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2   **Physicochemical controls on bismuth mineralization,**

3   **Moutoulas, Serifos Island, Cyclades, Greece**

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14   **Abstract:** The 11.6 to 9.5 Ma Serifos pluton intruded schists and marbles of the Cycladic

15   Blueschist unit, causing thermal metamorphism, the development of magnetite Ca-exo- and

16   endo-skarns and the formation of low-temperature vein and carbonate-replacement ores.

17   Potentially, the most important ores occur in the Moutoulas prospect where the

18   mineralization in retrograde skarn and quartz veins culminated with the deposition of native

19   bismuth. A combination of fluid inclusion microthermometry and isotope geothermometry

20   suggests that the Moutoulas mineralization formed at a hydrostatic pressure of ~ 100 bars,

21   from moderate-to-low temperature (~190°-250°C), and low-salinity (1.3-5.6 wt. % NaCl

22   equivalent) fluids. The calculated $\delta^{34}S_{H2S}$ compositions are consistent with the ore fluids

23   having been derived from the Serifos pluton. Bismuth mineralization is interpreted to have

24   occurred as a result of wall-rock interaction and mixing of a Bi-bearing ore fluid with

25   meteoric waters. Native bismuth and bismuthinite deposited at ~ 200°C, near neutral pH

26   (6.5), low fS_2 (< -16.5), and low fO_2 (< -44). Supergene alteration in Serifos led to the

27   oxidation of native bismuth to bismite and bismutite.

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31   **Introduction**

32   Knowledge of the aqueous geochemistry of bismuth, in particular, the physicochemical

33   controls of its transportation and deposition is still incomplete. Experimental and theoretical

34   studies (e.g., Skirrow and Walshe 2002; Tooth et al. 2008; Mavrogenes et al. 2010; Henley

35   et al. 2012; Etschmann et al. 2016) suggest that Bi can be mobile either in vapors at high

36   temperature or in the liquid as complexes of Bi^{3+} ions with hydroxyl and chloride ions, e.g.,

37    $Bi_n(OH)_m^{+x}$ (x=1 and 2, n=1, 6, and 9 and m=12, 20, and 21), $Bi(OH)_3$, $BiCl_n^{+x}$ (x=1 and 2,

38   n=1 and 2), $BiCl_n^{-x}$ (x=1, 2, and 3, n=4, 5 and 6) and $BiCl_3$.

39   Occurrences of native bismuth in Greece are found mainly in the Serbomacedonian,

40   Rhodope and Atticocycladic massifs in Cu-Mo porphyries, skarns, carbonate replacement

41   deposits and related vein stockworks, volcanic-hosted epithermal deposits and in shear-zone

42   deposits (e.g., Plaka skarn, Lavrion, Greece, Voudouris et al., 2007 and references therein;

43   Cook et al., 2009). In these deposits, the native bismuth is intergrown with bismuthinite,

44   galena, Bi-sulfosalts (gustavite, lillianite, aikinite and cosalite), Bi-tellurides and electrum or

45   occurs as inclusions in galena (Voudouris et al. 2007). Supergene alteration of native bismuth

46   led to the formation of bismite and bismutite.

47   This study focuses on the Moutoulas deposit, an unexploited prospect, on Serifos Island,

48   where native bismuth precipitated in clear quartz veins. In it, we investigate the

49   physicochemical controls on the precipitation of native bismuth as a retrograde skarn mineral

50   and its subsequent supergene alteration. We introduce a new approach for the calculation of

51    $Bi(OH)_2^+$ contours over temperature with the aim to predict the favourable conditions in

52   which native bismuth precipitates. It is proposed that bismuth was transported as complexes

53   involving hydroxyl and bicarbonate ions, e.g., $Bi(OH)_x^{3-x}(HCO_3)_y^{3-y}$ and that it deposited as

54   native bismuth during mixing of the ore fluid with meteoric water.

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56   **Geological Setting**

57   Serifos Island is part of the Attico-Cycladic massif of Greece, which includes three nappes:

58   the lower Cycladic Basement Unit consisting of gneisses of Variscian ages (CB), the

59   Cycladic Blueschist Unit (CBU) and the Upper Cycladic Unit (UCU) (Rabillard et al. 2015).

60   The CB in Serifos comprises alternating hornblende-biotite and quartzo-feldspathic gneisses,

61   intercalated with quartzites and marbles, and the CBU, amphibolites intercalated with

62   gneisses and greenschists containing thinly-bedded dolomitic marbles. The latter unit

63   represents a metamorphosed volcanosedimentary sequence developed along a Mesozoic

64   continental margin. At least two Tertiary metamorphic events affected the CBU. The first

65   event occurred between 53 and 40 Ma and was characterized by eclogite to blueschist facies

66   conditions (T = 450-500ºC, P = 1.5±0.3 GPa, Brichau et al. 2010). This event was followed

67   by a greenschist to amphibolite facies event (T = 670-700ºC and P = 0.4-0.7 GPa, Xypolias

68   et al. 2012) that occurred between ≥ 25 and ~ 12 Ma (Bolhar et al. 2010). The UCU comprises

69   an ophiolite nappe that was obducted in the Late Jurassic, and is overlain by

70   unmetamorphosed sedimentary rocks (Bröcker and Franz 2005; Rabillard et al. 2015). The

71   following lithotypes of UCU occur in Serifos (Fig. 1): calcitic marbles, ankerite-dolomite-

72   talc-goethite carbonate-replacement orebodies, meta-basites and serpentinites (Grasemann

73   and Petrakakis 2007, Petrakakis et al. 2007). The lower Megalo Livadi detachment (ML)

74   separates the CB from the CBU, and the upper Kavos Kiklopas detachment (KK) separates

75   the CBU from the UCU (Grasemann et al., 2012; Ducoux et al. 2017, Fig. 1).

76   The Serifos pluton was emplaced at ~ 11.6 to 9.5 Ma in the CB and CBU rocks along the

77   NE-SW trending ML detachment, creating a contact metamorphic aureole, 0.5 to 1 km in

78   width (Fig. 1, Rabillard et al. 2015). I-type, hornblende-biotite granodiorite with subordinate

79   tonalite intruded at its center, and granodiorite to S-type hornblende-biotite-allanite-

80   zinnwaldite granite at its margins (Stouraiti and Mitropoulos 1999; Grasemann and

81   Petrakakis 2007; Seymour et al. 2009). The pluton crystallized at a temperature of ~ 700º to

82   750 ºC and was emplaced at a pressure of 0.15 to 0.35 GPa (Seymour et al. 2009).

83   Granodioritic to granitic apophyses, zoned pegmatites, aplites and dacitic dikes intruded the

84   CBU rocks along NW-SE trending, counterclockwise reverse faults (Fig. 1). Their ages range

85   from 8.2 to 8.7 Ma (Altherr et al., 1982), and they formed at $T \leq 650ºC$ and $P = 0.1\text{-}0.2$ GPa

86   (Stouraiti and Mitropoulos 1999; Seymour et al. 2009).

87   Pyroxene-garnet exoskarns occur in the CBU marbles and garnet- and pyroxene-garnet

88   endoskarns in the pluton (Ducoux et al. 2017, Fig. 1). The exoskarns comprise diopside-

89   hedenbergite, andradite, wollastonite, and magnetite and minor suanite ($Mg_2B_2O_5$) (Salemink

90   1985; Seymour et al. 2009, Fig. 1). Formation of ore minerals in the Serifos exoskarn began

91   with the deposition of high-temperature magnetite at the contact of the pluton with the CBU

92   (Fig. 1). Subsequent retrograde skarn formation at Moutoulas (~ 1 km from the pluton

93   contact, Fig. 1) resulted in the precipitation of pyrite, sphalerite, chalcopyrite, galena and

94   native bismuth. The mineralization takes the form of lenses up to 0.5×40×25 m in size that

95   mainly replaced the CBU marbles, and it is interpreted to represent an early carbonate

96   replacement event (Seymour et al. 2009). Four major syntaxial quartz veins trending NNW-

97   SSE (up to 100 m long and 0.5 m wide) cross-cut the CBU schists and marbles and are

98   surrounded by alteration halos comprising an inner silica + sericite + pyrite ± calcite zone

99   (replacing orthoclase and albite of the CBU schists), and an outer epidote ± chlorite, barite,

100   pyrite and galena zone (Fig. 2a). The magnetite and sulfide ores underwent later supergene

101   oxidation.

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103   **Analytical Methods**

104   The ore minerals were identified using a combination of reflected light microscopy and X-

105   ray diffraction (XRD) on a D8 Advance diffractometer (Bruker AXS) equipped with a

106   LynxEye strip silicon detector. The X-ray diffractometer employed Ni-filtered CuKα

107   radiation, a voltage of 35 kV, a 35 mA current, and 0.298º divergence and antiscatter slits.

108   Random powder mounts of samples were scanned from 2º to 70º 2θ with a scanning step of

109   0.015º 2θ, and with 18.7 s count time per step, at the Research Laboratory of Minerals and

110   Rocks, Department of Geology, University of Patras, Greece. Data were evaluated with the

111   DIFFRACplus EVA v12.0® software and were compared with the PDF-2 database (ICDD,

112   Newtown Square, PA, USA).

113   Ore mineral compositions were determined using a JEOL 8900 Superprobe equipped with

114   energy and wavelength dispersive spectrometers (EDS and WDS, respectively) and an xClent

115   system for ppm-level resolution, at the Microprobe Center of the Department of Earth and

116   Planetary Sciences Department, McGill University. The operating conditions were an

117   acceleration voltage of 15kV, a beam current of 10 nA, and counting time of 20 s for all

118 elements except Ag, As and Te for which the counting times were 100 s, and 50 s,

119 respectively. The standards used were natural chalcopyrite, tetrahedrite, tennantite, stibnite,

120 pyrite, sphalerite, and galena, synthetic CoNiAs, SnO_2 and CdTe, and the native metals Ag,

121 Au and Se. Minimum detection limits were 200 ppm for S, 300 ppm for Mn, Cd and Se, 400

122 ppm for Ag, Te and Au, 500 ppm for Zn, Fe and Co, 600 ppm for Sb and Bi, 700 ppm for Cu

123 and As and 2000 ppm for Pb.

124   Microthermometric measurements were performed on two doubly polished 50-100 μm

125 thick wafers in which clear quartz was in intergrowth with pyrite, sphalerite or native

126 bismuth. The Linkam MDSG600 heating-freezing stage coupled to a ZEISS microscope in

127 the Department of Earth Sciences and Resources, China University of Geosciences, Beijing,

128 China was used for this purpose. Temperatures were measured with an alumel-chromel

129 thermocouple and the readings were calibrated with synthetic inclusions at -56.6° (triple

130 point of CO_2), 0.0° (melting point of ice), and +374.1°C (critical point of H_2O). Freezing-

131 heating rates were maintained between 0.2° and 5°C/min and measurements were accurate

132 to ± 0.1°C. Microthermometric data were reduced using the FLINCOR software (Brown

133 1989).

134   A subset of the fluid inclusions was analyzed using Laser Raman spectroscopy. This was

135 done prior to microthermometric analysis in the Beijing Research Institute of Uranium

136 Geology, China. The inclusions were analyzed for the common gases, mono- and poly-atomic

137 ions and molecules via gas and ion chromatography. Gaseous composition was measured via

138 a LabRAM HR800 Raman spectroscopic microscope, with a laser beam spot size of ~ 1μm.

139 The instrument recorded peaks ranging from 100-4000 cm^{-1} with a spectral resolution of 1-2

140 cm^{-1}, and their peaks identified using the reference catalog of Frezzotti et al. (2012). The

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141 relative concentrations (in mol %) of these species were calculated from the equations of

142 Frezzotti et al. (2012) and the cross-sectional scattering coefficients of Dhamelincourt et al.

143 (1979), using the LabSpec software. Liquid composition analysis was carried out with a

144 Shimadzu HIC-SP Super ion chromatograph on double distilled water leaches using the

145 method of Yardley et al. (1993). The analytical precision for all gases analyzed was ± 1%,

146 whereas for the cations and anions ±0.1 ppm.

147   Fifteen sulfide mineral samples were analyzed for their sulfur isotope compositions. Only

148 crystals of a given sulfide in textural equilibrium with contiguous crystals were selected for

149 analysis in order to be used for geothermometry. These crystals were handpicked after

150 examination under a binocular microscope to ensure textural equilibrium and a purity of ≥

151 98 %. Isotopic compositions of sulfur were analyzed with a VGMM602E double collector

152 mass spectrometer at the Chinese Academy of Geological Sciences (CAGS), Beijing, China.

153 Sulfur from vein pyrite, chalcopyrite, sphalerite, greenockite, and galena was released using

154 the method of Fritz et al. (1974). The sulfur isotopic ratios are reported in standard δ notation

155 per mil relative to V-CDT. Analytical precision was better than ± 0.2 per mil for $\delta^{34}S$. We

156 used the AlphaDelta software (Beaudoin and Therrien 2009) to compute the isotopic

157 fractionation factors and temperatures for mineral pairs in isotopic equilibrium. In addition,

158 we analyzed pyrite and galena for their lead isotope compositions. Lead isotopic

159 compositions were determined using an England Nu Plasma High Resolution type MC-ICP-

160 MS with standard NBS-981, following the method of Yuan et al. (2013). Long-term repeated

161 measurements of lead isotopic ratios of standard NBS981 yielded $^{206}Pb/^{204}Pb$ = 16.9397 ±

162 0.001 and $^{207}Pb/^{204}Pb$ = 15.4974 ± 0.001 (all errors are reported at ± 2σ).

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164   **The Moutoulas Mineralization**

165   Examination of the quartz veins reveals four distinct paragenetic stages of hydrothermal

166   mineralization which can be recognized on the basis of mineralogical and textural relations

167   (Fig. 2b, Table 1). The stage I assemblage occupies the margins of the veins and is

168   characterized by massive, brecciated aggregates of subhedral pyrite with intergrowths of

169   minor arsenopyrite, sphalerite ($X_{FeS\%}$ = 20.7-25.8), chalcopyrite and pyrrhotite (Figs. 2b, 3a

170   and b). Pyrite crystals incorporate appreciable amounts of Bi as submicroscopic grains of

171   bismuthinite (Table 2). Stage II is represented by Bi- and Te-rich tetrahedrite-tennantite solid

172   solutions ($X_{As\%}$ = 1.9 to 2.3) and sphalerite ($X_{FeS\%}$ = 13.8-18.7) filling brecciated pyrite (Fig.

173   3c, Table 2), as well as minor greenockite and gersdorffite. Frequently, tetrahedrite-

174   tennantite is observed to have replaced pyrite from stage I (Fig. 3c). Stage III occurs towards

175   the vein center and consists of Bi-bearing galena which intergrowns with fluorite and calcite

176   and replaces stage I and II minerals (Fig. 3d, Table 2).

177   The stage IV assemblage develops in three sub-stages, as disseminations replacing stage

178   III galena in the central parts of the veins (Figs. 2c, 3e and f, Tables 1, 2). Calcite, fluorite

179   and barite also represent this stage. The early sub-stage includes euhedral acicular

180   bismuthinite (Fig. 3e). The middle sub-stage comprises tellurides, including tetradymite,

181   hessite, and melonite, and is succeeded by the late sub-stage which is dominated by native

182   bismuth (Figs. 3e and f). In places, native bismuth replaced bismuthinite (Fig. 3f). During

183   subsequent supergene alteration, mixtures of beyerite, bismutite and bismite replaced native

184   bismuth (Figs. 2c, 3e, f and 4, Table 2). Covellite, cerussite, anglesite, chalcocite, goethite,

185   azurite, and malachite also are products of this supergene stage (Table 1, data not shown).

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187 **Results**

188 **Fluid Inclusion Studies**

189 Fluid inclusion data were obtained for two undeformed samples containing clear quartz and

190 sphalerite; the data are for stages I to IV. The analysed fluid inclusions assemblages (FIA's)

191 occur individually or as small randomly oriented clusters (4-10 μm in diameter). These

192 inclusions are considered as primary in origin following the criteria of Roedder (1984). Their

193 shapes include elliptical, negative crystal, and irregular forms without signs of necking down

194 (Figs. 4a and b). Inclusions were considered to be secondary if they occur in planar arrays

195 interpreted to be healed fractures that do not terminate at growth zones or grain boundaries

196 (Fig. 4a and b).

197 At room temperature, only one type of fluid inclusions was recognized, namely L-V

198 inclusions, consisting of aqueous liquid and vapor, with the liquid being dominant

199 (accounting for ~ 90 vol. % of the total fluid inclusion volume; Table 3, Fig. 4b). Neither

200 daughter crystals, trapped solids nor clathrates were observed. The temperature of initial

201 melting of ice ranged from -23.8° to -21.1°C and the temperature of last melting of ice from

202 -3.7° to -2.1°C (Table 3). Using the software FLINCOR (Brown 1989) for the system H_2O-

203 NaCl (their initial melting temperatures are similar to the eutectic temperature of the system

204 NaCl-H_2O), the corresponding salinities are 1.3 to 5.6 wt. % NaCl equivalent (Table 3, Fig.

205 5). The inclusions homogenize to liquid between 190° and ~ 250°C (Table 3, Fig. 5). As the

206 pressure corresponding to the interpreted depth of emplacement of the Serifos pluton is

207 interpreted to have been 3 to 12 km (Seymour et al., 2009), the trapping temperature of the

208 inclusions was estimated to be ~ 5ºC higher than the homogenization temperature (corrected

209 by the FLINCOR software). In order to fully constrain the density and pressure of entrapment

210   (hydrostatic) of the fluid we made use of the Package FLUIDS (Bakker, 2012). The

211   calculated hydrothermal trapping pressures for the L-V inclusions vary from 80 to 140 bars,

212   and average 105 bars (st.d. = 10 bars). The fluid densities range from 0.84 to 0.90 g/ml.

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214   *Raman spectroscopy and gas chromatography*

215   Laser Raman and bulk composition chromatographic analyses were conducted on four L-V

216   fluid inclusions hosted by stage I and IV clear quartz that had been analyzed

217   microthermometrically (Tables 4 and 5, Fig. 4b). Raman analyses reveal that the gaseous

218   fluid phase is composed of H_2O, CO_2, O_2, H_2 and H_2S. The $logX_{CO2/H2O}$, $logX_{O2/H2O}$ and

219    $logX_{H2S/H2O}$ ratios range from of -1.0 to -0.8, -2.4 to -1.8, and -3.5 to -1.7, respectively. Also,

220   in order to estimate temperature we have used the CO_2- and CO_2/H_2S-geothermometers of

221   Arnórsson and Gunnlaugsson (1985) and Nehring and D'Amore (1984). The calculated

222   temperatures for stages I and IV are 235° to 248°, and 190° to 197°C, respectively.

223   Bulk analyses of the liquid phase showed that it contained the cations Na^+, K^+, Mg^{2+}, Ca^{2+},

224   Si^{4+} and the anions Cl^-, SO_4^{2-} and HCO_3^-. Si^{4+} and HCO_3^- are the dominant ions in solution.

225   These data allowed us to estimate the temperatures for the stages I and IV we used the Na-

226   K-Ca geothermometer of Fournier and Truesdell (1973). The temperatures obtained were ~

227   241° and 191°C to 195°C.

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229   **Isotope Geochemistry**

230   *Sulfur isotopes*

231   Sulfur isotope analyses were conducted on pyrite, sphalerite, chalcopyrite, greenockite and

232   galena (Table 6). The $\delta^{34}S_{V-CDT}$ isotopic values of stage I pyrite, sphalerite and chalcopyrite

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233 range from 2.7 to 5.1 per mil. Values of $\delta^{34}S_{V\text{-}CDT}$ for stage II sphalerite and greenockite and

234 III galena, were generally higher, 3.5, 5.5, and 5.0 to 5.6 per mil, respectively (Table 6).

235 Temperatures of 249° ± 2°C and 226°C were calculated for stage I and stage II from the

236 pyrite-sphalerite and sphalerite-greenockite isotopic pairs, respectively, utilizing the

237 equations of Ohmoto and Rye (1979), Ohmoto and Lasaga (1982) and Li and Liu (2006).

238 The calculated $\delta^{34}S_{H2S}$ values of the mineralizing fluid range from 2.3 to 4.9 (stage I, pyrite,

239 sphalerite, and chalcopyrite) 3.1 to 4.8 (stage II, sphalerite and greenockite) and 2.4 to 2.8

240 per mil (stage III, galena) (Table 6). These $\delta^{34}S_{H2S}$ values reflect a dominantly magmatic

241 source for sulfur for the ore fluids, i.e., the Serifos granodiorite.

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243 *Lead isotopes*

244 Lead isotope data were obtained for stage I pyrite and stage III galena. Their $^{206}Pb/^{204}Pb$ and

245 $^{207}Pb/^{204}Pb$ ratios range from 18.806 to 18.902 ± 0.001 and 15.653 to 15.702 ± 0.001 (Table

246 6). Our $^{206}Pb/^{204}Pb$ and $^{207}Pb/^{204}Pb$ values are very similar to those obtained by Stos-Gale

247 (1992) from the Serifos granodiorite (Kefala site, i.e., 18.882 to 18.870 and 15.636 to 15.699)

248 (Fig. 6).

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250 **Discussion**

251 **Physicochemical Conditions of Native Bismuth Formation**

252 Physicochemical conditions of Moutoulas mineralization were estimated from phase stability

253 relationships using SUPCRT92 (Johnson et al. 1992) with thermodynamic properties from

254 the 2007 database (slop07.dat; Shock and Helgeson 1998). Reactions used to estimate these

255 conditions and values of physicochemical parameters calculated using them are presented in

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256 Table 7. The corresponding phase relationships are illustrated graphically on pH versus

257 log$f$O$_2$ plots calculated for temperatures of 250° and 200°C (Figs. 7a and b). These

258 temperatures represent those estimated previously for stage I and stage IV, respectively

259 (Tables 3, 4, 5 and 6). All solids and gas species were considered behave ideally. Individual

260 ion activity coefficients of dissolved species were calculated using the B-gamma extension

261 of Helgeson et al. (1981) for an ionic strength (I) of 0.2.

262   The formation of sericite after orthoclase and albite in the inner alteration zone of the CBU

263 schists require weakly acidic conditions during stage I (Reactions 1 to 3, Table 7). A

264 log(α_K^+/α_{Na}^+) value of 0.73, at 250°C, was calculated based on the equilibrium between

265 orthoclase and albite (Reaction 3). The log(α_K^+/α_H^+) and log(α_{Na}^+/α_H^+) values obtained from

266 Reactions 1 and 2 are 3.7 and 2.4, and so the calculated logα_{Na}^+ value is -0.47. The pH of the

267 ore solution obtained from these values is 5.4.

268   A log$f$S$_2$ value of -13.8 ± 0.2 (PP-0.8, where PP is the pyrite-pyrrhotite buffer) was

269 calculated for stage I from the pyrite and pyrrhotite equilibrium (Reaction 4, Table 7). The

270 maximum X$_{FeS}$ content of sphalerite coexisting with pyrite, for this stage is 25.8 % and the

271 calculated log$f$S$_2$ value is -14.1 ± 0.2 (PP-1.1) based on the equation of Barton and Skinner

272 (1979). Using compositional data for the gas phase in the fluid inclusions (Table 4, Reaction

273 5 in Table 7) and the equations of McCartney and Lanyon (1989), we were also able to

274 calculate the corresponding log$f$O$_2$ (-39.2 or HM-2.1, where HM is the hematite-magnetite

275 buffer) (Fig. 7a).

276   By stage IV, the temperature had decreased to 200°C, log fS$_2$ decreased to -16.5 ± 0.5 (PP-

277 1.4) and log$f$O$_2$ to -43.5 (HM-3.5) (Fig. 7b). The value of log$f$S$_2$ was calculated from

278 thermodynamic data for Reaction 6, which describes the replacement of bismuthinite by

279   native Bi, a common occurrence in late sub-stage IV. The value of $\log fO_2$ was determined

280   from compositional data for the gas phase in fluid inclusions as mentioned above for stage I

281   (Table 7). The pH of the fluid (6.5) and the $\log\alpha_{HS^-(aq)}$ and $\log\alpha_{H2S(aq)}$ values (-2.9 and -3.7)

282   were calculated using the equilibrium constants for Reactions 7, 8 and 9 for the $\log fO_2$ and

283    $\log fS_2$ values referred to above (Table 7). A value of $\log fTe_{2(g)}$ (-17.0) was calculated from a

284   combination of Reactions 10, 11 and 12. Increased $\log fTe_{2(g)}$ and $\log\alpha_{H2Te(aq)}$ and $\log\alpha_{HTe^-(aq)}$,

285   values is suggested to be responsible for the formation of tellurides (e.g., hessite and

286   tetradymite) via Reactions like 10 and 13 (Table 7).

287   During supergene alteration oxidation of native Bi (Reaction 14) produced $Bi(OH)^{2+}$ ions

288   as the dominant dissolved species in solution. This reaction is promoted by higher $\log fO_2$

289   values (-32.5 or HM+10) and a further decrease of pH of 7.1 (Table 7). The formation of

290   bismutite $[(BiO_2)_2CO_3]$ and bismite (Bi_2O_3) was likely promoted by a Reaction similar to 15

291   (Table 7).

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293   **Source of Metals and Depositional Controls**

294   Skarn formation, at Serifos, evolved from high-temperature magnetite ores to retrograde

295   replacement and vein mineralization that culminated with the deposition of native bismuth.

296   Figure 5 shows that the decrease in temperature from stage I (~250ºC) to stage IV (~190ºC)

297   was accompanied by a roughly linear decrease in salinity from ≈ 5.7 to 1.3 wt. % NaCl

298   equivalent. This trend suggests dilution of the ore fluid as a result of mixing with waters of

299   meteoric origin. Mixing of the ore fluid with oxidizing meteoric waters is also suggested by

300   the gas chemistry, i.e., an increase of the $\log X_{O2/H2O}$ ratios from -3.4 to -2.8 (Pearce et al.

301   2004) (Table 4).

302   The sulfur isotope data yielded a narrow range of calculated $\delta^{34}S_{H2S}$ values, i.e., from 2.3

303   to 4.9 per mil (Table 6). Such $\delta^{34}S_{H2S}$ values reflect a dominantly magmatic source for the

304   Bi-bearing mineralizing fluid. Further support is provided by the lead isotope data (Table 6)

305   which suggest a mixed "Orogene" and "Upper Crust" source (Fig. 6). This implies that lead

306   most probably derived from the Serifos pluton which concurs with the lead data provided by

307   Stos-Gale (1992). Pyrite, tetrahedrite-tennantite solid solutions and galena from stages I, II

308   and III of the Moutoulas mineralization contain Bi, indicating that this element was

309   incorporated during retrograde skarn formation and at early stages of the vein-type

310   mineralization. This is consistent with the fact that the Serifos pluton appears relative

311   enriched in Bi towards its margins (e.g., up to ~ 60%, Seymour et al. 2009). The Serifos skarn

312   resembles the Lavrion (Greece), Stan Terg (Kosovo) and Wittichen Schwarzwald (Germany)

313   Bi-bearing skarns. In these skarns, Bi is thought to be related to fluids derived from or

314   equilibrated with a granodiorite during the retrograde skarn phase (Fig. 6, Voudouris et al.

315   2008a and b; Kołodziejczyk et al. 2015; Staude et al. 2012).

316   The effects of temperature and pH on the solubility of $Bi(OH)^{2+}$ ions are summarized in a

317   temperature versus pH plot (Fig. 8). Calculation of the contours of the mass of $Bi(OH)^{2+}$ in

318   solution was based on Reaction 14 and the temperature, pH, $log fO_2$, $log fS_2$ and α_{H2S} values

319   obtained for stages I and IV. Saturation of $Bi(OH)^{2+}$ is evident as the mass of $Bi(OH)^{2+}$ in

320   solution decreases from $T = 250º$ to $T = 200ºC$ (Fig. 8). Here it is suggested that the conditions

321   of stage I (lower pH and higher fS_2 and fO_2), favored the formation of Bi-enriched sulfides

322   rather than the deposition of native bismuth. The proposed conditions for this stage lie within

323   the stability fields of bismuthinite and pyrite which show a broad overlap (Fig. 7a). At these

324   conditions, as the ore solution was undersaturated in Bi (Fig. 8), the available Bi cannot form

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325   native bismuth and either is incorporated in the crystal lattice of the precipitated sulfides or

326   forms submicroscopic grains within them (e.g., in pyrite and tetrahedrite, Table 2).

327   During stage IV native bismuth formed via Reaction 7 which was controlled by the

328   interplay of six physicochemical parameters. Temperature decrease, pH neutralization, $f\mathrm{Te}_2$

329   increase coupled with decrease of $f\mathrm{S}_2$, α_{H2S} (X_{H2S} values decrease, Table 4) and $f\mathrm{O}_2$ created a

330   favorable environment for the precipitation of bismuthinite, then Bi-bearing tellurides and

331   native bismuth (Fig. 7b). At these more reducing and less acidic conditions the solubility of

332   bismuth decreased (e.g., the $\log\alpha_{\mathrm{Bi(OH)}}^{2+}$ values increased from -14.0 to -11.2, Table 7, Fig.

333   8) thus leading to the precipitation of native bismuth.

334   We propose that variation of temperature, pH, $\log f\mathrm{S}_2$, α_{H2S} $\log f\mathrm{O}_2$ and $\log f\mathrm{Te}_2$ was related

335   to fluid-rock interaction and subsequent dilution of the ore fluid (Fig. 6). At Moutoulas open

336   hydrothermal system, interaction of the Bi-bearing fluid with the intensely fractured CBU

337   marbles also led to the enrichment of the mineralizing fluid in $\mathrm{HCO_3^-}$ ions (Table 5). Then

338   supergene exposure and oxidation of the mineralization (e.g., $\mathrm{HCO_3^-}_{(aq)}$ anions required for

339   reaction 15) may have resulted due to the intense exhumation and uplifting of the

340   hydrothermal system (as it is suggested by Grasemann and Petrakakis 2007).

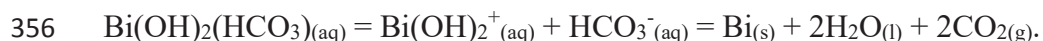341

342   **Implications**

343   Herein we have reported on the first occurrence of native bismuth in the Serifos skarn. We

344   recommend that proximity to the Serifos granodiorite, the development of magnetite ores and

345   subsequent retrograde sulfide mineralization played important role in the precipitation of

346   native bismuth. We propose that at such hydrothermal environment (T $\approx$ 200°C) there are six

347 parameters, i.e., temperature, pH, $\log fS_2$, α_{H2S}, $\log fO_2$ and $\log fTe_2$ that may lead to native

348 bismuth precipitation.

349 Wall-rock interaction and dilution of the Bi-bearing magmatic fluid, i.e., containing

350 $Bi(OH)_2^+{}_{(aq)}$ with meteoric waters, promoted its saturation (Fig. 8) as they facilitated to

351 decrease the mass of $Bi(OH)^{2+}$ ions in solution. We also propose that the formation of

352 $Bi(OH)_x{}^{3-x}(HCO_3)_y{}^{3-y}$ complexes could play an important role on transporting this strategic

353 element during wall-rock interaction. Destabilization of these complexes during dilution of

354 the ore fluid via a probable reaction could be a mechanism controlling native bismuth

355 precipitation:

356 $Bi(OH)_2(HCO_3)_{(aq)} = Bi(OH)_2^+{}_{(aq)} + HCO_3^-{}_{(aq)} = Bi_{(s)} + 2H_2O_{(l)} + 2CO_{2(g)}.$

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518 **Figure Captions**

519 Fig. 1. Simplified geological map of Serifos Island with the locations of magnetite exo- and

520   endo-skarns, hematite ores and sulfides (modified after Salemink 1985; Grasemann and

521   Petrakakis 2007 and Rabillard et al. 2015). The triangle represents the location of Fig. 2.

522 Fig. 2. (a) A view of a sheared quartz vein at the interface between CBU schists and marbles

523   containing the Bi-bearing assemblages studied. A bleached alteration halo is also evident.

524   Also shown are the sampling sites (b and c).

525 (b) A hand specimen of the vein containing pyrite (Py) and galena (Gn) (scale bar = 1 cm).

526   (c) Native bismuth (Bi) rimmed by a supergene assemblage (S) of beyerite, bismutite and

527   bismite (scale bar = 5 cm).

528 Fig. 3. Reflected light and back-scattered electron images of:

529 (a). Stage I pyrite (Py) and sphalerite (Sp1) (scale bar = 1 mm),

530 (b). Stage I pyrite (Py) with pyrrhotite (Po) (Reaction 4, Table 7, scale bar = 1 μm),

531 (c). Stage II sphalerite (Sp2) and tetrahedrite-tennantite solid solutions (Tnt) filling fractures

532   in brecciated stage I pyrite (Py) (scale bar = 1 μm),

533 (d). Stage III galena (Gn) after stage I pyrite (Py) (scale bar = 100 μm),

534 (e). Late sub-stage IV native Bi (Bi) that replaced early sub-stage IV bismuthinite (Bst)

535   (Reaction 7, Table 7). Both minerals were partially oxidized to bismite (Bsm) (scale bar

536   = 500 μm),

537 (f). Late sub-stage IV native Bi (Bi) after early sub-stage IV bismuthinite (Bst) and middle-

538   sub-stage tetradymite. Native Bi was oxidized to bismite (Bsm) (Reactions 14 and 15,

539   Table 7) (scale bar = 20 μm).

540 Fig. 4. Photomicrographs of multiple fluid inclusion assemblages:

541   (a). Primary two-phase L-V (P) and secondary L-V (S) inclusions. The primary inclusions

542   occur individually or as small, randomly oriented clusters, whereas the secondary fluid

543   inclusions form trails that are aligned along fractures and terminate at crystal growth

544   surfaces (scale bar = 25 μm),

545   (b). Detail of (a) showing the primary inclusions with low V-L ratios (vapor bubble occupies

546   up to ~ 20 vol %) used for Raman spectroscopy (scale bar = 100 μm),

547   Fig. 5. Liquid-vapor trapping temperature versus salinity plot in the system NaCl-H_2O.

548   Fig. 6. A plot of $^{206}Pb/^{204}Pb$ versus $^{207}Pb/^{204}Pb$ using age-corrected data. The galena crystals

549   analyzed in this study plot between the "Orogene" and "Upper Crust" curves. The "Upper

550   Crust", "Orogene" and "Mantle" were based on the model of Zartman and Doe (1981).

551   Also shown are samples of galena from the Kefala pluton (Stos-Gale, 1992) and the

552   Moutoulas mineralization (Chalkias and Vavelidis, 1998)

553   Fig. 7. (a). LogfO_2 versus pH plot for 250ºC, representing stage I of the Moutoulas skarn and

554   vein mineralization. The dashed lines define the stability fields for pyrite (FeS_2), pyrrhotite

555   (FeS), hematite (Fe_2O_3) and magnetite (Fe_3O_4). The Fe-S-O mineral boundaries are shown

556   for ΣS = 0.1 moles/kg H_2O. Also shown are the sulfur species in the system H-S-O (dotted

557   lines), the stability boundary for muscovite-K-feldspar (short-dash-dotted line), and the

558   stability fields for bismuthinite, maldonite (Au_2Bi), and native bismuth (thick solid lines)

559   fields,

560   (b). LogfO_2 versus pH plot for 200ºC, representing stage IV of the Moutoulas skarn

561   mineralization. The dashed lines define the stability fields for pyrite (FeS_2), pyrrhotite

562   (FeS), hematite (Fe_2O_3) and magnetite (Fe_3O_4). The Fe-S-O mineral boundaries are shown

563   for ΣS = 0.1 moles/kg H_2O. The thin dotted and thin solid lines are the calculated contours

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564   for the sulfur and tellurium species in solution. Also shown are the stability boundaries

565   for kaolinite-sericite (short-dash-dotted line) and anglesite-galena (short-dotted lines) and

566   the stability fields for the sulfur species in the system H-S-O (dotted lines), and

567   bismuthinite-native bismuth (thick solid lines). Data from Barton and Skinner (1979),

568   Simon and Essene (1996), Afifi et al. (1988), Skirrow and Walshe 2002, Tooth et al.

569   (2008, 2011) and Staude et al. (2012) were employed to calculate the Bi mineral stability

570   fields in the two diagrams.

571   Fig. 8. Temperature versus pH plot summarizing changes in solubility of $Bi(OH)^{2+}$ ions

572   (Squares represent stage I and cycles stage IV). Calculation of the contours of mass in

573   solution of $Bi(OH)^{2+}$ (in ppm) was based on Reaction 14, for $\log\alpha_{H2S} = -3.7$ and $\log\alpha_{\Sigma S} =$

574   -3.0, and the $\log fO_2$ and $\log fS_2$ values obtained for stages I and IV. Also shown are the

575   stability boundary bismuthinite, and native bismuth (thick solid line).
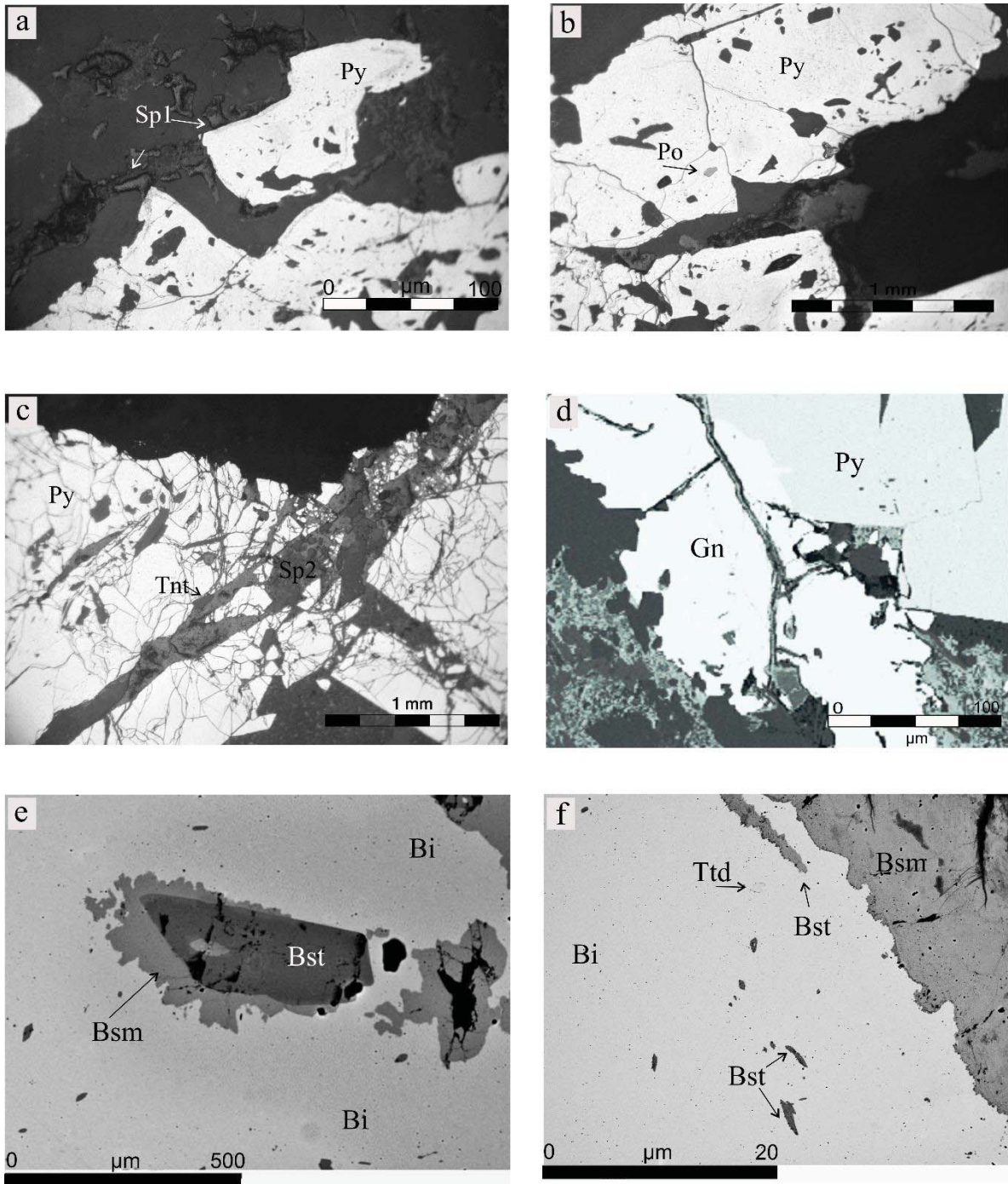
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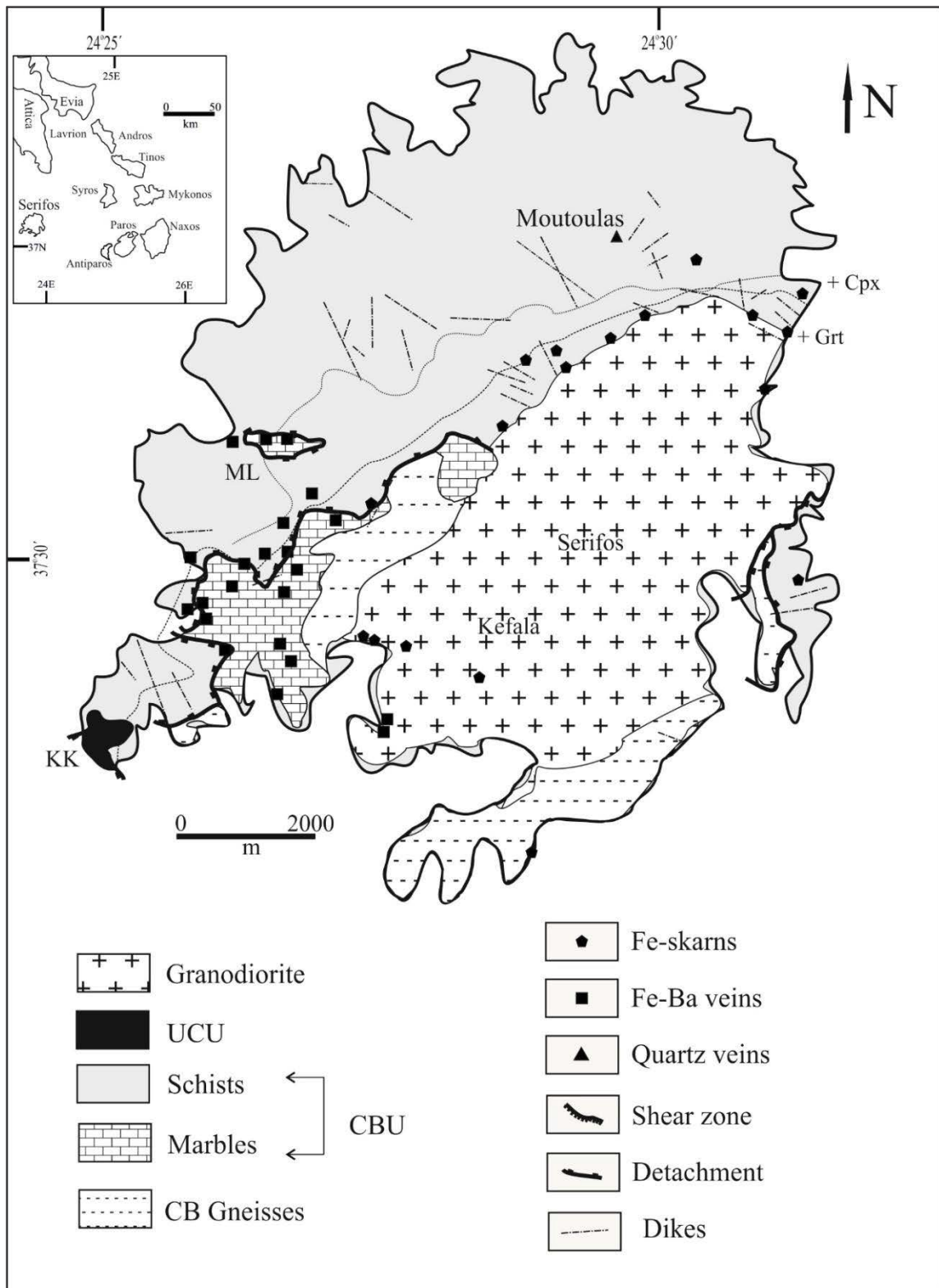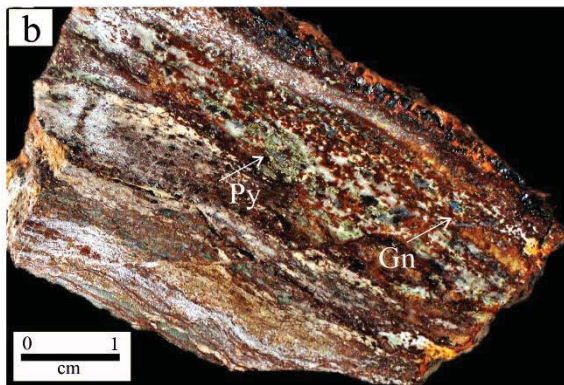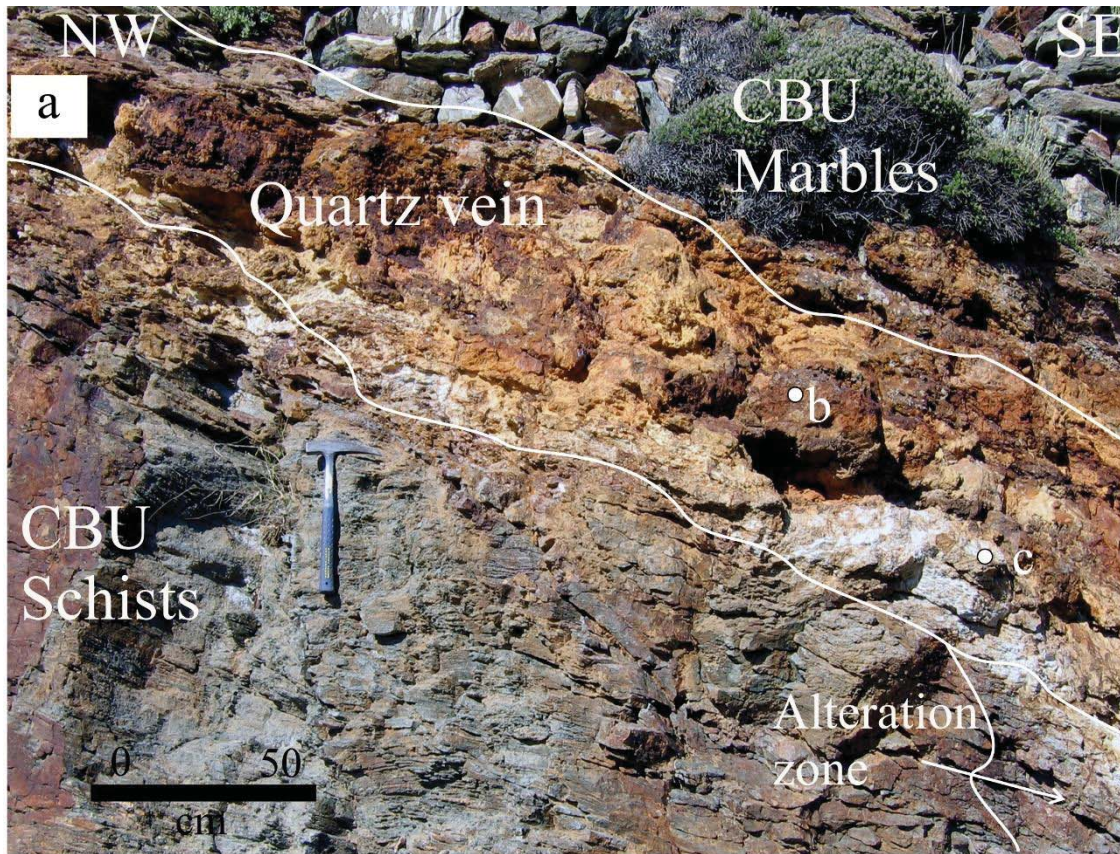
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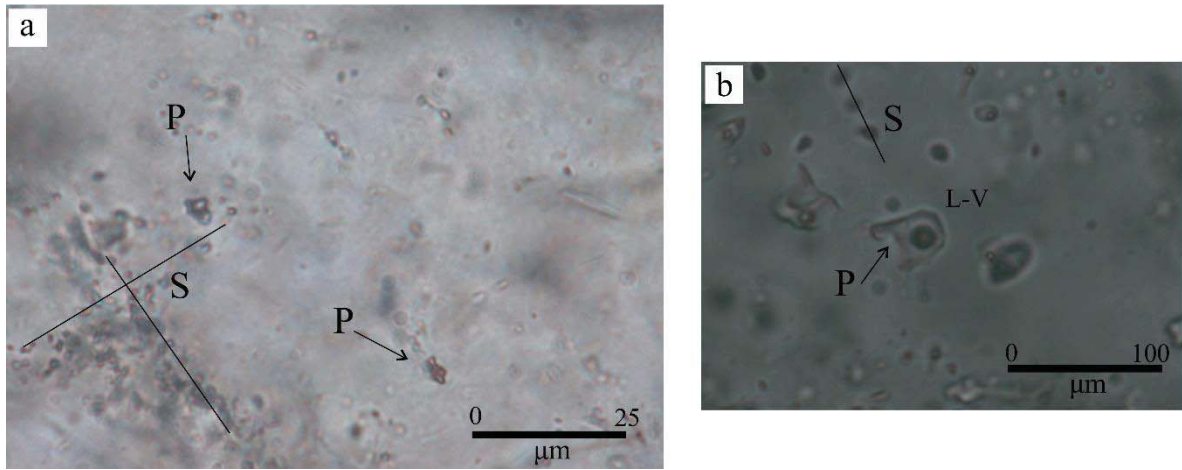581 **Fig. 2. Fitros et al. (2016).**

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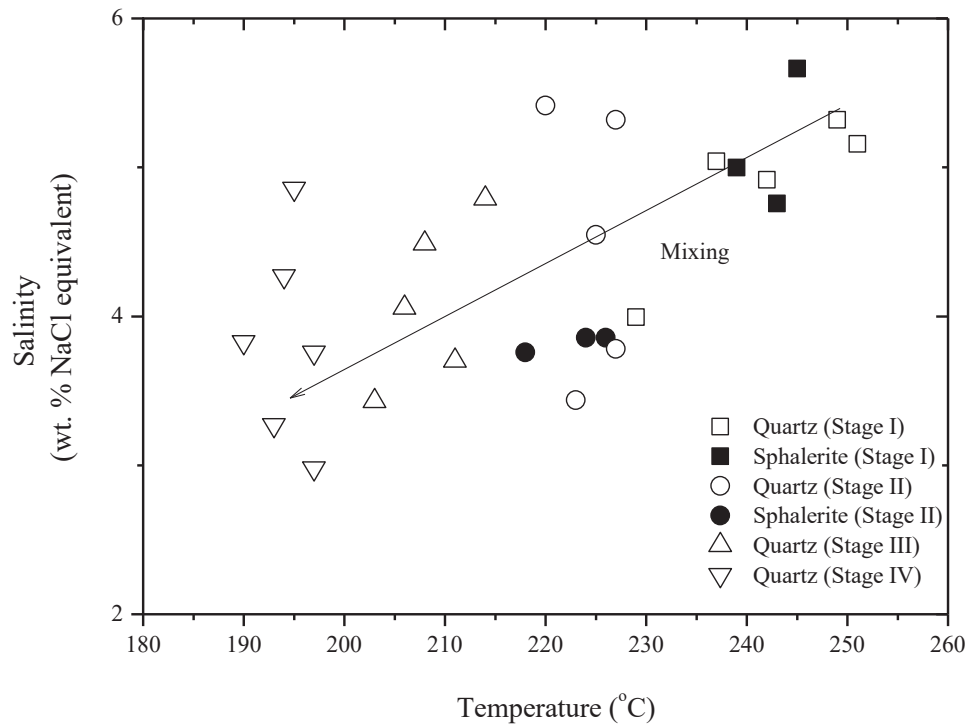
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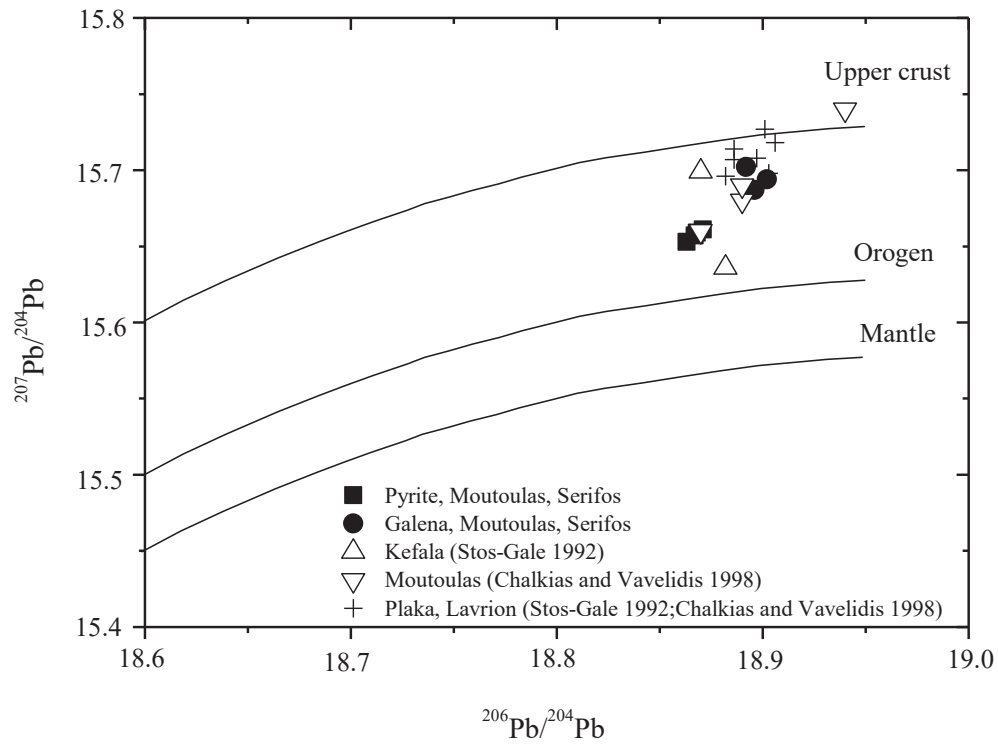
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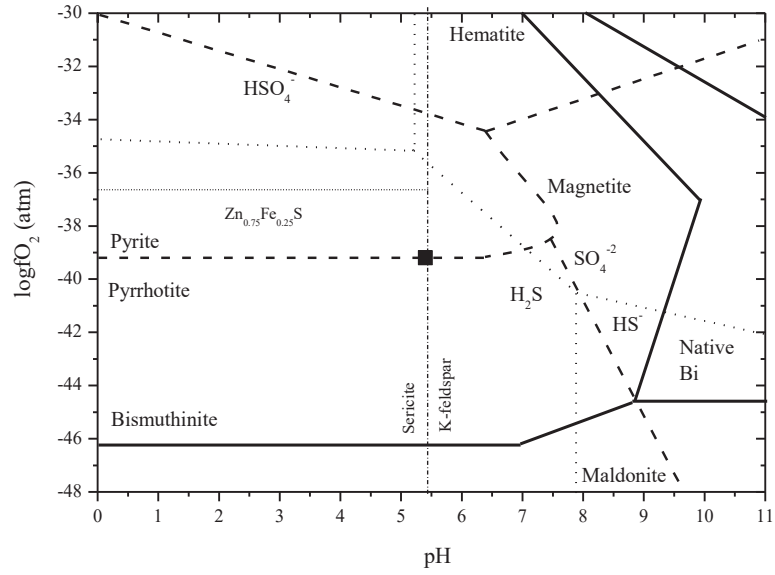
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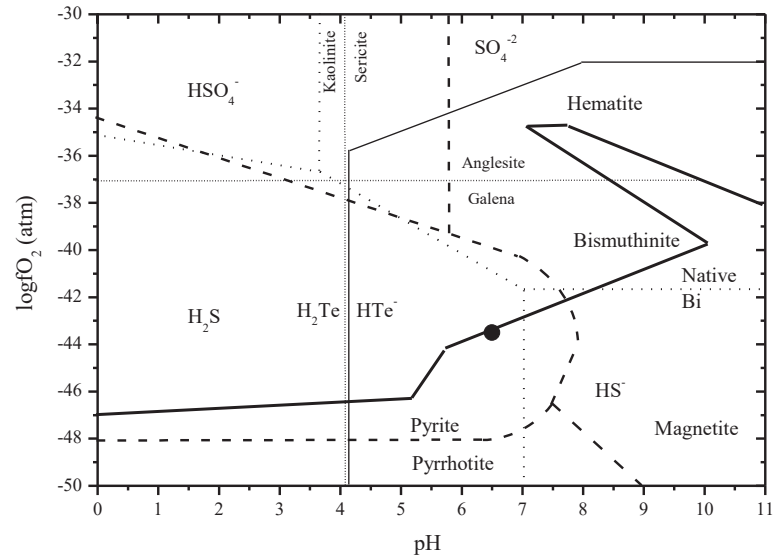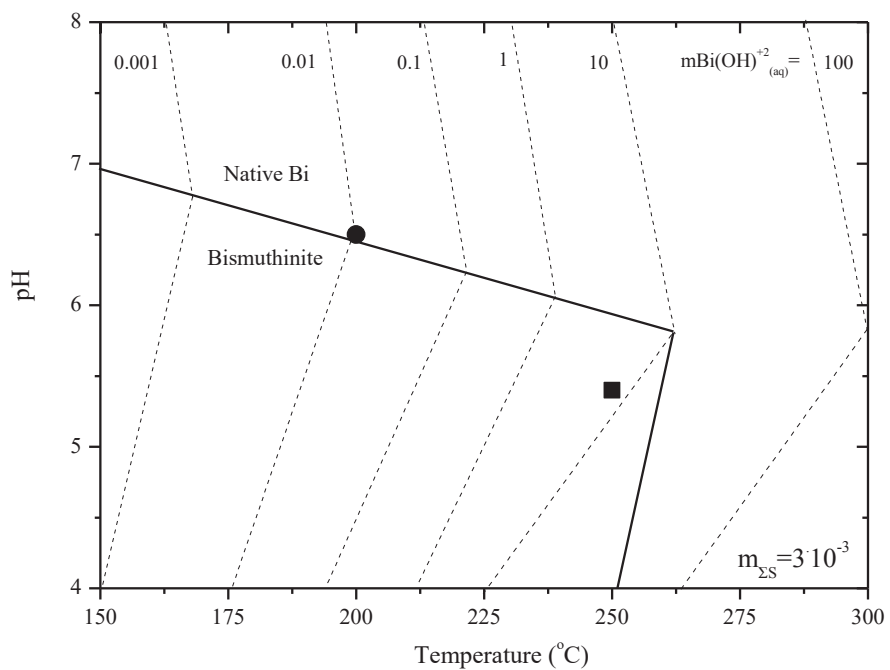
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627   Table 1. Ore paragenesis and vein fill minerals from Moutoulas area, Serifos.

Mineral stages	Stage I	Stage II	Stage III	Stage IV[A]	Supergene stage
T (°C)	250			200	
Clear quartz	▬▬▬▬	▬▬▬▬	▬▬▬	▬▬	
Calcite			▬▬▬	▬▬▬	
Beyerite			■	▬▬▬	▬▬▬
Barite				▬▬	
Fluorite			▬▬	■	
Pyrite	▬▬				
Sphalerite	▬▬[1]	■[2]			
Chalcopyrite	▬				
Arsenopyrite	■				
Pyrrhotite	■				
Tetrahedrite-Tennantite		▬[3]			
Greenockite		■			
Gersdorffite		■			
Galena			▬▬▬▬		
Bismuthinite[E]				■	
Tetradymite[M]				■	
Hessite[M]				■	
Melonite[M]				■	
Native Bismuth[L]				▬	▬
Bismutite					▬▬▬
Bismite					▬▬▬
Covellite					▬
Cerussite					▬
Anglesite					▬
Chalcocite					▬
Goethite					▬
Azurite					▬
Malachite					▬

628   Chemical formulae: Bismuthinite (Bi_2S_3), Tetradymite (Bi_2Te_2S), and Melonite ($NiTe_2$),
629   Beyerite ($Ca(BiO)_2(CO_3)_2$), Bismutite ($Bi_2O_2(CO_3)$), Bismite (Bi_2O_3).
630   The boxes represent the abundance.
631   [1]$X_{FeS\%} = 25.8$, [2]$X_{FeS\%} = 13.8$, [3]$X_{As} = 1.9$ to 2.3.
632   [A]Stage IV composes of three sub-stages, i.e., [E]Early, [M]Middle, and [L]Late sub-stage.
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Table 2. Representative electron microprobe analysis of the ore minerals from the Moutoulas mineralization, Serifos.

Mineral Elements wt.%	Pyrite (1) N=17	Sphalerite (2) N=6	Sphalerite (3) N=7	Tetrahedrite-tennantite (4)	Tennantite-Tetrahedrite (5)	Galena (6) N=25	Hessite (7) N=4	Melonite (8)	Tetradymite (9) N=1	Bismuthinite (10) N=10	Native Bi (11) N=12	Bismite (12) N=5	Bismutite (13) N=7	Beyerite (14) N=4
Ag				0.42	0.39		62.80		0.83		0.41			
Cu				40.52	40.56		0.48	0.28	0.32					
Zn		50.60	58.37	5.38	5.36									
Pb				0.19	0.20	85.04		0.31						1.34
Fe	46.54	14.99	7.98	0.15	0.09									
Ni								18.63						
Bi	0.24			3.31	4.05	1.12			58.69	80.53	99.52	89.39	81.24	67.51
Te				2.01	2.07	0.02	36.66	80.35	35.95	0.26	0.02			
As	0.38			8.46	10.34	0.02								
Sb				13.02	10.89	0.03								
Se						0.01								
Ca														7.36
O											10.29		15.00	20.19
C													2.55	3.35
S	52.82	33.50	33.26	26.44	25.89	12.89	0.55	0.04	4.46	18.57	0.03			
Total	99.89	99.09	99.61	99.90	99.84	99.96	100.48	99.61	100.25	99.36	99.97	99.68	97.99	99.74
Ag							1.99[i]		0.05[m]		0.01[q]			
Cu				10.40[d]	10.40[d]		0.01[i]	0.02[k]	0.03[m]					
Zn		0.74[c]	0.71[c]	1.60[d]	1.60[d]									
Pb						1.00[g]								0.04[r]
Fe	1.00[a]	0.26[c]	0.29[c]											
Ni								0.98[k]						
Bi	0.01[b]			0.31[e]	0.31[e]	0.01[h]			1.92[m]	2.00[o]	0.99[q]	2.00	1.99	2.00
Te				0.30[f]	0.30[f]		0.98[j]	2.00[l]	2.03[n]	0.02[p]				
As	0.01[b]			2.00[e]	2.40[e]									
Sb				2.00[e]	1.60[e]									
Se														
Ca														0.96[r]
O												3.00[p]	5.00[q]	8.00
C													1.13	
S	1.98[b]	1.00	1.00	12.40[f]	12.40[f]	0.99[h]	0.02[j]		1.00[n]	2.98[p]				

(1). [a]Fe=1, [b]S+Bi+As=2, Zn+Cu/Zn+Cu+Fe=35.7 and As/As+S = 0.67
(2). and (3). [c]Zn+Fe = 1, $X_{FeS\%}$ = 25.8 (stage I) and $X_{FeS\%}$ = 13.8 (stage II)
(4). and (5). [d]Cu+Zn = 12, [e]As+Sb+Bi=4, [f]S+Te=13, As/As+Sb+Bi=0.48, Bi/As+Sb+Bi=0.04 with formula: $Cu_{10.4}Zn_{1.6}(As_{1.9}Sb_{1.9}Bi_{0.2})S_{12.4}Te_{0.6}$ and As/As+Sb+Bi=0.58, Bi/Te+Bi+S=0.04, with formula:
$Cu_{10.4}Zn_{1.6}(As_{1.9}Sb_{1.9}Bi_{0.2})S_{12.4}Te_{0.6}$
(6). [g]Pb=1, [h]S+Bi=1
(7). [i]Ag+Cu=2, [j]Te+S=1, Te/Te+S = 0.99, Cu/Ag+Cu = 0.18, Ag_2Te, $Ag_{1.9}Cu_{0.1}Te_{0.99}S_{0.1}$
(8). [k]Ni+Cu=1,[l]Te=2.0
(9). [m]Bi+Au+Cu=2,[n]S=1, Te=2, S/Te+S =0.33
(10). [o]Bi=2,[p]S+Te=3,
(11). [q]Bi+Ag=1,
(12). [p]Based on 3 oxygens.
(13). [q]Based on 5 oxygens, Bi=2
(14). [r]Based on 8 oxygens, Bi=2.

Table 3. Primary L-V fluid inclusion microthermometric data for individual fluid inclusion assemblages.

Sample	Mineral	Size (μm x μm)	V/V+L (%)	$T_{f\text{-}ice}$ (°C)	$T_{m\text{-}ice}$ (°C)	T_h (°C)	wt.% NaCl equivalent
SE1	Clear quartz (stage I)	8.0 to 5.5	5 to 13	-22.7 to -21.7	-3.7 to -2.4	229 to 251	4.0 to 5.3
SE1	Sphalerite (stage I)	5.0 to 6.5	8 to 10	-22.7 to -21.3	-3.6 to -2.8	239 to 245	4.8 to 5.7
SE1	Clear quartz (stage II)	6.5 to 4.5	11 to 13	-23.2 to -21.5	-2.1 to -3.4	220 to 227	3.4 to 5.4
SE1	Sphalerite (stage II)	5.5 to 7.5	2 to 6	-23.8 to -21.5	-2.3 to -2.2	218 to 226	3.7 to 3.9
SE2	Clear quartz (stage III)	9.0 to 5.0	8 to 16	-23.8 to -21.1	-3.3 to -2.4	203 to 214	3.4 to 4.8
SE2	Clear quartz (stage IV)	6.0 to 6.5	8 to 14	-23.8 to -21.8	-3.4 to -2.3	190 to 197	1.3 to 4.9

Table 4. Compositions of primary L-V fluid inclusions based on Raman spectroscopic data.

Sample	Mineral	X_{H2O} (mol%)	X_{CO2} (mol%[A,B])	X_{H2S} (mol%)	X_{O2} (mol%)	X_{H2} (mol%)	$\log(X_{CO2/H2O})$	$\log(X_{O2/H2O})$	$\log(X_{H2S/H2O})$	T (°C)
SE1	Clear quartz (stage I)	84.0 to 85.1	12.2 to 14.0	1.2 to 1.7	0.0 to 0.1	0.5 to 0.9	-0.8 to -0.7	-3.4 to -3.2	-1.8 to -1.7	235 to 248[A,B]
SE2	Clear quartz (stage IV)	84.5 to 90.1	8.7 to 14.6	0.0 to 0.1	0.0 to 0.1	0.7 to 0.9	-1.0 to -0.8	-3.0 to -2.8	-3.5 to -2.9	190 to 197[A,B]

Temperature estimates were based on geothermometers [A]CO_2- of Arnórsson & Gunnlaugsson (1985), [B]CO_2/H_2S- of Nehring & D'Amore (1984).

Table 5. Compositions of primary L-V fluid inclusions based on bulk composition chromatographic data.

Sample	Si^{4+} (ppm)	Na^+ (ppm)	K^+ (ppm)	Mg^{2+} (ppm)	Ca^{2+} (ppm)	Cl^- (ppm)	SO_4^{2-} (ppm)	HCO_3^- (ppm)
SE1	314.1 to 354.9	3.7 to 3.9	1.6 to 1.7	10.8 to 11.0	20.8 to 21.2	18.9 to 19.7	20.2 to 19.6	28.7 to 30.1
SE2	18.4 to 19.6	2.2 to 2.3	0.8 to 0.9	1.6 to 1.9	7.46 to 7.92	3.4 to 4.1	8.3 to 9.6	16.5 to 17.2

T (ºC)	$\log(Si^{4+}/Na^{1+}+K^{1+}+Mg^{2+}+Ca^{2+})$	$\log(Cl^{1-}/SO4^{2-})$	$\log(Cl^{1-}/HCO_3^{1-})$	$\log(\Sigma cations/\Sigma anions)$
240 to 242[A]	2.1	0.0	-0.2	2
191to 195[A]	1.3	-0.4 to -0.3	-0.7 to -0.6	1.6

Temperature estimates were based on the Na-K-Ca geothermometer of Fournier and Truesdell (1973). For the Na-K-Ca geothermometer the log $\sqrt{Ca/Na} + 2.06$ values are positive and T $\geq$ 100°C and so $\beta = 3/4$.

Table 6. Sulfur and lead isotope data for pyrite, sphalerite, chalcopyrite, greenockite and galena from the Moutoulas vein system, Serifos.

Sample	Mineral	$\delta^{34}S$	T^1 (°C)	$\delta^{34}S_{H2S}{}^2$	$^{206}Pb/^{204}Pb$	$^{207}Pb/^{204}Pb$
SE1	Pyrite (stage I)[A]	4.83	249	2.28	18.863	15.653
SE2	Pyrite (stage I)[A]	3.78	249	3.33	18.867	15.657
SE3	Pyrite (stage I)	4.44	249	2.94	18.871	15.661
SE4	Pyrite (stage I)	4.12	249	2.62	18.868	15.659
SE1	Sphalerite (stage I)[A]	3.73	249	3.33	-	-
SE2	Sphalerite (stage I)[A]	2.69	249	2.29	-	-
SE3	Sphalerite (stage II)[B]	3.54	226	3.14	-	-
SE2	Chalcopyrite (stage I)	5.08	249	4.88	-	-
SE3	Greenockite (stage II)[B]	5.49	226	4.79	-	-
SE1	Galena (stage III)	5.62	200	3.02	18.896	15.687
SE2	Galena (stage III)	5.04	200	2.44	18.902	15.694
SE3	Galena (stage III)	5.37	200	2.77	18.892	15.702

[1]Temperatures obtained from fluid inclusion data, the CO_2-, CO_2/H_2S-, and Na-K-Ca geothermometers (Tables 3 and 4) and the [A]pyrite-sphalerite and [B]sphalerite-greenockite pairs; according to the equations of Ohmoto and Rye (1979), Ohmoto and Lasaga (1982) and Li and Liu (2006).

[2]Utilizing the H_2S-sulfide equations of Ohmoto and Rye (1979), Ohmoto and Lasaga (1982) and Li and Liu (2006).

Table 7. Reactions and corresponding values of selected physicochemical parameters applicable to the mineralizing fluid at Moutoulas, for temperatures of 250º, 200º and 25ºC and an ionic strength I = 0.20.

	Reaction	T (°C)	Calculated physicochemical parameters
1	$3KAlSi_3O_{8(s)} + 2H^+_{(aq)} = KAl_3Si_3O_{10}(OH)_{2(s)} + 6SiO_{2(aq)} + 2K^+_{(aq)}$	250[A]	$\log(\alpha_{K^+}/\alpha_{H^+}) = 3.7$, pH = 5.4
2	$3NaAlSi_3O_{8(s)} + 2H^+_{(aq)} + K^+_{(aq)} = KAl_3Si_3O_{10}(OH)_{2(s)} + 6SiO_{2(aq)} + 3Na^+_{(aq)}$	250[A]	$\log(\alpha_{Na^+}/\alpha_{H^+}) = 2.4$, pH = 5.4
3	$NaAlSi_3O_{8(s)} + K^+_{(aq)} = KAlSi_3O_{8(s)} + Na^+_{(aq)}$	250[A]	$\log(\alpha_{K^+}/\alpha_{Na^+}) = 0,73$, pH = 5.4
4	$2FeS_{2(s)} = 2FeS_{(s)} + S_{2(g)}$	250[A]	$\log fS_{2(g)} = -13.8$
5	$2H_2O_{(g)} = O_{2(g)} + 2H_{2(g)}$	250[A], 200[B]	$\log fO_{2(g)} = -39.2$ and -43.5
6	$Bi_2S_{3(s)} = 2Bi_{(s)} + 1.5S_{2(g)}$	200[B]	pH = 6.5
7	$2Bi_2S_{3(s)} + 6H_2O_{(l)} = 4Bi_{(s)} + 6H^+_{(aq)} + 6HS^-_{(aq)} + 6O_{2(g)}$	200[B]	$\log fS_{2(g)} = -16.5$
8	$H_2S_{(aq)} = H^+_{(aq)} + HS^-_{(aq)}$	250, 200[B]	$\log \alpha_{HS^-(aq)} = -1.8$ and -2.9
9	$2H_2S_{(aq)} + O_{2(g)} = S_{2(g)} + 2H_2O_{(l)}$	250, 200[B]	$\log \alpha_{HS^-(aq)} = -1.8$ and -2.9
10	$Ag_2Te_{(s)} + H_2O_{(l)} = 2Ag_{(s)} + H_2Te_{2(aq)} + 0.5O_{2(g)}$	200[B]	$\log \alpha_{H2Te(aq)} = -5.2$
11	$2H_2Te_{(aq)} + O_{2(g)} = Te_{2(g)} + 2H_2O_{(l)}$	200[B]	$\log fTe_{2(g)} = -17.0$
12	$H_2Te_{(aq)} = H^+_{(aq)} + HTe^-_{(aq)}$	200[B]	$\log \alpha_{HTe^-(aq)} = -3.8$
13	$2Bi(OH)_2^+{}_{(aq)} + 2H_2Te_{(aq)} + H_2S_{(aq)} = Bi_2Te_2S_{(s)} + 4H_2O_{(l)} + 2H^+_{(aq)}$	200[B]	$\log \alpha_{H2S(aq)} = -3.7$
14	$2Bi_{(s)} + 1.5O_{2(g)} + 4H^+_{(aq)} = 2Bi(OH)_2^+{}_{(aq)} + H_2O_{(l)}$	250[A], 200[B], 25	$\log \alpha Bi(OH)^{+2}_{(aq)} = -14.0, -11.2, -10.3$. pH = 7.1
15	$4Bi(OH)_2^+{}_{(aq)} + HCO_3^-{}_{(aq)} + O_{2(g)} + H_2O_{2(l)} = (BiO_2)_2CO_{3(s)} + Bi_2O_{3(s)}$	25	$\log fO_{2(g)} = -32.5$

[A]250° and [B]200°C, temperatures based on fluid inclusions, the CO_2-, CO_2/H_2S- and Na-K-Ca-geothermometers, and pyrite-sphalerite and sphalerite-greenockite isotopic pairs (Tables 3, 4 and 5).
The thermodynamic properties of bismuth complexes were compiled from Skirrow and Walshe (2002); Tooth et al. (2008, 2011); Staude et al. (2012) and Zhou et al. (2016).
For reactions 5, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15 the logK values are -5.2, -4.7, -1.1, +11.7, +6.9 and -12.6, respectively.

Supplementary data

Bi pure - File: Bi pure.raw - Type: 2Th/Th locked - Start: 2.000 ° - End: 69.866 ° - Step: 0.015 ° - Step time: 18.7 s - Temp.: 25 °C (Room) - Time Started: 19 s - 2-Theta: 2.000 ° - Theta: 1.000 ° - Chi:
  Operations: Import
Bi - File: Bi.raw - Type: 2Th/Th locked - Start: 2.000 ° - End: 69.866 ° - Step: 0.015 ° - Step time: 18.7 s - Temp.: 25 °C (Room) - Time Started: 16 s - 2-Theta: 2.000 ° - Theta: 1.000 ° - Chi: 0.00 ° - P
  Operations: Y Scale Mul 1.167 | Y Scale Add 42 | Y Scale Add 401 | Import