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22	Abstract
23	The W-Au, Pb-Zn-Ag, and Sb-Ba mineralizations of the polymetallic Tighza-Jbel Aouam district
24	(central Meseta, Morocco,), are hosted in Paleozoic rocks surrounding late-Carboniferous granitic
25	stocks. The Pb-Zn-Ag Tighza deposit formed at $254 \pm 16  \text{Ma}$ , and is clearly disconnected from the
26	late-Variscan W-Au deposit (295-280 Ma). The Pb-Zn-Ag mineralization precipitated from a complex
27	hydrothermal fluid. It displays air-normalized <sup>3</sup> He/ <sup>4</sup> He ratio (0.018-0.103) typical of the upper crust.
28	This crustal component is confirmed by the oxygen and carbon isotope compositions ( $\delta^{18}O = +19$ to
29	+25 ‰; $\delta^{13}$ C = -3.6 to -11.2 ‰) and the $\epsilon_{Nd}$ values (-4.84 to -9.01) of gangue carbonates, which show
30	mixing of (i) fluids that have interacted with late-Carboniferous magmatic rocks, and (ii) fluids in
31	equilibrium with the Paleozoic metasediments. In addition, the Pb-Zn-Ag mineralization has
32	<sup>40</sup> Ar/ <sup>36</sup> Ar values in the range 284-315 typical of a meteoric fluid. The radiogenic Pb isotopic
33	compositions ( $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb} = 15.70\text{-}15.80$ and $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb} = 18.30\text{-}18.50$ ) suggest leaching of Pb from
34	the surrounding Paleozoic metasediments and late-Variscan granites, whereas the low radiogenic
35	signatures ( $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb} = 15.40$ and $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb} = 18.05$ ) provide evidence of a deeper source attributed
36	to the lower crust.

37 Crustal thinning related to extensional tectonics in late-Permian and Early-Triassic lead to high-K 38 calc-alkaline to alkaline magmatic activity, which is evidenced by a dense SW-NE-trending dike 39 network that pre-dated the Atlantic Ocean opening (early Liassic times). This magmatic event induced 40 a regional heat flux increase that triggered the circulation of a complex hydrothermal fluid, which has 41 a strong crustal component, but also a meteoric and a lower crustal components. The polymetallic 42 district of Tighza-Jbel Aouam thus results from superposition of an intrusion related porphyry-gold 43 mineralization (W-Au, 286 Ma) followed by a Pb-Zn-Ag epithermal mineralization (254 Ma), during 44 two distinct magmatic-hydrothermal events. 45 The proposed metallogenic model for the Pb-Zn-Ag Tighza-Jbel Aouam deposit provides new 46 constraints for the Pb-Zn-Ag exploration in the Moroccan Meseta. Exploration targets must take into 47 account the following geological features: (i) Permo-triassic high-K calk-alkaline to alkaline dikes, (ii) 48 extensional tectonics and reactivation of ancient crust-scale faults and shear zones, and (iii) Paleozoic 49 series containing organic matter (e.g., black shales) subjected to low grade metamorphism (e.g., 50 greenschist facies). 51 52 Keywords: Pb-Zn-Ag deposit, Permian-Triassic extensional tectonics, Tighza-Jbel Aouam district, 53 Central Morocco, lead and fluid sources, isotopic (O-C, Sm-Nd, Ar-He, Pb-Pb) data 54 55 1. Introduction 56 West European and Moroccan Paleozoic formations hold numerous volcanogenic massive sulphide 57 (VMS), Mississippi Valley type (MVT), sedimentary exhalative (SEDEX) as well as vein-types Pb-58 Zn-Ag deposits (e.g., Arribas and Tosdal, 1994; Guilbert and Park, 1999; Marignac and Cuney, 1999; 59 Bouabdellah et al., 2009; Subías et al., 2015, and references therein). Dating of the mineralizing events 60 as well as characterization of the fluid and metal sources are usually difficult to obtain because of fluid 61 mixing, secondary remobilization, and the absence of suitable minerals for dating. As vein deposits 62 frequently occur in close association with late Variscan granites they have long been considered being 63 genetically related to them. 64 The polymetallic Tighza-Jbel Aouam district (TJAD; central Meseta, Morocco) displays two main 65 types of mineralization, W-Au and Pb-Zn-Ag, hosted in Paleozoic rocks surrounding late-66 Carboniferous high-K calc-alkaline granitic stocks (Agard et al., 1958; Cheilletz, 1984; Jébrak, 1984; 67 Nerci, 2006; Marcoux et al., 2015; Rossi et al., 2016). It has long been considered to have a single 68 magmatic-hydrothermal origin due to the spatial zoning of mineralization around a supposed hidden 69 batholith (Agard et al., 1958; Desteucq, 1974). The W-Au mineralization and related potassic 70 alteration from the "Mine Granite" are coeval and dated at  $286 \pm 0.4$  Ma (Cheilletz et Zimmermann, 71 1982; Nerci, 2006; Watanabe, 2002). Based on field observations and isotopic studies, Agard et al.

(1958), Cheilletz (1984), Jébrak (1984) and Marcoux et al. (2015) suggested that the Pb-Zn-Ag ore

was emplaced after the W-Au deposit without further precision on the time gap. However, Marcoux et

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74 al. (2015) consider the Pb-Zn-Ag mineralization to be the last stage of a reduced intrusion-related gold 75 deposit, with fluid focusing at the top of the solidified and cold intrusion. The hydrothermal activity 76 associated with the Pb-Zn-Ag deposit was recently dated at 254 ± 16 Ma (Tarrieu, 2014; Cheilletz et 77 al., 2015; Rossi et al., 2016), demonstrating the disconnection between the Pb-Zn-Ag mineralization 78 and the W-Au mineralization. A new metallogenic model, based on the disconnection from spatially 79 associated granites, needs to be considered for the TJAD. This model could be applied to other Pb-Zn-80 Ag deposits in similar geological context. 81 The source of the W-Au mineralization is strongly constrained by field geology, geochemical changes 82 related to K-alteration, fluid inclusions analysis and Pb-Pb isotopes (Cheilletz, 1984; Nerci, 2006; 83 Marcoux et al., 2015). However, only scarce fluid inclusion, Sr-Nd and Pb-Pb isotopic data are 84 available for the Pb-Zn-Ag deposit (Nerci, 2006; Castorina and Masi, 2008; Marcoux et al., 2015). 85 This paper aims to to better constrain the fluid and the lead sources of the Pb-Zn-Ag mineralization, by 86 combining rare earth elements (REE) data and C-O, Sm-Nd, Ar-He and Pb-Pb, isotopes. The isotopic 87 signatures of gangue carbonates and galena are used as tracers of the crustal, mantellic and meteoric 88 reservoirs. The mineralizing events are finally integrated into the late-Variscan to Permo-Triassic 89 geodynamic framework, in order to propose an updated metallogenic model and new exploration 90 guides.

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#### 2. Geological setting and deposit geology

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The Tighza-Jbel Aouam district (TJAD) belongs to the central Meseta of Morocco, which is composed of an early to middle Paleozoic basement intruded by late Carboniferous granites (Gasquet et al., 1996; Michard et al., 2008) as well as by numerous Permo-Triassic intermediate to felsic dikes (Gasquet and Bouloton, 1995) and Permian volcanic rocks (Youbi et al., 1995; Figure 1). The Paleozoic rocks are covered by Mesozoic-Cenozoic sedimentary formations. The felsic intrusive rocks are spatially associated with W, Sn, F, Sb and Pb-Zn-Ag deposits (Agard et al., 1958; Cheilletz, 1984; Jébrak, 1984; Boutaleb, 1988; Giulani et al., 1989; Boushaba and Marignac, 2009). The Meseta domain corresponds to a complex collage of terranes representing several Variscan tectonic phases since Devonian times (Figure 1; Michard et al., 2008; Murphy et al., 2016). The main Variscan collisional events resulted in crustal thickening, folding and Variscan granite emplacement. The latest collisional phase involved NW-verging fold, duplexes and nappes (Michard et al., 2008, and references therein). Late-Carboniferous and Permian transtensive events followed, as evidenced by intra-continental basins that have been moderately deformed before the Atlasic cycle. These basins are opened by reactivation of old Variscan faults due to crustal thinning (El Hadi, 2006). The Permian sedimentary sequence is characterized by detrital sedimentation (conglomerates, sandstones and argillites) with interbedded volcanic rocks and associated dikes that crosscut the sedimentary pile (Piqué et al., 2011). Finally, the extensive tectonic regime develops during Triassic, with the opening

111	of large sedimentary basins that preceded the Atlantic Ocean opening and related CAMP activity
112	(Mahmoudi and Bertrand, 2007; Vérati et al., 2007).
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114	2.2. Geology of the Tighza-Jbel Aouam district (TJAD)
115	The TJAD has long been known for its W-Au mineralization, as well as for major Pb-Ag-Zn and
116	minor Sb-Ba mineralizations, hosted in Paleozoic metasediments (Agard et al., 1958; Desteucq, 1974;
117	Cheilletz, 1984; Jébrak, 1984; Wadjinny, 1998; Nerci, 2006; Tarrieu, 2014; Marcoux et al., 2015).
118	Upper Visean (Mississippian) limestones and schists unconformably overlie Ordovician siliceous
119	schists and quartzites, Silurian black shales, and Devonian siliceous limestones. These Paleozoic
120	metasediments are deformed into a succession of SW-NE-trending anticlines and synclines, and are
121	metamorphosed up to greenschist facies. The TJAD is localized between two crustal-scale E-W shear
122	zones that controlled the opening of tension veins and dikes during late and post-Variscan time
123	(Figures 1 and 2).
124	The Paleozoic formations are crosscut by microgranite and micogranodiorite dikes, and by four
125	monzogranite stocks named, from South to North, Kaolin, Mine, Mispickel, and Tighza peaks. The
126	high-K calc-alkaline signature of all of these intrusive bodies is observed in most Moroccan Variscan
127	granites and reflects either an enriched mantle or a lower crustal component (Gasquet et al., 1996; El
128	Hadi et al., 2006). The monzogranite stocks have been dated at 320-300 Ma by Tarrieu (2014) and
129	Rossi et al. (2016). The three southernmost stocks are surrounded by a large and well-delimited biotitic
130	alteration halo related to the W-Au mineralizing event (Figure 2; Cheilletz, 1984; Cheilletz and Isnard,
131	1985). The gravimetric study of El Dursi (2009), carried out on the TJAD, suggests that this
132	hydrothermal alteration halo is associated with a hidden thin and shallow intrusive pluton. The W-Au
133	mineralization thus results from a second magmatic stage at 295-280 Ma. It can be considered as a
134	porphyry-type deposit based on (i) the genetic link with calc-alkaline magmatic activity (Cheilletz,
135	1984; Marcoux et al., 2015), (ii) potassic alteration related to a hidden pluton (Cheilletz and
136	Zimmermann, 1982; Cheilletz, 1984), (iii) high temperature hydrothermal fluids that have a magmatic
137	signature (Nerci, 2006; Marcoux et al., 2015), and (iv) the occurrence of disseminations, W-rich
138	skarns, stockworks, sheeted veins and large veins. The large E-W-trending veins formed during a
139	dextral transpressive regime (Cheilletz, 1984).
140	The currently mined Pb-Zn-Ag mineralization, which crosscuts the W-Au ore (Figure 3), has been
141	dated at $254 \pm 16$ Ma (Tarrieu, $2014$ ; Cheilletz et al., $2015$ ; Rossi et al., $2016$ ). It developed during a
142	magmatic-hydrothermal episode associated with emplacement of a dense network of late-Permian
143	dikes, found throughout the Moroccan Meseta (Bouloton and Gasquet, 1995; Gasquet and Bouloton,
144	1995; Rossi et al., 2016). The Pb-Zn-Ag mineralization is filling NE-SW transtensive tension-gashes
145	that developed during a NW-SE compression. The old dextral E-W shear zones are reactivated with a
146	sinistral component during this tectonic event. Fluid inclusions analyses and calculated isochores

- allowed Nerci (2006) and Marcoux et al. (2015) to constrain minimum trapping P-T conditions (see
- 148 2.3.).
- 149 The polymetallic TJAD thus results from two successive magmatic-hydrothermal events that produced
- first the W-Au mineralization followed by the Pb-Zn-Ag mineralization (Tarrieu, 2014; Rossi et al.,
- 151 2016).

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- 153 2.3. Geology of the Pb-Zn-Ag mineralization
- 154 The Pb-Zn-Ag mineralization has been mined since 1930 from several large extensional veins with
- N25°E to N75°E orientations (Figure 2). In most cases, the veins display a "Y" shape, showing a
- 156 connection between two veins, which suggest fracture opening as part of a conjugate strike-slip fault
- 157 system (see Cheilletz 1984 for details; Figure 2). The main Pb-Zn-Ag veins are, from North to South:
- 158 Filons Parallèles and Filon Nord, Filon Signal and Structure 18, Structure II, Sidi Ahmed, Ighrem
- Aousser and Iguer Oujna. Only Filon Signal, Structure 18, Sidi Ahmed and Ighrem Aousser are
- currently being mined, allowing extensive observations and sampling of fresh rocks.
- 161 The Pb-Zn-Ag mineralization comprises sulphides (galena + sphalerite) in a gangue of carbonates
- 162 (calcite ± siderite and ankerite) ± quartz (or red chalcedony). Development of the deposit was
- associated with weak carbonate alteration of the Paleozoic country rocks. Analyses of fluid inclusions
- trapped in calcite from Sidi Ahmed vein indicate that the Pb-Zn-Ag mineralization formed at a
- minimum temperature of 230°C, from Na-Ca brines and a complex fluid with organic compound.
- 166 Calculated isochores indicate hydrostatic pressures of at least 30 MPa (Nerci, 2006; Marcoux et al.,
- 167 2015).
- 168 The paragenetic sequences are slightly different among the different veins. In Filon Signal and
- 169 Structure 18, the mineralization is typically banded and rather symmetrical: vein minerals grew from
- the edge of the vein towards its center (Figure 4). These large veins display a succession of four
- paragenetic assemblages (Figure 4 and Figure 5): (P1) quartz + siderite, (P2) galena + calcite ±
- sphalerite, (P3) galena + sphalerite + siderite, and (P4) calcite + quartz + pyrite. As shown in Figure 4,
- the early barren P1 assemblage is not present everywhere. The Pb-Zn-Ag mineralization is associated
- with P2 and P3 assemblages (Figure 4 and 5). The latest hydrothermal phase (P4) is barren.
- In Sidi Ahmed and Ighrem Aousser, the four hydrothermal successive events (pulses) display slightly
- different paragenetic assemblages than in Filon Signal and Structure 18 (Tarrieu, 2014; Rossi et al.,
- 177 2016, Figure 5): (P1) hydraulic fracturing and precipitation of siderite + quartz, (P2) banded galena +
- ankerite ± sphalerite, (P3) brecciation and precipitation of galena + sphalerite, and (P4) calcite +
- 179 quartz + pyrite. Jébrak (1984, 1985) noted that gangue carbonates are REE-rich.

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#### 3. Sampling and analytical methods

- 182 In order to provide insights into the lead and mineralizing fluid sources of the Pb-Zn-Ag
- mineralization, various complementary isotopic studies have been performed on sulphide minerals

184 (He-Ar on pyrite and sphalerite, Pb isotopes on galena) and on gangue siderite, ankerite and calcite 185 (O-C isotopes, Sm-Nd, REE content). Most samples were collected within the three main Pb-Zn-Ag 186 veins, Filon Signal, Sidi Ahmed and Ighrem Aousser veins. They were collected underground in order 187 to provide unweathered rocks. Some additional samples were also collected from drill cores from 188 Filon Nord and Filons Parallèles, i.e., from the northernmost veins (Figure 2). 189 190 3.1. REE content of carbonates 191 Four siderite (P1), six ankerite (P2) and thirteen calcite (P4) concentrates sampled in the various Pb-192 Zn-Ag veins were analyzed by ICP-MS at the SARM-CRPG in Nancy, France. The minerals were 193 concentrated by handpicking. The analytical results are presented in Table 1 and Figures 6 and 7. 194 195 3.2. Stable isotopes (O, C) 196 Carbon and oxygen isotope analyses were carried out at the stable isotope laboratory of Géosciences 197 Rennes (France). Analyses were performed on separated siderite, ankerite and calcite crystals sampled 198 in Signal, Sidi Ahmed and Ighrem Aousser veins. Carbonate materials were reacted with anhydrous 199 H<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub> at 50°C during fifteen hours. Isotopic measurements on the liberated CO<sub>2</sub> were made using a 200 VG SIRA-10 triple collector mass spectrometer. Isotopic compositions are quoted using the  $\delta$  notation 201 with respect to SMOW for  $\delta^{18}$ O and PDB for  $\delta^{13}$ C. Measured carbonate  $\delta^{18}$ O -  $\delta^{13}$ C values have been corrected using the NBS19 international and Prolabo Rennes in-house standards values. Analytical 202 precisions are estimated to be  $\pm 0.1\%$  and  $\pm 0.15\%$  respectively for the  $\delta^{13}$ C and  $\delta^{18}$ O in carbonates. 203 204 Results are presented in Table 2 and Figure 9. 205 206 3.3. Sm-Nd 207 In order to complete the data obtained by Castorina and Masi (2008) on siderites from Signal and Sidi 208 Ahmed, Sm and Nd isotope analyses were performed in CRPG Nancy on ankerite and calcite from from Sidi Ahmed and Ighrem Aousser. After addition of a mixed 150Nd-147Sm spike, samples were 209 210 digested in HF + HNO<sub>3</sub>, and Sm and Nd were extracted by chromatographic techniques adapted after 211 those of Pin et al. (1997) using TRU spec and LN spec resins. Sm and Nd isotopic compositions were 212 determined by MC-ICP-MS (Neptune). During the period of analysis the JNdi-1 Nd standard yielded 213 0.512095 ±0.000014 (2 $\sigma$ , 11 analyses) Analytical blanks represented <1% of the total amount of Nd 214 analyzed in all cases and are thus negligible. Results are reported in Table 3 and Figure 10. 215 216 3.4. Rare gases Ar-He 217 Sulphides from the W-Au (2 As-pyrite and 1 pyrite) and Pb-Zn-Ag mineralization (2 pyrites and 1 218 sphalerite from Sidi Ahmed) were carefully selected under a binocular microscope to eliminate 219 alteration and inclusions, and then crushed. The analyses were performed by P. Burnard at the CRPG 220 -CNRS (Nancy, France) following the analytical procedure of Marty and Zimmermann (1999). The

- 221 amounts and the isotopic ratios of helium and argon were analyzed with a VG 5400 rare gas mass 222 spectrometer. Results are reported in Table 4 and Figure 11. 223 224 3.5. Lead isotopes 225 Six ore samples were selected from the three main veins for in-situ Pb isotope analysis on galena (n<sub>vn</sub>) 226 and sphalerite (n<sub>sph</sub>) individual grains. 32 galena and 32 sphalerite crystals were analysed from Signal 227 vein:  $n_{gn} = 3$  and  $n_{sph} = 12$  in Tz10/39;  $n_{gn} = 25$  and  $n_{sph} = 10$  in Tz11/42;  $n_{gn} = 4$  and  $n_{sph} = 20$  in 228 Tz10/43). 7 galena crystals were analysed in sample Tz10/35 from Sidi Ahmed vein. 8 galena and 11 229 sphalerite crystals were analysed from Ighrem Aousser vein:  $n_{gn} = 5$  in Tz10/30;  $n_{gn} = 3$  and  $n_{sph} = 112$ 230 in Tz10/31. Measurements were performed in CRPG-CNRS (Nancy, France) by ion microprobe 231 following Deloule et al. (1986), using the Cameca IMS 3F for Tz10/30 at a mass resolution of 800, 232 and the Cameca IMS 1270 in monocollection mode to a mass resolution of 4000 for the other samples. 233 All data are reported in Table 5 and Figure 12. 234 235 4. Results and interpretation 236 4.1. REE content of carbonates 237 The total REE content of siderite, ankérite and calcite from the Tighza Pb-Zn-Ag veins ranges 238 between 45 and 4041 ppm (n=44, Figure 6 and Table 1; Jébrak, 1985; Castorina and Masi, 2008; this 239 study). About 50% of the analysed carbonates have rather low total REE content (< 300 ppm), but 14 240 samples are significantly REE-rich and contain more than 900 ppm REE (up to 4000 ppm). Such 241 content is unrelated to the mineralogy or to the paragenetic stages considering that the most enriched 242 carbonates are a P2-ankerite (4041 ppm) and a P4-calcite (2702 ppm) in Ighrem Aousser, a P3-siderite 243 crystal in Sidi Ahmed (2385 ppm; Castorina and Masi, 2008), and a P2-ankerite crystal in Signal vein 244 (2400 to 2700 ppm; Jébrak, 1985). Changes in REE content might reflect changes in growth or fluid 245 flow rates (Möller et al., 1991) or changes in temperature (Möller et al., 2004). As P4-calcite crystals 246 cover a large REE range within a single vein, this scatter is unlikely due to variation of the fluid 247 temperature but rather to changes in fluid-flow rates, thus on fluid-rock ratios, depending on variable 248 degrees of vein opening. 249 PAAS-normalized REE+Y patterns of gangue carbonates allow identification of two distinct groups. 250 Most carbonates from the Signal, Sidi Ahmed and Ighrem Aousser lodes have similar PAAS-251 normalized REE+Y patterns (Group 1), characterized by (La/Sm)<sub>N</sub> lower than 1 (0.06 to 0.60), 252 (Gd/Lu)<sub>N</sub> higher than 1 (1.25 to 13.52), and positive Eu<sub>N</sub> anomalies (1.5 to 3.0; Figure 7, Table 1).
- Whatever the vein, the carbonate (siderite, ankerite or calcite) or the paragenetic sequence, all carbonates from group 1 display similar REE+Y patterns, suggesting that they crystallized from a unique hydrothermal fluid. The various paragenetic sequences reflect the evolution of the reactive fluid composition due to fluid-rock interaction. Regardless of mineralogy and paragenetic sequences,

 $257 \qquad \text{half of group 1 carbonates have } (La/Lu)_N \ \text{lower than 1 (0.1 to 1.0), and half have } (La/Lu)_N \ \text{higher than 1 (0.$ 

258	1 (1.0 to 5.6). Different pH conditions (Castorina and Masi, 2008) or changes in temperature could
259	explain these differences. The upward-convex shape REE+Y patterns are typical of hydrothermal
260	fluids and carbonates that precipitated from hydrothermal crustal fluids in various geological contexts
261	(e.g., Michard, 1989; Lüders et al., 1993; Hecht et al., 1999; Torres-Ruiz 2006, Margoum et al., 2015,
262	and references therein). Therefore, the REE+Y patterns of gangue carbonates are representative of the
263	hydrothermal fluid, so that it not possible to discriminate among the possible crustal sources of REE
264	(local sedimentary and magmatic host-rocks, or other crustal sources) based on REE+Y patterns only.
265	As already discussed by Castorina and Masi (2008), the slight negative $\text{Ce}_{N}$ anomaly, which is typical
266	of marine carbonate, likely reflect fluid-carbonate interaction or a slight contribution of seawater. The
267	positive $Eu_N$ anomalies could either reflect (i) REE mobilization at high-temperature, and precipitation
268	at lower temperature (> $200\text{-}250^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) under reducing and mildly acidic conditions (Bau 1991; Bau and
269	Möller, 1992), (ii) inheritance from host-rock alteration, or (iii) chemical complexation reactions or
270	sorption effects. As fluid inclusions indicate that the Pb-Zn-Ag mineralization precipitated at a
271	minimum temperature of 230°C (Nerci, 2006; Marcoux et al., 2015), the observed positive $Eu_{N}$
272	anomalies most likely result from temperature conditions of REE mobilization and precipitation (Bau
273	1991; Bau and Möller, 1992). Finally, the hydrothermal fluid probably has interacted with upper
274	crustal rocks and marine carbonates, under rather high temperatures in order to mobilize REE+Y, and
275	then precipitated at temperature higher than 230°C.
276	Two P4-calcite crystals sampled in late-calcite veins show different PAAS-normalized REE+Y
277	patterns (Group 2), with (La/Sm) $_{\!N}$ lower than 1 (0.33 and 0.45), (Gd/Lu) $_{\!N}$ lower than 1 (0.32 and 0.61),
278	and negative Eu anomalies (0.46 and 0.59; Figure 11). The HREE enrichment, as well as the strong
279	positive $Y_N$ anomalies are similar to those found in marine carbonates (Hu et al., 1988; Nothdurft et al.,
280	2004), suggesting these two calcites might have precipitated either from a fluid with a rather strong
281	seawater component, or that interacted mostly with marine carbonates.
282	The high REE content of gangue carbonates results from microscopic solid inclusions of REE-rich
283	minerals evidenced from SEM observation (Figure 8). More than 95% of the analyzed REE-rich
284	crystals are La-rich synchysite (i.e., Ce-Y-Nd-La-bearing fluorocarbonate; Figure 8). Destabilisation
285	reaction of rare xenotime and monazite into synchysite has been observed (Tarrieu, 2014), suggesting
286	that at least some of the synchysite crystals are secondary phases. The mineralogical reaction follows
287	the equation:
288	(Ce, La, Nd)-monazite + xenotime + calcite + $H_2O-CO_2$ -F-rich fluid =>

According to this equation, circulation of a  $H_2O-CO_2$ -F-rich fluid is required, and REE+Y remain immobile. The occurrence of these REE-bearing minerals explains most of the total REE content of gangue carbonates. Indeed, Ce accounts for 24 to 40 % of the total REE content of carbonates, Nd for about 20 % and La for 5 to 20 %. Yttrium is also quite abundant and represents 15 to 25 % of total

(Ce, La, Y, Nd)-synchysite + acidic-PO<sub>4</sub>-rich fluid

294 REE+Y content (Table 1). Such Ce:La:Nd:Y ratios are in the same range than in the synchysite 295 composition. 296 In the TJAD, the high REE contents of gangue carbonates from the Pb-Zn-Ag mineralization is mainly 297 due to the occurrence of abundant solid inclusions of (Ce, La, Y, Nd)-rich synchysite micro-crystals 298 that precipitated from the hydrothermal fluid. 299 300 4.2. Stable isotopes (O, C) 301 No systematic difference between the stages of carbonation is evidenced from table 2, regardless the 302 nature of the gangue carbonate. Rather, each carbonate mineral tends to display specific carbon 303 isotope composition: siderite crystals range between  $\delta^{13}C = -5.12$  % and -4.15 %, ankerite crystals range between -3.6 % and -5.1 %, whereas apart from one sample ( $\delta^{13}$ C = -2.5 %), calcite crystals are 304 more depleted in <sup>13</sup>C and range between -11.2 % and -5.7 %. With the exception of two calcite 305 306 crystals ( $\delta^{18}O = 11.9$  % and  $\delta^{18}O = 16.1$  %), carbonate grains display similar and homogeneous  $\delta^{18}O$ 307 values, in the 19-25 % range. 308 Figure 9 indicates that gangue carbonates plot in the range of hydrothermal carbonates. Calculation of 309 the isotopic composition of the hydrothermal fluid in equilibrium with gangue carbonates is required 310 in order to determine the origin of the hydrothermal fluid. Based on fluid inclusion analysis performed 311 on galena from Signal vein, Nerci (2006) and Marcoux et al. (2015) estimated a minimum trapping 312 temperature of about 230°C for the Pb-Zn-Ag veins. The oxygen isotope composition of the fluid in 313 equilibrium with gangue carbonates was calculated for the range 230°C-300°C using the temperature-314 dependent calcite-H<sub>2</sub>O fractionation factors of Zheng (1999). The carbon isotope composition of CO<sub>2</sub> 315 was calculated for the same temperature range using the temperature-dependant calcite-CO2 316 fractionation factors of Chacko et al. (1991), assuming a similar fractionation for siderite and ankerite. 317 The  $\delta^{18}$ O values of the hydrothermal fluid are consistent with those of a fluid in equilibrium with the 318 surrounding shales (Tartèse et al., 2012; Figure 9). The calculated  $\delta^{18}$ O compositions of fluids in 319 equilibrium with calcite crystals show significant variability. Indeed, two calcite samples display low 320 oxygen isotope compositions, which likely reflect crystallization at higher temperature, from a low-321  $\delta^{18}$ O fluid component and/or variable fluid-rock ratios. The carbon isotope compositions of the 322 hydrothermal fluid cover a wide range, between -9.6 % and -2.1 %. As calcite-CO<sub>2</sub> carbon 323 fractionation is rather limited at 230-300°C, this large interval is unlikely the result of crystallization at variable temperature. It most likely reflects mixing between two end-members. The enriched <sup>13</sup>C end-324 325 member could either be attributed to seawater-derived fluid or to a fluid that underwent interaction 326 with ancient marine carbonates. The occurrence of carbonate-rich crustal rocks in Devonian and 327 Visean metasediments (sandy limestone and limestones + calcschists respectively) of the TJAD, and

their possible occurrence in some underlying Cambrian and Proterozoic rocks (Gasquet et al., 2008;

Pereira et al., 2015; and references therein) is consistent with the latter hypothesis. The depleted  $^{13}$ C end-member has  $\delta^{13}$ C values typical of fluids with some organic carbon, regardless of their origin. It

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would be hazardous to specify the exact source of fluid on the basis of the  $\delta^{13}$ C signature considering 331 332 that (i) Pb-Zn-Ag mineralization is coeval with magmatic activity, (ii) the surrounding Paleozoic 333 metasediments contain some organic matter, especially the Siluro-ordovician black shales and schists, and (iii) the <sup>40</sup>Ar/<sup>36</sup>Ar ratios of sulphide crystals provide evidence of the infiltration of meteoric fluids. 334 335 Therefore, the carbon and oxygen compositions suggest that gangue carbonates precipitated from a 336 H<sub>2</sub>O-CO<sub>2</sub>-rich fluid, with a strong crustal component, that equilibrated with the Paleozoic 337 metasedimentary pile hosting the Pb-Zn-Ag mineralization. 338 339 4.3.  $\varepsilon_{Nd}$  results 340 Calcite and ankerite samples have rather similar Sm/Nd ratios and Nd isotopic compositions to those 341 of siderites from Castorina and Masi (2008; Table 3), with  $^{147}\text{Sm}/^{144}\text{Nd} = 0.1381$  to 0.2532 and  $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}} = -$ 4.84 to -9.01. ε<sub>Nd</sub> values were calculated at the age of Pb-Zn-Ag ore formation (about 255 Ma; Rossi et 342 343 al., 2016). Results are presented in Table 3 and Figure 10. All carbonates display  $\varepsilon_{\text{Nd-255Ma}}$  values of -4 344 to -8. This range lies between the Paleozoic schists and the late-Carboniferous granitic stocks values 345 (Schaltegger et al., 1994; Castorina and Masi, 2008; Marcoux et al., 2015), suggesting Nd could derive 346 from these two crustal reservoirs. Permian rocks overlying the paleozoic schists at the time of the Pb-347 Zn-Ag hydrothermal event, and deeper crustal rocks could also be taken into consideration. As these 348 rocks are not cropping out in the Central Meseta, there is no geochemical data available, so that their 349 contribution is not being discussed below. The contribution of the two assumed local crustal reservoirs 350 seems to be variable considering that some siderites have  $\varepsilon_{Nd}$  values similar to those of some granitic 351 stocks from the district, whereas calcites display values close to those of Paleozoic basement rocks. 352 Castorina and Masi (2008) estimated a contribution of about 50 % for each reservoir, but they 353 considered leaching to have occurred at 280 Ma. Considering that Pb-Zn-Ag ore formed at 255 Ma 354 (Rossi et al., 2016) the basement contribution was estimated for each sample, using the equation below 355 with average  $\varepsilon_{Nd-255Ma}$  values of -2.32 for the granitic stocks and of -10.21 for basement schists 356 (Castorina and Masi, 2008; see Table 3): 357 % basement =  $(\varepsilon_{Nd \text{ sample}} - \varepsilon_{Nd \text{ granite}})/(\varepsilon_{Nd \text{ sample}} - \varepsilon_{Nd \text{ granite}})$ 358 Nd from Paleozoic schists would thus contribute 58-71 % in calcite, 44-64 % in ankerite, and 22 to 359 59 % in siderite (using data from this study and from Castorina and Masi, 2008). 360 4.4. Rare gases Ar-He 361 The W-Au and Pb-Zn-Ag mineralizations have rather similar 40 Ar/36 Ar ratios, ranging between 284 362 363 and 328 (Figure 11), with the exception of one data point. Such values are similar to meteoric Ar (<sup>40</sup>Ar/<sup>36</sup>Ar = 295.5; Steiger and Jäger, 1977), providing evidence of infiltration of a meteoric and/or 364 365 air-equilibrated fluid for both mineralization. On the contrary, two distinct signatures are evidenced 366 from He isotopes (Figure 11): (i) the W-Au mineralization displays rather high air-normalized <sup>3</sup>He/<sup>4</sup>He

367 ratios, ranging from 1.083 to 1.814, whereas (ii) the Pb-Zn-Ag mineralization displays very low airnormalized <sup>3</sup>He/<sup>4</sup>He ratios, in the range 0.018-0.103. 368 Possible artifacts such as cosmogenic production of <sup>3</sup>He, nucleogenic production of <sup>3</sup>He from reaction 369 370 with a Li-rich crustal fluid, and isotopic fractionation during He-leakage have been discarded to 371 explain the measured <sup>3</sup>He/<sup>4</sup>He ratios because: all samples were collected several hundred meter below 372 the surface or from drillcores, so they cannot be affected by cosmogenic radiation; Li does not 373 substitute for Pb in galena (Kendrick et al., 2005) and fluid inclusion studies provided no evidence of 374 interaction with a Li-rich fluid (Marcoux et al., 2015); and if fractionation occurred during leakage, 375 preferential escape of <sup>3</sup>He over <sup>4</sup>He from galena would have produced <sup>3</sup>He/<sup>4</sup>He ratios lower than 376 crustal values, which has not been observed (Kendrick et al., 2005; Bouabdellah et al., 2015). The 377 measured <sup>3</sup>He/<sup>4</sup>He ratios are thus assumed to reflect mixing between atmospheric, crustal and mantlederived He ( ${}^{3}\text{He}/{}^{4}\text{He}_{atmt} = R_a = 1.39 \times 10^{-6}$ ;  ${}^{3}\text{He}/{}^{4}\text{He}_{crust} = 0.01 - 0.05 R_a$ ;  ${}^{3}\text{He}/{}^{4}\text{He}_{mantle} = 6.9 R_A$ ; Andrews, 378 379 1985; Porcelli et al., 1992, Burnard et al., 1999; Burnard and Polya, 2004). 380 Even though a sample has a <sup>3</sup>He/<sup>4</sup>He ratio similar to atmospheric He, a contribution of atmospheric He 381 is rather unlikely for the W-Au ores. Considering a <sup>3</sup>He/<sup>4</sup>He<sub>mantle</sub> ratio of 6 R<sub>A</sub>, more than 95 % of He 382 from the W-Au ores would derive from atmospheric He, which is very unlikely considering that the 383 W-Au mineralization is genetically related to late-Variscan calk-alkaline magmatic activity (Cheilletz, 384 1984; Cheilletz and Isnard, 1985; Marcoux et al., 2015). Assuming atmospheric He contribution is negligible for the W-Au mineralization, and considering a <sup>3</sup>He/<sup>4</sup>He<sub>crust</sub> ratio of 0.01 R<sub>A</sub> 18 % to 30 % of 385 386 the <sup>4</sup>He derived from the mantle and 70% to 82% derived from the crust. 387 Sulphides from the Pb-Zn-Ag mineralization have air-normalized <sup>3</sup>He/<sup>4</sup>He ratios in the same range as 388 crustal He. 4He thus essentially has a crustal component and only exhibits very limited mixing with 389 atmospheric He (< 5 %) or mantle-derived He (< 2%). 390 391 4.5. Lead isotopes 392 Lead isotope ratios from the Pb-Zn-Ag (galena) and the W-Au (mispickel and löllingite) ores as well 393 as data from the outcropping granitic stocks (K-feldspar) are presented in Figure 12 and Table 5 394 (Watanabe, 2001; Nerci, 2006; Marcoux et al., 2015; Tarrieu, 2015; Cheilletz et al., 2015). The lead 395 isotope signatures of sphalerite crystals show huge dispersion so that it is impossible to interpret the 396 data; they are thus not taken into consideration. Lead isotope data of galena samples spread between a highly radiogenic end-member (<sup>207</sup>Pb/<sup>204</sup>Pb = 15.70 to 15.80) and a much less radiogenic one 397 (<sup>207</sup>Pb/<sup>204</sup>Pb = 15.40), thus suggesting mixing of distinct sources of lead. The dataset is bordered by 398

401 Ludwig et al. (1989). Galena samples following trend A plot between lead isotope ratios observed in 402 K-feldspars from the outcropping stocks ( $^{207}$ Pb/ $^{204}$ Pb = 15.70 and  $^{206}$ Pb/ $^{204}$ Pb = 18.30) and a less 403 radiogenic composition ( $^{207}$ Pb/ $^{204}$ Pb = 15.55 and  $^{206}$ Pb/ $^{204}$ Pb = 18.15). Galena samples following trend

two mixing lines corresponding to the ca. 320 Ma and the ca. 255 Ma geochrons (trends A and B

respectively in Figure 12) that crosscut the crustal evolution curves of Stacey and Kramers (1975) and

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404	B plot between highly radiogenic ( $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb} = 15.80$ and $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb} = 18.50$ ) and much less
405	$radiogenic\ values\ (^{207}Pb/^{204}Pb=15.40\ and\ ^{206}Pb/^{204}Pb=18.05).\ Trends\ A\ and\ B\ are\ not\ associated$
406	with specific veins or samples. Indeed, galena samples from Signal vein (blue symbols), as well as
407	from Sidi Ahmed (green symbols), plot on both trends. Furthermore, some galena crystals from
408	sample Tz10/42 (Signal vein) plot along trend A, some along trend B, and the others plot between the
409	two trends, suggesting remobilisation of lead from different sources.
410	The least radiogenic ratios observed in the $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$ versus $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$ diagram suggest a deep
411	source of lead such as the mantle or lower crust (e.g., Zartman and Haines, 1988; Figure 12). In
412	contrast, the most radiogenic ratios clearly indicate leaching of lead from the upper crust. A possible
413	source of radiogenic lead could thus be the outcropping granitic stocks. U-Pb dating of zircons from
414	the magmatic stock indicates a crystallisation age of 320-300 Ma, whereas dating of monazite hosted
415	in gangue carbonate yields an age of $254 \pm 16\mathrm{Ma}$ for the Pb-Zn-Ag ore (Rossi et al., 2016). As
416	leaching of magmatic lead occurred several million years after the stocks crystallization, radiogenic
417	ingrowth of Pb in U-rich magmatic crystals must be considered in order to determine the isotopic
418	composition of the granitic stocks at the time of galena formation. Considering K-feldspar recorded
419	the magmatic isotopic composition at the time of crystallization (ca. 320 Ma), the lead isotope
420	signature of the granitic stocks at 255 Ma can be estimated at $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb} = 15.70$ and
421	$^{206}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb} = 18.40$ , using a $^{238}\text{U}/^{204}\text{Pb}$ ratio of 9.735 (e.g., Faure and Mensing, 2005). Such ratios fit
422	well with trend B (Figure 12), suggesting leaching at 255 Ma of lead from U-rich magmatic minerals
423	formed at 320-310 Ma in the granitic stocks. As these stocks are rich in magmatic sulphides that
424	contain traces of Pb but almost no U or Th, such as pyrite, sphalerite and chalcopyrite (Cheilletz,
425	1984; Tarrieu, 2014), the most radiogenic ratios observed along trend A likely result from
426	remobilisation of lead from these magmatic sulphides at 255 Ma. Concerning trend B, the most
427	$radiogenic\ Pb\ ratios\ (^{207}Pb/^{204}Pb=15.80)\ likely,\ result\ from\ leaching\ of\ highly\ radiogenic\ upper$
428	crustal rocks. As the upper crust is mainly composed of Paleozoic formations (black schists and
429	limestones) and Permian sediments at the time of the Pb-Zn-Ag ore precipitation, these rocks likely
430	provide the high radiogenic lead isotope signature. Even thought, more data would be required in
431	order to confirm this hypothesis, Pb inheritance from the country rocks has been evidenced in many
432	Pb deposits (e.g., Marcoux and Moëlo, 1991).
433	Pb isotope data thus indicate a complex system, involving a deep source of lead (mantle and/or lower
434	crust) and remobilisation of Variscan lead at 255 Ma (trend A), together with mobilisation of more
435	radiogenic crustal lead at 255 Ma (trend B).
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## 5. Discussion

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- 439 Datasets obtained by combining various analytical methods indicate no crystallographic, paragenetic
- or vein control, suggesting that the Pb-Zn-Ag mineralization of the polymetallic Tighza district 440

141	crustallized from a single hydrothermal event, with the four paragenetic sequences highlighting the
142	reactive fluid evolution in time.
143	The geochemical data clearly indicate that the W-Au and the Pb-Zn-Ag ores precipitated from
144	different fluid sources. The hydrothermal fluid related to the W-Au ores derived from coeval
145	magmatism (e.g., Cheilletz and Zimmerman, 1982; Giuliani et al., 1987; Marcoux et al., 2015), with a
146	contribution of 20 to 30 %, of mantle-derived fluids evidenced in this study from He isotopes, as well
147	as mixing with some meteoric fluids (Ar isotopes; Figure 13B). On the contrary, all geochemical data
148	from this study and from the literature converge and indicate that the Pb-Zn-Ag mineralization is
149	associated with a complex hydrothermal system involving various lead and fluid reservoirs (Figure
450	13C), with (i) an important crustal component evidenced by REE in gangue carbonates as well as He,
451	O, C, Nd and Pb isotopes, (ii) a meteoric component evidenced by Ar isotopes, and (iii) a deep source
152	(mantle or lower crust) evidenced by Pb isotopes. As shown from O-C, Nd and Pb isotopes, the crustal
153	component likely reflects at least two crustal reservoirs with varying contributions: the late-
154	Carboniferous granitic stocks and the Paleozoic metasediments. Even though the involvement of the
155	two crustal reservoirs and the meteoric source have already been proposed by Castorina and Masi
156	(2000, 2008) using Sr and Nd analyses on siderites from Signal and Sidi Ahmed veins, this study
157	confirms and strengthens the hydrothermal model and presents the first evidence for the implication of
158	a deeper source (mantle and/or lower crust). Permo-triassic dikes have high-K calc-alkaline signature
159	that reflects either an enriched mantle or a lower crustal component (Gasquet and Bouloton, 1995;
160	Youbi et al., 1996), which is consistent with this deep reservoir being the source of Permo-triassic
161	magmatism. However, as He data show no evidence of any significant mantle contribution for the Pb-
162	Zn-Ag mineralization, the deeper source evidenced from relatively unradiogenic Pb ratios in Figure 12
163	most likely represent a contribution of lower crustal rocks. Therefore, the hydrothermal fluid
164	associated with the Pb-Zn-Ag deposit has a strong crustal component and results from mixing of
165	crustal fluids, magmatic fluids (likely derived from lower crust anatexis, see below) and meteoric
166	fluids. The resulting complex reactive fluid is compatible with fluid inclusion data from Nerci (2006)
167	and Marcoux et al. (2015) who evidenced Na-Ca brines as well as a complex fluid implying organic
168	compounds. A more detailed study would be required in order to determine the importance of the
169	Permo-triassic magmatic fluids relative to the other crustal fluids.
170	The occurrence of late P4-calcite (group 2) with distinct REE+Y patterns than gangue carbonates of
<del>1</del> 71	group 1 and the presence of synchysite as the main REE-bearing phase in gangue carbonates provide
172	evidence of a later hydrothermal alteration of primary monazite and xenotime from $H_2O\text{-}CO_2\text{-}F\text{-}rich$
173	fluids (Förster, 2001).
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- 5.2. Genetic consideration and geodynamic implications
- Rossi et al (2016) demonstrated that at least three successive magmatic-hydrothermal events occurred
- in the TJAD between late-Carboniferous and middle-Triassic (Figure 13):

478 1- Late-Carboniferous magmatic activity produced first the outcropping granitic stocks (320-300 Ma, 479 Figure 13A; Tarrieu, 2014; Cheilletz et al., 2015; Rossi et al., 2016). 480 2- The W-Au deposit results from a magmatic-hydrothermal event at 295-280 Ma (Cheilletz and 481 Zimmerman, 1982; Watanabe 2002; Cheilletz et al., 2015; Marcoux et al., 2015; Rossi et al., 2016) 482 that is related to the intrusion of a thin and shallow hidden pluton (Figure 13B; El Dursi, 2009). The 483 related hydrothermal fluid has a strong magmatic origin (Marcoux et al., 2015), with a significant 484 mantellic component, which is consistent with the late-Carboniferous high-K calc-alkaline magmatism 485 having a deep source (Gasquet et al., 1996; El Hadi et al., 2006). This hydrothermal fluid was mixed 486 with meteoric fluids (Figure 13B). The late-Carboniferous and Permian extensional tectonics induced 487 a crustal thinning (Michard et al., 2008; and references therein) and melting of the underlying mantle 488 and lower crust to produce calc-alkaline magmas (Gasquet et al., 1996; El Hadi et al., 2006). Magma 489 emplacement generated high-temperature hydrothermal fluids that mobilized metals from the 490 surrounding rocks (Marcoux et al., 2015), produced a hydrothermal alteration halo (Cheilletz, 1984; 491 Cheilletz and Isnard, 1985) and lead to W-Au precipitation at high temperature. As proposed by 492 Marcoux et al. (2015), the W-Au mineralization can thus be considered as an intrusion-related gold 493 deposit. In addition, due to the occurrence of large dissemination patterns, W-rich skarn, stockwerks, 494 sheated veins and large W-Au veins, this deposit can also be considered as a porphyry-type deposit, in 495 an extensional context (e.g., Seedorff et al., 2005). 496 3- Dating of the Pb-Zn-Ag mineralization at  $254 \pm 16$  Ma indicate that this hydrothermal event is 497 clearly disconnected with, but superimposed to the W-Au mineralization between late-Permian and 498 Middle Triassic (Tarrieu, 2014; Cheilletz, et al., 2015; Rossi et al. 2016). During that period, the 499 extensional tectonic regime and crustal thinning intensifies, and magmatic activity evolves from 500 plutonic to hypovolcanic in the TJAD (Agard et al., 1958; Cheilletz, 1984; Youbi et al., 1995; Tarrieu, 501 2014; Rossi et al., 2016). Reactivation of the old dextral crustal-scale shear zones in a sinistral tectonic 502 regime leads to opening of SW-NE tension-gashes that channel magmas and hydrothermal fluids 503 (Figure 2). The emplacement of a dense network of high-K calc-alkaline to alkaline dikes increases the 504 regional heat flux, which triggers circulation of hydrothermal crustal fluids. During fluid flow, these 505 fluids leached the upper crustal rocks, including the Paleozoic metasediments, late-Carboniferous 506 granites and possibly the Permian detrital sediments (Figure 13C). Mixing with meteoric fluids 507 occurred, as well as various degrees of mixing with Permo-triassic magmatic fluids. The Pb-Zn-Ag 508 mineralization can be considered an epithermal vein-type as it developed in association to high-K calc-509 alkaline to alkaline volcanic activity (Youbi et al., 1995; Tarrieu, 2014; Rossi et al., 2016), under 510 rather low temperatures (T > 230°C; Nerci, 2006; Marcoux et al., 2015), at shallow crustal levels 511 (Youbi et al., 1995), and mostly involved hydrothermal crustal fluids. 512 The occurrence of a later hydrothermal event is evidenced in the TJAD by a change in REE+Y pattern 513 of late calcite, and by the alteration of primary monazite and xenotime into synchysite. This reaction 514 involves circulation of late H<sub>2</sub>O-CO<sub>2</sub>-F-rich fluids. Similar fluids have been described in the

neighboring El Hammam deposit (dated at  $205 \pm 1$  Ma by Cheilletz et al., 2010; Zemri et al., 2015),

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516 the Zrahina deposit, which is assumed to be Permo-triassic in age from field observations (Jébrak, 517 1982), and the El Aouli deposit (Margoume et al., 2015). The hydrothermal activity that developed 518 during Triassic-Jurassic extensional tectonic regime thus likely affected the Tighza district. 519 Sb-Ba mineralization is also present in the TJAD, though its age is poorly constrained. Its 520 geochronological and genetic position relative to the two other mineralization events is not known 521 with certainty but is probably younger (Agard et al., 1958). 522 Radiometric ages of magmatic-hydrothermal activity from Tarrieu (2014) and Rossi et al. (2016) 523 constrain the timing of the model proposed by Marcoux et al. (2015) for the TJAD: the Pb-Zn-Ag 524 mineralization appears to be clearly disconnected from the W-Au mineralization, as it is about 30 Ma 525 younger. Therefore, the model proposed in this paper diverges from Marcoux et al. (2015). For these 526 authors, the Pb-Zn-Ag mineralization is related to fluid focusing at the top of the solidified and cold 527 intrusion that produced the W-Au mineralization. In our model, the Pb-Zn-Ag mineralization is 528 triggered by Permo-triassic magmatic activity due to post-Variscan extensional tectonics. The ore 529 deposits of the TJAD are thus spatially associated with multiple intrusions of Cordilleran-type calcalkaline magmatism (cf., Sillitoe 2010; Catchpole 2011). Fluid flow and related polymetallic 530 531 mineralization were generated during a late-Variscan to Permo-Triassic transpressional regime 532 (Michard et al., 2008) that favoured the development of mantle and crust-derived magmas. These two 533 events belong to a key period between the end of the Variscan belt formation in Morocco and the 534 beginning of the Atlantic Ocean opening in the region as highlighted by Liassic volcanism of the 535 CAMP (Mahmoudi and Bertrand, 2007; Verati et al., 2007, Margoum et al., 2015). 536 The occurrence of hydrothermal and magmatic activity during Permian and Triassic times was not 537 limited to the Moroccan Meseta. The Aouli Pb-Zn veins from the Upper Moulouya district (Eastern Mesesta, Morocco) formed in a similar context to the Tighza Pb-Zn-Ag ore. According to Jébrak et al., 538 539 (1998) and Margoum et al., (2015), lead was leached from neighbouring Variscan granites and from 540 underlying Proterozoic rocks between 250 and 210 Ma. The Aouli deposit thus seems to be nearly 541 contemporaneous with the Tighza Pb-Zn-Ag event. In the Central Pyrenees, several Pb-Zn-Ag vein-542 type deposits are associated with Permo-Triassic hydrothermal activity that resulted in lead leaching 543 from the surrounding bedrock and remobilization from previously formed Pb-rich ore deposits (e.g., 544 Munoz et al., 2015; Subías et al., 2015; and references therein). As shown from Pb isotopic signatures 545 of the Pb-Zn-Ag mineralization, similar remobilization of older Pb occurred in the TJAD. Permo-546 Triassic Pb-Zn-Ag vein-type ores hosted in Variscan basement thus likely result from crustal thinning 547 and resulting melting that preceded the Atlantic Ocean rifting. The occurrence of a deep source of lead 548 has only been observed in the TJAD, probably because of its more westward location (Murphy et al., 549 2016). Indeed, at 250-230 Ma, the continental crust was the most thinned in the vicinity of the future 550 rift axis, so that melting affected deeper crustal levels (e.g., Tighza district) than further East (e.g., 551 upper Moulouya in Central Morocco and Pyrenean deposits).

The model proposed for the TJAD is actually consistent with other Pb-Zn-Ag(-F) deposits of similar
age or geological context (extensional and transcurrent tectonic regime, reactivation of crustal-scale
faults and shear zones, etc.) that are hosted in Palaeozoic basement rocks such as Freiberg (Germany),
Harz (Germany) and Coeur d'Alene (Idaho). As for the TJAD, the genesis of these deposits also
involves fluid mixing of a deep-seated hydrothermal fluid, with crustal fluids and meteoric fluids
under low temperatures (250-300°C), in disconnection with the local plutonic rocks (e.g., Beaudoin
and Sangster, 1992; Paiement et al., 2012).

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#### **6.** Concluding remarks

The combination of several isotopic methods provided key data to unravel the complexity of the hydrothermal system associated with the Pb-Zn-Ag mineralization of the TJAD. The multi-proxy approach better constrains the various lead and fluid sources for the Pb-Zn-Ag mineralization. Rare earth elements (REE) content of gangue carbonates, and C-O, Sm-Nd, Ar-He and Pb-Pb isotopic data indicate that the Pb-Zn-Ag mineralization likely resulted from mixing of (i) hydrothermal crustal fluids that interacted with the surrounding late-Carboniferous granites and Paleozoic metasediments, (ii) Permo-triassic magmatic fluids resulting from the melting of lower crustal rocks, and (iii) meteoritic fluids,. The hydrothermal activity and the associated base metal deposits were triggered by Permo-Triassic magmatism produced by the extensional tectonics that pre-dates the Atlantic Ocean opening, which is evidenced by a dense SW-NE-trending magmatic dike network. Therefore, the late-Variscan intrusion-related model must definitively be abandoned to explain the Pb-Zn-Ag ore formation. The polymetallic Tighza-Jbel Aouam district results from the occurrence of a hydrothermal activity related to several magmatic episodes and geodynamic events during late Carboniferous to early Triassic times (Rossi et al., 2016; this study): (1) sterile late-carboniferous felsic intrusion, (2) a reduced intrusion-related W-Au mineralization in early Permian, (3) a Pb-Zn-Ag mineralization triggered by Permo-Triassic magmatic activity in an extensional tectonic regime, (4) later circulation of a H<sub>2</sub>O-CO<sub>2</sub>-F-rich, possibly late-Triassic in age.

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The metallogenic model proposed for the Pb-Zn-Ag Tighza-Jbel Aouam deposit provides new constraints for Pb-Zn-Ag exploration strategies in the Moroccan Meseta. Exploration targets must take into account the following discriminant geological features: (i) Permo-triassic high-K calk-alkaline to alkaline dikes, (ii) extensional tectonics and reactivation of ancient crust-scale faults or shear zones, (iii) Paleozoic metasediments containing organic matter (e.g., black shales) subjected to low grade

584 metamorphism (e.g., greenschist facies).

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- 832 **Figure captions**
- 833 **Figure 1.** A) Simplified geological map of central Morocco (modified from Youbi et al., 1995). B)
- 834 Structural map of the Azrou-Khenifra basin in the Central Meseta (modified from Saadi, 1982;
- Bouabdelli and Piqué, 1996; Bamoumen et al., 2008).
- Figure 2. Geological map of the polymetallic Tighza district in central Morocco. Modified from
- 837 Agard et al. (1958), Cheilletz (1984), and CMT (pers. comm. 2013).
- 838 Figure 3. Relationships between Pb-Zn-Ag and W-Au mineralization: Pb-Zn-Ag veins cut W-Au
- veins in the roof of Structure 18.
- 840 **Figure 4.** A) Underground photograph showing banded mineralized vein from Filon Signal (sub-level
- 841 13). B) Brecciated and banded Pb-Zn-Ag veins in Sidi Ahmed. P1, P2, P3 and P4 refer to the
- successive paragenetic sequences in Figure 5.

- 843 Figure 5. Paragenetic sequence of the Pb-Zn mineralisation. SA and IA stand for Sidi Ahmed and
- 844 Ighrem Aousser veins respectively.
- Figure 6. REE total content of undifferentiated gangue carbonates from Tighza Pb-Zn-Ag veins. Data
- from this study, Jébrak (1985) and Castorina and Masi (2008).
- Figure 7. PAAS-normalized REE patterns of gangue carbonates from the main Pb-Zn-Ag veins of
- Tighza district. Magmatic rock data from this study and from Giuliani et al., 1987). REE patterns of
- 849 carbonates from the El Hammam F-deposit are indicated for comparison (data from Cheilletz et al.,
- 850 2010; Zemri et al., 2015). PAAS normalization values from McLennan (1989).
- 851 **Figure 8.** REE-bearing phases hosted in gangue carbonates. A) and B) SEM pictures of synchysite
- crystals hosted in gangue calcite. C) EDS spectra of synchysite. D) Ce-La-Y Ternary diagram showing
- 853 the composition of some synchysite crystals hosted in P4 calcite from Sidi Ahmed (Tz10/25) and
- 854 Ighrem Aousser (Tz10/32, Tz10/28).
- 855 Figure 9. Carbon and oxygen isotopic signatures of gangue carbonates from the Pb-Zn-Ag
- mineralization (circles) and of a H<sub>2</sub>O-rich fluid in equilibrium with the carbonates at 230°C (squares;
- 857 see text for explanation). The isotopic ranges of terrestrial reservoirs are reported from Field and
- 858 Fifarek (1985), Rollinson (1993), Campbell and Larson (1998), Kharaka and Hanor (2003), Tartèse et
- 859 al., (2012) and Jones et al. (2013).
- 860 Figure 10. ε<sub>Nd</sub> of gangue carbonates, magmatic rocks and Paleozoic sediments at the time of Pb-Zn-
- Ag ore formation (i.e., at 255 Ma; Rossi et al., 2016).  $\varepsilon_{Nd-255Ma}$  values of local siderites have been
- 862 estimated using data from Castorina and Masi (2008), ε<sub>Nd-255Ma</sub> values of magmatic rocks have been
- 863 estimated using data from Castorina and Masi (2008) and Marcoux et al. (2015), and ε<sub>Nd-255Ma</sub> values
- 864 of Paleozoic rocks have been estimated using data from Castorina and Masi (2008; local rocks) and
- 865 Schaltegger et al. (1994; moroccoan Cambrian schists). ε<sub>Nd-255Ma</sub> of moroccoan Cambrian schists are in
- the same range as Paleozoic schists from the Tighza district.
- Figure 11. <sup>40</sup>Ar/<sup>36</sup>Ar and <sup>3</sup>He/<sup>4</sup>He (normalized to the atmospheric <sup>3</sup>He/<sup>4</sup>He ratio) of sulphide minerals
- from W-Au (green) and Pb-Zn-Ag (red) deposits from Tighza district. Both deposits display meteoric
- 869 Ar signatures but distinct He signatures: while Pb-Zn-Ag ores have crustal He, the W-Au ores
- 870 evidence mixing with some mantle-derived He. Isotope ratios of the main geological reservoirs f from
- Steiger and Jäger (1977), Andrews (1985), Fontes et al., (1991), Porcelli et al., (1992), Burnard et al.
- 872 (1999) and Burnard and Polya (2004).
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- 874 this study, Watanabe (2001), Nerci (2006) and Marcoux et al. (2015). Note that the W-Au trend differs
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Table 1. REE contents (ppm) in the carbonates from the Tighza district. Mineral abbreviations from Kretz (1983).

-	Pa	ralleles ve	ins	Nord	Signal			Sidi Ahn	ned vein							Ighre	m Aousser	r vein				
	Tz11/13.2	. Tz11/10	Tz11/13.1	<u>vein</u> Tz11/67	<u>vein</u> Tz11/47	Tz10/22	Tz10/17	Tz11/49	Tz11/48	Tz10/25	Tz11/53	Tz10/30.2	Tz10/33	Tz10/33	Tz10/30.1	Tz10/31	Tz10/28	Tz10/29	Tz11/58	Tz10/32	Tz10/34	Tz10/31
	sid	ank	ank	ank	P1 sid	P1 sid	P2 ank	P4 cal	P4 cal	P4 cal	P4 cal	P2 ankérite	P2 ankérite	P3 sidérite	P4 calcite	P3 calcite						
La	6.67	11.22	12.34	11.19	95.94	32.52	14.75	105.20	47.60	107.50	36.23	665.60	12.87	5.22	140.10	132.30	61.47	127.60	38.27	448.40	133.20	322.80
Ce	17.72	56.70	60.37	45.51	174.60	65.15	59.83	138.60	83.85	218.10	61.61	1352.00	49.75	13.75	279.00	282.80	138.10	266.20	62.26	1020.00	275.90	727.00
Pr	2.72	11.45	11.74	8.35	20.42	7.97	9.70	15.29	9.59	28.24	7.19	174.00	8.07	1.92	34.41	36.43	18.74	33.40	6.84	132.40	35.02	92.76
Nd	11.44	55.42	54.99	38.87	87.39	34.63	45.42	65.08	45.58	132.80	34.24	742.70	43.61	9.95	147.60	159.50	91.33	142.40	33.74	538.80	151.90	372.60
Sm	3.64	26.27	24.46	16.19	22.50	9.63	19.31	16.01	13.97	35.53	9.71	262.10	19.50	3.31	44.79	54.37	27.39	41.76	9.17	158.60	50.46	112.00
Eu	1.74	11.99	13.09	7.79	7.98	5.13	6.47	6.66	5.98	4.76	4.22	152.80	8.35	1.89	23.94	29.74	3.01	21.17	5.18	55.98	27.57	42.85
Gd	3.39	25.21	23.61	15.87	21.30	9.07	19.39	20.77	15.17	41.16	10.42	306.70	20.17	3.20	48.24	60.42	34.70	43.15	11.55	162.40	55.69	113.50
Tb	0.52	3.66	3.40	2.18	2.96	1.20	2.63	2.40	2.25	6.65	1.48	41.91	2.73	0.48	7.11	8.41	6.54	6.11	1.57	22.01	8.09	15.29
Dy	2.69	17.44	16.13	10.12	15.69	5.88	11.89	11.11	11.33	41.06	7.30	196.60	12.15	2.41	37.19	40.39	46.54	30.01	7.76	99.44	40.57	66.53
, Ho	0.46	2.61	2.41	1.48	2.87	0.96	1.64	1.84	1.87	8.49	1.22	29.08	1.70	0.38	6.27	6.14	11.21	4.87	1.28	13.96	6.57	9.08
Er	1.16	5.94	5.44	3.22	8.60	2.39	3.44	4.27	4.82	23.29	3.04	62.53	3.61	0.92	15.97	14.13	38.44	12.17	3.01	27.83	16.19	18.12
Tm	0.17	0.77	0.71	0.40	1.70	0.36	0.43	0.51	0.69	3.14	0.40	7.37	0.44	0.13	2.33	1.83	7.14	1.68	0.36	2.97	2.29	2.01
Yb	1.19	5.06	4.68	2.61	17.18	2.58	2.79	3.13	4.76	18.84	2.53	42.71	2.88	0.92	16.36	12.65	59.08	11.54	1.98	17.28	16.21	12.88
Lu	0.17	0.71	0.65	0.35	3.22	0.37	0.38	0.48	0.72	2.50	0.36	5.40	0.40	0.13	2.40	1.77	10.13	1.75	0.27	2.30	2.40	1.86
Υ	13.31	76.59	70.07	50.44	81.69	28.89	58.38	93.59	64.59	307.8	43.03	1117	57.65	11.83	230.3	239.2	430.2	202.6	50.46	545.5	239.7	391.6
ΣREE	54	234	234	164	482	178	198	391	248	672	180	4041	186	45	806	841	554	744	183	2702	822	1909
Eu/Eu*	2.34	2.19	2.56	2.29	1.72	2.59	1.57	1.72	1.93	0.59	1.98	2.54	1.98	2.73	2.43	2.44	0.46	2.35	2.37	1.64	2.45	1.79
(La/Yb) <sub>N</sub>	0.41	0.16	0.19	0.32	0.41	0.93	0.39	2.48	0.74	0.42	1.06	1.15	0.33	0.42	0.63	0.77	0.08	0.82	1.43	1.92	0.61	1.85
ΣREE+Y	67	311	304	215	564	207	256	485	313	980	223	5158	244	56	1036	1080	984	946	234	3248	1062	2301
% Y	19.9	24.6	23.0	23.5	14.5	14.0	22.8	19.3	20.7	31.4	19.3	21.7	23.6	21.0	22.2	22.1	43.7	21.4	21.6	16.8	22.6	17.0
% Ce	26.5	18.2	19.9	21.2	31.0	31.5	23.3	28.6	26.8	22.3	27.6	26.2	20.4	24.4	26.9	26.2	14.0	28.1	26.6	31.4	26.0	31.6
% Nd	17.1	17.8	18.1	18.1	15.5	16.8	17.7	13.4	14.6	13.6	15.4	14.4	17.9	17.6	14.2	14.8	9.3	15.0	14.4	16.6	14.3	16.2
% La	10.0	3.6	4.1	5.2	17.0	15.7	5.8	21.7	15.2	11.0	16.2	12.9	5.3	9.2	13.5	12.2	6.2	13.5	16.4	13.8	12.5	14.0
%REE+Y	73.4	64.3	65.0	68.0	77.9	78.0	69.6	83.0	77.3	78.2	78.5	75.2	67.2	72.2	76.9	75.3	73.3	78.1	79.0	78.6	75.4	78.8

Table 2. C-O isotopic compositions of gangue carbonates from the Pb-Zn-Ag ore. C-O isotopic compositions of the fluid in equilibirum with the carbonate have been calculated using Zheng (1999) and Chacko et al. (1991) thermometers.

Stage	Mineral	Sample	$\delta^{18}O_{SMOW}$	$\delta^{13}C_{PDB}$	$\delta^{18}O_{SMOW}$	$\delta^{13}C_{PDB}$	$\delta^{18}O_{SMOW}$	$\delta^{13}C_{PDB}$
					T = 230°C	T = 230°C	T = 280°C	T = 280°C
Sidi Ahme	d vein							
P1	siderite	Tz10/23	21,3	-5,1	11.9	-3.6	14.0	-2.6
P1	siderite	Tz10/22	21,1	-4,2	11.8	-2.6	13.8	-1.6
P2	ankerite	Tz10/18	21,9	-3,6	13.1	-2.1	15.0	-1.0
P2	ankerite	Tz10/23	24,0	-5,0	15.1	-3.4	17.1	-2.4
P2	ankerite	Tz10/17	19,2	-4,0	10.4	-2.4	12.4	-1.4
P2	ankerite	Tz10/36	20,2	-3,7	11.4	-2.2	13.4	-1.2
P2	ankerite	Tz11/49	21,6	-11,2	13.3	-9.6	15.2	-8.6
Р3	siderite	Tz10/18	21,5	-4,5	12.1	-3.0	14.2	-2.0
P4	calcite	Tz11/53	20,3	-8,3	12.0	-6.7	13.9	-5.7
P4	calcite	Tz11/49	22,0	-8,7	13.7	-7.2	15.6	-6.2
P4	calcite	Tz10/25	11,9	-5,7	3.6	-4.1	5.5	-3.1
Ighrem Ao	usser vein					<b>Y</b>		
P1	siderite	Tz10/29	19,1	-4,5	9.7	-3.0	11.8	-2.0
P2	ankerite	Tz10/30	23,0	-4,1	14.2	-2.6	16.2	-1.6
P2	ankerite	Tz10/33	20,9	-3,8	12.0	-2.3	14.0	-1.3
Р3	siderite	Tz10/33	21,4	-4,7	12.1	-3.2	14.2	-2.2
P4	calcite	Tz10/29	20,0	-6,2	11.7	-4.7	13.6	-3.7
P4	calcite	Tz10/31	20,1	-6,2	11.8	-4.7	13.7	-3.7
P4	calcite	Tz10/32	20,3	-6,0	12.0	-4.4	13.9	-3.4
P4	calcite	Tz10/34	19,5	-6,4	11.2	-4.8	13.1	-3.8
P4	calcite	Tz11/58	21,0	-7,3	12.7	-5.8	14.6	-4.8
Signal veir	1							
P1	siderite	Tz12/01	20,4	-5,1	11.1	-3.6	13.2	-2.6
P2	ankerite	Tz12/02	24,2	-5,3	15.3	-3.8	17.3	-2.7
P4	calcite	Tz10/09	19,0	-2,5	10.7	-1.0	12.6	0.1
P4	calcite	Tz12/01	16,1	-5,8	7.8	-4.3	9.7	-3.2

Table 3. Sm and Nd contents and εNd of the gangue carbonates from the Pb-Zn-Ag deposit of Tighza district.

Stage	Mineral	Sample	[Nd] ppm	[Sm] ppm	<sup>143</sup> Nd/ <sup>144</sup> Nd	(2σ) <sup>a</sup>	<sup>147</sup> Sm/ <sup>144</sup> Nd	εNd <sub>0</sub>	<sup>(143</sup> Nd/ <sup>144</sup> Nd) <sub>255 Ma</sub> b	εNd <sub>255 Ma</sub> b	% basement
Sidi Ah	med vein										
P2	ankerite	Tz10/17	30.64	11.94	0.512370	(5)	0.2353	-5.23	0.511977	-6.49	0.53
P2	ankerite	Tz10/22	31.08	8.26	0.512256	(10)	0.1604	-7.45	0.511988	-6.28	0.50
P2	ankerite	Tz11/49	67.11	15.78	0.512201	(2)	0.1419	-8.53	0.511964	-6.76	0.56
Р3	calcite	Tz10/25	80.98	23.96	0.512221	(4)	0.1785	-8.14	0.511923	-7.56	0.66
Р3	calcite	Tz11/48	46.48	13.55	0.512197	(2)	0.1759	-8.61	0.511903	-7.94	0.71
Р3	calcite	Tz11/53	170.91	49.24	0.512246	(4)	0.1739	-7.65	0.511956	-6.91	0.58
Ighrem	n Aousser v	ein									
P2	ankerite	Tz10/30.2	303.16	112.91	0.512390	(3)	0.2247	-4.84	0.512015	-5.76	0.44
P2	ankerite	Tz10/31	154.32	48.90	0.512252	(3)	0.1912	-7.53	0.511933	-7.36	0.64
P2	ankerite	Tz10/33.1	8.90	3.14	0.512343	(17)	0.2127	-5.76	0.511988	-6.28	0.50
P2	siderite	Tz10/33.2	42.58	17.87	0.512374	(5)	0.2532	-5.15	0.511951	-7.00	0.59
Р3	calcite	Tz11/58	31.98	8.48	0.512206	(3)	0.1601	-8.43	0.511939	-7.24	0.62
Р3	calcite	Tz10/28	114.00	26.09	0.512176	(3)	0.1381	-9.01	0.511946	-7.11	0.61
Р3	calcite	Tz10/29	130.39	41.51	0.512246	(3)	0.1921	-7.66	0.511925	-7.51	0.66

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> The figures in parentheses refer to uncertainties of the measurements on the last decimals.

 $<sup>^{</sup>b}$  εNd<sub>0</sub> refers to present day; εNd<sub>255Ma</sub> calculated at the age of the Pb-Zn-Ag formation (Rossi et al., 2016) using the following present-day values for CHUR:  $^{147}$ Sm/ $^{144}$ Nd=0.1966 and  $^{143}$ Nd/ $^{144}$ Nd=0.512638 (Jacobsen and Wasserburg, 1980).

Table 4. Noble gas compositions of fluids trapped in sulphide minerals from the Tighza polymetallic district.

	mineral	vein	mass g	He x 10 <sup>-12</sup> mol/g	<sup>3</sup> He/ <sup>4</sup> He	<sup>40</sup> Ar x 10 <sup>-12</sup> mol/g	<sup>40</sup> Ar/ <sup>36</sup> Ar	<sup>38</sup> Ar/ <sup>36</sup> Ar
W-Au								_
Tz11/23	As-pyrite	W1N	0.500	$7.41 \pm 0.107$	$1.814 \pm 0.097$	$7.33 \pm 0.286$	$256 \pm 10$	$0.189 \pm 0.013$
Tz10/07	As-pyrite	Signal	0.300	$8.17 \pm 0.117$	$1.083 \pm 0.069$	4.08 ± 0.166	304 ± 12	$0.181 \pm 0.012$
Tz10/01	Pyrite	W1N	0.400	$4.61 \pm 0.069$	$1.658 \pm 0.053$	8.77 ± 0.215	$328 \pm 13$	$0.168 \pm 0.012$
Pb-Zn-Ag								
Tz11/35	Pyrite	Sidi Ahmed	0.305	$16.3 \pm 0.240$	$0.054 \pm 0.005$	20.2 ± 0.400	315 ± 12	$0.180 \pm 0.012$
Tz10/53	Pyrite	Sidi Ahmed	0.423	$1.42 \pm 0.021$	$0.018 \pm 0.012$	$2.67 \pm 0.125$	299 ± 12	$0.187 \pm 0.013$
Tz10/54	Sphalérite	Sidi Ahmed	0.414	$7.81 \pm 0.112$	$0.103 \pm 0.011$	$19.6 \pm 0.750$	284 ± 11	$0.185 \pm 0.013$

Table 5. Pb-Pb isotopic ratios of galena.

galènes	<sup>206</sup> Pb/ <sup>204</sup> Pb	± 2σ	<sup>207</sup> Pb/ <sup>204</sup> Pb	± 2σ	<sup>208</sup> Pb/ <sup>204</sup> Pb	± 2σ
Ighrem Aousser vein	(3F)					
Tz10.30_1	18,14	0,03	15,54	0,03	37,74	0,09
Tz10.30_4	18,13	0,02	15,54	0,02	37,78	0,06
Tz10.30_5	18,13	0,02	15,54	0,02	37,78	0,07
Tz10.30_6	18,16	0,02	15,56	0,02	37,60	0,05
Tz10.30_7	18,20	0,01	15,62	0,01	37,50	0,03
Sidi Ahmed vein (12)	70)					
Tz10-31_8	18,23	0,01	15,57	0,01	38,34	0,03
Tz10-31_9	18,26	0,01	15,62	0,01	38,47	0,02
Tz10-31_10	18,27	0,02	15,57	0,03	38,42	0,04
Tz10-35_27	18,50	0,01	15,79	0,01	39,47	0,01
Tz10-35_29	18,40	0,02	15,72	0,02	39,10	0,05
Tz10-35_30	18,43	0,01	15,72	0,01	39,19	0,02
Tz10-35_31	18,38	0,01	15,69	0,01	39,10	0,02
Tz10-35_33	18,41	0,01	15,72	0,01	39,16	0,02
Tz10-35_34	18,47	0,01	15,75	0,01	39,42	0,03
Signal vein(1270)						
Tz10-39_21	18,46	0,010	15,71	0,01	39,30	0,04
Tz10-39_23	18,38	0,016	15,68	0,01	39,08	0,04
Tz10-39_24	18,42	0,019	15,70	0,02	39,11	0,06
Tz11_42Bgal@11	18,127	0,007	15,48	0,01	38,089	0,01
Tz11_42Bgal@12	18,121	0,009	15,48	0,01	38,054	0,02
Tz11_42Bgal@13	18,122	0,007	15,48	0,01	38,089	0,01
Tz11_42Bgal@14	18,152	0,009	15,51	0,01	38,147	0,02
Tz11_42Bgal@15	18,14	0,009	15,51	0,01	38,141	0,02
Tz11_42Bgal@16	18,16	0,007	15,51	0,01	38,182	0,02
Tz11_42Bgal@17	18,14	0,008	15,49	0,01	38,14	0,02
Tz11_42Bgal@18	18,133	0,007	15,50	0,01	38,137	0,02
Tz11_42Bgal@19	18,137	0,007	15,51	0,01	38,15	0,02
Tz11_42Bgal@20	18,127	0,007	15,49	0,01	38,118	0,02
Tz11_42Bgal@21	18,125	0,007	15,49	0,01	38,104	0,02
Tz11_42Bgal@22	18,113	0,007	15,48	0,01	38,094	0,01
Tz11_42Bgal@23	18,127	0,006	15,49	0,01	38,114	0,01
Tz11_42Bgal@24	18,142	0,007	15,50	0,01	38,158	0,01
Tz11_42Bgal@25	18,125	0,006	15,48	0,01	38,081	0,01
Tz11_42Bgal@26	18,129	0,009	15,49	0,01	38,096	0,02
Tz11_42Bgal@27	18,163	0,018	15,55	0,03	38,285	0,10
Tz11_42Bgal@28	18,044	0,015	15,40	0,01	37,746	0,03
Tz11_42Bgal@29	18,082	0,016	15,43	0,01	37,752	0,04
Tz11_42Bgal@30	18,091	0,016	15,43	0,01	37,767	0,03
Tz11_42Bgal@31	18,084	0,011	15,42	0,01	37,73	0,02
Tz11_42Bgal@32	18,081	0,014	15,41	0,01	37,747	0,03
Tz11_42Bgal@33	18,055	0,012	15,40	0,01	37,74	0,02
Tz11_42Bgal@34	18,077	0,013	15,42	0,01	37,768	0,03
Tz11_42Bgal@35	18,06	0,012	15,41	0,01	37,752	0,03

Tz10-43_12	18,23	0,012	15,58	0,01	38,37	0,03
Tz10-43_17	18,39	0,015	15,68	0,01	39,01	0,03
Tz10-43_18	18,40	0,013	15,73	0,01	39,12	0,03
Tz10-43_20	18,44	0,007	15,73	0,01	39,28	0,02



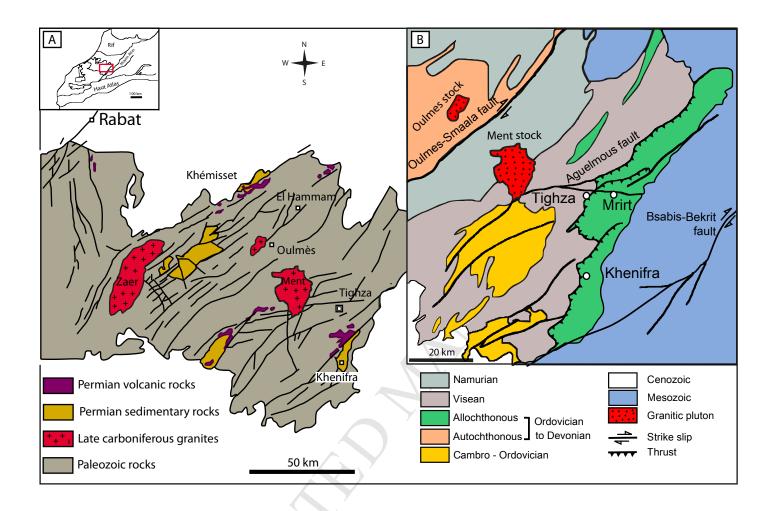


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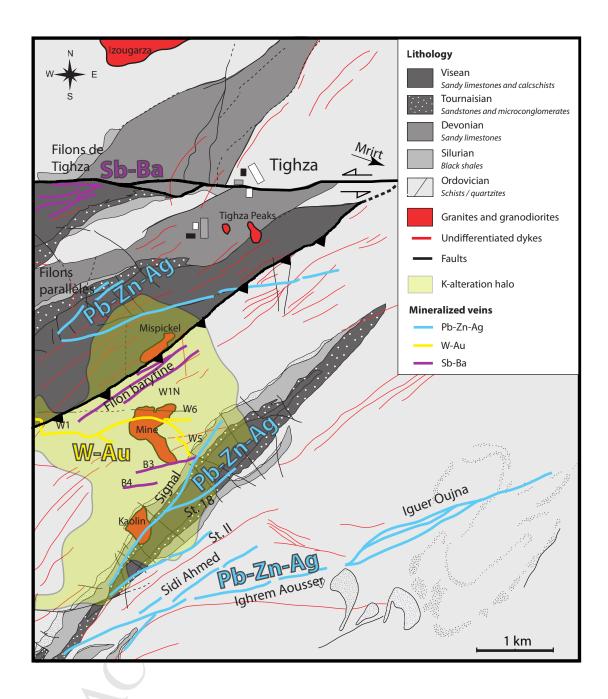


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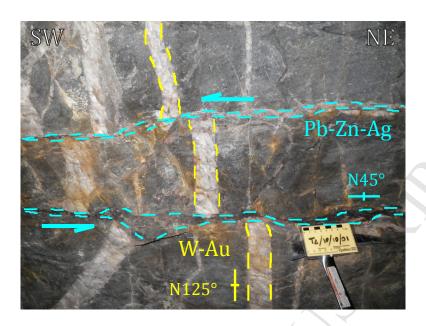


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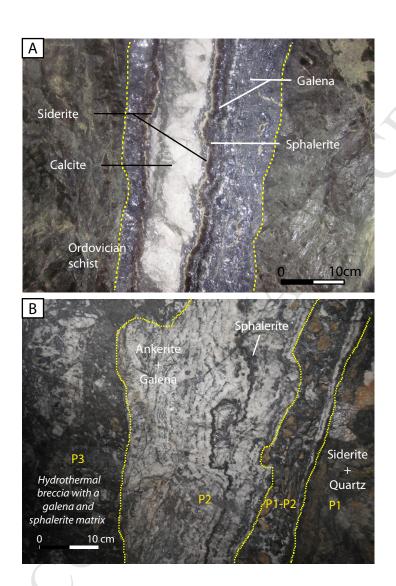


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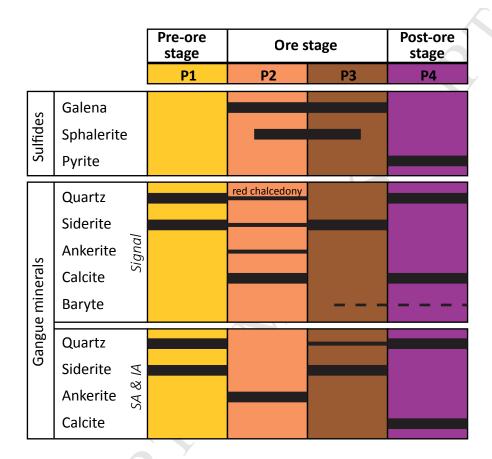


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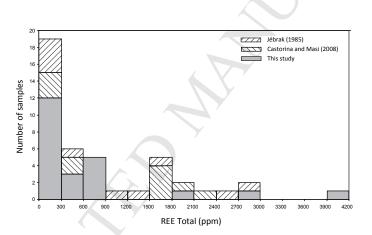


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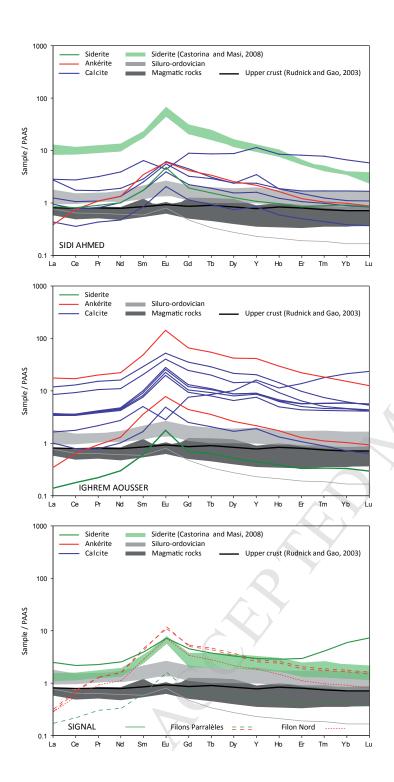
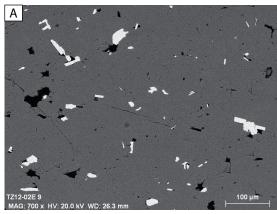
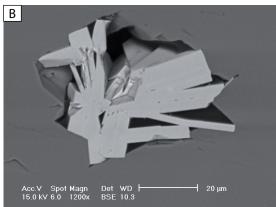


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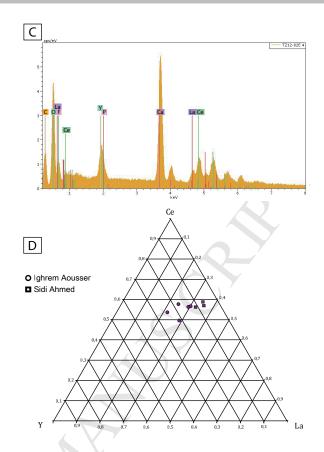


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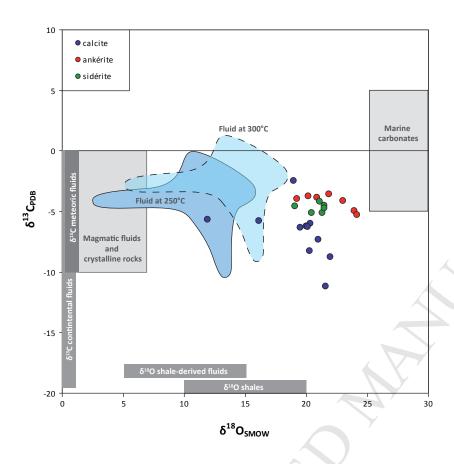


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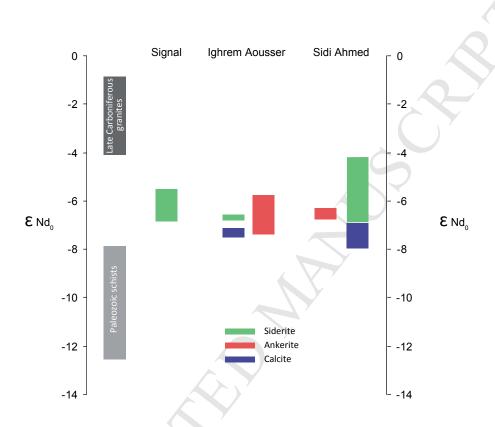


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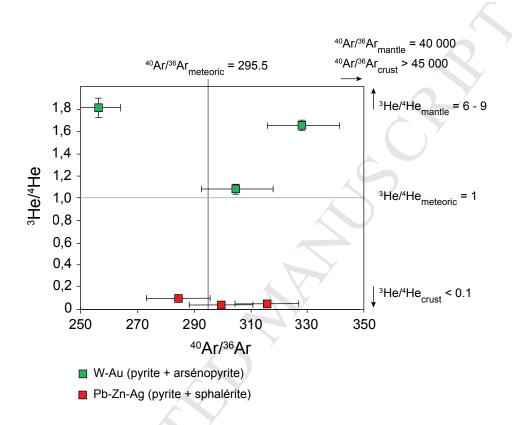


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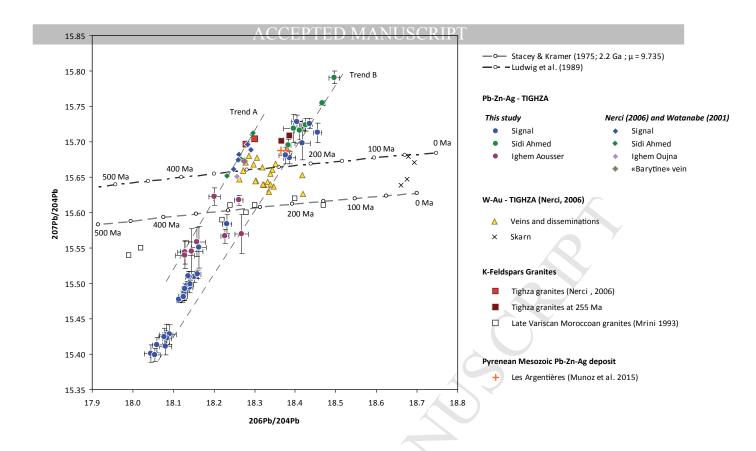


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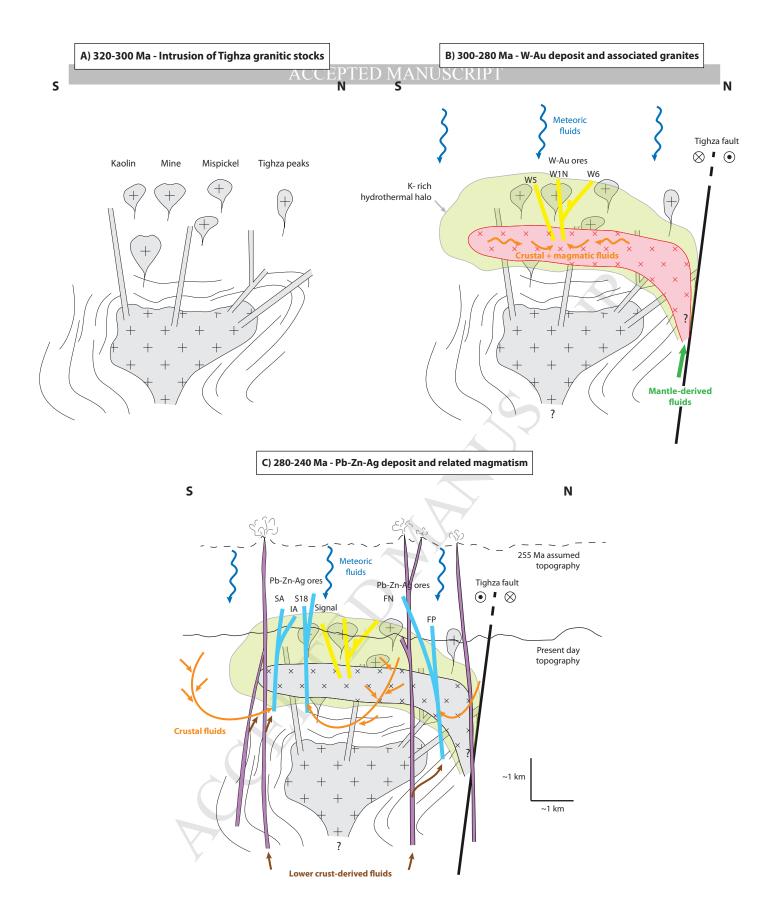


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## Highlights Rossi et al. JAES

- Pb-Zn-Ag vein-type mineralization disconnected from adjacent late-Variscan granites
- Epithermal Pb-Zn-Ag veins related to Permo-Triassic extension and magmatic activity
- Complex hydrothermal system resulting from mixing various crustal fluids
- A new metallogenic model for Pb-Zn-Ag veins and new exploration guides