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What do mineralogical variations in contact metamorphic haloes tell us?

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Beiras schist series

- studied from the point of view of sedimentological history, and its significance.

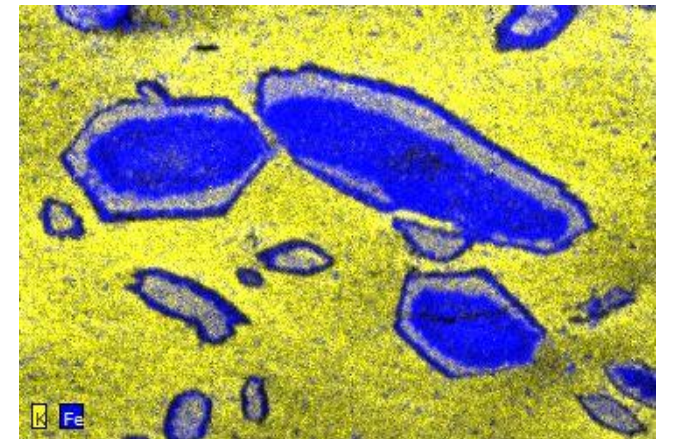
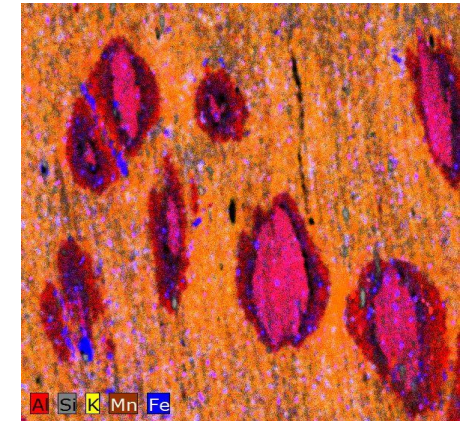
differences in stratigraphy >>> leading to ongoing studies by the Lisbon team

- significant changes in textures due to major deformation and transpositions associated with late-Variscan tectonics (work in progress in Lisbon)

Effects of contact metamorphism: detailed examples such as the Penamacor study (Ribeiro da Costa et al., 2013)

- Further north, pioneering studies on the effects of proximal mineralisation (Regoufe granite, Gaans et al, 1995)

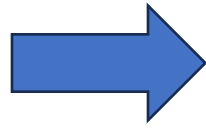
- In the Gois-Segura strip, numerous but widely scattered data, generally in the immediate vicinity of intrusions (Argemela), or veins (Panasqueira, Argemela) (metric scale)
much less data integrated at a regional scale

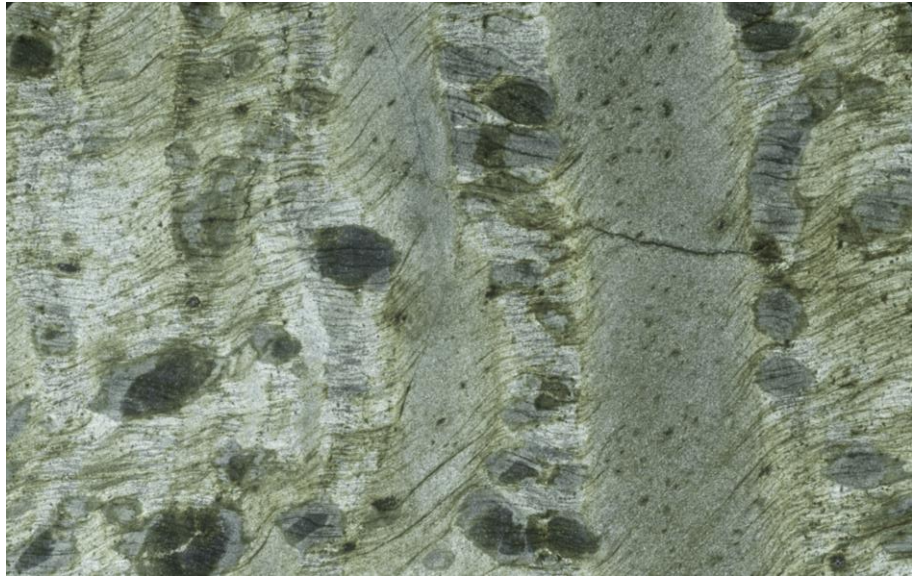




Contact
Metamorphism

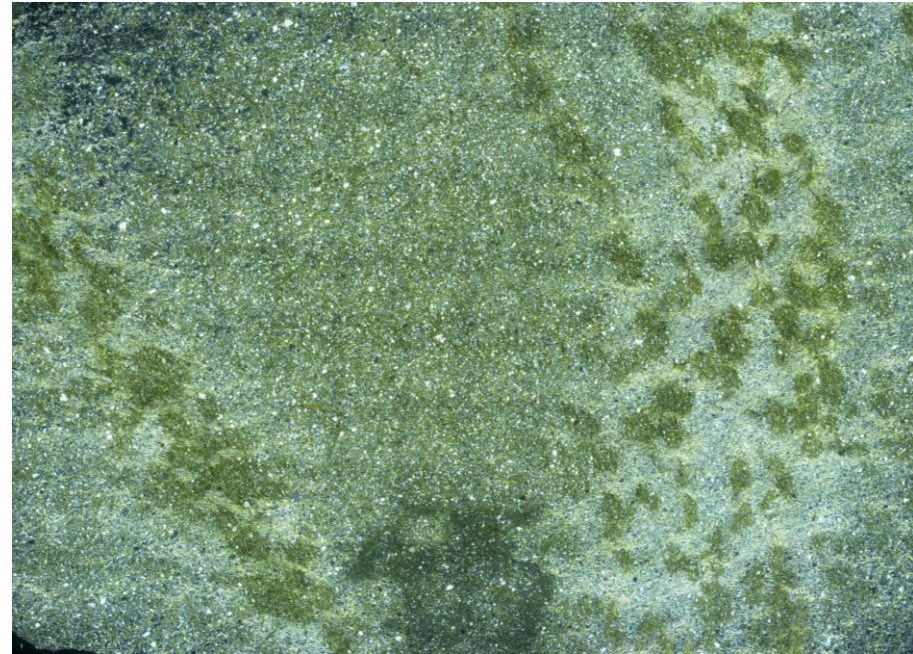
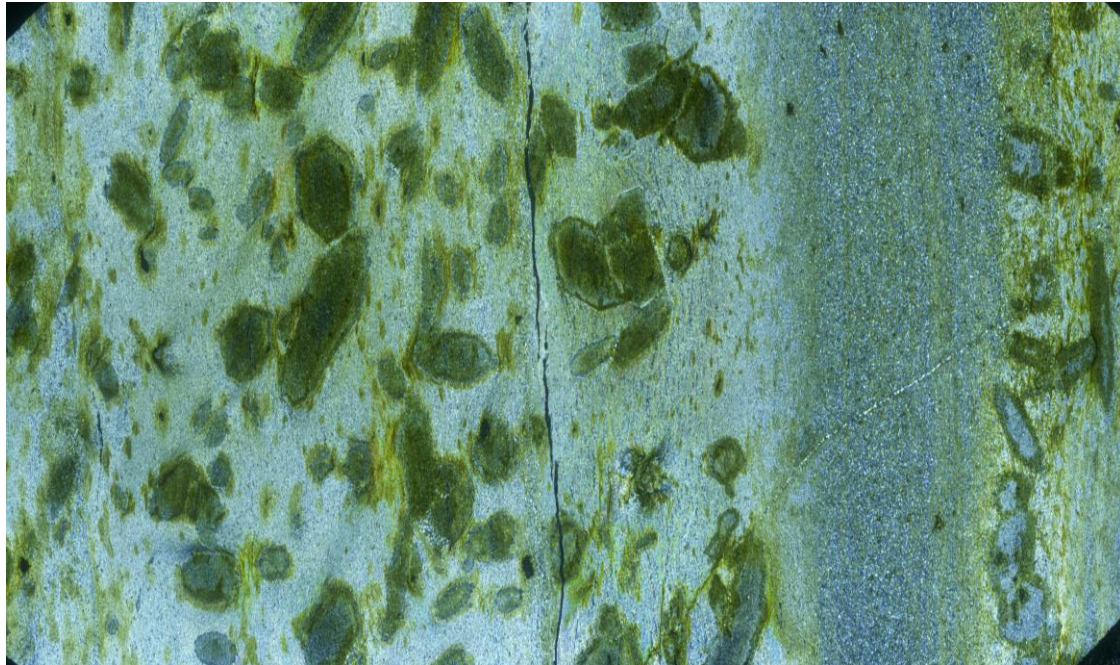
500m to 1km
at max of the granite
boundary

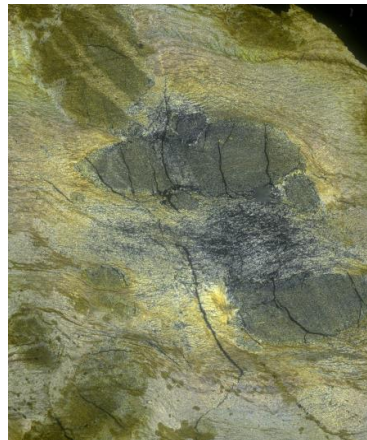
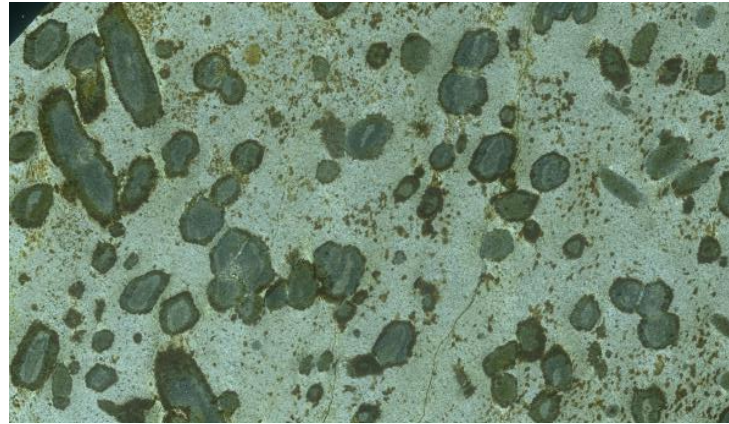
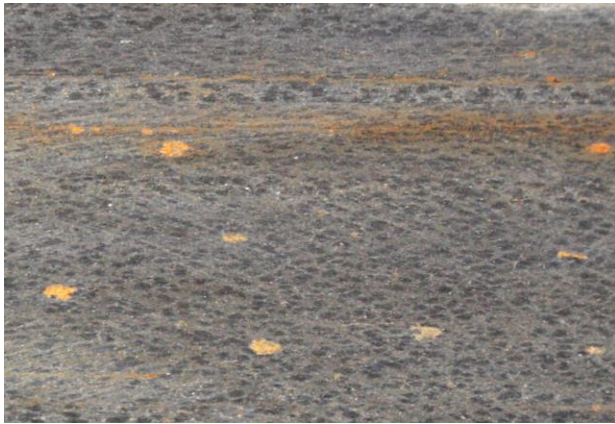
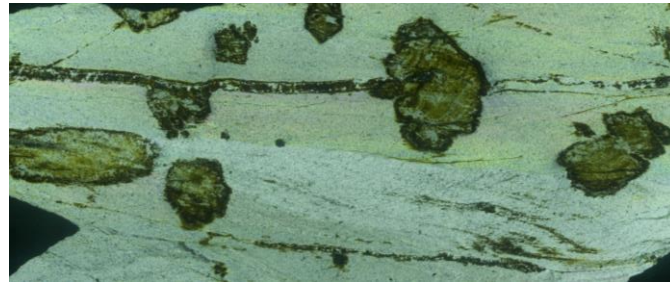




Development of spots is a function of lithology
(Al-rich layers)

Spots : Absent of the quartz-mica layers





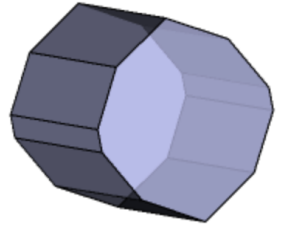
Sample scale

Thin section scale

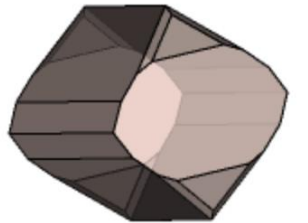
Spots : Great variety of shapes, sizes

only two minerals are generally invoked

Cordierite



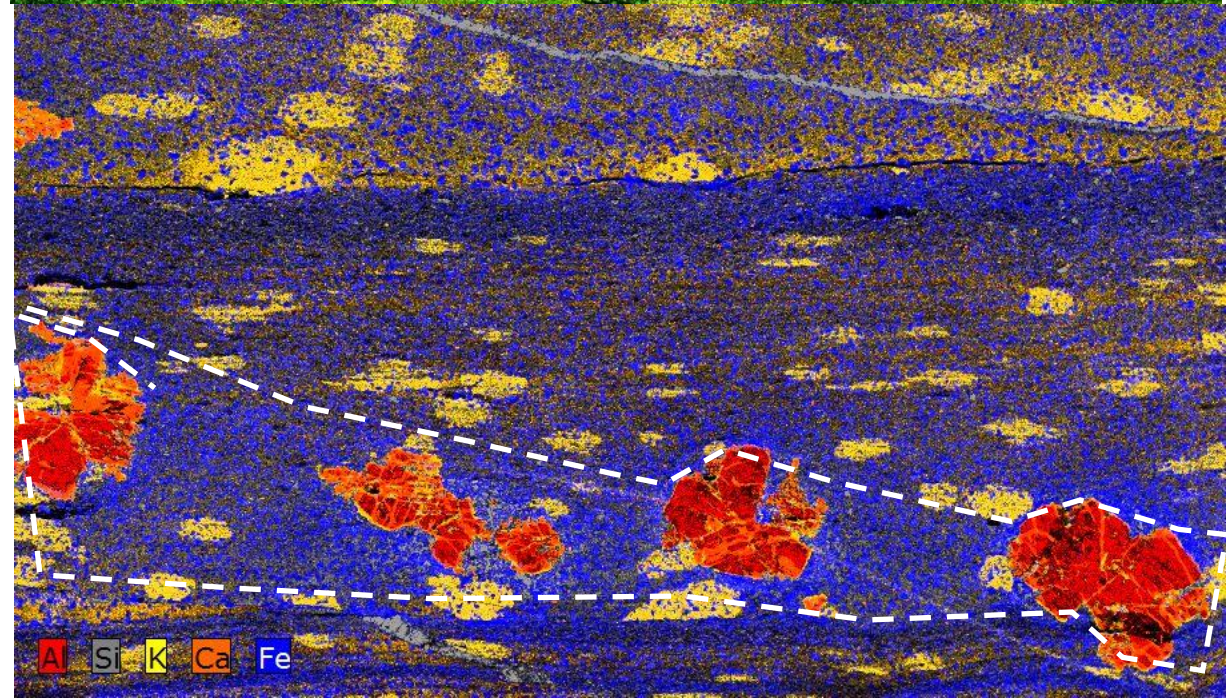
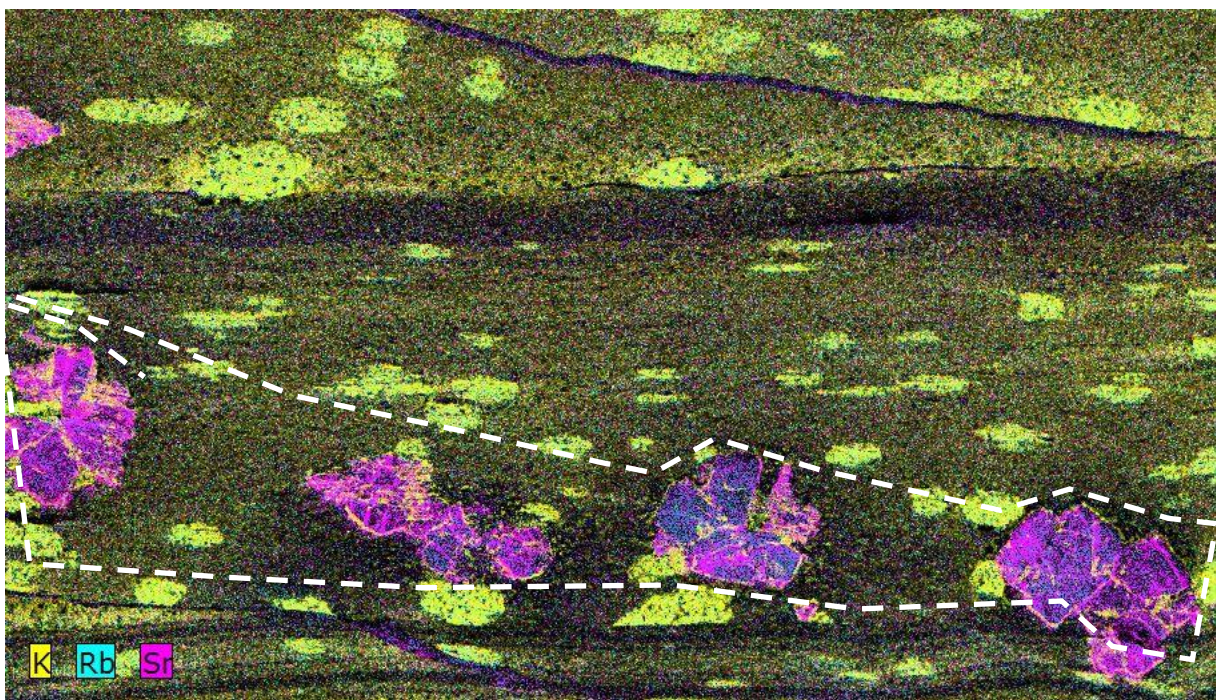
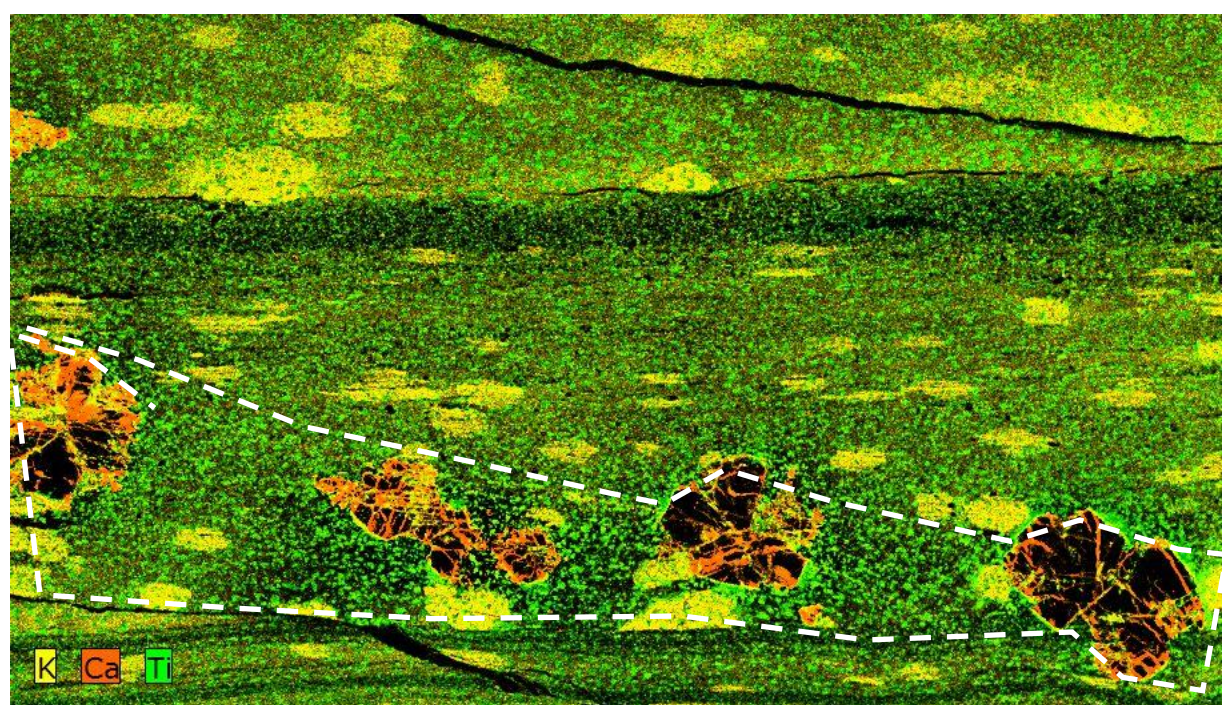
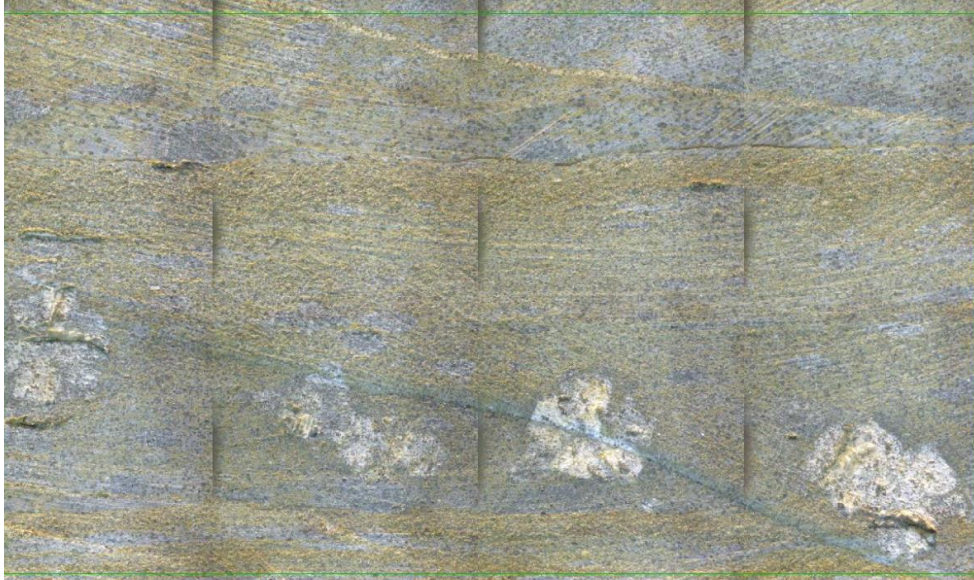
Andalusite



Better preserved (Coimbra area for instance)

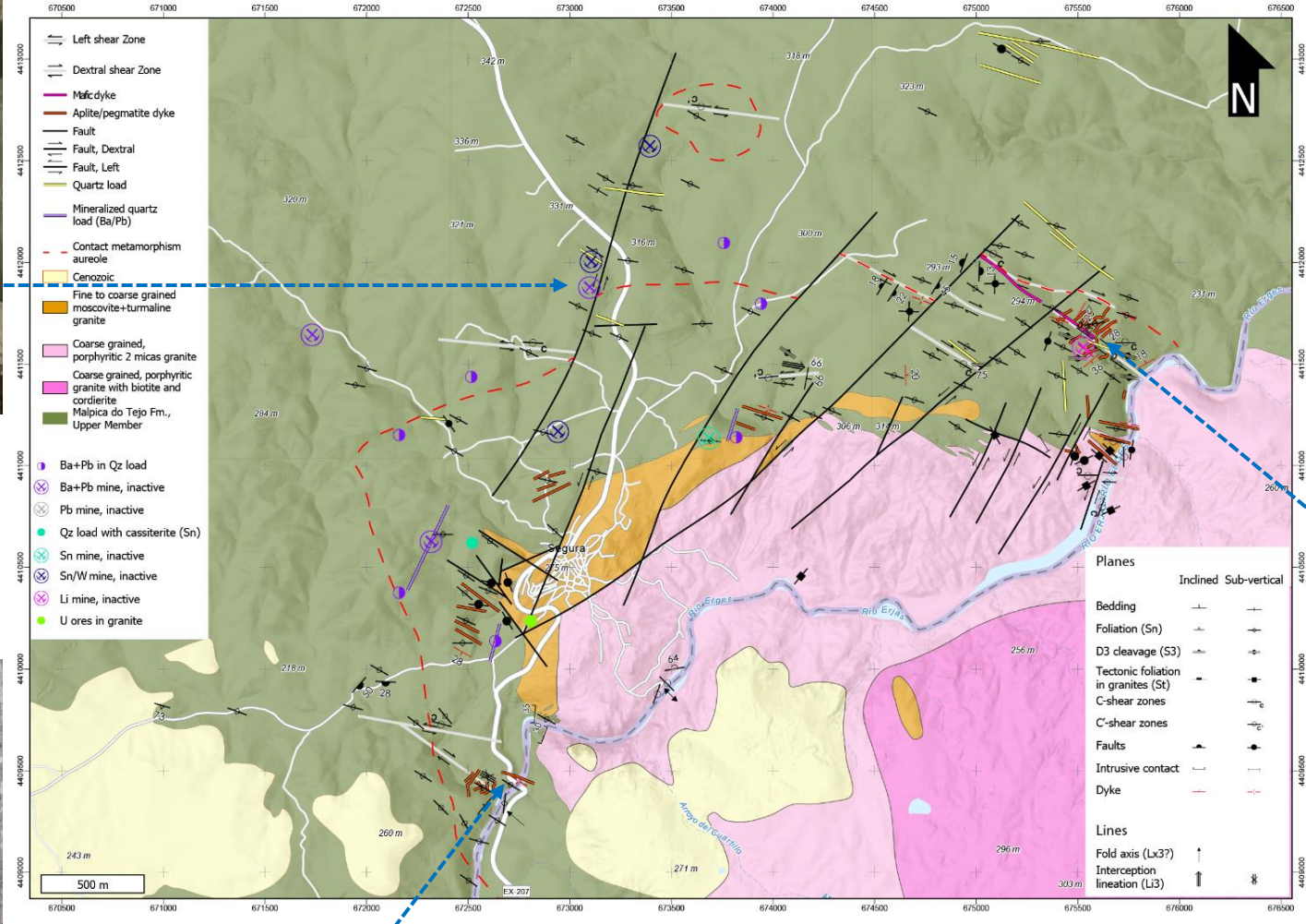
But in most areas, no relics are found, crystals are entirely replaced or never existed

Andalusite preserved in the Coimbra area





SEG min Sn



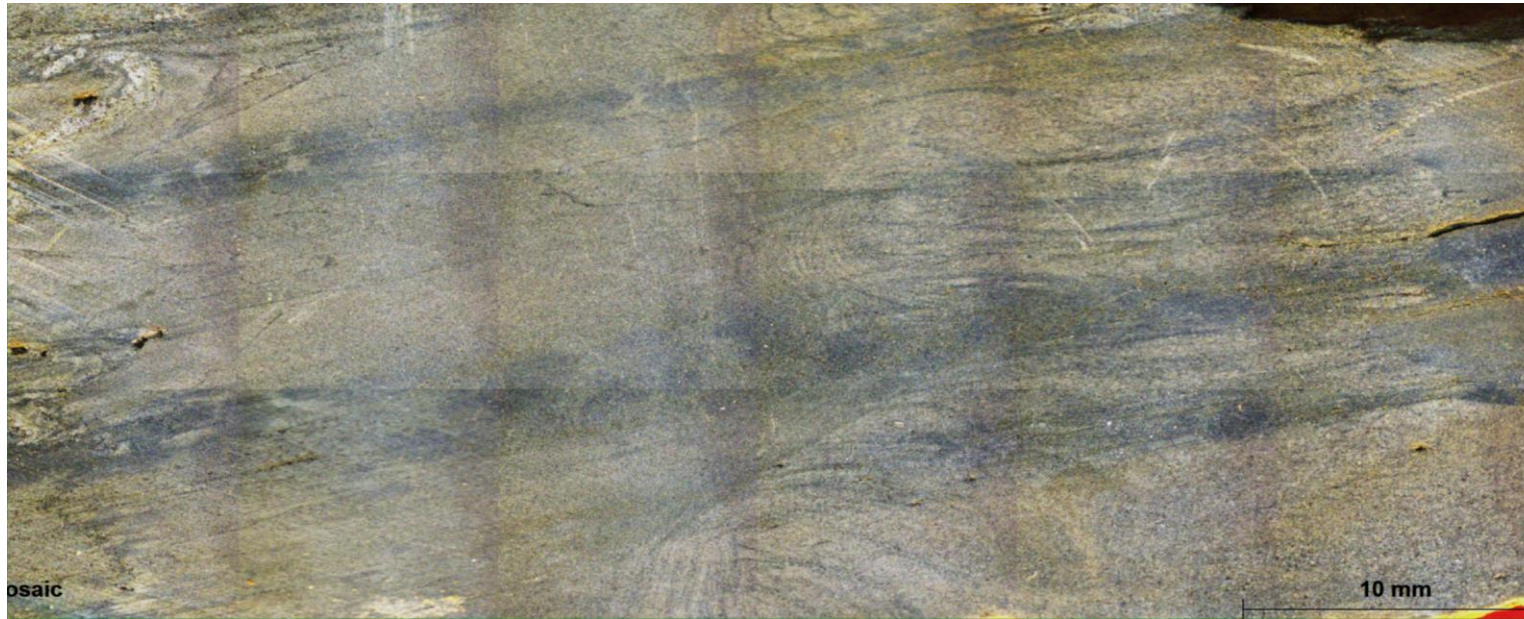
Example of the Segura area



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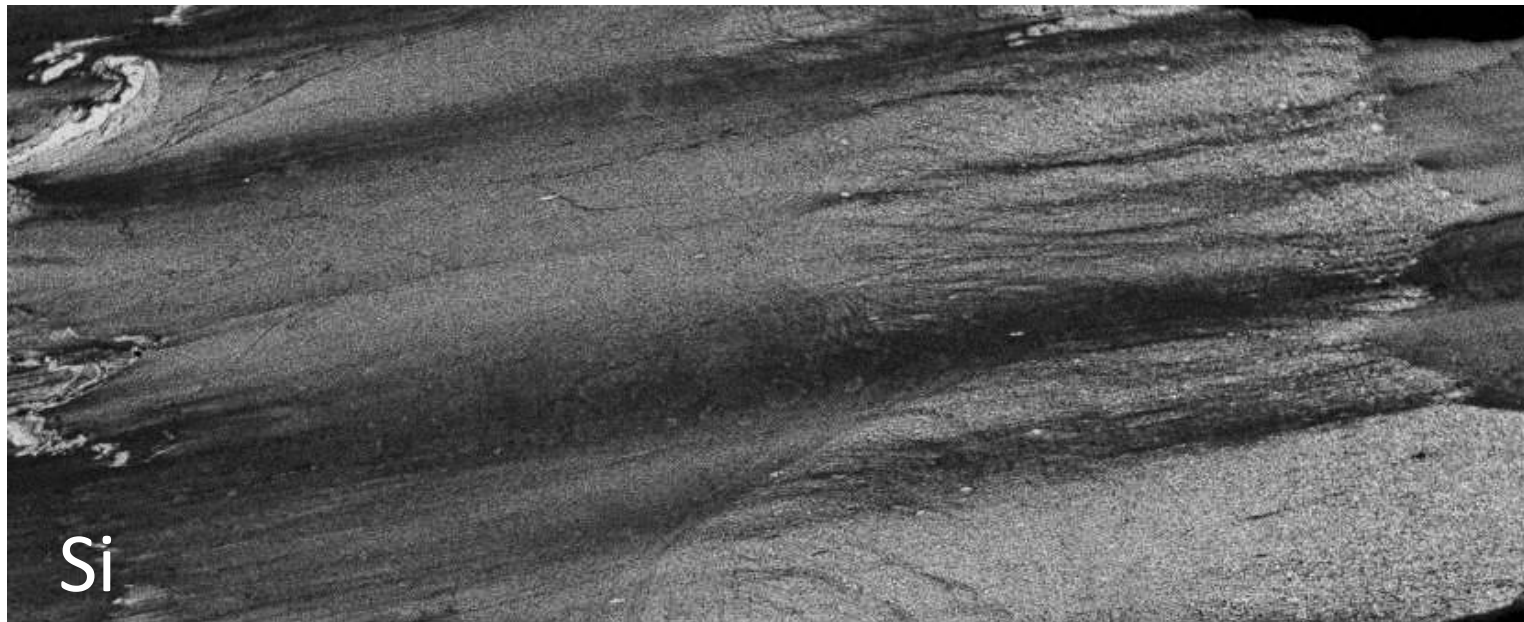
SEG 3-4-5



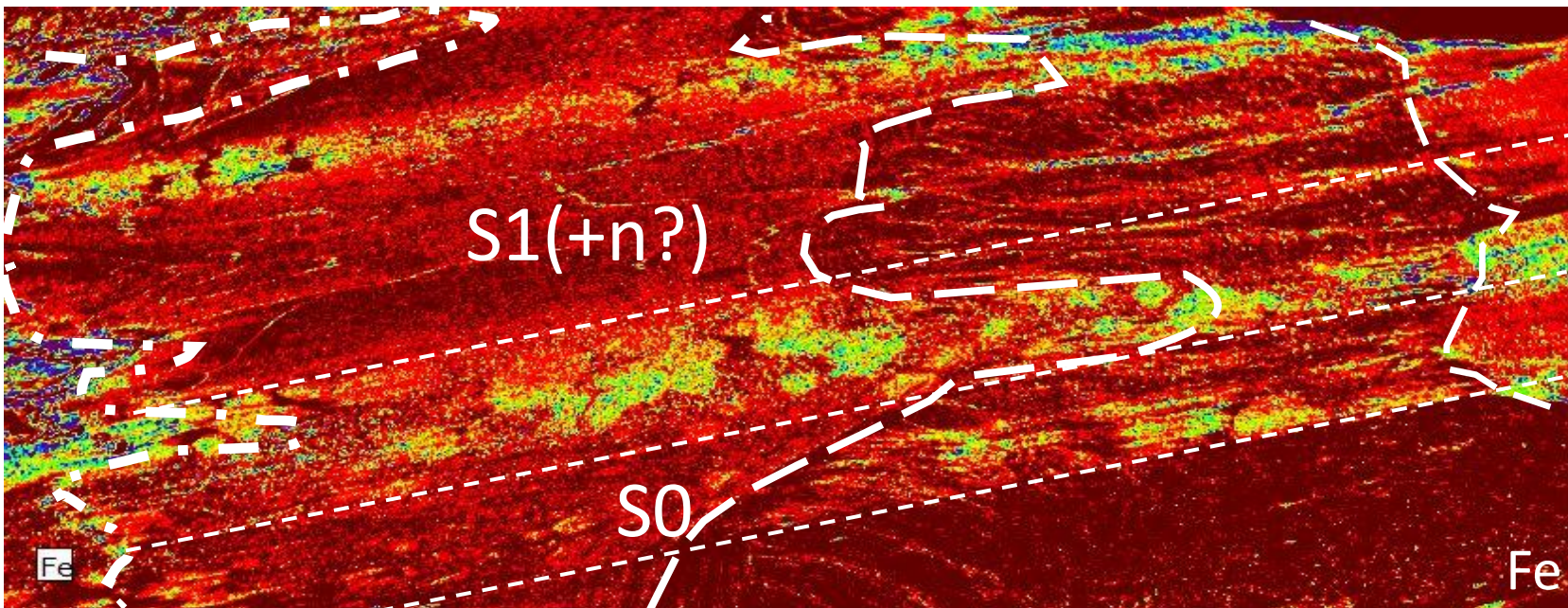
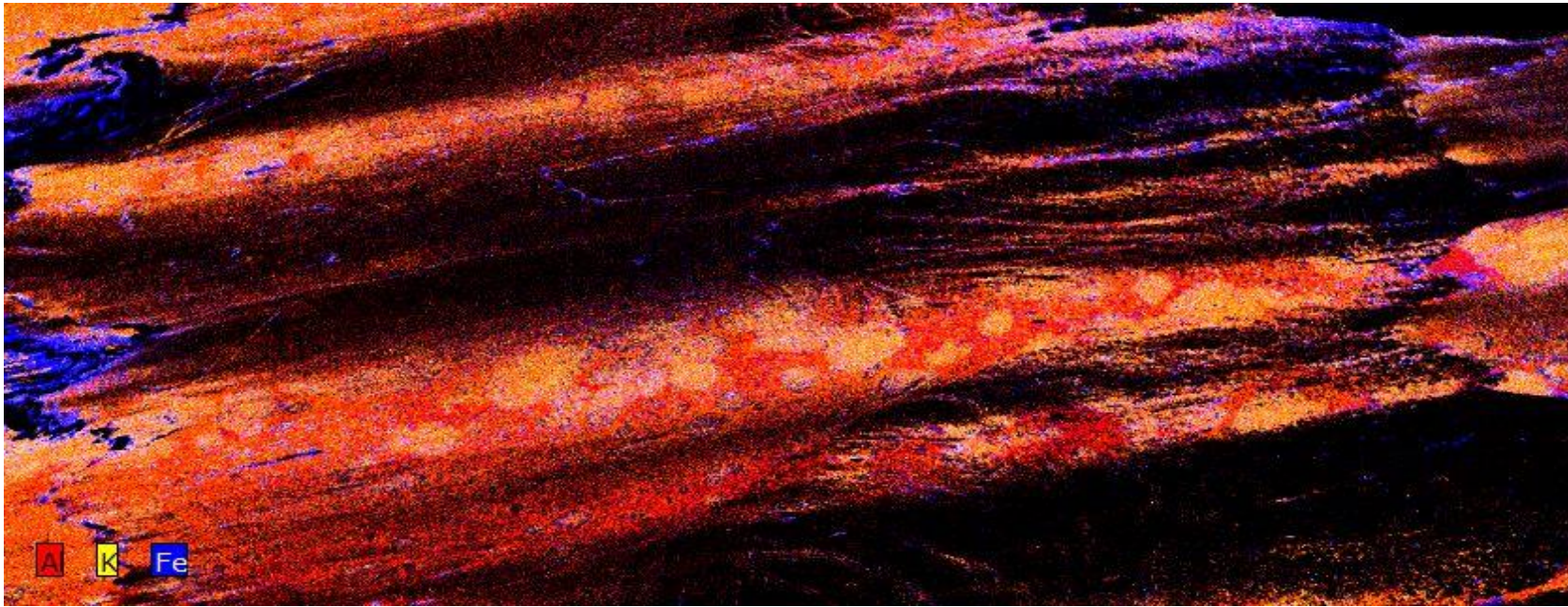
**Extreme deformation
of the schists**

**Transposition
Boudinage of competent siliceous
layers**

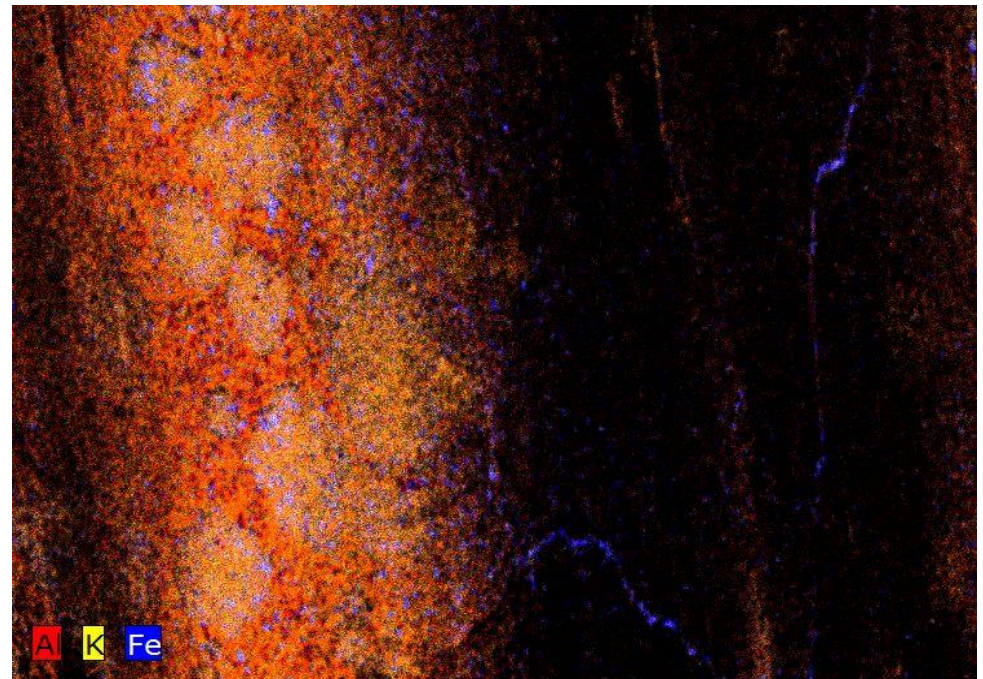
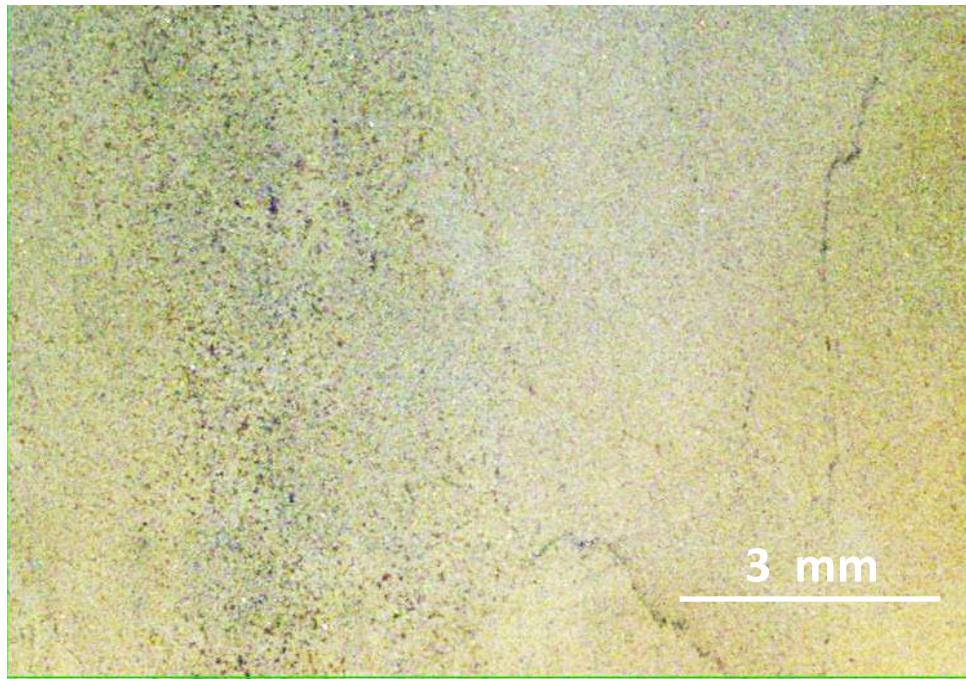
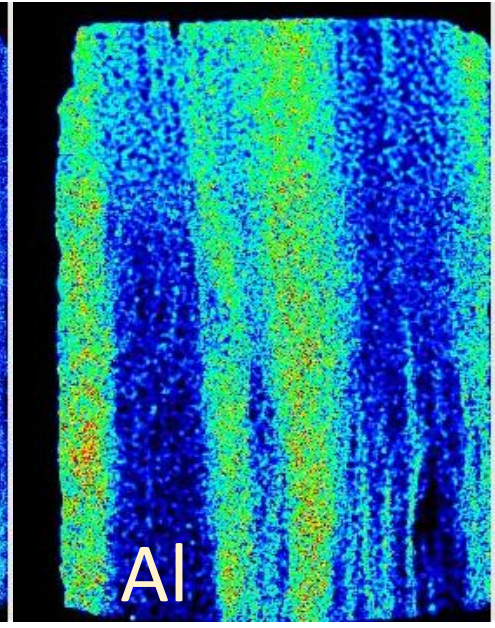
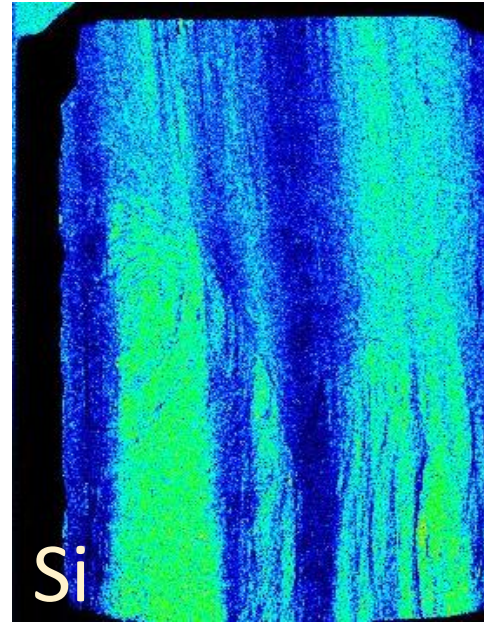
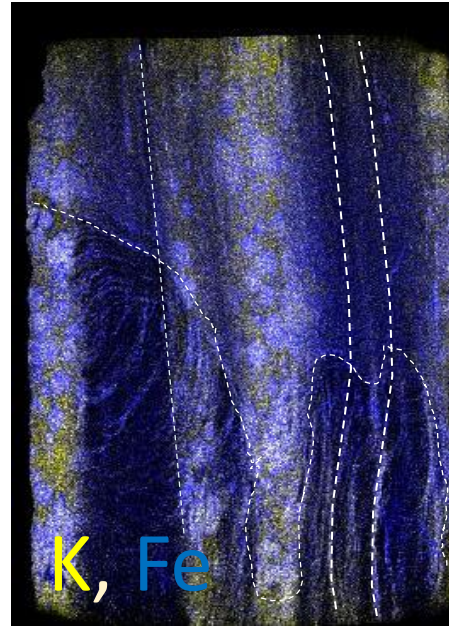
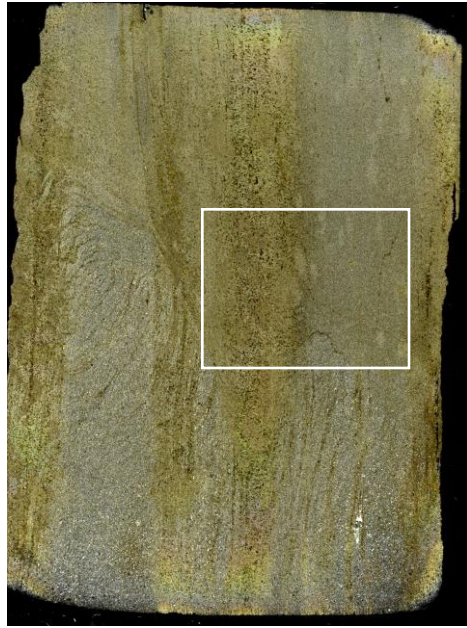
**Deformation along the S2 planes
Enrichment in phyllosilicates
along planes**

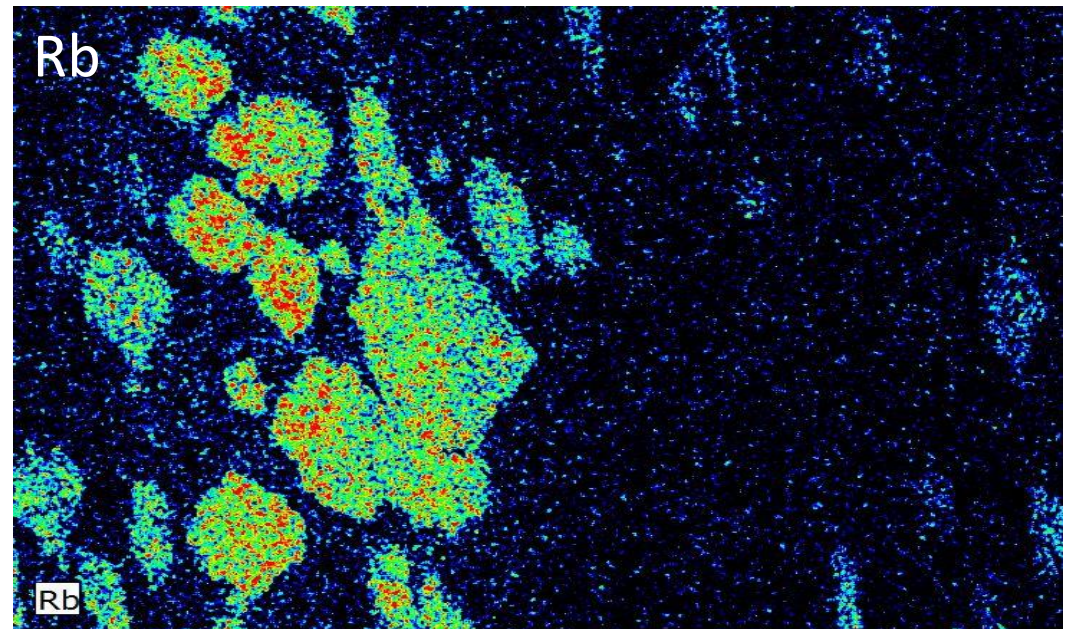
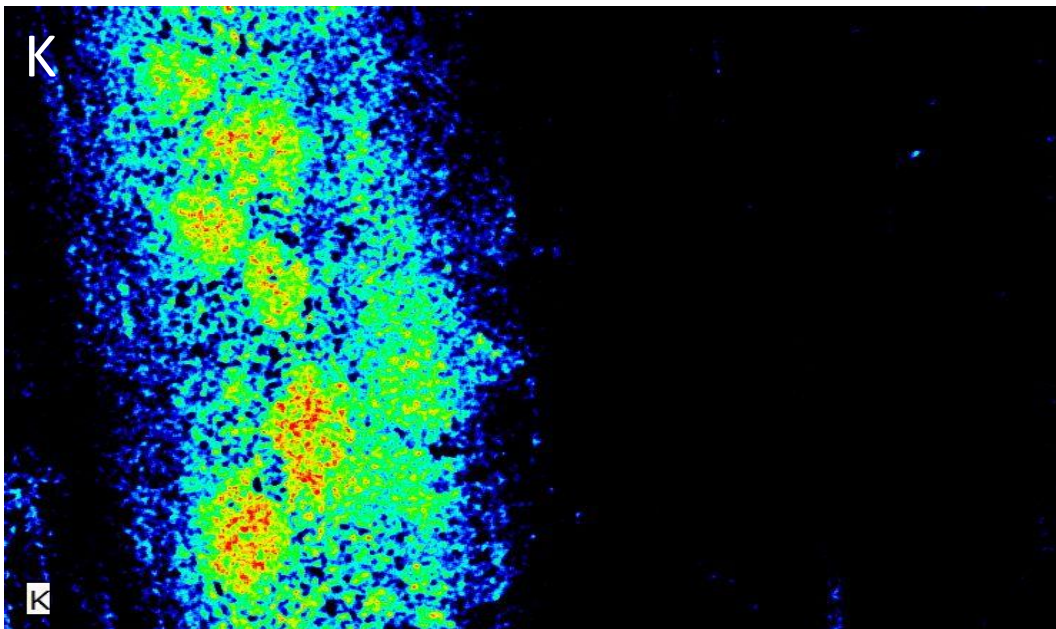
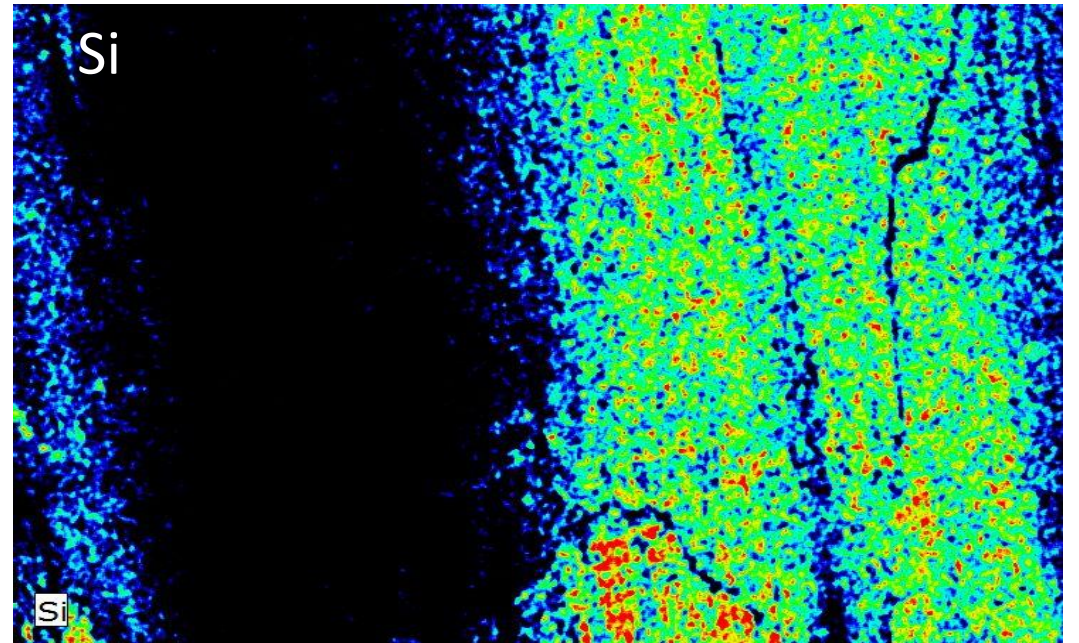
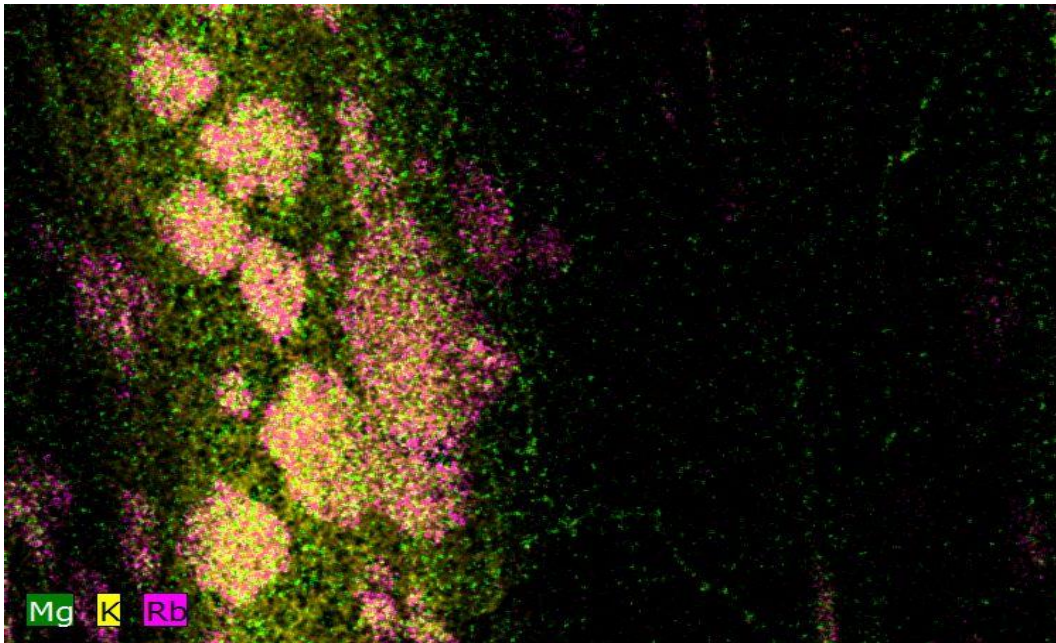


**Synchronicity with contact
metamorphism
Deformation of spots**

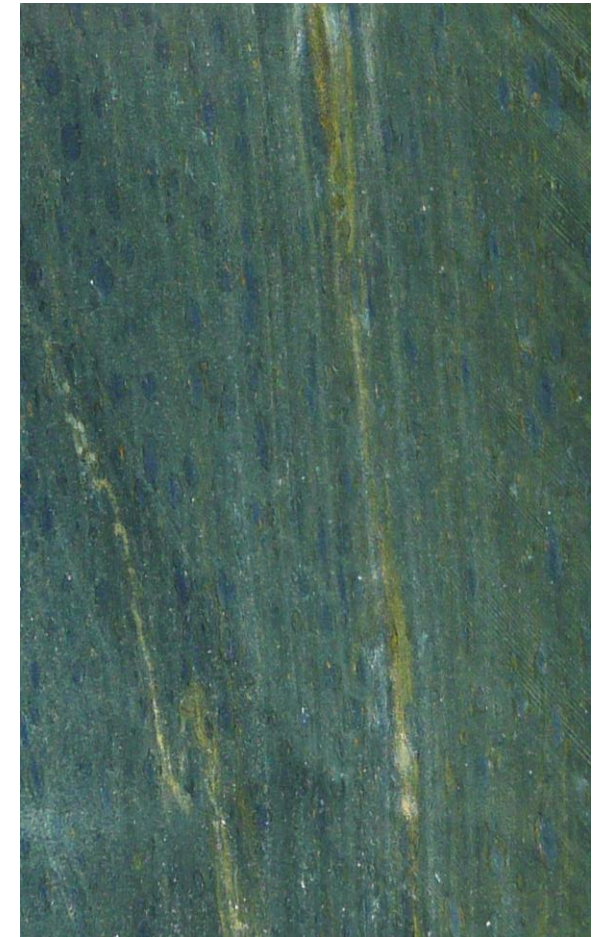


SEG 1-2

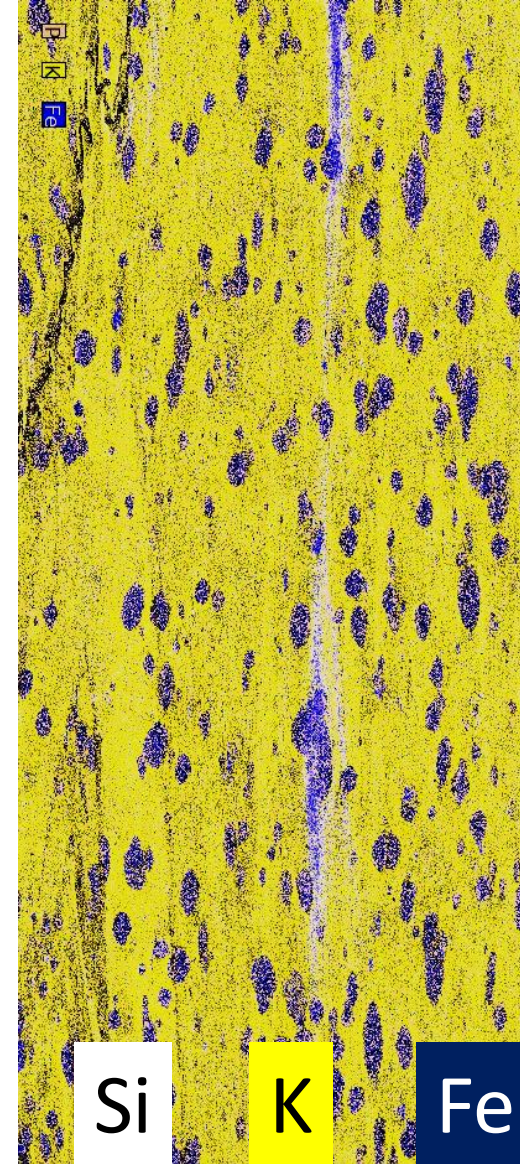
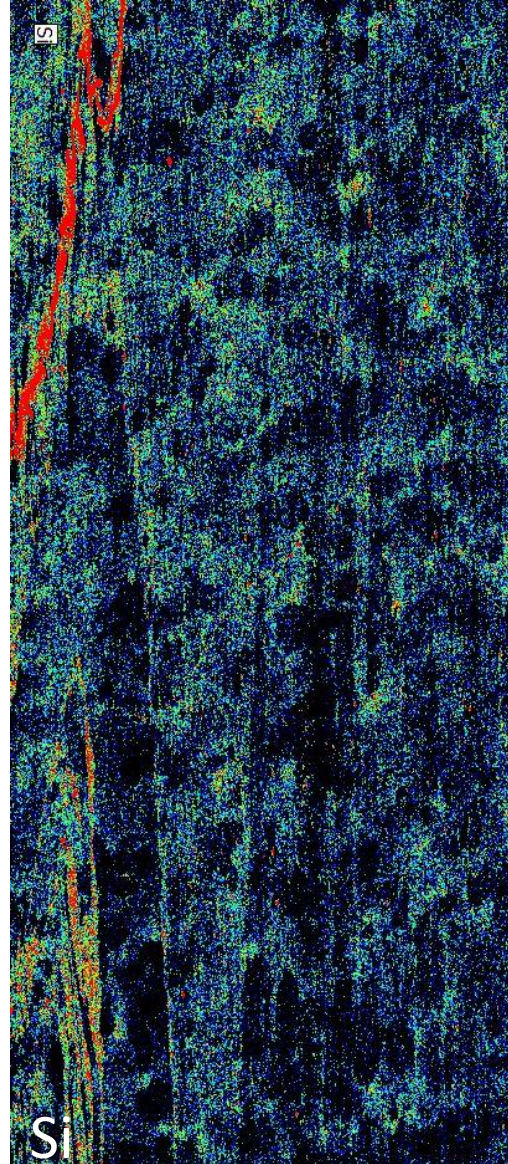


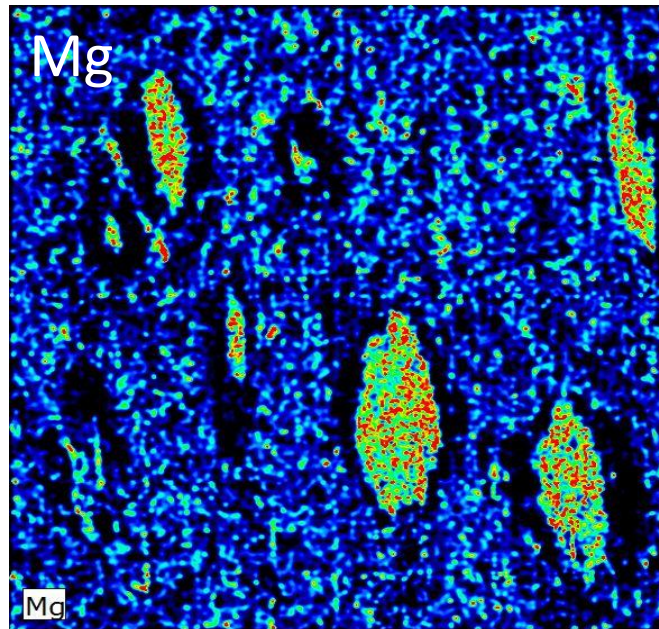
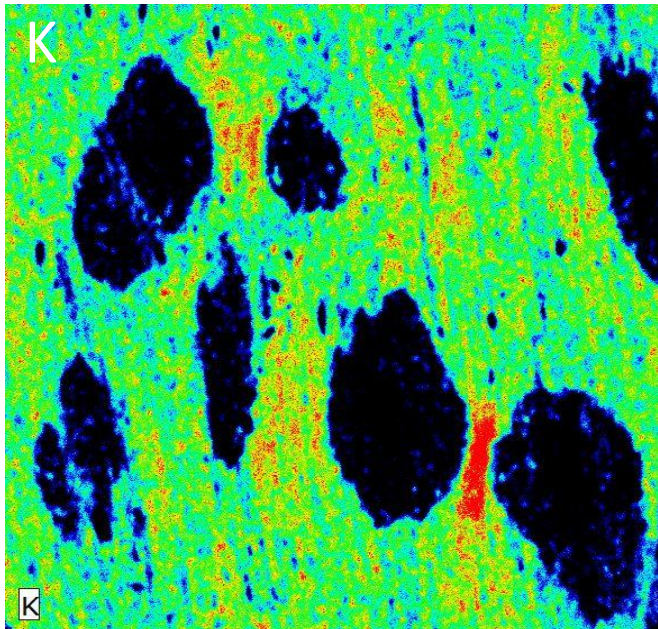
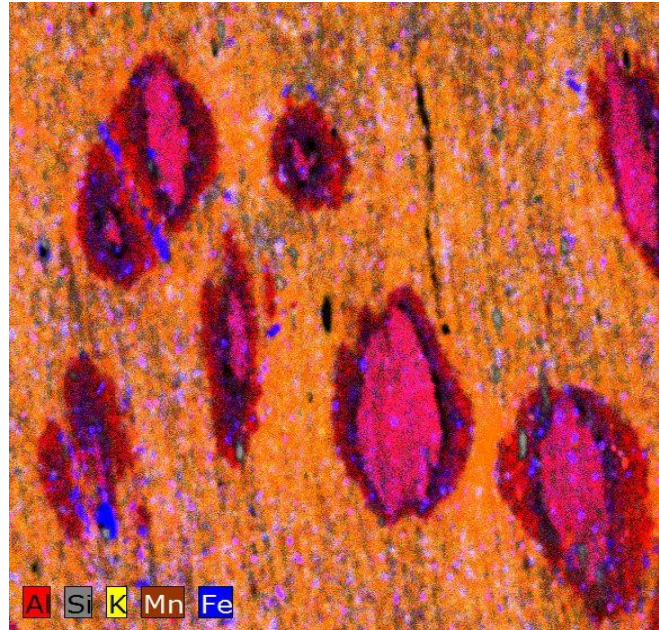
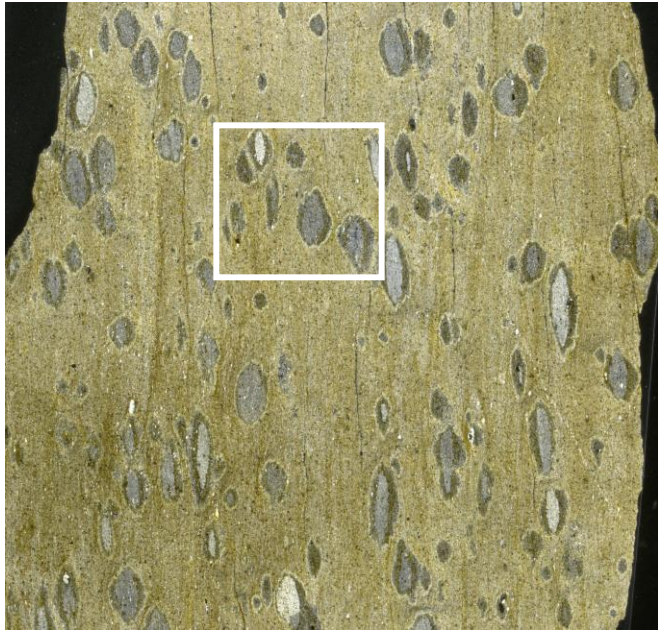


SEG 3/4/5 schist

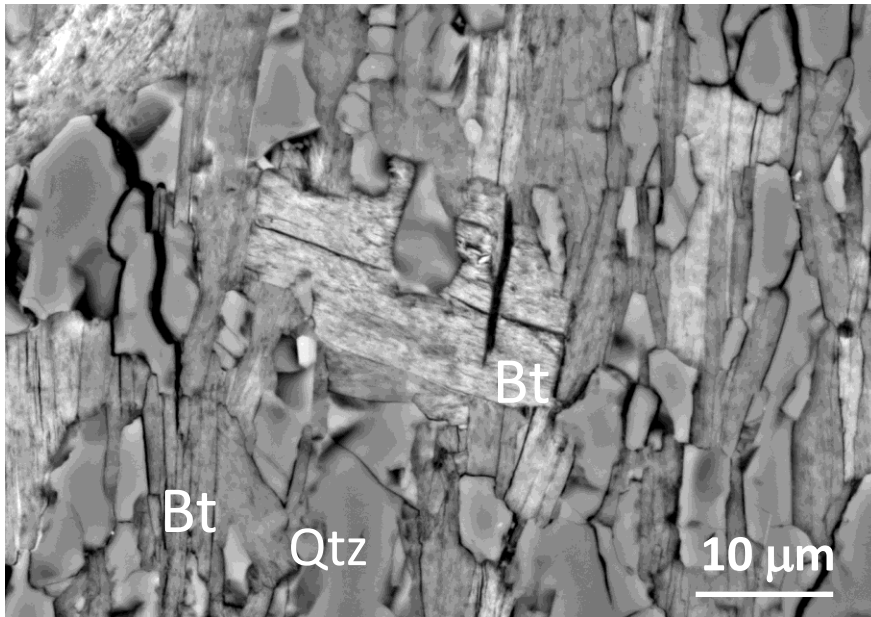
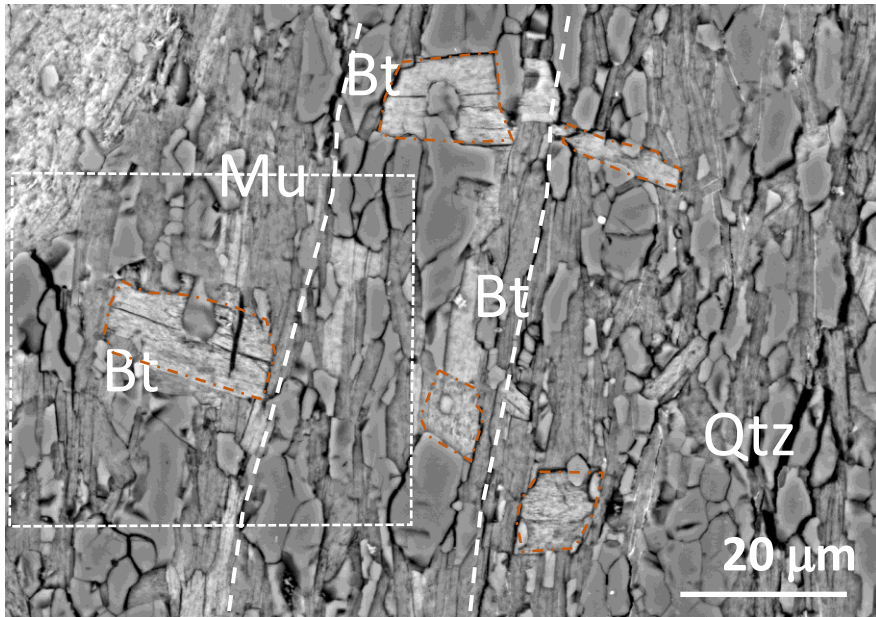
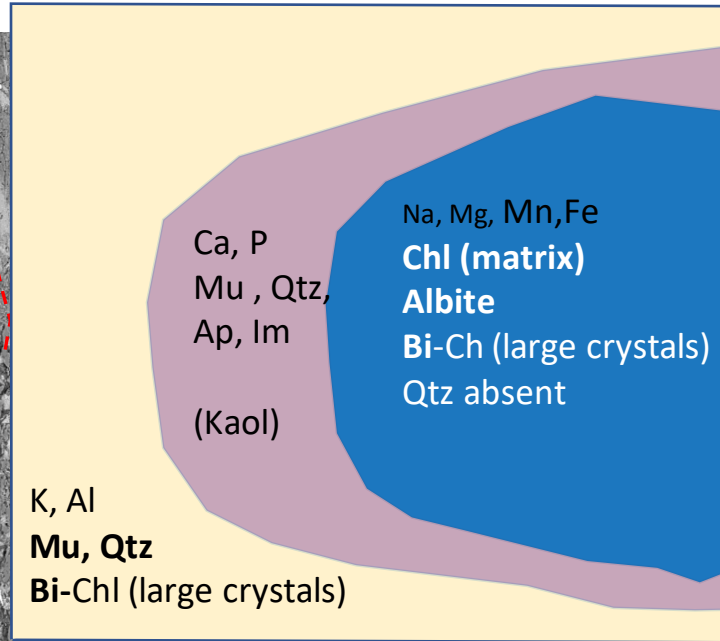
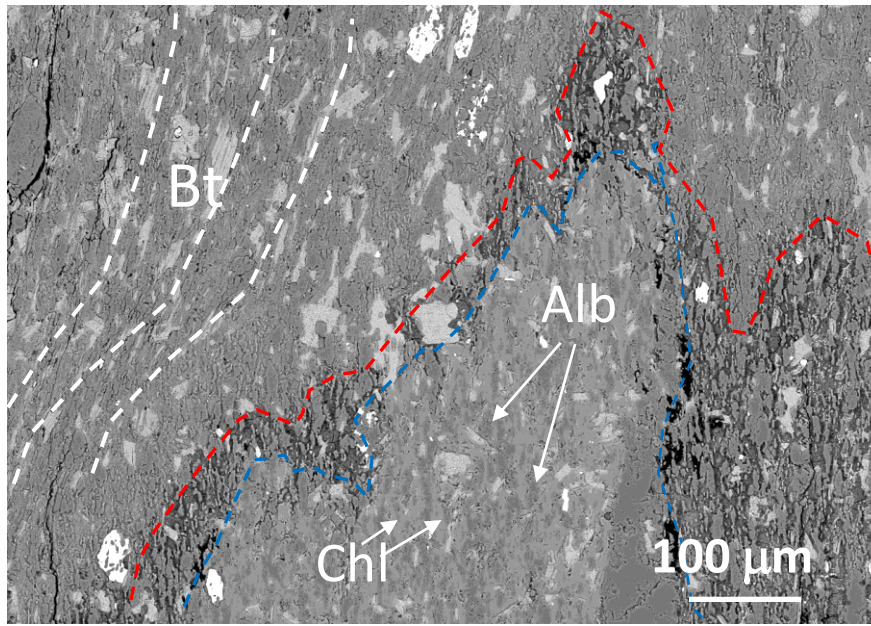
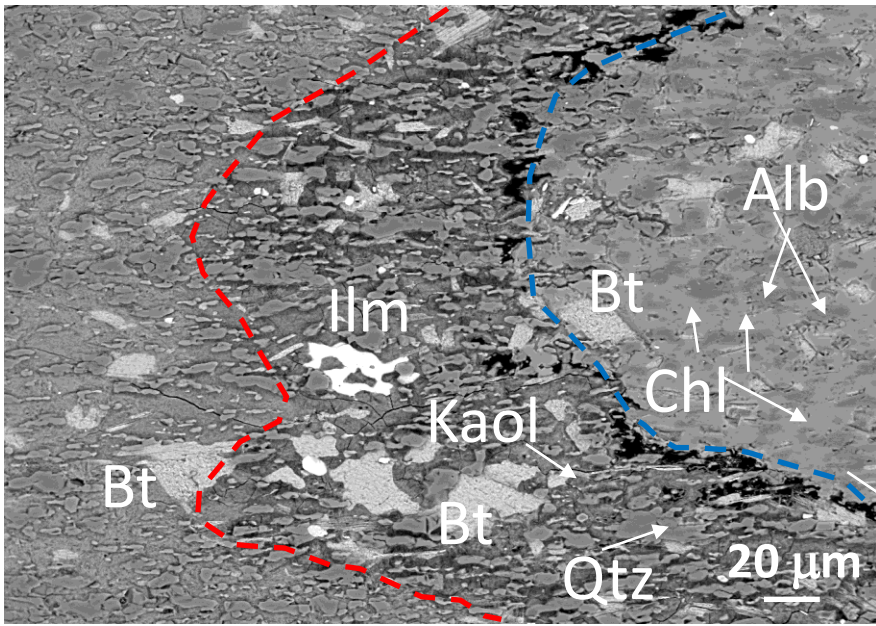


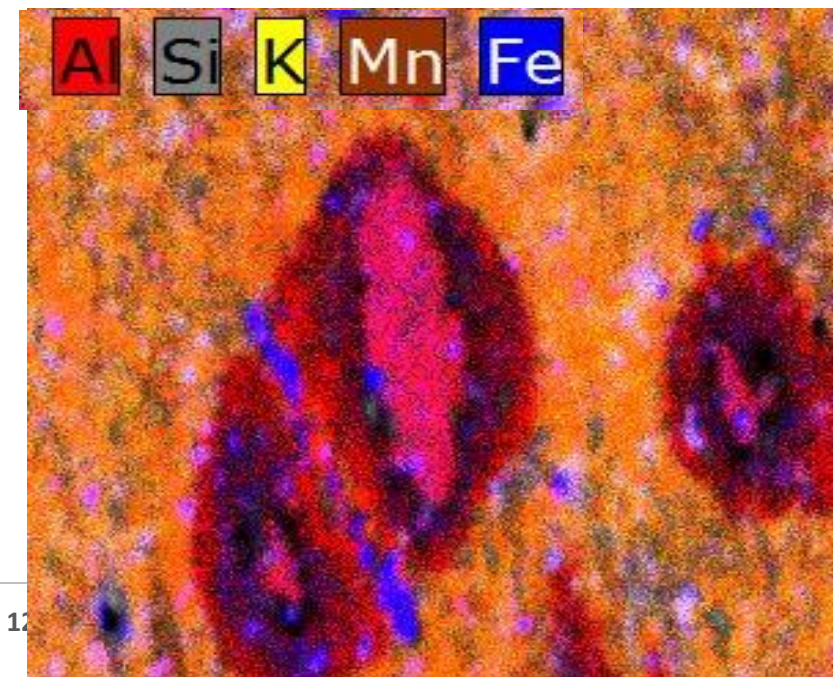
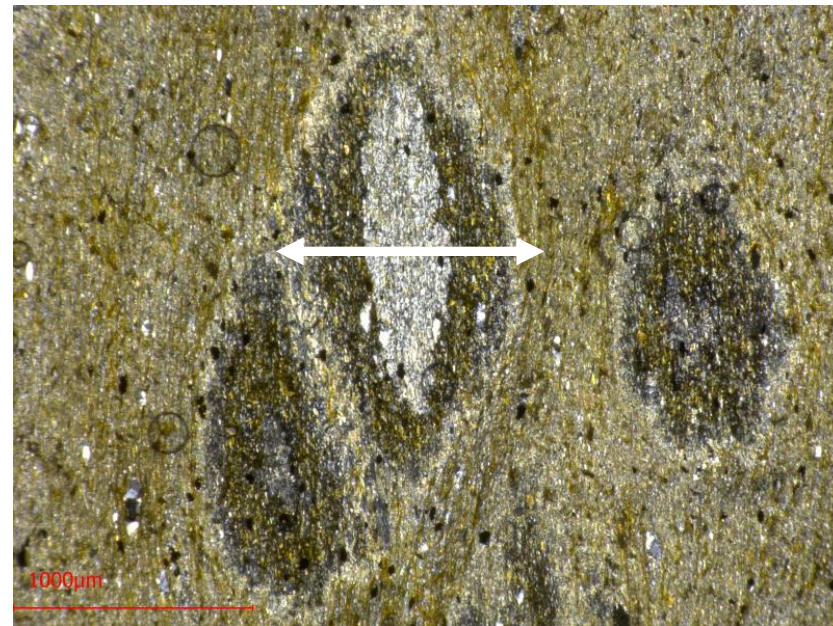
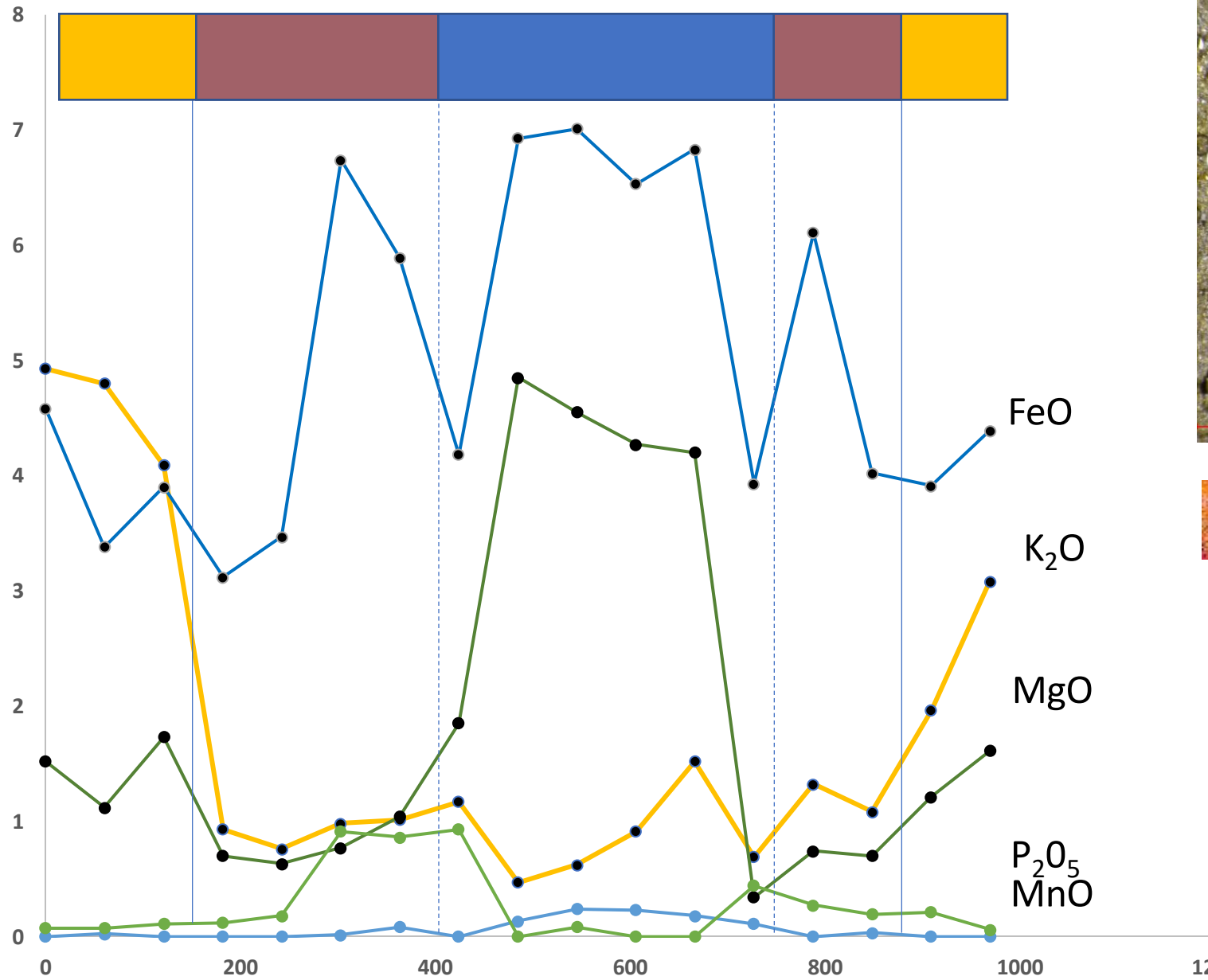
Spotted schists – 500 to 1km around the batholith + effects of dyke intrusions

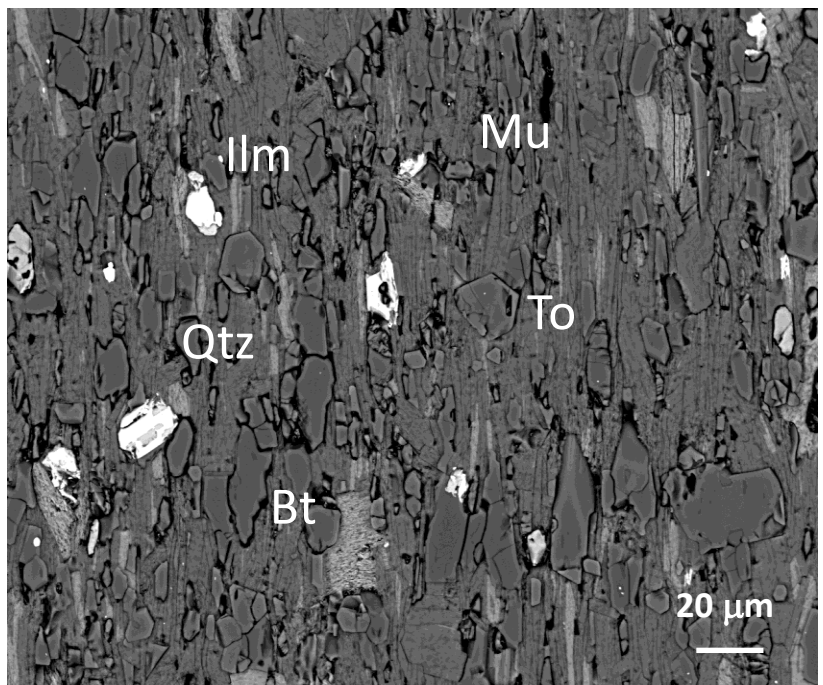
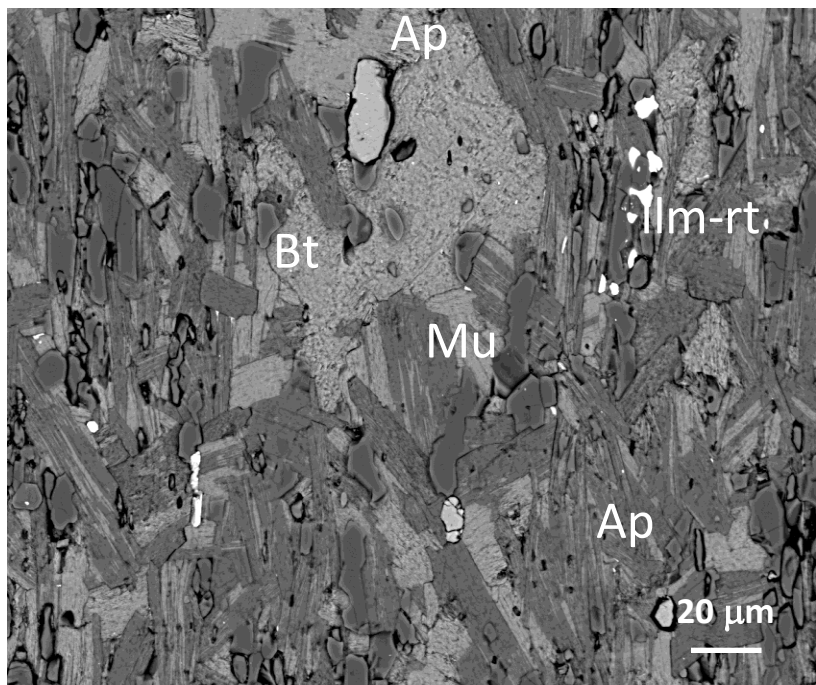
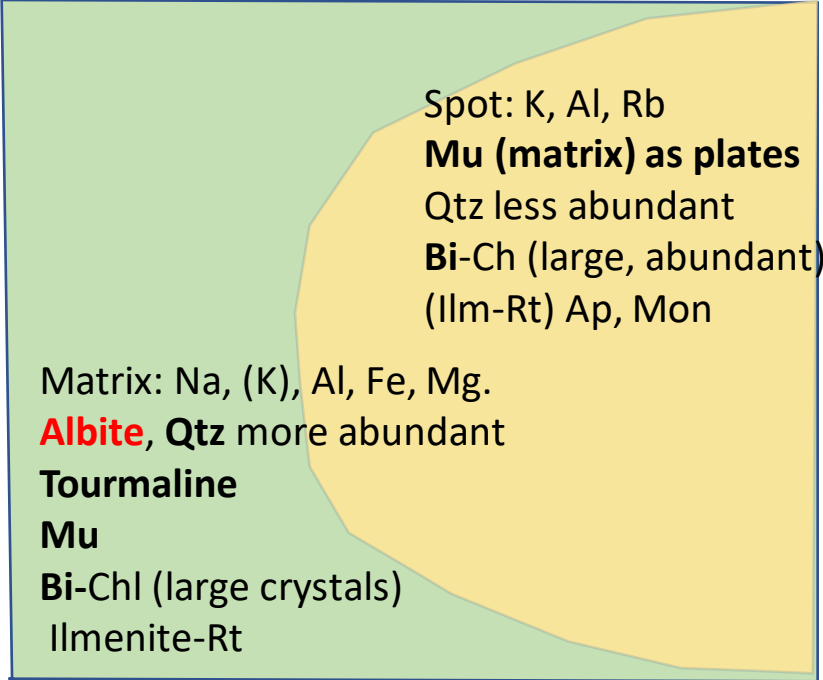
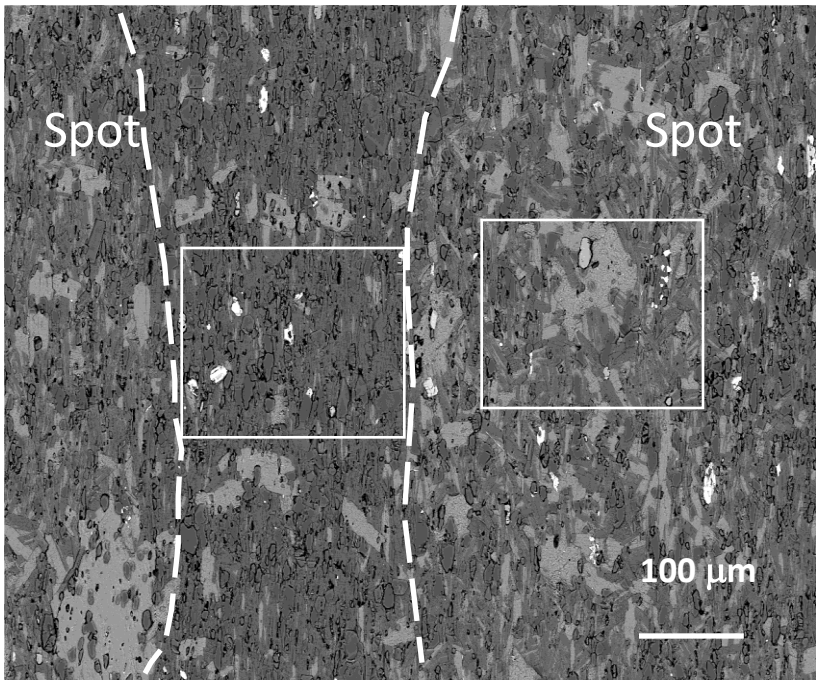




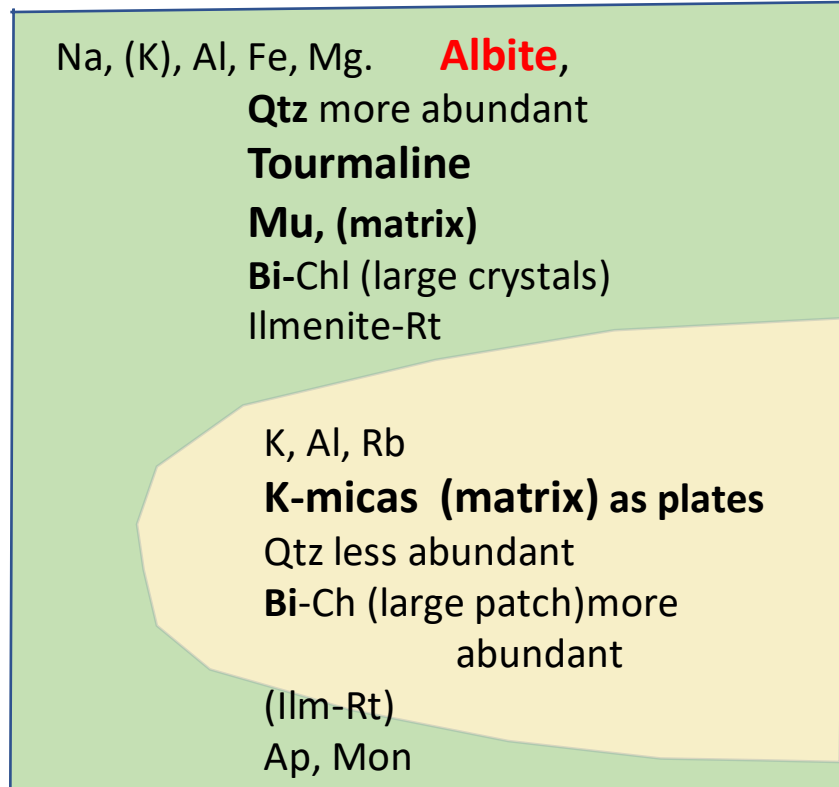
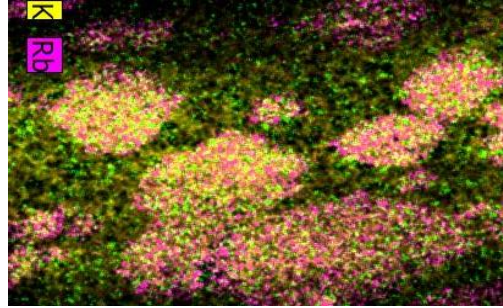
- Spots are memory of:
- Deformation
 - Mineral segregation
 - Contact metamorphism
 - Effects of fluids
 - Retromorphic conditions



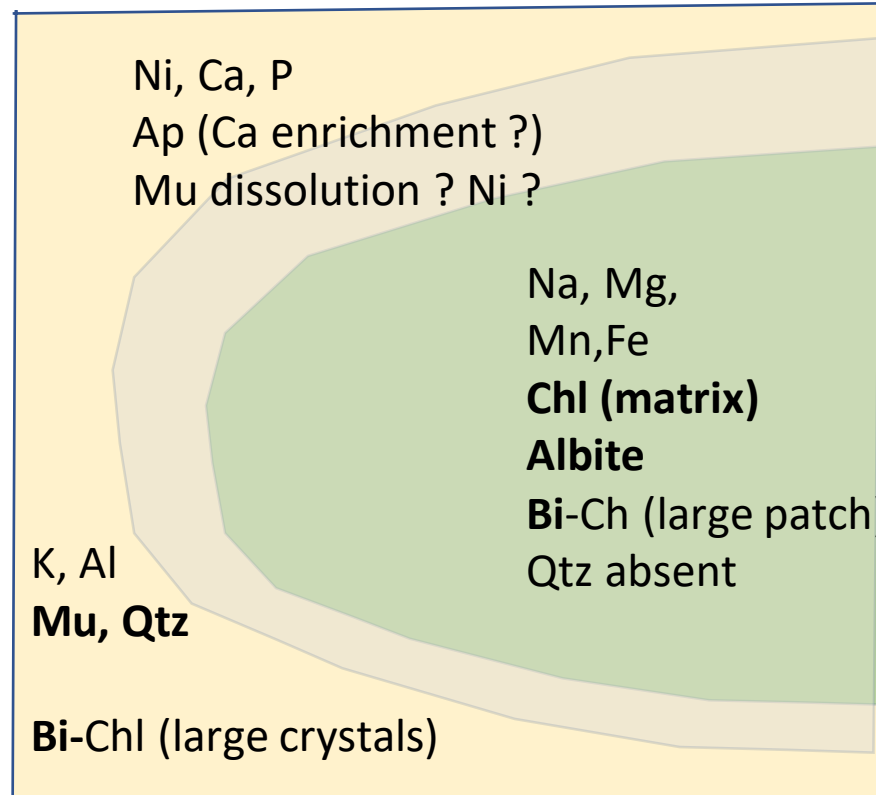
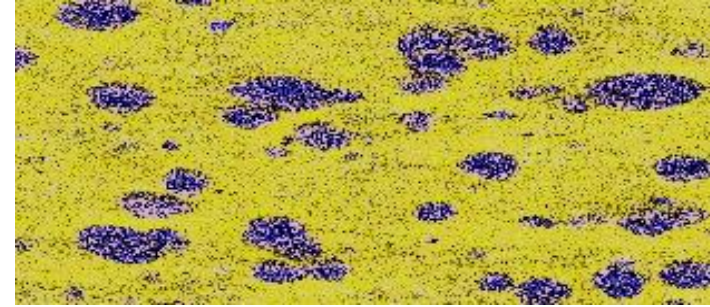


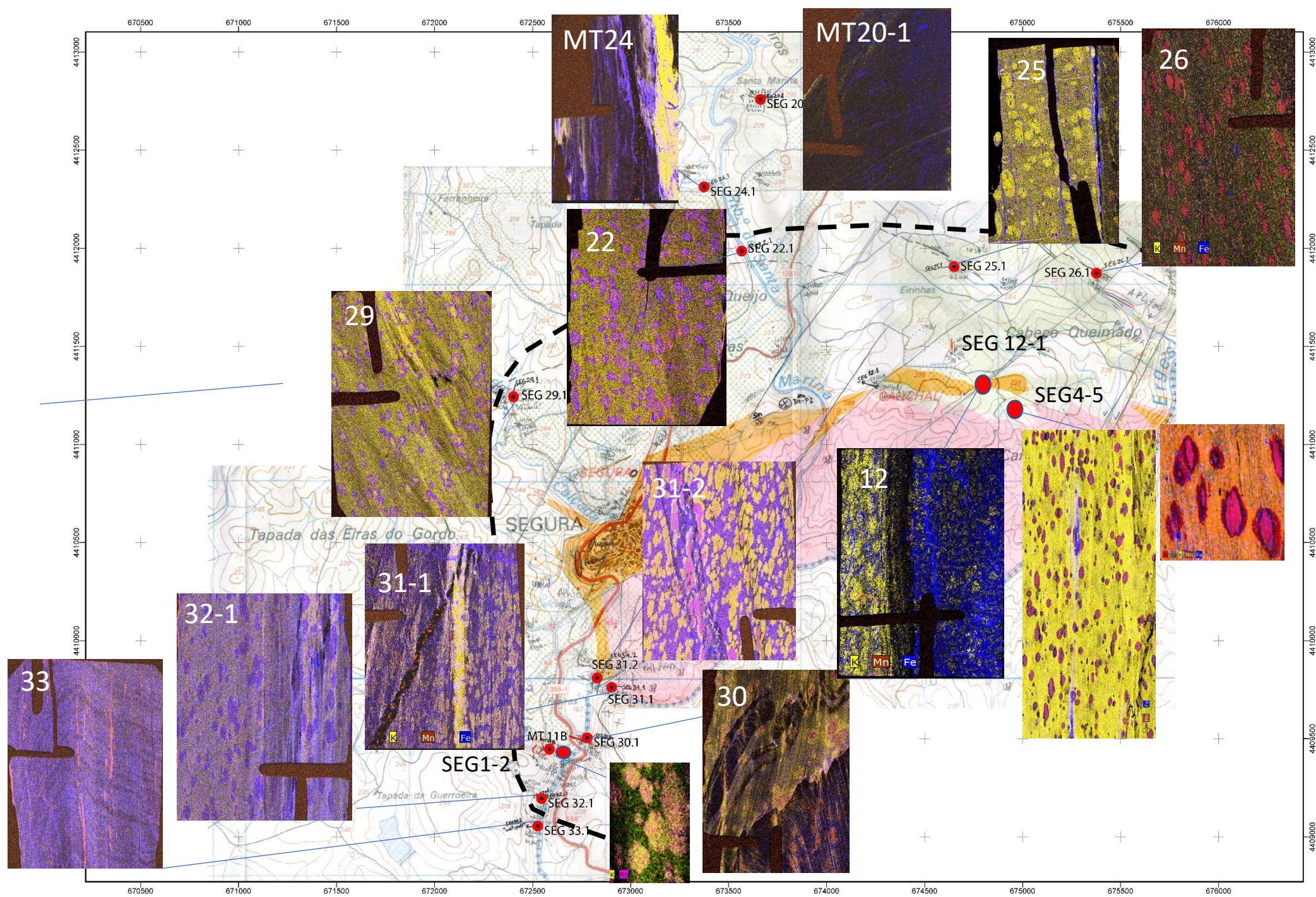


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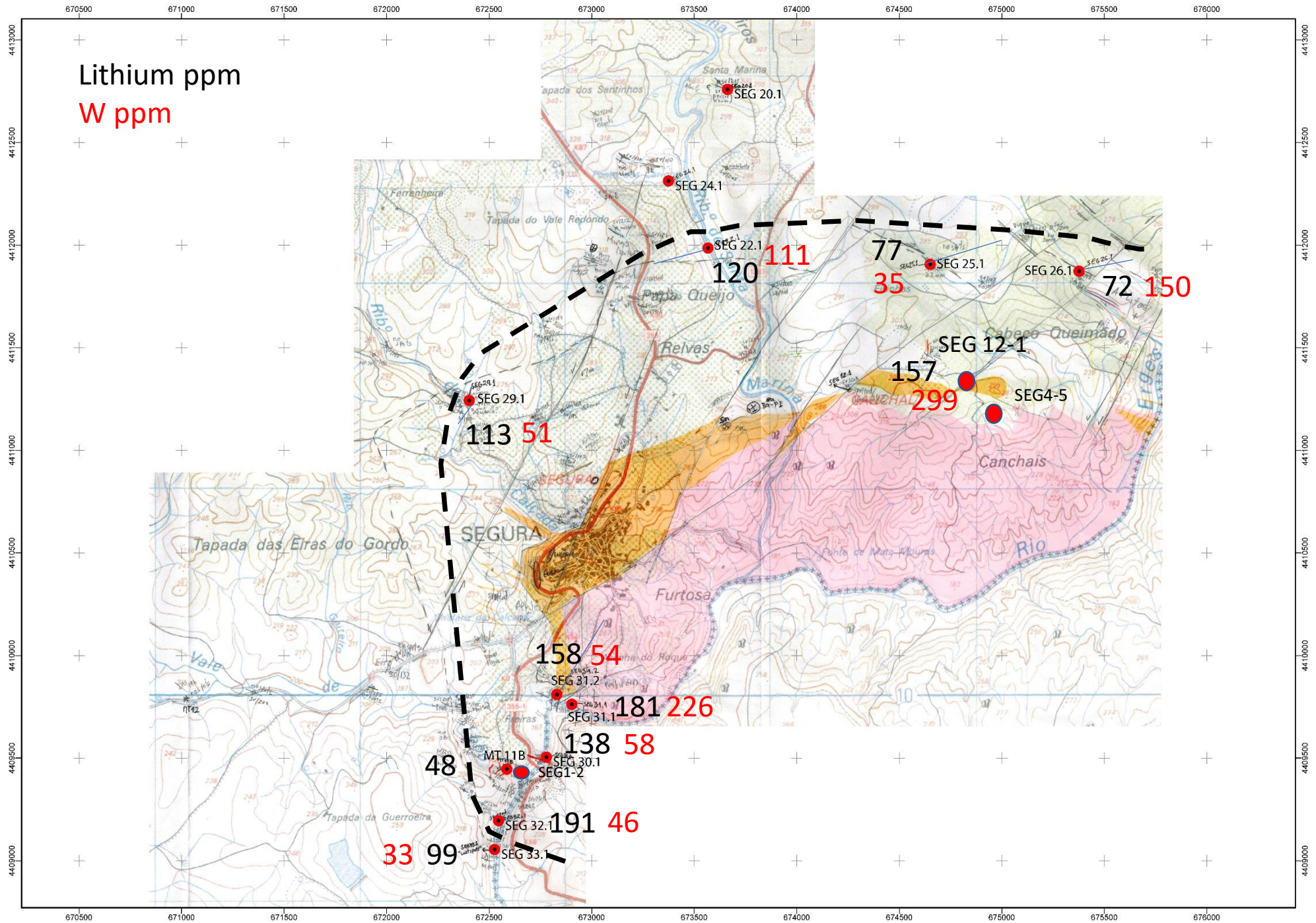
Site SEG3-(4-5)



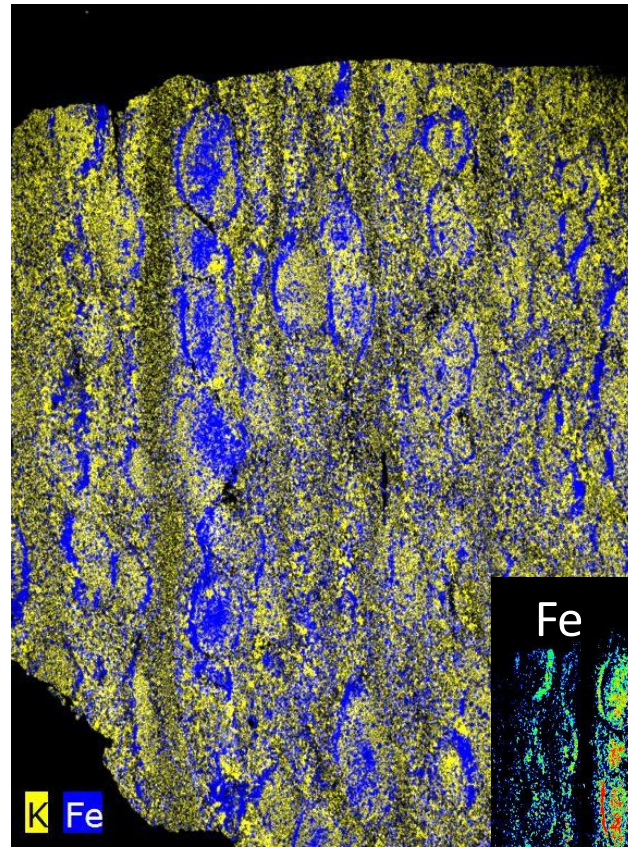
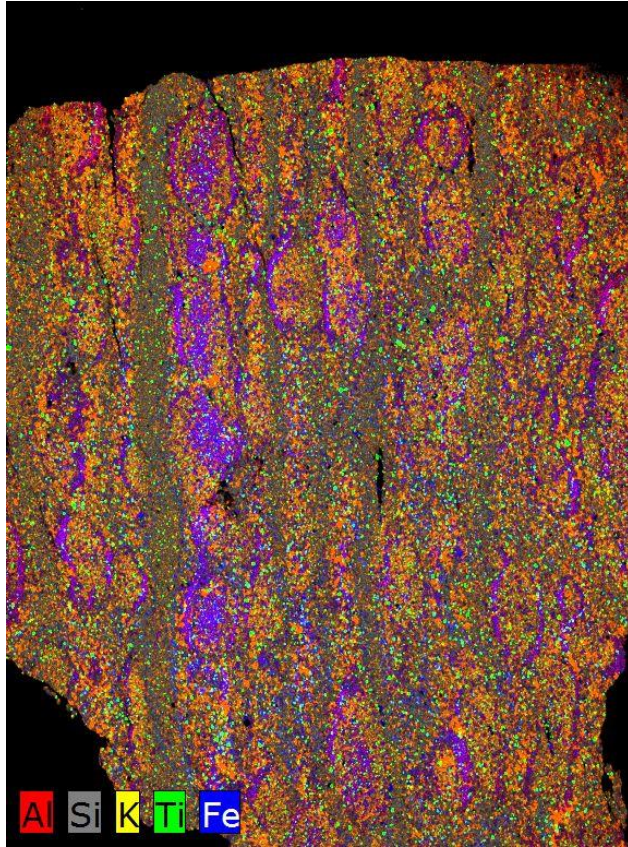


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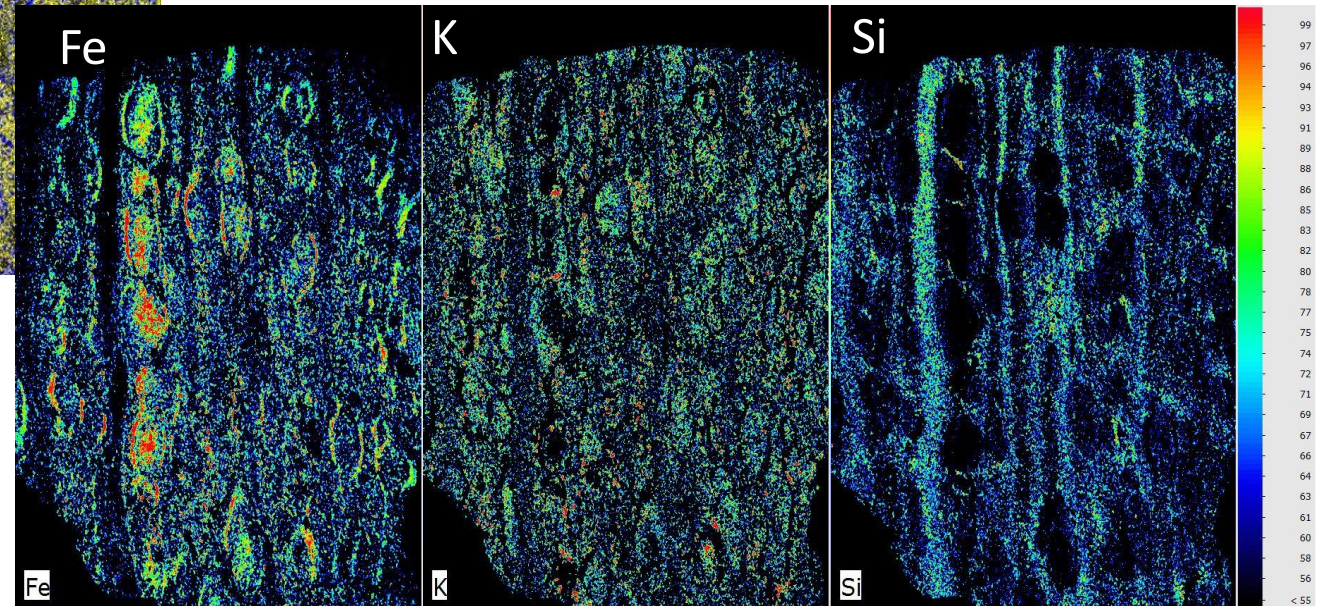
W ppm



Mata da Rainha

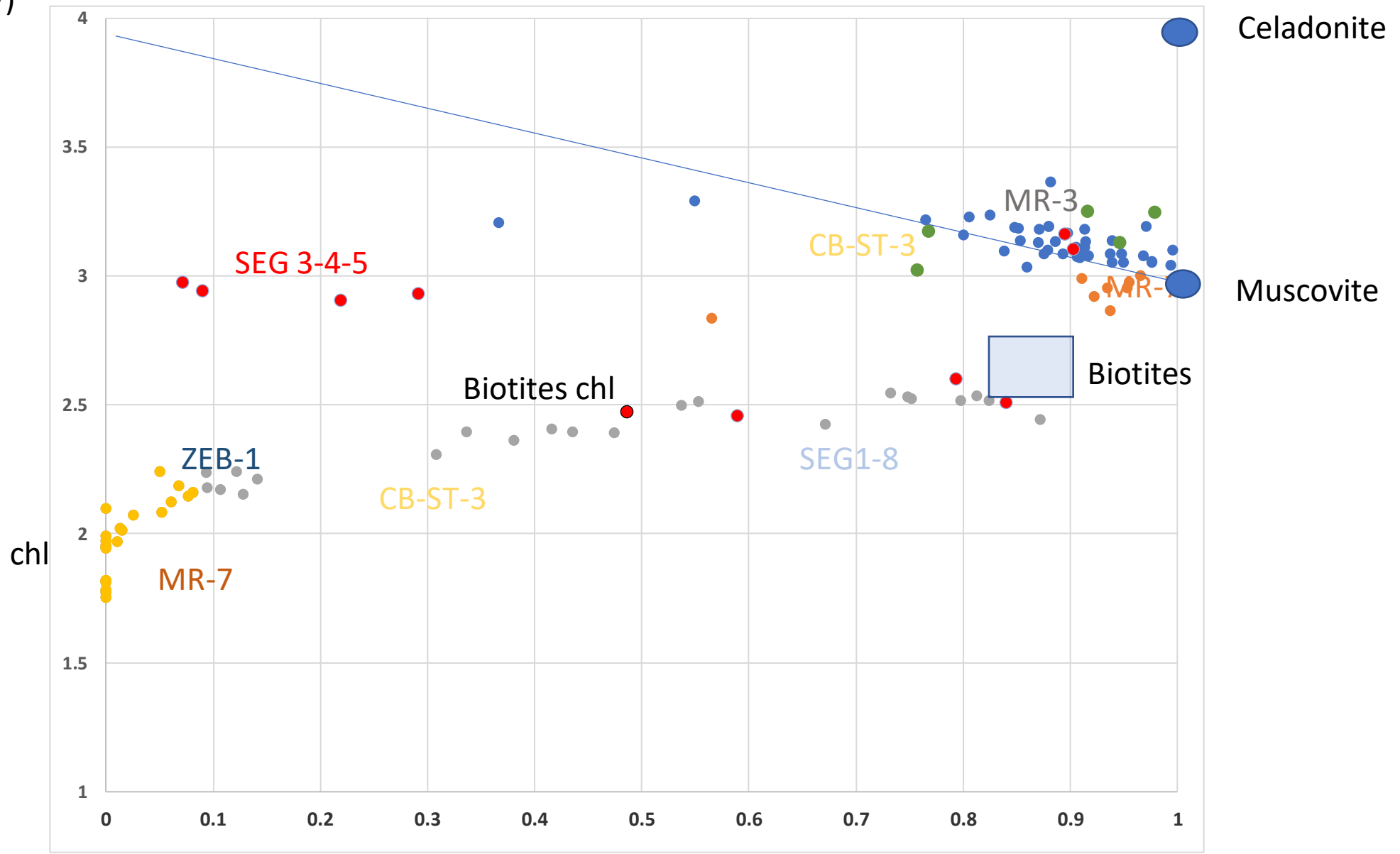


Tourmalinisation of spots
Followed by muscovitisation

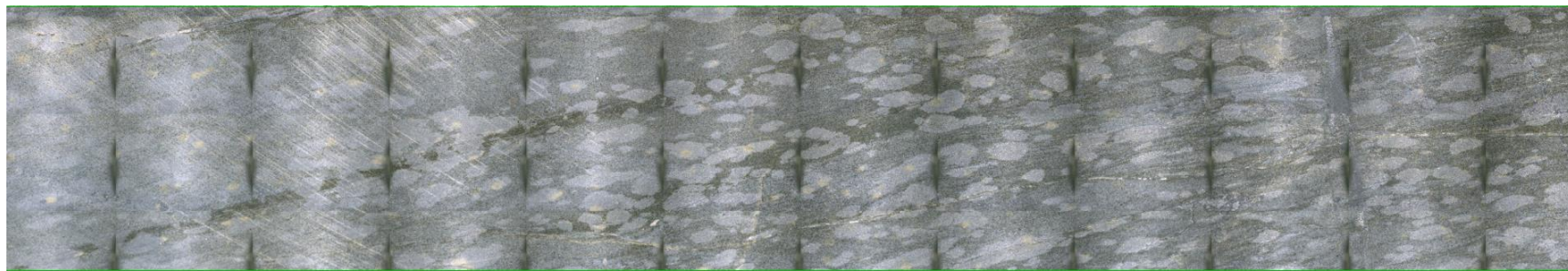


Spot crystal-chemistry (Musc, Bt >Chl)

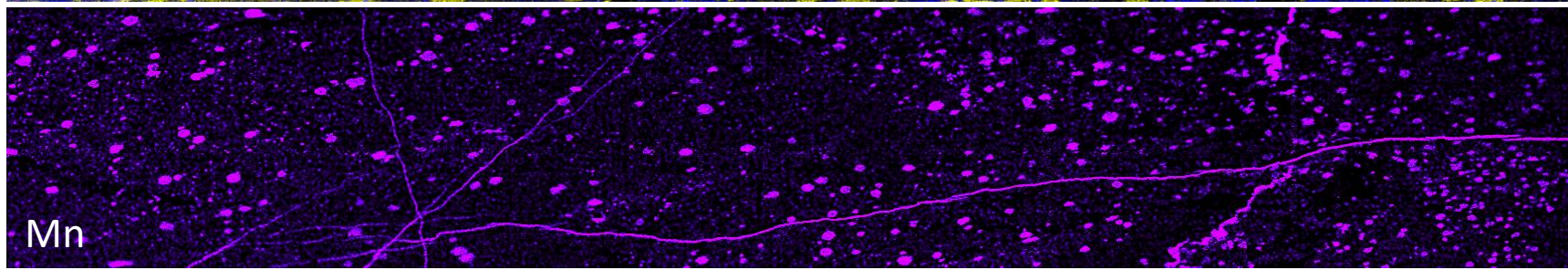
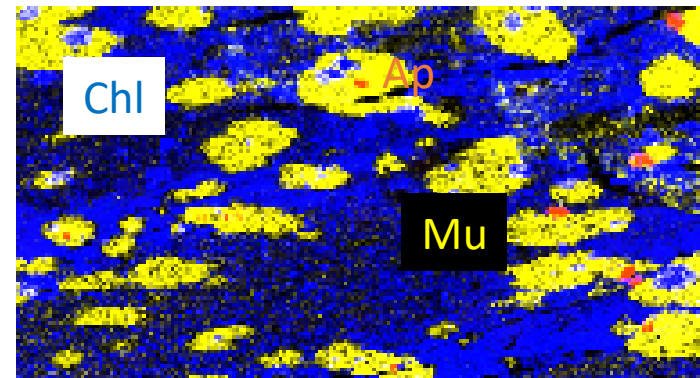
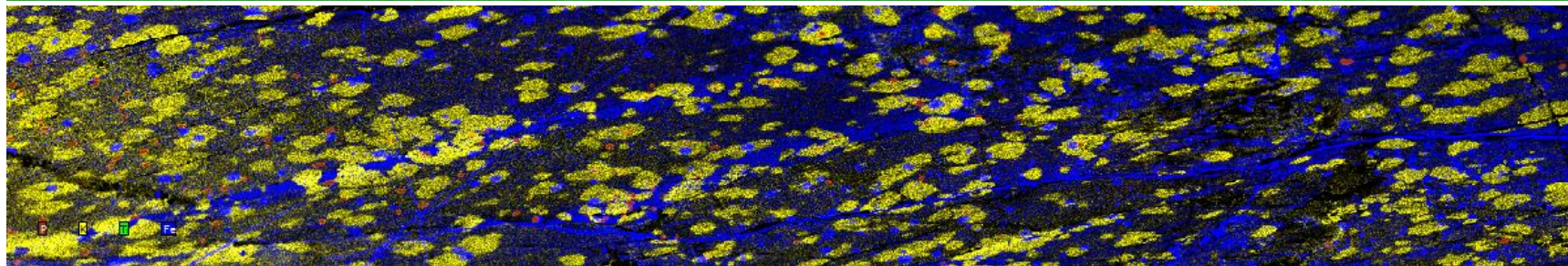
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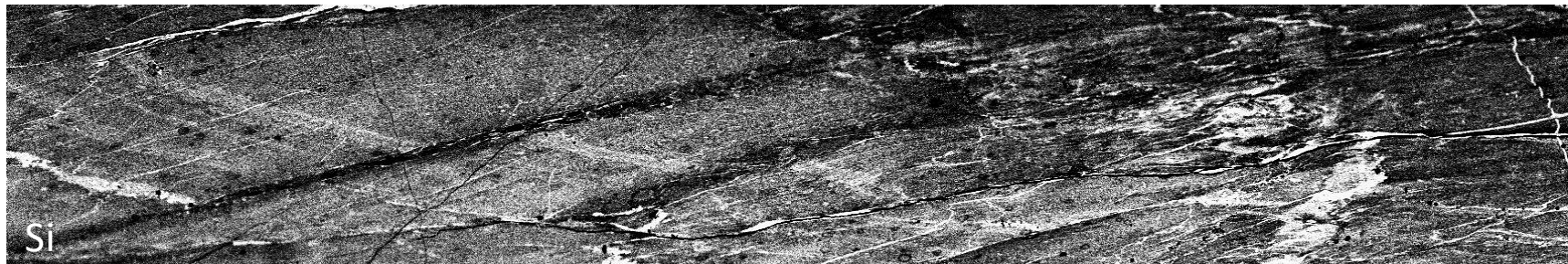
chl = K + Na + 2Ca



Spots 1 : replaced by muscovite
K-Rb
Spots2 : Fe-Mn



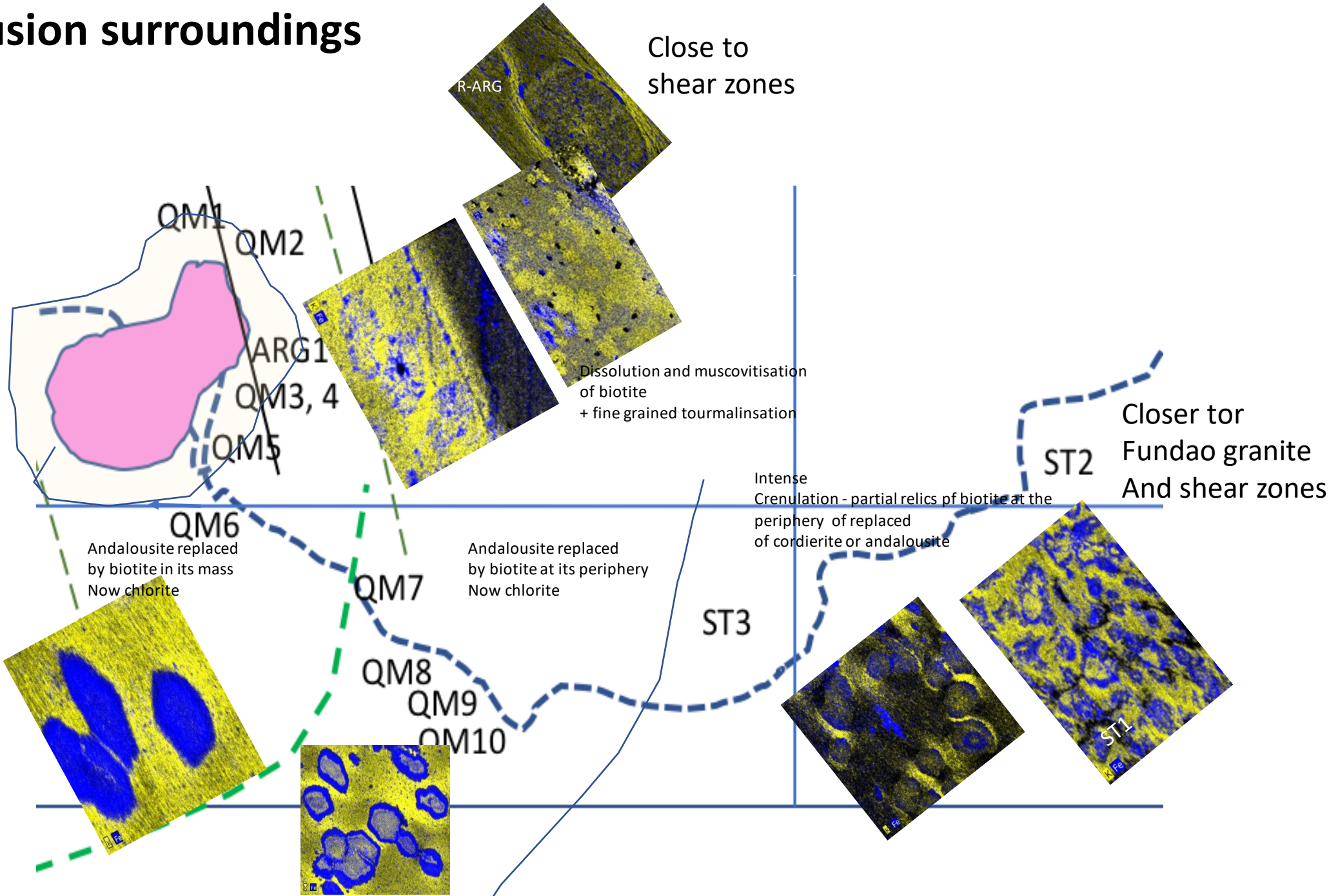
Mn



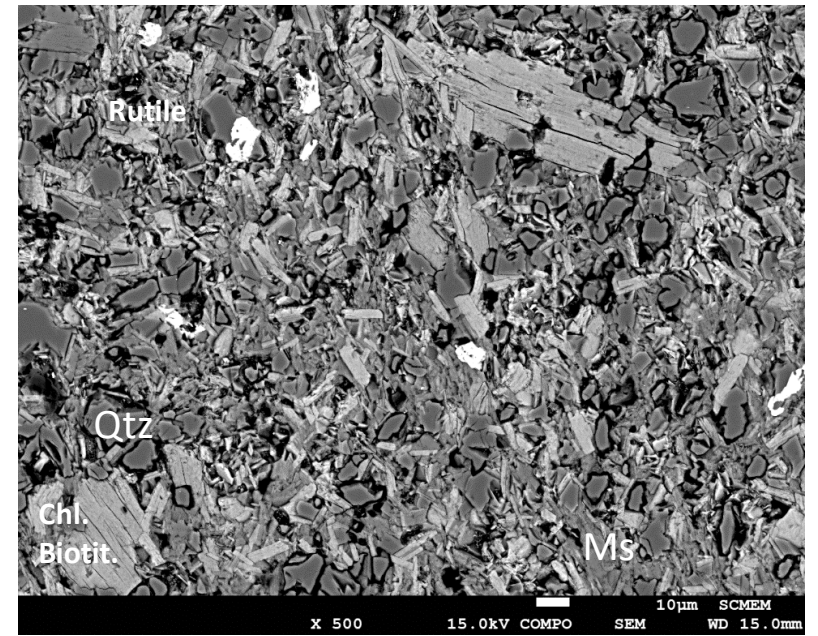
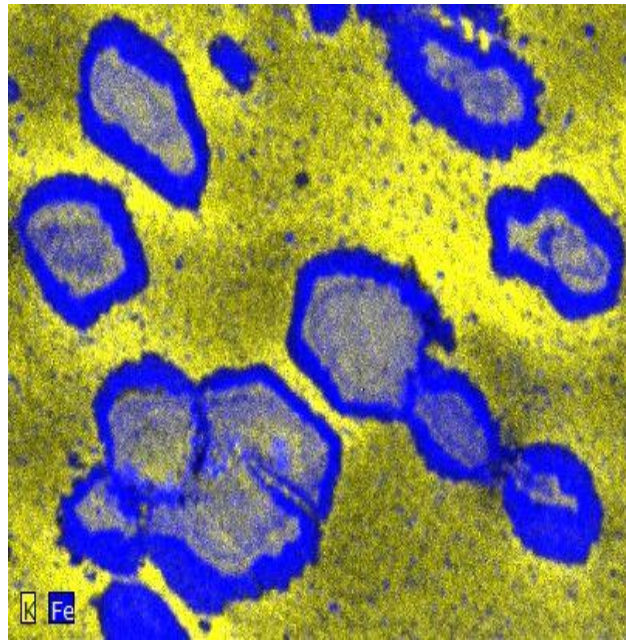
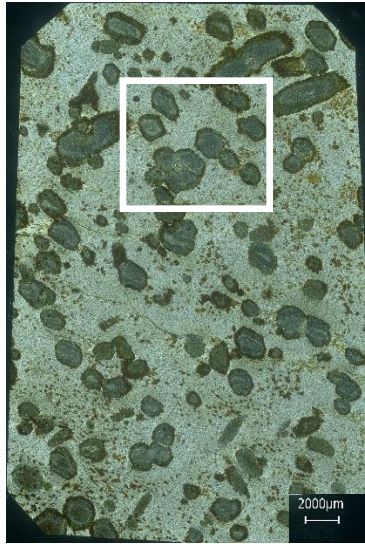
Si

Panasqueira
XX-4a
L3_D9_R1_AW33

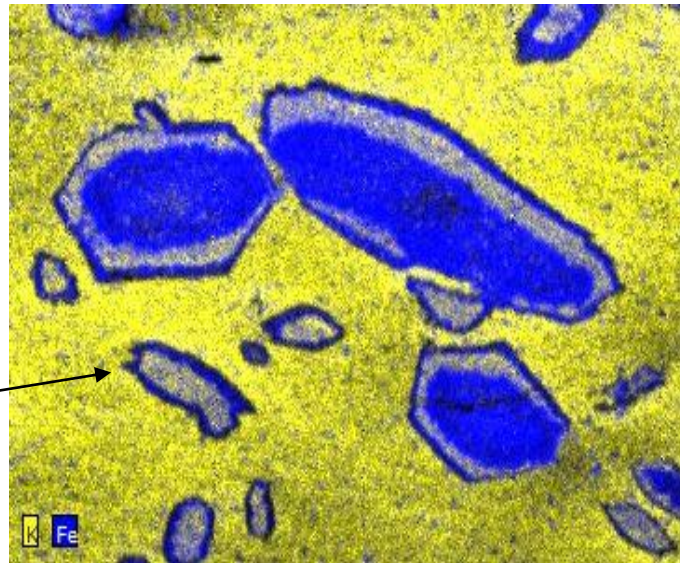
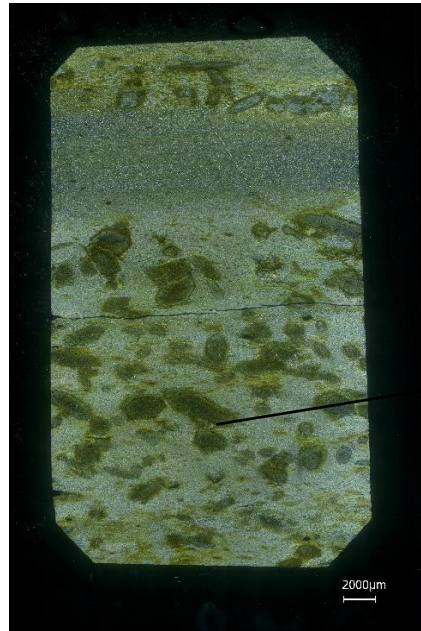
Argemela intrusion surroundings



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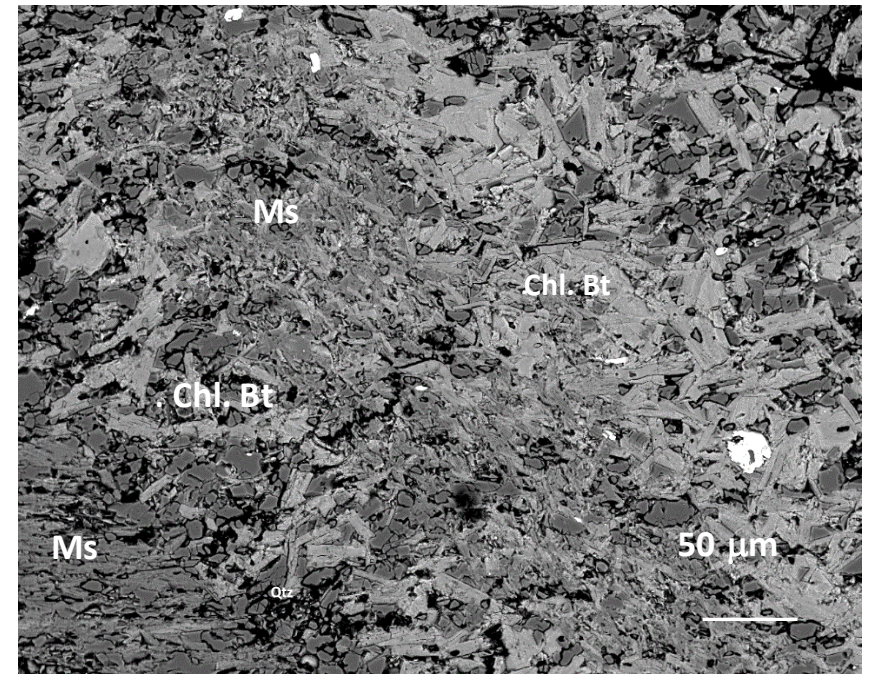


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Cordierite

- Bt+ Ms
- Chl (+Ms)



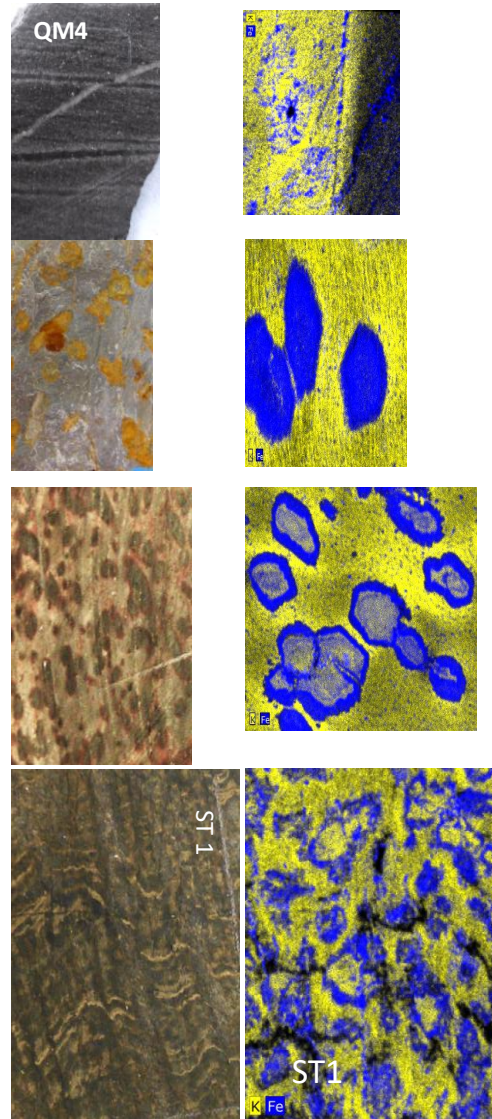
Argemela intrusion

Tourmalinisation aureole ± phosphates

Muscovitisation aureole, replacement of biotite
Phantom of cordierite

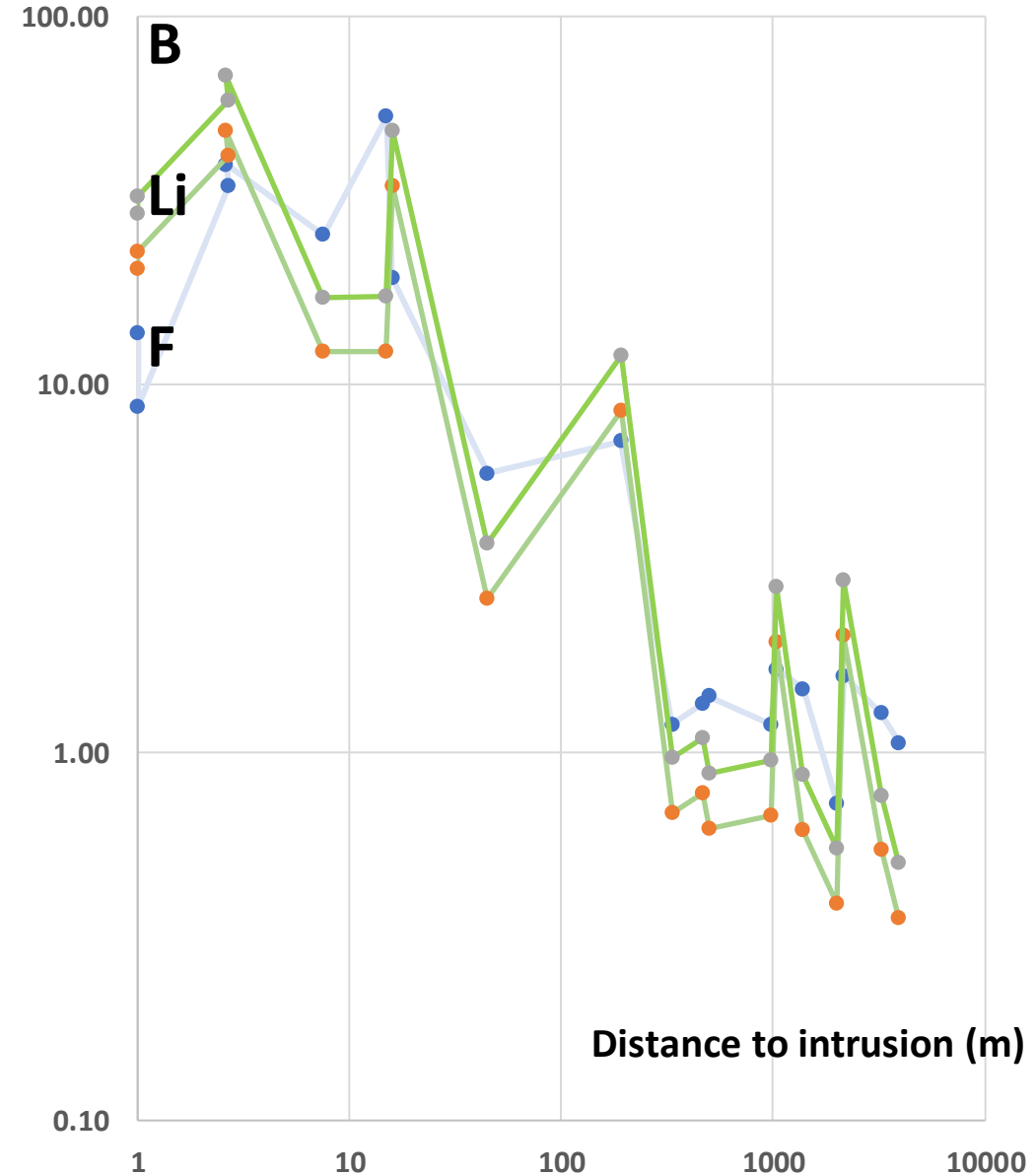
Muscovitisation in the mass of schists
Cordierite inherited (intact shape), replaced by biotite and muscovite

Cordierite replaced partially by biotite at the periphery
Strong deformation of cordierite



Age of cordierite, link with which granite?
Why a systematic retromorphosis in the greenschist facies at the regional scale?

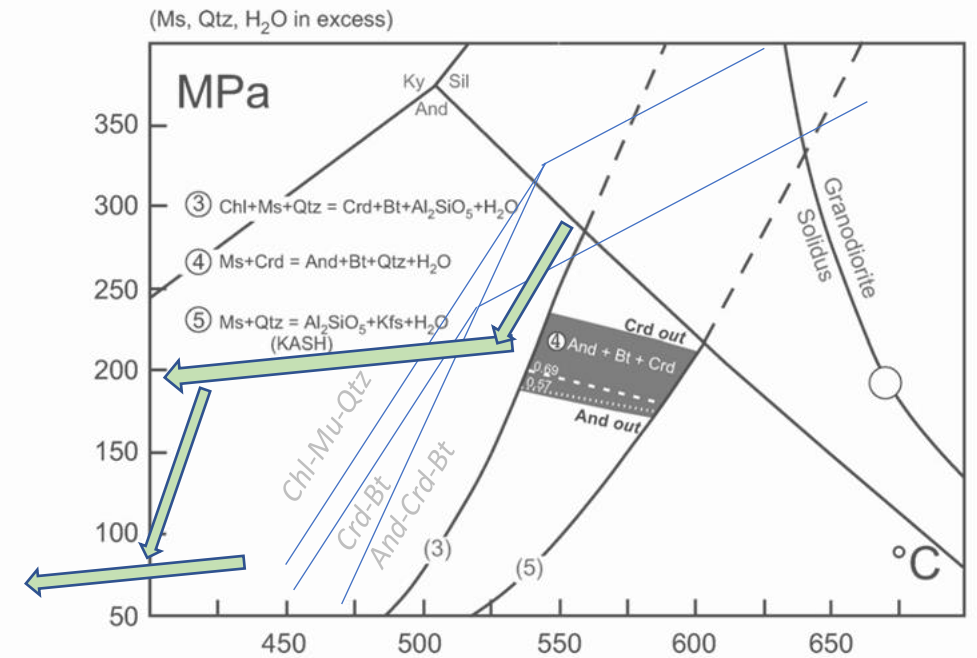
Enrichment factors

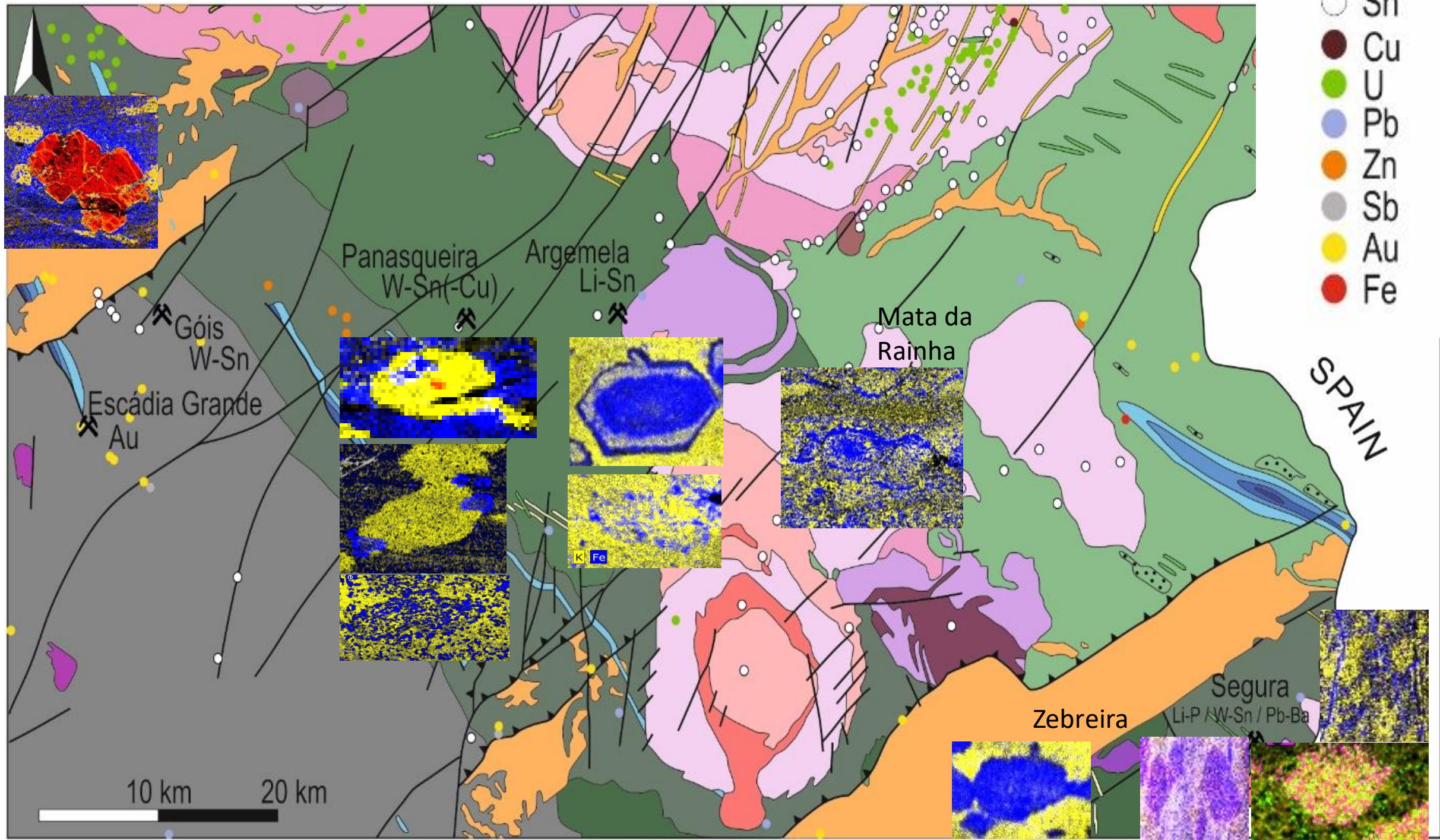


Spotting :

- the relationships with deformation need more attention
- the formation of spots does not imply necessarily the formation of cordierite (see Galan et al, in Betics) : serpentine , or biotite clusters ? Without reaching the cordierite field
- the regional distribution of andalusite (preserved, multiple in the western part (Coimbra region), and potential cordierite spots areas with rare relics of andalusite (PNQ-Argemela, Segura) vs eastern part without andalusite and cordierite : no clear explanation (pressure ?)
- extension of muscovitisation related to late variscan fluids could be an interesting pathfinder (F, B, Li, Rb, Cs aureoles), (already proposed)
- the extension of tourmalinisation seem restricted to main contact zones, mais this needs checking

Overall retromorphosis: • the systematic retromorphosis to the chlorite zone (greenschist facies) implies large pervasive fluid circulation at the regional scale which need also explanations





Conclusions

- the schist host rock formation for granites and mineral deposits represent a significant source of information that has probably been underestimated in the past.

(despite a number of attempts)

- the exact nature of the spots remains a matter of debate
- zoning in the regional distributions of andalusite versus cordierite has no clear explanation
- absence of visible spots not always the case : microscopic and chemical evidences
- intense muscovitisation and tourmalinisation at the contact of the intrusions, visible and evident, have a wider distribution at least a hectometric scale
this could be more systematised in prospection stages
- very significant chemical redistribution on the scale of the sample, and pervasive fluid penetration over large volumes

>>> Could this be evidence of how metal sources work? B, W, Sn, Ti, ... ?