

3 Decoupled water and iron enrichments in the cratonic mantle: a study on peridotite
4 xenoliths from Tok, SE Siberian Craton
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ABSTRACT (418 words)

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25 Water and iron are believed to be key constituents controlling the strength and density of the lithosphere
26 and, therefore, play a crucial role in the long-term stability of cratons. On the other hand, metasomatism can
27 modify the water and iron abundances in the mantle and possibly triggers thermo-mechanical erosion of cratonic
28 keels. Whether local or large scale processes control water distribution in cratonic mantle remains unclear,
29 calling for further investigation. Spinel peridotite xenoliths in alkali basalts of the Cenozoic Tok volcanic field
30 sampled the lithospheric mantle beneath the southeastern margin of the Siberian Craton. The absence of garnet-
31 bearing peridotite amongst the xenoliths, together with voluminous eruptions of basaltic magma, suggests that
32 the craton margin, in contrast to the central part, lost its deep keel. The Tok peridotites experienced extensive
33 and complex metasomatic reworking by evolved, Ca-Fe-rich liquids that transformed refractory harzburgite to
34 lherzolite and wehrlite. We used polarized Fourier transform infrared spectroscopy (FTIR) to obtain water
35 content in olivine, orthopyroxene (opx), and clinopyroxene (cpx) of 14 Tok xenoliths. Olivine, with a water
36 content of 0-3 ppm H₂O, was severely degassed, probably during emplacement and cooling of the host lava
37 flow. Orthopyroxene (49-106 ppm H₂O) and clinopyroxene (97-300 ppm H₂O) are in equilibrium. The cores of
38 the pyroxene grains, unlike olivine, experienced no water loss due to dehydration or addition attributable to
39 interaction with the host magma. The water contents of opx and cpx are similar to those from the Kaapvaal,
40 Tanzania and North China cratons, but the Tok opx has less water than previously studied opx from the central
41 Siberian craton (Udachnaya, 28-301 ppm; average 138 ppm). Melting models suggest that the water contents of
42 Tok peridotites are higher than in melting residues, and argue for a post-melting (metasomatic) origin.

43 Moreover, the water contents in opx and cpx of Tok peridotites are decoupled from iron enrichments or
44 other indicators of melt metasomatism (e.g., CaO and P₂O₅). Such decoupling is not seen in the Udachnaya and
45 Kaapvaal peridotites but is similar to observations on Tanzanian peridotites. Our data suggest that iron
46 enrichments in the southeastern Siberian craton mantle preceded water enrichment. Pervasive and large-scale,
47 iron enrichment in the lithospheric mantle may strongly increase its density and initiate a thermo-magmatic
48 erosion. By contrast, the distribution of water in xenoliths is relatively “recent” and was controlled by local

49 metasomatic processes that operate shortly before the volcanic eruption. Hence, water abundances in minerals of
50 Tok mantle xenoliths appear to represent a snapshot of water in the vicinity of the xenolith source regions.

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INTRODUCTION

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55 The longevity and the stability of the oldest continental domains (also known as ‘cratons’) are commonly
56 attributed to the presence of a buoyant, cold and “dry” layer in their lithospheric mantle (Boyd, 1989; Hirth et
57 al., 2000; Peslier et al., 2010). This layer is composed of residual peridotites formed by high degrees of melt
58 extraction, responsible for iron- and water-depletion. Such cratonic peridotites are less dense (Herzberg and
59 Rudnick, 2012) and more viscous (Dixon et al., 2004; Hirth et al., 2000) than the surrounding asthenosphere,
60 made up of fertile peridotites richer in iron and containing more water. The cratonic keel is thus physically
61 isolated from the convective mantle and preserved from delamination, providing its longevity (Jordan, 1978;
62 O'Neill et al., 2008; Sleep, 2003).

63 Studies on cratonic mantle xenoliths worldwide show that most of these peridotites experienced
64 metasomatic re-enrichment in incompatible elements (Carlson et al., 2005; Ionov et al., 2010; Pearson et al.,
65 1995a; Shimizu et al., 1997; Simon et al., 2003), which is often associated with deformation (Boyd and
66 Mertzman, 1987; Ionov et al., 2017). This post-formation modification of the cratonic keel may lead to its
67 erosion (or rejuvenation) (Foley, 2008; Lee et al., 2011; Liu et al., 2019), which may affect either the entire keel,
68 like in the North China Craton (Gao et al., 2002; Griffin et al., 1998; Menzies et al., 2007; Rudnick et al., 2004),
69 or the cratonic margins, like in the Siberian craton (Ionov et al., 2005a; Ionov et al., 2005b), the Colorado
70 Plateau (Lee et al., 2001), the Tanzanian craton (Lee and Rudnick, 1999; Rudnick et al., 1994) and cratons in
71 Greenland (Bernstein et al., 1998; Bernstein et al., 2007).

72 At least three processes may cause or facilitate the destruction of cratonic keels: (1) convective removal
73 driven by shear stress imposed by mantle flow in the asthenosphere (Cooper and Conrad, 2009; King, 2005), (2)
74 rheological weakening through hydration of the mantle lithosphere by ingress of melt or fluids (Dasgupta et al.,
75 2007; Li et al., 2008) and (3) thermo-magmatic erosion due to enrichment in Fe and heating during modal
76 metasomatism (also referred to as “refertilization”) (Foley, 2008). Iron and water appear to be key constituents
77 controlling the stability and the longevity of the lithospheric mantle because they strongly affect its density and
78 strength, respectively.

79 Water in the mantle primarily resides in nominally anhydrous minerals (NAMs) such as olivine,
80 pyroxenes, and garnet ([Asimow and Langmuir, 2003](#); [Bell and Rossman, 1992](#); [Hermann et al., 2007](#); [Hirth and](#)
81 [Kohlstedt, 1996](#); [Kovács et al., 2012](#); [Kovacs et al., 2010](#)). Water enters these anhydrous minerals, typically as
82 protons (H^+) bonded to structural oxygen in intrinsic crystal defects ([Bell and Rossman, 1992](#); [Rossman, 1996](#);
83 [Smyth et al., 1991](#)). Olivine tends to be stronger if its water content decreases ([Mackwell et al., 1985](#)), which
84 may explain why cratonic roots remain strong and resistant for billions of years ([Dixon et al., 2004](#); [King, 2005](#);
85 [Mackwell et al., 1985](#); [Peslier, 2010](#); [Pollack, 1986](#)).

86 The notion of craton-wide dehydration has been questioned by recent studies of water distribution in the
87 cratonic mantle. Water content in minerals shows a clear correlation with metasomatism, especially with iron
88 enrichment, but this correlation seems to be related to local processes ([Doucet et al., 2014](#); [Hui et al., 2015](#);
89 [Peslier et al., 2010](#); [Peslier et al., 2012](#)). In the case of the Kaapvaal craton, the enrichment in water is limited to
90 the shallow parts of the cratonic lithosphere ([Peslier et al., 2010](#); [Peslier et al., 2012](#)). For the Siberian craton, the
91 water enrichment occurs above the lithosphere-asthenosphere boundary, in laterally-limited regions, probably
92 near shear zones. Water enrichment is associated with modal metasomatism and iron enrichment ([Doucet et al.,](#)
93 [2014](#)), possibly triggered by asthenospheric volatile-rich silicate melts ([Berkesi et al., 2019](#)). By contrast, the
94 water enrichment in the Tanzanian craton is limited to highly-metasomatized peridotites sampled by the Labait
95 volcano ([Hui et al., 2015](#)). The North China Craton exhibits elevated water content ([Li et al., 2015](#); [Xia et al.,](#)
96 [2017](#)) probably caused by metasomatism by aqueous fluids that were likely introduced by subduction ([review by](#)
97 [Liu et al., 2019](#)). Even if the distribution of water in the cratonic mantle indeed strongly affects the long-term
98 stability of continents ([Pollack, 1986](#)), this distribution and the related processes need to be better constrained.

99 In this study, we report the water content of olivine, orthopyroxene (opx) and clinopyroxene (cpx) of 14
100 peridotite xenoliths from the Tokinsky Stanovik volcanic field (Tok), located in the Aldan shield on the
101 southeastern (SE) margin of the Siberian craton ([Fig. 1](#)). The xenoliths are well-characterized spinel peridotites,
102 some of which experienced pervasive iron enrichment and modal metasomatism shortly before the eruption of
103 host basalts ([Ionov et al., 2005a](#); [Ionov et al., 2005b](#)). The absence of garnet-facies peridotite among the Tok

104 xenoliths confirms the geophysical data suggesting the lost of the deep keel beneath the SE margin of the
105 Siberian craton (Priestley and Debayle, 2003), in contrast to the central Siberian craton where the lithosphere-
106 asthenosphere boundary is 220 km deep according to both xenolith studies (Boyd et al., 1997; Ionov et al., 2010)
107 and geophysical data (Priestley and Debayle, 2003).

108 The new water data, obtained in this study by polarized FTIR, are compared with the data from an FTIR-
109 study on the spinel and garnet peridotites from the Udachnaya kimberlite in the central Siberian craton (Doucet
110 et al., 2014) to provide an overview of the distribution of water in the lithospheric mantle of the Siberian Craton.
111 The water content in olivine, opx, and cpx are examined in light of available data on the chemical compositions
112 of bulk rocks and minerals to constrain the processes controlling the distribution of water in the cratonic mantle.
113 Finally, the effects of water and iron on the longevity and local erosion of the Siberian craton and the
114 implications of these results for cratons, in general, are reviewed.

115 GEOLOGICAL SETTING

116 Neoproterozoic to Paleozoic sediments and Permian-Triassic flood basalts cover the Siberian craton,
117 except for the Anabar and Aldan shields in its northern and south-eastern parts (Fig. 1), where gneisses and
118 granulites with ages up to 3.0–3.6 billion years (Ga) are exposed (Jahn et al., 1998; Nutman et al., 1992;
119 Paquette et al., 2017; Zonenshain et al., 1990). The Archean and Paleoproterozoic blocks amalgamated in the
120 mid-Proterozoic (1.8–2.0 Ga) (Rosen et al., 2005). The oldest Re-Os ages for mantle xenoliths from the Siberian
121 craton are 3.3 Ga (Pearson et al., 1995a; Pearson et al., 1995b), but Re-Os and Lu-Hf data suggest that the main
122 components of the lithospheric mantle formed in two stages about 2.8 Ga and 2.0 Ga (Doucet et al., 2015; Ionov
123 et al., 2015a; Ionov et al., 2015b).

124 The Aldan shield is the largest area of exposed Archean and Paleoproterozoic (3.6–1.9 Ga) crustal rocks
125 on the Siberian craton (Frost et al., 1998; Jahn et al., 1998; Nutman et al., 1992). The shield is made up of two
126 blocks, the Aldan in the north and the Stanovoy in the south. An area in the eastern Stanovoy Range is called
127 Tokinsky Stanovik and is made of Quaternary alkali basaltic rocks with Ar-Ar ages of 0.59–0.28 Ma (Rasskazov

128 [et al., 2000](#)). Mantle xenoliths in this area are hosted by the basaltic lavas, by contrast with those from the
129 central craton, where they occur in kimberlites.

130 **SAMPLE OVERVIEW**

131 The peridotite xenoliths from Tok are spinel harzburgites, lherzolites, and wehrlites ([Fig. 2 and Table 1](#)).
132 Detailed petrographic and geochemical studies of these xenoliths ([Ionov et al., 2005a; Ionov et al., 2005b](#))
133 indicate that the lithospheric mantle beneath Tok first experienced high degrees of melt extraction (up to 25–
134 40%) and then large-scale metasomatic re-working, erasing the geochemical signatures of initial melting events
135 and imparting signatures of enriched melts/fluids in the majority of the samples ([Ionov et al., 2006a](#)). Upward
136 migration of mafic silicate melts mainly produced this extensive reworking, followed by the percolation of low-
137 temperature, alkali-rich melts and fluids ([Ionov et al., 2006a](#)). Chromatographic fractionation and fractional
138 crystallization of the melts strongly enriched the host peridotite in light (L) rare earth elements (REE) close to
139 the percolation front and dramatically changed the chemical composition of the initial liquids, which
140 progressively evolved from high-T basaltic melts to low-T, alkali-rich silicate and then CO₂- and P₂O₅-rich
141 derivatives ([Ionov et al., 2006a](#)). During thermal relaxation of the metasomatic system to ambient geotherm
142 (“retrograde” metasomatism), the percolation front migrated downwards. Small-volume residual fluids were
143 trapped, and crystallized volatile-rich accessory minerals such as apatite (F, Cl-rich; up to 1000 ppm H₂O),
144 amphibole (up to 2 to 4 wt.% H₂O) and phlogopite (up to 5 wt.% H₂O) ([Ionov et al., 2006a](#)). Shortly before the
145 entrainment of the xenoliths into Quaternary basaltic magma, fluids with low water activity (e.g., due to low
146 H₂O/CO₂) migrated through the lithospheric mantle section triggering the breakdown of hydrous amphibole and
147 phlogopite into anhydrous assemblages and the formation of whitlockite (an anhydrous, halogen-poor and Ca–
148 Mg-rich phosphate) ([Ionov et al., 2006b](#)).

149 Tok peridotites are subdivided in two rock series based on their petrography, modal abundances, Mg#
150 [Mg/(Mg+Fe)_{at}] and trace element signatures ([Ionov et al., 2005a; Ionov et al., 2005b](#)) ([Table 1 and](#)
151 [supplementary data 1](#)):

152 (1) The lherzolite-harzburgite (LH) series groups “normal” (in terms of Mg# and modal composition)
153 fertile to refractory rocks, which are melt extraction residues with relatively low FeO (7.4–9.0 wt.%) and a Mg#
154 ≥ 0.89 (Fig. 3 and 4). The LH series rocks in this study include seven harzburgites, one cpx-poor lherzolite
155 (9510-16) and one fertile lherzolite (9506-2) (Table 1 and Fig. 2). The majority of the LH rocks are variably
156 metasomatized refractory melting residues that have low heavy (H) REE abundances and show consistent
157 gradual enrichments from HREE to LREE. Their LREE patterns are commonly La-enriched in particular for
158 phosphate-bearing samples.

159 (2) The lherzolite-wehrlite (LW) series is composed of rocks with low Mg# (<0.89), high modal olivine
160 (72–84 wt.%), cpx (7–22 wt.%), and cpx/opx ratios. This series was produced by the reaction of refractory
161 residual peridotites with evolved, Fe-rich (Mg# = 0.6–0.7), silica-undersaturated melts at high melt/rock ratios.
162 This metasomatic process caused replacement of opx by cpx (Fig. 3) and Fe (\pm Ca, \pm trace element) enrichments
163 (Fig. 4c) (Ionov et al., 2005a; Ionov et al., 2005b). The LW series peridotites have lower Mg# than the LH series
164 rocks: 0.829–0.889 for the opx-poor lherzolites and 0.839–0.868 for the wehrlites (Table 1 and Fig. 4a). They
165 have HREE and middle (M) REE abundances five times higher than the refractory LH series rocks (Fig. 5a).
166 Light REE abundances in the LH and LW rock series partly overlap (Fig. 5a).

167 Both LH and LW series rocks have higher HREE (e.g., Yb in Fig. 5) than refractory peridotites from
168 orogenic (e.g., Horoman Massif, Takazawa et al., 2000) and cratonic settings (e.g., spinel and garnet peridotites
169 from Udachnaya, Ionov et al., 2010) and generally plot above the melting trend in Al₂O₃ vs. Yb plots (Fig. 5b),
170 defined using trace element modelling for non-modal fractional melting of a spinel peridotite with the primitive
171 mantle composition (Doucet et al., 2013). We modelled the partition coefficient between opx and cpx ($D^{\text{cpx/opx}}$)
172 following the method of Liang et al. (2013). The measured and predicted $D^{\text{cpx/opx}}$ are in good agreement,
173 indicating that REE are in equilibrium between opx and cpx (Fig. 6) in the LH and LW series peridotites.
174 Therefore, opx and cpx are chemically equilibrated and unaffected by host basaltic magma.

175 The Os-Hf-Sr-Nd isotope study on the spinel peridotites from Tok suggests that, before being highly
176 metasomatized, the lithospheric mantle beneath the SE margin of the Siberian craton formed between 2.8 and

177 2.0 Ga, i.e., at about the same time as the central and the north-eastern parts of the craton (Doucet et al., 2015;
178 Ionov et al., 2015a; Ionov et al., 2015b).

179 To sum up, the petrographic and geochemical data of the Tok xenoliths indicate extensive metasomatic re-
180 working of their original residual “protoliths” in two stages: (1) iron enrichments and replacement of opx by cpx
181 in the LW series rocks, produced by the interaction of the protolith with evolved silicate melts; (2) precipitation
182 of fine-grained interstitial materials containing phosphates and alkali feldspar, both in the LH and LW suites, by
183 the migration of water-poor, CO₂-rich fluids through the host peridotite (Ionov et al., 2006a; Ionov et al.,
184 2006b). Overall, the uppermost mantle beneath the SE margin of the Siberian craton may be one of the most
185 strongly metasomatized continental mantle domains worldwide.

186 METHODS

187 Sample preparation

188 Fresh material from xenolith cores (0.1–1 kg) was crushed to <1–2 mm between two hydraulically driven
189 wear-resistant tungsten carbide plates. Gem-quality (i.e., the purest crystals without cracks and inclusions)
190 olivine, opx and cpx, preferably unbroken crystals, were handpicked from sieved >1 mm size fraction for olivine
191 (15–67 per mineral) and 0.6–1 mm for pyroxene (20–40 grains per mineral) under a binocular microscope. The
192 mineral grains were set in epoxy before being polished on two parallel surfaces at the Département de Géologie
193 de l’Université Jean Monnet in Saint-Etienne (France) and at the State Key Laboratory for Mineral Deposits
194 Research of Nanjing University (China). The thickness of the double-polished mineral grains determined with a
195 Mitutoyo digimatic micrometer ranges from 90 to 916 μm (±1 μm). The polished sections were placed in a
196 desiccator before FTIR analyses to eliminate potential surface water.

197 Fourier Transform Infrared spectroscopy (FTIR)

198 A continuum infrared microscope in combination with a Nicolet iS50 FTIR at Nanjing University (China)
199 was used to analyze water in olivine and pyroxene. The crystallographic orientation of each polished mineral
200 grain was determined using interference figures under a petrographic microscope. Areas of 30 × 30 to 80 × 80

201 μm^2 were measured under transmission mode in the wavenumber range of 7000–650 cm^{-1} with a resolution of 4
202 cm^{-1} and 256 scans. A wire-grid Zn-Se infrared polarizer rotated parallel to each principal axis of the oriented
203 mineral grain was used during FTIR analyses. Each analysis was performed in a pre-dried air environment to
204 minimize interference from ambient atmospheric water vapor. Cross-sections were measured to assess the
205 homogeneity of hydrogen distribution within the grain. Typically, at least one new background spectrum was
206 collected every two hours.

207 The spectra were normalized to a thickness of 1 cm to be compared with each other and with literature
208 data. The baseline was manually corrected using the Omnic[®] software. The total integrated absorbance (A_{tot}),
209 corresponding to the sum of areas integrated beneath the O-H bands with the vector of the incident infrared light
210 parallel to three principal axes (E// α , E// β , and E// γ), was used to calculate water concentration in each mineral
211 according to the following expression of the Beer-Lambert law:

$$212 \quad C_{\text{H}_2\text{O}} = \frac{A_{\text{tot}}}{I'}$$

213 where $C_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}$ is water concentration (in ppm by weight H_2O), and I' is the integral specific absorption
214 coefficient, which is characteristic of the mineral composition (in $\text{ppm}^{-1} \text{cm}^{-2}$). The absorption coefficient used
215 for olivine was $I' = 5.32 \pm 0.34 \text{ ppm}^{-1} \text{cm}^{-2}$ between 3800 and 3400 cm^{-1} (Group 1) and $2.22 \pm 0.1 \text{ ppm}^{-1} \text{cm}^{-2}$
216 between 3400 and 3100 cm^{-1} (Group 2) (Bell et al., 2003), for opx was $I' = 15.6 \pm 0.94 \text{ ppm}^{-1} \text{cm}^{-2}$ between
217 3650 and 2600 cm^{-1} (Bell et al., 1995), and for cpx was $I' = 7.09 \pm 0.32 \text{ ppm}^{-1} \text{cm}^{-2}$ between 3650 and 3000 cm^{-1}
218 (Bell et al., 1995). For each mineral of one sample, at least two grains were analyzed to obtain the total
219 integrated absorbance (A_{tot}).

220 FTIR SPECTRA AND OH ABSORBANCE

221 Absorption bands due to O–H vibrations in olivine and pyroxene of the 14 Tok peridotite xenoliths are
222 located between 3650 and 3100 cm^{-1} and 3650 and 2600 cm^{-1} respectively (supplementary data 2). These spectra
223 are similar to the published OH spectra for olivine and pyroxene in kimberlite-hosted mantle xenoliths from the
224 Siberian craton (Doucet et al., 2014; Matsyuk and Langer, 2004), the Kaapvaal craton (Bell et al., 2003; Peslier

225 et al., 2010; Peslier et al., 2008), the Ontong Java Plateau (Demouchy et al., 2015), and the Tanzanian craton
226 (Hui et al., 2015). Olivine in the majority of the Tok samples has barely detectable OH bands at 3572 and 3525
227 cm^{-1} , and 3707 and 3683 cm^{-1} , and could correspond to nano-inclusions of Ti-clinohumite and serpentine
228 respectively (Khisina and Wirth, 2008; Khisina et al., 2008; Kitamura et al., 1987; Koch-Müller et al., 2006;
229 Matsyuk and Langer, 2004; Miller et al., 1987; Mosenfelder et al., 2006). However, such nano-inclusions are
230 undetectable under an optical microscope. The OH absorbance at 3525 cm^{-1} could also be related to intrinsic Ti-
231 defects in olivine (Tollan et al., 2018). In olivine, Ti^{3+} or Ti^{4+} can substitute Mg^{2+} in the octahedral site, and the
232 charge can be balanced by H^+ replacing Si^{4+} , creating the Ti-clinohumite point defect (Jollands et al., 2016).
233 Titanium being highly incompatible in olivine ($D^{\text{ol/melt}} < 0.01$, McKenzie and O'Nions, (1991)), the incorporation
234 of Ti in olivine from refractory peridotite can only occur during metasomatism. The contribution of the nano-
235 inclusions remains controversial, but the low alteration of samples (loss on ignition < 0.05 wt.%) suggests that
236 these inclusions might have been formed in a mantle environment (Khisina and Wirth, 2008).

237 The opx have OH bands at 3600, 3565, 3525, and 3440 cm^{-1} (Fig. 7d-f). The cpx have OH bands at 3630,
238 3525 and 3440 cm^{-1} (Fig. 7g-i). The OH band located at ~ 3525 cm^{-1} is similar to natural samples from various
239 tectonic settings (Bonadiman et al., 2009; Demouchy et al., 2015; Denis et al., 2018; Peslier et al., 2002). The
240 available experimental work suggests that substitution mechanisms can explain OH bands above 3400 cm^{-1} . In
241 that case, the structural hydroxyl is linked to trivalent cations in the pyroxene structure (Stalder, 2004; Stalder
242 and Skogby, 2002) such as aluminum, sodium and chromium (Aubaud et al., 2004; Bromiley and Keppler,
243 2004; Hauri et al., 2006; Mierdel and Keppler, 2004; Rauch and Keppler, 2002; Stalder, 2004; Stalder and
244 Skogby, 2002; Tenner et al., 2009). However, the absence of correlation between Al^{IV} , Al^{VI} , Na, Cr and water
245 content in the pyroxene (supplementary data 1) makes any band attribution to specific lattice defect difficult
246 (Peslier et al., 2012). On the other hand, the absence of OH bands at ~ 3675 – 3695 cm^{-1} , generally attributed to
247 nano-inclusions of amphibole (Della Ventura et al., 2007; Kovács et al., 2012), suggests that all water has been
248 detected as hydroxyl in intrinsic defects.

249 The majority of opx has homogenous flat core profiles, excluding the lower absorbance at rims (Fig. 8), and
250 cpx (except cpx from 9510-19) have uniform water content. The cpx from sample 9519-19 has lower abundance
251 at the rim (Fig. 8d), but the difference between the core and rim is limited and close to the uncertainties. The opx
252 with diffusion profiles exhibits much more significant variations between the core and rim (Fig 8a–c). In order
253 to convert the total integrated absorption into H₂O concentrations, we used absorption coefficients from Bell et
254 al. (2003) for olivine and Bell et al. (1995) for pyroxene. We do, however, acknowledge that there remains
255 uncertainty as to the correct choice of absorption coefficient, particularly for olivine (for discussions, see Kovacs
256 et al. (2010); Withers et al. (2012); Demouchy and Bolfan-Casanova (2016); Tollan et al. (2018)), and therefore
257 also provide the total integrated absorbances in Table 1.

258 The concentrations in the mineral cores are 0–3 ppm H₂O for olivine, 49–106 ppm H₂O for opx, and
259 97–300 ppm H₂O for cpx (Table 1). The olivine and pyroxene data show that olivine is not in equilibrium with
260 opx and cpx (Fig. 9a,b) with $D^{\text{opx/ol}}$ and $D^{\text{cpx/ol}}$ ranges of 33–374 and 16–822 respectively while the experimental
261 equilibrium range is 3.5–12.2 ($D^{\text{opx/ol}}$) (Demouchy et al., 2017; Hauri et al., 2006) and 3.3–33 ($D^{\text{cpx/ol}}$) (Novella
262 et al., 2014; Tenner et al., 2009). On the other hand, opx and cpx appear to be in equilibrium (Fig. 9c) with
263 $D^{\text{cpx/opx}}$ from 1 to 3 with an average of 2, in line with experimental values ranging from 1.2 to 3.5 ($D^{\text{cpx/opx}}$)
264 (Hauri et al., 2006; Kovács et al., 2012).

266 DISCUSSION

267 Preservation of mantle water content in olivine and pyroxenes

268 Water content in NAMs is often disturbed during magmatic ascent because hydrogen diffuses rapidly through
269 NAMs at magmatic temperatures ($T > 800^\circ\text{C}$) (Demouchy, 2010; Demouchy and Mackwell, 2003; Kohlstedt
270 and Mackwell, 1998; Mackwell and Kohlstedt, 1990). Host magma, such as continental alkali basalts, may
271 contain up to ~4 wt.% H₂O (Dixon et al., 2002; Dixon et al., 1988; Hochstaedter et al., 1990; Simons et al.,
272 2002; Sisson and Layne, 1993; Stolper and Newman, 1994; Wallace, 2005; Xia et al., 2016) and could

273 potentially add water to the xenolith. Alternatively, the xenoliths could lose hydrogen via dehydration during
274 decompression and a decrease of water activity (Demouchy et al., 2006; Demouchy and Mackwell, 2006b;
275 Marshall et al., 2018; Patkó et al., 2019) (Demouchy et al., 2006; Demouchy and Mackwell, 2006a; Ingrin and
276 Blanchard, 2006; Peslier and Luhr, 2006; Peslier et al., 2008). This phenomenon may even cause partial or
277 complete dehydration of the grains resulting in no detectable water (Denis et al., 2018; Tian et al., 2017).
278 Therefore, it is essential to establish to what extent measured water concentrations in olivine and pyroxenes may
279 reflect equilibrium mantle concentrations, and this can be done using two approaches. The first is to measure H
280 in profiles across individual grains to determine whether concentration gradients are present and whether they
281 are induced by diffusive loss (or gain) of H. The second is to compare inter-mineral water distribution
282 coefficients with experimental equilibrium water partitioning studies.

283 The olivine absorbance in thick double-polished grain mounts (>500 μm) is barely above FTIR detection
284 limits, and olivine is not in equilibrium with coexisting pyroxenes, whereas the cores of opx and cpx are
285 equilibrated with each other which indicates water loss in olivine. By contrast, the majority of opx and cpx from
286 xenolith 9510-19 shows water loss at grain edges, but flat absorbance profiles in cores and uniform absorbance
287 values in the cores of different grains. Our data suggest that water had time to diffuse out of olivine and opx but
288 not (or very limited) in cpx, which is in line with recent studies (Tian et al., 2017). Therefore, it is crucial to
289 investigate the effects of diffusion in mineral grains to explore the distribution of water. We model the water
290 loss in olivine and opx using the 1D-diffusion modeling of Peslier et al. (2008), using the equation of Shewmon
291 (1983) (supplementary data 3) and parameters of (Demouchy and Mackwell, 2006a; Stalder and Skogby, 2003;
292 Tian et al., 2017). We assumed a chemical diffusion of H by mobility of metal vacancies, the only mechanism
293 for which diffusion in olivine and opx is significantly faster than cpx and probably the dominant process that
294 controls water diffusion in mantle minerals (Tian et al., 2017; Tollan et al., 2018) (Table 2 and 3 of
295 supplementary data 2). The best fit to the opx data is obtained using the water concentrations measured in the
296 cores as initial water concentrations and diffusion time during 19 days at 900°C, two days at 1000°C and 6h at
297 1100°C (Fig. 8a). Water diffusion at temperatures above 1200°C is not well constrained by experimental studies

298 (Tian et al., 2017). The water profiles cannot be reproduced by assuming 25% higher initial water content. We
299 also modelled the water dehydration in olivine at temperatures ranging from 900°C to 1100°C for the same
300 diffusion time (19 days, two days, and 6h) (Fig. 8c,d). The initial (pre-dehydration) water concentration in
301 olivine was estimated following the method of Warren and Hauri (2014) using theoretical pyroxene/olivine
302 partition coefficients ($D^{\text{cpx/ol}}$ and $D^{\text{opx/ol}}$) (Table 2). The average estimated water concentration in olivine is $24 \pm$
303 $13(1\sigma)$ ppm. The olivine is degassed to <1 ppm after 19 days at 900°C, two days at 1000°C and 6h at 1100°C
304 (Fig. 8c,d), which suggests that dehydration of olivine and opx may occur between 900°C (similar to equilibrium
305 temperatures of the xenoliths) and $>1100^\circ\text{C}$, but also relatively by rapidly to not to affect water in the cpx. At
306 high temperatures ($>1100^\circ\text{C}$), water diffuses 1-2 orders of magnitude faster in olivine than in opx and up to 10
307 orders of magnitude faster in olivine than in cpx (Demouchy and Bolfan-Casanova, 2016; Ferriss et al., 2016;
308 Ingrin and Blanchard, 2006; Stalder and Behrens, 2006; Stalder et al., 2007; Stalder and Skogby, 2007; Tian et
309 al., 2017; Woods et al., 2000; Xu et al., 2019), and two orders of magnitude faster in opx than in cpx (Tian et al.,
310 2017). On the other hand, water diffusion in cpx is still too fast to avoid partial loss if dehydration occurs at
311 mantle depths (Ferriss et al., 2016; Tian et al., 2017; Xu et al., 2019). Therefore, water diffusion should occur at
312 a sufficiently high temperature to dehydrate olivine and opx edges, but slow enough to preserve the water in the
313 cores of opx and the cpx. Moreover, the shape of the majority of the cpx FTIR spectra in this study (Fig. 7)
314 shows the predominance of OH absorbance at 3630 cm^{-1} defined by Patkó et al. (2019) as “type 1 spectra”. The
315 cpx generally have two intense bands at ~ 3630 and 3525 cm^{-1} and type 1 spectra is defined when absorption
316 intensity values at $\sim 3630\text{ cm}^{-1}$ dominate. Patkó et al. (2019) show that cpx with type 1 spectra have higher
317 maximum and average water content, and concluded that cpx with type 1 spectra are likely to represent the
318 original conditions, presumably under high water activity. The type 1 spectra of cpx from Tok t suggests that the
319 water content in pyroxenes has been preserved from eruptive processes. In addition, the presence of dry olivine
320 suggests a slow rate of high-temperature annealing (Patkó et al., 2019).

321 The Tok xenoliths were collected in thick alkali basalt lava flows away from eruption centers, which cover
322 210 km^2 in the region; the presence of hawaiites among the volcanic rocks suggests large amounts of hot

323 (>1000°C, probably >1200°C) magma produced (Ionov et al., 2005b). Altogether, the water diffusion profiles in
324 minerals, the water equilibrium between the opx and cpx cores, and field evidence indicate that the transport of
325 the Tok xenoliths in hot host magmas followed by rapid cooling is consistent with dehydration of the xenoliths
326 during the eruption and emplacement of the lava. The effect of the eruption, emplacement, and cooling on the
327 water content of the minerals is in agreement with Li abundances and $\delta^7\text{Li}$ disequilibria between olivine and
328 pyroxenes attributed to the cooling in thick lava flow (Ionov and Seitz, 2008). Hence, we posit that cpx is the
329 most robust recorder of water content in mantle xenoliths hosted in lava flows.

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331 **Water in orthopyroxene and clinopyroxene – melting vs. metasomatism**

332 **Partial melting and water content.** The tectonic settings responsible for the formation of cratons are
333 still debated, but it is generally accepted that the cratonic mantle lithosphere under ancient continental cores
334 underwent at least 30–40% of melt extraction (Bernstein et al., 1998; Boyd, 1989; Boyd et al., 1997; Doucet et
335 al., 2012; Ionov et al., 2010; Kopylova et al., 1999; Lee, 2006; Pearson and Wittig, 2008; Simon et al., 2007).
336 These melting events occurred during the Archean or early in the Proterozoic (Carlson et al., 1999; Doucet et al.,
337 2015; Ionov et al., 2015a; Ionov et al., 2015b; Pearson et al., 1995a; Wiggers de Vries et al., 2013; Wittig et al.,
338 2010) and must have left behind dry, water-depleted residues (Aubaud et al., 2004; Aubaud et al., 2008; Grant et
339 al., 2006; Grant et al., 2007; Hauri et al., 2006; Tenner et al., 2009). To investigate the links between the
340 distribution of water in the lithospheric mantle of Tok and the melting processes, we modeled the water content
341 of melting residues assuming that water behaves as an incompatible element (Hellebrand et al., 2002; Johnson et
342 al., 1990; Shaw, 1970) (Table 4 of supplementary data 1). We simulated two types of melting: non-modal
343 fractional melting and batch melting (Shaw, 1970) using the partition coefficients of Tenner et al. (2009) for
344 melting at 3GPa (supplementary data 3 and 4). In the first series of modelling, we use the water estimate for the
345 primitive mantle (1100 ppm H₂O) as the initial water content of the melting source (Bell and Rossman, 1992;
346 Palme and O'Neill, 2003). The non-modal fractional melting model produces "dry" bulk-rock residues and
347 pyroxenes (both < 0.1 ppm H₂O) after only 6–7% of melt extraction at 3 GPa. By contrast, in the batch melting

348 model, the residue still contains about 20 ppm H₂O in bulk rock, 30 ppm H₂O in opx, and 30 ppm H₂O in cpx
349 even after 25% melting.

350 In the second series of modeling, the water content estimate for a water-depleted source (180 ppm H₂O),
351 similar to the source region of mid-ocean ridge basalts (MORB), is used as the initial water content of the fertile
352 peridotite source (Danyushevsky et al., 2000; Dixon et al., 1988; Michael, 1995; Michael, 1988; Sobolev and
353 Chaussidon, 1996). After 4–5% of fractional melting, the bulk residue becomes “dry” (< 0.1 ppm of water).
354 Even if the partition coefficient of Sokol et al. (2013) between olivine and melt is applied ($D_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}^{\text{ol/melt}} \sim 0.003$,
355 which is 5 times higher than the partition coefficient of Tenner et al. (2009), $D_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}^{\text{ol/melt}} \sim 0.0006$), the water
356 content in opx and cpx of <0.1 ppm H₂O is obtained. The residue contains <10 ppm H₂O in opx and cpx after 25
357 % of batch melting, which is lower than the degrees of melting commonly inferred for cratonic peridotites, i.e.
358 30 to 40% (Lee et al., 2011). This value is lower than the water content in Tok pyroxenes as well.

359 The opx from the Tok xenoliths in this study contain up to 106 ppm H₂O and the cpx up to 300 ppm. Our
360 modelling shows that such water concentrations cannot be residual after partial melting, especially at high
361 melting degrees (30–40%) and thus was added to the xenoliths after melt extraction. This inference agrees with
362 the absence of a correlation between water content in the pyroxenes and melts depletion indices in this study.
363 Metasomatism generally erases the record of partial melting for incompatible elements in residues and may
364 control the distribution of water in the cratonic mantle (Doucet et al., 2014; Hui et al., 2015; Peslier and Bizimis,
365 2015; Peslier et al., 2012; Selway et al., 2014).

366 **Metasomatism and water content.** Recent studies on water distribution in cratonic mantle reveal
367 positive correlations between water in minerals and metasomatism indices (see review by Peslier et al., 2017).
368 For example, the water content in garnets correlates with TiO₂ concentration in garnet from the in Kaapvaal
369 (South Africa) and Udachnaya (central Siberia) xenoliths (Doucet et al., 2014; Peslier et al., 2012). Water
370 content in cpx from Kaapvaal peridotites correlate with its trace element compositions. The water content in
371 olivine from Udachnaya peridotites is generally higher with xenoliths with high olivine Mg# (Fig. 10a), high

372 modal cpx (Fig. 10b) (Doucet et al., 2014). These correlations indicate that the water has been added to the
373 lithospheric mantle by melts or fluids derived from the asthenosphere (Bell and Rossman, 1992; Doucet et al.,
374 2014; Peslier et al., 2012).

375 The mantle beneath Tok experienced a pervasive and complex metasomatic transformation, first by evolved
376 mafic melts to form the LW series rocks containing accessory hydrous phases, then by “dry” fluids that affected
377 refractory peridotites of both the LH and LW series. The first metasomatic event encompassed the whole
378 lithospheric mantle section “sampled” by the xenoliths (likely in the depth range of 40–60 km) (Ionov et al.,
379 2005a; Ionov et al., 2005b), and locally erased the geochemical record of previous melting events. It was not
380 directly related to the late Cenozoic basaltic volcanism, but could probably be associated with an earlier
381 magmatic event. The melts/fluids of this first major metasomatic event, which enriched some Tok peridotites in
382 Fe and massively crystallized new cpx, may be similar to metasomatic agents responsible for modal
383 metasomatism of Udachnaya garnet peridotites (Doucet et al., 2013). This similarity and the presence of
384 accessory water-bearing minerals in the LW Tok series suggest significant water content in the mantle beneath
385 Tok during this event and are in apparent contradiction with the “normal” water content measured in Tok
386 pyroxenes. The first metasomatic episode could be related to a significant tectono-magmatic event at the SE
387 margin of the Siberian craton in the late-Mesozoic to early-Cenozoic (Zonenshain et al., 1990), that involved
388 alkali magmatism and graben formation and possibly associated with subduction in the adjacent paleo-Pacific
389 oceanic basin. The combination of these two events may have resulted in the delamination of the lower
390 lithospheric mantle beneath Tok, and supplied the heat and melts/fluids for the main metasomatic event in the
391 shallow lithospheric mantle (Ionov et al., 2005a; Ionov et al., 2005b).

392 Following this first major metasomatism event, small-scale late-stage metasomatic episodes continued in
393 the lithospheric mantle beneath Tok until the eruption of the basaltic magmas that host the xenoliths. Melts
394 and/or fluids with a low water activity (e.g., due to low H₂O/CO₂) migrated through the lithospheric mantle
395 shortly before the entrainment of the xenoliths into the host magma and their ascent to the surface. Evidence for
396 this migration of CO₂-rich, water-poor melts/fluids is recorded in the peridotite xenoliths as follows (Ionov et

397 [al., 2006a](#); [Ionov et al., 2006b](#)): (i) the presence of quenched cryptocrystalline materials with empty vesicles and
398 of fine-grained aggregates (alkali feldspar, Ti-rich oxides, micro-phenocrysts of olivine, cpx, spinel and
399 phosphates); (ii) the breakdown of “hydrous” amphibole and phlogopite into “anhydrous” assemblages (e.g.,
400 Ba-Ti-rich silicates); and (iii) the formation of whitlockite group minerals (anhydrous, halogen-poor and Ca-
401 Mg-rich phosphates, mainly the Na-rich merrillite). These “dry” melts/fluids affected almost every xenolith
402 from Tok, both from the LW and from the LH series. They were chemically different from the fluids that
403 previously crystallized volatile-rich minerals and probably came from a genetically distinct source, possibly
404 related to the Quaternary alkali basaltic magmatism ([Ionov et al., 2006a](#); [Ionov et al., 2006b](#)).

405 The absence of correlations (i.e., decoupling) between the water content in opx and cpx with modal cpx
406 and FeO ([Fig. 10c–f](#)), and other indices of melt metasomatism in Tok peridotites, suggest that the water
407 abundances are either (i) not related to the first metasomatic episode that produced iron and cpx enrichments, or
408 (ii) were modified by later metasomatic events. The water abundances in opx and cpx are similar to those in the
409 cratonic mantle, and opx–cpx equilibrium indicates no significant water loss. These observations suggest that
410 either (i) the opx and cpx were not (or little) affected by the dry metasomatism or (ii) they were dehydrated by
411 the dry metasomatism and have been enriched by later events.

412 In comparison, strongly metasomatized xenoliths with low water content in NAMs (1–39 ppm H₂O in
413 olivine with an average of 10 ppm H₂O) also occur on the Tanzanian craton ([Hui et al., 2015](#)). The Tanzanian
414 craton has been affected by a mantle plume, which has significantly reworked the cratonic lithospheric mantle
415 ([Lee and Rudnick, 1999](#)). The Tanzanian peridotites experienced Fe-enrichments (bulk FeO up to 10 wt.%;
416 olivine Mg# down to 89) and precipitation of cpx (up to 14% with an average of 4–5%), probably caused by
417 relatively water-poor (<1 wt.% H₂O), yet LREE- and Fe-enriched plume-derived melts ([Hui et al., 2015](#)).

418 The potential metasomatic agents responsible for water addition to the Tok peridotites have an estimated
419 average water content between 0.6 ± 0.4 and 1.0 ± 0.9 wt.% H₂O ([O'Leary et al., 2010](#)) ([Table 2](#)), using the
420 temperature of equilibration and the potential temperature of the metasomatic agent in the mantle (i.e., 1200°C;
421 [Ionov et al. \(2005b\)](#)) ([Table 1](#)). Such water content is similar to those in mid-ocean ridge basalts (~0.1–0.5 wt.%

422 H₂O) and ocean island basalts (~0.1-1 wt.% H₂O), but generally lower than for other mantle-derived melts i.e.,
423 back-arc basalts (~0.5-2.1 wt.% H₂O), island arc basalts (~2-8 wt.% H₂O) and continental flood basalts (~3-7
424 wt.% H₂O) (Xia et al., 2016 and reference therein). Overall, the decoupling between water and iron suggests that
425 (i) the iron enrichments that likely caused the thermo-mechanical erosion of the southeastern margin of the
426 Siberian craton were not accompanied by water enrichment; or (ii) the Fe enrichment event was accompanied by
427 water enrichment, but overprinted by subsequent processes, such as “dry” metasomatism by water-poor
428 melts/fluids.

429 **Water controls on the stability of the cratonic lithospheric mantle**

430 To investigate the role of water and iron in the stability of cratonic lithosphere, we modeled the viscosity
431 (Fig. 11) in the Tok peridotite mantle as a function of depth, water content in olivine and whole-rock major
432 element compositions following the methods of Li et al. (2008) and Peslier et al. (2010): (Table 5 of
433 supplementary data 1). We used the average estimated water concentration in Tok olivine, i.e., 24 ± 13 (1 σ) ppm
434 (see above). Viscosity estimates for our Tok samples are compared here to those for the lithospheric mantle
435 beneath Udachnaya in the central Siberian craton ($\eta_{\text{eff}}=8.4 \times 10^{16}$ to 1.9×10^{28} Pa·s⁻¹) (Doucet et al., 2014), the
436 Kaapvaal craton ($\eta_{\text{eff}}=4.8 \times 10^{17}$ to 1.7×10^{24} Pa·s⁻¹) (Peslier et al., 2010), the Tanzanian craton ($\eta_{\text{eff}}=4.8 \times 10^{17}$
437 to 1.7×10^{24} Pa·s⁻¹) (Hui et al., 2015) and a range of viscosity estimates for the asthenosphere ($\eta_{\text{eff}}=5.4 \times 10^{17}$ to
438 2.7×10^{25} Pa·s⁻¹ and $d=3.33\text{g}\cdot\text{cm}^{-3}$) (Fleming et al., 2007; Larsen et al., 2005; Pollitz et al., 1998; Sjöberg et al.,
439 2000). On the one hand, the estimated viscosity range of Tok peridotites (LH and LW series) of 1.7×10^{28} to 1.9
440 $\times 10^{31}$ Pa·s⁻¹ tends to be significantly higher than the average viscosity estimated for the asthenosphere of $3.7 \times$
441 10^{18} Pa·s⁻¹ (Fig. 11). On the other, the viscosity range of the Tok peridotites is narrower than that calculated for
442 Udachnaya peridotites. The latter, however, is so significant that it may indicate the superposition of multiple
443 processes. The viscosity range for the Tanzanian craton is narrower than that for the central Siberian craton, with
444 less extreme high values. At depths <100 km, the Tanzanian peridotite xenoliths yield a viscosity range ($\eta_{\text{eff}}=4.8$
445 $\times 10^{17}$ to 1.7×10^{24} Pa·s⁻¹) lower than for the Tok peridotites because the former contain more water (1 to 39

446 ppm H₂O in olivine with an average of 10 ppm H₂O). However, [Hui et al. \(2015\)](#) showed that the low viscosities
447 calculated for the Tanzanian peridotites result from the combination of low water content with higher
448 equilibration temperatures (930-1410 °C) and a hotter geotherm (50 MW/m² vs. 41 MW/ m² for most other
449 cratons ([Lee and Rudnick, 1999](#))), consistent with the presence of a mantle plume beneath the Tanzanian craton
450 ([Aulbach et al., 2008](#); [Lee and Rudnick, 1999](#); [Pik et al., 2006](#); [Selway et al., 2014](#)), and indicate that the most
451 significant influence on viscosity estimates is exerted by mantle temperature (e.g., [Karato, 2010](#)). Regarding the
452 viscosities of the Tok peridotites, the relatively low temperature of equilibrium (800-1000°C with an average of
453 950°C) and the low water content in olivine (24 ± 13(1σ) ppm) make the lithospheric mantle beneath the SE
454 margin of the Siberian craton viscous and therefore resistant.

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IMPLICATIONS

457 This work reports the water content in the nominally anhydrous minerals of the peridotite xenoliths from
458 Tok, representative of the lithospheric mantle beneath the SE Siberian craton. Olivine is mostly “dry” due to
459 dehydration; the opx rims are also affected by the dehydration, but their cores preserve their mantle water
460 concentrations. The cpx are not affected by dehydration and are in equilibrium with water in the opx cores.
461 Altogether, our data indicate that the dehydration occurred at high temperature (900 to >1000°C) in a short time
462 (several days) during emplacement and cooling, and demonstrate that cpx is the most robust recorder of water
463 abundances in mantle xenoliths hosted in lava flows.

464 The lithospheric mantle beneath the SE margin of the Siberian craton has lost its cratonic keel,
465 supposedly by thermo-magmatic erosion triggered by large-scale Fe enrichment metasomatic events involving
466 mafic melts, which simultaneously heated up and metasomatized the lithospheric mantle. The initial (pre-
467 dehydration) olivine (24 ± 13(1σ) ppm), opx (74 ± 34(1σ) ppm) and cpx (146 ± 75(1σ) ppm) water content of
468 the peridotite xenoliths from Tok are similar to those in olivine in diamond inclusions ([Jean et al., 2016](#)) and
469 minerals from refractory spinel peridotites from the central Siberian craton ([Doucet et al., 2014](#)), and similar to

470 un-metasomatized cratonic minerals (Peslier et al., 2017). All of this suggests that the SE margin of the Siberian
471 craton lithospheric mantle is relatively “dry” with an average bulk water content of $41 \pm 13(1\sigma)$ ppm.

472 The decoupling between the water abundances in mantle minerals and metasomatic indices suggests that
473 the large-scale metasomatism responsible for the Fe enrichments was asynchronous with water enrichments or
474 has been overprinted by later processes. Our findings question the notion of “wet” metasomatism by large scale
475 water-rich asthenospheric melts, proposed in previous studies (Doucet et al., 2014; Li et al., 2018; Peslier et al.,
476 2012), as a valid explanation for cratonic mantle delamination (Li et al., 2015; Xia et al., 2017). Instead, we infer
477 that water abundance variations are spatially localized and limited in time and probably result from local,
478 spatially restricted melting and metasomatism events in the mantle (Peslier et al., 2017).

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898 FIGURE CAPTIONS

899 **Fig. 1.** (a) Location map of the Tok volcanic field (red star) and the Udachnaya kimberlite pipe (blue circle) in
900 the Siberian craton, adapted from [Ashchepkov et al. \(2010\)](#); the insert in the upper right corner shows the

901 position of the craton in the Russian Federation. Also shown are the Anabar and Aldan shields and main
902 kimberlite fields. (b) A sketch map of Tok basaltic field, eruption center, and mantle xenoliths occurrences
903 alongside the upper river Tok, after [Ionov et al. \(2005b\)](#).

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905 **Fig. 2.** Modal proportions of olivine and pyroxenes in Tok peridotites in this study (filled symbols) and other
906 available data (empty symbols) ([Ionov et al., 2005a](#); [Ionov et al., 2005b](#)). The peridotite types are after
907 [Streckeisen \(1976\)](#): (1) lherzolite, (2) harzburgite, (3) dunite, and (4) wehrlite. Tok peridotite xenoliths are
908 subdivided into two groups, the lherzolite-harzburgite series (LH, green circles) and the lherzolite-wehrlite
909 series (LW, red squares). Dashed contours delimit LH (green) and LW (red) series.

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911 **Fig. 3.** Co-variation plots of modal olivine vs. clinopyroxene (**a**) and orthopyroxene (**b**) for Tok peridotites
912 ([Ionov et al., 2005a](#); [Ionov et al., 2005b](#)) [see Fig. 2. for symbols]. Also shown are Udachnaya spinel (black
913 circles) and garnet peridotites (blue squares) ([Doucet et al., 2013](#); [Doucet et al., 2012](#); [Ionov et al., 2010](#)),
914 Horoman peridotites (grey zone; [Takazawa et al. \(2000\)](#)) and primitive mantle (PM) estimates ([Johnson, 1998](#)).
915 Red and green arrows show metasomatism trends.

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917 **Fig. 4.** Co-variation plots of major elements in whole-rock (WR) Tok spinel peridotites ([Ionov et al., 2005a](#);
918 [Ionov et al., 2005b](#)): Al_2O_3 vs. $\text{Mg}\# = [\text{Mg}/(\text{Mg}+\text{Fe})_{\text{at}}]$ (**a**) and FeO_T (total iron) (**b**); CaO vs. FeO_T (**c**) [see Fig.
919 2 and 3 for symbols]. Also shown are Udachnaya spinel and garnet peridotites ([Doucet et al., 2013](#); [Doucet et](#)
920 [al., 2012](#); [Ionov et al., 2010](#)), Horoman peridotites (grey zone; [Takazawa et al. \(2000\)](#)) and primitive mantle
921 estimates ([Johnson, 1998](#)). Arrows show melting (bold black curve in **a**) and metasomatism trends.

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923 **Fig. 5. (a)** Primitive mantle-normalized ([McDonough and Sun, 1995](#)) REE patterns of whole-rock LH (green
924 field) and LW (red field) series refractory peridotites from Tok ([Ionov et al., 2005a](#); [Ionov et al., 2005b](#)). Also
925 shown are the harzburgites (dot-dashed grey field) and the lherzolites (hatched grey field) from the Horoman

926 massif (Takazawa et al., 2000). **(b)** Co-variation plot of Al₂O₃ vs. Yb (in ppm) for whole-rock (WR) Tok
927 peridotites (Ionov et al., 2005a; Ionov et al., 2005b) in comparison with trace element modelling for non-modal
928 fractional melting of a spinel peridotite with the primitive mantle composition (Doucet et al., 2013). Also shown
929 are Udachnaya spinel and garnet peridotites (Doucet et al., 2013; Doucet et al., 2012; Ionov et al., 2010),
930 Horoman peridotites (grey zone; Takazawa et al. (2000)) and primitive mantle estimates (Johnson, 1998) [see
931 Fig. 2 and 3 for symbols]. The bold black curve shows the melting trend.

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933 **Fig. 6.** REE partitioning between orthopyroxene and clinopyroxene ($D^{\text{cpx/opx}}$) for Tok peridotites from the LH
934 series (green curves) and LW series (red curves) **(a)** in this study compared to off-craton peridotite from Vitim
935 (blue curves; (Ionov, 2004)) and predicted $D^{\text{cpx/opx}}$ (Liang et al., 2013) **(b)**. The comparison between measured
936 $D^{\text{cpx/opx}}$ and predicted $D^{\text{cpx/opx}}$ for Y, Dy, Sm, and Ce for Tok xenoliths in this study indicates that opx and cpx
937 are in equilibrium **(c)**.

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939 **Fig. 7.** Representative FTIR spectra along E// α , E// β and E// γ crystallographic axis of olivine **(a,b,c)**, opx **(d,e,f)**
940 and cpx **(g,h,i)** for each sample (LH series in green and LW series in red) in the O-H vibration region from 3800
941 to 2800 cm⁻¹ for olivine and 3800 to 2600 cm⁻¹ for pyroxenes. Absorbance plotted for a sample thickness of 1
942 cm.

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944 **Fig. 8.** Absorbance area in cm⁻² the opx from sample 9510-4 **(a)**, 9510-11 **(b)**, 9503-2 **(c)**, and cpx from sample
945 9508-50 and 9810-19 **(d)**, i.e. area integrated beneath OH bands, vs. distance across minerals grains in μm . The
946 diffusion modelling of H loss uses Eq. (5) from Peslier et al. (2008): hydrogen diffusion models are based on 2-
947 dimension diffusion equations for a sample of finite size surrounded by an infinite medium containing no H
948 (Shewmon, 1983). The H diffusion coefficients (Diff, in m² s⁻¹) is assumed to be similar for each axis with 10⁻¹⁴
949 m²/s at 900°C, 10⁻¹³ m²/s at 1000°C and 10⁻¹² m²/s at 11000°C (isotropic)(Tian et al., 2017). For each opx in **(a)**,
950 three models are achieved at 900°C with two different initial concentrations: the two first models uses the water

951 content measured in the core of olivine (~2-3 ppm H₂O) (solid curves), and the second one, a water content of
952 25% higher (dashed curves). The two first models are the best fit for the FTIR data revealing that the mantle
953 water content of Tok opx has been preserved in their cores.

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955 **Fig. 9.** Assessment of equilibrium for water between minerals by comparing ratios of water content measured
956 with partition coefficient measured experimentally. H06, ([Hauri et al., 2006](#)); T09, ([Tenner et al., 2009](#)); N14,
957 ([Novella et al., 2014](#)); D17, ([Demouchy et al., 2017](#)).

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959 **Fig. 10.** Covariation plots of water content in opx and cpx (H₂O in ppm) vs. Mg# in olivine (**a-b**), modal
960 clinopyroxene (**c-d**) and FeO_T (**e-f**) for Tok ([Ionov et al., 2005a](#); [Ionov et al., 2005b](#)) [see Fig. 2 and 3 for
961 symbols]. Also shown are the data for Udachnaya garnet peridotites ([Doucet et al., 2013](#); [Doucet et al., 2012](#);
962 [Ionov et al., 2010](#)), primitive mantle estimates ([Johnson, 1998](#)), the peridotite xenoliths from the Kaapvaal
963 (yellow field or dot) ([Peslier et al., 2010](#)) the Tanzanian cratons (white ellipses or dot) ([Hui et al., 2015](#)) and the
964 North China Craton ([data compiled by Peslier et al., 2017](#)). For comparison, we also plot the estimated value for
965 the sub-cratonic lithospheric mantle [Peslier et al. \(2017\)](#)

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967 **Fig. 11.** Effective viscosity (in Pa s) vs. depth (in km and GPa) of peridotite xenoliths from Tok (red field),
968 Udachnaya (blue field) ([Doucet et al., 2014](#)), the Kaapvaal (yellow field) ([Peslier et al., 2010](#)) and the Tanzanian
969 cratons (empty field) ([Hui et al., 2015](#)). The viscosity was calculated for olivine aggregates in dislocation creep
970 with the estimated olivine water content assuming equilibrium with the cpx ([Table 2](#)), and using the equation of
971 [Li et al. \(2008\)](#). The grey curve represents the viscosity of the cratonic mantle estimated with a constant water
972 content of 300 ppm. The cratonic geotherm was calculated assuming a heat flow of 40 mW/m² following the
973 equation $T = 360.73 + 9.0612 P - 0.0206 P^2 + (2.0 \times 10^{-5}) P^3$, with T in K and P in km. Are also shown the range
974 of the viscosities of the asthenosphere (grey field) ([Fleming et al., 2007](#); [Larsen et al., 2005](#); [Pollitz et al., 1998](#);

975 [Sjöberg et al., 2000](#)), the spinel stability field (brown field) and the depth of the lithosphere-asthenosphere
976 boundary (LAB) beneath the central part of the Siberian craton.

Table 1 : Summary of petrological data, and water content in olivine and pyroxenes for Tok xenoliths in this study

Sample	Rock Type	T (°C)	Mg#	Modal abundances (wt.%)							d g.cm ⁻³	Viscosity Pa.s ⁻¹	Total integrated absorbance (A _{Tot})				Water contents in minerals and whole-rock							WR		
				Ol	Opx	Cpx	Spl	Felds	Ap	Am, Phl			Wh	Ol G1	Ol, G2	Opx	Cpx	Ol [1]	± (2σ)	Ol [2]	± (2σ)	Opx	± (2σ)		Cpx	± (2σ)
<i>Lherzolite-harzburgite (LH) series</i>																										
9501-2	Hzb	910	0.908	78.6	17.2	3.1	0.3	0.7*	0.12			3.34	4.2E+30	0.56	2.6	927	854	0.3	0.2	20	33	59	27	120**	48	30
9506-2	Lhz	1001	0.889	53.9	26.3	17.3	2.5					3.35	1.7E+28	3.3	0	933	688	0.6	0.2	16	26	60	24	97	20	41
9508-31	Hzb	887	0.911	76.5	16.6	4.8	0.4	1.7*	0.06		tr.	3.33	1.9E+31	1.0	0	870		0.2	0.1	22	0	56	22	/132/	129	32
9508-50	Hzb	992	0.907	77.1	17.6	3.6	0.7	0.9*	0.07			3.34	2.1E+28	1.2	0	1340	883	0.2	0.1	21	34	86	23	125	30	36
9510-2	Hzb	914	0.912	77.2	16.6	4.3	0.4	1.3*	0.12			3.34	9.2E+29	7.4	1.6	1656	2125	1.5	0.3	50	82	106	33	300**	57	69
9510-4	Hzb	926	0.909	79.9	16.0	2.7	0.4	1.0*	0.11			3.34	5.6E+29	4.6	1.1	1631	1688	1.0	0.9	40	65	105	17	238	53	55
9510-8	Hzb	950	0.904	79.2	14.9	4.9	0.4	0.6*	0.08			3.35	2.1E+29	4.6	3.0	1169	1086	1.1	0.7	26	42	75	25	153	42	39
9510-16	Lhz	957	0.894	76.2	17.4	6.0	0.4					3.35	2.0E+29	3.1	1.3	1283	807	0.7	0.3	19	31	82	18	114	46	36
9510-19	Hzb	951	0.907	72.7	22.8	3.4	0.7		0.30		tr.	3.34	3.5E+29	0.90	1.1	1091	701	0.3	0.1	17	27	70	13	99	28	31
<i>Lherzolite-wehrlite (LW) series</i>																										
9503-2	Lhz	949	0.890	75.9	5.9	15.2	0.8		0.12	2.1		3.37	3.4E+29	6.8	2.6	765	791	1.5	0.5	19	31	49	11	112**	30	34
9510-11	Lhz	920	0.851	78.2	12.6	7.4	0.4	1.1*	0.42			3.45	1.3E+30	2.1	0	935	1221	0.4	0.1	29	47	60	14	172	57	43
9502-1	Wh		0.870	78.3	0.9	19.5	0.3	0.9*	0.15			3.39		3.3	0	n.a.	73	0.6	0.5	2	3	/6/	5	10	4	3
9510-1	Wh	964	0.857	71.5	2.9	22.4	1.5	1.6*	0.10			3.40	4.4E+28	1.7	0	n.a.	1864	0.3	0.1	44	72	/147/	144	263**	65	95
9510-3	Wh	982	0.842	84.2		15.6	0.1		0.11			3.44	4.6E+28	16	0	n.a.	817	3.1	2.0	19	31	/64/	63	115	28	34

Hzb, harzburgite; Lhz, lherzolite; Wh, wehrlite; Ol, olivine; Opx, orthopyroxene; Cpx, clinopyroxene; Spl, spinel; Felds, feldspath; Ap, apatite; Wh, whitlockite; Am, amphibole; Phl, phlogopite. Mg#, Mg/(Mg+Fe)_{at}. Petrographic, modal abundances and temperature estimates are after Ionov et al. (2005b, d); *feldspaths host Fe-Ti oxides; density (in g.cm⁻³) estimated using the method of Lange and Carmichael (1990) for T=940°C at 1.5 GPa; viscosity (Pa.s⁻¹) estimated using methods of Li et al. (2008) and Peslier et al. (2010) assuming P=2.0 GPa. A_{Tot}, total integrated absorbance for olivine, opx and cpx; G1, absorbance for Group 1 OH Band between 3800-3400 cm⁻¹; G2, absorbance for Group 1 OH Band between 3400-3100 cm⁻¹; n.a., not analyzed. [1], measured olivine water contents estimated using Bell et al. (2003) absorption coefficient; [2], estimated olivine water contents calculated assuming equilibrium with cpx, see Table 2; //, estimated cpx and opx water contents calculated assuming equilibrium between cpx and opx, see Table 2; ± (2σ), two sigma error on water estimates; ** water estimates in cpx assuming E//β and E//α are equal.

Table 2 : Partition coefficients, olivine and pyroxenes water content estimates, and melt in equilibrium with pyroxene

Sample	Rock type	Partition coefficients								Water content estimates									
		D ^{opx/ol} meas	D ^{cpx/ol} meas	D ^{cpx/opx} meas	D ^{opx/melt} O10	D ^{cpx/melt} O10, T1	D ^{cpx/melt} O10, T2	D ^{cpx/opx} O10, T1	D ^{cpx/opx} O10, T2	Ol _{Eq} N14	Ol _{Eq} T09	Ol _{Eq} av.	± (2σ)	Op _{XEq} av.	± (2σ)	Cpx _{Eq} av.	± (2σ)	H ₂ O _{MELT} T1, ppm	H ₂ O _{MELT} T2, ppm
<i>Lherzolite-harzburgite (LH) series</i>																			
9501-2	Hzb	190	387	2	0.005	0.021	0.014	4	3	36	3.6	20	33	67	66	139	136	0.6	1.0
9506-2	Lhz	95	154	2	0.014	0.029	0.022	2	2	29	2.9	16	26	54	53	141	138	0.3	0.6
9508-31	Hzb	295	693	2	0.006	0.025	0.016	4	3	40	4.0	22	36	74	72	132	129	0.5	0.8
9508-50	Hzb	374	543	1	0.009	0.022	0.017	3	2	38	3.8	21	34	70	68	202	198	0.6	1.2
9510-2	Hzb	70	197	3	0.006	0.026	0.017	5	3	91	9.1	50	82	168	164	249	244	1.1	1.4
9510-4	Hzb	109	248	2	0.006	0.022	0.015	4	2	72	7.2	40	65	133	130	247	242	1.1	1.7
9510-8	Hzb	68	139	2	0.007	0.024	0.017	3	2	46	4.6	26	42	86	84	176	173	0.6	1.0
9510-16	Lhz	119	165	1	0.007	0.023	0.016	3	2	35	3.5	19	31	64	62	193	189	0.5	1.2
9510-19	Hzb	269	381	1	0.008	0.019	0.013	2	2	30	3.0	17	27	55	54	165	161	0.5	1.3
<i>average</i>				2	0.008	0.023								26	23				
<i>Lherzolite-wehrlite (LW) series</i>																			
9503-2	Lhz	33	76	2	0.019	0.034	0.024	2	1	34	3.4	19	31	63	61	115	113	0.3	0.5
9510-11	Lhz	154	441	3	0.007	0.027	0.018	4	3	52	5.2	29	47	96	94	141	138	0.6	0.8
9502-1	Wh	9	16	2	0.006					3	0.3	2	3	6	5	13	13		
9510-1	Wh	460	822	2	0.009	0.035	0.026	4	3	80	8.0	44	72	147	144	346	338	0.7	1.4
9510-3	Wh		37		0.007	0.023	0.017	3	2	35	3.5	19	31	64	63			0.5	0.0
<i>average</i>								3	2				22	15				0.6	1.0
<i>standard deviation</i>								2	1									0.5	0.9

D^{opx/melt} partition coefficient between opx or cpx with melt; D^{opx/melt} = exp(-5.66+8.4[IVAl]opx +10[Ca]opx); D^{cpx/melt} = exp(-5+6.3[IVAl]cpx -1.2[Ca]cpx+1600/T); T1, Temperature of equilibration; T2, 1200°C; meas, partition coefficient calculated using measured water contents in minerals; O10, partition coefficient between opx and cpx with melt using method of O'Leary et al (2010). Ol_{Eq}, Op_{XEq}, Cpx_{Eq} olivine, opx and cpx water contents calculated using partition coefficient. N14, partition coefficient of Novella et al (2014); T09, partition coefficient of Tenner et al (2009), av., average of olivine, opx and cpx water content estimates using partition coefficients. H₂O_{MELT}, water contents estimate of potential metasomatic agent with the cpx using D^{cpx/melt} of O'Leary et al (2010)

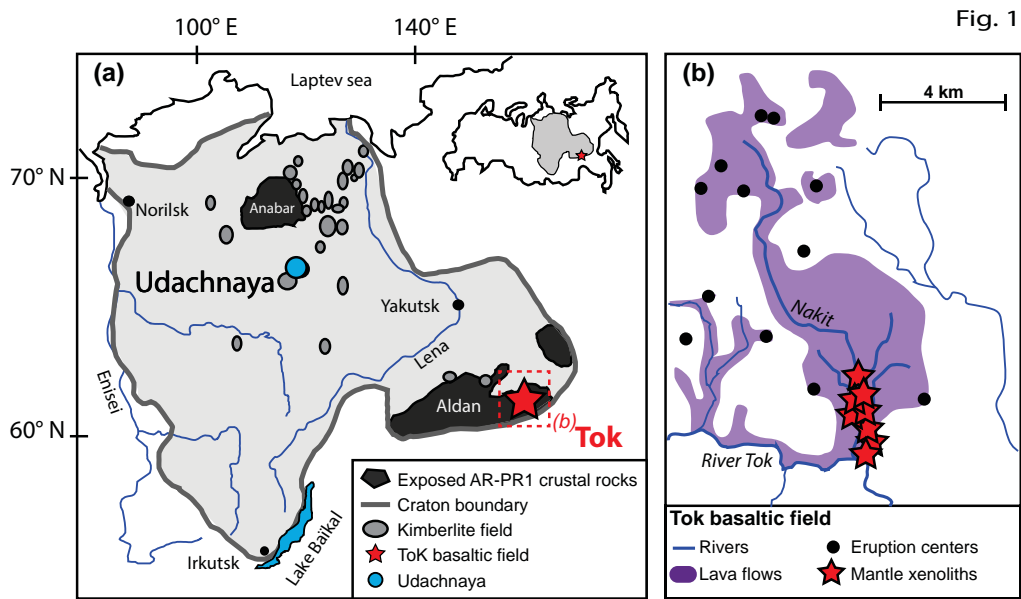


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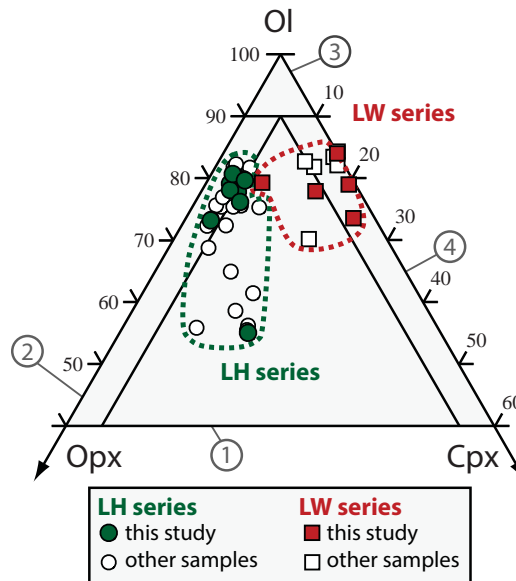


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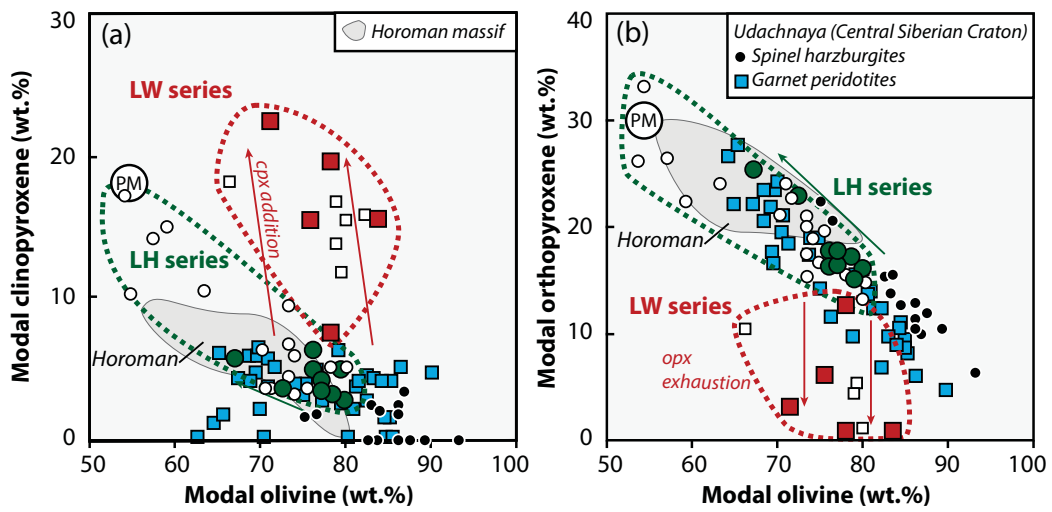


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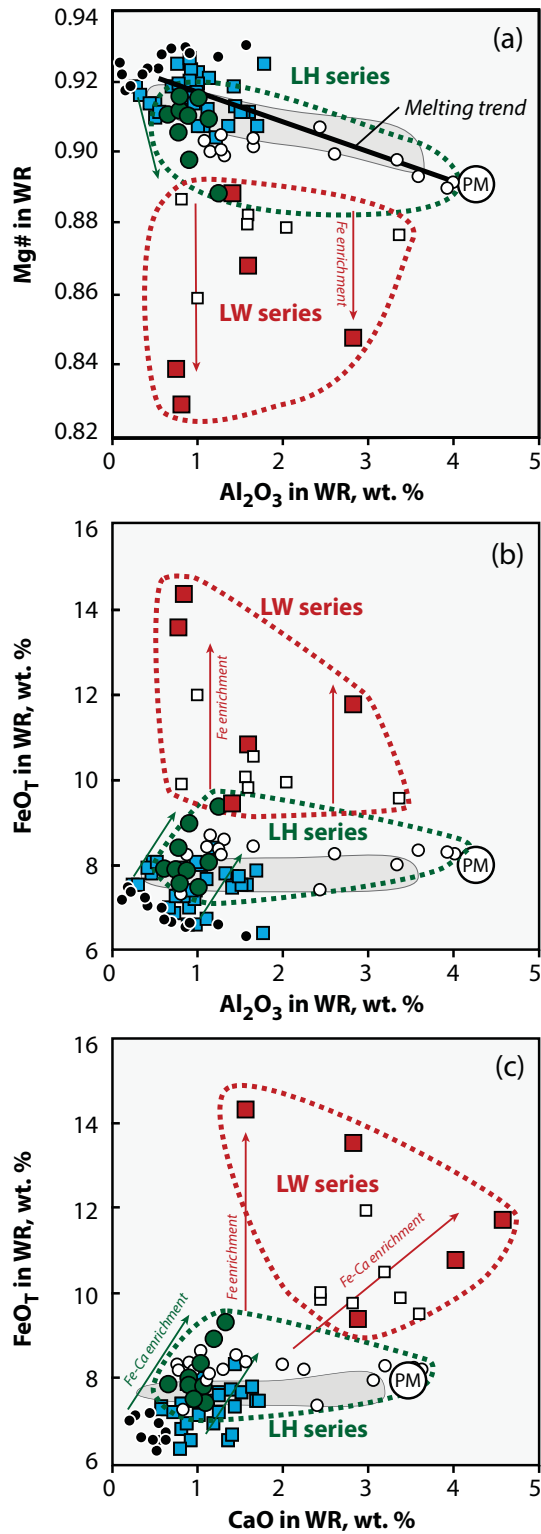


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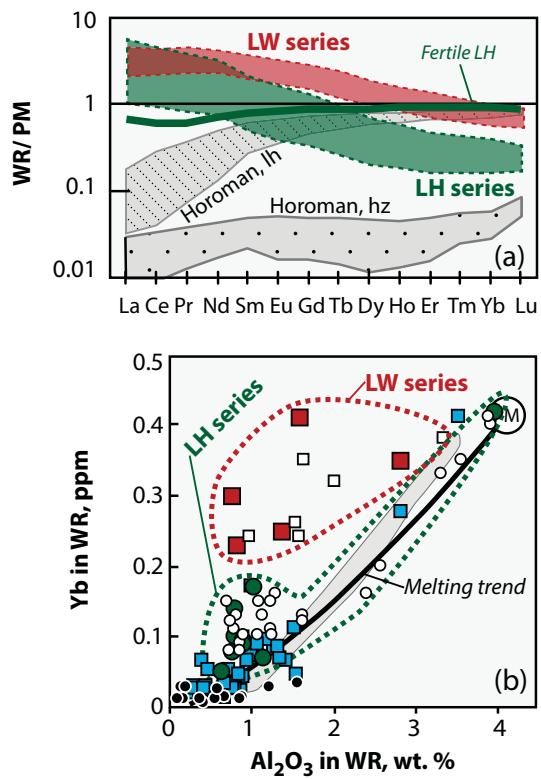


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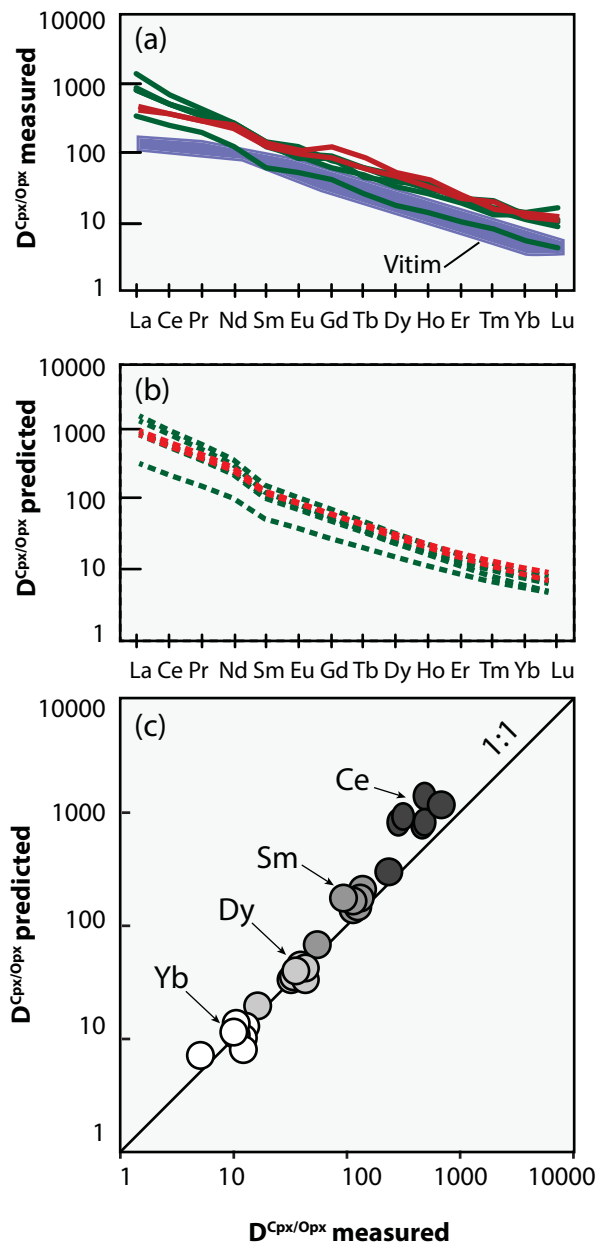


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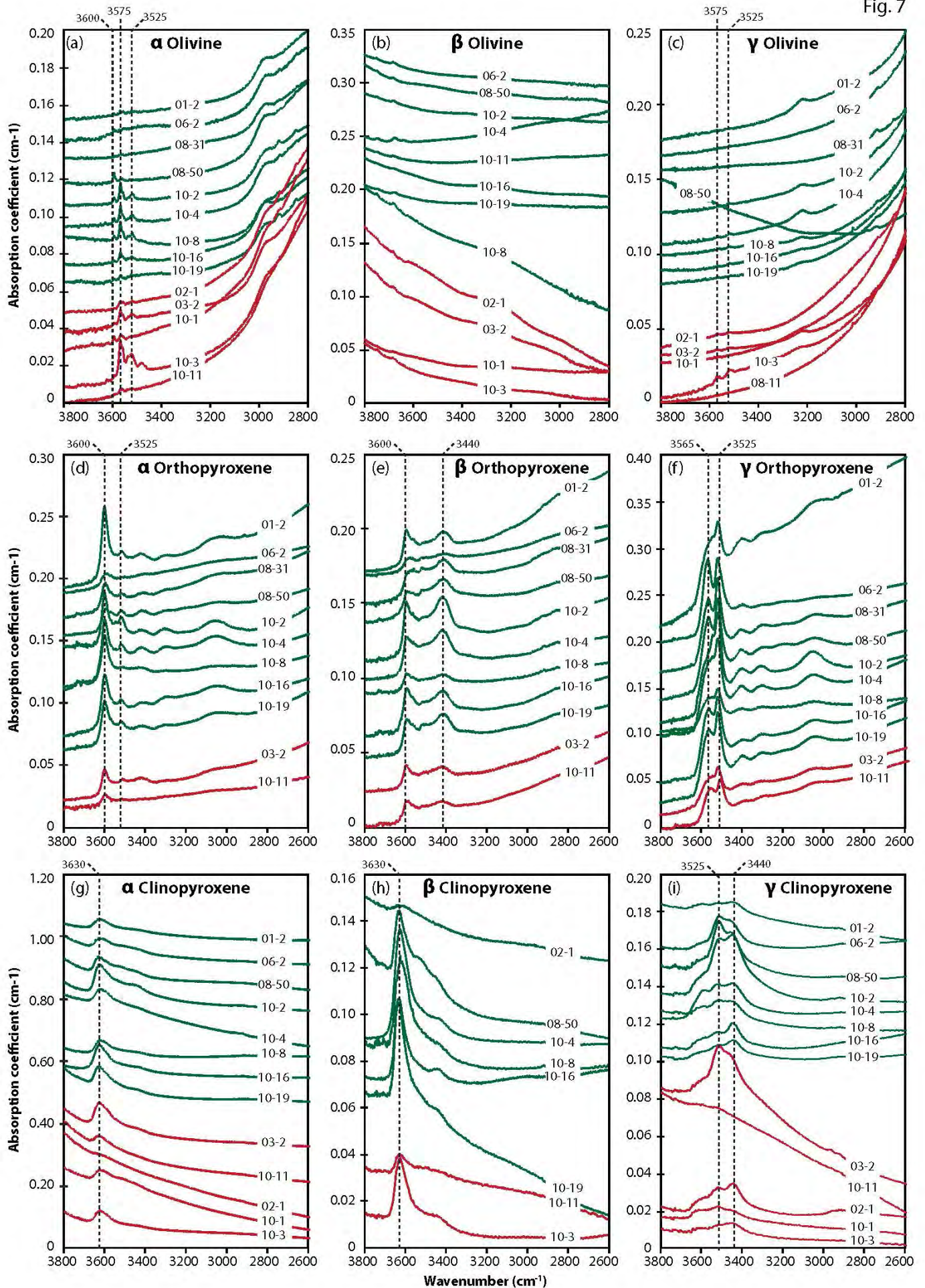


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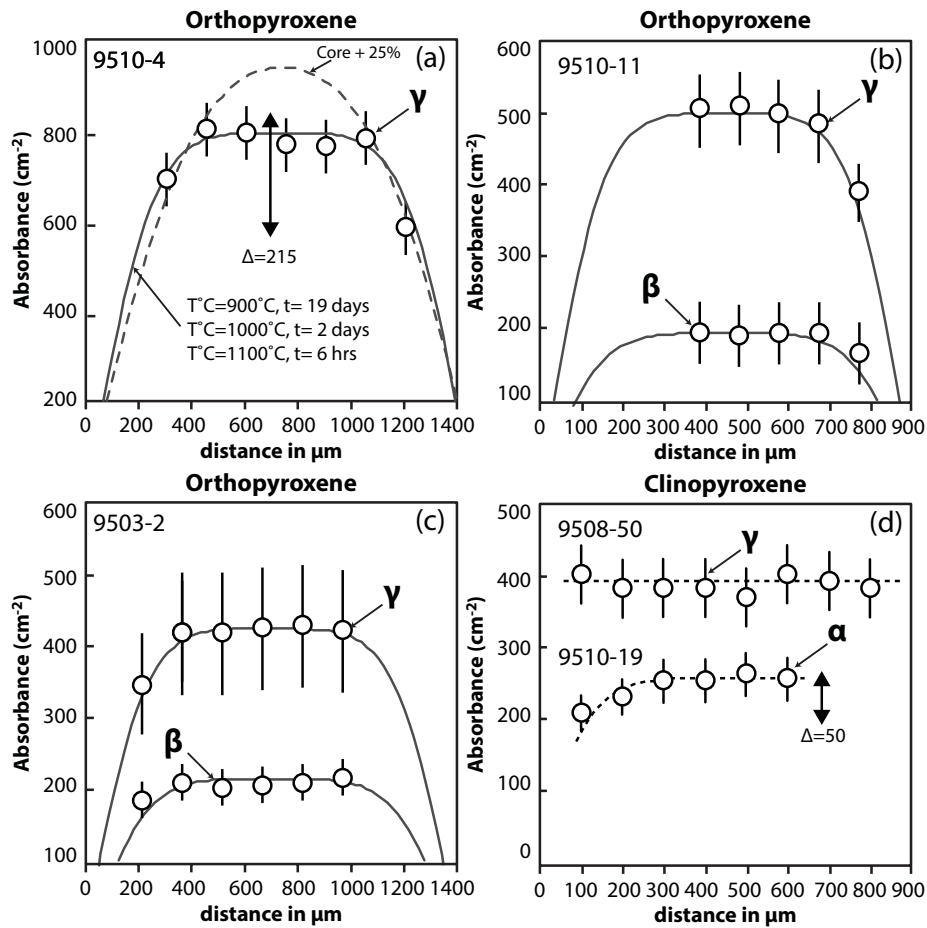


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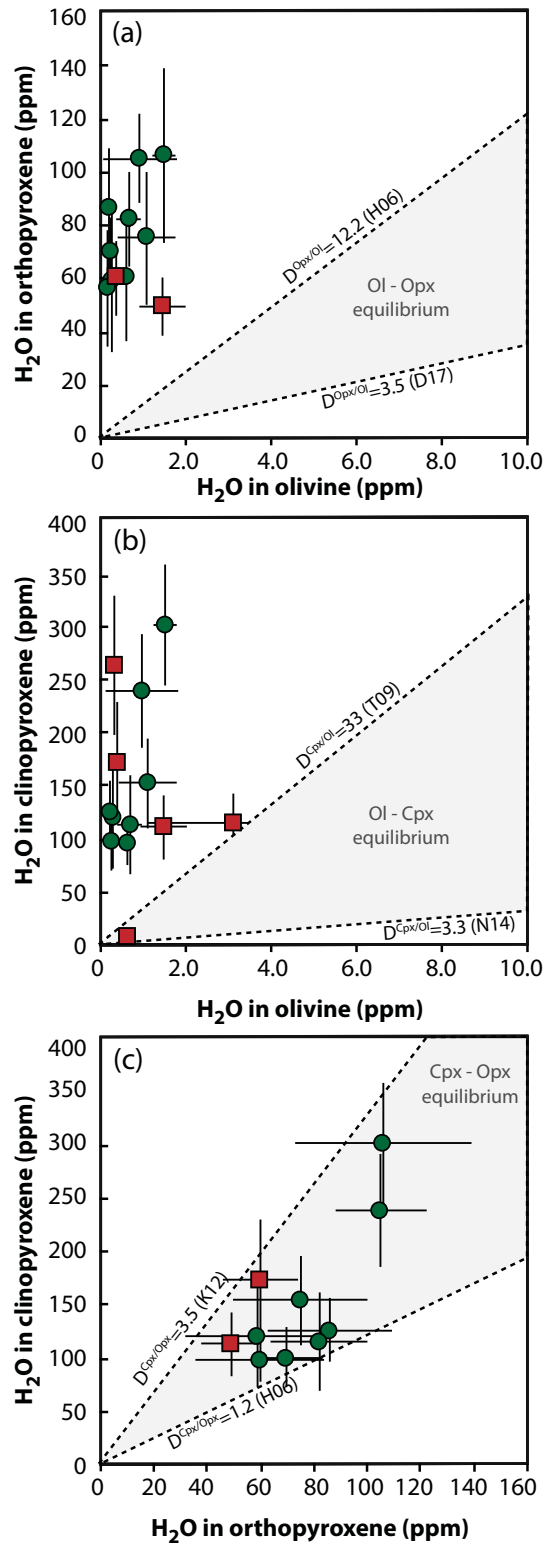


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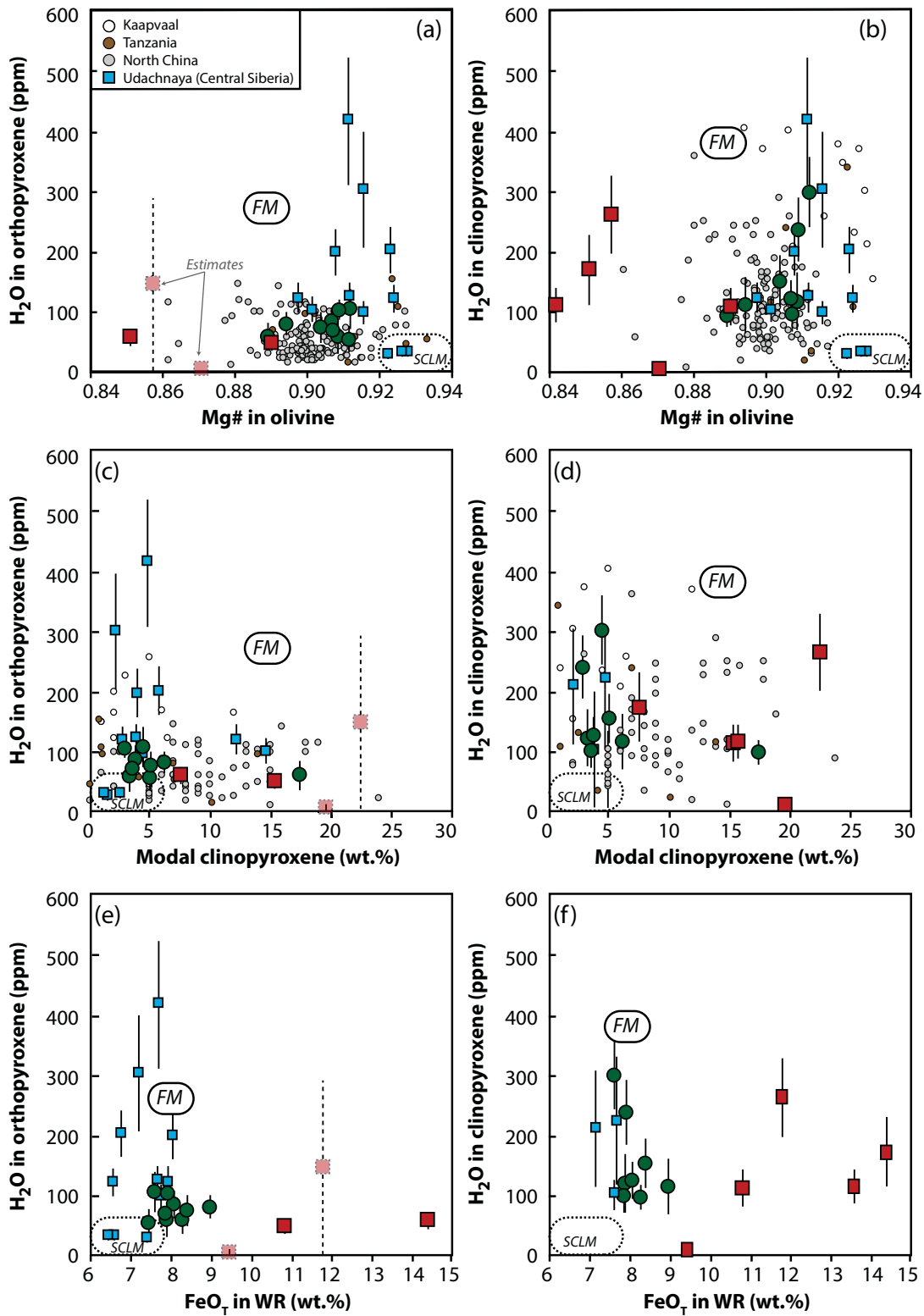


Fig. 11

