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**Oxygen isotopes and volatile contents of the Gorgona komatiites, Colombia: a confirmation  
of the deep mantle origin of H<sub>2</sub>O**

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27 **Abstract**

28 We report O isotopes in olivine grains (FO<sub>89-93</sub>) and volatile contents (CO<sub>2</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>O, F, S, Cl) in  
29 olivine-hosted melt inclusions from one Gorgona picrite and five komatiites with the aim of  
30 constraining the origin of H<sub>2</sub>O in these magmas. These samples have previously been analysed  
31 for major and trace elements and volatile concentrations (H<sub>2</sub>O, S, Cl) and B isotopes in melt  
32 inclusions. A distinctive feature of the included melts is relatively high contents of volatile  
33 components and boron, which show positive anomalies in, otherwise depleted, primitive mantle  
34 normalised trace and rare earth element patterns and range in  $\delta^{11}\text{B}$  from  $-11.5$  to  $15.6\%$ . In this  
35 study, the olivines were systematically analysed for O isotopes (1) in the centre of grains, (2)  
36 near the grain boundaries and, (3) as close as possible to the studied melt inclusions. The  
37 majority of olivines ( $\sim 66\%$ ) are “mantle”-like,  $4.8\% \leq \delta^{18}\text{O} \leq 5.5\%$ , with a subordinate but still  
38 significant number ( $\sim 33\%$ ) above, and only 2 grains below, this range. There is no systematic  
39 difference between the central and marginal parts of the grains. Higher than “mantle”  $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{O1}}$   
40 values are ascribed to low- $T$  ( $< 300$  °C) serpentinisation along inner fractures and grain  
41 boundaries of olivine phenocrysts. The measured concentrations of volatile components in the  
42 melt inclusions corrected for the effects of post-entrapment crystallisation and H<sub>2</sub>O-CO<sub>2</sub>  
43 exsolution in inclusion shrinkage bubbles are: 286–1748  $\mu\text{g/g}$  CO<sub>2</sub>, 0.2–0.86 wt.% H<sub>2</sub>O, 48–82  
44  $\mu\text{g/g}$  F, 398–699  $\mu\text{g/g}$  S and 132–198  $\mu\text{g/g}$  Cl. They correspond to a pressure of  $86 \pm 44$  MPa or  
45  $\sim 2.5$ -km crustal depth of olivine crystallisation. The correlations of S and, to a lesser extent, of  
46 H<sub>2</sub>O, with highly incompatible lithophile elements and the correlation of F with Cl, but no  
47 relationships of H<sub>2</sub>O with Cl, rule out shallow depth magma degassing and/or crustal  
48 contamination. Our new  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  olivine and volatile component data combined with the existing,  
49 highly variable  $\delta^{11}\text{B}$  values for melt inclusions also support the deep mantle origin of H<sub>2</sub>O (and  
50 probably other volatiles) in the Gorgona mafic and ultramafic magmas.

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53 **Keywords**

54 Gorgona Island, Komatiites, Olivine, Oxygen isotopes, Volatile components, Ion microprobe

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## 57 **1. Introduction**

58 Komatiites are olivine spinifex-textured, ultramafic, mantle-derived rocks formed by high  
59 degrees of partial melting and typically having high magnesium (>18 wt.% MgO), with low  
60 silicon (40–45 wt.% SiO<sub>2</sub>), titanium (<1 wt.% TiO<sub>2</sub>) and incompatible trace element  
61 concentrations (e.g., [Arndt and Nisbet, 1982](#); [Kerr and Arndt, 2001](#) and references therein).  
62 Komatiites were first recognized in the late 1960s in the Barberton greenstone belt, South Africa,  
63 and were named from their type locality along the Komati River ([Viljoen and Viljoen, 1969a,b](#)).  
64 There has long been a considerable debate as to whether komatiites are derived from dry and hot  
65 mantle, and are the products of partial melting of ascending super-hot Archaean plumes (e.g.,  
66 [Bickle et al., 1977](#); [Campbell et al., 1989](#); [McDonough and Ireland, 1993](#); [Arndt et al., 1997](#),  
67 [1998](#); [Herzberg et al., 1995, 2007](#); [Berry et al., 2008](#) among others) or are formed by hydrous  
68 melting of the mantle at much lower temperatures during subduction (e.g., [Allègre, 1982](#);  
69 [Parman et al., 1997](#); [Grove and Parman, 2004](#); [Parman and Grove, 2005](#)). Because most  
70 komatiites have undergone significant sub-solidus alteration, primary volatile abundances of the  
71 magmas from which they crystallised, remain controversial.

72 In this context, the Late Cretaceous (~90 Ma) ultramafic and mafic lavas of the Gorgona  
73 Island, Colombia, first identified as komatiites by [Gansser et al. \(1979\)](#) and then studied in more  
74 detail by e.g., [Echeverría \(1980\)](#), [Dietrich et al. \(1981\)](#), [Aitken and Echeverría \(1984\)](#),  
75 [Echeverría and Aitken \(1986\)](#), [Kyser et al. \(1987\)](#), [Kerr et al. \(1996\)](#), [Arndt et al \(1997\)](#), [Kerr](#)  
76 [\(2005\)](#), [Révillon et al. \(2000, 2002\)](#), [Serrano et al. \(2011\)](#), among others, represent suitable  
77 candidates for the study of volatile components because they are generally much fresher  
78 compared to most of their Archaean counterparts. In addition, the komatiites from Gorgona  
79 remain the only known non-Archaean komatiites and, therefore, studying them in detail may  
80 have important implications for our understanding the effects of water on mantle potential  
81 temperatures.

82           Although, overall, olivine-hosted melt inclusions in Gorgona komatiites are depleted in  
83 incompatible trace elements, they are distinctive in that they possess relatively high  
84 concentrations of volatile components and boron (Kamenetsky et al., 2010). These high  
85 concentrations result in positive anomalies (10 to 50 fold enrichment) on primitive mantle  
86 normalised trace and rare earth element diagrams and a wide range of  $\delta^{11}\text{B}$  values from  $-11.5$  to  
87  $+15.6\%$ . Based on these data, Gurenko and Kamenetsky (2011) concluded that the inclusions  
88 with “mantle”-like  $\delta^{11}\text{B}$  (around  $-10\%$ ), also enriched in  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and  $\text{Cl}$ , represent the unmodified  
89 composition of their parental magmas. Moreover, they demonstrated that although a range of  
90 contaminants (seawater,  $\text{NaCl}$  saline brines, altered oceanic crust, serpentinised peridotite or  
91 marine sediments) could potentially affect the composition of these magmas, the observed  
92 volatile enrichment could be better explained by possible input of less than 3 wt.% of a  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ - and  
93  $^{11}\text{B}$ -enriched fluid into the source of the Gorgona komatiites.

94           The present work is follow-up study (from the work of Kamenetsky et al., 2010);  
95 Gurenko and Kamenetsky, 2011) on olivines from Gorgona komatiites and their included melts  
96 and primarily focuses on their detailed oxygen isotopic composition, determined by SIMS (=   
97 Secondary Ion Mass Spectrometry). The main purpose of the present study is therefore to further  
98 constrain the origin of volatile components, and especially  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  in the Gorgona parental magmas.  
99 Furthermore, in order to evaluate the pressure (or depth) of olivine crystallization (with the aim  
100 of discriminating between upper and lower crust levels, which presumably have different O-  
101 isotope signatures), and to place additional constraints on the behaviour of volatile components  
102 during magma origin and consequent crystallization, we re-analysed the same olivine-hosted  
103 melt inclusions remaining after the Kamenetsky et al. (2010) and Gurenko and Kamenetsky  
104 (2011) SIMS and laser ablation ICP-MS measurements. These previously studied melt  
105 inclusions, together with several newly exposed inclusions were analysed for  $\text{CO}_2$ ,  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ,  $\text{F}$ ,  $\text{S}$  and  
106  $\text{Cl}$  (note that neither  $\text{CO}_2$  nor  $\text{F}$  concentrations were previously reported). Based on the existing

107 and our new volatile component and O-isotope data, this study will help to determine if the  
108 ascending high-Mg melts, currently preserved as inclusions in olivine, have suffered  
109 contamination by either crustal rocks at shallow depth (Arndt et al., 1997), or by seawater or  
110 seawater-derived components (Shimizu et al., 2009). If such contamination has occurred, one  
111 would expect a deviation of  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  measured in the studied Gorgona olivines from that of the  
112 mantle (4.8–5.8‰; Matthey et al., 1994; Eiler, 2001) to more  $^{18}\text{O}$ -enriched values. In this context,  
113 our new oxygen isotope data on olivines, when coupled with the available volatile contents and  
114 boron isotope data on melt inclusions will be key to unravelling the origin of wet high-Mg  
115 magmas, now preserved as komatiites and picrites on the island of Gorgona.

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## 117 **2. Geological setting and samples**

118 Gorgona is located ~40 km off the Pacific coast of Colombia (**Fig. 1**). The geology of this  
119 small island (approximately 8.3 km long and 2.5 km wide), was first studied by Gansser (1950),  
120 who noted the occurrence of “olivine rocks” containing skeletal olivine phenocrysts, which later  
121 were recognised as “komatiites” by Gansser et al (1979) and Echeverría (1980). Echeverría  
122 (1980) also reported picrites from the south part of the island that had no skeletal olivine crystals.  
123 An undeformed peridotite-gabbro complex is located in the central part of the island and  
124 surrounded by a sequence of tilted and faulted blocks of mafic and ultramafic rocks and tuff  
125 breccias (Dietrich et al., 1981; Aitken and Echeverría, 1984). The first petrographic and  
126 geochemical work on these rocks was reported by Dietrich et al. (1981) and Echeverría (1980)  
127 and demonstrated that the olivine spinifex (komatiite) lavas contain 13 to 24 wt.% MgO. Aitken  
128 and Echeverría (1984) proposed that the parental magma of the komatiites contained ~20 wt.%  
129 MgO. Kyser et al. (1987) reported the first stable isotope ( $\delta\text{D}$  and  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ ) data on Gorgona  
130 komatiites.

131 Our present work is based on the same 50 olivine fragments studied by [Kamenetsky et al.](#)  
132 [\(2010\)](#) and [Gurenko and Kamenetsky \(2011\)](#). These fragments contain small portions of melt  
133 entrapped along zones of skeletal growth of the former euhedral to subhedral olivine  
134 phenocrysts, as well as 21 additional, randomly selected olivine phenocrysts from a picrite  
135 sample GOR94-32. The komatiitic samples were collected from fresh coastal exposures on the  
136 north east side of the island (**Fig. 1**; for more detail, see [Kamenetsky et al., 2010](#)).

137 Sample GOR94-32 was collected from a picrite lava block, whose whole rock  
138 geochemistry was reported by [Arndt et al. \(1997\)](#). As first noted by [Echeverría and Aitken](#)  
139 [\(1986\)](#) and studied subsequently by [Kerr et al. \(1996\)](#), [Révillon et al. \(2000\)](#) and [Kerr \(2005\)](#), the  
140 fragmental picritic rocks (with angular-to-rounded blocks ranging in size from a few centimetres  
141 to > 1 m) and picritic tuffs are exposed in the southern part of the island and are intruded by a  
142 suite of comagmatic dykes (**Fig. 1**). As noted by [Kerr \(2005\)](#), the picrite blocks comprise ~25  
143 vol.% euhedral, non-skeletal olivine phenocrysts (0.5–1.0 mm), set in a groundmass of very fine-  
144 grained Cr-spinel microphenocrysts and acicular crystals of clinopyroxene and plagioclase.

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### 146 **3. Analytical methods**

147 Oxygen isotopic composition of olivine grains was systematically analysed by ion  
148 microprobe. Several previously studied and newly exposed olivine hosted melt inclusions were  
149 also analysed for CO<sub>2</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>O, F, S and Cl concentrations by SIMS. In order to check that no host  
150 olivine was ablated by the ion beam, the spot position was carefully examined with a  
151 petrographical microscope after analysis. As an additional check, aluminium (since it is  
152 incompatible in olivine but present in the melt inclusions in concentrations >15 wt.% Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>) was  
153 also included in the analytical sequence along with the volatile components in order to monitor  
154 and correct for any ablation of olivine (for more detail, see *Supporting online material*).  
155 Following these analyses, olivine composition was re-analysed by electron microprobe (hereafter



156 EPMA = Electron Probe Microanalysis) as close as possible (10–30  $\mu\text{m}$ ) to the spots left by  
157 SIMS. Most of the studied olivines were analysed for major elements by [Kamenetsky et al.](#)  
158 [\(2010\)](#). However, here we report and discuss only the newly acquired olivine major element  
159 data, except for four olivine grains that were lost during remounting from an epoxy mount into  
160 indium metal. For these olivines, we use major element compositions published in [Kamenetsky](#)  
161 [et al. \(2010\)](#).

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## 163 **4. Results**

### 164 *4.1. Elemental and oxygen isotope variability of olivines*

165 The olivines were systematically analysed for oxygen isotopes: a) in the centre of grain,  
166 b) near the grain boundaries and c) as close as possible to the previously studied and newly  
167 exposed melt inclusions. As noted by [Kamenetsky et al. \(2010\)](#), olivine phenocrysts from the  
168 studied komatiite samples are serpentinised along inner fractures and grain margins.  
169 Consequently only smaller fragments of former olivine phenocrysts remained intact for  
170 geochemical analysis and the melt inclusion study. For this reason, no direct link exists between  
171 internal and external parts of the analysed grains and the true cores and rims of the former  
172 olivine crystals.

173 The analyses of oxygen isotopes were replicated 2 to 28 times (except for 2 of 71 olivine  
174 grains that were analysed only in one spot) during three separate analytical sessions (for  
175 reproducibility results, see **Fig. S1.1** of *Supporting online material*). In total, 138 oxygen isotope  
176 analyses of olivine, each based on an average of up to 14 spot analyses (in total 824 individual  
177  $^{18}\text{O}/^{16}\text{O}$  determinations) were completed during the present study.

178 The olivines from the Gorgona picrite sample (GOR94-32) have a wider range of  
179 forsterite contents that extend to higher values ( $\text{Fo}_{88.3-93.2}$ ), as compared to those from the  
180 komatiite samples ( $\text{Fo}_{88.3-91.5}$ ), and contain 0.29–0.38 wt.% CaO, 0.34–0.46 wt.% NiO,

181 0.09–0.19 wt.% Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and 0.07–0.17 wt.% Cr<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>). However, the olivines from this picrite have  
182 systematically lower NiO concentrations than the komatiite olivines at equivalent Fo contents,  
183 resulting in two distinct trends of olivine crystallisation (**Fig. 2a, b**). These trends are in  
184 agreement with the observation of [Kerr et al. \(1996\)](#), who noted that Gorgona picrites usually  
185 have lower Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, Ni and Zr and somewhat higher Sc and Y concentrations (at a given MgO)  
186 than the komatiites. We think that the observed narrow Fo-ranges within individual samples  
187 ( $\Delta\text{Fo} = \text{Fo}_{\text{max}} - \text{Fo}_{\text{min}}$  for a given sample is between 0.6 and 3.2 mol.% in komatiites and 4.9  
188 mol.% in picrite; **Fig. 2a**), similar concentrations of NiO (0.36–0.50 wt.%, except for one grain  
189 with 0.32 wt.%; **Fig. 2b**), CaO (0.3–0.36 wt.%, except for one grain with 0.4 wt.%), Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>  
190 (0.07–0.14 wt.%) and Cr<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (0.07–0.15 wt.%) (**Table S2.1 – Supporting online material**), and  
191 almost complete overlap of the compositions of the internal and external parts of the studied  
192 olivine fragments imply almost no elemental intra-crystal zoning.

193 The  $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{OI}}$  span a range of values between 4.7 and 6.0‰ (**Fig. 2c, d**). Because most  
194 individual grains were multiply analysed in the centre of the grain and near the grain boundaries,  
195 the average external precision of  $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{OI}}$  determinations in the internal and external grain zones is  
196  $\pm 0.2\text{‰}$ , 2 SE (broad range is 0.07–0.47‰). The majority of  $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{OI}}$  values (~66% i.e., 91 of 138)  
197 are mantle-like, with  $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{OI}}$  ranging from 4.8 to 5.4‰. A significant number of  $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{OI}}$   
198 determinations (~33%, i.e., 45 of 138) exceed the “mantle” range towards higher values, and  
199 only two of 138 are below 4.8‰. The probability density distribution curves calculated using  
200 *Isoplot 3.70* ([Ludwig, 2008](#)) reveal a common maximum of  $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{OI}}$  at ~5.3‰ for most of the  
201 studied olivine “cores” and “rims” (**Fig. 2e**), but the “rims” exhibit also an additional,  
202 subordinate peak at ~5.6‰. The absence of systematic differences (or zoning) in both Fo and  
203  $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{OI}}$  values between internal and external parts of the grains can be interpreted as evidence for  
204 only minor interaction of the crystallised olivines with a second primitive or evolved magma, or  
205 interaction of the olivine parental magma with surrounding crustal rocks.

206 Prior to this study only a limited amount of oxygen isotope data was available for  
207 Gorgona mafic rocks: [Kyser et al. \(1987\)](#) reported (from two basalts and one picrite) a range of  
208  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  from 6.0 to 6.3‰ for olivine and 7‰ for one clinopyroxene. The results of this study were  
209 interpreted as supporting a mantle origin of the Gorgona komatiites, suggesting that the mantle  
210 source of these rocks may have been more fertile, compared to that of Archaean komatiites.  
211 Moreover, the  $\delta\text{D}$  and  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  values obtained for chrysolite from Gorgona komatiitic samples by  
212 [Kyser et al. \(1987\)](#) were interpreted to be consistent with serpentinisation by meteoric water  
213 rather than from seawater. A subsequent study by [Révillon et al. \(2002\)](#) reported a  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  range  
214 from 5.25 to 5.73‰ for clinopyroxene separates from the Gorgona picrites and komatiites.  
215 Accordingly, using the oxygen isotope fractionation factor between olivine and clinopyroxene  
216 ( $\Delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{Cpx-Ol}} = 0.33\text{--}0.37$ ; [Chiba et al., 1989](#)), the  $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{Ol}}$  equivalent calculated for 1300–1400°C  
217 using the above clinopyroxene O-isotope data is in the range of 4.9–5.4‰, i.e., values that are  
218 similar to the O-isotope range obtained in the present study.

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#### 220 *4.2. Volatile concentrations*

221 As previously shown by [Kamenetsky et al. \(2010\)](#) and [Gurenko and Kamenetsky \(2011\)](#),  
222 melt inclusions from the studied Gorgona olivines are characterised by pronounced enrichment  
223 of volatile components (0.2–1.0 wt.%  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , 520–770  $\mu\text{g/g}$  S, 220–310  $\mu\text{g/g}$  Cl) and boron  
224 (0.61–2.02  $\mu\text{g/g}$  B) which show positive anomalies in, otherwise depleted, primitive mantle  
225 normalised trace element and REE patterns. In order to constrain a minimum pressure (or depth)  
226 of olivine crystallisation (with the aim of discrimination between upper and lower crustal rocks  
227 that have different O-isotope composition; e.g., [Gregory and Taylor, 1981](#)), and to place  
228 additional constraints on the behaviour of volatile components during magma origin and  
229 consequent crystallization, we re-analysed 6 melt inclusions remaining after SIMS and laser  
230 ablation ICP-MS measurements, whose compositions are reported in [Kamenetsky et al. \(2010\)](#)

231 and [Gurenko and Kamenetsky \(2011\)](#), and analysed 9 additional melt inclusions for CO<sub>2</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>O,  
232 F, S and Cl by SIMS. More detailed information about the selection and preparation of melt  
233 inclusions prior to analysis, and their laboratory heating and quenching conditions is given in  
234 [Kamenetsky et al. \(2010\)](#). No melt inclusions in olivine from the picrite sample GOR94-32 were  
235 analysed during the present study.

236         Prior to interpreting the existing volatile data it is important to assess whether the original  
237 concentrations of water dissolved in the included melts are compromised by possible diffusive  
238 gain or loss of H<sub>2</sub>O through olivine host. Such diffusion of H<sub>2</sub>O was first noted by [Sobolev and](#)  
239 [Danyushevsky \(1994\)](#) and then experimentally investigated by [Portnyagin et al. \(2008\)](#) and other  
240 more recent studies. The problem of possible rapid exchange of water between melt inclusions in  
241 olivine and a host magma in relation to the studied Gorgona melt inclusions were briefly  
242 discussed in [Kamenetsky et al. \(2010\)](#), who have concluded that “...the enrichment of the  
243 studied melt inclusions in the volatile elements is magmatic in origin” (page 1005). Moreover, if  
244 H<sub>2</sub>O was acquired by the inclusions due to H<sup>+</sup>-diffusion inside olivine hosts, this would imply  
245 the existence of a H<sub>2</sub>O-rich ambient magma, from which the olivines with “normal mantle”  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$   
246 signature have crystallized. The existence of such a H<sub>2</sub>O-rich magma would additionally support  
247 our previous conclusion about wet origin of the Gorgona komatiites. We thus maintain that the  
248 only process that could potentially bias water concentrations is H<sub>2</sub>O-loss that could also happen  
249 during laboratory heating of the inclusions. However, several lines of evidence argue against  
250 extensive loss of H<sub>2</sub>O during olivine crystallisation at depth or upon eruption:

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- 252 1. The first and compelling evidence arguing against possible diffusive gain or loss of H<sub>2</sub>O is  
253         existence of multiple significant correlations between volatile components, especially H<sub>2</sub>O,  
254         and major (SiO<sub>2</sub> in the case of H<sub>2</sub>O) and multiple incompatible trace elements (see below).

255 We contend that if the concentrations of water in the melt inclusions have been compromised,  
256 it is unlikely that these correlations would be preserved.

257 2. A main signature of the Gorgona komatiites is a spinifex texture that points towards the  
258 exceptionally fast crystallization of the parental magma resulting in formation of skeletal  
259 olivine. These olivine crystals contain very few melt inclusions and a search of >20,000  
260 olivine fragments provided us with only a few tens of inclusions from ~ 30  $\mu\text{m}$  to ~60  $\mu\text{m}$  size  
261 used in this and our previous studies (see respective phototables in [Kamenetsky et al., 2010](#)  
262 and [Gurenko and Kamenetsky, 2011](#)). We contend that the studied fragments of skeletal  
263 olivine containing melt inclusions formed during and shortly after emplacement of the  
264 parental magma as a result of its rapid cooling, suggesting that there was virtually no time to  
265 compromise  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  concentrations in the included melts. Moreover, the observed wide  
266 variations in  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  in the studied melt inclusions (0.3–1.1 wt.%; see below), in contrast to  
267 relatively narrow variations in forsterite content of the olivine hosts ( $\text{Fo } 90.7 \pm 0.6$  mol.%,  
268 excluding more evolved GOR94-17 komatiite and GOR94-32 picrite samples) would  
269 additionally support the absence of post-entrapment  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  re-equilibration, otherwise no  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ -  
270 range would have been preserved in the inclusions.

271 3. Formation of a spinifex texture requires not only rapid cooling of  $\text{MgO}$ -rich parental magma  
272 but also the cooling must occur in a strong thermal gradient (7–35  $^\circ\text{C}/\text{cm}$ ; [Faure et al., 2006](#)).  
273 If the parental magma ponded in a magma reservoir and had begun to crystallise olivine, the  
274 thermal gradient is unlikely to have been strong enough, and the cooling too slow, to form  
275 spinifex-textured olivine. All this argues against extensive olivine fractionation in a plumbing  
276 system, where diffusive  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  loss might occur. However unlike komatiites, the studied picrite  
277 GOR94-32 is characterized by compositionally diverse olivine phenocrysts ( $\text{Fo } 91.4 \pm 1.2$   
278 mol.%), which show no skeletal appearance and contain abundant partially crystallised, glassy

279 inclusions. It is therefore possible that in contrast to komatiites, H<sub>2</sub>O contents in melt  
280 inclusions from this picrite sample could be strongly compromised.

281 4. An additional argument in support of the rapid quenching of komatiite parental magma could  
282 be the presence of clusters of Cr-spinel crystals in the groundmass of the studied rocks. Many  
283 of these spinel crystals, although extending to more Fe-rich compositions, are compositionally  
284 similar to those included in olivine and exhibit no rims enriched in both ulvöspinel and  
285 magnetite components (in contrast to what could be observed, if a host magma had a long  
286 crystallization history; e.g., [Kamenetsky et al., 2001](#); [Gurenko et al., 2006](#)). Given that the  
287 majority of olivine-hosted spinel inclusions are in the same growth zones of skeletal olivine  
288 (as the melt inclusions), this suggests rapid crystallization of spinel occurred in the rising and  
289 erupted magma along with its nearly simultaneous entrapment by growing olivine.

290 5. Partial loss of H<sub>2</sub>O from inclusions during laboratory heating is possible and thus the  
291 concentrations of H<sub>2</sub>O in the included melts have to be considered as lower-end estimates.  
292 However as noted by [Sobolev et al \(2016\)](#) in Archaean komatiites, melt inclusions with a  
293 diameter >30 µm appear to preserve unbiased H<sub>2</sub>O concentrations if magma was cooling fast  
294 (while forming spinifex), as well as during laboratory heating. Moreover, the existing  
295 significant correlations of H<sub>2</sub>O with incompatible elements (see below) suggest that this  
296 process is unlikely to have had a significant effect.

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298 The present results of volatile analysis in the studied melt inclusions are listed in **Table**  
299 **S2.2** (*Supporting online material*), along with the volatile concentrations, boron contents and  
300 isotopic composition obtained by [Kamenetsky et al. \(2010\)](#) and [Gurenko and Kamenetsky](#)  
301 [\(2011\)](#). The following observations can be made based on these data:

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303 1. The concentrations of volatile components in the analysed melt inclusions (35–297  $\mu\text{g/g}$   $\text{CO}_2$ ,  
304 0.26–1.11 wt.%  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , 67–107  $\mu\text{g/g}$  F, 556–879  $\mu\text{g/g}$  S and 186–304  $\mu\text{g/g}$  Cl) are in very good  
305 agreement with our previously published data set. Correction for post entrapment  
306 crystallization of olivine (14–38 wt.% Ol; **Table S2.2** – *Supporting online material*) results in  
307 the following ranges: 26–222  $\mu\text{g/g}$   $\text{CO}_2$ , 0.2–0.83 wt.%  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , 52–86  $\mu\text{g/g}$  F, 431–730  $\mu\text{g/g}$  S  
308 and 142–209  $\mu\text{g/g}$  Cl. Comparison of these ranges with those reported for chromite-hosted  
309 melt inclusions by [Shimizu et al. \(2009\)](#) (up to 4000  $\mu\text{g/g}$   $\text{CO}_2$  and below 0.4 wt.%  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ,  
310 except for one inclusion with 0.91 wt.%  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ), reveals that almost all inclusions analysed in  
311 the present study are characterised by significantly lower  $\text{CO}_2$  concentrations but have higher  
312  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  at an equivalent  $\text{CO}_2$  (**Fig. 3a**).

313 2. Decompression degassing of magma results in preferential exsolution of  $\text{CO}_2$  (as opposed to  
314  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ) into vapour phase ([Dixon and Stolper, 1995](#)). The concentrations of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and  $\text{CO}_2$   
315 directly measured by SIMS in the Gorgona melt inclusions reflect the last vapour-melt  
316 equilibrium in the magmatic system for the time of eruption and thus represent a minimum  
317 pressure of magma fractionation, as the melts could have been partially degassed. According  
318 to the *VolatileCalc* solution model ([Newman and Lowenstern, 2002](#)), they correspond to  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ -  
319  $\text{CO}_2$  gas pressures between 5 and 30 MPa or to <1-km crustal depth (**Fig. 3a**).

320 3. Numerous studies ([Esposito et al., 2011](#); [Steele-Macinnis et al., 2011](#); [Hartley et al., 2014](#);  
321 [Moore et al., 2015](#); [Wallace et al., 2015](#); [Mironov et al., 2015](#)) have demonstrated that 40 to  
322 90% of the original  $\text{CO}_2$  dissolved in the melt at the time of inclusion entrapment can be lost  
323 to a shrinkage bubble during post-entrapment cooling. A correction algorithm described by  
324 [Wallace et al. \(2015\)](#) was therefore used to reconstruct the original  $\text{CO}_2$  and  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$   
325 concentrations in the included melts (see *Supporting online material*). These calculations  
326 reveal that 79–92% (average 87%) of the original  $\text{CO}_2$  and 1–5% (average 2%) of the original  
327  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  have been lost to the shrinkage bubble, in agreement with the results of the above

328 studies. The following ranges of volatile concentrations were obtained after correction:  
329 286–1748  $\mu\text{g/g}$   $\text{CO}_2$ , 0.2–0.86 wt.%  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , 48–82  $\mu\text{g/g}$  F, 398–699  $\mu\text{g/g}$  S and 132–198  $\mu\text{g/g}$   
330 Cl. According to the *VolatileCalc* solution model (Newman and Lowenstern, 2002), these  
331 results correspond to  $\text{H}_2\text{O-CO}_2$  gas pressures between 20 and 200 MPa (average  $86 \pm 44$  MPa,  
332 1 SD; **Table S2.2** – *Supporting online material*) or to ~2.5-km crustal depth (**Fig. 3b**).

333 4. The concentrations of sulphur (either corrected for post entrapment crystallisation and  
334 shrinkage bubble volatile exsolution or not) are lower than those of MORB and ocean island  
335 basalt (OIB) submarine glasses (usually  $\text{S} > 800 \mu\text{g/g}$  at ~7–10 wt.% FeO; Wallace and  
336 Carmichael, 1992), but plot above the “sulphur saturation line” defined by compositions of  
337 sulphide saturated experimental melts from Haughton et al. (1974) (**Fig. 4a**). The presence of  
338 micron-scale sulphide globules inside several melt inclusions suggests saturation of the  
339 included melts with sulphur. It is possible that this saturation might be caused by post-  
340 entrapment loss of Fe from the inclusions (Danyushevsky et al., 2002). However, there is  
341 good positive correlation of S with Ce ( $R^2 = 0.77$  and 0.96 for uncorrected and corrected S  
342 concentrations, respectively, except for one outlier; **Fig. 4b**), as well as significant  
343 correlations of S with other incompatible elements [e.g., Ti (0.87), Sr (0.71), Zr (0.61), Ba  
344 (0.47), La (0.54), Pr (0.67), Nd (0.49), Sm (0.42), Eu (0.64), Tb (0.77), Ho (0.58), Er (0.81),  
345 Lu (0.56), Hf (0.53); the respective  $R^2$  values for corrected S concentrations are given in  
346 brackets]. Such relationships cannot be explained by either the later, post-entrapment origin of  
347 sulphide phase in the inclusions or by magma contamination, but may imply incompatible  
348 behaviour of S at an early stage of magma fractionation and probably undersaturation of high-  
349 Mg “primary” magma with sulphur, as demonstrated on MORB magmas by Sobolev and  
350 Hofmann (1999).

351 5. Similarly,  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  concentrations (in particular, post-entrapment crystallisation- and shrinkage  
352 bubble-corrected values) have a clear positive correlation with  $\text{SiO}_2$  ( $R^2 = 0.60$ ) (**Fig. 4c**) and



353 still significant negative correlations with some incompatible elements, such as Ti (0.50), Sr  
354 (0.43), Y (0.43), Zr (0.54), Ce (0.44), Sm (0.79), Dy (0.49), Ho (0.73), Er (0.58), Tm (0.43),  
355 Yb (0.74), Lu (0.46); the respective  $R^2$  values are given in brackets (**Fig. 4d**).

356 6. There are, however, no correlations of H<sub>2</sub>O with fluid mobile incompatible elements (e.g., Ba,  
357 K), Pb and Th, also implying that H<sub>2</sub>O, along with S, might have not been degassed during  
358 magma fractionation at shallow depth. One possible explanation of the observed positive  
359 correlation of H<sub>2</sub>O with SiO<sub>2</sub> (**Fig. 4c**) could be incompatible behaviour of water during  
360 magma fractionation. However, one would expect also a coherent increase in H<sub>2</sub>O with  
361 increasing concentrations of the other incompatible elements. As this is not the case, we  
362 suggest that the correlation between SiO<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>O, in conjunction with negative trace  
363 element-H<sub>2</sub>O correlations, could be explained by a gradual increase in the degree of partial  
364 melting of a clinopyroxene-depleted mantle source under hydrous conditions (e.g., [Parman  
365 and Grove, 2004](#)). The coherent increase in SiO<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>O contents in the magma can be  
366 explained by H<sub>2</sub>O-fluxed decompression melting of refractory mantle accompanied by  
367 increasing contribution of orthopyroxene to the melting reaction, and consequent progressive  
368 depletion of trace element concentrations in the resulting melts.

369 7. The concentrations of chlorine in the included melts show no relationship with H<sub>2</sub>O, CO<sub>2</sub> or S  
370 (as well as the ratios of these volatile component concentrations to those of incompatible  
371 elements, such as CO<sub>2</sub>/Nb, H<sub>2</sub>O/Ce, F/Zr, Cl/Nb, and S/Ce) but show a significant linear  
372 correlation with fluorine ( $R^2 = 0.43$  and  $0.46$  for uncorrected and corrected concentrations,  
373 respectively) (**Fig. 4e**). Chlorine and fluorine usually behave as incompatible elements during  
374 partial melting and magma fractionation, if their juvenile concentrations were not affected by  
375 later degassing or contamination events (e.g., [Carroll and Webster, 1994](#); [Jambon, 1994](#)). The  
376 observed F-Cl correlation may thus suggest that the reported F and Cl concentrations were not

377 influenced by degassing or contamination at crustal depth and are likely to reflect mantle  
378 derived compositions, in agreement with incompatible behaviour of S and H<sub>2</sub>O.

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## 380 **5. Discussion**

### 381 *5.1. Message from oxygen isotopes*

382 Oxygen isotopes represent one of the most effective ways of tracing crustal components  
383 in the source of mafic magmas and can provide robust constraints on shallow-level crustal  
384 contamination because fractionation of oxygen isotopes is much more significant in low-  
385 temperature hydrothermal processes, than in the mantle (e.g. [Kyser et al., 1987](#); [Woodhead et al.,](#)  
386 [1993](#); [Eiler et al. 1995, 1996, 1997](#); [Garcia et al., 1998](#); [Harris et al., 2000, 2015](#); [Widom and](#)  
387 [Farquhar 2003](#); [Bindeman et al. 2005, 2006, 2008](#); [Wang and Eiler, 2008](#); [Day et al., 2009](#);  
388 [Martin et al., 2011](#); [Genske et al., 2013](#)). Oxygen isotope heterogeneity of the oceanic crust is  
389 generally caused by seawater and/or seawater-derived fluid alteration (e.g., [Muehlenbachs et al.,](#)  
390 [1974](#); [Hattori and Muehlenbachs, 1982](#); [Condomines et al., 1983](#); [Muehlenbachs 1986](#); [Alt et al.,](#)  
391 [1986](#)). The oceanic crust can be affected by both low (<300–400°C) and relatively high  
392 (>400°C) temperature fluid-rock interaction. It can vary in oxygen isotopic composition with  
393 depth, mostly due to cross-over of oxygen isotopic fractionation factors (and their magnitude)  
394 between minerals and water at ~300°C. Indeed, most of the oceanic crustal rocks altered by  
395 seawater cover a ~10‰ range of  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  (from ~2–3‰ to ~11–13‰) spanning the “normal”- $\delta^{18}\text{O}$   
396 mid-ocean ridge basalt (MORB) magma value of  $\sim 5.6 \pm 0.2\text{‰}$  ([Gregory and Taylor, 1981](#); [Alt et](#)  
397 [al., 1986](#); [Stakes and Taylor, 1992](#); [Bindeman, 2008](#); [Martin et al., 2011](#); [Yamaoka et al., 2012](#);  
398 [Jacques et al., 2013](#) among others). But it is also never altered to  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  values lower than ~2‰ in  
399 its middle and lower sections because  $\Delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{rock-water}}$  isotope fractionation is effectively  $0 \pm 1\text{‰}$  at  
400 high (>400°C) temperatures ([Gregory and Taylor 1981](#); [Stakes and Taylor 1992](#); [Bindeman,](#)  
401 [2008](#); [Martin et al., 2011](#)). During subsequent subduction and recycling, the relative proportions

402 of  $^{18}\text{O}$ -enriched and  $^{18}\text{O}$ -depleted material has been shown to remain broadly similar to those in  
403 the ocean crust prior to subduction, leading to  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  values in erupted volcanic-arc products that  
404 are distinct from that of pristine mantle (e.g., [Bebout and Barton 1989](#); [Putlitz et al. 2000](#)).

405 Previous studies of tholeiitic to alkali basalts from Iceland, Hawaii, the islands of Tristan  
406 da Cunha, Gough, Canary and Azores (e.g., [Harris et al., 2000](#); [Bindeman et al., 2008](#); [Wang and](#)  
407 [Eiler, 2008](#); [Day et al., 2009](#); [Genske et al., 2013](#)) have demonstrated that a coherent decrease of  
408  $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{Ol}}$  and Fo is most likely to be a signature of assimilation of low- $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  crustal rocks by  
409 ascending magma. This results in crystallization of olivine with lower than typical “mantle” (i.e.,  
410 4.8–5.4‰)  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  values from hybrid magma. The slope of such Fo- $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  relationships may vary  
411 significantly depending on the particular O-isotope composition of a contaminant, ranging from  
412 the most extreme case of Hawaii ( $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{Ol}}$  decreases from 5.3‰ to 4.6‰ in the range from Fo<sub>90</sub> to  
413 Fo<sub>88</sub> i.e., 0.35‰/mol.% Fo; [Wang and Eiler 2008](#)) through the Canaries (from 5.0‰ to 4.7‰ in  
414 the range from Fo<sub>84</sub> to Fo<sub>79</sub>, i.e. 0.06‰/mol.% Fo; [Day et al., 2009](#)) to the Azores ( $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{Ol}} =$   
415 5.2–4.8‰ in olivines Fo<sub>90–77</sub>, i.e., 0.03‰/mol.% Fo) (see *contamination trends* in **Fig. 2c**).  
416 Conversely, olivine phenocrysts crystallized from mantle-derived magmas can show no clear  
417 signs of shallow-depth crustal contamination (for example, Society, Samoa and Canary islands,  
418 and the Karoo and Etendeka large igneous provinces). These olivine phenocrysts are  
419 characterised by elevated  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  relative to typical upper mantle values and this was ascribed to  
420 the presence of an  $^{18}\text{O}$ -enriched component in the magma source (e.g., [Eiler et al., 1997](#);  
421 [Gurenko et al., 2011](#); [Harris et al., 2015](#)).

422 To justify such trends, the analytical precision of a “single grain” O-isotope  
423 determination must be at  $\pm 0.1$ – $0.2$ ‰, 2 SD, and such values are typical for laser fluorination  
424 analyses (e.g., [Bindeman, 2008](#)). In the case of SIMS measurements, one viable way to maintain  
425 the required analytical precision is to increase a number of individual measurements within a  
426 single grain. As noted above, most of the studied Gorgona olivine grains were multiply analysed

427 by SIMS. No substantial compositional difference has been recognised between internal and  
428 external parts of the grains, except for the second subordinate maximum in the “rim” probability  
429 density distribution curve at ~5.6‰ (**Fig. 2e**). As most of the studied olivine phenocrysts exhibit  
430 varying degrees of serpentinisation but no clear relationship of Fo with  $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{OI}}$  (**Fig. 2c**), and  
431 since shallow crustal contamination of the studied samples was not previously identified by  
432 [Gurenko and Kamenetsky \(2011\)](#) nor by our present volatile data, our preferred explanation for  
433 the second maximum and probably for the all  $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{OI}}$  values in excess of the “mantle” range is a  
434 diffusive oxygen isotope exchange between olivine (4.8–5.4‰) and products of its low-  
435 temperature alteration (for example, with serpentine with  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  up to ~13‰; [Martin et al., 2011](#)).

436 A less probable possibility is that the shift to more positive  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  olivine compositions  
437 (**Fig. 2e**) could be related to admixture of a portion of a second magma derived from an  $^{18}\text{O}$ -  
438 enriched mantle component, or by analogy with [Martin et al. \(2011\)](#) who reported  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  values of  
439 up to 6.1‰ in Mt. Shasta olivine phenocrysts, and related them to “a  $^{18}\text{O}$  pre-enriched” peridotite  
440 mantle wedge component. However, we consider this explanation unlikely mostly because (a)  
441 the rapid, *in-situ* crystallisation (advocated herein) of skeletal olivine in the magma either en  
442 route to the surface or later in the lava flow would result in more diffused distribution of  $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{OI}}$   
443 values, with no well shaped maximums, as shown in **Fig. 2e**, and (b) the observed  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$   
444 enrichment is related to the edges of the studied olivine grains, which were in direct contact with  
445 serpentine filling grain fractures and whose origin can be ascribed to later alteration stage of the  
446 lava flows. In addition, a subordinate number of  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ -enriched compositions determined for  
447 olivine “cores” (**Fig. 2e**) are ascribed to the so-called “3D-effect”, when ion beam visually  
448 placed in the centre of a grain is in fact analysing its remaining outer part oriented parallel to the  
449 sample surface.

450 Calculation the average “single grain”  $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{OI}}$  composition from all individual  $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{OI}}$   
451 measurements performed for each olivine grain, regardless of whether they represented “core” or

452 “rim” areas, results in the average standard deviation of mean external reproducibility of  
453  $\pm 0.12\%$ , 2 SE (grain to grain range from  $\pm 0.06$  to  $\pm 0.26\%$  due to the different number of  
454 replicates), being comparable with those of single-grain laser fluorination. Figure 5 shows  
455 averaged “within-grain” oxygen isotope compositions of the studied Gorgona olivines with no  
456 discrimination between their internal and external zones. Like in **Fig. 2c**, no relationship between  
457 Fo contents and  $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{Ol}}$  values for olivines can be observed for komatiite lavas. In contrast,  
458 olivines from picrite GOR94-32 show a subtle positive correlation ( $R = 0.53$ ), best approximated  
459 by a polynomial quadratic equation (**Fig. 5a**), which is significant at 95% confidence level  
460 (critical value of the Pearson correlation coefficient  $R$  is 0.44 at  $N = 20$ ). Similarly, as in **Fig. 2e**,  
461 the probability density distribution curves reveal a common maximum of typical mantle  $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{Ol}}$   
462 values between 5.2 and 5.3‰ (**Fig. 5b**). A subordinate peak at  $\sim 5.6\%$  for olivines from  
463 komatiites and three less-pronounced subordinate peaks at  $\sim 5.6\text{--}5.9\%$  for olivines from picrite  
464 are thought to have been inherited from the analyses of rims.

465 If our assumption about the possible impact of later serpentinisation on the O-isotope  
466 composition of olivine is correct, then some of the  $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{Ol}}$  values, including those from the  
467 “mantle” range, could have been systematically shifted to more  $^{18}\text{O}$ -enriched compositions. This  
468 would result in more diffused shape of the maximums in the density distribution (**Fig. 2e**) and  
469 representing the upper level of  $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{Ol}}$  estimates. Moreover, the absence of a clear relationship  
470 between Fo content and  $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{Ol}}$  in komatiites also could be explained by this olivine-serpentine  
471 O-isotope exchange, during which the isotopic composition of olivine was modified to a greater  
472 extent than the Fo content (as serpentinisation does not affect forsterite number in olivine, as  
473 recently shown by [Birner et al., 2016](#)). In this context, the most Fo-rich olivines of the “picrite”  
474 trend in **Fig. 5a** having  $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{Ol}}$  values outside “mantle” range could be affected by this  
475 serpentinisation process, suggesting also that their former unmodified  $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{Ol}}$  values originally  
476 corresponded to the “normal” mantle  $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{Ol}}$  range.

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478 *5.2. Evidence against crustal contamination*

479         The parental magmas of komatiites are hotter, up to 1600°C for Archaean komatiites  
480 (e.g., Herzberg et al., 2007 and references therein), as compared to MORB and OIB magmas,  
481 and therefore are more likely to melt and assimilate surrounding wall rocks en route to the  
482 surface. A melt inclusion study of 2.7-Ga-old Belingwe komatiites, Zimbabwe, demonstrated  
483 that their parental magmas probably contained up to 1 wt.% H<sub>2</sub>O, but the source of water was  
484 uncertain (i.e., shallow magma contamination versus melting of a hydrous mantle plume source;  
485 e.g., Shimizu et al., 2001; Berry et al., 2008; Kent et al., 2009). Recently, Sobolev et al. (2016)  
486 reported marked H<sub>2</sub>O enrichment of Archaean komatiites from the Abitibi greenstone belt,  
487 Canada, with H<sub>2</sub>O/Ce >6000, and proposed the presence of a hydrous, deep mantle reservoir  
488 formed early in the Earth's history. However, those melts with high Cl/K<sub>2</sub>O ≈ 7, Cl/F ≈ 100 and  
489 Cl/H<sub>2</sub>O ≈ 0.6 ratios were explained by Sobolev et al. (2016) as being due to assimilation of  
490 serpentinites altered by seawater with possible involvement of seawater-derived brines. For  
491 comparison, Cl/K<sub>2</sub>O from 0.23 to 0.65, Cl/F from 2.4 to 3.5, and Cl/H<sub>2</sub>O from 0.02 to 0.09 in the  
492 studied Gorgona melt inclusions are well below the above values ascribed to contamination by  
493 Sobolev et al. (2016), and the controversy remains as to whether the obtained volatile  
494 concentrations preserved in the Gorgona melt inclusions are pristine or they were inherited  
495 during assimilation of crustal rocks by the magma (e.g., Shimizu et al., 2001; Berry et al., 2008;  
496 Kent et al., 2009; Kamenetsky et al., 2010).

497         One of the main arguments against a hydrous origin of the Gorgona komatiites is their  
498 extreme depletion in incompatible trace elements. This depletion becomes progressively more  
499 pronounced on going from basalts through komatiites to picrites. However, it is clear that all  
500 these rock types are related to a similar type of depleted mantle source (e.g., Arndt et al., 1997;  
501 Révillon et al., 2000, 2002). These authors ascribed the origin of volatiles (and in particular

502 water) either to sub-solidus alteration processes or to assimilation of hydrated crust in a shallow-  
503 level magma reservoir. This latter conclusion was also reached by Shimizu et al. (2009), who in  
504 their study of chromites from the beach sands of Gorgona described CO<sub>2</sub>-rich (40–4000 μg/g)  
505 melt inclusions with highly variable H<sub>2</sub>O (0.03–0.9 wt. %) and Cl (6–1056 μg/g) and proposed  
506 that the concentrations of volatile components, and especially Cl, were influenced by magma  
507 degassing or interaction with seawater or brine prior to entrapment.

508         Significantly, however, Gurenko and Kamenetsky (2011), who studied boron contents  
509 and B isotopic compositions in the same melt inclusions analysed during the present study,  
510 argued that it was not possible to unequivocally prove magma contamination only on the basis of  
511 Cl/K<sub>2</sub>O vs. H<sub>2</sub>O/K<sub>2</sub>O relationships (or similar, where Cl- and H<sub>2</sub>O-concentrations are normalised  
512 to a concentration of an incompatible element). These authors showed that although H<sub>2</sub>O/K<sub>2</sub>O-  
513 Cl/K<sub>2</sub>O or H<sub>2</sub>O/K<sub>2</sub>O-B/K<sub>2</sub>O systematics can be explained by contamination of magma by  
514 seawater or NaCl-rich brines, the relationships between B/K<sub>2</sub>O and Cl/K<sub>2</sub>O or B/K<sub>2</sub>O and δ<sup>11</sup>B,  
515 for the same inclusions do not support their role, as well as a role of altered oceanic crust,  
516 serpentinites or marine sediments as possible contaminants.

517         The highest obtained H<sub>2</sub>O/Ce = 4490 of the studied melt inclusions is significantly lower  
518 than that of the Archaean komatiites (H<sub>2</sub>O/Ce >6000; Sobolev et al., 2016) and the highest  
519 CO<sub>2</sub>/Nb = 3320 and Zr/Y = 2.1 are very close to, but F/Zr = 2.6 is significantly lower than, those  
520 of the “primary komatiite” of Shimizu et al. (2009) (i.e., CO<sub>2</sub>/Nb = 4000 ± 2200, F/Zr = 7.0 ±  
521 1.7, Zr/Y = 1.7 ± 0.3). In addition to not being as high as in this hypothetical “primary  
522 komatiite”, the F/Zr ratios (1.5–2.6) in the olivine melt inclusions analysed in this study, are at  
523 the lower end of the F/Zr range in the chromite-hosted inclusions of Shimizu et al. (2009). We  
524 note that all chromites studied by Shimizu et al. (2009) are from the beach sands and are likely to  
525 come from any type of mafic rocks exposed on Gorgona, not necessarily from komatiites. This  
526 may suggest that the inclusions analysed during the present study and those of Shimizu et al.

527 (2009) perhaps represent two similar but quite different magmatic systems, at least with respect  
528 to their dissolved volatiles.

529 The observed significant correlations of S, and to a lesser extent H<sub>2</sub>O, with almost all  
530 highly incompatible elements (**Fig. 4b, d**), the good correlation between F and Cl (**Fig. 4e**), in  
531 addition to there being no clear relationship between Cl and H<sub>2</sub>O, suggest that neither shallow  
532 magma degassing nor crustal contamination have affected volatile concentrations in the studied  
533 magmas during ascent.

534 Moreover, if rapid crystallization of skeletal olivine occurred at shallow crustal depth (no  
535 deeper than ~2.5 km, as follows from CO<sub>2</sub>-H<sub>2</sub>O data) during magma transport to the surface and  
536 probably continued *in-situ* in the lava flow, in contrast to the much slower crystallization in a  
537 magma chamber, then H<sub>2</sub>O (as well as chlorine and probably other volatiles) must have been  
538 supplied to the magma by interaction with near-surface, seawater pre-conditioned crustal rocks.  
539 This would imply crystallization of olivine with higher than “normal mantle”  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  composition  
540 (i.e., 4.8–5.4‰), because upper-level crustal rocks suffered low-temperature (<300 °C) alteration  
541 by seawater are characterized by elevated, up to 13‰,  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  values (see above). Since the  
542 majority of the studied olivines are “mantle”-like in respect of  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ , we consider the possibility  
543 of surface contamination of the komatiite parental magma by variable amount of seawater-  
544 preconditioned crustal components as unlikely.

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#### 546 5.4. Boron vs. oxygen isotope relationships

547 Boron vs. oxygen isotope systematics have been shown to be a very powerful tool in  
548 discriminating between pure mantle melting and crust recycling, slab-mantle wedge interaction  
549 or shallow depth magma contamination. In particular, [Chaussidon and Jambon \(1994\)](#),  
550 [Chaussidon and Marty \(1995\)](#), [Smith et al. \(1995\)](#) have demonstrated on primitive MORB and  
551 OIB glasses that positive  $\delta^{11}\text{B}$  associated with increasing oxygen isotope ( $\delta^{18}\text{O} > 5.5\text{‰}$ ) and



552 radiogenic Sr isotope ratios are more likely to result from shallow-level assimilation of oceanic  
553 crust, whereas negative  $\delta^{11}\text{B}$  values accompanied by low  $\delta^{18}\text{O} < 5.5\%$  point towards interaction  
554 of primitive magmas with the Layer 3 gabbroic crust. Moreover, the systematically higher  $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ ,  
555 reported for arc lavas by [Peacock and Hervig \(1999\)](#), as compared to exhumed subduction  
556 related metamorphic rocks, may suggest that dehydration reactions can significantly decrease  
557  $\delta^{11}\text{B}$  of the subducting oceanic crust and sediments, thereby implying significant fractionation of  
558  $^{11}\text{B}$  and  $^{10}\text{B}$  and enrichment of the fluid in  $^{11}\text{B}$  isotope.

559 Although variable but generally positive  $\delta^{11}\text{B}$  values have been identified in mantle  
560 wedge serpentinites at the slab-mantle interface (e.g., [Benton et al., 2001](#); [Savov et al., 2005](#),  
561 [2007](#)), it has also been shown that subduction-related serpentinites, eclogites and slab-derived  
562 melts may be strongly depleted in  $^{18}\text{O}$ , and have significantly lower  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  than that of typical  
563 mantle (down to  $\sim 2\text{--}4\%$ ) (e.g., [Bindeman et al., 2005](#); [Bindeman 2008](#); [Martin et al., 2011](#);  
564 [Jacques et al., 2013](#)). In addition, [Martin et al. \(2011\)](#) have demonstrated that slab-derived fluids  
565 can be markedly enriched in  $^{18}\text{O}$ , if dehydration occurred at low  $T$ , i.e.,  $< 300^\circ\text{C}$ . This is because  
566 the fluid-rock O-isotope fractionation factor,  $\Delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{fluid-rock}}$ , can be as high as  $10\%$  at this  
567 temperature. But O-isotope composition of the fluid can broadly correspond to the composition  
568 of the source rock if released at higher temperatures (because  $\Delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{fluid-rock}} \approx 0$  at  $T > 400^\circ\text{C}$ ).

569 [Gurenko and Kamenetsky \(2011\)](#) previously identified two groups of Gorgona olivine-  
570 hosted melt inclusions in B- $\delta^{11}\text{B}$  space. The first group of inclusions has relatively low  $\delta^{11}\text{B}$   
571 from  $-11.5$  to  $-7.3\%$  (average  $-9.0 \pm 1.5\%$ ), spanning the entire range of B concentrations and  
572 closely corresponding to the Earth's mantle value of  $-10 \pm 2\%$  ([Chaussidon and Marty, 1995](#)).  
573 The second group is characterised by generally higher  $\delta^{11}\text{B}$  values than mantle  $\delta^{11}\text{B}$  (up to  
574  $+15.6\%$ ) and increasing B concentrations up to  $1.6 \mu\text{g/g}$  (see Fig. 3 in [Gurenko and](#)  
575 [Kamenetsky, 2011](#)). The first group was interpreted to be of mantle origin, whereas the second  
576 was explained by input of  $< 3 \text{ wt.}\%$  of  $^{11}\text{B}$ -enriched (possibly subduction related) fluid into the

577 source of the Gorgona komatiites. The main limitation of the proposed mechanism, however, is  
578 the absence of a clear geochemical signature of subduction in the composition of the studied melt  
579 inclusions such as depletion of high field strength elements (Nb, Zr, Ti) coupled with U-shaped  
580 patterns of incompatible element spectra due to the enrichment of large ion lithophile elements  
581 (Rb, Ba, K, Sr) and Pb. It is important to note that a similar absence of the subduction signatures  
582 in the H<sub>2</sub>O-rich olivine-hosted melt inclusions from the 2.7-billion-year-old komatiites from the  
583 Abitibi greenstone belt in Canada led [Sobolev et al \(2016\)](#) to propose the presence of a hydrous  
584 deep-mantle reservoir in the Archaean mantle.

585 Figure 6 shows the B isotopic composition of Gorgona melt inclusions from [Gurenko and](#)  
586 [Kamenetsky \(2011\)](#) linked with new O-isotopic data on the hypothetical melts in equilibrium  
587 with olivines, for which  $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{Ol}}$  were determined (olivine equivalent). In order to calculate the O  
588 isotope fractionation factor we used a coefficient  $A = -0.54$  in the general isotope fractionation  
589 equation:

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$$591 \quad \Delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{ol-melt}} = A \times 10^6/T^2 \quad \text{Eq. 1}$$

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593 defined for komatiite by [Matthews et al. \(1998\)](#). The calculated  $\Delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{ol-melt}}$  was found to be  
594 between  $-0.199$  and  $-0.212$  in the  $T$ -range of  $1320$ – $1380$  °C, i.e., the crystallization temperatures  
595 of the studied olivines ([Kamenetsky et al., 2010](#)). Surprisingly, but even with a large range of  
596 boron isotopic composition from  $-11.5$  to  $15.6$ ‰ of  $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ , the assigned  $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{melt}}$  values only  
597 slightly exceed the “mantle” interval, ranging from  $5.0$  to  $5.9$ ‰, whilst the inclusions of the first,  
598 low- $\delta^{11}\text{B}$  group of [Gurenko and Kamenetsky \(2011\)](#) fit almost entirely the “mantle” array in  
599 respect of both O and B isotope systematics (**Fig. 6**).

600 Although the mantle origin of the first, low- $\delta^{11}\text{B}$  group of inclusions can be determined  
601 on the basis of combined  $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ - $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  isotopic data, the origin of the second group of inclusions

602 with varying  $\delta^{11}\text{B}$  data remains enigmatic. We have calculated several two-component mixing  
603 trends in  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ - $\delta^{11}\text{B}$  space (**Fig. 6**), illustrating the effects of possible interaction of fluids  
604 released from oceanic crust at different temperatures, with a MORB-like depleted mantle source,  
605 as well as the effects of the possible presence of recycled crust and variously dehydrated  
606 serpentinite in the magma source cf. [Gurenko and Kamenetsky \(2011\)](#). We used B contents and  
607  $\delta^{11}\text{B}$  values of the mixing end-members as defined by [Gurenko and Kamenetsky \(2011\)](#) coupled  
608 with the respective oxygen isotope data (for explanation see **Table S2.3** – *Supporting online*  
609 *material*). As shown by the calculations, our new B-O isotopic data also confirm the importance  
610 of a  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ - and B-rich fluid component released at low  $T$  (*FL1*) and/or serpentinite (*SERP1*)  
611 interacting with mantle source rocks (less than 5% of input is required) and, in contrast,  
612 demonstrate the unlikely, but still possible, role of the recycled crust (*REC*), dehydrated  
613 serpentinite (*SERP2*) and fluids released at greater depths and higher temperatures (*FL2* and  
614 *FL3*) (more than 10% addition to the source is required). However, we note that although the  
615 potential role of each of the selected mixing end-members cannot be completely ruled out taking  
616 into account the analytical precision of  $\delta^{11}\text{B}$  and  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  determinations, their possible admixture to  
617 the *MANT* source should not significantly affect the volatile concentrations of the resulting melts  
618 as no difference in volatile contents exists between high- $\delta^{11}\text{B}$  and low- $\delta^{11}\text{B}$  groups of inclusions.

619         However, the question exists as to whether the Gorgona picrites and komatiites came  
620 from a distinct or a compositionally similar mantle source. As noted by [Kerr et al. \(1996\)](#), in  
621 addition to the difference in major and trace element ratios (e.g., Al/Ti, Ce/Sm, Gd/Yb), they  
622 also show a subtle difference in their radiogenic isotope signatures, suggesting that their mantle  
623 source is unlikely to be the same. Similar conclusions also can be derived from the two distinct  
624 trends of magma fractionation in the Fo-NiO diagram (**Fig. 2b**). As shown by several recent  
625 studies, Ni concentration in olivine (along with Mn and Ca) is a very good proxy to access  
626 relative contribution of the peridotite (mantle) and pyroxenite (recycled crust) components in the

627 mantle source of primary magmas, and these relative contributions can be directly related to the  
628 radiogenic isotope composition of the host lavas (e.g., [Sobolev et al., 2007, 2008](#); [Gurenko et al.,](#)  
629 [2013](#), among others). Using the [Sobolev et al. \(2008\)](#) parameterisation for Ni in olivine, we  
630 obtain substantially different fractions of anticipated pyroxenite-derived melt in the picritic ( $X_{pxm}$   
631  $= 0.27 \pm 0.07$ , 1 SD) and “komatiitic” ( $X_{pxm} = 0.40 \pm 0.06$ , 1 SD) primary melts that also may  
632 partially account for the observed subtle difference in oxygen and radiogenic isotope  
633 compositions. Further implications of this method for the possible variability in mineral,  
634 chemical and isotopic compositions of these types of rocks are beyond the scope of the present  
635 paper. However, given that clinopyroxene is a major inventory of H<sub>2</sub>O as, for instance, in the  
636 depleted, MORB-like mantle (e.g., [Danyushevsky et al., 2000](#)), differences in pristine  
637 concentrations of H<sub>2</sub>O in Gorgona picrite and “komatiite” parental magmas (where komatiites  
638 are more H<sub>2</sub>O-rich) can be predicted.

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## 640 **6. Conclusions**

- 641 1. The  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  values in the studied olivines from one picrite and five komatiites of Gorgona,  
642 Colombia, range from 4.7 to 6.0‰, with the majority (~66% population) being within the  
643 typical “mantle” olivine range of 4.8–5.4‰, but with a subordinate but still significant  
644 number (~33% population) above, and only 2 olivine grains below, this range. No zoning or  
645 systematic difference in forsterite contents and  $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{Ol}}$  values between the internal and  
646 external parts of the grains have been recognised.
- 647 2. The probability density distribution curves reveal a common maximum of  $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{Ol}}$  at ~5.3‰ for  
648 both internal and external zones of olivine, but the “rims” exhibit also an additional,  
649 subordinate maximum at ~5.6‰ probably due to diffusive oxygen isotope exchange between  
650 fresh and low-temperature alteration domains in the olivines. The O-isotope mantle signature  
651 of the majority of the studied olivines do not support shallow depth contamination of the

652 Gorgona high-Mg magmas, and rather favour a deep mantle origin of high volatile  
653 concentrations in the olivine-hosted melt inclusions.

654 3. The concentrations of volatile components in olivine-hosted melt inclusions analysed during  
655 the present study agree well with our previously reported data. After correction for post-  
656 entrapment crystallization of olivine in the inclusions upon cooling, the concentrations of CO<sub>2</sub>  
657 and H<sub>2</sub>O reveal minimum pressure estimates of 5–30 MPa, which likely indicate the last  
658 vapour-melt equilibrium shortly prior to eruption of magma (<1 km crustal depth). However,  
659 ~87% and ~2% of the original CO<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>O, respectively, have been lost to the inclusion  
660 shrinkage bubbles during magma cooling. After correction for this effect, the obtained  
661 presumable undegassed ranges of volatile concentrations imply a H<sub>2</sub>O-CO<sub>2</sub> gas pressure of 86  
662 ± 44 MPa or ~2.5 km of crustal depth of olivine crystallisation.

663 4. Significant correlations of S and, to a lesser extent of H<sub>2</sub>O, with a number of highly  
664 incompatible elements, along with the correlation between F and Cl, but no clear relationship  
665 of H<sub>2</sub>O with Cl, argue against shallow depth degassing and/or crustal contamination of the  
666 studied magmas.

667 5. The new B-O isotopic data confirm the importance of a H<sub>2</sub>O- and B-rich fluid component  
668 interacting with the source rocks of the Gorgona magmas, but reduce the likelihood of a role  
669 for recycled crust and serpentinite. Therefore, the results of this study suggest that the  
670 reported enrichment of volatile components and boron represent a deep mantle signature of  
671 the studied Gorgona mafic and ultramafic magmas.

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975 **Figure captions**

976 **Fig. 1.** Simplified geological map of the Gorgona island (modified after [Echeverría, 1980](#); [Kerr et](#)  
977 [al., 1996](#); [Révillon et al., 2000](#)). Sampling locations are marked by sample numbers referred to in  
978 the text.

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980 **Fig. 2.** Elemental and oxygen isotopic composition of olivine from Gorgona picrite and  
981 komatiite samples. Panels (A) and (D) represent inter- and intra-sample variations of forsterite  
982 contents and  $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{Ol}}$  values, respectively. Shown here *error bars* represent the largest  $\pm 2\sigma$   
983 analytical uncertainty attained during replicate measurements of the San Carlos olivine standard  
984 by EPMA ( $\pm 0.2$  mol.% Fo) and SIMS ( $\pm 0.4\text{‰}$  of  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ ). Panels (B) and (C) are variation  
985 diagrams of NiO (B) and  $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{Ol}}$  (C) vs. Fo in the central parts and near the grain boundaries; (E)  
986 cumulative probability density curves of  $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{Ol}}$  in *Ol core* and *Ol rim* parts calculated using  
987 *Isoplot 3.70* ([Ludwig, 2008](#)). The *Gorgona Ol literature data* set (panel B) shows Fo and NiO  
988 concentrations of olivines from [Kamenetsky et al. \(2010\)](#), [Gurenko and Kamenetsky \(2011\)](#), as  
989 well as authors' unpublished data. The *shaded band* (panels C, D, E) denotes the range of typical  
990 upper mantle olivine (4.8–5.4‰; [Mattey et al. 1994](#)) and of olivine in equilibrium with N-  
991 MORB magmas (assuming olivine-melt fractionation of  $-0.4\text{‰}$  and the N-MORB range of  
992 5.2–5.8‰, [Eiler, 2001](#)). Dashed, numbered curves in panel (C) represent the Azores (1) and  
993 Hawaii (2) *contamination trends* after [Wang and Eiler \(2008\)](#) and [Genske et al. \(2013\)](#),  
994 respectively.

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996 **Fig. 3.** Concentrations of  $\text{CO}_2$  and  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  dissolved in the olivine-hosted melt inclusions from  
997 Gorgona komatiites measured by SIMS before correction for the loss in the shrinkage bubble of  
998  $\text{CO}_2$  and  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (A) and after the correction applied (B) (see text). Isobars of melt compositions in  
999 equilibrium with  $\text{CO}_2$ - $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  fluid (*solid lines*) and isopleths of fluid composition (dashed lines

1000 with labels returning molecular fraction of H<sub>2</sub>O in the fluid) were calculated using *VolatileCalc*  
1001 solution model (Newman and Lowenstern, 2002). Both isopleths and isobars were calculated for a  
1002 magma having 47 wt.% SiO<sub>2</sub> at 1360°C, corresponding to the averaged values of the studied  
1003 melt inclusions (Kamenetsky et al., 2010). Error bars represent average  $\pm 2\sigma$  analytical  
1004 uncertainty attained within three analytical sessions, i.e.,  $\pm 14\%$  relative for CO<sub>2</sub> and  $\pm 12\%$   
1005 relative for H<sub>2</sub>O, and they are smaller than the size of the symbol, if not shown. The data from  
1006 Shimizu et al. (2009) are shown for comparison.

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1008 **Fig. 4.** Relationships between concentrations of S, H<sub>2</sub>O, Cl and F with FeO, SiO<sub>2</sub>, Ce and Y in  
1009 melt inclusions. (a) FeO vs. S variations. The *MORB & OIB* field presents S concentrations in  
1010 presumably undegassed MORB and Hawaiian submarine tholeiitic and alkali basaltic glasses  
1011 after Mathez (1976), Clague et al. (1995), Dixon et al. (1997) and Wallace and Carmichael  
1012 (1992). Dashed curve represents sulfur solubility in basaltic melts based on the sulfide-saturated  
1013 experiments of Haughton et al. (1974). (b) Ce vs. S, (c) SiO<sub>2</sub> vs. H<sub>2</sub>O, (d) Y vs. H<sub>2</sub>O and (e) F vs.  
1014 Cl variations. The observed relationships do not support shallow depth contamination of the  
1015 Gorgona high-Mg magmas, and rather favour a deep mantle origin of high volatile  
1016 concentrations in the olivine-hosted melt inclusions, in agreement with Kamenetsky et al. (2010),  
1017 Gurenko and Kamenetsky (2011) and Sobolev et al. (2016). The positive SiO<sub>2</sub>-H<sub>2</sub>O correlation  
1018 may also be interpreted as reflecting gradually increasing degree of source melting at hydrous  
1019 conditions.

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1021 **Fig. 5.** Averaged, single-grain oxygen isotope compositions of the studied Gorgona olivines. (A)  
1022  $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{Ol}}$  vs. Fo variation diagram, (B) probability density distribution curves of  $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{Ol}}$  values for  
1023 olivine from komatiites and picrite GOR94-32.

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1025 **Fig. 6.** Oxygen versus boron isotopic compositions of olivine hosted melt inclusions from  
1026 Gorgona komatiites. Subdivision of the inclusions on to “low- $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ ” and “high- $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ ” groups and  
1027 their respective boron isotopic compositions are from [Gurenko and Kamenetsky \(2011\)](#). To infer  
1028 oxygen isotope composition of the included melts, we used experimental data of [Matthews et al.](#)  
1029 [\(1998\)](#) for komatiite to calculate O isotope fractionation factor between olivine and melt for the  
1030 temperature range of 1320–1380 °C. Two-component mixing lines between the depleted MORB-  
1031 type mantle (*MANT*), recycled crust (*REC*), serpentinised peridotite (*SERP1* and *SERP2*) and  
1032 hypothetical oceanic crust fluids released at different temperatures (*FL1*, *FL2* and *FL3*) are  
1033 shown (for end-member compositions see **Table S2.3**, *Supporting online material*). *Shaded grey*  
1034 *field* represents the composition of the mantle, with  $\delta^{11}\text{B}$  of  $-10 \pm 2\text{‰}$  ([Gurenko and](#)  
1035 [Kamenetsky, 2011](#) and references therein) and  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  of  $5.5 \pm 0.5\text{‰}$ , assuming a calculated  
1036 oxygen isotope fractionation of  $-0.2\text{‰}$  between olivine and high-Mg melt and the olivine range  
1037 of 4.8–5.8‰, as defined in **Fig. 2**.  
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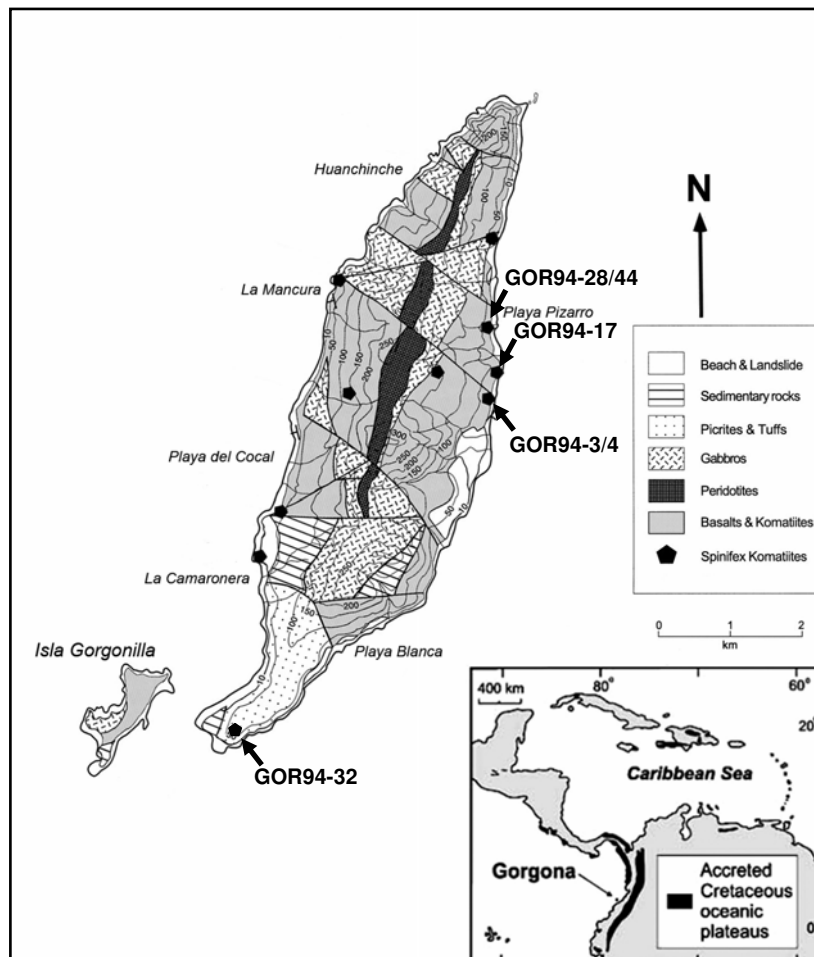


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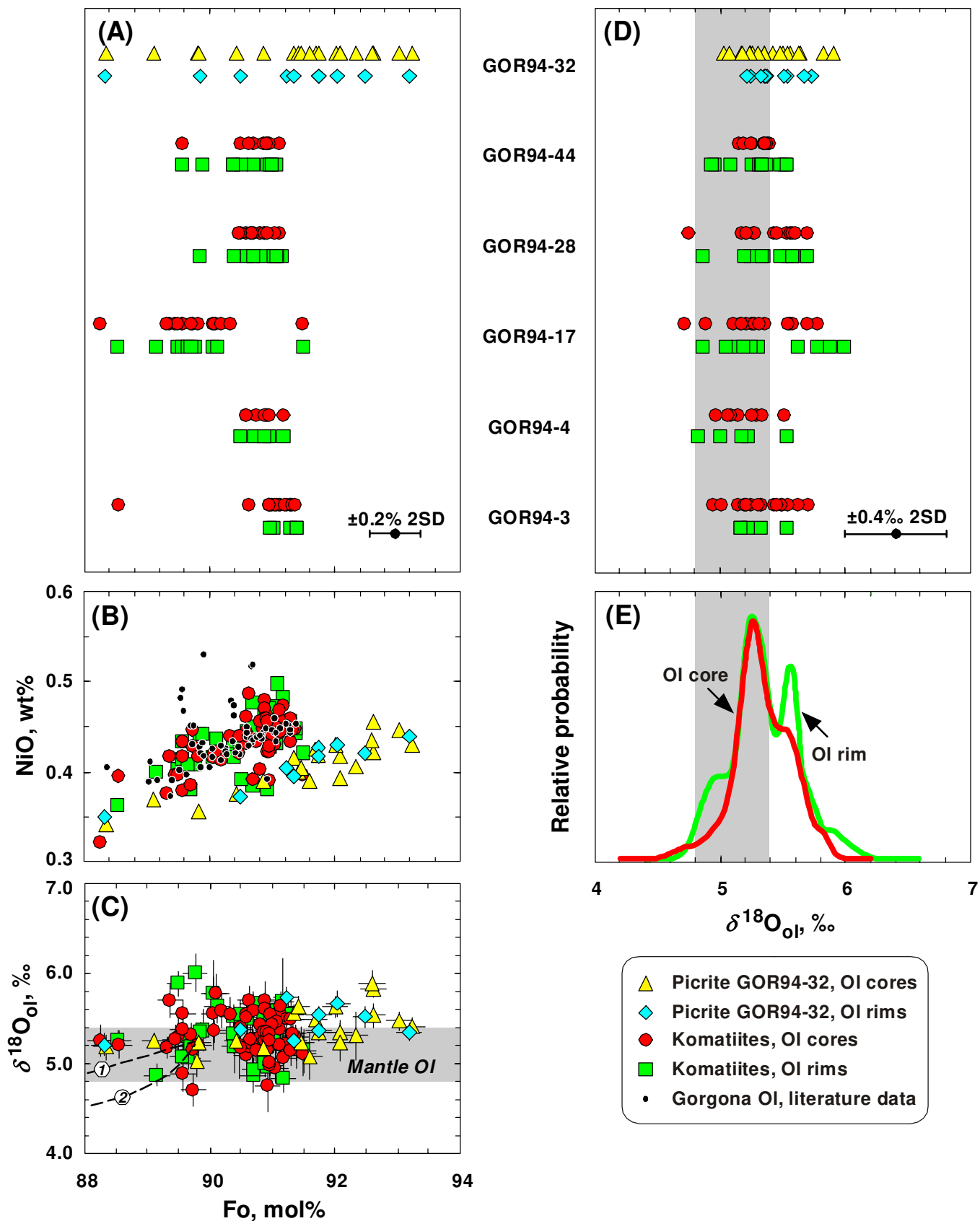


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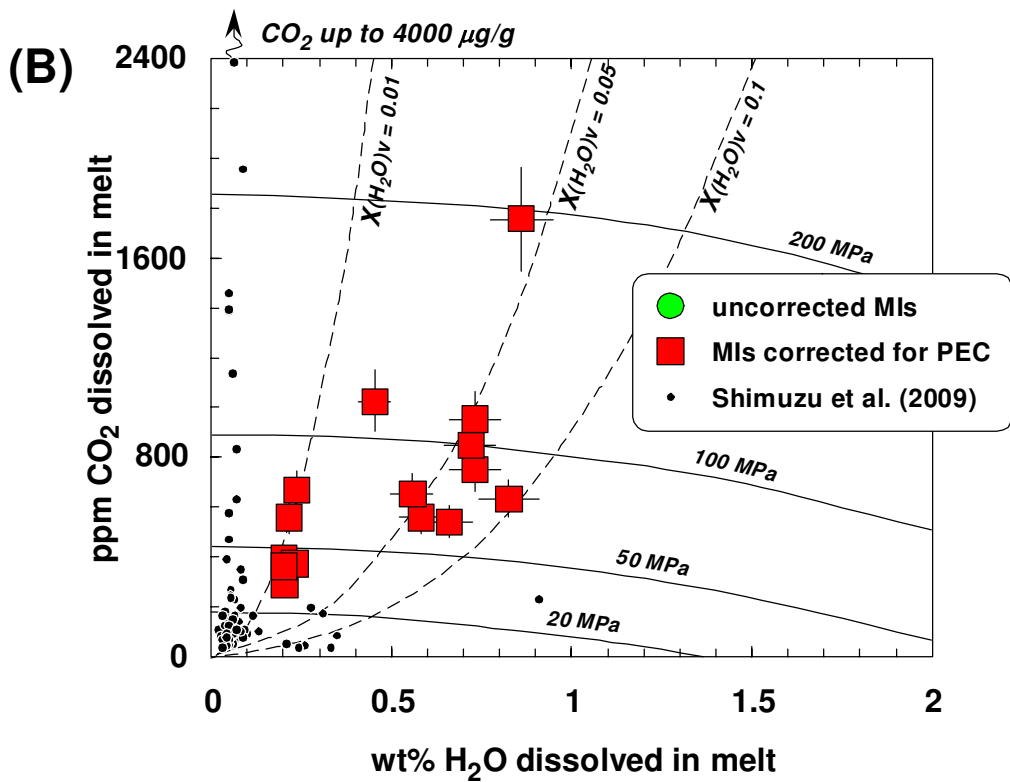
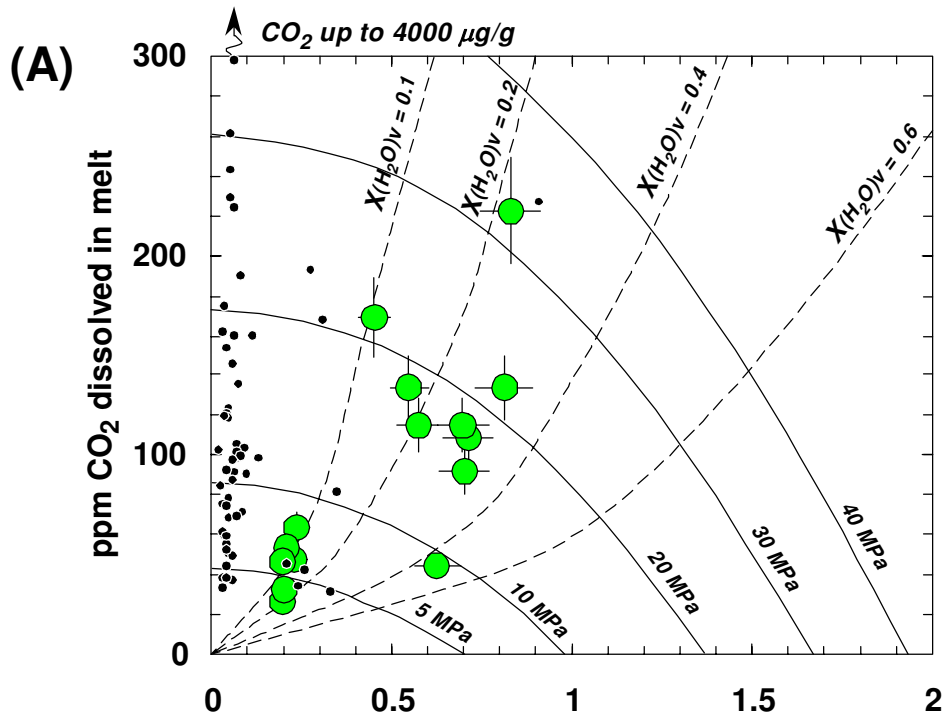


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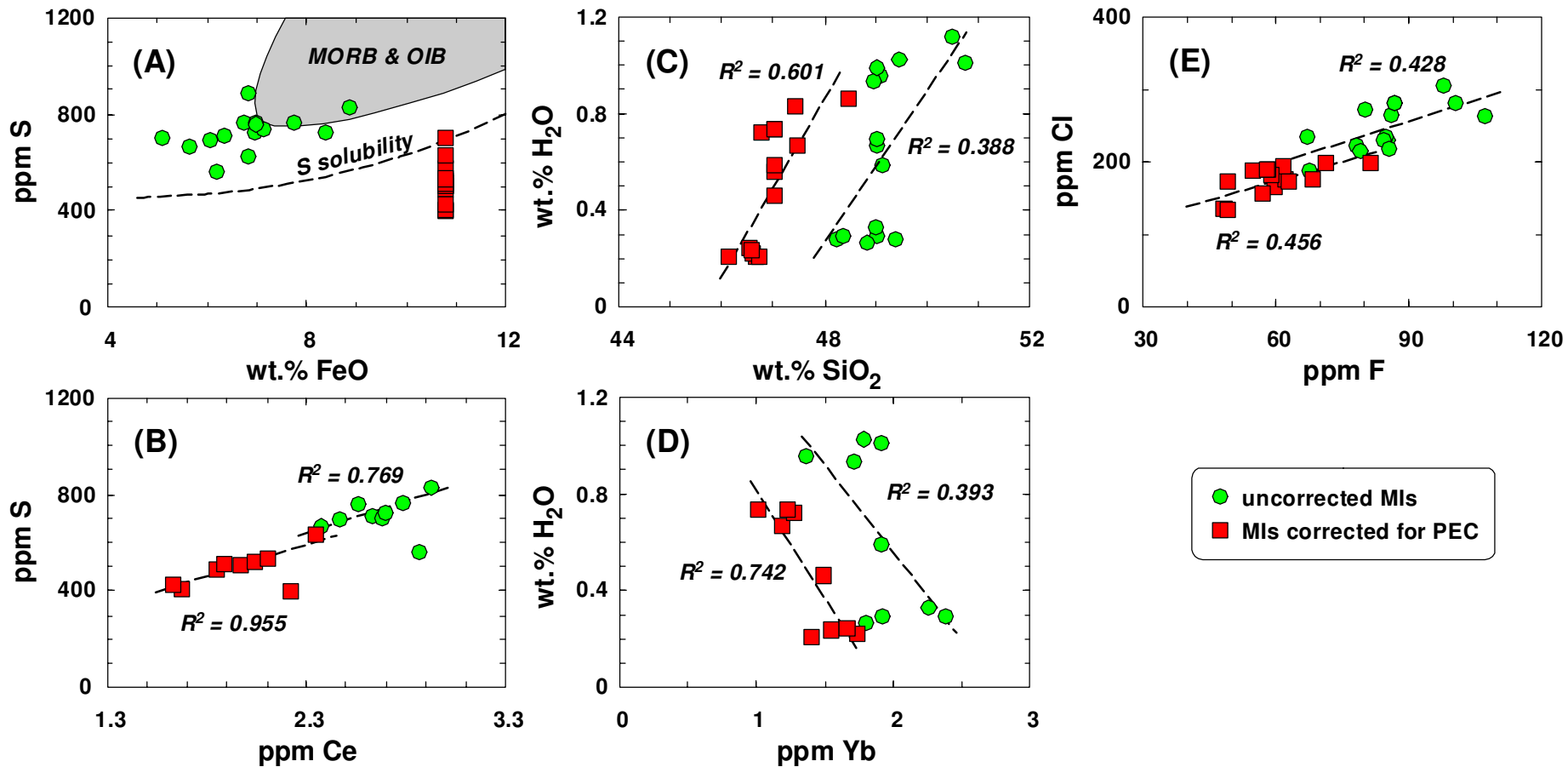


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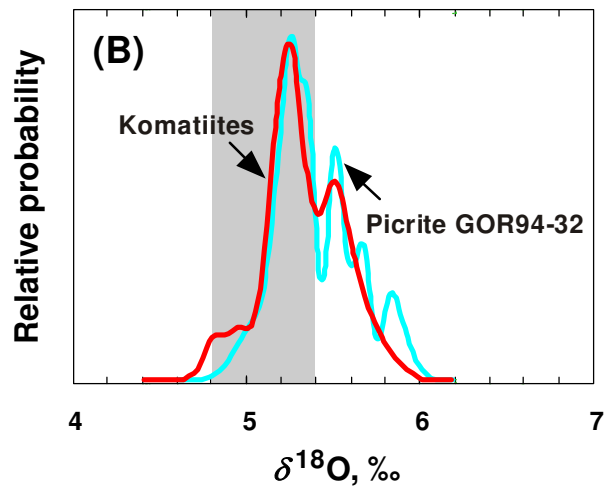
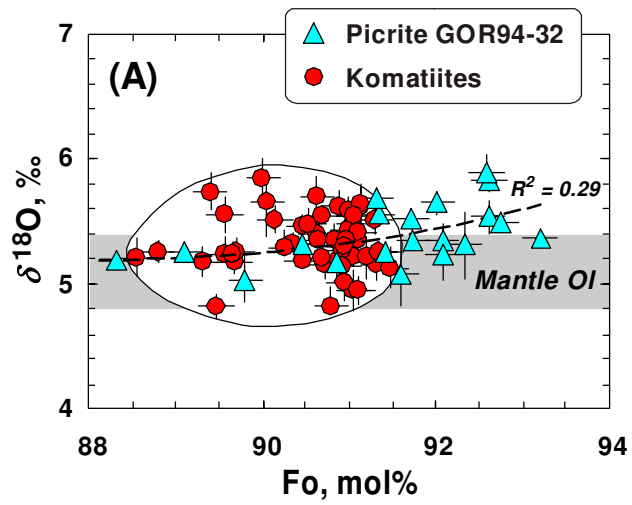


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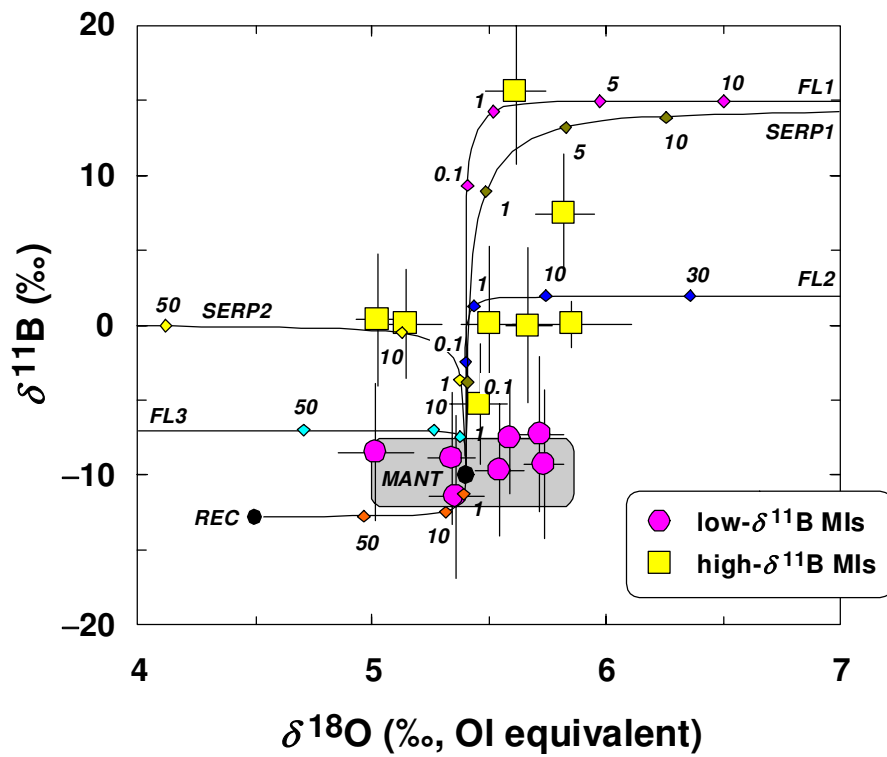


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