

in many applications the large depth of field in SEM images (typically at least 100 times greater than for a comparable optical microscope) is more relevant than high resolution. An important factor in the success of the SEM is that images of three-dimensional objects are usually amenable to immediate intuitive interpretation by the observer. The range of applications of SEM can be extended by adding other types of detector, e.g. for light emission caused by electron bombardment, or cathodoluminescence (CL).

1.2.1 Use of SEM for analysis

Scanning electron microscopes commonly have an X-ray spectrometer attached, enabling the characteristic X-rays of a selected element to be used to produce an image. Also, with a stationary beam, point analyses can be obtained, as in EMPA. (The spatial resolution with respect to analysis is, however, still limited to about 1 μm by beam spreading, despite the higher resolution obtainable in scanning images.) Since EMP instruments have electron imaging facilities, used primarily for locating points for analysis, the functions of the two instruments overlap considerably. The SEM is optimised for imaging, with analysis as an extra, whereas in the EMP the priorities are reversed and various additional features that facilitate analysis are incorporated.

1.3 Geological applications of SEM and EMPA

The advantages of the SEM as an imaging instrument (high spatial resolution, large depth of field, and simple specimen preparation) make it an invaluable tool in the following branches of geology.

Palaeontology. The SEM is ideally suited to the study of fossil morphology, especially that of micro-fossils.

Sedimentology. Three-dimensional images of individual sediment grains and intergrowths can be obtained; data on fabric and porosity can also be generated.

Mineralogy. The SEM is very effective for studying crystal morphology on a micro-scale.

Petrology. The ability to produce images of polished sections showing differences in mean atomic number is very useful both in sedimentary and in igneous petrology.

The reasons for the widespread application of EMPA to geology (whether carried out in a 'true' EMP instrument or SEM with X-ray spectrometer fitted), especially in the fields of mineralogy and petrology, can be summarised as follows.

- (1) Specimen preparation is straightforward and entails the use of existing techniques of section-making and polishing with only minor modifications.
- (2) The technique is non-destructive, unlike most other analytical techniques.
- (3) Quantitative elemental analysis with accuracy in the region of $\pm 1\%$ (for major elements) can be obtained.
- (4) All elements above atomic number 3 can be determined (with somewhat varying accuracy and sensitivity).
- (5) Detection limits are low enough to enable minor and trace elements to be determined in many cases.
- (6) The time per analysis is reasonably short (usually between 1 and 5 min).
- (7) Spatial resolution of the order of 1 μm enables most features of interest to be resolved.
- (8) Individual mineral grains can be analysed *in situ*, with their textural relationships undisturbed.
- (9) A high specimen throughput rate is possible, the time required for changing specimens being quite short.

These characteristics have proved useful in the following subject areas.

Descriptive petrology. The EMPA technique is commonly used for the petrological description and classification of rocks and has an importance comparable to that of the polarising microscope.

Mineral identification. As an adjunct to polarised-light microscopy and X-ray diffraction, EMPA provides compositional information that assists in mineral identification.

Experimental petrology. For experimental studies on phase relationships and elemental partitioning between coexisting phases, the spatial resolution of the electron microprobe is especially useful, given the typically small grain size.

Geothermobarometry. The EMPA technique is ideally suited to the determination of the composition of coexisting phases in rocks, from which temperatures and pressures of formation can be derived.

Age determination. Th-U-Pb dating of minerals containing insignificant amounts of non-radiogenic Pb (such as monazite) is possible by EMPA, with higher spatial resolution than can be obtained with isotopic methods, though lower accuracy.

Zoning. The high spatial resolution of the technique enables zoning within mineral grains to be studied in detail.

Diffusion studies. Experimental diffusion profiles in geologically relevant systems can be determined with the electron microprobe, its high spatial resolution being crucial in this field.

Modal analysis. Volume fractions of minerals and other data can be obtained by automated modal analysis, mineral identification being based on X-ray and sometimes backscattered-electron signals.

Rare-phase location. Grains of rare phases can be located by automated search procedures, using the X-ray signal for one or more diagnostic elements.

Compound %	Total (— value) wt %															
	Na2O	SiO2	MgO	Al2O3	SO2	K2O	CaO	Cl	TiO2	Cr2O3	MnO	NiO	FeO	ZrO2	HfO2	BaO
#1	0.337	43.562	0.478	29.023	0	10.835	0	0	0.182	0.026	0.279	0.004	5.314	0	0.048	0.011
#2	0.275	43.391	0.499	29.129	0.014	10.8	0	0.019	0.175	0	0.275	0	5.25	0.032	0.093	0.026
#3	0.311	41.765	0.428	29.241	0.028	10.688	0	0.007	0.19	0	0.279	0.043	5.179	0.089	0	0.023
#4	0.28	42.486	0.426	29.556	0.062	10.799	0	0.001	0.15	0.004	0.272	0.033	4.943	0	0.037	0
#5	11.687	66.087	0	18.989	0.014	0.105	0.386	0.013	0.017	0.004	0.001	0.003	0.087	0	0	0.039
#6	0.985	42.935	0.05	34.987	0.014	9.869	0	0	0.043	0.322	0.322	0	0.531	0.123	0.053	0.047
#7	0.774	35.3	0.191	27.491	0.02	7.713	0	0.006	0.107	0	0.192	0.01	0.798	0.058	0	0.016
#8	1.074	43.695	0.275	33.571	0.008	9.896	0	0	0.105	0.009	0.297	0	1.021	0	0	0.057
#9	1.134	42.722	0.277	33.397	0.014	9.638	0	0.019	0.13	0.025	0.243	0	0.847	0.058	0	0.003
#10	1.179	42.681	0.035	35.948	0	9.608	0	0.004	0.01	0.012	0.132	0.006	0.289	0.066	0.041	0.002
#11	0.91	40.642	0.012	35.158	0	8.53	0.2	0.017	0.025	0	0.378	0.01	0.18	0	0.111	0.004
#12	1.047	38.387	0.138	34.711	0.002	8.342	0.203	0.075	0.012	0.025	0.179	0.023	0.217	0.066	0	0.032
#13	1.095	38.706	0.118	34.66	0.014	8.288	0.222	0.078	0.007	0.028	0.178	0.042	0.208	0	0	0.01
#14	1.224	42.711	0.126	35.247	0.02	9.488	0	0	0.022	0	0.178	0.048	0.174	0	0	0.045
#15	1.163	41.823	0.05	34.558	0.028	9.57	0.014	0	0.038	0	0.138	0.017	0.165	0	0	0.001
#16	0.198	43.004	0.035	19.756	0	9.831	0.007	0.017	0.118	0	0.363	0.008	2.518	0	0	0
#17	0.26	42.386	0.058	20.321	0	9.757	0.003	0.013	0.122	0.031	2.966	0.018	2.375	0	0	0
#18	0.26	40.576	0.038	20.138	0.02	9.811	0	0.011	0.085	0.009	3.223	0.022	2.581	0.041	0.081	0.04
#19	0.295	41.453	0.058	19.858	0.03	9.697	0	0.021	0.067	0.004	3.258	0.006	2.542	0	0.081	0
#20	0.236	41.453	0.046	19.595	0.002	9.657	0	0	0.038	0.029	3.063	0	2.551	0	0.131	0.009
#21	0.565	41.436	0.051	32.447	0.04	9.744	0	0.002	0.042	0	0.808	0.001	0.226	0	0.07	0
#22	0.542	41.609	0.041	32.349	0.022	9.878	0	0.02	0.042	0.012	0.713	0	0.148	0	0.05	0.026
#23	0.566	40.706	0	32.85	0.008	9.885	0	0.017	0.042	0.009	0.59	0	0.142	0	0.037	0
#24	0.597	40.587	0	33.207	0	9.805	0	0	0.048	0.009	0.693	0	0.118	0	0.106	0.018
#25	0.616	40.379	0.01	32.702	0	9.567	0	0	0.037	0.009	0.693	0	0.118	0	0.106	0.018

Peak	c/s	Na	Si	Mg	Al	S	K	Ca	Cl	Ti	Cr	Mn	Ni	Fe	Zr	Hf	Ba	O
#1		28	6724.4	77.2	5329.3	2.5	1739.4	15.4	4	53.5	5	23.1	10.9	365.2	1.2	11.6	22.9	N/A
#2		23.8	6689.5	79.8	5363	2.5	1734.7	15.2	4.3	49.6	5.6	21	10.1	362.9	1.2	13.3	24.7	N/A
#3		27.5	6405.4	68.4	5371	2.6	1718	14.8	3.4	56.5	5.3	21.9	11.2	355.1	2.1	11.5	25.9	N/A
#4		25.6	6526	72.1	5442.1	3.2	1734	14.2	4.3	48.7	4.8	21.7	10.5	338.5	1.6	10.3	22.8	N/A
#5		956.7	10726	10.7	3384.2	2.7	25.2	64	3.5	22.8	4.6	5.9	9.2	10.6	10.6	1.5	25	N/A
#6		82.1	6493.9	23.1	6666.3	2.1	1566.5	11.3	2.9	28.6	4	23.2	9.6	44	2.7	11.3	27.4	N/A
#7		63.3	5261.3	38.9	5152.5	2.3	1223.3	12.8	3.1	38.4	4.2	15.7	8.7	57.8	1.9	10.4	21.3	N/A
#8		87.1	6648.2	52.7	6362.8	2.3	1574.2	14.3	3.1	38.1	4.6	22	8.1	74.7	1.4	11.5	26.3	N/A
#9		93.5	6466.7	51.9	6321.3	2.9	1530.8	13.2	3.9	40.7	4.3	17.2	9.3	65	1.7	9.3	21.9	N/A
#10		97.6	6417	19.8	6869.5	2.3	1526.3	13.3	4.2	24	4.1	11.9	8.5	26.3	1.6	12	20.6	N/A
#11		77.6	6052.1	14.9	6702.6	2.8	1353.5	41.6	5.3	22.7	2.8	27.5	9.4	17.4	2.4	10.1	23.2	N/A
#12		90.2	5673	32.2	6595.3	2.9	1322.7	43.9	10.4	24.2	4.7	14.7	10.6	20.7	2.4	9.3	22	N/A
#13		91.8	5723.1	31.6	6579.7	3.3	1313.2	41.2	10.6	24.3	3.8	14.4	9.7	20.7	2.2	9.1	22	N/A
#14		101.7	6418.6	31.5	6719.1	2.1	1506	15.8	2.4	24.7	5	15.6	9.5	19.6	1.5	11.3	21.1	N/A
#15		95.8	6286.4	22.2	6593.3	2.4	1518.7	15.6	3.5	26	3.5	13.9	9.9	19.8	1.5	11.3		

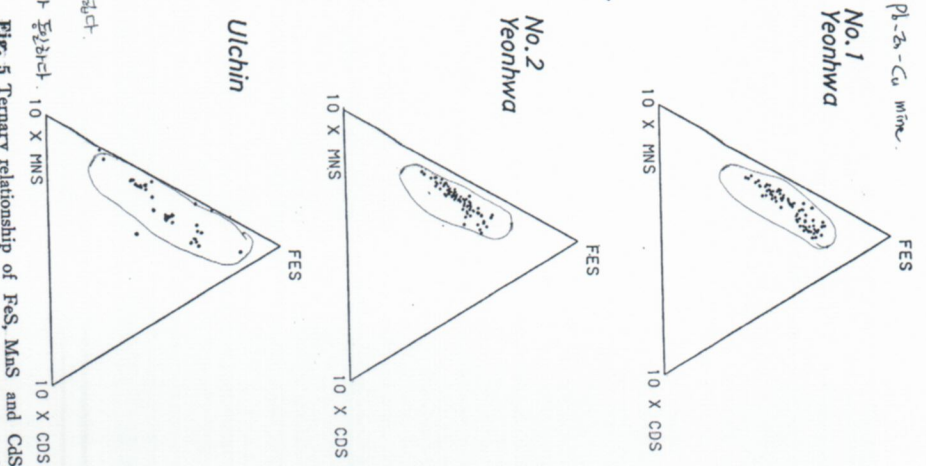


Fig. 5 Ternary relationship of FeS, MnS and Cds contents in sphalerites from the No. 1 and the No. 2 Yeonhwa and the Ulichin mines.

Compositional variation of sphalerites (regional scale)

A total of 42 metallic mines comprising W-(Mo-Bi), Cu-(Pb-Zn), Zn-Pb-(Cu), Fe, Ag and Au mines were concerned in regional scale to determine the variation of Fe, Mn and Cd contents in sphalerites.

Interrelation of mean FeS and MnS contents in sphalerites is plotted in Figure 6. In general, the FeS contents seem to be proportional to the



Fig. 6 The relation between mean MnS and FeS contents in sphalerites collected from 42 various metallic ore deposits.

MnS contents. The relationship between mean Cds and MnS contents is shown in Figure 7. Dotted line in Figure 7 means the average value of Cds mole % in sphalerites (up to 0.5 mole %) from hydrothermal metallic ore deposits (Mookherjee, 1962; Shimazaki & Shimizu, 1980).

Most of Cu-(Pb-Zn), Zn-Pb-(Cu), and Fe deposits are characterized by low Cds contents in sphalerites (less than 0.5 mole %). Most of tungsten deposits and some gold deposits (Samgung-Gubong, and Gyedseong Au mine) have high Cds contents in sphalerite (more than 0.5 mole %). Tungsten deposits include Daewha, Sangdong, Susan, Weolak, Ilwang, and Garisan mines. The MnS contents in sphalerites show two modes of distribution: one is relatively high MnS (more than 1.0 MnS mole %) and the other is low MnS (less than 1.0 mole %). It is noteworthy that sphalerites from Zn-Pb-(Cu) deposits contain variable amounts of manganese ranging from 0.05 mole % (Sambo mine) to 4.53 mole % (Janggun mine). Compared with other mines, MnS contents in sphalerites from Janggun, Ulichin, Sinyeon, No. 1 Yeonhwa, No. 2 Yeonhwa and Younggung Zn-Pb mines have high range more than 1.0 mole %. Such results correspond to the abundance of manganese minerals in orebodies or skarns of these deposits.

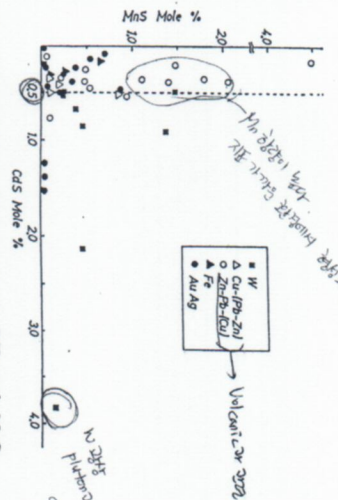


Fig. 7 The relation between mean Cds and MnS contents in sphalerites collected from 42 various metallic ore deposits. Dotted line means the average value of Cds mole % in sphalerites (~0.5 mole %) suggested by Mookherjee (1962), and Shimazaki and Shimizu (1980).

All of Cu, Fe, Au, Ag, and W deposits are characteristic in low MnS contents except two W deposits such as Susan and Cheongyang mines.

Ternary relationship of FeS-MnS-Cds contents in sphalerites is plotted in Figure 8. As discussed above, sphalerites from Cu-(Pb-Zn), Zn-Pb-(Cu), and Fe deposits are relatively depleted in cadmium, whereas sphalerites from W and some Au mines are enriched in Cd. MnS contents are relatively variable in sphalerites from base metal deposits.

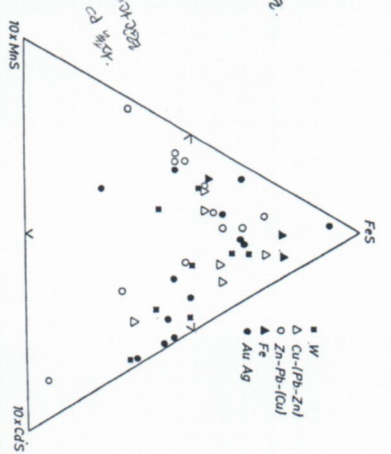


Fig. 8 Ternary relationship of FeS, MnS, and Cds contents in sphalerites from 42 various metallic ore deposits.

Considering the related igneous rocks of the studied ore deposits, low Mn contents in sphalerites seem to be associated with plutonic igneous activity, and low Cd contents tend to be associated with hypabyssal to effusive activity (Figure 9). But Cd contents in sphalerites from the studied ore deposits which are geologically associated with plutonic activity are highly variable.

Source of cadmium in sphalerites

Cadmium contents in sphalerites occurring in W ore deposits are exceptionally high, ranging up to 3.83 mole % Cds in the Daewha mine.

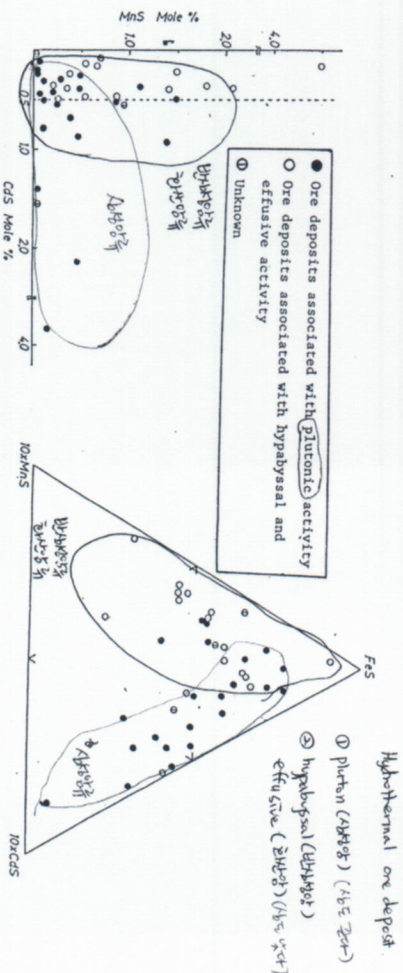


Fig. 9 The relationship of Cds-MnS, and FeS-MnS-Cds contents in sphalerites with reference to the related igneous rocks of the studied 42 ore deposits.

Compositional Variation of Sphalerites from Some Hydrothermal Metallic Ore Deposits in the Republic of Korea*

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Abstract: FeS, MnS and CdS contents of sphalerites from fourteen Korean hydrothermal deposits, are measured by an electron probe microanalyzer. The results are summarized in Table 2. Relatively MnS-rich sphalerites are found in the deposits where sphalerites are enriched in FeS molecule. Sphalerites from Zn-Pb deposits are characterized by high MnS and low CdS contents. Sphalerites from W deposits are high in CdS contents but those from Cu and/or Fe deposits are low in MnS and CdS contents.

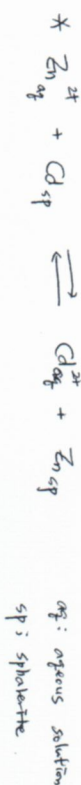
Introduction

Sphalerite is one of the commonest ore minerals occurring in hydrothermal metallic ore deposits. Descriptions of composition of sphalerite from various parts of the world are found in so many literatures. Electron probe microanalysis has been established to be a useful technique for the determination of major and minor element contents in sphalerite since classical works (e.g. WILLIAMS, 1967). FeS content in sphalerite has been proposed as a sensitive indicator for sulfur fugacities prevailed during the ore precipitation (BAXTON and TOULMIN, 1966). The FeS content in sphalerite is also useful as geobarometer when sphalerite coexists with hexagonal pyrrhotite and pyrite (e.g. SCOTT and BARNES, 1971).

The data of sphalerite composition have been included in so many papers discussing

the genesis of individual ore deposits, but only few papers have attempted to clarify the compositional variation of sphalerite from the regional viewpoint. One of the most comprehensive, classical reviews on the minor element contents in sphalerite was carried out by FLESCHER (1955). In Japan, TAKAHASHI (1963) analyzed 366 specimens of sphalerite from the Inner zone of Northeast Japan (so-called Green Tuff region) by a spectroscopy method, to show the regional characteristics and geochemical behavior of trace elements in view of the type of ore deposits and their condition of ore formation. SHIMAZAKI and SHIMIZU (1980) showed that FeS, MnS and CdS contents in sphalerites from several tens of skarn-type deposits in Japan represent certain regularities, and gave possible genetical implications of these regularities.

In Korea, SO (1977) studied the trace element geochemistry of sphalerites collected from 16 Zn-Pb deposits of various geologic settings, and concluded that specific correlations of the trace elements are controlled by geological settings and by physicochemical conditions of the ore formation. His conclusion was unfortunately confined to sphalerites from Zn-Pb deposits. Until now in Korea, therefore, there have been no systematic studies on the compositional variation of major and minor elements in sphalerites in relation to their associated metallic elements



$$K = \frac{(a_{Cd^{2+}} \cdot a_{Zn})}{(a_{Zn^{2+}} \cdot a_{Cd})}$$

$$\therefore \left(\frac{a_{Cd}}{a_{Zn}} \right)_{sp} = \frac{1}{K} \cdot \left(\frac{a_{Cd^{2+}}}{a_{Zn^{2+}}} \right)_{aq}$$

⇒ aq 상의 Cd²⁺ 농도가 낮아질수록
sphalerite 내 Cd 함량이

Sphalerite 중
Cd의 함량을 나타내는 값?

(Zn, Fe, Mn, Cd, ...) S

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Table 1 Brief descriptions of geology and ore deposits of the 14 studied mines.

No.	Name of mine	Type of ore deposits	Major metallic minerals	By-products	Wall rocks	Age of wall rocks	Related igneous rocks	Age of igneous rocks	Remarks
1	Bupyeong	veins (actinolite)	Ag, Pb		rhylolite	late Cret.	granite (?)	Cret.	operating
2	Sihung	skarn	Pb, Zn, Cu		lime-silicates	Pre-Cam.	felsite (?)	Cret.	closed
3	Sinyemi Eastern D.	lens or pipe	Zn, Pb	Mo, Cu, W	limestone	Cam.	felsite porphyry	Cret.	operating
	Western D.	skarn	Zn, Mo, Cu		limestone	Cam.	liparite	Cret.	
4	Sangdong	skarn	W, Bi, Mo	Au	calcareous shale	Cam.	?		operating
5	Geodo	skarn	Fe, Cu	Au	limestone	Cam.	diorite porphyry	Cret.	operating
6	No. 1 Yeonhwa	skarn	Zn, Pb	Ag	limestone	Cam.	quartz porphyry	Cret.	operating
7	No. 2 Yeonhwa	skarn	Zn, Pb	Cu, Ag	limestone	Cam.	granite porphyry	Cret.	operating
8	Ulchin	skarn	Zn, Pb	Cu	limestone	Cam.	liparite	Cret.	operating
9	Susan	veins	W, Mn	Mo	granite	Cret.	granite	Cret.	closed
10	Wolgong Kwangchon D.	veins	Cu	Pb, Zn, W, Bi	hornfels	Ordo.	granite	Cret.	operating
	Dongan D.	veins	W, Mo	Pb, Zn, Cu	lime-silicates hornfels	Ordo.	granite	Cret.	
11	Ulsan	skarn	Fe	W	limestone	Cam. (?)	granite (?)	Cret. (?)	operating
12	Ilgwang	breccia pipe	Cu, W	Ag	granodiorite	Cret.	granodiorite	Cret.	developing
13	Mulgum	veins	Fe		andesite	Cret.	granite (?)	Cret. (?)	operating
14	Haman	veins	Cu	Co, Ag, Au	granodiorite hornfels	Cret.	granodiorite	Cret.	closed

and geologic environments of the deposits.

In the present paper, sphalerites taken from 14 representative mines in Korea, were partially analyzed for iron, manganese and cadmium by using an electron probe micro-analyzer. Compositional variation of the sphalerites is given with brief descriptions of their occurrences, and will be compared from the regional viewpoint.

Sample Preparation and Analytical Procedure

Brief descriptions on geology and ore deposits of the studied 14 mines are listed in Table 1. The age of the related igneous activities is mainly based on the present authors'

Table 2 Analytical results on sphalerites from 14 studied mines.

No.	Name of mine	Number of analyzed points	FeS (mol %)		MnS (mol %)		CdS (mol %)		Remarks			
			Mean	S.D.	Range	Mean	S.D.	Range		Mean	S.D.	Range
1	Bupyeong	17	13.18	2.940	6.43-23.25	0.33	0.087	0.15-0.48	0.39	0.186	0.15-0.79	m
2	Sihung	85	14.34	3.302	5.43-23.25	0.53	0.465	0.02-0.02	0.47	0.151	0.16-0.77	c
3	Sinyemi	148	13.79	5.188	3.10-25.69	1.46	0.893	0.34-4.55	0.21	0.083	0.05-0.56	c
4	Sangdong	290	16.30	1.544	12.85-20.46	0.46	0.310	0.00-1.10	2.14	0.477	0.94-2.80	p
5	Geodo	7	14.04	1.715	11.16-15.31	0.10	0.102	0.02-0.30	0.16	0.161	0.15-0.45	p
6	No. 1 Yeonhwa	80	21.39	2.280	17.27-28.52	1.39	0.678	0.49-3.04	0.39	0.064	0.24-0.53	m
7	No. 2 Yeonhwa	82	19.60	2.112	13.03-24.75	1.79	0.675	0.64-3.56	0.36	0.057	0.20-0.49	m
8	Ulchin	51	20.42	2.710	10.88-24.37	2.07	1.386	0.18-6.86	0.38	0.126	0.01-0.53	m
9	Susan	61	14.90	6.243	4.09-22.55	1.37	0.937	0.27-3.25	0.91	0.191	0.39-1.17	m
10	Wolgong	147	13.27	4.083	5.92-19.51	0.46	0.378	0.00-1.29	0.87	0.318	0.42-1.47	m, p
11	Ulsan	73	19.14	1.613	15.81-23.32	0.27	0.151	0.03-0.82	0.29	0.074	0.12-0.52	m
12	Ilgwang	70	19.39	3.008	14.41-23.26	0.23	0.232	0.00-0.62	0.3-0.089	0.35-0.77	p	
13	Mulgum	15	9.88	1.790	7.82-15.47	0.65	0.135	0.40-0.85	0.16	0.049	0.11-0.26	p
14	Haman	47	6.22	2.472	4.74-15.77	0.09	0.047	0.00-0.17	0.35	0.054	0.23-0.49	p

S.D.: standard deviation

Remarks: Used specimens for preparation of polished sections; m: concentrates (mill products), c: composite polished sections prepared by several crushed hand specimens, p: normal polished sections.

(Fe-W) mines were obtained from such specimens.

The second one is prepared from several crushed hand specimens which were collected from the different sites of the deposits. In the case of the Sinyemi (Zn-Pb-Mo) and Sihung (Pb-Zn-Cu) mines, this type of polished sections was used and described as composite polished sections in Table 2.

The third one is a normal polished section made from a hand specimen. It was very difficult to identify sphalerite megascopically in the hand specimens collected from the Geodo (Fe-Cu), Mulgum (Fe) and Haman (Cu) mines. Then several polished sections were checked under the microscope for each deposit.

Composition of sphalerite was determined by an electron probe microanalyzer of JXA-5, JEOL with 40° take-off angle at the Geological Institute, University of Tokyo. Three elements, iron, manganese and cadmium were measured by a partial analysis method. Zinc and sulfur contents of sphalerite were calculated assuming that the atomic proportion of metals including zinc, iron, manganese and

cadmium to sulfur is 1:1. The accelerating voltage was 25 kV, and used standards were natural chalcopyrite of known composition for iron, synthetic MnS for manganese, and synthetic CdS for cadmium. High and low background counts for each element were measured on metallic molybdenum and aluminum, respectively. The X-ray intensities at each point were measured only one time for a fixed interval of 10 seconds. Quantitative corrections of the intensity data for the atomic number, absorption and fluorescence effects were performed by using the computer program FEMAC for the partial analysis of sphalerite, which was modified from the method proposed by SWEATMAN and LONG (1969).

Result and Discussion

The iron, manganese and cadmium contents in sphalerites determined by the electron probe microanalyzer were recalculated to FeS, MnS and CdS mole percent. Arithmetic mean, standard deviation and range of contents of each component are listed in Table 2. The number of the analyzed points for the

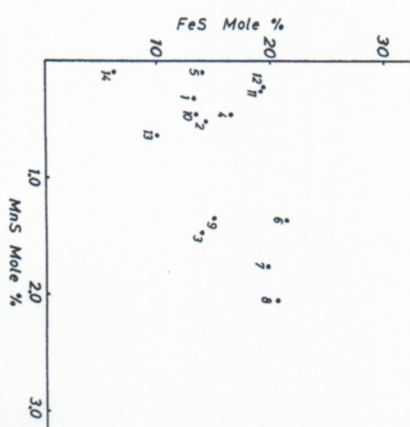


Fig. 1 The relation between mean FeS and MnS contents of the studied sphalerites. Numbers correspond to those of the mines listed in Tables 1 and 2.

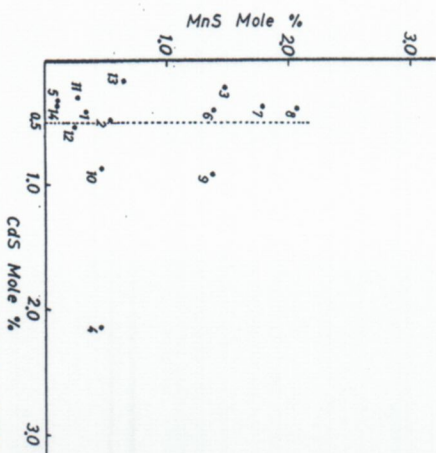


Fig. 2 The relation between mean MnS and CdS contents of the studied sphalerites. Dotted line means the average value of CdS mole% in sphalerites (~0.5 mole%) suggested by MOONKEEJAE (1962) and SHIMAZAKI and SHIMIZU (1980). The numbers correspond to those of the mines listed in Tables 1 and 2.

Bupyeong, Geodo, Mulgum and Hanan deposits are less than 50, because only small sphalerite inclusions in other sulfide minerals, especially in chalcopyrite, or a few grains of

sphalerite are identified under the microscope.

FeS contents of sphalerites from the deposits where pyrrhotite is rare or absent, are less than 20 mole percent. Those deposits include Bupyeong, Geodo, Mulgum and Hanan (SHIMAZAKI, SATO and CHON, 1981b). In the other ten deposits, pyrrhotite with or without pyrite is common, and FeS contents of sphalerites from those deposits show reasonably large variations. The mean contents of FeS and MnS are plotted together in Figure 1. Relatively MnS-rich sphalerites are also enriched in FeS molecules, but the reverse relation is not always the case.

The relation between MnS and CdS contents of sphalerites is shown in Figure 2. About 0.5 mole percent of CdS was suggested as an average value in sphalerites from various types of hydrothermal ore deposits (MOONKEEJAE, 1962; SHIMAZAKI and SHIMIZU, 1980). Dotted line in Figure 2 shows this average CdS content of hydrothermal sphalerites. The composition of sphalerites from the Sinyu, No. 1 and No. 2 Yeonhwa and Ulsan mines (Nos. 3, 6, 7 and 8 in the figure), important Zn-Pb producers in Korea, is characterized by high MnS and low CdS content (less than 0.5 CdS mole percent). On the contrary, sphalerites from tungsten deposits such as the Sangdong, Wolag and Ilgwan mines (Nos. 4, 10 and 12 in Fig. 2), belong to another group of low MnS and high CdS mole percent. High MnS content is exceptionally observed in sphalerites from the Susan tungsten-manganese mine (No. 9 in the figure). Third group includes iron and/or copper deposits such as the Geodo, Mulgum and Hanan mines (Nos. 5, 13 and 14 in the figure), which are characterized by sphalerites of low MnS and CdS content.

It is worthy of note that the variation of sphalerite compositions is almost similar among similar type of ore deposits. For example, sphalerites from the No. 1 and No. 2 Yeonhwa and Ulsan mines are the case as shown in Figure 3. These three zinc-lead mines are spatially close to each other, and are thought to have genetical relation to similar hypabyssal igneous rocks (Table 1). Mean FeS and CdS

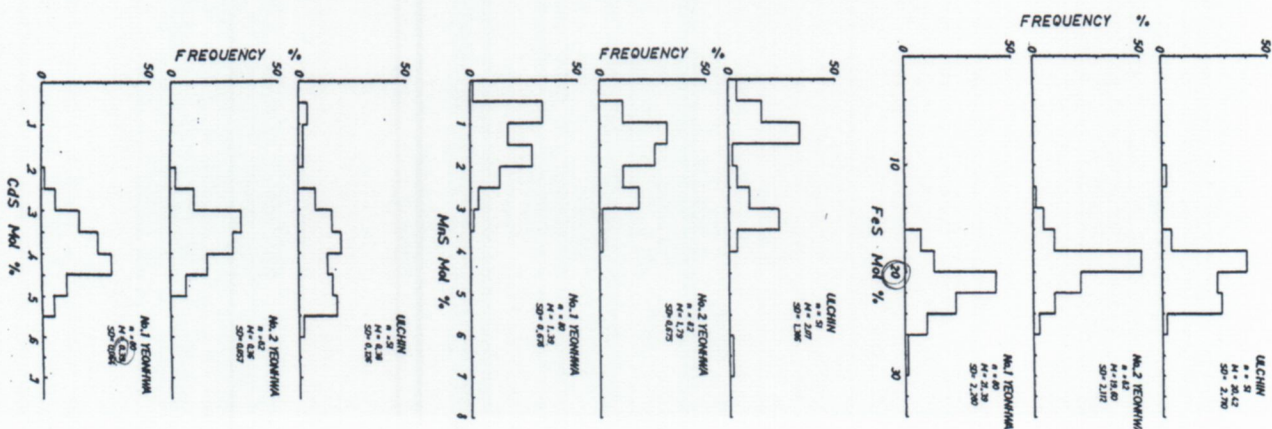


Fig. 3 Frequency distribution of FeS, MnS and CdS mole% in sphalerites from the No. 1 and No. 2 Yeonhwa and Ulsan mines. n: number of analyzed points, M: mean value of analyzed data, SD: standard deviation.

contents are about 20 and 0.4 mole percent, respectively. Compared with other mines, MnS contents are so high ranging from 1.39 to 2.07 mole percent in mean values. Such results correspond to the abundance of manganese minerals in skarns of these deposits.

Further an interesting trend is observed in the Wolag tungsten mine as shown in Figure 4. There are two main veins in the mine which were formed apparently under the same geologic settings (Table 1). Sulfide minerals such as chalcopyrite, galena and arsenopyrite are abundant in Kwangchon veins, while wolframite, molybdenite, pyrite, pyrrhotite and scheelite are predominant in Dongsan veins. Among the three components in sphalerites, CdS shows the most sensitive variation in relation to the associated ore minerals. In other words, the CdS content of sphalerites seems to be remarkably related to the abundance of tungsten minerals even under the almost same geologic environments of ore formation.

All tungsten ore deposits studied in the present paper are genetically related to plutonic rocks, and display high CdS content of sphalerites without exception, ranging up to 2.80 mole percent CdS in the Sangdong mine. The reason why cadmium is enriched in sphalerites in tungsten ore deposits is not yet solved physicochemically. Similar compositional variation of sphalerites is also recognized in sphalerites from some Japanese hydrothermal ore deposits (SHIMAZAKI and SHIMIZU, 1980), and will remain to be solved in the future.

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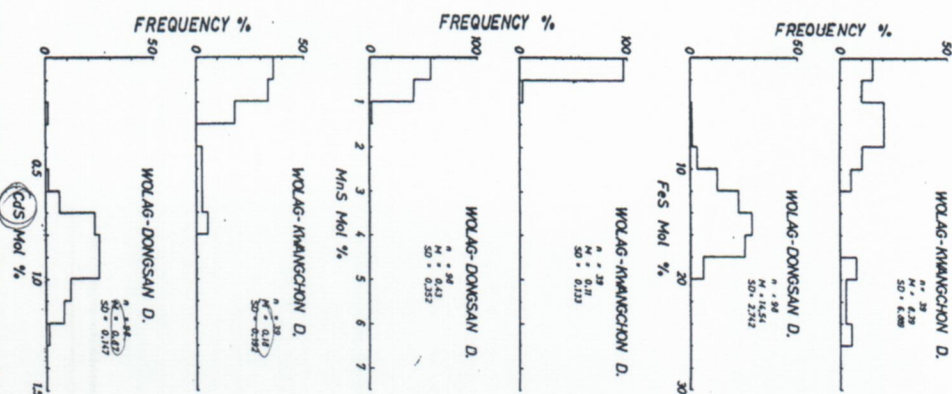


Fig. 4 Frequency distribution of FeS, MnS and CdS mole% in sphalerites from two main veins of the Wolag mine. See Fig. 3 for explanation of n, M and SD.

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大韓民国における熱水性金属鉱床の閃亜鉛鉱の化学組成変化

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要旨：韓国における14の熱水性鉱床の閃亜鉛鉱について、そのFeS, MnS, CdS含有量をX線マイクロアナライザーにより測定した。結果は第2表に示すとおりである。比較的MnSに富む閃亜鉛鉱は、FeSの含有量も高いものが多い。亜鉛-鉛鉱床産閃亜鉛鉱は高いMnSと低いCdS含有量で特徴づけられるが、タングステン鉱床産閃亜鉛鉱では高いCdS含有量を示す。銅および/または鉄鉱床産の閃亜鉛鉱はMnSとCdSの含有量も共に低い特徴がある。