

**Stracherite, BaCa<sub>6</sub>(SiO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>[(PO<sub>4</sub>)(CO<sub>3</sub>)]F, the first CO<sub>3</sub>-bearing intercalated  
hexagonal antiperovskite from Negev Desert, Israel**

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**ABSTRACT**

The new mineral stracherite, BaCa<sub>6</sub>(SiO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>[(PO<sub>4</sub>)(CO<sub>3</sub>)]F ( $R\bar{3}m$ ,  $a = 7.0877(5)$  Å,  $c = 25.201(2)$  Å,  $V = 1096.4(1)$  Å<sup>3</sup>,  $Z = 3$ ), belongs to the zadovite group, which also includes zadovite, BaCa<sub>6</sub>[(SiO<sub>4</sub>)(PO<sub>4</sub>)](PO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>F; aradite, BaCa<sub>6</sub>[(SiO<sub>4</sub>)(VO<sub>4</sub>)](VO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>F and gazeevite, BaCa<sub>6</sub>(SiO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(SO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>O. All minerals of this group exhibit single-layer antiperovskite modules, which are intercalated with tetrahedral layers. In stracherite, the first CO<sub>3</sub>-bearing intercalated hexagonal antiperovskite, about 38% of the (PO<sub>4</sub>)<sup>3-</sup> tetrahedra are randomly substituted by planar (CO<sub>3</sub>)<sup>2-</sup> groups. The mineral was discovered in spurrite rocks of the Hatrurim Complex in the Negev Desert near Arad, Israel. Associated minerals are spurrite, calcite,

26 brownmillerite, shulamitite, CO<sub>3</sub>-bearing fluorapatite, fluormayenite-fluorkyuygenite,  
27 ariegilatite, periclase, brucite, barytocalcite, baryte, garnets of the elbrusite-kerimasite series,  
28 Ca-Fe and K-Fe sulphides. Stracherite is colorless with vitreous luster, its streak is white. The  
29 mineral is optically uniaxial and positive:  $\omega = 1.635(2)$ ,  $\varepsilon = 1.659(2)$  ( $\lambda = 589$  nm). The  
30 microhardness was determined to  $VHN_{50} = 510(12)$  kg·mm<sup>-2</sup> with a range of 490-540 kg·mm<sup>-2</sup>.  
31 The Mohs hardness is ca. 5. Cleavage is imperfect on (001), parting is not observed, and the  
32 fracture is irregular. Calculated density = 3.365 g·cm<sup>-3</sup>. The empirical formula of stracherite is  
33 as follows:  $(Ba_{0.96}K_{0.02}Na_{0.01})_{\Sigma 0.99}Ca_{6.01}[(SiO_4)_{1.86}(PO_4)_{0.12}(AlO_4)_{0.01}(TiO_4)_{0.01}]_{\Sigma 2}[(PO_4)_{1.05}$   
34  $(CO_3)_{0.75}(SO_4)_{0.18}(VO_4)_{0.02}]_{\Sigma 2}(F_{0.95}O_{0.03})_{\Sigma 0.98}$ .

35 The Raman spectrum of stracherite exhibits strong bands (cm<sup>-1</sup>): 1069  $\nu_1(CO_3)^{2-}$ ; 1036  
36  $\nu_3(PO_4)^{3-}$ ; 995  $\nu_1(SO_4)^{2-}$ ; 952  $\nu_1(PO_4)^{3-}$ ; 858  $\nu_1(SiO_4)^{4-}$ ; 431  $\nu_2(PO_4)^{3-}$ ; 399  $\nu_2(SiO_4)^{4-}$ ; 210  
37 (lattice mode, Ca-O, Ba-O vibrations). The X-ray powder diffraction pattern shows strong  
38 lines at ( $d_{hkl}/I_{rel}$ ): 2.709/100, 3.047/82, 3.544/66, 1.772/54, 3.105/43, 2.800/42, 3.265/39, and  
39 1.948/36. Poikilitic crystals of stracherite are up to 0.5 mm in size and are confined to re-  
40 crystallization zones of spurrite marbles under the influence of by-products (gases, fluids) of  
41 combustion metamorphism.

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43 **Keywords:** stracherite, zadovite group, new mineral, intercalated hexagonal antiperovskites,  
44 CO<sub>3</sub>, Raman, pyrometamorphic rocks, Hatrurim Complex

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## 46 INTRODUCTION

47 Stracherite, BaCa<sub>6</sub>(SiO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>[(PO<sub>4</sub>)(CO<sub>3</sub>)]F [ $R\bar{3}m$ ,  $a = 7.0877(5)$  Å,  $c = 25.201(2)$  Å,  $V =$   
48  $1096.4(1)$  Å<sup>3</sup>,  $Z = 3$ ], was discovered in spurrite rocks of the Hatrurim Complex in the Negev  
49 Desert near Arad, Israel. It is the fourth mineral isotypic with zadovite (see Table 1 in  
50 Galuskina et al. 2018). Minerals with zadovite-type structure can be considered as intercalated

51 hexagonal antiperovskites with a general formula of  $AB_6(TO_4)_2(TO_4)_2W$ , where  $A = \text{Ba, K} \dots$ ;  
52  $B = \text{Ca, Na}$ ;  $T = \text{Si, P, V}^{5+}, \text{S}^{6+}, \text{Al} \dots$ ;  $W = \text{O}^{2-}, \text{F}^-$ , and antiperovskite layers  $\{(WB_6)(TO_4)_2\}^{e+}$   
53 and  $A(TO_4)_2^{e-}$  layers occur in a ratio of 1:1. There are three zadovite-group minerals: zadovite,  
54  $\text{BaCa}_6[(\text{SiO}_4)(\text{PO}_4)](\text{PO}_4)_2\text{F}$ ; aradite  $\text{BaCa}_6[(\text{SiO}_4)(\text{VO}_4)](\text{VO}_4)_2\text{F}$  and gazeevite,  
55  $\text{BaCa}_6(\text{SiO}_4)_2(\text{SO}_4)_2\text{O}$  (Galuskin et al. 2015a, 2017). Stracherite is the first mineral of this  
56 group which exhibits a substitution of  $(\text{PO}_4)^{3-}$  tetrahedra by planar  $(\text{CO}_3)^{2-}$  groups.  
57 Consequently, tetrahedral modules  $\text{Ba}[(\text{PO}_4)(\text{CO}_2)]^{3-}$  alternate with  $\{\text{FCa}_6(\text{SiO}_4)_2\}^{3+}$   
58 antiperovskite modules.

59 Minerals of the nabimusaite group can also be considered as intercalated hexagonal  
60 antiperovskites, but with a general formula of the form  $AB_{12}(TO_4)_4(TO_4)_2W_3$  ( $A, B, T, W$  – as  
61 indicated above). However, in this structure type, single tetrahedral layers  $A(TO_4)_2^{e-}$  are  
62 intercalated with triple antiperovskite layers  $\{(W_3B_{12})(TO_4)_4\}^{e+}$  resulting in a 3:1 ratio of the  
63 structural modules. The mineral nabimusaite,  $\text{KCa}_{12}(\text{SiO}_4)_4(\text{SO}_4)_2\text{O}_2\text{F}$  ( $R\bar{3}m$ ,  $a = 7.1905(4)$ ,  $c$   
64  $= 41.251(3)$  Å,  $V = 1847.1(2)$  Å<sup>3</sup>,  $Z = 3$ ), was the first intercalated hexagonal antiperovskite  
65 detected in pyrometamorphic rocks of the Hatrurim Complex (Galuskin et al. 2015b).  
66 Nabimusaite is an isotype of arctite,  $\text{Ba}(\text{Ca}_7\text{Na}_5)(\text{PO}_4)_4(\text{PO}_4)_2\text{F}_3$  ( $R\bar{3}m$ ,  $a = 7.094$  Å,  $c =$   
67  $41.320$  Å; Sokolova et al. 1984). Later, dargaite,  $\text{BaCa}_{12}(\text{SiO}_4)_4(\text{SO}_4)_2\text{O}_3$ , and ariegilatite,  
68  $\text{BaCa}_{12}(\text{SiO}_4)_4(\text{PO}_4)_2\text{OF}_2$ , were found and confirmed to be members of the nabimusaite group  
69 (Krüger et al. 2017; Galuskin et al. 2018; Galuskina et al. 2018). Triple antiperovskite layers  
70 in minerals of this group resemble triple antiperovskite layers in the structure of hatrurite –  
71 framework hexagonal antiperovskite (Jeffery 1952; Krivovichev 2008; Galuskin et al. 2015b).

72 The name stracherite is given in honor of the well-known American geologist, Glenn  
73 Blair Stracher (aka “The Firewalker”, born March 31, 1949 in Albany, New York), Professor  
74 Emeritus of Geology at East Georgia State College in Swainsboro, Georgia, USA. Dr.  
75 Stracher is the author and editor of numerous scientific works on coal combustion and

76 chemical thermodynamics. He also authored books, including the GSA Engineering Geology  
77 Book and the five volumes of Coal and Peat Fire Elsevier books. Glenn Stracher edited and  
78 supported the publication of our earliest works related to the study of the Hatrurim Complex  
79 in Israel (Vapnik et al. 2007). He is the co-author of our recent study related to the fascinating  
80 discovery of stone tool workshops utilizing pyrometamorphic rocks of the Hatrurim Basin  
81 (Vapnik et al. 2015).

82 The mineral and name (IMA2016-098) were approved by the Commission on New  
83 Minerals, Nomenclature and Classification (CNMNC) of the International Mineralogical  
84 Association (IMA). Type material was deposited in the mineralogical collection of the  
85 Fersman Mineralogical Museum, Moscow, Russia; catalogue numbers: 4957/1.

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#### 87 **METHODS OF INVESTIGATION**

88 Crystal morphology and chemical composition of stracherite and associated minerals  
89 were examined using an optical microscope, as well as a Philips XL30 and a Phenom XL  
90 analytical electron scanning microscopes (Faculty of Earth Sciences, University of Silesia,  
91 Poland). Chemical analyses of stracherite were performed with a CAMECA SX100  
92 microprobe (Institute of Geochemistry, Mineralogy and Petrology, University of Warsaw,  
93 Poland) at 15 kV and 10 nA using the following lines and standards: BaL $\alpha$ , SK $\alpha$  – baryte;  
94 PK $\alpha$  – fluorapatite; CaK $\alpha$  – wollastonite; SiK $\alpha$  – diopside; VK $\alpha$  – V<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>, AlK $\alpha$ , KK $\alpha$  –  
95 orthoclase; TiK $\alpha$  – rutile; NaK $\alpha$  – albite, SrL $\alpha$  – SrTiO<sub>3</sub>, FK $\alpha$  – fluorphlogopite.

96 The Raman spectrum of stracherite was recorded on a WITec alpha 300R confocal  
97 Raman microscope (Department of Earth Science, University of Silesia, Poland) equipped  
98 with an air-cooled solid laser 532 nm and a CCD camera operating at -61°C. The laser  
99 radiation was coupled to a microscope through a single-mode optical fibre with a diameter of  
100 3.5  $\mu$ m. An air Zeiss LD EC Epiplan-Neofluan DIC - 100/0.75NA objective was used. Raman

101 scattered light was focused on a broad band single mode fibre with an effective pinhole size  
102 of 30  $\mu\text{m}$ . A monochromator with a 600  $\text{mm}^{-1}$  grating was used. The power of the laser at the  
103 sample position was ca. 40 mW. Integration intervals of 10 s with accumulation of 15 scans  
104 and a resolution of 3  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  were chosen. The monochromator was calibrated using the Raman  
105 scattering line of a silicon plate (520.7  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ).

106           Diffraction experiments were performed using a single crystal of stracherite ( $\approx$   
107 87 $\times$ 50 $\times$ 30  $\mu\text{m}$ ) at the Beamline X06DA, Swiss Light Source, Paul Scherrer Institute, Villigen,  
108 Switzerland. Data were processed (incl. absorption correction) using the XDS software  
109 package (Kabsch 2010). The atomic coordinates of zadovite (Galuskin et al., 2015a) were  
110 used as a starting model. With subsequent analyses of difference-Fourier maps, the position of  
111  $(\text{CO}_3)^{2-}$  groups was located and the crystal structure was refined to  $R1 = 2.19\%$ . The  
112 refinements include anisotropic atom displacement parameters and have been carried out with  
113 neutral atom scattering factors, using the program SHELX97 (Sheldrick 2008).

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#### 115 **ORIGIN AND DESCRIPTION OF STRACHERITE**

116           Stracherite,  $\text{BaCa}_6(\text{SiO}_4)_2[(\text{PO}_4)(\text{CO}_3)]_2\text{F}$ , was found in spurrite pyrometamorphic  
117 rocks of the Hatrurim Complex in the Negev Desert (N31°13'58" E35°16'2") near Arad,  
118 Israel. Associated minerals are spurrite, calcite, brownmillerite, shulamitite,  $\text{CO}_3$ -bearing  
119 fluorapatite, fluormayenite-fluorkyuygenite, periclase, brucite, barytocalcite, baryte, garnets  
120 of elbrusite-kerimasite series, undiagnosed Ca-Fe and Rb-bearing K-Fe sulphides, the new  
121 mineral ariegilatite (Krüger et al. 2017a; Galuskin et al. 2018) and a potentially new mineral  
122  $\text{Ba}_2\text{Ca}_{18}(\text{SiO}_4)_6(\text{PO}_4)_3(\text{CO}_3)\text{F}_3\text{O}$  (Krüger et al. 2017b).

123           Stracherite is confined to altered spurrite rocks with abundance of small calcite veins.  
124 It was also observed in concentric formations, which we interpret as gaseous channels  
125 (microfumaroles) filled with fine-grained calcite-spurrite aggregates and plenty of Ca- and K-

126 Fe-sulfides (Fig. 1, zone I). Channel walls of this microfumaroles are formed by large spurrite  
127 poikilitic crystals (metacrysts) up to 1 cm in length (Fig. 1, zone II). For comparison, in  
128 unaltered spurrite marbles, spurrite grains usually do not exceed the size of 100  $\mu\text{m}$ .  
129 Nevertheless, rare and relatively large metacrysts of stracherite, up to 0.5 mm in size, are  
130 found at the boundary of zone I and II (Figs. 1, 2, 3A). Also, smaller grains of stracherite, less  
131 than 100  $\mu\text{m}$ , occur in fine-grained part of spurrite rock (III zone, Fig. 1).

132 Stracherite crystals are flattened on  $\{001\}$  and often exhibit a hexagonal shape in  
133 cross-sections perpendicular to  $c$  (Figs. 2A-C, 3A). Stracherite substitutes for  $\text{CO}_3$ -bearing  
134 fluorapatite (Fig. 3B). Occasionally, oriented overgrowths of stracherite on ariegilatite can be  
135 observed as well as substitutions of stracherite for ariegilatite (Fig. 3C). An induction surface  
136 of cooperative growth of stracherite with large spurrite metacrysts was recorded (Fig. 2D).

137 Stracherite is a colorless mineral with glassy luster and a white streak. It does not  
138 fluoresce. This mineral is optically uniaxial, positive:  $\omega = 1.635(2)$ ,  $\varepsilon = 1.659(2)$  ( $\lambda = 589$   
139 nm). The measured microhardness  $\text{VHN}_{50} = 510(12) \text{ kg}\cdot\text{mm}^{-2}$  (average of 15 measurements),  
140 range between 490 and 540  $\text{kg}\cdot\text{mm}^{-2}$ . Hence, Mohs hardness is about 5. Cleavage is imperfect  
141 on (001), and parting is not observed. Stracherite is brittle with irregular fractures. Abundance  
142 of tiny inclusions of spurrite, fluormayenite, calcite, brownmillerite etc. does not allow to  
143 select pure grains for density measurement. Consequently, the calculated density is 3.365  
144  $\text{g}\cdot\text{cm}^{-3}$ . Gladstone-Dale's compatibility factor  $[1 - (\text{Kp}/\text{Kc})]$  was calculated to -0.026  
145 (excellent), using the appropriate empirical formula (Mandarino 2007). Stracherite is  
146 homogeneous and its empirical formula is (Table 1, average of 22 measurements):  
147  $(\text{Ba}_{0.96}\text{K}_{0.02}\text{Na}_{0.01})_{\Sigma 0.99}\text{Ca}_{6.01}[(\text{SiO}_4)_{1.86}(\text{PO}_4)_{0.12}(\text{AlO}_4)_{0.01}(\text{TiO}_4)_{0.01}]_{\Sigma 2}[(\text{PO}_4)_{1.05}(\text{CO}_3)_{0.75}$   
148  $(\text{SO}_4)_{0.18}(\text{VO}_4)_{0.02}]_{\Sigma 2}(\text{F}_{0.95}\text{O}_{0.03})_{\Sigma 0.98}$ . About 38 % of the  $(\text{PO}_4)^{3-}$  tetrahedra in stracherite are  
149 substituted by planar  $(\text{CO}_3)^{2-}$  groups. This was confirmed by structural refinement and Raman

150 spectroscopy investigations (see below). Sulphur, which enters tetrahedral sites as  $(\text{SO}_4)^{2-}$   
151 anion groups, is a significant impurity ( $\text{SO}_3 \sim 2 \text{ wt.}\%$ ).

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### 153 **RAMAN SPECTROSCOPY**

154 Unpolarised Raman spectra of stracherite and  $\text{CO}_3$ -bearing fluorapatite were obtained  
155 from the same grain, which was used to determine the chemical composition (Table 1). The  
156 experimental spectra with the results of peak fitting in the region  $80\text{-}1500 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  are presented  
157 in Fig. 4. The main bands of stracherite are related to vibrations of  $(\text{CO}_3)^{2-}$ ,  $(\text{PO}_4)^{3-}$ , and  
158  $(\text{SiO}_4)^{4-}$  groups analogous to  $\text{CO}_3$ -bearing apatite and hydroxyllestadite (Penel et al. 1998;  
159 Comodi and Liu 2000; Banno et al. 2016). The main bands in the spectrum of stracherite are  
160 (Fig. 4A,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ):  $1408 \nu_3(\text{CO}_3)^{2-}$ ;  $1069 \nu_1(\text{CO}_3)^{2-}$ ;  $1036 \nu_3(\text{PO}_4)^{3-}$ ;  $995 \nu_1(\text{SO}_4)^{2-}$ ;  $952 \nu_1(\text{PO}_4)^{3-}$   
161 ;  $858 \nu_1(\text{SiO}_4)^{4-}$ ;  $704 \nu_4(\text{CO}_3)^{2-}$ ;  $623 \nu_4(\text{SO}_4)^{2-}$ ;  $584$  and  $555 \nu_4(\text{PO}_4)^{3-}$ ;  $518 \nu_4(\text{SiO}_4)^{4-}$ ;  $431$   
162  $\nu_2(\text{PO}_4)^{3-}$ ;  $399 \nu_2(\text{SiO}_4)^{4-}$ ;  $335$ ,  $307$ ,  $225$ ,  $210$ ,  $114$  (lattice modes, Ca-O, Ba-O vibrations).

163 The main bands in the spectrum of  $\text{CO}_3$ -bearing apatite, which is substituted by stracherite,  
164 are also connected with vibrations of  $(\text{PO}_4)^{3-}$ ,  $(\text{CO}_3)^{2-}$ , and  $(\text{SiO}_4)^{4-}$  ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ , Fig. 4B):  $1072 \text{ cm}^{-1}$   
165  $\nu_1(\text{CO}_3)^{2-}$ ;  $962 \nu_1(\text{PO}_4)^{3-}$ ;  $859 \nu_1(\text{SiO}_4)^{4-}$ ;  $586 \nu_4(\text{PO}_4)^{3-}$ ;  $428 \nu_2(\text{PO}_4)^{3-}$ . The band caused by  
166 stretching vibration of the  $(\text{CO}_3)^{2-}$  group is located nearly at the same Raman shift in  
167 stracherite and  $\text{CO}_3$ -bearing apatite ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ , Fig. 4):  $1069$  and  $1072 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ , respectively. In the  
168 spectrum of stracherite containing  $\sim 4.4 \text{ wt.}\%$   $\text{CO}_2$  a band from bending vibrations of the  $\text{CO}_3$   
169 group is well displayed at  $704 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ , which is not exhibited in the spectrum of  $\text{CO}_3$ -bearing  
170 apatite with  $\approx 3 \text{ wt.}\%$   $\text{CO}_2$ .

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### 172 **STRACHERITE STRUCTURE**

173 The crystal structure of stracherite was refined from diffraction data collected from a  
174 fragment of the crystal shown in Fig. 2A. The composition of the same grain was also

175 investigated (Table 1). Experimental data and the results of the structure refinement are given  
176 in the supplementary information (Table S1-S3) and can also be found within the CIF.

177 Stracherite belongs to the zadovite group with the general crystal chemical formula  
178  $AB_6(TO_4)_2[(TO_4)_{2-x}(CO_3)_x]W$  and  $x \approx 0$  (zadovite, aradite, gazeevite) and  $\approx 1$  (stracherite)  
179 (Galuskin et al. 2015a, 2017; Galuskina et al. 2018). The ideal modular structure type of  
180 zadovite is formed by intercalating antiperovskite layers  $\{[WB_6](TO_4)_2\}^{e+}$  with  $A(TO_4)_2^{e-}$   
181 layers (Fig. 5).

182 The single antiperovskite layer shows F1Ca6 anion-centered coordination polyhedra.  
183 Using a cation-centered approach, F1 is sandwiched between two layers of seven-fold Ca  
184 coordination polyhedra. The Ca polyhedra form face-sharing triplets with the common edge  
185 F1-O1. The atom F1 connects two of these triplets (one of each layers), which are related by a  
186 three-fold roto inversion ( $\bar{3}$ ) (Fig. 6).

187 The same kind of the layers composed of (Ca,Na)-triplets,  $[(Ca,Na)_3O_{11-14}]$ , with  
188 octahedral structural cages occupied by anions, were described earlier for a number of  
189 minerals exhibiting elements of hexagonal antiperovskite structure (Sokolova et al. 1999,  
190 2005; Sokolova and Hawthorne 2001; Krivovichev 2008).

191 In stracherite, antiperovskite modules  $\{FCa_6(SiO_4)_2\}^{3+}$  intercalate with  
192  $\{Ba(PO_4)(CO_3)\}^{3-}$  layers. In addition to atom positions of the zadovite structure, the position  
193 of C atoms in stracherite was located from difference-Fourier maps, 0.3 Å from the center of  
194 the  $T_2O_4$  tetrahedra and the 3-fold axis (Fig. 7A, B). Therefore,  $(CO_3)^{2-}$  triangles are  
195 statistically distributed over three equivalent positions, parallel to three faces of the tetrahedra  
196 (Fig. 7B). In the  $T_2O_4$  tetrahedra, the T2-atom has one bond to the apical oxygen O4 and  
197 three bonds to the O3 atoms in the base. In the planar  $(CO_3)^{2-}$  group, carbon is bonded to O4  
198 and to two of the three O3 atoms at the base of the substituted tetrahedra (Fig. 7B). Therefore,  
199 substitution of a  $(PO_4)^{3-}$  tetrahedron by a  $(CO_3)^{2-}$  group, results in formation of vacancies at



200 the O3 sites (Fig. 7B), which is evident from the refinement results (reduced site occupancy of  
201 O3, Table 3). The O4 position does not show any reduced occupancy, which excludes the  
202 location of the  $(\text{CO}_3)^{2-}$  group at the base of the replaced tetrahedra.

203 The 40%-substitution of  $\text{CO}_3$  groups for  $\text{PO}_4$  tetrahedra results in cation and anion  
204 disorder. The occupancy of the O3 site decreases from 100 to 87 % and hence the Ba atom is  
205 coordinated by 5.22 oxygen atoms (instead of 6) on the O3 site. To compensate for decrease  
206 in bond-valence contribution from anions at the O3 site, the O2 site splits into two subsites:  
207 O2 and O2A (Fig. 7A, C). The bond-lengths Ba-O2 and Ba-O2A are 3.444(7) and 3.032(8) Å  
208 (Table 2). The shorter bond-length Ba-O2A increases the bond-valence sum of the Ba atom  
209 by 0.08 v.u. (valence units) (Table 2). That exactly compensates the decreased contribution  
210 from O atoms on the O3 site (Table 2). In fact, the site occupancy of the O2A site corresponds  
211 to the occupancy of the C site.

212 This kind of occupational and positional disorder in  $\text{T}_2\text{O}_4/\text{CO}_3$  is responsible for the  
213 unusual bond distances observed in the tetrahedra ( $\text{T}_2\text{-O}_3=1.472(3)$  Å and  $\text{T}_2\text{-O}_4=1.500(4)$   
214 Å), as well as in the  $(\text{CO}_3)^{2-}$  group ( $\text{C}_1\text{-O}_3=1.37(5)$  and  $\text{C}_1\text{-O}_4=1.44(2)$  Å, Table 2). These  
215 distances represent values somewhat intermediate between the expected tetrahedral P-O  
216 ( $\approx 1.53$  Å) and planar C-O ( $\approx 1.28$  Å) distances (Shannon 1976). This can be observed in the O-  
217 O distances too. In a typical planar  $(\text{CO}_3)^{2-}$  group (calcite, aragonite) the triangular O-O  
218 distance is 2.23 Å (Graf 1961), whereas in a  $(\text{PO}_4)^{3-}$  tetrahedron the O-O distance is 2.50 Å  
219 (Hughes et al. 1989). In stracherite the O3-O3 distance is 2.38 Å and thus intermediate  
220 between  $(\text{CO}_3)^{2-}$  and  $(\text{PO}_4)^{3-}$ . Disordered substitution of about 40 % of the  $(\text{PO}_4)^{3-}$ -tetrahedra  
221 by planar  $(\text{CO}_3)^{2-}$  groups causes a significant deviation of the stracherite structure from the  
222 “ideal” zadovite structure.

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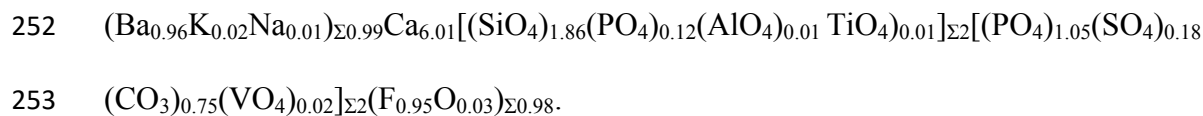
224 **DISCUSSION**

225 Stracherite,  $\text{BaCa}_6(\text{SiO}_4)_2[(\text{PO}_4)(\text{CO}_3)]_2\text{F}$ , is the first intercalated hexagonal  
226 antiperovskite containing carbonate groups.  $(\text{CO}_3)^{2-}$  groups substitute for  $(\text{PO}_4)^{3-}$  according to  
227 the mechanism known in  $\text{CO}_3$ -bearing apatite of the B-type, where  $(\text{CO}_3)^{2-}$  group is randomly  
228 located sub-parallel to one of the faces of a  $(\text{PO}_4)^{3-}$  tetrahedron (Borneman-Starinkevitch and  
229 Belov 1953; Ivanova et al. 2001; Fleet and Liu 2004). In stracherite about 40% of  $(\text{PO}_4)^{3-}$   
230 tetrahedra are substituted by  $(\text{CO}_3)^{2-}$  groups. Theoretically, substitution of  $(\text{PO}_4)^{3-}$  by  $(\text{CO}_3)^{2-}$   
231 causes the appearance of two vacancies among six sites of O3 coordinating Ba1 and the shift  
232 of six O2 oxygens (two O2-O2-O2 triangles) to O2A positions (Fig. 7A, C). Occupation of  
233 ca. 0.87 for O3 (Table S2, Supplementary information) gives 5.22 atoms on six O3 sites.  
234 Therefore, 0.78 sites of six O3 are not occupied, half of this ( $0.78/2 = 0.39$ ) corresponds to  
235 vacancies at T2 (occupation 0.396) and occupation of C1 is  $3 \times 0.132 = 0.396$  and O2A =  
236 0.443 (Table S2, Supplementary information).

237 The substitution of  $(\text{CO}_3)^{2-}$  for  $(\text{PO}_4)^{3-}$  groups affects the coordination of the O4 atom.  
238 The O4 atom exhibits a bond valence sum (BVS) of 2.27, when it is coordinated by T2 and  
239 three Ca1 (Table 2). This coordination is changed to one carbon and three Ca-atoms, when a  
240  $(\text{CO}_3)^{2-}$  group is present. A part of the Ca-atoms (19%) is shifted from Ca1 to the Ca1A site  
241 (Fig. 7A). Therefore, O4 is either coordinated by one Ca1A and two Ca1 (BVS 2.25) or by  
242 one C and three Ca1 resulting in a BVS of 1.95 (Table 2).

243 The sum formula resulting from the final structure refinement is  
244  $\text{BaCa}_6(\text{SiO}_4)_2[(\text{PO}_4)_{1.21}(\text{CO}_3)_{0.79}]_{\Sigma 2}\text{F}$ , however the formula is not charge neutral (-0.21  
245 electrons). In stracherite, besides Si, a slight amount of phosphorus is located on site T1, and  
246 besides P, S enters in T2. There are two alternative ways to obtain a charge-balanced formula,  
247 depending on whether sulfur is present or not:  $\text{BaCa}_6[(\text{SiO}_4)_{1.79}(\text{PO}_4)_{0.21}][(\text{PO}_4)_{1.21}$   
248  $(\text{CO}_3)_{0.79}]_{\Sigma 2}\text{F}$  and  $\text{BaCa}_6(\text{SiO}_4)_2[(\text{PO}_4)_{1.00}(\text{SO}_4)_{0.21}(\text{CO}_3)_{0.79}]_{\Sigma 2}\text{F}$ . Both variants lead to the  
249 idealized formula of the stracherite end-member -  $\text{BaCa}_6(\text{SiO}_4)_2[(\text{PO}_4)(\text{CO}_3)]\text{F}$ .

250 To obtain a charge-balanced empirical formula from the electron microprobe results, a  
251 slightly lower  $(\text{CO}_3)^{2-}$  content is needed in comparison to the structure refinement:



254 Stracherite is a relatively stable mineral. Our observations show that it does not alter in  
255 low-temperature processes, whereas associated spurrite is completely substituted by  
256 secondary hydrosilicates and calcite. The formation of large ariegilatite and stracherite  
257 crystals (up to 0.5 mm), is related to high-temperature alterations of primary spurrite marbles  
258 under the influences of by-products (gases, fluids) of combustion metamorphism generated in  
259 different burning foci. Gases penetrate into earlier formed high-temperature rocks through  
260 cracks or linear channels (microfumaroles; Fig. 1), that lead to re-crystallization of primary  
261 clinker minerals. The re-crystallization products include large spurrite and calcite metacrystals  
262 (up to 1 cm) and phosphorus-bearing layered antiperovskites. The largest stracherite crystals  
263 were found in walls of „fumaroles” in association with compositionally exotic sulfides.  
264 Gaseous phases were also involved in their formation (Figs. 2, 3A). Until now, stracherite was  
265 only found in recrystallized spurrite marbles at one single outcrop at the Hatrurim Basin,  
266 Negev Desert.

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## 268 GENETIC IMPLICATION

269 In pyrometamorphic rocks of the Hatrurim Complex, intercalated hexagonal  
270 antiperovskites are presented by minerals of the zadovite and the nabimusaite group. Minerals  
271 of both groups differ in origin. Zadovite,  $\text{BaCa}_6[(\text{SiO}_4)(\text{PO}_4)](\text{PO}_4)_2\text{F}$ , and aradite,  
272  $\text{BaCa}_6[(\text{SiO}_4)(\text{VO}_4)](\text{VO}_4)_2\text{F}$ , form a solid solution and crystallize in paralavas confined to  
273 gehlenite-larnite (flamite) hornfelses (Galuskin et al. 2015b). Gazeevite,  
274  $\text{BaCa}_6(\text{SiO}_4)_2(\text{SO}_4)_2\text{O}$ , and minerals of the nabimusaite group: nabimusaite,

275  $\text{KCa}_{12}(\text{SiO}_4)_4(\text{SO}_4)_2\text{O}_2\text{F}$ , dargaite,  $\text{BaCa}_{12}(\text{SiO}_4)_4(\text{SO}_4)_2\text{O}_3$  and ariegilatite,  
276  $\text{BaCa}_{12}(\text{SiO}_4)_4(\text{PO}_4)_2\text{OF}_2$ , form in larnite marbles. Their genesis is a result of reactions of  
277 minerals of early clinker association, such as fluorellestadite-fluorapatite, larnite and  
278 oldhamite, with by-products of pyrometamorphism (Galuskin et al. 2015b, 2017, 2018;  
279 Galuskina et al. 2018). Ariegilatite is the only phase, that was found in larnite as well as in  
280 spurrite rocks. All intercalated hexagonal antiperovskites are found in numerous outcrops of  
281 pyrometamorphic rocks in the territories of Israel, Palestine and Jordan (Galuskin et al.,  
282 2015a,b; 2017, 2018; Galuskina et al., 2018). Stracherite,  $\text{BaCa}_6(\text{SiO}_4)_2[(\text{PO}_4)(\text{CO}_3)]\text{F}$ , is an  
283 exception, because it was found in spurrite marble in association with ariegilatite at the single  
284 outcrop in the Hatrurim Basin, Negev Desert, Israel. As discussed, the formation of stracherite  
285 and ariegilatite is related to reactions of by-products of combustion metamorphism with early  
286 minerals of clinker association, mainly with  $\text{CO}_3$ -bearing fluorapatite. The genesis of all  
287 intercalated hexagonal antiperovskites is not connected with the main pyrometamorphic event  
288 of the Hatrurim Complex rock formation. The main stage of rock genesis resulted in very high  
289 temperature water-free mineral association resembling natural ceramics and close in mineral  
290 content to cement clinkers forming after sedimentary protolith. Pyrometamorphic process,  
291 during which rocks of the Hatrurim Complex were formed, was relatively extended with  
292 numerous burning foci, which generated different by-products – melts, fluids and gases.  
293 Heterogeneous sedimentary protolith defines formation of not only main types of  
294 pyrometamorphic rocks (spurrite and larnite marbles, gehlenite hornfelses), but also  
295 determines the character of succeeding alterations. Just so, paralavas with minerals of the  
296 zadovite-aradite series crystallized from partial melts generated at gehlenite hornfels unit  
297 (Galuskin et al. 2015a). In larnite-bearing marble primary fluorellestadite was substituted by  
298  $(\text{SO}_4)^{2-}$ -bearing hexagonal antiperovskites: nabimusiate, dargaite and gazeevite (Galuskin et  
299 al. 2015b, 2017; Galuskina et al. 2018). In spurrite-bearing marble  $\text{CO}_3$ -bearing apatite was

300 precursor for  $(\text{PO}_4)^{3-}$ -bearing antiperovskite formation: ariegilatite and stracherite (Fig. 3C).  
301 That way, pyrometamorphic reactions of by-products with early formed minerals induced an  
302 increasing diversity of high-temperature minerals in the Hatrurim Complex.

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423 **Figure captions:**

424 Figure 1. Rare example of a gaseous channel (microfumarole) filled with a fine-grained  
425 spurrite and calcite with accessory shulamitite and unidentified Ca- and K- Fe-sulfides (zone  
426 I), with large spurrite metacrysts, up to 1 cm in size, forming the walls of the channel (zone  
427 II). Zone III is represented by fine-grained spurrite rock with abundance of brownmillerite.  
428 Large stracherite metacrysts have grown in a grey intermediate area between zones I and II.

429 Figure 2. A-C – one of the biggest stracherite metacrysts, its fragments were used for  
430 structural and optical investigations: A – BSE image; B, C – transmitted light: B – parallel  
431 nicols, C – crossed nicols; D – intergrowth of stracherite and spurrite indicating their  
432 simultaneous growth. Yellow arrows show idiomorphic surface, and red arrows – induction  
433 surface of cooperative growth of stracherite and spurrite.

434 Str = stracherite, Spu = spurrite, Shl = shulamitite, Fmn = fluormayenite-fluorkyuygenite, Cal  
435 = calcite, Cfs = undiagnosed Ca-Fe sulphide.

436 Figure 3. A – stracherite metacrysts in spurrite rock, associated with large spurrite crystals at  
437 the left bottom corner in the image, cross-section of stracherite sub-perpendicular to  $c$ ; B –  
438 partial substitution of stracherite for  $\text{CO}_3$ -bearing fluorapatite; C – stracherite grows on  
439 ariegilatite and partially substitutes for it.

440 Ap = fluorapatite; Arg = ariegilatite; Cal = calcite; Cfs = undiagnosed Ca-Fe sulphide; Kfs =  
441 undiagnosed K-Fe sulphide in composition close to  $\text{KFeS}_2$ ; Fmn = fluormayenite-  
442 fluorkyuygenite, Hsi = undiagnosed hydrosilicates, Shl = shulamitite, Spu = spurrite, Str =  
443 stracherite.

444 Figure 4. Raman spectra of stracherite (A) and  $\text{CO}_3$ -bearing fluorapatite (B) with fitted bands.

445 Figure 5. A - ideal structure of stracherite,  $\text{BaCa}_6(\text{SiO}_4)_2[(\text{PO}_4)(\text{CO}_3)]\text{F}$ , is easiest  
446 described as a 1:1 stacking of the two modules (B)  $\{(\text{FCa}_6)(\text{SiO}_4)_2\}^{3+}$  and (C)  
447  $\{\text{Ba}(\text{PO}_4)(\text{CO}_3)\}^{3-}$  along [001] ( $\text{CO}_3$  groups are not shown). Module (B) consists of F1

448 octahedra (green) which are coordinated by 6 Ca atoms (yellow spheres) and (SiO<sub>4</sub>) tetrahedra  
449 filling the gaps (red T1 tetrahedra). Module (C) is characterized by PO<sub>4</sub>-tetrahedra (blue)  
450 connected to sixfold coordinated Ba (purple translucent octahedra).

451 Figure 6. A - ideal antiperovskite module in zadovite-type structure is composed of two layers  
452 formed by Ca-triplets Ca<sub>3</sub>O<sub>14</sub> (yellow), with Si-tetrahedra (red) located in the gaps; B - triplets  
453 are rotated relative to each other by 60 degrees; C – the octahedral sites between the triplets  
454 are occupied by F/O (green octahedra).

455 Figure 7. A - A fragment of the stracherite structure, BaCa<sub>6</sub>(SiO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>[(PO<sub>4</sub>)(CO<sub>3</sub>)]F, showing  
456 the split Ca1 and O2 sites and also the T2/C1 sites; B - CO<sub>3</sub> groups, which replace ≈40 %  
457 with PO<sub>4</sub> tetrahedra, take positions on three faces of the tetrahedra always including the apical  
458 O4 atom (on the left); carbon occupies one of three symmetric sites centering the O3-O3-O4  
459 triangle, with the opposite O3 site vacant (dashed, on the right); C - oxygen sites surrounding  
460 the Ba site: sixfold coordination of Ba in C free domains (on the left); tenfold coordination of  
461 Ba in the case of appearing of two vacancies at O3 sites (on the right) in C-bearing domains.  
462 Color coding as in Figure 5. O2, O2A and O3 (light grey) are oxygen sites with incomplete  
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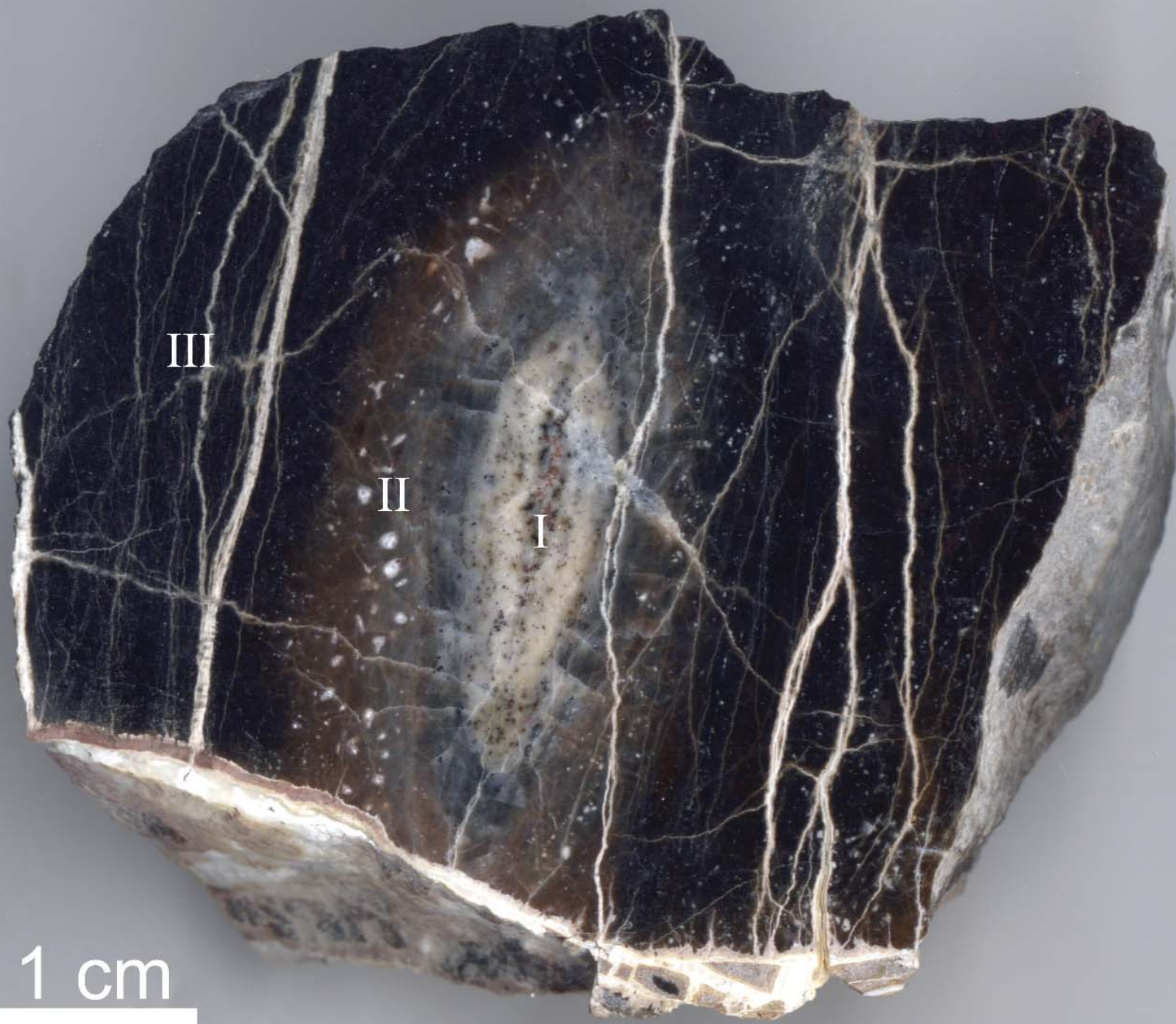


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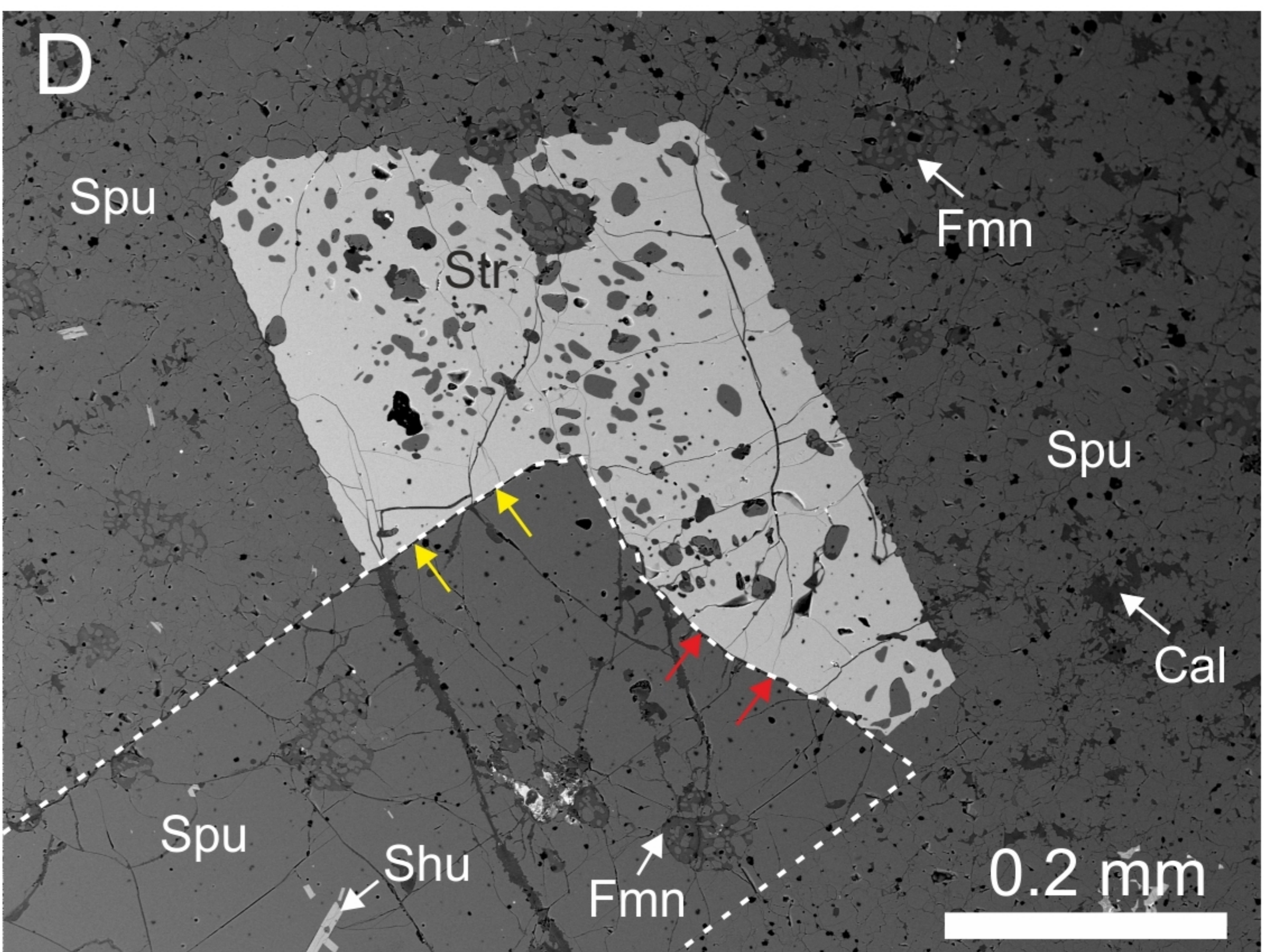
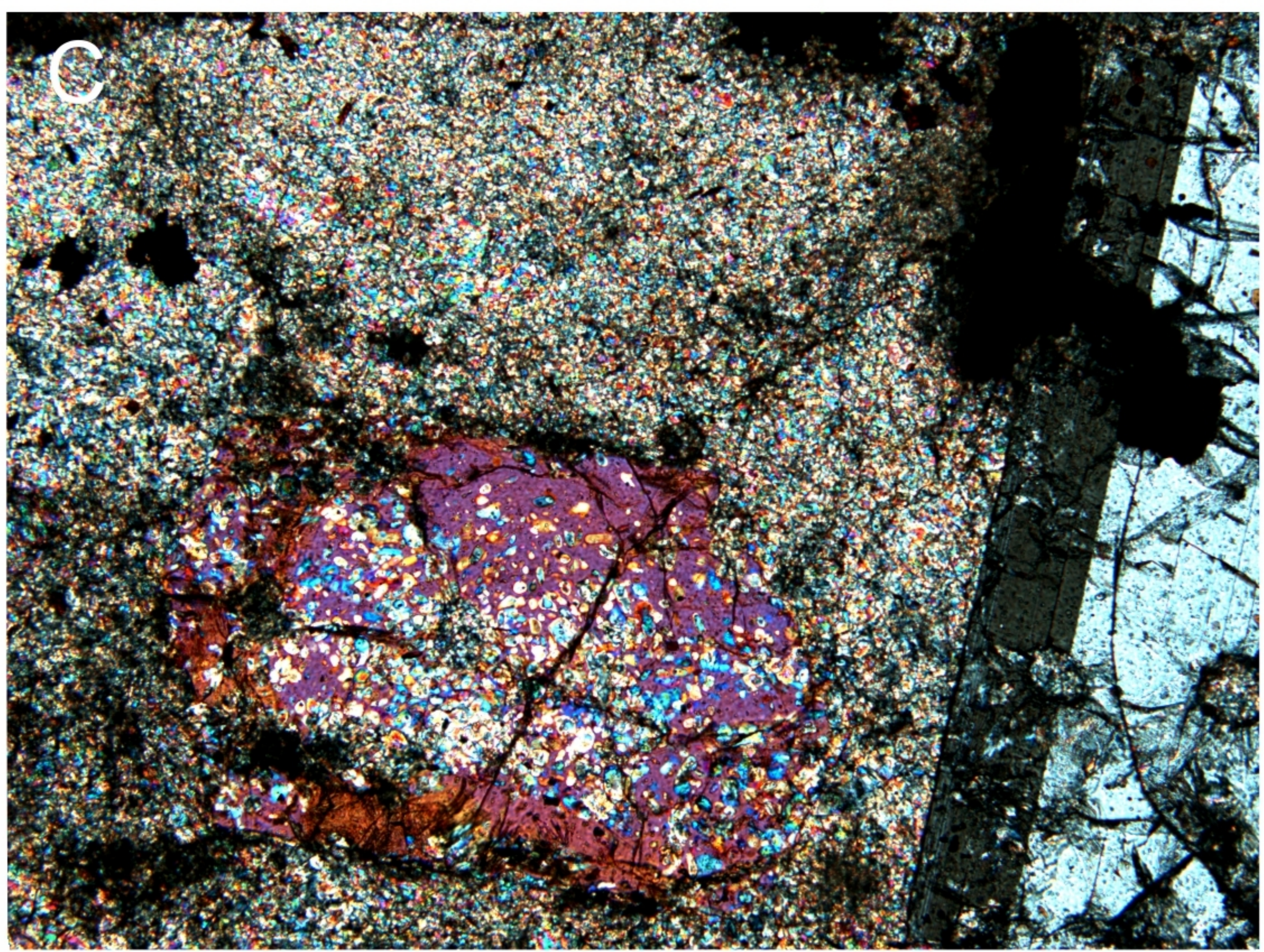
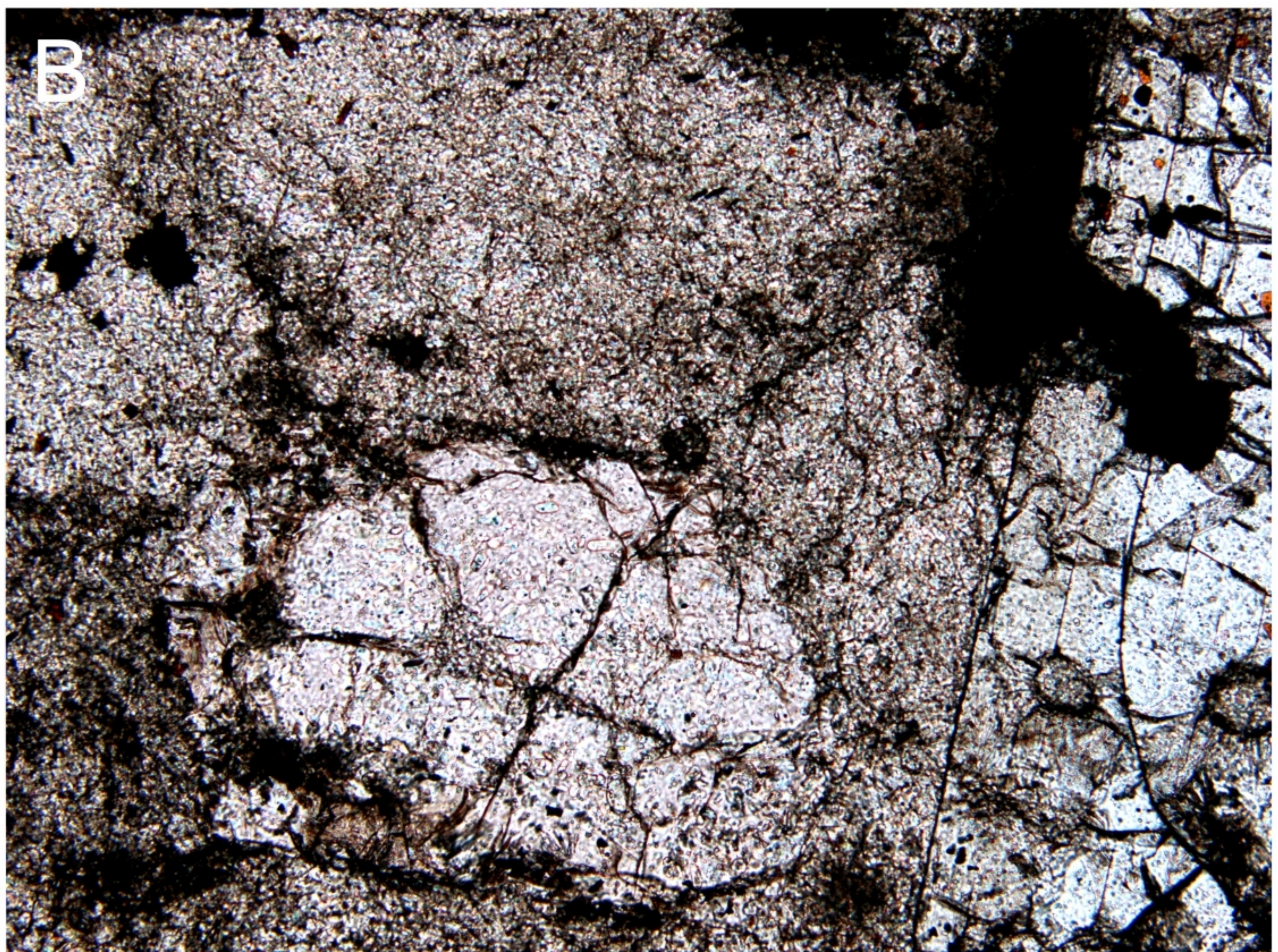
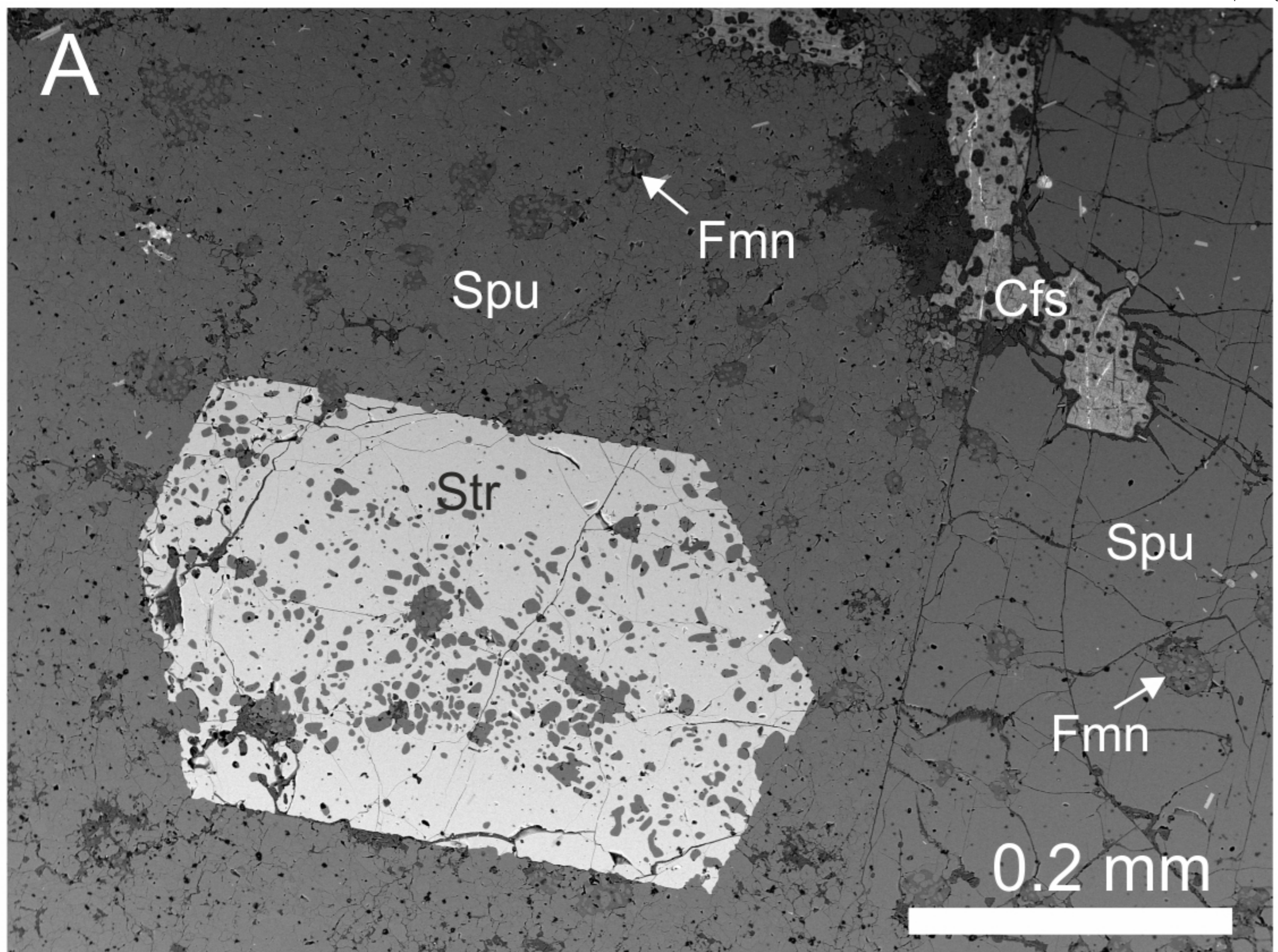
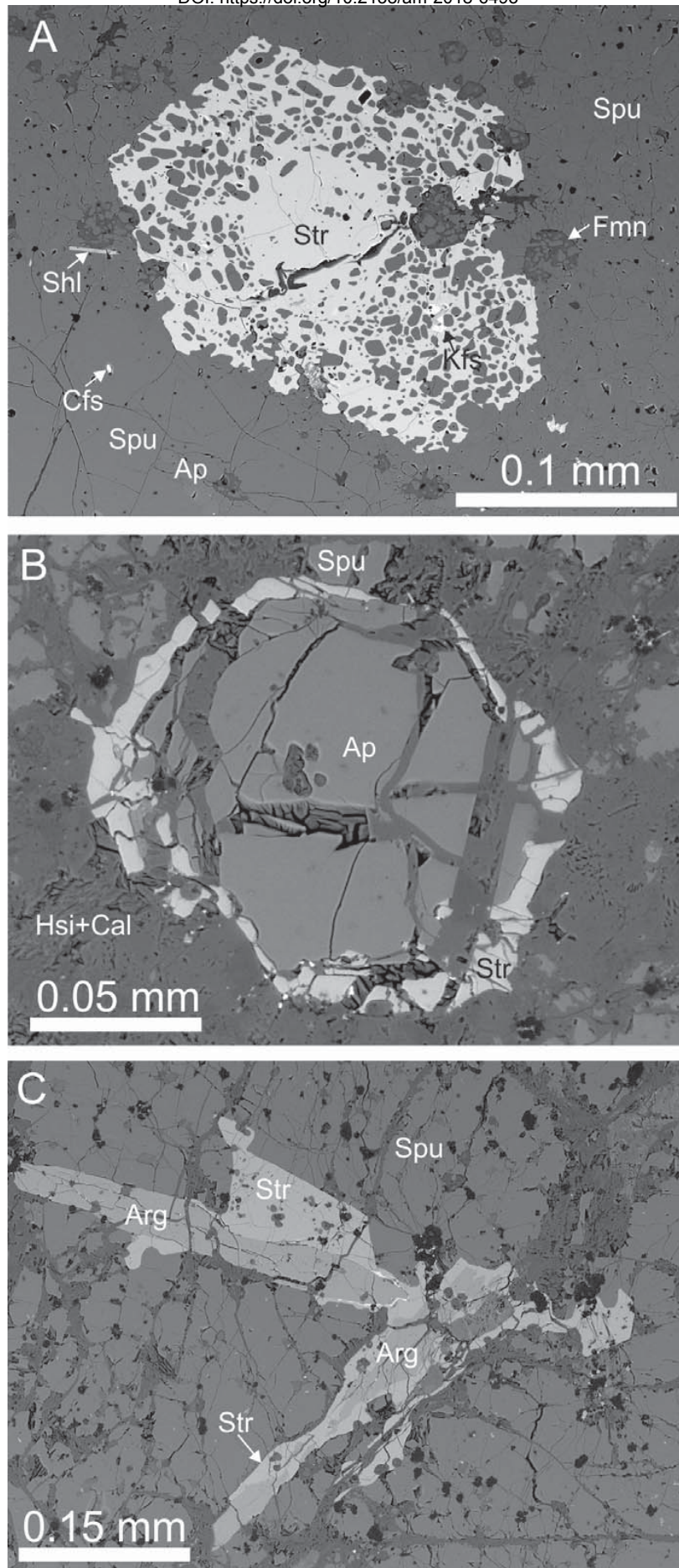


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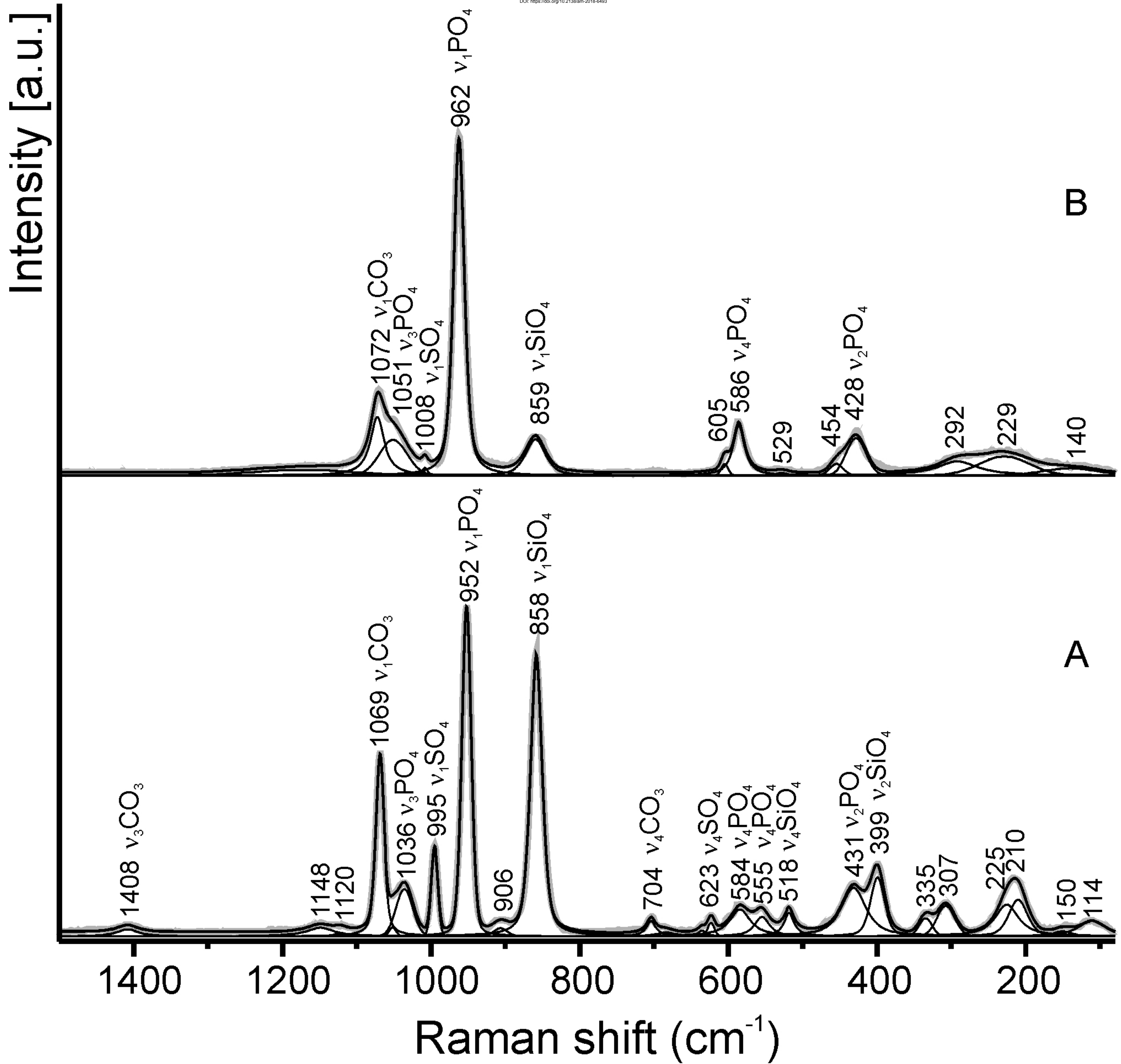


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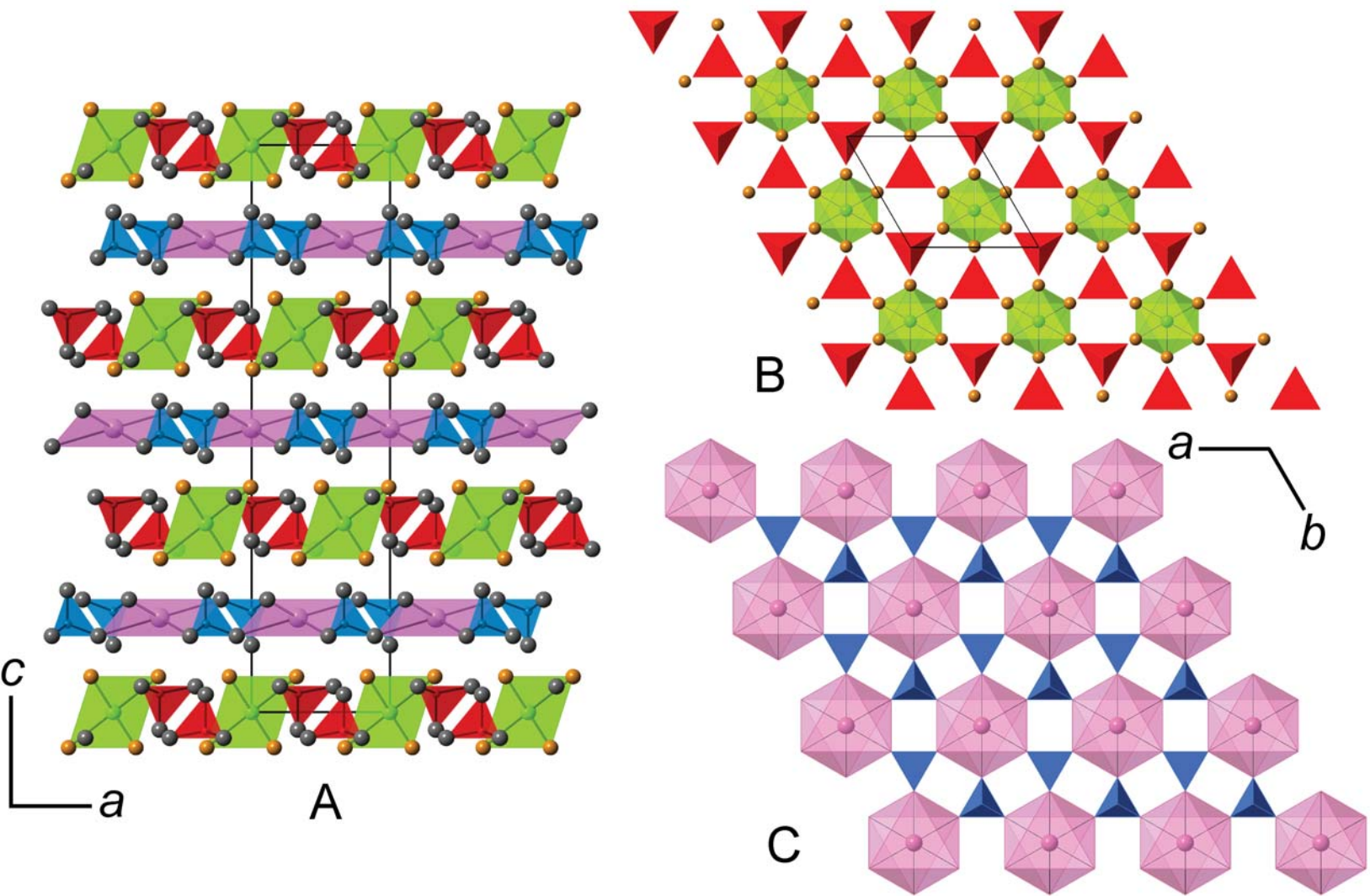


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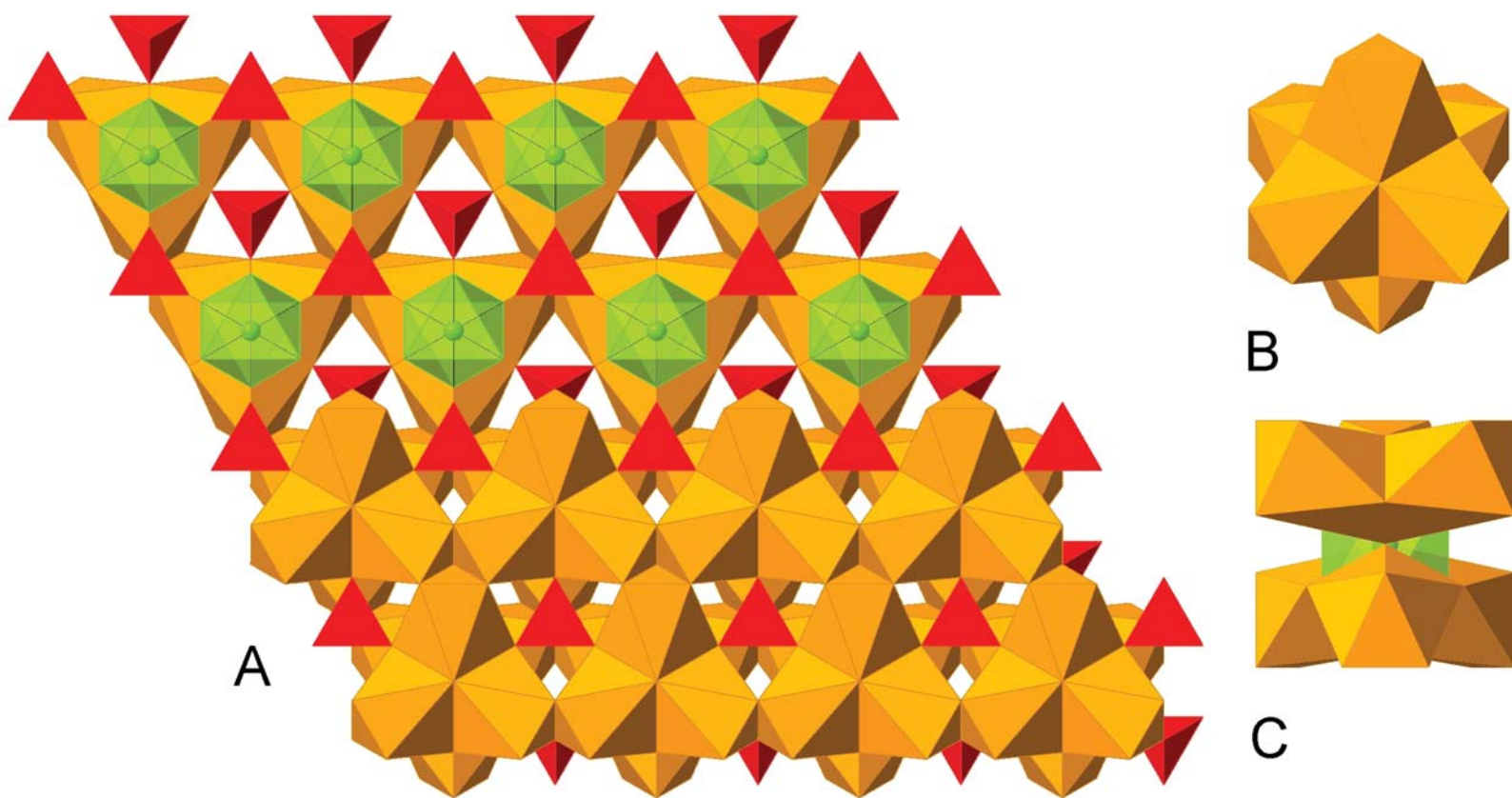


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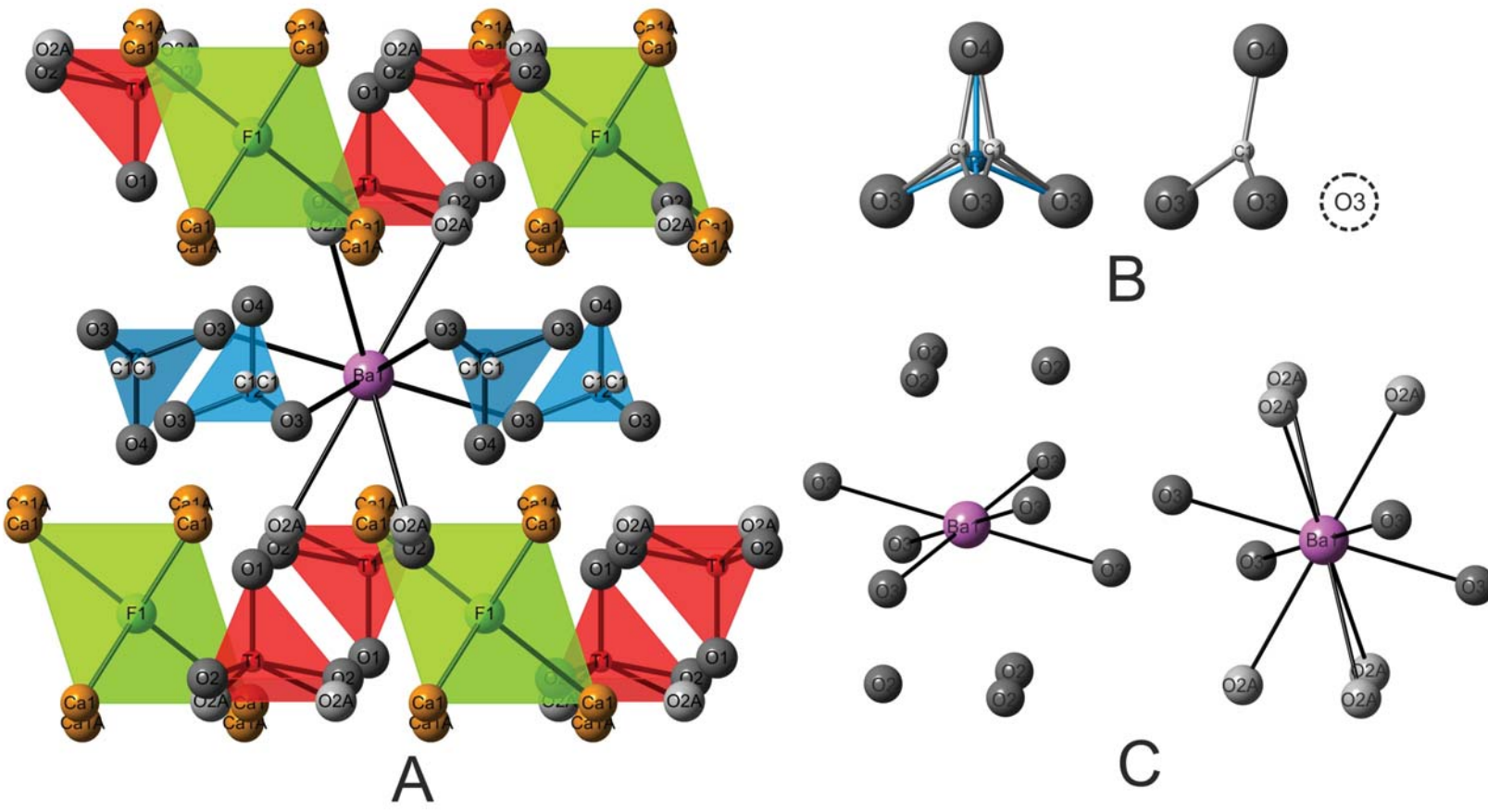


Figure 7

Table 1. Chemical composition of stracherite and associated CO<sub>3</sub>-bearing fluorapatite, wt.%.

|                                | stracherite       |      |             | fluorapatite      |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|------|-------------|-------------------|
|                                | mean 22           | s.d. | Range       | mean 2            |
| SO <sub>3</sub>                | 1.94              | 0.09 | 1.79-2.10   | n.d.              |
| P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>  | 11.24             | 0.25 | 10.71-11.69 | 33.78             |
| V <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>  | 0.18              | 0.07 | 0-0.31      | n.d.              |
| SiO <sub>2</sub>               | 15.11             | 0.12 | 14.92-15.36 | 3.73              |
| TiO <sub>2</sub>               | 0.09              | 0.02 | 0.05-0.13   | n.d.              |
| Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> | 0.09              | 0.02 | 0.04-0.12   | 0.16              |
| CaO                            | 45.49             | 0.14 | 45.22-45.73 | 56.44             |
| BaO                            | 19.85             | 0.23 | 19.19-20.20 | n.d.              |
| SrO                            | n.d.              |      |             | 0.20              |
| Na <sub>2</sub> O              | 0.05              | 0.02 | 0.03-0.11   | 0.08              |
| K <sub>2</sub> O               | 0.11              | 0.01 | 0.09-0.14   | 0.17              |
| F                              | 2.44              | 0.10 | 2.20-2.63   | 3.23              |
| CO <sub>2</sub> *              | 4.44              |      |             | 2.97              |
| H <sub>2</sub> O*              |                   |      |             | 0.23              |
| -O=F                           | 1.03              |      |             | 1.36              |
|                                | 100.00            |      |             | 99.63             |
| Ba                             | 0.96 <sup>1</sup> |      |             |                   |
| Sr                             |                   |      |             | 0.01 <sup>2</sup> |
| K                              | 0.02              |      |             | 0.02              |
| Na                             | 0.01              |      |             | 0.01              |
| Ca                             | 6.01              |      |             | 4.96              |
| <i>A(+B)</i>                   | 7.00              |      |             | 5.00              |
| SiO <sub>4</sub> <sup>4-</sup> | 1.86              |      |             | 0.31              |
| TiO <sub>4</sub> <sup>4-</sup> | 0.01              |      |             |                   |
| AlO <sub>4</sub> <sup>5-</sup> | 0.01              |      |             | 0.01              |
| PO <sub>4</sub> <sup>3-</sup>  | 1.17              |      |             | 2.35              |
| SO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup>  | 0.18              |      |             |                   |
| VO <sub>4</sub> <sup>3-</sup>  | 0.02              |      |             |                   |
| CO <sub>3</sub> <sup>2-</sup>  | 0.75              |      |             | 0.33              |
| <i>T</i>                       | 4.00              |      |             | 3.00              |
| F <sup>-</sup>                 | 0.95              |      |             | 0.84              |
| O <sup>2-</sup>                | 0.03              |      |             |                   |
| OH                             |                   |      |             | 0.13              |
| <i>W</i>                       | 0.98              |      |             | 0.97              |

\* - calculated on charge balance; <sup>1</sup> – normalised on 7 (Ba+K+Na+Ca),  
<sup>2</sup>- normalised on 5(Ca+Sr+K+Na); n.d. – not detected

Table 2. Selected interatomic distances (Å) and calculated BVS (Bond Valence Sum; Brown and Altermatt 1985) for stracherite.

| Atom             | -atom   | distance      | Atom            | -atom   | distance     |
|------------------|---------|---------------|-----------------|---------|--------------|
| Ba1 <sup>1</sup> | O3      | 2.835(2) × 6  | O1 <sup>2</sup> | Ca1A    | 2.471(9) × 3 |
|                  | O2      | 3.444(7) × 6  |                 | T1      | 1.623(3)     |
| BVS              | 1.67(1) |               | BVS             | 2.41(2) |              |
| Ba1 <sup>2</sup> | O3      | 2.835(2) × 4  | O2 <sup>1</sup> | Ba1     | 3.444(7)     |
|                  | O2A     | 3.032(8) × 6  |                 | Ca1     | 2.330(5) × 2 |
| BVS              | 1.75(2) |               |                 | Ca1     | 2.770(8)     |
| Ca1              | O1      | 2.244(3)      |                 | T1      | 1.620(5)     |
|                  | O2      | 2.330(5) × 2  | BVS             | 1.97(2) |              |
|                  | O4      | 2.438(3)      | O2 <sup>2</sup> | Ba1     | 3.444(7)     |
|                  | F1      | 2.543(2)      |                 | Ca1A    | 2.395(7) × 2 |
|                  | O3      | 2.589(3) × 2  |                 | T1      | 1.621(7)     |
|                  | O2      | 2.770(8)      | BVS             | 1.73(2) |              |
| BVS              | 2.20(2) |               | O3 <sup>1</sup> | Ba1     | 2.835(2)     |
| Ca1A             | O4      | 2.175(10)     |                 | Ca1     | 2.589(3) × 2 |
|                  | O2A     | 2.380(8) × 2  |                 | T2      | 1.472(2)     |
|                  | O3      | 2.409(7) × 2  | BVS             | 2.13(1) |              |
|                  | O1      | 2.471(9)      | O3 <sup>2</sup> | Ba1     | 2.834(2)     |
|                  | F1      | 2.713(8)      |                 | Ca1A    | 2.409(7) × 2 |
| BVS              | 2.25(2) |               |                 | C1      | 1.44(2)      |
| T1 <sup>1</sup>  | O2      | 1.621(7) × 3  | BVS             | 1.73(1) |              |
|                  | O1      | 1.623(3)      | O4 <sup>1</sup> | Ca1     | 2.438(3) × 3 |
| BVS              | 4.15(2) |               |                 | T2      | 1.500(4)     |
| T1 <sup>2</sup>  | O2A     | 1.628(10) × 3 | BVS             | 2.27(2) |              |
|                  | O1      | 1.623(3)      | O4 <sup>2</sup> | Ca1     | 2.438(3) × 3 |
| BVS              | 4.07(3) |               |                 | C1      | 1.37(4)      |
| T2               | O3      | 1.472(2) × 3  | BVS             | 1.95(2) |              |
|                  | O4      | 1.500(4)      | O4 <sup>3</sup> | Ca1A    | 2.175(10)    |
| BVS              | 5.97(2) |               |                 | Ca1     | 2.438(3) × 2 |
| C1               | O3      | 1.44(2) × 2   |                 | C1      | 1.37(4)      |
|                  | O4      | 1.37(4)       | BVS             | 2.25(2) |              |
| BVS              | 2.92(1) |               | F1 <sup>1</sup> | Ca1     | 2.543(2) × 6 |
| O1 <sup>1</sup>  | Ca1     | 2.244(3) × 3  | BVS             | 0.93(1) |              |
|                  | T1      | 1.623(3)      | F1 <sup>2</sup> | Ca1     | 2.542(3)     |
| BVS              | 2.49(1) |               |                 | Ca1A    | 2.713(8) × 5 |
|                  |         |               | BVS             | 0.65(2) |              |

<sup>1,2,3</sup> possible coordination