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34 INTRODUCTION

35 Hydrothermal ore deposits hosted by sedimentary rocks supply the majority of the
36 world's lead, zinc, and a significant proportion of copper. Although general models for
37 ore formation are well established (e.g., Gustafson and Williams, 1981; Goodfellow et
38 al., 1993; Leach et al., 2005; Wilkinson, 2014), significant controversy remains over
39 fundamental aspects of their genesis. Some ores are thought to have formed during, or
40 soon after, deposition of the host sediments (syngenetic/early diagenetic mineralization),
41 whereas others formed after – in some cases hundreds of millions of years after –
42 lithification of the host rocks (epigenetic mineralization). For a number of Zn-Pb
43 deposits, such as the Carboniferous ores of central Ireland (Hitzman and Beaty, 1996),
44 both models have been proposed. This dichotomy stems from difficulties in determining
45 with confidence the relative timing of sulfide precipitation, and the paucity of
46 hydrothermal minerals amenable to radiogenic isotope dating.

47 The lack of certainty regarding the timing of Zn-Pb mineralization has numerous
48 impacts, including on the understanding of geodynamic controls on deposit location, on
49 the development of fluid flow models, and on identifying viable sulfide precipitation
50 mechanisms. In a wider context, inferred ages of ore deposition, in particular those
51 obtained by paleomagnetic methods, have been used to argue for a link between the
52 formation of sediment-hosted Zn-Pb deposits and supercontinent assembly cycles
53 (Leach et al., 2001). However, if paleomagnetic methods date orogenic events rather
54 than mineralization, then this interpretation is invalid. Finally, mineral exploration is
55 guided by deposit models: a syngenetic interpretation will focus efforts on specific
56 stratigraphic horizons, whereas an epigenetic model allows for deposits to occur in
57 receptive host rocks of any age.

58 Here we use Re-Os dating of ore-stage pyrite, an approach not previously
59 applied to carbonate-hosted Zn-Pb ores, to test models for the timing and genesis of
60 mineralization in the Irish orefield – questions that have been vigorously debated for 50
61 years but have yet to be answered convincingly.

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63 **IRISH OREFIELD**

64 In Ireland during the Early Mississippian, a marine transgression across the
65 Laurussian continental margin deposited thick limestone units (Figs. 1, 2). Hydrothermal
66 fluids subsequently precipitated tens of millions of tons of zinc and lead within these
67 carbonate rocks, making the Irish orefield one of the most intensely mineralized Zn
68 districts on Earth (Singer, 1995). The giant Navan Zn-Pb deposit forms the largest
69 resource, but economic Zn-Pb deposits also formed at Tynagh, Silvermines, Galmoy,
70 and Lisheen (Fig. 1).

71 Early syngenetic models, such as the extension and convection model of Russell
72 (1978), were largely discounted in the 1990s in favor of epigenetic interpretations
73 involving lateral, topographically-driven fluid flow (Hitzman and Beaty, 1996), similar to
74 the widely accepted model for Mississippi Valley-type (MVT) Zn-Pb deposits.
75 Significantly, the past decade has seen movement away from this concept, as new
76 regional data sets and analytical techniques have become available (Wilkinson and
77 Hitzman, 2014).

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79 **STUDY SITES**

80 Lisheen is the second-largest base-metal deposit in Ireland and has a well-
81 defined geologic setting (e.g., Wilkinson et al., 2005). The Silvermines deposit has been

82 central to the development of syngenetic models (e.g., Boyce et al., 2003) and presents
83 an opportunity to test an existing Rb-Sr sphalerite age (360 ± 5 Ma; Schneider et al.,
84 2007) and a much younger paleomagnetic age (269 ± 4 Ma; Symons et al., 2007).

85 Sulfide mineralization at Lisheen (Fig. 2) occurs principally within a hydrothermal
86 dolomite breccia located at the base of the Waulsortian Limestone Formation (WLF). A
87 minor proportion of ore is hosted by an oolitic unit (Lisduff Oolite Member - LOM) within
88 underlying argillaceous bioclastic limestones (Ballysteen Limestone Formation - BLF).
89 Mineralization forms three stratabound ore bodies: the Main, Derryville, and Bog zones,
90 each of which are controlled by a major normal fault (Hitzman et al., 2002).
91 Mineralization primarily occurs in the hanging-wall of these faults within the WLF;
92 footwall mineralization is mainly developed within the LOM.

93 Sulfide ore at Silvermines is generally restricted to two stratigraphic levels: the
94 Upper G and B Zones within the dolomitized base of the WLF (Fig. DR2), and the Lower
95 G, K, and P Zones hosted by dolomitized portions of the BLF (Taylor, 1984). All ore
96 zones are spatially associated with normal faults (Taylor, 1984).

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98 **Re-Os GEOCHRONOLOGY**

99 At Lisheen, massive pyrite from the early main ore-stage in the LOM (sample LK
100 8S08FW: Panel 8, Stope 8 in the Main Zone orebody) was selected for analysis. At
101 Silvermines, massive pyrite from the B Zone orebody (samples B18, B15) was chosen
102 (see Appendix DR1 for sample descriptions). All pyrite separates were produced and
103 analyzed using the procedures described by Morelli et al. (2010), some additional details
104 are described in Appendix DR2. Twelve pyrite separates were analyzed from the
105 Lisheen sample, with Re and Os concentrations of 2-8 ppb and 15-280 ppt, respectively.

106 For Silvermines, twelve pyrite separates from B18 and one from B15 were analyzed;
107 these contain 0.5-2.5 ppb Re and 85-400 ppt Os. Detailed analytical results are provided
108 in Tables DR1, DR2, and DR3.

109 The Lisheen sample yields a Re-Os isochron age of 346.6 ± 3.0 Ma, whereas the
110 Silvermines samples produce a younger Re-Os isochron age of 334.0 ± 6.1 Ma. (Fig. 3)
111 The Silvermines isochron shows some scatter beyond calculated analytical uncertainties
112 (MSWD = 19); this scatter can be accounted for by only a 1% variation in initial
113 $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$ (IOs) of the fluid from which pyrite formed.

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115 **TIMING AND DURATION OF MINERALIZATION**

116 The early ore-stage pyrite samples from both Lisheen and Silvermines yield Early
117 Mississippian Re-Os ages that place the timing of sulfide mineralization within ~15 myr
118 of host rock deposition. The Re-Os age from Lisheen (346 ± 3.0 Ma) overlaps with the
119 probable depositional age range (353-347 Ma; Waters et al. 2011) for the WLF (Fig. 4).
120 We conclude that Zn-Pb mineralization at Lisheen most likely developed during the latter
121 depositional stages of the WLF, or during deposition of the overlying Crosspatrick
122 Formation (CF) at a depth of no more than 200 meters below the paleo-seafloor. This
123 interpretation is consistent with arguments that the thickening of the WLF and CF above
124 the ore zone was due to subsidence of the seafloor during mineralization-related host
125 rock dissolution (Wilkinson et al., 2011).

126 Previous interpretations of the timing of mineralization at Silvermines concluded
127 that syngenetic and near-seafloor mineralization took place based on the occurrence of
128 exhalative features (e.g., Boyce et al. 1983), vent fauna (e.g., Boyce et al., 2003),
129 sedimentary reworking of sulfides (Lee and Wilkinson, 2002) and a sphalerite Rb-Sr age

130 (Schneider et al., 2007). Our result does not exclude a syngenetic component to the
131 hydrothermal system, but clearly shows that significant mineralization occurred during
132 later stages of host rock burial (e.g. Reed and Wallace, 2004). Likewise, the Re-Os age
133 obtained for Lisheen does not exclude later mineralization at greater burial depths as
134 has been suggested based on sulfur isotope data (Wilkinson et al., 2005). Together, the
135 new Re-Os ages provide concrete evidence for a protracted, and probably episodic,
136 history of mineralization in the Irish Zn-Pb orefield (Wilkinson and Hitzman, 2014).

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138 **OSMIUM SOURCE**

139 The precise IOs obtained for pyrite isochrons from both Lisheen (0.253 ± 0.045) and
140 Silvermines (0.453 ± 0.006) reflect the source(s) of Os in the hydrothermal fluids that
141 formed the deposits. These relatively low values invite the possibility that the fluids
142 contained a mixture of mantle-derived Os ($^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os} \sim 0.13$; Meisel et al., 2001) and
143 crustal Os ($^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os} \gg 0.13$; Ehrenbrink and Jahn, 2001). Alternatively, the IOs
144 values may reflect derivation of Os from the immediate basement rocks of the Irish
145 deposits, which were largely derived from early Paleozoic (Caledonian) volcanic arcs
146 (480-380 Ma; Chew and Stillman, 2009). We estimate average crustal source rock ages
147 for Os at Lisheen (363 Ma) and Silvermines (412 Ma) by assuming the IOs of the
148 Caledonian arc rocks was 0.2, similar to that reported in porphyry systems (e.g.
149 Zimmerman et al., 2014), combined with a $^{187}\text{Re}/^{188}\text{Os}$ ratio of 190 calculated from
150 average crustal concentrations of Re (2 ppb) and Os (50 ppt) (Peucker-Ehrenbrink and
151 Jahn, 2001; Sun et al., 2003). These estimates are compatible with Os, like Pb and
152 other metals, being sourced from the early Paleozoic basement (Dixon et al., 1990;

153 Wilkinson et al., 2005; Wilkinson, 2014) and/or the overlying Devonian Old Red
154 Sandstone.

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156 **A POSSIBLE LINK BETWEEN VOLCANISM AND ZN-PB MINERALIZATION**

157 The possibility of a genetic link between the Irish orefield and early Carboniferous
158 volcanism (e.g, Strogon, 1995) has been a lingering but largely undocumented issue.
159 However, evidence for a mantle input into the Zn-Pb deposits has recently been
160 proposed based on He isotope data derived from fluid inclusions from all the main ore
161 deposits (Davidheiser-Kroll et al., 2014), and from the intimate association of
162 mineralization and mantle-derived igneous rocks in the Stonepark area, Limerick (Fig. 2;
163 McCusker and Reed, 2013). Our Re-Os ages overlap with these Chadian-Asbian
164 volcanic rocks and, therefore, are consistent with a new genetic model (Wilkinson and
165 Hitzman, 2014) that invokes magmatic heat derived from underplating and mid-crustal
166 sills as a driver for regional fluid flow. Such a magmatic-related model may explain the
167 unusually high fluid temperatures documented in the province (~70-280°C; Wilkinson,
168 2010), compared to those documented for sediment-hosted Zn-Pb deposits elsewhere,
169 and the extraordinary regional extent of Zn-Pb mineralization.

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171 **IMPLICATIONS FOR DATING OF CARBONATE-HOSTED ZN-PB ORES**

172 Paleomagnetic dating at Silvermines (Symons et al., 2007), Galmoy (Pannalal et
173 al., 2008b), and Lisheen (Pannalal et al., 2008a) yields ages of 269 ± 4 , 290 ± 9 Ma, and
174 277 ± 7 Ma, respectively (Fig. 4). However, paleomagnetic studies do not readily
175 discriminate between primary magnetization ages (e.g. mineralization), and
176 remagnetization ages. Consequently, we interpret the disparity between our Re-Os

177 pyrite ages and the systematically younger paleomagnetic ages from the Irish orefield to
178 be a result of widespread remagnetization that took place during Variscan orogenic
179 activity. The preservation of well-defined Re-Os isochrons (Fig. 3), despite a Variscan
180 overprint in southern and central Ireland, suggests that the Re-Os isotope system in
181 pyrite was little affected by these tectonothermal processes, and is therefore a robust
182 system for dating weakly metamorphosed, sediment-hosted Zn-Pb deposits.

183 Globally, paleomagnetic ages have been used to implicate major collisional
184 orogenies that developed during supercontinent assembly cycles as principal drivers for
185 MVT mineralization (Leach et al., 2001). However, if paleomagnetic ages reflect younger
186 orogenic events rather than the age of mineralization, as we observe in the Irish orefield,
187 then this interpretation is invalid. We propose, therefore, that application of pyrite Re-Os
188 geochronology may help resolve the large age discrepancies and competing
189 geodynamic models reported for several MVT districts (e.g., Tennessee, USA and
190 Upper Silesia, Poland: e.g. Leach et al., 2005).

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197 Lisheen deposit.

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199 **Figure captions**

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201 **Figure 1.** Map of Ireland (modified from Wilkinson, 2010) showing selected Zn-Pb ore deposits,
202 volcanic rocks, and approximate northwestern limit of major deformation associated with the
203 Variscan orogeny (Hitzman, 1999).

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205 **Figure 2.** Basic stratigraphy of the Lisheen (L) and Silvermines (S) areas (modified from
206 Wilkinson et al., 2005).

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208 **Figure 3.** Model 3 Re-Os isochron plots based on data for ore-stage pyrite separates from
209 Lisheen (top) and Silvermines (bottom), created using Isoplot v3.00 (Ludwig, 2001). All
210 uncertainties shown are 2σ .

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212 **Figure 4.** Age constraints of major events associated with the Irish Zn-Pb orefield. Key to
213 sources of data: 1 - Waters et al. (2011); 2 – Strogon (1995); Sommerville et al. (1992) 3 – Reed
214 and Wallace (2004); 4 – Quinn et al. (2005); Hitzman (1999); 5 – Hitzman et al. (2002);
215 Wilkinson et al. (2011); 6 – Pannalal et al. (2008a); 7 – Boyce et al. (1983); Lee and Wilkinson
216 (2002); 8 – Symons et al. (2007); 9 – Schneider et al. (2007); 10 – Symons et al. (2002); 11 –
217 Anderson et al. (1998); 12 – Pannalal et al. (2008b); 13 – McCusker and Reed (2013). Methods:
218 Re-Os (rhenium-osmium), Rb-Sr (rubidium-strontium), PM (paleomagnetism), GA (geological
219 arguments).

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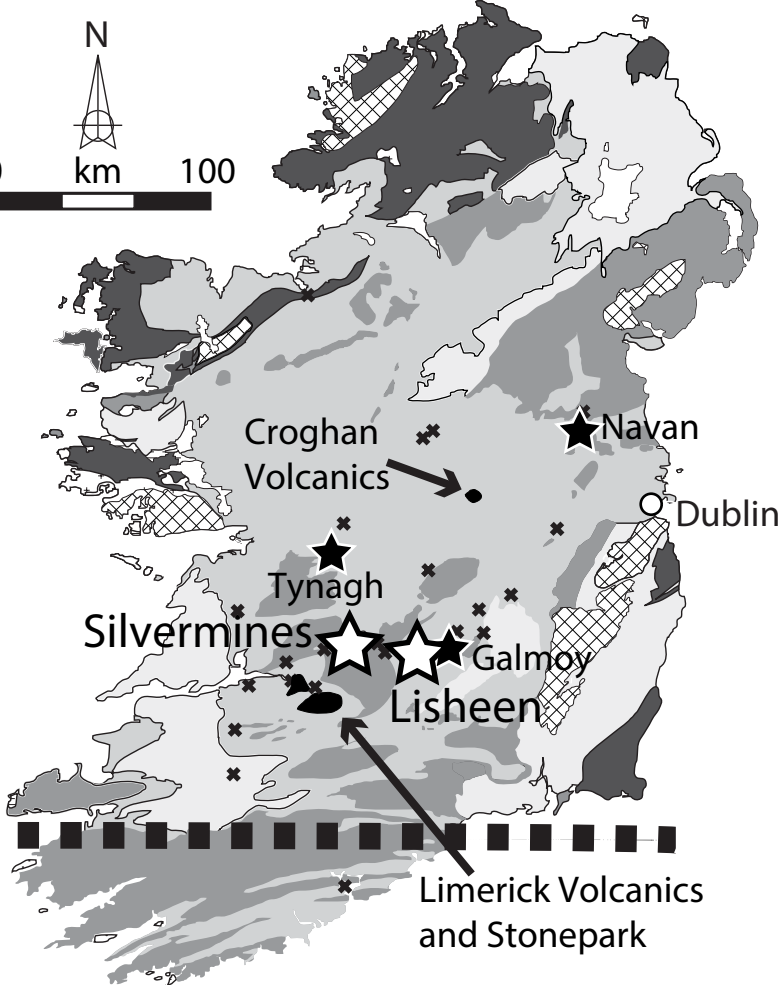
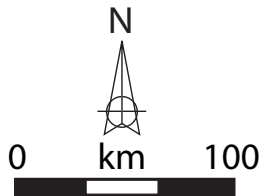
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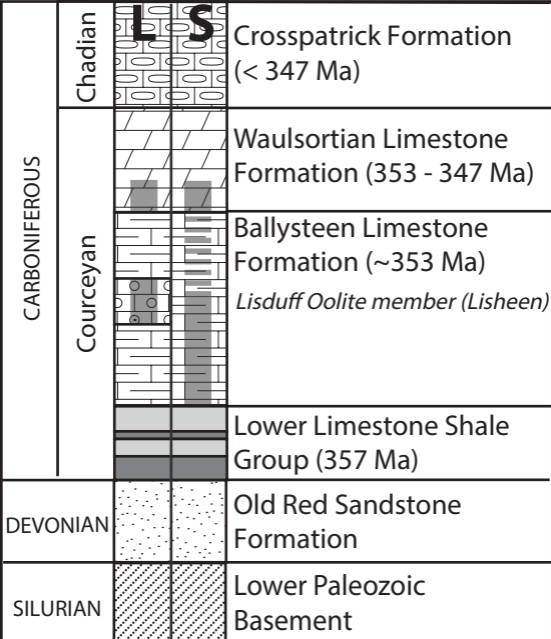
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Cherty argillaceous limestone



Dolomitized biomicrite and fine calcarenite



Oolitic limestone



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Calcareous shale and calcarenite



Sandstone, siltstone and conglomerate

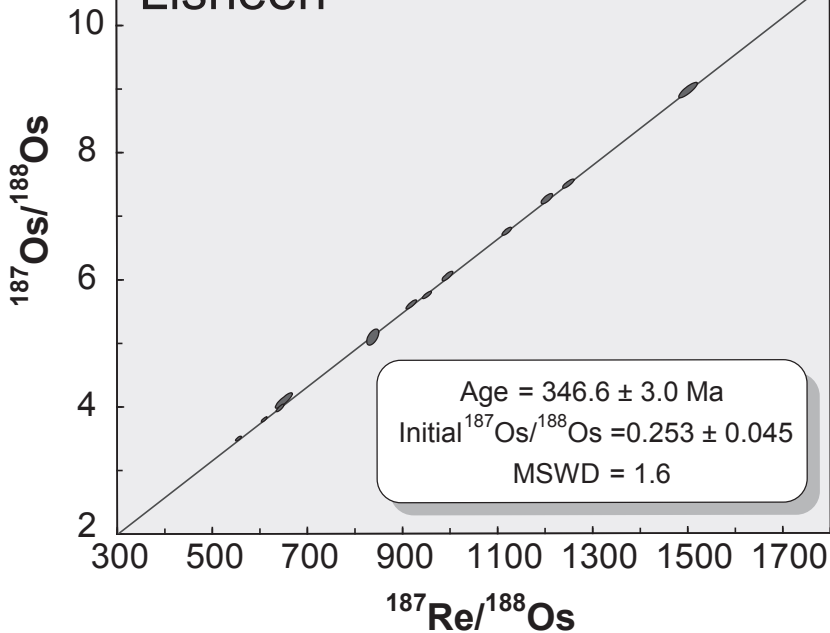


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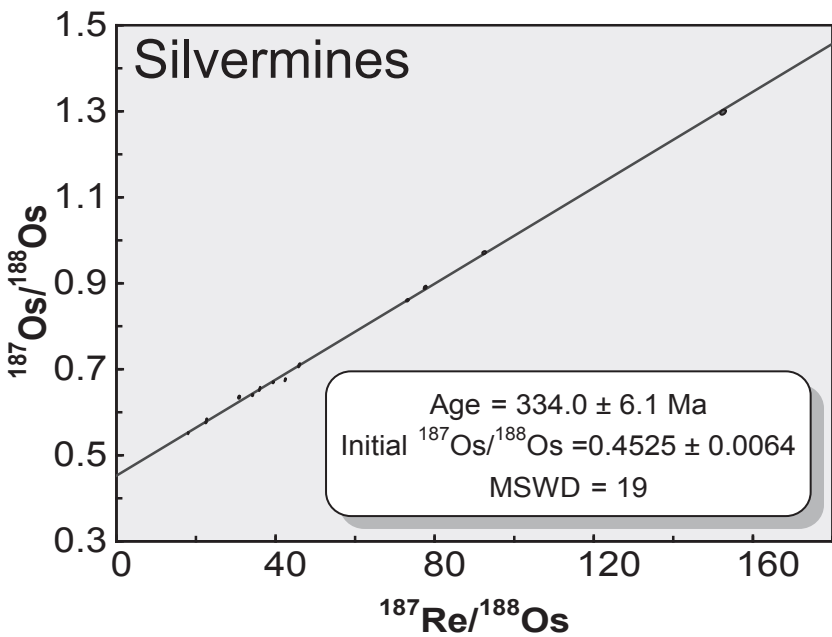


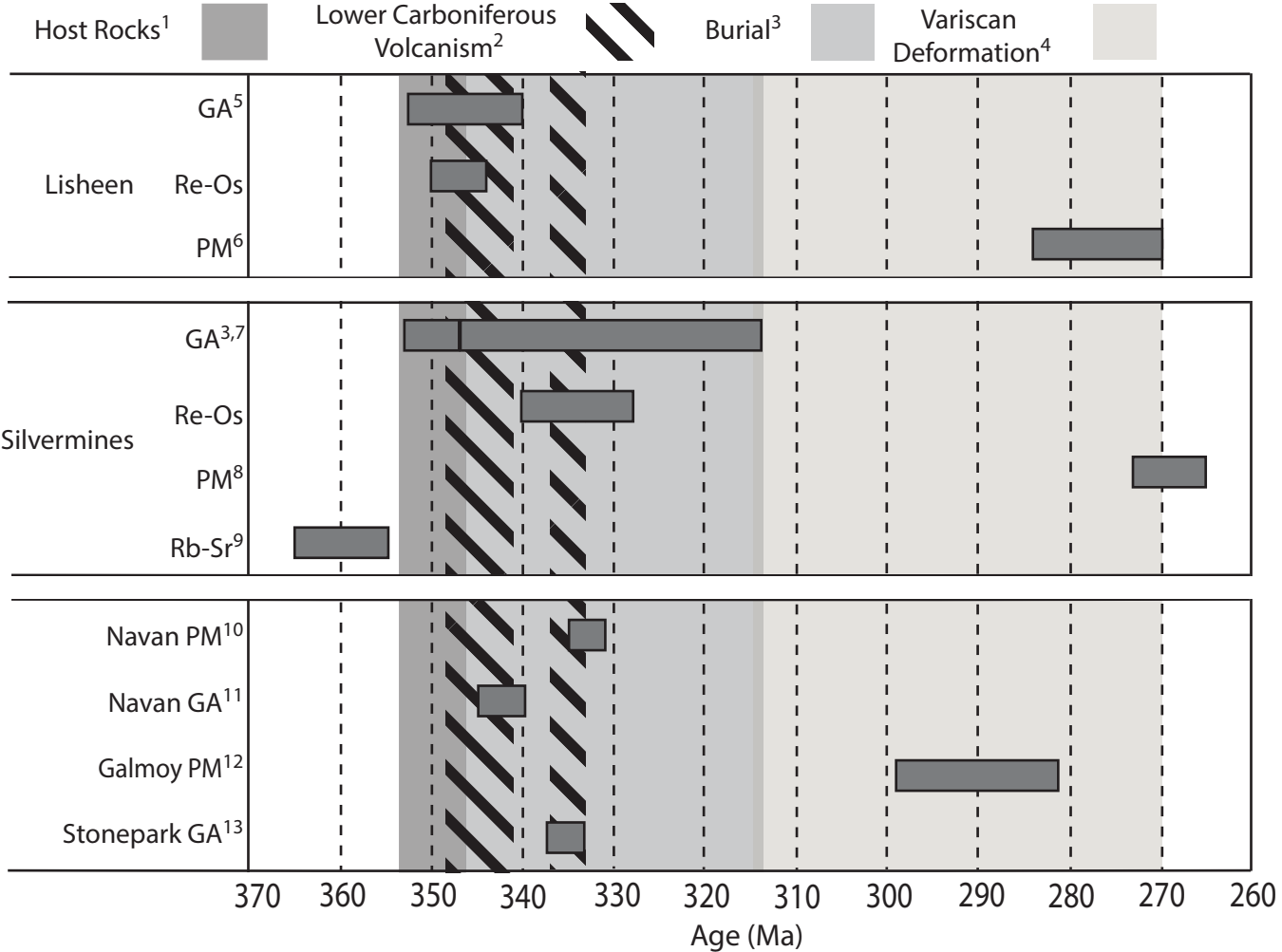
Approximate Extent of Mineralization

Lisheen



Silvermines





Appendix DR1: Sample Descriptions

8S08FW – This sample of massive pyrite was collected by Jamie Wilkinson from the southern part of the Lisheen Main Zone orebody (Panel 8, Stope 8; Figure DR1) where the ore zone is very thick. The sample came from the footwall of the Killoran Fault at a depth of 176m, within the Lisduff Oolite Member of the Ballysteen Limestone Formation. Ore is locally developed in the footwall oolite at Lisheen and its approximate contiguity with the hangingwall ore zone has been used to argue for a post-faulting timing for mineralization (Hitzman et al., 2002). The sample processed (Fig. DR2) is primarily composed of massive pyrite that is crosscut by calcite veins. A minor amount of sphalerite and fine grained galena (<10 µm) is observed in thin section and back scattered electron images (Figure 1). Such pyrite-rich zones are typical within the high grade cores of the ore lenses at Lisheen (e.g. Fusciardi et al., 2003).

B15 – This sample was collected by John Ashton (Ashton, 1975) from the Silvermines B-zone in the barite ore zone (haulage 4932). The following description is based on his field notes of the sampling locality. The ore zone contains fine grained massive sulfide composed of ~40-45% pyrite, 5-10% galena, and a variable mixture of barite and sphalerite. Pyrite occurs typically as elongate crystals that occasionally show slight deformation. Sphalerite has replaced pyrite, and galena typically has replaced sphalerite. The sample processed (Fig. DR3) is composed of massive pyrite with cracks infilled by quartz and carbonate. No barite occurs within this sample and galena is present in cracks or as a replacement of pyrite. Pyrite-rich ore was often mined within the B zone at Silvermines, and this pyritic massive sulfide (Taylor and Andrew, 1978) is generally interpreted as an early mainstage mineralization ore type.

B18 – This sample was collected by John Ashton (Ashton, 1975) from the Silvermines B-zone (Location: Stope Hanging Wall Drift 48-1S; Fig DR1). The following description is based on his field notes of the sampling locality. The sample comes from the central part of the B zone in a Pb-rich area close to the B-fault where stratiform massive pyrite and semi-massive pyrite with dolomite breccia overlie siderite- or barite-hosted sulfides.

Locally, the massive pyrite is mineralized and was mined. The sample processed (Figure 3) is composed primarily of fine grained (0.5-2mm), massive pyrite. Sphalerite and galena are present in smaller amounts and show the same general paragenesis as B15, with sphalerite after pyrite and galena typically postdating sphalerite. As with B15, this pyritic massive sulphide is generally interpreted as an early mainstage mineralization ore type.

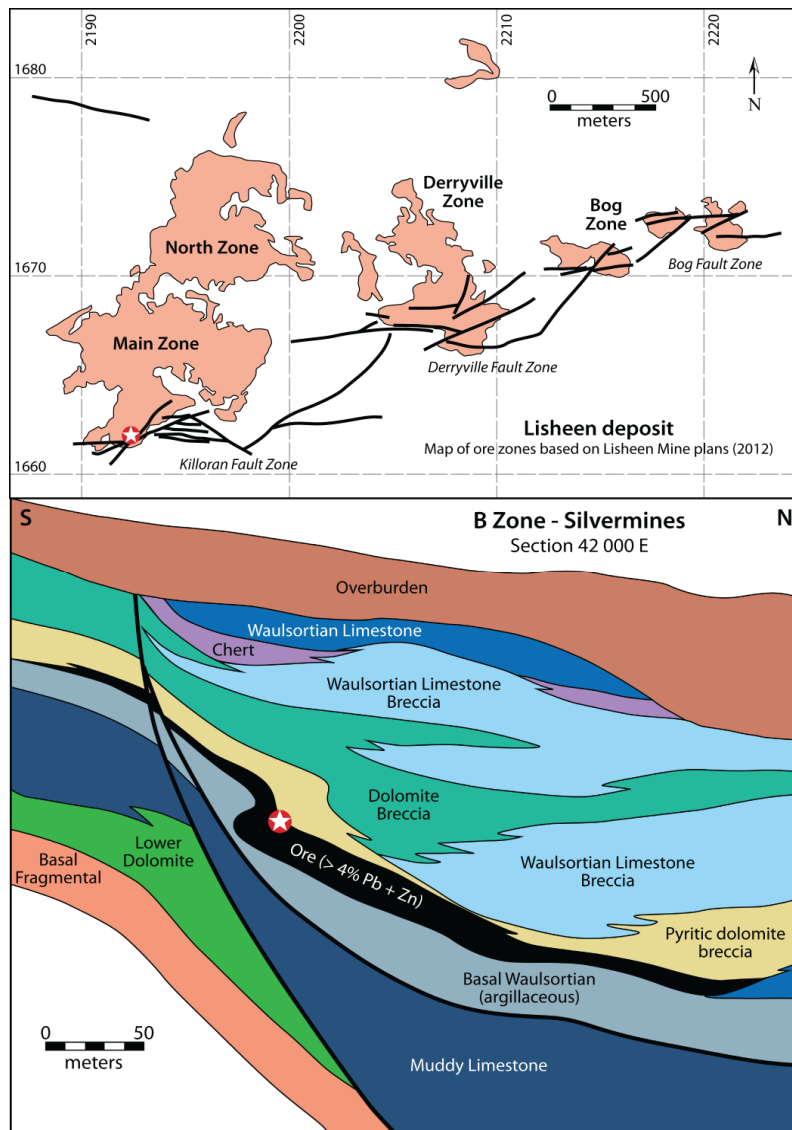


Figure DR1: Approximate sample locations for Lisheen sample 8S08FW (top) and Silvermines sample B18 (bottom). Modified from Andrew (1986).

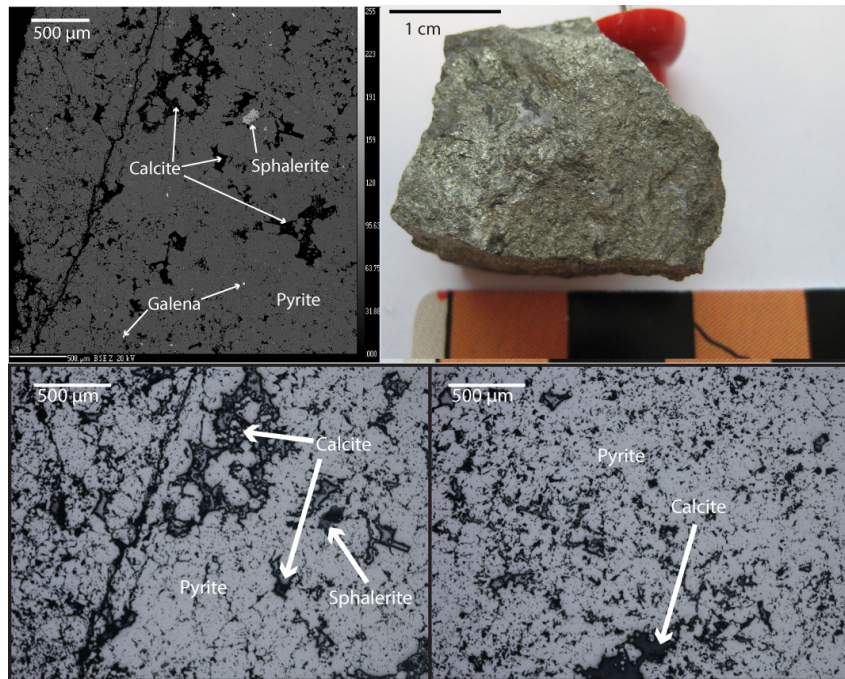


Figure DR2: Lisheen sample 8S08FW (top right figure) and a representative backscattered electron image (top left figure) and reflected light images (bottom figures).

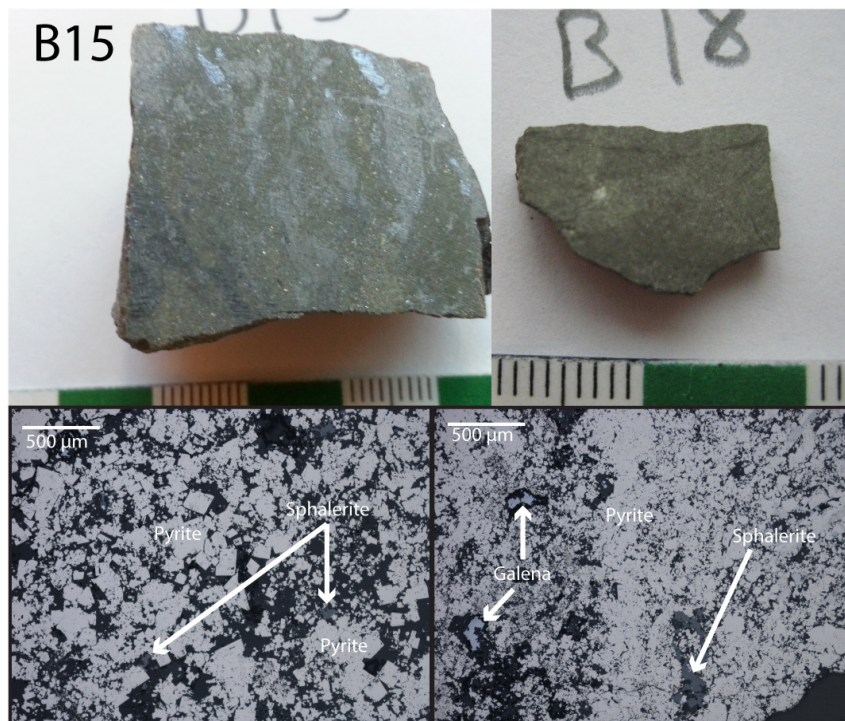


Figure DR1: Silvermines sample B15 (top left figure) and B18 (top right figure) and representative reflected light images of sample B18 (bottom figures).

Appendix DR2: Sample Preparation

All samples were prepared using a standardized procedure to ensure that a relatively pure pyrite separate was obtained. A bulk sample containing 5-20g of pyrite was crushed and sieved using metal-free equipment to produce 70-200 μm diameter material containing pyrite and several impurity minerals (e.g. sphalerite, galena, calcite, dolomite, and quartz). Heavy liquid separation using methylene iodide ($\rho = 3.32\text{g/cm}^3$) is used separate carbonate and silicates from the sulfides. To separate pyrite from galena and sphalerite a Frantz Isodynamic Separator was used. In the sphalerite-pyrite-galena system we typically observe $\chi_{\text{sphalerite}} > \chi_{\text{pyrite}} > \chi_{\text{galena}}$ (χ = magnetic susceptibility). These differences allow separation of pyrite from sphalerite (eliminated at low induced magnetization) and galena (eliminated at high induced magnetization). The final separate contains ~85-100% pyrite. The remaining impurities are typically found as inclusions or are the result of aggregates of multiple minerals not separated by the crushing process.

Analytical Data:

Table DR1: Lisheen Re-Os data

Sample Name	Re ppb	Os ppt	$^{187}\text{Re} / ^{188}\text{Os}$	$\pm 2\sigma$	$^{187}\text{Os} / ^{188}\text{Os}$	$\pm 2\sigma$	Rho	% Re Blank	% ^{187}Os Blank	% ^{188}Os Blank
<i>8508FW</i>	3.70	33.24	919.25	9.14	5.588	0.058	0.845	0.19	0.19	4.67
<i>8508FW M1.0</i>	6.18	46.72	1249.60	9.21	7.484	0.056	0.841	0.10	0.10	3.40
<i>8508FW M1.0-2</i>	5.98	47.94	1119.67	7.98	6.735	0.052	0.778	0.10	0.10	3.15
<i>8508FW M1.2</i>	5.78	44.61	1204.48	9.68	7.254	0.067	0.758	0.11	0.11	3.51
<i>8508FW M1.5</i>	3.88	33.29	995.53	9.42	6.034	0.062	0.818	0.16	0.16	4.41
<i>8508FW NM1.5</i>	2.73	31.87	609.76	5.07	3.784	0.031	0.817	0.23	0.22	3.78
<i>8508FW NM1.5-6N</i>	2.44	27.46	643.64	7.13	3.963	0.045	0.820	0.29	0.29	5.09
<i>8508FW NM1.5-10N</i>	2.28	25.53	651.82	14.85	4.077	0.098	0.869	0.50	0.93	9.56
<i>8508FW B</i>	4.31	37.79	952.61	7.54	5.734	0.047	0.815	0.14	0.14	3.66
<i>8508FW B M0.8</i>	8.10	55.94	1501.95	16.05	8.955	0.103	0.861	0.13	0.13	5.15
<i>8508FW B NM1.0</i>	4.14	39.18	837.80	10.33	5.076	0.104	0.561	0.15	0.15	3.36
<i>8508FW B NM1.2</i>	2.52	31.38	556.09	5.01	3.478	0.031	0.797	0.27	0.26	4.08

Table DR2: Silvermines Re-Os data

Sample Name	Re ppb	Total Os ppt	187Re/188 Os	$\pm 2\sigma$	187/188 Os	$\pm 2\sigma$	rho	% Re Blank	% ¹⁸⁷ Os Blank	% ¹⁸⁸ Os Blank
B18 A	1.28	156.97	42.106	0.185	0.6743	0.0030	0.396	0.21	0.02	0.08
B18 A M0.7-F	1.37	392.10	17.719	0.085	0.5489	0.0018	0.301	0.32	0.02	0.05
B18 A NM0.7-F	0.63	144.86	22.148	0.200	0.5752	0.0022	0.188	0.79	0.05	0.15
B18 A NM 0.9	0.93	156.82	30.538	0.168	0.6335	0.0030	0.274	0.38	0.03	0.10
B18 A NM 1.0	1.24	178.58	35.616	0.180	0.6519	0.0040	0.599	0.13	0.09	0.30
B18 A NM 1.0-F	1.25	189.07	33.864	0.146	0.6380	0.0019	0.325	0.26	0.02	0.08
B18 A NM 1.2	1.21	159.77	39.011	0.173	0.6675	0.0024	0.342	0.26	0.02	0.09
B18 A NM 1.55	1.59	181.03	45.575	0.231	0.7076	0.0042	0.628	0.12	0.09	0.33
B18 A NM 1.55-F	1.25	90.99	72.681	0.294	0.8589	0.0025	0.370	0.22	0.03	0.14
B18 A NM 2.0-10/5	1.87	108.67	92.002	0.368	0.9701	0.0031	0.384	0.20	0.03	0.16
B18 A NM 2.0-F	1.72	118.02	77.250	0.305	0.8888	0.0031	0.390	0.18	0.02	0.12
B18 A NM 2.0-10/3	2.32	84.80	151.998	0.571	1.2975	0.0045	0.430	0.13	0.02	0.17
B15	0.53	120.22	22.355	0.115	0.5811	0.0021	0.283	0.36	0.02	0.07

Table DR3: Re-Os blank data

Blank	n(Re)	n(Os)	Re (pg)	$\pm 2\sigma$	Os (pg)	$\pm 2\sigma$	187/188 Os	$\pm 2\sigma$
Lisheen	4	4	2.5	1.5	0.34	0.03	0.23	0.05
Silvermines	9	8	1.1	0.6	0.05	0.01	0.18	0.16

n(Re) = number of blank analyses for Re blank determination; n(Os) = number of blank analyses for Os blank determination

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