into thin cracks between grains, which defined very low water/solid ratios. Coarse grains
584 $(\text{Ca,Cd})\text{O}$ in these rocks are always covered with a dense coat of $(\text{Ca}_{1-x}\text{Cd}_x)(\text{OH})_2$ solid solutions
585 ($x = 0.36\text{-}0.55$). According to the IMA-CNMNC rule (Hatert and Burke 2008), the mineral with
586 $x = 0.36\text{-}0.50$ should be named Cd-rich portlandite, whereas the phase with $x = 0.51\text{-}0.55$ can be
587 treated as a new mineral species. The Ca/Cd ratio in Cd-rich portlandite corresponds to this ratio in the
588 primary oxide. No Cd leakage from these grains has been observed (Figs. 4d, 5 and 6d; Table 5).
589 During the preparation of thin sections, perfectly fresh micrometer grains of $(\text{Ca,Cd})\text{O}$ were brought
590 out, which were located inside non-cracked calcite crystals (Figs 6e-f). No otavite (Cd carbonate) has
591 been found.

592 The set of secondary products is different in the sample TH-72, a rock altered by Cl- and F-
593 bearing solutions. Altered $(\text{Ca,Cd})\text{Oss}$ grains are surrounded by a halo of Cd and /or Cl-bearing phases
594 produced by fluid infiltration along cracks. Cadmium is also accumulated in CSHs aggregates (8-
595 19 wt%, rarely up to 38 wt% CdO). The mechanism of such Cd immobilization has not been
596 reconstructed yet. By analogy with processes discussed by Pomiès et al. (2001a, b), Cd sorption onto
597 the CSH surface or Ca-Cd exchange between already formed CSHs and Cd-rich chloride solutions
598 appear to be likely candidates.

599 It is hardly possible to rigorously constrain the compositions of Cl- and/or F-bearing cadmium
600 secondary phases. Effective separation of Ca and Cd is provided by strongly different solubilities of
601 their fluorides: CaF_2 (0.0016 g/100 g H_2O , $T = 18^\circ\text{C}$) and CdF_2 (4.5 g/100 g H_2O , $T = 25^\circ\text{C}$) (Linke
602 and Seidell 1965), while Ca is fixed as fluorite. The relations of Cd, O, and Cl determined by EDS
603 allow classifying secondary compounds as basic cadmium chlorides $(\text{Cd}(\text{OH})_{2-x}\text{Cl}_x)$, which are stable
604 in aqueous NaCl solutions and isostructural with $\text{Cd}(\text{OH})_2$ (Janusz 1991). The most probable scenario
605 is the formation of thin mixed and/or laminated aggregates of basic cadmium chlorides with fluorite. A
606 simpler case of a $(\text{Ca,Cd})\text{O}$ core coexisting with a zoned fluorite and Cd-rich portlandite $(\text{Ca,Cd})(\text{OH})_2$
607 rim is shown in Fig. 10 and Table 5 (sample TH-18).

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609 **Time and climate: how representative are the data obtained for the Transjordanian Plateau?**

610 The knowledge coming from geological sites where rocks have been exposed to chemical
611 weathering for about ~ 100 ka is of exceptional value for long-term predictions for the retention of
612 toxic compounds (Achternbosch et al. 2003; Yang et al. 2014). The duration of this weathering has not
613 been estimated directly in the Tulul Al Hammam area, but such estimates are available for the
614 neighbor Khushaym Matruk area of the CM Siwaqa complex (Techer et al. 2006). Using the U–Th
615 disequilibrium method, Techer et al. (2006) evaluated that intense alteration of CM rocks in the course
616 of repeated reactivation of cracks with multiphase paleo-circulations of alkaline fluids occurred
617 110,000–130,000 years ago. A similar approach performed on samples from veins crosscutting the CM
618 marbles at the Maqarin complex in north Jordan gives ages around 80 – 160 ka (Alexander and
619 Smellie 1998). Some scenario of this kind may have acted in the Tulul Al Hammam area as well.

620 Besides time, climate is another important control of the mobility of elements leached from
621 rocks and disposal sites. The present climate of the Transjordanian Plateau is arid to hyper-arid
622 (110 mm of annual precipitation, mean summer temperature of 23 °C with a maximum of 44 °C and
623 high evaporation). However, the 350 ka climate record of the southern Levant holds evidence of much
624 wetter conditions in the past, with local moist episodes, mainly during glacial periods. According to
625 paleoclimate reconstructions using calcite speleothems in arid and hyper-arid rain-shadow areas
626 surrounding the Dead Sea (Lisker et al. 2010; Vaks et al. 2010), major humid periods in the area for
627 the past 350 ka occurred at 350–310 ka, 310–290 ka, 220–190 ka, and 142–109 ka. Therefore, data on
628 Cd fixation in Jordanian CM marbles have implications for calcination-induced Cd immobilization, as
629 well as for long-term Cd retention during cement hydration in a wetter climate.

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631 **IMPLICATIONS**

632 The spurrite-fluorellestadite (\pm sulfate-fluorapatite, brownmillerite, fluormayenite,
633 chlormayenite) marbles from central Jordan were produced by medium-temperature combustion
634 metamorphism of calcareous marine sediments, notably bitumen-rich impure chalks of the Muwaqqar
635 Chalk Marl Formation enriched in Zn, Ni, Cd, and U. The sedimentary protolith of the CM marbles
636 contains abundant Cd-rich wurtzite and sphalerite ($Cd/Zn \sim 0.15$), which became the main source of
637 Cd for CM oxide mineralization. In the Quaternary, the chalky sediments exposed to surface effects
638 were heated to 800–850 °C. Some of them were sintered in the conditions of oxidizer excess relative to
639 fuel (dispersed bitumen and sulfides). Thus, $(Zn,Cd)S_{ss}$ phases burnt out during chalk calcination, Cd
640 became fractionated from Zn, and the elements were accumulated in different oxide accessories: lime-
641 monteponite solid solutions $((Ca,Cd)O)$, Ca and Zn aluminate, tululite
642 $(Ca,Cd)_{14}(Fe^{3+},Al)(Al,Zn,Fe^{3+},Si,P,Mn,Mg)_{15}O_{36}$, zincite (ZnO), and periclase $(Mg,Zn,Ni,Cu)O$. Prior

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643 to complete clinkering (spurrite- and calcite-bearing assemblages), Cd incorporation into different
644 oxides was controlled by steric factor at predominant $\text{Cd}^{[6]} \rightarrow \text{Ca}^{[6]}$ isomorphic substitution. The
645 intermediate members of the lime-monteponite solid solutions $(\text{Ca}_{0.645}\text{Cd}_{0.355})\text{O} - (\text{Ca}_{0.453}\text{Cd}_{0.547})\text{O}$
646 with a NaCl-type structure and a cadmium incorporation ratio ($K_{\text{Cd}} = \text{Cd}_{\text{mineral}}/\text{Cd}_{\text{rock}}$) of ~ 843 are chief
647 hosts for cadmium in CM marbles. Thus, Cd and Zn fractionation and formation of independent Cd
648 mineralization may occur in both supergene and high-temperature-low-pressure oxidative
649 environments.

650 Cadmium immobilization in natural rocks in supergene environments strongly depends on
651 water/rock ratios and the presence of Cl^- and F^- in solutions, which fully agrees with data obtained for
652 cement systems (Pomiès et al. 2001b; Achternbosch et al. 2003). At low water/rock ratios, $(\text{Ca}_{1-x}\text{Cd}_x)$
653 $(\text{OH})_2$ ss (x up to 0.55) is the main natural secondary phase after $(\text{Ca,Cd})\text{O}$ ss. However, calcium
654 and cadmium can precipitate as separate phases of fluorite and basic cadmium chlorides $(\text{Cd}(\text{OH})_2 \cdot$
655 $x\text{Cl}_x)$ at higher water/rock ratios and in the presence of Cl^- and F^- . In the same conditions, cadmium
656 becomes fixed in CSHs.

657 The findings of numerous $(\text{Ca,Cd})\text{O}_{\text{ss}}$ grains partly substituted by $(\text{Ca}_{1-x}\text{Cd}_x)(\text{OH})_2$ solid
658 solutions in naturally occurring rocks subjected to chemical weathering for at least 100 ka proves high
659 efficiency of both phases as Cd immobilisers. The coexisting grains of Cd-bearing zincite and tululite
660 remain fresh and are free from hydration signatures. Therefore, the two phases can retain both Cd and
661 Zn for long periods of time. Thus, natural analogs of cement-like matrix occur also in the Tulul Al
662 Hammam area which is another exceptional geological site of this kind in Jordan, along with the well-
663 known Maqarin site (Alexander et al. 1992, Clark et al. 1992, Khoury et al. 1992, Alexander and
664 Smellie 1998), the Khushaym Matruk site (Techer et al. 2006; Elie et al. 2007; Fourcade et al. 2007;
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Figure captions

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972 **FIGURE 1.** Geological map of Daba-Siwaqa area in central Jordan, showing occurrences of
973 combustion-metamorphic marbles. Modified after Khoury et al. (2015).

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975 **FIGURE 2.** (a) Exposures of dark fresh marble enclosed in altered material of lighter color, (b)
976 retrograde alteration along joints and brecciation in marbles of variable color; (c) hand specimen of
977 gray-greenish layered spurrite-fluorellestadite marble enriched in lime-monteponite solid solution
978 minerals (sample TH-72).

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980 **FIGURE 3.** BSE images of bituminous phosphatic chalk (oil-shale) of the lower Muwaqqar Chalk Marl
981 Formation.

982 (a) biomicritic matrix with Cd-rich wurtzite and framboidal pyrite;

- 983 (b) batch of diatom frustules and radiolaria spicules (opal-CT), with micrometer platy Cd-rich wurtzite
984 crystallites;
985 (c) intergrowth of platy Cd-rich wurtzites;
986 (d) platy Cd-rich wurtzites clustered inside a chamber of *Turrilina* shell;
987 (e) foraminifera (*Subbotina* and *Turrilina*) chambers filled with S-rich bitumen;
988 (d) tetrahedral Cd-rich sphalerite in a chalk matrix and simple twinned pseudoctahedral sphalerite
989 (inset).

990 *Py* = pyrite; *Sp* = sphalerite, *Wur* = wurtzite

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992 **FIGURE 4.** BSE images of (Ca,Cd)O and associated minerals.

993 (a) a fragment of typical Zn- and Cd-rich spurrite-fluorellestadite marble with a nest of tululite and
994 (Ca,Cd)O grains, sample DT-7;

995 (b) fluorapatite, brownmillerite and fluormayenite from a rock fragment leached by diluted HAc,
996 sample TH-72;

997 (c, d) a typical assemblage of (Ca,Cd)O-bearing spurrite-fluorapatite marble: rock-forming calcite and
998 fluorapatite, less abundant spurrite and brownmillerite, and accessory cuprite and (Ca,Cd)O. Note a
999 (Ca,Cd)O grain rimmed by Cd-rich portlandite. Samples TH-18 and DT-7, respectively.

1000 Mineral names are abbreviated as *Ap* = fluorapatite; *Brm* = brownmillerite, *Cal* = calcite,
1001 *Cpr* = cuprite, *Els* = fluorellestadite, *May* = fluormayenite; *Prt* = Cd-rich portlandite, *Spu* = spurrite,
1002 *Tul* = tululite.

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1004 **FIGURE 5.** Photomicrographs of (Ca,Cd)O and associated minerals and elemental (Zn, Al, Ca, Cd, Si,
1005 Mg, S, P) maps. Sample TH-72. Mineral name abbreviations: *Els* = fluorellestadite, *Cal* = calcite,
1006 *Per* = periclase, *Spu* = spurrite, *Tul* = tululite.

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1008 **FIGURE 6.** Photomicrographs of (Ca,Cd)O grains.

1009 (a, c) (Ca,Cd)O anhedral inclusions in calcite and fluorellestadite. Photomicrograph in polarized
1010 transmitted and reflected light, respectively;

1011 (b) a particle of (Ca,Cd)O, with cleavage along {111} (?) and inclusions of fluorellestadite/fluorapatite
1012 and calcite, BSE image;

1013 (d) (Ca,Cd)O grains rimmed by $\text{CaCd}(\text{OH})_4$, BSE image;

1014 (e) a (Ca,Cd)O particle faceted by imperfect {100} and {111} dominant forms, photomicrograph in
1015 polarized transmitted light;

1016 (f) a fresh (Ca,Cd)O anhedral grain; BSE image.

1017 (a, b, c, d, e) samples DT-7 and (f) sample TH-72. Mineral name abbreviations: *Ap* = fluorapatite,
1018 *Brm* = brownmillerite, *Cal* = calcite, *Els* = fluorellestadite, *Per* = periclase, *X-phase* = $\text{Ca}_2\text{UO}_5 \cdot 2\text{-}3\text{H}_2\text{O}$
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1020 **FIGURE 7.** Compositional variations of (Ca,Cd)O solid solution series minerals in samples TH-18, TH-
1021 72, TH-74, and DT-7, (a) in weight percentages of CaO and CdO, and (b) in atoms per formula unit –
1022 apfu.

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1024 **FIGURE 8.** 2D frame from single-crystal X-ray diffraction of $(\text{Ca}_{0.49}\text{Cd}_{0.51})\text{O}$ in sample DT-7. Arrowed
1025 partial Debye fringes are attributed to $\text{CaCd}(\text{OH})_4$ from alteration.

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1027 **FIGURE 9.** Raman spectra from sample DT-7, (a) on a single grain of $(\text{Ca}_{0.49}\text{Cd}_{0.51})\text{O}$, and (b) alteration
1028 rim of $\text{CaCd}(\text{OH})_4$. Peak indexing according to Rieder et al. (1973).

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1030 **FIGURE 10.** Photomicrographs and elemental (Cd, Ca, F, Cl, O) maps of (Ca,Cd)O and secondary
1031 phases after (Ca,Cd)O. Sample TH-18. Mineral name abbreviations: *Brm* = brownmillerite,
1032 *Cal* = calcite, *Fl* = fluorite, *Prt* = Cd-rich portlandite, *Spu* = spurrite.

TABLE 1. Bulk whole-rock compositions in main oxides [wt%] and trace elements [ppm] by ICP-AES and SR XRF, of impure chalk-marl precursor (DOS-1), and combustion-metamorphic marbles (DT, TH) from the Tulul Al Hammam area, central Jordan.

Sample	LLD	DOS-1	DT-7	TH-74	TH-72	TH-18	TH-11
<i>main oxides [wt%]</i>							
SiO ₂	0.25	19.3	3.67	3.40	4.00	4.40	4.85
TiO ₂	0.10	0.16	<0.10	0.05	<0.10	<0.10	<0.10
Al ₂ O ₃	0.25	2.64	0.46	1.05	1.10	1.20	1.17
Fe ₂ O ₃ -total	0.20	1.22	0.38	0.79	0.49	0.47	0.45
MgO	0.20	0.43	0.36	0.69	0.53	0.63	0.62
CaO	0.25	23.0	56.4	51.5	53.0	55.0	53.7
Na ₂ O	0.05	0.14	0.06	0.05	0.27	0.21	0.22
K ₂ O	0.05	0.29	<0.05	0.01	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05
P ₂ O ₅	0.03	3.32	7.18	0.35	3.44	4.54	4.36
SO ₃	0.05	9.83	0.38	<0.05	1.40	1.10	0.54
LOI	0.05	39.2	30.1	41.7	34.8	32.4	33.3
Total	–	99.5	99.0	99.5	99.0	100.0	99.2
<i>trace elements [ppm]</i>							
Ba	1.0	58.1	100	212	134	124	253
Cd	0.5	224	113	75	697	100	28
Cr	1.5	412	1100	36.3	579	1370	119
Cu	1.0	104	186	18.8	220	156	28.1
Mo	0.2	178	8.5	3.2	6.04	11.5	12.6
Ni	1.0	256	300	115	457	176	119
Pb	0.8	12.0	2.7	1.4	14.5	1.4	0.8
Sr	1.0	603	1600	967	1590	1340	968
Th	1.0	1.98	0.99	2.9	7.3	<1.0	4
U	1.0	36.6	54	6.2	24	27	9.1
V	2.0	338	300	52	457	340	130
Y	0.2	<i>n.a.</i>	73	113	36	41	25.8
Zn	1.0	1498	1300	333	1437	1430	470
Zr	0.5	34.2	100	20.7	67	19	21.2
Zn/Cd	–	6.69	11.50	4.44	2.06	14.30	16.67
Cd/Zn	–	0.150	0.087	0.225	0.485	0.070	0.060

Notes: n.a. = not analyzed; MnO < 0.01wt%, Co < 5 ppm.

TABLE 2. Mineral assemblages of combustion-metamorphic marbles from the Tulul Al Hammam area, central Jordan.

Sample/ Rock type	Main and <i>minor</i> phases	Accessory phases	Alteration products
DT-7 Spurrite-fluorapatite marble	Calcite, Fluorapatite ((SiO ₄)-bearing), Spurrite, <i>Brownmillerite</i>	(Ca,Cd)O, Tululite, Periclase (Zn-, Cu-, Ni-rich), Chlormayenite, Cuprite, Tenorite	CaCd(OH)₄, CSHs after spurrite (sometimes Zn-bearing), Partially hydrated or hydroxylated Chlormayenite, Si-bearing hydrated CaO-UO ₃ compounds
TH-72 Spurrite- fluorellestadite marble	Calcite, Fluorellestadite <i>Spurrite,</i> <i>Periclase (Zn, Ni, Co, Cu – rich)</i>	(Ca,Cd)O, Zincite (Cd-bearing), Tululite, Brownmillerite, Dorrte, CaUO ₄ , Ca ₂ UO ₅ , Ca ₃ UO ₆ , Lakargiite, Fluormayenite, Cassiterite, Cerianite, Fluorite, Halite	Cd(OH)_{2-x}Cl_x, CSHs (sometimes Zn- and U-bearing), Cl-bearing Hydrogarnets, Partially hydrated or hydroxylated Fluormayenite, Ca aluminate fluoride hydrated, Si-bearing hydrated CaO-UO ₃ compounds, Brucite
TH-18 Spurrite- fluorellestadite marble	Calcite, Spurrite, Fluorellestadite	(Ca,Cd)O, Brownmillerite, Periclase (Zn, Cu, Ni-rich), Fluormayenite, Fluorite	Cd-rich portlandite (Ca,Cd)(OH)₂, Bultfonteinite (Ca ₂ SiO ₂ (OH,F) ₄), CSHs (sometimes Zn-bearing), Ca aluminate fluoride hydrated, Si- and F-bearing hydrated CaO-UO ₃ compounds, Brucite
TH-11 Fluorapatite marble	Calcite, Fluorapatite, Fluorellestadite	(Ca,Cd)O, Brownmillerite, Zinkite, Lakargiite, Bunsenite, Lime, Baryto-celestine, Galena, Sphalerite, Ag ⁰ , Ag ₂ S, Iodargirite	CSHs Tyuyamunite or Metatyuyamunite, Chlorite (?) Zn- and Ni-bearing

Notes: main phases (> 10 vol %), minor phases (5-10 vol %) and *accessories* (< 3 vol %).
Cd-bearing minerals are in bold.

TABLE 3. Selected typical and calculated average compositions [wt%] of lime-monteponite solid-solution minerals in combustion-metamorphic marbles.

Sample	TH-72					TH-18				DT-7			
	LLD				average n=15				average n=20		*		average n=7
SiO ₂	0.01	0.02	0.04	0.02	0.03	0.02	0.03	b.d.	0.02	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	–
CaO	0.01	31.5	32.7	31.8	31.9	41.5	39.9	41.4	41.1	35.1	29.8	26.5	32.8
FeO	0.02	0.03	0.05	0.04	0.03	b.d.	b.d.	0.03	b.d.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	–
Al ₂ O ₃	0.02	b.d.	b.d.	b.d.	b.d.	b.d.	0.03	b.d.	b.d.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	–
TiO ₂	0.01	b.d.	0.02	0.02	b.d.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	–
ZnO	0.07	0.25	0.34	0.93	0.39	0.19	0.19	0.24	0.20	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	–
CdO	0.07	67.8	66.0	66.8	67.1	58.5	59.9	58.6	59.5	64.5	69.7	73.3	66.4
Total	–	99.6	99.1	99.6	99.5	100.2	100.1	100.3	100.8	99.6	99.5	99.8	99.2
Formula based on one oxygen, in apfu													
Ca		0.51	0.53	0.52	0.52	0.62	0.60	0.62	0.61	0.55	0.49	0.45	0.53
Zn		0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	–	–	–	–
Cd		0.48	0.47	0.47	0.48	0.38	0.39	0.38	0.39	0.45	0.51	0.55	0.47
Σ		1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00

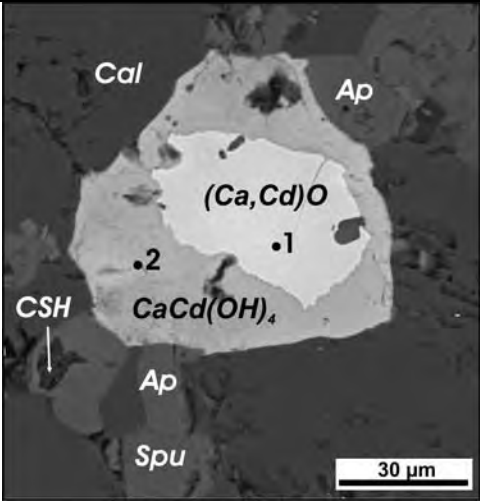
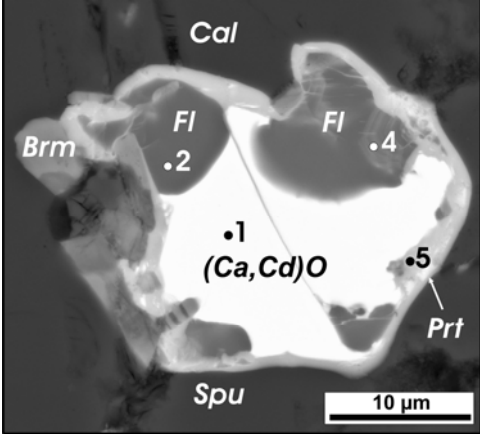
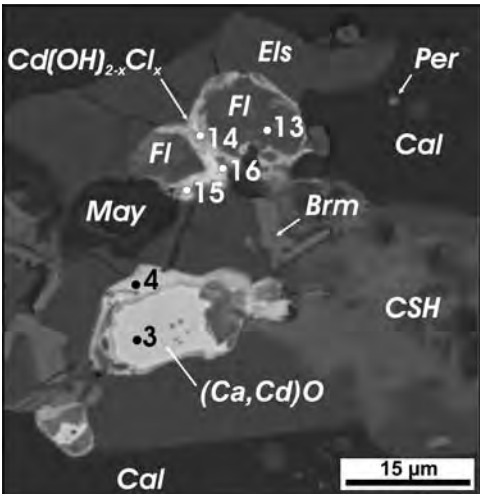
Notes: b.d. = below detection; n.a. = not analyzed; n = number of analyses. SrO < 0.04, MgO < 0.02.

* the grain selected for X-ray single crystal structure determination.

TABLE 4. Data collection and structure refinement details for (Ca_{0.49}Cd_{0.51})O

Space group	<i>Fm</i> $\bar{3}$ <i>m</i>
<i>a</i> (Å)	4.75377(14)
<i>V</i> (Å ³)	107.427(6)
<i>Z</i>	4
ρ (g/sm ³)	5.703
Crystal size (mm)	0.05 × 0.04 × 0.03
θ range for data collection	7.44 to 31.19
Index ranges	$-6 \leq h, k, l \leq 6$
No. of measured reflections	497
No. of unique reflections	19
No. of observed reflections ($I > 2\sigma(I)$)	19
No. of parameters refined	4
R_{int}	0.0601
$RI, wR2$ all data	0.0094, 0.0201
Goof	0.283
Residual electron density (e/Å ³)	0.386, -0.247
Atomic parameters	
M	<i>x, y, z</i>
	0, 0, 0
	Occ.
	Ca _{0.50(3)} Cd _{0.50(3)}
	U _{eq}
	0.0076(2)
O	<i>x, y, z;</i>
	0.5, 0.5, 0.5
	U _{eq}
	0.0072(14)

TABLE 5. Backscatter images and semi-quantitative analysis by SEM-EDS (SDD) of altered (Ca,Cd)O grains

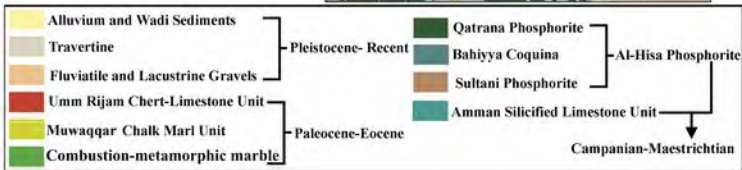
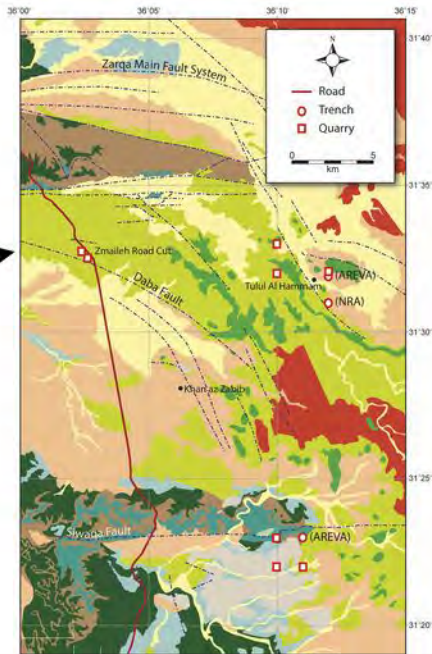
BSE image		Chemical composition (wt %)								
		Sample DT-7								
		point	CaO	CdO	SiO ₂	H ₂ O	F	Cl	O-(F,Cl) ₂	Total
		1 ^a	31.2	69.5	–	–	–	–	–	100.7
		2 ^b	25.1	56.3	1.54	15.8 ^c	–	0.4	0.09	99.2
CaCd(OH) ₄ Ideal		25.4	58.2	–	16.3	–	–	–	99.9	
		Sample TH-18								
		point	CaO	CdO	SiO ₂	F	Cl	O-(F,Cl) ₂	Total	
		1	40.2	60.5	–	–	–	–	100.7	
		2	68.5	2.46	–	47.6	0.27	20.0	98.8	
		4	63.0	10.5	0.62	42.8	0.69	18.2	99.4	
		5	34.4	43.6	0.64	1.79	0.28	0.82	79.9	
CaF ₂ ideal		71.8	–	–	48.7	–	20.5	100.0		
		Sample TH-72								
		point	CaO	CdO	SiO ₂	F	Cl	O-(F,Cl) ₂	Total	
		3	32.3	68.7	–	–	–	–	101.0	
		4	14.7	66.0	0.68	1.91	11.3	3.35	91.2	
		13	68.9	1.40	–	47.9	0.48	20.3	98.4	
		14	11.9	71.4	–	8.72	8.86	5.67	95.2	
		15	16.3	56.0	0.98	–	9.87	2.23	80.9	
16	11.3	70.8	–	5.37	10.2	4.56	93.1			

Notes: Ap = fluorapatite; Brm = brownmillerite, Cal = calcite, CSH = calcium silicate hydrates, Els = fluorellestadite, Fl = fluorite, May = fluormayenite partially hydrated; Per = periclase, Prt = Cd-rich portlandite, Spu = spurrite, Tul = tululite. (a) mineral grain used for Raman spectrometry of (Ca,Cd)O; (b) mineral grain used for Raman spectroscopy of CaCd(OH)₄; (c) H₂O calculated from excess O contents.

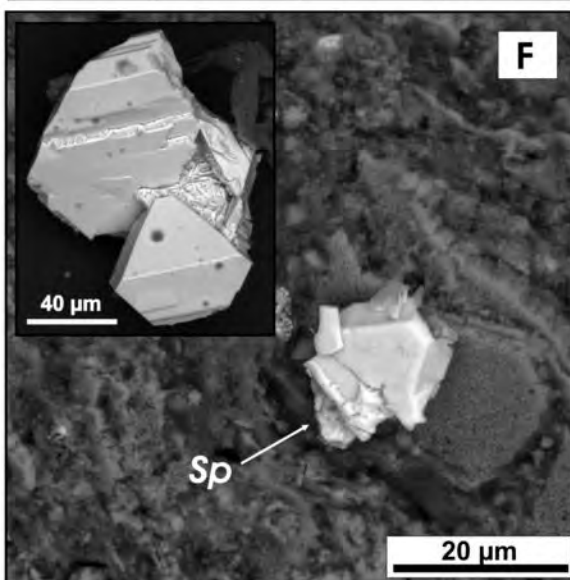
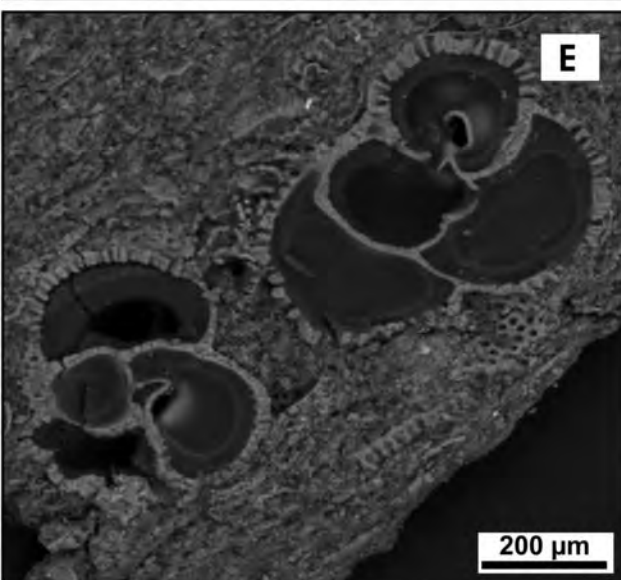
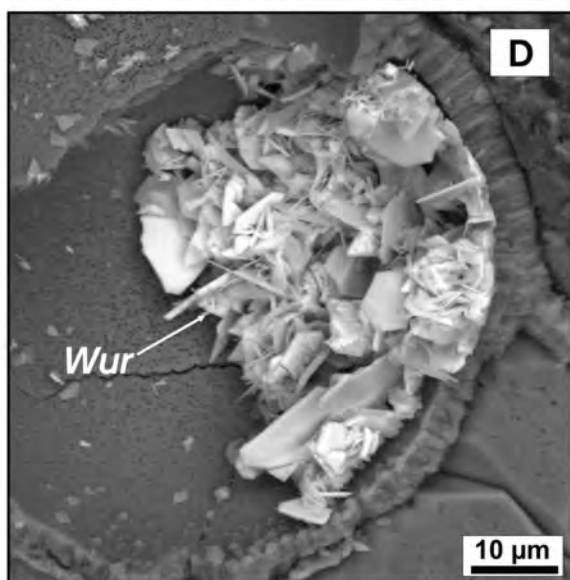
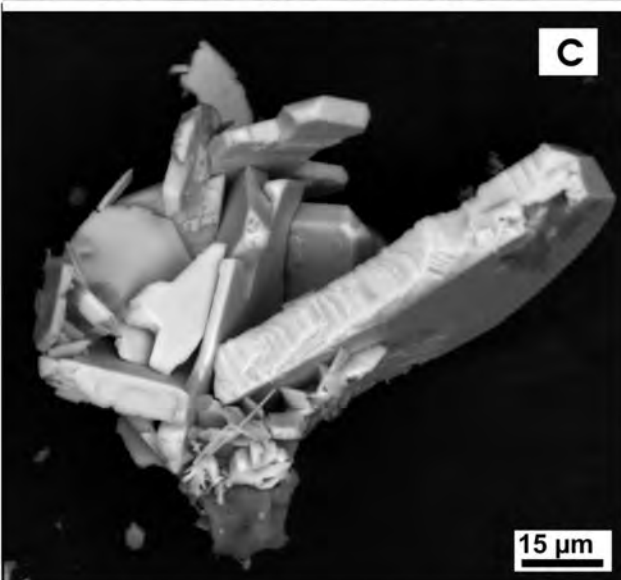
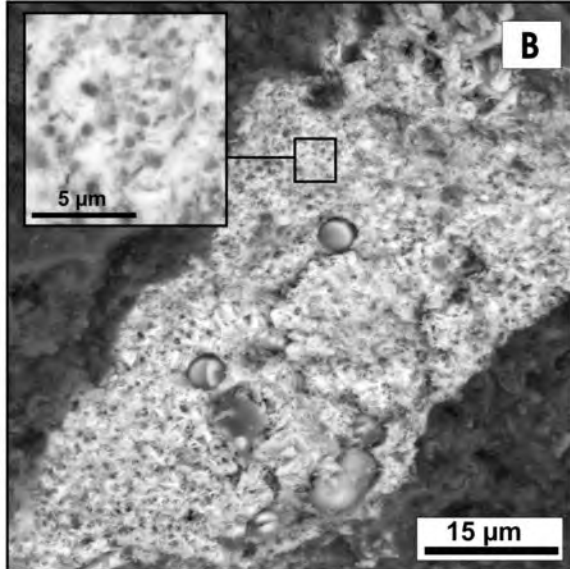
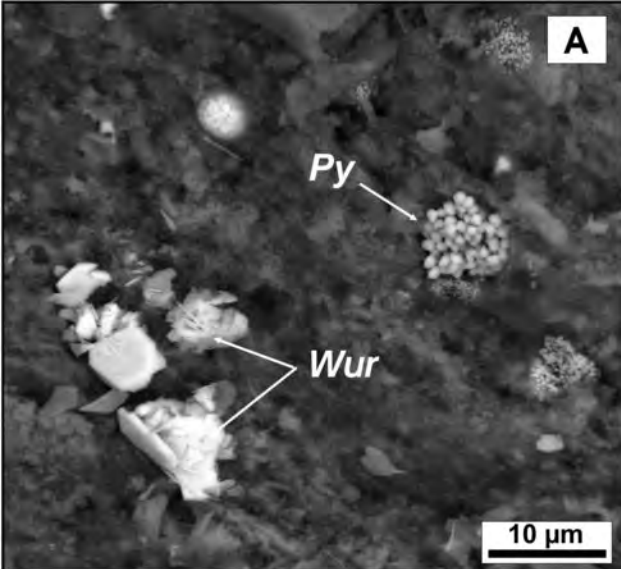
TABLE 6. Partitioning of Cd and Zn among oxide minerals identified in combustion-metamorphic marble sample TH-72, Tulul Al Hammam, central Jordan.

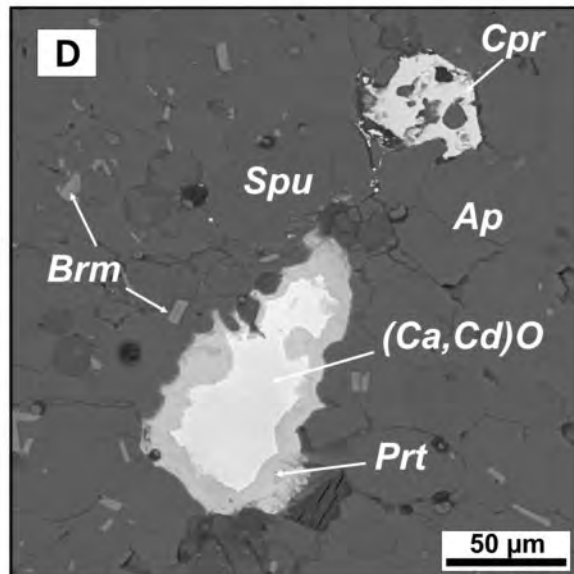
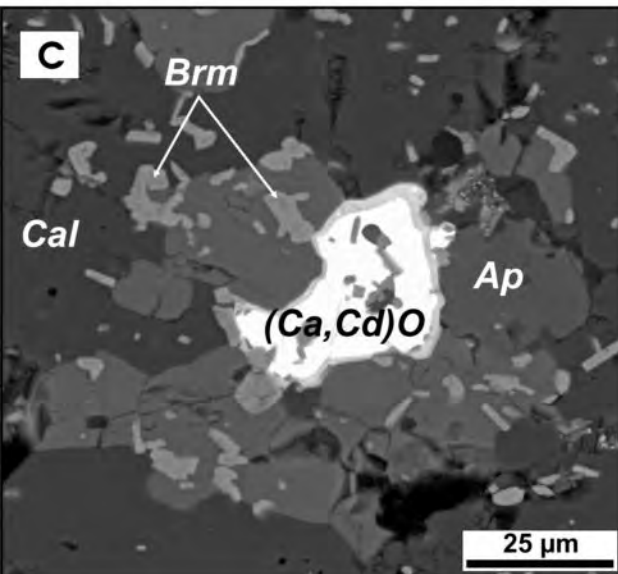
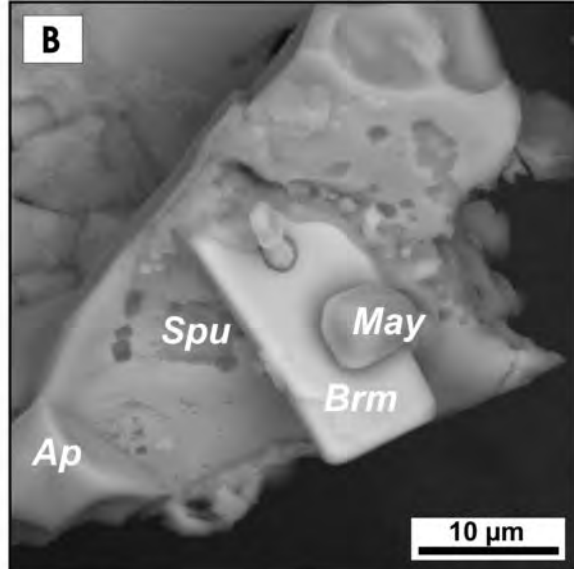
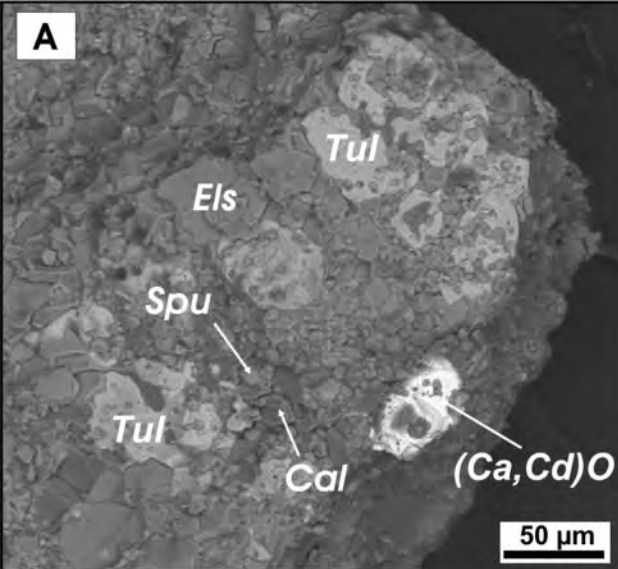
Mineral	Space group	Cd in mineral, wt %	Cd in rock, wt %	K_{Cd}	Zn in mineral, wt %	Zn in rock, wt %	K_{Zn}	Substitution
Lime-monteponite ss (Ca,Cd)O	$Fm\bar{3}m$	58.8 (av.)	0.0697	843	0.75 (max.)	0.1437	≤ 5.2	$Ca^{[6]} \rightarrow Cd^{[6]}$
Tululite (Ca,Cd) ₁₄ (Fe ³⁺ ,Al)(Al,Zn,Fe ³⁺ ,Si,P,Mn,Mg) ₁₅ O ₃₆	$F23$	7.48 (av.)	0.0697	107.3	17.4 (av.)	0.1437	121.4	$Ca^{[6]} \rightarrow Cd^{[6]}$
Zincite (Zn,Cd)O	$P6_3mc$	2.62 (max.)	0.0697	≤ 37.6	75.5 (av.)	0.1437	525.6	$Zn^{[4]} \rightarrow Cd^{[4]}$
Periclase (Mg,Zn,Ni,Cu)O	$Fm\bar{3}m$	< 0.02	0.0697	–	18.5 (av.)	0.1437	128.6	$Mg^{[6]} \rightarrow Zn^{[6]}$

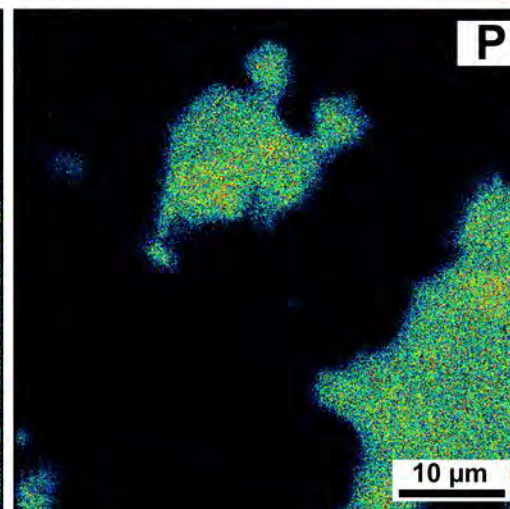
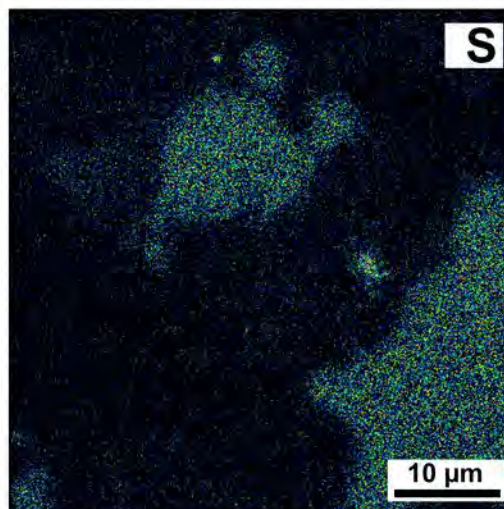
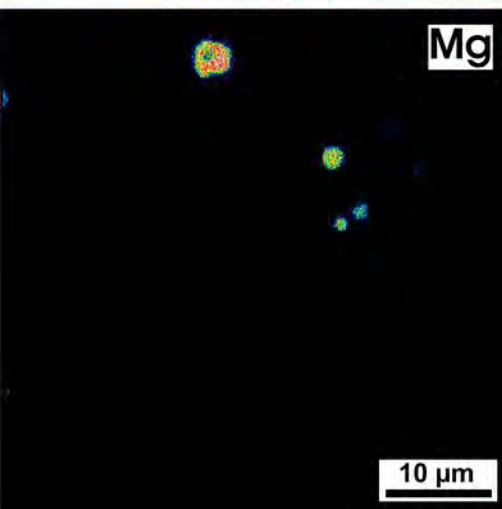
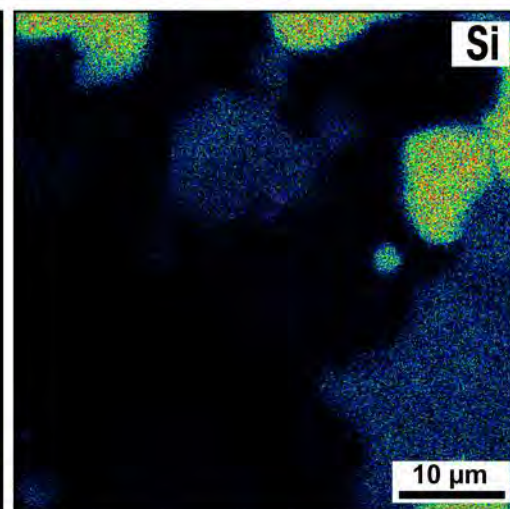
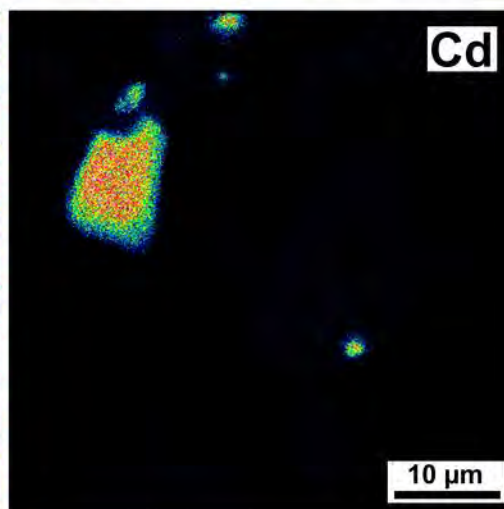
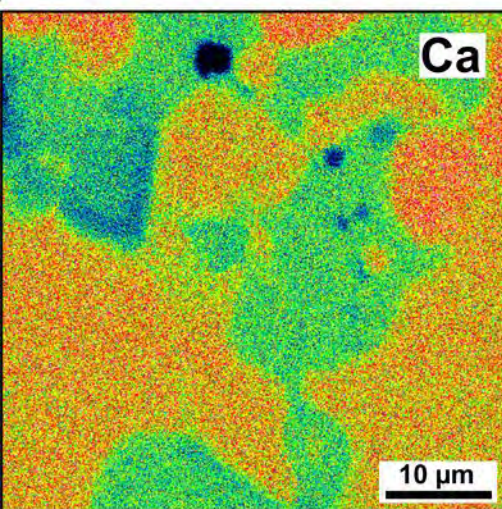
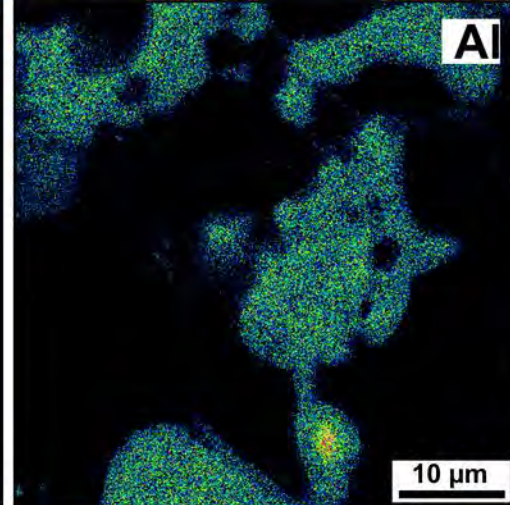
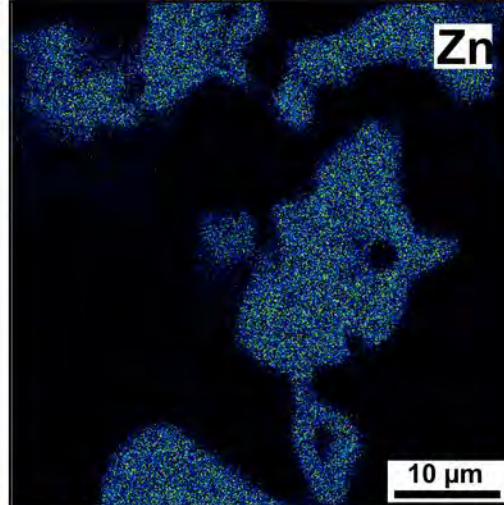
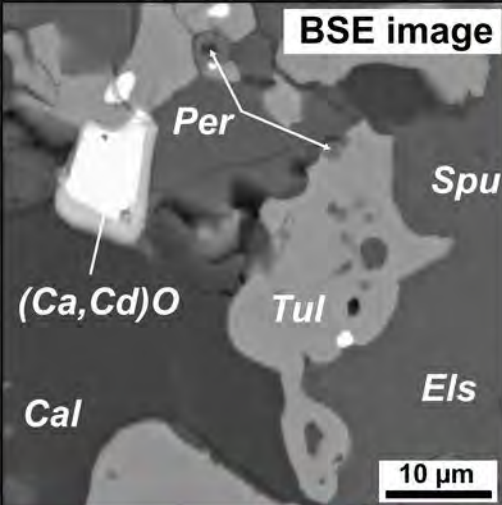
Notes: $K_{Cd} = Cd_{mineral}/Cd_{rock}$; $K_{Zn} = Zn_{mineral}/Zn_{rock}$; av. = average, max. = maximal

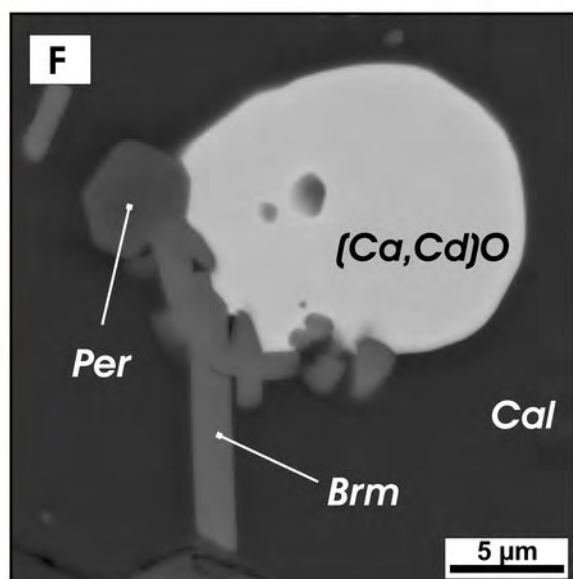
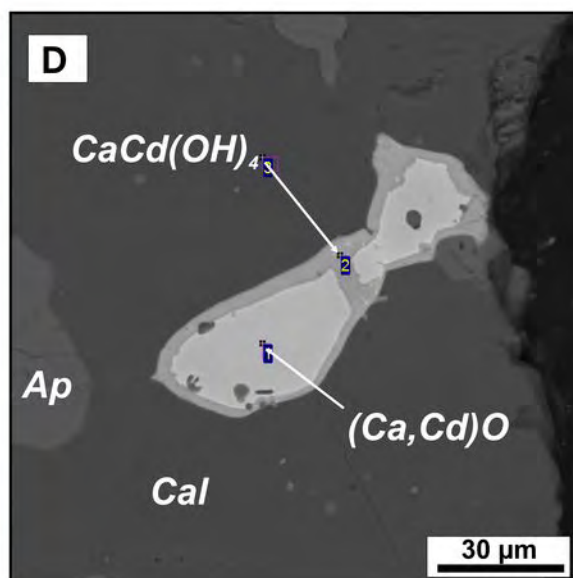
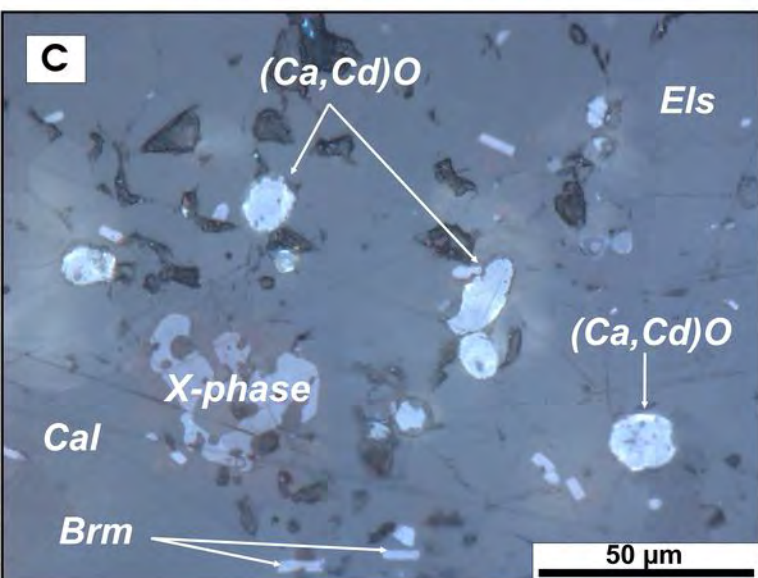
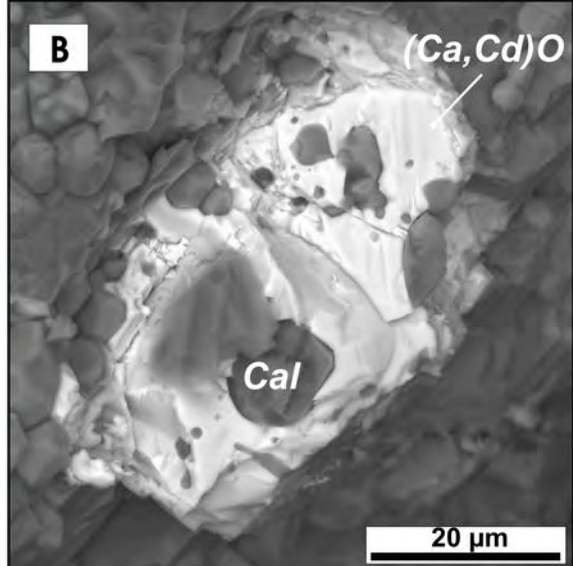
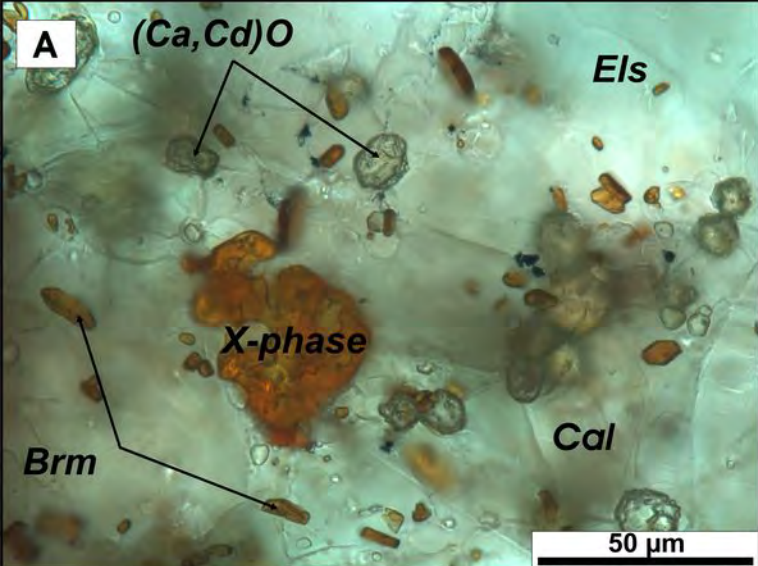


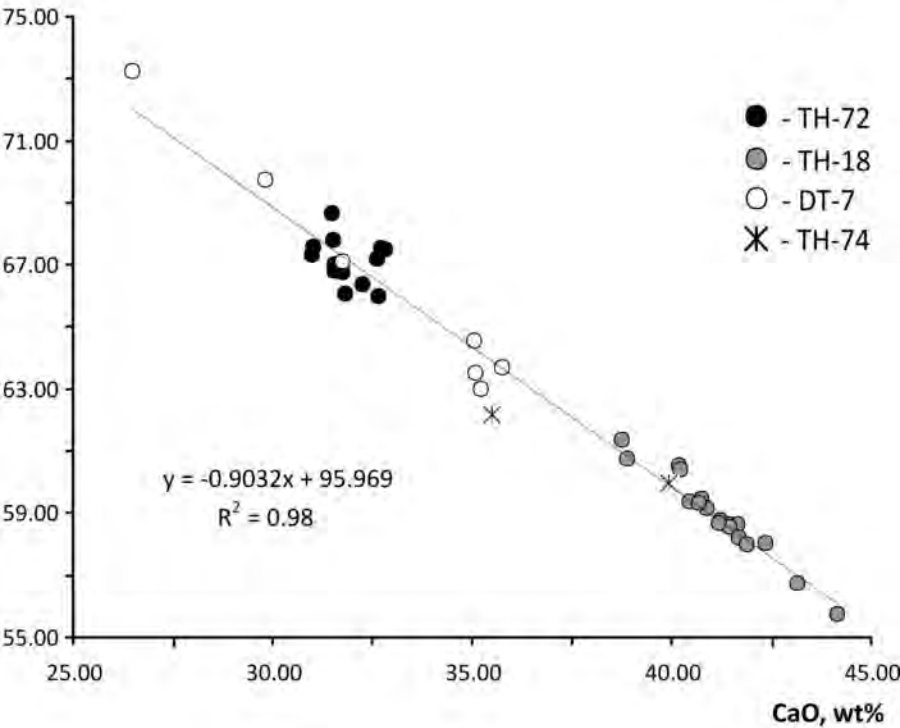










CdO, wt%**a****b**