

Mineralization of galena in an aplitic albitite from carbonatite complex of Tiruppattur, Tamil Nadu, India

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Abstract : A 10cmx10cmx10cm galena and associate albite from an aplitic albitite vein cutting across a skarn rock, near Garigaipalli village, in the carbonatite complex of Tiruppattur, Tamil Nadu, India were collected and studied for systematic variations in chemical composition from the central portions to outer peripheries. The compositions of albite grains show a linear trend of crystallizations from $Ne_{81}Ks_0Qz_{29}$ to $Ne_{48}Ks_0Qz_{52}$. Co-variation diagrams of Pb-S, Na_2O -PbO, $(Ca+Na+K)$ -(Si+Ti+Al⁺³) and $(Ca+Na+K)$ -S show sequences of crystallizations of albite and galena with miscibility gaps between them. These components in albite and galena negatively vary in opposite directions in these diagrams. Galena mineralization might have been initiated just after immiscible separation of sulphide phases from silicate phases but prior to initial crystallization of albite Tf3 at higher temperature. During the course of crystal growths under the influence of crystal field stabilization forces, mixed pattern of arrangement of individual early formed and late formed microcrystals together was taken place. Incorporations of volatiles into the voids of subsolidus crystal originated pits of galena and albite, play critical role on the increase of viscosity of residual magma and it depends upon the rate of cooling. Progressive depletion of Al, Na, K and S contents in sequentially crystallized albite and galena indicates that residual magma was enriched with these constituents and Si. After this co-magmatic differentiation the residual magma fractionated into silica oversaturated granitic magma as end product.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Carbonatite complexes are generally associated with mineralization of apatite, vermiculite, zircon, magnetite, REE minerals, and sulphides of molybdenum, lead, zinc and copper [1]. The zoned carbonatite complex of Tiruppattur (12°15'-12°30'N: 78°25'-78°35'E), Tamil Nadu [2-4] is comprised with series of co-magmatic soda-rich and potash rich alkali syenites emplaced in sequential order in two adjacent structural basins with magmatic continuity [2-4]. This carbonatite complex is not an exception to this observation. It is associated with mineralization of vermiculite, a large quantity of ultra-potassic feldspar, wollastonite, nioborutile, apatite, zircon, pyrochlore, Ba-Sr enriched carbonates, barite-quartz deposits [5] and a reserve of 5-6 million tones molybdenum bearing poly-metallic sulphide of ore with Mo percentage of 0.07 % [6,7]. The carbonatite complex of Tiruppattur encloses carbonatites of Sevvattur (Korati, Karappattu), Jogipatti (Samalpatti) and Onnakarai (Samalpatti, Garigaipalli, Pallasulakkarai, Mottusulakkarai and Olaipatti). Onnakarai carbonatite is enclosed in a large arcuate shaped ultramafic body [2-4]. A spherical pod form galena more than 10 cm in size was collected from a thin vein-let (5mx0.5m) of pink coloured aplitic albitite cross-cutting the skarn rock at the contact of ultramafic body. Ultrabasic nodules present in the skarn rock of Garigaipalli, are also composed of disseminations native copper, copper sulphides, azurite, malachite, pyrite, pyrrhotite and galena (PbS) [8].

II. FIELD RELATIONSHIP

Co-magmatic carbonatites and alkali syenites sequentially emplaced in two adjacent structural basins bounded by steep fault planes [3,4, 9-14] in a graben structure called Alangayam rift valley trending in NE-SW directions lying between Elagiri Hill and Javadi Hills [10]. The rift valley is also dissected by N-S, E-W and NW-SE trending fault planes. Magmatic emplacements, displacement of rock bodies, lithological units with sharp contacts, slicken-sides and occurrences of basalt-like dark mylonitic granitic gneisses are evidences for these fault movements. However, most magmatic bodies are highly differentiated and fractionated at depth and exhibits magmatic zonal variations between various types of alkali syenites, carbonatites, pegmatites and aplites. These magmatic rocks were differentiated under prolonged period of fractional crystallization within a subjacent closed magmatic chamber [3-6; 9-15]. Differentiated and fractionated magmatic bodies in a closed magmatic chamber at depth sequentially emplaced first in the northern Sevvattur basin and subsequently with tectonic disturbance in southern Jogipatti basin [3]. The magmatic rocks occurring in both these basins show magmatic continuity and are co-magmatic in nature but, the magmatic series occurring in the southern Jogipatti basin appear to be younger to the magmatic rock series occurring in Sevvattur basin. The northern Sevvattur body

shows irregular zonation and is comprised of cone-sheets of carbonatite body with a core of beforosite. Immediately south of the cone-sheets of carbonatite, an outer shell of speckled hornblende syenite is seen in the northern portion [4, 12, 15]. This is followed by a mottled porphyritic augite syenite which grades into a mottled augite syenite along its peripheral portions. The core portion of the body is occupied by oligoclase and albitite. A carbonatite body crops out along the contact between ultramafic rock and the syenites in the northern periphery of the body. The ultramafic rocks are essentially composed of pyroxenites and by intrusions of thin veins of oligoclases, albitites and carbonatites in pyroxenite which transformed into mica-pyroxenites and hornblende-oligoclase-calcite bearing pyroxenite. The Jogipatti body with inward dips is composed of riebeckite syenite which grades into melanite-orthoclase syenite, melanite-microcline ultrapotassic syenite [4, 12, 15], wollastonite-melanite syenite, wollastonite-rock and melanite-wollastonite sovite. At the contact between melanite-wollastonite syenite and melanite-wollastonite sovite, scapolite-wollastonite syenite is developed. In this Jogipatti basin [4], carbonatite occurs as ring dykes and veins in the riebeckite syenite and veins and breccias at the contact between ultramafic rocks and syenites [11]. The degree of fractionation is so extensive; agpaite rocks and ultrapotassic syenites are emplaced within this complex. Both high field strength elements (K, Ba, Sr, Ti, P) and incompatible elements (Zr, Hf, Nb, Ta, Y, Sc) concentrate in late magmatic fluids. After reaching required concentrations [15, 16] of these elements, they form as discrete minerals of their own in residual magma. The peripheral portion of the galena sample collected is associated with well developed prismatic crystals of pyromorphite and wulfenite of sizes varying from 1mm up to 5mm. The galena exhibits cubic cleavage and metallic luster. It is very dense and has a density around 7.5 gm / cc. The streak of the galena is lead-grey. Galena also occurs as disseminations in albitite and in ultramafic nodules occurring in the skarn rock. The skarn rock exhibits two or three generations of plastic fold patterns and the ultramafic nodules occur along these micro-fold axial planes. Most of these ultramafic nodules are carbonatized towards the NE direction from Onnakarai village where, incipient development of carbonates in ultramafic nodules is seen. The dimensions of these nodules vary from < 1 cm to >30cm. Within these nodules, alternate calcite veins of 1 to 2 mm thickness show imbricate superimposed plastic fold-pattern of two or three generations and these features are seen even in hand specimens. Along tightly folded axial planes of these nodules grossularite-andradite garnet occurs. Disseminations of pyrite, chalcopyrite, galena, covellite, bornite, native copper, azurite and malachite are seen in these nodules preserved in the tightly superimposed antiform-folded axial planes. On the other hand nodules aligned along synformally superimposed folded axial plane consisting of wollastonite and calcite are manifested without any significant concentration of sulphide minerals. The field relationship indicates that the skarn rock is formed along the contact between ultramafic rocks and garnetiferous orthoclase syenite [4, 12, 15]. Thin veins (in the range of 5- 50 cm) of ankeritic and sovite carbonatites are also found within this skarn rock. The ultramafic rock exhibits kimberlitic affinity [14]. Forceful injections of syenites and carbonatites along the contact of ultramafic rock might have mobilized the latter into skarn rock by hot fluids emanated from these igneous bodies. Along the contacts of the skarn rock, mineralization of polymetallic sulphides of copper, iron and lead including chalcopyrite, pyrite and galena and other minerals like monazite, riebeckite, wollastonite, barite, apatite and niobo-rutile is found. Along the contact of syenite with ultramafic body, extensive development of biotite is seen in the ultramafic rock. Sulphide minerals are extensively developed along joint planes, shear zones and gneissic and schistose planes of the ultramafic rock altered to biotite bearing amphibolite along the contact of syenite body. The amphibolite is enriched with sulphide minerals with concentration of silver up to a maximum of 40 ppm. SO₃ content increases up to 1.75% (wt/%) in amphibole and biotite rich ultramafic rocks. Along the shear zones, the ultramafic body which is essentially composed of calcium bearing pyroxene is extensively transformed into riebeckite veins and developments of pods and pockets of calcite are also seen. Crocidolite mineralization is seen in association with beforosite carbonatite veins at about 500 m WNW of Mottusulakkarai village. Veins of apatite-ilmenorutile are found about 500 m NE of Pallasulakkarai village. Barite-calcite mineralization is found 100m south of Onnakarai village. The Jogipatti-carbonatite contains 0.17 to 1.73% wt SO₃. Benstonite bearing carbonatite veins are also exposed in this area. The syenite around this carbonatite contains scapolite associated with acmite, diopside, garnet and wollastonite. Wollastonite and scapolite bearing aegirine syenites and riebeckite veins contain up to 1.5% (wt.) of SO₃. All these features indicate that parent magma from which late magmatic alkali syenites and carbonatites were separated by immiscible fractions silicate-carbonate phases and silicate-sulphide phases might have enriched with significant amount of CO₂ and SO₃ in their compositions.

III. METHODOLOGY

In order to study the mineralization, a single fragment of galena (2mm x 2mm x 1mm) and a fragment of albitite (2 mm x 2mm x 1mm) are subjected to "High Resolution EDAX" probe analyses in the Department of Material and Metallurgical Engineering, Indian Institute of Technology Madras, Chennai. Eight EDAX (Energy Diffusive X-ray micro- analyses) analyses were made systematically on feldspar at different points from its center to periphery. Four EDAX analyses were carried out from the fragment of a pure galena, on different

points of galena at a magnification of 5000x. Counts versus electron energy levels of elements are measured (SEM Images in Figure. 2). Trace element concentrations of these minerals are also detected with the help of EDAX probe analyzer. They represent the chemical composition at the site of cursor positions where the electron diffusive micro analysis is made (EDAX images Plate 1 and 2). The original analyses are presented (Figure 3). The major elements are recalculated into their oxide forms. Feldspars are re-calculated on the basis of 32 (O) to derive their structural formulae (Table 1). Only total iron is reported in the form of FeO. H₂O and other volatiles like CO₂, CH₄ etc. are not determined. Hence the contents of moisture and loss of ignition are not given.

IV. RESULTS

Pure galena is composed with Pb 86.6% and S 13.4%. The Pb content in the analyzed galena crystals varies from 67.31 to 75.65% and S from 12.71 to 17.22% (Table 1). This may be due to small amounts of substitutions [17] of Sb, As, Bi, Ag, Tl, Cd, Co and Ni which were not detected in these analyses. However substitutions of Zn and Cu are estimated. The galena (PbS), Pb is replaced by other elements from 10.95 to 19.29%. Presence of significant amount of Nb is detected; however, Nb sulphides are rare. During calculation of Rittmann's norm, considerable amounts of Fe, Ti and Na are allotted for the formation of pyrochlore and villamaninite to accommodate excessive sulphide ions (Table 2). The chemical compositions indicate that SiO₂ contents widely vary between 53.84% (Tf3) to 73.42% (Tf5) with a mean value of 62.61% SiO₂, Al₂O₃ 20.90%, Na₂O 12.23% and K₂O 0.81% indicating composition of an albite mineral. The silica poor feldspars have typically enriched with a high content of alumina (24%) and soda (16%). Except Tf5, all other feldspars are nepheline normative up to a maximum of 48.92% (wt. %). The structural formulae calculated on the basis of 32(O) show that all of them belong to albite. On comparison with nepheline structural formula on the basis of 32(O), they have high Si above 8 in tetrahedral site, low in six fold co-ordination (3.26-4.52 i.e. <8 ions) and octahedral coordination (2.63-6.14 i.e. <8 ions). Therefore, all of them belong to albite only. Si ions in tetrahedral sites are deficient in all albite grains, except Tf5 which is the only albite saturated with Si in that site. On the other hand, Tf5 is enriched in Si in its tetrahedral site, it greatly deficient in hexahedral site (Al = 3.08 < 4). This deficiency could not be compensated by entry of Fe, Mn and Ti (3.261 < 4). Further it is highly deficient in X-site instead of 4 it has hardly 2.63 ions. In all albites, Z-site is very close to 16 ions. Si has 12 ions in tetrahedral site under normal state. In order to meet silica deficiencies in the tetrahedral site Ti⁺⁴ enters into the lattice. Under insufficient Ti⁺⁴, Al⁺³ enters into the lattice. Though albites of Tf3 and Tf2 are highly deficient in tetrahedral Si, their silica deficiencies are respectively compensated by entries of Al⁺³ ions of 1.976 and 1.427 ions. All the feldspars have significant amount of Al⁺⁶ however in addition to Fe², Mn, Mg only 4 feldspars (Tf3, Tf7, Tf8 and Tf4) have sufficient ions of hexa-fold coordination and the rest (Tf2, Tf1, Tf6, Tf5) have insufficient ions in their lattices. These features indicate that albites enriched with Al⁺³ ions were initiated subsolidus highly disordered state of crystallization at high temperature condition. Entry of normative nepheline molecules is possible in Si deficient albites enriched with Na and Al ions. In these albites, X-site is oversaturated with lime and alkali elements and it is above 4 in most of the feldspars. The Si deficiencies in tetrahedral sites and enrichments in Al in Z lattices in most albites indicate substitution of considerable amount of normative nepheline to a maximum of Ne₅₃Ab₄₇ in sample Tf3. On the other hand silica saturated albite presents with qz₂₁Ab₇₉ in the sample Tf5. The eight albite crystals analyzed from an albitite fragment show continuous chemical and mineralogical compositional normative proportions from silica undersaturated state to silica oversaturated end. The normative proportions of 8 albites are plotted in a trilinear diagram of NaAlSi₃O₈-KAlSi₃O₈-SiO₂ system [18] at a P_{H₂O} = 5 kb. It is reported that in this system if P_{H₂O} increases over 5 kb and above, leucite field shrinks and albite field expands [17]. From this diagram (Figure 1) it is inferred that albite Tf3 (Ne₈₁Ks₆Qz₁₉) might have included into albite field at about 750° C and above 5 kb P_{H₂O}. In all these feldspars potash content is limited.

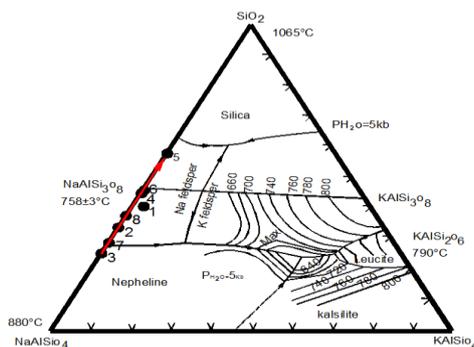


Figure 1 shows plot of normative proportions of Ne-Ks-Qz in the system NeAlSi₃O₈-KAlSi₃O₈-SiO₂ system under PH₂O 5 kbar constructed by Zeng and Mackenzie 1984 [18].

Albite Tf1 contains maximum of 3% of normative kalsilite. A differentiation trend moves from nepheline normative albite to silica saturated albite along Ne-Qz join from high temperature crystallization to low temperature albitic end (Fig. 1). Rittmann's silica saturated norm is calculated by distributing number of Si' atoms among silica saturated silicates without regard to available amount of Si. In the equation $Dq = Si - Si'$; if Dq is positive in sign, the rock is oversaturated; if Dq is negative in sign, it is reported as such to indicate a silica deficiency. A negative value Dq is seen for all albite grains [18] except albite Tf5 grain (Table 2). The compositions of feldspars vary from $Or_{28}Ab_{72}An_0$ to $Or_1Ab_{99}An_8$ and they all belong to mono-mineral phase of albite [17]. In silica undersaturated magma, albite may be converted partially or completely into normative nepheline [17]. Significant amount of subsolidus replacement of albite by nepheline, riebeckite and aegirine augite is seen in the Rittmann's norm [19]. Tf3 albite ($Ab_{47}Ne_{53}$) has albite 44%, nepheline 49%, aegirine augite 4.89%, melanite 1.08%, magnetite 0.21%, galena 0.41% and villamaninite 0.46% (Table 2). Under thin section, only albite is present and nepheline is totally absent. Studying geochemical variation of these minerals under magnification of 5000x will give valuable information on the crystallization of minerals in their spatial and temporal variations. From the study it is revealed that the highly silica deficient albite from Tf3 crystallized at earlier stage followed by the albitic sequentially enriched with silica components in the order Tf7, Tf2, Tf8, Tf1, Tf4, Tf6 and Tf5. Though, these albitic crystallize sequentially one by one during the course of time, they are not packed in a serial order according to their age. The albitic formed both early formed and late formed are also packed together in the albitic fragment as per crystal field stabilization theory initially at the corners and edges, later at their flat crystal faces. Further turbulence and currents in the magmatic fluid from which they crystallize may disturb the sequential order of albite crystal packing in the albitic fragment. Similar features are applicable to galena fragment also. Crystal originated pits of galena square, triangular, and rectangular shapes are seen. Subsidiary galena might have incorporated significant amount of volatiles in these void spaces of crystal originated pits. Similarly, volatiles might have occupied in void spaces created by dislocation of substrate layers in albitic.

The rock under study is an albitic essentially composed of albite (95% vol.) and with galena (<1% vol.) and other accessories (<4% vol.). Logarithmic decrease of albite content with increasing normative galena indicates a characteristic trend of magmatic crystallization (Fig. 2a). Galena substitution increases from Tf5 to Tf3 to maximum and then crystallization of galena takes place as individual crystals. A positive correlation is noted between S and Pb ions in feldspars (Fig. 2b). Normative nepheline increases against decreasing albite content (Fig. 2c). A linear trend of crystallization with intermittent concentration of galena cations with depletion of silica saturation is seen during the course of mineralization of galena (Fig. 2d). Tf3 has crystallized at high temperature condition having higher amount of Al^{+3} ions in its tetrahedral site. This feature indicates that Tf3 is formed with highly disordered state. A linear trend of decreasing Al^{+3} ions have entered in subsequently crystallized albitic with progressively increasing substitution of Si ions in their tetrahedral states is seen with a linear trend (Fig. 2e). The trend indicates that Tf3 albite crystallization initiated from high temperature disordered state and ends with crystallization of Si filled tetrahedral site possessed albite Tf5. In the phase diagram [19] of $Na_2O-PbO-SiO_2$, distributions of Na_2O and PbO show a negative correlation trend for these albite and galena. About 1.26% of PbO and 23.65% of Na_2O with 75.10% of SiO_2 concentrate at the intermediate state leading to immiscible separation of silicate and sulphide liquids and galena mineralization (Fig. 2f).

Galena mineralization takes place following trend of negative correlation with enrichment of $Ca+Na+K$ with depletion of $Si+Ti+Al^{+3}$ ions (Fig. 2g) at late magmatic stages. Sequence of crystallization of albite and galena trends in opposite directions for these minerals and miscibility gap between silicate and sulphide phases is inferred. An immiscible separation sulphide and silicate phases might have developed just prior to the high temperature crystallization of albite Tf3 around 750°C and above 5 kbar water pressure [19]. Similar feature is also illustrated in the Fig. 2h. Ratios of incompatible elements of Nb/Ta against Zr/Hf indicate prolonged period of magmatic differentiation with wide spectrum of a linear trend of variation (Fig. 2i). Galena is relatively enriched with heavy elements of Cu_(250-160 ppm), Zn_(840-230 ppm), Yb_(1270-200 ppm), Y_(1220-940 ppm), Ta_(1280-180 ppm), Hf_(960-380 ppm), Dy_(640-380 ppm), Lu_(1200-400 ppm), F_(1060-630 ppm) and Cl_(1020-480 ppm). On the other hand albite is concentrated with Zr_(90-130 ppm), Nb_(210-340 ppm), La_(90-510 ppm), Ce_(80-470 ppm), Nd_(90-350 ppm), Eu_(120-380 ppm) and F_(190-700 ppm) and Cl_(50-220 ppm). High ratios of Zn/Cu, Co/Ni, Pb/Cu, Zr/Hf and Nb/Ta in galena relative to albite indicate concentrations of Zn, Co, Pb, Zr, and Nb in late magmatic residual fluids. On the other hand concentrations of F, La and Ce in residual albitic fluids are characteristic features for carbonatite complexes (Fig. 2j). Though EDAX analyses were made systematically from the centre to periphery, chemical compositions distinctly vary from their neighbouring ones but collectively they show linear variations. During crystal growth, packing individual grains of early formed with late formed together by turbulent swirling currents in magmatic fluids might be caused for these variations. Crystal growths along edges and solid angles are faster than the growths on flat surfaces and nucleation of early formed and late formed minerals together on the basis of crystal field stabilization forces might be additional cause.

Table 1 Chemical composition of albite and galena (Tg1-Tg4 Galena; Tf1-Tf8 Albite)

	tg1	tg2	tg3	tg4	tf1	tf2	tf3	tf4	tf5	tf6	tf7	tf8
SiO2	1.38	1.21	1.51	1.27	60.44	57.55	53.84	63.19	73.42	65.04	63.62	63.75
Al2O3	0.61	0.19	0.47	0.24	20.14	23.61	24.45	21.45	15.07	19.12	21.75	21.60
FeO	0.95	0.37	0.50	0.25	0.52	0.35	0.37	0.52	0.29	0.28	0.31	0.28
MnO	0.31	0.55	0.16	0.33	0.36	0.16	0.21	0.16	0.18	0.10	0.17	0.25
MgO	0.49	0.17	0.37	0.37	0.21	0.41	1.93	1.02	0.42	0.18	0.44	0.11
CaO	0.41	0.00	0.00	0.13	0.39	0.21	0.50	0.47	0.33	0.24	0.78	0.35
Na2O	0.34	0.24	0.25	0.00	10.55	16.28	16.53	9.72	7.41	13.37	12.32	11.70
K2O	0.52	0.00	0.00	0.14	4.22	0.33	0.43	0.53	0.35	0.21	0.13	0.26
TiO2	0.45	0.00	0.00	0.19	0.44	0.29	0.27	0.21	0.29	0.00	0.04	0.34
S	12.77	13.73	17.22	12.17	0.13	0.07	0.32	0.15	0.14	0.12	0.11	0.11
Nb2O5	6.45	9.44	5.68	3.05	0.76	0.00	0.00	0.64	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
ZnO	0.39	1.31	0.72	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.80	0.85	0.00	0.00
CuO	0.42	0.28	0.25	0.36	0.35	0.00	0.24	0.19	0.06	0.00	0.03	0.17
PbO	74.51	72.51	72.85	81.50	1.48	0.75	0.91	1.75	0.24	0.48	0.31	1.07
	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Si	0.746	0.633	0.750	0.767	11.159	10.533	9.986	11.325	12.743	11.641	11.313	11.375
Al	0.388	0.117	0.279	0.173	4.383	5.096	5.346	4.533	3.085	4.035	4.561	4.544
Fe	0.430	0.163	0.209	0.125	0.081	0.054	0.058	0.077	0.042	0.041	0.045	0.042
Mn	0.143	0.245	0.068	0.169	0.057	0.025	0.033	0.025	0.026	0.016	0.026	0.038
Mg	0.395	0.130	0.279	0.335	0.057	0.112	0.534	0.272	0.108	0.048	0.116	0.030
Ca	0.239	0.000	0.000	0.087	0.078	0.041	0.099	0.091	0.062	0.047	0.148	0.066
Na	0.361	0.241	0.245	0.000	3.777	5.776	5.942	3.376	2.492	4.639	4.246	4.048
K	0.357	0.000	0.000	0.104	0.993	0.077	0.101	0.122	0.077	0.048	0.029	0.060
Ti	0.182	0.000	0.000	0.085	0.062	0.040	0.038	0.029	0.038	0.000	0.006	0.046
Si+Ti+Al	1.316	0.751	1.029	1.024	15.604	15.669	15.369	15.886	15.866	15.676	15.880	15.965
X	0.957	0.241	0.245	0.191	4.848	5.893	6.142	3.590	2.631	4.734	4.423	4.175
S	12.91	13.48	16.08	13.78	0.04	0.03	0.11	0.05	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04
Nb	1.57	2.23	1.28	0.83	0.06	0.00	0.00	0.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Zn	0.15	0.51	0.26	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.23	0.11	0.00	0.00
Cu	0.17	0.11	0.09	0.16	0.05	0.00	0.03	0.03	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.02
Pb	10.83	10.22	9.77	13.25	0.07	0.04	0.05	0.08	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.05
F/Cl	0.62	1.74	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5.00	1.27	0.00	3.00	4.71	0.00
Y/Sc	0.36	0.29	0.43	0.71	1.09	nd	nd	5.52	nd	nd	nd	nd
La/Lu	0.79	0.48	0.00	0.85	1.24	0.75	0.27	0.86	1.42	0.67	0.31	1.06
Ce/Yb	0.62	1.45	0.00	1.50	0.78	0.66	0.25	0.42	1.11	1.13	0.83	0.65
Yb/Ta	0.99	0.25	0.18	1.56	1.22	1.16	1.23	1.13	0.62	1.23	0.66	1.26
Zr/Hf	1.04	1.39	nd	1.97	0.45	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.42	nd	0.00	0.36
Zn/Cu	0.92	4.67	2.88	0.00	0.00	nd	0.00	0.00	28.75	nd	0.00	0.00
Nb/Ta	2.62	6.48	2.77	7.39	0.69	0.00	0.00	0.45	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Al/Si	0.50	0.18	0.36	0.22	0.38	0.46	0.51	0.38	0.23	0.33	0.39	0.38
Co/Ni	6.83	0.79	0.73	1.73	nd	nd	0.11	0.49	nd	nd	nd	nd
Pb/Cu	63.08	91.30	103.21	80.38	1.50	nd	1.33	3.37	1.38	nd	3.37	2.21

Table 2 Rittmann's normative proportions of EDAX Analyses (wt.%)

Mineral	Tg1	Tg2	Tg3	Tg4	Tf1	Tf2	Tf3	Tf4	Tf5	Tf6	Tf7	Tf8
il	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.07	0.21	0.33	0.46	0.16	0.00	0.39
pc	11.95	12.02	9.06	5.86	0.65	0.00	0.00	0.55	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
ga	79.81	79.75	83.29	89.13	0.44	0.14	0.41	0.55	0.12	0.21	0.17	0.34
sp	1.08	3.93	2.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.12	0.21	0.00	0.00
vil	1.91	1.35	1.15	1.71	0.00	0.00	0.46	0.00	0.17	0.00	0.06	0.00
mt	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.27	0.07	0.21	0.16	0.06	0.21	0.23	0.06
ab	2.27	0.00	0.00	0.00	80.43	61.04	43.87	75.63	73.03	93.41	49.24	74.25
bi	0.96	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6.20	0.00	0.00	1.36	3.21
cord	0.84	0.00	0.00	1.59	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.82	0.00	0.00	0.00
mus	1.19	0.49	1.28	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	11.20	3.30	0.00	0.00	0.00
cpx	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.58	0.17	4.85	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.83	0.00
spe	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.32	0.00	0.00
amp	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.39	0.00	0.00
mel	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.69	1.08	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.62	0.00
ne	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	16.63	37.82	48.92	5.38	0.00	4.07	45.50	21.75
qz	0.00	2.45	2.93	1.71	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	18.92	0.00	0.00	0.00

Illustrations: il- ilmenite, pc –pyrochlore, ga-galena, sp-sphalerite, vil –villamaninite, mt- magnetite, ab- albite, bi-biotite, cord-cordierite, mus –muscovite, cpx – augite, spe- sphene, amp- hornblende, mel-melanite, ne-nepheline, qz- quartz

V. DISCUSSION

The carbonatite complex of Tiruppattur is associated with comagmatic soda and potash rich alkali syenites [4, 12, 15]. They are enriched with SO₃, P₂O₅, CO₂, F, Cl, O₂ and H₂O. The syenites widely vary in composition from highly silica undersaturated to oversaturated end. Silica undersaturation is compensated by sequence of magmatic crystallization and fractionation of aegirine, riebeckite, biotite, alkali feldspars and magnetite and the residual magma is saturated with quartz, feldspars, and magnetite / biotite [14, 15]. Concerned to the present study, initial crystallization of nepheline normative albite under progressively increasing P_{O₂}, P_{H₂O} condition, the low viscous residual magma comprising of free circulating residual elements [21] is get enriched with Si. This is also more effective due to release of volatile fluids into the residual magma in a closed magmatic chamber during the course of crystallization of albite and galena. A negative correlation of Al against Si or K against Na indicates relatively progressive volatile enriched conditions with progressive decreasing of viscosity with free circulation of mineralizing fluids [8]. On comparison of PbO and S concentrations in albites and galena, there exists a linear trend of genetic relationship between galena and albite. F/Cl ratio could be used as a degassing index. Fluorine could be a good tracer of the liquid phase and it is not affected by degassing processes [21]. It behaves as a strongly incompatible element in magma differentiation. Determination of incompatible elements and their ratios show genetic relationships between galena and its host mineral. High field strength elements and their ratios such as Zr/Hf and Nb/Ta and Th, Tb, and Yb reflect variability in primary mantle source and magmatic processes [15, 16]. Pb/Cu and Zn/Cu ratios in these minerals positively correlate with galena mineralization. Zr/Hf and Nb/Ta indicate highly fractionated residual fluids enriched with Pb and S. Ratios of F/Cl, Zr/Hf, Nb/Ta, Y/Sc, La/Lu, Ce/Yb, Yb/Ta, Pb/Cu, Pb/Zn indicate presence of oscillatory compositional variations from central portions to peripheral portions in the fragments of albitite or galena. The linear distribution of elements from silica undersaturated portion to silica oversaturated end indicates crystallization of galena and albite from low degree release of volatiles to high degree of release of volatiles to the residual magma during late magmatic crystallizations. A linear trend of magmatic crystallization of albite is seen against logarithmic distribution of orthoclase. Volatiles are expelled into the residual liquid fractions during crystallization of albite. Progressively extraction of Al, Na and K by crystallization of nepheline normative albite depletes Al, Na, and K and enriches Si in the residual magma and silica oversaturated granitic residual magma injected as pegmatite veins in this carbonatite complex. The present study reveals that galena mineralization took place just after immiscible separation of sulphide phases and silicate phases but prior to initial crystallization of albite Tf3 at higher temperature at about 750°C and water pressure greater than 5 kbar. On further crystallization and differentiation, subsolidus albite and galena crystals trap more quantity of volatile constituents at their subsolidus crystal imperfections. The volatile depleted residual liquid rapidly consolidates

as fine-grained aplitic albitite with characteristic allotriomorphic texture. A number of triangular, square and rectangular shaped crystal originated pits are seen galena. In albitite voids at interstitial spaces found dislocation of substrate layers can accommodate significant volume of volatiles. Albitite and galena formed at later stages contain more volatiles at their void spaces of crystal imperfections. Volatiles filled in void spaces of crystal imperfections play critical role on the increase of viscosity of residual magma and it depends upon the rate of cooling. The formation of silica saturated albitite and galena is generally controlled by the enrichment of volatile constituents in the residual magma [13, 19, 23, 24]. However, these variations are due to subtle physical and chemical gradients [22, 23] changes caused by turbulence in magmatic fluids and accommodation or capturing of elements during the course of crystallization of minerals in accordance with orientations of crystals and turbulent movements of mineralizing fluids to attain crystal-stabilization of these minerals during their growth. Though galena mineralization is limited to in the forms of droplets, pods and disseminations in albitite, the mineralization is intimately related with emplacement of ultramafic alkali carbonatite complex of Tiruppattur which is controlled by regional tectonic features. Zoned alkali carbonatite complex of Tiruppattur is emplaced in two adjacent structural basins bounded by NE-SW trending faults in a graben structure [10] bounded by deep faults of Peninsular India [26]. The graben lies within NE-SW trending Eastern Ghats Paleorift System extending over 3000 x 200 km from the Eastern Himalayan Syntaxis to Palghat Gap [3, 10, 26-28] and further extending through Arabian Sea. Though, the Eastern Ghats is considered to be a mobile belt comprising with ortho/clinopyroxene pyroxene granulite facies of rocks trending in NE-SW direction in the form of linear belts, it is bounded by NE-SW trending fault systems. Former correlated charnockitic region and non-charnockitic region separated by iron ore bodies subjected to fault deformations. The NE-SW trending Precambrian rift system is dissected by several cross-cutting rift systems such as E-W trending Dauki fault in fault bounded Brahmaputra valley, Narmada-Son, Damodar, Godavari, Attur, Cauvery, Vaigai grabens and presence of east-coast parallel horst and graben structures onland and offshore regions. The block-faulted rift system comprises several anorogenic igneous bodies of charnockites, anorthosites and carbonatite alkali complexes (including Purulia carbonatite in West Bengal and Wah-Sung Valley carbonatites in Meghalaya) and volcanic lava flows derived from mantle source and caused separation of Indian plate. A new interpretation for pull-apart tectonic framework based on geophysical studies on the East Coast Margin of India is also supports this view [25-29]. Magma derived from low degree of partial melting of deep-seated source of the mantle horizon generally enriched with alkalis and volatile constituents.

VI. CONCLUSION

Carbonatite complexes are often associated with deep main faults [10] extending to mantle horizon. The occurrences of many carbonatite alkaline complexes in the half graben of East-coast of Peninsular India, suggest that the Eastern Ghats Belt associated with Great Boundary Fault of the Precambrian terrain belong to a major rift system as that of Narmada-Son which is also associated with carbonatite complexes. They act as conduits of emplacements of ultramafic carbonatite-alkaline rocks. Geochemical studies of the carbonatite complex reveals that the magmatic rocks emplaced in both Sevvattur and Jogipatti basins were differentiated and fractionated from common parent magma with intermittent immiscible separation of carbonate and silicate liquids [11-15]. Though differentiated and fractionated rocks have varying chronological orders, their higher level emplacements in the ultramafic alkaline complex of Tiruppattur or the order of arrangement of individual mineral grains even in a single specimen abruptly varies, due to swirling currents and turbulence in the magmatic chamber or due to crystal field stabilization within a single mineral grains. The present study reveals that compositional variations are induced during packing of mineral grains within a large crystal during its growth even in nanometric scale which illustrates their stages of crystallization and compositional variation of the residual fluid / magma. The parent magma of this carbonatite complex would have maintained its low viscous state for a long period during the course of magmatic differentiation and fractionation till its final stage of complete solidification or consolidation. By studying an albitite grain, the magmatic evolution from silica undersaturated stage to over-saturated end has been traced out in this paper.

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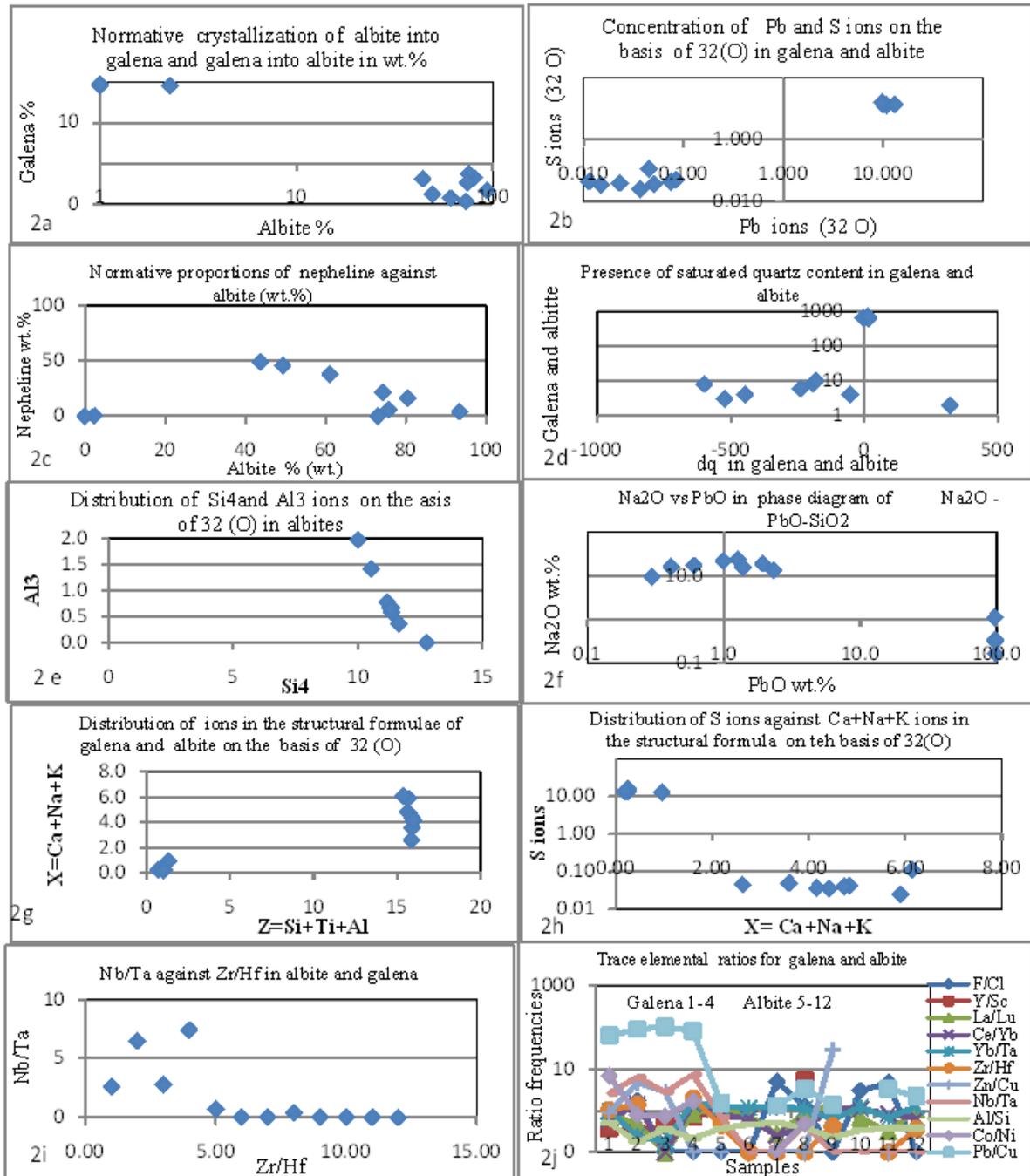
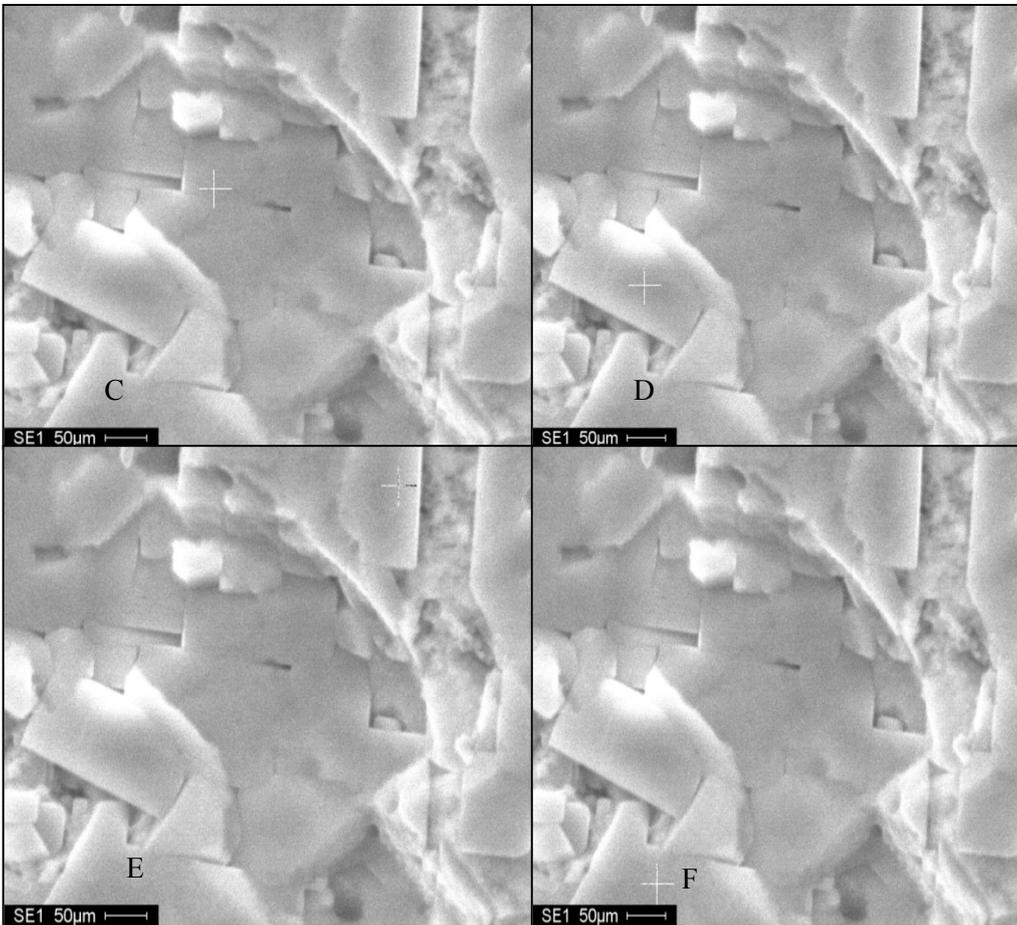
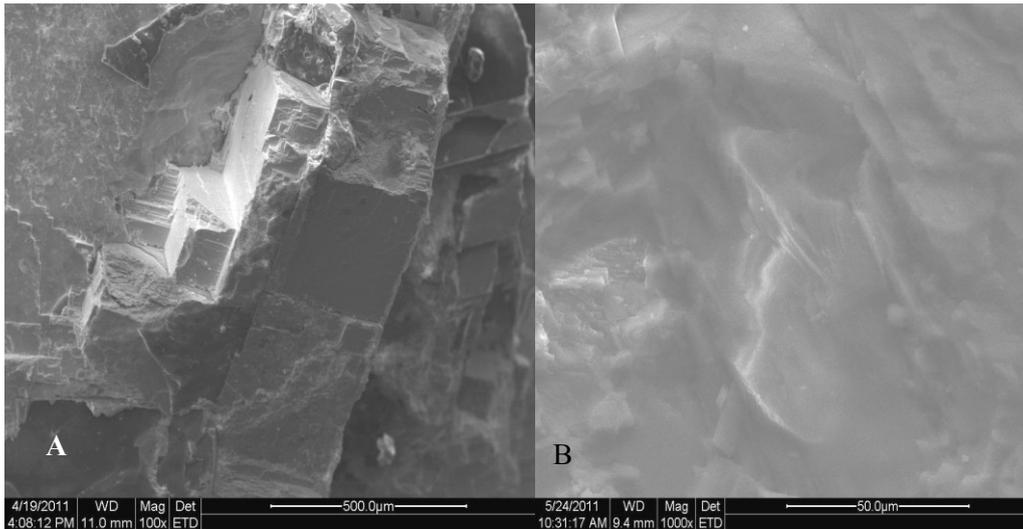
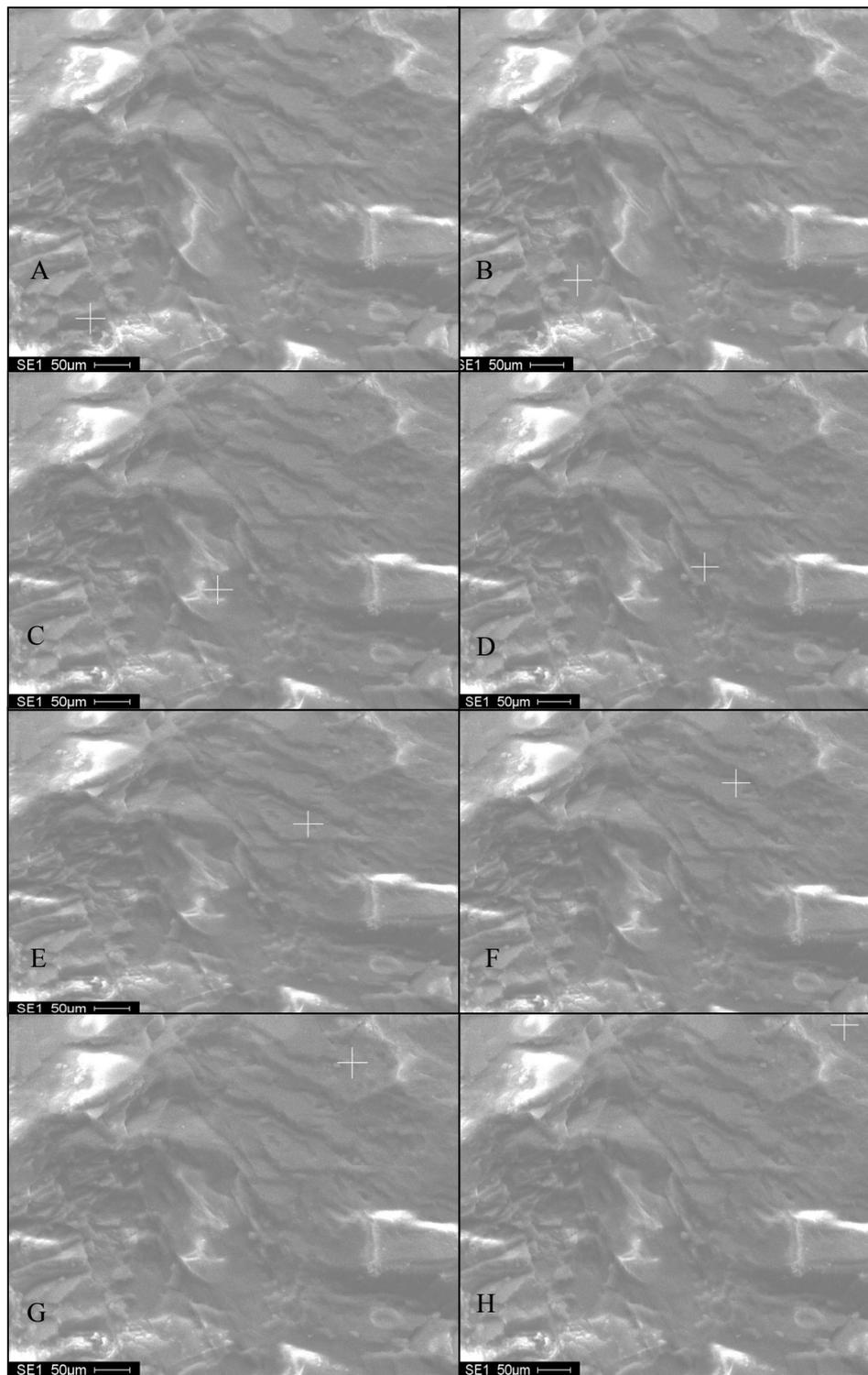


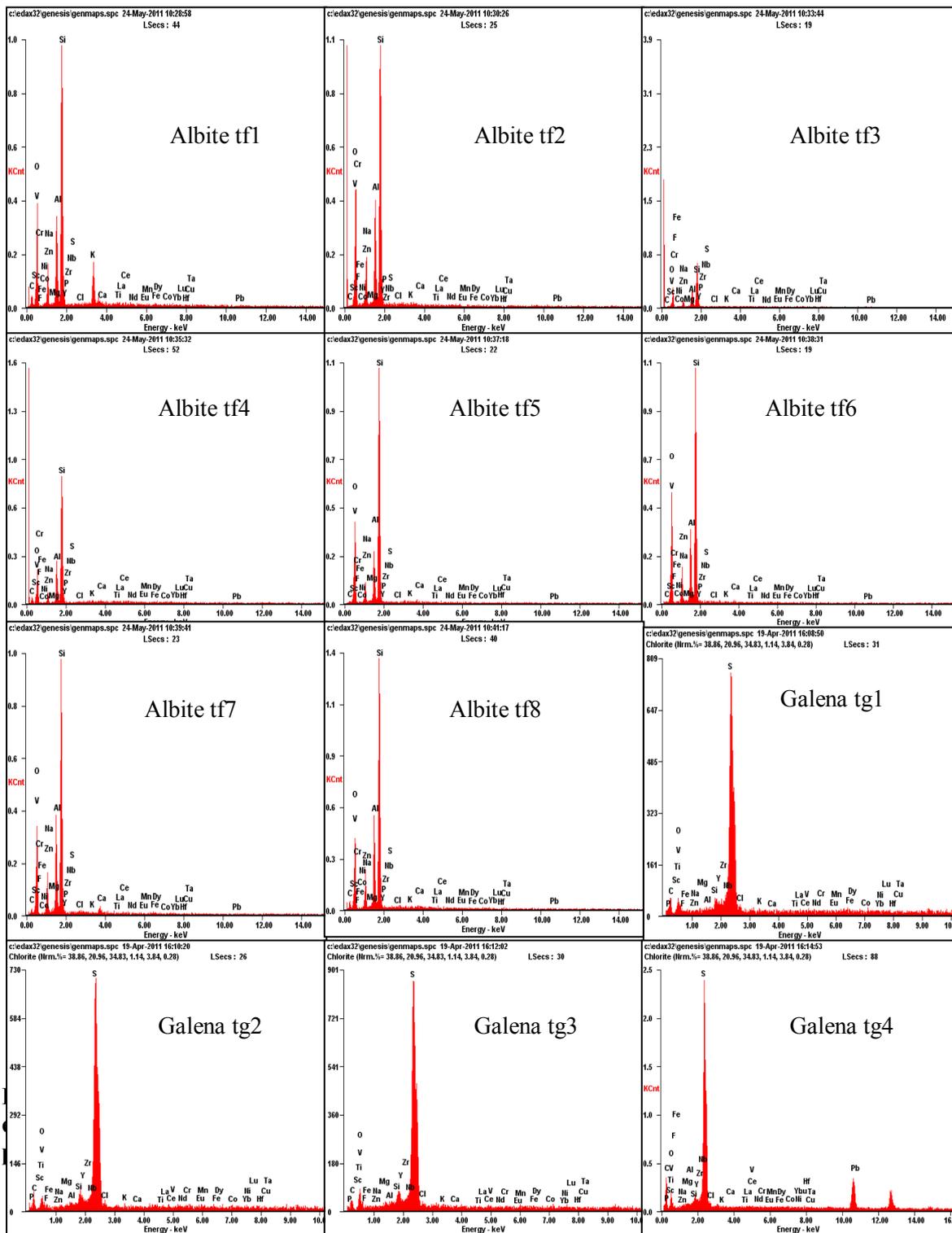
Figure 2 Co-variations of atoms showing a linear trend of magmatic crystallization of albite and associated galena. Subtle changes in chemical variations are due to turbulent movements and orientations of crystals during their crystal field stabilization.



SEM Images A- Galena B- Albite C, D, E,F are sites of different galena crystals on which EDAX analyses are carried out from inner portion to outer portion in galena. Cubic, triangular and rectangular crystal oriented pits are seen in galena. It is inferred that these pits stored volatile matters during subsolidus crystallization of galena.



SEM Images -EDAX analyses were made from the inner (bottom) portion of a feldspar fragment towards its peripheral portion to study chemical compositional variations within different albitite crystals within a single fragment (2mmx2mmx1 mm). The albitite is the host mineral of galena. Significant amount of volatiles are stored in voids occurring at interstitial spaces of albitite layers



Elemental analyses of albite and galena samples in HR SEM scanning electron microscope attached with EDAX probe analyzer

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