

Mineralogical, microtextural and microthermometric peculiarities in the Alpine porphyry copper systems from Romania, with insights on the Țibleș - Bran - Măgura Neagră - Suplai metallogenetic district

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In the Southern part of the Țibleș Mountains [1] saccharoidal aggregates, aplites and veins, contain grained feldspar associated with quartz, rounded apatite, corundum (?), etc [2]. This study aims to highlight the progressive alteration of porous feldspar (Figure 1) during the potassic alteration by interaction with invading melt/fluid fluxes in the porous microtexture along cleavage and twinning planes [3]. The main question is whether these porous microtextures are the sites of fluid and melt inclusions, containing silicate-, hydrosaline-, aqueous and vapor-rich phases [4]. Alkali feldspars thus emerges as a key collector of metallic ore elements and a tool in porphyry copper exploration [4]. In this study, the crystallized silicate melt inclusions after heating/quenching cycles from about 1045°C become globular silicate monophasic glass, biphasic (glass + bubbles) and multiphasic (glass + bubbles + undissolved solids). These inclusions begin to homogenize around 700°-800°C and are contemporaneous with complex silicate - salt inclusions. PTX data, compiled with [5] for hydrosaline melt inclusions range between 431°-1070°C, salinity of 31-83 wt% NaCl eq., $x_{NaCl}=0.13-0.6$, and pressure of 0.3-10 kbar. These inclusions seem to be the product of potassic alteration, trapped in feldspar and quartz during transient magmatic-hydrothermal-autometasomatic processes. These operate firstly in closed system and during alterations the internal monzodioritic-granodioritic intrusion become more permissive, forming mineralized stockworks, aplites, veins and skarns [6],[7].

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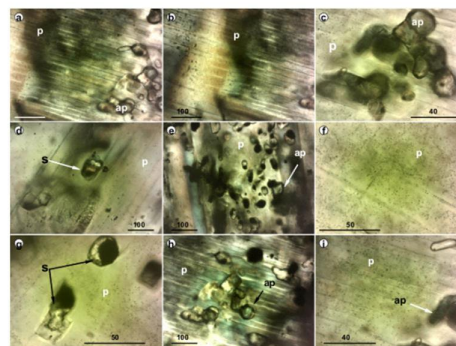


Figure 1. Microporous microtexture in feldspar phenocryst (p) formed by interaction with melt/fluid fluxes (s) at magmatic-hydrothermal conditions from Țibleș - Bran - Măgura Neagră - Suplai. ap- solid inclusions clusters (apatite and/or silicate glass inclusions).