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An early magmatic fluid pulse at Cononish orogenic gold deposit? Tellurium enrichment and implications for orogenic gold formation

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Abstract. Tellurium enrichment occurs in many orogenic gold deposits. Fractionation of Te from Se offers insight into source/pathway processes. In the Te-rich metasedimentary-hosted Cononish vein gold deposit, Scotland, Ag in Au–Ag alloy increases from ~20 to 80 wt.% through the paragenesis, correlating with decreasing hessite abundance. This suggests the Au–Ag alloy is controlled by the fluid Te activity, which increases to +11.4‰ through the paragenesis. Thus, the deposit formed from a primary fluid with a low $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ and high Te+Au+Ag that evolved towards a high $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ –low Te fluid. The high $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ of the later fluid suggests it can only be a metamorphic fluid sourced from nearby SEDEX horizons. The early fluid that deposited most of the gold could be metamorphic fluid from other units in the stratigraphy, or magmatic in origin. Two observations taken together suggest it is most likely that this fluid was magmatic; the age of the mineralisation is identical to the last stage of crystallization of nearby granite batholiths, and the fluid has a S–isotope signature consistent with a magmatic source. Tellurium in some orogenic gold deposits may relate to magmatic input.

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1989) whereas others suggest it need not (Goldfarb et al. 2000).

The planned development of the Cononish gold mine, Scotland (estimated reserves of 555,000 tonnes of ore grading a 11.1 g/t Au and 47.7 g/t Ag; Scotgold Resources 2011) and the development of Curraghinalta, Ireland, has catalysed a re-evaluation of the paragenesis in the Caledonides. The mine is located 3 km south west of Tyndrum. The Te/Au by weight ≈ 1 , suggesting >7 t Te; Science and Technology Committee 2011) and provides an excellent system in which to study the fluids and processes that formed the mineralisation. Fluid inclusion and stable isotope data are available, along with textural and mineralogical descriptions of the mineralised veins (Patrick et al. 1988; Earls et al. 1992; Curtis et al. 1993). However, the detailed paragenesis of the veins has never been described and linked to mineral chemistry and stable isotope data. Furthermore, the genesis of the deposit remains contentious, with either magmatic or metamorphic fluids (\pm meteoric) interpreted to have formed the deposit (Patrick et al. 1988; Curtis et al. 1993; Craw and Chamberlain 1996). Here, a combined study of the paragenesis, Au–Ag alloy composition, and sulfur isotopes provides evidence for an early Te-bearing magmatic fluid.

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1 Introduction Heading 1 Style

Orogenic gold deposits are a broad class of deposits exhibiting a common set of features (Goldfarb et al. 2005) and are typically deposited from low-salinity CO_2 -bearing fluids (Goldfarb and Groves 2015). Despite commonality of broad features, variations in isotopic composition, mineral assemblage, and metal enrichments exist (Chapman and Mortensen 2016; Goldfarb and Groves 2015; Groves et al. 1998), and the interpreted source of the ore fluids, and the dissolved constituents they transport, remains controversial (Goldfarb et al. 2005; Goldfarb and Groves 2015; Wyman et al. 2016). Whilst a metamorphic fluid source remains the most likely model for the majority of orogenic deposits, input of magmatic fluids may be important in some deposits (Goldfarb et al. 2005). The cause of Te-

2 Geological setting

The Tyndrum area comprises Neoproterozoic Dalradian Supergroup metasediments that were subjected to amphibolite-grade metamorphism and deformation (D_1 – D_4) during the Grampian Orogeny, ~470 Ma (Stephenson et al. 2013). The sequence is dissected by major NE-trending sinistral faults with a normal component that developed late in the orogeny, including the Tyndrum fault. The Cononish deposit comprises a composite vein structure hosted within the sub-vertical Eas Anie

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Structure (041/89SE) that is associated with a splay off the Tyndrum Fault (see geological map in Hill et al. 2013).

The Eas Anie Structure crosscuts Grampian and lower-Appin Group units that were deformed into large north-east verging nappes during the Caledonian orogeny (Tanner and Turner 2004). The Cononish deposit is situated on the dipping limb of an anticline, and the dipping limb of the fold is overthrust by the Eas Anie below the deposit (Earl et al. 2013; Tanner 2014). The Cononish Au-Ag (\pm Cu, Pb) mineralisation was dated by Rice et al. (2012) at 408 ± 2 Ma and 407 ± 1 Ma using Ar/Ar of K-feldspar.

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3 Vein stages

The vein is predominantly formed from massive milky white quartz, produced by multiple, sub-millimetre wide vein generations with minor pyrite, chalcopyrite, and galena. The multigenerational quartz has recrystallized, however, the form of the finer veinlets is preserved and can be distinguished through translucency and inclusion density variations in plane-polarised light. Through examining crosscutting relationships, textures and mineral associations, a detailed paragenesis has been determined (Spence-Jones 2013)(Fig. 1):

Stage 1 – early quartz veining

The majority (up to an estimated 70–80% by volume) of the multigenerational quartz breccia making up the vein formed early in its development and is classified as Stage 1. This comprises a milky white quartz dominated matrix-supported breccia. The clasts (up to ~80 cm) are composed of silicified host rocks that are significantly rotated in relation to the orientation of fabrics in the host lithologies. The quartz was originally formed by a multitude of fine 50–1000 μ m stringer veins but has now recrystallized.

Stage 2 – early Au-Ag mineralisation

Coarse, up to 2 cm, euhedral cubic pyrite crystals occur within the early quartz veins in sulfide-rich pods that range in size from 1 cm to up to 30 cm. These pods are hosted within the quartz vein and also form 1–10 cm halos around altered clasts. This early euhedral pyrite is interpreted to have formed later than the Stage 1 quartz veinlets since the pyrite has not been crosscut by any of the quartz veinlets nor do they contain any inclusions.

The coarse pyrite crystals host the earliest (\pm Cu, Pb) mineralisation within fractures and as inclusions. The fractures contain the assemblage hessite + Au-Ag alloy + galena \pm altaite \pm chalcopyrite that is diagnostic of the Au-Ag mineralisation.

Stages 3–4 – evolution of the Au-Ag mineralisation

The vein material formed during Stages 1 and 2 is cross cut and comminuted by later narrow, 0.5–10 cm-wide shears that typically form anastomosing arrays up to half a metre wide. These shears host abundant chalcopyrite and galena with subordinate pyrite, sphalerite, calcite and Au-Ag alloy. The sulfides comprise >50% by volume of the late vein mineralogy. Stage 3 and 4 veins have been separated to represent end-members of a continuous

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trend based on the relative proportions of chalcopyrite and galena, progressing from 90% galena to 90% chalcopyrite (the latter often observed with calcite). The galena-rich veins are inferred to be earlier (Stage 3) as they are crosscut by later calcite-chalcopyrite veins. Whether a particular vein in an individual sample is Stage 3 or 4 is difficult to decide due to variations in mineralogy along the veins. The distinction is made for the deposit as a whole taking into account the compositions of the associated Au-Ag alloy, and the dominance of galena over chalcopyrite in the early Au-Ag mineralisation stages.

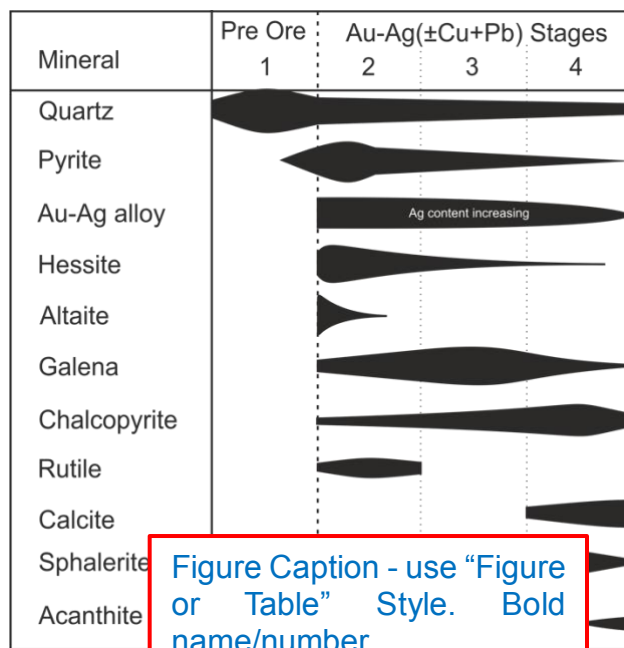


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Figure 1. Paragenesis for the Cononish Au-Ag (\pm Cu, Pb) vein after Spence-Jones (2013).

4 Au-Ag alloy composition and association

The gold and silver concentrations in 215 individual Au-Ag alloy grains (formerly "electrum") were measured by SEM-EDX (Spence-Jones 2013). Compositions are highly variable, ranging from ~10% to ~90 wt.% Ag (Fig. 2). This is in contrast to many hydrothermal gold deposits, which show narrow ranges with Au-Ag alloy containing 10–20% Ag, or 60–90% as reported from placers (Chapman and Mortensen 2006, 2016; Chapman et al. 2010; Morrison et al. 1991).

Narrower ranges in composition (10–20% variation) occur within individual samples, indicating that the gold formed under similar conditions within a thin section sized sample of the vein. This supports the textural observations that later fluid phases have overprinted the earlier phases chemically and texturally, unless minerals are shielded from the late fluid as inclusions within early minerals.

There is a distinct association of the Au-rich alloy (gold) grains with hessite, whereas Ag-rich alloy (silver) is strongly associated with chalcopyrite (Fig. 2). Galena

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is associated with the whole range of Au–Ag alloy compositions.

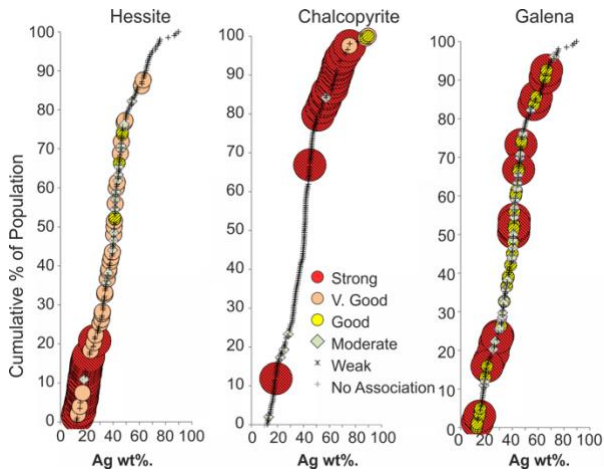


Figure 2. Composition of the Au–Ag alloy grains with observed mineral associations for hessite, chalcopyrite and galena using a qualitative scale. The size of the circle indicates the qualitative strength of the association: Strong association indicates the phases are clearly related, for example intergrown mineral textures. Moderate association indicates minerals that are observed together in a fracture or a veinlet. Weak association represents a tenuous link, such as Au–Ag alloy occurring in veins sets that contain the associated mineral distally. No association indicates the minerals were not observed with Au–Ag alloy in a vein.

5 Sulfur isotope data

Figure 3A shows 16 new pyrite S–isotope analyses with the combined published S–isotope dataset for Cononish. These show a range of $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ values from -1.9 to +11.4‰. Samples for this study were taken from coarse pyrite crystals that are temporally constrained in the paragenetic sequence described above. This reveals a trend of increasing $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ through the paragenetic sequence (Fig. 3B). Two samples that could relate to either Stage 3 or 4, as they show mineralogical and textural features of both stages, were plotted as Stage 3.5. To avoid bias in the results, the position of the samples in the paragenesis was determined and recorded prior to analysis.

6 Discussion

6.1 Evolution of Au–Ag alloy composition

At Cononish, the Au–Ag alloy coexists with hessite, in which case the activity of Ag will be buffered by this phase (Gammons and Williams–Jones 1995) and the composition of Au–Ag alloy will thus be dependent on the activity of Te_2 in the system (Afifi et al. 1988). Put simply, if $a\text{Te}_2$ is high then large proportions of hessite will precipitate removing Ag available to the Au–Ag alloy and keeping the activity of Ag low. This will produce Au–rich alloy, as the buffered ratio of the Au/Ag activity will be high. In Stage 2, hessite is abundant along with Au–rich alloy; 90–75% Au. In Stages 3 and 4, the abundance of hessite decreases (Fig. 1), with no hessite seen in Stage

4, and here associated Au–Ag alloy grains have higher silver contents; 10%–75% Au. In late Stage 4 veinlets, acanthite occurs instead of hessite. It is interpreted that high $a\text{Te}_2$ in the early fluid controlled the composition of the early Au–Ag alloy and a progressive decrease in $a\text{Te}_2$

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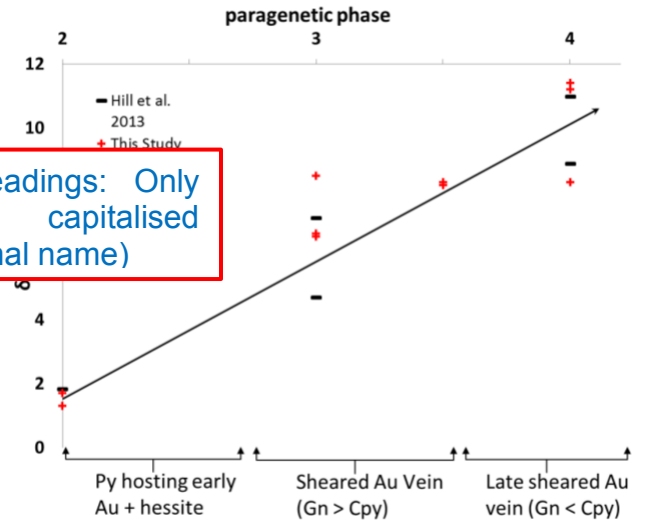
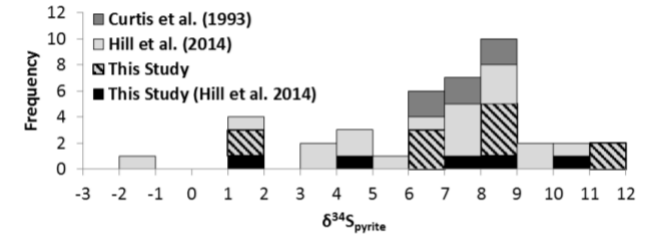


Figure 3. a. Histogram of compiled pyrite $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ for the Cononish deposit. **b.** Pyrite $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ vs. paragenetic stage.

6.2 Sulfur sources

The evolution in $\delta^{34}\text{S}_{\text{pyrite}}$ represents a significant shift in the sulfur isotope composition of the fluid, which is interpreted as a change of the sulfur source. Hill et al. (2013) examined the $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ of the local stratigraphy and discussed potential sulfur reservoirs. They demonstrated that it is possible to produce the full range of S–isotope values at Cononish, either from mixing of sulfur from different units in the local stratigraphy, or by mixing of magmatic sulfur with metasedimentary derived sulfur with $\delta^{34}\text{S} \geq +12\text{‰}$ from particular SEDEX–bearing stratigraphic units. Hill et al. (2013) advocated the latter scenario given the timing of the mineralisation long after metamorphism, but synchronous with the final stages of nearby granite magmatism and its mineralisation (Neilson et al. 2009). The paragenetically constrained pyrite $\delta^{34}\text{S}$

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data support this interpretation, with the increase through the paragenesis interpreted as an early magmatic fluid progressively mixing over time with metasedimentary sulfur. To produce the same trend in $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ values over time from a purely metasedimentary-sourced hydrothermal system would have required mixing of fluids from different reservoirs that changed during deposit formation.

7 Implications

The Cononish Au deposit formed as the result of an early fluid pulse from a low- $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ ($\sim 1\text{‰}$), high Te+Au+Ag source that evolved towards a high- $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ ($\geq 11\text{‰}$), low Te fluid with time. The low $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ source is interpreted here as a magmatic pulse of fluid and the evolution away from the strongly Te-saturated initial fluid is interpreted as a waning of magmatic fluid input and regaining of geochemical equilibrium with the Dalradian metasediments. Thus in some orogenic Au deposits it would seem that high Te relates to an input of magmatic fluid.

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