

**Geochemical and isotopic signature of pyrite as a proxy for fluid source and evolution
in the Candelaria-Punta del Cobre IOCG district, Chile**

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Abstract

Pyrite is ubiquitous in the world-class iron oxide-copper-gold (IOCG) deposits of the Candelaria-Punta del Cobre district, documented from early to late stages of mineralization and observed in deep and shallow levels of mineralized bodies. Despite its abundance, the chemical and isotopic signature of pyrite from the Candelaria-Punta del Cobre district, and most IOCG deposits worldwide, remain poorly understood. We evaluated in-situ chemical and isotopic variations at the grain scale in a set of pyrite-bearing samples collected throughout the district in order to characterize and further understand the nature of mineralization in this IOCG system. Our multi-analytical approach integrated synchrotron μ -XRF mapping of pyrite grains with EPMA and LA-ICPMS data, and sulfur isotope determinations using SIMS complemented with bulk sulfur isotope analyses of coeval pyrite, chalcopyrite and anhydrite. Synchrotron μ -XRF elemental concentration maps of individual pyrite grains reveal a strong zonation of Co, Ni, As and Se. The observed

relationships between Ni and Se are interpreted to reflect changes in temperature and redox conditions during ore formation, and provide constraints on fluid evolution. Co and Ni concentrations and ratios suggest contributions from magmas of mafic–intermediate composition. Pyrite chemical concentrations reflect potential stratigraphic controls, where the sample from upper part of the stratigraphy diverges from trends formed by the rest of the sample set from lower stratigraphic levels. The SIMS $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ values of pyrite (and chalcopyrite) range between -2 up to +10‰, and bulk $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ values of pyrite range between +4 up to +12‰. The majority of the $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ analyses, falling between -1 and +2‰, indicate a magmatic source for sulfur, and by inference, for the hydrothermal ore fluid(s). Variation in the $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ signature can be explained by changes in the redox conditions, fluid sources, and/or the temperature of the hydrothermal fluid. The Se/S ratio combined with $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ values in pyrite are consistent with mixing between a magmatic-hydrothermal fluid and a fluid with a probable basinal signature. The results of this study are consistent with the hydrothermal fluids responsible for mineralization in the Candelaria-Punta del Cobre district being predominantly of magmatic origin, plausibly from mafic-intermediate magmas based on the Ni-Co content in pyrite. External fluid incursion, potentially from a basinal sedimentary source, occurred late in the evolution of the system, adding additional reduced sulfur as pyrite. There is no evidence to suggest that the late fluid added significant Cu-Au mineralization, but this cannot be ruled out. Finally, the data reveal that trace element ratios coupled with spatially-resolved sulfur isotope data in pyrite are powerful proxies to track the magmatic-hydrothermal evolution of IOCG systems, and help constrain the source of their contained metals.

Introduction

43 The source of hydrothermal fluids in iron oxide-copper-gold (IOCG) deposits has been a
44 controversial topic for several decades, since the discovery in the 1970s of the giant Precambrian
45 Olympic Dam deposit in Australia (Roberts and Hudson, 1983; Hitzman et al., 1992). Multiple
46 interpretations and models have been proposed to explain the formation of these deposits involving
47 different fluids, including oxidized saline brines derived from evaporites (Barton and Johnson,
48 1996; Hitzman, 2000), magmatic fluids derived from major intrusions (Marschik and Fontboté,
49 2001; Pollard, 2006), and combinations of both magmatic and basinal fluids (Williams et al., 2005;
50 Chiaradia et al., 2006). A connection to Kiruna-type iron oxide apatite (IOA) deposits has also
51 been proposed (Sillitoe, 2003; Knipping et al., 2015a; Reich et al., 2016; Barra et al., 2017; Simon
52 et al., 2018), with Fe-rich and S-poor IOA mineralization representing the deeper roots of some
53 Andean IOCG systems.

54 IOCG deposits are complex, relatively rare, and overall less studied than well-understood
55 systems such as porphyry copper deposits. The complexity in IOCG deposits may reflect diverse
56 tectonic settings, a range of host rock and structural environments, and the involvement of more
57 than one hydrothermal fluid. The lack or scarce amount of quartz in IOCG deposits hinders the
58 use of fluid inclusions for determining temperature, fluid composition and salinity, and the
59 potential source of hydrothermal fluids (Groves et al., 2010). Even though alteration paragenesis
60 has been well defined in some areas (e.g., the Great Bear district; Corriveau et al., 2016), it can
61 vary from deposit to deposit, with the presence of iron oxides and Cu-rich sulfides being the only
62 common features in all IOCG deposits (Hitzman, 2000). The use of mineral chemistry and isotopic
63 systems provide alternative approaches for assessing the nature of the hydrothermal fluid and
64 characterizing IOCG deposits (e.g. Rusk et al., 2010; De Haller et al., 2006; Reich et al., 2016
65 among others)

66 Most IOCG deposits contain pyrite (FeS_2), ranging from an accessory phase in pyrite-poor
67 systems ($\sim < 1\%$; e.g. Salobo, Brazil and Olympic Dam, Australia; Haynes et al., 1995; Requia and
68 Fontboté, 1999) to major amounts in pyrite-rich systems ($\sim > 1\%$; e.g. Ernest Henry, Australia and
69 Candelaria, Chile; Marschik and Fontboté, 2001; Williams et al., 2005; Rusk et al., 2010). The
70 presence of pyrite in most IOCG deposits provides an opportunity to compare their character and
71 composition, and potentially use the resulting data to constrain hydrothermal fluid sources and
72 evolution. Pyrite has been successfully used as a proxy for characterizing hydrothermal fluids in a
73 large variety of mineral deposits, including Carlin-type gold, volcanogenic massive sulfide (VMS),
74 sedimentary-hosted Cu/U, Archean to Mesozoic lode, and epithermal gold deposits, among others
75 (Cook and Chrysosoulis, 1990; Hannington et al., 1999; Reich et al., 2005; Large et al., 2009; Cook
76 et al., 2009; Barker et al., 2009; Peterson and Mavrogenes, 2014; Gregory et al., 2015; Keith et al.,
77 2016; Tanner et al., 2016; Román et al., 2019). Pyrite chemistry has been used as a record of fluid
78 evolution in porphyry copper systems (Reich et al., 2013), and in some cases, it has provided
79 evidence for the transition from porphyry to epithermal environments (Franchini et al., 2015).
80 Pyrite chemistry has also been used in the Los Colorados IOA deposit (Chile) to suggest a link
81 with IOCG deposits (Reich et al., 2016). Finally, pyrite chemistry has been evaluated to constrain
82 the source of hydrothermal fluids in three IOCG deposits; Sossego, Brazil (Monteiro et al., 2008),
83 Ernest Henry, Australia (Rusk et al., 2010), and more recently, the Marcona IOA and Mina Justa
84 IOCG deposits in Peru (Li et al., 2018) .

85 In addition to using the chemical composition of pyrite to constrain hydrothermal
86 processes, the sulfur isotopic composition ($\delta^{34}\text{S}$) of pyrite can constrain the fluid source, and by
87 inference metal sources, and ore-forming processes (Ohmoto, 1972; Rye and Ohmoto, 1974;
88 Ohmoto and Goldhaber, 1997). This tool has been used on pyrite separates from IOCG deposits

89 where variable $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ indicate a complex fluid source history (Marschik and Fontboté, 2001;
90 Benavides et al., 2007; De Haller and Fontboté, 2009; Rusk et al., 2010; Zhao and Zhou, 2011).
91 In-situ sulfur isotopic analyses using SIMS has been used to measure changes in the isotopic
92 signature ($\delta^{34}\text{S}$) within single pyrite grains in IOCG deposits (Li et al., 2018), with the results
93 revealing isotopic variations at the grain-scale. Comparisons between sulfur isotopic signatures
94 and pyrite chemistry from IOCG deposits has produced mixed results varying from no clear
95 correlation with inferred mineralizing processes (e.g. Ernest Henry; Rusk et al., 2010), to potential
96 evidence for least two different fluid sources (e.g., Mina Justa; Li et al., 2018).

97 In this contribution we present a new and comprehensive dataset on pyrite chemistry from
98 the Candelaria-Punta del Cobre district using three different micro-analytical approaches: electron
99 probe micro-analysis (EPMA), laser ablation inductively coupled mass spectroscopy (LA-ICPMS)
100 and synchrotron micro X-ray fluorescence (synchrotron μ -XRF). EPMA and LA-ICPMS data
101 were used to evaluate varying concentrations of trace elements in pyrite grains. Synchrotron μ -
102 XRF was used for creating element concentration imagery maps of the pyrite grains used for this
103 study. LA-ICPMS data were integrated with in-situ sulfur isotope analyses ($\delta^{34}\text{S}$) of pyrite and
104 coexisting chalcopyrite using secondary ion mass spectrometry (SIMS). Bulk sulfur isotope data
105 of pyrite and anhydrite determined by isotope-ratio mass spectrometry (IRMS) was used to
106 constrain temperature variations of the hydrothermal fluid. We relate the chemical zonation of
107 trace elements in pyrite with changes in the depth of formation, based on stratigraphic
108 relationships, and the mineral paragenesis in the district. We also correlate chemical variation in
109 pyrite with variations of sulfur isotopes within the same pyrite grains. Our extensive data set
110 provide constraints on fluid evolution, sources, temperature and redox conditions at the

111 Candelaria-Punta del Cobre district with implications for the origin of the district and IOCG
112 systems.

113 **Geological Background**

114 IOCG deposits in north-central Chile form part of the Andean IOA-IOCG belt, that extends
115 from immediately north of Santiago to north of Antofagasta with the majority of the deposits
116 located between Tal Tal and Vallenar (Fig. 1). The belt continues north from the southern border
117 of Peru to Lima for a total length in the Andes of ~2000 km. Deposit ages range from ~90 Ma to
118 ~165 Ma, with El Espino being the youngest, 88.4 ± 1.2 Ma (Lopez et al., 2014; del Real and
119 Arriagada, 2015) and Montecristo and Julia the oldest, 164 ± 11 and 159 ± 3 Ma (Boric et al., 1990;
120 Espinoza et al., 1996). Within the belt, Mantoverde, Raúl Condestable, Mina Justa and Candelaria,
121 are major copper deposits, with Candelaria being the most significant producer. Candelaria came
122 into production in 1995 and current (September 2019) open pit proven and probable reserves are
123 459 Mt at 0.5% Cu (www.lundin.com). If all the mines and past producers in the Candelaria-Punta
124 del Cobre district are considered the total endowment is approximately 13 Mt of contained Cu (del
125 Real et al., 2018).

126 IOCG deposits in Northern Chile are commonly spatially associated with, or hosted in,
127 faults that form part of the Atacama Fault System, or AFS (Fig. 1; Arabasz, 1971; Grocott et al.,
128 1994; Espinoza et al., 1996; Grocott and Taylor, 2002). As with IOCG deposits worldwide, more
129 than one model has been proposed for the formation of Andean IOCG deposits based on the
130 interpretation of data from several different systems. Models have invoked different fluid sources:
131 (1) oxidized saline brines derived from evaporites that formed in continental back-arc basins
132 during the Upper Jurassic and Lower Cretaceous (Barton and Johnson, 1996; Hitzman, 2000) and;

(2) magmatic-hydrothermal fluids that evolved from temporally and spatially associated igneous intrusions (Marschik and Fontboté, 2001; R. H. Sillitoe, 2003; Pollard, 2006; del Real et al., 2018). Both transtensional (Arévalo et al., 2006; Groves et al., 2010; Lopez et al., 2014; Richards et al., 2017) and transpressional (Chen et al., 2013; del Real et al., 2018) tectonic settings have been proposed coincident with the formation of IOCG deposits in the Andean belt.

The Candelaria-Punta del Cobre district includes ten different active mines: Candelaria, Candelaria Norte, Alcaparrosa, Santos, Atacama Kozan, Granate, Punta del Cobre, Mantos del Cobre, Carola and Las Pintadas (Fig. 2A). The main mineralizing event occurred at ~115 Ma (Mathur et al., 2002; del Real et al., 2018) coeval with the emplacement of the Copiapó Batholith just west of the main deposits (Marschik and Söllner, 2006; Fig. 2A). Mineralization is mostly hosted in the Punta del Cobre Formation, which is divided into four main units: the Lower Andesite unit, the Dacite unit, Volcanic-sedimentary unit, and the Upper andesite unit (Fig. 2A and B; Marschik and Fontboté, 2001; del Real et al., 2018). Several small mineralized bodies are hosted in the overlying marine sedimentary Abundancia Formation (e.g., Las Pintadas), which formed within the Chañarcillo basin. There is no evidence that the exposed parts of the Copiapó Batholith generated ore fluids (del Real et al., 2018), but minor vein-hosted mineralization is found in the batholith.

The majority of the IOCG mineralization in the district is hosted in the upper part of the Lower Andesite unit and the overlying Volcano-sedimentary and Dacite units, all within the Punta del Cobre Formation. Mineralization is hosted in fault zones, breccias, and specific lithologies. North-northwest faults are the dominant host for vertically extensive orebodies. Fault hosted ore bodies are the dominant style of mineralization in the eastern part of the district located along the

east side of the Copiapó Valley. Stratigraphically-controlled mineralization forms extensive stratabound ore bodies (“mantos”) which are most abundant in the western part of the district where the most important lithological host, the Volcano-sedimentary sequence, is best developed (del Real et al., 2018). Textural evidence suggest that the hydrothermal system evolved and advanced upwards over time (del Real et al., 2018). The earliest event was dominated by magnetite-actinolite in stratigraphically-controlled mantos and extensive zones of disseminated magnetite-actinolite in the deeper parts of the Candelaria system. Magnetite-actinolite was subsequently overprinted by chalcopyrite-pyrite-dominant mineralization in veins, fractures and disseminated replacement with associated magnetite-actinolite-biotite-K-feldspar alteration (Marschik and Fontboté, 2001; del Real et al., 2018). In addition to magnetite, iron oxides include widespread secondary magnetite (in the form of mushketovite) and hematite in the upper part of some deposits.

Sampling and analytical methods

Thirteen pyrite-bearing representative samples from the Candelaria-Punta del Cobre district were selected for this study. The nine samples used for element mapping and in-situ sulfur isotope analyses were collected from Santos (Samples DH996-2, DH996-21 and DH996-23), Alcaparrosa (Samples AD0093-14, AD006-26), Candelaria (Samples LD1493-9, ES032-5 and ES032-15) and Las Pintadas (Sample LP-1). The four remaining samples, which contain pyrite or chalcopyrite in textural equilibrium with anhydrite (Samples AD357-3, AD357-8, AD357-20 and AD009-14), are from the Alcaparrosa deposit. These were selected for whole grain sulfur isotope analysis coupled with whole grain pyrite chemistry. The full sample suite represents different ore stages and stratigraphic horizons:

177 **Group 1:** Samples DH996-21, DH996-23, ES032-15 and AD006-26 are from the main stage of
178 mineralization, the first two from structurally-controlled ore bodies and the other two from manto-
179 style replacement mineralization. Samples from structurally-controlled mineralization are located
180 within the Lower Andesite (Fig. 2B) near its contact with the Dacite unit (~50-80 m) in the Santos
181 deposit. Samples from manto mineralization are from the Volcanic-sedimentary unit (Fig. 2B) in
182 the Candelaria deposit, stratigraphically above the Lower Andesite.

183 **Group 2:** Samples DH996-2, ES032-5 and AD0093-14 were collected from mineralized areas
184 peripheral to the main economic mineralization. DH996-2 is from a thin layer in the Volcanic-
185 sedimentary unit overlaying Dacite (Fig. 2B) ~100 m above the main ore body in the Santos
186 deposit. ES032-5 is from garnet-diopside-actinolite-altered Upper Andesite (Fig. 2B) ~200 m
187 above the manto horizon just south of the Candelaria deposit. AD0093-14 is from the Dacite unit
188 in the Alcaparrosa deposit, ~50 m above the main mineralized ore body.

189 **Group 3:** Samples LD1493-9, AD0357-3, AD0357-8, AD0357-10, and AD009-14 are from late
190 veins that cut the main manto mineralization. LD1493-9 is located within the Lower Andesite (Fig.
191 2B) just below the contact with the Volcanic-sedimentary unit in the Candelaria deposit. Samples
192 AD0357-8, AD0357-10 and AD009-14 are from the Lower Andesite below the main mineralized
193 zone in the Alcaparrosa deposit and sample AD0357-3 is from the Dacite unit above this
194 mineralized zone. The latter four samples all contain anhydrite intergrown with pyrite or
195 chalcopyrite.

196 **Group 4:** Sample LP-1 is from the main ore zone in the Las Pintadas deposit, which is located
197 stratigraphically in the Abundancia Formation (Fig. 2B), the highest stratigraphic level for
198 significant mineralization in the district.

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Pyrite grains and aggregates from each sample were examined using polarized light microscopy at Cornell University supported by backscattered electron (BSE) imaging through the EPMA at Syracuse University (EPMA analytical conditions explained in the next section). Exact locations and more detailed descriptions of the alteration and mineralization for each sample are reported in Table 1. Selected samples were cut and mounted in 25 mm diameter epoxy mounts and polished down to 60 nm roughness using colloidal silica at the rock preparation laboratory at Syracuse University. The same epoxy mounts were used for most of the analyses performed for this study (synchrotron μ -XRF, EPMA, LA-ICPMS and SIMS).

Synchrotron μ -XRF

Synchrotron μ -XRF mapping was performed using beamline F3 at the Cornell High Energy Synchrotron Source (CHESS). Station F3, fed by a bending magnet and a double-multilayer monochromator, provided 14.5 keV incident X-ray energy for these scans. A four element silicon detector (Vortex ME4) with a Quantum Xpress3 digital signal was employed to collect the XRF signal. Under typical scan conditions of 20 μ m steps and 500 millisecond dwell time per pixel, typical signals reached >250 kcps per channel with dead time <10%. A well-characterized, natural pyrite sample from the Los Colorados IOA deposit in Northern Chile was used as an independent reference for quantifying synchrotron μ -XRF measurements (del Real et al., 2019), since there is currently no commercial pyrite standard available. The scale factor (“monitor efficiency”) was adjusted to yield concentrations that matched the reference. The same scale factor was then applied to the subsequently collected pyrite data sets in order to quantify concentrations. Final quantification and correction of the data required application of a variety of statistical methods as previously reported in del Real et al. (2019). XRF maps were processed using the open source

221 Praxes software package developed at CHESS (Dale, 2015). Praxes employs PyMCA libraries,
222 developed at the European Synchrotron Research Facilities (ESRF) and is widely used for XRF
223 data processing, spectra fitting, and quantitative analysis (Solé et al., 2007). XRF is a full-spectral
224 technique meaning that the signal is collected simultaneously for all elements that fluoresce under
225 the experimental conditions. The synchrotron μ -XRF has detection limits near the ppb level for
226 most elements, while having no problems in analyzing elements with major element concentrations
227 (e.g. Fe in pyrite). Detection limits calculated using the in-house reference were < 1 ppm, with the
228 exception of Co (~6 ppm).

229 **EPMA**

230 Point data was acquired on transects across pyrite grains in order to assess element
231 variation in heterogeneous and zoned crystals. Samples were carbon coated before being analyzed
232 to avoid charge build-up. Transects of 10–15 analytical points across grains were completed for
233 each sample. Major and minor element compositional analyses were performed at Syracuse
234 University using a Cameca SXfive field-emission electron microprobe with a Lab6 electron gun
235 and five wavelength dispersive spectrometers. For quantitative measurements, the five wavelength
236 dispersive spectrometers were tuned, and elements were standardized using S and Fe on marcasite,
237 Sb on antimony, Co on cobalt, Ni on nickel silicide, Cu on copper, Zn on sphalerite, As on gallium
238 arsenide, Se on selenium, V on vanadium, and Ag on silver. The beam current was adjusted to
239 ~12,000 counts per second for analyte and X-rays on gas-flow proportional counters. All imaging
240 and quantitative measurements were performed using 15 kV accelerating voltage. Measurements
241 of unknowns were performed using a 20 nA beam current and a 2 μ m beam diameter. Elements
242 were acquired using the following analyzing crystals: LIF for Fe K α , Co K α , Ni K α , As K α , Se

243 $K\alpha$, Cu $K\alpha$ and Zn $K\alpha$. Counting time was 100 s for Ni $K\alpha$, As $L\alpha$, Se $L\alpha$, Co $K\alpha$, Cu $K\alpha$ and Zn
244 $K\alpha$, and 20 s (10 s in two spectrometers) for Fe $K\alpha$. Background times were determined by peak
245 time divided by two. Because two backgrounds were measured (one on either side of the peak),
246 the total background time measured equals the peak time.

247 **LA-ICPMS**

248 Similar to EPMA, point data were acquired on transects across pyrite grains in order to
249 assess heterogeneous and zoned grains. Transects were designed to follow those analyzed by
250 EPMA. LA-ICPMS analyses were carried out at the Queen's University Facility for Isotope
251 Research (QFIR) using a XSeries 2 ICP-MS coupled to a New Wave/ESI Excimer 193-nm laser
252 ablation system. The LA-ICPMS calibration was initiated by analyzing a USGS glass standard
253 (GSD) to optimize He and Ar flow through the ablation cell and the plasma torch. Optimum plasma
254 conditions were ensured by monitoring uranium oxides ($< 0.6\%$ UO/U). Point data were obtained
255 using a beam diameter and spot measurement of 75 μm at a repetition rate of 10 Hz, with a gas
256 blank of 10–20 s. The laser beam was focused on to the surface of the sample and the ICP-MS
257 determined the trace element concentrations in the ablated material. Analyses were bracketed by
258 calibrations using USGS glass standards (GSC-1G, GSD-1G and GSE-1G) and external standards
259 (BHVO-1, MASS-1 and NIST612) were used to monitor instrument drift and correct for elemental
260 bias and laser yield. Raw data were plotted against the element calibration curves created using
261 USGS glass standards to quantify the ablated areas. Each spot measurement was monitored as it
262 was acquired through a live-cam in order to take note of any inclusions that were ablated during
263 the analysis. Data were collected in time-resolved graphics mode to monitor possible
264 compositional heterogeneities that might be present in the sample at the scale of the laser sampling,

265 and to monitor the inter-elemental fractionation that can occur during laser ablation analysis. The
266 software package PlasmaLab was used for selecting and monitoring the data integration space of
267 each point and element analyzed.

268 **In-situ sulfur isotope analysis**

269 In-situ sulfur isotope measurements of pyrite and coeval chalcopyrite reported in this study
270 were conducted using the WiscSIMS CAMECA IMS 1280 large radius multi-collector ion
271 microprobe in the Department of Geoscience of the University of Wisconsin, Madison. Analytical
272 procedures were similar to those previously reported for sulfur two-isotope (^{32}S and ^{34}S)
273 analyses (Kozdon et al., 2010). Sulfide mounts in epoxy resin were Au-coated (~30 nm). The
274 secondary $^{32}\text{S}^-$, $^{32}\text{S}^1\text{H}^-$ and $^{34}\text{S}^-$ ions were simultaneously collected by three Faraday cup detectors.
275 In the routine analytical condition, a primary $^{133}\text{Cs}^+$ beam with an intensity of ~1.6 nA was focused
276 to a 10 μm diameter with a Gaussian density distribution. The dish-shaped SIMS analysis pits
277 formed by the Gaussian focused beam have a depth of 1-2 μm . The standard UWPY-1 (Ushikubo
278 et al., 2014) was used as a bracketing standard to monitor instrument stability and analytical spot-
279 to-spot reproducibility. Grains of UWPY-1 were cast in the center of each sample mount and were
280 measured in at least four spots before and after every 10 to 12 analyses. Measured ratios of $^{34}\text{S}/^{32}\text{S}$
281 were reported in delta notation ($\delta^{34}\text{S}$) relative to the Vienna Canyon Troilite (VCDT). For $\delta^{34}\text{S}$, a
282 correction factor was determined for each of the UWPY-1 brackets by comparing the average
283 measured value of the standard with its known value (16.04‰ VCDT). The precision of the S-
284 isotope analyses in this study, reported at the level of two standard deviation (2SD) varies between
285 0.05–0.4 ‰. For chalcopyrite, Trout Lake chalcopyrite ($\delta^{34}\text{S}$: 0.3‰; Crowe and Vaughan, 1996)
286 was used for estimating instrumental mass bias as a relative bias to UWPY-1 (-4.3‰) in the session.

287 **Bulk IRMS sulfur isotope analysis**

288 Bulk sulfur isotopic analyses were conducted at the Department of Geological Sciences,
289 Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario. The weight range for samples varied between 0.3 to 1.05
290 mg for pyrite and chalcopyrite. Anhydrite samples weighed between 0.71 and 1.12 mg. The sample
291 size was set to guarantee a minimum amount of sulfide or sulfate minerals consistent with the
292 purity of the sample. The sulfur isotope composition for sulfides and anhydrite was measured using
293 a MAT 253 isotope ratio mass spectrometer (IRMS) coupled to a Costech ECS 4010 Element
294 Analyzer. The $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ values were calculated by normalizing the $^{34}\text{S}/^{32}\text{S}$ ratios relative to VCDT
295 international standard, expressed in delta ($\delta^{34}\text{S}$) notation. Total uncertainties are estimated to be
296 better than ± 0.2 ‰ for $\delta^{34}\text{S}$. Bulk trace element analyses of the same pyrite grains measured by
297 IRMS were performed using inductively coupled plasma mass spectrometry analysis (ICPMS).
298 The ICPMS analyses were conducted at Queen's University using an Finnigan MAT Element
299 ICPMS. The minerals analyzed were handpicked from the same samples analyzed for bulk sulfur
300 isotopic analyses. The weight range for samples varied between 30.2 and 121.7 mg. Samples were
301 digested using Aqua Regia and reference materials CCu-1C and PTC-1 were measured along with
302 the samples to ensure quality assurance and quality control.

303 **Results**

304 **Textural relationships and paragenesis of pyrite samples**

305 Pyrite from the Candelaria-Punta del Cobre district is mostly either subhedral to euhedral,
306 partly skeletal and forms relatively large grains, varying in size from ~ 2 to ~ 0.5 mm across. BSE
307 images of pyrite grains reveal a "granular" texture around their border, suggesting growth of

308 younger pyrite crystals with minor chalcopyrite around early euhedral grains (Figs. 3 A, 3B and
309 3D). Some pyrite grains contain minor inclusions of chalcopyrite and magnetite (Fig. 3A and C).
310 A complete description of the mineral assemblages for each sample is presented in Table 1.

311 Pyrite grains from group 1 (samples DH996-23, DH996-21, ES032-15 and AD0066-26;
312 Fig. 3D and H) are part of a magnetite \pm actinolite \pm biotite \pm K-feldspar pervasive alteration
313 assemblage with complete texturally destructive replacement of primary mineralogy. This
314 assemblage contains chalcopyrite and minor pyrrhotite, which is only present in samples from the
315 manto horizon. Pyrite grains from group 2 (samples DH996-2, ES032-5 and AD0093-14; Fig. 3A
316 and E), occur with more heterogeneous mineral assemblages. Samples DH996-2 and AD0093-14
317 exhibit patchy magnetite \pm actinolite \pm biotite \pm K-feldspar with minor chalcopyrite. Sample
318 ES032-5, closer to the contact with the Copiapó batholith, is characterized by a pervasive garnet–
319 diopside–actinolite–K-feldspar–scapolite alteration assemblage, with minor magnetite \pm specularite
320 \pm chalcopyrite. Samples with late veins in Group 3 include LD1493-9 (Fig. 3B and F) where pyrite
321 occurs with \pm magnetite \pm actinolite \pm K-feldspar, AD0357-3, AD0357-8, AD0357-10 and
322 AD009-14 with pyrite in anhydrite-chalcopyrite-pyrite-epidote veins. The latter group of samples
323 are all from the Alcaparrosa deposit, but similar veins occur in many of the deposits in the Punta
324 del Cobre district. Finally, pyrite grains from sample LP-1 (group 4) are dominated by magnetite
325 \pm biotite \pm K-feldspar \pm specularite with chalcopyrite (Fig. 3C and G).

326 **Chemical zonation of pyrite**

327 The distribution of Se, As, Ni and Co within pyrite grains from the Candelaria-Punta del
328 Cobre district was determined by collecting synchrotron μ -XRF data for individual grains and
329 generating elemental maps (Figs. 4-7). These elemental maps show chemical zonation and

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332 heterogeneities at the grain scale for different trace elements in pyrite (e.g., core vs. rim), and allow
333 comparisons among samples throughout the district and mineralization stages. The elements that
334 display the most significant variations at the grain scale are Ni, As, Se and Co, and are described
335 below for each unit.

336 Pyrite grains in samples from group 1, specifically those from mineralized bodies within
337 the manto stratigraphic horizon in Candelaria and Alcaparrosa (ES032-15 and AD066-26
338 respectively; Fig. 4A and B) display a distinct zonation of Ni and As, where contents are higher in
339 the core, with concentrations up to ~1 wt% and 500 ppm, respectively. Selenium contents display
340 little zonation although the concentration varies irregularly in some parts of individual pyrite grains
341 (up to ~100 ppm). The concentration of Co is low (~<100 ppm) in all of the pyrite samples from
342 the manto horizon. The remaining pyrite grains from group 1 (from fault-hosted ore bodies;
343 samples DH996-23, DH996-21 and LD1493-9; Fig. 4C and D), are zoned. In these samples the
344 Co content is inversely correlated with Ni and Se; i.e., zones with high Co contents have low Ni
345 and Se contents and other zones contain elevated Ni and Se concentrations and low Co contents.
346 The distribution of As is more erratic, having a positive correlation with Ni in sample DH996-21
347 and the opposite in sample DH996-23.

348 Pyrite samples from group 2 are zoned, but chemical zoning varies among the samples
349 (Fig. 5). Samples ES032-5 and AD0093-14 display a negative correlation between Ni and Co and
350 a positive correlation between Ni and Se, and both samples contain less Se than samples from
351 group 1. Sample AD0093-14 has a grain with a Co-rich core and another grain with a Ni-rich core
352 and Co-rich rim (Fig. 5C). Sample ES032-5 contains pyrite aggregates that includes grains with
353 elevated Ni and low Co contents and grains with the opposite. The As contents in samples ES032-

354 5 and AD0093-14 are lower than in samples from group 1, and display a weak negative correlation
355 with Se. Sample DH996-2 contains grains showing a positive correlation between As and Co and
356 a strong negative correlation between Co and Se, which is not observed in the other two samples.

357 Pyrite from the group 3 sample, LD1493-9 (Fig. 6), displays a zonation pattern with Ni
358 and As concentrated in the cores of grains and the Co content increasing towards the rim of the
359 pyrite grains and aggregates. Selenium contents in this sample are low ($\sim <15$ ppm).

360 Pyrite grains in group 4 sample, LP-1 (Fig. 7), shows strong elemental zonation. The core
361 and outer rim of the largest grain in this sample has high Co (more than 1%) and very high Se
362 contents (up to 200 ppm) reflecting a strong positive correlation between Co and Se. The As
363 content is highest in the outermost rim where little Ni was detected ($\sim <50$ ppm).

364 **Major, minor and trace element geochemistry of pyrite**

365 A total of 185 points in pyrite were measured for 58 elements (Ca, Sc, Ti, V, Cr, Mn, Fe,
366 Co, Ni, Cu, Zn, Ga, Ge, As, Se, Rb, Sr, Y, Zr, Nb, Mo, Ag, Cd, In, Sn, Sb, Te, Cs, Ba, REEs, Hf,
367 Ta, W, Pt, Au, Hg, Tl, Pb, Bi, Th, U). A statistical summary is presented in Table 2 and the data
368 for elements with significant concentrations are provided in Table 1 of the Appendix. LA-ICPMS
369 and EPMA analytical values obtained from the same pyrite grains vary between 2%–10%, which
370 is well within the variation attributed to the heterogeneous nature of the pyrite grains, especially
371 considering that each analytical method analyzed a slightly different spot within the pyrite grains.
372 Evaluation of the data focused on trace and minor elements with significant and consistent
373 concentrations in the pyrite samples (e.g., Co, Ni, Cu, Zn, Pb, As, Sb, Se, Ag and Cd). The Au

data were discarded as the LA-ICPMS analyses were carried out after the SIMS measurements which had been coated with as part of the analytical procedure.

Boxplot diagrams of the combined LA-ICPMS and EPMA data set (Fig. 8) show significant variations in most elements with the exception of Zn and Cu, where all samples display a similar range of values. Samples from group 1 (Fig. 8) have a similar range of Cu, Ni, As, Se, Ag and Cd values, but sample ES032-15 (from the manto horizon) has higher values of Pb and Sb contents than other samples. Pyrite samples from group 2 (Fig. 8) have similar Pb, Sb and Cd values with sample DH996-2 also showing more variation in the concentration of most elements, especially Co, Se, As and Ag. Sample ES032-5 has higher Ni and lower Co concentrations than the other two samples from group 2. Group 3 sample LD1493-9 has elevated Pb, Sb and Ag values compared to all other samples (Fig. 8). Group 4 sample LP-1 (Fig. 8) has the highest concentrations of Co and Se in the full data set, but low Ni and Pb concentrations, and Cd is below detection.

Bulk analysis of pyrite in late veins from group 3 returned similar Se contents, whereas Ni varies from ~500 (sample AD009-14) to ~3000 ppm (sample AD357-10). Co varies from ~70 (sample AD357-8) to 400 ppm (sample AD00914) and As is consistently low (<16 ppm) (Table 3). Sample AD357-3 has similar Zn, Se and Ni contents to sample AD0093-14 but lower As and Co contents.

On a comparative basis for the complete data set, pyrites from group 1 manto samples are enriched in Sb while pyrite from late vein samples are enriched in Pb, and Ag and depleted in Se. The pyrite sample from the base of the Chañarcillo Group (LP-1 – group 4) in Las Pintadas deposit displays different characteristics from the rest of the sample set, with the highest Co and Se contents and the lowest Pb and Cd contents.

396 **Stable sulfur isotope composition of pyrite**

397 In-situ $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ values were determined on the same pyrite samples that were analyzed by
398 synchrotron-XRF, EPMA and LA-ICPMS. The results show a range of values from $\sim -2\text{‰}$ to \sim
399 $+10\text{‰}$ (Fig. 9A; statistical summary in Table 2 and the whole data set in Table 2 Appendix). The
400 majority of the measured values range between ~ -1 and $+2\text{‰}$. The $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ values calculated from in-
401 situ SIMS measurements on chalcopyrite grains adjacent to some of the pyrite grains display a
402 similar range of values (Fig. 9B). Four pyrite samples have homogenous sulfur isotope
403 compositions (Fig. 10A, B, E and I) while the rest display clear microscale variations; e.g., the
404 $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ values of sample DH996-2 varies by 4‰ over < 1 mm (Fig. 10F).

405 Pyrite samples from the manto horizon, group 1, display values between -2 and $+2\text{‰}$ are
406 homogenous with the majority of $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ values between $+1$ and $+1.5\text{‰}$ (Fig. 10A, B, C and D).
407 Samples from group 2 have heterogeneous $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ values (Fig. 10F, G and H) with different samples
408 showing different degrees of variation: sample DH996-2 -2.5 to $+2.2\text{‰}$, sample ES032-5 -0.95
409 to $+2.75\text{‰}$, and sample AD0093-14 $+3.5$ to 7.3‰ . Pyrite grains from group 3 samples, display
410 homogenous $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ values that range between $+9.4$ and $+10.06\text{‰}$ and sample LP-1 from group 4 is
411 also homogenous but with different $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ values, $+1.17$ to $+2.1\text{‰}$ (Fig. 10I).

412 The majority of the heterogeneous samples show an isotopic zonation with increasing $\delta^{34}\text{S}$
413 values from core to rim. Samples that are composed of aggregates of small pyrite grains (samples
414 DH996-21 and ES032-5) display isotopic values that fluctuate, increasing and decreasing within a
415 single transect. Chalcopyrite $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ values (depicted in blue in Fig. 10) correlate with the isotopic
416 signature of the pyrite grains in the same sample (Fig. 10D, E, B, G and H). Bulk $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ analyses
417 obtained by Marschik and Fontboté (2001) on chalcopyrite from the district overlap with those

418 obtained for this study (depicted in grey Fig. 9B). Bulk $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ analyses were carried out on pyrite,
419 chalcopyrite and associated anhydrite from late veins, all of which appeared to be in textural
420 equilibrium. The results provide sulfide $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ values for pyrite and chalcopyrite of +4 to +12.5‰
421 and sulfate $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ values for anhydrite of +16 to +21.4‰. (Table 3). The higher $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ values in this
422 group overlap with those from pyrite in the late vein sample LD1493-9.

423 Discussion

424 Evaluation of trace element signatures

425 Despite its simple formula, pyrite can effectively incorporate numerous trace metals in its
426 structure, both in solid solution and as nanoparticles (Reich et al., 2005; Deditius et al., 2009;
427 Deditius et al., 2011; Reich et al., 2013). Characterizing trace element variations within pyrite can
428 serve as a monitor for changes in the hydrothermal fluid evolution (e.g. Huston et al., 1995b; Large
429 et al., 2009; Reich et al., 2013; Gregory et al., 2015; Reich et al., 2016; Tardani et al., 2017). These
430 variations can be attributed to: (1) changes in temperature of the hydrothermal fluid and the
431 partitioning of trace elements between co-existing mineral phases at different temperatures
432 (Abraitis et al., 2004; Keith et al., 2016); (2) changes in the redox and H^+ activity conditions with
433 the solubility of trace elements decreasing or increasing at different $f\text{O}_2$ and pH, respectively
434 (Thomson et al., 1993; Keith et al., 2017); and/or (3) changes in the composition of the
435 hydrothermal fluid that will be reflected in the pyrite chemistry (Huston et al., 1995a; Abraitis et
436 al., 2004; Tardani et al., 2017).

437 Hydrothermal alteration mineral assemblages within the Candelaria-Punta del Cobre
438 district are relatively consistent both vertically and horizontally. The main alteration event from

439 depth to the manto horizon consists of iron-rich calc-potassic mineral assemblages dominated by
440 magnetite-biotite-K-feldspar-actinolite (del Real et al., 2018). At higher stratigraphic horizons,
441 alteration changes from magnetite to specularite-dominant and sodic-calcic alteration minerals
442 such as albite-garnet-diopside-scapolite-amphibole are concentrated in rocks of the Upper
443 Andesite unit and units at the base of the Chañarcillo Group, especially close to the Copiapó
444 Batholith (Marschik and Fontboté, 2001; del Real et al., 2018). The relative lack of distinct
445 variations in the alteration assemblages and paragenesis suggest that pH changes in the
446 hydrothermal fluids generally, or during fluid-wall rock reactions, were not spatially or temporally
447 significant. Alteration mineralogy suggests a near-neutral pH for the hydrothermal fluids
448 (Marschik and Fontboté, 2001). Given this conclusion, the following discussion focuses on
449 potential changes in temperature, fluid composition and redox conditions as factors that may have
450 affected pyrite chemistry and sulfur isotopic variation.

451 Significant variation of Se, As, Ni and Co is observed among samples and within individual
452 pyrite grains from the Candelaria-Punta del Cobre district (Figs. 4, 5, 6 and 7). Variations of other
453 elements such as Pb and Sb are present in specific samples (Fig. 8) and we attribute these largely
454 to small scale inclusions (Abraitis et al., 2004). Although there is no significant variation of the
455 alteration paragenesis in the district, the chemical zonation observed in pyrite from most samples
456 suggests that the changes in the conditions of the hydrothermal fluid involved multiple events, at
457 least at a local scale. Although mineral grain kinetic effects can influence mineral growth and
458 chemical zoning (Jamtveit, 1991; Putnis et al., 1992), these are not considered to be important for
459 variations in pyrite chemistry in this study because no quasi-cyclic zoning (or oscillatory zoning)
460 in the chemical composition was observed in any of the samples used in this study (Figs. 4–7).

461 Selenium is able to substitute stoichiometrically for S in the pyrite structure. Several
462 researchers have noted increasing Se concentration in pyrite with an increase in temperature
463 (Huston et al., 1995b; Revan et al., 2014; Krumm et al., 2015; Keith et al., 2017) or a rise in fO_2
464 (Huston et al., 1995b; Large et al., 2014). Selenium varies significantly in the pyrite samples, but
465 in most cases it has a general positive correlation with Ni (Fig. 11A). Since incorporation of Ni
466 into pyrite tends to be more efficient at higher temperature conditions, the positive Ni-Se
467 correlation suggests that the incorporation of Se in pyrite may also be at least partly controlled by
468 temperature (Lehner et al., 2006).

469 Arsenic may substitute for S non-stoichiometrically in the pyrite structure, a process
470 requiring the substitution of ions of differing net charge polarity. The incorporation of As into the
471 pyrite lattice may lead to distortion of the pyrite structure increasing defect formation (Abraitis et
472 al., 2004). Structural distortion may allow other trace elements to enter the pyrite structure,
473 resulting in a positive correlation between As and other trace elements (e.g. Griffin et al., 1991).
474 Arsenic concentration in pyrites analyzed in this study does not correlate with Ni or Se, but in
475 some of the pyrite grains there is a positive correlation between Ni and Co (e.g. Sample DH996-2
476 and DH996-23; Figs. 5, 6 and 11B). Samples AD0093-14 and LP-1, however, are distinctly
477 different with no As-Co correlation and highly elevated Co contents. Based on the available data
478 in this study, the As content in pyrite does appear to provide exclusive control on the concentration
479 of other trace elements.

480 A positive correlation between As and Co is expected when the hydrothermal fluid contains
481 both elements (Abraitis et al., 2004), and therefore, the lack of correlation between Co and As, as
482 observed in samples AD0093-14 and LP-1, suggests a decoupling of these elements. This

483 decoupling would potentially be associated with changes in the composition and/or nature of the
484 hydrothermal fluid, as has been proposed for Cu and As in high-sulfidation systems (Deditius et
485 al., 2009; Tardani et al., 2017). Sample LP-1 (group 4) from the main mineralization event in Las
486 Pintadas deposit has well correlated Co and Se contents compared to the rest of the sample set,
487 together with lower Ni concentrations (Table 2). Las Pintadas deposit is ~5 km south of the main
488 cluster of IOCG deposits in the Punta del Cobre district (Fig. 2) and is hosted at the base of the
489 Chañarcillo Group, at a higher stratigraphic level than the other major deposits. The differences in
490 the pyrite chemistry suggest that the hydrothermal fluid responsible for mineralization in Las
491 Pintadas may have had a distinct composition compared to IOCG mineralization in the rest of the
492 district. Sample AD0093-14 from group 3 is hosted the Dacite dome unit above the manto horizon
493 in the Alcaparrosa deposit, and therefore, it seems unlikely that pyrite grains in this sample formed
494 under identical conditions to those for sample LP-1 at Las Pintadas. The decoupling of As and Co
495 in both samples, however, suggests that some similar processes influenced incorporation of As and
496 Co in pyrite in both areas.

497 *Co and Ni concentration and Co:Ni ratios*

498 Both Co and Ni may substitute stoichiometrically for Fe in pyrite, reflecting the fact that
499 Co^{2+} and Ni^{2+} have a similar ionic radius to Fe^{2+} (Tossell et al., 1981; Abraitis et al., 2004). The
500 Co and Ni concentrations reported here for pyrite from the Candelaria-Punta del Cobre district are
501 considerably higher than in other hydrothermal systems, including porphyry copper deposits and
502 epithermal Au-Ag systems (Reich et al., 2013; Deditius et al., 2014; Franchini et al., 2015), with
503 samples from the manto horizon having Ni concentrations locally > 1wt% (Fig. 8). The
504 concentration of Co and Ni is higher in mafic magmas than intermediate magmas (Taylor et al.,

1969; Nicholls et al., 1980; Rudnick and Taylor, 1987; Longhi et al., 2010; Nadeau et al., 2010), and significantly higher than felsic magmas (Gülaçar and Delaloye, 1976; Zhao et al., 2011). Therefore, the andesitic and dacitic volcanic host rocks of the Punta del Cobre Formation are an unlikely source for the high Ni and Co concentrations observed in pyrite. The Ni-Co contents are most likely to be derived from deep mafic rocks via hydrothermal leaching or magmatic-hydrothermal fluids released from mafic magmas.

Variations in Co:Ni ratios in pyrite have been used as a proxy for classifying the origin and source of hydrothermal mineral deposits, since both elements may be incorporated equally, conserving the ratio in associated hydrothermal fluids (e.g. Bralía et al., 1979; Campbell and Ethier, 1984; Bajwah et al., 1987; Large et al., 2009; Koglin et al., 2010; Reich et al., 2016). Previous research using Co:Ni ratios determined that low Co:Ni (<1) are characteristic of pyrite in mineral deposits that formed at or below the seafloor in sedimentary and volcanic settings (Bralía et al., 1979), and Co:Ni ratios between ~1–10 are characteristic of magmatic-hydrothermal deposits (Bajwah et al., 1987; Reich et al., 2016).

The relatively restricted range of Co:Ni ratios of pyrite from the Candelaria-Punta del Cobre district suggest incorporation from a fluid of a similarly restricted ratio. Minor changes in the Co:Ni ratio from core to rim in pyrite from some samples (e.g. DH996-23) is not sufficient or uniform enough to suggest broad changes in fluid composition.. The dominant range of Co:Ni ratios between ~1–10 (Fig. 12) is consistent with pyrite of a magmatic-hydrothermal origin as defined by Reich et al. (2016). The Co:Ni ratios higher than 100 occur in pyrite grains with very low Ni concentrations in samples from higher stratigraphic levels (e.g. LP-1 and DH996-2). The

526 composition of wall rocks or formation at lower temperatures, both potentially consistent with
527 their stratigraphic position, may have influenced the composition of pyrites in these samples.

528 The range of Co:Ni ratios from pyrite in the Candelaria-Punta del Cobre district is similar
529 to the range found at the Mantoverde and Ernest Henry IOCG deposits (Benavides et al., 2007;
530 Rusk et al., 2010) and at Los Colorados IOA deposit (Reich et al., 2016). At Los Colorados, these
531 ratios have been interpreted as an indicator of the mafic affinity for the magmatic-hydrothermal
532 fluid source (Reich et al., 2016). A mafic magmatic source for fluids is also suggested for the
533 Candelaria Punta del Cobre system, which is further supported by Cl isotopic data indicative of a
534 mafic/mantle derived origin for the hydrothermal fluids responsible for mineralization in the
535 Candelaria deposit (Chiaradia et al., 2006).

536 **Origin of $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ variation**

537 The isotopic composition of sulfur in hydrothermal minerals is strongly controlled by the
538 T, $f\text{O}_2$ and pH of the hydrothermal fluids (Ohmoto, 1972; Rye and Ohmoto, 1974). The isotopic
539 ratios of sulfur ($\delta^{34}\text{S}$) in sulfide minerals have been successfully used to interpret the origin of ore
540 deposits (Seal, 2006 and references therein). The sulfur isotopic signatures of different ore-related
541 geological environments range from strongly positive to strongly negative with the following
542 breakdown: (1) marine evaporate sequences tend to display values of $\delta^{34}\text{S} > +10\text{‰}$ (Claypool et
543 al., 1980; Strauss, 1999); (2) mantle sulfides have $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ between ~ 0 and $+1.0\text{‰}$ (Seal, 2006); (3)
544 continental and island arc basalts are similar or slightly more positive than mantle sulfides - $\delta^{34}\text{S}$
545 $\sim +1.0\text{‰}$ (Ueda and Sakai, 1984); (4) andesites typically have more positive $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ values $\sim +2.6$
546 (Rye et al., 1984); and (5) the oceanic sulfur cycle that includes euxinic black shales tend to display
547 negative values of $\delta^{34}\text{S} < -10\text{‰}$ (Chambers, 1982; Strauss, 1997).

548 Although most of the $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ values for pyrite samples from the Candelaria-Punta del Cobre
549 district concentrate between -2 and +2‰, the presence of samples with values as high as +12‰
550 (Fig. 9) require variations in fluid conditions or the source of sulfur. The limited variations within
551 the bulk of the data may reflect minor variation in the source of S, interaction with different host
552 rocks, or slight temperature changes. Changes in the $f\text{O}_2$ of a hydrothermal fluid would not affect
553 the isotopic composition except when pyrite or other sulfide minerals are in equilibrium with Fe
554 oxides, such as magnetite and/or hematite (Ohmoto, 1972; Rye and Ohmoto, 1974). In these cases,
555 $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ values may differ from the original $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ of the fluid source, and variations will reflect a
556 variation in $f\text{O}_2$ of the ore-forming fluids. The Fe oxide alteration mineralogy associated with the
557 Candelaria-Punta del Cobre deposits includes the presence of magnetite, mushketovite (specular
558 hematite replaced by magnetite) and specular hematite, where specularite characterize the late
559 events and the highest levels of the hydrothermal system (Marschik and Fontboté, 2001; del Real
560 et al., 2018). Changes in the Fe oxide mineralogy may reflect variation in $f\text{O}_2$ and temperature
561 conditions of the hydrothermal fluid (Ohmoto, 2003; Otake et al., 2010).

562 Sulfide minerals in equilibrium with pyrrhotite are more likely to possess $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ values close
563 to the initial $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ values of the source fluid when the temperature of mineralization is $> 200^\circ\text{C}$
564 (Ohmoto, 1972). The mineral assemblage associated with group 1 samples from the manto horizon
565 comprises intergrowths of chalcopyrite-pyrite-pyrrhotite-magnetite, and therefore it is likely that
566 sulfide $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ values reflect those of the source hydrothermal fluids. Values for these samples range
567 between $\sim +1$ and $+1.5\text{‰}$, consistent with a magmatic source of sulfur. Magmatic sulfur could be
568 derived directly from a magmatic-hydrothermal fluid or by leaching magmatic sulfur from the
569 volcanic sequence in the footwall. Pyrite Co:Ni ratios of ~ 1 for pyrite in samples from the manto
570 suggest a mafic magmatic source, but this is unlikely to be from the intermediate volcanic rocks

571 of the Punta del Cobre Formation, as discussed above. A magmatic-hydrothermal origin for the
572 sulfur and the Co:Ni ratios of the pyrite and by inference, the mineralizing fluids, is therefore
573 preferred. In contrast, pyrite from group 3 late vein samples LD1493-9 and AD0357-14 (anhydrite
574 bearing vein) show $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ values $> +10\%$, suggesting the participation of a late hydrothermal fluid
575 with a more positive $\delta^{34}\text{S}$, potentially from an evaporitic source, as proposed for mineralization in
576 the Marcona/Mina Justa district (Li et al., 2018).

577 Nickel and Se are redox and temperature sensitive elements, and therefore, changes in
578 Ni:Se ratios could be an indicator of changes in temperature, mineral phases or redox, with
579 potentially more than one factor being important (as discussed previously). The positive
580 correlation of Ni and Se (Fig. 11) may reflect high temperature conditions, but the high Se and low
581 Ni contents observed in sample LP-1 from group 4 suggest that temperature is not the exclusive
582 control on the concentration of these elements. Changes in $f\text{O}_2$ conditions potentially also played
583 a role in controlling the content of Ni and Se in pyrite. In reduced environments, Se occurs
584 predominantly as Se^{-2} (when Se^{-2} is reduced from Se^0 ; Johnson, 2004), whereas Ni occurs as Ni^{+2}
585 under more oxidizing conditions, above the Ni-NiO redox $f\text{O}_2$ buffer (Kress and Carmichael,
586 1991). Therefore, Ni:Se ratios could potentially be used as a proxy indicative of oxidation states,
587 with higher ratios suggesting more oxidized conditions. Integrating these ratios with $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ data (also
588 redox sensitive) may provide a more robust assessment of redox conditions, where $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ values will
589 tend to be lower at higher $f\text{O}_2$ values (Ohmoto, 1972). Ni:Se plotted against $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ (Fig. 13) shows
590 a rough trend where some of the samples with higher Ni:Se ratios (e.g. LD1493-9, AD357-10,
591 AD357-8) have higher $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ values and some of the samples with lower Ni:Se ratios (e.g. DH996-
592 2 and LP-1) have lower $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ values. Data from the remaining samples (ES032-5, DH996-21,
593 DH996-23, AD006-26 and ES032-15) do not fall clearly on this trend but can be interpreted as a

594 second potential trend. If these trends are distinct, it is possible that the same process is controlling
595 the correlation between Ni:Se ratios and $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ superimposed on fluids with different background
596 Ni:Se values. Higher Ni:Se ratios and lower $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ values are indicative of a more oxidizing
597 environment, therefore this general trends may reflect $f\text{O}_2$ variation. The presence of murchiesonite
598 throughout the district may also relate to changes in the $f\text{O}_2$ condition of the hydrothermal fluid
599 (Ohmoto, 2003; Otake et al., 2010). We propose that the formation of murchiesonite is related to
600 redox changes, as inferred temperatures for sulfide formation (explained in the next section) are
601 too high for non-redox transformations between Fe oxides ($> 250\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$). Nevertheless $f\text{O}_2$ variation
602 may not be the only factor affecting the range of $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ values observed in the sample set, as changes
603 in the temperature can also affect $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ isotopic values (Ohmoto, 1972). As mentioned above, both
604 Ni and Se are temperature sensitive elements while Se has been proposed to be more sensitive to
605 temperature than redox changes (Keith et al., 2017), therefore varying temperature in addition to
606 $f\text{O}_2$ may also explain the poorly defined trends.

607 Redox variations within a hydrothermal system have been identified as a key process for
608 Cu-Au transport, specifically in porphyry copper systems (Sun et al., 2004; Sun et al., 2013). In
609 magnetite-rich systems, mineralization may be associated with magnetite crystallization,
610 accompanied by decreasing pH and corresponding increase in $f\text{O}_2$. Once sulfate reduction lowers
611 pH sufficiently and the $f\text{O}_2$ reaches the hematite-magnetite oxygen fugacity buffer, hematite forms
612 and pH increases for a given $f\text{O}_2$. The oxidation of ferrous iron during the crystallization of
613 magnetite and hematite would be the causal process for sulfate reduction and consequent
614 mineralization (Liang et al., 2009; Jenner et al., 2010; Sun et al., 2013).

615 In the case of the Candelaria-Punta del Cobre district, deep-seated high temperature
616 hydrothermal fluids could have channeled upward through structures at sufficient flux rates and
617 fluid/rock ratios to minimize interaction with the host rock, as proposed for the Raúl Condestable
618 deposit (De Haller and Fontboté, 2009). These fluids may have been relatively reduced, hence
619 precipitating the barren early magnetite alteration observed in the district (del Real et al., 2018).
620 As temperature decreased hydrothermal fluids would become more oxidized, reaching hematite
621 stability, between 500° and 250°C (Helgeson et al., 1978; Myers and Eugster, 1983; Giggenbach,
622 1997; Einaudi et al., 2003). As proposed for porphyry deposits, the formation of hematite would
623 increase the pH for a given fO_2 causing sulfate reduction and sulfide precipitation (Liang et al.,
624 2009; Jenner et al., 2010; Sun et al., 2013). The replacement of hematite by magnetite (forming
625 musketovite) implies that conditions became more reduced possibly as a result of the arrival of
626 multiple pulses of deep-seated hot hydrothermal fluids. Alternative processes including the
627 influence of local wall rocks or mixing with other fluids have been suggested as mechanisms for
628 musketovite formation (De Haller and Fontboté, 2009), but neither clearly explains the
629 concentration of musketovite in some areas or its overall widespread distribution in all of the deposits
630 in the district.

631 **Temperature and origin of hydrothermal fluids**

632 The $\delta^{34}S$ values of sulfide-sulfide pairs and sulfide-sulfate pairs that crystallized in
633 equilibrium in hydrothermal systems can be used to estimate the temperature of the hydrothermal
634 fluid at the time of mineralization (Kajiwara and Krouse, 1971; Ohmoto and Lasaga, 1982). Table
635 4 lists the temperatures calculated using $\delta^{34}S$ of aqueous sulfide-sulfate (pyrite or chalcopyrite with
636 anhydrite; Ohmoto and Lasaga, 1982) and in-situ sulfide-sulfide pairs (pyrite-chalcopyrite in

637 equilibrium; Kajiwara and Krouse, 1971). The range of temperatures calculated using $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ results
638 of sulfide-sulfate and sulfide-sulfide pairs from the main mineralization event hosted in Lower
639 Andesite unit below the manto horizon is $530 - 600 \pm 50$ °C. The range of temperatures calculated
640 using $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ results of sulfide-sulfate and sulfide-sulfide pairs from the Dacite dome unit and
641 Volcanic-sedimentary unit (both stratigraphically correlated with the manto horizon) varies
642 between $394 - 480 \pm 50$ °C, lower than the temperatures calculated from the stratigraphically
643 deeper samples. Although limited, these results are consistent with cooling of an ascending
644 hydrothermal fluid.

645 Our results correlate well with previous calculations that estimated that the core of the Fe
646 mineralization in the district formed between $500 - 600$ °C (Marschik and Fontboté, 2001), and that
647 Cu-Au mineralization formed $400 - 500$ °C (Hopf, 1987). Limited fluid inclusion analyses from
648 quartz and anhydrite in the Candelaria deposit gave homogenization temperatures in the range of
649 330 to >470 °C (Ulrich and Clark, 1999; Marschik and Chiaradia, 2000), which is consistent with
650 the range of temperatures calculated using sulfide-sulfate and pyrite-chalcopyrite $\delta^{34}\text{S}$
651 geothermometry described above. Temperatures calculated for mineralization in the Candelaria-
652 Punta del Cobre district are similar to those calculated for the Mantoverde deposit in Chile and the
653 Marcona/Mina Justa district in Peru using oxygen isotope geothermometry (Chen et al., 2011),
654 and are significantly lower than estimates for IOA deposits and deeper segments of the Candelaria
655 deposit (e.g. 600 to >850 °C in Los Colorados, El Romeral and Cerro Negro Norte in Chile, 400
656 to >900 °C in Kiruna, >700 °C below the Candelaria deposit; Jonsson et al., 2013; Knipping et al.,
657 2015b; Bilenker et al., 2016; Rojas et al., 2018, Salazar et al., 2019; Rodriguez-Mustafá et al., *in*
658 *press*). Temperatures calculated for the manto horizon, where a significant part of the high grade
659 mineralization is concentrated, partially overlap with the temperatures proposed for mineralization

660 in porphyry copper systems (~300–420 °C; Hedenquist and Lowenstern, 1994; Heinrich et al.,
661 2008). Ore deposition is interpreted to occur at ~400 °C in porphyry copper environments with
662 efficient cooling of the hydrothermal fluid being the key to high Cu-Au grades (e.g. Heinrich et
663 al., 2008). A similar interpretation can be suggested for IOCG deposits in the Candelaria-Punta
664 del Cobre district, as the highest grades are associated with temperatures similar to those in
665 porphyry Cu deposits.

666 The high $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ values ($> +10\text{‰}$) obtained for pyrite samples from group 3, as previously
667 mentioned, suggest the addition of an external fluid. Ratios of Se:S can be used as a proxy for
668 tracing hydrothermal fluids in ore systems (e.g. Huston et al., 1995a; Fitzpatrick, 2008; Li et al.,
669 2018), with different fluid sources having distinct Se:S ratios. Seawater (or basinal water
670 ultimately derived from evaporated seawater) has an average $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ value $\sim +21\text{‰}$ and a
671 mass $\Sigma\text{Se}/\Sigma\text{S}$ ratio of $\sim 0.0500\text{--}0.25 \times 10^{-6}$, whereas magmatic-hydrothermal fluids have a typical
672 $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ value of ~ 0 with a range of -2 to 2.4‰ for a fluid that exsolved from a crystallizing magma
673 of andesitic composition, and a mass $\Sigma\text{Se}/\Sigma\text{S}$ ratio of $\sim 120\text{--}500 \times 10^{-6}$ (Huston et al., 1995a; Seal,
674 2006 and references therein; Fitzpatrick, 2008). When plotting Se:S ratios against $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ isotopic
675 values (Fig. 14), the majority of the pyrite samples from group 1 fall within the range of magmatic-
676 hydrothermal fluids (defined by Fitzpatrick, 2008) although showing a spread to lower Se:S ratios.
677 The samples from group 2 show a wider range of values to lower Se:S but at relatively constant
678 $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ although sample AD0093-14 from the Dacite dome, together with group 3 samples (in-situ
679 and bulk measurements) have higher $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ values and lower Se/S ratios compared with the majority
680 of the pyrite analyses (Fig.14). Results from these samples are consistent with a different fluid
681 potentially sourced from or equilibrated with basinal rocks. A generalized mixing trend based on
682 previously defined deposition conditions for Se/S (Fitzpatrick, 2008) is suggested on Figure 14

683 with end-member magmatic-hydrothermal and basin derived fluids. A similar mixing trend was
684 interpreted for the IOCG mineralization at Mantoverde and Mina Justa IOCG deposits (Benavides
685 et al., 2007; Fitzpatrick, 2008; Li et al., 2018). Additionally, recent $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ data obtained from
686 magnetite samples within the manto horizon in the Candelaria deposit indicate a mixture between
687 magmatic-hydrothermal and external fluids (Rodriguez-Mustafá et al., *in press*). The most positive
688 $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ values in the Candelaria-Punta del Cobre district in pyrite from group 3 samples (LD1493-9
689 and AD009-14) suggest that basin-derived fluids circulated into the Candelaria system towards the
690 end of the main mineralizing event. Further work is needed to test this hypothesis. As all main-
691 phase mineralization samples fall close to, or within, the magmatic-hydrothermal range, it is
692 reasonable to interpret the main ore depositional event as being dominantly of magmatic-
693 hydrothermal origin.

694 Most of the pyrite analyses in sample DH996-2 plot off the mixing trend, displaying lower
695 Se:S relative to the $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ values. This may reflect lower temperatures since the fluid-sulfide Se
696 partition coefficient has been proposed to depend on temperature (Fitzpatrick, 2008). As sample
697 DH996-2 comes from the upper part of the Santos deposit, it is possible that system was cooling
698 to lower temperatures in this area.

699 The Candelaria-Punta del Cobre district has distinct geological features that may be
700 particularly favorable for IOCG mineralization. The important stratigraphically controlled
701 “manto” mineralization is hosted by the Volcanic-sedimentary unit in the upper part of the Punta
702 del Cobre Formation, below, and locally within, the sedimentary sequence at the base of the
703 Chañarcillo Group. The Volcanic sedimentary unit provided a zone of high permeability that may

704 have been accessed by deep fluids and also by fluids from the Chañarcillo Group facilitating
705 sulfide precipitation.

706 Las Pintadas is located at the southern end of the district. Sample LP-1 from Las Pintadas
707 deposit has $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ values, Se:S and Ni:Se ratios that are consistent with the rest of the sample set,
708 suggesting that fluids and processes were generally similar to those in the main part of the district,
709 even though the mineralization is at a higher stratigraphic levels than the main cluster of IOCG
710 deposits (Fig. 2). As discussed previously, pyrite in sample LP-1 also has distinct chemical
711 differences from the rest of the sample set, with poor correlations between As and Co, and Se and
712 Ni, well correlated Co and Se, and higher Co and Se contents. The role of different fluids,
713 stratigraphic position, wall rock compositions or the distal location of Las Pintadas relative the
714 core of the Candelaria-Punta del Cobre system may have played a role in controlling these
715 differences. Further work would be required to evaluate these options.

716 **Conclusions**

717 Pyrite in samples from IOCG mineralization in several locations and stratigraphic levels
718 within the Candelaria-Punta del Cobre district shows distinct variations of Ni, Co and Se
719 concentrations that are interpreted to reflect changes in temperature, redox, source of the
720 hydrothermal fluid(s), and potentially stratigraphic/host rock controls. The $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ isotopic values
721 show a range of values ($\sim -2 - +12\%$) where most of the data are concentrated between -2 and
722 +2%. The presence of varying Fe oxides (magnetite, partly as mushketovite and hematite) in the
723 system suggest that changes in the $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ values may correlate with changes in the redox state of the
724 hydrothermal fluid. This may partially explain changes in Ni:Se ratios observed in some of the
725 pyrite samples.

The Co:Ni ratios combined with Se:S and $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ suggest that the fluids responsible for the main mineralization in the district have a magmatic-hydrothermal origin. High $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ values in pyrite from late veins suggest that an externally derived fluid entered the system towards the end of the main mineralizing event. This fluid is interpreted to be of basinal origin, possibly derived from the overlying Chañarcillo Group.

This study demonstrates that pyrite chemistry combined with in-situ $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ analyses provide useful information on the fluid sources for IOCG deposits. As outlined, the fluid source and nature of IOCG mineralization has been a topic of debate. Our results concur with recent results from the Mina Justa IOCG deposit in Southern Peru (Li et al., 2018), where mineralization is interpreted to be of magmatic-hydrothermal origin with a late incursion of basin-derived fluids. The results from these deposits do not support formation of IOCG mineralization solely from oxidized saline brines (Barton and Johnson, 1996), at least in the Andean belt.

The Co:Ni ratios and elevated Co and Ni concentrations obtained from the pyrite samples in the district suggest that at least part of the hydrothermal fluid has a mafic igneous affinity, as has been proposed by Chiaradia et al. (2006) on the basis of $\delta^{37}\text{Cl}$ isotopic data. Mineralization associated with magmatic fluids of a mafic affinity has been proposed to result from hydrothermal activity driven by mantle underplating (Groves et al., 2010). In the case of the Andean IOCG belt, mineralization is coeval with or immediately follows a long period of subduction-related extension, which could have facilitated back-arc asthenospheric upwelling (Mpodozis and Ramos, 1989). This setting is consistent with a model of mineralization associated with fluids sourced from mafic, probably mantle-derived magmas.

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1127 **FIGURE AND TABLE CAPTIONS**

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1167 chalcopyrite. Areas of the image that do not include pyrite have been masked in order to focus
1168 attention to elemental variation in pyrite.

1169 **Figure 7:** Synchrotron-XRF element maps for pyrite sample from group 4, sample LP-1 was taken
1170 from the base of the Chañarcillo Group (Abundancia Fm) from Las Pintadas deposit. A large pyrite
1171 grain is surrounded by chalcopyrite and minor magnetite. Areas of the image that do not include
1172 pyrite have been masked in order to focus attention to elemental variation in pyrite.

1173 **Figure 8:** Box and whisker plot showing trace element concentrations determined by LA-ICPMS
1174 integrated with EPMA, Cd was under detection limit in sample LP-1. The central box represents
1175 50% of data from quartile 1 (Q1) to quartile 3 (Q3), outlier circles and triangles indicate the data
1176 that is further than 1.5 (Q3-Q1) from the box. The whiskers include the extreme outlier values.

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1178 The highest concentration of values concentrate between -1 and 2 $\delta^{34}\text{S}$. Samples depicted in grey
1179 correspond to analysis carried out by Marschik and Fontboté (2001)

1180 **Figure 10:** $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ in-situ measurements of pyrite and chalcopyrite grains samples for this study.
1181 Chalcopyrite values are depicted in blue. Point colors are based on color scale. The same points
1182 were measured using LA-ICPMS for pyrite chemistry.

1183 **Figure 11:** Element variation diagrams from LA-ICPMS and EPMA analysis on pyrite grains
1184 showing a positive trend between Ni and Se (A) and Co and As (B). In both diagrams data points

1185 from sample LP-1 from the main mineralization event from Las Pintadas are off the positive trend
1186 formed between the other samples, and in the diagram of As and Co sample AD0093-14 is also
1187 off trend together with LP-1

1188 **Figure 12:** Co vs Ni variation diagram and Co:Ni ratios of the pyrite measurements. The Co:Ni
1189 ratios of pyrite from the Candelaria-Punta del Cobre district determined in this study range
1190 between ~0.1–100, where the majority of samples range between 1–10, consistent with pyrite of a
1191 magmatic-hydrothermal origin. Samples with Co:Ni~100 reflect pyrite grains with very low Ni
1192 concentrations formed at shallower stratigraphic levels.

1193 **Figure 13:** Pyrite chemistry integrated with $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ measurements: Higher Ni:Se ratios roughly
1194 correlate with a higher $\delta^{34}\text{S}$. See text for further discussion.

1195 **Figure 14:** Pyrite chemistry integrated with $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ measurements on pyrite: Se:S and $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ used for
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1204 anhydrite grains in equilibrium

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1208 **Appendix A**

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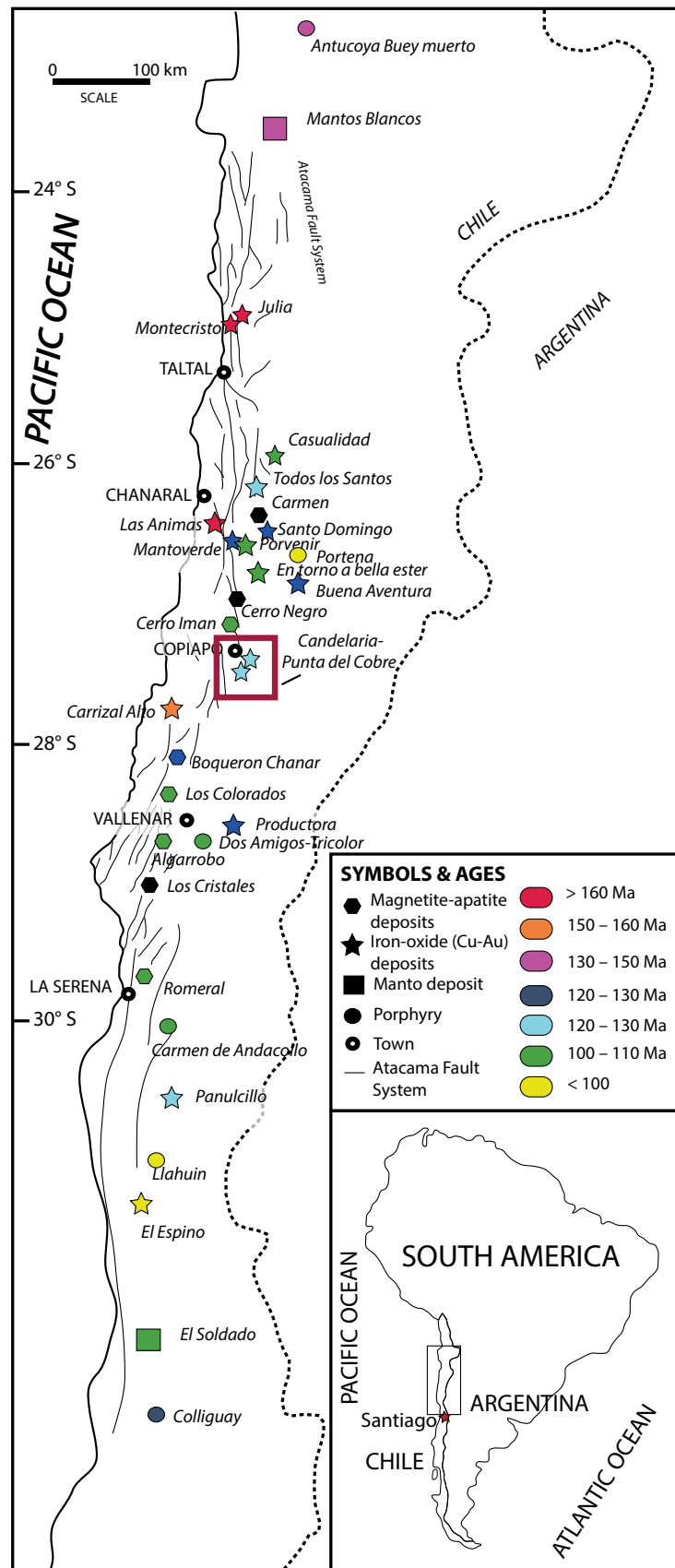


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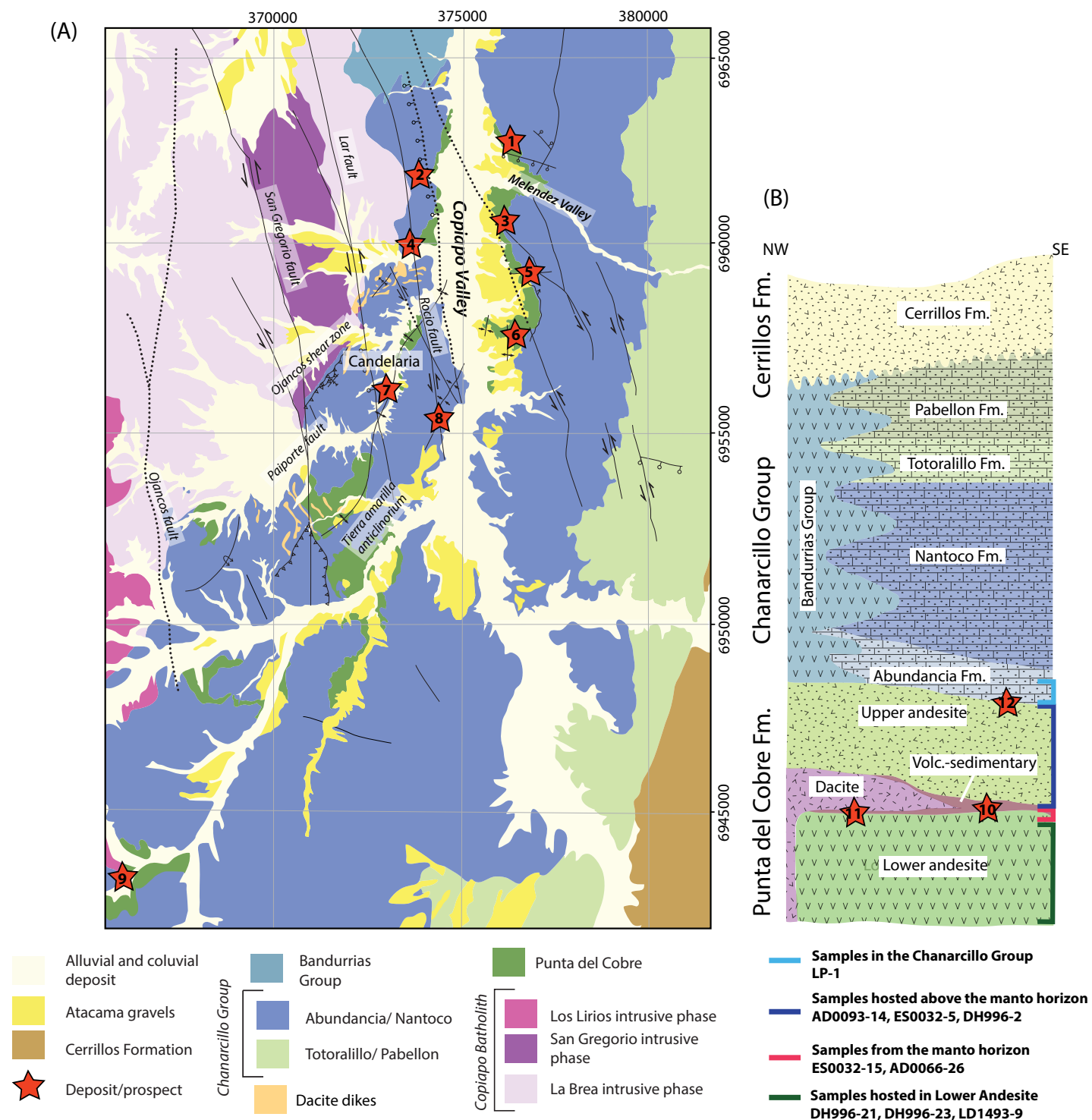


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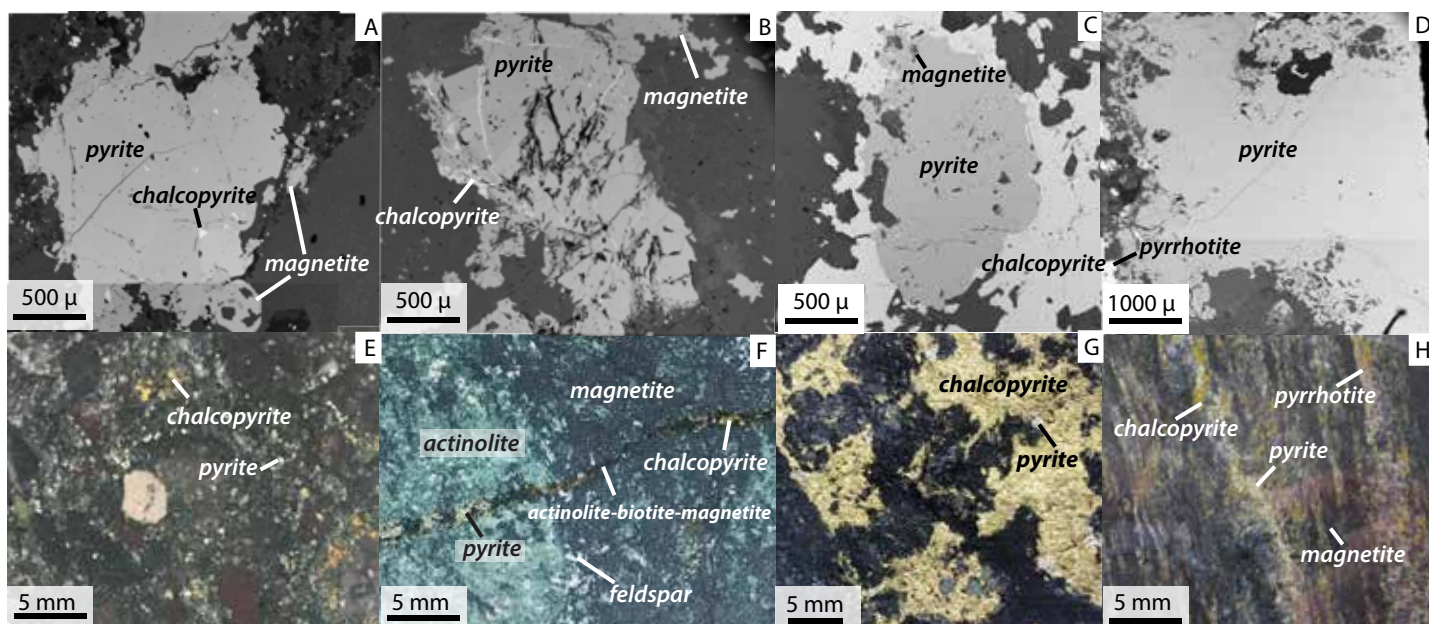


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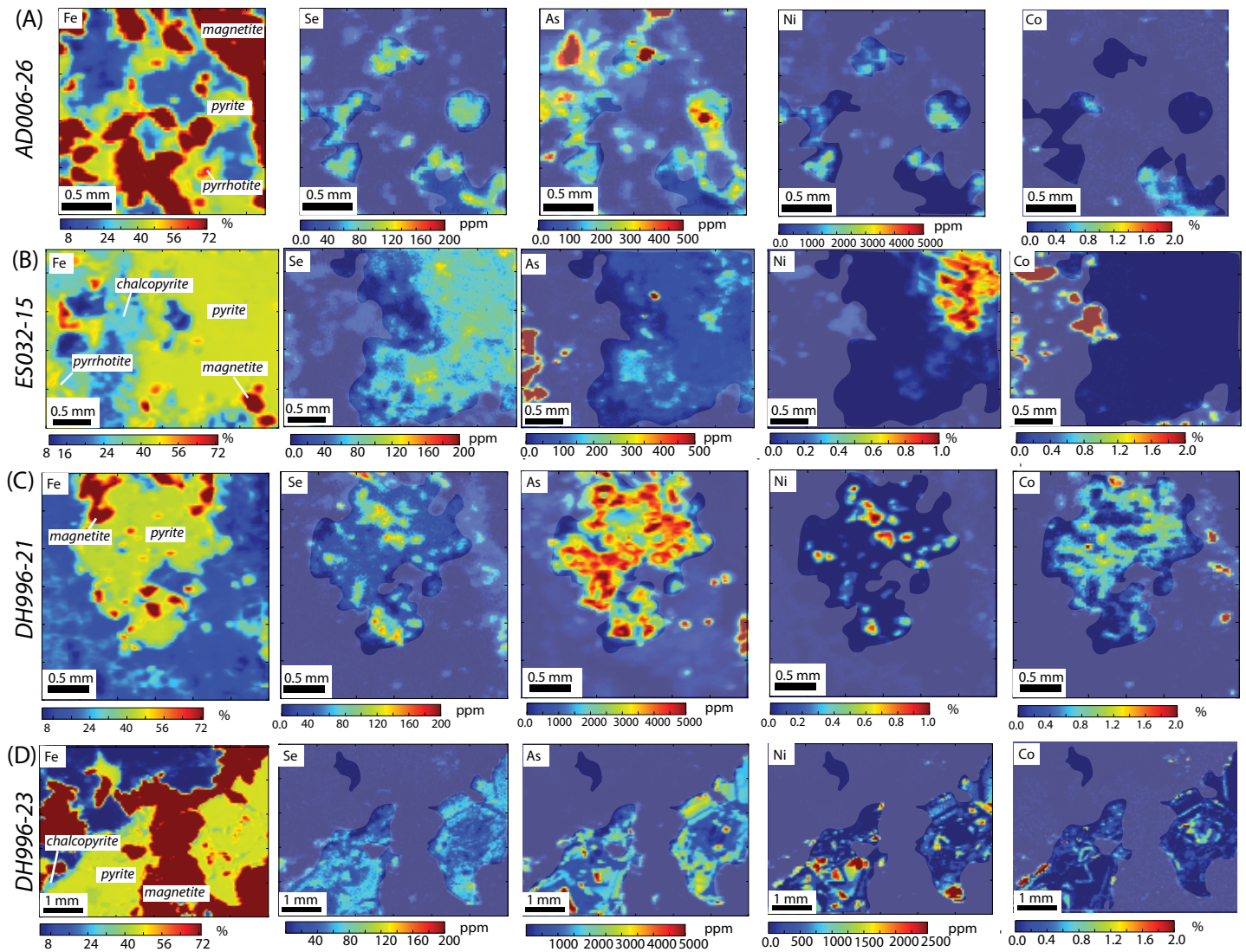


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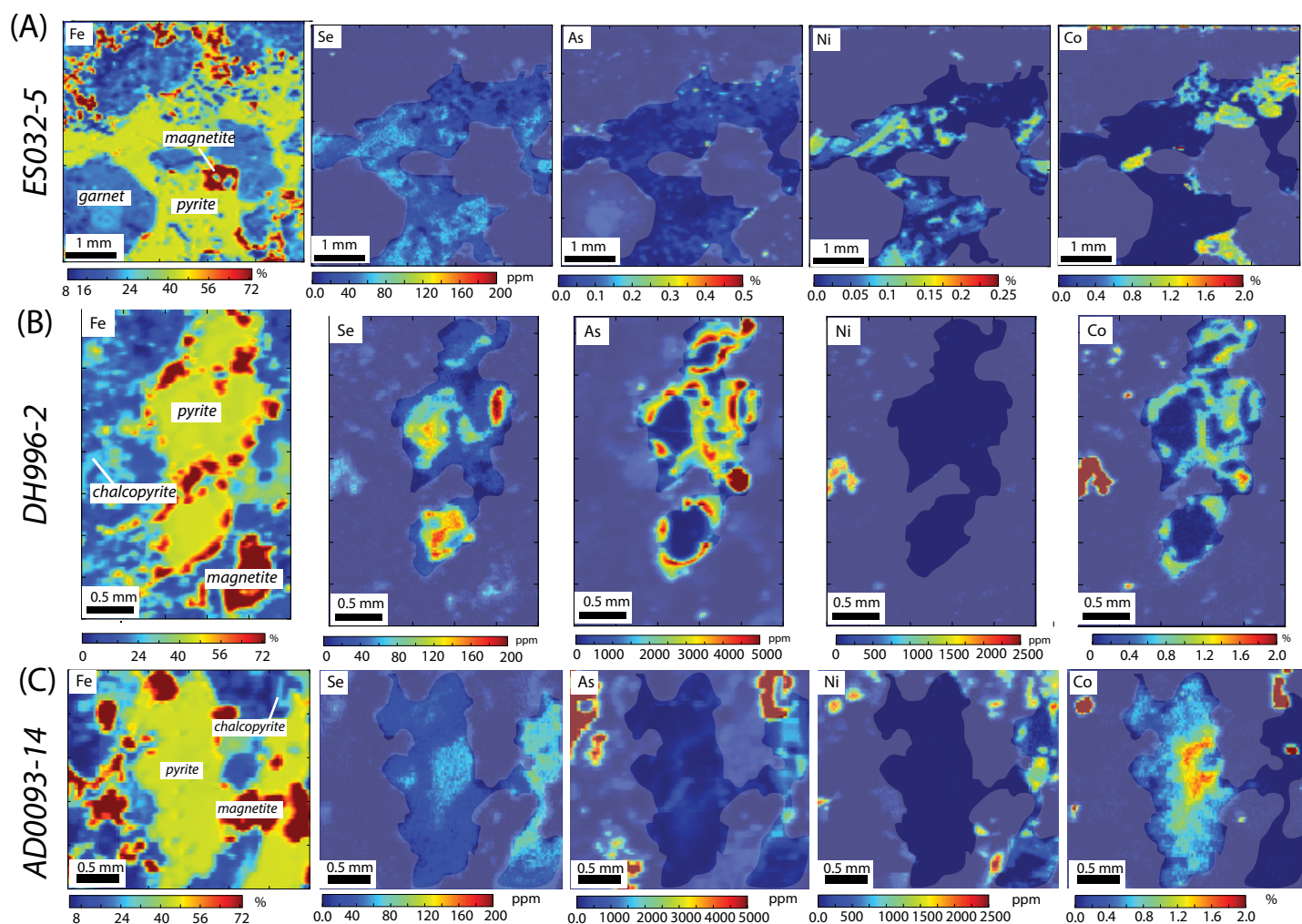


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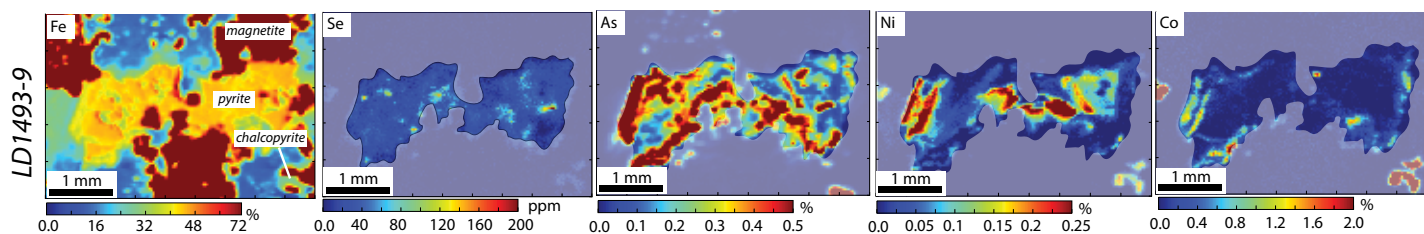


Figure 6: Synchrotron-XRF element maps for pyrite sample from group 3. A- sample ES032-5, aggregate of pyrite grains with garnet and magnetite; B- sample DH996-2, pyrite grain with magnetite and chalcopyrite; C- sample AD0093-14, pyrite grains with magnetite and minor chalcopyrite. Areas of the image that do not include pyrite have been covered in order to focus attention to elemental variation in pyrite.

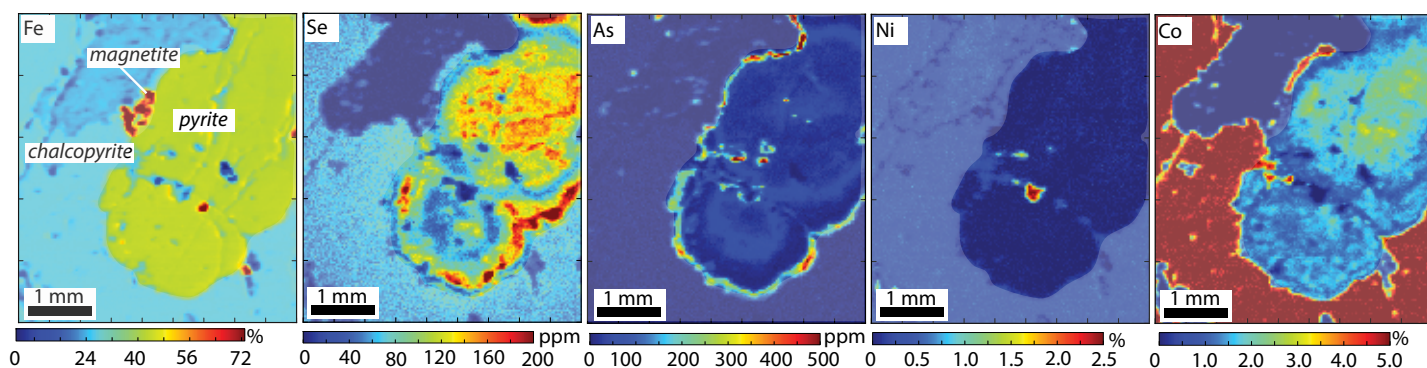


Figure 7: Synchrotron-XRF element maps for pyrite sample from group 4, sample LP-1 was taken from the base of the Chanarcillo Group (Abundancia Fm) from Las Pintadas deposit. Large pyrite grain is surrounded by chalcopyrite and minor magnetite. Areas of the image that do not include pyrite have been covered in order to focus attention to elemental variation in pyrite.

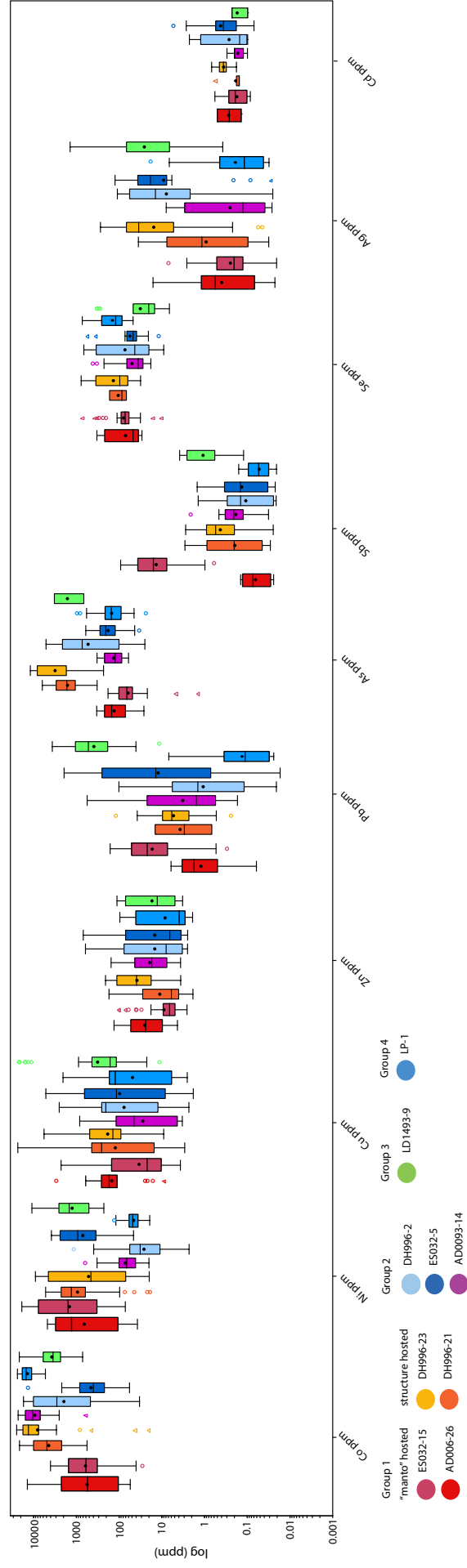


Figure 8: Box and whisker plot showing trace element concentrations determined by LA-ICPMS integrated with EPMA, Cd was under detection limit in sample LP-1. The central box represents 50% of data from quartile 1 (Q1) to quartile 3 (Q3), an outlier circles and triangles indicates the data that is further than 1.5 (Q3-Q1) from the box. The whiskers include the extreme outlier values.

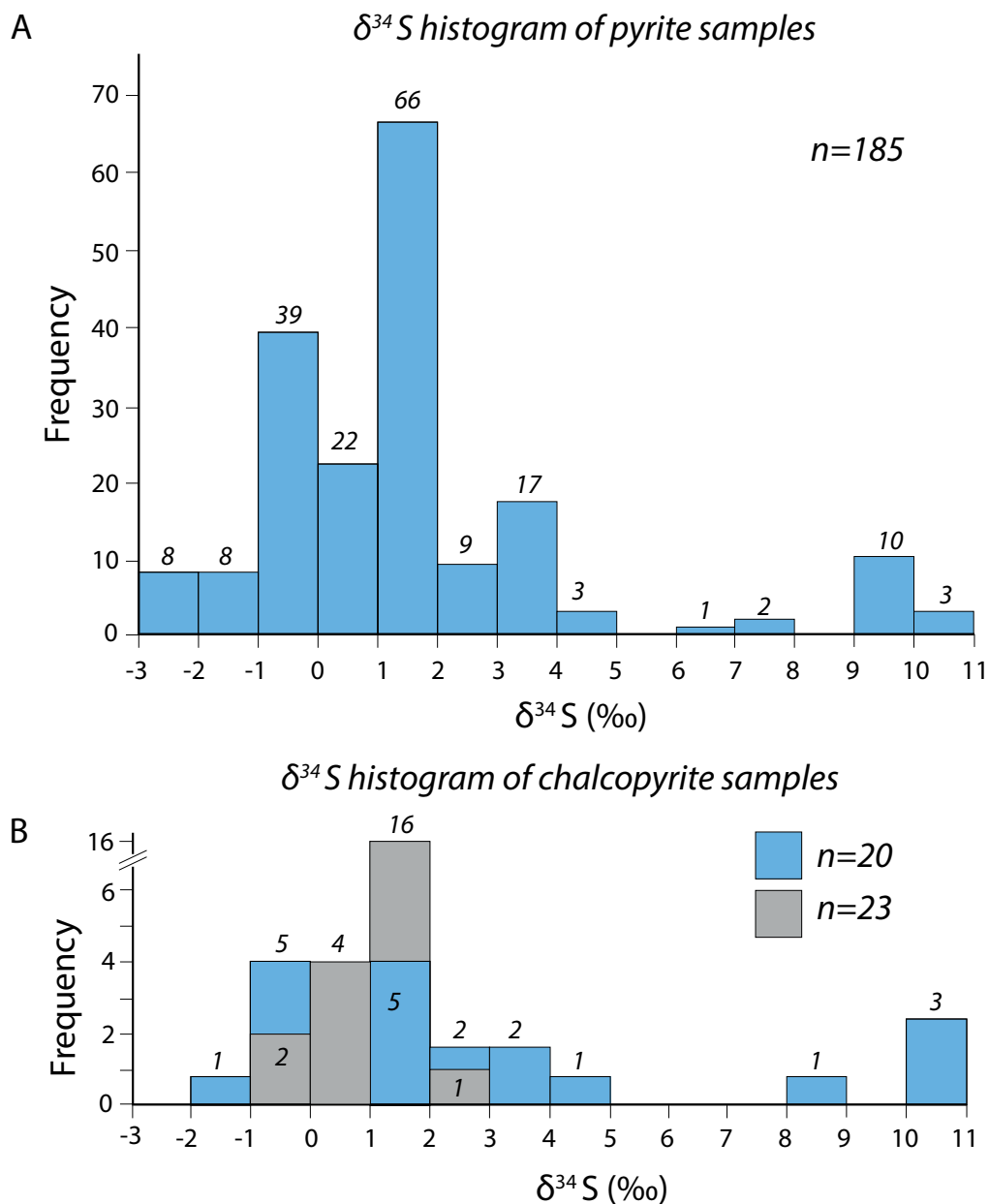


Figure 9: $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ histogram of in-situ measurements obtained from pyrite (A) and chalcopyrite (B). The highest concentration of values concentrate between -1 and 2 $\delta^{34}\text{S}$. Grey histogram corresponds to previous values obtained by bulk analysis on chalcopyrite (Marschik and Fontbote, 2001) and blue corresponds to in-situ values obtained in this study

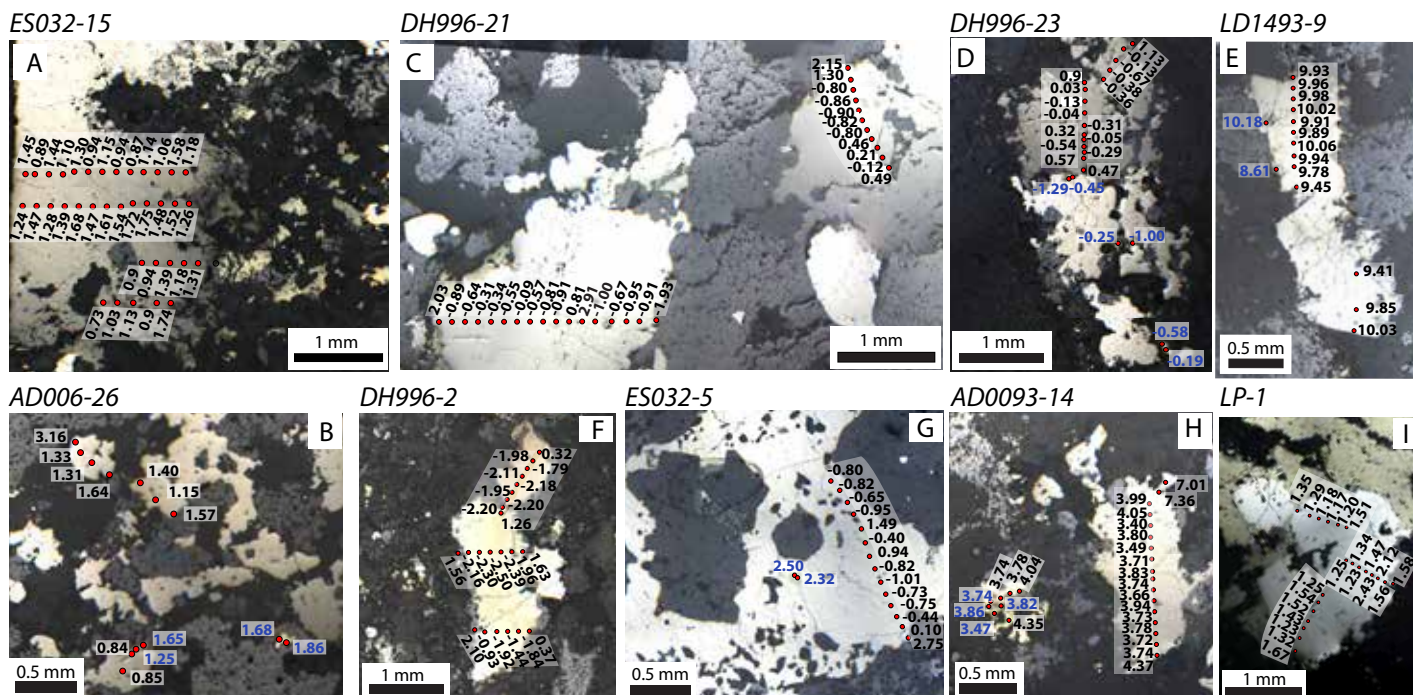


Figure 10: $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ in-situ measurements of pyrite and chalcopyrite grains samples for this study. Chalcopyrite points are depicted in blue. The same points were measured using LA-ICPMS for pyrite chemistry. Picutre tags correspond to samples: (A) ES032-15, (B) AD006-26, (C) DH996-21, (D) DH996-23, (E) LD1493-9, (F) DH996-2, (G) ES032-5, (H) AD0093-14 and (I) LP-1

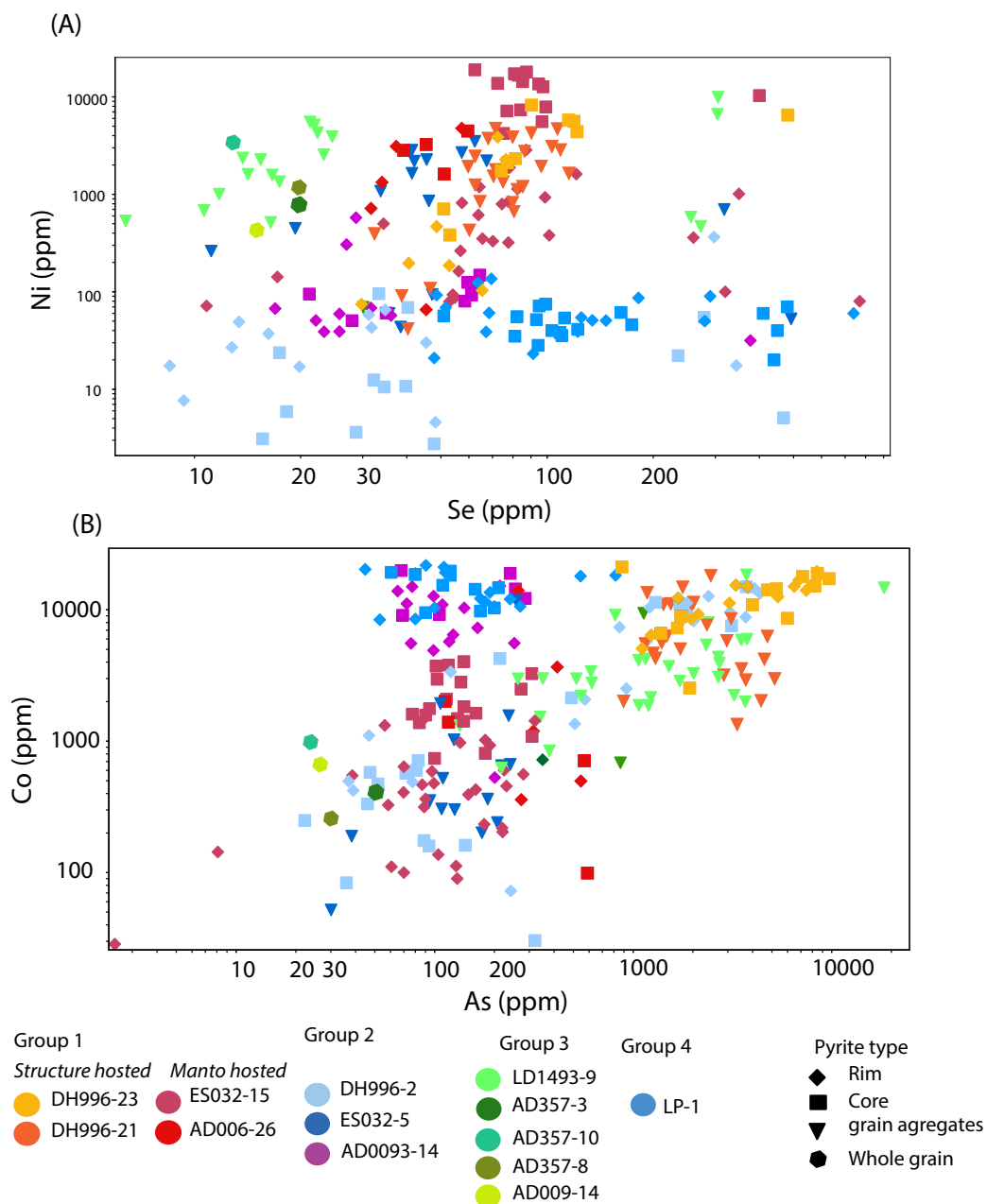


Figure 11: Element variation diagrams from LA-ICPMS and EPMA analysis on pyrite grains showing a positive trend between Ni and Se (A) and Co and As (B). In both diagrams data points from sample LP-1 from the main mineralization event from Las Pintadas are off the positive trend formed between the other samples.

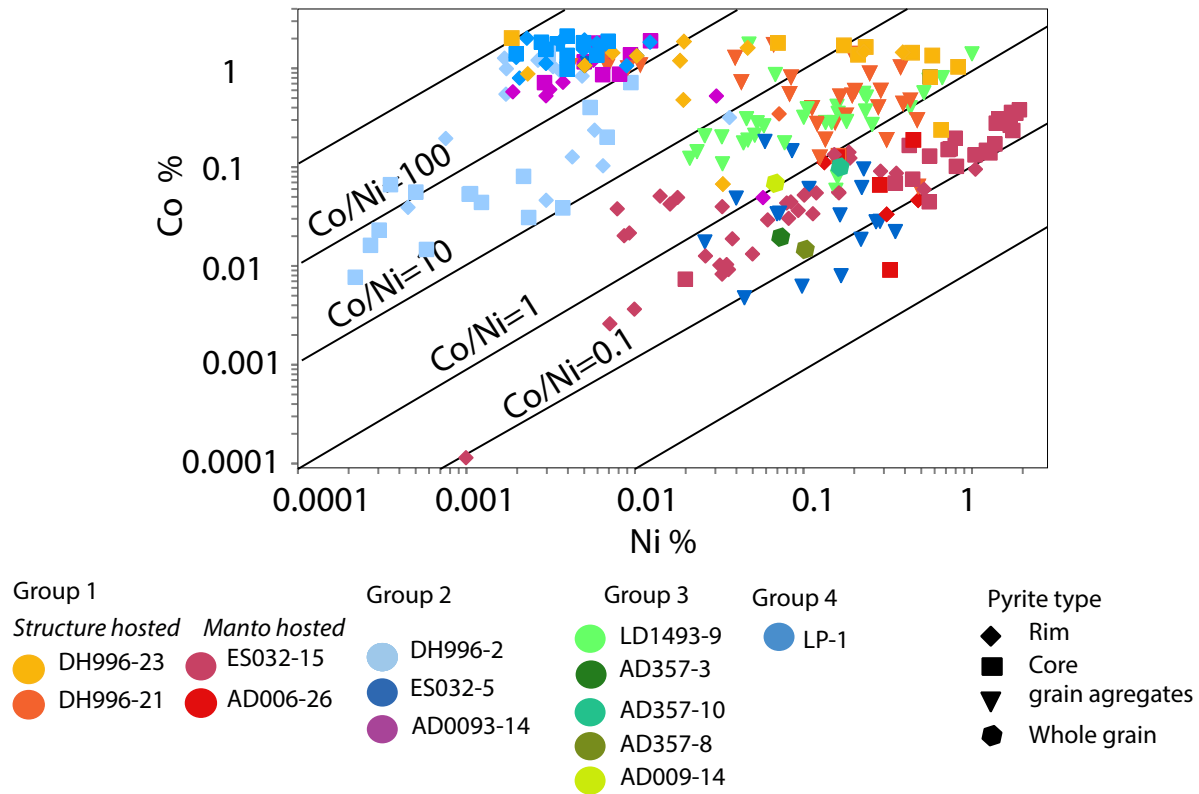


Figure 12: Co vs Ni variation diagram and Co:Ni ratios of the pyrite measurements. The Co:Ni ratios of pyrite from the Candelaria-Punta del Cobre district determined in this study range between ~1–100, where the majority of samples range between 1–10, consistent with pyrite of a magmatic-hydrothermal origin. Samples with Co/Ni~100 reflect pyrite grains with very low Ni concentrations formed at shallower stratigraphic levels.

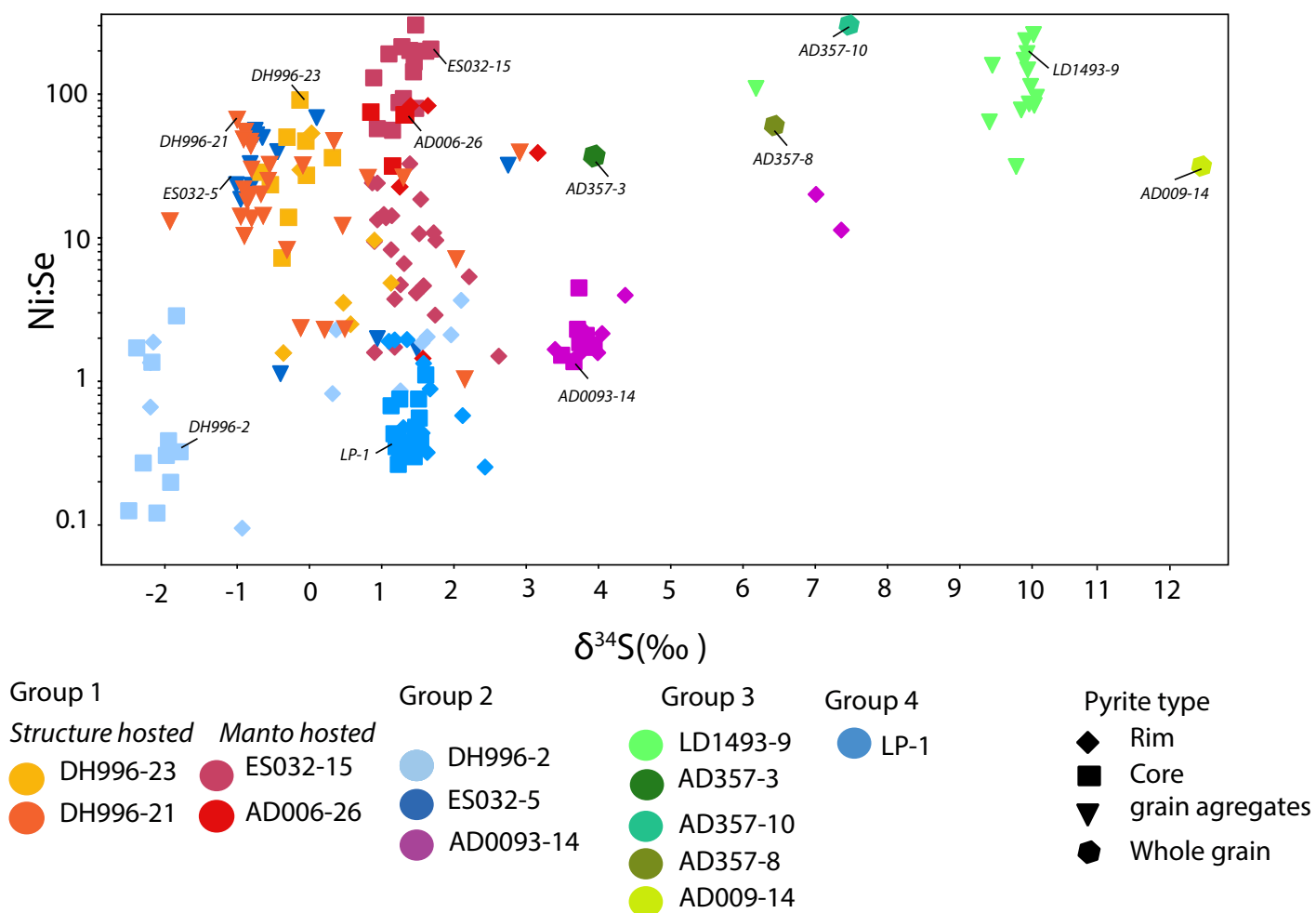


Figure 13: pyrite chemistry integrated with $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ measurements on pyrites: Higher Ni:Se ratios roughly correlate with a higher $\delta^{34}\text{S}$.

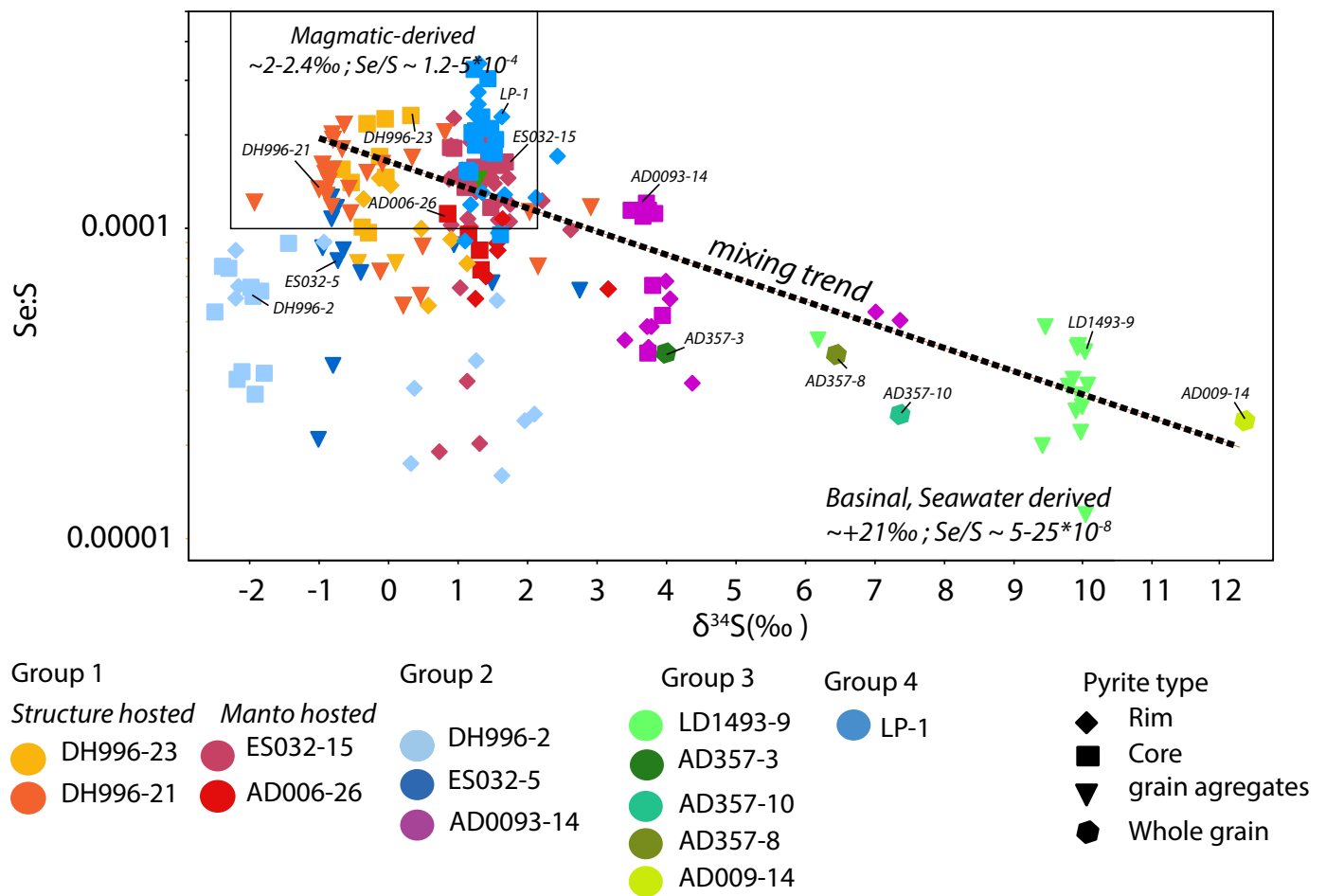


Figure 14: Pyrite chemistry integrated with $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ measurements on pyrite: Se:S and $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ used for evaluating fluid source; higher $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ and lower Se:S correlate with a seawater (or basin) derived fluids, lower $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ and higher Se:S correlate with a magmatic-derived fluid. Source ranges were obtained by Fitzpatrick, 2008.

| Sample | Lithology | Sample classification | Sulfur isotope analysis | pyrite type | Description | Depth in drill hole | Location collar (Datum PSAD56) | | | Trend | Plunge |
|-----------|---------------------------|---|-------------------------|---------------|--|---------------------|--------------------------------|--------|-----------|-------|---------|
| | | | | | | | North | East | Z Surface | | |
| ES032-15 | Volcanic sedimentary unit | Group 1, hosted in manto stratigraphic horizon | in-situ | single grains | Layers of chalcopyrite–pyrite–pyrrhotite–magnetite–actinolite–feldspar intercalated with layers of biotite–feldspar. Pyrrhotite is the main sulfide in the sample. Sample paragenetically corresponds to the manto ore body in the Candelaria deposit. | 899.8 | 6958496 | 373144 | 707 | 64 | 69 |
| AD006-26 | Volcanic sedimentary unit | Group 1, hosted in manto stratigraphic horizon | in-situ | single grains | Pervasive actinolite–magnetite alteration with patches of epidote and chlorite. Minor disseminated feldspar. Disseminated chalcopyrite–pyrrhotite–pyrite. Sample paragenetically corresponds to the manto horizon in the Alcaparrosa deposit. | 343.55 | 6962264 | 374337 | 484 | 90 | 112 |
| DH996-21 | Lower Andesite | Group 1, hosted in structurally controlled ore body | in-situ | aggregate | Vein of magnetite–pyrite–chalcopyrite with feldspar on the its rim and chlorite–sericite patches in the center. Chalcopyrite occurs in between pyrite grains or inside them as inclusions. Surrounding host rock is obliterated to fine grain biotite and magnetite. Sample corresponds to the main mineralization ore body in the Santos deposit, hosted under the Dacite dome. | 254.6 | 6961117 | 376306 | 503 | 245.4 | 106 |
| DH996-23 | Lower Andesite | Group 1, hosted in structurally controlled ore body | in-situ | single grains | Sample obliterated to fine grained magnetite–biotite (altered to chlorite)–feldspar–actinolite with patches of epidote. Chalcopyrite and pyrite disseminated throughout the sample. Sample corresponds to the main mineralization ore body in the Santos deposit, hosted under the Dacite dome. | 305.6 | 6961117 | 376306 | 503 | 245.4 | 106 |
| DH996-2 | Volcanic sedimentary unit | Group 2 | in-situ | single grains | Sample altered to fine grained feldspar–biotite (replaced to chlorite and sericite) with minor disseminated chlorite and magnetite and epidote patches. Chalcopyrite, pyrite and magnetite disseminated throughout the sample. Sample corresponds to shallow minor mineralization hosted on top of the Dacite dome in the Santos deposit. | 13.5 | 6961117 | 376306 | 503 | 245.4 | 106 |
| ES032-5 | Upper Andesite | Group 2 | in-situ | aggregate | Upper andesite intercalated sediments obliterated to garnet, diopside and scapolite. Patches of calcite, and actinolite–plagioclase. Plagioclase is altered to sericite. Between the garnets there is pyrite with minor magnetite and chalcopyrite. Sample corresponds to minor mineralization hosted on top of the Candelaria deposit. | 455 | 6958496 | 373144 | 707 | 64 | 69 |
| AD0093-14 | Dacite dome | Group 2 | in-situ | single grains | Disseminated magnetite–feldspar with minor patches of actinolite and biotite and calcite. Patches of magnetite–chalcopyrite–pyrite–biotite. Sample corresponds to minor disseminated mineralization within the Alcaparrosa deposit. | 185.7 | 6962294 | 374337 | 484 | 90 | 115 |
| LD1493-9 | Lower Andesite | Group 3 | in-situ | single grains | Chalcopyrite–pyrite–actinolite with minor feldspar and magnetite vein. Surrounding host rock is obliterated to actinolite and magnetite with minor epidote and chlorite disseminated. Sample corresponds to a late vein that cuts through the main mineralization and alteration in the Candelaria deposit. | 138.3 | 6956239 | 373365 | 544 | 245 | 99 |
| AD0357-10 | Lower Andesite | Group 3 | Bulk | NA | Anhydrite–pyrite–chalcopyrite vein and minor chlorite in the edges. Sample corresponds to late vein that cuts the main alteration in the in Lower Andesite. | 97.25 | 6962301 | 373935 | 471 | 90 | 1.5 |
| AD0357-8 | Lower Andesite | Group 3 | Bulk | NA | Anhydrite–chalcopyrite vein. Sample corresponds to late vein that cuts the main alteration in the in the Lower Andesite which is autobrecciated. | 79.65 | 6962301 | 373935 | 471 | 90 | 1.5 |
| AD0357-3 | Dacite dome | Group 3 | Bulk | NA | Anhydrite–pyrite–chalcopyrite and minor chlorite–epidote in the edges. Sample corresponds to late vein that cuts the main alteration in dacite dome. | 25.65 | 6962301 | 373935 | 471 | 90 | 1.5 |
| AD009-14 | Lower Andesite | Group 3 | Bulk | NA | Anhydrite–pyrite vein. Sample corresponds to late vein that cuts the main alteration in the in Lower Andesite. | 190.15 | 6961426 | 373935 | 493 | 0 | 0 |
| LP-1 | Abundancia Formation | Group 4 | in-situ | single grains | Samples is heavily altered to biotite (partially altered to chlorite), fine grained feldspar, minor epidote and actinolite. Disseminated chalcopyrite with minor pyrite and magnetite. | 1004 | 6947654 | 367142 | 1004 | | outcrop |

Table 1: Pyrite samples descriptions, including paragenesis, host rock and location of each samples used for this study.

| Sample | <i>n</i> | $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ (‰) | 2SD (‰) | Co (ppm) | Ni (ppm) | Cu (ppm) | Zn (ppm) | Pb (ppm) | As (ppm) | Sb (ppm) | Se (ppm) | Ag (ppm) | Cd (ppm) |
|-----------|----------|---------------------------|---------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| ES032-15 | 38 | 1.33 | 0.28 | 1191.36 | 5045.09 | 83.48 | 7.18 | 38.46 | 120.38 | 22.35 | 71.70 | 0.59 | 0.11 |
| AD006-26 | 9 | 1.52 | 0.12 | 2664.30 | 2458.43 | 475.54 | 29.85 | 2.37 | 355.49 | 0.06 | 44.55 | 2.30 | 0.06 |
| DH996-21 | 28 | -0.14 | 0.07 | 6923.98 | 1851.16 | 1434.02 | 7.62 | 18.54 | 2361.96 | 0.46 | 73.06 | 3.88 | 0.05 |
| DH996-23 | 16 | 0.03 | 0.31 | 15090.33 | 2400.17 | 915.40 | 17.20 | 15.25 | 7127.38 | 0.63 | 73.05 | 33.93 | 0.18 |
| LD1493-9 | 14 | 9.60 | 0.14 | 4707.15 | 2377.69 | 6444.97 | 14.83 | 821.36 | 3442.11 | 1.48 | 16.85 | 24.85 | 0.03 |
| DH996-2 | 22 | -0.94 | 0.18 | 3239.36 | 27.06 | 127.08 | 6.27 | 10.60 | 953.99 | 0.19 | 27.17 | 2.42 | 0.11 |
| ES032-5 | 14 | -0.15 | 0.40 | 504.38 | 1440.12 | 829.36 | 55.71 | 302.65 | 209.87 | 0.28 | 42.08 | 9.71 | 0.72 |
| AD0093-14 | 17 | 4.20 | 0.06 | 12368.52 | 119.29 | 51.36 | 13.85 | 46.25 | 134.05 | 0.28 | 36.83 | 1.28 | 0.07 |
| LP-1 | 27 | 1.44 | 0.14 | 18348.89 | 56.86 | 31.10 | 3.35 | 0.41 | 236.63 | 0.03 | 100.21 | 0.93 | 0.00 |

Table 2: Statistical average values for $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ and trace element calculated by LA-ICPMS for pyrite samples. As some of the samples are zone some values within these grains can deviate from the numbers presented here.

| Sample | Mineral | Lithology | $\delta^{34}\text{S}(\text{‰})$ | Co ppm | Ni ppm | Cu ppm | Zn ppm | As ppm | Se ppm |
|-----------|--------------|----------------|---------------------------------|--------|---------|---------|--------|--------|--------|
| AD0357-10 | Pyrite | Lower Andesite | 7.7 | 232.54 | 3161.83 | 1770.12 | 155.24 | 5.55 | 11.95 |
| AD0357-10 | Anhydrite | | 18.1 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| AD0357-8 | Pyrite | Lower Andesite | - | 71.44 | 1144.2 | 4077.53 | 52.42 | 7.78 | 20.62 |
| AD0357-8 | Chalcopyrite | | 6.5 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| AD0357-8 | Anhydrite | | 17.7 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| AD0357-3 | Pyrite | Dacite dome | 4 | 121.58 | 722.74 | 4057 | 40.03 | 16.92 | 20.84 |
| AD0357-3 | Anhydrite | | 16 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| AD009-14 | Pyrite | Lower Andesite | 12.5 | 436.53 | 535.07 | 996.95 | 38.96 | 3.96 | 14.76 |
| AD009-14 | Anhydrite | | 21.4 | - | - | - | - | - | - |

Table 3: $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ isotope bulk values, element concentration and locations for whole pyrite, chalcopyrite and anhydrite grains in equilibrium

| Sample | Geothermometer | T(°C) | ± (°C) | Host rock |
|-----------|------------------------|-------|--------|---------------------------------|
| AD0357-10 | Pyrite-anhydrite | 533 | 50 | Lower andesite |
| AD0357-8 | Chalcopyrite-anhydrite | 534 | 50 | lower andesite |
| AD0357-3 | Pyrite-anhydrite | 480 | 50 | Dacite dome |
| AD009-14 | Pyrite-anhydrite | 606 | 50 | Lower andesite |
| AD0093-14 | Pyrite-chalcopyrite | 394 | 50 | Dacite dome |
| DH996-23 | Pyrite-chalcopyrite | 552 | 50 | Lower andesite |
| ES032-15 | Pyrite-chalcopyrite | 450 | 50 | Volcanic sedimentary unit |

Table 4: Sulfide-sulfate and sulfide-sulfide temperatures calculated using $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ values. Sulfide-Sulfate were calculated using equations by Ohmoto and Lasaga (1982). Sulfide-sulfide were calculated using equations by Kajiwarara and Krouse (1971)