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35 **Abstract**

36 Recycling of upper plate crust in subduction zones, or 'subduction erosion', is a major  
37 mechanism of crustal destruction at convergent margins. However, assessing the impact  
38 of eroded crust on arc magmas is difficult owing to the compositional similarity between  
39 the eroded crust, trench sediment and arc crustal basement that may all contribute to arc  
40 magma formation. Here we compare Sr-Nd-Pb-Hf and trace element data of crustal  
41 input material to Sr-Nd-Pb-Hf-He-O isotope chemistry of a well-characterized series of  
42 olivine-phyric, high-Mg# basalts to dacites in the central Mexican Volcanic Belt (MVB).  
43 Basaltic to andesitic magmas crystallize high-Ni olivines that have high mantle-like  
44  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He} = 7\text{-}8 R_a$  and high crustal  $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{melt}} = +6.3\text{-}8.5\text{‰}$  implying their host magmas to be  
45 near-primary melts from a mantle infiltrated by slab-derived crustal components.  
46 Remarkably, their Hf-Nd isotope and Nd/Hf trace element systematics rule out the  
47 trench sediment as the recycled crust end member, and imply that the coastal and  
48 offshore granodiorites are the dominant recycled crust component. Sr-Nd-Pb-Hf isotope  
49 modeling shows that the granodiorites control the highly to moderately incompatible  
50 elements in the calc-alkaline arc magmas, together with lesser additions of Pb- and Sr-  
51 rich fluids from subducted mid-oceanic ridge basalt (MORB)-type altered oceanic crust  
52 (AOC). Nd-Hf mass balance suggests that the granodiorite exceeds the flux of the trench  
53 sediment by at least 9-10 times, corresponding to a flux of  $\geq 79\text{-}88 \text{ km}^3/\text{km}/\text{Myr}$  into the  
54 subduction zone. At an estimated thickness of 1500-1700 m, the granodiorite may  
55 buoyantly rise as bulk 'slab diapirs' into the mantle melt region and impose its trace  
56 element signature (e.g. Th/La, Nb/Ta) on the prevalent calc-alkaline arc magmas. Deep  
57 slab melting and local recycling of other slab components such as oceanic seamounts  
58 further diversify the MVB magmas by producing rare, strongly fractionated high-La  
59 magmas and a minor population of high-Nb magmas, respectively. Overall, the central  
60 MVB magmas inherit their striking geochemical diversity principally from the slab, thus  
61 emphasizing the importance of continental crust recycling in modern solid Earth relative  
62 to its new formation in modern subduction zones.

63 **1. INTRODUCTION**

64 Subduction zone magmas share remarkable compositional similarities with the  
65 continental crust. This has triggered a longstanding and controversial debate regarding  
66 whether the continental crust was extracted from the Earth's mantle by processes similar  
67 to those of modern convergent margins (e.g. Harrison, 2009; Plank, 2004; Stern, 2011;  
68 Taylor, 1967). A pivotal question in this debate is the extent to which subduction

69 processing can create the typical fractionated trace element signature of the continental  
70 crust, or whether this signature is mostly inherited through perpetual recycling of  
71 continental crust in subduction zones (e.g. Plank, 2004; Rudnick, 1995). Continental crust  
72 is recycled in subduction zones by means of the oceanic sediment subducted at the  
73 trenches ('trench sediment') and by subduction erosion of the upper plate crust (Clift  
74 and Vannucchi, 2004; Huene and Scholl, 1991). Trench sediment accumulates by surface  
75 erosion of the continental crust and resembles average upper continental crust (Plank,  
76 2004; Plank and Langmuir, 1993). Eroded crust is continental crust that is mechanically  
77 removed by the subducting slab from forearc basement either by frontal or basal tectonic  
78 erosion (Huene et al., 2004; Huene and Scholl, 1991).

79 Trench sediment recycling has been deduced by the strong compositional links  
80 between arc magmas and conjugate trench sediments (e.g. Kay, 1980; Kelemen et al.,  
81 2003; Morris et al., 2002; Morris et al., 1990; Plank, 2004; Plank and Langmuir, 1993), and  
82 unequivocally confirmed by the detection of cosmogenic  $^{10}\text{Be}$  in young arc lavas (Morris  
83 et al., 2002; Tera et al., 1986). In contrast, subduction erosion was first recognized from  
84 geological observations. For example, uplifted igneous plutonic roots of older arcs may  
85 be exposed trenchward to modern arcs which suggests a landward retreat of the trench  
86 and forearc crustal removal (Huene and Scholl, 1991; Schaaf et al., 1995). Missing crust is  
87 also indicated by vertical fore-arc subsidence without horizontal extension or depression  
88 (Huene and Scholl, 1991; Ranero and Huene, 2000). The intensity of subduction erosion  
89 may vary considerably through time and among different arc-trench systems (Clift and  
90 Vannucchi, 2004; Stern, 2011). On a global scale, mass balance calculations show that  
91 subduction erosion accounts for about half (~44-50%) of the crust recycled in subduction  
92 zones relative to the trench sediment (~42-56%) (Clift et al., 2009; Scholl and Huene,  
93 2009). Regionally, eroded crust may even exceed the mass of trench sediment by up to a  
94 factor of 10 (Vannucchi et al., 2003). Clearly, in view of these numbers, the recycled  
95 eroded crust must leave a chemical imprint on the arc that rivals the influence of the  
96 recycled trench sediment.

97 Confirming the recycling of eroded crust in the compositions of arc magmas,  
98 however, is a major challenge. The eroded crust mingles with the incoming trench  
99 sediment and subducted igneous oceanic basement (AOC, altered oceanic crust), and re-  
100 emerges in volcanic arcs together with material from the mantle, and possibly  
101 contaminated by the arc's crustal basement. These components must then be  
102 distinguished from each other in arc magmas, whereby the eroded crust is similar to  
103 trench sediment and arc basement. No unique tracer exists, such as  $^{10}\text{Be}$  for oceanic

104 trench sediment. To add complexity, basal crust from the underside of the upper plate is  
105 not accessible, which forestalls direct comparison to arc compositions. Nevertheless,  
106 from comprehensive Sr-Nd-Pb-B isotope and trace element studies of arc magmas,  
107 evidence for the presence of fore-arc eroded crust has begun to accumulate (e.g. Goss  
108 and Kay, 2006; Goss et al., 2013; Holm et al., 2014; Kay et al., 2005; Risse et al., 2013;  
109 Tonarini et al., 2011). The common factor of these studies is that they integrate geological  
110 and geochemical observations that allow the detection of compositional mismatch  
111 between arc chemistry and trench input from the subducted slab that may be reconciled  
112 by crust removed from the fore-arc regions.

113 In the global spectrum of arc magmas, the Mexican margin is a prime setting for  
114 tracing the eroded crust in volcanic arcs. First, there is strong evidence for long-term  
115 crustal erosion along the Mexican Trench indicated by trench retreat and fore-arc uplift  
116 (Clift and Vannucchi, 2004), and by large volumes of missing Mesozoic and Cenozoic  
117 crust along the coast (Ducea et al., 2004; Keppie et al., 2012; Morán-Zenteno et al., 1996;  
118 Schaaf et al., 1995). Second, the subducted crustal materials - trench sediment, AOC,  
119 eroded crust – are obtainable from drill sites at the trench and offshore continental slope  
120 as well as from coastal outcrops (exposed Acapulco intrusion, Hernández-Pineda et al.,  
121 2011; Watkins and Moore, 1981). Since these crustal materials have distinct  
122 compositions, they should be traceable in the arc magmas. Here we report the results of  
123 comprehensive comparison between Sr-Nd-Pb-Hf-O-He isotope and trace element data  
124 of olivine-bearing arc magmas from the central Mexican Volcanic Belt (MVB) and Sr-Nd-  
125 Pb-Hf isotope and trace elements of relevant crustal input materials from the subducting  
126 and overlying slab. Our data imply that crust recycled by subduction erosion controls  
127 much of the chemistry of the arc magmas erupted in the central MVB.

## 128 2. GEOLOGICAL SETTING

129 The Mexican Volcanic Belt is an active Pliocene-Quaternary volcanic arc that is related  
130 to the subduction of the Cocos and Rivera plates along the Middle American Trench  
131 (Figure 1) (e.g. Gómez-Tuena et al., 2007b). The trench runs oblique to the arc volcanic  
132 front at an angle of  $\sim 17^\circ$ , because the slab dip decreases eastward and the arc-trench gap  
133 widens. In the central MVB, the slab subducts horizontally beneath the forearc and the  
134 arc-trench gap measures  $\sim 360$  km (Pardo and Suarez, 1995; Perez-Campos et al., 2008).  
135 The study area in central Mexico comprises the monogenetic Sierra Chichinautzin  
136 Volcanic Field that is flanked by the composite volcanoes Nevado de Toluca (west) and  
137 Popocatepetl (east) (Figure 1, 2). The volcanoes are constructed on a  $\sim 45$  km thick sialic  
138 crust of Proterozoic granulites and Mesozoic metapelites, granites and limestones (e.g.

139 Ortega-Gutiérrez et al., 2012). An extensional crustal stress regime facilitates magma  
140 ascent, and mafic and high-Mg# olivine-phyric basalts and andesites are common  
141 (Gómez-Tuena et al., 2007b; Schaaf et al., 2005; Wallace and Carmichael, 1999).

142 Magma compositions in the central MVB range from basalt to dacites which display  
143 considerable diversity in trace elements (e.g. Cai et al., 2014; LaGatta, 2003, and  
144 references therein; Martinez-Serrano et al., 2004; Schaaf et al., 2005; Siebe et al., 2004a;  
145 Straub et al., 2013a; Straub et al., 2014; Wallace and Carmichael, 1999). For petrogenetic  
146 studies it was useful to distinguish between a 'basaltic' (olivine-normative) and  
147 'andesitic' (quartz-normative) group, respectively (e.g. Straub et al., 2011b; 2013a; 2014).  
148 For the discussion of recycling processes, however, we prefer a division based on the  
149 source-sensitive incompatible trace elements (Figure 3). In trace element space, three  
150 groups with basaltic and andesitic compositions can be distinguished (see also  
151 Appendix A, Figure 1a). The first and far most abundant group (estimated >95 vol% of  
152 erupted magmas) are calc-alkaline basalts to dacites (50-67 wt% SiO<sub>2</sub>) which construct  
153 the voluminous (several 100 km<sup>3</sup>) composite volcanoes and most of the small-volume (≤1  
154 km<sup>3</sup>) monogenetic cones. Calc-alkaline magmas combine low Nb = 4-14 ppm  
155 abundances with arc-typical strong enrichments of large-ion lithophile elements (LILE)  
156 relative to the rare earth elements (REE) and high-field-strength elements (HFSE). The  
157 second group ('high-La') consists of light REE (LREE)-enriched basalts to basaltic  
158 andesites that have strongly fractionated trace element patterns with strong enrichments  
159 in K<sub>2</sub>O and LREE, relative depletions in Zr-Hf and steep heavy REE (HREE) patterns.  
160 'High-La' magmas were first described by Gomez-Tuena et al. (2007a) in the Valle de  
161 Bravo west of Nevado de Toluca. In the central MVB, only a few high-La magmas erupt  
162 from small, monogenetic volcanoes but these magmas are more common in western  
163 Mexico (Gomez-Tuena et al., 2011). The third group consists of Nb-rich (>17-36 ppm),  
164 mildly alkaline basalts to basaltic andesites (49-57 wt% SiO<sub>2</sub>). Nb-rich magmas are  
165 enriched in LILE, REE and HFSE, and their trace element pattern resemble those of  
166 enriched intraplate basalts (LaGatta, 2003; Schaaf et al., 2005; Straub et al., 2013a; Wallace  
167 and Carmichael, 1999). Nb-rich magmas are ubiquitous in the rear-arc region of the  
168 MVB, but are rare along the arc volcanic front (e.g. Díaz-Bravo et al., 2014; Gómez-Tuena  
169 et al., 2007b; Luhr, 1997).

170 In the central MVB, Nb-rich magmas erupt from a small, likely coeval group (ca. 1600-  
171 1800 year ago, Siebe, 2000; Siebe et al., 2004b; Straub et al., 2013b) of monogenetic  
172 volcanoes in the center of the Sierra Chichinautzin, located halfway between  
173 Popocatepetl and Nevada de Toluca (Figure 2) (e.g. Straub et al., 2013b; Wallace and

174 Carmichael, 1999). These Nb-rich magmas are closely associated with the calc-alkaline  
175 magmas, erupting from vents only a few kilometers and a few thousands year apart,  
176 and even from the same volcano (e.g. Suchiooc, Schaaf et al., 2005; Siebe et al., 2004a;  
177 Straub et al., 2013a; Straub et al., 2014). In our sample set, the Nb-rich magmas are over-  
178 represented, because they were the target of a more detailed study (Straub et al., 2013a,  
179 2013b).

### 180 3. ARC MAGMA PETROGENESIS IN THE CENTRAL MVB

181 The impact of slab contributions (such as slab fluids, slab partial melts and more  
182 recently 'slab diapirs', hereafter summarily referred to as 'slab components') on arc  
183 magmas and its consequences for arc petrogenesis and subduction cycling are at the core  
184 of arc research (e.g. Gomez-Tuena et al., 2014; Hacker et al., 2011; Plank, 2004). This  
185 question is also intensely debated in the central MVB, where much recent progress was  
186 made, and for which a short summary is provided here.

187 The central MVB is constructed on thick continental basement and consequently many  
188 studies propose that andesites and dacites evolve from primary basaltic mantle melt by  
189 crustal processing (fractional crystallization, crustal assimilation) (e.g. Agustín-Flores et  
190 al., 2011; Marquez et al., 1999; Verma, 1999a). However, in recent years evidence has  
191 accumulated from several comprehensive petrologic and geochemical studies that the  
192 entire range of central MVB basaltic to andesitic (and even dacitic and rhyolitic) magmas  
193 are near-primary melts from a subduction-modified mantle that pass the crustal  
194 basement nearly unchanged (Gomez-Tuena et al., 2007a; Gómez-Tuena et al., 2008;  
195 Straub et al., 2011a; Straub et al., 2013a; Straub et al., 2008). In these models high-Ni  
196 olivines with up to 5400 ppm Ni play a key role (Appendix A, Figures 1b,c). These  
197 olivines crystallize from basaltic and andesitic magmas and have high  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  ratios of  
198 7-8  $R_a$  which confirms that their host magmas originate in upper mantle. Moreover, the  
199 high Ni concentrations in olivine suggests that these magmas are partial melts of  
200 secondary olivine-free pyroxenite segregations in the mantle wedge (Straub et al.,  
201 2011b). Such segregations formed following the infiltration of silicic components from  
202 slab. They melt preferentially relative to the surrounding peridotite in an upwelling  
203 mantle and produce a broader range of primary basaltic to dacitic melts that mix  
204 variably during ascent to form andesites (Straub et al., 2011a; Straub et al., 2013a; Straub  
205 et al., 2008). A major implication of this 'pyroxenite model' is that the central MVB  
206 magmas are principally mixtures of slab and mantle materials that underwent little, or  
207 negligible, processing in the shallow crust. Thus, the budget of their highly incompatible

208 trace elements must be strongly controlled by recycled slab materials with little  
209 influence of the subarc mantle.

210 This inference has to date been confirmed by follow-up studies which provided  
211 additional insights (e.g. Straub et al., 2013a; 2014). First, the central MVB 'background  
212 mantle' (mantle without subduction influence) is highly depleted through serial  
213 ('repetitive') melting that is triggered by the continuous hydrous flux from slab since the  
214 arc became active in Pliocene. Thus, the mantle wedge is very susceptible to be  
215 chemically overprinted by slab additions (2013a; Straub et al., 2008; 2014). The effect of  
216 only a few percent melt extraction on the pre-subduction mantle is illustrated in  
217 Figure 3, by means of modeling the 'Old Texcal Flow'. This is a monogenetic basalt flow  
218 that shows the least slab influence in central Mexico [e.g. lowest SiO<sub>2</sub> ~49 wt%, highest  
219 TiO<sub>2</sub> ~2 wt% and lowest Ni in olivines that are only slightly higher than the Ni of  
220 olivines in mid-ocean ridge basalts (MORB)], and is considered as best proxy to a melt  
221 from the original mantle wedge (Straub et al., 2013a). In incompatible trace elements, the  
222 'Old Texcal Flow' resembles a ~3-4% partial melt of the average primitive mantle (or  
223 'pyrolite') as given by McDonough and Sun (1995) [see Straub (2013a)]. However, the  
224 'Old Texcal Flow' has no end member character in trace element space (Figure 3). While  
225 the 'Old Texcal Flow' is per definition a high-Nb basalt (Nb>17 ppm), it has the lowest  
226 Nb abundances of this group (Nb=17-19 ppm) and is largely intermediate to calc-  
227 alkaline and high-Nb series in other incompatible trace elements (Straub et al., 2014).  
228 Therefore, primitive mantle cannot be the prevalent background mantle as it would  
229 produce melts that are too enriched in HFSE and light REE for the calc-alkaline series.  
230 However, a residual of primitive mantle, produced after only >3-10% melt loss, is highly  
231 depleted incompatible elements, and can easily be modified by slab additions (Straub et  
232 al., 2014). As discussed previously, in the central MVB, most of the incompatible trace  
233 elements (including elements Sr, Nd, Pb and Hf which are associated with isotope  
234 tracers) are either exclusively, or substantially contributed from the slab (Straub et al.,  
235 2013a; 2014), excepting only Ti and HREE (Ho-Lu).

236 Second, regardless of the extent of depletion by melting, the Ti and HREE (Ho-Lu) are  
237 always controlled by the mantle. In other words, calc-alkaline and high-Nb magmas  
238 could contain larger amount of slab material without displaying a garnet signature.  
239 Model calculations for REE that use the most recent partitioning data for fluid and/or  
240 melt release from slab (Klimm et al., 2008; Skora and Blundy, 2010) show that absorption  
241 of up to 30% of slab material would not increasing Ho/Lu of the metasomatized mantle  
242 above MORB levels (Straub et al., 2013a; 2014). This amount agrees well with the

243 'pyroxenite model' that requires a minimum of 15-18% (and likely more) of a silicic slab  
244 component in the source in order to convert peridotite to olivine-free pyroxenite (2011b;  
245 Straub et al., 2008).

246 In summary, there is a confluence of evidence for strong slab contributions to the  
247 mantle source that may make up several tens of percent of the erupted magmas (2014;  
248 Gomez-Tuena et al., 2007a; Straub et al., 2011b; 2013a; 2014). At such proportions, the  
249 slab components must control the highly incompatible trace element budgets of the  
250 magmas. Moreover, slab components may range from strongly fractionated varieties to  
251 components that equally mobilize fluid-mobile LILE, HFSE and LREE. Such diversity -  
252 that likely represents heterogeneous slab material rather than an extreme range of  
253 fractionation - would be ideal to produce the trace element diversity of calc-alkaline,  
254 high-La and Nb-rich series that are so closely associated in time and space. Thus, the  
255 central MVB magmas are not only suitable for more detailed investigations of the impact  
256 of the slab flux on arc chemistry, but such studies are also a vital test of the prevailing  
257 petrogenetic models.

#### 258 4. SAMPLES AND DATA FOR THIS STUDY

259 Here we present new  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  data (n=51) for olivine phenocrysts, together with new Hf  
260 and Pb isotope ratios of representative bulk rock samples (n= 37 samples). Most of these  
261 samples have previously been analyzed for major and trace element abundances, Sr and  
262 Nd isotope ratios, and the olivines have been analyzed for composition and  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$   
263 (2011b; 2013a; Straub et al., 2008; 2014). In addition, 22 new volcanic rock samples were  
264 analyzed for major and trace elements and Sr-Nd-Pb-Hf isotopes, as well as for major  
265 element oxide and Ni concentrations of olivines of six samples (Appendix B Tables 1-5).  
266 Furthermore, we analyzed up to 22 selected samples of crustal material (xenoliths,  
267 basement) for major and trace elements and Sr-Nd-Pb-Hf isotope data (Appendix B  
268 Tables 6-9) in order to complement the published data of crustal rocks from the  
269 continental basement and offshore central Mexico (Figure 1). All new and previously  
270 published data are summarized in Appendix B Table 10.

##### 271 4.1. Central Mexican arc volcanic rocks

272 Sample locations for volcanic rocks are shown in Figure 2. Calc-alkaline samples are  
273 from many monogenetic volcanoes and two composite volcanoes, Popocatepetl and  
274 Toluca. The three high-La basalts and basaltic andesites are from monogenetic volcanoes  
275 Yecahuazac Cone, Tuxtepec and St. Cruz. The Nb-rich series are from monogenetic  
276 volcanoes Suchiooc, Chichinautzin and Texcal Flow.



277 **4.2. Crustal materials**

278 Crustal materials used in this study include (i) continental crustal basement on which  
279 the MVB is constructed, (ii) coastal and offshore crustal basement, and (iii) the  
280 terrigenous and pelagic sediment and AOC of the Cocos and Pacific plates (Figure 1).

281 **4.2.1. Continental crustal basement**

282 We obtained new Hf isotope data on crustal xenoliths from Chalcatzingo and Valle de  
283 Santiago that have previously characterized for Sr-Nd-Pb isotopes and trace elements by  
284 Gómez-Tuena et al. (2008, Chalcatzingo) and Ortega-Gutiérrez et al. (2014, Valle de  
285 Santiago). Additional major and trace element data and Sr-Nd-Pb isotope ratios of  
286 outcropping crust and crustal xenoliths from within and south of the Mexican Volcanic  
287 Belt were compiled from Schaaf et al. (2005, Popocatepetl), Gomez-Tuena et al. (2003;  
288 2008, Teziutlán (Puebla) and Chalcatzingo), Martinez-Serrano et al. (2004, Toluca,  
289 Ortega-Gutiérrez et al. (2012; 2014, Puente Negro and Valle Santiago; 2011), and Pérez-  
290 Gutiérrez et al. (2009, Xolapa terrane).

291 **4.2.2. Coastal and offshore continental crust**

292 We obtained coastal and offshore continental crust as proxies to crust recycled by  
293 crustal erosion. The coastal samples are from the Eocene Acapulco intrusion that is now  
294 exposed at the Pacific coast south of the central MVB (Hernández-Pineda et al., 2011).  
295 Offshore samples are from DSDP Leg 66 drill sites that recovered biotite gneiss (Site 489)  
296 and granodiorite (Site 493) basement southeast of Acapulco (Figure 1). We analyzed Hf  
297 isotopes of the Acapulco intrusion [all other data are from Hernández-Pineda et al.  
298 (2011)] and major and trace element abundances and Sr-Nd-Pb-Hf isotope ratios of the  
299 DSDP basement samples (Appendix B Tables 7-9).

300 **4.2.3. Cocos and Pacific Plates**

301 The crustal compositions of the incoming Cocos Plate are either AOC or oceanic  
302 sediment.

303 **4.2.3.1. Pelagic and terrigenous sediment**

304 There are two types of sediment subducted at the trench: (i) the pelagic sediment that  
305 accumulated on the Cocos plate, and the (ii) terrigenous (hemipelagic) sediment from  
306 the North American plate which covers the continental slope, trench and the near-trench  
307 region of the Cocos plate (Watkins and Moore, 1981). The terrigenous sediment reaches  
308 a minimum thickness of 625 m on the continental slope, and is still thicker (105 m) than  
309 the pelagic sediment (65 m) at the trench Site 487 on the Cocos plate (Figure 1, Watkins  
310 et al., 1981). Both sediment types were analyzed for major and trace element abundances

311 and Sr-Nd-Pb-Hf isotopes by Verma (1999b), LaGatta (2003) and Cai et al. (2014), mainly  
312 with samples from DSDP Site 487 on the incoming Cocos plate, supplemented by  
313 samples from DSDP Site 488 at the toe of the upper plate continental slope, and from  
314 piston cores near the East Pacific Rise (Figure 1). A bulk trench sediment has been  
315 calculated (Cai et al., 2014; Plank, 2014).

316 While not all data were obtained at each site, the two sediment types have clear  
317 commonalities and differences. Both types have similar  $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$   $\sim 0.5125$  and  $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$   
318  $\sim 0.7085$ , but the pelagic sediment has higher  $^{176}\text{Hf}/^{177}\text{Hf}$  ( $\sim 0.28294$  vs.  $0.28278$ ) and Nd/Hf  
319 ( $\sim 20$  vs  $8$ ) than the terrigenous sediment, and is less radiogenic in Pb isotopes (e.g.  
320  $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$   $18.84$  vs  $18.52$ ) (Cai et al., 2014; LaGatta, 2003). These differences allow these  
321 two lithologies to be traced through the Mexican margin given the sensitivity of arcs  
322 towards trench sediment (e.g. Carpentier et al., 2008; Elliott et al., 1997; Plank and  
323 Langmuir, 1993).

#### 324 4.2.3.2. Subducting igneous oceanic crust (AOC)

325 The subducted AOC has been characterized for trace elements and Sr-Nd-Pb-Hf  
326 isotopes using the Miocene basalt basement drilled at DSDP Site 487 on the incoming  
327 Cocos Plate (Cai et al., 2014; Verma, 1999b). These data and additional Sr-Nd-Pb-Hf  
328 isotope analyses of two Site 487 basement samples (Appendix B Table 7) show that the  
329 Site 487 basement resembles depleted zero-age mid-ocean ridge basalts of the East  
330 Pacific Rise (PetDB, 2011). Nevertheless, the AOC now beneath the central MVB is about  
331  $\sim 5$ - $6$  million years older than at the trench, based on the current convergence rate of  $47$   
332  $\text{km}/\text{Ma}$  and the arc-trench gap of  $360$  km (e.g. Manea and Manea, 2011). In order to  
333 preclude the possibility of a significant temporal change of the AOC, we analyzed  $9$   
334 basaltic glasses spanning  $10$ - $72$  Ma from the western flank of the East Pacific Rise  
335 (Pacific Plate), assuming that the crust on both flanks of the East Pacific Rise represents  
336 the upwelling mantle. Sample locations are shown in Figure 1 and include DSDP Sites  
337  $163$ ,  $469$ ,  $470$  and  $472$ , ODP Sites  $1217\text{A}$ ,  $1243\text{B}$  and IODP Sites  $1332$ ,  $1333$  and  $1334$ . Sr-  
338 Nd-Pb-Hf isotope ratios for all sites, and major element oxide abundances for three sites  
339 are given in Appendix Tables 8 and 9. The trace element composition of these MORB  
340 glasses are from Brandl et al. (2011; 2015).

## 341 5. ANALYTICAL METHODS

342 The majority of the Hf isotope ratios ( $n=37$ ) were obtained at the Institute for Earth  
343 Sciences (IES), Academia Sinica, Taipei, Taiwan on a Nu Plasma using the chemical Hf  
344 separation technique after Lee et al. (1999). Additional Sr-Nd-Pb-Hf isotope ratios of

345 MVB lavas, crustal material and MORB glasses were obtained at Lamont using chemical  
346 separation procedures developed by Cai et al. (2014). All trace element data of bulk  
347 rocks were obtained by solution ICP-MS methods at the Centro de Geociencias (CGEO),  
348 Juriquilla/Qro., Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, Mexico. Major element  
349 oxides were obtained by solution ICP-OES at Lamont. Oxygen isotope data of olivine  
350 were obtained at the University of Oregon at Eugene. Olivine major and trace element  
351 analyses and major element analyses of MORB glasses were performed at the American  
352 Museum of Natural History in New York/USA. Details of analytical methods are given  
353 in Appendix B together with the new data (Appendix B Tables 1-9).

## 354 6. RESULTS

### 355 6.1. O isotopes of the central MVB magmas

356 The  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  of olivines range from 5.3 to 6.6‰, which corresponds to  $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{melt}} = 6.3\text{--}8.4\text{‰}$   
357 of their basaltic and andesite equilibrium melts (Figure 4) (fractionation-correction after,  
358 Bindeman, 2008). The  $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{oliv}}$  extend to higher values than those reported by Johnson et  
359 al. (2009) in young basalts from monogenetic volcanoes in the Michoacan-Guanajuato  
360 Volcanic Field farther to the west ( $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{oliv}} = 5.5\text{--}6.0\text{‰}$ ). Together with the olivines of  
361 Kluchevskoy volcano, Kamchatka which have  $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{oliv}}$  up to 7.6‰ (Auer et al., 2009),  
362 central Mexico has the highest  $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{oliv}}$  reported in arc magmas worldwide (Martin et al.,  
363 2011). Notably, the Nb-rich magmas have similar values and ranges in  $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{melt}}$  (=   
364  $7.2\pm 0.5\text{‰}$ ,  $n=16$ ) as the calc-alkaline ( $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{melt}} = 7.4\pm 0.5\text{‰}$ ,  $n=24$ ) and high-La series  
365 ( $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{melt}} = 6.6\text{--}7.3\text{‰}$ ,  $n=2$ ). The olivines of the Old Texcal Flow ( $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{oliv}} = 5.6\text{‰}$ ), which  
366 best approximates the mantle prior to subduction modification, have one of the lowest  
367 melt  $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{melt}} = 6.4\text{‰}$  of the MVB. While still slightly above the range of MORB-type  
368 mantle melts ( $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{melt}} = 5.7 \pm 0.2 \text{‰}$ , Bindeman, 2008), the data confirm the end member  
369 character of the Old Texcal Flow (Straub et al., 2013a).

### 370 6.2. Sr-Nd-Pb-Hf isotope ratios

371 The Sr-Nd-Pb-Hf isotope ratios of our samples are within the range reported from  
372 previous studies (e.g. Cai et al., 2014; Martinez-Serrano et al., 2004; Meriggi et al., 2008;  
373 Schaaf et al., 2005; Siebe et al., 2004a). Our data, however, illustrate for the first time the  
374 systematic differences between calc-alkaline, high-La and Nb-rich magmas in all four  
375 isotope systems (Figures 5-7). In Sr-Nd isotope space, the calc-alkaline and high-La  
376 magmas are displaced to higher  $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$  and/or higher  $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$  relative to the Nb-  
377 rich series (Figure 5). The Old Texcal Flow has the most radiogenic  $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$  and least  
378 radiogenic  $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$  closest to Cenozoic MORB which agrees with its end member

379 character in trace element space (Straub et al., 2013a). In Nd-Hf isotope space, the calc-  
380 alkaline and high-La series, and the Nb-rich magmas, respectively, define two parallel,  
381 partially overlapping trends along the terrestrial array (Vervoort et al., 2011) (Figure 6)  
382 with the calc-alkaline series being displaced towards higher  $^{176}\text{Hf}/^{177}\text{Hf}$  at a given  
383  $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$ . Again, the Old Texcal Flow has the most radiogenic  $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$  and  
384  $^{176}\text{Hf}/^{177}\text{Hf}$  of the central MVB magmas, close in composition to Cenozoic MORB. In Pb  
385 isotope space, all arc samples plot on a tight, linear array whereby the Nb-rich series  
386 show a displacement towards more radiogenic Pb relative to the calc-alkaline magmas  
387 (Figure 7) that is typical for the MVB (Díaz-Bravo et al., 2014; Gomez-Tuena et al.,  
388 2007a). However, the Old Texcal Flow does not form the most radiogenic end member,  
389 but plots in the middle of the arc array near the transition between calc-alkaline and  
390 high-Nb series with a slight, but significant displacement toward higher  $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$ .

391 The Sr-Nd-Pb isotope range of the arc magmas is much more limited than that of the  
392 crustal xenoliths which represent the crustal basement (Figure 5). The arc magmas  
393 generally align better with potentially recycled crustal components, such trench  
394 sediment, AOC, the Acapulco/offshore granodiorites and biotite gneiss which either  
395 coincide or bracket the arc array. We note that the relationships between the arc magmas  
396 and the recycled components differ in all four isotope systems. For example, in Sr-Nd  
397 isotope space, arc magmas are bracketed by AOC and trench sediment, and overlap  
398 with the Acapulco/offshore granodiorites, whereas the biotite gneiss is far more  
399 enriched than any of these components. In Nd-Hf isotope space, however, the calc-  
400 alkaline and high-La arc magmas are instead bracketed by the radiogenic AOC and the  
401 unradiogenic granodiorites, respectively, while the trench sediments plots off the arc  
402 trend. In this diagram, the Nb-rich magmas extend to slightly more unradiogenic Nd  
403 and Hf isotopes than the granodiorites, and the biotite gneiss is far more unradiogenic  
404 than any of these compositions. In Pb isotope space, the Cenozoic AOC and the pelagic  
405 trench sediment are less radiogenic than the arc magmas, while terrigenous sediment,  
406 granodiorites and biotite gneiss are more radiogenic. The granodiorite partially overlaps  
407 with the high-Nb series, but not with the calc-alkaline magmas.

## 408 7. DISCUSSION

### 409 7.1. No evidence for crustal contamination

410 We emphasize that the new data in their entirety confirm the lack of shallow crustal  
411 differentiation in the central MVB magmas (Straub et al., 2011b; 2013a; 2014). As  
412 discussed earlier, and exemplified by  $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$  in Figure 8a, the systematic increase of  
413 melt silica with radiogenic isotope ratios rules out melt evolution by fractional

414 crystallization, but links the melt silica increase to changes in source composition  
415 (Gomez-Tuena et al., 2007a; Straub et al., 2013a; Straub et al., 2014). Crustal assimilation  
416 (or a combination of fractional crystallization and crustal contamination), which is often  
417 invoked for such correlations, however, fails in view of the  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  -  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  signature of  
418 the high-Ni olivines in the basaltic to andesitic magmas (Figure 4).

419 The high-Ni, high  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  =7-8  $R_a$  olivines are either the only or first silicate phase in  
420 all three magma series (calc-alkaline, high-La, and high-Nb magmas) (Schaaf et al., 2005;  
421 Siebe et al., 2004a; Straub et al., 2008). As early-crystallizing olivines, they retain the  
422 primary He-O isotopic signatures of the arc melts before possible later crustal  
423 assimilation and secondary alteration (e.g. Eiler et al., 2000; Martelli et al., 2008). The  
424  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  is extremely sensitive towards crustal assimilation, but the high  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  of the  
425 olivines does not correlate with melt  $\text{SiO}_2$ , despite as little as 0.01% mass of assimilated  
426 upper crust would be sufficient to lower the melt  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  below the observed range  
427 (Figure 8b). This argues against crustal contamination. On the other hand, the high  
428  $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{melt}}$  values of the olivines are clearly above mantle values regardless of the  
429 fractionation correction, and point to a crustal component in the melts (Figure 8d,e).  
430 While the olivine  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  does not correlate with the average olivine  $\text{Fo}_{78-90}$  (corresponding  
431 to  $\text{Mg}\#=53-74$  of melt) (Figure 9), it increases with increasing  $\text{SiO}_2$  of the host melts  
432 (Figure 8b). The increase exceeds the  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  increase predicted by fractional crystallization,  
433 which agrees with results from high-  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  olivine studies in the western MVB (Johnson  
434 et al., 2009). This correlation cannot be attributed to crustal assimilation either, as mixing  
435 of a high- $\text{Mg}\#$ , low  $\text{SiO}_2$ , low  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  component (e.g. basaltic mantle melt) with low- $\text{Mg}\#$ ,  
436 high  $\text{SiO}_2$ , high  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  crustal component predicts correlation of the  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  with both melt  
437  $\text{SiO}_2$  and  $\text{Mg}\#$ . Moreover, several tens percent of crustal material would be required in  
438 order to reproduce the increase in melt  $\text{SiO}_2$  (Figure 8d), which exceeds by far any mass  
439 tolerated by the  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  of the olivines. Thus, if there is a crustal component in the  
440 central MVB melts, it must have been added from slab. Recycled crustal material, such  
441 as trench sediment or eroded crust, is initially rich in radiogenic  $^4\text{He}$  and has a low  
442  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He} < 0.1$  (e.g., Martelli et al., 2008), but this He is driven off thermally in the  
443 subduction cycle. For one, the highest closure temperature for He in common rock  
444 forming minerals is  $T_c = 600^\circ\text{C}$  (Martelli et al., 2008). Therefore, subducted crustal  $^4\text{He}$  is  
445 unlikely to survive the prolonged subduction beneath the Mexican fore-arc, where the  
446 slab slowly heats up  $>600^\circ\text{C}$  before reaching ca.  $700-900^\circ\text{C}$  at arc front depth (e.g. Ferrari  
447 et al., 2012; Manea and Manea, 2011). To the other, any remaining crustal He is unlikely  
448 to survive heating to temperatures  $>700^\circ\text{C}$  during infiltration of the slab material into the  
449 hot mantle wedge prior to melt formation.

450 In summary, there is no evidence of significant crustal contamination in the basaltic  
451 and andesitic magmas at least in the olivine crystallization stage. Rather, the olivines  
452 crystallize from basaltic to andesitic mantle melts that contain a crustal component from  
453 the subducted slab. Remarkably, a correlation between melt silica and  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  is expected  
454 from the 'pyroxenite model' of melt-rock reaction that predicts the melt  $\text{SiO}_2$  abundance  
455 of primary melts to increase with the amount of recycled slab component (e.g.  
456 incompatible trace elements,  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ ) in the mantle source (Straub et al., 2011b; 2014). Here,  
457 the melting of secondary pyroxenite veins can create melt series with compositional  
458 characteristics reminiscent of fractional crystallization and/or crustal assimilation  
459 despite of a different genesis (Straub et al., 2014).

## 460 7.2. Identifying recycled slab components in Sr-Nd-Pb-Hf isotope space

### 461 7.2.1. Constraints from Sr-Nd-Pb-Hf systematics

462 The  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  -  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  data constrain the presence of a slab-derived crustal component in  
463 the arc magmas, but they do not identify this component which could be AOC, trench  
464 sediment or eroded crust, or a mixture of those. This information can be obtained  
465 through comparison of arc input and output in Sr-Nd-Pb-Hf isotope and trace element  
466 space. To date, studies proposed that the Sr-Nd-Pb-Hf isotope range of the MVB  
467 magmas was a mixture of components from the subducted AOC and trench sediment,  
468 and mantle wedge (e.g. Cai et al., 2014; Gomez-Tuena et al., 2007a; Straub et al., 2013a;  
469 Straub et al., 2014). If this is correct, then mixing trends calculated with these end  
470 members must pass through the arc data in Sr-Nd-Pb-Hf isotope space. We tested this  
471 inference by calculating first-order mixing curves shown in Figures 5-7. The shape of  
472 isotope mixing curves depends only on the isotope and element ratios of the end  
473 members, but not the concentrations of the elements (Langmuir et al., 1978). Because  
474 AOC (~MORB) and the mantle wedge have similar elemental and - in first  
475 approximation - also isotopic ratios, binary mixing curves between AOC and trench  
476 sediment are sufficient to test the validity of the AOC-trench sediment-mantle mixing  
477 models prior to full quantification. Binary first-order mixing curves were calculated with  
478 measured end members given in Table 2.

479 In Sr-Nd-Pb isotope space, the arc magmas plot on, or reasonably close to,  
480 AOC/mantle - trench sediment mixing curves (Figures 5,7). In Pb isotope space, the  
481 Cenozoic AOC (average  $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$  ~18.1) is a better fit than the average of zero-age East  
482 Pacific Rise MORB which is more radiogenic ( $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$  ~18.4) (PetDB, 2011) (Figure 7).  
483 Moreover, the granodiorite and biotite gneiss emerge as possible crustal end member on  
484 Sr-Nd-Pb mixing curves, together with the trench sediment. The Sr-Nd-Pb isotopic ratios

485 do not distinguish between trench sediment and granodiorite/biotite gneiss crustal  
486 components. However, this seems possible in Nd-Hf isotope space, because of the  
487 different mixing trajectories between AOC/mantle, trench sediment and  
488 granodiorite/biotite gneiss. Mixing curves between AOC/mantle, and trench sediment  
489 are strongly curved, because these end members have very different Nd/Hf ratios  
490 (trench sediment Nd/Hf ~8-20, AOC Nd/Hf ~4, mantle Nd/Hf ~4). Therefore, these  
491 curves miss the arc magmas. However, the mixing curves between AOC/mantle and  
492 granodiorite are nearly linear and pass through most of the arc data, as the granodiorite  
493 and biotite gneiss have a similar low Nd/Hf ~5-7 as the AOC/mantle component. This is  
494 confirmed in the corresponding  $^{176}\text{Hf}/^{177}\text{Hf}$  vs Nd/Hf diagram, where mixing trends are  
495 linear. Again, the mixing lines between AOC/mantle and trench sediment, and  
496 particularly AOC/mantle - pelagic trench sediment, clearly miss the bulk of the arc data,  
497 while the granodiorite emerges as ideal crustal end member for most of the calc-  
498 alkaline/high-La arc magmas, excepting only the Nb-rich magmas which extend to less  
499 radiogenic Hf ratios than the granodiorites.

500 The shape of the AOC-sediment Nd-Hf isotope mixing curves is affected by Nd/Hf  
501 fractionation, which may happen during release from slab (e.g. Kessel et al., 2005).  
502 Current experimental and observational data disagree on the direction of fractionation.  
503 For example, some studies suggest that Nd is preferentially released in slab fluids  
504 ( $D_{\text{Nd}}/D_{\text{Hf}} < 1$ ) at pressures of 4 GPa or in a zircon-bearing slab (Kessel et al., 2005; Rubatto  
505 and Hermann, 2003). On the other hand, an allanite-saturated slab may preferentially  
506 retain Nd relative to Hf at 2.5 to 3 GPa ( $D_{\text{Nd}}/D_{\text{Hf}} > 1$ ) (Klimm et al., 2008; Skora and  
507 Blundy, 2010). Therefore, forward models are inconclusive, and we used an inverse  
508 approach to test for the possible influence of Nd/Hf fractionation. This is done by  
509 varying the Nd/Hf of trench sediment or AOC in a three component mixture (mantle,  
510 AOC, sediment) until the Nd-Hf isotope mixing curve passed through the arc data. In  
511 short, partial curve fits can be achieved in Nd-Hf isotope space by decreasing the Nd/Hf  
512 of the trench sediment or increasing the Nd/Hf of the AOC by a factor of 7 (which is  
513 high). However, both solutions fail in the corresponding Nd/Hf vs  $^{176}\text{Hf}/^{177}\text{Hf}$  array.  
514 Decreasing Nd/Hf of the trench sediment causes the corresponding mixing curves to  
515 pass below the arc data in the Nd/Hf vs  $^{176}\text{Hf}/^{177}\text{Hf}$  diagram (Figure 10a,b). Increasing  
516 Nd/Hf of the AOC, result the corresponding mixing curve plots above the bulk of arc  
517 data (Figure 10b,c). The only exception is the high-La group that it could be fit if one of  
518 the slab components had a high, fractionated Nd/Hf.

519 In summary, the Nd-Hf trace element and isotope systematics strongly argue for the  
520 granodiorite/biotite gneiss eroded from the forearc as crustal end member in the arc  
521 magmas instead of the trench sediment. The granodiorite appears the volumetrically  
522 more important recycled lithology, as it seems prevalent in the ubiquitous calc-alkaline  
523 series. In contrast, the biotite gneiss is much farther removed from the arc array, and fits  
524 lesser well with the arc trends than the granodiorite.

### 525 7.2.2. *Other slab components and processes*

526 While the high-La and Nb-rich series are close to the calc-alkaline magmas in isotope  
527 space, their trace element characteristics require additional processes and/or source  
528 components. The calc-alkaline and high-La series likely involve the same source  
529 materials, but the much higher Nd/Hf of the high-La series (by up to a factor of 3) points  
530 to fractionation of these elements which most likely occurs during release from slab. The  
531 few high-La magmas do not form trends in Nd-Hf isotope and trace element space and  
532 thus provide no clue as which slab component - AOC or granodiorite, or a mixture of  
533 both - fractionates. The fractionated nature of this slab component is consistent with  
534 their other characteristics, such as the low Nb (=4-8 ppm) which is coupled with high  
535 Nb/Ta (17.2-19.5) and LREE-enrichment. Arc magmas with similar signatures are  
536 globally rare, but have been reported from the western MVB (Gomez-Tuena et al., 2011)  
537 and the Solomon and Indonesia arcs (Goss and Kay, 2009; Koenig and Schuth, 2011;  
538 Stolz et al., 1996). In either setting, these magmas have been linked to deep ( $\geq 140$  km)  
539 partial melting of an fairly hot ( $>900$ - $1050^\circ\text{C}$ ) eclogitic slab that has residual rutile, but  
540 lost all other REE-bearing phases like monazite and allanite (Gomez-Tuena et al., 2011;  
541 Koenig and Schuth, 2011). Deep partial slab melts that escaped mingling with other slab  
542 component released at shallower depths could account for the isolated eruption of high-  
543 La in randomly distributed small ( $\ll 1$  km<sup>2</sup>) cones remote from composite and larger  
544 monogenetic volcanoes.

545 The Nb-rich magmas contain isotopically different source components, as evident  
546 from their systematic differences to the calc-alkaline/high-La magmas in Sr-Nd-Pb-Hf  
547 space (Figures 10-12). The similarity of the Nb-rich magmas to intraplate magmas has  
548 lead to suggestions that these may derive from inherently enriched mantle domains (Cai  
549 et al., 2014; Gomez-Tuena et al., 2011; Wallace and Carmichael, 1999). However, their  
550 high  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  and high-Ni olivines as well as details of major and trace element systematics  
551 (Straub et al., 2013a) clearly point to a slab influence that is comparable in magnitude to  
552 that of calc-alkaline series in most of the Nb-rich magmas. Thus, the isotopic differences  
553 imply that the mantle sources of the Nb-rich magmas were infiltrated by isotopically



554 different slab components(s). More than one factor, however, is responsible for the  
555 isotopic differences. One factor is that the calc-alkaline/high-La series are more hydrous  
556 than the Nb-rich series, having several wt% melt water compared to  $\leq 1$  wt% of the Nb-  
557 rich magmas (e.g. Cervantes and Wallace, 2003a; Johnson et al., 2009; Roberge et al.,  
558 2009). Thus, and consistent with previous models (e.g. Gomez-Tuena et al., 2007a; Straub  
559 et al., 2014), the source of the calc-alkaline/high-La series seems to receive more slab  
560 fluids, such as Sr- and Pb -rich fluids (or possibly hydrous melts) from AOC. An AOC  
561 fluid rich in the unradiogenic Pb of the Cenozoic MORB-type crust may shift the calc-  
562 alkaline/high-La magmas towards lesser radiogenic Pb isotope ratios relative to the  
563 high-Nb magmas in Pb isotope space (Figure 12). AOC fluids may also carry Sr with a  
564  $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$  higher (up to  $\sim 0.705$ , Staudigel et al., 1995) than that fresh MORB ( $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr} \sim 0.702$ -  
565 3) of AOC, and shift the calc-alkaline/high-La magmas towards higher  $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$  at a given  
566  $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$  (Figure 11) (e.g. Gomez-Tuena et al., 2007a; 2013a; Straub et al., 2014).

567 A fractionated fluid component that is enriched in fluid mobile LILE relative to the  
568 HFSE does not account for the trace element budget of the Nb-rich magmas. Instead, the  
569 slab component infiltrating the source of the Nb-rich magmas must be rich in Nb and  
570 Ta, and have high Nb/Ta (16-19.4), high Nb/La ( $\sim 0.9$ ), low Th/La (0.11) and the low  
571 Nd/Hf ( $\sim 4$ ). This rules out the granodiorites or similar crustal material as source as this  
572 material has fractionated trace element signatures which it would transmit to the mantle  
573 (Appendix Figure 2). On the other hand, intraplate basalts have the requisite isotope and  
574 trace signatures (e.g. Hofmann, 2003). We tentatively suggest that the source of the high-  
575 Nb magmas may have been infiltrated by crust constructed by intraplate seamount  
576 magmas. It is possible that such seamount crust was part of the largely inaccessible  
577 continental fore-arc basement. Alternatively, it could be part of subducting Cocos plate  
578 where clusters of intraplate seamounts are common (e.g. Bohrson and Reid, 1995;  
579 Castillo et al., 2010; Niu and Batiza, 1997). Local recycling of seamount material,  
580 mingling to some extent with granodiorite, could account for the limited distribution of  
581 the Nb-rich magmas in space and time in the Sierra Chichinautzin (Straub et al., 2013b)  
582 as well as along the volcanic front of the entire MVB.

### 583 **7.3. Magnitude and impact of the eroded crust on arc magmas**

584 The granodiorite emerges are important component in the arc magmas. In order to  
585 quantitatively assess its influence, we used a combination of inverse methods (trace  
586 elements) and forward modeling techniques (radiogenic isotopes). This two-fold  
587 approach minimizes the inherent uncertainties of flux quantification where many  
588 variables are model-dependent.

589 **7.3.1. Estimating the total slab flux from trace elements**

590 First, we estimated the total percentage of slab-derived Sr, Pb, Nd and Hf in the arc  
591 magmas by the inverse method of Pearce et al. (1995a). The method calculates the  
592 difference for each sample between the observed concentration of an element – which is  
593 that of a melt from the subduction-modified mantle - and its concentration in a  
594 hypothetical melt from the same mantle free from slab additions ('background mantle').  
595 These differences then scale to the percentage of the slab-derived element in the arc  
596 magmas. Assuming Nb and Yb to be mantle-derived, Pearce et al. (1995a) used Nb/Yb  
597 ratios to calculate the 'background magma'. In the central MVB, however, Nb is added  
598 from slab, and hence TiO<sub>2</sub>/Lu is used (Straub et al., 2013a; 2014). Moreover, instead of  
599 MORB-type mantle source (Pearce et al., 1995a), we used primitive mantle for  
600 calculating the slab-derived percentages for the high-Nb magmas, and residual  
601 primitive mantle (after 3.5% melt extraction) calculating those of the calc-alkaline and  
602 high-La magmas. Only with magmas with Mg#>60 were used in order to ensure the use  
603 of trace element ratios in the most primitive magmas.

604 The trace element inversion confirms a strong slab flux of Sr, Nd, Pb and Hf for all  
605 three arc magma series, with the Nb-rich magmas (>44-59% of Sr, Nd, Pb and Hf slab-  
606 derived) having about one third less slab contribution than the calc-alkaline (>69-89%)  
607 and high-La series (73-96%) (Table 1). In Figure 13, the slab-derived percentages are  
608 plotted against the relevant isotopic composition. The Old Texcal Flow is always the  
609 least influenced by the slab flux (slab-derived Pb ~18%, Sr ~34% Nd ~16% Hf ~20%) and  
610 forms a common point of origin from which the trends of calc-alkaline/high-La and  
611 high-Nb magmas diverge towards different slab components. These trends agree with a  
612 model of a homogenous mantle that was infiltrated by at least two isotopically distinct  
613 slab components. Remarkably, there are no clear trends towards the trench sediment,  
614 which confirms its negligible influence on the arc magmas. This is most evident for the  
615 arc Sr that must principally originate from recycled AOC and/or granodiorite, without  
616 any apparent contribution of sedimentary Sr. Another feature is that none of the arc  
617 trends heads towards the same, or the same mix, of slab components in all four isotope  
618 systems. This supports the concept of the slab flux being a composite of several  
619 individual components that mix in variable proportions.

620 **7.3.2. Quantifying the slab sources in isotope space**

621 Forward mixing models in isotope space allow for the estimation of the individual  
622 contributions of mantle and slab components to the arc magmas. The first step is to fit  
623 mixing curves through the arc data with the appropriate end members (mantle, AOC,

624 granodiorite/seamounts). A model curve is valid if (i) it passes through the data, and (ii)  
625 the modeled elemental ratios reasonably reproduce those of the magmas. We first used  
626 the measured elemental ratios of the end members (Table 2). If the mixing curve did not  
627 pass through the arc data, then the elemental ratios of the slab-derived end members  
628 were modified based on the results from experimental studies.

629 Suitable mixing curves can be generated in Nd-Hf-Pb isotope space without problem  
630 (Figures 10,12). In Sr-Nd isotope space, however, the Sr/Nd of the slab component needs  
631 to be adjusted in order to reproduce the high Sr/Nd of the arc magmas (calc-  
632 alkaline/high-La series Sr/Nd~25±4; Nb-rich magmas Sr/Nd ~19±4). This exceeds those of  
633 the main sources (mantle ~12-16, AOC ~12, granodiorite ~9, intraplate seamounts ~13).  
634 Mixing curves were fitted by increasing the AOC Sr by a factor of 2.5 for the Nb-rich  
635 magmas. For the calc-alkaline series, the Sr flux was increased by a factor of 3 for  
636 granodiorite and 4 for AOC. While these adjustments are somewhat arbitrary, they  
637 provide a measure of the magnitude of the required Sr excess from slab. The final  
638 isotope and elemental ratios of the end members are given in Table 2.

639 For the calculation of the Sr-Nd-Pb-Hf mixing curves, compositions of idealized,  
640 average end member are used (Figures 10-12). While mantle, AOC and granodiorite  
641 compositions are reasonably well known (Table 2), the composition of the inferred  
642 recycled seamount component is unknown, and therefore its quantification is tentative.  
643 For an estimate, we used the Sr, Nd, Pb and Hf abundances of off-axis seamounts with  
644 Nb >13-46 ppm from Niu and Batiza (1997), and estimated the isotope ratios of end  
645 members from the Sr-Nd-Pb-Hf isotope mixing systematics of the arc magmas.

646 Two different types of background mantle were chosen: a primitive mantle for the  
647 Nb-rich magmas, and a residuum of primitive mantle after 3.5% melt extraction for the  
648 calc-alkaline and high-La series (Table 2). The elemental abundances and ratios of the  
649 slab components vary considerably depending on whether the slab material is released  
650 as bulk component ('slab diapir'), or as partial fluid or melt. Forward estimates are thus  
651 inherently uncertain because these depend on a multitude of often poorly known  
652 variables (e.g. metamorphic history of slab, partition coefficients, mixing proportions,  
653 slab residual mineralogy, thermal structure and composition, physical properties).  
654 Again, we choose the simplest approach by using the measured elemental abundances  
655 of the end members, with only the abundance adjustment for Sr (Table 2). This approach  
656 minimizes the calculated influence of the slab flux on the arc magmas. In addition,  
657 mixing proportions were chosen to minimize the contributions of granodiorite. In Sr-  
658 Nd-Hf isotope space, the arc data can be reproduced with a slab component composed

659 of 50% AOC and 50% granodiorites (or seamount material for the high-Nb magmas).  
660 The same mixing ratio is valid for the AOC-seamount slab component in Pb isotope  
661 space. The granodiorites, however, are so enriched in Pb relative to mantle and AOC  
662 that only 10% in the slab component is needed to reproduce the data. A 20% of the  
663 composite slab component was mixed with the mantle wedge, which is consistent with  
664 major and trace element constrained from previous studies (Straub et al., 2011b; 2013a;  
665 2014). Modeling parameters are given in Table 2, and the results are summarized in  
666 Table 3.

667 In summary, the isotope models suggest (within model uncertainty) a slab flux similar  
668 in magnitude to results to that produced by the trace element inversion with the  
669 exception of Hf (Tables 1 and 3). Slab-derived percentages are for Sr ~78-96% (compared  
670 to 49-95% from trace element inversion), for Pb ~76-86% (59-96% from inversion), for Nd  
671 ~76-87% (47-93% from inversion) and for Hf ~75-87% (44-73% from inversion). The  
672 significant observation is the high slab contribution relative to that of the mantle wedge,  
673 and in particular that of the granodiorite. The granodiorite controls the isotope  
674 chemistry of the calc-alkaline magmas/high-La, to which they supply most of the Sr  
675 ~73%, Pb ~61%, Nd ~68% and Hf ~87%. Likewise, the purported seamount component  
676 makes a strong, but somewhat lesser contribution to the Nb-rich magmas (Sr ~37%, Pb  
677 ~54%, Nd ~51% and Hf ~46%) relative to mantle and AOC. The overall contributions of  
678 the AOC fluids to the arc magmas are fairly low, with only Sr ~23-42%, Pb ~22-25%, Nd  
679 ~21-25% and Hf ~27-28%. Even if contribution of the Pb AOC is likely underestimated,  
680 as the model makes no allowance for Pb enrichment in AOC fluids, the moderate  
681 influence of AOC-derived Pb on the arc Pb isotope ratios agrees with their lack of  
682 isotopic overlap with AOC, which is unlike many other arcs where the influence of AOC  
683 components is much stronger (Figures 11, 12) (e.g. Straub and Zellmer, 2012). Overall,  
684 the modeling results imply a strong influence of eroded granodiorite on the calc-alkaline  
685 and high-La magmas, while the Nb-rich magmas are influenced to similar extent by  
686 another slab component (possibly seamounts).

#### 687 **7.4. Why does the trench sediment align with the MVB magmas in Sr-Nd-Pb** 688 **isotope space?**

689 The Acapulco/offshore granodiorites, possibly complemented by an unknown  
690 seamount component, provide an excellent recycled crustal component for the MVB  
691 magmas, but the question remains why the trench sediments align so well with the arc  
692 magmas in Sr-Nd-Pb isotope space? A simple answer may be that trench sediment and  
693 arc magmas are essentially mixtures of the same, or similar, components from

694 continental crust and MORB. The arc magmas, however, form by mixing of these  
695 components in the mantle, whereas the sediments form by mixing on the Earth' surface.  
696 Marine sediment is essentially the debris of continental erosion (lithogenic dust, volcanic  
697 ash, riverine and hemipelagic input) that is diluted by biogenic components in the  
698 oceans (Plank, 2004; Plank and Langmuir, 1998; Vervoort et al., 2011). The sediment  
699  $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$  and  $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$  is controlled by Nd- and Sr-rich debris and dust from the North  
700 American continent, and is similar in pelagic and terrigenous sediments. The continental  
701 debris also controls the Pb isotope composition of the sediments, but close to mid-ocean  
702 ridges the continental signal is overprinted by MORB-type Pb delivered by  
703 hydrothermal fluids. Thus, only the terrigenous sediment (Pb = 21 ppm) reflects the Pb  
704 isotopes of the continental crust, whereas the Pb-rich pelagic sediment (Pb= 66 ppm  
705 LaGatta, 2003) is displaced towards the unradiogenic Pb typical of Cenozoic MORB. In  
706 Nd-Hf isotope and trace element space, however, sediment does not align with crust-  
707 mantle trends, because of fractionation during transport from the continent. For  
708 example, early loss of Hf-rich heavy minerals in rivers (e.g. zircon) increases the Nd/Hf  
709 ratio of the suspended load, and hydrothermal fluids may change the Nd and Hf isotope  
710 ratios of the continental debris (e.g. Garçon et al., 2013; Garçon et al., 2014; Vervoort et  
711 al., 2011). Thus, the Nd-Hf isotope and trace element signature of the continental crust is  
712 different from the trench sediment, allowing their signatures to be discriminated in the  
713 arc magmas.

## 714 **7.5. Recycling by slab diapirism – a physical model**

### 715 *7.5.1. Estimating the amount of eroded recycled crust*

716 A significant outcome of our study is that the trench sediment does not influence the  
717 central MVB arc magmas. However, there is no evidence for sediment accumulation in  
718 the trench, and all trench sediment seems to have been subducted (Manea et al., 2003).  
719 Consequently, the signal of the trench sediment in the calc-alkaline arc magmas must be  
720 concealed by the eroded granodiorite. We estimated the minimum amount of  
721 granodiorite needed to conceal the trench sediment from the Nd and Hf fluxes. The  
722 volume of the trench sediment is  $\sim 8.84 \text{ km}^3/\text{km}/\text{Myr}$ , at a convergence rate of 52  
723  $\text{km}/\text{Myr}$ , thickness of 170 m (Plank, 2014), density of  $1370 \text{ kg}/\text{m}^3$  and water content of 59  
724 wt%. Thus, it supplies Nd=  $169.3 \text{ g}/\text{km}/\text{Myr}$  and Hf=  $10.6 \text{ g}/\text{km}/\text{Myr}$  with an average  
725 Nd/Hf =16 [based on Plank (2014)]. A similar thickness of granodiorite with a density of  
726  $2700 \text{ kg}/\text{m}^3$  and zero water content would supply Nd= $782.9 \text{ g}/\text{km}/\text{Myr}$  and Hf= $136.0$   
727  $\text{g}/\text{km}/\text{Myr}$  with an average Nd/Hf=5.8. Therefore, in order to generate Nd/Hf <6 of the  
728 total recycled crustal component, the mass of eroded crust must exceed that of the trench

729 sediment by at least 9-10 times. This corresponds to a minimum rate of recycled  
730 granodiorite of ~79-88.4 km<sup>3</sup>/Myr.

731 This estimate exceeds by more than two times the estimate of Ducea et al. (2004) who  
732 inferred one-dimensional exhumation rates of 0.18 km/Myr from (U-Th)/He  
733 thermochronology of the south central Mexican basement, and estimated ~30  
734 km<sup>3</sup>/km/Myr crustal loss by subduction during the Miocene. On the other hand, our  
735 estimate compares well with the numbers derived from the reconstruction of the shape  
736 of the missing Eocene to Miocene fore-arc. The unusual location of the MVB at ~360 km  
737 from the trench has been interpreted as the result of a process of slab flattening between  
738 middle and late Miocene (Ferrari et al., 1999). Thus, the pre-Miocene arc location is  
739 inferred from the configuration of the general Rivera-Cocos subduction, where the arc is  
740 ~150 km from the trench in the Jalisco-Colima region, but between 150 and 200 km from  
741 the trench in Guatemala. At fore-arc crustal thickness of 20 km (Kim et al., 2010), the  
742 crustal loss would be between 20x150km<sup>2</sup>=3000 km<sup>2</sup> and 20x200 km<sup>2</sup>=4000km<sup>2</sup>. Given the  
743 ~50 Ma age of batholiths of the Acapulco coast (Hernández-Pineda et al., 2011), and a  
744 ~17 Ma start of the MVB volcanic activity (Gómez-Tuena et al., 2007b), this yields an  
745 average rate of 60-80 km<sup>3</sup>/km/Myr for the last in 50 Ma. Thus, our estimate can be  
746 considered as realistic.

#### 747 **7.5.2. Granodiorite recycling by slab diapirism**

748 The high rate of recycled granodiorite has consequences for the style of mass transfer  
749 from slab to wedge. Assuming the subducted granodiorite to be ~9-10 times thicker than  
750 trench sediment (= 170 m thick), it would reach a thickness of ~1500-1700 meters.  
751 Together with the typical low density of a quartz-feldspar lithology (2700 kg/m<sup>3</sup>) and the  
752 estimated slab temperatures below the arc front of ~700-900°C (Ferrari et al., 2012;  
753 Manea and Manea, 2011), these are ideal conditions for buoyant detachment of the  
754 granodiorite from slab as 'slab diapirs' without need for slab melting (Behn et al., 2011;  
755 Gerya et al., 2004; Gómez-Tuena et al., 2014; Hacker et al., 2011). Such slab diapirs are a  
756 highly efficient way to transfer large amounts of slab material into the mantle wedge.  
757 Silicic diapirs can react with the peridotite in similar ways as perceived for silicic slab  
758 fluids or melts, and form secondary pyroxenites. Importantly, as the granodiorite has  
759 similar low average Ho/Lu = 2.5 ± 0.5 as the mantle wedge (Ho/Lu ~2.2), it will not  
760 impose a garnet signature on the mantle either.

761 A recycling cartoon is shown in Figure 14. The granodiorite is depicted to rise  
762 buoyantly in the form of diapirs without melting. It may have little intrinsic water, but  
763 water could be added from the dewatering AOC, as well as from serpentinite lithologies

764 from within and below the AOC (e.g. Gómez-Tuena et al., 2014). The granodiorite  
765 diapirs dominate by far the slab flux, and are complemented by deep slab melts may  
766 form at >140 km and infiltrate the source of the high-La magmas. The high-Nb magmas  
767 are tentatively interpreted to be recycled intraplate seamount crust that is entrained into  
768 the granodiorite diapirs. All slab components rise into the hot interior of the mantle  
769 wedge where they react with the peridotite to form pyroxenite segregations that then  
770 melt in the upwelling mantle, and mix during ascent through mantle and crust. The  
771 numerous, closely spaced, but compositionally highly diverse small volume  
772 monogenetic volcanoes ( $\leq 1 \text{ km}^3$ ) may be the surface expressions of a heterogeneous sub-  
773 arc mantle interspersed with pyroxenite veins. On the other hand, a succession of  
774 individual slab diapirs channelized at a preferred spot of over a longer period of time  
775 (several 100 ka to 1 million years), may ultimately accumulate the eruptive volumes of  
776 several 100  $\text{km}^3$  typical of the composite volcanoes (e.g. Gómez-Tuena et al., 2014).

#### 777 **7.6. The impact of subduction erosion on the central MVB magmas**

778 Our recycling model implies that the slab flux controls the budget of the highly  
779 incompatible elements in the arc magmas. We tested this inference by means of the  
780 incompatible element ratios Th/La and Nb/Ta, that are difficult to fractionate during  
781 subduction processing (e.g. Foley et al., 2002; Plank, 2004). Th/La ratios ( $\approx 0.09$  to 0.37)  
782 span the global range from the low Th/La ( $\sim 0.05$ ) of the mantle to the high Th/La ( $\sim 0.37$ )  
783 of upper continental crust (e.g. Plank, 2004; Rudnick and Gao, 2002). The range of Nb/Ta  
784 ( $\approx 12.3$ -19.5) is similarly broad, and only excludes the rare, superchondritic Nb/Ta >19.9  
785 reported from some arcs (Gomez-Tuena et al., 2011; Koenig and Schuth, 2011; Stolz et al.,  
786 1996) (Figure 15).

787 Mixing relationships with  $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$  confirm that the Th/La and Nb/Ta of the calc-  
788 alkaline series is inherited from the inherently heterogeneous granodiorite. The  
789 granodiorites form a perfect end member that would buffers the MVB magmas at high  
790  $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$  and at a broader range of Th/La and Nb/Ta. Some granodiorites also have  
791 the low Th/La and high Nb/Ta intrinsic to the high-Nb magmas. However, oceanic  
792 seamounts have the same characteristics and provide a more likely end member given  
793 their isotopic and trace element composition (Figure 15).

794 The strong influence of the various recycled components on MVB melt chemistry is  
795 best evident in Nb vs Nb/Ta space (Figure 16). The Old Texcal Flow (proxy to melt from  
796 mantle wedge prior to subduction modification) divides this diagram into four  
797 quadrants. The high-La magmas all plot in the upper left quadrant which combines high  
798 Nb/Ta >17 with low Nb concentrations typical of a signature of deep melts from eclogitic

799 slabs with residual rutile (Gomez-Tuena et al., 2011; Koenig and Schuth, 2011). The high-  
800 Nb series occupy quadrant II with their combination of high Nb and Nb/Ta being  
801 tentatively attributed to the recycling of seamount material. The calc-alkaline magmas  
802 (quadrant III), have the low Nb and Nb/Ta (~12-16) typical of continental crust material,  
803 here recycled by subduction erosion. Calc-alkaline magmas with these characteristics  
804 dominate the entire MVB volcanic front (2014; Gómez-Tuena et al., 2007b). Previous  
805 studies linked the low arc Nb/Ta to the partial melting of an amphibole-bearing slab, as  
806 amphibole is the only major slab phase that can retain Nb relative to Ta, and produces  
807 slab melts with low Nb and Nb/Ta (Foley et al., 2002; Gomez-Tuena et al., 2007a; Gomez-  
808 Tuena et al., 2011; Koenig and Schuth, 2011). However, most of the MVB arc front is  
809 located >80 km above the slab and thus beyond the amphibole-eclogite transition  
810 (Tatsumi and Eggins, 1995). Here, regardless of amphibole stability, recycling of pre-  
811 existing continental crust with intrinsically low-Nb/Ta provides a simpler cause for the  
812 predominantly low Nb/Ta of MVB magmas.

813 Likewise, if the granodiorite transmits the high Th/La to the calc-alkaline series, there  
814 is no need for additional Th/La fractionation of the magmas, either during slab  
815 processing (e.g. Cai et al., 2014) or by shallow crustal differentiation (e.g. Plank, 2004).  
816 Additional Th/La fractionation is only needed if all source components had lower Th/La  
817 than the arc. While AOC, mantle wedge and average trench sediment all have low Th/La  
818 (Cai et al., 2014), the granodiorite ( $\text{Th/La}=0.25\pm 0.10$ ) has similar high and variable Th/La  
819 as the calc-alkaline arc magmas ( $=0.21\pm 0.06$ ). Here, our results support the crustal  
820 recycling model of Plank (2004) who proposed that the high Th/La in global arcs is  
821 essentially inherited from perpetual recycling of continental crust via the trench  
822 sediment (~upper continental crust, Plank and Langmuir, 1998) and expand it to include  
823 continental crust recycled by subduction erosion.

824 There are other compositional features that the calc-alkaline central MVB may inherit  
825 from granodiorite. The low Sr/Y ~11 of the granodiorite, regardless of additional Sr from  
826 AOC fluids, appears to control the low Sr/Y of the arc magmas (<50). This explains the  
827 absence of 'adakitic' high Sr/Y > 50 in the central MVB that has been considered as arc  
828 with a 'young and hot' slab prone to melting in previous studies (e.g. Cai et al., 2014;  
829 Defant and Drummond, 1990). The granodiorites may also buffer the Ba, Rb, Ba and Pb  
830 abundances on the arc to their comparatively low abundances, which are too low if the  
831 arc input would be made up AOC and the trench sediment that is highly enriched in  
832 these elements (Gomez-Tuena et al., 2007a). Overall, the central MVB poses an excellent  
833 example for a volcanic arc that may principally grow by recycling of pre-existing



834 continental crust rather than through the creation of new arc crust by subduction  
835 processing.

## 836 8. CONCLUSIONS

837 The following are the conclusions of this study:

- 838 (1) The Nd-Hf isotope and trace element systematics of central Mexican arc magmas  
839 identify granodiorites eroded from the continental fore-arc, and not trench  
840 sediment, as the principal recycled component of continental crust.
- 841 (2) The calc-alkaline arc magmas of the central MVB (>95% of the erupted volume) are  
842 mixtures of recycled granodiorite, subducted AOC and mantle wedge. Rare,  
843 strongly fractionated high-La magmas, and a minor group of Nb-rich magmas, can  
844 be linked to deep slab melting, and the local recycled of seamount material,  
845 respectively.
- 846 (3) With an estimated mass flux of 79-88 km<sup>3</sup>/km/Myr, thickness of 1500-1700 m and  
847 density of 2700 kg/m<sup>3</sup>, the eroded granodiorite layer is conducive to the buoyant  
848 ascent from slab in form of 'slab diapirs', with no need for slab melting, at the  
849 estimated slab temperatures of 700-900°C.
- 850 (4) Th/La, Nb/Ta and other key trace element ratios of the calc-alkaline magmas are  
851 inherited from the granodiorite, suggesting that the MVB arc grows by recycling of  
852 the continental crust rather than by formation of new continental crust.

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1233 11. **FIGURE CAPTIONS**

1234 Figure 1: Plate tectonic setting of the Trans-Mexican Volcanic Belt (MVB). **a.** Locations of  
1235 DSDP/ODP/IODP drill sites samples on Pacific Plate (MORB glasses) and Cocos Plate (sediment,  
1236 continental basement), and crust outcrops and xenoliths within and south of the MVB. Numbers  
1237 in brackets next to IODP drill sites are basement ages in million years. Piston corer locations from  
1238 Cai et al. (2014). Basemap from GeoMappApp (2014). **b.** Trans-Mexican Volcanic Belt (grey  
1239 shaded) with principal Quaternary volcanoes redrawn from Blatter et al. (2001). Slab contours  
1240 after Pardo and Suarez (1995). Locations of crustal materials are those of Gómez-Tuena et al.  
1241 (2003, Palma Sola xenoliths), Martínez-Serrano et al. (2004, Nevado de Toluca xenoliths), Schaaf et  
1242 al. (2005, Popocatepetl xenoliths), Gómez-Tuena et al. (2008, Chalcatzingo xenolith), Ortega-  
1243 Gutiérrez et al. (2011, Puente Negro xenoliths), Hernández-Pineda et al. (2011, Eocene Acapulco  
1244 intrusion ), Pérez-Gutiérrez et al. (2009, Mesozoic Xolapa migmatites) and Ortega-Gutiérrez et al.  
1245 (2014, Valle Santiago xenoliths ). NDT – Nevado de Toluca, POP – Popocatepetl EPR – East  
1246 Pacific Rise, RFZ – Rivera Fracture Zone, MC – Mexico City, TFZ – Tamayo Fracture Zone. **c.** NE-  
1247 SW cross section of Mexican continental slope and trench with incoming Cocos plate drilled  
1248 during DSDP Leg 66, redrawn from Watkins et al. (1981). Continental basement was drilled at  
1249 Sites 493 (granodiorite) and 489 (B -biotite gneiss). Trench sediment was analyzed at Sites 488 and  
1250 487 (Cai et al., 2014; LaGatta, 2003; Plank, 2014; Plank and Langmuir, 1998; Verma, 1999b), and  
1251 oceanic basement at Site 487 (Cai et al., 2014, this study; Verma, 1999b).

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1253 Figure 2: Study area in the central Mexican Volcanic Belt. Monogenetic volcanoes (small open  
1254 circles) of the Sierra Chichinautzin Volcanic Field are flanked by Quaternary composite volcanoes  
1255 Nevado de Toluca and Popocatepetl-Iztaccihuatl. Large symbols denote samples with olivines  
1256 analyzed for both  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  and  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ . Location of most mantle-like magmas ('Old Texcal Flow') is  
1257 indicated, as well as location of high-La volcanic rocks (St. Cruz, Tuxtepec and Yecahuazac  
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1261 Figure 3: Multi-element diagram of incompatible trace elements of central MVB magmas  
1262 normalized to primitive mantle of McDonough and Sun (1995). For clarity, only magmas with  
1263 high  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  and high  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  are shown. **a.** Thick black line denotes the 'Old Texcal Flow' which is  
1264 least influenced by slab and closely resembles a ~3.5% melt from primitive mantle (Straub et al.,  
1265 2013a, 2013b). While per definition a high-Nb basalt (Nb=18 ppm), it has no end member  
1266 character and is intermediate to calc-alkaline and high-Nb series. **b.** MVB magmas compared to  
1267 melts from residual mantle after 3.5 to 10% melt extraction from a primitive mantle (which  
1268 produced the Old Texcal Flow after minor subduction modification). Residual mantle modeled  
1269 from primitive mantle McDonough and Sun (1995) and partition coefficients from Donnelly et al.  
1270 (2004). Mantle depletion by melting is so efficient that the slab flux either strongly influences  
1271 (MREE) or controls (LREE and more incompatible elements) the arc budgets of elements more  
1272 incompatible than Ho. Only Ti and rare earth elements Ho to Lu remain mantle- controlled by  
1273 mantle. See also Straub et al. (2014).

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1275 Figure 4:  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  vs  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  of olivine phenocrysts in central MVB volcanic rocks.  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  recalculated  
1276 to ratios in equilibrium melt [ $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{melt}} = \delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{oliv}} + 0.088 * \text{SiO}_2 - 3.57$  after Bindeman (2008)].  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  of  
1277 olivines are from Straub et al. (2011b).  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  in MORB and continental crust from Farley et al.  
1278 (1998) and O'Nions and Oxburgh (1988);  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  in mantle rocks from Bindeman (2008). Host  
1279 magmas are basalts to andesites with up to 61 wt%  $\text{SiO}_2$ .

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1281 Figure 5:  $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$  vs  $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$  of volcanic rocks and various crustal materials (Cenozoic  
1282 MORB, trench sediment, continental basement). See Figure 1 for sample locations. Quaternary  
1283 MORB is from the East Pacific Rise (PetDB, 2011). Large symbols denote volcanic rocks with  
1284 olivines analyzed for  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  and  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ . Thick grey lines are simple mixing curves between AOC,  
1285 mantle wedge (which have similar  $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$  and  $\text{Sr}/\text{Nd}$ ) and trench sediment (see text for  
1286 discussion). The biotite gneiss of DSDP Site 489 is marked with a 'B'. Inset identifies the Old  
1287 Texcal Flow and illustrates differences between calc-alkaline, high-La and Nb-rich magmas. For  
1288 data sources see text.

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1290 Figure 6: **a.**  $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$  vs.  $^{176}\text{Hf}/^{177}\text{Hf}$ , and **b.**  $^{176}\text{Hf}/^{177}\text{Hf}$  vs.  $\text{Nd}/\text{Hf}$  of central MVB magmas and  
1291 crustal materials (MORB, trench sediment, continental basement). See Figure 5 for symbols. Thick  
1292 grey lines are simple mixing curves between AOC and trench sediment. Note that a mantle  
1293 component would not affect the curvature of the mixing line, since mantle has similar  $\text{Nd}/\text{Hf} \sim 4$   
1294 (as well as  $\text{Nd}$  and  $\text{Hf}$  isotopic ratios) as the AOC. Mixing models must match arc data in both  
1295 diagrams to be valid. The trench sediment fails as crust end member, while the  
1296 offshore/Acapulco granodiorite lie in line with the AOC and compositions. Inset identifies the  
1297 Old Texcal Flow and illustrates differences between calc-alkaline, high-La and Nb-rich magmas.  
1298 For data sources see text.

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1300 Figure 7: **a.**  $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$  vs.  $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$ , and **b.**  $^{208}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$  vs.  $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$  of central MVB magmas  
1301 and crustal materials (MORB, trench sediment, continental basement). See Figure 5 for symbols.  
1302 The thick grey line is a mixing curve (which are linear in Pb isotope space) through the central  
1303 MVB magmas which are aligned with slab and mantle materials. The Cenozoic AOC (average  
1304  $\sim 18.2$ ) fits much better as unradiogenic end member of the arc array than the more variable zero-  
1305 age Quaternary MORB from the East Pacific Rise. Inset identifies the Old Texcal Flow and  
1306 illustrates differences between calc-alkaline, high-La and Nb-rich magmas. For data sources see  
1307 text.

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1309 Figure 8: Central MVB magmas: **a.** Bulk rock  $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$  vs  $\text{SiO}_2$  wt%. **b.**  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  (olivine) vs  
1310  $\text{SiO}_2$  wt% (bulk rock) with mixing curves from Straub et al. (2014). **c.**  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  (olivine) vs  $\text{SiO}_2$  wt%  
1311 (bulk rock), and **d.**  $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{melt}}$  [calculated from olivine after Bindeman (2008):  $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{melt}} = \delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{oliv}} + 0.088$   
1312  $* \text{SiO}_2$  (wt%) - 3.57] vs  $\text{SiO}_2$  wt% (bulk rock). MORB field and fractional crystallization trajectory  
1313 after Bindeman (2008). Mixing curves calculated with a crustal component  $\text{SiO}_2 = 69$  wt% and  
1314  $\delta^{18}\text{O} = 8-12$  ‰, and a mantle melt of  $\text{SiO}_2 = 49$  wt% and  $\delta^{18}\text{O} = 5.8$  ‰, respectively. See text for  
1315 discussion.

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1317 Figure 9:  $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{melt}}$  vs. average fosterite of cores of olivine phenocrysts. Olivine concentrations are  
1318 from Straub et al. (2011b; 2013a, this study; 2008). The  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  of continental crust is after Bindeman  
1319 (2008).

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1321 Figure 10: Nd-Hf isotope and trace element mixing models. Valid models require mixing curves  
1322 to pass through arc data in both the  $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{143}\text{Nd}$  vs  $^{176}\text{Hf}/^{177}\text{Hf}$  and Nd/Hf vs  $^{176}\text{Hf}/^{177}\text{Hf}$  space. The  
1323 models first calculate a 'bulk slab component' (AOC and bulk trench sediment, or AOC and  
1324 granodiorite) shown as thick lines with 10% increments. The bulk slab component then mixes  
1325 with the mantle wedge, shown as lines with only two tick marks (1% and 10%) for clarity (dashed  
1326 - denotes curve for Nb-rich magmas). for . **a.-b.** Mixing between AOC and bulk trench sediment  
1327 with preferential release of Hf from sediment by a factor of 7. **c.-d.** Mixing between AOC and  
1328 bulk trench sediment with preferential release of Nd from AOC by a factor of 7. Either model  
1329 produces misfits in the Nd/Hf vs  $^{176}\text{Hf}/^{177}\text{Hf}$  space (except for the high-La basalts). **e.-f.** Mixing  
1330 between AOC and granodiorite that have similar Nd/Hf ratios. Calc-alkaline and Nb-rich  
1331 magmas require slightly different crustal and mantle end members in isotope space. Mixing  
1332 model assumes primitive background mantle (Nd/Hf= 4.4) for Nb-rich magmas, and a residual  
1333 mantle after by 5% melt extraction for calc-alkaline series (Nd/Hf=3.9). For details see text.

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1335 Figure 11: Idealized  $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$  vs  $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$  mixing model for calc-alkaline/high-La and Nb-rich  
1336 magmas, respectively, with AOC, granodiorite and mantle wedge as end members. The models  
1337 first calculate a 'bulk slab component'(AOC and bulk trench sediment, or AOC and granodiorite)  
1338 which are shown as thick lines with 10% increments. The bulk slab component then mixes with  
1339 the mantle wedge, shown as lines with only two tick marks (1% and 10%) for clarity (dashed -  
1340 denotes curve for Nb-rich magmas). A successful model for the calc-alkaline series requires a  
1341 component with increased  $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ , depicted here to derive from subducted AOC.

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1343 Figure 12: Idealized  $^{208}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$  vs.  $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$  mixing model for a. calc-alkaline/high-La magmas,  
1344 and b. Nb-rich magmas. The models first calculate a 'bulk slab component'(AOC and bulk trench  
1345 sediment, or AOC and granodiorite) which are shown as thick lines with 10% increments (dashed  
1346 - denotes curve for Nb-rich magmas in panel b). The bulk slab component then mixes with the  
1347 mantle wedge, shown as lines with only two tick marks (1% and 10%) for clarity (dashed -  
1348 denotes curve for Nb-rich magmas).

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1350 Figure 13: **a.** Percentage of slab-derived Pb in arc magmas vs.  $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{208}\text{Pb}$ . **b.** Percentage of slab-  
1351 derived Sr in arc magmas vs.  $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ . For calculation of slab-derived percentages see text. **c.**  
1352 Percentage of slab-derived Nd in arc magmas vs.  $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{143}\text{Nd}$ . **d.** Percentage of slab-derived Hf in  
1353 arc magmas vs.  $^{176}\text{Hf}/^{177}\text{Hf}$ .

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1355 Figure 14: Cartoon of central MVB subduction setting. Thermal structure model assumes mantle  
1356 potential temperature of 1450°C and temperatures of ~700-800°C at about 110 km beneath the  
1357 central MVB arc front, estimated from P-wave seismic tomography (Manea and Manea, 2011).

1358 Slab surface temperatures remains below sediment solidus ( $\geq 1050^{\circ}\text{C}$ , Behn et al., 2011)), but are  
1359 conducive to the formation of thermochemical instabilities at the slab–mantle interface.

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1361 Figure 15: **a.-b.** Th/La *vs.*  $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$ , and **c.-d.** Nb/Ta *vs.*  $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$  and mixing models for  
1362 MVB magmas and their source components. Stippled lines outlines the range of the  
1363 Acapulco/offshore granodiorites. The mixing models first calculate a 'bulk slab component' from  
1364 AOC and eroded crust (thick lines with 10% increments). The bulk slab component then mixes  
1365 with the mantle wedge, shown as lines with only two tick marks (1% and 10%) for clarity (dashed  
1366 - denotes curve for Nb-rich magmas). Averages of major Earth reservoirs (right panels) are  
1367 compiled from Plank (2004), McDonough and Sun (1995), Sun and McDonough (1989), Pfänder et  
1368 al. (2007), and Muenker et al. (2003).

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1370 Figure 16: Nb (ppm) *vs.* Nb/Ta of central MVB arc volcanic rocks with range of MORB from Niu  
1371 and Batiza (1997). Stippled lines mark average of Old Texcal Flow (proxy to subarc mantle wedge  
1372 prior to subduction modification).

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Table 1: Average percentages of slab contributions of Pb, Sr, Nd and Hf to calc-alkaline, high-La and Nb-rich magmas from trace element inversion.

	<b>Sr</b>	<b>Pb</b>	<b>Nd</b>	<b>Hf</b>
calc-alkaline magmas	87±4%	89±6%	74±8%	69±9%
<i>from mantle</i>	~13%	~11%	~26%	~31%
high-La series magmas	95±2%	96±2%	93±3%	73±7%
<i>from mantle</i>	~5%	~4%	~7%	~27%
Nb-rich magmas	49±10%	59±18%	47±16%	44±13%
<i>from mantle</i>	~51%	~41%	~53%	~56%

Table 2: Source components used for  $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{143}\text{Nd}$  vs.  $^{176}\text{Hf}/^{177}\text{Hf}$  isotope mixing models.

	$^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$	$^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$	$^{206}\text{Pb}/^{208}\text{Pb}$	$^{208}\text{Pb}/^{208}\text{Pb}$	$^{176}\text{Hf}/^{177}\text{Hf}$	Pb ppm	Sr ppm	Nd ppm	Hf ppm	Sr/Nd	Nd/Hf	Data Sources
<b>Cenozoic MORB (AOC)</b>	0.70350	0.51319	18.20	37.71	0.28321	0.62	123 <sup>a</sup>	10.28	2.57	11.9	4.00	this study
<b>Bulk trench sediment</b>	0.70825	0.51253	18.64	38.34	0.28290	38.9	208	28.5	2.48	7.3	11.5	(Cai et al., 2014; Plank, 2014)
<b>Pelagic trench sediment</b>	0.70837	0.51253	18.51	38.19	0.28294	66.2	284	51.2	2.51	5.6	20.4	(Cai et al., 2014; LaGatta, 2003; Verma, 1999b)
<b>Terrigenous trench sediment</b>	0.70858	0.51248	18.84	38.62	0.28278	20.9	179	19.8	2.43	9.1	8.15	(Cai et al., 2014; LaGatta, 2003; Verma, 1999b)
<i>calc-alkaline/high-La series</i>												
<b>Background mantle wedge</b>	0.70307	0.51300	18.71	38.41	0.28306	0.076	7.8	0.63	0.164	12.3	3.86	this study; residual of primitive mantle from McDonough and Sun (1995), after 3.5% melt extraction
<b>Acapulco/offshore granodiorite</b>	0.70460	0.51273	18.8	38.64	0.28291	13.6	294 <sup>b</sup>	32.8	5.70	9.0	5.75	this study.
<i>Nb-rich series</i>												
<b>Background mantle wedge</b>	0.70307	0.51300	18.71	38.41	0.28306	0.15	19.9	1.25	0.283	15.9	4.42	this study; primitive mantle from McDonough and Sun (1995)
<b>intraplate seamount</b>	0.70460 <sup>c</sup>	0.51273 <sup>c</sup>	18.8 <sup>c</sup>	38.64 <sup>c</sup>	0.2829 <sup>c</sup>	1.2	270	21.2	4.2	12.8	5.0	abundance data after Niu and Batiza (1997), Nb>10 ppm

a Model in Figure 14, uses increased Sr abundances, by factor of 3 for calc-alkaline series (Sr= 368 ppm; Sr/Nd=36), and by a factor of 2.5 for the NEAB (Sr= 306 ppm; Sr/Nd= 30).

b Model in Figure 14, uses increased Sr abundances, by factor of 4 (Sr= 1177 ppm; Sr/Nd=36)

c Isotope ratios estimated from trend of Nb-rich magmas in Sr-Nd-Pb-Hf isotope space

Table 3. Average percentages of Pb, Sr, Nd and Hf contributed from the mantle and the different slab reservoirs obtained from isotope modeling.

	<b>Sr%</b>	<b>Pb%</b>	<b>Nd%</b>	<b>Hf%</b>
<b>Calc-alkaline/high-La series</b>				
<i>mantle</i>	4	14	11	14
<i>AOC</i>	23	25	21	27
<i>Granodiorite</i>	73	61	68	59
<b>Nb-rich magmas</b>				
<i>mantle</i>	22	24	24	25
<i>AOC</i>	42	22	25	28
<i>Seamount</i>	37	54	51	46



Table 4: Source components used for Th/La vs.  $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$  and Nb/Ta vs.  $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$  mixing models.

	$^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$	Th ppm	La ppm	Nb ppm	Ta ppm	Th/La	Nb/Ta	Data Sources
<b>Cenozoic MORB (AOC)</b>	0.51319	0.33	4.9	4.55	0.285	0.07	15.6	this study
<b>Bulk trench sediment</b>	0.51253	6.00	36.3	8.65	0.557	0.17	15.5	(Cai et al., 2014; Plank, 2014)
<b>Pelagic trench sediment</b>	0.51253	5.51	56.4	8.09	0.44	0.08	18.2	(Cai et al., 2014; LaGatta, 2003; Verma, 1999b)
<b>Terrigenous trench sediment</b>	0.51248	7.50	20.4	11.04	0.84	0.32	13.2	(Cai et al., 2014; LaGatta, 2003; Verma, 1999b)
<b>Acapulco/offshore granodiorite</b>	0.51270-0.51276	1.1-13.6	15.1-37.1	15.7-30.9	1.36-1.58	0.07-0.37	11.5-19.6	this study.
<i>calk-alkaline/high-La series</i>								
<b>Background mantle wedge</b>	0.51300	0.0011	0.105	0.02	0.0012	0.01	16.22	this study; residual of primitive mantle from McDonough and Sun (1995), after 3.5% melt extraction
<i>Nb-rich magmas</i>								
<b>Background mantle wedge</b>	0.51300	0.0795	0.648	0.6	0.037	0.12	16.22	this study; primitive mantle from McDonough and Sun (1995)

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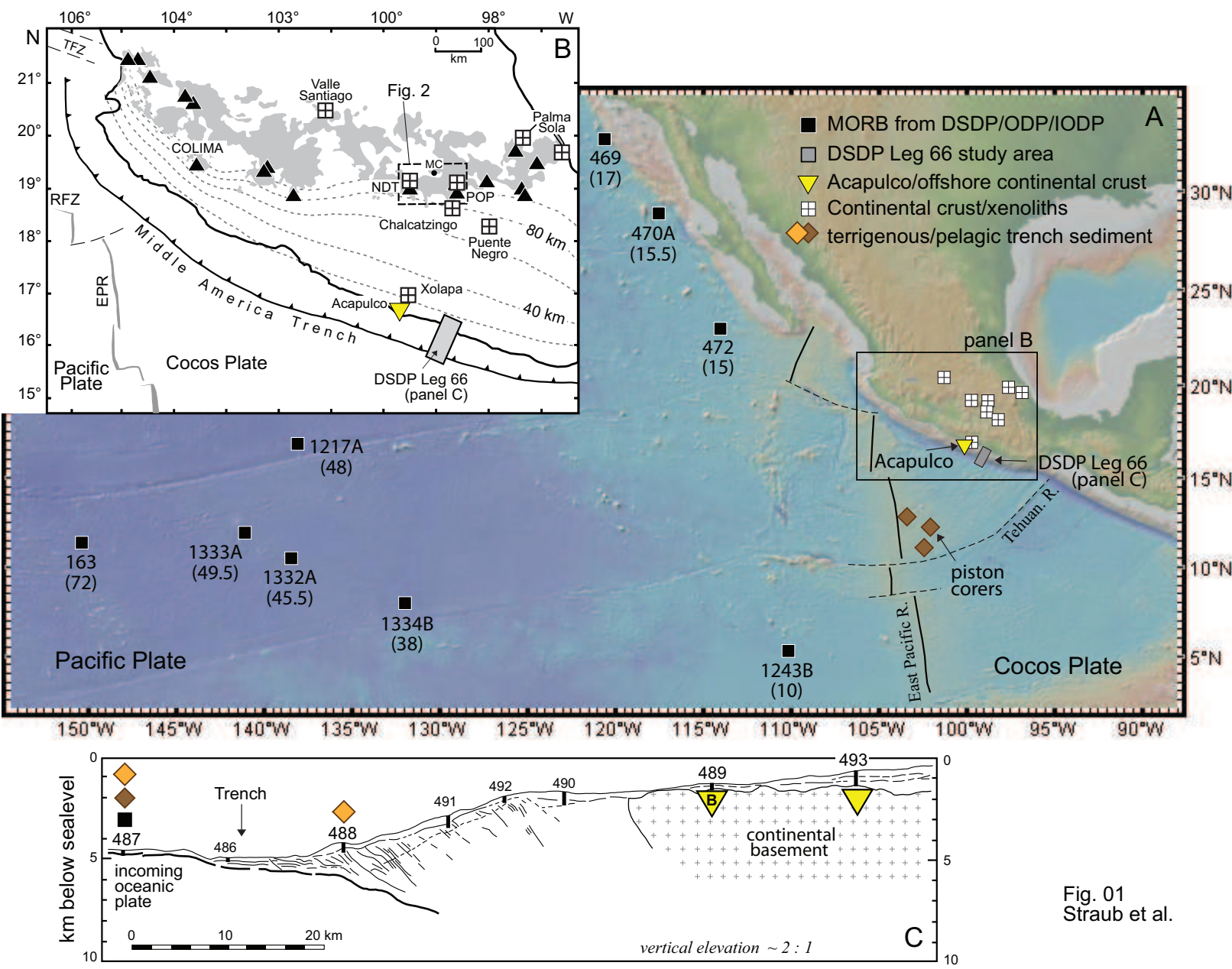


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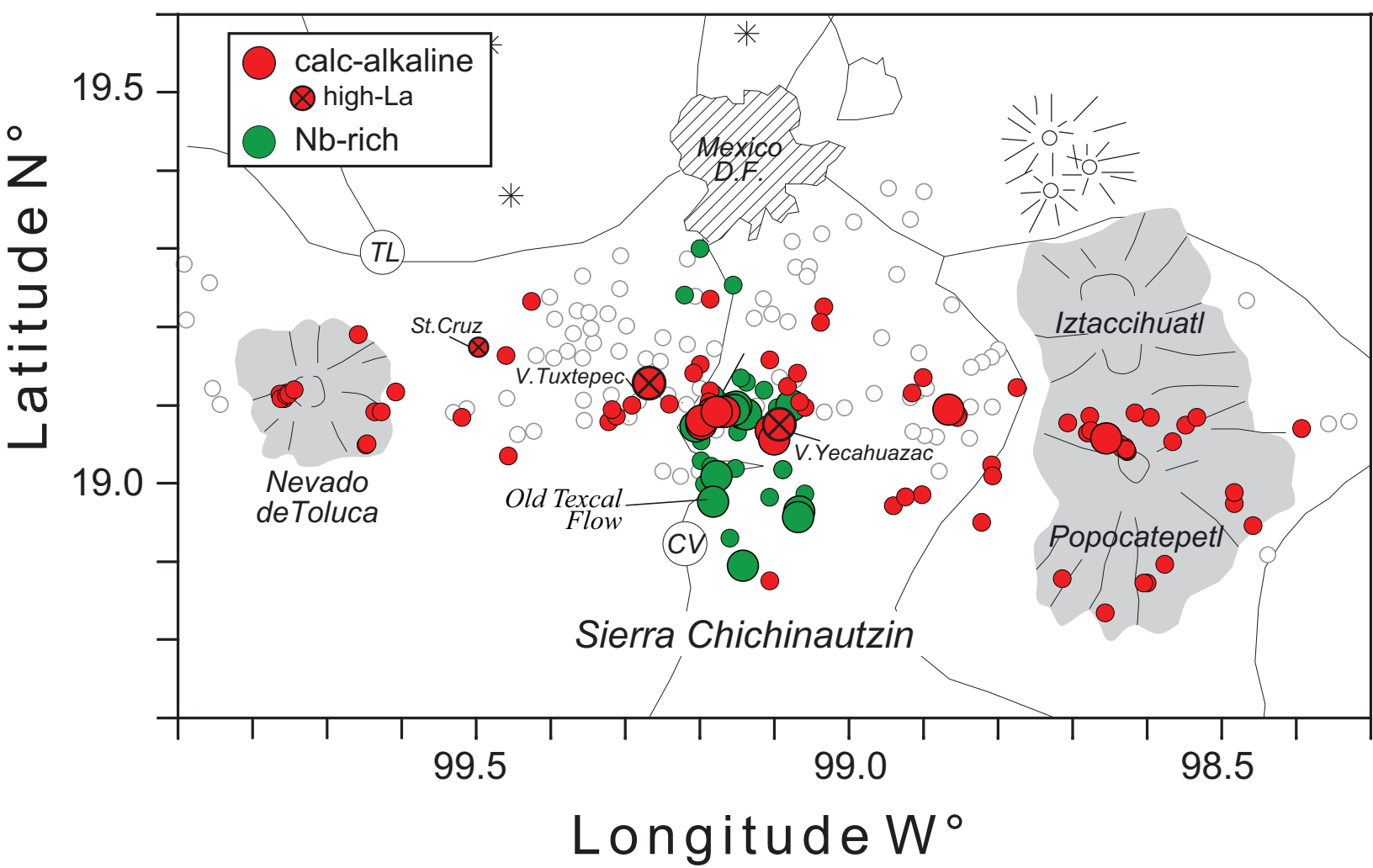


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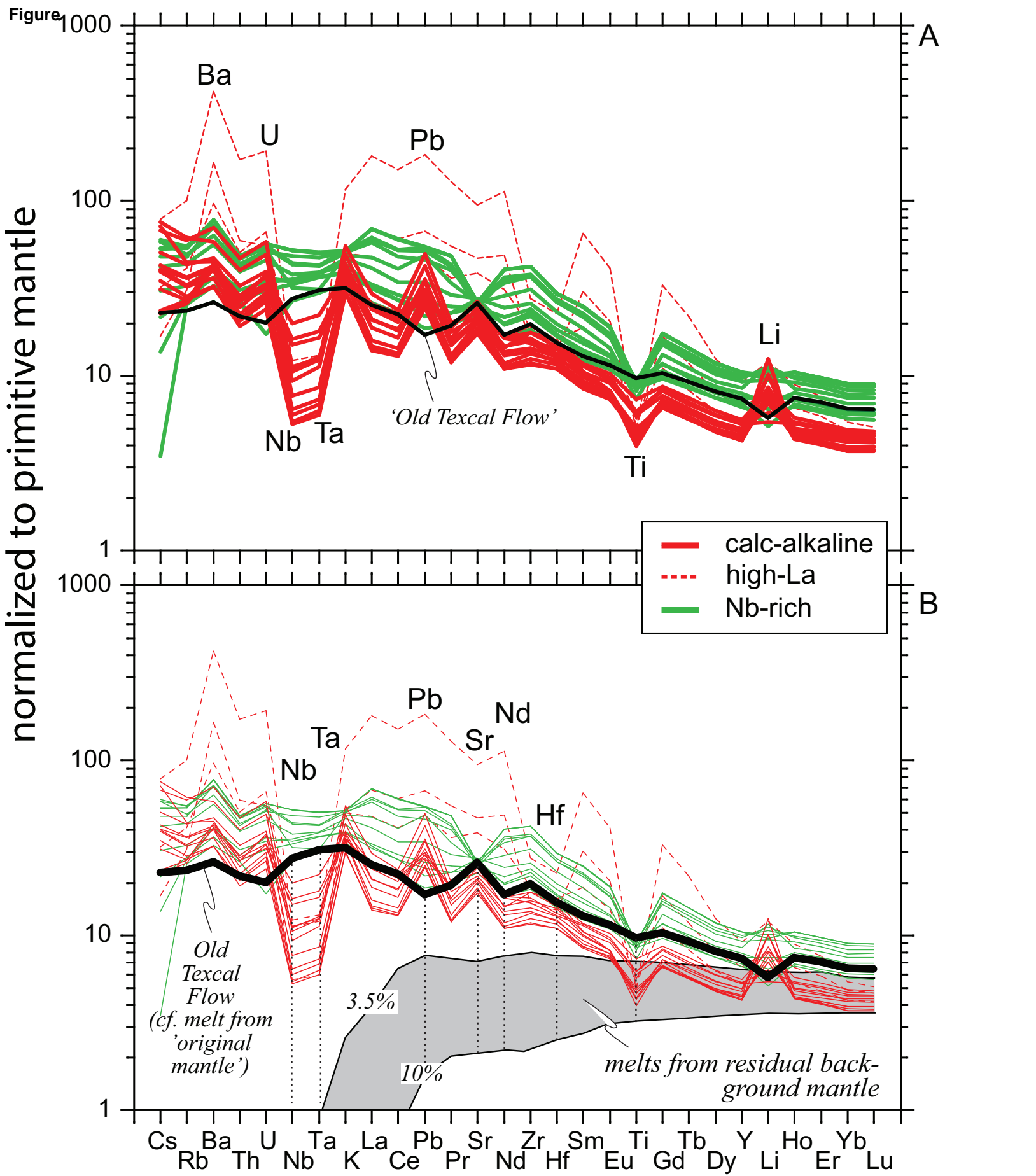


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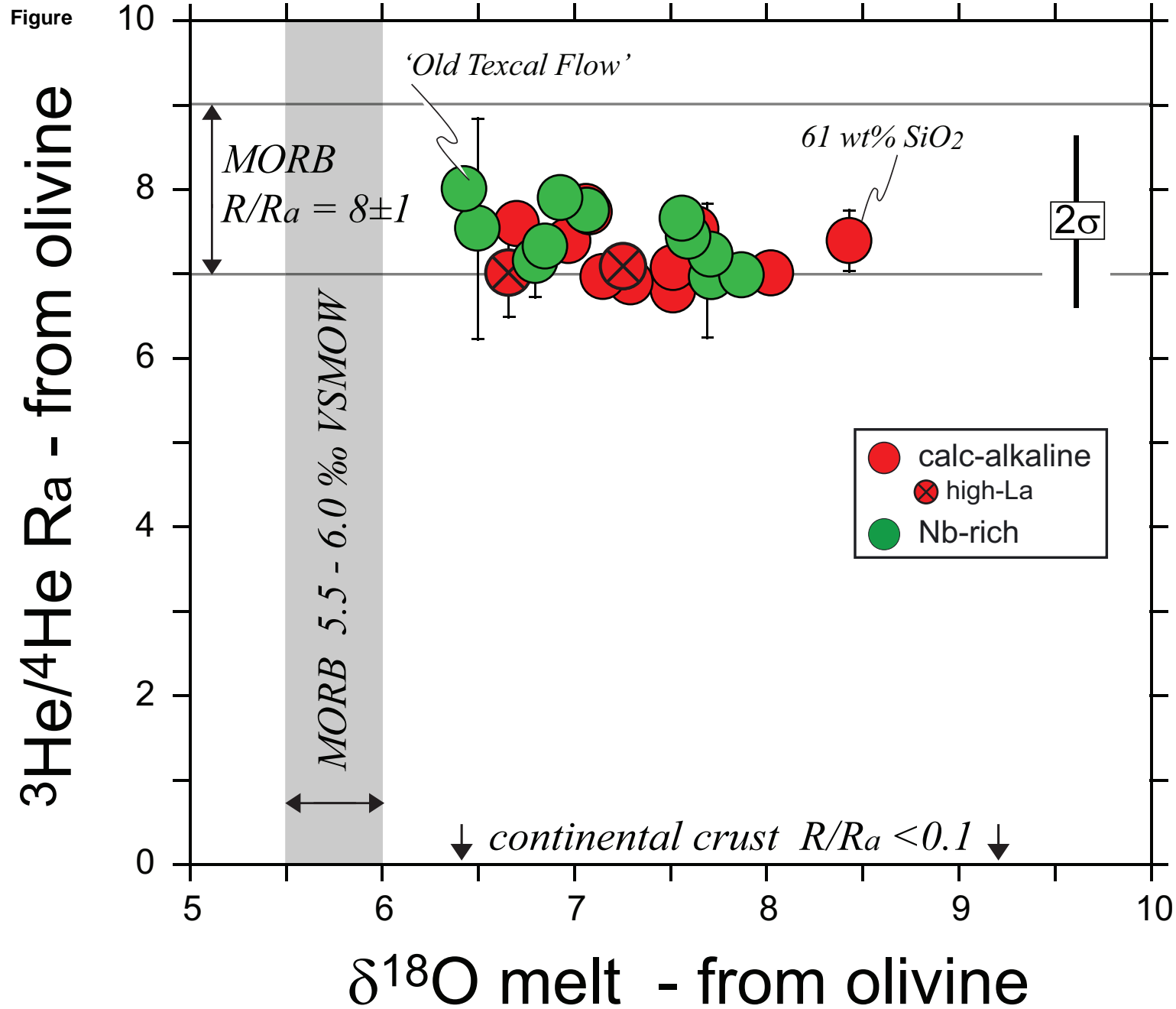


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Figure

- calc-alkaline
- ⊗ high-La
- Nb-rich
- ◆ terrigenous
- ◆ pelagic
- Cenozoic AOC
- ⊕ continental basement
- ▼ Acapulco/offshore granodiorite/b. gneiss

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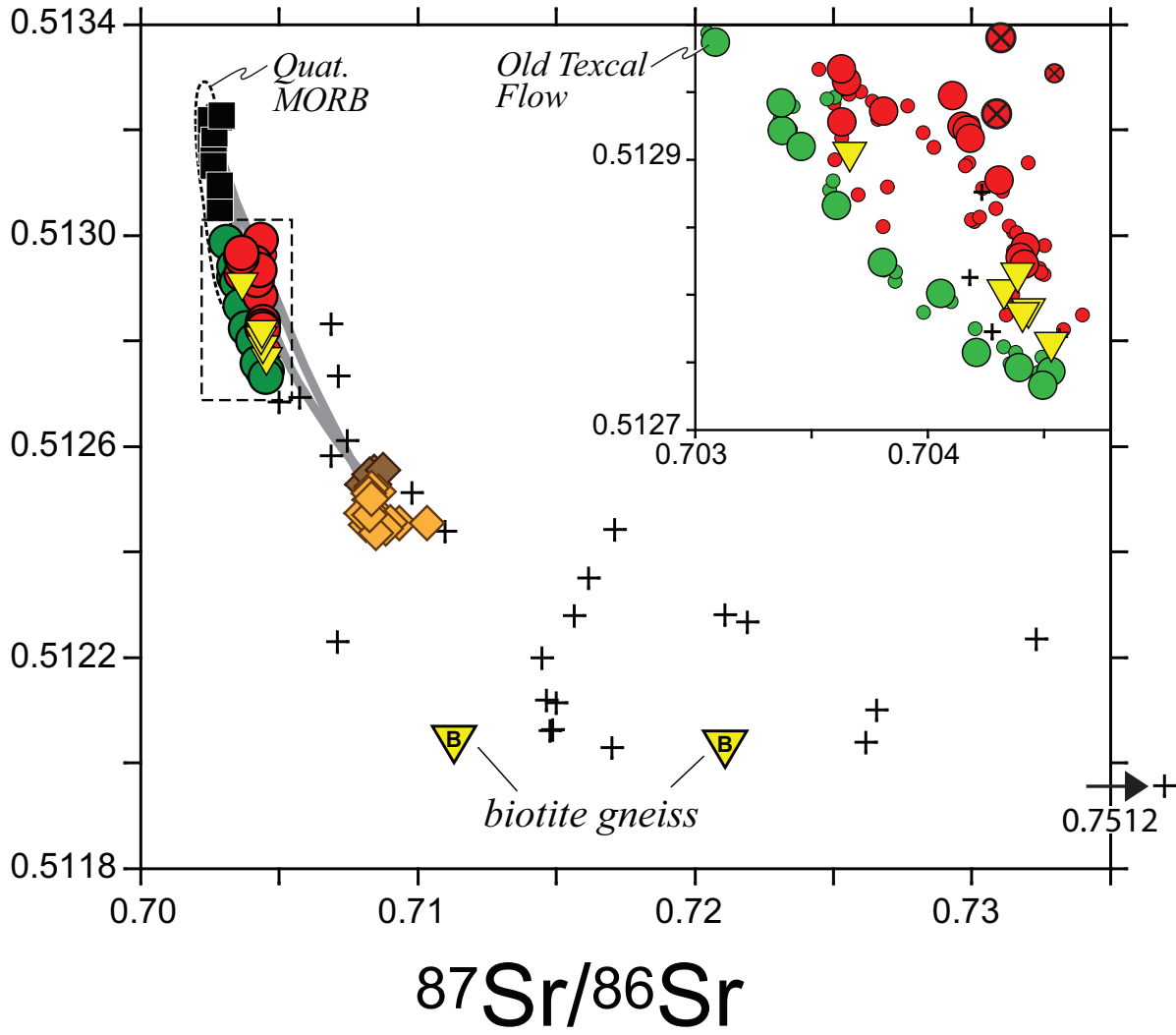
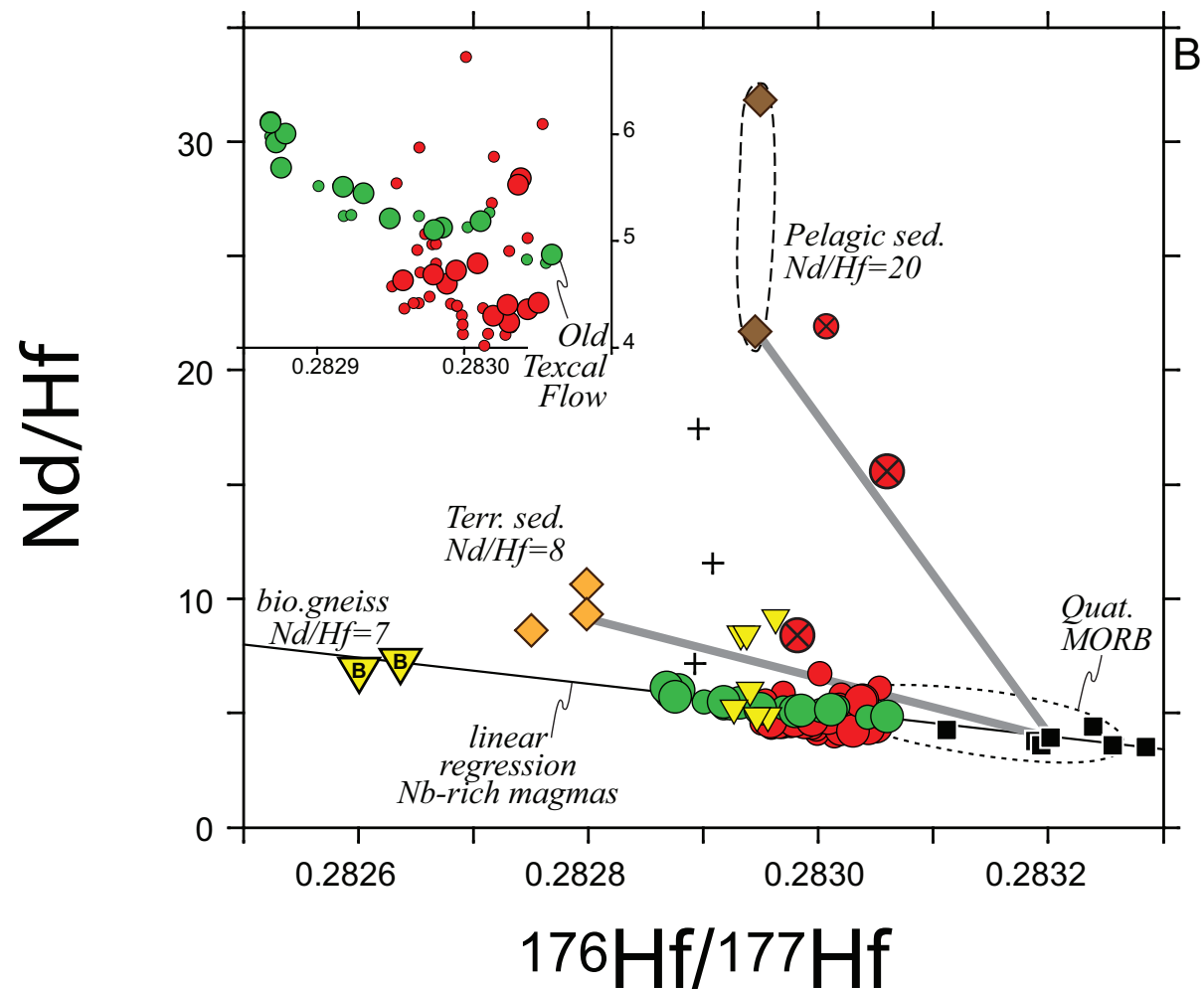
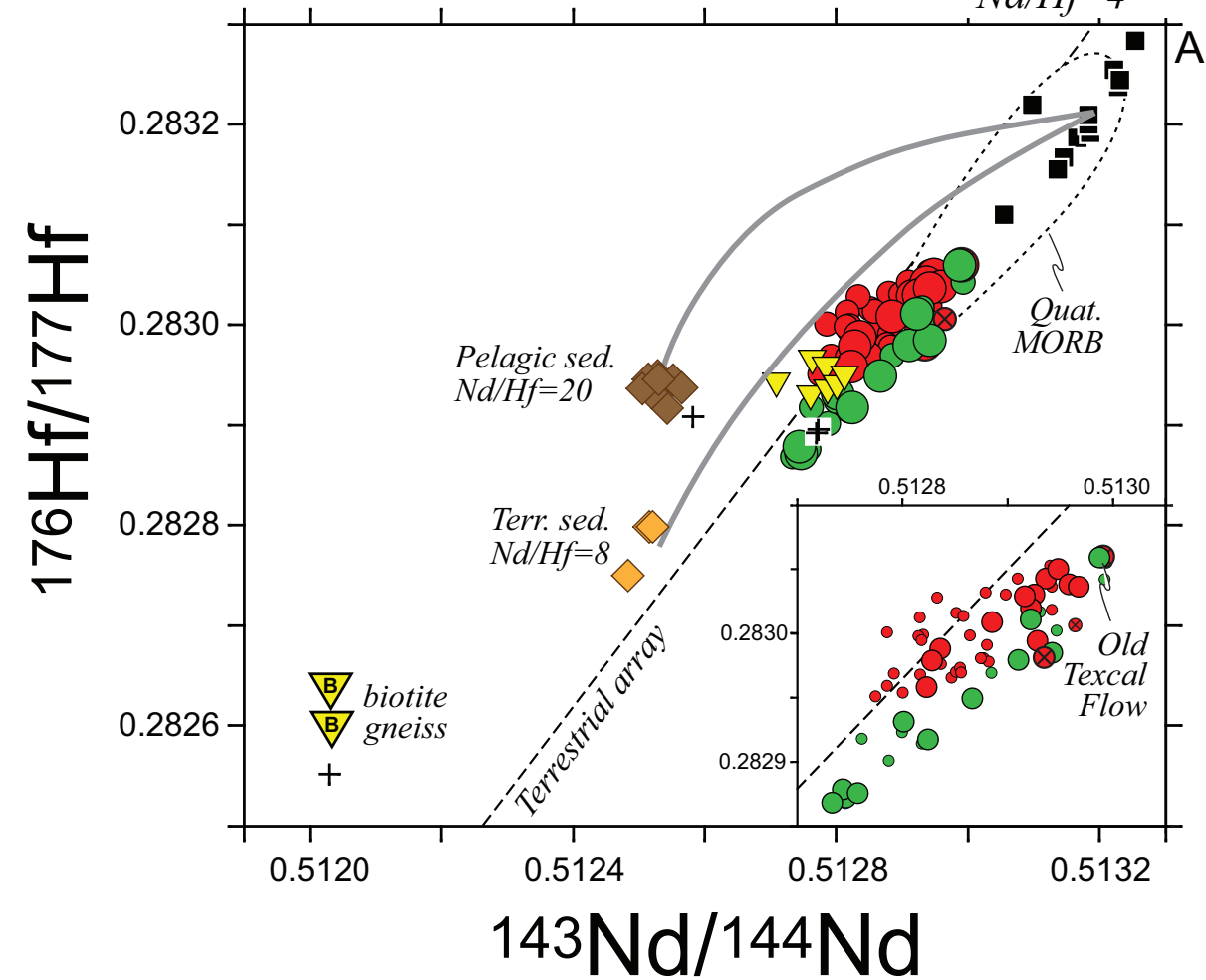
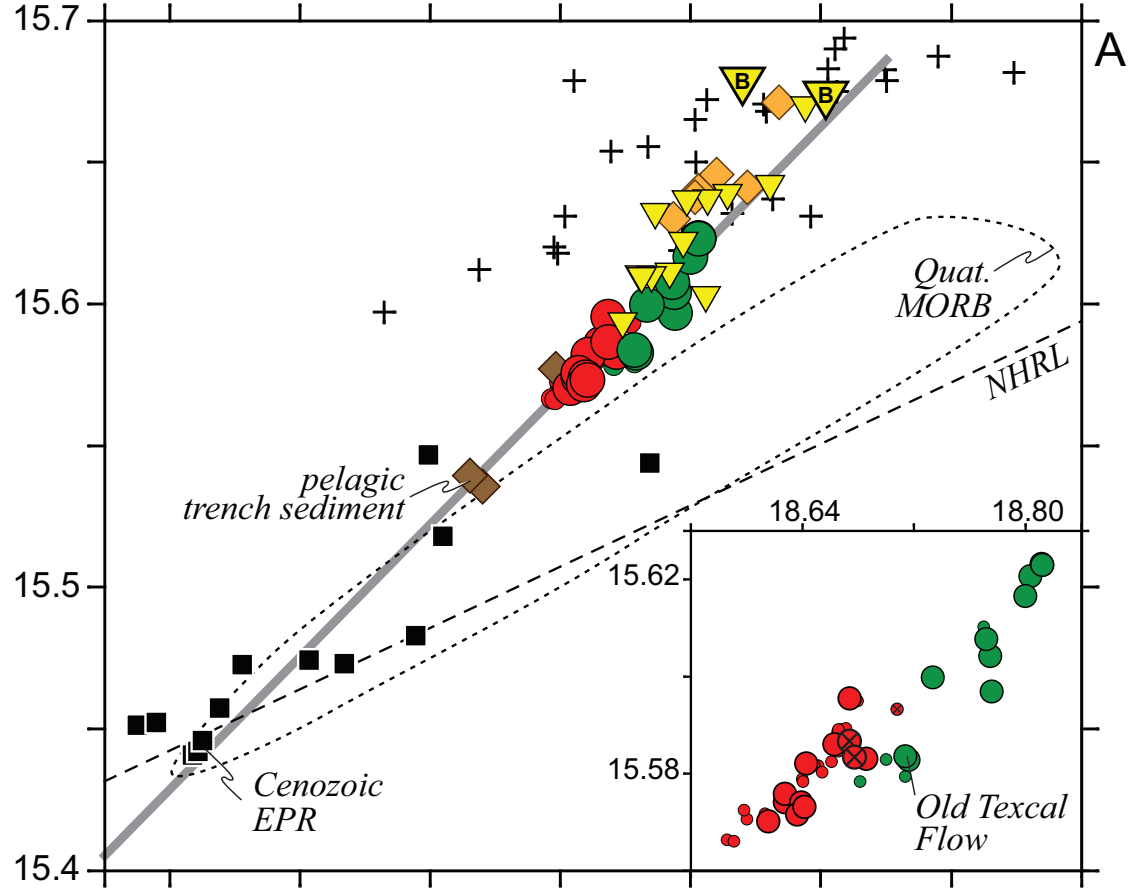
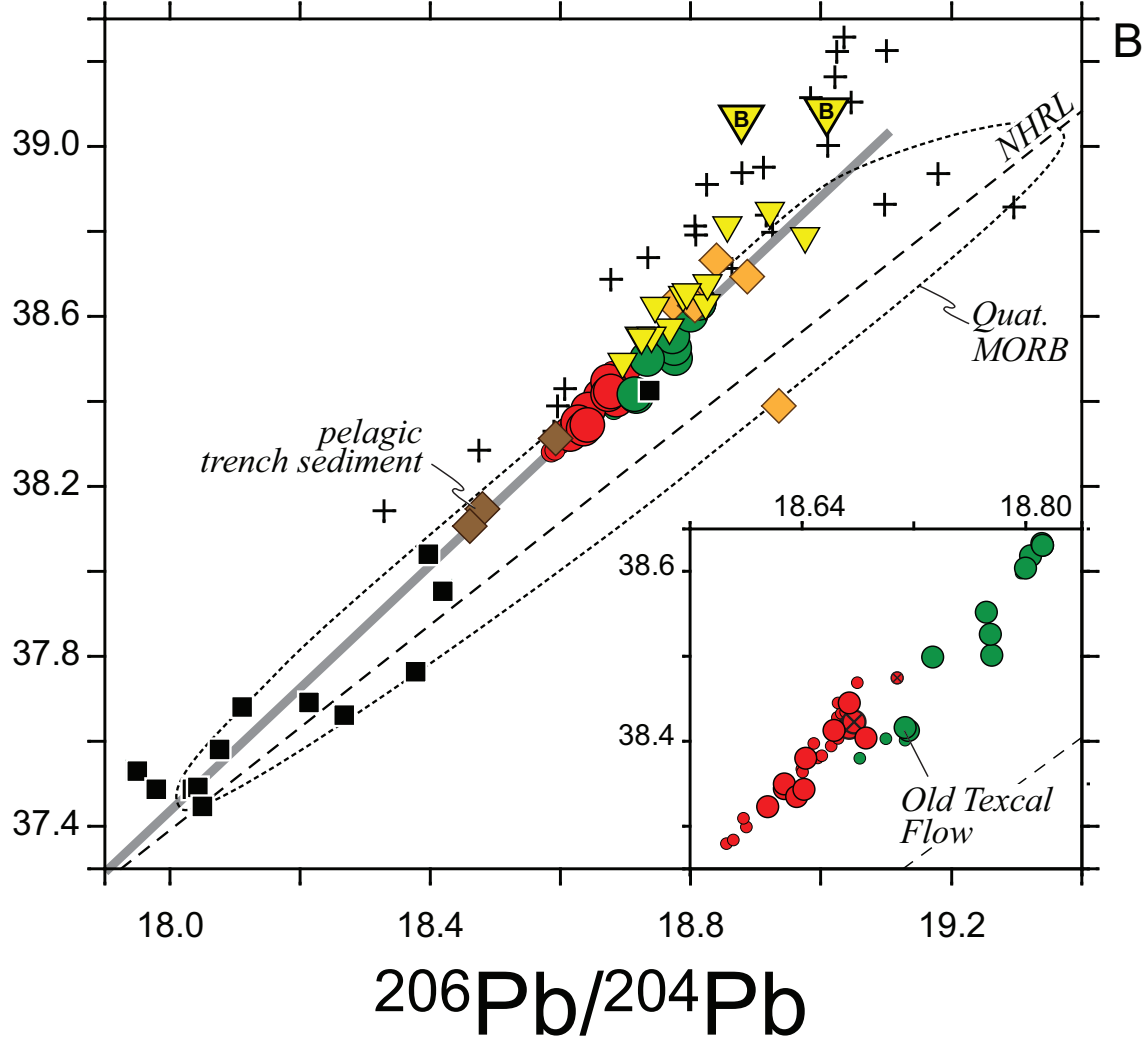


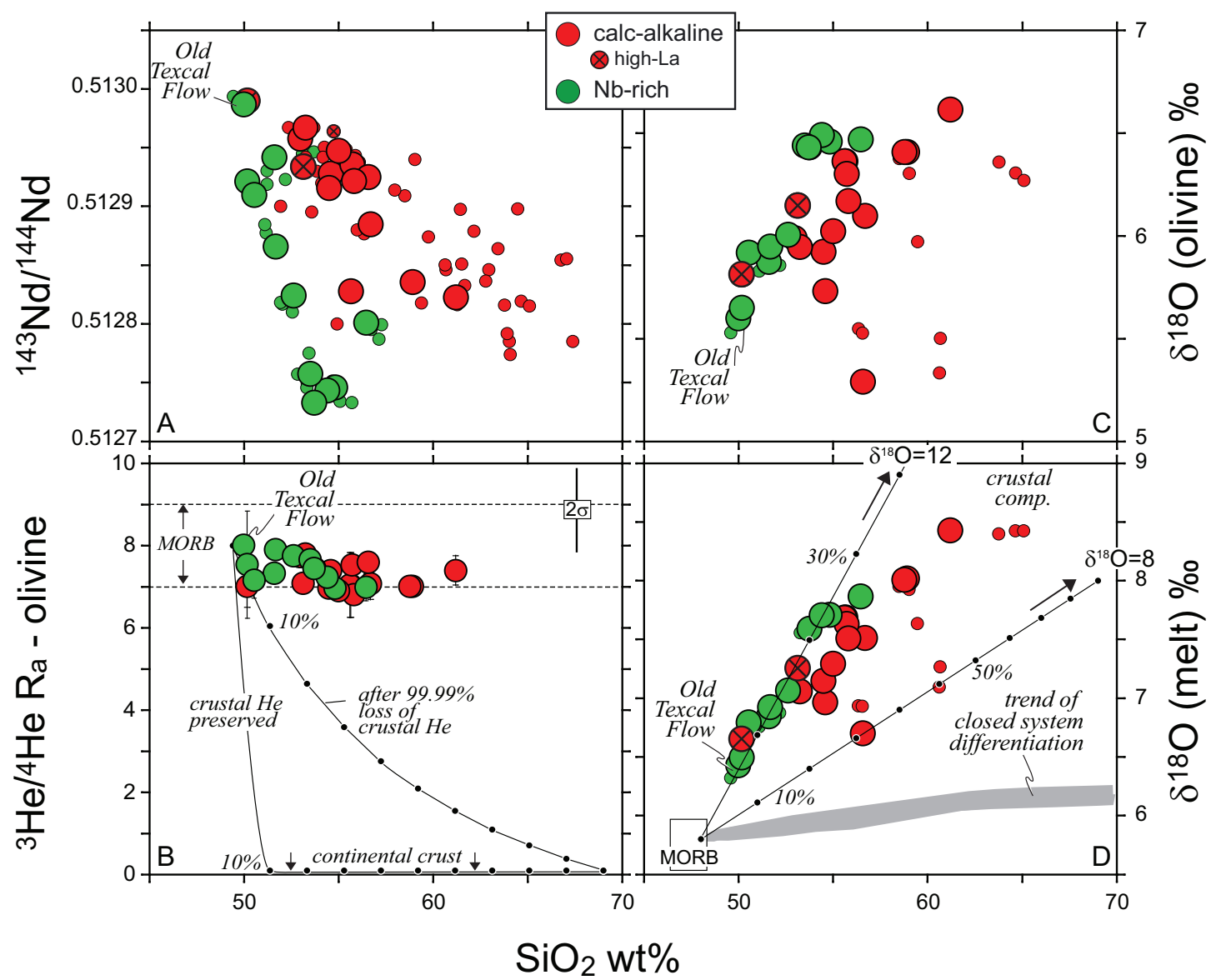
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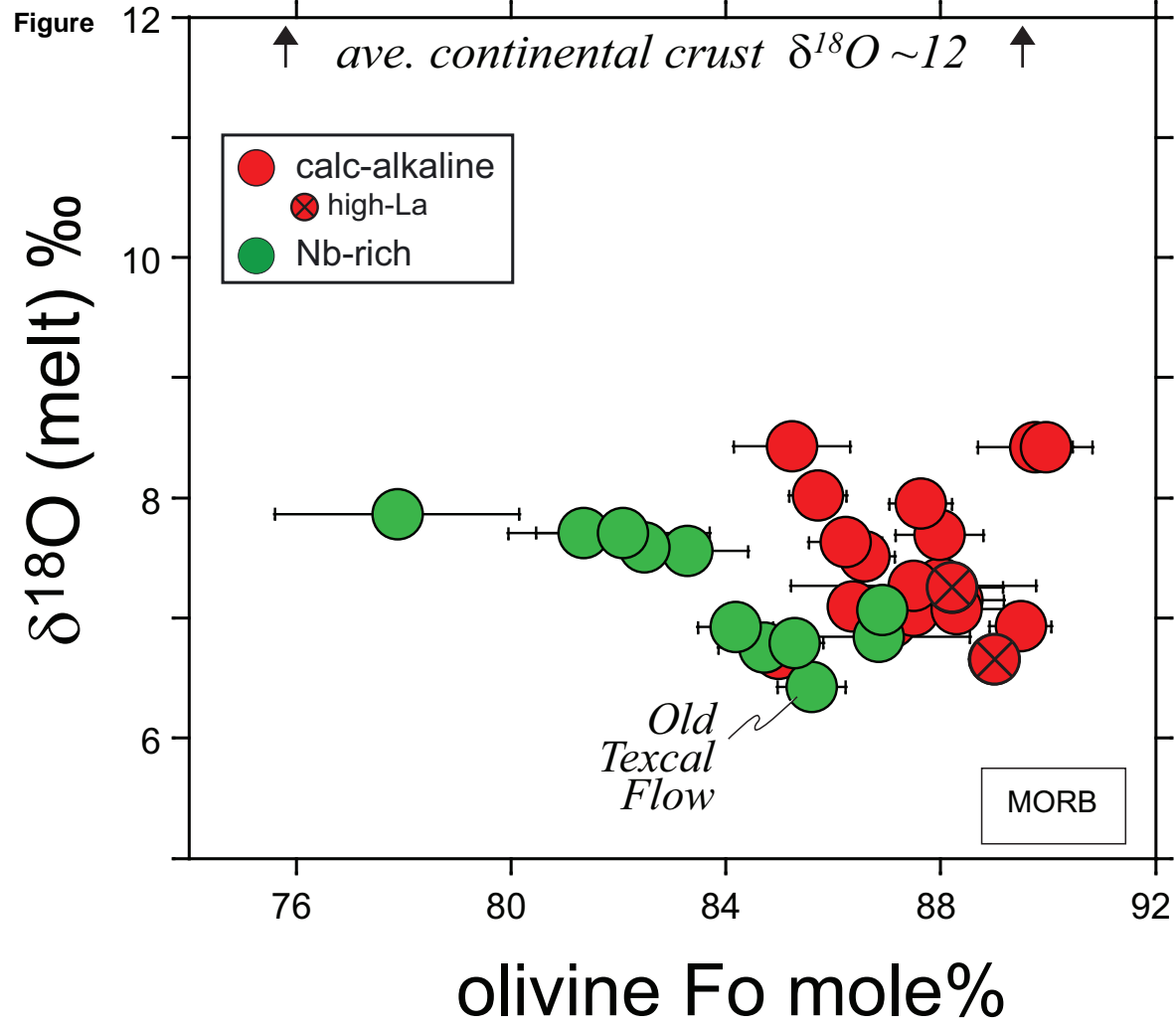
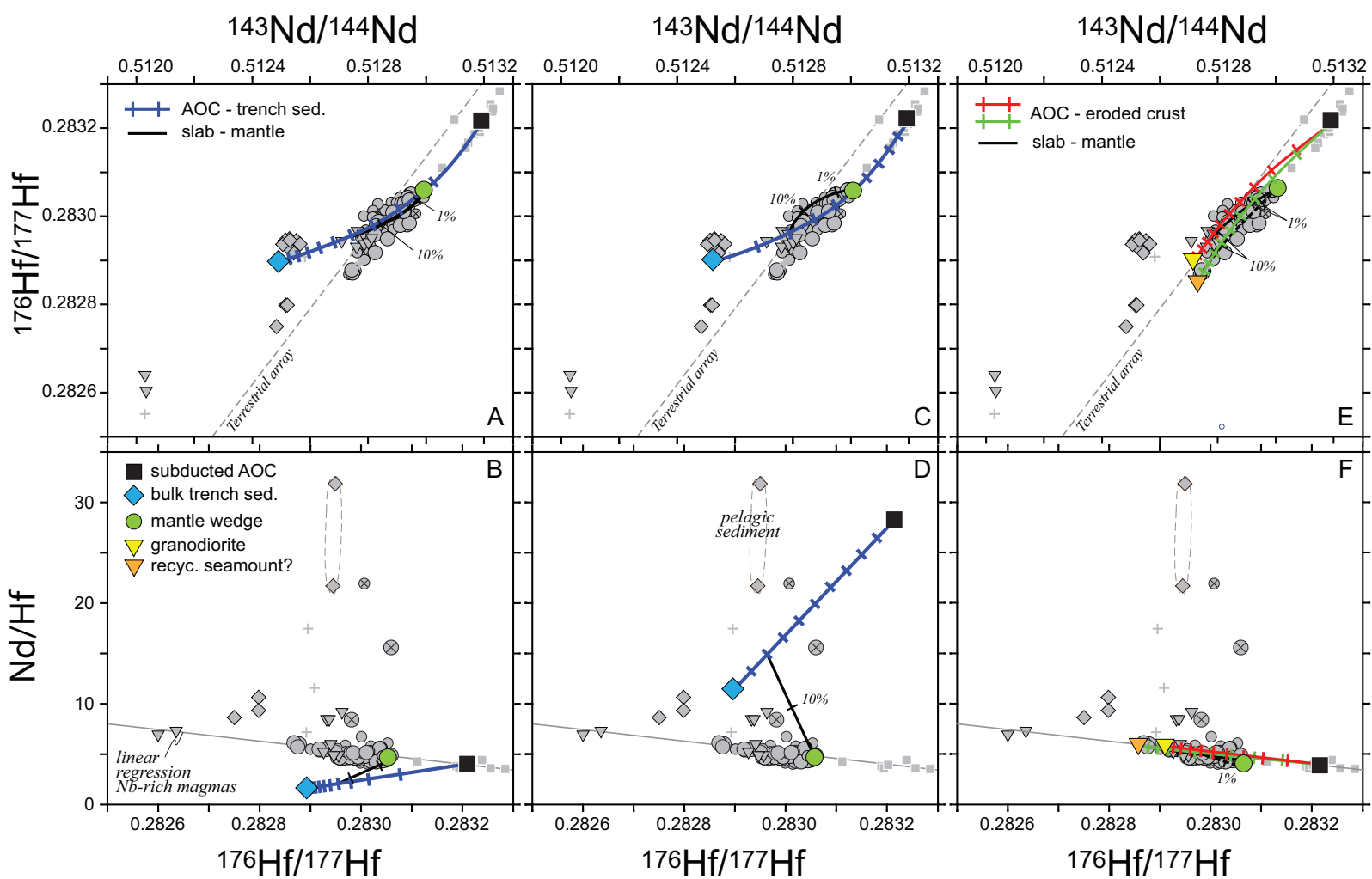
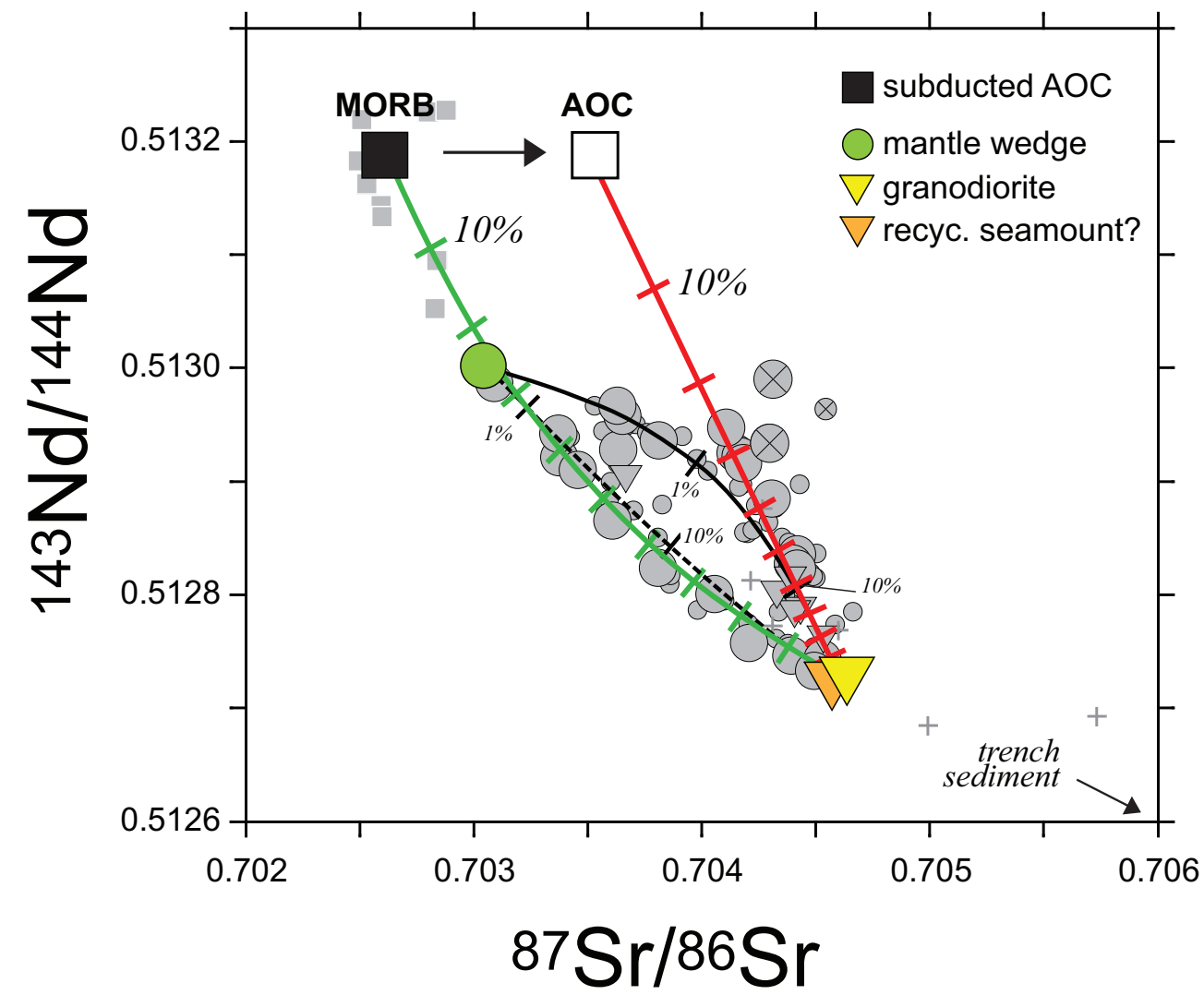


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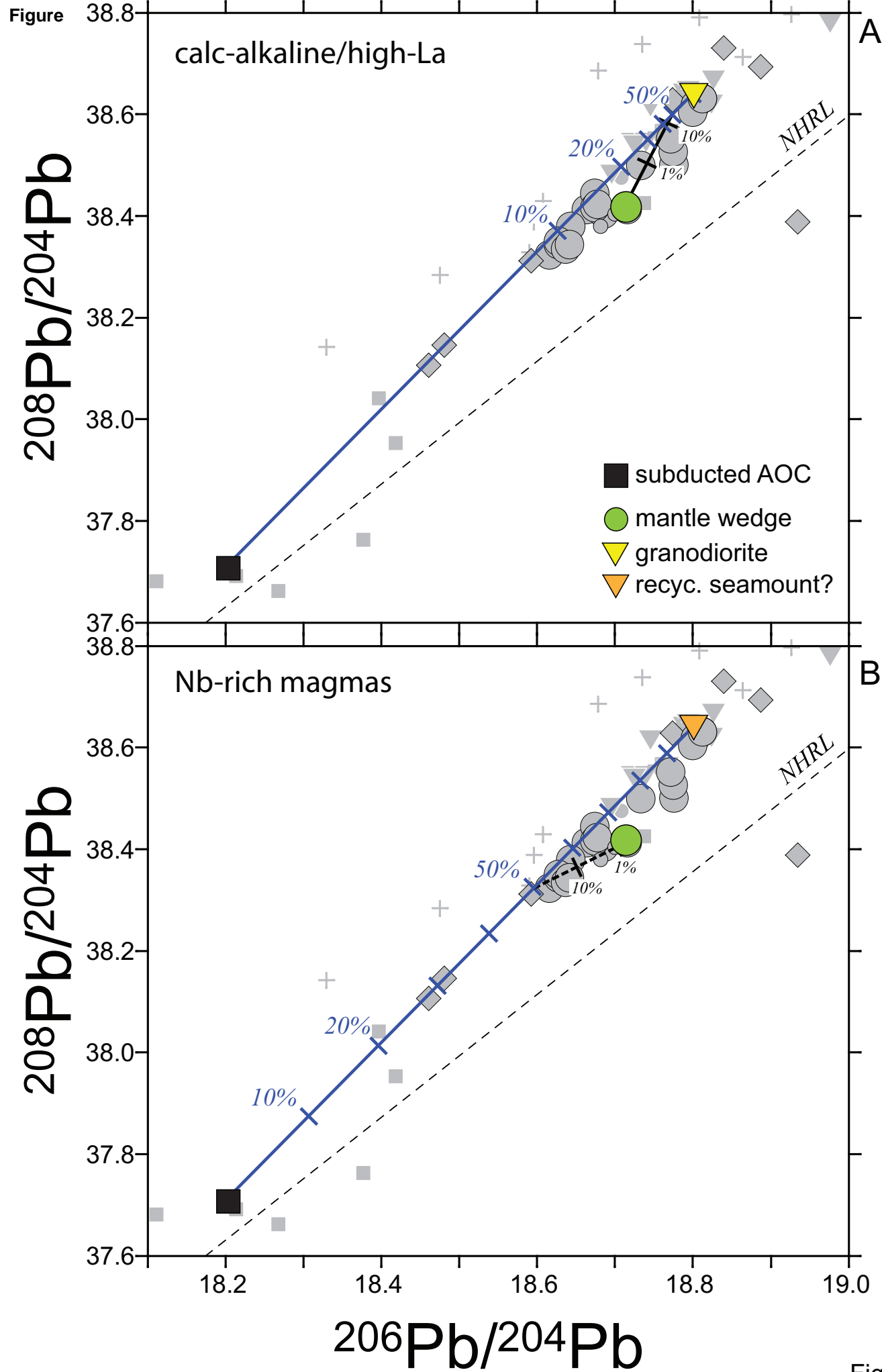


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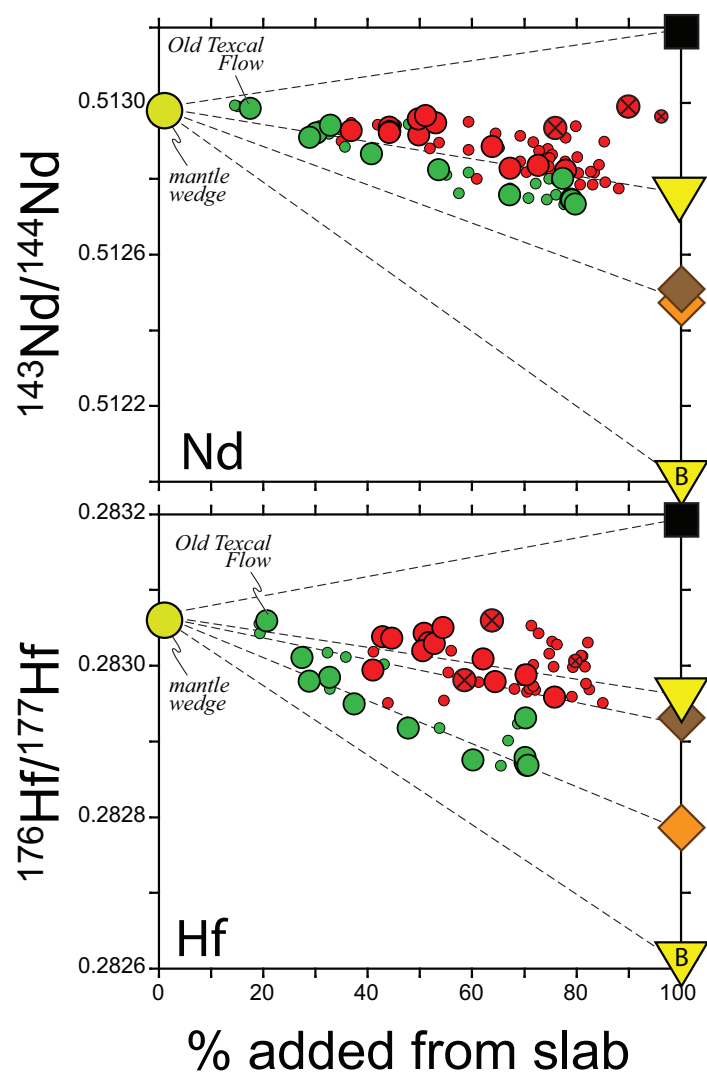
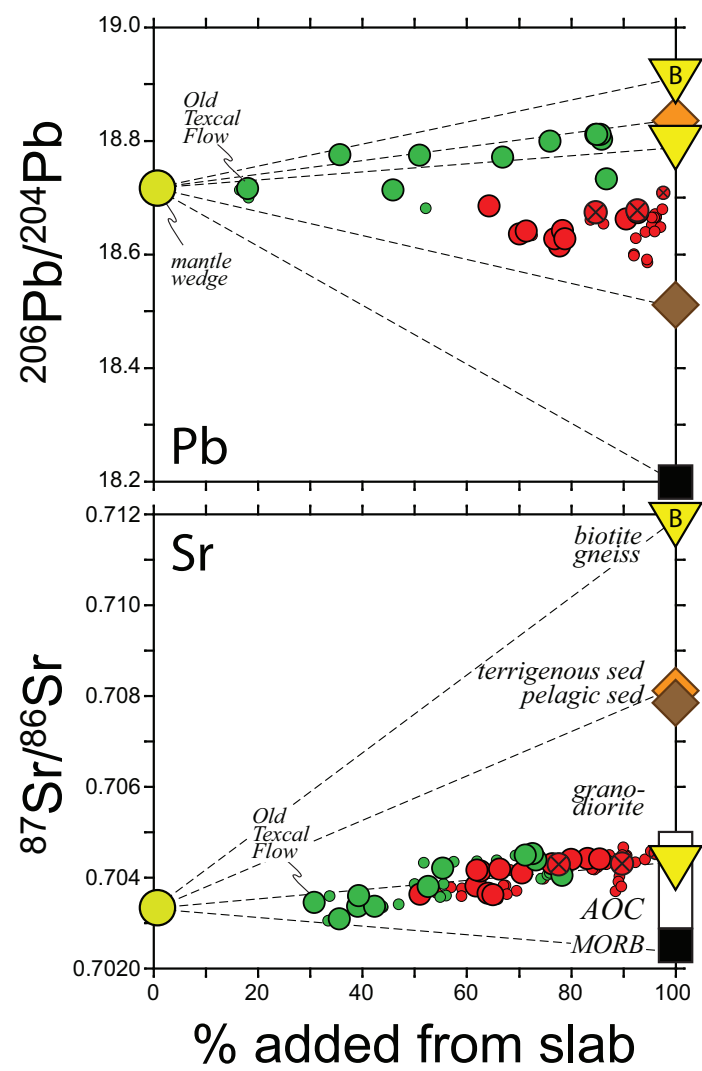


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Figure

Depth (km below seafloor)

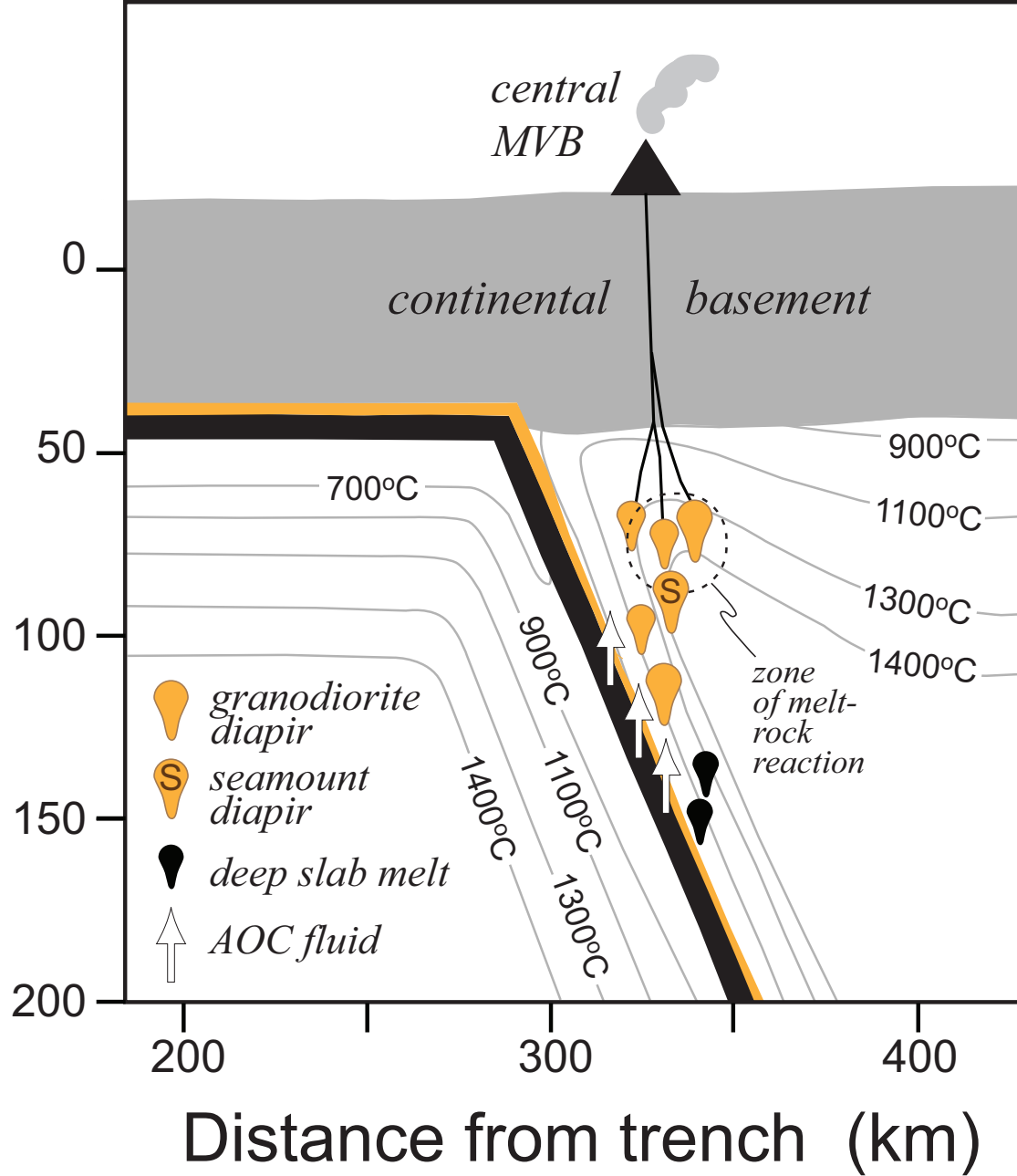
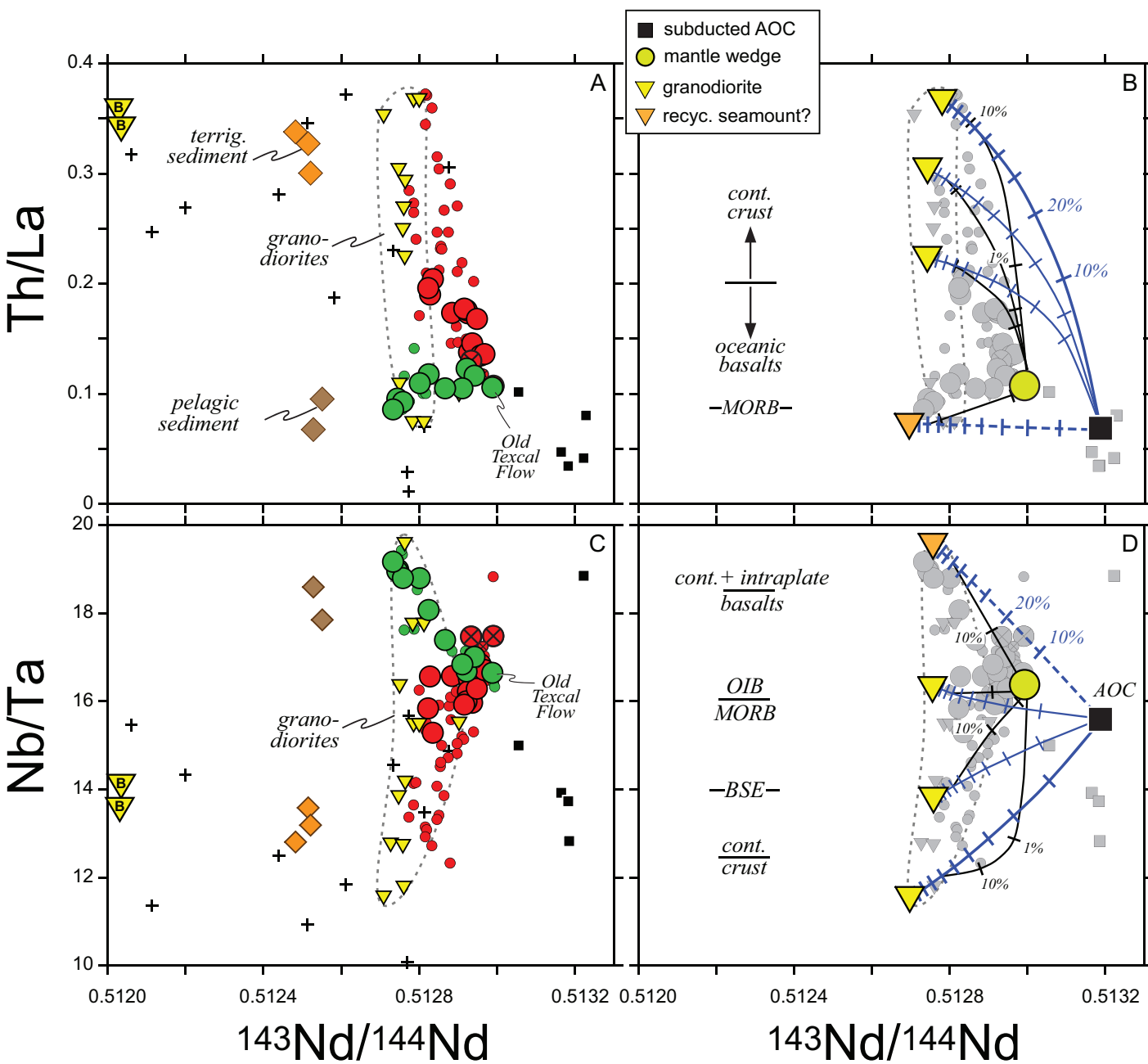


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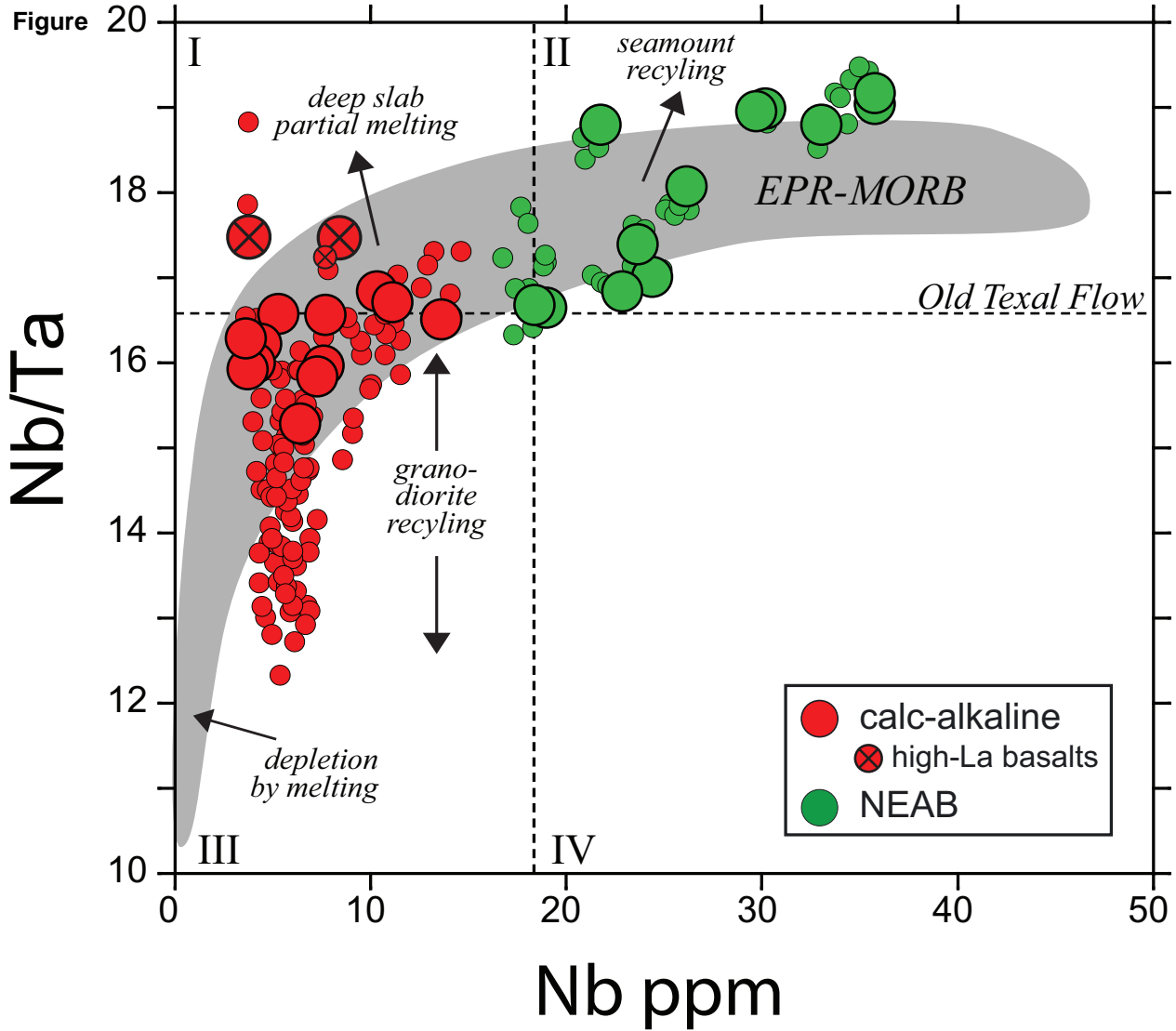


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