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2 **Apatite in the dike-gabbro transition zone of mid-ocean ridge: Evidence for**  
3 **brine assimilation by axial melt lens**

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9 **ABSTRACT**

10 We present textures and halogen and trace-element compositions of apatites in intrusive  
11 rocks from the dike-gabbro transition zone of a fast-spreading mid-ocean ridge, which was  
12 formed at the East Pacific Rise and recently drilled by IODP Hole 1256D. These data are used to  
13 discuss the properties of parental magmas and seawater-derived hydrothermal fluids at the roof  
14 of the axial melt lens during the formation of oceanic crust. In general, zoning of apatites from  
15 three different lithologies, tonalites, diorites and gabbros, is common and shows a consistent  
16 evolution trend with depletion in Cl and REEs from core to rim. The cores are usually  
17 homogenous in composition and interpreted as magmatic origin, whereas zones with lower Cl  
18 and REEs are disseminated with heterogeneous concentrations, indicating exchanges with  
19 hydrothermal fluids. The apatite cores in tonalites are rich in both F and Cl, with  $X_{Ap}^F$  (proportion  
20 of fluorapatite endmember) up to 0.5 and  $X_{Ap}^{Cl}$  (proportion of chlorapatite endmember) up to 0.4.  
21 In contrast, the apatite cores in gabbros have high  $X_{Ap}^{Cl}$  (up to 0.85) and very low  $X_{Ap}^F$  (<0.05).  
22 The two contrasting types of apatite cores are both observed in diorites, implying that magma  
23 mixing processes may have controlled the formation of the dioritic intrusives. The strong  
24 depletions in Cl and REEs in some parts of the apatite crystals (mainly rim) can be explained by  
25 removal of these components via hydrothermal fluids. Based on available F-Cl-OH exchange  
26 coefficients for apatite-melt, the very high Cl/OH and Cl/F ratios and high Cl contents calculated  
27 for tonalitic melts cannot be reconciled with a formation of these felsic melts by partial melting  
28 of amphibole-bearing metabasalts, but indicate that an assimilation of high-Cl brines must have

29 occurred. Similarly, the low-F chlorapatites in gabbros also imply an assimilation of high-Cl  
30 brines. The source of high-Cl fluids in the axial magmatic system may result from seawater-  
31 derived fluids, which may form immiscible vapor and brine at high temperatures as a result of  
32 hydrothermal boiling.

### 33 INTRODUCTION

34 At mid-ocean ridges (MORs), hydrothermal circulations and fluid-rock interactions within  
35 oceanic crust have various patterns and lead to the formation of various products at different  
36 crustal levels (Alt, 1995). At fast-spreading ridges, axial melt lens (AML) serves as a critical  
37 layer for the crustal accretion (Kent et al., 1990), which involves various processes resulting in  
38 magma transport and heat loss (Phipps Morgan and Chen, 1993; Coogan, 2014). The AML is a  
39 dynamic magma chamber that inflates and shrinks temporally, and is controlled by periodic  
40 replenishment of magma (Rannou et al., 2006; Colman et al., 2012) as well as cooling and  
41 crystallization at the roof (Maclennan et al., 2005; Zhang et al., 2014). At the roof of the AML,  
42 dynamic movement of the boundary between the magma body and overlying sheeted dikes  
43 results in intense melt-rock interactions, which account for contact metamorphism and partial  
44 melting of the overlying crustal rocks (Gillis, 2008; Koepke et al., 2008; Zhang et al., 2014;  
45 Erdmann et al., 2015). In such circumstances, assimilation of these materials into the basaltic  
46 magmas of the AML is regarded as plausible and important in modifying the compositions of  
47 MOR basalts (e.g. Coogan et al., 2003; France et al., 2014). Cl over-enrichments in erupted lavas  
48 and melt inclusions at MORs, which cannot be fully explained by fractional crystallization, have  
49 been considered as important evidence for pre-eruption assimilation of high-Cl contaminants in  
50 the magmatic system (Michael and Schilling, 1989; Wanless et al., 2010; Freund et al., 2013;  
51 Kendrick et al., 2013). In addition, there are also several observations from gabbroic intrusive  
52 rocks, which are part of the solidified AML, providing direct evidence of assimilation processes.  
53 For example, the Cl contents of magmatic amphiboles in gabbros at Hess Deep (East Pacific Rise,  
54 fast-spreading ridge) are >10 times higher than that in magmatic amphiboles that occur at the  
55 Mid-Atlantic Ridge (slow-spreading ridge), clearly supporting the idea that the AML under fast-  
56 spreading ridges is an ideal place for efficient assimilation (Coogan et al., 2001; Gillis et al.,  
57 2003).

58 The Integrated Ocean Drilling Program (IODP) Hole 1256D at the East Pacific Rise, for the  
59 first time, penetrated and sampled the dike-gabbro transition zone of an intact oceanic crust  
60 (Wilson et al., 2006; Teagle et al., 2012), and thus provided an invaluable chance to study the  
61 magmatic and hydrothermal processes in the AML. Detailed observations on the dike-gabbro  
62 transition zone (Koepke et al., 2008; Koepke et al., 2011), whole-rock geochemical data (Zhang  
63 et al. submitted to Journal of Petrology) and dedicated experimental studies (France et al., 2010;  
64 Erdmann et al., 2015) indicate that the products of hydrous partial melting of the sheeted dikes  
65 overlying the gabbros, i.e. small amount of felsic melts, are the most likely contaminants to be  
66 assimilated by the AML magma system. Tonalitic veins intruding gabbros and sheeted dikes  
67 have also been observed from the core drilling (Teagle et al., 2012). The assumed protoliths of  
68 the felsic melts, i.e. sheeted dikes, have been hydrothermally altered with ingress of seawater-  
69 derived fluids. This may account for the high Cl contents (1000-3000 ppm) in the amphiboles of  
70 the pyroxene hornfels that represent the melting residue phase (Koepke et al., 2008).

71 Estimation of the cooling rate of the pyroxene hornfels suggests that there should be multiple  
72 events of hydrothermal alteration in-between hydrous partial melting events (Zhang et al., 2014),  
73 during which amphiboles consumed in the previous partial melting event can be formed again as  
74 products of the following hydrothermal alteration events. In such cases, it might be difficult to  
75 use whole-rock data of commonly used geochemical tracers (such as boron and chlorine) for  
76 tracking fluid-relevant processes in the AML. The latest high-temperature alteration  
77 accompanying the solidification of the AML (Zhang et al., 2014) may have blurred the  
78 composition of the plutonic rocks, especially at locations near the dike-gabbro boundaries where  
79 Sr isotopes indicate the strongest alteration (Harris et al., 2015). Although general models for  
80 cycling of hydrothermal fluid throughout the oceanic crust have been constructed (Fontaine et al.,  
81 2007; Alt et al., 2010), the evolution of fluid properties (e.g. salinity), associated with the  
82 interaction with the AML (Nehlig, 1993), especially at high temperatures, is still poorly  
83 understood. A possible tracer mineral for such activities is apatite, which is ubiquitous in the  
84 plutonic rocks at the dike-gabbro transition zone, and which may provide insights into both the  
85 magmatic stages and hydrothermal alteration processes (Harlov, 2015; Webster and Piccoli,  
86 2015). Particularly, because of the slow rate of intra-crystal diffusion of anions and cations  
87 (Brenan, 1994; Cherniak, 2000; Hughes, 2015), apatite zoning is common and retains the records  
88 of the changing melt and/or fluid compositions that have been locally in equilibrium with the

89 apatite. In this paper, we present data on the texture and composition of apatites in the intrusive  
90 rocks drilled from IODP Hole 1256D. Implications for the properties of seawater-derived fluid  
91 and its role in the formation of magmatic chlorapatite and in the post-magmatic hydrothermal  
92 metasomatism will be discussed.

### 93 **SAMPLES FROM IODP HOLE 1256D**

94 The samples of this study are drilled cores from IODP Hole 1256D (6°44.2'N, 91°56.1'W),  
95 which were formed at the East Pacific Rise during superfast spreading and is now located in the  
96 15-Ma old oceanic lithosphere of the Cocos plate (Fig. 1). The drilling has penetrated a total  
97 depth of 1521.6 meters below seafloor (mbsf), and two gabbroic intrusions have been  
98 encountered at depths of 1405-1460 mbsf and 1480-1495 mbsf, respectively (Teagle et al., 2006;  
99 Koepke et al., 2011; Teagle et al., 2012). Some more felsic lithologies, such as gabbro-norite,  
100 diorite and tonalite, are closely associated with the gabbroic intrusions. Whole-rock geochemical  
101 data indicate that the gabbros and gabbro-norites have similarly high Mg# [100×molar  
102 Mg/(Mg+Fe); 55-70] and might be compositionally close to the parental magma of the erupted  
103 lavas (Fig. 2). In contrast, the diorites and tonalites, characterized by much lower Mg# (ca. 30),  
104 potentially represent more evolved magmas derived from basaltic parental magmas or partial  
105 melts of the altered sheeted dikes, or even a mixture of both end-members. In this study, twelve  
106 typical samples (see Supplementary Table 1 for IODP core information), with emphases on felsic  
107 lithologies, have been selected for detailed in-situ micro-analyses on apatite. Seven samples were  
108 collected from depths close to the shallower gabbroic intrusion, including a veined tonalite (212-  
109 1-P6), a massive tonalite (214-1-P14), a massive diorite (214-1-P10, 217-1-P21), a patch diorite  
110 (214-2-P10, see Fig. 3a), and two gabbros (214-1-P27, 216-1-P13). Another five samples were  
111 collected from depths close to the deeper gabbroic intrusion, including three massive diorites  
112 (230-1-P5, R14-A, R17), a gabbro (232-2-P1) and a tonalite vein (235-1-P5). Sample 214-2-P10  
113 shows interconnected dioritic patches within gabbro matrix (Fig. 3a), illustrating a gradual  
114 chemical transition at the boundary of these two domains where amphibole usually replaces  
115 clinopyroxene. Both samples 214-1-P14 (tonalite) and 214-1-P10 (diorite) show intrusive  
116 boundaries with surrounding gabbros, while samples 230-1-P5 (diorite) and R14-A (diorite) are  
117 influenced by contact with pyroxene hornfels (i.e. a contact metamorphism product of the

118 sheeted dike). In addition, tonalites usually occur as veins intruding other lithologies, such as  
119 pyroxene hornfels (e.g. sample 212-1-P6) or diorite (sample 235-1-P5, see Fig. 3b). In all  
120 apatite-bearing lithologies, apatites are usually associated with actinolite, albite and quartz (see  
121 below).

## 122 **METHODS**

### 123 **Electron probe microanalyses (EPMA)**

124 Major and minor elements of apatites were analyzed using a Cameca SX100 electron  
125 microprobe equipped with 5 spectrometers and an operating system “Peak sight” at the Institute  
126 of Mineralogy, Leibniz University of Hannover, Germany. The materials for calibration include  
127 synthetic oxides (Fe, Mn), wollastonite (Si, Ca), albite (Na), fluorapatite (P, F), halite (Cl), pyrite  
128 (S). The fluorapatite crystal used here is the well-known reference Durango apatite (USNM  
129 104021), and the homogeneity of the same crystal has been confirmed by a detailed test of Marks  
130 et al. (2012). Raw analytical data were corrected using the standard PAP procedures (Pouchou &  
131 Pichoir, 1991). The acceleration voltage was set as 15 kV. In order to avoid the variations of F  
132 and Cl X-ray count rates during analysis (Stormer et al., 1993; Goldoff et al., 2012), we used a  
133 defocused beam of 10  $\mu\text{m}$  (5  $\mu\text{m}$  in a few cases) and a beam current of 10 nA for analyzing F and  
134 Cl. Analyses were preferentially performed on apatite sections with a crystallographic orientation  
135 nearly parallel to the *c*-axis (i.e., the *c*-axis being perpendicular to the electron beam). A similar  
136 method and dedicated tests using the same equipments have been reported in Zhang et al. (2012),  
137 which confirms the importance of the crystallographic orientation in the analysis of halogens in  
138 apatite described in Stormer et al. (1993) and Goldoff et al. (2012). We used LPET and PC1 as  
139 diffraction crystals for Cl and F, respectively. Analyses on the Durango apatite (USNM 104021)  
140 yielded  $3.32 \pm 0.14$  (2sd) wt% F,  $0.42 \pm 0.02$  (2sd) wt% Cl and  $0.33 \pm 0.08$  (2sd) wt%  $\text{SO}_3$ , which  
141 were in good agreement with the recommended values: F  $\sim 3.53$  wt %, Cl  $\sim 0.41$  wt %, and  $\text{SO}_3$   
142  $\sim 0.38$  wt% (Young et al., 1969; Marks et al., 2012). For measuring F in amphibole, we applied  
143 the EMPA method of Zhang et al. (2015) that takes into account the potential spectral  
144 interferences of  $\text{FK}\alpha$ ,  $\text{FeL}\alpha$  and  $\text{MgK}\beta$  lines when using a W-Si multilayered pseudocrystal as  
145 diffraction crystal. Considering the general formula of apatite to be  $\text{M}_5(\text{TO}_4)_3\text{X}$ , (M = Ca, Fe, Mn,

146 Na; T = P, Si, S; X = OH, F, Cl), the structure calculation has been performed on the basis of  
147 M+T = 8. The molar proportion of the endmembers hydroxylapatite ( $X_{Ap}^{OH}$ ), fluorapatite ( $X_{Ap}^F$ )  
148 and chlorapatite ( $X_{Ap}^{Cl}$ ) has been calculated assuming  $X_{Ap}^{OH} + X_{Ap}^F + X_{Ap}^{Cl} = 1$  (see Supplementary  
149 Table 2 for EMPA data and results of formula calculation).

## 150 **Laser-ablation coupled Inductively Coupled Plasma-Mass Spectrometry (LA-ICP-MS)**

151 Trace elements concentrations in apatites were measured on polished thin sections, using a  
152 LA-ICP-MS facility at the Institute of Mineralogy, Leibniz University of Hannover. The LA  
153 system was build in-house based on a Spectra-Physics<sup>TM</sup> Solstice femtosecond (fs) laser  
154 operating in the deep UV at 194 nm. The regenerative amplified system is pumped with 500 Hz  
155 yielding a pulse energy of 70  $\mu$ J at a wavelength of 194 nm. For analyses, a constant repetition  
156 rate of 10 Hz was used. Thin sections were ablated by laser pulses with a spot size of 12-20  $\mu$ m,  
157 using the raster mode or s spot mode dependent on the compositional homogeneity in terms of F  
158 and Cl (determined by X-ray mapping with EPMA). The ablation system, sample cell and  
159 operational conditions have been described in detail by Horn et al. (2006) using an older fs-laser  
160 system. The ablated sample particles were transported by helium gas flow through the cell and  
161 are subsequently mixed with argon prior to entering the plasma torch. The elemental analyses  
162 were conducted using an Element XR fast scanning sector field ICP-MS (ThermoScientific<sup>TM</sup>)  
163 working in the fast mode with a sweep time of 1.49 s for scanning 40 isotopes. The data were  
164 acquired on five sample lines in the peak center with 4 ms sample time, which resulted in a dwell  
165 time of 20 ms per element. Spectroscopic interference from oxide formation was monitored by  
166 measuring the ThO/Th ratio during machine tuning, which was less than 0.2 %. Signal collection  
167 for each analysis was performed with an overall time of 180 sec, including ~80 sec for  
168 background (laser off) and ~100 sec for signal integration (laser on). The CaO content  
169 determined by EPMA was used as internal standard ( $^{43}\text{Ca}$ ), and quantification was performed  
170 based on the NIST SRM 610 reference glass (Pearce et al., 1997). The BCR-2G basalt glass was  
171 measured periodically as an external reference for quality control and overall analytical stability.  
172 The reproducibility was better than 5% for all analyzed elemental concentrations. Raw data were  
173 processed using the SILLS software package (Guillong et al., 2008). Because Sr, Y and the rare  
174 earth elements (REEs) are the trace elements with highest concentrations in the analyzed apatites

175 comprise the most abundance of trace elements in analyzed apatites, only these elements are  
176 listed (Supplementary Table 3) and are used in discussion.

## 177 RESULTS

### 178 Textures of apatite

179 **Tonalite.** The apatites in tonalites are usually euhedral to subhedral prismatic, occurring  
180 along grain boundaries of quartz, albite, actinolite and magnetite (Fig. 4). The length of apatites  
181 varies within 100-500  $\mu\text{m}$ . As revealed by back-scattered electron (BSE) images and mapping  
182 with Ca  $K\alpha$ , Cl  $K\alpha$  and F  $K\alpha$  spectral lines, all studied apatites show strong zoning. The zoning  
183 is composed of a primary part (core) and secondary zones (mostly rim). Compared to the primary  
184 part, the secondary zones are characterized by abundant dark holes, lower brightness in BSE  
185 (indicating depletion in heavy trace elements), depletion in Cl and enrichment in F. The replaced  
186 zones may occur as regular rim surrounding the core (Fig. 4a), and as irregular patches and veins  
187 invading the grains (Fig. 4b). Observations on apatites with different crystallographic  
188 orientations reveal that the secondary apatite is more abundant parallel to the  $c$ -axis than along  
189 other directions.

190 **Diorite.** The apatites in diorites show similar features as those in the tonalites. They coexist  
191 commonly with actinolite, chlorite, quartz, plagioclase and albite, and show an euhedral  
192 prismatic habit, as well as low-Cl secondary zones surrounding or invading high-Cl primary  
193 parts (Fig. 5). At least two secondary generations can be observed in some minerals (Fig.5),  
194 showing pronounced depletion in Cl with time. Tiny magnetite crystals may occur as inclusions  
195 in apatite, but are not in particular associated with the secondary zones (Fig. 5a). Apatites  
196 enclosed in actinolite show a large proportion of patchy secondary zones but also strongly  
197 irregular rims (Fig. 5b).

198 **Gabbro.** The apatites in gabbros also contain a high proportion of grains that show a strong  
199 chemical exchange when compared to the original parts. Several secondary generations can be  
200 distinguished, and the chemical variation is characterized by a significant depletion in Cl but  
201 very weak or no enrichment in F compared to the cores (Fig. 6). In contrast to those in tonalites

202 and diorites, the apatites in gabbros usually show anhedral habit and irregular crystal boundary.  
203 Similar to some apatites in diorites, strongly irregular crystal boundaries can be observed (Fig.  
204 6a). Some apatites, which are associated with large magnetite (and ilmenite lamellae exsolution),  
205 titanite and pyrite (Fig. 6b), show an absence of cores and heterogeneous compositions in the  
206 whole crystal (e.g. Cl and F revealed by mapping).

207 **Summary on textures.** In general, an original Cl-rich homogenous part can be observed for  
208 most apatite crystals. The interfaces between cores and secondary zones are usually sharp as  
209 indicated by BSE and EPMA mapping for Cl and F. This in turn indicates that the secondary  
210 zone was resulting from dissolution and reprecipitation (Tacker and Stomer, 1989; Boudreau  
211 and McCallum, 1990; Harlov et al., 2002; Harlov et al., 2005; Wang et al., 2014). Thus, the  
212 secondary zones are replacements over precursor cores (see more discussion in section  
213 "Metasomatic apatite and implications for hydrothermal fluids"). Solid-state inter-diffusion  
214 between replaced and precursor zones seems insignificant as indicated by the strong  
215 compositional contrast between them, which may reflect the important effects of pressure and  
216 temperature on the diffusivities of F, Cl and OH in apatite (Brenan, 1994). The inter-diffusion  
217 between hydrothermally replaced rims and precursor cores is expected at a low pressure (500 bar)  
218 and a low temperature (<400 °C), and expected size that can be affected by such inter-diffusion  
219 is extremely short (Brenan, 1994). Epitaxial growth along low-Cl zones has not been observed  
220 for any of the studied apatite crystals. Other REE-rich minerals, such as monazite or xenotime,  
221 are absent in both the original parts and the replaced zones. All these features indicate that the  
222 fluids played an important role in the exchange mechanisms affecting the apatite grains.  
223 Compared to melt-solid systems, replacement reactions in fluid-solid systems are much more  
224 effectively responsible for such replacement (Putnis and John, 2010), implying the important role  
225 of fluids in the formation of the low-Cl parts (Figs. 4-6). In addition, the replaced Cl-poor zones  
226 are characterized by a pervasive porosity (i.e. dark holes in BSE), which can serve as channels  
227 for material transport during hydrothermal replacement (Yanagisawa et al., 1999; Kusebauch et  
228 al., 2015).

## 229 **Halogen distribution in primary apatites**

230 Although the apatites have a very wide compositional range in terms of Cl and F (Fig. 7), the

231 compositional field of apatite cores is much more restricted. These cores are interpreted to  
232 represent primary compositions of apatites that crystallized at a magmatic stage. Based on  
233 compositional features, two types of apatite cores can be clearly identified, i.e. high-Cl  
234 fluorapatite ( $X_{\text{Ap}}^{\text{F}} \sim 0.6$ ,  $X_{\text{Ap}}^{\text{Cl}} \sim 0.3$ ) and low-F chlorapatite ( $X_{\text{Ap}}^{\text{F}} \sim 0.1$ ,  $X_{\text{Ap}}^{\text{Cl}} \sim 0.6$ ). The two different  
235 compositional fields are marked in Fig. 7. In gabbros, apatites have a very restricted  
236 compositional range with Cl contents of  $\sim 5.5$  wt% and  $X_{\text{Ap}}^{\text{Cl}}$  of  $\sim 0.83$ . The high-Cl fluorapatite  
237 cores are observed only in diorites and tonalites, whereas the low-F chlorapatites are observed  
238 only in gabbros and diorites. Thus, only apatite cores from the diorites can occur within the two  
239 compositional fields. It is also interesting to note that intermediate apatite compositions (i.e.,  
240 compositions in between the two grey fields in Fig. 7) were not observed in the diorites. It is  
241 emphasized that the Cl concentrations observed in the primary apatites are very high, which have  
242 been rarely reported in terrestrial magmatic systems (Piccoli and Candela, 2002; Webster and  
243 Piccoli, 2015).

#### 244 **Halogen distribution in secondary apatites**

245 The compositional field of the apatites affected by secondary processes, which can be clearly  
246 identified from textural observations (see above), is very large compared to the primary apatites  
247 (Fig. 7). When compared to the primary compositions, some main variation trends can be  
248 observed. In the gabbros, the secondary apatites show a continuous Cl-decreasing trend starting  
249 from  $X_{\text{Ap}}^{\text{Cl}}$  of  $\sim 0.6$  towards an OH-Ap end-member. In some apatites from the gabbros, it can be  
250 noted that the secondary process was also accompanied by an increase in F content in the apatite  
251 (Fig. 7b). In the tonalite, most secondary apatites show a general increase of the OH-Ap  
252 component at the expense of  $X_{\text{Ap}}^{\text{F}}$  and  $X_{\text{Ap}}^{\text{Cl}}$ . However, a detailed observation shows that different  
253 variation trends can be noted and that two boundary conditions can be identified: on one hand,  
254 there is a pronounced Cl-decreasing trend starting from the low-F primary chlorapatite and  
255 ending with  $X_{\text{Ap}}^{\text{Cl}}$  of  $\sim 0.03$ , at nearly constant ratio of  $X_{\text{Ap}}^{\text{F}}$ ; on the other hand, some apatites show  
256 an increase of  $X_{\text{Ap}}^{\text{Cl}}$  at nearly constant OH content. These two differing variation trends are further  
257 discussed in the next section. As a result of the complex variations observed in gabbros and  
258 diorites, the secondary apatites from the diorite cover the whole compositional field observed for  
259 gabbros and tonalites, with two possible primary apatite compositions.

## 260 Trace element distribution in apatites

261 The SiO<sub>2</sub>, FeO and Na<sub>2</sub>O contents are within the same range of apatites for tonalites, diorites  
262 and gabbros with concentrations of ≤0.55 wt% SiO<sub>2</sub>, ≤0.50 wt% FeO and ~0.20 wt% Na<sub>2</sub>O  
263 (EPMA data, see Supplementary Table 2). The minerals also contain 60-180 ppm Sr, 800-2800  
264 ppm Y and ∑REE varies in the range 1800-6000 ppm (LA-ICP-MS data, see Supplementary  
265 Table 3). The REE patterns (normalized to chondrite, data from Sun and McDonough, 1989) are  
266 shown in Fig. 8. In all analyses, a negative Eu anomaly can be observed. The highest REE  
267 concentrations are observed from the primary apatites, and the secondary apatites have  
268 systematically lower REE concentrations. In the gabbros, there is a more pronounced depletion  
269 in lightest REEs (La and Ce) and heaviest REEs (Yb and Lu) in apatite. Therefore (La/Sm)<sub>N</sub> (N  
270 means normalization to chondrite) and (Lu/Gd)<sub>N</sub> ratios tend to decrease with decreasing ∑REE  
271 (Fig. 8c).

## 272 DISCUSSION AND IMPLICATIONS

### 273 Metasomatic apatite and implications for hydrothermal fluids

274 As indicated by the textures and covariation of REE vs. Cl, it is clear that REEs are removed  
275 from the apatite structure with advancing replacement. Several charge-compensating substitution  
276 mechanisms have been proposed for the incorporation or removal of trivalent Y and REEs in  
277 apatites (Pan and Fleet, 2002), and the following two may be the most important ones:



280 These two mechanisms are supported by the plot of Y+REEs vs. Si+Na (Fig. 9a), which show a  
281 rough positive correlation with a ratio close to 1:1. However, there is also distinctive discrepancy  
282 from the 1:1 line for higher Si+Na values (>0.03 apfu), which might imply that additional  
283 substitution mechanisms may have play a role such as (Pan and Fleet, 2002):



286 In addition, the substitution of divalent cations (i.e.  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Mn}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Sr}^{2+}$ ) for  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  is also important:



288 This substitution is illustrated in Fig. 9 (see also Supplementary Table 3, and compare Figs. 9a-b).  
289 The plot of  $\text{Fe}+\text{Mn}+\text{Sr}+\text{Y}+\text{REEs}$  vs.  $X_{\text{Cl-Ap}}$  shown in Fig. 9b demonstrates that the amount of  
290 total substitutions of trivalent and divalent cations is positively related to  $X_{\text{Ap}}^{\text{Cl}}$ , suggesting that all  
291 these substitutions may have occurred leading to a general decrease of all trivalent and divalent  
292 cations (except Ca) with increasing metasomatic exchange.

293 In general, replacement reactions of apatite indicate changes in the properties of the  
294 coexisting liquid (melt or fluid) and/or in environmental conditions (i.e. temperature, pressure).  
295 In this study, for all three kinds of lithologies, secondary apatites have lower Cl and trace  
296 elements (Figs. 8-9), which is most probably the result of metasomatic reactions. Similar  
297 replacement textures and compositional variations of apatite have been widely observed in both  
298 fluid-dominated hydrothermal experiments (e.g. Yanagisawa et al., 1999; Harlov et al., 2002;  
299 Kusebauch et al., 2015) and in natural metasomatically overprinted rocks (e.g. Rae et al., 1996;  
300 Zirner et al., 2015). Kusebauch et al. (2015) noted that the  $X_{\text{Ap}}^{\text{OH}}$  of metasomatic apatite is more  
301 governed by  $\text{OH}^-$  concentration rather than  $\text{Cl}^-$  concentration in the fluid, indicating much higher  
302 incorporation tendency of OH than Cl for apatites in equilibrium with fluids at 200 MPa and  
303 400-700 °C. Therefore, the increasing  $X_{\text{Ap}}^{\text{OH}}$  of the replaced zones of the apatites indicates that the  
304 fluid became more diluted with time, implying efficient cycling of hydrothermal fluids. The  
305 replaced apatites in the tonalites generally have higher  $X_{\text{Ap}}^{\text{F}}$  than those in the gabbros, plausibly  
306 due to dissolution of former magmatic high-F apatites in the hydrothermal fluids. Interestingly,  
307 the replaced apatites covering a wide  $X_{\text{Ap}}^{\text{F}}$  in the diorites range indicate a complex hydrothermal  
308 imprint (Fig. 10a), which may be due to the variability of the composition of the magmatic cores.

309 Metasomatism of apatites in a locally close system usually forms REE-rich minerals such as  
310 xenotime and monazite, either in the vicinity or even enclosed in the apatites (Harlov et al., 2002;  
311 Harlov, 2015; Zirner et al., 2015). However, such REE-rich minerals are absent in the  
312 investigated rocks (Figs. 4-6). We propose that the REEs were largely removed with dissolution  
313 of primary REE-rich apatites, and that the reprecipitation of secondary phases lead to strongly

314 REE-depleted apatites (Fig. 8), implying open-system conditions. Therefore, active penetration  
315 and circulation of seawater-derived fluids have strongly overprinted these intrusive rocks. This  
316 conclusion is consistent with the petrological evidence and cooling rate estimation on the  
317 metabasalts overlying a starving AML, which indicates very rapid cooling as a result of efficient  
318 circulation of hydrothermal fluids (Zhang et al., 2014).

### 319 **Implications for petrogenesis of diorite: magma mixing**

320 As described above, two types of magmatic apatite cores (Fig. 10a), i.e. high-Cl fluorapatite  
321 and low-F chlorapatite, have been observed in the intrusive rocks from IODP 1256D.  
322 Interestingly, although fluorapatite is absent in the gabbros and chlorapatite is absent in the  
323 tonalites, both types of apatite cores are present in the diorites. These contrasting compositions of  
324 the apatite cores of the diorites can be best explained by mixing/mingling of tonalitic and  
325 gabbroic magmas that already contained apatite as a crystalline phase (Fig. 10a). This model for  
326 the genesis of diorites is also consistent with the trace elemental characteristics of bulk rocks,  
327 which cannot be explained solely by fractional crystallization from gabbroic magmas but needs  
328 an input of tonalitic components (Zhang et al. submitted to Journal of Petrology). Therefore, in  
329 the following discussion, two kinds of melts are considered, one is the melt in equilibrium with  
330 fluorapatites (from tonalites) and the other is the melt in equilibrium with chlorapatite (from  
331 gabbros).

### 332 **Magmatic apatites and implications for melt compositions**

333 **Exchange of F, Cl and OH between apatite and melt.** The H<sub>2</sub>O, F and Cl contents in a  
334 parental magma can be estimated using the composition of coexisting apatite if equilibrium is  
335 attained and if the partitioning behavior of these volatiles is well constrained. Numerous  
336 experiments on the distribution of F and Cl in apatite+melt±fluid systems have been performed  
337 in order to quantify their partitioning between apatite and melt (see review of Webster and  
338 Piccoli, 2015). In general, in terms of F, Cl and OH that are occupying the same site in the  
339 apatite structure, F is the most compatible, Cl is less compatible and but more than OH. However,  
340 strictly, the distribution behaviors of F, Cl and OH between apatite and melt (or fluid) are not  
341 best expressed as Henrian (or Nernst-type) partition coefficient (i.e.,  $D_{Ap/melt}^F$ ,  $D_{Ap/melt}^{Cl}$  and

342  $D_{\text{Ap}/\text{melt}}^{\text{OH}}$ ), but rather should be treated as major elements (Boyce et al., 2014) in a comparable  
343 way as that for Mg-Fe exchange between olivine and melt for example. It is emphasized that the  
344 relative abundances of F, Cl and OH in apatite (i.e.,  $X_{\text{Ap}}^{\text{F}}$ ,  $X_{\text{Ap}}^{\text{Cl}}$  and  $X_{\text{Ap}}^{\text{OH}}$ ) reflect the relative  
345 activities of F, Cl and OH in the silicate melt or fluid that are in equilibrium with the apatite,  
346 rather than absolute concentrations of these components in melt.

347 According to Boyce et al. (2014) and McCubbin et al. (2015), the exchange reaction between  
348 apatite and melt in terms of F, Cl and OH can be described as:



350 Here, A and B are F, Cl and OH. Assuming activity coefficients as unity, the equilibrium  
351 exchange constant ( $K_{\text{Ap}/\text{melt}}^{\text{A-B}}$ ) can be written as:

$$352 K_{\text{Ap}/\text{melt}}^{\text{A-B}} = (X_{\text{Ap}}^{\text{A}}/X_{\text{Ap}}^{\text{B}})/(X_{\text{melt}}^{\text{A}}/X_{\text{melt}}^{\text{B}}) \quad (7)$$

353 In this equation,  $X_{\text{Ap}}^{\text{A}}$  and  $X_{\text{Ap}}^{\text{B}}$  are endmember fractions in apatite (i.e.,  $X_{\text{Ap}}^{\text{F}}$ ,  $X_{\text{Ap}}^{\text{Cl}}$  or  $X_{\text{Ap}}^{\text{OH}}$ ), and  
354  $X_{\text{melt}}^{\text{A}}$  and  $X_{\text{melt}}^{\text{B}}$  are molar fractions of the components A and B (i.e., F<sup>-</sup>, Cl<sup>-</sup> or OH<sup>-</sup>) in melt.  
355 Although the real activity coefficients may be complex functions depending on several factors  
356 (e.g., temperature, pressure and system composition) and thus assumption of activity coefficients  
357 as unity may not be valid, such treatment is more plausible than using Henrian partition  
358 coefficients (Boyce et al., 2014). In fact, similar treatments have been applied to investigations  
359 on the incorporations of F and Cl in apatite (Zhu and Sverjensky, 1992), biotite (Munoz, 1984)  
360 and amphibole (Sato et al., 2005).

361 Mathez and Webster (2005) and Webster et al. (2009) performed experiments on the  
362 partitioning behaviors of F and Cl between apatite and melt ( $\pm$ fluid) at 2 kbar for basaltic and  
363 felsic systems respectively, and expressed the partitioning data as Henrian partition coefficients.  
364 Boyce et al. (2014) reprocessed these experimental data in order to extract exchange coefficients.  
365 However, the treatment of data in Boyce et al. (2014) and McCubbin et al. (2015) is based on the  
366 assumption that total H<sub>2</sub>O content in melt can be transferred as OH<sup>-</sup>. As pointed out by Li and  
367 Hermann (2015), such simplification might not be adequate considering our knowledge on the  
368 existence of different water species in silicate melt following the dissociation reaction of water in

369 silicate melt (Stolper, 1982):



371 where  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_m$  is molecule water,  $\text{O}^{2-}$  is a bridging oxygen atom, and  $\text{OH}^-$  is a hydroxyl (not  
372 bonded with  $\text{H}^+$ ). Thus, the concentration of hydroxyl group is the specific component that  
373 exchanges with OH in apatite (Eqs. 6-7).

374 Taking into account the issue of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  speciation in silicate melt, Li and Hermann (2015)  
375 reprocessed the experimental data reported in Mathez and Webster (2005), Webster et al. (2009),  
376 Doherty et al. (2014) and McCubbin et al. (2015), using the equilibrium constant  $K_{\text{ws}}$  of reaction  
377 (8) determined for rhyolitic melt (Hui et al., 2008). It is emphasized that the melt compositions  
378 for the apatite-related experiments (from rhyolitic to basaltic) and the melt composition (rhyolitic)  
379 for the adopted  $K_{\text{ws}}$  are not identical, and thus potential errors are expected for the recalculated  
380 exchange coefficients ( $K$ ) given by Li and Hermann (2015). However, an assessment of such  
381 potential errors is out the scope of this study. In this case, only the recalculated exchange  
382 coefficients ( $K$ ) by Li and Hermann (2015) based on the experiments of McCubbin et al. (2015)  
383 were applied, because only in this study  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  contents of melts were measured accurately by  
384 SIMS, which provide highly reliable  $K$  values (see more detailed discussion in Li and Hermann,  
385 2015). According to McCubbin et al. (2015) and Li and Hermann (2015), for systems with  $X_{\text{Ap}}^{\text{F}}$   
386 being 0.4-0.8,  $K_{\text{Ap/melt}}^{\text{F-OH}}$  is determined as  $50 \pm 7$  ( $\sigma$ ) and  $K_{\text{Ap/melt}}^{\text{Cl-OH}}$  as  $11 \pm 3$  ( $\sigma$ ). The consistent  $K$   
387 values over a wide range of  $X_{\text{Ap}}^{\text{F}}$  confirms the reliability of data and also implies that the  
388 exchange coefficients do not vary within the investigated compositional range. However, for a F-  
389 free system, McCubbin et al. (2015) found  $K_{\text{Ap/melt}}^{\text{Cl-OH}}$  to be significantly higher with a value of  
390  $\sim 40$ . This large variation suggests that the exchange behavior of F-Cl-OH between apatite and  
391 melt varies significantly for F-rich and F-poor systems. Therefore, in the following two sections,  
392 we discuss the properties of melts assuming that they are in equilibrium with primary  
393 fluorapatites (in tonalites and diorites) and with primary chlorapatites (in gabbros and diorites),  
394 respectively. We believe that, despite a variety of uncertainties and approximations, our  
395 quantitative estimation can still provide important constraints on the F and Cl abundances in the  
396 intrusive magma bodies beneath fast-spreading MORs.

397 **Melt in equilibrium with fluorapatite.** Primary high-Cl fluorapatite cores exist in both  
398 tonalites and diorites, which show a small compositional field with  $X_{\text{Ap}}^{\text{Cl}}$  within ca. 0.3-0.4 and  
399 with  $X_{\text{Ap}}^{\text{F}}$  within ca. 0.4-0.6 (Fig. 7). Applying the  $K$  values according to McCubbin et al. (2015)  
400 and Li and Hermann (2015), the melts in equilibrium with the fluorapatites (from both tonalites  
401 and diorites) are estimated to have  $X_{\text{melt}}^{\text{F}}/X_{\text{melt}}^{\text{OH}}$  of  $0.09\pm 0.04$  ( $\sigma$ ),  $X_{\text{melt}}^{\text{Cl}}/X_{\text{melt}}^{\text{OH}}$  of  $0.27\pm 0.12$  ( $\sigma$ )  
402 and  $X_{\text{melt}}^{\text{F}}/X_{\text{melt}}^{\text{Cl}}$  of  $0.28\pm 0.03$  ( $\sigma$ ) (Fig. 10b). In the calculations, a few apatites in the diorites  
403 having  $X_{\text{Ap}}^{\text{OH}}$  less than 0.05 are omitted in order to avoid extremely large  $X_{\text{melt}}^{\text{F}}/X_{\text{melt}}^{\text{OH}}$  or  
404  $X_{\text{melt}}^{\text{Cl}}/X_{\text{melt}}^{\text{OH}}$  values that are unlikely.

405 The estimated  $X_{\text{melt}}^{\text{F}}/X_{\text{melt}}^{\text{Cl}}$  ratio is independent on melt H<sub>2</sub>O content, and thus its reliability is  
406 not associated with the uncertainty of estimation on melt H<sub>2</sub>O content (see below). Wanless and  
407 Shaw (2012) measured the F and Cl concentrations of the melt inclusions and host glasses in the  
408 fresh lavas erupted at East Pacific Rise (EPR), which yield a molar F/Cl ratio of  $5.2\pm 2.1$  ( $\sigma$ ).  
409 Based on the apatite composition, the estimated molar F/Cl ratio of the melts for intrusive felsic  
410 magmas within the AML is  $\sim 0.3$ , which is significantly lower than that measured for the EPR  
411 lavas, supporting the idea that the felsic intrusive magmas cannot be evolved melts derived  
412 solely via fractional crystallization of MOR basaltic magmas, because both F and Cl are highly  
413 incompatible elements for all nominally-anhydrous minerals in basaltic systems (e.g. Beyer et al.,  
414 2012) and their ratio cannot vary significantly in melts. In addition, fractional crystallization of  
415 apatite can potentially decrease F/Cl ratio in evolved melts (e.g. Boyce et al., 2014), but this  
416 model is not supported by the fact that apatite is not observed or expected as an early phase in  
417 the fractional crystallization of MOR basaltic magmas (Zhang et al. submitted to Journal of  
418 Petrology). Furthermore, the magmatic apatite cores do not show evolving compositions in terms  
419 of F-Cl-OH, but exhibit nearly identical F/Cl ratios for gabbroic and tonalitic systems  
420 respectively.

421 Alternatively, partial melting of hydrothermally altered basaltic dikes (i.e., amphibole-  
422 bearing metabasalts) may be the origin of the felsic magmas at MORs (France et al., 2010;  
423 Wanless et al., 2010; Erdmann et al., 2015; Fischer et al., 2016). Hydrothermal amphibole is the  
424 major hydrous phase in the metabasalts in the dike-gabbro transition zone of fast-spreading  
425 MOR (Koepke et al., 2008; Alt et al., 2010), which is formed during the interval of periodical

426 magma replenishment of AML (Zhang et al., 2014). In this study, we measured amphibole  
427 compositions for a typical hydrothermal vein collected from the dike-gabbro transition at IODP  
428 Hole 1256D (335-U1256D-RUN19-RCJB-Rock C, ref. Teagle et al., 2012), and the contents of  
429 F ( $0.21\pm 0.03$  wt%) and Cl ( $0.12\pm 0.03$  wt%) are both fairly homogeneous (see Supp. Table 4).  
430 Because amphibole (or another hydrous phase) is absent in the melting residue, the molar F/Cl  
431 ratio of the partial melt should be the same as that in the amphibole, i.e.  $3.3\pm 1.0$  ( $\sigma$ ) (Fig. 10b),  
432 which is much higher than the estimated molar F/Cl ratio of melt ( $\sim 0.3$ ) based on the  
433 fluorapatites. Therefore, another source with a low F/Cl ratio is necessary, and we propose that it  
434 is most likely due to assimilation of seawater-derived high-chlorinity fluids (e.g. Michael and  
435 Schilling, 1989; see discussions below).

436 In order to estimate the absolute concentrations of F and Cl in melt, the H<sub>2</sub>O content should  
437 be constrained independently. Experimental studies of France et al. (2010), Erdmann et al. (2015)  
438 and Fischer et al. (2016) suggest that the tonalites beneath fast-spreading ridges can be  
439 interpreted as partial melts of hydrous metabasalt, induced by heating of the underlying AML.  
440 Importantly, the relatively low Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> contents (ca. 11 wt%) of natural tonalites can only be  
441 reproduced in experiments with very low water activity (most likely  $a_{\text{H}_2\text{O}} < 0.5$ ), because more  
442 plagioclase (the most Al-rich phase) is stabilized at low- $a_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}$  conditions (Erdmann et al., 2015).  
443 In contrast, partial melts generated at water-saturated conditions usually have too high Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>  
444 contents (ca. 15-18 wt%). Therefore, assuming  $a_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}$  in the range of 0.1-0.3 at 0.5 kbar and a  
445 plausible melting temperature of 950 °C (Erdmann et al., 2015; Fischer et al., 2016), the H<sub>2</sub>O  
446 content in tonalitic melts is estimated to be within 0.7-1.2 wt% (with application of the empirical  
447 water solubility model of Moore et al., 1998). This value ( $1.0\pm 0.2$  wt% H<sub>2</sub>O) was taken into  
448 account for calculating F and Cl abundances in the melts from the estimated F-Cl-OH molar  
449 ratios of melts based on the apatites, with application of the water species model of Hui et al.  
450 (2008) [the same model was applied by Li and Hermann (2015) for calculating molar ratios of  
451 F/OH and Cl/OH in silicate melts]. The calculated halogen concentrations of the tonalitic melts  
452 in equilibrium with the fluorapatites are 0.04-0.16 wt% F and 0.12-0.48 wt% Cl.

453 The ranges of the F and Cl contents estimated above may represent the initial F and Cl  
454 concentrations in the felsic melts at the beginning of the crystallization of apatite. Assuming that  
455 common metabasalts contain 10-20 wt% amphibole with similar F and Cl contents as in the

456 hydrothermal amphiboles that we measured ( $0.21 \pm 0.03$  wt% F and  $0.12 \pm 0.03$  wt% Cl; see also  
457 Supp. Table 4), and that partial melting generates melts with a mass fraction of 20 wt% and the  
458 residue contains no amphibole [which was confirmed by the experiments of Erdmann et al.  
459 (2015)], we can estimate that the partial melts would contain  $0.16 \pm 0.05$  wt% F and  $0.09 \pm 0.03$  wt%  
460 Cl. This melt F content is similar with the maximum F content estimated based on the  
461 fluorapatites, suggesting that the F budget is coherent (F in melt estimated from source rock vs. F  
462 in melt estimated from apatite). In contrast, the melt Cl content estimated from partial melting is  
463 too low compared to the Cl contents estimated based on the fluorapatites, implying that an  
464 additional high-Cl source has to be involved in the generation of the felsic melts. This source is  
465 most probably seawater-derived high-chlorinity fluids (e.g. Michael and Schilling, 1989). Such  
466 implications are consistent with the previous conclusions according to H<sub>2</sub>O-independent F/Cl  
467 ratios.

468 **Melt in equilibrium with chlorapatite.** Low-F chlorapatite cores exist in both gabbros and  
469 diorites, which have a nearly identical composition with  $X_{\text{Ap}}^{\text{Cl}}$  of 0.82 and  $X_{\text{Ap}}^{\text{F}}$  of 0.03 (Fig. 7).  
470 These high-Cl cores are interpreted as parts of the original magmatic apatites that crystallized in  
471 the interstitial melts of gabbroic magmas. In the gabbros, their euhedral textures and  
472 homogeneous compositions suggest that they might have crystallized from melts in which the  
473 proportions of F/Cl/OH did not change significantly.

474 Cl-rich apatites with  $X_{\text{Ap}}^{\text{Cl}} > 0.8$  have been commonly produced in melt-free apatite+fluid  
475 systems (e.g. Fleet et al., 2000; Dong, 2005; Kusebauch et al., 2015; Hughes et al., 2016), but  
476 rarely found in natural magmatic systems or experiments (Webster and Piccoli, 2015). However,  
477 similar high-Cl apatites were synthesized by McCubbin et al. (2015) in a F-free apatite+melt  
478 experiment with melt containing 1.37 wt% Cl, and a very high  $K_{\text{Ap/melt}}^{\text{Cl-OH}}$  value of  $41 \pm 9$  ( $\sigma$ ) (in  
479 comparison with  $\sim 12$  for other F-bearing systems) is derived from this experiment (Li and  
480 Hermann, 2015). McCubbin et al. (2015) emphasized that the Cl-OH exchange behavior would  
481 change substantially in F-bearing and F-free (or F-poor) systems. Although only one  
482 experimental datum is existing for a F-free system, we can use it to estimate the Cl/OH ratio of  
483 melts in equilibrium with the F-poor apatites ( $X_{\text{Ap}}^{\text{F}}$  of  $\sim 0.03$ ) from the gabbros and diorites.  
484 However, it is emphasized that the calculated  $X_{\text{melt}}^{\text{Cl}}/X_{\text{melt}}^{\text{OH}}$  value is a minimum value, because

485 increase of F would apparently decrease  $K_{\text{Ap/melt}}^{\text{Cl-OH}}$  for low-F systems (McCubbin et al., 2015).  
486 Therefore, a minimum  $X_{\text{melt}}^{\text{Cl}}/X_{\text{melt}}^{\text{OH}}$  value of  $\sim 0.14$  for the melts in equilibrium with the  
487 chlorapatites is obtained, which is similar to the minimum  $X_{\text{melt}}^{\text{Cl}}/X_{\text{melt}}^{\text{OH}}$  value estimated for  
488 tonalitic melts in equilibrium with the fluorapatites (ranging in  $0.27 \pm 0.12$ , see above). More  
489 accurate estimation on the Cl concentrations is difficult due to the lack of a large experimental  
490 database for F-poor systems, but it is clear that the F/Cl ratio and the Cl content in the melts in  
491 equilibrium with the chlorapatites must be higher than that in the melts in equilibrium with the  
492 fluorapatites (Fig. 10b). Therefore, fractional crystallization of MOR basaltic melts plus  
493 assimilation of the felsic melts cannot fully explain the highly elevated Cl in gabbroic magmas to  
494 form the extremely Cl-rich apatites ( $X_{\text{Ap}}^{\text{Cl}} \sim 0.82$ ), and another high-Cl component (e.g. seawater-  
495 derived brine) may also be involved (see discussions below).

#### 496 **Implications for brine assimilation by magmas in AML**

497 The discussions above indicate that the melts in equilibrium with the apatites should have  
498 assimilated high-Cl components in order to form the magmatic cores of high-Cl fluorapatite (in  
499 tonalites) and low-F chlorapatites (in gabbros). To explain the abnormally high Cl concentrations  
500 in some MOR basaltic lavas at fast-spreading ridges, the low Cl/F and Cl/H<sub>2</sub>O ratios of the  
501 hydrothermal amphibole-bearing metabasalts in the dike-gabbro transition zone, as well as felsic  
502 melts that may be derived by partial melting of the metabasalts, can be excluded as dominant  
503 assimilants (Michael and Schilling, 1989; Fischer et al., 2016; this study, Supp. Table 4).  
504 Alternatively, assimilation of seawater-derived Cl-rich brines, which can have very high Cl/F  
505 and Cl/H<sub>2</sub>O ratios, by magmas at the boundary of AML, may be a plausible process (e.g.  
506 Bischoff and Rosenbauer, 1989; Michael and Schilling, 1989; Kendrick et al., 2013). Such high-  
507 salinity fluids (up to 50 wt% equivalent NaCl) have been documented as fluid inclusions in  
508 hydrothermally altered oceanic crusts (Kelley and Delaney, 1987; Nehlig, 1991). In addition,  
509 Meurer and Natland (2001) documented apatites with  $X_{\text{Ap}}^{\text{Cl}}$  up to 0.85 in the cumulate gabbros  
510 from Hess Deep, and the high-Cl characteristics were similarly interpreted by the authors to be  
511 due to assimilation of high-Cl seawater-derived fluids.

512 Fig. 10c shows the isobaric phase projection of the NaCl-H<sub>2</sub>O system at 0.5 kbar (Driesner  
513 and Heinrich, 2007), which explains the formation of high-salinity fluids from a low-salinity

514 fluid. If a seawater-like initial fluid (point A) is transported to a depth above the AML, being  
515 heated up by the underlying AML magmas, a high salinity brine and a low salinity vapor can  
516 form as a result of phase separation (i.e. hydrothermal boiling). The NaCl content of the brine  
517 increases with increasing temperature, but its relative mass to the vapor phase decreases as  
518 controlled by mass balance. For example, assuming a high temperature of 900 °C, the salinity of  
519 the brine could be 90 wt% NaCl (point B). Because petrological evidence indicates that the  
520 recrystallization temperature of metabasalts overlying the AML could be up to 1050 °C (Koepke  
521 et al., 2008; France et al., 2009; Alt et al., 2010; Zhang et al., 2014), and because partial melting  
522 of metabasalt occurs at temperatures >900 °C (Erdmann et al., 2015; Fischer et al., 2016), the  
523 fluid evolution towards high salinity brines can be achieved in the absence of melt until  
524 temperatures above 900 °C. At higher temperatures when melt starts to be present, the high-  
525 density brine phase would be an ideal assimilant for enriching Cl in the magmatic system. In this  
526 scenario, the low-density vapor phase would escape rapidly to shallower depths (Bischoff and  
527 Rosenbauer, 1989; Alt et al., 2010).

528 Continuous cycling of seawater-derived fluids overlying the AML (Sleep, 1991; Phipps  
529 Morgan and Chen, 1993) implies that an open system of Cl needs to be assumed for magmatic  
530 and hydrothermal processes at MORs. Assimilation of the high-Cl brines in the felsic and  
531 gabbroic magmas will strongly increase Cl concentration and Cl/F ratio in the melts, which can  
532 easily explain the high-Cl magmatic apatite cores (Fig. 10b). It is difficult to determine the exact  
533 salinity of the brines assimilated by the silicate melts and the brine/melt ratio during assimilation,  
534 but we propose that the salinity of assimilated fluid must be very high and the fluid/melt ratio  
535 must be very low, because: (1) of the high-Cl features of the melts in equilibrium with the  
536 magmatic apatites (Fig. 10b), (2) of the properties of the fluids as a result of hydrothermal  
537 boiling at high temperatures (Fig. 10c), and (3) of the low H<sub>2</sub>O activities prevailing in the  
538 magmatic systems (for example, magmatic amphibole is absent in the felsic intrusives and very  
539 rare in the gabbroic intrusives). Therefore, the hypothesis that MOR magmatic systems at fast-  
540 spreading ridges have been assimilated by high-Cl brines, which was previously invoked to  
541 interpret the over-enrichment of Cl in erupted MOR lavas (e.g. Michael and Schilling, 1989;  
542 Kendrick et al., 2013), is also supported by the magmatic apatites from an intact MOR intrusive  
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776 **Figure 1.** Map of eastern Pacific Ocean showing the location of IODP Hole 1256D. Also shown is the  
777 age pattern of seafloors around the mid-ocean ridge of East Pacific Rise, which indicates that the oceanic  
778 crust at Hole 1256D was formed by superfast spreading with a full spreading rate of ca. 210 mm/year  
779 (after Wilson et al. 2006).

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781 **Figure 2.** MgO versus FeO<sub>T</sub> for all lithologies recovered from IODP Hole 1256D. FeO<sub>T</sub> is total iron  
782 expressed as FeO. Data are compiled from Yamazaki et al. (2009), Neo et al. (2009), Sano et al. (2011),  
783 Expedition 335 Scientists (2012) and Zhang et al. (submitted to Journal of Petrology).

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785 **Figure 3.** Petrography of felsic to gabbroic intrusive rocks. (a) Scan of thin section of sample 214-2-P10,  
786 showing dioritic patch within gabbro. The gabbro domains, outlined by dashed curves, are characterized  
787 by subophitic texture and composed of poikilitic clinopyroxene and enclosed skeletal plagioclase. The  
788 dioritic patch domain is interconnected, composed of amphibole, Fe-Ti oxides, plagioclase, albite, quartz  
789 and apatite. The transition between these two domains are gradual, usually showing amphibole replacing  
790 former clinopyroxene. (b) Scan of thin section of sample 235-1-P5. The dashed curves indicate the  
791 uneven intrusive boundaries between the tonalitic vein and diorite wall-rock.

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793 **Figure 4.** BSE images and X-ray maps of apatites in tonalites. (a) Sample 214-1-P14. (b) Sample 235-1-  
794 P5. White curves outline the boundaries of apatites. Note that two apatite crystals contact each other in (b).  
795 Note that the brightness of F K $\alpha$  mapping on magnetite or chlorite is resulted from spectral interference of  
796 Fe on F K $\alpha$ . However, brightness of F K $\alpha$  mapping on apatite does reflect their relative F abundances,  
797 because the trace Fe in apatite has little interference on F K $\alpha$  (see Zhang et al., 2015). Mineral  
798 abbreviations: Act, actinolite; Ab, albite; Ap, apatite; Chl, chlorite; Ilm, ilmenite; Mgt, magnetite; Plg,  
799 plagioclase; Py, pyrite; Qtz, quartz; Tnt, titanite.

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801 **Figure 5.** BSE images and X-ray maps of apatites in diorites. (a) Sample 214-1-P10. (b) Sample 214-2-  
802 P10. White curves outline the boundaries of apatites. Horizontal arrows indicates emplaced zones formed  
803 prior to those indicated by vertical arrows. See notes and mineral abbreviations in Fig. 4.

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805 **Figure 6.** BSE images and X-ray maps of apatites in gabbros. (a) Sample 232-2-P1. (b) Sample 216-1-  
806 P13. White curves outline the boundaries of apatites. Horizontal arrows indicates emplaced zones formed  
807 prior to those indicated by vertical arrows. See notes and mineral abbreviations in Fig. 4.

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809 **Figure 7.** Apatite compositional variation of F, Cl and OH. (a) Binary plot of Cl vs. F contents. (b)  
810 Triangular plot of molar proportion of OH-Ap, F-Ap and Cl-Ap endmembers. Grey solid lines in (b)  
811 indicate the boundaries of endmembers.

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813 **Figure 8.** Apatite compositional variation of REEs. (a) Apatite in tonalite. (b) Apatite in diorite. (c)  
814 Apatite in gabbro. Note the general depletion in REEs of rim compared to core.

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816 **Figure 9.** Substitution of cations in apatite. (a) Y+REEs vs. Si+Na. The solid line in (a) is 1:1 line. (b)  
817 Fe+Mn+Sr+Y+REEs vs.  $X_{Ap}^{Cl}$ .

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819 **Figure 10.** Compositional variations of apatite, melt and fluid. (a) Triangular plot of OH-Ap, F-Ap and  
820 Cl-Ap. (b) Triangular plot of molar fractions of OH, F and Cl in silicate melts (see text for estimation).  
821 Crustal partial melt corresponds to the felsic melt derived from amphibole-bearing metabasalt and is  
822 estimated based on hydrothermal amphibole compositions. EPR basaltic glass corresponds to the average  
823 composition of melt inclusions and host glasses in the fresh lavas erupted at East Pacific Rise (Wanless  
824 and Shaw, 2012). Type-1 melt corresponds to the melt in equilibrium with the fluorapatites. Type-2 melt  
825 corresponds to the estimated melt composition in equilibrium with the chlorapatites (the question mark  
826 denotes that its composition is not quantified but only estimated based on higher Cl/OH and low F/OH  
827 ratio of the chlorapatites compared to the fluorapatites). The composition of brine (full range on the inset  
828 diagram) corresponds to a range of chlorinity of 50-90 wt% equivalent NaCl. (c) Isobaric projection of  
829 the coexisting phases (i.e. vapor and brine) in the system NaCl-H<sub>2</sub>O at 0.5 kbar (calculated using the  
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Figure 1

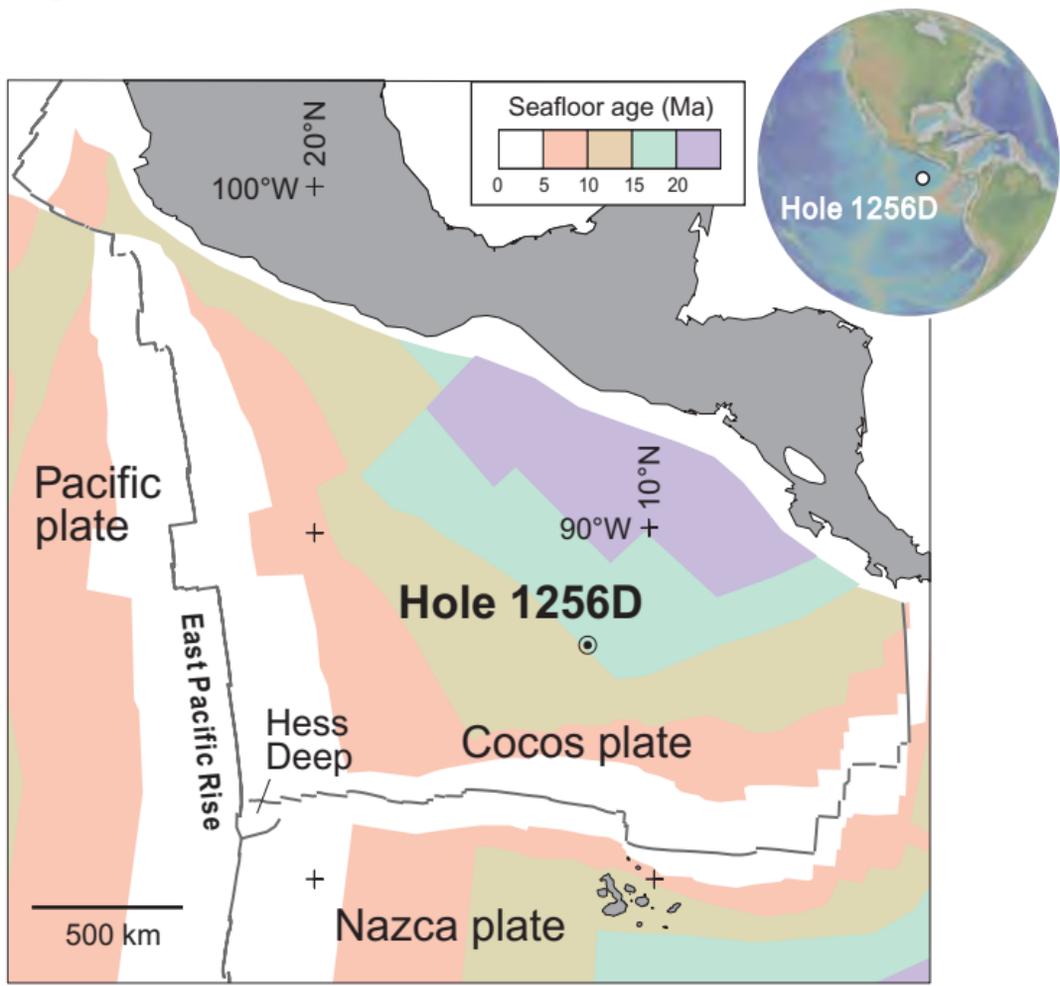


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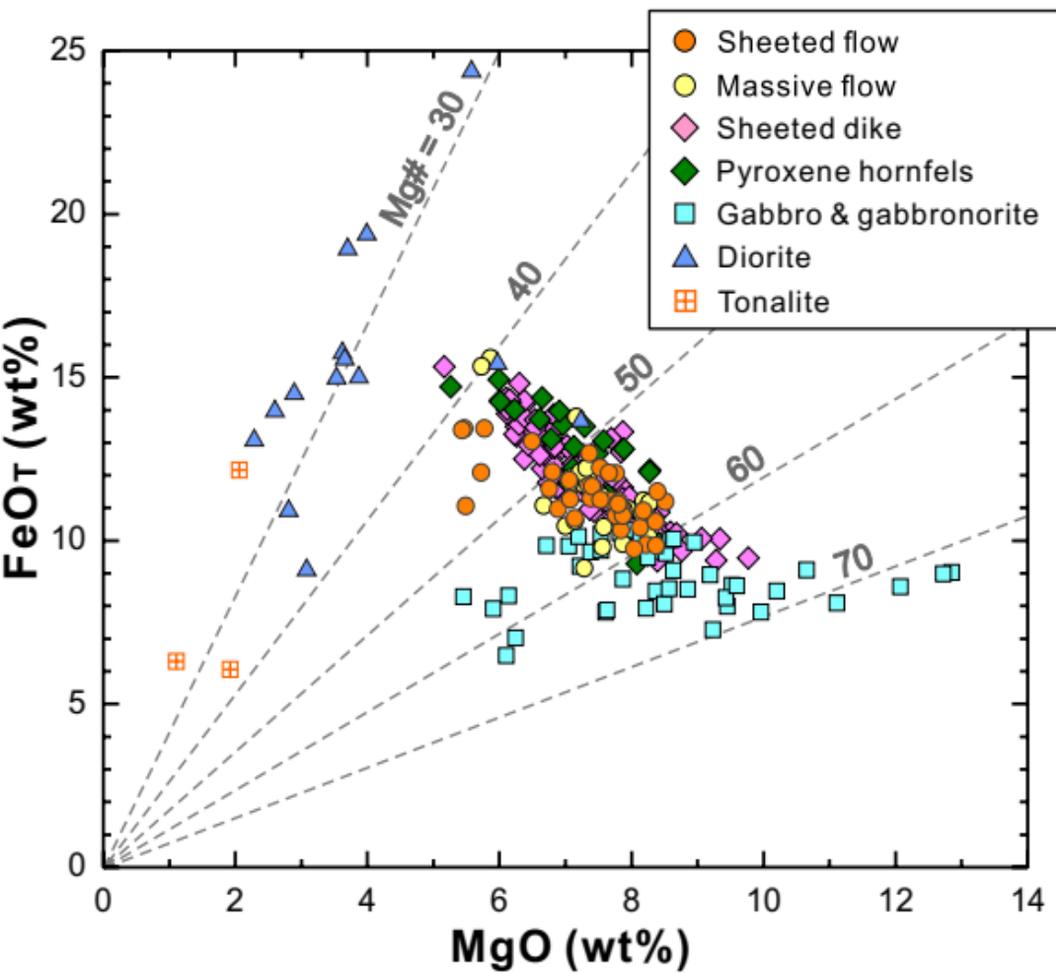


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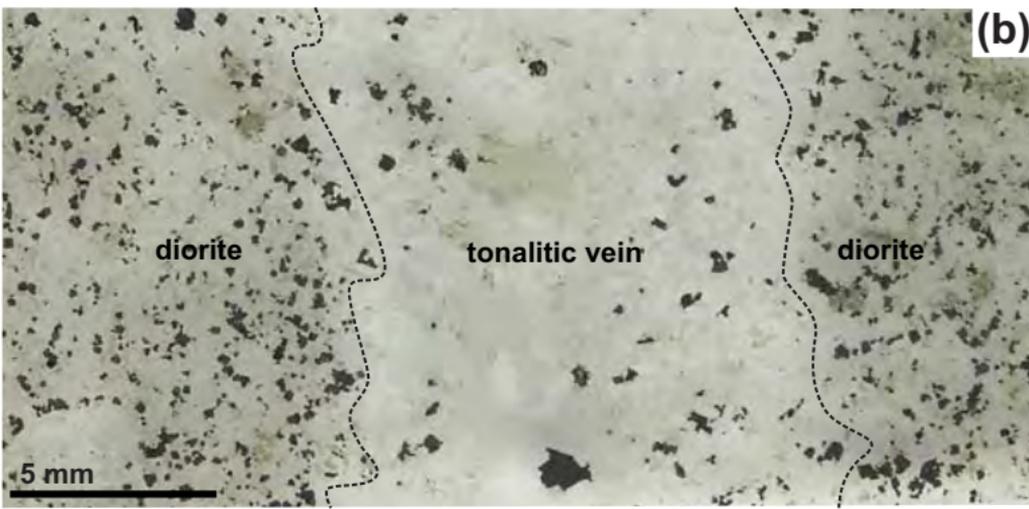
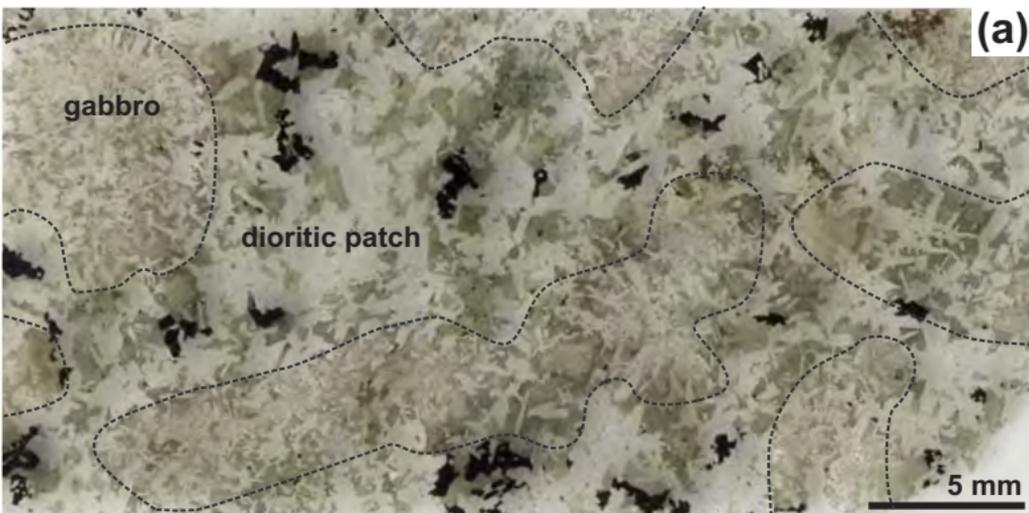
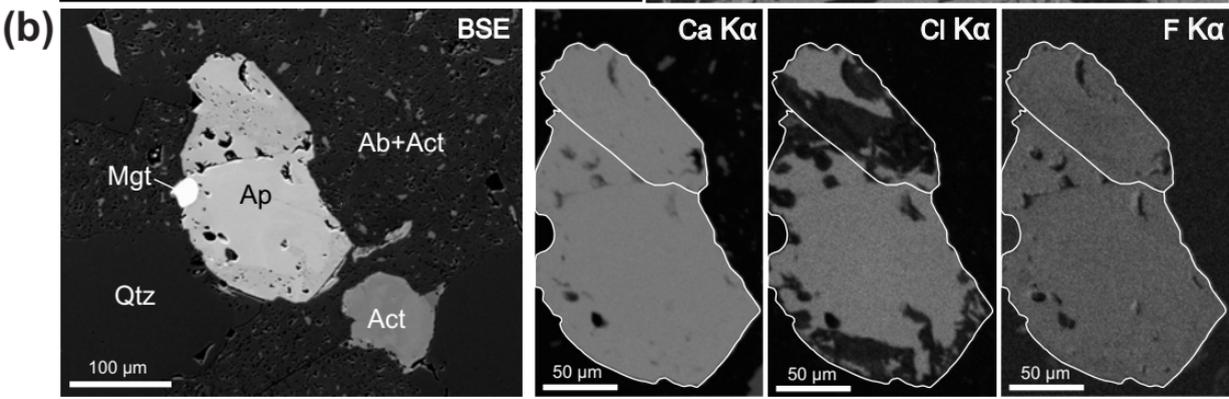
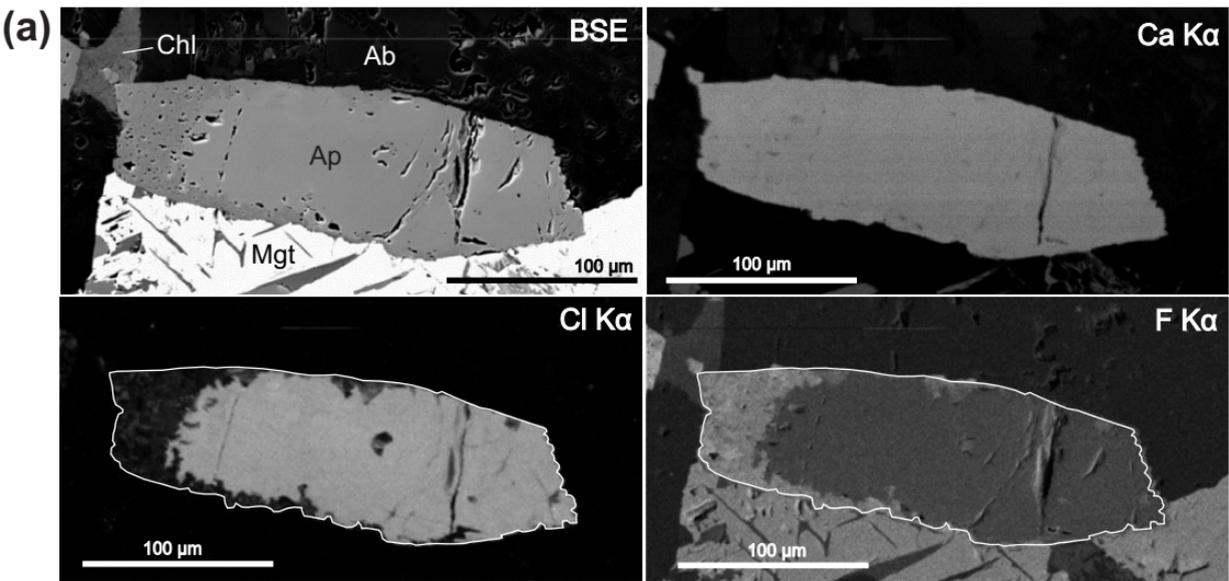
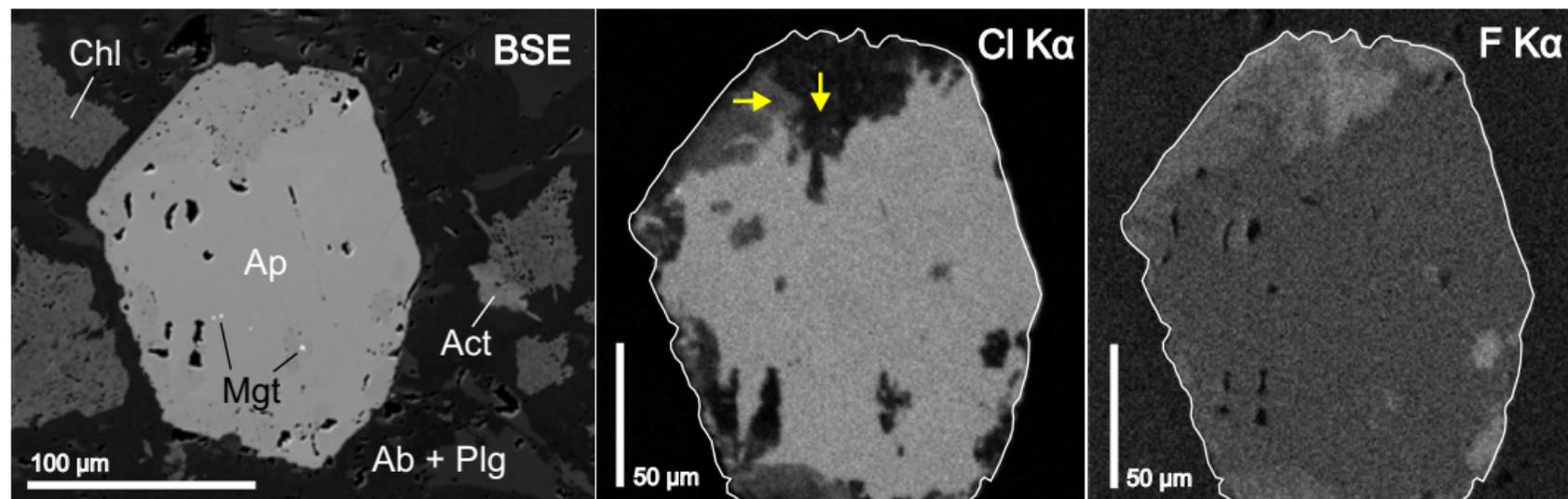


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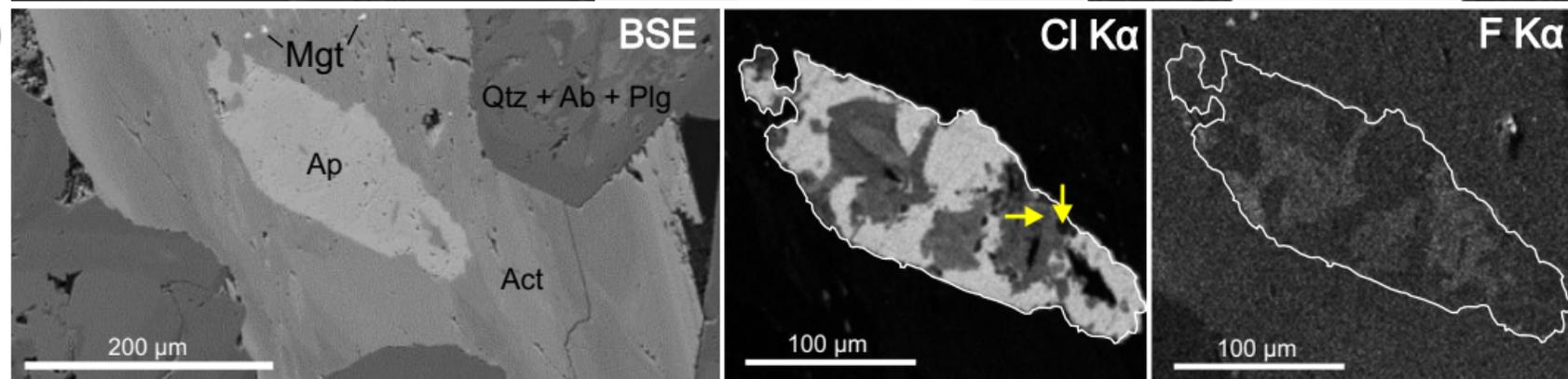
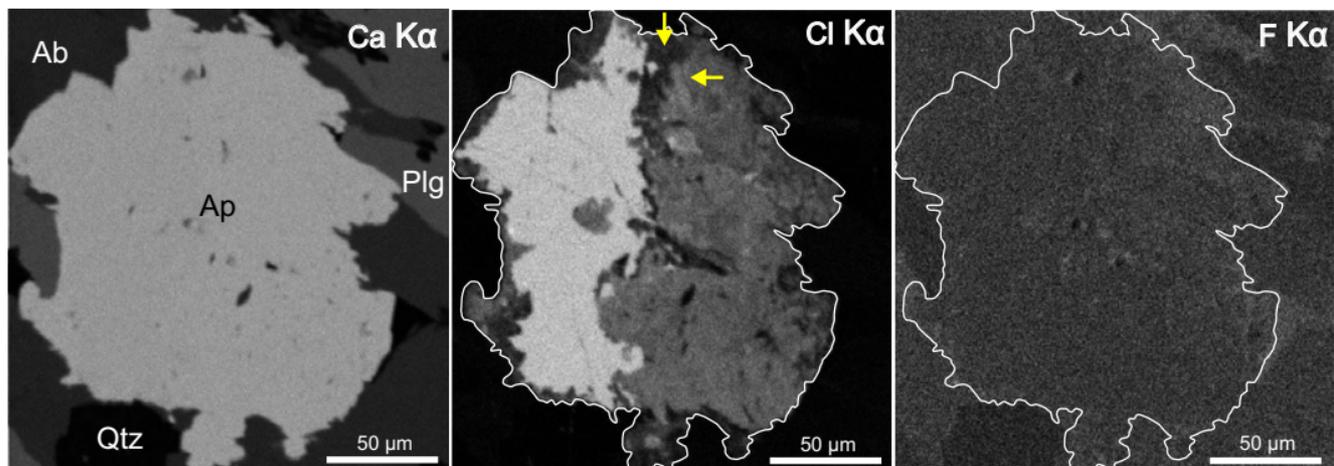


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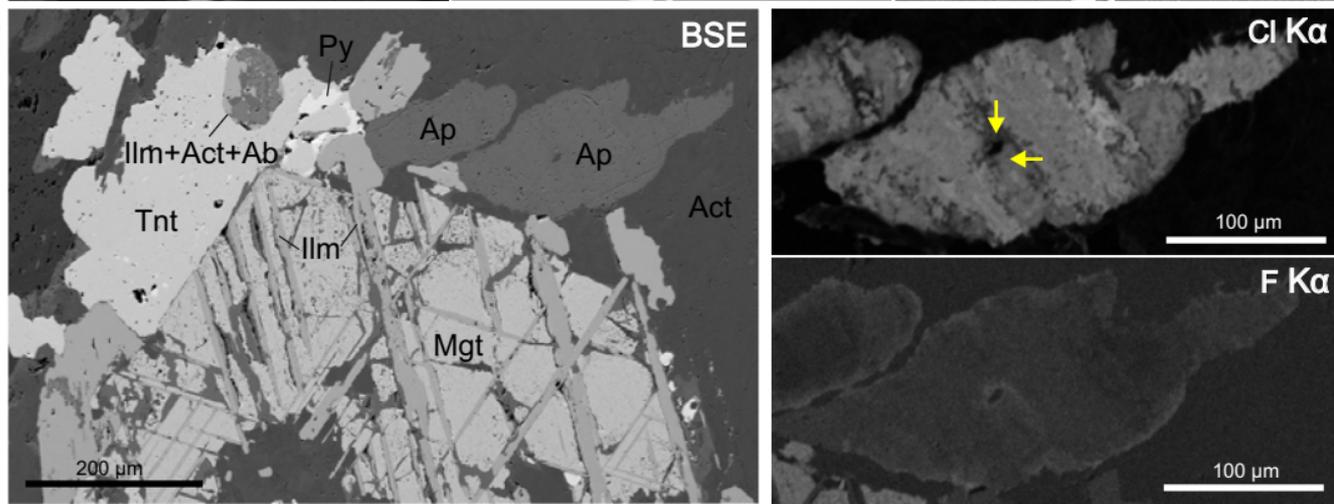
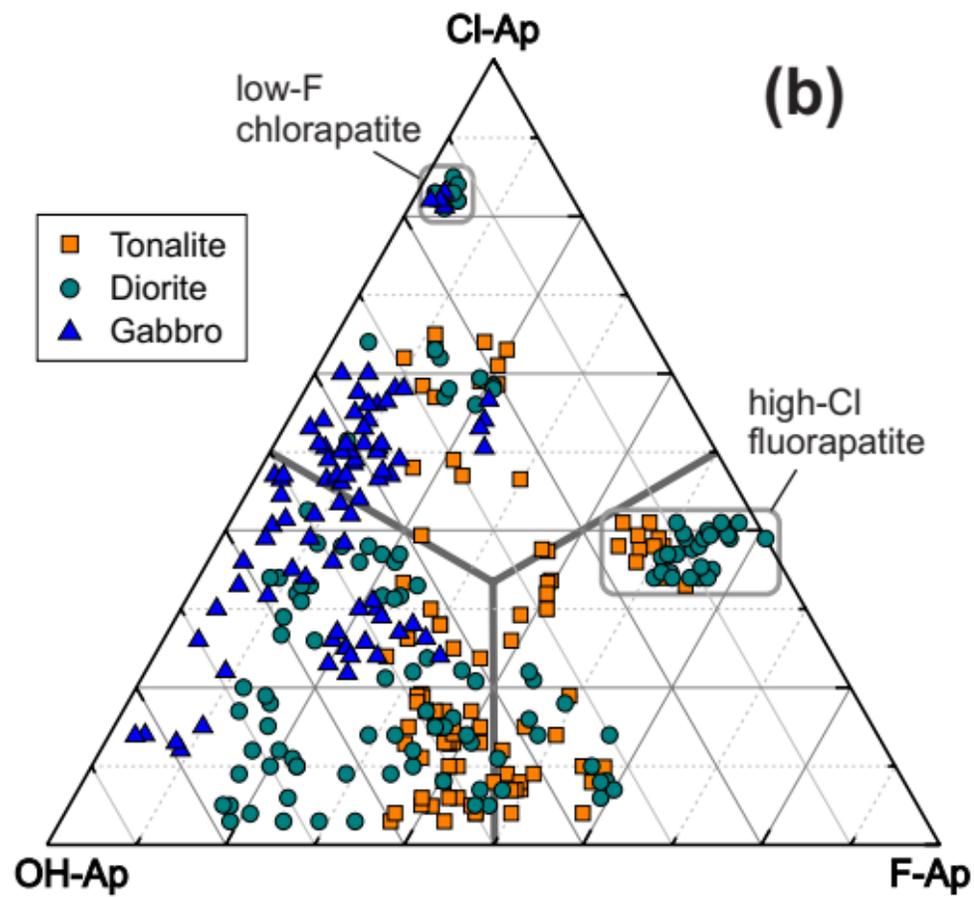
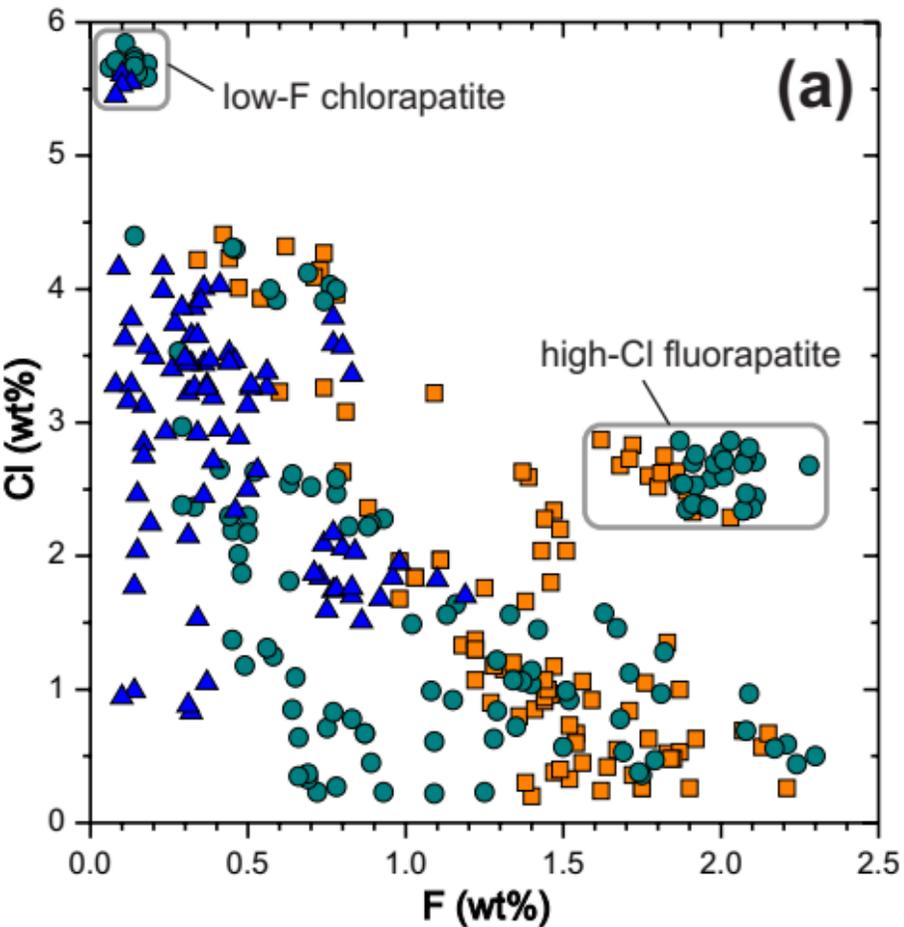
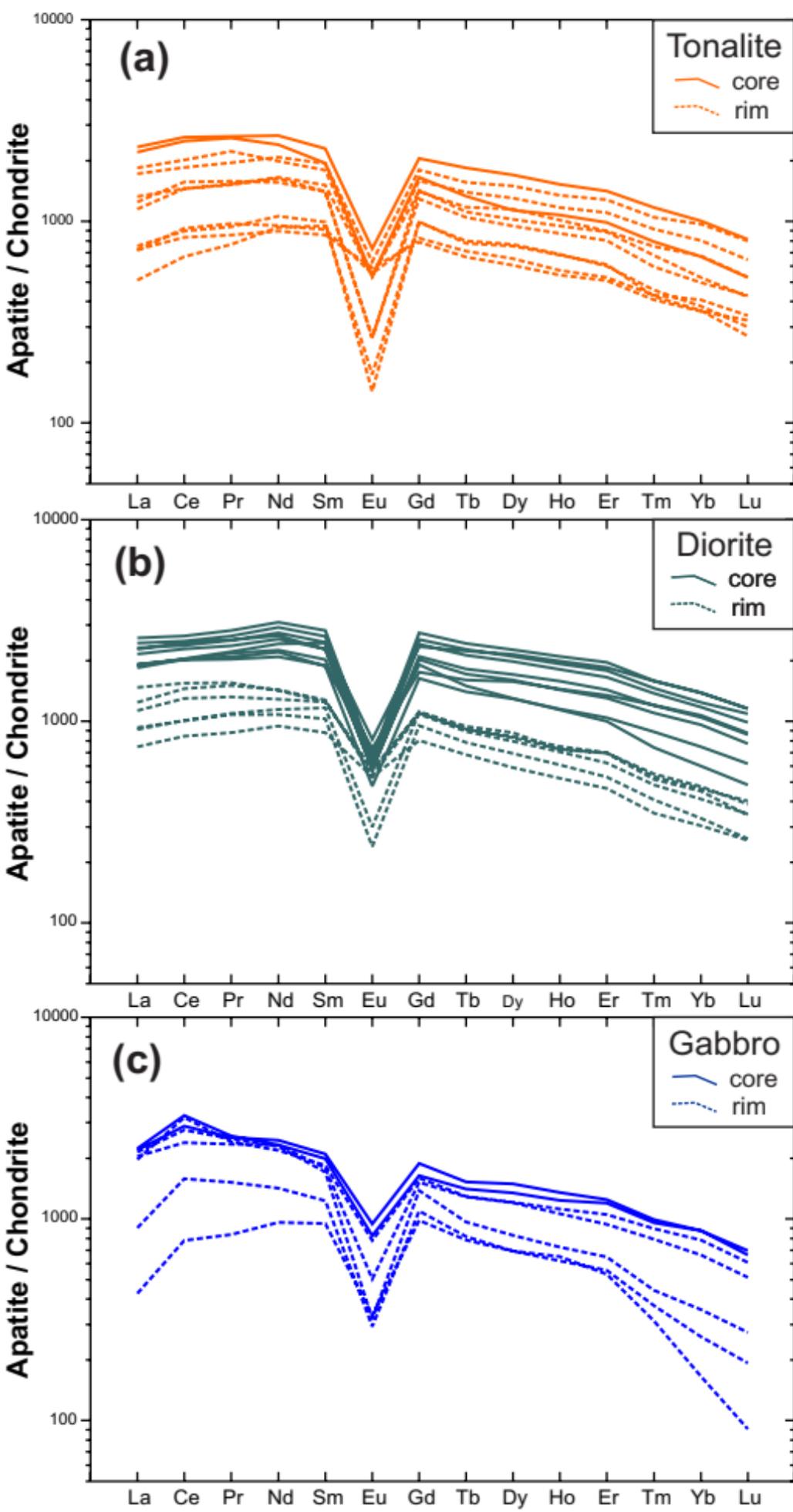


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# Figure 8



# Figure 9

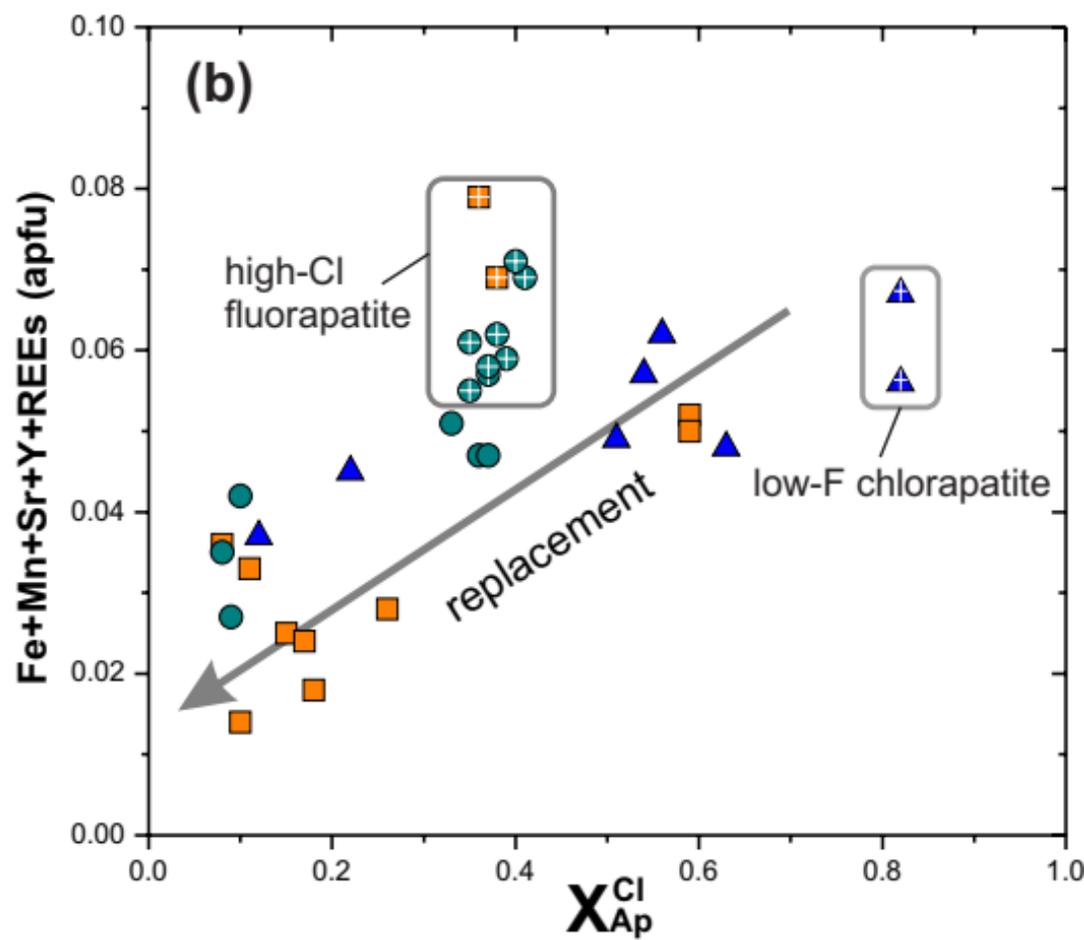
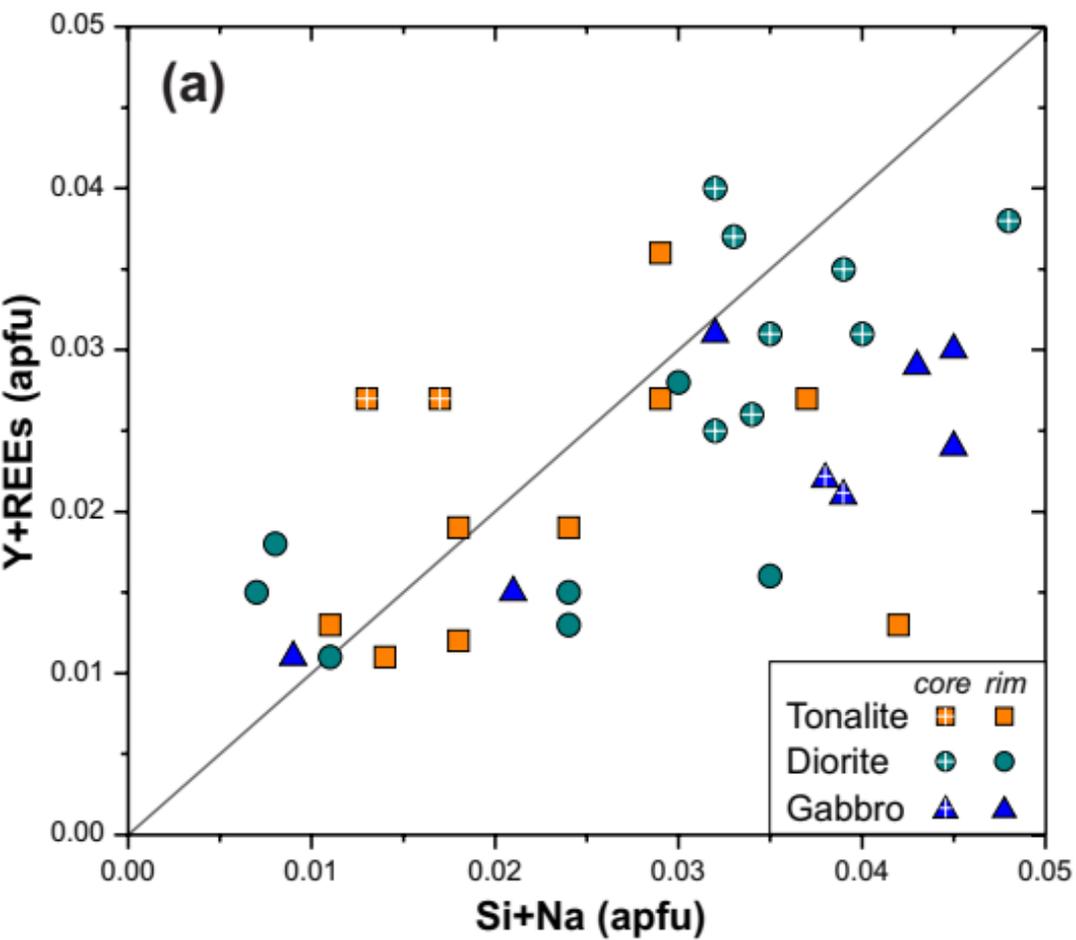


Figure 10

