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# ABSTRACT

The report presents the results of mineralogical investigations of sample # "90-18 958" from the gold-rich upper Pd1 level in the precious metal mineralization in the Skaergaard intrusion. The bulk sample was collected between 958 and 959 meters in core "90-18" (Watts, Griffis and McOuat, 1991). Assays give 351 ppb Pd, 283 ppb Au, and 37 ppb Pt for this interval.

The gabbro in sample 90-18 958 has a characteristic structure showing reaction relationships between cumulus and inter-cumulus phases. Rinds of olivine occur at the boundaries between interstitial matrix Fe-Ti-oxides and rock-forming clinopyroxene with low-Ca pyroxene exsolution lamellae. In general, this is a "dry" rock. H<sub>2</sub>O-bearing minerals are only locally represented in very insignificant amounts in intergrowths with Cu-Fe-sulfides.

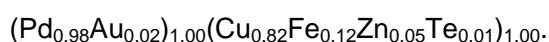
The sample preparation included careful grinding in shatter box, sieving into fractions, wet magnetic separation of all fractions, followed by hydroseparation of non-magnetic fractions. With few exceptions, magnetic fractions do not contain precious metal phases. The concentrates were prepared as monolayer polished sections and investigated under the scanning electron microscope and the electron microprobe.

The HS concentrates contain numerous sulfide grains identified as sulfide droplets. They are formed by one or more Cu-sulfides – bornite - (83 %), more rarely by bornite and chalcocopyrite (8 %), bornite and chalcocine (6 %) or chalcocopyrite and chalcocine only. Several of these droplets and sulfide grains contain inclusions of a variety of PGMs in addition to liberated (free) precious metal grains.

Thirty-three particles (and 37 grains) of precious metal minerals and phases were found in the monolayer mounts. The main precious metal minerals are skaergaardite PdCu (72.3 area %) and a variety of (Au,Cu) alloys (23.4 area %). The (Au,Cu) alloys include: tetraauricupride (Au,Pd,Pt)Cu (6.2 area %), unnamed (Au,Pd)<sub>3</sub>Cu (7.3 area %), non stoichiometric (Au,Cu) alloy (Au>Cu in atomic quantity; 9.1 area %), (Cu,Au) alloy (Cu>Au, atomic proportions, 0.8 area %). These minerals are followed by 3 less common minerals (~4 % of all precious metal minerals of the sample): nielsenite (Pd,Au)Cu<sub>3</sub> (3.3 area %), keithconnite Pd<sub>3-x</sub>(Te,Pb) (0.8 area %) and zvyagintsevite Pd<sub>3</sub>Pb (0.1 area %).

The grain size of precious metal minerals (ECD) varies from 7 to 48µm, with an average of 22.5µm.

The average composition of skaergaardite (13 analyses) is (wt. %): Pd 60.3, Pt 0.2, Au 2.2, Cu 30.1, Fe 3.9, Zn 1.8, Sn 0.3, Te 0.5, Pb 0.2 Total 99.5; giving the formula :



The estimated bulk composition of the sample (assays of whole rock in brackets) is (ppb): Pd 410 (351), Au 258 (283), Pt 3 (37). Pd is concentrated in (Cu,Pd) alloys (93%) and

(Au,Cu) alloys (6 %). Pt-minerals were not found. Pt is contained in skaergaardite and tetra-auricupride. The majority of the determined precious metal minerals (PGMs and tetra-auricupride) appear to form a single paragenesis together with Cu-Fe sulfides. The paragenesis probably crystallized from late interstitial melt/fluid.

# Introduction

The report describes the mineralogy of sample “90-18 958” from the Pd1 horizon in the “Platinova Reef” of the Skaergaard intrusion. The Platinova Reef is located in the lower half of the Triple Group that forms the upper 100 meters of the Middle Zone (MZ) of the Layered Series (LS) of the intrusion (see Nielsen et al., 2006 for further details). The sample was collected as a bulk sample from 958 to 959 meters in core “90-18”).

This report on the PGE and Au mineralogy is based on studies of the concentrates of Au and PGM grains recovered by means of Hydroseparator CNT HS-11 ([www.cnt-mc.com](http://www.cnt-mc.com)). The concentrates, and a polished section of the host gabbro have been studied in detail using electron microscopy and electron microprobe (Camscan-4DV, Link AN-10 000). The report gives descriptions of the analytical techniques, grain characteristics, parageneses and compositional variation within the identified groups of precious metal minerals, alloys, sulfide grains and host gabbro.

## Sample 90-18 958

Sample 90-18 958 was collected from BQ drill core # “90-18” between 958 and 959 m (Watts, Griffis and McOuat, 1991) and represents the melanocratic gabbro of the Pd1 level of the Platinova Reef mineralization. Assays give 351 ppb Pd, 283 ppb Au, and 37 ppb Pt for this interval. The core has previously been sampled for other purposes and the sample does not collect all of the interval. The sample includes app. 1/3 of the diameter of the preserved core.

# Mineralogical investigation

## Sample preparation

Small portions of the sample (971g) were crushed for short periods (0.3-0.5 min) using a shatter box with small cavities (200ml) and systematically sieved to remove the fine fraction (sieving  $<100\mu\text{m}$ ) after each crushing session. The residual coarse fraction  $>100\mu\text{m}$  was re-crushed until the entire sample attained the desired maximum grain size. After complete grinding, the sample was passed through standard sieves with water (wet sieving):  $<40\mu\text{m}$  (424.8g),  $40-50\mu\text{m}$  (64.1g),  $50-70\mu\text{m}$  (161.4g),  $70-100\mu\text{m}$  (230.4g), loss 90.3 g (~9%). All fractions were subsequently passed through wet magnetic separation.

The non-magnetic parts of every fraction were then passed through hydroseparation using the computer controlled hydroseparator CNT HS-11 and a newly patented glass separation tube (GST). (Rudashevsky & Rudashevsky, 2006 and 2007) – see [www.cnt-mc.com](http://www.cnt-mc.com). Monolayer polished sections were produced from all the resulting non-magnetic heavy mineral fractions. The polished sections (and one polished section of the bulk rock) were investigated under the scanning electron microprobe. No precious metal grains were found in the magnetic fractions.

The analytical techniques are described in Nielsen et al. (2003)

# Results

## Rock forming minerals and sulfide mineralogy

### Silicates and oxides

The silicates and oxides phases related to the sulfide paragenesis include: 1) *monoclinic ferrous pyroxene*, Mg# = 0.46-0.59 (Table 1, analyses 4-6); 2) *orthorhombic ferrous pyroxene*, Mg# = 0.17-0.18 (Table 1, analyses 7 and 8); 3), *fayalite-rich olivine*, Mg# 0.43-0.45 (Table 1, analyses 9 and 10); 4) *plagioclase*, An<sub>45-53</sub> (Table 1, analyses 1-3); Fe-Ti oxides including 5) *ilmenite* (Table 1, analyses 11-13) and 6) *titaniferous magnetite* (Table 1, analyses 14-16). Monoclinic and orthorhombic pyroxenes form exsolution textures (Plate 1, #5, 7, 8).

The Fe-Ti-oxides occur as aggregates of 1-3 mm, anhedral grains. They are interstitial and fill space between grains of plagioclase and pyroxenes (see Plate 1, #1-6, 8, 10). Gabbro of sample 90-18 958 shows a distinct reaction relationship between cumulus and inter-cumulus phases. Rinds of olivine separate interstitial Fe-Ti-oxides and pyroxene-rich domains (Plate 1, #1-3, 5).

Two characteristic accessory phases, apatite (Plate 1, #6) and baddeleyite (Plate 1, #10), were identified in the polished section of sample 90-18 958. Several grains of baddeleyite were also identified in the heavy mineral concentrates (~40µm in size - Plate 3). They could be used for radiometric dating of the Pd1 level in the mineralization.

### Sulfides

The rock forming minerals of the gabbro are relatively poor in sulfides. Grains composed of bornite-and chalcopyrite were identified only in a pyroxene aggregate characterized by exsolution (Plate 1, #1, 5-9).

The non-magnetic heavy mineral HS concentrates are ilmenite-rich products (> 97 %) enriched in grains of sulfides and PGMs (see Plate 2). The sulfide grains are represented by droplet-like microglobules of: (1) bornite (Plate 4, #1-14 etc), (2) bornite-chalcopyrite (Plate 4, #29, 30 etc), and (3) bornite-chalcocite (Plate 4, #37- 39 etc.), or irregular grains: (1) bornite (Plate 4, #15-28 etc), (2) bornite-chalcopyrite (Plate 4, #31-35 etc), (3) bornite-chalcocite (Plate 4, #40, 41), and (4) chalcopyrite only (Plate 4, #36). They are up to 0.1 mm in size.



The majority (~83 %) of the sulfide grains are composed of bornite, only, and in few cases of bornite and chalcopyrite (8 %, sometimes separated by chalcocite), or bornite and chalcocite (6 %, sometimes separated by chalcopyrite). Bornite and chalcopyrite, or bornite and chalcocite form exsolution textures inside sulphide micro globules and grains (see Plate 4, #29, 30, 32-34, 39, 40 etc.).

Chemical compositions show bornite (Table 2, analyses 1-13, average: analysis 14), chalcocite (Table 2, analysis 15) and chalcopyrite (Table 2, analysis 16) to be near stoichiometric.

## Precious metal minerals: recovery, grain size and relations to host rock

### Recovery

No PGM grains were found during SEM studies of the polished bulk rock section of the gabbo. The heavy mineral HS concentrates, on the other hand, yielded many precious metal grains and 33 representative grains and particles in the <50  $\mu\text{m}$  fractions of the heavy mineral HS concentrates were studied in detail. In total, 8 different PGE and Au minerals are recorded from sample 90-18 958. They include (see Table 3):

1. *skaergaardite* (Pd,Au)(Cu,Fe,Zn,Te) – 15 grains,
2. *nielsenite* (Pd,Au)(Cu,Fe)<sub>3</sub> – 3 grains,
3. *(Au,Cu,Pd) alloy* – 5 grains,
4. *unnamed* (Au,Pd)<sub>3</sub> (Cu,Fe) – 5 grains,
5. *tetra-auricupride* (Au,Pd,Pt)(Cu,Fe) – 5 grains,
6. *(Cu,Au) alloy* - one grain,
7. *keithconnite* Pd<sub>3-x</sub>(Te,Pb) – 3 grains,
8. *zvyagintsevite* Pd<sub>3</sub>Pb – one grain.

The volumetric proportions of these phases are calculated from the area of grains as observed in the polished mounts of the HS concentrates (Table 3 and Fig. 1).

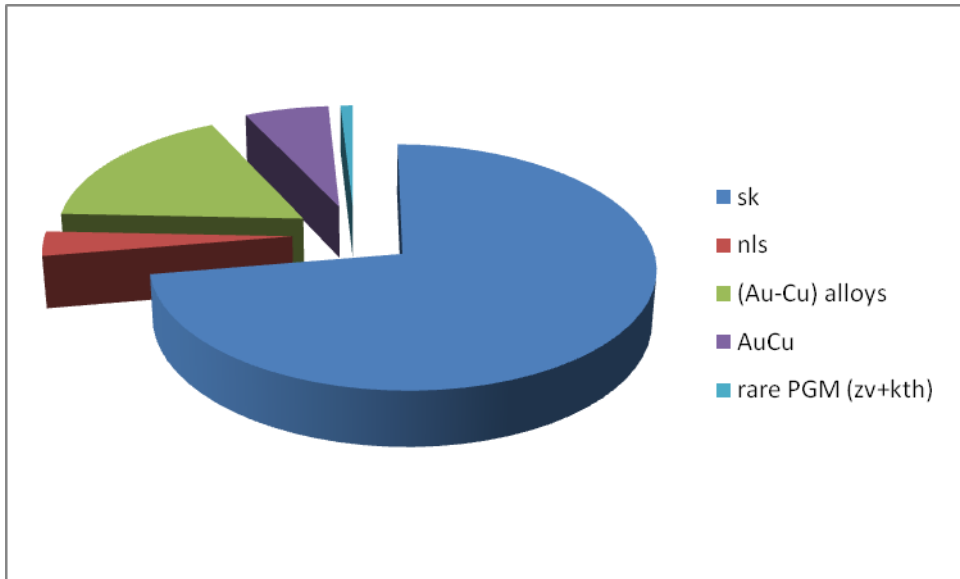


Fig.1. Precious metal minerals (area %) from the heavy mineral HS concentrates of the sample 90-18, 958; sk-skaergaardite, nls - nielsenite, AuCu – tetra-auricupride, kth – keithconnite, and zv – zvyagintsevite.

### Grain size

Grain sizes were measured by their effective diameters (ECD) using imageJ software. The ECD varies from 7 to 48 $\mu$ m with the average of 22.5 $\mu$ m (Table 4; Fig. 2).

Sizes of precious metal mineral grains are distributed as follows:

| Grain size, $\mu$ m | Number of grains |
|---------------------|------------------|
| 0-10                | 1                |
| 10-20               | 18               |
| 20-30               | 7                |
| 30-40               | 6                |
| 40-50               | 1                |
| Total               | 33               |

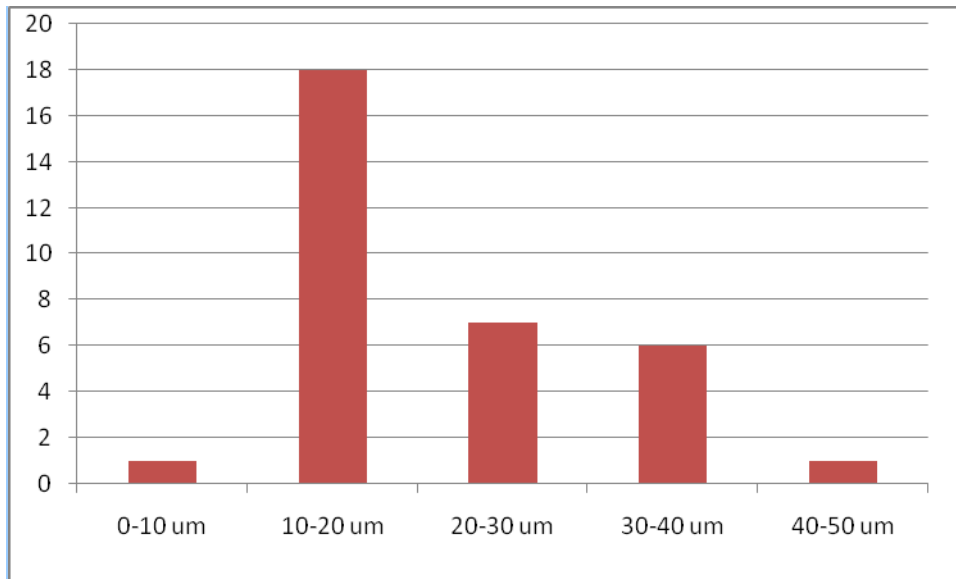


Figure 2. Grain size of precious metal mineral grains from the heavy mineral HS concentrates of the sample 90-18 958 (n=33,  $ECD_{avg} = 22.5\mu m$ ).

The histogram of grain sizes (Fig. 2) shows lognormal distribution for the statistical selection (n=33).

The SEIs (scanning electron images) show that majority of precious metal mineral grains are well preserved and have kept their primary shape and size (Plates 5-7). Grains have not been broken during production of the concentrates. The largest proportion of PGM grains occur as inclusions in Cu-Fe sulfide globules and as liberated grains.

## Liberation

A perfect separation of accessory minerals have been achieved by the gentle crushing/disintegration of the studied sample. The method of disintegration allows preservation of primary grain size, and thus information fundamental for the development of genetic models. The concentrates provide all the necessary information for the reconstruction of the primary shapes and sizes of accessory minerals and phases, together with the parageneses and the relationships between minerals and the matrix of the rock.

In the heavy mineral HS concentrates of the sample 90-18 958 the precious metal mineral grains occur in the mineral associations shown in figure 3 (see also Table 5).

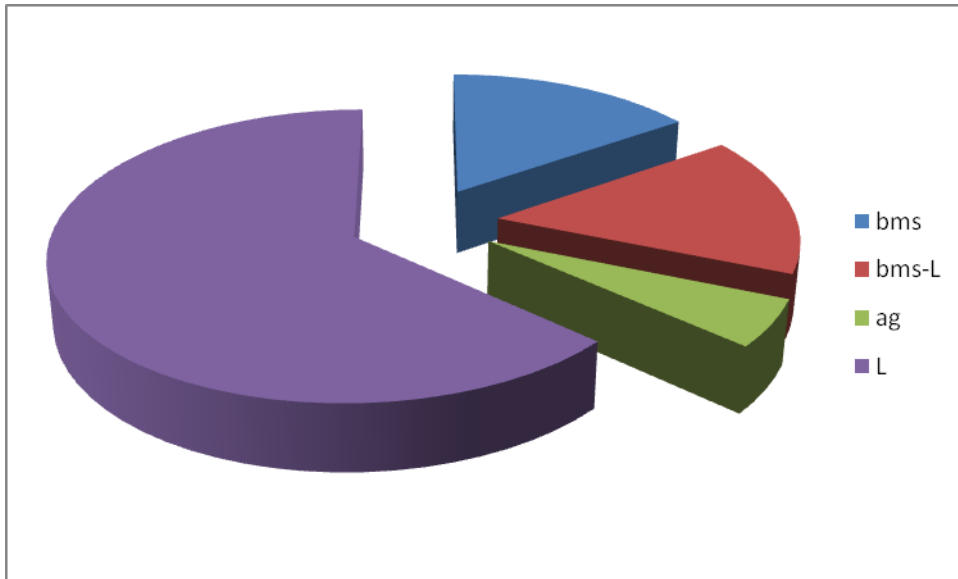


Figure. 3. Distribution of liberation for PGE- and gold minerals in the heavy mineral HS concentrates of the sample 90-18 958; bms - precious metal minerals attached to base metal sulfides; bms-L - exposed >90% precious metal minerals, attached to bms; ag - precious metal minerals attached to gangue; L – liberated (free) precious metal minerals.

## Description and composition of the precious metal minerals

### Skaergaardite (Pd,Au)(Cu,Fe,Zn,Te)

#### Description

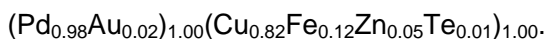
Skaergaardite (Rudashevsky e.a., 2004) is one of the main precious metal mineral found in the heavy mineral HS concentrates of the sample 90-18 958 (72.3 area % of all precious metal minerals). It occurs in intergrowths with base metal sulfides (bornite and chalcopyrite - Plate 5, #1, 3, 5; Plate 7, #5), or in the form of liberated (free) grains (Plate 5, #2, 4, 6-12). Sometimes skaergaardite has inclusions of other PGM (for example keithconnite - see Plate 7, #5).

Skaergaardite grains occur both as irregular shaped grains and aggregates, and as euhedral crystals or partially euhedral grains (see Plate 5).

The size of skaergaardite grains (#15) is from 6 to 48µm with an average of 29µm (Table 3).

### **Mineral chemistry**

The chemical composition of skaergaardite is established in 13 analyses of 13 different grains (Table 5, analyses 1-13, and 14 average composition). The average composition is (wt. %): Pd 60.3, Pt 0.2, Au 2.2, Cu 30.1, Fe 3.9, Zn 1.8, Sn 0.3, Te 0.5, Pb 0.2 Total 99.5; the composition corresponds to the formula:



Typical substitutions in skaergaardite include: Pt up to 1.6 %, Au up to 9.9 %, Fe 2.0-5.4 %, Zn up to 3.4 %, Sn up to 2.1 %, Te up to 1.8 %, and Pb up to 1.7 %.

### **Nielsenite (Pd,Au)(Cu,Fe)<sub>3</sub>**

Two grains of nielsenite (McDonald e. a., 2008) with irregular shapes, and 7 and 25µm in size (3.3 area % of all PGE and gold minerals – see Table 3), were found in the heavy mineral HS concentrates (Plate 7, #1-3; Table 5, analyses 15, 16 and 17 (average). Nielsenite is found together with (Cu,Pd,Au) alloy as inclusions in bornite (Plate 7, #1, 2), or attached to clinopyroxene grain (Plate 7, #3).

### **Au-Cu minerals**

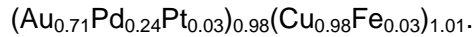
(Au,Cu) alloys form the second most important group of precious metal minerals in sample 90-18 958 (23.4 area % of all precious metal minerals). The (Au,Cu) alloys include: tetra-auricupride (Au,Pd,Pt)Cu (6.2 area %), unnamed (Au,Pd)<sub>3</sub>Cu (7.3 area %), non stoichiometric (Au,Cu) alloy (Au>Cu in atomic proportion; 9.1 area %), (Cu,Au) alloy (Cu>Au in atomic proportion; 0.8 area %).

### **Tetra-auricupride (Au,Pd,Pt)Cu and (Cu,Au,Pd) alloys**

Tetra-auricupride and non stoichiometric (Cu,Au,Pd) alloys (Cu>Au in atomic proportion) occur as inclusions in bornite (Plate 6, #1-4; Plate 7, #2), or as liberated grains (Plate 6, #5, 16). Tetra-auricupride is found in intergrowths with keithconnite (Plate 6, #4). These alloys occur in the form of irregular shape grains (Plate 6, #3-5; Plate 7, #2), and sometimes as euhedral or partially euhedral crystals (see Plate 6, #1, 2).

The grain size of (Au,Cu) alloys varies between 13 and 18µm (#6) with an average of 15µm (see Table 3).

Chemical compositions of tetra-auricupride (5 analyses in 5 grains) are given in Table 6 (analyses 12-16). The average composition of tetra-auricupride (Table 6, analysis 17) is (wt. %): Pd 11.0, Pt 2.3, Au 58.7, Cu 27.2, Fe 0.7, Total 99.9. The composition corresponds to the formula

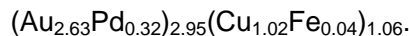


Chemical compositions of the (Cu,Au) alloys are given in the Table 6 (analyses 18, 19).

### **Unnamed (Au,Pd,Pt)<sub>3</sub>(Cu,Fe)**

Unnamed alloy with the simplified composition (Au,Pd)<sub>3</sub>Cu (7.3 area % of all precious metal minerals) is found being attached to gangue (clinopyroxene and ilmenite - Plate 6, #6, 7), or as liberated grains (Plate 6, #8-10) in the heavy mineral HS concentrates. Au<sub>3</sub>Cu alloy occurs as irregular grains having a size from 13 to 22µm, with an average of 17µm (see Table 3).

Five analyses of this unnamed (Au,Cu) alloy have been obtained from five different grains (Table 6, analyses 6-10). The average composition of (Au,Pd)<sub>3</sub>Cu (Table 6, analysis 11) is (wt. %): Pd 6.5, Au 83.5, Cu 10.5, Fe 0.4, Total 99.8. The composition corresponds to the following formula:



### **(Au,Cu,Pd) alloy**

Non-stoichiometric (Au,Cu,Pd) alloy (9.1 area % of all precious metal minerals) is found in the form of liberated grains (Plate 6, #11-15) in the heavy mineral HS concentrates. These alloys occur as irregular shaped grains between 13 and 24µm in size with an average of 19µm (see Table 3).

The chemical composition is established in 4 analyses from 4 different grains (Table 6, analyses 1-4). The average composition of (Au,Cu,Pd) alloy (Table 6, analysis 5) is (wt. %): Pd 7.7, Au 83.4, Cu 8.2, Fe 0.5, Total 99.8. The composition corresponds to the following formula:



The composition is close to the average of unnamed (Au,Pd)<sub>3</sub>Cu (see above).

### **Keithconnite (Pd,Cu)<sub>3-x</sub>(Te,Pb)**

Keithconnite (0.8 area % of all PGE and gold minerals and phases – see Table 3) is found as inclusions in matrix base metal sulfides (bornite and chalcopyrite, Plate 6, #4; Plate 7,

#5, 6) in the heavy mineral HS concentrates. This PGM occurs as intergrowth with tetraauricupride (Plate 6, #4) as well as with skaergaardite (Plate 7, #5).

Keithconnite grains are irregular and from 6 to 9µm in size. The chemical composition of keithconnite is given in Table 5, analyses 18-20, and 21 (average).

### **Zvyagintsevite Pd<sub>3</sub>Pb**

Only one 5µm large and irregular grain of zvyagintsevite has been found (0.1 area % of all PGE and gold minerals – see Table 3). The grain was forms an inclusion in skaergaardite and bornite matrix (see Plate 7, #4; Table 5, analysis 22).

### **Bulk composition of PGMs of the sample 90-18 958**

The relative concentrations of Pd, Au and Pt in sample 90-18 958 can be calculated from the total concentrations of precious metals (assay), the determined recovery, the modal proportions, the chemical compositions (Tables 3, 5 and 6), and the ideal densities of precious metal minerals. The estimated bulk composition of the sample (assays of whole rock in brackets) is (ppb): Pd 410 (351), Au 258 (283), Pt 3 (37). Pd is concentrated in (Cu,Pd) alloys (93%) and (Au,Cu) alloys (6 %). Pt-minerals were not found. Pt is found in skaergaardite and tetra-auricupride.

# Discussion

## PGM-paragenesis

The data shows that the main PGMs in the studied sample are (Cu,Pd) alloys (skaergaardite and nielsenite, 75.6 area %) and (Au,Cu) alloys (23.5 area %).

All the observations and the inter-grain relations (Plates 5-7) suggest that all PGEs and (Cu,Au) alloys (mainly tetra-auricupride) and the Cu-Fe sulfides form a single paragenesis. The Cu-Fe sulfides and the precious metal minerals are synchronous and crystallized later than rock-forming minerals: plagioclase, clinopyroxene, orthopyroxene, ilmenite and titaniferous magnetite. The Au-rich (Au,Cu) alloys (Au>>Cu in atomic proportion) are generally localized between rock-forming minerals and they probably crystallized from fluids or melt/fluid mixtures.



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# Tables

**Table 1 Sample 90-18-958 Rock-forming silicates and FeTi-oxides**

| Analysis                       | Plag  | Plag  | Plag  | Cpx   | Cpx   | Opx   | Opx   | Opx   | Olivine | Olivine | Ilm   | Ilm   | Ilm   | Ti-Mt | Ti-Mt | Ti-Mt |
|--------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|---------|---------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| SiO <sub>2</sub>               | 56.53 | 55.03 | 54.6  | 49.25 | 48.88 | 49.04 | 47.11 | 47.11 | 33.91   | 33.82   | nd    | nd    | nd    | nd    | nd    | nd    |
| TiO <sub>2</sub>               | nd    | nd    | nd    | 0.33  | 0.51  | 0.67  | nd    | nd    | nd      | nd      | 50.75 | 51.09 | 51.92 | 14.52 | 19.53 | 27.05 |
| Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> | 26.84 | 27.79 | 27.98 | 2.65  | 1.14  | 3.02  | 2.27  | 2.27  | nd      | nd      | nd    | nd    | nd    | 11.34 | 3.02  | 4.35  |
| V <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>  | nd    | nd    | nd    | nd    | nd    | nd    | nd    | nd    | nd      | nd      | 0.44  | 0.59  | nd    | 1.32  | 1.47  | 0.88  |
| Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> | nd    | nd    | nd    | nd    | nd    | nd    | nd    | nd    | nd      | nd      | 4.6   | 3.04  | 1.98  | 28.69 | 27.18 | 12.66 |
| FeO                            | 0.39  | 0.39  | 0.39  | 15.44 | 18.97 | 15.05 | 41.7  | 43.11 | 44.41   | 45.06   | 41.53 | 42.42 | 43.5  | 40.57 | 49.64 | 53.58 |
| MnO                            | nd    | nd    | nd    | 0.41  | 0.39  | 0.39  | 0.78  | 0.78  | 0.9     | 0.78    | 0.52  | 0.52  | 0.78  | 0.26  | 0.52  | 0.65  |
| MgO                            | nd    | nd    | nd    | 11.94 | 9.05  | 11.94 | 5.14  | 4.81  | 20.23   | 19.4    | 1.99  | 1.66  | 1.33  | 3.81  | nd    | 1.99  |
| CaO                            | 9.37  | 10.35 | 11.05 | 20    | 20.77 | 19.3  | 2.66  | 1.54  | nd      | nd      | nd    | nd    | nd    | nd    | nd    | nd    |
| Na <sub>2</sub> O              | 6.33  | 5.53  | 5.53  | nd    | nd    | nd    | nd    | nd    | nd      | nd      | nd    | nd    | nd    | nd    | nd    | nd    |
| K <sub>2</sub> O               | 0.24  | 0.36  | 0.36  | nd    | nd    | nd    | nd    | nd    | nd      | nd      | nd    | nd    | nd    | nd    | nd    | nd    |
| Total                          | 99.71 | 99.44 | 99.9  | 100   | 99.71 | 99.41 | 99.66 | 99.64 | 99.45   | 100.1   | 99.83 | 99.31 | 99.5  | 100.5 | 101.4 | 101.2 |
| Cations                        |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |         |         |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| Si                             | 2.54  | 2.49  | 2.46  | 1.89  | 1.92  | 1.89  | 1.97  | 1.97  | 1.00    | 1.00    | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  |
| Ti                             | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.01  | 0.01  | 0.02  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.95  | 0.97  | 0.98  | 3.02  | 4.30  | 5.81  |
| Al                             | 1.42  | 1.48  | 1.49  | 0.12  | 0.05  | 0.14  | 0.11  | 0.11  | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 3.70  | 1.05  | 1.46  |
| V                              | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.01  | 0.01  | 0.00  | 0.29  | 0.35  | 0.20  |
| Fe <sup>3+</sup>               | nd    | nd    | nd    | nd    | nd    | nd    | nd    | nd    | nd      | nd      | 0.09  | 0.06  | 0.04  | 5.97  | 6.00  | 2.72  |
| Fe <sup>2+</sup>               | 0.01  | 0.01  | 0.01  | 0.50  | 0.62  | 0.48  | 1.45  | 1.51  | 1.09    | 1.14    | 0.87  | 0.89  | 0.91  | 9.39  | 12.18 | 12.80 |
| Mn                             | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.01  | 0.01  | 0.01  | 0.03  | 0.03  | 0.02    | 0.02    | 0.01  | 0.01  | 0.02  | 0.06  | 0.13  | 0.16  |
| Mg                             | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.68  | 0.53  | 0.69  | 0.32  | 0.30  | 0.89    | 0.85    | 0.07  | 0.06  | 0.05  | 1.57  | 0.00  | 0.85  |
| Ca                             | 0.45  | 0.50  | 0.53  | 0.82  | 0.88  | 0.80  | 0.12  | 0.07  | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  |
| Na                             | 0.55  | 0.49  | 0.48  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  |
| K                              | 0.01  | 0.02  | 0.02  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  |
| O basis                        | -     | -     | -     | 6     | 6     | 6     | 6     | 6     | 4       | 4       | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     |
| Cations                        | 5     | 5     | 5     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -       | -       | 2     | 2     | 2     | 24    | 24    | 24    |

**Table 2. Chemical compositions (wt%) and formulas of sulphides from the heavy mineral HS concentrates (sample 90-18, 958)**

| Analysis#           | Grain# | Association | Mineral | Cu              | Fe   | S    | Total | Cu                        | Fe   | S    | Total |
|---------------------|--------|-------------|---------|-----------------|------|------|-------|---------------------------|------|------|-------|
| <b>Bornite</b>      |        |             |         | <b>Analysis</b> |      |      |       | <b>Atomic proportions</b> |      |      |       |
| 1                   | 40-5g  | bn*         | bn      | 63.7            | 11.6 | 25.8 | 101.1 | 4.98                      | 1.03 | 3.99 | 10    |
| 2                   | 50-c   | bn          | bn      | 63.2            | 11.6 | 25.7 | 100.5 | 4.96                      | 1.04 | 4.00 | 10    |
| 3                   | 50-e   | bn          | bn      | 62.7            | 11.4 | 25.5 | 99.6  | 4.97                      | 1.03 | 4.00 | 10    |
| 4                   | 50-1   | sk-bn       | bn      | 64.1            | 11.1 | 25.5 | 100.7 | 5.04                      | 0.99 | 3.97 | 10    |
| 5                   | 50-3a  | bn          | bn      | 62.4            | 11.3 | 25.7 | 99.4  | 4.95                      | 1.02 | 4.03 | 10    |
| 6                   | 40-b   | bn          | bn      | 63.0            | 11.0 | 25.5 | 99.5  | 4.99                      | 1.00 | 4.01 | 10    |
| 7                   | 70-c   | bn          | bn      | 62.8            | 11.1 | 25.4 | 99.3  | 4.99                      | 1.00 | 4.00 | 10    |
| 8                   | 40-e   | bn          | bn      | 63.5            | 11.2 | 26.1 | 100.8 | 4.96                      | 1.00 | 4.04 | 10    |
| 9                   | 40-f   | bn          | bn      | 63.4            | 11.2 | 25.7 | 100.3 | 4.99                      | 1.00 | 4.01 | 10    |
| 10                  | 40-g   | bn          | bn      | 63.5            | 11.3 | 25.1 | 99.9  | 5.04                      | 1.02 | 3.95 | 10    |
| 11                  | 40-h   | bn          | bn      | 62.8            | 11.4 | 25.5 | 99.7  | 4.97                      | 1.03 | 4.00 | 10    |
| 12                  | 40-k   | bn-cp       | bn      | 63.2            | 11.1 | 25.4 | 99.7  | 5.00                      | 1.00 | 3.99 | 10    |
| 13                  | 40-m   | bn          | bn      | 63.1            | 10.9 | 25.5 | 99.5  | 5.01                      | 0.98 | 4.01 | 10    |
| 14                  | aerage |             |         | 63.2            | 11.2 | 25.6 | 100.0 | 4.99                      | 1.01 | 4.00 |       |
| <b>Chalcosine</b>   |        |             |         |                 |      |      |       |                           |      |      |       |
| 15                  | 40-o   | bn-chc      | chc     | 78.1            | 1.1  | 20.1 | 99.3  | 1.97                      | 0.03 | 1.00 | 3     |
| <b>Chalcopyrite</b> |        |             |         |                 |      |      |       |                           |      |      |       |
| 16                  | 40-q   | cp-hb       | cp      | 34.3            | 30.3 | 34.5 | 99.1  | 1.00                      | 1.01 | 1.99 | 4     |

Abbreviations: bn: bornite; sk: skaergaardite; cp: chalcopyrite; chc: chalcosine; hb: hornblende

**Table 3. Platinum group minerals and gold minerals of the heavy mineral HS concentrates (sample 90-18 958)**

| #     | Mineral            | General formula    | N  | Area  | #%   | Area% | ECDmin | ECDavg | ECDmax |
|-------|--------------------|--------------------|----|-------|------|-------|--------|--------|--------|
| 1     | Skaergaardite      | (Pd,Au)(Cu,Fe,Zn)  | 15 | 11308 | 40.5 | 72.3  | 5.6    | 28.9   | 47.7   |
| 2     | Nielsenite         | PdCu <sub>3</sub>  | 2  | 522   | 5.4  | 3.3   | 7.1    | 16     | 24.8   |
| 3     | (Au,Cu)            | (Au,Cu)            | 5  | 1429  | 13.5 | 9.1   | 13.2   | 19.1   | 24.3   |
| 4     | Au <sub>3</sub> Cu | Au <sub>3</sub> Cu | 5  | 1145  | 13.5 | 7.3   | 13.3   | 16.8   | 21.7   |
| 5     | AuCu               | AuCu               | 5  | 968   | 13.5 | 6.2   | 12.9   | 15.6   | 18.2   |
| 6     | (Cu,Au)            | (Cu,Au)            | 1  | 125   | 2.7  | 0.8   |        | 12.6   |        |
| 7     | Keithconnite       | Pd <sub>3</sub> Te | 3  | 122   | 8.1  | 0.8   | 5.6    | 7.1    | 8.4    |
| 8     | Zvyagintsevite     | Pd <sub>3</sub> Pb | 1  | 17    | 2.7  | 0.1   |        | 4.7    |        |
| Total |                    |                    | 37 | 15636 | 100  | 100   |        |        |        |

Area: total area calculated from ECD (effective circle diameter) around the grain.

**Table 4. Grain sizes of precious metal mineral from the heavy mineral HS Concentrates (sample 90-18 958)**

| <b>N</b> | <b>Grain</b> | <b>Association</b>     | <b>Type</b> | <b>Mineral</b>     | <b>Area, <math>\mu\text{m}^2</math></b> | <b>ECD, <math>\mu\text{m}</math></b> |
|----------|--------------|------------------------|-------------|--------------------|---|--------------------------------------|
| 1        | 40-10        | Au <sub>3</sub> Cu     | L           | Au <sub>3</sub> Cu | 150                                     | 13.8                                 |
| 2        | 40-11        | Au <sub>3</sub> Cu-ilm | ag          | Au <sub>3</sub> Cu | 138                                     | 13.3                                 |
| 3        | 40-12        | (Au,Cu)                | L           | (Au,Cu)            | 288                                     | 19.2                                 |
| 4        | 40-13        | sk                     | L           | sk                 | 1131                                    | 38.0                                 |
| 5        | 40-14        | (Au,Cu)                | L           | (Au,Cu)            | 305                                     | 19.7                                 |
| 6        | 40-15        | (Cu,Au)                | L           | (Cu,Au)            | 125                                     | 12.6                                 |
| 7        | 40-16        | AuCu-kth-bn            | bms         | Total              | 278                                     | 18.8                                 |
| 8        | 40-16        | AuCu-kth-bn            | bms         | kth                | 56                                      | 8.4                                  |
| 9        | 40-16        | AuCu-kth-bn            | bms         | AuCu               | 222                                     | 16.8                                 |
| 10       | 40-17        | AuCu-bn                | bms         | AuCu               | 260                                     | 18.2                                 |
| 11       | 40-18        | sk                     | L           | sk                 | 123                                     | 12.5                                 |
| 12       | 40-19        | Au <sub>3</sub> Cu     | L           | Au <sub>3</sub> Cu | 371                                     | 21.7                                 |
| 13       | 40-1         | sk                     | L           | sk                 | 643                                     | 28.6                                 |
| 14       | 40-20        | AuCu-bn                | bms         | AuCu               | 131                                     | 12.9                                 |
| 15       | 40-21        | (Au,Cu)                | L           | (Au,Cu)            | 137                                     | 13.2                                 |
| 16       | 40-22        | nls-cpx                | ag          | nls                | 482                                     | 24.8                                 |
| 17       | 40-23        | sk-bn                  | bms-L       | sk                 | 1788                                    | 47.7                                 |
| 18       | 40-24        | sk-bn                  | bms-L       | sk                 | 682                                     | 29.5                                 |
| 19       | 40-25        | sk                     | L           | sk                 | 1111                                    | 37.6                                 |
| 20       | 40-26        | sk                     | L           | sk                 | 1231                                    | 39.6                                 |
| 21       | 40-27        | sk                     | L           | sk                 | 360                                     | 21.4                                 |
| 22       | 40-2         | sk-kth-bn-cp           | bms         | Total              | 238                                     | 17.4                                 |
| 23       | 40-2         | sk-kth-bn-cp           | bms         | sk                 | 213                                     | 16.5                                 |
| 24       | 40-2         | sk-kth-bn-cp           | bms         | kth                | 25                                      | 5.6                                  |
| 25       | 40-3         | sk-zv-bn               | bms         | Total              | 298                                     | 19.5                                 |
| 26       | 40-3         | sk-zv-bn               | bms         | zv                 | 17                                      | 4.7                                  |
| 27       | 40-3         | sk-zv-bn               | bms         | sk                 | 281                                     | 18.9                                 |
| 28       | 40-4         | Au <sub>3</sub> Cu-cpx | ag          | Au <sub>3</sub> Cu | 211                                     | 16.4                                 |
| 29       | 40-5/2       | AuCu                   | L           | AuCu               | 219                                     | 16.7                                 |
| 30       | 40-5         | kth-bn                 | bms         | kth                | 41                                      | 7.2                                  |
| 31       | 40-6         | Au                     | L           | Au                 | 235                                     | 17.3                                 |
| 32       | 40-7         | Au <sub>3</sub> Cu     | L           | Au <sub>3</sub> Cu | 275                                     | 18.7                                 |
| 33       | 40-8         | (Au,Cu)                | L           | (Au,Cu)            | 464                                     | 24.3                                 |
| 34       | 40-9         | AuCu-bn                | bms         | AuCu               | 136                                     | 13.2                                 |
| 35       | 50-1         | sk-bn                  | bms         | sk                 | 962                                     | 35.0                                 |
| 36       | 50-2         | sk                     | L           | sk                 | 645                                     | 28.7                                 |
| 37       | 50-3         | nls-sk-bn              | bms         | Total              | 65                                      | 12.7                                 |
| 38       | 50-3         | nls-sk-bn              | bms         | nls                | 40                                      | 7.1                                  |
| 39       | 50-3         | nls-sk-bn              | bms         | sk                 | 25                                      | 5.6                                  |
| 40       | 50-4         | sk                     | L           | sk                 | 1227                                    | 39.5                                 |
| 41       | 50-5         | sk                     | L           | sk                 | 886                                     | 33.6                                 |

Abbreviations: : Ilm: ilmenite; sk: skaergaardite; kth: keithconnite; bn: bornite; nls: nielsenite; cp: chalcopyrite; zv: zviagintsevite.

Association Type: L: liberated; ag: attached to gangue ; BMS: attached to base metal sulfide ; BMS-L: with less than 10% base metal sulfide.

**Table 5. Chemical compositions (wt.%) and formulas of platinum group minerals from the heavy mineral HS concentrates (sample 90-18, 958)**

| Mineral            | sk   | sk               | sk           | sk    | sk    | sk    | sk    | sk    | sk    | sk    | sk   | sk   | sk   | sk      |
|--------------------|------|------------------|--------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|------|---------|
| An#                | 1    | 2                | 3            | 4     | 5     | 6     | 7     | 8     | 9     | 10    | 11   | 12   | 13   | 14      |
| Grain#             | 40-1 | 40-2             | 40-3         | 40-13 | 40-18 | 40-23 | 40-24 | 40-25 | 40-26 | 50-1  | 50-2 | 50-4 | 50-5 | sk      |
| Association        | sk   | sk-kth-<br>bn-cp | sk-zv-<br>bn | sk    | sk    | sk-bn | sk-bn | sk    | sk    | sk-bn | sk   | sk   | sk   | average |
| Analysis           |      |                  |              |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |      |      |      |         |
| Pd                 | 61.5 | 53.5             | 62.8         | 60.5  | 60.4  | 60.4  | 60.8  | 59.7  | 57.5  | 60.1  | 62.0 | 62.0 | 63.2 | 60.3    |
| Pt                 | 0.0  | 1.1              | 0.0          | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0   | 1.6   | 0.0   | 0.0  | 0.0  | 0.0  | 0.2     |
| Au                 | 2.5  | 9.9              | 0.0          | 1.8   | 2.9   | 0.0   | 2.1   | 3.2   | 3.4   | 1.5   | 1.7  | 0.0  | 0.0  | 2.2     |
| Cu                 | 28.0 | 33.0             | 29.2         | 29.9  | 29.2  | 32.1  | 31.4  | 30.5  | 31.0  | 29.1  | 29.2 | 28.7 | 29.7 | 30.1    |
| Fe                 | 4.0  | 2.0              | 3.3          | 3.7   | 4.6   | 5.4   | 3.0   | 4.6   | 4.3   | 3.6   | 4.0  | 4.2  | 4.4  | 3.9     |
| Zn                 | 2.5  | 0.0              | 3.4          | 1.6   | 2.2   | 1.6   | 1.8   | 0.0   | 1.7   | 1.8   | 2.3  | 1.8  | 2.1  | 1.8     |
| Sn                 | 0.0  | 0.0              | 0.0          | 2.1   | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0  | 1.5  | 0.0  | 0.3     |
| Te                 | 0.8  | 0.9              | 0.6          | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0   | 1.2   | 0.6   | 1.8   | 0.0  | 0.0  | 0.0  | 0.5     |
| Pb                 | 0.0  | 0.0              | 0.0          | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0   | 1.7   | 0.0  | 1.4  | 0.0  | 0.2     |
| Total              | 99.3 | 100.4            | 99.3         | 99.6  | 99.3  | 99.5  | 99.1  | 99.2  | 100.1 | 99.6  | 99.2 | 99.6 | 99.4 | 99.5    |
| Atomic proportions |      |                  |              |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |      |      |      |         |
| Pd                 | 1.0  | 0.9              | 1.0          | 1.0   | 1.0   | 1.0   | 1.0   | 1.0   | 0.9   | 1.0   | 1.0  | 1.0  | 1.0  | 1.0     |
| Pt                 | 0.0  | 0.0              | 0.0          | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0  | 0.0  | 0.0  | 0.0     |
| Au                 | 0.0  | 0.1              | 0.0          | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0  | 0.0  | 0.0  | 0.0     |
| Cu                 | 0.8  | 0.9              | 0.8          | 0.8   | 0.8   | 0.9   | 0.9   | 0.8   | 0.8   | 0.8   | 0.8  | 0.8  | 0.8  | 0.8     |
| Fe                 | 0.1  | 0.1              | 0.1          | 0.1   | 0.1   | 0.2   | 0.1   | 0.1   | 0.1   | 0.1   | 0.1  | 0.1  | 0.1  | 0.1     |
| Zn                 | 0.1  | 0.0              | 0.1          | 0.0   | 0.1   | 0.0   | 0.1   | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.1   | 0.1  | 0.1  | 0.1  | 0.1     |
| Sn                 | 0.0  | 0.0              | 0.0          | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0  | 0.0  | 0.0  | 0.0     |
| Te                 | 0.0  | 0.0              | 0.0          | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0  | 0.0  | 0.0  | 0.0     |
| Pb                 | 0.0  | 0.0              | 0.0          | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0  | 0.0  | 0.0  | 0.0     |
| Total              | 2.0  | 2.0              | 2.0          | 2.0   | 2.0   | 2.0   | 2.0   | 2.0   | 2.0   | 2.0   | 2.0  | 2.0  | 2.0  | 2.0     |

Abbreviations: sk: skaergaardite, kth: keithconnite, bn: bornite, cp: chalcopyrite, zv: zviagintsevite, nls: nielsenite, (Cu,Pd,Au): (Cu,Pd,Au) alloy

**Table 5 continued .....**

| Mineral            | nls     | nls                   | nls     | kth              | kth    | kth             | kth     | zv           |
|--------------------|---------|-----------------------|---------|------------------|--------|-----------------|---------|--------------|
| An#                | 15      | 16                    | 17      | 18               | 19     | 20              | 21      | 22           |
| Grain#             | 40-22   | 50-3                  | average | 40-2             | 40-5   | 40-16           | average | 40-3         |
| Association        | nls-cpx | nls-bn-<br>(Cu,Pd,Au) |         | sk-kth-<br>bn-cp | kth-bn | AuCu-<br>kth-bn |         | sk-zv-<br>bn |
| Analyses           |         |                       |         |                  |        |                 |         |              |
| Pd                 | 25.0    | 23.0                  | 24.0    | 66.7             | 60.6   | 64.6            | 64.0    | 65.4         |
| Pt                 | -       | -                     | -       | -                | -      | -               | -       | -            |
| Au                 | 0.0     | 19.5                  | 9.8     | -                | -      | -               | -       | -            |
| Cu                 | 73.3    | 54.0                  | 63.7    | 1.2              | 1.1    | 1.2             | 1.2     | 1.1          |
| Fe                 | 0.7     | 1.7                   | 1.2     | 0.5              | 1.1    | 0.6             | 0.7     | 1.7          |
| Zn                 | -       | -                     | -       | -                | -      | -               | -       | -            |
| Sn                 | -       | -                     | -       | -                | -      | -               | -       | -            |
| Te                 | 0.0     | 1.4                   | 0.7     | 27.6             | 29.2   | 31.0            | 29.3    | -            |
| Pb                 | -       | -                     | -       | 3.6              | 6.4    | 2.2             | 4.1     | 31.2         |
| Total              | 99.0    | 99.7                  | 99.4    | 99.6             | 98.4   | 99.6            | 99.2    | 99.4         |
| Atomic proportions |         |                       |         |                  |        |                 |         |              |
| Pd                 | 0.7     | 0.7                   | 0.7     | 2.8              | 2.6    | 2.7             | 2.7     | 3.0          |
| Pt                 | -       | -                     | -       | -                | -      | -               | -       | -            |
| Au                 | 0.0     | 0.3                   | 0.2     | -                | -      | -               | -       | -            |
| Cu                 | 3.3     | 2.8                   | 3.1     | 0.1              | 0.1    | 0.1             | 0.1     | 0.1          |
| Fe                 | 0.0     | 0.1                   | 0.1     | 0.0              | 0.1    | 0.1             | 0.1     | 0.2          |
| Zn                 | -       | -                     | -       | -                | -      | -               | -       | -            |
| Sn                 | -       | -                     | -       | -                | -      | -               | -       | -            |
| Te                 | 0.0     | 0.0                   | 0.0     | 1.0              | 1.1    | 1.1             | 1.0     | -            |
| Pb                 | -       | -                     | -       | 0.0              | 0.1    | 0.1             | 0.1     | 0.7          |
| Total              | 4.0     | 4.0                   | -       | 4.0              | 4.0    | 4.0             | -       | 4.0          |

Abbreviations: sk: skaergaardite, kth: keithconnite, bn: bornite, cp: chalcopyrite, zv: zviagintsevite, nls: nielsenite, (Cu,Pd,Au): (Cu,Pd,Au) alloy



**Table 6. Chemical compositions (wt.%) and formulas of Au-Cu minerals from the heavy mineral HS concentrates (sample 90-18 958)**

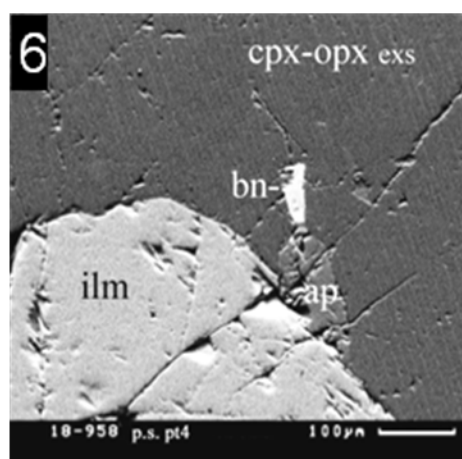
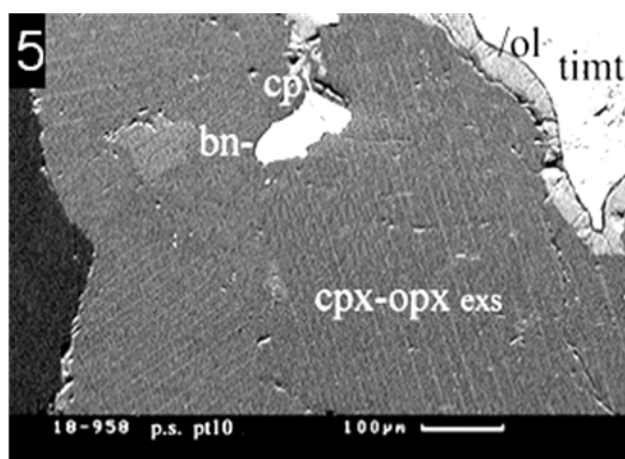
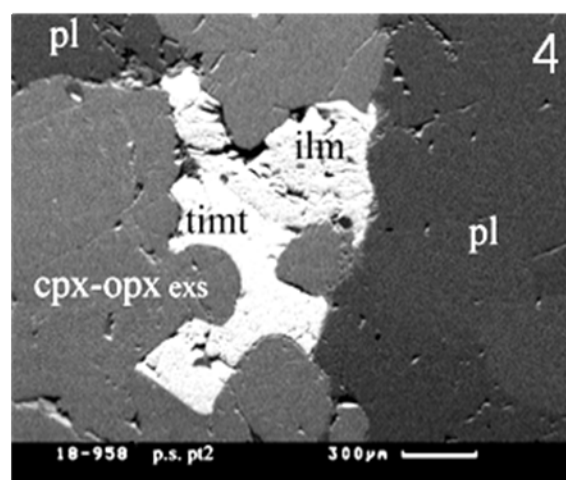
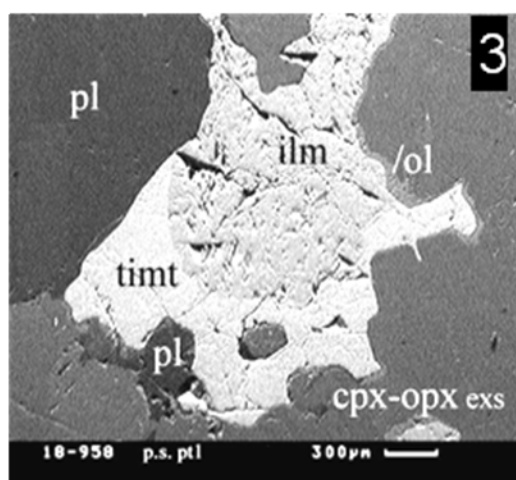
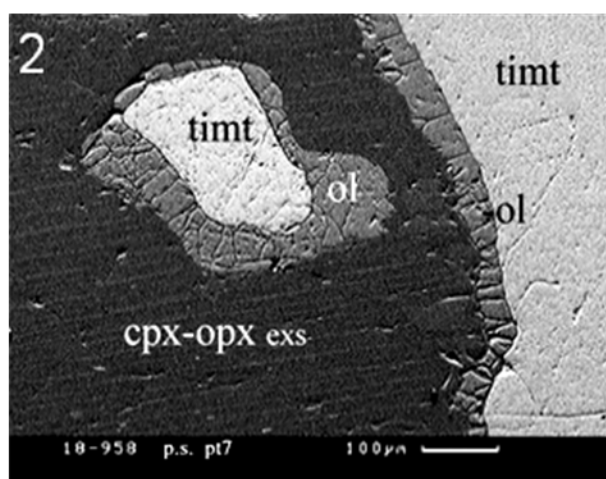
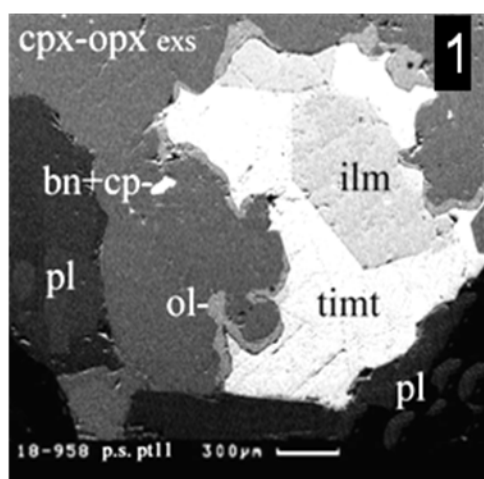
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|--------------------------|---------|------------------------|--------------------|------|-----|------|------|-----|-----|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| <b>(Au,Cu) alloy</b>     |         |                        |                    |      |     |      |      |     |     |       |     |     |     |     |     |     |       |
| 1                        | 40-8    | (Au,Cu)                | (Au,Cu)            | 8.4  | nd  | 74.4 | 16.2 | 0.6 | nd  | 99.6  | 0.1 | nd  | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.0 | nd  | 1.0   |
| 2                        | 40-12   | (Au,Cu)                | (Au,Cu)            | 4.6  | nd  | 90.9 | 4.0  | 0.5 | nd  | 100.0 | 0.1 | nd  | 0.8 | 0.1 | 0.0 | nd  | 1.0   |
| 3                        | 40-14   | (Au,Cu)                | (Au,Cu)            | 9.1  | nd  | 82.9 | 7.5  | 0.0 | nd  | 99.5  | 0.1 | nd  | 0.7 | 0.2 | 0.0 | nd  | 1.0   |
| 4                        | 40-21   | (Au,Cu)                | (Au,Cu)            | 8.6  | nd  | 85.4 | 5.0  | 1.0 | nd  | 100.0 | 0.1 | nd  | 0.7 | 0.1 | 0.0 | nd  | 1.0   |
| 5                        | average |                        |                    | 7.7  | nd  | 83.4 | 8.2  | 0.5 | nd  | 99.8  | 0.1 | nd  | 0.7 | 0.2 | 0.0 | nd  |       |
| <b>Au<sub>3</sub>Cu</b>  |         |                        |                    |      |     |      |      |     |     |       |     |     |     |     |     |     |       |
| 6                        | 40-4    | Au <sub>3</sub> Cu-cpx | Au <sub>3</sub> Cu | 2.5  | nd  | 88.1 | 8.8  | 0.6 | nd  | 100.0 | 0.2 | nd  | 2.9 | 0.9 | 0.1 | nd  | 4.0   |
| 7                        | 40-7    | Au <sub>3</sub> Cu     | Au <sub>3</sub> Cu | 5.8  | nd  | 82.0 | 12.3 | 0.0 | nd  | 100.1 | 0.3 | nd  | 2.5 | 1.2 | 0.0 | nd  | 4.0   |
| 8                        | 40-10   | Au <sub>3</sub> Cu     | Au <sub>3</sub> Cu | 9.8  | nd  | 83.1 | 11.7 | 0.4 | nd  | 100.0 | 0.3 | nd  | 2.6 | 1.1 | 0.0 | nd  | 4.0   |
| 9                        | 40-11   | Au <sub>3</sub> Cu-ilm | Au <sub>3</sub> Cu | 6.5  | nd  | 82.0 | 10.0 | 0.8 | nd  | 99.3  | 0.4 | nd  | 2.6 | 1.0 | 0.1 | nd  | 4.0   |
| 10                       | 40-19   | Au <sub>3</sub> Cu     | Au <sub>3</sub> Cu | 7.9  | nd  | 82.3 | 9.6  | 0.0 | nd  | 99.8  | 0.5 | nd  | 2.6 | 0.9 | 0.0 | nd  | 4.0   |
| 11                       | average |                        |                    | 6.5  | nd  | 83.5 | 10.5 | 0.4 | nd  | 99.8  | 0.3 | nd  | 2.6 | 1.0 | 0.0 | nd  |       |
| <b>Tetra-auricupride</b> |         |                        |                    |      |     |      |      |     |     |       |     |     |     |     |     |     |       |
| 12                       | 40-5/2  | AuCu                   | AuCu               | 3.1  | 1.4 | 70.0 | 25.4 | 0.8 | nd  | 100.7 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.9 | 1.0 | 0.0 | nd  | 2.0   |
| 13                       | 40-9    | AuCu-bn                | AuCu               | 10.2 | 4.6 | 57.8 | 26.6 | 0.7 | nd  | 99.9  | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.7 | 0.9 | 0.0 | nd  | 2.0   |
| 14                       | 40-16   | AuCu-kth-bn            | AuCu               | 21.5 | 1.4 | 46.0 | 30.1 | 1.1 | nd  | 100.0 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 0.5 | 1.0 | 0.0 | nd  | 2.0   |
| 15                       | 40-17   | AuCu-bn                | AuCu               | 9.1  | 0.0 | 63.9 | 26.1 | 0.0 | nd  | 99.1  | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.8 | 1.0 | 0.0 | nd  | 2.0   |
| 16                       | 40-20   | AuCu-bn                | AuCu               | 11.3 | 4.1 | 55.6 | 28.0 | 0.8 | nd  | 99.8  | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.7 | 1.0 | 0.0 | nd  | 2.0   |
| 17                       | average |                        |                    | 11.0 | 2.3 | 58.7 | 27.2 | 0.7 | nd  | 99.9  | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.7 | 1.0 | 0.0 | nd  |       |
| <b>(Cu,Au,Pd) alloy</b>  |         |                        |                    |      |     |      |      |     |     |       |     |     |     |     |     |     |       |
| 18                       | 40-15   | (Cu,Au)                | (Cu,Au)            | nd   | nd  | 63.1 | 35.3 | 0.9 | nd  | 99.3  | nd  | nd  | 0.4 | 0.6 | 0.0 | nd  | 1.0   |
| 19                       | 50-3    | nls-(Cu,Pd,Au)-bn      | (Cu,Pd,Au)         | 28.1 | nd  | 30.3 | 37.1 | 1.8 | 2.2 | 99.7  | 0.3 | nd  | 0.2 | 0.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.0   |

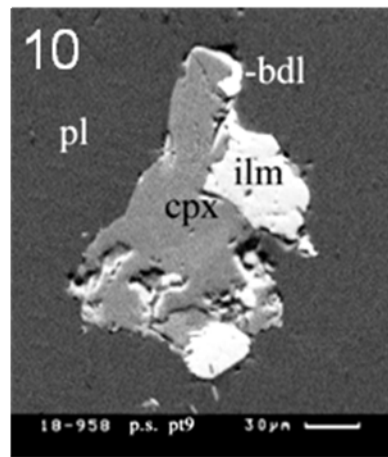
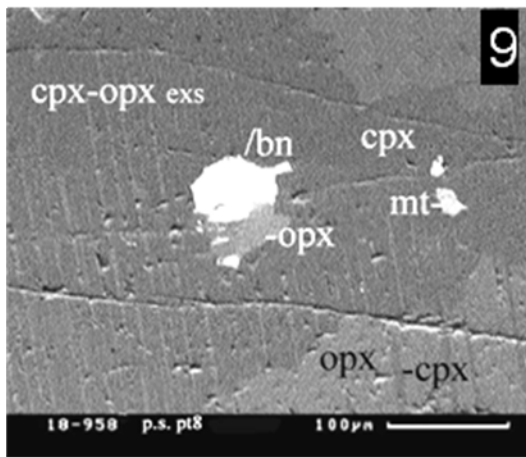
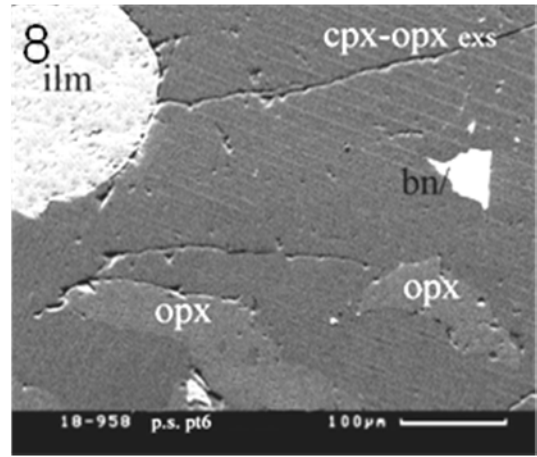
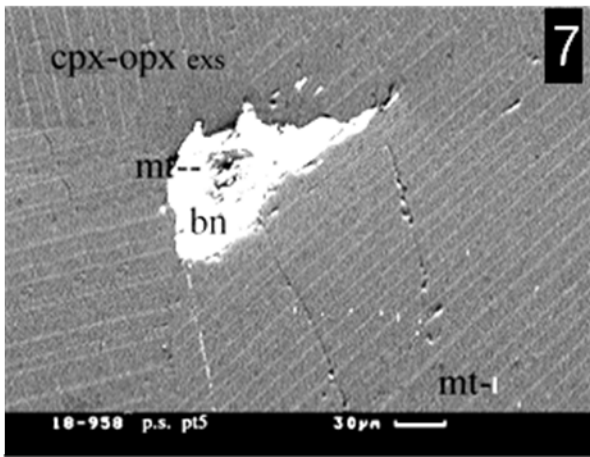
Abbreviations: cpx: clinopyroxene, ilm: ilmenite, bn: bornite, kth: kiethconnite, nls: nielsenite

# Plates

## Plate 1

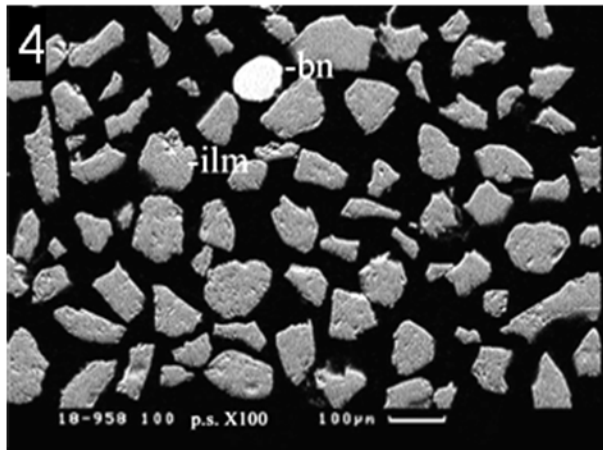
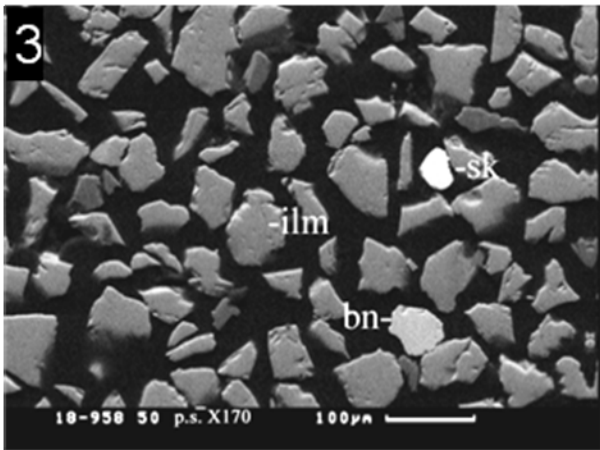
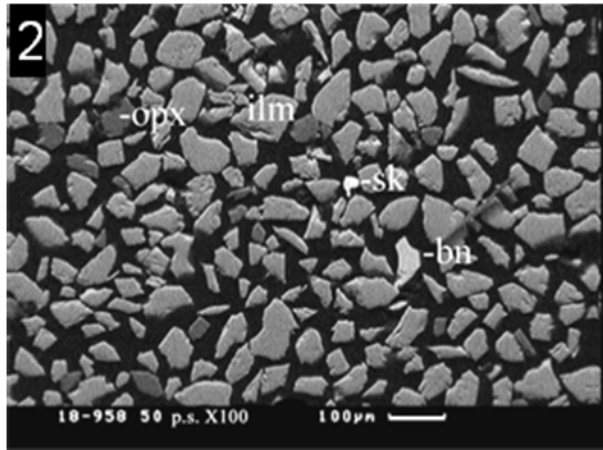
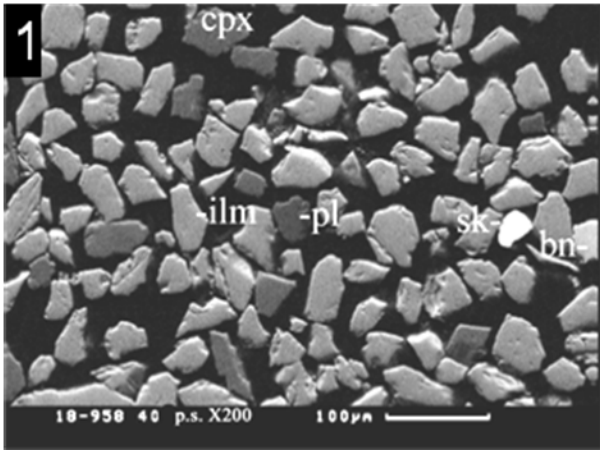
The relationship of rock-forming minerals, Fe-Ti oxides and sulphides in the tholeiitic gabbros of the sample 90-18, 958 (1-10), polished section, SEM images (BIE); abbreviations used: pl – plagioclase, cpx – clinopyroxene, opx – orthopyroxene, cpx-opx exs – clinopyroxene-orthopyroxene exsolution texture, ilm - ilmenite, timt – titaniferous magnetite, mt – magnetite, ap – apatite, bdl – baddeleyite, bn – bornite, cp - chalcopyrite.





## Plate 2

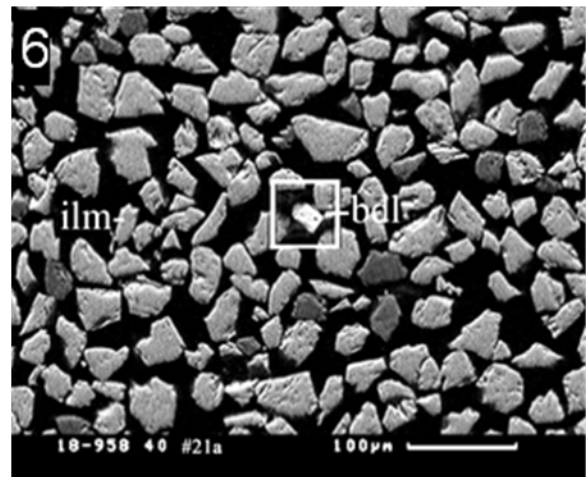
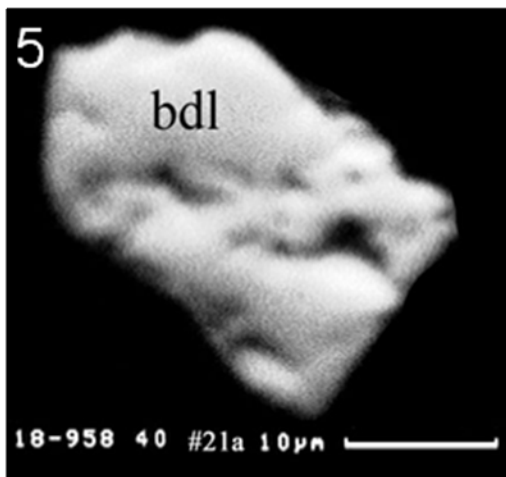
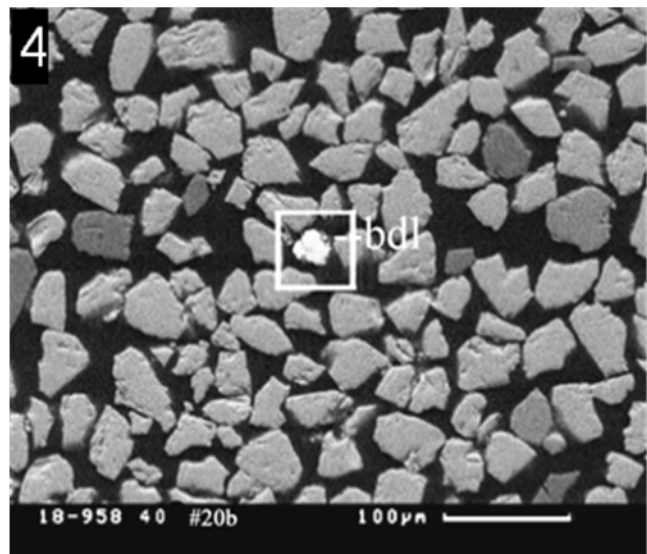
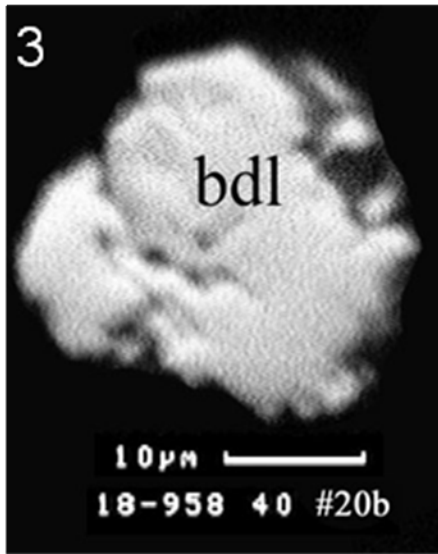
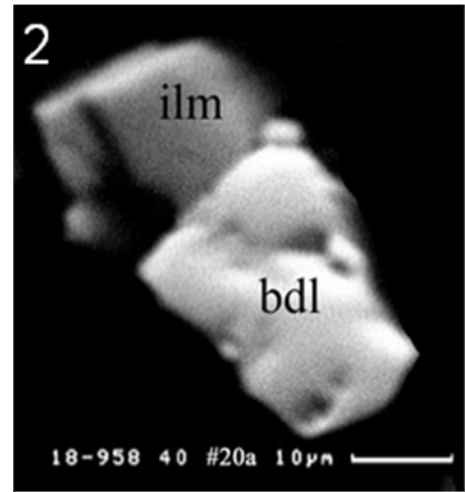
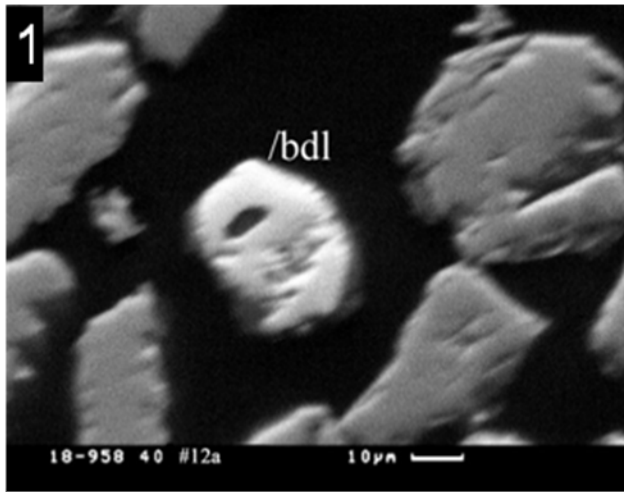
Polished sections of the heavy mineral HS concentrate (1- fraction <40 µm; 2 , 3 – 40-50 µm, 3 – 70-100 µm, sample 90-18, 958), SEM-images (BIE); abbreviations used: ilm – ilmenite, sk – skaergaardite, bn – bornite, opx - orthopyroxene, cpx – clinopyroxene.

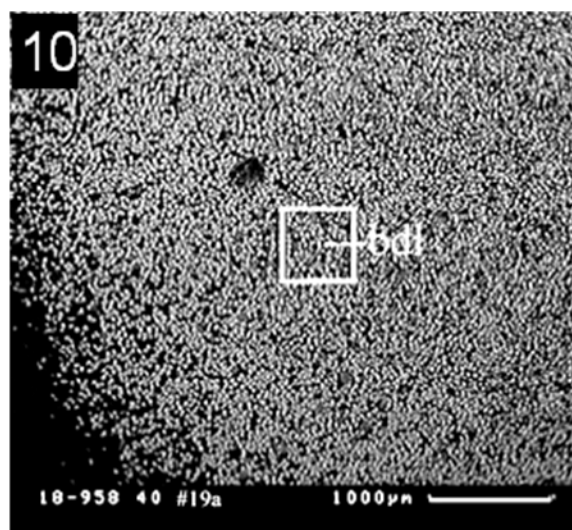
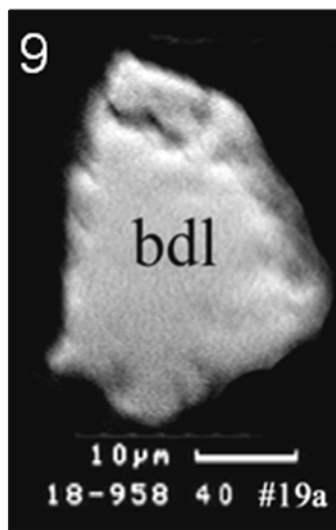
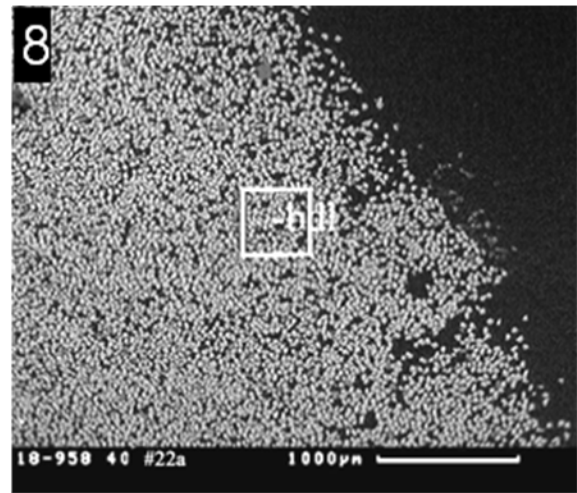
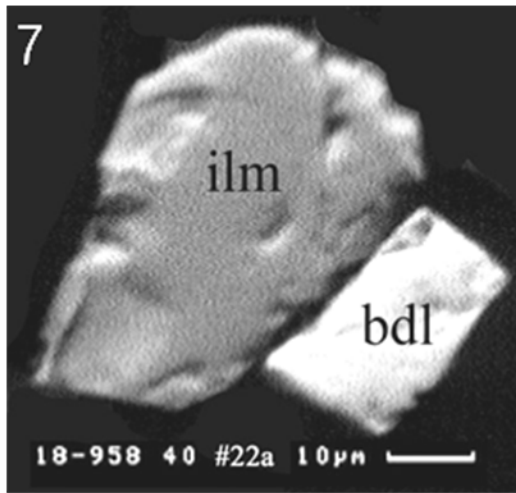


## Plate 3

Baddeleyite grains (for age dating), extracted into the heavy mineral HS concentrate of the sample 90-18, 958 (1-10); polished section, SEM-image (BIE); bdl – baddellyite, ilm – ilmenite.

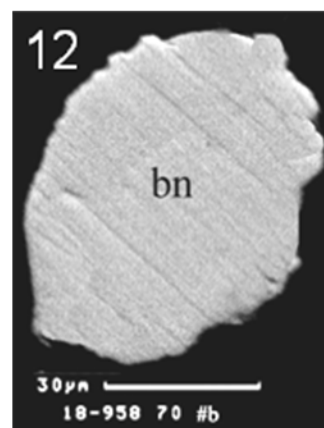
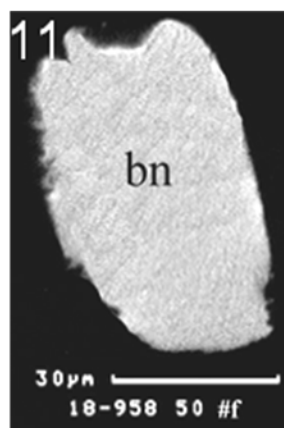
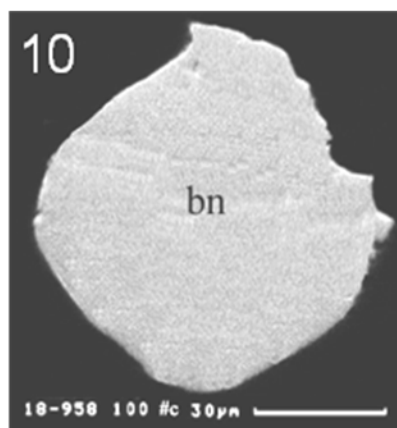
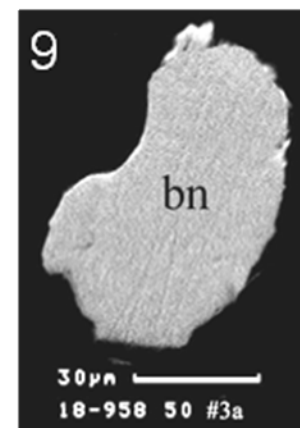
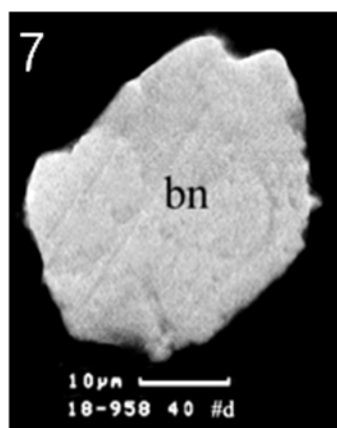
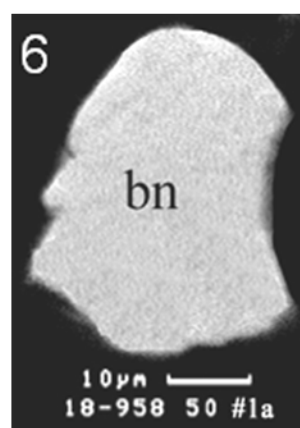
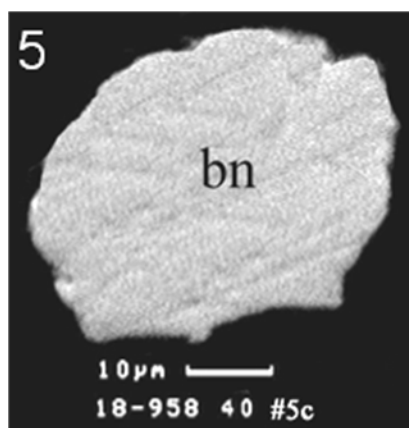
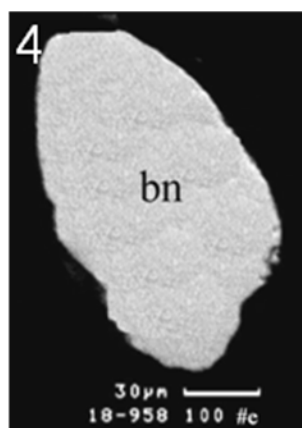
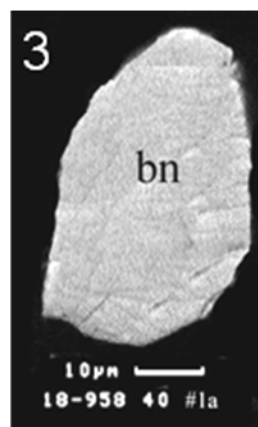
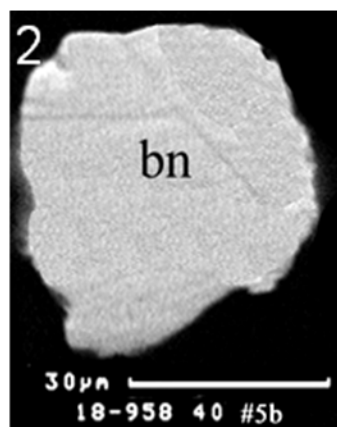
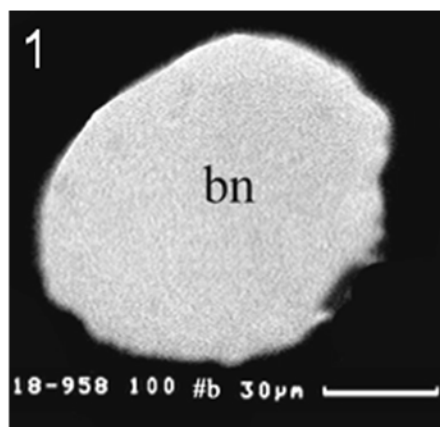


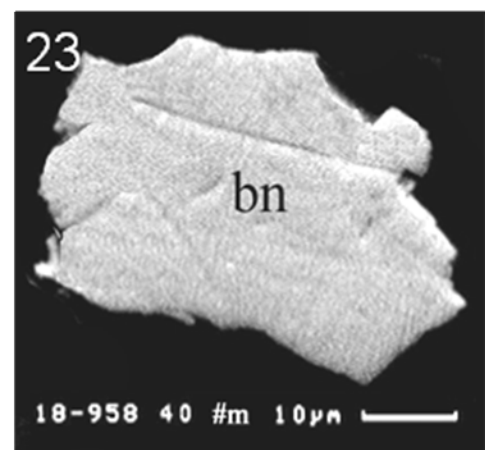
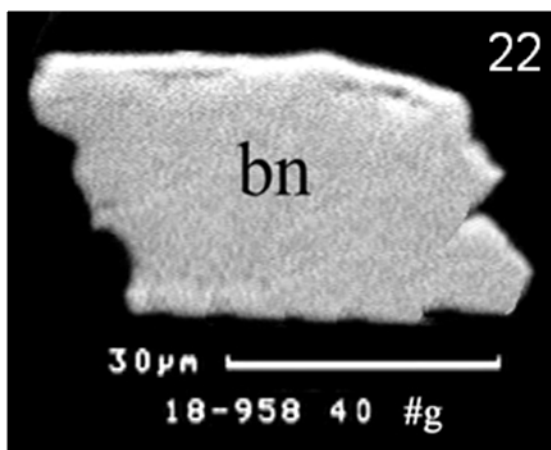
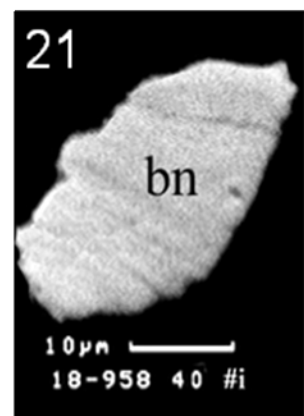
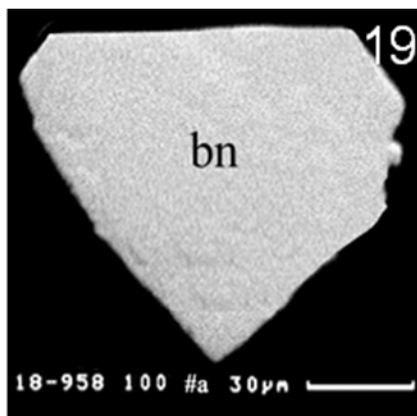
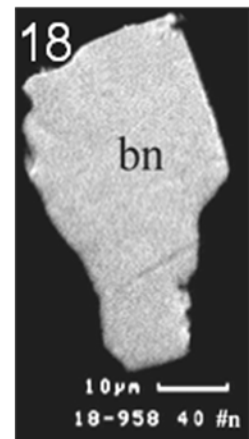
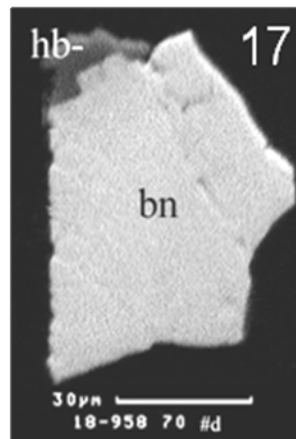
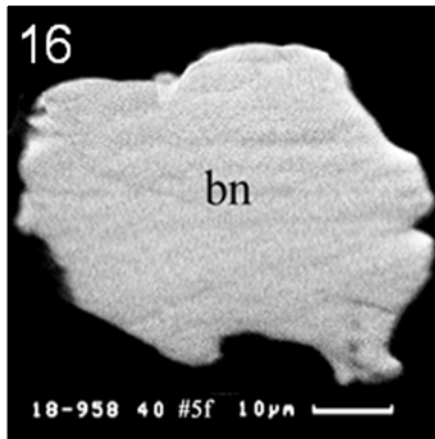
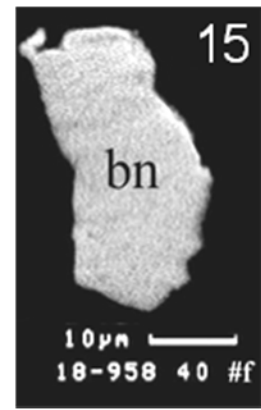
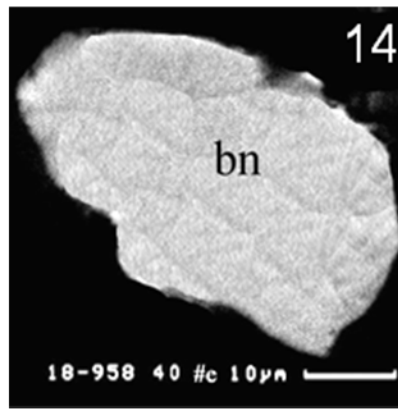
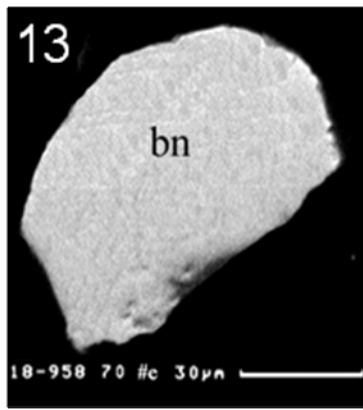


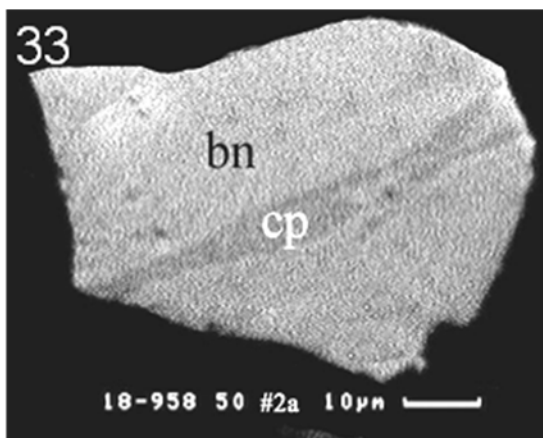
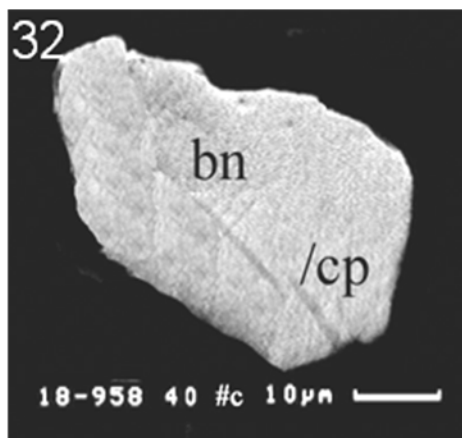
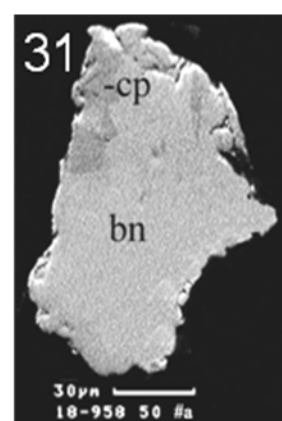
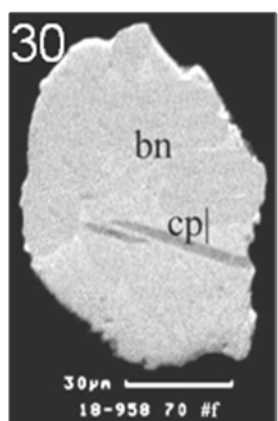
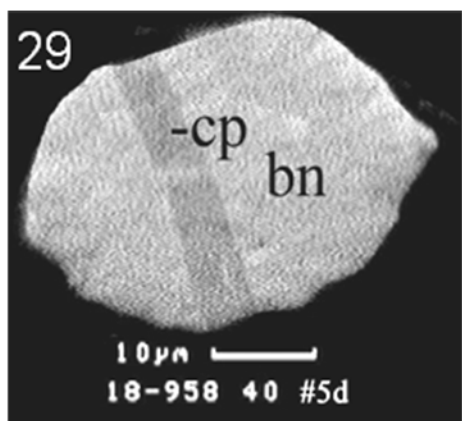
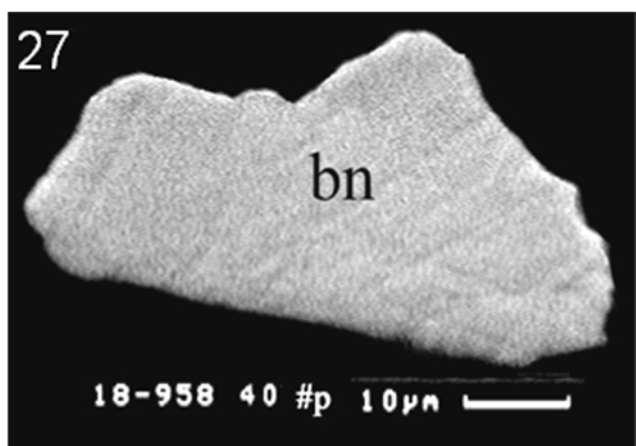
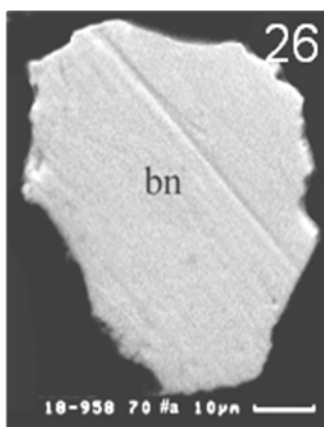
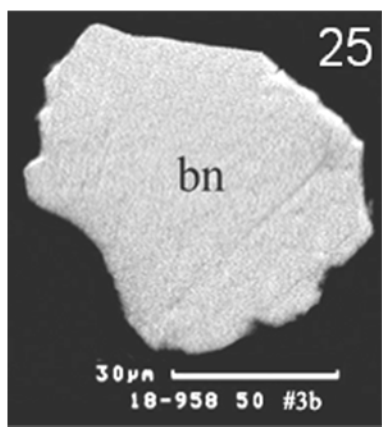
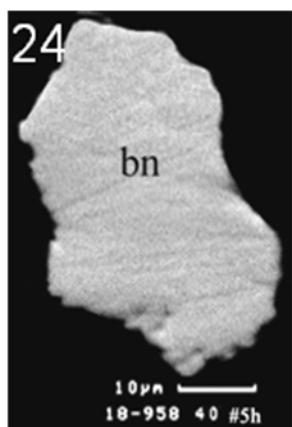


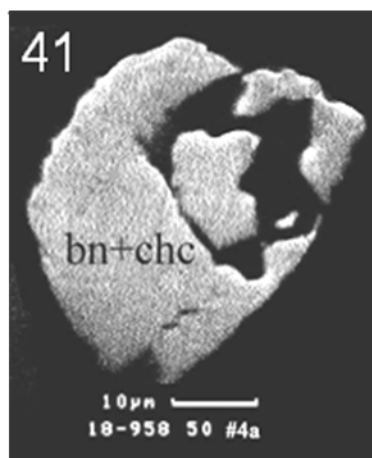
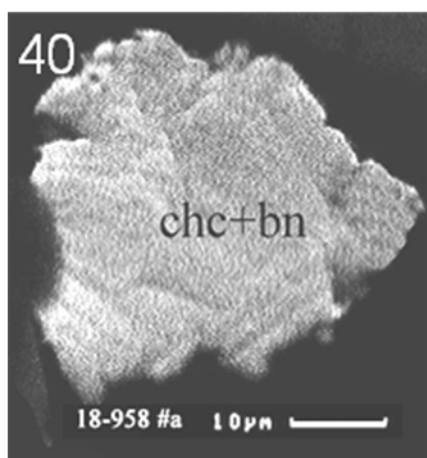
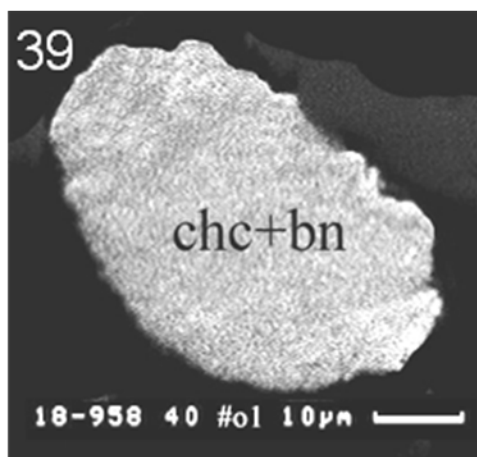
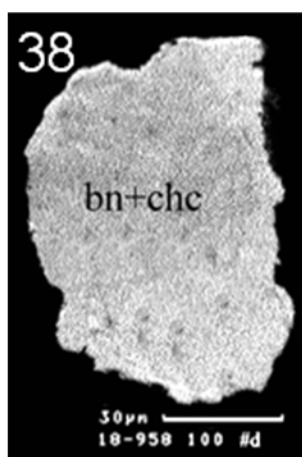
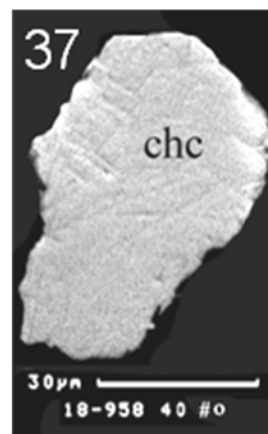
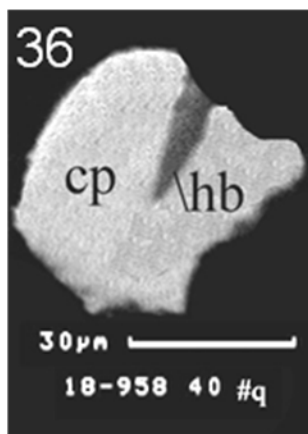
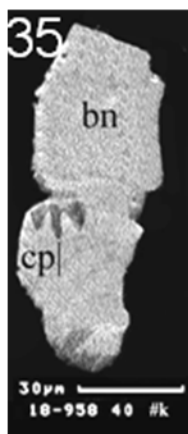
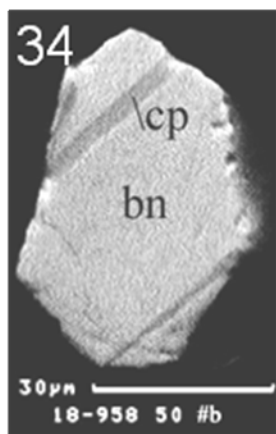
## Plate 4

Sulphide mineralisation globules and grains of oxide rich tholeitic gabbros, sample 90-18, 958 (1-41); polished sections; SEM-images (BIE); abbreviations used: bn – bornite, cp – chalcopyrite, chc – chalcosine, hb - hornblende.





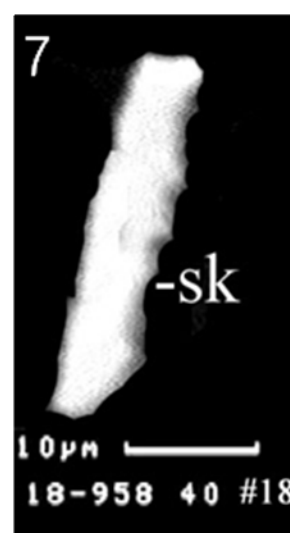
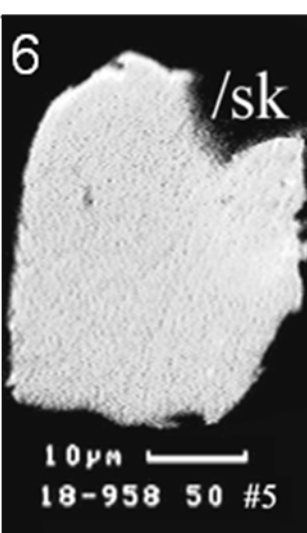
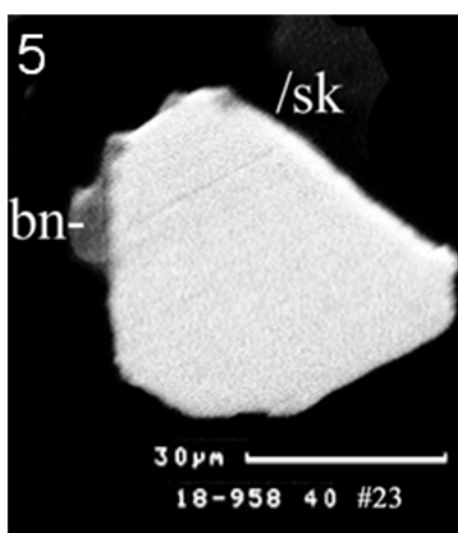
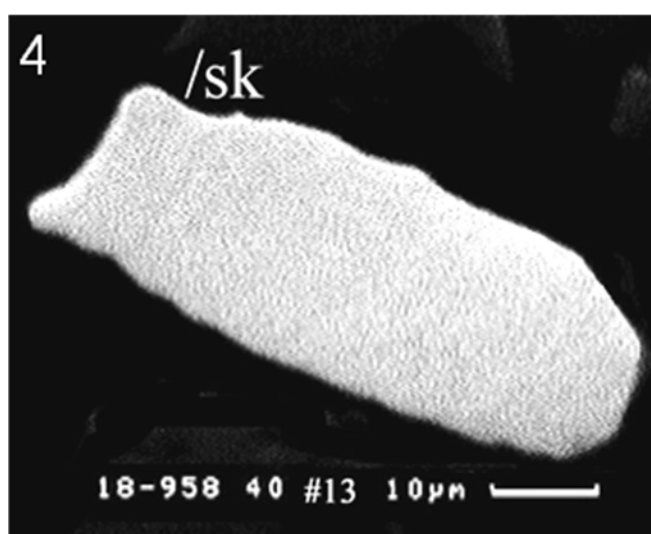
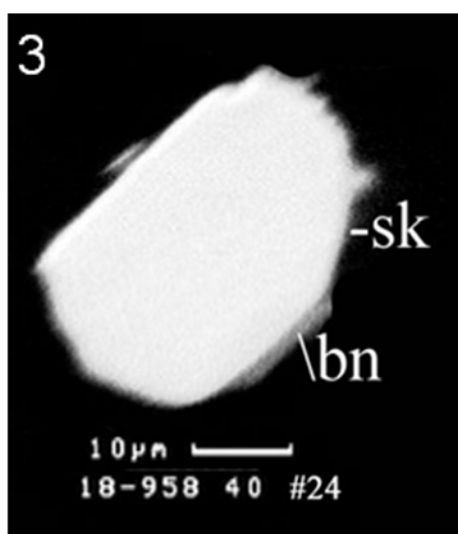
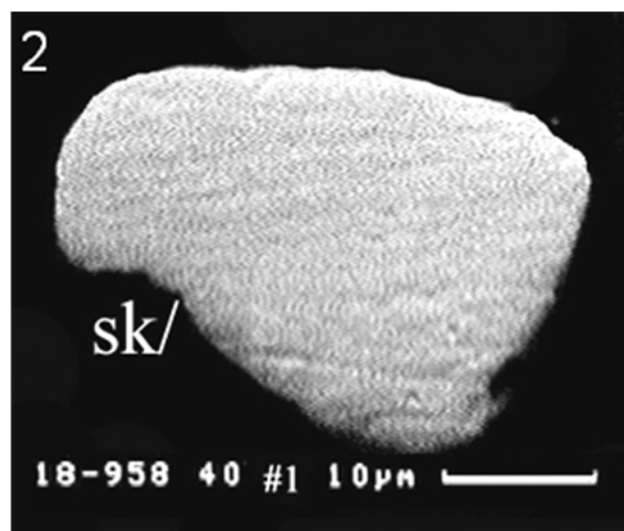
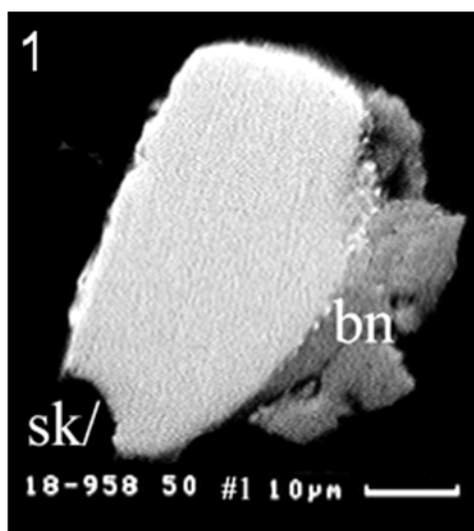


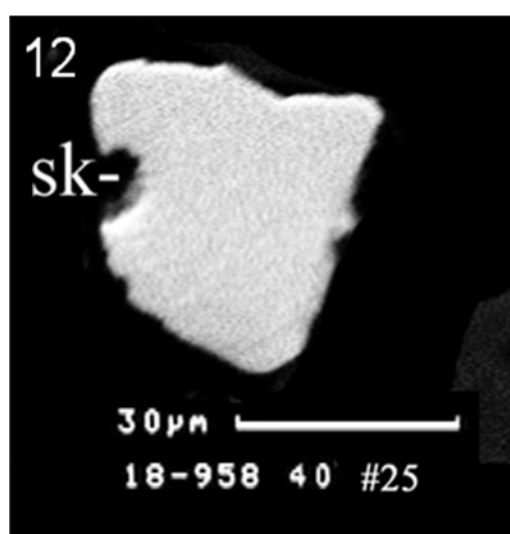
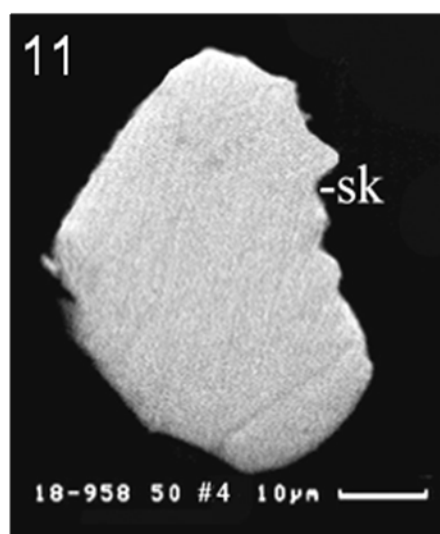
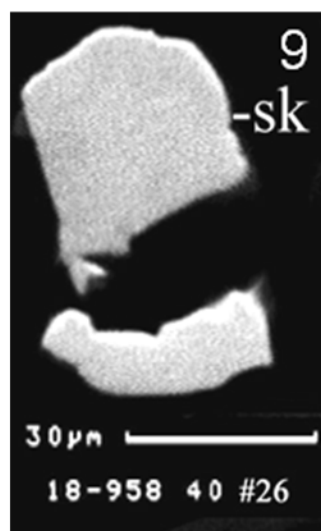
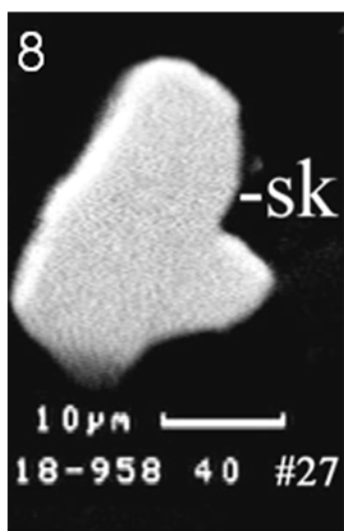


## Plate 5

SEM-images (BIE) of skaergaardite (1-12) from the polished sections of the heavy mineral HS concentrates of the sample 90-18, 958; abbreviations used sk – skaergaardite, bn – bornite.

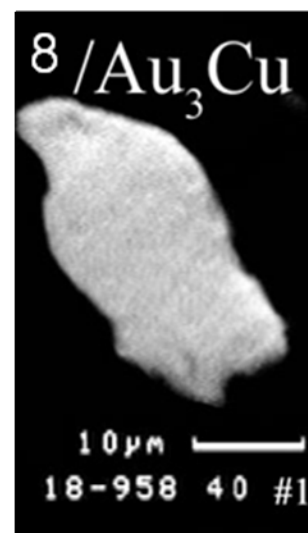
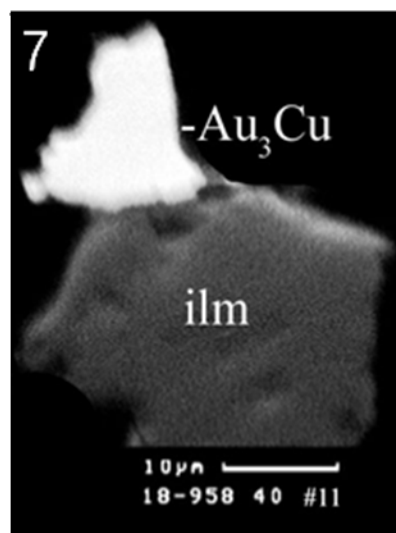
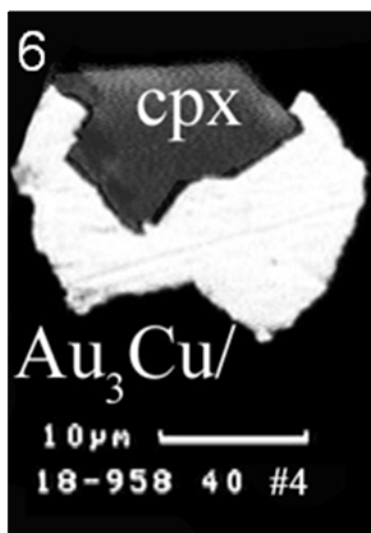
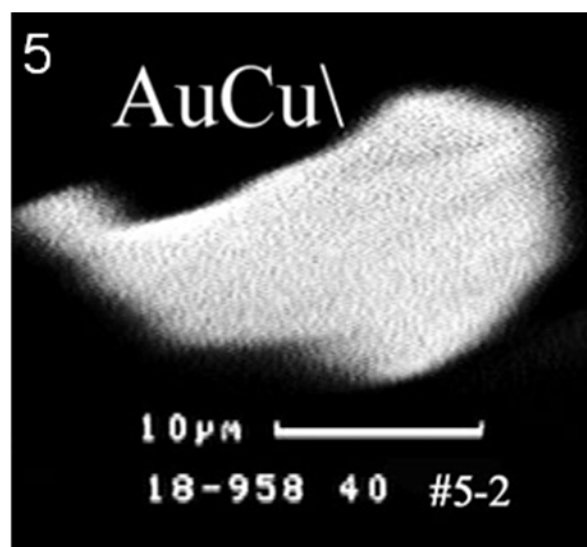
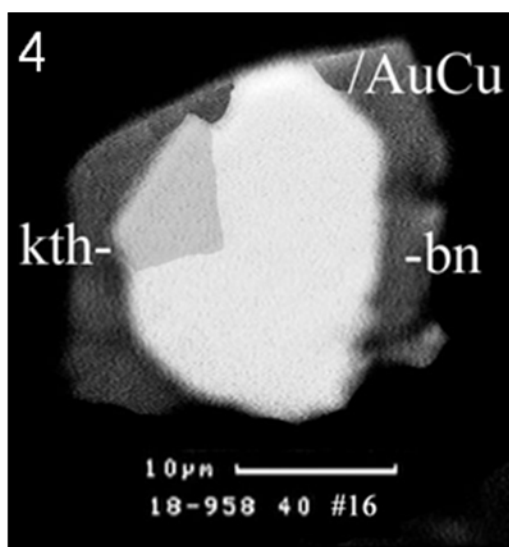
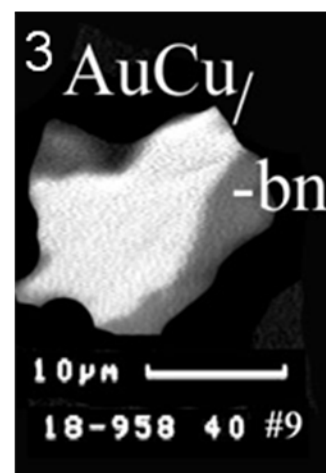
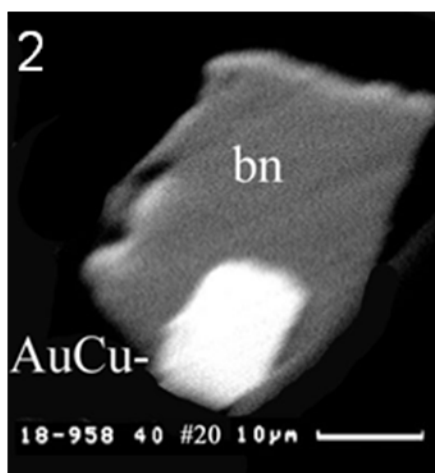
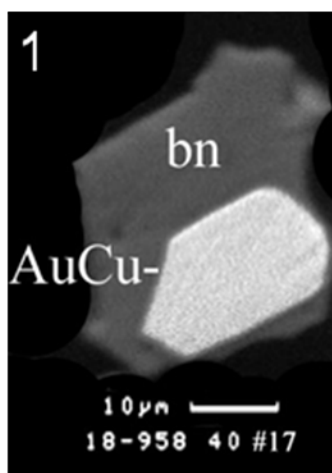


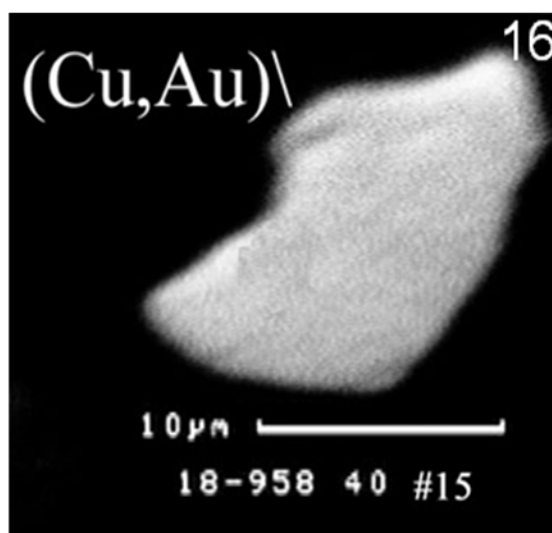
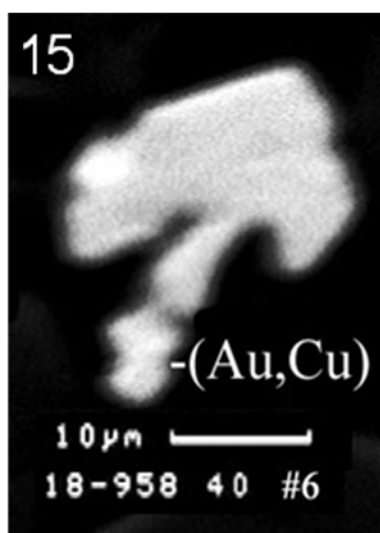
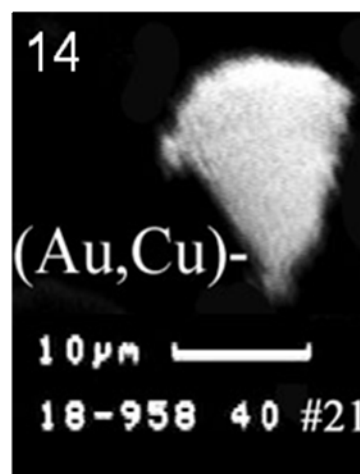
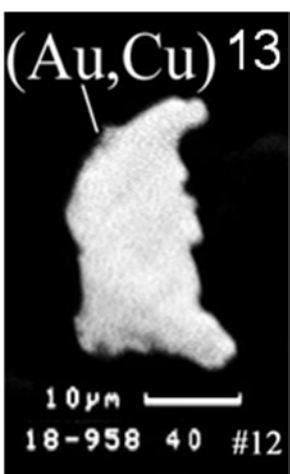
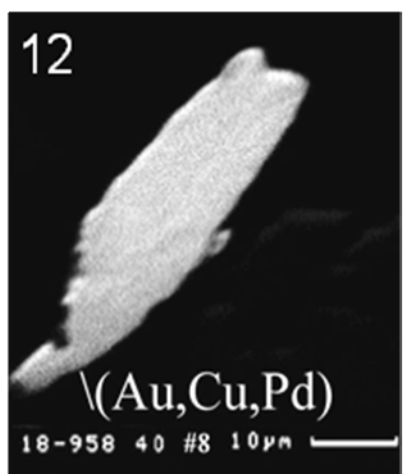
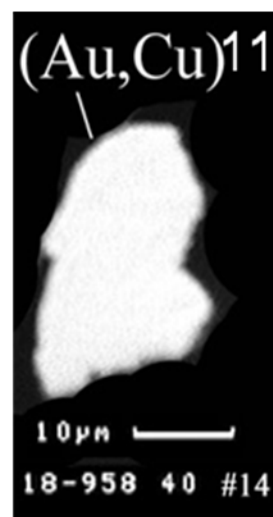
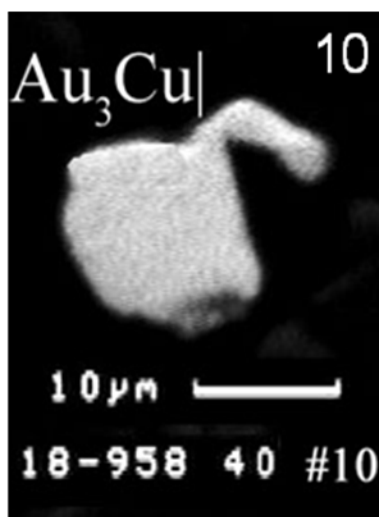
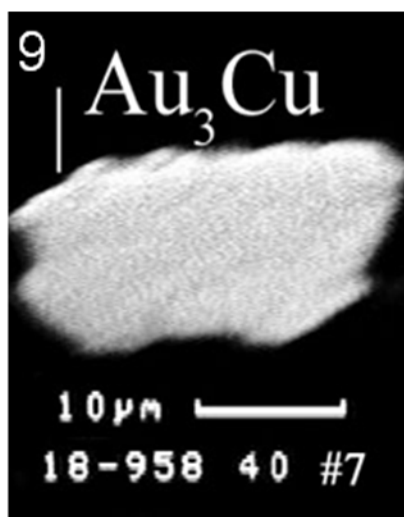




## Plate 6

SEM-images (BIE) of Au-Cu minerals (1-16) from the polished sections of the heavy mineral HS concentrates of the sample 90-18, 958; abbreviations used AuCu – tetra-auricupride, Au<sub>3</sub>Cu – unnamed, kth – keithconnite, bn – bornite, ilm – ilmenite, cpx – clinopyroxene.





## Plate 7

SEM-images (BIE) of nielsenite (1-3), zvyagintsevite (4) and keithconnite (5, 6) from the polished sections of the heavy mineral HS concentrates of the sample 90-18, 958; 2 is detail of 1; abbreviations used: nld – nielsenite, zv – zvyagintsevite, kth – keithconnite, sk – skaergaardite, bn – bornite, cp – chalcopyrite, cpx – clinopyroxene.

