

RESEARCH & INNOVATION PROGRAMME ON RAW MATERIALS TO FOSTER CIRCULAR ECONOMY

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Predictive models for strategic metal rich, granite-related ore systems based on mineral and geochemical fingerprints and footprints

Topaz and cassiterite rich quartz-lode (Panasqueira)

Project Summary

RESEARCH

Critical processes

 of ore formation
 and preservation
 expressed as
 mappable attributes

MINERAL SYSTEM RESEARCH

MODELLING

 Spatial and temporal distribution of geological features that record critical processes

2D-3D-4D MODELLING

TARGETING

 Conceptual and empirical evaluation of mineral potential and selection of areas for exploration

PROSPECTIVITY MAPPING

MAIN GOAL

The MOSTMEG project intends to develop and validate predictive models for strategic metal rich, granite-related ore systems. To this end, some concepts and exploration strategies are being refined, combining mineral and geochemical criteria that can be used as pathfinders or vectors to mineralization centres.

Several case studies are being examined in MOSTMEG, typifying brownfields of different types of granite-related ore systems and promising greenfields for their occurrence.

These case studies, distributed across the Segura-Argemela-Panasqueira-Góis (SAPG) belt, illustrate common scenarios in the Iberian Variscides.



Simplified after the official, 1:500.000 Geological Map (LNEG). Mineralization occurrences as in SIORMINP (LNEG)

General view of the SAPG belt from Monsanto to the WNW

General view of the Cabeço de Argemela quarry

A REAL PROPERTY AND INCOME.

RESULTS DISSEMINATION

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Segura (old mining works)









(adapted from Romer & Pichavant, 2020)









Assessment of Tourmaline Composition as a Vectoring Tool for Sn-W Deposits



Exploration Tools Alluvial TiO₂ Polimorphs Trace Element Fingerprints

W-Sn 283-51 283-525 Li-Sn 295-511 2 ∎Km 1,5



REE contents in Zircon



- LREE-HREE fractionation + positive Ce anomaly + negative Eu anomaly in non-altered zircons from granite rocks;
- LREE enrichment, but keeping the typical Ce and Eu anomalies, in non-altered zircons from late porphyry rocks;
- LREE enrichment along with evident fading or elimination of Ce (and Eu) anomaly in zircon grains variably affected by HT hydrothermal processes.

Preliminary conclusions with implications in mineral exploration

In *methodological* terms:

- The absolute need of conduct multi-scale structural analysis and of confine in time the multiple ore-forming events;
- The importance of have representative and accurate multi-element whole-rock analyses for country rocks (not only in domains adjoining mineralization);
- The usefulness of micro-XRF to unravel textural arrangements and compositional patterns, even in rock samples looking "homogeneous"; and
- The relevance of collect and analyse alluvial heavy minerals.



Maps of anomalies based on alluvial sediments data



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<u>Constraints to fertility of granite melts</u> further involved in the ore-forming processes imposed by:

- Chemical composition of (metasedimentary) protoliths, *determining variable enrichments in metals of interest;*
- Degree of partial melting and possibility of have multiple extractions under different T conditions;
- Temperature of partial melting, higher (≈800 °C) in Sn-related granites than in Wrelated granites (≈750 °C); and
- Water saturation along with the availability and relative abundance of P and F (±B), that could regulate the development of particular Li-bearing mineral assemblages.





Thank you so much for your attention!

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