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2 **Origin of the Fluorine- and Beryllium-Rich Rhyolites of the Spor Mountain Formation,**  
3 **Western Utah**

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## Abstract

23           The Miocene rhyolites of the Spor Mountain Formation host Earth's largest beryllium  
24 deposit, which produced 85% of the world's beryllium in 2010. The fresh lava is extremely  
25 enriched in Be (up to 75 ppm in matrix glass). We have examined the rhyolite to better  
26 understand the Be enrichment. The Spor Mountain rhyolite contains ~40% quartz, ~40%  
27 sanidine, ~10% biotite, and ~10% plagioclase, along with accessory fluorite, columbite,  
28 euxenite, fergusonite, monazite, thorite, and zircon. Two types of rhyolite are present within the  
29 Spor Mountain Formation, a less evolved magma (1150 ppm Rb, 42 ppm Be, 0.7 wt% F in glass)  
30 and a more evolved magma (1710 ppm Rb, 75 ppm Be, 1.6 wt% F in glass).

31           Eruption temperatures estimated using two-feldspar (Elkins and Grove, 1990; Putirka,  
32 2008; Benisek et al., 2010), plagioclase-liquid and alkali feldspar-liquid (Putirka, 2008), Ti-in-  
33 quartz (Thomas et al., 2010; Huang and Audétat, 2012; Thomas et al., 2015), biotite (Righter and  
34 Carmichael, 1996), and zircon saturation (Boehnke et al., 2013) geothermometers converge on  
35 718 °C for the less evolved magma and 682 °C for the more evolved magma. Using the Ti-in-Qz  
36 equation of Huang and Audétat (2012), the pre-eruptive pressure of the Spor Mountain rhyolite  
37 system is estimated to be about 2 kbar at 700°C. Water content of the rhyolite melt was less than  
38 <5 wt%, based on the co-crystallization of all four major mineral phases at 700°C, and the  
39 magma was water undersaturated (Webster et al., 1987). Viscosity of the rhyolite was about  
40  $10^{6.2}$  Pa·s for the less evolved rhyolite and  $10^{5.8}$  Pa·s for the more evolved rhyolite. Fluorine  
41 lowered the melt viscosity, though not by a large amount (less than 0.5 log units at 1.6 wt% F).

42           Partition coefficients for Be and other trace elements were determined for biotite,  
43 sanidine, plagioclase, and quartz from laser-ablation inductively coupled plasma mass  
44 spectrometry analyses. Partition coefficients for trace elements in feldspars from the Spor

45 Mountain rhyolite are generally higher than for feldspars from other silicic magmas, and lower  
46 for biotite. The enrichment of beryllium in the Spor Mountain rhyolite was aided by its high  
47 incompatibility in the major mineral phases, with a bulk partition coefficient  $<0.1$ .

48 Trace element models using the measured partition coefficients are inconsistent with  
49 accumulation of increments of melt formed by different degrees of partial melting, and cannot  
50 explain the great depletion of compatible elements. Rather, the trace element abundances and Nd  
51 and Sr isotopic compositions are consistent with derivation of rhyolite by  $\sim 25\%$  partial melting  
52 of crust hybridized with mantle-derived components, followed by extensive fractional  
53 crystallization (75%). The combination of these magmatic processes set the stage for the  
54 formation of a world class beryllium deposit.

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57 rhyolite, fluorine

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## Introduction

59 Beryllium is one of the lightest metals with a unique combination of properties, making it  
60 an ideal resource for a wide variety of applications, including military aircraft, aerospace,  
61 medical, and commercial markets. For example, on a weight-to-weight basis, beryllium is six  
62 times stronger than steel and can maintain its shape at extreme temperatures, even though it is  
63 only two-thirds as dense as aluminum. Beryllium also has a high specific heat (the highest of all  
64 metals), meaning it can absorb more heat than any other metal. Its relatively high X-ray  
65 transparency makes it an ideal candidate for medical and analytical applications. For these  
66 reasons, Be is on the “Strategic and Critical Materials” list of the U.S. Department of Defense  
67 and of the European Union (Thomason et al., 2013).

68 The Miocene rhyolite of the Spor Mountain Formation in western Utah (Lindsey, 1977;  
69 1982; Christiansen et al., 1984) hosts one of the largest beryllium deposits in the world and was  
70 responsible for producing 85% of the beryllium mined worldwide in 2010 (Boland, 2012).  
71 Materion Brush Beryllium & Composites owns and operates the mine. The beryllium ore at Spor  
72 Mountain (in the form of bertrandite  $[\text{Be}_4\text{Si}_2\text{O}_7(\text{OH})_2]$ ) formed in a precursor tuff overlain by  
73 rhyolitic lava. The tuff is open-pit mined after the lava is removed.

74 The purpose of this study is to better understand the beryllium enrichment processes in  
75 the Spor Mountain rhyolite by (1) determining partition coefficients of beryllium and other  
76 important rare elements (e.g., Li, Sn, Mo, Nb, Ta) using element concentrations obtained by laser  
77 ablation inductively coupled plasma mass spectrometry (LA-ICP-MS); (2) constraining the pre-  
78 eruptive temperature, pressure, water content, and viscosity using electron microprobe (EMP)  
79 analysis of phenocrysts and glass, and LA-ICP-MS analysis of Ti in quartz; and (3) acquiring Nd  
80 and Sr isotopic compositions to understand the source of the distinctive F-rich magma. These

81 data are used to construct a model of magmatic origin and evolution to explain the extreme  
82 enrichment of Be (to as much as 75 ppm) and other incompatible elements in the rhyolite. We  
83 conclude that partial melting of a distinctive crustal source followed by extensive fractional  
84 crystallization set the stage for later low temperature hydrothermal processes, which further  
85 enriched the Be in the underlying tuff (up to 3000 ppm; Bikun, 1980; Foley et al., 2012) as  
86 discussed below.

### 87 **Geologic Setting**

88 Spor Mountain is a faulted and tilted block of Paleozoic sedimentary rocks fringed by  
89 Miocene volcanic rocks (Fig. 1). It lies about 120 km west of the topographic margin of the  
90 Great Basin—the northern part of the Basin and Range extensional province. Subduction-related  
91 Eocene-Oligocene volcanism was followed by two episodes of extension-related Miocene  
92 volcanism, including the rhyolites of the Spor Mountain Formation and the younger Topaz  
93 Mountain Rhyolite (Fig. 1). The Spor Mountain Formation consists of rhyolite plugs, lava flows  
94 and cogenetic tuff, which erupted ~21.7 m.y. ago onto Paleozoic sedimentary rock, chiefly  
95 limestone and dolomite, and the older, mid-Cenozoic volcanic rocks (Lindsey, 1979; Adams et  
96 al., 2009). The beryl and topaz-bearing Sheeprock Granite crops out 65 km east of Spor  
97 Mountain (Fig. 1) and is very similar to the Spor Mountain rhyolite in age (21 Ma) and in  
98 elemental, mineralogic, and isotopic composition (Christiansen et al., 1988); it is interpreted to  
99 be the intrusive equivalent of the topaz rhyolites of western Utah and we draw on comparisons  
100 with it throughout this paper.

101 Before about 45 Ma, shallow subduction of oceanic lithosphere under the western United  
102 States caused regional magmatism to cease and the Sevier and Laramide orogenies to form (e.g.  
103 Yonkee and Weil, 2015). Afterwards, between 45 and 22 Ma, the shallowly subducting oceanic

104 slab began to steepen and roll back (Severinghaus and Atwater, 1990; Best and Christiansen,  
105 1991; Humphreys, 1995). As the descending oceanic slab dropped lower into the hotter  
106 asthenosphere, it dehydrated over a large area initiating melting in the overlying mantle and  
107 triggering the mid-Cenozoic ignimbrite flareup with its distinct subduction signatures in magmas  
108 erupted far from the trench. (Best et al., 2016). As the oceanic slab continued to descend, the  
109 Great Basin portion of the Basin and Range province experienced a transition from compression  
110 to extension, which was accompanied by normal faulting and the characteristic bimodal  
111 volcanism.

112         At 21.7 Ma (Adams et al., 2009), the Spor Mountain Formation is the oldest  
113 representation of the extensional regime that currently dominates the Great Basin (Christiansen  
114 et al., 1984). The eruption began as a series of ignimbrites and pyroclastic surges (the beryllium  
115 tuff member) and ended with the extrusion of a thick lava flow (the porphyritic rhyolite member)  
116 covering the tuff (Bikun, 1980). The tuff is 20 to 60 m thick, highly altered, and contains lithic  
117 clasts of carbonate sedimentary rock that are silicified and partially altered to fluorite and calcite  
118 (Lindsey, 1977), as well as mafic enclaves from a magma mixing event that is thought to have  
119 triggered eruption (Christiansen and Venchiarutti, 1990). Bedding structures in the tuff show that  
120 phreatomagmatic explosions were also important (Burt and Sheridan, 1981). The overlying lava  
121 is as much as 500 m thick, but is everywhere truncated by erosion, so it may have been thicker.  
122 The sharp basal contact with the tuff is marked by a flow breccia that contains lenses and blocks  
123 of fresh vitrophyre. Most of the lava above the breccia is massive, flow layered, and  
124 granophyrically devitrified with few cavities. Originally, the lava must have covered an area in  
125 excess of about 40 km<sup>2</sup>, based on the distribution today. Since its eruption, the Spor Mountain  
126 rhyolite has been cut by Basin and Range normal faults, causing the tuff, lava flows, and

127 underlying Paleozoic strata to dip westward (Fig. 1). The faulting has made it difficult to  
128 estimate the number of vents involved, although Lindsey (1979) and (1982) identified at least  
129 three major vents.

130 The Spor Mountain rhyolite is a topaz rhyolite; these A-type rhyolites are typically  
131 enriched in fluorine (>0.2 wt%) and incompatible elements and crystallize at low temperatures  
132 (600° to 750 °C) (Christiansen et al., 1986). Magmatic phases include sanidine, plagioclase,  
133 quartz, and Fe-rich biotite. Accessory phases include allanite, fluorite, zircon, apatite, ilmenite,  
134 and magnetite (Christiansen et al., 1983; Christiansen et al., 2007). Topaz rhyolite often contain  
135 vapor-phase topaz, fluorite, bixbyite, pseudobrookite, garnet, and hematite within their  
136 devitrified groundmasses or in small vugs; red beryl is a rare but distinctive secondary mineral  
137 (Christiansen et al., 1986; Christiansen et al., 1997). In comparison to other topaz rhyolites,  
138 which are highly differentiated and rich in incompatible trace elements such as Li, Be, Rb, and  
139 Nb, the Spor Mountain Formation is even more evolved, as evidenced by the extreme enrichment  
140 of Be and other incompatible trace elements.

141 The beryllium mineralization at Spor Mountain is restricted to the upper part of the  
142 highly altered tuff, which lies directly below the thick rhyolite lava (Lindsey, 1977; Foley et al.,  
143 2012). The ore zone is approximately 5 to 15 m thick. The principal ore mineral is bertrandite  
144 hosted in feldspathic, zeolitic, and argillic tuff and in opaline/chalcedonic replacements of  
145 carbonate lithic inclusions. Bertrandite is microscopic and is accompanied by fluorite, calcite,  
146 sericite, Li-smectite, and Mn oxides. Fluorine reaches concentrations of up to 1.5 wt% and Be to  
147 0.3 wt% in the altered tuff (Bikun, 1980). The deposit contains about 10 million tons of proven  
148 and probable reserves at a grade of 0.27 wt% Be (Foley et al., 2012). Several models have been  
149 proposed to explain the mineralization in the beryllium tuff. Lindsey (1977) concluded that

150 magmatic fluids enriched in fluorine and other lithophile elements flowed from an underlying  
151 granitic pluton through fractures in the host rock, penetrated the permeable tuff, and caused  
152 crystallization of minerals rich in F, Li, Be, Sn, and W as the fluid interacted with the carbonate  
153 clasts and volcanic glass in the tuff. Foley et al. (2012) also found evidence for magmatic fluids  
154 in the deposit. Conversely, Burt et al. (1982) proposed that the ore deposits formed as Be, U, F,  
155 and other elements were released from rhyolite tuff and lava during devitrification, which were  
156 then transported and concentrated in the upper part of the tuff below the less permeable rhyolite  
157 by meteoric fluids (groundwater). Bertrandite co-precipitated with fluorite and opaline silica as a  
158 result of the interaction between the fluid, the host pyroclasts, and carbonate lithic inclusions.  
159 Wood (1992) provided geochemical constraints for this low temperature (100-150°C) and  
160 moderate pH (4-6) model of ore deposition. Ludwig et al. (1980) used U-Pb dating to show that  
161 opal formed or reequilibrated with fluids over a long time period; dates range from 19 to 8 Ma.  
162 This is also consistent with the involvement of low temperature groundwater in mineralization.  
163 Initial work on the abundance of Be in melt inclusions in the Spor Mountain rhyolite were used  
164 to constrain chemical modeling of ore formation and to estimate the minimum volume of magma  
165 required to produce the volcanogenic beryllium deposit (0.135 km<sup>3</sup>; Adams et al., 2009; Foley et  
166 al., 2012)..

## 167 **Methods**

168 To understand the origin of the rhyolite and its relationship to mineralization, we studied  
169 whole rock, mineral, and glass compositions from the Spor Mountain rhyolite. A suite of  
170 samples was collected from open pits in Spor Mountain beryllium mine and natural outcrops in a  
171 valley east of Spor Mountain. Six fresh samples of lava were selected for more intensive study;  
172 the underlying tuff is too altered to be used to examine magmatic processes. Samples SM-



173 831 and SM-86 were from the Taurus Pit (Mine 2 on Fig. 1), SM-14, SM-35, and SM-37 were  
174 from the Blue Chalk Pit (Mine 7 on Fig. 1), and SM-31 was collected from the Roadside Mine  
175 (Mine 4 on Fig. 1). Samples SM-14, SM-831, SM-86, SM-31, and SM-35 are all vitrophyric  
176 lava, and taken from blocks and lenses at the base of the rhyolite lava flows, whereas SM-37 is  
177 devitrified, collected toward the middle of a lava flow.

178 Whole-rock major and trace element analyses were performed on a Rigaku ZSX Primus  
179 II X-ray fluorescence (XRF) spectrometer at Brigham Young University. Trace element were  
180 also analyzed by ALS Global (Vancouver, British Columbia) using a combination of fusion with  
181 lithium metaborate, acid digestion, ICP-MS, and ICP atomic emission spectrometry (AES). The  
182 whole-rock results are summarized in Table 1. A comparison of XRF, ICP-MS, and ICP-AES  
183 precision and accuracy can be found in Supplementary Table 1.

184 Electron microprobe analyses (EMP) of plagioclase, sanidine, biotite, and matrix glass  
185 were performed using a Cameca SX-50 electron microprobe at Brigham Young University. For  
186 sanidine, plagioclase, and biotite, an accelerating voltage of 15 kV, a beam current of 10 nA, and  
187 a beam size of 10  $\mu\text{m}$  were used for measurements. For matrix glass, the two-condition method  
188 of Morgan and London (2005) was used to optimize the determination of volatile elements. To  
189 analyze Na, Al, Si, and Ca, an accelerating voltage of 15 kV, a beam size of 10  $\mu\text{m}$ , and a beam  
190 current of 2 nA was used, counting for 30 s on each element. To analyze the remaining elements  
191 (F, Cl, Ti, Fe, Mn, Mg, K, and P), beam conditions were set to an accelerating voltage of 15 kV,  
192 a beam size of 10  $\mu\text{m}$ , and a beam current of 10 nA, counting for 20 s on each element. Melt  
193 inclusions were found in quartz from both more evolved and less evolved rhyolite, but all melt  
194 inclusions had cracks. Major elements in melt inclusions were analyzed using the same two-  
195 condition method of Morgan and London (2005) as above. The melt inclusions were glassy and

196 less than 20  $\mu\text{m}$  (and thus too small for analyses by LA-ICP-MS). Estimates of accuracy and  
197 precision for the electron microprobe analyses are in Supplementary Table 1.

198 Cathodoluminescence (CL) images of quartz were collected using a Gatan miniCL and a  
199 FEI XL30 ESEM FEG scanning electron microscope at Brigham Young University. Images  
200 were recorded using a spot size of 6  $\mu\text{m}$ , a tilt of 12-15°, a scan acquisition time of 116 ms/line,  
201 and an accelerating voltage of 15 kV.

202 Laser ablation ICP-MS analyses were performed on plagioclase, sanidine, biotite, quartz,  
203 and matrix glass from four lava vitrophyres (SM-31, -35, -831, and -86) and one devitrified lava  
204 (SM-37). To minimize shattering of quartz grains during ablation, 200  $\mu\text{m}$  thick, polished thin  
205 sections were used. Measurements were acquired with a 193 nm excimer PhotonMachines laser  
206 coupled to an Agilent quadrupole ICP-MS (7500ce Series) at the University of Utah. Laser  
207 settings were 15 kV and 10 Hz repetition rate, yielding a fluence of 7.19  $\text{J}/\text{cm}^2$  at 100% beam  
208 energy. A spot size of 31  $\mu\text{m}$  was used for plagioclase, sanidine, biotite, and matrix glass and a  
209 diameter of 53  $\mu\text{m}$  for quartz (quartz grains required a larger spot size to ablate). Acquisition  
210 time for each spot was 20 s. Helium was used as a carrier gas at 1 L/min. NIST 610 functioned as  
211 the external standard, and  $^{29}\text{Si}$  as the internal standard (using electron microprobe measurements  
212 of the same grains). Sample SM-831 was run during each analysis and acted as a secondary  
213 standard. Data were reduced using Iolite 2.5 (Paton et al., 2011) for Igor Pro. Whenever possible,  
214 three spots were analyzed on each grain and averaged, to account for any heterogeneities.  
215 Appendix E compares the average LA-ICP-MS analysis of the NIST 610 glass to the GeoRem  
216 certified values. Typical relative standard deviations for trace element concentrations in NIST  
217 610 are less than 1.6% (Supplementary Table 1).

218 Whole rock Nd, Sr, and Pb isotopic data were obtained by thermal ionization mass

219 spectrometry using a Finnigan-MAT6-collector solid source mass spectrometer at the University  
220 of Colorado, Boulder using analytical procedures outlined by Farmer et al. (1991).

## 221 **Geothermobarometry**

222 Even though no zoning could be seen in the feldspars, the analyses closest to the rim  
223 were used to calculate temperature immediately before eruption (average compositions give  
224 similar temperatures). The pressure was set at 2 kbar based on the experiments of Webster et al.  
225 (1989) as expanded on below. For this study, any calculations requiring an H<sub>2</sub>O term had H<sub>2</sub>O  
226 set at 5 wt%, as justified below. Zirconium concentrations in the matrix glass and whole rocks  
227 were used for the zircon saturation thermometry. For the Ti-in-quartz thermometers, the activity  
228 of TiO<sub>2</sub> in the melt (*a*TiO<sub>2</sub>) was calculated using the method developed by Kularatne and  
229 Audétat (2014), which involves calculating the TiO<sub>2</sub> solubility as a function of the molar  
230 Al/(Na+K) ratio, since TiO<sub>2</sub> solubility increases with melt peraluminosity.

## 231 **Results**

### 232 **Petrography**

233 Two types of unaltered rhyolite were distinguished by petrography (and geochemistry).  
234 In thin section, vitrophyres of the “more evolved” rhyolite have clear matrix glass with ~30%  
235 phenocrysts while the “less evolved” type has tannish matrix glass and ~15% phenocrysts.  
236 Otherwise, both types have similar textures and phenocryst proportions (Fig. 2)—~40% quartz,  
237 ~40% sanidine, ~10% biotite, and ~10% plagioclase. Accessory phases in glass and as inclusions  
238 in other minerals, identified with the help of energy dispersive spectrometry (EDS), include  
239 fluorite [CaF<sub>2</sub>], columbite [(Fe,Mn)(Nb,Ta)<sub>2</sub>O<sub>6</sub>], euxenite [(Y,REE,Th)(Nb,Ta)<sub>2</sub>O<sub>6</sub>], fergusonite  
240 [(Y,Ce,Nd)NbO<sub>4</sub>], monazite [(Ce, La, Th)PO<sub>4</sub>], thorite [(Th,U)SiO<sub>4</sub>], and zircon [ZrSiO<sub>4</sub>], all

241 less than 50  $\mu\text{m}$  in size, with most between 20 and 30  $\mu\text{m}$ . In spite of thorough examination and  
242 x-ray mapping with the EMP, no phenocrysts of ilmenite, magnetite, or apatite were identified in  
243 the matrix or as inclusions in biotite in the vitrophyres, although they have been reported in other  
244 topaz rhyolites (e.g. Christiansen et al., 1983). Matrix glass is mostly clean with few microcrysts  
245 (Fig. 2); flow banding, defined by tiny microlites, developed in several vitrophyres.

246 Sanidine grains, on average, are larger than plagioclase grains in the same sample, with  
247 sanidine ranging in size from 0.5 to 2 mm and plagioclase generally less than 1.5 mm. Both  
248 sanidine and plagioclase are euhedral to subhedral and display little to no alteration. Feldspar  
249 grains are generally isolated from one another, although some clumps of sanidine and plagioclase  
250 are present. Most feldspars are not zoned, neither optically or chemically. However, a few grains  
251 (one or two per sample) display anti-rapakivi textures where sanidine mantles plagioclase. This  
252 may be explained by the displacement of the melt composition toward the Ab apex of a Q-Ab-Or  
253 ternary as  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ - and F-content of the residual melt increased during differentiation (Christiansen  
254 et al., 1984). Few biotite grains are larger than 1 mm with most between 0.5 and 1 mm. Biotite is  
255 generally euhedral in vitrophyric lava (Fig. 2). Quartz grains are mostly larger than sanidine,  
256 with some grains up to 4 mm, although most are between 1 and 2 mm (Fig. 2). Quartz is not  
257 typically embayed as is so common in other rhyolites (Fig. 3). Minor resorption events are  
258 evidenced in some quartz grains and marked by abrupt thinning or truncation of CL imaged  
259 growth layers (Fig. 3a). Some quartz phenocrysts have glass inclusions, although all inclusions  
260 are intersected by cracks and most have at least some secondary crystallization on the walls.  
261 Some melt inclusions clearly formed by healing between quench-grown dendritic extensions  
262 (Fig. 3b).

263 The less evolved devitrified lava (represented by SM-37; a member of the phenocryst

264 poor, less evolved group) has a very fine-grained groundmass of quartz and feldspar. Quartz and  
265 feldspar phenocrysts are mostly euhedral to subhedral, although some sanidine phenocrysts are  
266 slightly embayed along the edges. The majority of biotite phenocrysts in the devitrified rock  
267 have been altered to secondary minerals, predominantly magnetite, with reaction textures found  
268 on all grains (Fig. 2). Small grains of secondary biotite are also present in the groundmass.  
269 Sprays of vapor-phase topaz also occur in the groundmass of devitrified rocks. Large topaz  
270 crystals formed in rare vapor phase cavities in devitrified portions of the lava flow. No Be  
271 minerals have yet been identified in the unaltered Spor Mountain rhyolite.

272         The observed petrographic and inclusion relationships can be used to constrain the pre-  
273 eruptive crystallization sequence in the Spor Mountain rhyolite. Sanidine commonly has  
274 inclusions of quartz, plagioclase, and biotite, while biotite has inclusions of plagioclase,  
275 monazite, and zircon. Although uncommon, some quartz grains have inclusions of biotite and  
276 feldspar. It is not uncommon to find different phenocryst minerals with euhedral edges touching  
277 each other in glomerocrystic clumps. These characteristics suggest that all of the minerals were  
278 co-crystallizing before eruption. This is substantiated by the results of plagioclase-liquid, alkali  
279 feldspar-liquid, two-feldspar, and Ti-in-quartz thermometry and trace element models outlined  
280 below.

281         The idea that the major minerals were co-crystallizing is also apparent when looking at  
282 the two types of rhyolite lava—phenocryst-poor and phenocryst-rich. If the minerals followed a  
283 crystallization sequence during differentiation, the less evolved rhyolite could have a different  
284 mineral assemblage than the more evolved rhyolite; this is not the case. Both the more evolved  
285 and less evolved types have the same mineral assemblage and mineral proportions; the only  
286 difference is that the more evolved rhyolites have higher crystallinity.

287 **Whole rock and glass geochemistry**

288           The Spor Mountain rhyolite is a high-silica, high-F, topaz rhyolite (Christiansen et al.,  
289 1984; Fig. 4). Compared to other subalkalic obsidians (Macdonald et al., 1992), the Spor  
290 Mountain rhyolite is enriched in Be and other rare elements as well as the halogens. It is  
291 metaluminous to slightly peraluminous and has very low concentrations of compatible elements,  
292 such as Ti, Fe, Mg, Ni, Ca, Eu, Sr, Ba, and P (Table 1). Compared to most other topaz rhyolites,  
293 Spor Mountain has lower concentrations of SiO<sub>2</sub> and TiO<sub>2</sub>, but higher Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>  
294 concentrations and higher contents of incompatible elements (e.g. Christiansen et al., 1983). In  
295 these regards, the Spor Mountain rhyolites are similar to the highly evolved rhyolites from the  
296 Honeycomb Hills of western Utah, which have phenocrystic topaz (Congdon and Nash, 1991;  
297 Byrd and Nash, 1993). Although no Be minerals have been identified in the fresh igneous rocks  
298 studied here, the whole-rocks are enriched in Be. With up to 75 ppm Be, the Spor Mountain  
299 rhyolite glass contains almost 25 times as much Be as average continental crust (Rudnick and  
300 Gao, 2014). The Spor Mountain rhyolite is also enriched in other rare elements compared to  
301 average continental crust, such as Li (9 times), Sn (21 times), Nb (12 times), Ta (42 times), and  
302 U (13 times). Moreover, it is much more differentiated than typical rhyolites as represented by  
303 the obsidians studied by Macdonald et al. (1992; Fig. 4)

304           Geochemical differences are apparent within the Spor Mountain rhyolites: a more  
305 evolved (ME) phenocryst-rich type (SM-14, -831, and -86) and a less evolved phenocryst-poor  
306 (LE) type (SM-31, -35, and -37), which has higher concentrations of compatible elements (Mg,  
307 Ca, Ti, P, Sc, Ni, Cu, Zn, Sr, Y, Zr, La, Ce, Nd, Sm, Eu, Pb, Th, and U) than the more evolved  
308 group (Table 1). Compatibility is defined by negative correlations with decidedly incompatible  
309 elements, e.g., Be, Rb, and Nb (see below). Many of these elements (e.g., Y, REE, Th, U) do not

310 behave compatibly in other magmas, but small proportions of accessory minerals (fluorite,  
311 columbite, euxenite, fergusonite, monazite, thorite, and zircon) change their behavior in this  
312 system. The silica content of the less evolved vitrophyres ranges from 75.0 to 75.4 wt%  
313 (normalized to 100% on a volatile-free basis) and  $\text{Na}_2\text{O} + \text{K}_2\text{O}$  lies between 8.4 and 9.4 wt%  
314 while the more evolved samples have slightly lower silica, ranging from 73.9 to 74.5 wt%  $\text{SiO}_2$   
315 and higher alkalis at 9.7 to 10.0 wt%  $\text{Na}_2\text{O} + \text{K}_2\text{O}$  (Fig. 4). Compared to the more evolved  
316 matrix glasses, those from the less evolved glasses also have lower concentrations of  
317 incompatible elements, such as Li, Be, Rb, Nb, and Ta (Table 2). For example, Be is almost 2  
318 times and Rb is nearly 1.5 times lower in the less evolved rocks than in the more evolved  
319 rhyolite. The less evolved devitrified sample has higher  $\text{SiO}_2$  than the more evolved (75.5 wt%),  
320 although  $\text{Na}_2\text{O} + \text{K}_2\text{O}$  (9.0 wt%) is within analytical uncertainty of the other less evolved  
321 samples. The lower silica content of the more evolved samples is probably a result of the higher  
322 F-content of the melt (1.56 wt% in the more evolved vs. 0.68 wt% in the less evolved matrix  
323 glass) and the shift of the ternary minimum toward the albite apex (Manning, 1981; Christiansen  
324 et al., 1984; Webster et al., 1987). Fluorine expands the stability field of quartz in granite  
325 systems and moves the eutectic toward albite.

326         As compared to the whole rock composition, matrix glass has lower  $\text{SiO}_2$ ,  $\text{TiO}_2$ , FeO,  
327 and CaO, but higher concentrations of  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$ ,  $\text{Na}_2\text{O}$ , and F (Table 2). The glass also has lower  
328 Ba, REE, Pb, Sr, Y, and Zr, but higher Be, Cs, Rb, Sn, and Ta, compared to the whole-rocks  
329 (Table 2 and Fig. 5). This is consistent with the presence of phenocrysts of feldspar, euxenite,  
330 fergusonite, and zircon, along with glass in the whole-rock analyses and points to the role of

331 crystal separation in the evolving system.

332 Whole-rock REE patterns for the Spor Mountain rhyolite have relatively low La/Yb  
333 ratios compared to other rhyolites, along with prominent negative Eu anomalies and flat heavy  
334 REE patterns (Fig. 5a). Such REE patterns are common in other topaz rhyolites (Christiansen et  
335 al., 1984). In spite of the F-enrichment, we see no evidence for the tetrad effect (segmentation of  
336 a REE pattern into four parts and often attributed to the selective formation of REE-F-  
337 complexes; cf. Irber, 1999).

338 Normalized trace element patterns for the Spor Mountain whole-rocks and matrix glasses  
339 reveal strong enrichments in Rb, Th, and Nb and large negative Ba, Sr, and Eu anomalies and  
340 that are deeper in the more evolved rocks/glasses (Fig. 5), consistent with feldspar fractionation.  
341 More evolved matrix glass shows greater depletion in REE and incompatible elements than  
342 matrix glass from less evolved samples.

343 Considering the role of highly differentiated magma in the development of economic  
344 deposits of rare metals, the concentrations of many elements in the Spor Mountain rhyolites are  
345 remarkably high, with Be (40-75 ppm), B (100-200 ppm), Sn (30-50 ppm), and W (20-40 ppm).  
346 For example, the highly evolved Hideaway Park tuff, which is related to the Henderson porphyry  
347 molybdenum deposit, has significantly lower concentrations of these incompatible elements (as  
348 much as 5 times), i.e., Be (8-16 ppm), B (36-39 ppm), Sn (9-10 ppm), and W (9 ppm) (Mercer et  
349 al., 2015). On the other hand, the Hideaway Park tuff is strongly enriched in Mo (4-15 ppm vs 2  
350 ppm in Spor Mountain glass. Audetat (2015) and Audetat and Li (2017), using melt inclusion  
351 data, summarize evidence for much higher concentrations of Mo in rhyolites associated with  
352 porphyry molybdenum deposits. They found from 4-20 ppm Mo at comparable Cs or Rb  
353 concentrations, which were used as an indicators of melt fractionation. Another contrast between



354 the Hideaway Park and the Spor Mountain rhyolites lies in the extremely high Li contents in the  
355 Hideaway Park melt inclusions (1600-3700 ppm); its glass matrix has only ~70 ppm. The Spor  
356 Mountain rhyolite also has 75-100 ppm Li in the matrix glass.

### 357 **Melt inclusion geochemistry**

358 Quartz-hosted melt inclusions were analyzed by EMP in thin section of one less evolved  
359 and three more evolved rhyolites (Supplementary Table 2). We analyzed only inclusions that  
360 lacked alteration or evidence of pervasive secondary crystallization. At Spor Mountain,  
361 differences between the compositions of the melt inclusions and the matrix glass in the same  
362 sample are small. For the inclusions in the more evolved rocks, the melt inclusions have higher  
363 K<sub>2</sub>O (5.16-6.22 wt% vs 4.60-5.09 wt%) and lower CaO (0.07-0.15 vs. 0.3-0.5 wt%), and  
364 Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3Total</sub> (0.4-0.9 vs. 0.9-1.4 wt%) than the associated matrix glass. Similar differences are  
365 found between melt inclusions and matrix glass in the less evolved rocks. Fluorine  
366 concentrations are slightly lower in the melt inclusions from the more evolved samples than in  
367 matrix glass (0.70-0.97 wt% vs 1.45-1.65 wt%), but Cl, an even more volatile element, has  
368 essentially the same concentration in both matrix glass and in melt inclusions (0.24 to 0.31 wt%  
369 in melt inclusions vs 0.20-0.31 wt% in matrix glass; Table 2 and Supplementary Table 2).  
370 Furthermore, the melt inclusions in the more evolved rocks are chemically distinct from the less  
371 evolved type, with lower concentrations of SiO<sub>2</sub>, TiO<sub>2</sub>, and CaO and higher Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, Na<sub>2</sub>O, and  
372 K<sub>2</sub>O. These trends mimic, for the most part, the differences between the matrix glasses in the  
373 two groups and provide confidence that the glass matrix reliably reflects the evolving  
374 composition of the pre-eruptive magma. It should be noted, however, that all of the analyzed  
375 melt inclusions were intersected by cracks—some could have been induced during sample

376 preparation—suggesting that the inclusions may have been open at some point allowing volatiles  
377 like Cl, F, and perhaps, Be and Li to escape.

378 Using LA-ICP-MS, Hofstra et al. (2013) have determined Li concentrations in melt  
379 inclusions in Qz from the Spor Mountain rhyolite. They concluded that melt inclusions from  
380 Spor Mountain have the highest known Li concentrations (max 5,200 ppm, median 3,750 ppm)  
381 compared to matrix glass concentration of only ~70 ppm. If melt inclusions accurately preserve  
382 magmatic concentrations of volatile elements like Li, then our data support the conclusion of  
383 Hofstra et al. (2013) that much (98%) of the Li was lost in vapor during eruption and  
384 emplacement of the lavas. However, it is puzzling why Li should be so enriched and other  
385 incompatible elements (e.g. Be, B, Rb) are not also enriched to the same extent in the melt  
386 inclusions (A. Hofstra, written communication, 2015). Audetat (2015) notes that Li  
387 concentrations in quartz-hosted melt inclusions higher than ~100-1500 ppm are caused by  
388 diffusive exchange of alkalis through quartz.

### 389 **Mineral Chemistry**

390 **Feldspar.** Zoning (optical or chemical) is not apparent in plagioclase or sanidine.  
391 Electron microprobe analyses confirm that differences between the two groups of fresh  
392 vitrophyres also extends to the mineral compositions (Fig. 6; Supplementary Tables 3 and 4).  
393 Plagioclase ( $An_8Ab_{80}Or_{12}$  vs  $An_5Ab_{86}Or_9$ ) and sanidine ( $An_1Ab_{46}Or_{53}$  vs  $An_1Ab_{53}Or_{46}$ ) are  
394 more sodic in the less evolved magma than in the more evolved type. These differences are  
395 reconcilable if the less evolved magma was crystallizing at a higher temperature before eruption.  
396 The 2 kb solvi at 700°C and 650°C are plotted on Figure 6 for comparison. Feldspars from the  
397 less evolved rhyolite typically have lower concentrations of incompatible trace elements such as  
398 B, Ga, Cs, and Pb, and higher concentrations of Zn, Sr, and Nb, and Ba (Supplementary Tables 3

399 and 4) compared to those from more evolved lavas. The composition of the phenocrystic feldspar  
400 in the devitrified sample clusters near the less evolved group, although there is a larger spread in  
401 sanidine compositions (between  $An_1Ab_{61}Or_{38}$  and  $An_5Ab_{86}Or_9$ ) as a result of continued  
402 crystallization of more sodic sanidine on the rims of grains during devitrification. Microcrystals  
403 of sanidine and plagioclase in the groundmass of the devitrified sample are similar in major  
404 element composition to the phenocrysts.

405 Sanidine from the highly evolved Bishop Tuff (Hildreth, 1979) from eastern California is  
406 generally more potassic than Spor Mountain sanidine (between  $Or_{60}$  and  $Or_{70}$ ; Fig. 6), and  
407 plagioclase is more calcic (between  $An_{20}$  and  $An_{30}$ ), consistent with higher temperatures of  
408 equilibration (Fig. 6). Plagioclase from the topaz rhyolite at Honeycomb Hills, Utah (Congdon  
409 and Nash, 1991) is similar to plagioclase in the more evolved Spor Mountain rhyolite, with a few  
410 being nearly  $An_2$ , although the sanidine grains are noticeably less sodic, plotting instead near the  
411 Bishop Tuff (Fig. 6). Moreover, Ba concentrations in sanidine and plagioclase in the Honeycomb  
412 Hills rhyolite (20 ppm) are similar to those in the Spor Mountain rhyolite (25 ppm) (Congdon  
413 and Nash, 1991).

414 **Biotite.** All vitrophyres contain unaltered biotite (~10% of the phenocrysts). About 25%  
415 of the biotite grains contain accessory minerals (~80% zircon and euxenite, with lesser amounts  
416 fergusonite, columbite, thorite, and monazite, based on EDS analysis), and those that do contain  
417 accessory minerals often contain more than one mineral phase. Zircon inclusions are generally  
418 euhedral, while other minerals are subhedral to euhedral. The inclusions appear in both the rims  
419 and the cores of biotite grains.

420 Biotite from the Spor Mountain rhyolite is extremely Fe-rich, with  $Fe/(Fe+Mg)$  ratios

421 >0.95, and F-rich (1.6 to 2.6 wt%). The biotite compositions fall within the field of A-type  
422 granites as defined by Christiansen et al. (1986). The high Fe/Mg ratios are probably related to  
423 relatively low  $fO_2$ , but quantitative estimates are hindered by the lack of a coexisting Fe-Ti  
424 oxides. Biotite from the less evolved rhyolite contains higher  $TiO_2$  and MgO and less  $Al_2O_3$  and  
425 F and lower concentrations of incompatible Li, Ga, and Nb than more evolved ones (Fig. 7;  
426 Supplementary Table 5).

427         Compared to biotite from the Bishop Tuff (Hildreth, 1979), magmatic biotite from Spor  
428 Mountain has higher Fe/(Fe+Mg) ratios and Al apfu (Fig. 7). The Spor Mountain biotite also has  
429 considerably more F than the Bishop Tuff (as high as 2.6 wt% in Spor Mountain vs ~0.51 wt% in  
430 the Bishop Tuff). However, biotite from the Honeycomb Hills tends to have even higher Al apfu,  
431 although with similar Fe/(Fe+Mg) and F as Spor Mountain biotite (Congdon and Nash, 1991).  
432 Although Fe-rich, the biotite is not Li-rich zinnwaldite like that in some mineralized systems; it  
433 has only 350 to 1000 ppm Li. For example, zinnwaldite found in the topaz-bearing Sheeprock  
434 Granite (Rogers, 1990) of western Utah has more  $SiO_2$ ,  $Al_2O_3$ , MnO, MgO,  $K_2O$ , and F and less  
435  $TiO_2$ , FeO,  $Na_2O$ , and Cl, compared to the biotite in the Spor Mountain rhyolite.

436         Because of Fe-F avoidance (Ekstroem, 1972), the F content of biotite of differing Mg/Fe  
437 ratio is not a good indicator of the magnitude of F enrichment. To eliminate this problem, Munoz  
438 (1984) defined a F-intercept value [IV(F)] which is the logarithm of the ratio of the fugacities of  
439  $H_2O$  and HF at infinite temperature. He formulated a similar intercept value for Cl [IV(Cl)]. The  
440 smaller the intercept value for a particular biotite, the higher the degree of halogen enrichment in  
441 the magma it crystallized from. IV(F) for Spor Mountain rhyolite range from 0.74 to 0.89 in the  
442 less evolved samples and 0.57 to 0.66 in the more evolved rhyolite (Supplementary Table 5). The

443 IV(Cl) values range from  $\sim$ -4.0 for biotite in the less evolved rhyolite to -3.9 in the more evolved  
444 rhyolite. Thus, biotite compositions show that fugacities of F and Cl were lower in the less  
445 evolved melt compared to the more evolved melt, as expected from the elemental concentrations  
446 of F and Cl in the glasses.. Moreover, the halogen fugacities in the Spor Mountain rhyolite are  
447 more similar to those of porphyry Mo deposits than to Cl-rich porphyry copper deposits or even  
448 to Sn-W-Be deposits as compiled by Munoz (1984).

449         Devitrified samples contain highly altered biotite grains with magnetite along cleavage  
450 planes. As expected, the altered parts of the phenocrystic biotite also have lower Fe, as the Fe  
451 was mobilized into the oxides, and lower Fe/(Fe+Mg). They also have with higher F contents,  
452 although TiO<sub>2</sub> is similar to phenocrystic biotite (Fig. 7; Supplementary Table 5). Another type of  
453 secondary biotite formed in the groundmass of some devitrified rocks. It has less TiO<sub>2</sub> and more  
454 MgO, Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, F, and Cl than the phenocrystic biotite in the vitrophyres, and it has a lower and  
455 more variable Fe/(Fe+Mg) ratio (Supplementary Table 5; Fig. 7). The trace element composition  
456 of the secondary biotite is also distinct from the magmatic biotite. Biotite in the devitrified  
457 sample contains higher Li, Be, B, Ga, Rb, Zr, Nb, Mo, Sn, REE, Cs, Ta, W, and Pb compared to  
458 magmatic biotite in the less evolved vitrophyres (Supplementary Table 5). Similarly, the  
459 devitrified rocks have significantly more Li and B in sanidine (22 ppm Li; 174 ppm B) and  
460 plagioclase (54 ppm Li; 150 ppm B) compared to sanidine (11 ppm Li; 69 ppm B) and  
461 plagioclase (30 ppm Li; 64 ppm B) in the vitrophyres. Thus, devitrification mobilizes Li and  
462 perturbs the original composition of phenocrystic phases as they attempt to equilibrate with  
463 vapors released during crystallization of the glass/melt.

464         **Quartz.** Cathodoluminescence images show that the majority of quartz grains have thin

465 oscillatory light and dark growth bands (Fig. 3), a function of differences in trace element  
466 concentrations related to kinetic effects, pressure changes, or temperature oscillations (Rusk et  
467 al., 2006; Rusk, 2012; Frelinger et al., 2015). Many grains also show signs of resorption episodes  
468 (Fig. 3b) during their crystallization histories in the form of shallow embayments and abrupt  
469 terminations of individual zones. Furthermore, some grains display evidence of rapid growth  
470 (dendritic extensions on corners) followed by infilling, as seen in Figure 3b. However, most  
471 grains are euhedral and new crystal growth appears on the rims of most grains, indicating that the  
472 final stage prior to eruption was quartz growth.

473         Less evolved samples contain quartz with higher Ti, P, and Fe than the more evolved  
474 samples, with Li, B, and Al displaying no consistent differences between the two groups  
475 (Supplementary Table 6). Compared to the Bishop Tuff (Anderson et al., 2000), Spor Mountain  
476 quartz has considerably less Ti (~30 ppm in Spor Mountain vs  $\geq 450$  ppm in Bishop Tuff quartz)  
477 and Fe (~78 ppm in Spor Mountain vs  $\geq 3500$  ppm in the Bishop Tuff), probably as a result of  
478 lower temperatures and more evolved melt compositions. Compared to quartz in other silicic  
479 magmas (Liu et al., 2006; Breiter et al., 2012), quartz from the Spor Mountain rhyolite has  
480 higher concentrations of Li, B, and Al.

481           **Thermometric Summary.** The majority of geothermometers converge on a temperature  
482 of ~700 °C for an average of the less evolved and more evolved rhyolites, including the zircon  
483 saturation, alkali feldspar-liquid, two-feldspar, and the Ti-in-quartz thermometers (Table 3).  
484 However, the TitaniQ equation of Thomas et al. (2010) gives anomalously low temperatures,  
485 below 560 °C at 2 kb (Table 3). To produce a Ti-in-quartz temperature of 700 °C, an  
486 unreasonably high P of ~8-12 kb would have to be used, pressures that are inconsistent with the  
487 experimental phase equilibria (Webster et al., 1987). Given the agreement of the other  
488 thermometers at ~700 °C, it seems that this thermometer is not useful for this system. The biotite  
489 thermometer by Righter and Carmichael (1996) gives the opposite result, in that it returns  
490 temperatures that are too high (all temperatures are above 780°C). For more detailed discussion  
491 see Dailey (2016).

492           In detail, the less evolved rhyolite was slightly hotter (~20-30°) than the more evolved  
493 rhyolite in all of the thermometers except TitaniQ where the temperatures were statistically  
494 indistinguishable.

#### 495 **Partition coefficients**

496           Mineral-liquid partition coefficients were calculated using LA-ICP-MS data for rims of  
497 sanidine, plagioclase, biotite, quartz, and matrix glass and are summarized in Table 4 and Figures  
498 8 and 9. Sanidine and plagioclase partition coefficients are similar, with the notable exceptions of  
499 Ba and Pb, both of which are more compatible in sanidine. Partition coefficients for each mineral  
500 in both compositional types are similar. For example, the partition coefficient for Rb in sanidine  
501 is 0.44 in the less evolved rhyolite and 0.36 in the more evolved rhyolite; the difference is within  
502 the analytical uncertainty of  $\pm 0.08$  ppm. Because of mineral-structure controls, biotite has much  
503 higher partition coefficients for Mn, Ti, Mg, Zn, Li, and Rb than the feldspars and quartz.

504 The Spor Mountain rhyolite has high F (up to 1.7 wt% F in glass), which, like water, acts  
505 as a network modifier, depolymerizing melt structures (Genson et al., 2007; Bartels et al., 2013),  
506 thus lowering mineral-melt partition coefficients (e.g. Hall, 1957). On the other hand,  
507 temperature is an important control on both viscosity and partition coefficients. The competing  
508 effects of these two parameters are seen in the F-rich, but low temperature Spor Mountain  
509 rhyolite.

510 Using the measured partition coefficients, Onuma diagrams (Onuma et al., 1968) were  
511 constructed for sanidine, plagioclase, and biotite (Fig. 10). Partition coefficients for each  
512 element, arranged by coordination-dependent ionic radius, were plotted and lines were drawn to  
513 signify the optimal ionic radius for each crystallographic site (i.e., the T-, M-, and I-sites for  
514 biotite, and T- and M-sites for sanidine and plagioclase). Such diagrams provide an elegant  
515 explanation of why each element behaves the way it does. For example, Sr partitions strongly  
516 ( $D \sim 6$ ) into the M-site of plagioclase because it has the right size and charge. Lead, which has a  
517 similar size but lower charge, partitions only weakly ( $D \sim 1$ ) into that site. Metallogenetically  
518 important elements like Sn, W, and Mo have low partition coefficients in the rhyolite and should  
519 behave incompatibly. Tin partitions weakly in feldspars but more strongly in biotite ( $D \sim 0.9$ )  
520 because its size allows it to fit in the M-site. Tungsten is incompatible in all three silicates  
521 examined here ( $D < 0.1$ ); partition coefficients are similar to those of other highly charged ions  
522 (e.g., Zr, Hf, Nb, Ta). Molybdenum is strongly incompatible in feldspars (generally below  
523 detection) but more compatible in biotite ( $D \sim 1$ ) where it appears to behave like Al. Of particular  
524 note is the predicted location of  $\text{Be}^{+2}$  within the minerals; instead of substituting in M-sites for  
525  $\text{Li}^{+1}$ ,  $\text{Na}^{+1}$ , or  $\text{Mg}^{+2}$  which are near Be on the periodic table, Be substitutes for  $\text{Si}^{4+}$  in the T-  
526 site. This conclusion is consistent with Ryan's (2002) observations of Be partitioning in



527 plagioclase and pyroxene.

528           Partition coefficients for most elements in Spor Mountain sanidine and plagioclase are  
529 comparable to other silicic magmas (Mahood and Hildreth, 1983; Nash and Crecraft, 1985;  
530 Congdon and Nash, 1991; Figure 9). Biotite partition coefficients for Zn, Rb, Zr, Cs, Th, and the  
531 light REE are between two and five times lower than in other highly evolved rhyolites. The  
532 higher partition coefficients for biotite of the Twin Peaks (Nash and Crecraft, 1985) and Bishop  
533 Tuff (Mahood and Hildreth, 1983) can be explained by the presence of inclusions in the biotite  
534 as they were measured using mineral separates, not in situ LA analyses of individual mineral  
535 grains. Finally, quartz partition coefficients are comparable to partition coefficients measured in  
536 other magmas, although  $D_{Al}$  in quartz in Spor Mountain samples is slightly lower (Fig. 9).

537           The behavior of Be is of particular importance for this study, so it is important to  
538 compare our Be partition coefficients with those derived by others (Fig. 11). Several other  
539 studies of highly evolved rhyolites have reported mineral/melt partition coefficients for Be (e.g.  
540 Kovalenko et al., 1977; Evensen et al., 1999; Evensen and London, 2002). Kovalenko et al.  
541 (1977) measured Be partitioning between phenocrysts and devitrified groundmass in F-rich  
542 ongonites using mineral separates. (Ongonites are highly differentiated topaz-bearing dike rocks  
543 related to rare metal granites.) They report much higher Be partition coefficients than we  
544 measured for the Spor Mountain rhyolite, but that could be the result of Be-loss from the  
545 ongonite groundmass during devitrification. In fact, Be concentrations in the ongonite  
546 groundmass are typically much lower ( $18 \pm 18$  ppm) than in the Spor Mountain glass (45-75  
547 ppm). Beryllium concentrations in the Spor Mountain feldspars are similar to those in the  
548 ongonites. Another complication with the ongonite data, might be caused by inclusions of tiny  
549 Be-rich phases in the feldspar separates. Kovalenko et al. (1977) report much higher

550 concentrations of Be in what they call “mica,” but the composition of the mica in the ongonites is  
551 not given. Biotite, muscovite, and Li-phengite have been reported from these dikes and Be  
552 should behave very differently in biotite than it does in the other phases. Moreover, it is not clear  
553 that the mica is magmatic rather than hydrothermal. Thus, comparison with ongonites is  
554 problematic. Evensen and London (2002) measured Be partition coefficients in experiments with  
555 hydrous granitic melts. In Be-poor rhyolitic melt (<25 ppm Be), the partition coefficients for Be  
556 in sodic plagioclase are similar to those we measured ( $D_{\text{Be}}=0.11$  vs. 0.17 measured here), but  
557 partition coefficients for sanidine ( $D_{\text{Be}}=0.19$  to 0.38 vs. 0.05), biotite ( $D_{\text{Be}}=0.39$  to 0.54 vs.  
558 0.04), and quartz ( $D_{\text{Be}}=0.24$  vs. < 0.04 [Be was not detected in Spor Mountain quartz]) are much  
559 higher than those for the Spor Mountain rhyolite. They also concluded that Be was compatible in  
560 oligoclase ( $D_{\text{Be}}=1.8$ ) and in muscovite ( $D_{\text{Be}}=1.35$ )—phases not stable in the Spor Mountain  
561 magma—and that Be partition coefficients increased at low temperature like those of the Spor  
562 Mountain rhyolite. However, in Be-rich melt (>130 ppm Be and saturated with beryl or  
563 phenakite), Evensen et al. (1999) found Be partition coefficients were lower and more similar to  
564 those we measured: sodic plagioclase ( $D_{\text{Be}}=0.37$  vs. 0.17), sanidine ( $D_{\text{Be}}=0.14$  to 0.18 vs. 0.05),  
565 and biotite ( $D_{\text{Be}}=0.08$  vs 0.04). Some of the differences might be related to the water-saturated  
566 and F-poor character of the experiments; Be may have partitioned preferentially into the fluid.

### 567 **Isotopes**

568 Strontium, Nd, and Pb isotopic compositions of two samples of the less evolved rhyolite  
569 (SM-31 and SM-35) and two samples of Sheeprock Granite are reported in Table 5 and Figure  
570 12. The Sheeprock Granite is included here because it is so similar to the Spor Mountain rhyolite

571 in location, age, composition, and mineralogy and provides additional information about the  
572 genesis of Be-rich magma.  $\epsilon\text{Nd}_t$  values (corrected to 21 Ma) are -7.2 and -7.8 for the Spor  
573 Mountain rhyolite and slightly higher for the Sheeprock Granite (-5.9 and -6.3). Due to the low  
574 Sr and high Rb concentrations,  $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}_i$  values are very sensitive to the age used in making  
575 corrections to initial values and are not reported for the Spor Mountain rhyolite. So the  $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}_i$   
576 ( $0.7064 \pm 0.0002$ ) of the 21 Ma Sheeprock Granite, derived from a whole-rock Rb-Sr isochron  
577 (Christiansen et al., 1988), is used as a proxy for the Sr-isotopic composition of the Spor  
578 Mountain rhyolite.

## 579 Discussion

580 In the following paragraphs, we outline the general constraints on the physical parameters  
581 (temperature, pressure, water content, and viscosity) that prevailed before eruption of the Spor  
582 Mountain rhyolite. These are then used, along with trace element and isotope geochemistry, to  
583 construct a model for the origin and evolution of the rhyolite, identifying the key factors for the  
584 generation of high Be content, which ultimately was a fundamental control on the origin of the  
585 Be ore deposits.

### 586 Pre-eruptive temperature, pressure, water content, and viscosity

587 **Ti-in-quartz thermometry and barometry.** In spite of the higher Ti content in less  
588 evolved quartz (25 ppm vs 16 ppm), the temperatures calculated for the less evolved magma  
589 were lower than more evolved magma, contrary to other thermometers. However, the  
590 temperature differences are small and within the uncertainties of the method. Slightly different  
591 activities of  $\text{TiO}_2$  and pressure cause significant temperature differences. An increase in  $a\text{TiO}_2$   
592 of 0.10 (the uncertainties of our calculations) results in  $\sim 39^\circ\text{C}$  lower temperatures using Huang

593 and Audétat (2012) and ~30 °C lower temperature using Thomas et al. (2010). Conversely, an  
594 increase in 1 kbar results in ~32 °C higher temperatures using Huang and Audétat (2012) and  
595 ~22 °C higher temperatures using Thomas et al. (2010). Therefore, quartz in the less evolved  
596 rhyolite could have crystallized at a higher pressure than quartz in the more evolved rhyolite.  
597 However, the estimated pressure differences are quite large—the less evolved rhyolite would  
598 have been under 1–2 kbar more pressure, or roughly 3 – 8 km deeper. This depth difference  
599 seems too large, given the small volume of rhyolite erupted. Thus, we suggest that small errors in  
600 the calculated value of  $a_{\text{TiO}_2}$ , probably account for the apparent temperature inversion.

601         Based on CL images (Fig. 3; supplementary file B), the quartz grains have oscillatory  
602 zonation. Although oscillation widths are generally smaller than the diameter of the laser spots,  
603 Figure 3a shows a thick bright zone that is nearly the same size (~60  $\mu\text{m}$ ) as the laser beam (53  
604  $\mu\text{m}$ ). This zone has 2 or 3 ppm higher Ti than adjacent darker zones; this Ti difference  
605 corresponds to a temperature difference of 2 or 3°C, all else being equal. Thus, only minor  
606 changes in temperature are needed to create the oscillatory zoning seen in CL, assuming a  
607 constant pressure of 2 kb. Assuming a constant temperature of 700°C, a difference of only 0.1  
608 kb, using Huang and Audétat (2012) P-T sensitive calibration could cause the observed Ti  
609 concentration differences. Thus, it seems possible that small oscillations in temperature or  
610 pressure in a convecting magma could cause these small variations and produce the zoning seen  
611 in the quartz. More likely causes, however, were kinetics, which affect the delivery of Ti to the  
612 crystal-liquid interface. Short episodes of more rapid growth could cause buildup of  
613 incompatible Ti at the crystal-liquid interface which is then incorporated into the next growth  
614 step. Bacon and Druitt (1988) demonstrated this effect for  $\text{P}_2\text{O}_5$  near growing crystals in the

615 dacite erupted from Mt. Mazama. The extremely slow diffusion rate for Ti in quartz allowed the  
616 delicate oscillatory zonation to be preserved (Fig. 3).

617 **Pressure.** Using the phase diagram produced by Webster et al. (1987) for Spor Mountain  
618 rhyolite, it is possible to constrain the pressure at which the minerals crystallized within the Spor  
619 Mountain magma. Based on the conditions necessary for all of the main phases to be present, the  
620 minerals would have needed to crystallize around 2 kb (Fig. 13). Furthermore, the majority of  
621 geothermometers converge on  $\sim 700$  °C, when assuming a pressure of 2 kbar.

622 To estimate the pressure of crystallization, temperatures were calculated for the various  
623 thermobarometers over a range of pressures and then plotted together (Fig. 14). Those that are  
624 heavily influenced by pressure have steep slopes, whereas thermometers that are not P-sensitive  
625 have no slope (vertical line). The intersections of the P-T curves provide estimates of the  
626 pressure at which the Spor Mountain rhyolite crystallized. For the less evolved sample (SM-31),  
627 most pressure-sensitive thermobarometers cross between 1.5 and 2.5 kbar and  $\sim 700$  °C. For the  
628 more evolved samples (SM-831), the pressure at which the curves cross is a bit lower, between 1  
629 and 2 kbar and between 650 and 700°C. Thus, a pressure of 2 kbar seems to be a good estimate.  
630 In contrast, the Thomas et al. (2010) calibration of Ti-in-quartz yields extremely high pressures  
631 (more than 8 kbar) for any reasonable temperatures.

632 **Water content.** The water content of magma is an extremely important but hard to  
633 quantify parameter. In an experimental study, Webster et al. (1987) estimated that the pre-  
634 eruptive water content of the Spor Mountain magma had a lower limit of 4 wt%, but was more  
635 likely 5 wt%. According to the 2 kbar phase diagram constructed by Webster et al. (1987; Fig.  
636 13), the observed phenocryst phases could only be stable at temperatures under  $\sim 725$  °C with 4-5  
637 wt% H<sub>2</sub>O in the melt. If water contents were higher, feldspars and quartz would not have been

638 stable and only biotite would have been present at the low temperature. Moreover, according to  
639 these experiments the Spor Mountain magma appears to have been water-undersaturated. If all  
640 three felsic phases were present in a water-saturated magma of Spor Mountain composition, the  
641 temperature would have to have been less than about 600°C. Thus, for the purposes of this study,  
642 the pre-eruptive water content for both the more evolved and less evolved melts is assumed to be  
643 5 wt%.

644 **Viscosity.** The viscosity of the Spor Mountain rhyolite melt was calculated using the  
645 equation of Giordano et al. (2008) which includes the effects of F and H<sub>2</sub>O. Assuming 5% H<sub>2</sub>O,  
646 a temperature of 700°C, a pressure of 2 kb, and a F content reported in Table 2, this model gives  
647 viscosities of  $\sim 10^{5.8}$  Pa·s for the more evolved rhyolite and  $\sim 10^{6.2}$  Pa·s for the less evolved  
648 rhyolite. A temperature increase of 20°C to 720°C results in the same viscosity reduction as the  
649 addition of an extra 1.6% F. Thus, the effects of even large amounts of F in reducing viscosity  
650 (Manning, 1981) are not as dramatic as “small” temperature differences. Mercer et al. (2015)  
651 estimated the viscosity of the Hideaway Park Rhyolite at  $\sim 10^{4.9}$  Pa s—using 0.95% F and 5.8%  
652 H<sub>2</sub>O; the lower viscosity is a function of the higher temperature (750°C) they assumed. Another  
653 point of interest is that, despite the higher temperatures, the less evolved Spor Mountain melt had  
654 a higher viscosity ( $\sim 10^{6.2}$  Pa·s) than the more evolved melt ( $\sim 10^{5.8}$  Pa·s), a result of the higher  
655 silica and lower F content in the less evolved melt. However, when the Einstein-Roscoe (Marsh,  
656 1981) equation is applied to these samples, the additional phenocrysts in the more evolved  
657 samples causes the more evolved magma to have a higher viscosity (Supplementary Table 7).

## 658 **Petrogenesis of the Spor Mountain Rhyolite**

659 Based on the elemental and isotopic composition of the Spor Mountain rhyolite, we can

660 outline a general model for its origin and subsequent evolution. First, we consider what processes  
661 formed the observed chemical variety in the rhyolite (how it evolved) and second, we describe its  
662 petrogenesis.

663 **Incremental assembly.** It is possible that the chemical variation in some magma bodies  
664 is the result of accumulating multiple batches of melt formed by different degrees of melting of a  
665 common source. To test the role of this process in establishing the compositions of the Spor  
666 Mountain rhyolite, we use variations in the compatible elements. Large ranges in concentrations  
667 of compatible elements cannot be produced by batch partial melting of a single source, as the  
668 range is limited by  $1/\bar{D}$  (Shaw, 1970; Hanson, 1978). Equation 1 is used to model the role of  
669 incremental growth of the Spor Mountain magma by accumulation of separate magma batches  
670 formed by different degrees of melting:

$$C_L = C_o f^{\bar{D}-1} \frac{C_o}{\bar{D} + f(1 - \bar{D})} \quad (1)$$

671 where  $C_o$ ,  $C_L$ ,  $\bar{D}$ , and  $f$  are the original concentration of an element in the feldspar-bearing  
672 crustal source the concentration in the liquid, the measured bulk partition coefficient, and the  
673 fraction of melt extracted in a single batch, respectively. Figure 15 shows the contrasting results  
674 of the two processes on  $Zr/Zr^0$  and  $Y/Y^0$ , relative to  $Be^0/Be$ , where  $X^0$  is the elemental  
675 concentration in the more evolved rhyolite and  $X^0$  is the elemental concentration in the less  
676 evolved rhyolite. Because of beryllium's strong incompatibility,  $Be^0/Be$  can be used as a proxy  
677 for  $f$ —the fraction of melt. Depletions in the compatible elements are significantly larger than  
678 predicted by batch partial melting. Apparently, variable degrees of partial melting cannot account  
679 for the differences between the more evolved and less evolved Spor Mountain magmas, even  
680 though ultimately partial melting must have been important in forming the original magma, as

681 shown below.

682           **Evolution by fractional crystallization.** To test whether the elemental variations in the  
683 Spor Mountain rhyolite could result from crystal fractionation, we have calculated how much  
684 crystal fractionation would be needed to get from the less evolved to the more evolved magma.  
685 This was accomplished by using the inverse modeling approach developed by Allegre et al.  
686 (1977), as summarized below.

687           Concentrations of each trace element in glass analyzed by LA-ICP-MS were plotted  
688 against Be to create trace element variation diagrams (Fig. 16). Beryllium was chosen as the  
689 index element because (1) it shows the strongest enrichment from less evolved to more evolved  
690 rhyolite and thus appears to have the lowest bulk partition coefficient, (2) it varies uniformly in  
691 all samples, and (3) it is an element of interest. This choice is also justified with the measured  
692 partition coefficients (Fig. 9; Table 4); using the estimated modal abundances and the measured  
693  $D$ 's, the calculated bulk  $D$  for Be is  $\sim 0.06$ . The bulk partition coefficient can then be used to  
694 calculate  $f$ , the fraction of residual liquid in the differentiating magma. During ideal  
695 fractionation, the Rayleigh fractionation law (Neumann et al., 1954) describes the trace element  
696 concentrations in residual liquids ( $C_L$ ), relative to a parental melt ( $C_0$ ):

$$C_L = C_0 f^{\bar{D}-1} \quad (2)$$

697 where  $\bar{D}$  is the bulk partition coefficient. If  $\bar{D} \ll 1$ , the element (denoted  $C^*$ ) is highly  
698 incompatible in the melt and the following is true:

$$C_L^i = \left(\frac{C_0^*}{f}\right) \text{ or } f = \left(\frac{C_0^*}{C_L^i}\right) \quad (3)$$

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700 Thus, a highly incompatible element can serve as an indicator of the degree of differentiation



701 within a magmatic system. Substituting equation 3 into equation 2 removes  $f$ , allowing the  
702 Rayleigh law to be expressed in terms of relative concentrations of two elements:

$$C_L = C_O \left( \frac{C_O^*}{C_L^*} \right) (\bar{D} - 1) \quad (4)$$

703 which, written in the logarithmic, is:

$$\ln C_L = \ln C_O + (1 - \bar{D}) \ln \left( \frac{C_L^*}{C_O^*} \right) \quad (5)$$

704 In this linear equation, assuming  $\bar{D}$  remains constant throughout the fractionation process,  
705  $(1 - \bar{D})$  is equal to the slope of the line on a logarithmic variation diagram of Be versus an  
706 element of interest. Thus, the  $\bar{D}$  for any element can be calculated from

$$\bar{D} = 1 - m \quad (6)$$

707 where  $m$  is the slope of the line. With the  $\bar{D}$  known, it is possible to calculate  $f$  for each sample  
708 by rearranging equation 2 to get

$$f = \left( \frac{C_L}{C_O} \right)^{\frac{1}{\bar{D}-1}} \quad (7)$$

709 The results of these calculations, along with concentrations  $C_L$  and  $C_O$ , are summarized in Table  
710 6. Bulk partition coefficients range to as high as 3.9 for Y, more than 3.0 for MREE, and 2.7 for  
711 Sr. We find no evidence for enhanced incompatibility of HFSE as predicted for F-rich melts by  
712 Keppler (1993); Zr, Hf, Th, and REE are all strongly compatible and largely controlled by  
713 accessory minerals enriched in these elements. Moreover, Nb ( $\bar{D}$  = 0.7) and especially Ta ( $\bar{D}$   
714 = 0.08) are incompatible.

715 From the calculations, it also appears that the most evolved melts represent an  $f$  of 0.55 to  
716 0.60 relative to the less evolved rhyolite (Table 6). However, as the less evolved rhyolite is not  
717 the parental primary melt, this is a minimum estimate for the total amount of fractionation from

718 some more mafic parent, as described below.

719 Another way to test the accuracy of the inverse modeling method is by using the  
720 measured partition coefficients to calculate the weight fractions of the minerals within the  
721 sample, using equation 8.

$$\overline{D}^i = D_{a/L}^i X_a + D_{b/L}^i X_b + \dots \quad (8)$$

722 where  $D_{a/L}^i$  is the partition coefficient of element  $i$  between phase  $a$  and liquid  $L$  and  $X_a$  is the  
723 weight fraction of the phase in the mineral assemblage. Thus, an equation can be written for each  
724 element. This set of equations can be solved simultaneously to calculate the proportions of the  
725 minerals involved in the fractionation process. Solving for the proportions of accessory minerals  
726 was not feasible as partition coefficients for key mineral phases (euxenite, fergusonite, and  
727 thorite) are lacking. Thus, we did not use trace elements that were strongly controlled by  
728 accessory minerals. The calculated weight fractions of the major minerals are similar to what is  
729 observed optically with a petrographic microscope—40% quartz, 40% sanidine, 10% biotite, and  
730 10% plagioclase. This shows that the calculated  $\overline{D}$ 's and associated crystal fractionation  
731 calculations are internally consistent.

732 Using the same method, Christiansen et al. (1984) concluded that 75% crystallization was  
733 needed to explain the variation in younger Topaz Mountain Rhyolite. Although invoking a  
734 complex model of filter pressing, crystal settling, magma recharge, magma mixing, and volatile  
735 exsolution to explain a wide range of trace element concentrations, Mercer et al. (2015) also  
736 estimated that about 60-70% crystallization could explain the range of Rb and Mo in melt  
737 inclusions in the topaz-bearing Hideaway Park Tuff which was related to the Climax-type Mo  
738 deposit at Henderson, Colorado.

739 Thus, based on these trace element models, we conclude that the elemental variations

740 between the less evolved and more evolved Spor Mountain magma can be explained by 40-45%  
741 crystallization ( $f = 0.55-0.60$ ) of the less evolved magma. Moreover, extensive fractional  
742 crystallization is called for, even though major element concentrations (especially  $\text{SiO}_2$ ) change  
743 very little across the spectrum of compositions.

744 **Magma Origin.** The formation of A-type magmas like the Spor Mountain rhyolite has  
745 been attributed to various processes, including fractionation of mantle-derived basalt (e.g.  
746 McCurry et al., 2008), partial melting of Proterozoic crust (Christiansen et al., 1986; Christiansen  
747 et al., 1988; Ramo and Haapala, 1995; Jacob et al., 2015), partial melting of deep crustal  
748 equivalents of peraluminous two-mica granites like some Mesozoic intrusions in the Great Basin  
749 (Moore and Sorensen, 1978; Bikun, 1980), or partial melting of crust extensively hybridized with  
750 young intrusions of mantle-derived basalt/gabbro (Christiansen et al., 2007). We use isotopic  
751 compositions and simple trace element models to distinguish among these possibilities. In Figure  
752 12, the Sr and Nd isotopic compositions of the possible sources are compared to the Spor  
753 Mountain rhyolite and the geochemically similar Sheeprock Granite. The results of the trace  
754 element calculations are shown in Figure 17 and the parameters used in each model are  
755 summarized in Table 7. Bulk partition coefficients were based on typical phase assemblages of  
756 the different protoliths and mineral/melt partition coefficients from this study. We envision the  
757 origin of the rhyolites as a two-fold process; first, batch partial melting of a source, followed by  
758 fractional crystallization of that batch of melt in a second stage.

759 First, the isotopic data show that the rhyolite magmas are not simple fractionates of  
760 mantle-derived magma. The  $\epsilon\text{Nd}$  values for the silicic rocks (-7.8 to -4.8; Fig. 12) are too low for  
761 this to be considered seriously; the requisite intermediate magmas are missing in this bimodal  
762 suite. Some continental crustal component must be involved as well. Moreover, trace element

763 calculations show that partial melting of the intrusive equivalents of rift-related Miocene basalt  
764 does not produce rhyolite similar to that at Spor Mountain. An example of such  
765 contemporaneous basalts, are the Miocene alkali basalts from the Nye Canyon area of central  
766 Nevada; they have ocean island basalt-like trace element and isotopic characteristics (Farmer et  
767 al., 1989). Another example is the 19 Ma Mosida Basalt from central Utah (Christiansen et al.,  
768 2007). This mildly alkaline basalt has a slightly spiky “lithospheric” trace element pattern and  
769 higher  $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}_i$  and lower  $\epsilon\text{Nd}$  (Figure 12). It erupted shortly after the Spor Mountain rhyolite.  
770 These two basalts represent the range of mafic magmas formed at the onset of Basin and Range  
771 rifting. The isotopic composition of the Spor Mountain rhyolite is similar to that of the Mosida  
772 Basalt (Fig. 12) suggesting melting of its intrusive equivalents could have generated the rhyolite.  
773 Partial melting (~20%) of a Mosida Basalt composition followed by fractional crystallization  
774 produces suitable Rb-Sr characteristics (purple line in Fig. 17A), but fails to produce the  
775 compositions or trends for other elements including Be and Nb, which have much higher  
776 concentrations in the model melts than observed (Fig. 17C-D). The isotopic compositions of the  
777 Nye Canyon basalts with their high  $\epsilon\text{Nd}$  values also precludes derivation of the Spor Mountain  
778 rhyolite from intrusive underpinnings similar to them (Fig. 12)

779 Others have suggested that the highly-evolved rhyolites involve partial melting of  
780 continental crust. Indeed, partial melting of the *upper continental crust* of Rudnick and Gao  
781 (2014) followed by differentiation yields reasonable fits to the trace element data (orange line in  
782 Fig. 17). The successful models involve ~20% partial melting, followed by extensive fractional  
783 crystallization ( $f = 0.2$  to  $0.3$ ). This two-stage scenario raises Be concentrations (2 ppm in the  
784 source) to high levels (40 to 75 ppm) in the final residual liquid without resorting to extremely  
785 small degrees of partial melting or extreme fractionation. However, the isotopic compositions

786 argue against the upper continental crust as a major source for the rhyolite. The age of the  
787 continental basement in the eastern Great Basin is 2.0-2.6 Ga (Yonkee and Weil, 2015). The  $\epsilon\text{Nd}$   
788 of 2.2 Ga crust with an upper crustal composition (Rudnick and Gao, 2014) would have been  
789 about -25 in the Miocene and the  $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$  ratio would have been about 0.726. Both of these are  
790 far from the composition of the Spor Mountain rhyolite or Sheeprock Granite (about -7 and  
791 0.706, respectively; Fig. 12).

792 In similar fashion, partial melting of Be-rich (~10 ppm) two-mica granite (Bikun, 1980),  
793 which could be an important components of the crust in the northern Basin and Range province  
794 (Farmer and DePaolo, 1983; Barnes et al., 2001; Lee et al., 2003), yields trace element  
795 compositions similar to topaz rhyolites, if melting proceeds to about 50% before melt separation  
796 and subsequent fractionation (blue lines in Fig. 17). Nonetheless, the Nd and Sr isotopic data  
797 (Fig. 12) clearly show that the Be-rich Spor Mountain magma was not generated by partial  
798 melting of Be-rich Mesozoic two-mica granite (or their metasedimentary protoliths).  $\epsilon\text{Nd}$  of the  
799 peraluminous granites in the Great Basin is much lower than of the rhyolites ( $\epsilon\text{Nd}$  -25 vs -7).

800 In light of the relatively high  $\epsilon\text{Nd}$  values found in the silicic rocks, more *mafic lower*  
801 *crust* is another possible source for topaz rhyolites as suggested by Christiansen et al. (1988) and  
802 Jacob et al. (2015). The Nd and Sr isotopic compositions of the Spor Mountain rhyolite and  
803 Sheeprock Granite plot near the average composition of the Proterozoic mafic crust of northern  
804 Colorado, as defined by Farmer et al. (2005) using xenolith data (Fig. 12). Likewise, the topaz-  
805 bearing Mt. Cumulus stock of northern Colorado plots near this composition; Jacob et al. (2015)  
806 concluded that the highly evolved Mt. Cumulus magma was derived from this mafic crust by low  
807 degrees of partial melting. However, the lower crust could be quite variable across the region;  
808 Wendlandt et al. (1993) report that the Nd-Sr isotopic composition of the mafic lower crust of

809 the southern Colorado Plateau ranges widely but does not overlap with the composition of the  
810 Spor Mountain rhyolite of western Utah (pink region on Figure 12). Moreover, it is unlikely that  
811 the crust under the Colorado Plateau is similar to that below Spor Mountain. Yonkee and Weil  
812 (2015) conclude that the Yavapai province of northern Colorado ( $t_{DM} \sim 1.7-2.0$  Ga) extends only  
813 as far west as eastern Utah and that western Utah and eastern Nevada basement is part of the  
814 older Mojave province ( $t_{DM} \sim 2.0-2.6$  Ga). Thus, partial melting of the mafic Precambrian crust  
815 like that beneath Colorado and the Colorado Plateau is not the likely origin of the Spor Mountain  
816 rhyolite and other A-type silicic magmas of the eastern Basin and Range province. Moreover,  
817 trace element models (red lines in Fig. 17) show that even small degrees of partial melting of  
818 lower continental crust (from Rudnick and Gao, 2014) followed by fractional crystallization  
819 produces residual melts that are unlike topaz rhyolites with low concentrations of Rb, Nb, and  
820 Be.

821         The final models we consider involve mixed or hybridized sources in the crust. For  
822 example, Christiansen et al. (2007) proposed that mixing of a large component of contemporary  
823 mantle-derived basalt and a smaller proportion of Proterozoic continental crust could be a source  
824 of the topaz rhyolites in western Utah. To test this hypothesis, we examined mixtures of young  
825 basalt and felsic crust of the  $\sim 2.2$  Ma Mojave Province. Figure 12 shows mixing curves between  
826 two potential mantle sources and a potential crustal source. We have used the “asthenospheric”  
827 Nye Canyon basalts of central Nevada (Farmer et al., 2005) and the “lithospheric” Mosida Basalt  
828 of central Utah (Christiansen et al., 2007) to represent the range of compositions for the mantle  
829 end member. Both are Late Cenozoic basalts that are Nb-rich (they lack large negative Nb  
830 anomalies) and formed contemporaneously with extension and with the eruption of topaz  
831 rhyolites in the Basin and Range province. The composition of the crustal source is the average

832 two-mica granite used above. Simple mixing lines pass near the Spor Mountain isotopic  
833 composition. However, all of the trace element models involving a significant fraction of either  
834 the Late Cenozoic basalts produce magmas with Nb concentrations that exceed those of the  
835 rhyolites and lower concentrations of Rb, just as melts of the basalt alone (Fig. 17). Thus, it is  
836 unlikely that the rhyolites are derived from crust intruded by contemporaneous Nb-rich basalt.

837 Our preferred model uses a different sort of hybridized crust as a source for the Spor  
838 Mountain rhyolite. In the 20 m.y. that preceded the eruption of the Spor Mountain rhyolite, the  
839 western US experienced a voluminous southward sweep of volcanism created as part of a slab-  
840 rollback ignimbrite flareup (Coney, 1978). Thousands of cubic kilometers of andesite-dacite-  
841 rhyolite erupted during this episode (e.g. Lindsey, 1979; Best et al., 2013; Best et al., 2016). To  
842 produce this much magma, Johnson (1991) and Christiansen and Best (2014) have estimated that  
843 the crust of the western United States was thickened by ten kilometers or more. This process  
844 probably reconstituted the crust as a mixture of older Proterozoic basement and younger mafic  
845 intrusions or as a series extensively contaminated middle Cenozoic plutons. The isotopic  
846 composition of the most “juvenile” mafic to intermediate composition volcanic rocks of this  
847 middle Cenozoic episode are appropriate as sources of the topaz rhyolites (Fig. 12). We use an  
848 average middle Cenozoic andesite (Best et al., 2009) as a proxy for the composition of the  
849 hybridized crust of the Great Basin. Successful genetic models (Fig. 17) involve ~25% partial  
850 melting of this crustal hybrid, followed by extensive fractional crystallization ( $f = 0.2$  to  $0.3$ ).  
851 Magma generated from this Nb-depleted but Rb-rich source produces partial melts with  
852 proportionately lower Nb and higher Rb than ones involving the contemporaneous Miocene  
853 basalts which were Nb-rich and Rb-poor. In addition to satisfying the isotopic constraints, this  
854 two-stage scenario raises Be concentrations, assumed to be 2 ppm in the hybrid source, to high

855 levels (40 to 75 ppm) in the final residual liquid without resorting to very small degrees of partial  
856 melting or extreme fractionation.

857 **Petrogenetic summary.** In summary, we found convincing elemental and isotopic  
858 evidence against several of the proposed mechanisms for the generation of Be-rich rhyolites in  
859 the Great Basin of the western United States. Fractionation of mantle-derived basalt, partial  
860 melting of the upper crust or of two-mica granites fail on isotopic grounds (Fig. 12). Partial  
861 melting of lower crust or of crust extensively hybridized with contemporaneous mafic intrusions  
862 do not satisfy trace element constraints (Fig. 17). Accordingly, we propose that when Miocene  
863 Basin and Range extension started, hot basaltic magma was generated and then intruded in crust  
864 previously hybridized by subduction zone magmas with relatively high Rb/Nb ratios. Heat  
865 released from these intrusions produced rhyolitic partial melts that in some cases experienced  
866 extensive fractional crystallization before eruption. This formed highly evolved rhyolite if the  
867 degree of melting was relatively small ( $f_{pm} \sim 0.25$ ) and fractionation was extensive ( $f_{fc} \sim 0.2 -$   
868  $0.3$ ). A three-step scenario (hybridization, partial melting, and fractional crystallization) explains  
869 both the isotopic and elemental compositions of the Be-rich topaz rhyolite at Spor Mountain and  
870 the evolved beryl-bearing granites of the Sheeprock Mountains.

### 871 **Implications**

872 The mineral/melt partitioning of elements one of the most basic processes that govern the  
873 evolution of silicic magmas and is of special importance when applied to the generation of ore-  
874 related rocks, such as the Be-mineralized Spor Mountain rhyolite. Often, the economic  
875 concentration of an element in an ore body or its predecessor magma depends on the extent of  
876 fractional crystallization and partition coefficients for that element. Further study of the  
877 partitioning of rare elements (such as Be, Li, Sn, Mo, Nb, and Ta) and attendant intensive



878 parameters can lead to a better understanding of the mechanisms involved in concentrating them  
879 into economically-viable ore deposits. Partition coefficients in the Be-mineralized Spor  
880 Mountain rhyolite were similar to those in other high-silica rhyolites (e.g. Mahood and Hildreth,  
881 1983; Nash and Crecraft, 1985; Bachmann et al., 2005). Important factors for Be concentration  
882 were the enriched melt composition, low crystallization temperatures, and depolymerization of  
883 the melt by the high F (and H<sub>2</sub>O) content, as suggested by others (Manning, 1981; Webster et al.,  
884 1987).

885         Furthermore, to constrain the pre-eruptive magmatic conditions, namely temperature,  
886 pressure, water content, and viscosity, several methods were tested and compared to one another,  
887 with general agreement. Melt temperatures were calculated using two feldspars, plagioclase-  
888 liquid compositions, alkali feldspar saturation, Ti-in-quartz, and zircon saturation. Most of these  
889 thermometers agreed within  $\pm \sim 20$  °C, which suggests that these thermometers, individually and  
890 as a whole, give good results for low temperature, F-rich silicic magmas. However, Ti-in-Qz  
891 thermometers yielded mixed estimates for pressure or temperature. The temperature and  
892 viscosity of the F-rich, hydrous Spor Mountain melt were lower than for most other rhyolites and  
893 these conditions may have assisted in the separation of crystals and liquids and promoted  
894 extreme fractionation of the melts to elevated Be concentrations.

895         Our three-fold model for magma evolution involves prior inplating of the continental  
896 crust with voluminous subduction-related mafic intrusions, partial melting ( $f_{pm} \sim 0.25$ ) triggered  
897 by subsequent injection of extension-related basalt, followed by fractional crystallization ( $f_{fc} \sim$   
898 0.25). With the very low partition coefficients for Be measured here, this led to extreme  
899 enrichments of Be and many other incompatible elements in the rhyolite. This set the stage for  
900 later hydrothermal alteration, which further concentrated the Be into the underlying beryllium

901 tuff member, the host of the ore (Lindsey, 1977; Christiansen et al., 1984; Foley et al., 2012).

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### Figure captions

Figure 1. Geologic map of Spor Mountain and the surrounding area in west central Utah. The Be mines are located in the Beryllium Tuff Member of the Spor Mountain Formation (labeled 1 through 7). Samples of the rhyolites of the Spor Mountain Formation were taken from the following mines: 2-Taurus (SM-14, -831, -86), 4-Roadside (SM-31), and 7-Blue Chalk (SM-35, -37). Modified from Lindsey (1979). Red line in inset map is approximate eastern boundary of Basin and Range extension. BR = Basin and Range province and CP = Colorado Plateau and northern Rocky Mountains.

Figure 2. Representative photomicrographs of the three groups of rocks studied. (A) and (B) SM-14 (more evolved vitrophyre); (C) and (D) SM-31 (less evolved vitrophyre); (E) and (F) SM-37 (less evolved devitrified). (G) and (H) show fluorite within SM-37. Note the more evolved samples have more phenocrysts than the less evolved samples. Biotite in the devitrified sample (E and F) has altered to magnetite and ilmenite. Qz = quartz; Sa = sanidine; Pl = plagioclase; Bt = biotite; Fl = fluorite.

Figure 3. Cathodoluminescence (CL) images of quartz phenocrysts in more evolved rhyolite SM-831(A and C) and less evolved SM-31 (B and D). Quartz commonly displays oscillatory zoning in CL images. Yellow numbers and circles correlate to Ti concentrations (ppm) determined by LA-ICP-MS. Grain B displays evidence of rapid growth in the form of skeletal edges, followed by infilling between the dendrites and trapping of melt inclusions.

1202 Figure 4. Variation diagrams for the Spor Mountain rhyolite. More evolved (ME) rhyolites are  
1203 those most enriched in incompatible elements and less evolved (LE) are those with lower  
1204 concentrations of incompatible elements. (A) Total alkali silica plot with whole rock (WR,  
1205 closed symbols) and matrix glass (MG, open symbols). All samples plot well within the rhyolite  
1206 field, similar to other topaz rhyolites. Purple symbols are for other Spor Mountain analyses from  
1207 Christiansen et al. (1984) (B) SiO<sub>2</sub> vs Be. (C) F vs Be. (D) F vs Cl. The compositions of rhyolite  
1208 obsidians from Macdonald et al. (1992) are shown for comparison. (E) and (F) Tectonic  
1209 discrimination diagrams (Pearce et al., 1984). All samples (with the exception of two matrix  
1210 glass analyses from the more evolved group) plot in the “within plate” fields. Moreover, in (F)  
1211 they plot in the A1 subfield (rift, plume, hotspot: Eby, 1992), consistent with the Spor Mountain  
1212 rhyolite’s continental rift setting.

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1214 Figure 5. Normalized trace element diagrams for the Spor Mountain rhyolite, Utah. (A) Rare  
1215 earth element patterns for whole-rock (WR; solid lines) and matrix glass (MG; dashed lines).  
1216 The more evolved rhyolites (ME) have lower REE as a result of the fractionation of REE  
1217 accessory phases such as euxenite, fergusonite, and monazite compared to less evolved (LE)  
1218 rhyolites. The devitrified (Dev) sample is similar to the less evolved rhyolite. The flat pattern for  
1219 the HREE is common among topaz rhyolites (Christiansen et al., 1986).

1220 (B) Primitive mantle normalized trace element patterns. The rhyolite lacks a negative Nb  
1221 anomaly and has only a small positive Pb anomaly, consistent with its anorogenic origin. Barium  
1222 and Sr anomalies suggest sanidine and sanidine fractionation; Ti anomaly suggests biotite  
1223 separation, and P anomaly indicates apatite or xenotime fractionation.

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1226 Figure 6. Compositions of feldspars from the Spor Mountain rhyolite. Plotted for reference are  
1227 feldspars from the Bishop Tuff (Hildreth, 1979) and topaz rhyolite lava from the Honeycomb  
1228 Hills, Utah (Congdon and Nash, 1991). The solvus plotted is calculated at 700 °C and 2 kbar and  
1229 650 °C and 2 kbar, using SolvCalc (Wen and Nekvasil, 1994). (A) more evolved rhyolite, (B)  
1230 less evolved rhyolite, and (C) devitrified less evolved rhyolite and comparison data.

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1232 Figure 7. Biotite in the Spor Mountain rhyolite is very Fe-rich. Red and blue symbols are fresh  
1233 biotite in vitrophyres. Filled yellow circles are altered phenocrysts (AP), and open yellow circles  
1234 are groundmass biotite (GB) in devitrified rocks. Plotted for reference are biotite compositions  
1235 from the Bishop Tuff (Hildreth, 1979) and topaz rhyolite lava flows from the Honeycomb Hills,  
1236 Utah (Congdon and Nash, 1991).

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1238 Figure 8. Mineral/melt partition coefficients for sanidine, plagioclase, and biotite in the Spor  
1239 Mountain rhyolite. Elements are ordered based on compatibility in sanidine until Ba, and based  
1240 on atomic number thereafter. Beryllium is highly incompatible in each mineral, Rb is compatible  
1241 in biotite and incompatible in the feldspars, and Sr and Ba are among the most compatible  
1242 elements in the system.

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1244 Figure 9. Partition coefficients for minerals in the Spor Mountain rhyolite compared to other  
1245 silicic magmas (Mahood and Hildreth, 1983; Nash and Crecraft, 1985). Feldspars from the Spor  
1246 Mountain rhyolite have partition coefficients similar to those in other silicic systems. Biotite  
1247 from the Spor Mountain rhyolite has lower partition coefficients. The higher partition

1248 coefficients for biotite in the Twin Peaks rhyolite lavas and the Bishop Tuff may be caused by  
1249 inclusions of other minerals since these were calculated using analyses of mineral separates  
1250 rather than laser spot analyses.

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1252 Figure 10. Onuma et al. (1968) diagram with mineral/melt partition coefficients for sanidine,  
1253 plagioclase, and biotite, using averages for each mineral. Curves for different ionic charges are in  
1254 color. Solid lines are well constrained by measurements whereas dotted lines are best estimates.  
1255 The estimated size of each site is given in angstroms.

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1257 Figure 11. Comparison of partition coefficients for Be between melt and sanidine, plagioclase,  
1258 biotite, and quartz. Data from Kovalenko et al. (1977), Evensen et al. (1999), Evensen and  
1259 London (2002), and this paper.

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1261 Figure 12.  $\epsilon\text{Nd}_t$  vs  $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}_t$  for the Spor Mountain rhyolite and Sheeprock Granite. The late  
1262 Cenozoic extension-related Nye Canyon basalts (Farmer et al., 2005) and Mosida Basalt  
1263 (Christiansen et al., 2007) represent two possible mantle components present in Great Basin  
1264 magmas. The average composition of crustal xenoliths from the Colorado Plateau (Wendlandt et  
1265 al., 1993; Jacob et al., 2015), middle Cenozoic andesite from the Great Basin (Best et al., 2009),  
1266 and an average two-mica granite from the region represent three possible crustal sources.  
1267 Possible crustal hybrids between crust and mantle are shown as simple mixing lines; purple  
1268 crosses are at 10% increments.

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1270 Figure 13. Phase diagram for the Spor Mountain rhyolite at 2 kbar, modified from Webster et al.  
1271 (1987). The Spor Mountain rhyolite crystallized at about 700 °C at 2 kbar and under water-  
1272 undersaturated conditions. Qz = quartz; Sa = sanidine; Pl = plagioclase; Bt = biotite.

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1274 Figure 14. Pressure-dependent temperatures calculated for (A) SM-31, a less evolved rhyolite  
1275 and (B) SM-831, a more evolved rhyolite. The degree of pressure sensitivity can be estimated by  
1276 the slopes of the curves. The intersections of these thermobarometric curves are estimates of the  
1277 crystallization pressure of the system. The Huang and Audétat (2012) Ti in Qz curve crosses  
1278 most of the less pressure sensitive thermobarometers between 1-3 kbar, while the Thomas et al.  
1279 (2010) model for Ti-in-quartz requires a crystallization pressure of 5 to 13 kbar, much too high  
1280 for this volcanic system as indicated by the phase equilibrium study of Webster et al. (1987).

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1282 Figure 15. Trends for partial melting (PM, dashed lines), vs. fractional crystallization (FC, solid  
1283 lines) involving compatible elements (A) Zr and (B) Y. The ratio of  $Be^0/Be$  serves as an estimate  
1284 of  $f$ —the fraction of liquid in the system. Bulk partition coefficients (D) from this study are  
1285 given. Based on these models, variable degrees of partial melting cannot account for the strong  
1286 depletions of the compatible trace elements in the more evolved Spor Mountain magma but  
1287 fractional crystallization can.

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1289 Figure 16. Be variation diagrams for the Spor Mountain rhyolite. (A) Be vs. Ta (an incompatible  
1290 element) and (B) Be vs. Y (a compatible element) for whole rocks and glass matrix. Blue lines  
1291 and solid symbols are for whole-rocks (WR) and green lines and open symbols are for matrix

1292 glass (MG). The bulk partition coefficient  $D$  is derived from the slope of the line using the  
1293 method of Allegre et al. (1977).

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1295 Figure 17. Trace element models depicting the origin and evolution of the Spor Mountain  
1296 rhyolite, assuming five different protoliths. Parameters for the models are given in Table 7. The  
1297 model curves are compared to the rock compositions (dots) on two-element variation diagrams  
1298 (A) Rb-Sr, (B) Nb-Sr, (C) Rb-Be, and (D) Rb-Nb. Two calculated liquid lines of descent are  
1299 given for each protolith (see text)—one for batch partial melting (bold line) and another for  
1300 fractional crystallization (fine line). Crosses are at 10% melt increments. It is possible to get Spor  
1301 Mountain compositions by extensive fractional crystallization of a 20-25% partial melt of upper  
1302 continental crust (orange) or of crust hybridized by middle Cenozoic intrusions (represented by  
1303 average andesite from the Great Basin; cyan lines). Data sources: Mosida Basalt (Christiansen et  
1304 al., 2007), two-mica granite (Barnes et al., 2001), Great Basin andesite (Best et al., 2009), lower  
1305 continental crust (Farmer et al., 2005; Jacob et al., 2015), and upper continental crust (Rudnick  
1306 and Gao, 2014).

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1308 Supplementary Figure 1. Forward modeling of fractional crystallization in the Spor Mountain  
1309 rhyolite. Data points in red represent the less evolved rhyolites (SM-31 and -35), and are  
1310 assumed to be the parental liquid (i.e.  $f = 1$ ; 100% melt); blue symbols represent the more  
1311 evolved magma (SM-831 and -86). Lines represent the liquid lines of descent, with purple  
1312 crosses at 10% melt increments. Numbers next to line indicate melt fraction ( $f$ ). The  
1313 compositions of the more evolved rhyolites plot between 55% and 60% residual melt fraction.

1314 Supplementary Figure 2. Cathodoluminescence images of quartz phenocrysts in the Spor  
1315 Mountain rhyolite. Sample numbers are given.  
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Table 1. Composition of Spor Mountain rhyolite

Sample	SM-31	SM-35	SM-37	SM-14	SM-831 <sup>d</sup>	SM-831 <sup>c</sup>	SM-86
Lithology <sup>a</sup>	V	V	D	V	V	V	V
Group <sup>b</sup>	LE	LE	LE	ME	ME	ME	ME
<b>Main oxides (wt. %)</b>							
SiO <sub>2</sub>	75.02	75.44	75.48	74.03	74.49	73.90	74.16
TiO <sub>2</sub>	0.05	0.03	0.05	0.02	0.03	0.00	0.03
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	13.52	13.48	13.38	14.44	14.31	14.84	14.38
Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1.42	1.45	1.41	1.07	1.04	0.89	1.09
MnO	0.06	0.05	0.03	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.06
MgO	0.04	0.07	0.04	0.03	0.03	0.02	0.01
CaO	0.51	1.05	0.44	0.42	0.34	0.26	0.39
Na <sub>2</sub> O	4.12	4.60	4.11	4.65	4.55	4.69	4.68
K <sub>2</sub> O	5.24	3.80	5.05	5.26	5.13	5.33	5.19
P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
LOI <sup>c</sup>	3.30	3.79	0.48	2.96	3.01	n.m.	3.23
Anal Total	99.47	99.56	98.98	99.05	99.06	99.83	99.16
<b>Trace elements (ppm)</b>							
As	18	14	5.0	35	29	n.m.	36
Ba	20	21	30	20	19	n.m.	20
Be	39	36	13	64	58	n.m.	58
Ce	141	136	141	118	117	107	118
Cr	4.8	4.6	10	5.5	5.6	1.5	5.4
Cs	55	59	23	87	81	n.m.	85
Cu	1.4	2.8	1.6	1.8	0.8	4.0	0.9
Dy	17	18	16	11	11	n.m.	11
Er	12	12	11	7.5	7.7	n.m.	7
Ga	39	32	34	37	38	39	38
Gd	15	15	14	9	9	n.m.	10
Hf	7.0	6.9	7.0	6.8	6.6	n.m.	6.3
Ho	3.5	3.5	3.2	2.3	2.3	n.m.	2.2
La	61	58	55	51	50	48	54
Li	50	70	190	90	130	n.m.	110
Lu	1.9	1.9	1.8	1.7	1.6	n.m.	1.4
Mo	2.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	n.m.	1.0
Nb	122	133	143	134	136	147	130
Nd	60	59	59	48	50	38	52
Ni	1.4	1.3	1.4	2.0	1.0	1.0	0.6
Pb	51	49	45	45	49	49	44
Pr	18	17	15	15	15	n.m.	14
Rb	925	1001	881	1317	1273	1540	1285
Sc	2.4	2.7	1.7	1.8	2.0	n.m.	1.7
Sm	14	15	13	11	11	8.6	11
Sn	33	32	15	45	42	n.m.	42
Sr	4	5	6	2	3	n.m.	2
Ta	25	25	25	37	36	n.m.	35
Tb	2.6	2.7	2.4	1.8	1.7	n.m.	1.8
Th	66	67	69	47	47	42	47
Tl	10	10	10	10	10	n.m.	10
Tm	1.8	1.8	1.7	1.4	1.4	n.m.	1.2
U	34	35	13	30	31	38	27
V	5.0	2.7	3.4	2.7	5.0	1.4	2.7
Y	112	128	112	80	80	48	73
Yb	13	13	12	11	11	n.m.	10
Zn	96	92	39	49	49	51	50
Zr	127	132	138	102	101	107	99

Notes: Normalized to 100% on a volatile-free basis.

<sup>a</sup> V = vitrophyre; D = devitrified

<sup>b</sup> LE = Less evolved; ME = More evolved

<sup>c</sup> LOI = loss on ignition at 1000°C for four hours.

<sup>d</sup> Analyses are for whole-rock data.

<sup>e</sup> Analyses are for matrix glass separate.

n.m. = not measured.

Table 2. Composition of Spor Mountain rhyolite matrix glass

Sample	SM-31	SM-35	SM-14	SM-831	SM-86
Lithology <sup>a</sup>	V	V	V	V	V
Group <sup>b</sup>	LE	LE	ME	ME	ME
	N = 25	N = 9	N = 18	N = 22	N = 20
	Main oxides (wt. %)				
SiO <sub>2</sub>	77.30	77.79	76.70	75.82	76.02
TiO <sub>2</sub>	0.03	0.03	0.01	0.01	0.02
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	13.45	14.11	14.50	14.60	14.30
FeO <sub>t</sub>	1.14	1.26	0.39	0.40	0.62
MnO	0.07	0.05	0.09	0.07	0.06
MgO	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00
CaO	0.32	0.18	0.03	0.03	0.17
Na <sub>2</sub> O	3.02	3.06	3.60	3.98	4.21
K <sub>2</sub> O	4.66	3.49	4.68	5.09	4.60
P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00
F	0.89	0.46	1.58	1.45	1.65
Cl	0.31	0.27	0.17	0.20	0.20
Anal total	96.80	94.43	97.32	97.14	96.82

	Trace elements (ppm)														
	Average N = 15	SD	Rel. SD (%)	Average N = 17	SD	Rel. SD (%)	Average N = 3	SD	Rel. SD (%)	Average N = 18	SD	Rel. SD (%)	Average N = 12	SD	Rel. SD (%)
Li	72	34.5	48	75	27.9	37	154	8.1	5	99	62.6	63	106	64.9	61
Be	40	10.7	26	43	10.6	25	66	54.8	83	75	7.7	10	74	36.4	49
B	119	32.6	27	106	54.1	51	30	4.9	16	216	45.2	21	163	20.0	12
Zn	87	44.3	51	94	37.2	39	44	22.9	52	52	8.8	17	47	13.7	29
Ga	29	7.5	26	29	1.4	5	36	5.5	15	38	2.4	6	33	1.5	5
Rb	1049	272.2	26	1278	602.6	47	1745	249.4	14	1782	79.8	4	1645	847.3	51
Sr	1	0.4	47	2	1.0	59	5	0.1	3	0.3	0.1	58	1	0.9	100
Y	69	2.9	4	81	7.9	10	60	38.0	63	16	4.0	26	13	5.2	39
Zr	66	23.6	36	76	7.2	10	n.d.	-	-	38	4.6	12	33	9.7	29
Nb	116	30.0	26	114	37.7	33	420	311.8	74	138	4.4	3	136	39.3	29
Mo	2	1.0	49	2	0.7	38	2	0.3	16	2	0.9	42	2	0.6	36
Sn	33	13.8	42	32	10.9	34	13	3.3	26	47	22.1	47	47	21.4	46
Cs	65	17.2	26	73	29.3	40	19	4.1	22	119	51.1	43	114	51.8	45
Ba	2	0.9	46	3	1.3	43	5	1.0	22	1	0.2	33	1	0.2	41
La	46	16.3	35	50	16.7	34	n.d.	-	-	26	6.6	25	26	7.7	29
Ce	143	50.5	35	141	2.4	2	n.d.	-	-	88	5.7	7	94	27.1	29
Pr	15	0.5	3	15	5.0	33	n.d.	-	-	8	3.2	39	9	2.5	29
Nd	50	1.7	3	52	4.9	9	n.d.	-	-	22	2.7	12	22	6.6	30
Sm	12	1.3	11	12	1.2	9	n.d.	-	-	4	1.8	40	4	0.5	11
Gd	9	2.3	27	11	1.1	11	7	2.1	30	3	1.3	43	3	0.8	32
Tb	2	0.6	36	2	0.2	10	1	0.6	43	1	0.2	41	0.5	0.2	46
Dy	10	3.4	36	12	1.1	9	9	5.3	61	4	1.0	29	3	1.0	30
Ho	2	0.6	27	2	0.2	9	2	1.1	60	1	0.2	28	1	0.2	31
Er	6	1.7	26	7	1.9	26	5	2.9	58	2	0.9	39	2	0.7	32
Yb	8	3.0	35	10	0.9	9	8	6.2	81	5	1.8	34	4	1.3	32
Lu	1	0.1	11	1	0.4	26	1	0.8	75	1	0.3	40	1	0.1	12
Hf	4	1.5	37	5	0.7	15	7	10.6	158	4	1.6	43	3	0.9	30
Ta	29	13.3	46	30	7.4	24	16	1.2	7	50	12.4	25	51	14.7	29
W	23	6.1	26	24	7.8	33	14	2.1	15	40	9.7	24	39	11.2	29
Pb	47	19.6	41	48	11.8	24	54	5.9	11	40	9.7	24	36	1.1	3
Th	42	1.9	5	47	3.6	8	51	16.7	33	22	2.4	11	21	6.2	29
U	33	14.9	46	34	0.8	2	n.d.	-	-	25	8.1	32	25	7.2	29

Notes: Major elements normalized to 100% on a volatile-free basis. Compositions are averages of each sample.

<sup>a</sup> V = vitrophyre; D = devitrified<sup>b</sup> LE = Less evolved; ME = More evolved

SD = 1σ standard deviation

Rel. SD = relative standard deviation (average divided by standard deviation)

n.d. = not detected

Table 3. Eruption temperature (°C) estimates for the Spor Mountain rhyolite at 2 kbar and 5 wt%  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$

Sample		SM-31		SM-35		SM-37		SM-14		SM-831		SM-86	
Lithology <sup>a</sup>	Thermometer	V		V		D		V		V		V	
Group <sup>b</sup>	Model	LE		LE		LE		ME		ME		ME	
		Average	SD	Average	SD	Average	SD	Average	SD	Average	SD	Average	SD
Boehnke et al., 2013 <sup>c</sup>	Zrn-sa. (MG)	689	34	724	9	n.c.	-	n.c.	-	633	10	619	23
Boehnke et al., 2013 <sup>d</sup>	Zrn-sat. (WR)	715	10	716	11	726	12	692	11	696	15	690	17
Putirka, 2008 <sup>e</sup>	Pl-Liq	763	3	754	3	n.c.	-	701	5	703	5	752	5
Putirka, 2008 <sup>f</sup>	Afs-Liq	752	2	693	2	n.c.	-	693	3	678	4	698	1
Putirka, 2008 <sup>g</sup>	Two Fsp	704	3	711	3	n.c.	-	682	11	668	7	663	9
Elkins & Grove, 1990 <sup>h</sup>	Two Fsp	707	4	715	4	739	5	648	25	670	13	665	20
Benisek, 2010 <sup>i</sup>	Two Fsp	709	13	724	13	732	15	629	35	653	28	641	36
Huang and Audetat, 2012 <sup>j</sup>	Ti-in-Qz	678	18	689	19	n.c.	-	n.c.	-	703	14	702	28
Thomas et al., 2010 <sup>k</sup>	Ti-in-Qz	536	14	545	15	n.c.	-	n.c.	-	556	11	555	22
Righter et al., 1996 <sup>l</sup>	Biotite	799	3	804	3	n.c.	-	783	5	787	6	788	7
<sup>a</sup> $\text{TiO}_2$ <sup>m</sup>		0.39	0.10	0.35	0.10	n.c.	-	n.c.	-	0.18	0.10	0.24	0.20

Notes:

<sup>a</sup> V = vitrophyre; D = devitrified

<sup>b</sup> LE = Less evolved; ME = More evolved

<sup>c</sup> Zr saturation temperature from Boehnke et al. (2013), using matrix glass (MG) compositions.

<sup>d</sup> Zr saturation temperature from Boehnke et al. (2013), using whole-rock (WR) compositions.

<sup>e</sup> Plagioclase-liquid temperature from Putirka (2008), equation (24a).

<sup>f</sup> Alkali feldspar-liquid temperature from Putirka (2008), equation (24b).

<sup>g</sup> Two feldspar temperature from Putirka (2008), equation (27b).

<sup>h</sup> Two feldspar temperature from Elkins and Grove (1990).

<sup>i</sup> Two feldspar temperature from Benisek et al. (2010).

<sup>j</sup> Ti-in-quartz temperature from Huang and Audetat (2012).

<sup>k</sup> Ti-in-quartz temperature from Thomas et al. (2010).

<sup>l</sup> Biotite temperature from Righter et al. (1996), using  $\text{TiO}_2$  in matrix glass.

<sup>m</sup> Calculated using the method developed by Kularatne and Audetat (2014).

n.c. = not calculated

Table 4. Partition coefficients for sanidine, plagioclase, biotite, and quartz in the Spor Mountain rhyolite

Sample	SM-31				SM-35				SM-831				SM-86			
Lithology <sup>a</sup>	V				V				V				V			
Group <sup>b</sup>	LE				LE				ME				ME			
	Sanidine	Plagioclase	Biotite	Quartz	Sanidine	Plagioclase	Biotite	Quartz	Sanidine	Plagioclase	Biotite	Quartz	Sanidine	Plagioclase	Biotite	Quartz
Li	0.15	0.54	4.81	0.64	0.15	0.28	4.72	0.67	0.14	0.26	9.95	0.27	0.19	0.22	9.55	0.47
Be	0.07	0.25	0.05	n.d.	0.05	0.18	0.04	n.d.	0.04	0.13	0.04	n.d.	0.05	0.12	0.04	n.d.
B	0.50	0.50	0.41	0.54	0.74	0.65	0.43	0.43	5.76	0.39	0.29	0.50	0.41	0.47	0.28	0.33
Al	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	0.00	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	0.00	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	0.00	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	0.00
P	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	0.19	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	0.18	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	0.08	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	0.10
Ti	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	0.15	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	0.14	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	0.22	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	0.19
Fe	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	0.00	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	0.00	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	0.00	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	0.00
Zn	0.28	0.18	13.80	n.d.	0.11	n.d.	13.50	n.d.	n.d.	0.10	22.70	n.d.	0.31	n.d.	20.90	n.d.
Ga	1.10	1.31	3.00	n.d.	1.04	1.25	3.18	n.d.	0.88	1.11	3.32	n.d.	0.98	1.23	3.49	n.d.
Rb	0.48	0.04	2.06	n.d.	0.40	0.16	2.29	n.d.	0.29	0.02	1.36	n.d.	0.42	0.02	2.19	n.d.
Sr	14.7	21.1	1.5	n.d.	7.19	7.8	1.0	n.d.	2.26	10.1	2.7	n.d.	7.78	4.5	2.5	n.d.
Y	0.00	0.03	0.09	n.d.	0.01	0.00	0.00	n.d.	n.d.	0.01	0.16	n.d.	0.03	0.02	0.14	n.d.
Zr	0.02	0.05	0.08	n.d.	0.02	n.d.	0.08	n.d.	n.d.	0.01	0.08	n.d.	0.03	0.03	0.12	n.d.
Nb	0.02	0.09	8.08	n.d.	0.03	n.d.	8.74	n.d.	0.00	0.00	7.96	n.d.	0.02	0.01	8.78	n.d.
Mo	n.d.	n.d.	1.09	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	1.29	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	1.14	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	1.08	n.d.
Sn	0.14	0.15	0.36	n.d.	0.11	n.d.	0.40	n.d.	0.39	0.07	0.97	n.d.	0.07	0.07	1.05	n.d.
Cs	0.07	0.22	0.57	n.d.	0.07	n.d.	0.67	n.d.	0.15	0.13	0.28	n.d.	0.17	0.17	0.80	n.d.
Ba	13.2	1.3	14.6	n.d.	8.19	3.5	8.0	n.d.	4.84	0.7	36.4	n.d.	7.27	1.4	5.7	n.d.
La	0.15	0.26	0.38	n.d.	0.12	0.23	0.07	n.d.	n.d.	0.44	n.d.	n.d.	0.27	0.49	0.16	n.d.
Ce	0.06	0.14	0.32	n.d.	0.05	0.11	0.03	n.d.	n.d.	0.23	n.d.	n.d.	0.10	0.22	0.15	n.d.
Pr	0.02	0.09	0.30	n.d.	0.02	0.07	0.09	n.d.	n.d.	0.16	n.d.	n.d.	0.04	0.16	0.17	n.d.
Nd	0.02	0.07	0.30	n.d.	0.01	0.05	0.11	n.d.	n.d.	0.15	n.d.	n.d.	0.05	0.13	0.36	n.d.
Sm	n.d.	n.d.	0.30	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	0.16	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	0.77	n.d.
Gd	n.d.	n.d.	0.34	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	0.14	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	1.92	n.d.
Tb	n.d.	n.d.	0.29	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	0.16	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	1.38	n.d.
Dy	n.d.	n.d.	0.28	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	0.18	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	1.96	n.d.
Ho	n.d.	n.d.	0.27	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	0.25	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	1.96	n.d.
Er	n.d.	n.d.	0.29	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	0.15	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	2.52	n.d.
Yb	n.d.	n.d.	0.31	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	0.12	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	1.40	n.d.
Lu	n.d.	n.d.	0.29	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	0.05	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	0.23	n.d.
Hf	n.d.	n.d.	0.13	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	0.06	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	0.15	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	0.14	n.d.
Ta	0.01	0.06	1.47	n.d.	0.01	n.d.	1.96	n.d.	0.02	0.00	1.01	n.d.	0.01	0.03	1.61	n.d.
W	n.d.	n.d.	0.05	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	0.07	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	0.04	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	0.08	n.d.
Pb	1.20	0.68	0.18	n.d.	1.20	0.87	0.20	n.d.	1.08	1.11	0.19	n.d.	2.08	1.10	0.23	n.d.
Th	0.01	0.09	0.10	n.d.	0.01	n.d.	0.01	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	0.07	n.d.	3.30	n.d.
U	0.01	0.04	0.10	n.d.	0.04	n.d.	0.02	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	0.06	n.d.	0.01	0.03	0.03	n.d.

Notes:

<sup>a</sup> V = vitrophyre; D = devitrified

<sup>b</sup> LE = Less evolved; ME = More evolved

n.d. = not detected

Table 5. Isotope data for Spor Mountain rhyolite and Sheeprock Granite

Sample	SM-31	SM-35	SR-108	SR-581	SR-1381
Lithology <sup>a</sup>	V	V			
Group <sup>b</sup>	LE	LE			
	Spor Mountain		Sheeprock Granite		
$^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}_i^c$	n.m.	n.m.	0.7064	0.7064	0.7064
$\epsilon\text{Nd}_i^d$	-7.81	-7.18	-5.9	-6.3	-4.8
$^{206}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$	18.96	n.m.	n.m.	18.95	18.85
$^{207}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$	15.65	n.m.	n.m.	15.64	15.64
$^{208}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$	39.21	n.m.	n.m.	39.03	38.93

Notes:

<sup>a</sup> V = vitrophyre; D = devitrified

<sup>b</sup> LE = Less evolved; ME = More evolved

<sup>c</sup> Based on Rb-Sr isochron

<sup>d</sup> Corrected to 21 Ma.

n.m. = not measured

Table 6. Bulk partition coefficients calculated using the inverse modeling approach

	$r^2$	m	$\bar{D}$	$C_L$	$C_O$	f
Li	0.96	0.77	0.23	139	77	0.46
Be	1.00	1.00	0.00	74	42	0.57
B	0.89	0.95	0.05	190	113	0.58
Zn	0.95	-1.16	2.16	49	94	0.57
Ga	0.85	0.35	0.65	35	29	0.57
Rb	0.84	0.66	0.34	1729	1218	0.59
Sr	0.53	-1.74	2.74	0.6	2.5	0.44
Y	0.97	-2.91	3.91	14	75	0.57
Zr	0.94	-1.26	2.26	36	73	0.56
Nb	0.97	0.28	0.72	135	115	0.56
Sn	0.96	0.56	0.44	48	35	0.56
Cs	0.98	0.85	0.15	115	72	0.57
La	0.97	-1.08	2.08	26	49	0.57
Ce	1.00	-0.82	1.82	90	143	0.57
Pr	0.99	-1.06	2.06	8.3	15	0.57
Nd	0.99	-1.50	2.50	22	51	0.57
Sm	0.97	-1.80	2.80	4.3	12	0.57
Gd	0.96	-2.17	3.17	2.8	9.7	0.57
Dy	0.96	-2.05	3.05	3.4	11	0.57
Ho	0.96	-1.39	2.39	0.7	2.2	0.42
Er	0.95	-1.96	2.96	2.3	6.9	0.57
Yb	0.86	-1.23	2.23	4.6	9.2	0.57
Hf	0.80	-0.62	1.62	3.2	4.6	0.56
Ta	1.00	0.92	0.08	50	29	0.57
W	0.99	0.88	0.12	39	24	0.57
Pb	0.88	-0.40	1.40	38	48	0.56
Th	0.96	-1.26	2.26	22	45	0.56
U	0.96	-0.52	1.52	25	33	0.57

Notes:

$r^2$  = correlation value from trace element variation diagrams

m = slope of line on logarithmic variation diagrams (Figure 13)

$\bar{D} = 1 - m$

$C_L$  = concentration of element i in differentiated melt (average of matrix glass from evolved samples)

$C_O$  = concentration of element i in parental melt (average of matrix glass from less evolved samples)

f = fraction of residual liquid

Table 7. Parameters used in trace element models depicted in Fig. 16

	$F_{\text{bpm}}$	$Rb_o$	$D_{Rb}$	$Sr_o$	$D_{Sr}$	$Be_o$	$D_{Be}$	$Nb_o$	$D_{Nb}$	$Y_o$	$D_Y$	$Cr_o$	$D_{Cr}$	$Ni_o$	$D_{Ni}$
<b>Batch Partial Melting</b>															
Upper Continental Crust <sup>a</sup>	0.20	84	0.05	320	3.5	2	0.03	12	0.10	21	0.6	92	3.2	47	2.6
Lower Continental Crust <sup>b</sup>	0.20	11	0.05	348	3.5	1	0.03	5	0.10	16	0.6	215	3.2	88	2.6
Average Great Basin Andesite <sup>c</sup>	0.25	109	0.05	685	3.5	2	0.03	14	0.10	29	0.6	69	3.2	17	2.6
Two-mica granite <sup>d</sup>	0.50	255	0.34	475	3.5	5	0.03	17	0.10	23	0.6	4	3.2	4	2.6
Mosida Basalt <sup>e</sup>	0.20	43	0.10	884	3.5	3	0.03	39	0.10	28	0.6	26	3.2	16	2.6
<b>Fractional Crystallization</b>															
Upper Continental Crust <sup>a</sup>		350	0.30	107	3.4	10	0.03	43	0.15	31	0.6	33	3.2	21	2.6
Lower Continental Crust <sup>b</sup>		46	0.30	116	3.0	7	0.03	18	0.10	24	0.6	78	3.2	39	2.6
Average Great Basin Andesite <sup>c</sup>		379	0.30	238	3.5	9	0.03	43	0.20	41	0.6	26	3.2	8	2.6
Two-mica granite <sup>d</sup>		381	0.30	211	3.5	10	0.03	31	0.20	29	0.6	2	3.2	2	2.6
Mosida Basalt <sup>e</sup>		152	0.20	295	3.0	14	0.03	139	0.10	41	0.6	9	3.2	7	2.6

Notes:

<sup>a</sup> Rudnick and Gao, 2014

<sup>b</sup> Jacob et al., 2015; Farmer et al., 2005

<sup>c</sup> Best et al., 2009

<sup>d</sup> Barnes et al., 2001

<sup>e</sup> Christiansen et al., 2007

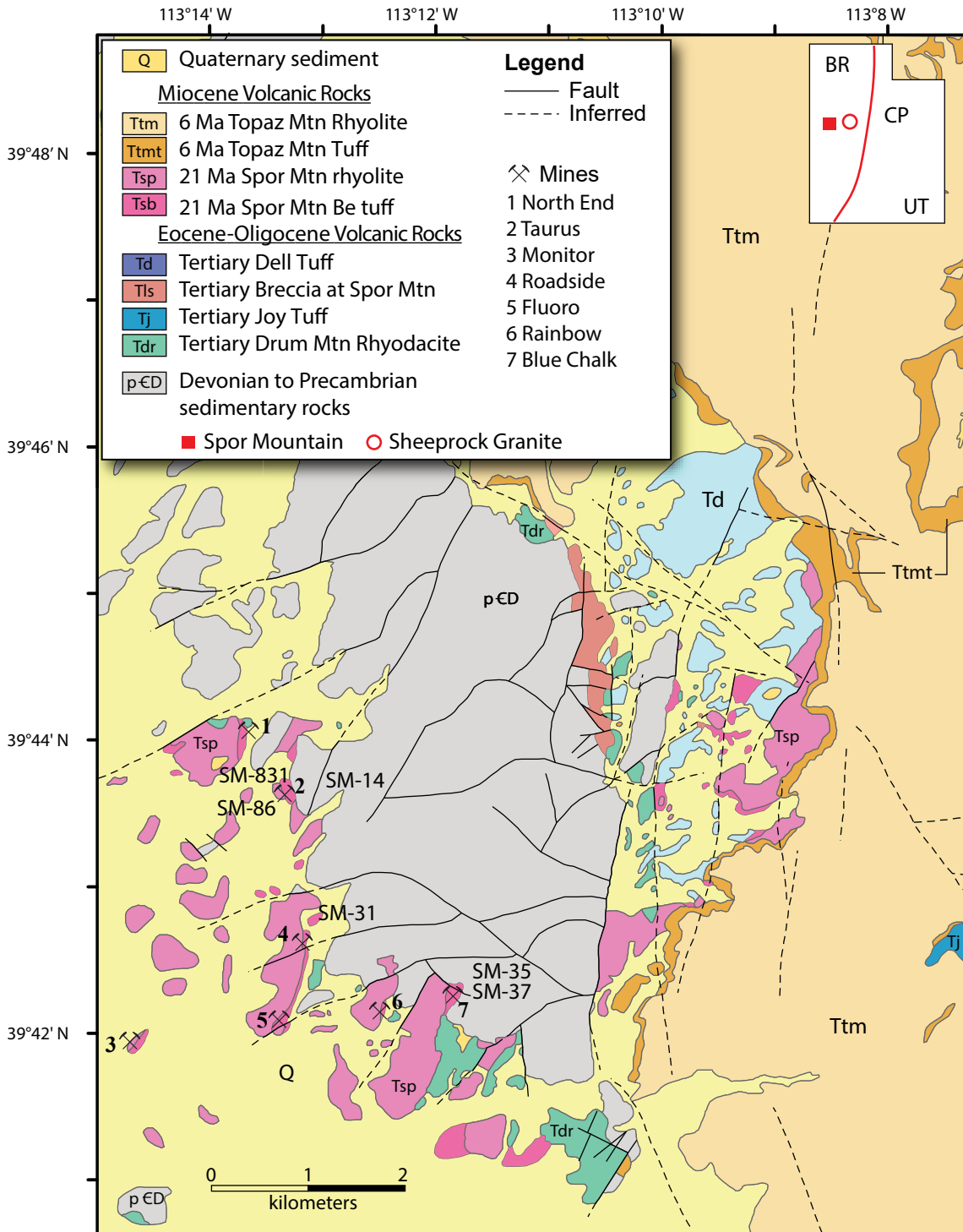


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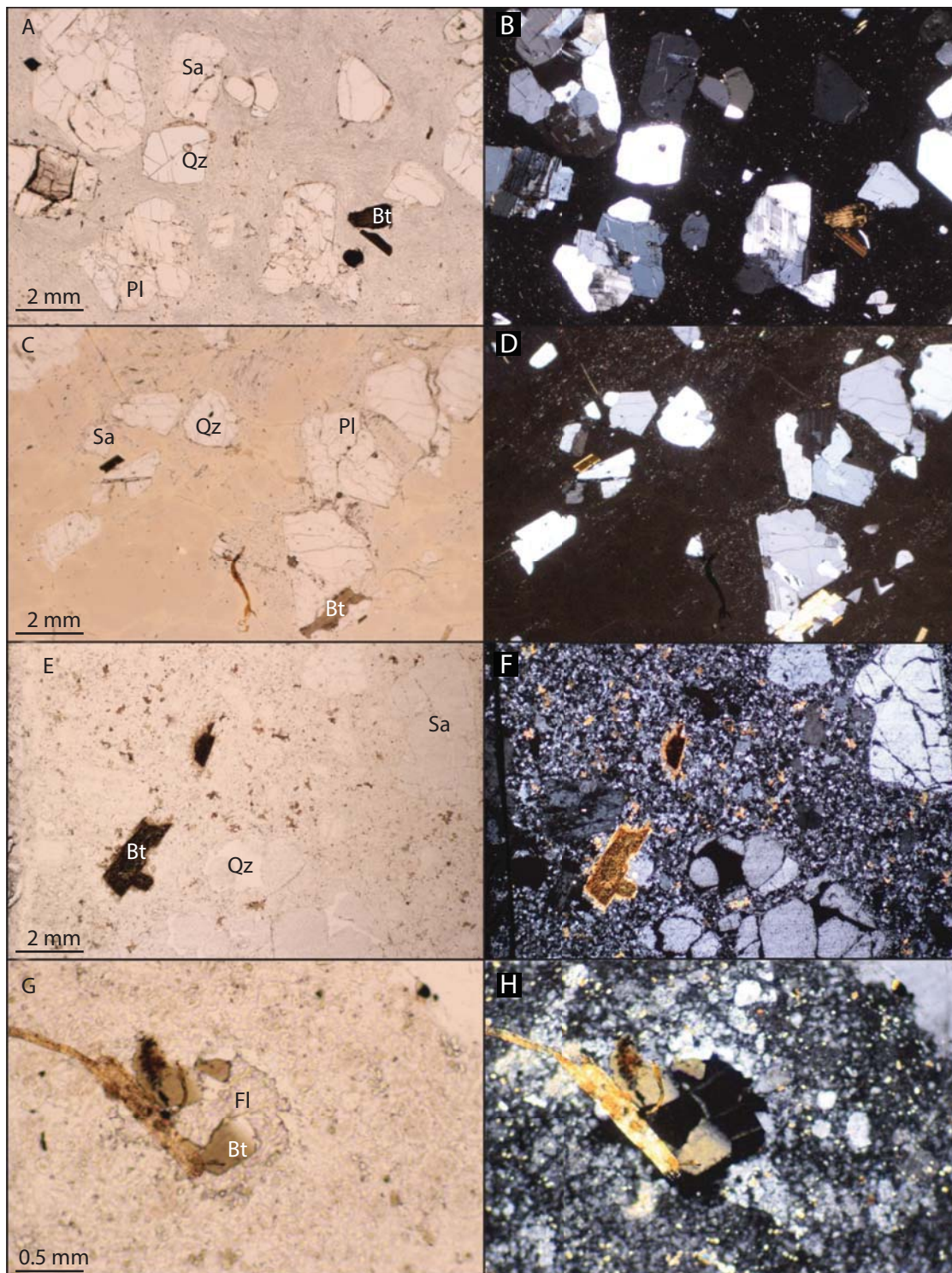


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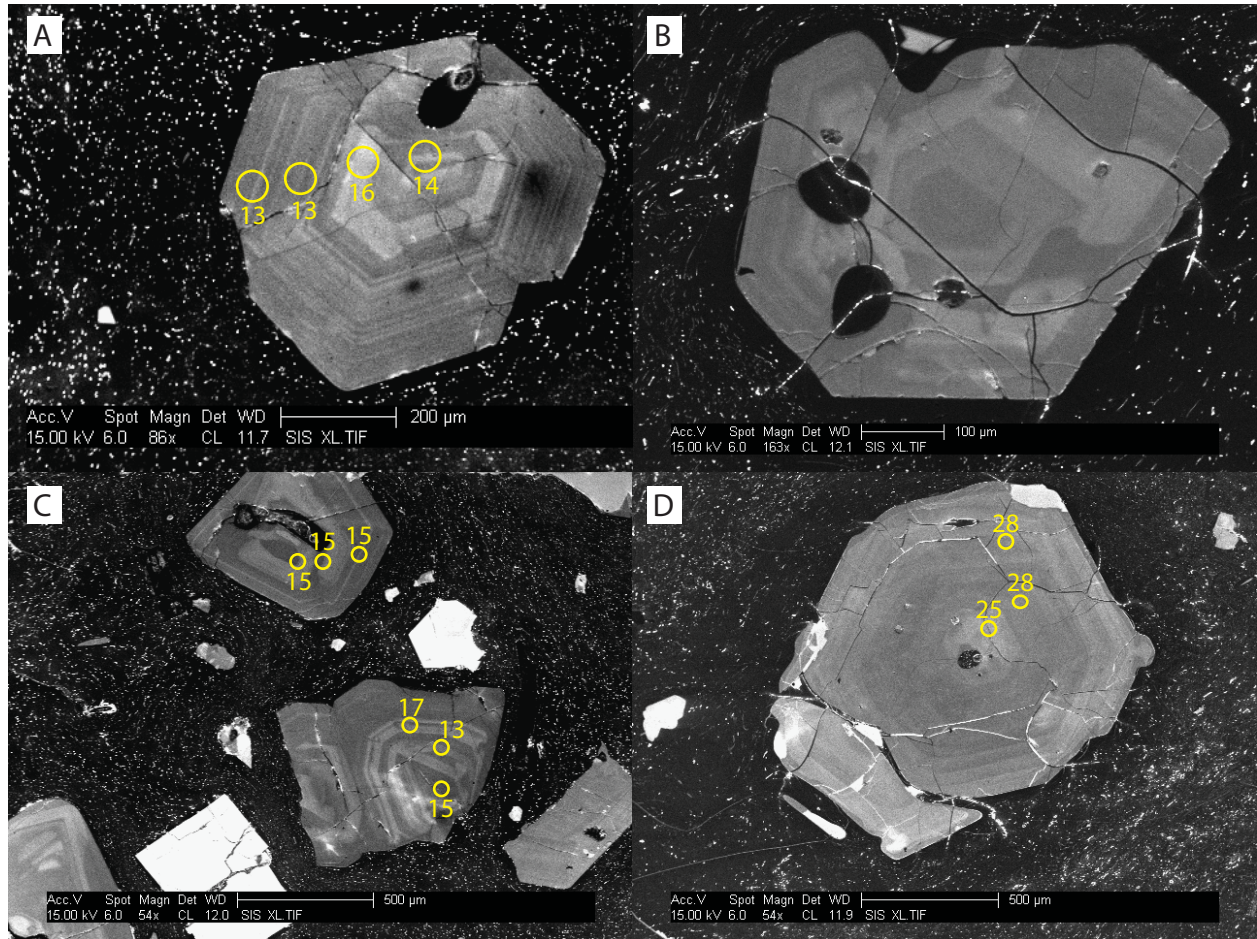


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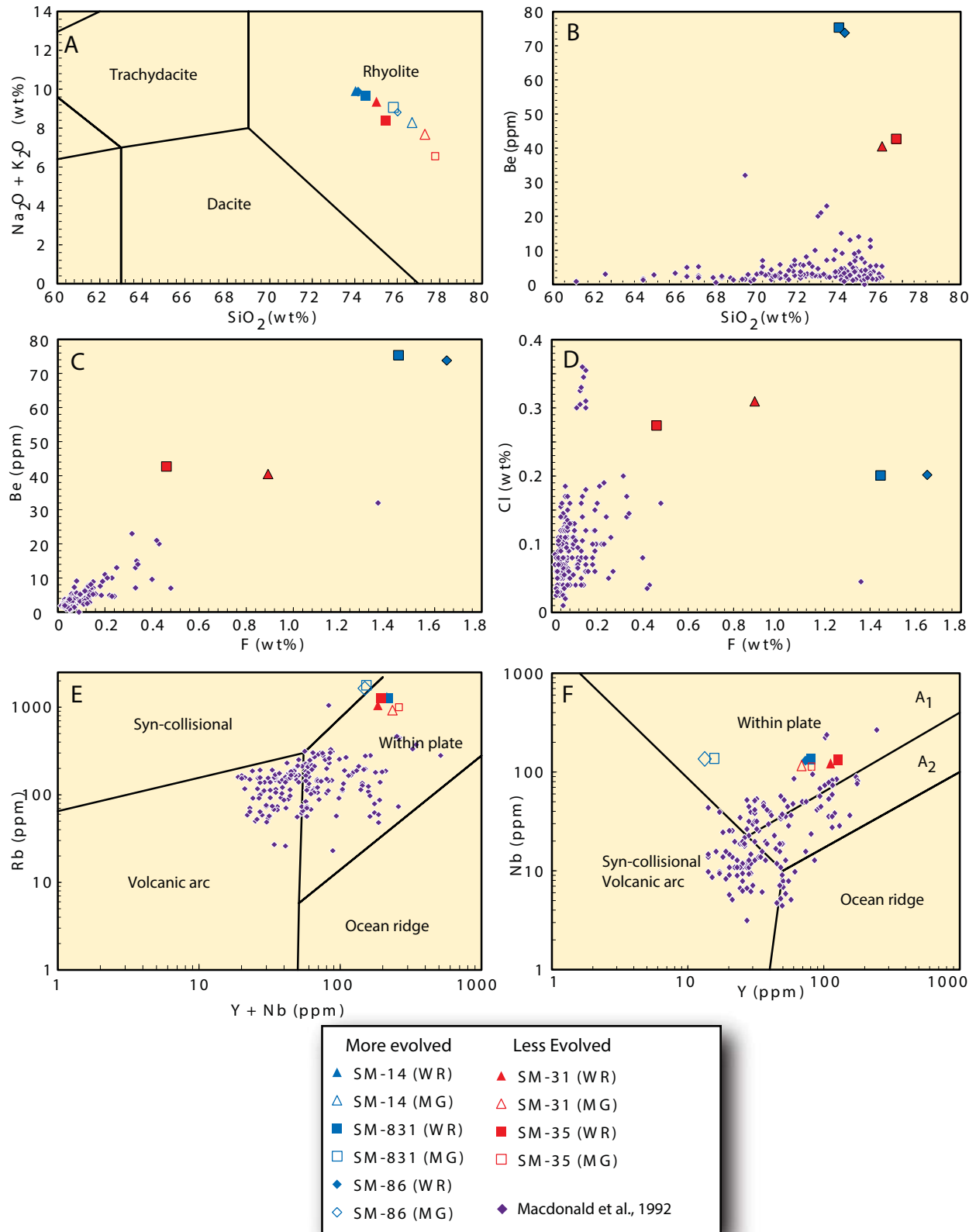


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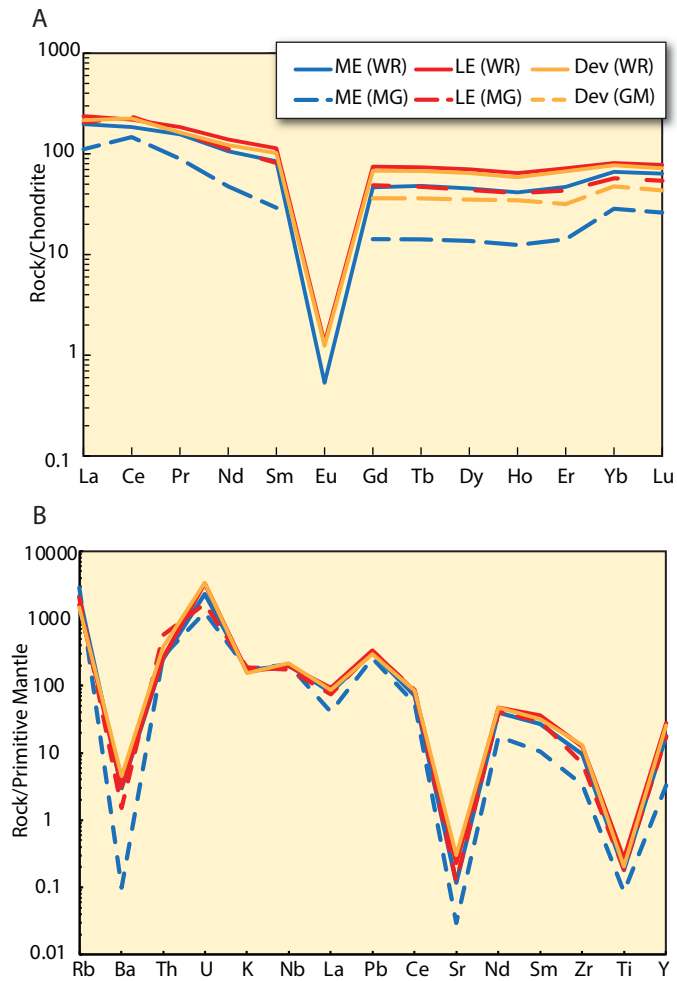


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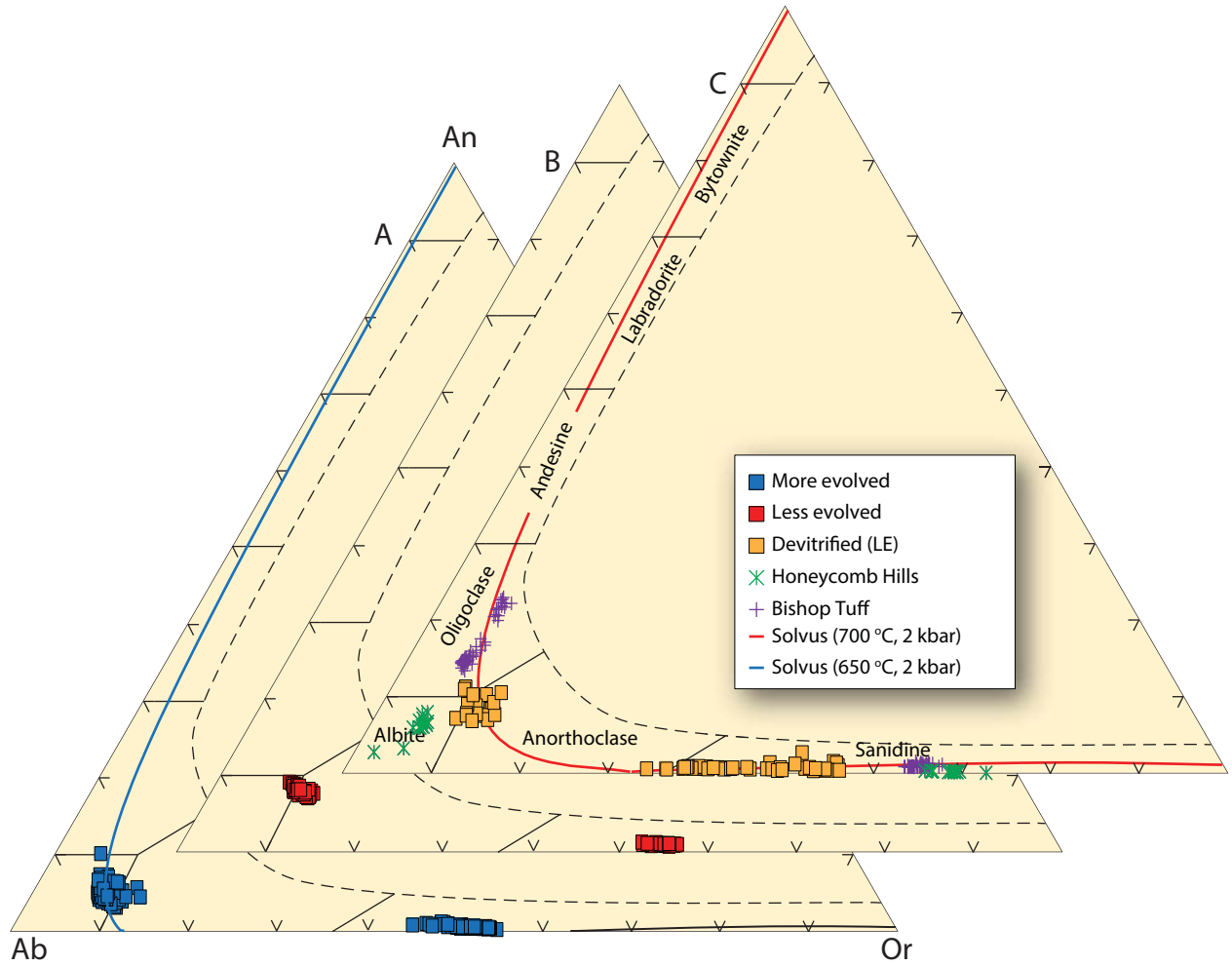


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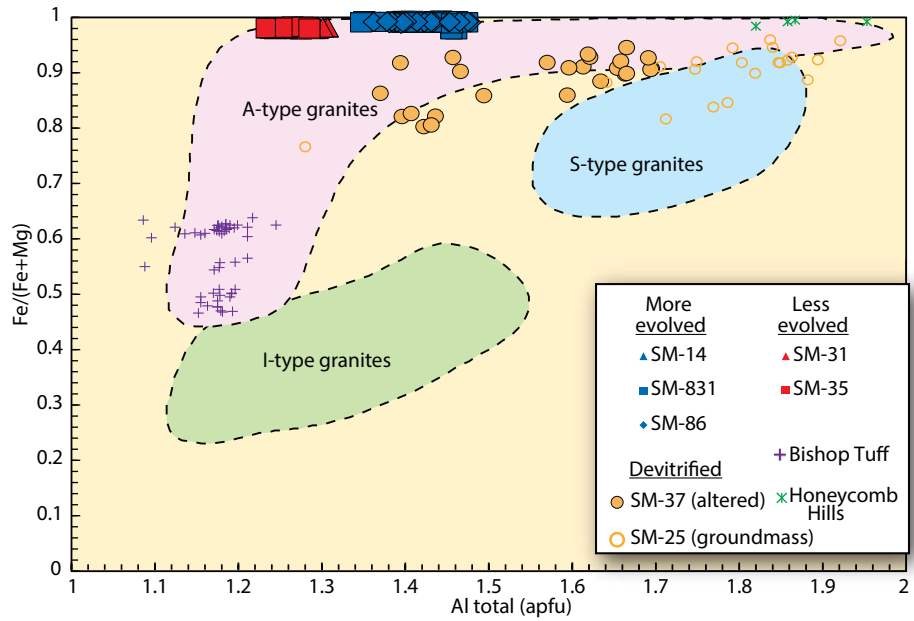


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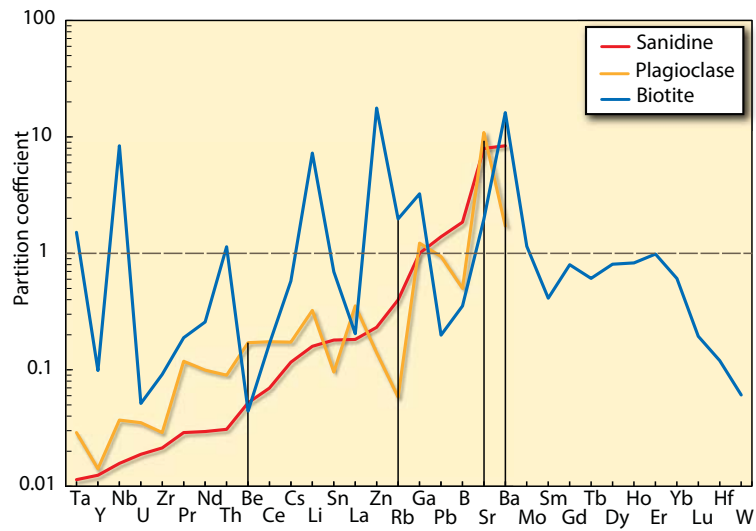


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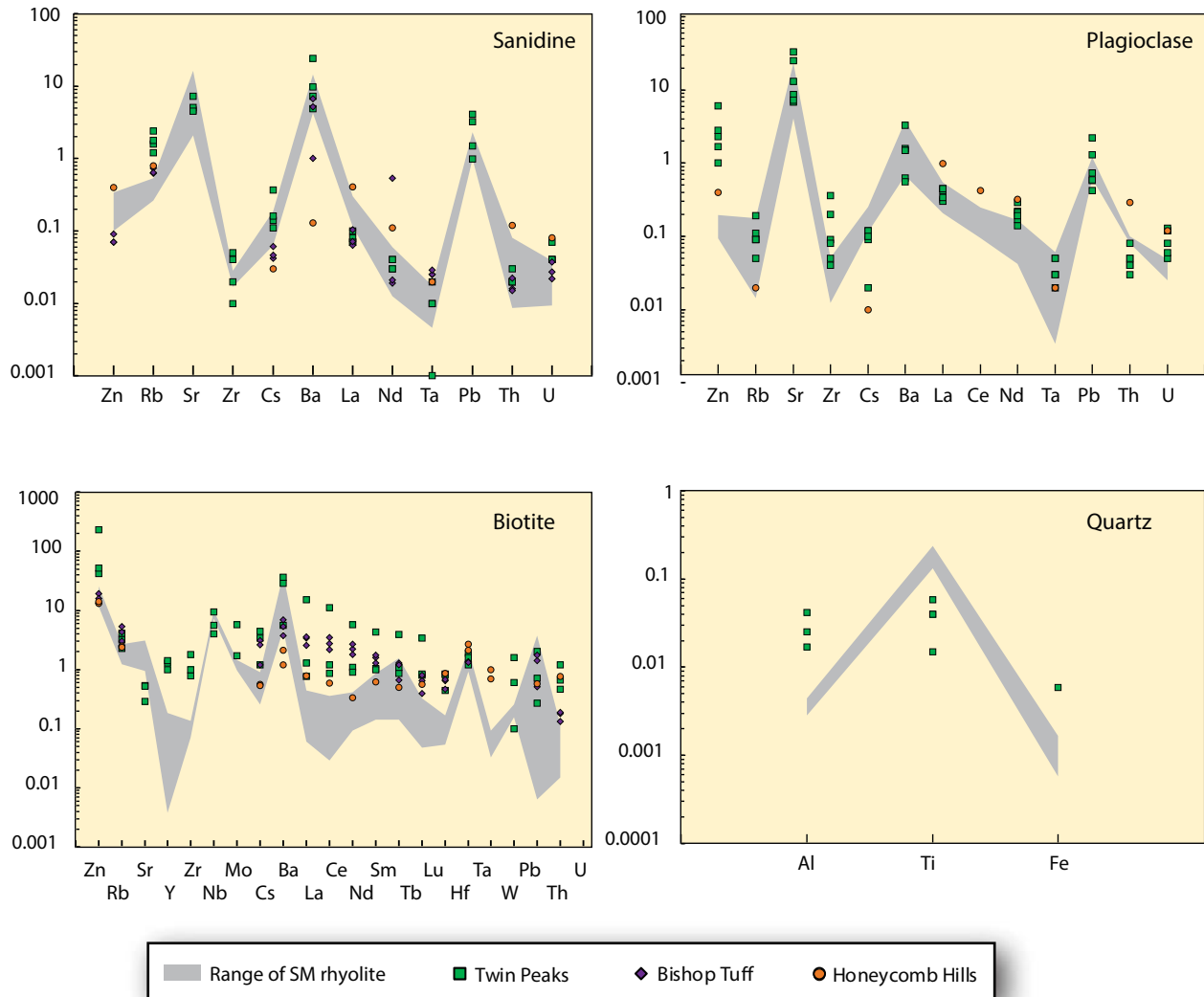


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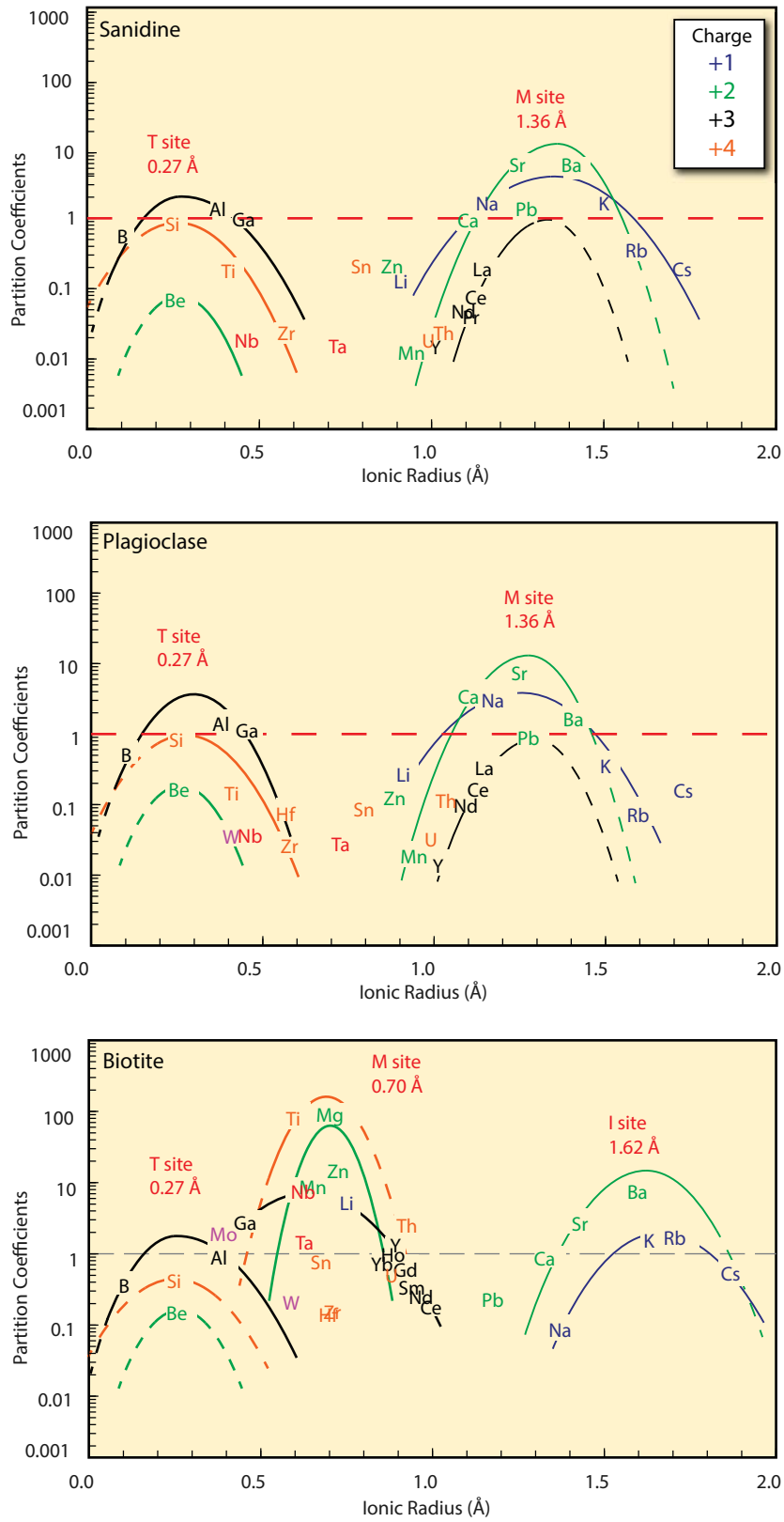


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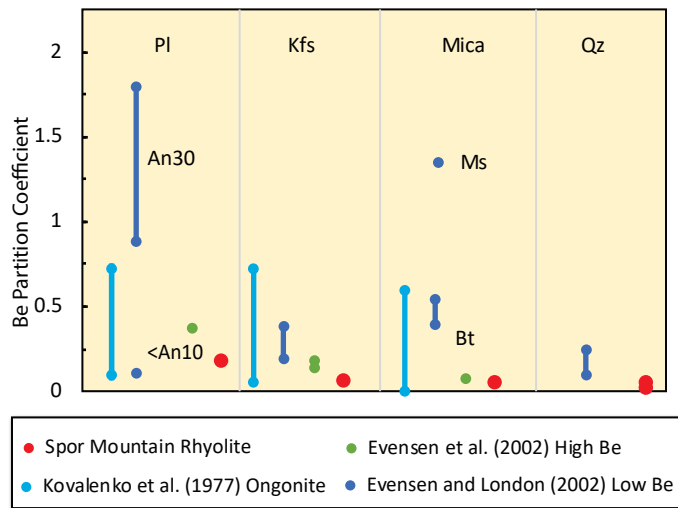


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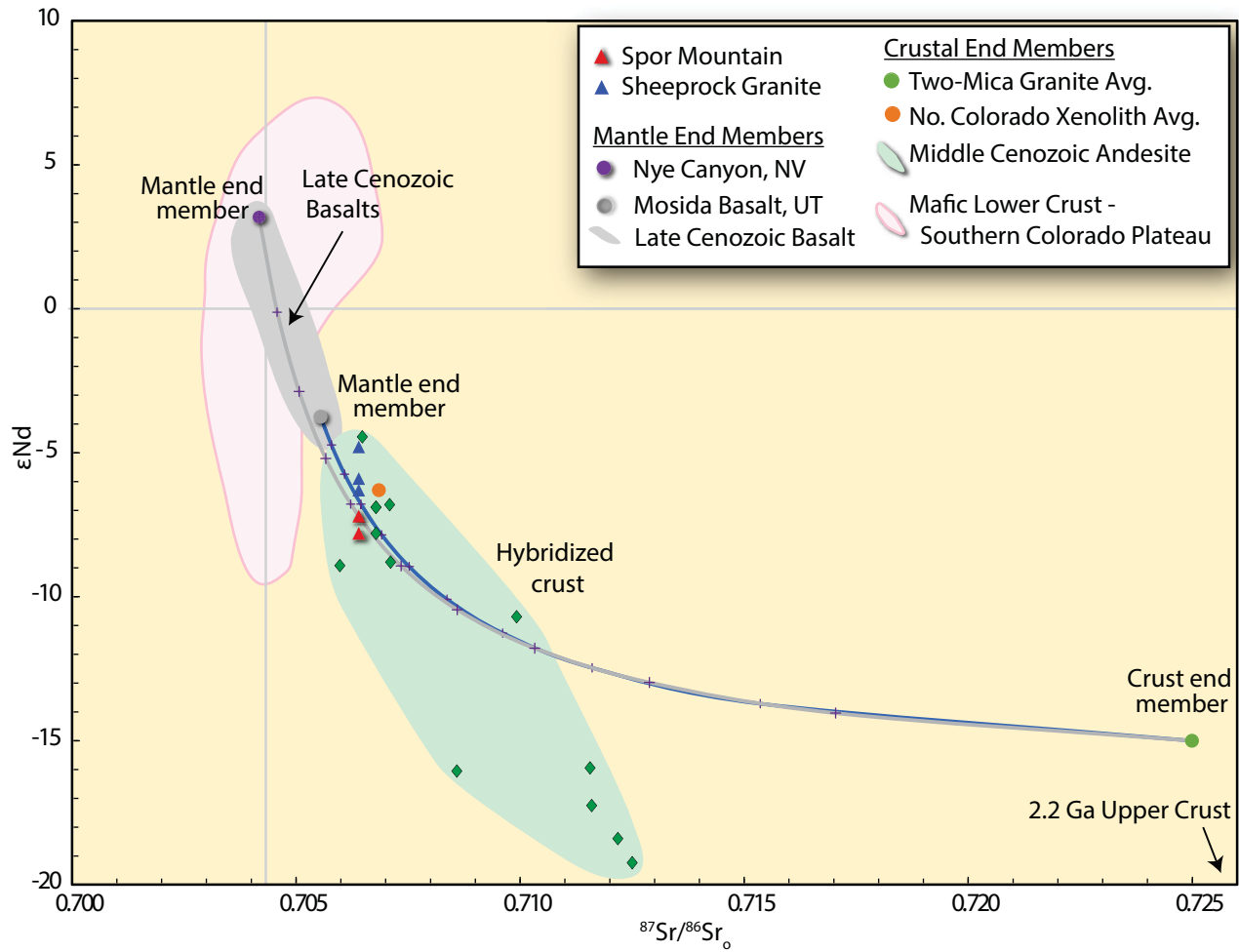


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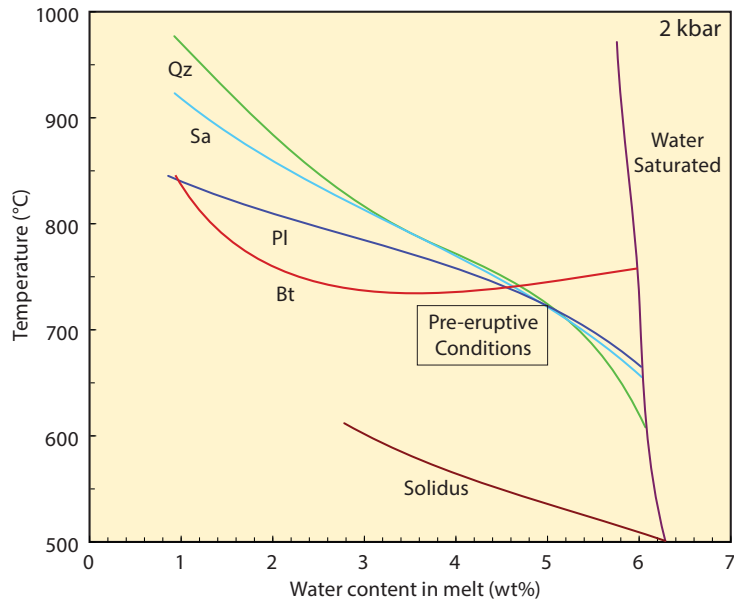


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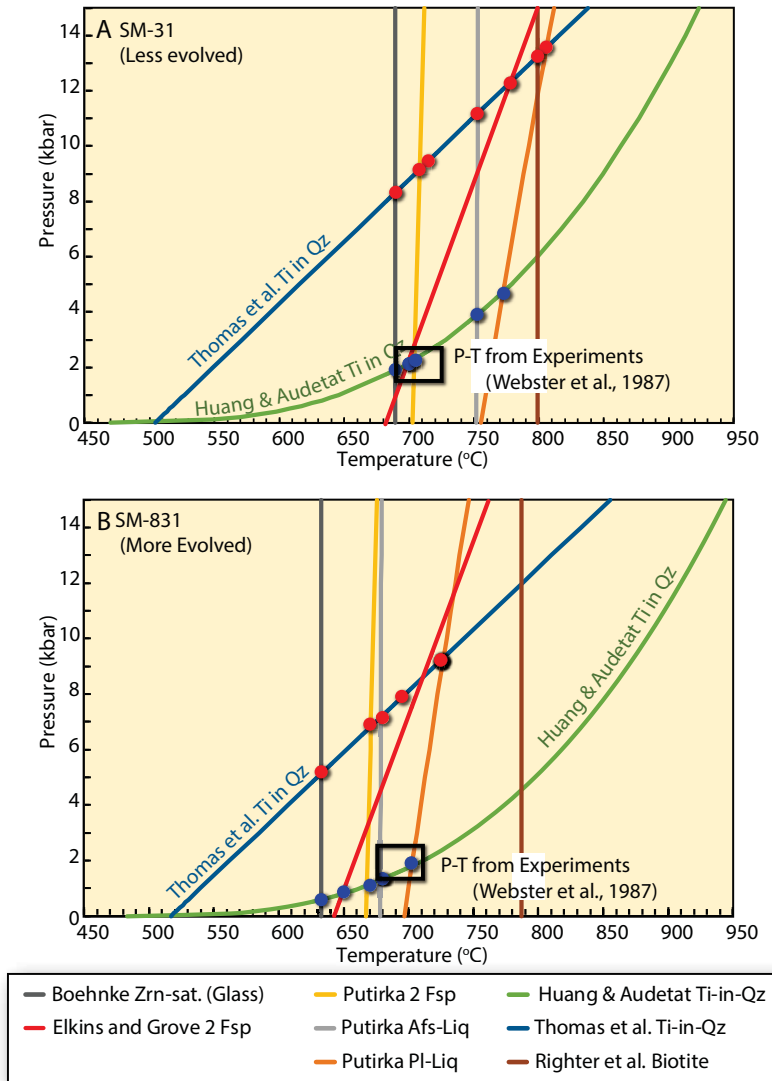


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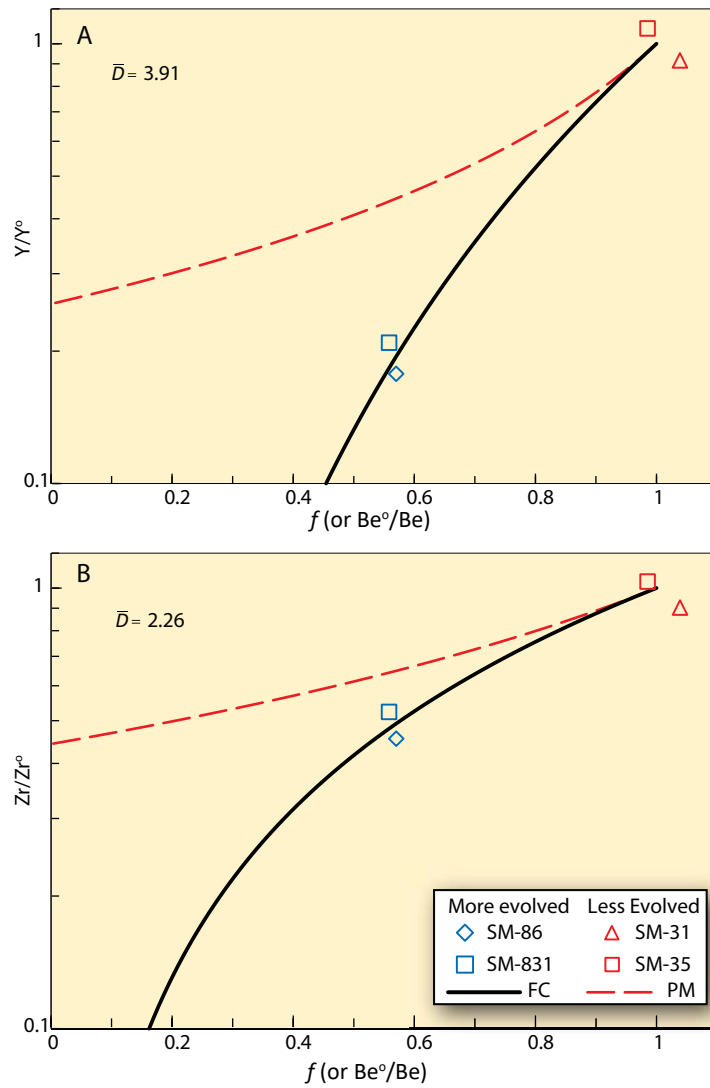


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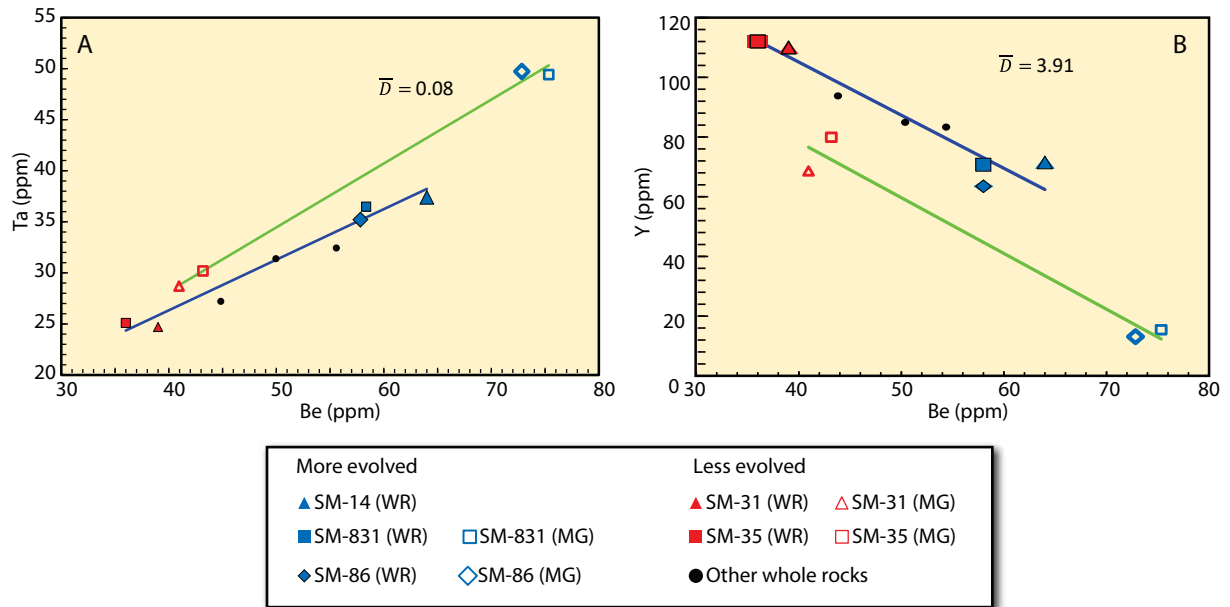


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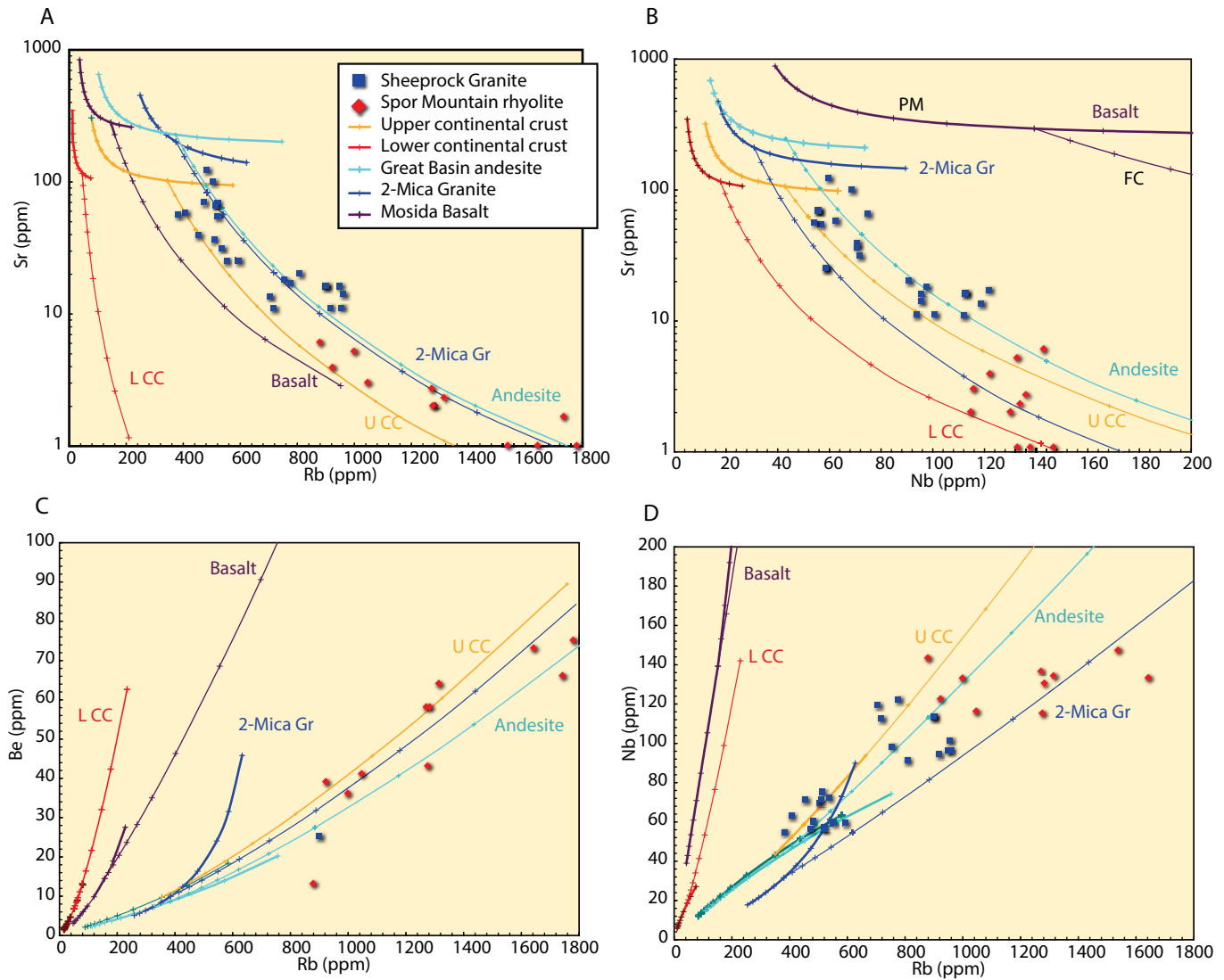


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