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Part II



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Rutile





Anatase

Brookite

Metallogenic belts







Sn-W deposits

W quartz veins W(Sn) quartz veins W skarns Sn(W) quartz veins Sn aplite-pegmatites Sn greisen Sn alluvial

(Martins 2012, after Carvalho 1974)

Góis-Panasqueira-Segura Sn-W belt (Central Portugal)

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Góis – Vale Pião deposit





Mineral ocurrences

(Sn-W)

- 1 Vale Moreiro Casal Loureiro
- 2 Senhora da Guia
- 3 Rabadão
- 4 Vale Pião
- 5 Barroca de Amiães

(Au-Ag)

- 6 Vieiro
- 7 Cadafaz
- 8 Corterredor
- 9 Cerdeira
- 10 Mestras
- 11 Cabeçadas
- 12 Escádia Grande
- 13 Roda Cimeira
- 14 Roda Fundeira
- 15 Fonte Limpa
- 16 Alvares

(Sb-Au) 17 – Vale Torto





(Manuel et al. 2017)

Góis – Vale Pião deposit







(I. Fernandes 2020)

Góis – Vale Pião Tourmaline





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Panasqueira W-Sn-(Cu) deposit





Simplified paragenitic sequence of Panasqueira deposit









(Mateus et al. 2020)





Mg/(Mg+Fe_T) apfu





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Granite

Qz vein/breccia

Tourmalinite



Tourmaline from magmatic rocks





Tourmaline from metasediments, toumalinite & breccias





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Segura-Zebreira-Salvaterra do Extremo

New data (MOSTMEG)



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Segura



Sub-horizontal Sn-W quartz vein system similar to Panasqueira





Segura-Zebreira-Salvaterra do Extremo





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Summarizing





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Brookite





n=1125



С

2 Km



Alluvial heavy mineral relative abundance maps





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Trace elements in TiO₂ minerals – EMP data



Trace element geochemistry of rutile and anatase EMP data

	V	Cr	Fe	Sn	Nb	Ta	W	Zr
Rútilo (ppm)								
Mínimo	< 205	< 196	< 194	< 350	< 312	< 1199	< 1212	< 279
Máximo	10937	4201	29258	55665	85347	19139	57173	1577
Média	1712	168	5882	4462	5723	890	5126	68
Mediana	1271	0	4508	882	3845	0	1491	0
Desvio Padrão	1388	370	5196	7900	6269	1990	8898	163
Anátase (ppm)								
Mínimo	< 198	< 196	< 188	< 354	< 302	< 1143	< 1103	< 270
Máximo	5289	1006	17699	4892	12296	16895	10523	992
Média	754	23	472	85	1575	261	694	99
Mediana	877	0	894	0	1139	0	0	0
Desvio Padrão	545	88	280	387	1510	833	1566	193

(Grácio, 2020)



Mineralized Zones







0.69

0.72

0.77

Effective Ionic Radii (Å)

in VI coordination

0.58

0.59

0.60

0.64

0.62

0.65

0.66

0.82



TiO₂ Polymorph Stability Primary vs. Secondary

Alteration of Ti-rich phases

Ilmenite

 $FeTiO_3 + S_2 = FeS_2 + TiO_2$

Ti-magnetite

$$2(Fe, Ti)_{3}O_{4} + S_{2} = Fe_{3}O_{4} + FeS_{2} + TiO_{2}$$

Biotite

$$\begin{split} &K(Fe, Mg, Ti)_{3}(Si_{3}Al)O_{10}(OH)_{2} + S_{2} \\ &= K(Mg, Fe)_{3}(Si_{3}Al)O_{10}(OH)_{2} + FeS_{2} \\ &+ TiO_{2} \end{split}$$

Titanite

 $CaTiSiO_5 + CO_2 = TiO_2 + CaCO_3 + SiO_2$



After Meinhold (2010)

Elements Rutile Crystal Forms Controlling Trace Elemer



Exploration Tools – Trace Element Vectoring/Fingerprints



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Exploration Tools – Trace Element Abundance Maps



(Gracio, 2020)

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- Alluvial heavy mineral associations are a good proxy for local geology and mineralized areas.
- Alluvial heavy mineral abundance maps can pinpoint orebodies & unravel metamorphic and metasomatic processes related to the installation of productive intrusives.
- Alluvial rutile & anatase trace element geochemistry are an excellent exploration tool for Sn and W deposits:
 - Sn-rich and W-rich primary magmatic rutile can be used as a proxy for specialized and productive Sn & W granites;
 - Primary hydrothermal rutile & anatase, precipitated from mineralizing fluids, can be either enriched or depleted in HFSE depending on their relative position in the paragenetic sequence in respect to cassiterite (Sn), wolframite (W) and scheelite (W), or other HFSE forming minerals.



To be continued... Part III in about 5-10 min! Stay tunned! There will be coffee afterwads!













Tourmaline Ib – Intergrown with MS(II) Thin selvages with Tpz

Tourmaline Ic – veinlet structures

Tourmaline II – in selvages and reopening of Qz veins with Cst II and Ap II (OSS2)