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**Geochemical Characteristics of Lawsonite Blueschists in Tectonic
Mélange from the Tavşanlı Zone, Turkey: Potential Constraints on
the Origin of Mediterranean Potassium-rich Magmatism**

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ABSTRACT

19 The petrology, mineralogy and geochemistry of lawsonite blueschists from the
20 Tavşanlı zone in NW Turkey – one of the best-preserved blueschist terranes in the
21 world – have been comprehensively investigated. The blueschist samples contain
22 lawsonite + sodic amphibole + phengite + chlorite + titanite + apatite ± aragonite ±
23 quartz ± relict igneous pyroxene ± Mn-rich garnet and opaque phases. Lawsonite is a
24 significant repository for Sr, Pb, Th, U and REE, whereas phengite carries the most
25 LILE, titanite hosts the highest Nb and Ta as well as considerable amounts of HFSE,
26 and apatite strongly controls Sr. Two groups of blueschist have different origins –
27 enriched continent-derived terrigenous origin and MORB-like submarine basalts –
28 assigned on the basis of whole-rock major and trace element compositions and initial
29 Sr-Nd-Pb isotopic results. Lawsonite in blueschist with enriched origin exhibits strong
30 Th/La fractionation, raising the possibility of the involvement of blueschist facies
31 mélange to explain the origin of Mediterranean potassium-rich magmatism, because
32 similarly high Th/La ratios are also observed in the Mediterranean potassium-rich
33 lavas. We propose that subduction-induced tectonic imbrication took place entirely at
34 shallow depths (<80 km), giving rise to newly formed lithosphere where oceanic and
35 continental crustal materials, sediments, strongly depleted peridotite blocks and
36 metamorphic rocks are all imbricated together, and in which many of the
37 compositional characteristics of the lawsonite blueschist are sequestered. Subsequent
38 melting of the fertile and enriched components in this new lithosphere would result in
39 the generation of potassium-rich post-collisional mafic magmas with diagnostic
40 geochemical affinities.

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INTRODUCTION

42 Blueschists and eclogites result from subduction along cold geothermal gradients.
43 They provide a natural laboratory to investigate the passage of chemical components
44 from subducting crust to the overlying mantle wedge during subduction, and to help
45 understand the origin of earthquakes that may be triggered by the dehydration and
46 embrittlement of subducting oceanic crust (Ernst et al., 1988; Okay, 1989; Maekawa
47 et al., 1993; Maruyama et al., 1996; Fryer et al., 1999; Spandler et al., 2003; Kim et
48 al., 2015; Palin and White, 2015; Okazaki and Hirth, 2016). It is widely recognized
49 that without knowledge of subduction zone metamorphism, it is impossible to fully
50 examine the compositional heterogeneity of the mantle because metamorphic
51 processes during subduction will dramatically affect mantle metasomatism and
52 subduction-related dynamics (Maekawa et al., 1993; Tribuzio et al., 1996; Poli and
53 Schmidt, 1997; Yaxley and Green, 1998; Klemme et al., 2002; Tsujimori and Ernst,
54 2014).

55 As subduction occurs, metamorphic breakdown and dehydration of hydrous
56 minerals may result in melting in the mantle wedge, liberating a substantial amount of
57 trace elements. Blueschist, and to a lesser extent eclogite, are the principal high-
58 pressure low-temperature (HPLT) metamorphic reservoirs of these hydrous minerals
59 (e.g. lawsonite, epidote, phengite, chlorite and amphibole), documenting many key
60 features of subduction zone metamorphism. Therefore, diverse aspects of their
61 petrological and geochemical characteristics have been extensively studied (e.g. Okay,
62 1980, 1982; Ernst, 1988; Tribuzio and Giacomini, 2002; Spandler et al., 2003;
63 Volkova et al., 2009; Ukar and Cloos, 2015) including the pressure-temperature
64 stability of blueschists, and blueschist-greenschist or blueschist-eclogite transition

65 equilibria and thermodynamics (e.g. [Schmidt and Poli, 1994](#); [Poli and Schmidt, 1997](#);
66 [Martin et al., 2011](#)).

67 Despite the usefulness of blueschists to decipher the subduction process, they
68 occur extremely rarely, restricted to subduction of cold oceanic slabs under high
69 pressure and low temperature environment. In addition, they must be exhumed rapidly
70 enough to avoid transformation to other facies assemblages ([Okay et al., 1998](#);
71 [Plunder et al., 2015](#)). Numerous works have been carried out on blueschists, mostly
72 along the Mesozoic and Cenozoic orogenic belts of the circum-Pacific and Tethyan
73 regions. Of particular interest are localities in collisional orogenic belts including the
74 Tethyan domains in Eurasia (Mediterranean, Western Alps, east-central China and
75 Himalaya). Many have contributed specifically to the explanation of the petrogenesis,
76 geochemistry, tectonics and geodynamics of Turkish blueschists occurring in Tavşanlı
77 zone ([Okay, 1980, 1982, 1986, 1989, 2002](#); [Davis and Whitney, 2006](#); [Topuz et al.,](#)
78 [2008](#), [Seaton et al., 2009](#); [Özbey et al., 2013](#), [Plunder, et al., 2013, 2015](#); [Whitney et](#)
79 [al., 2014](#); [Martin et al., 2014](#); [Mulcahy et al., 2014](#); [Pagé et al., 2016](#)). However, no
80 systematic work has been done regarding the whole-rock and mineral trace element
81 compositions, and especially isotopic constraints of the Tavşanlı zone blueschists.

82 Furthermore, the potential of blueschist facies mélange in deciphering the origin
83 of Mediterranean potassium-rich magmatism is rarely acknowledged. Mélanges with
84 matrices consisting of either clastic sedimentary rock or ophiolitic rock have been
85 recognized in orogenic belts worldwide ([Raymond, 1984](#); [Cloos and Shreve, 1988](#);
86 [Parkinson, 1996](#); [Collins and Robertson, 1997](#); [Harris et al., 1998](#); [Fotoohi et al., 2005](#);
87 [King et al., 2006](#); [Bulle et al., 2010](#); [Guo et al., 2014](#); [Ukar and Cloos, 2015](#)). They
88 are typically created in the accretionary wedge above a subduction zone where
89 blueschist-facies rocks are underlain by, or imbricated with, several different

90 lithologies. Along the Alpine-Himalayan orogenic belt (AHOB), especially in the
91 Mediterranean and Turkey, mélanges that include Cretaceous blueschist have been
92 described widely (e.g. [Collins and Robertson, 1997](#); [Tankut et al., 1998](#); [Rojay et al.,](#)
93 [2004](#); [Tsuji-mori et al., 2006](#); [Göncüoğlu et al., 2006; 2010](#); [Çeti kaplan et al., 2008](#);
94 [Plunder et al., 2013; 2015](#); [Çelik et al., 2016](#)). It has been proposed recently that
95 blueschist facies mélange might help to understand the geodynamics and
96 compositions of post-collisional potassium-rich AHOB magmatism (e.g. [Tommasini](#)
97 [et al., 2011](#); [Prelević et al., 2013](#); [Wang et al., 2017](#)). A recent study showed that
98 some lawsonite in the Tavşanlı zone blueschists contains critical trace element
99 characteristics – extremely high Th/La ratios – which might be utilized to decipher the
100 origin of AHOB potassium-rich lavas ([Wang et al., 2017](#)). In addition, various
101 geochemical proxies imply an important role for sediments in the source of
102 Mediterranean K-rich lavas ([Conticelli et al., 1998; 2002](#); [Peccerillo and Martinotti,](#)
103 [2006](#); [Prelević et al., 2008](#); [Tommasini et al., 2013](#)). Subduction in western Turkey at
104 ~95-90 Ma furnished the base of the Anatolide-Tauride block with sediments and
105 oceanic rocks until the Izmir-Ankara-Erzican suture was sealed by Eocene plutonism
106 ([Van Hinsbergen, 2010](#); [Mulcahy et al., 2014](#); [Fornash et al., 2016](#)). Therefore, it is
107 essential to scrutinize the tectonically imbricated mélange as it carries critical, yet
108 complex information about oceanic and continental crustal materials, sediments,
109 strongly depleted peridotite blocks and metamorphic rocks including blueschists,
110 which may be potential source materials for Mediterranean and AHOB potassium-
111 rich post-collisional magmas,

112 This contribution aims to (i) present a comprehensive set of mineralogical,
113 petrological and geochemical results on representative lawsonite blueschist samples
114 from the Tavşanlı zone, Turkey, (ii) constrain the nature of the protoliths of the

115 Tavşanlı zone blueschist, and (iii) propose a feasible solution to account for the
116 characteristic Th/La conundrum of Mediterranean K-rich magmas.

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118 **GEOLOGICAL SETTING**

119 The geological background of Western Anatolia and the Tavşanlı zone is
120 detailed in several publications (e.g. Şengö̇r and Yılmaz, 1981; Okay and Tüysüz
121 1999; Pourteau et al., 2010, 2013; Plunder et al., 2013, 2015). Only essential
122 information is outlined here; the reader is referred to Okay and Whitney (2010) and
123 Plunder et al. (2013; 2015) for further details on local geology and tectonic evolution.

124 The Tavşanlı Zone lies south of the Alpine Izmir-Ankara-Erzican suture that
125 marks the closure of the Neotethyan Ocean, dividing Western Anatolia into two major
126 blocks, the Pontides and the Anatolides-Taurides (Şengö̇r and Yılmaz, 1981; Okay
127 and Whitney, 2010). The crust of western Anatolia originated by accretion of
128 numerous continental slivers and island arcs beginning in the Early Mesozoic, and is
129 subdivided into three regions, the Tavşanlı Zone (with length of ~250 km and width
130 of 50-60 km) in the north, the Menderes Massif to the southwest, and the Afyon Zone
131 to the northeast of the Menderes Massif (e.g. Okay and Tüysüz, 1999; Altunkaynak
132 and Genç, 2008; Plunder et al., 2013; Fig. 1a). These comprise the most important
133 metamorphic zones in Gondwana-derived continental domains. The Tavşanlı Zone is
134 commonly recognized as a belt of blueschists tectonically overlain by an oceanic
135 accretionary complex and large peridotite slabs later intruded by the undeformed
136 Early to Middle Eocene granodiorites (Okay and Whitney, 2010). The Tavşanlı Zone
137 blueschists mark the subducted north-facing passive continental margin of the
138 Anatolide-Tauride Block and illustrate an analogous tectonic evolution to those from
139 Oman (e.g., Goffe et al., 1988; Searle et al., 1994).

140 There are three major units in the Tavşanlı Zone: the lower Orhaneli blueschist
141 sequence (where samples in this study were collected), a Cretaceous accretionary
142 mélange derived from the Tethyan Ocean in the middle, and an upper obducted
143 ophiolitic thrust sheet. The Orhaneli sequence constitutes a coherent stratigraphic
144 series consisting mainly of three major formations of metasedimentary rocks; the
145 Kocasu Formation (metaclastic rocks) at the base, the İnönü Formation (marble) in
146 the middle and the upper Devlez Formation (mostly metabasite) where the samples in
147 this study were collected (Okay and Whitney, 2010; Plunder et al., 2015; 2016; Fig.
148 1b). The Devlez Formation comprises metabasites, metacherts and phyllites with
149 metabasites constituting >80% of the Formation with a structural thickness of ~1 km
150 to the northeast of Tavşanlı.

151 Our samples were collected between the villages of Göynücek and Dodurga
152 (coordinates see Table 1) where excellent outcrops of the blueschists of the Devlez
153 Formation are exposed (Fig. 1c). Here, the blueschist outcrops consisted of a
154 sequence of intercalated metabasite, metachert, metashale and metagabbro blocks of
155 different size from 100 to 10 meters in diameter, immersed in a mélange matrix (Fig.
156 2a). The selected samples were collected from two locations that represented larger
157 blocks of blueschists (Fig. 1b, 2b, c). These metabasites are characterized by a typical
158 paragenesis of sodic amphibole, lawsonite, chlorite, titanite and phengite, which are
159 commonly recognized as the classical “blue” blueschists (Okay, 1980a, Okay and
160 Whitney, 2010). They have been completely recrystallized from possibly submarine
161 lavas, pyroclastic rocks and tuffs with the growth of a penetrative metamorphic fabric
162 and new minerals. A strong foliation and mineral lineation in metabasites and
163 metacherts are defined by the parallel alignment of sodic amphibole grains. The age
164 of the blueschist metamorphism, based on Rb/Sr phengite dating, is Campanian (~80

165 Ma, [Sherlock and Okay, 1999](#)), whereas in a recent in situ $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{39}\text{Ar}$ phengite dating
166 study ([Fornash et al., 2016](#)) ages of 90-93 Ma and 82 ± 2 Ma were interpreted as the
167 ages of peak and retrograde metamorphism, respectively.

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RESULTS

170 The six selected mafic blueschist samples are schistose and finely crystalline.
171 Sodic amphibole, lawsonite and chlorite are the most common phases in all six
172 samples, making up 60-80% of the rock. Except for samples 10tav04 and 05, there is
173 no evidence of extensive metasomatism as only low-grade incipiently high pressure
174 metamorphosed rocks have been reported to show considerable metasomatism effects
175 in the Tavşanlı zone ([Okay, 1982](#)). Backscattered SEM images of all samples are
176 shown in [Fig. 3](#), and their parageneses are listed in [Table 1](#).

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178 Sample description

179 **10tav04.** Sample 10tav04 is a lawsonite blueschist composed of lawsonite, sodic
180 amphibole, pyroxene, phengite, chlorite, titanite, apatite, aragonite and accessory
181 opaque pyrite and hematite. Euhedral lawsonite is prismatic and rhombic/rectangular,
182 with up to 500 μm grains often filled with tiny sodic amphibole, augite and titanite
183 inclusions along with interstitial anhedral aragonite ([Fig. 3a](#)). Aragonite is recognized
184 as the primary CaCO_3 polymorph by the lack of the perfect rhombohedral cleavage of
185 calcite or dolomite and higher refractive indices. It is a characteristic mineral of
186 HPLT metamorphism and its occurrence in Tavşanlı zone blueschist has been
187 reported in many previous publications where calcite pseudomorphs after aragonite
188 were also identified (e.g. [Okay, 1980a](#); [Okay, 1982](#); [Davis & Whitney 2006](#);
189 [Çeti kaplan et al., 2008](#); [Seaton et al., 2009](#); [Whitney et al., 2014](#)). Small ($\sim 20 \mu\text{m}$)

190 and relatively fine-grained igneous augite is found only in sample 10tav04, occurring
191 as either single rectangular crystals or as aggregates of small prismatic grains (Fig.
192 3a); some previous work found it to be partially or completely replaced by sodic
193 pyroxene (Okay, 1980a, b; 1982; Okay and Whitney, 2010). It is normally overgrown
194 by sodic amphibole at the periphery and along cleavages resulting in bleached, patchy
195 crystals (Okay, 1978; 1980a; Plunder et al., 2015). Sodic amphibole and phengite are
196 intergrown with each other as acicular or elongated columnar crystals, and together
197 with chlorite, they make up most of the groundmass. Titanite grain size varies from 5-
198 100 μm , typically with sphenoidal shapes and intergrown almost everywhere, whereas
199 apatite presents tiny subhedral rounded grains of \sim 5-15 μm .

200 **10tav05.** Sample 10tav05 exclusively exhibits large aragonite pools around
201 lawsonite and quartz with a preferred alignment of phengite, sodic amphibole and, to
202 a lesser extent, chlorite, which clearly differentiates it texturally from other samples
203 (Fig. 3b). Quartz and apatite occur as porphyroblasts in an aragonite matrix together
204 with much smaller euhedral rectangular lawsonite (10-100 μm). Chlorite and phengite
205 are often entwined and aligned parallel to foliation with prismatic lawsonite,
206 enclosing intergrowths of elongated sodic amphibole. Almost all lawsonite crystals in
207 the matrix are idiomorphic and contain no inclusions other than tiny interstitial
208 aragonite patches, implying that carbonation might have taken place entirely prior to
209 lawsonite growth during formation of the foliation. Titanite grain size varies greatly
210 (5-50 μm) and always occurs in crevices as late fillings between different minerals.
211 Apatite is generally included in the aragonite matrix with larger grain size of up to
212 100 μm . Galena appears only in sample 10tav05 as the accessory sulfide mineral
213 instead of pyrite.

214 **10tav07.** Sample 10tav07 has the simplest texture and best preserved
215 idiomorphic mineral assemblage. Lawsonite shows ubiquitous euhedral rhombic or
216 square grains 50-800 μm in size, and it only rarely comprises interstitial titanite,
217 quartz and sodic amphibole inclusions (Fig. 3d). Quartz forms a coarse-grained matrix
218 together with sodic amphibole. Euhedral/subhedral garnets appear only in this sample
219 and are enriched in manganese with occasional titanite or sodic amphibole inclusions
220 of variable size (10-250 μm). Sodic amphibole mostly occurs as single tabular and
221 acicular crystals or lath-like aggregates intergrown with phengite and chlorite.
222 Phengite is also found between quartz and lawsonite grains or enclosing lawsonite.
223 Large titanites (average size \sim 100 μm) occur throughout the sample, whereas apatite
224 may occur as inclusions in titanite and generally appears as anhedral fine-grained
225 crystals. No sign of carbonation or other later stage alteration is observed in this
226 sample, implying well-preserved initial metamorphism.

227 **10tav06, 10tav08 and 10tav09.** These three samples share similar parageneses
228 and textures (Fig. 3c, e and f), with a mineral assemblage of lawsonite, sodic
229 amphibole, quartz, aragonite, phengite, chlorite, titanite, apatite and opaque accessory
230 minerals (pyrite and hematite). Euhedral prismatic lawsonites occur in all three
231 samples as porphyroblasts with variable grain size (50-1000 μm), and usually with
232 interstitial quartz, aragonite, sodic amphibole and titanite crystals as inclusions,
233 exhibiting a patchy surface with sodic amphibole, phengite and chlorite. Aragonite
234 and quartz occur mostly as tiny inclusions embedded in lawsonite grains, whereas
235 sodic amphibole, chlorite and phengite appear almost everywhere intergrown together
236 as acicular or columnar shape with subhedral titanite and apatite crystals inserted in
237 crevices. Calcic amphibole (actinolite) replaces some of the sodic amphibole
238 (glaucophane) at the rim in sample 10tav08, indicating a small degree of retrograde

239 metamorphism, and occasional oscillatory zoning of lawsonite can be seen only in
240 this sample.

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242 **Whole rock geochemistry**

243 The major and trace element compositions of the six samples are listed in **Table**
244 **2**.

245 **Major elements.** Samples 10tav06, 08 and 09 have similar major element
246 compositions, implying analogous protoliths. Specifically, they show mafic
247 compositions with consistent SiO₂ contents of 44.8-46.5 wt%, FeO_T 11.1-11.2 wt%,
248 CaO 10-12.2 wt%, Na₂O 2.3-2.8 wt% and almost identical TiO₂, MnO, K₂O contents
249 of 1.4, 0.16 and 0.1 wt%, respectively. Sample 10tav06 has slightly lower Al₂O₃ (14
250 wt%) and higher MgO (7 wt%) than the other two (15.3-15.5 and 4.7-5.6 wt%),
251 whereas 10tav09 exhibits the lowest Mg number of 42.8. All show similar LOI of
252 approximately 7.5, higher than the typical value of unaltered lawsonite blueschist
253 containing phengite, indicating slight late alteration.

254 Samples 10tav04 and 05 are mafic with SiO₂ around 45 wt%, whereas sample
255 10tav07 has higher SiO₂ (57.5 wt%), reflecting its high quartz content. Sample
256 10tav04 is the most K-, Na-, Ti- and Fe-rich rock with 2.9, 3.8, 1.5 and 13.3 wt%,
257 respectively, and contains the lowest CaO (5.3 wt%). The high K content results from
258 large and abundant phengite grains, indicating a continental sedimentary origin for the
259 blueschist protolith, whereas the Ca depletion is consistent with the lowest lawsonite
260 content in these rocks. Sample 10tav05 has the highest volatile contents (10% LOI)
261 due to its carbonate alteration, whereas sample 10tav07 has the lowest LOI value of
262 3.9%, marking its well-preserved unaltered nature.

263 For all six samples, MgO varies little (4.7-7.1 wt%), slightly lower than MORB
264 and higher than GLOSS (Fig. 4), and they present rather low Mg numbers of 42.8-
265 54.9. Samples 10tav06, 08 and 09 show compositions compatible with MORB for
266 major elements, whereas samples 10tav04, 05 and 07 are not compatible with MORB
267 for the majority of major elements (Fig. 4). Contents of Al₂O₃, CaO and K₂O,
268 particularly K₂O indicate GLOSS-like affinities, i.e. continent-derived terrigenous
269 sediment (Fig. 4b, d and f). The enrichment of K and depletion of Ca in Franciscan
270 blueschists was also attributed to the presence of terrigenous sediment in the source
271 (Sorensen et al., 1997; Ukar, 2012; Ukar and Cloos, 2015).

272 **Trace elements.** Samples 10tav06, 08 and 09 show similar N-MORB-like trace
273 element affinities (Fig. 5), exhibiting only slight Th and U enrichments and similar
274 Nb, Ta and REE concentrations to N-MORB (Fig. 5). Although slightly enriched in
275 Cs, Rb and Ba relative to N-MORB, these three samples still exhibit significantly
276 lower large-ion lithophile element (LILE) concentrations than GLOSS. In contrast,
277 samples 10tav04, 05 and 07 are substantially enriched in LILE, such as Cs, Rb and Ba
278 10-1000x N-MORB, except for insignificant/negative Sr anomalies (Fig. 5).
279 Moreover, they have more enriched LILE, Th, U, Nb, Ta and higher light rare earth
280 elements (LREE) similar to GLOSS, particularly for sample 10tav07 (Fig. 5), which
281 clearly distinguishes them from samples 10tav06, 08 and 09. Sample 10tav04 has a
282 notably elevated Ba/Th ratio (825). All six samples are enriched in Pb and Li relative
283 to N-MORB (Fig. 5), and all exhibit variable contents of Ni, Cr and V (Ni = 70-199
284 ppm, Cr = 145-512 ppm; V = 205-372 ppm).

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286 **Mineral chemistry**

287 Major and trace element compositions of all minerals are listed in [Table 3, 4, S1-](#)
288 [S7](#). For lawsonite and titanite, iron was assumed to be Fe³⁺, whereas Fe²⁺ was used for
289 phengite, garnet and chlorite. Fe²⁺ and Fe³⁺ abundances in amphibole were calculated
290 by charge balance ([Supplementary file S2](#); [Schumacher, 1997](#)).

291 **Lawsonite.** The major element compositions of lawsonite are consistent in all
292 six samples and denote an almost ideal structural formula of CaAl₂Si₂O₇(OH)₂(H₂O).
293 They have ~1.1-1.7 wt% Fe³⁺ and almost negligible Cr and Ti except for sample
294 10tav08 (0.13 wt% Cr₂O₃, [Table 3](#)) where oscillatory zoning is observed, in good
295 agreement with previous studies (e.g. [Sherlock and Okay, 1999](#)). Lawsonites in all
296 samples show negative correlation between Si and Al + Ca (atomic) ([Fig. S1](#)).

297 Despite the restricted major element compositional variation, lawsonites exhibit
298 extremely complex and heterogeneous trace element compositions. Numerous studies
299 have affirmed that lawsonite is a significant repository for Sr, Pb, Th, U and REE (e.g.
300 [Tribuzio et al., 1996](#); [Ueno, 1999](#); [Spandler et al., 2003](#); [Vitale Brovarone et al., 2014](#);
301 [Martin et al., 2014](#)), because the structure of lawsonite allows divalent elements (e.g.
302 Sr and Pb) to enter the Ca site and trivalent REE to be charge balanced by M²⁺ on the
303 octahedral site. Samples 10tav04 and 10tav07 show the highest REE concentrations
304 with nearly flat REE patterns. Sample 10tav05 exhibits relatively enriched LREE
305 contents ([Fig. 6](#)). LILE (Cs, Rb and Ba) are slightly depleted in all lawsonites,
306 whereas HFSE are similar to or slightly higher than chondrite. Th and U are
307 remarkably enriched in sample 10tav07 with over 2 orders of magnitude higher than
308 in other samples.

309 Another noteworthy feature in lawsonite is its compositional heterogeneity (e.g.
310 [Ueno, 1999](#); [Vitale Brovarone et al., 2014](#); [Martin et al., 2014](#); [Dubacq and Plunder,](#)
311 [2018](#)) reflected in large standard deviations in [Fig. 6](#). Using X-ray and Confocal

312 MicroRaman 3D spectroscopic mapping results (Fig. S2), we can exclude the
313 possibility that this is due to the presence of inclusions and/or impurities, because
314 only tiny quartz, sodic amphibole and titanite grains are identified, none of which has
315 significant abundances of Th, U and REE that could falsify the lawsonite
316 compositions. In addition, we also exclude zoning as the cause of the compositional
317 heterogeneity because except for sample 10tav08, no marked zoning is observed for
318 the lawsonites.

319 **Amphibole.** Amphiboles are mostly sodic (6.5-10.4 wt% Na₂O) except in
320 sample 10tav08, which also shows calcic compositions (Supplementary file S2; Fig.
321 S3). Chemically, sodic amphiboles vary from glaucophane to Fe-rich
322 glaucophane/magnesio-riebeckite. All glaucophanes show consistent compositions
323 with ~57 wt% SiO₂, 10 wt% MgO, 10 wt% Al₂O₃ and 12 wt% FeO_T, whereas
324 magnesio-riebeckites have similar SiO₂ and MgO contents but lower Al₂O₃ (~4.5 wt%)
325 and higher FeO_T (~18 wt%). Actinolite in sample 10tav08 has the highest MgO and
326 CaO and the lowest Na₂O content (1.6 wt%). Winchite in sample 10tav05 is higher in
327 sodium and iron.

328 All amphiboles exhibit consistently flat REE patterns above unity except for
329 glaucophane in 10tav07, which has REE below C1 chondrite (Fig. 7a). Samples
330 10tav04, 06 and 08 are enriched in Cs, Rb and Ba, possibly because of the presence of
331 retrograde amphiboles (sample 10tav08) or slight contamination by phengite during
332 analysis (Fig. 7a). Winchite in sample 10tav05 exhibits the most Th, U, Nb, Ta and
333 LREE enrichment, whereas glaucophanes in samples 10tav07 and 09 show the most
334 depleted Rb, Ba, Nb and Ta. In Fig. S4, clear distinctions between amphibole types
335 can be seen; calcic amphiboles carry the most Cs, Rb and Ba while glaucophanes and
336 riebeckites host the least, and winchite carries the most Sr.

337 **Phengite.** Mica formulae were calculated using 22 oxygen atoms, and all exhibit
338 high Si contents of up to 7.3 a.p.f.u. (atoms per formula unit) and extremely low Na
339 content of ~0.01 a.p.f.u. indicating no paragonite component (**Table S1**). Potassium is
340 approximately 10.5 wt% K₂O in all samples, whereas MgO content varies from 5.1 to
341 7.1 wt%. Phengites host considerable LILE (except for Sr) with 2-3 orders of
342 magnitude higher than C1 chondrite (**Fig. 7c**). Limited by the fine and elongated
343 crystal size, we could only measure phengites in two samples, but these should be
344 representative for all samples since the results are in good agreement with each other
345 and with previous studies (**Xiao et al., 2014; Martin et al., 2014**). In sample 10tav07,
346 some selected trace element compositions (especially HFSEs such as Th, U, Nb, Ta
347 and HREE) are conspicuously higher than in 10tav04, which exhibits a flat pattern
348 slightly above unity; we interpret this as possible slight lawsonite (Th, U and HREE)
349 or titanite (Nb, Ta) contamination. However, Cs, Rb and Ba will remain unaffected by
350 any titanite contamination, so that the differences between samples 10tav04 and 07 in
351 **Fig. S5** are attributable to phengite itself. Sample 10tav07 has higher Ba, Sr and Rb
352 than that of sample 10tav04, whereas Cs is more enriched in sample 10tav04.

353 **Chlorite.** In sample 10tav07, chlorites show the highest Si and Mg contents
354 (6.56 and 6.85 a.p.f.u.), and lowest Al and Fe, suggesting diabantite composition,
355 whereas the other samples present typical chlorite formula of
356 (Mg,Fe)₃(Si,Al)₄O₁₀(OH)₂·(Mg,Fe)₃(OH)₆ with only slight compositional differences
357 (~28 wt% SiO₂, 17 wt% Al₂O₃ and 21 wt% MgO). Chlorites yield the lowest trace
358 element concentrations of all minerals except in sample 10tav04, which shows
359 moderate Cs, Rb and Ba enrichments and slightly higher REE concentrations (**Fig. 7e**).

360 **Titanite and apatite.** There is little major element variation in titanite and
361 apatite, both close to the standard structural formulae of CaTi(SiO₄)(O,OH,F) and

362 $\text{Ca}_5(\text{PO}_4)(\text{OH},\text{F},\text{Cl})$. In contrast, there are strong distinctions in the trace element
363 compositions of titanite grains. Titanites in all samples (particularly 10tav05 and 07)
364 contain the highest Nb and Ta of all minerals (up to 723 and 41 ppm, respectively)
365 and relatively high Th, U and REE (Fig. 7b). In sample 10tav05, REE appears to have
366 a slightly downward sloping pattern (HREE-depleted) whereas the rest of samples
367 give uniformly upward arrays (LREE-depleted), most marked in sample 10tav06 with
368 considerably lower concentrations. Spandler et al (2003) attributed these chemical
369 differences to the different timing of titanite growth with respect to other trace
370 element-rich minerals, and to variations in whole-rock trace element contents. The
371 upward sloping REE patterns in our samples probably formed from an LREE-
372 depleted matrix after lawsonite crystallization and in the presence of zircon (indicated
373 by the relatively low Zr and Hf contents), whereas the downward sloping REE pattern
374 of 10tav05 can be interpreted as crystallizing prior to lawsonite because LREE would
375 have been taken up in lawsonite otherwise. Apatite is widely acknowledged as an
376 important host of Sr, Pb and REE (e.g. Haggerty et al., 1994; Martin et al., 2014): in
377 this study it yields moderately enriched REE with slight preference of HREE over
378 LREE in most samples, and all apatites exhibit strong Sr affinity (Fig. 7d).

379 **Other minerals.** Garnet (~1 mode%) is found only in sample 10tav07
380 characterized by decreasing spessartine from core to rim (41% to 25%). This
381 distinctive occurrence of a minute amount of Mn-rich garnet is probably due to
382 multiple factors, including the breakdown of hydrous minerals (e.g. chlorite,
383 amphibole, lawsonite and phengite), the composition of parental rocks and the PT
384 conditions of metamorphic reactions (Xia and Zhou, 2017). Piemontite and Mn-rich
385 garnet are also reported from quartz-rich schists elsewhere in the Tavşanlı zone (Okay,
386 1980; David and Whitney, 2006). In agreement with previous findings (e.g. Hauri et

387 al., 1994; Van Westrenen et al., 2001), garnet shows extremely strong preference for
388 HREE over LREE with up to ~3 orders of magnitude higher than C1 chondrite (Fig.
389 7f). Moreover, garnet hosts considerable Th and U, which is uncommon because they
390 would usually not be expected to enter garnet, particularly in the presence of
391 lawsonite (Spandler et al., 2003; Martin et al., 2014). We suggest this might be due to
392 either the effect of the manganese-rich composition on the garnet structure, or
393 possibly minor contamination from other minerals such as titanite or lawsonite.
394 Aragonite is the only carbonate phase, and carries significant amounts of Ba and Sr
395 (Fig. 7f). Galena is only seen in sample 10tav05 whereas hematite and pyrite are
396 found in all samples. Hematite unexpectedly hosts significant amounts of Ba, Th, U
397 and REE with strong LREE affinity over HREE of ~3 orders of magnitude higher
398 than C1 chondrite (Fig. 7f).

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400 **Isotope constraints**

401 This study provides the first Sr-Nd-Pb isotopic constraints of the Tavşanlı zone
402 blueschists (Table 5 and 6). Whole rock Sr, Nd and Pb isotopic results together with
403 incompatible trace element concentrations indicate considerable differences in the
404 extent of trace element enrichment among the samples, which lead over time to a
405 wide variety of isotopic signatures in blueschists (Fig. 8 and 9).

406 Samples 10tav06, 08 and 09 have low concentrations of K, Th, U and REE,
407 plotting in a restricted area on the Sr-Nd isotopic diagram (Fig. 8), with unradiogenic
408 $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ (0.7052-0.7057) and radiogenic $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$ (~0.5129) similar to MORB.
409 Samples 10tav06 and 08 also have the most unradiogenic $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$ (18.33-18.42),
410 $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$ (15.57-15.60) and $^{208}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$ (38.37-38.47) compositions (Fig. 9),
411 plotting broadly within the depleted MORB mantle (DMM) field, consistent with a

412 MORB-like oceanic crust protolith. Samples 10tav04, 05 and 07, which are more
413 enriched in K, Th, U and LREE, have variably radiogenic $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ and mostly
414 unradiogenic $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$. Sample 10tav04 has similar radiogenic $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$
415 (~ 0.5129) to samples 10tav06, 08 and 09 but much more radiogenic $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ (up to
416 0.7070) compositions (Fig. 8), whereas its Pb isotopes are slightly higher than
417 10tav06 and 08 (Fig. 9), implying an enriched protolith and addition of slab derived
418 Sr-rich fluid. Sample 10tav07 has the most unradiogenic $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ (~ 0.7053) and
419 $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$ (0.5125) as well as the most radiogenic $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$ (19.35), $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$
420 (15.66) and $^{208}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$ (39.74) compositions, implying the presence of some enriched,
421 probably continental crust-like, component. Samples 10tav04 and 07 show more
422 radiogenic $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$, $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$ and $^{208}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$ isotopic compositions relative to
423 10tav06 and 08, although they mostly plot close to the Northern Hemisphere
424 Reference Line (NHRL; Hart, 1984; Fig. 9).

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DISCUSSION

427 **Blueschists with two different protolith lithologies**

428 *Possible protolith lithologies of blueschists.* Constraining blueschist protoliths
429 can reveal several key pieces of information concerning the tectonic evolution and
430 related volcano-sedimentary processes at subduction zones (Ernst, 1988; Stern, 2005;
431 Palin and White, 2015). Protolith lithologies of mafic blueschists in oceanic
432 subduction zones are widely acknowledged to be derived from the upper part of the
433 oceanic crust consisting of a thin veneer of sediments, segments of igneous rocks, and
434 depleted peridotite (Karson, 2002; Klemm, 2013). Specifically, the protoliths of mafic
435 blueschist could be normal or enriched mid-ocean ridge basalt (N-/E-MORB; e.g.
436 Honegger et al., 1989; Becker et al., 2000; Song et al., 2009; Zheng et al., 2010; Ukar

437 [et al., 2015](#)), ocean island basalt (OIB; e.g. [Volkova and Budanov, 1999](#); [Tang and](#)
438 [Zhang, 2013](#); [Ge et al., 2016](#)), and sometimes both MORB and OIB (e.g. [Patočka and](#)
439 [Pin, 2005](#); [Maulana et al., 2013](#)). In addition, some blueschists could be derived from
440 an ophiolitic complex (e.g. [Volkova et al., 2009](#); [Zhang et al., 2009](#)), or volcanoclastic
441 rocks (e.g. [Miller et al., 2009](#)). Clear enriched affinities have also been identified in
442 protoliths of mafic blueschists: some have been attributed to the involvement of
443 sediments in the source (e.g. [Bernard-Griffiths et al., 1986](#); [Ukar, 2012](#)), whereas [Zhu](#)
444 [et al. \(2015\)](#) proposed that they originated from a continental rift environment.
445 Furthermore, dehydration at high pressures may induce metasomatism that could
446 exert a strong effect on blueschist compositions, and these metasomatizing fluids
447 would dramatically reshape the trace element compositions by fluid-rock interaction
448 (e.g. [Beinlich et al., 2010](#); [Klemd, 2013](#); [Vitale Brovarone et al., 2014](#); [Kleine et al.,](#)
449 [2014](#)).

450 Only few petrological and geochemical studies of the Tavşanlı zone blueschists
451 have focused on the protoliths. The general consensus is that they are derived from
452 volcano-sedimentary sequences, whereas the mafic blueschists in this study were
453 often interpreted as former basaltic rocks (e.g. [Okay, 1980](#); [1982](#); [Çetinkaplan et al.,](#)
454 [2008](#); [Okay and Whitney, 2010](#)). [Davis and Whitney \(2006\)](#) proposed that these
455 blueschists have an NMORB-like protolith that experienced seafloor metamorphism
456 or fluid infiltration during subduction but prior to HP-LT metamorphism; [Özbey et al.](#)
457 [\(2013\)](#) argued that they originated from both OIB and MORB sources, possibly
458 affected by crustal contamination and variable amounts of fractional crystallization.
459 However, more diagnostic geochemical proxies, especially isotopic compositions, are
460 required to further constrain the protoliths of mafic blueschists in the Tavşanlı zone.

461 ***Two groups of blueschists in this study.*** Based on the whole-rock major and
462 trace element geochemistry, mineral parageneses and isotopic affinities, we divide our
463 samples into two groups, namely MORB-like blueschist and enriched terrigenous
464 blueschist. The first group includes samples 10tav06, 08 and 09, and is characterized
465 by low concentrations of LILE (K, Cs, Rb and Ba), HFSE (Th, U, Nb, Ta and REE,
466 coupled with variably unradiogenic $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ and radiogenic $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$ compositions
467 similar to MORB (Fig. 5, 8). The second group includes samples 10tav04, 05 and 07
468 and differs from the first group in having LILE (up to 2.9% K_2O), HFSE (e.g. Th up
469 to 7.8 ppm) and REE contents considerably higher than MORB, together with more
470 radiogenic $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ and unradiogenic $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$ isotopic compositions (particularly
471 10tav07, Fig. 5, 8), consistent with an enriched continental sedimentary source.

472 Since the contents of fluid-mobile elements such as K, Na, Rb, Ba, Cs, Rb, La
473 and Ce are subject to later stage processes, whilst elements such as HFSE (high field
474 strength element), REEs (except for La and Ce), Ni, V and Cr should survive these
475 relatively unchanged, the latter are often utilized to identify magmatic affinity
476 (Rollinson, 1993). Here we use Ti, Zr and Nb to interpret the original tectonic settings
477 of the magmatism as these elements should be little modified in blueschist
478 metamorphism (Pearce and Cann, 1973; Pearce, 1975; Winchester and Floyd, 1976;
479 Wood, 1980; Ukar and Cloos, 2015). All blueschists but one plot in the tholeiitic field,
480 although 10tav04 falls very close to the border between alkaline and tholeiitic in Fig.
481 10a. Their tholeiitic nature is more pronounced in the P_2O_5 vs Zr (Fig. 10b) and V vs
482 Ti plots (Fig. S5). In the Th/Yb vs Ta/Yb diagram, samples 10tav06, 08 and 09 are
483 clearly MORB-like, whereas 10tav05 and 07 plot towards the enriched end, which we
484 attribute to continental crustal material (Fig. 10c). Th is much more sensitive to
485 continental crust involvement than Ta, whereas Yb usually remains relatively stable

486 in diverse enrichment processes (Pearce, 1983). Sample 10tav04, however, plots
487 together with MORB-like blueschists and does not show a pronounced continental
488 crust affinity (Fig. 10c). A similar situation is seen in Ce/Nb vs Th/Nb where samples
489 10tav05 and 07 plot well outside the N-MORB field and samples 10tav04, 06, 08 and
490 09 all fall near the N-MORB area (Fig. 10d), implying two different mantle sources
491 for the oceanic basalts. Samples 10tav04, 06, 08 and 09 are of regular MORB origin
492 whereas samples 10tav05 and especially 07, are clearly affected by a continental crust
493 component, probably terrigenous sediments similar to GLOSS (Saunders et al., 1988;
494 Plank and Langmuir, 1998).

495 Although sample 10tav04 is interpreted as of enriched terrigenous origin, it may
496 have been reshaped by another component. Turner et al. (1996) found the Ba/Th ratio
497 is indicative of fluids derived by dehydration of subducted oceanic crust. Sample
498 10tav04 has substantially elevated Ba/Th ratio (825), which, together with its
499 radiogenic $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ values (up to 0.7070), suggests the addition of a Sr-rich fluid (Fig.
500 11), which has later modified its trace element budget. Its extreme Ba/Th ratio also
501 identifies sample 10tav04 as the only one that has undergone strong fluid
502 metasomatism. Although the Ba/Th ratio of sample 10tav05 is not particularly high
503 (29), its higher carbonate content along with comparable radiogenic $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ to
504 sample 10tav04 suggest it might have also undergone fluid metasomatism, and that its
505 protolith might have been more carbonate-rich, possibly as carbonates atop subducted
506 oceanic crust or decapitated seamounts.

507 Therefore, the protoliths of the MORB-like group are rather uniform, whereas
508 the protoliths of the enriched blueschists are evidently affected by a terrigenous
509 component to differing extent (Fig. 8, 9, 10) and may have undergone strong Sr-rich
510 fluid metasomatism (sample 10tav04). The protoliths of the enriched group are also

511 oceanic basaltic rocks, but as their geochemical signature is characterized by the
512 presence of continent-derived terrigenous sedimentary component, they were possibly
513 volcanoclastics.

514 ***Fractional crystallization and crustal contamination.*** The primary tholeiitic
515 magmas of the blueschist protoliths may have experienced considerable fractional
516 crystallization or crustal contamination as indicated by their low Mg-numbers and
517 variable contents of Ni, Cr and V. REE ratios that are relatively insensitive to
518 fractional crystallization can help to constrain the melting conditions and the source
519 of the magmas (Thirlwall et al., 1994; Miller et al., 1999; Zhu et al., 2015). In Fig. 12,
520 all the blueschists plot along or parallel to the trajectory for non-modal fractional
521 melts of a spinel peridotite source rather than that of garnet peridotite (Fig. 12),
522 suggesting that the primary magmas of blueschist samples were produced by differing
523 degrees of partial melting of spinel-facies peridotites, especially the MORB-like
524 group (Miller et al., 1999; Zhu et al., 2015). As summarized by Hofmann et al. (1986),
525 Nb/U and Ce/Pb ratios fall consistently in the ranges 47 ± 10 and 25 ± 5 in mantle-
526 derived oceanic basalts, and deviations may indicate crustal contamination or
527 assimilation. Our samples yield variably low Nb/U (8.7-55) and Ce/Pb (1.1-29) values,
528 implying possible minor crustal contamination except for sample 10tav07, which
529 gives Nb/U of 21 and Ce/Pb of 29. Sample 10tav09 exhibits the lowest Nb/U (8.7)
530 and Ce/Pb (1.1) values, indicating the strongest crustal influence. This is more clearly
531 seen in Fig. S6 as both high Ba/Rb and low Nb/La are reliable trace element indices
532 of crustal contamination (e.g. Kieffer et al., 2004).

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534 **Whole-rock trace element budget for blueschist**

535 To better understand how trace elements are distributed among the mineral
536 inventory of blueschist, we calculated the trace element budgets using average trace
537 element compositions, the modal abundances of the minerals, and the corresponding
538 whole-rock compositions. The modal abundances for minerals were first obtained by
539 point counting in thin sections, then cross checked by least squares mass balance
540 (Table 1). The calculated elemental distributions are illustrated in Fig. 13. It is quite
541 difficult to accurately determine the budgets of all the trace elements (such as Zr and
542 Hf) in blueschists because of their fine grain size, complex mineralogy, and important
543 yet rare occurrence of accessory minerals (e.g. Spandler et al., 2003). We attribute the
544 imprecise elemental budgets particularly to the lack of data for minor phases rich in
545 key trace elements, such as zircon, phengite and hematite, but also possibly due to
546 zoning and contamination giving rise to heterogeneous trace element compositions.
547 Nonetheless, the budgets for most elements in the major blueschist phases are well
548 constrained, especially for samples 10tav04 and 07 because of their simpler
549 mineralogy.

550 Zr and Hf are predominantly accommodated in zircon (e.g. Rubatto, 2002;
551 Belousova et al., 2002), which is believed to account for the poor Zr and Hf matches
552 in several samples (Fig. 13). Lawsonite hosts ~50% of REE, nearly all Sr and ~40%
553 of Th in sample 10tav07, with hematite and Mn-garnet being the significant carriers
554 of LREE and HREE, respectively (Fig. 13). In a similar budget estimation for mafic
555 lawsonite blueschist, Spandler et al (2003) also found lawsonite to be the main host
556 for ~90% of Sr, ~30% of LREE and substantial proportions of Th. Generally, titanite
557 accommodates the majority of Nb, Ta and Ti, whereas phengite governs the LILE,
558 and sodic amphibole controls Li and Mn, which is in good agreement with previous

559 studies (Fig. 13; Spandler et al., 2003; Martin et al., 2014). Th, U, Sr and REE are
560 controlled jointly by lawsonite, titanite, apatite and hematite.

561 Using the available mineral data, we can reconstruct and compensate the element
562 budgets for the less well-constrained samples. For some phases we only managed to
563 obtain trace element results for one sample (e.g. hematite in 10tav07 and aragonite in
564 10tav05). In 10tav05, LILE are very poorly constrained because of the lack of
565 phengite data, and in 10tav06, 08 and 09, hematite should account for the
566 discrepancies in Th, U and LREE. Minor and accessory phases such as apatite, titanite,
567 hematite and zircon are significant in controlling trace element distributions and can
568 thus affect the trace element behavior dramatically.

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570 **Significance of lawsonite geochemistry**

571 Lawsonite is recognized as one of the most significant hydrous minerals in mafic
572 rocks for transporting water and key trace elements (e.g. Sr, Th, U and REE) to great
573 depths during subduction (Baur, 1978; Schmidt, 1995; Tribuzio et al., 1996; Spandler
574 et al., 2003; Tsujimori et al., 2006; Usui et al., 2007; Martin et al., 2014; Vitale
575 Brovarone et al., 2014). Our results agree well with previous findings, and indicate
576 that lawsonite in blueschists of different origins exhibits strong variations in trace
577 element behavior (e.g. Martin et al., 2014).

578 Generally, lawsonite in the enriched terrigenous blueschists shows higher LREE
579 and Sr than MORB-like blueschists (Fig. 14a, b). Allanite, usually accounts for La,
580 Ce, Pr and Nd in blueschists (Hermann, 2002; Gieré and Sorensen, 2004), but is
581 absent from the blueschists in this study. LREE contents in our lawsonites are thus not
582 compromised by allanite and yield enriched compositions, especially in enriched
583 blueschist samples (10tav04, 05 and 07), where Th and U are strikingly enriched as

584 well (Fig. 5). Pb and Sr are commonly hosted by high-pressure phases such as apatite
585 and aragonite, which should host high Pb/Ce and Sr contents instead of lawsonite
586 (Spandler et al., 2003, Martin et al., 2014). However, lawsonite in 10tav05 exhibits
587 higher Pb/Ce ratio and Sr content than apatite, probably due to the rock's higher
588 degree of alteration and large abundance of aragonite (Fig. 14a, b). The negative
589 correlation between Pb/Ce ratio and Ce content in all samples except 10tav05 (Fig.
590 14a) indicates that lawsonite fails to fractionate Pb from Ce regardless of its origin.

591 A more distinctive feature is illustrated in Fig. 14c: lawsonites in blueschists of
592 continent-derived terrigenous origin exhibit much higher La concentrations and
593 La/Dy ratios than those in MORB-like blueschists. La/Dy ratio correlates positively
594 with La content in all lawsonites, suggesting that lawsonite not only hosts substantial
595 amount of LREE, but is capable of fractionating LREE (La) from MREE (Dy). Martin
596 et al. (2014) found that lawsonites in metasomatic rocks have elevated La/Dy, La, and
597 Ce contents along with lower Pb/Ce, which is also seen in our sample 10tav04 that is
598 believed to have undergone fluid metasomatism. As for HREE, lawsonites in enriched
599 samples yield much higher Dy/Lu ratios than those of MORB origin, which results in
600 a negative REE slope (Fig. 6), whereas titanite and apatite have more enriched Lu
601 concentrations and lower Dy/Lu.

602 Despite the common major element characteristics of the lawsonites, they show
603 extremely heterogeneous trace element concentrations (Fig. 14). Martin et al. (2014)
604 attributed this to the flexible crystal structure capable of incorporating variable sizes
605 of trace elements. Our study demonstrates that lawsonite is prone to chemical
606 variations that reflect its protolith. Different protoliths give rise to chemically variable
607 lawsonite despite similar parageneses. Trace elements in lawsonites in MORB-like
608 blueschists differ considerably from those with enriched origin, with the latter being

609 more enriched in Sr, Th, U and LREE, and showing more pronounced LREE/HREE
610 fractionation, indicating the significance of continent-derived terrigenous sediments in
611 shaping the trace element distribution in lawsonite blueschists.

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613 **Potential constraints on the origin and geochemistry of potassium-rich**
614 **magmatism**

615 *Key geochemical signature of Mediterranean potassium-rich magmas.* Along
616 with the high K₂O content, strongly enriched incompatible elements, elevated
617 ⁸⁷Sr/⁸⁶Sr, ²⁰⁷Pb/²⁰⁴Pb, ¹⁸⁷Os/¹⁸⁸Os, and low ¹⁴³Nd/¹⁴⁴Nd and ¹⁷⁶Hf/¹⁷⁷Hf ratios, the
618 extremely high Th/La ratio has recently been recognized to uniquely fingerprint
619 magmas of the Alpine-Himalayan Orogenic Belt (AHOB; [Tommasini et al., 2011](#);
620 [Prelević et al., 2013](#); [Wang et al., 2017](#)). For most mantle-derived magmas, Th/La
621 ratios are no larger than 0.5 ([Fig. 15](#)), because it is difficult to fractionate Th from La
622 by either dehydration or melting processes that carry slab material to the arc source
623 ([Plank, 2005](#)). [Tommasini et al. \(2011\)](#) proposed that the strikingly high Th/La
624 signature of Tethyan Realm lamproites could be explained by lawsonite and
625 zoisite/epidote veins and segregations in chaotic mélange domains accreted to the
626 Eurasian plate during collisional events. This argument is echoed by [Prelević et al.](#)
627 [\(2013\)](#), who reported the same extreme Th/La ratios in Mediterranean and Tibetan
628 post-collisional (but not lamproitic) mafic lavas, and they also attributed it to the
629 possible presence of a blueschist facies end member including lawsonite and zoisite
630 veins.

631 *Unravelling the high Th/La enigma.* We here demonstrate that lawsonites with
632 differing origins in the Tavşanlı zone blueschists have distinct Th/La fractionation
633 characteristics ([Fig. 15](#)): lawsonites with enriched continent-derived terrigenous

634 origin show similar Th/La vs Sm/La to AHOB lavas, whereas those with MORB-like
635 origin are similar to OIB, MORB and arc magmas. In other words, not all lawsonite
636 blueschists can account for the unique Th/La ratios observed in AHOB magmas, but
637 only those with terrigenous input. Melting of *mélange* that contains lawsonite
638 blueschist with enriched terrigenous origin is thus the most appealing explanation of
639 the trace element characteristics of the Mediterranean and AHOB potassium-rich
640 magmatism in a realistic geodynamic setting.

641 Pb isotope geochemistry supports an important role of lawsonite blueschist in the
642 elevated Th/La ratios. Th/La ratios of both the blueschist whole-rocks and lawsonites
643 yield strongly heterogeneous values where the most elevated Th/La ratios correspond
644 to the continent-derived terrigenous geochemical component (Fig. 16). The most
645 radiogenic $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$, $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$ and $^{208}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$ occur in the enriched blueschists
646 (Fig. 9), with 10tav07 showing similar isotopic compositions to GLOSS (Fig. 16).
647 The Pb isotope compositions of Tethyan lamproites and AHOB lavas plot above the
648 mantle array (MORBs and OIBs in Fig. 16), indicating an end-member with
649 considerable time-integrated enrichment of thorogenic Pb isotopes, and their
650 decoupling from uranium isotopes (Tommasini et al., 2011). This end-member also
651 has high Th/La. The most enriched blueschist sample (10tav07) does not plot close to
652 this hypothetical end-member, and the less enriched blueschist samples plot toward
653 the mantle array and MORB compositions along a hyperbolic mixing line (Fig. 16),
654 but it should be stressed that we only have the age of metamorphism to constrain the
655 initial Pb isotope compositions of the blueschists (the protolith of the blueschist must
656 be older than its metamorphic age of ~80 Ma). So hypothetically, if the blueschist
657 protoliths, especially those with enriched crust-like origin, have a much older
658 formation age (Tommasini et al., 2011), they could account for the Pb isotope

659 evolution of Tethyan lamproites and AHOB lavas. These enriched blueschists have
660 similar Pb isotopic affinities to GLOSS, whose present day Pb isotopic compositions
661 can be used to successfully explain the Pb isotope evolution of Tethyan lamproites
662 (Fig. 9 in [Tommasini et al., 2011](#)). Thus, only the blueschists with enriched origin
663 from the mé^eange have the potential to provide the geochemical ingredient
664 responsible for the continental crust-like composition and elevated Th/La ratios in the
665 AHOB lavas.

666 ***Melting of a newly formed lithosphere.*** The Alpine-Himalayan orogenic belt
667 resulted from a long-lasting convergence between Eurasia and Gondwana, beginning
668 in the Permian. This convergence involved accretion of thin continental slivers that
669 mostly originated by rifting from northern Gondwanaland, and numerous oceanic
670 island arcs, which eventually formed an orogenic system consisting of multiple belts.
671 The net effect of this accretion was a complex interfingering of geologically and
672 geochemically contrasting compositions, resulting in a very heterogeneous
673 lithospheric mantle under the Mediterranean region. Generally, the mantle might be
674 heavily metasomatised by melts derived from subducted continent-derived
675 terrigenous sediments (e.g. [Prelević et al., 2013](#)), and melting of this metasomatised
676 source accounts for the widespread orogenic fingerprint identified in potassium-rich
677 post-collisional magmas (e.g. [Prelević et al., 2008; 2013; Lustrino et al., 2011](#)).

678 At least some part of this mantle is newly formed during accretion of microplates
679 or other small continental blocks, composed of a mixture of strongly depleted forearc
680 peridotites, oceanic crust, oceanic and continental sediments ([Prelević et al., 2008;](#)
681 [Gonzalez et al., 2015; Wang et al., 2017](#)). However, the significance of new
682 lithosphere of this type, in which blueschist, mé^elange and other blocks are all

683 imbricated together, is often underestimated or overlooked when investigating the
684 origin of potassium-rich orogenic magmatism.

685 Here, we tentatively propose that the unique high Th/La signature seen in AHOB
686 potassium-rich magmas could be derived from lawsonite blueschist with continent-
687 derived terrigenous origin. This Th/La signature could be imparted to the lavas by
688 melting of newly formed lithosphere that contains mélanges including blueschists
689 imbricated together with other types of rocks at shallow levels (< 80 km). Unlike
690 Andean-style subduction where a succession of additional reactions would modify
691 and dilute the Th/La signature, shallow tectonic imbrication preserves many of the
692 geochemical characteristics and stores them in the new lithosphere. However, the high
693 Th/La signature is not conveyed by a single-stage process from lawsonite blueschist
694 to ensuing magmas as proposed previously ([Wang et al., 2017](#)), but probably results
695 from a series of metamorphic and magmatic processes that steadily increase the Th/La
696 ratio.

697 Mediterranean potassium-rich magmatism may be triggered by two major factors,
698 namely the roll-back of the underthrust lithospheric slab which causes post-collisional
699 extension, collapse of the orogenic belts and large-scale elevation of several orogenic
700 massifs, combined with the initiation and progression of a slab tear (e.g. [Prelević et al.,](#)
701 [2015](#) and references therein). Before the continental lithosphere blocks collided, intra-
702 oceanic subduction induced by closure of small ocean basins gave rise to many
703 geological events in the Mediterranean region during the Mesozoic. This closure of
704 small ocean basins may result in obduction of ophiolites onto a passive margin or
705 accretionary uplift and collision of continental blocks, resulting in thickened
706 continental crust. Mélanges that includes blueschists on the interface between the
707 subducting oceanic slab and the overlying mantle are likely to imbricate with oceanic

708 crust chunks at ~60–80 km (e.g. Fig. 8 in [Gonzalez et al., 2015](#); Fig. 11 in [Wang et al.,](#)
709 [2017](#)). Heat from the convecting mantle after slab break-off or lithospheric
710 delamination and slab roll-back would preferentially melt previously enriched
711 domains (mélanges) stored at shallow depths within the lithospheric mantle. The
712 preferential melting of fertile, enriched components results in the generation of
713 potassium-rich mafic magmas with diagnostic geochemical characteristics.

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IMPLICATIONS

716 This study provides a new, comprehensive geochemical dataset of whole-rock
717 major and trace element compositions and the first radiogenic isotopic measurements
718 on eastern Mediterranean lawsonite blueschists. This allows us to recognize two
719 groups of blueschist with differing protoliths of MORB-like and continent-derived
720 terrigenous origin. As the most important hydrous mineral in hosting Th, U, Sr and
721 LREE in blueschist, lawsonite has great potential to explain the enigmatic
722 geochemistry of Mediterranean potassium-rich magmatism because it is the only
723 mineral that can carry the unusually high Th/La signature, which is unique to AHOB
724 potassium-rich magmas ([Fig. 15](#)). However, only those lawsonite blueschists with
725 continental input can explain this Th/La feature.

726 Given the significance of lawsonite blueschist in transporting such a unique
727 signature, mélange should be considered when discussing the geodynamics of magma
728 origin, as this is an environment where subducted sediments, oceanic crust, blueschist
729 and mantle peridotite are tectonically imbricated together.

730 Trace element data of lawsonite blueschist in the AHOB is rather scarce,
731 hindering acceptance of the hypothesis that blueschist-bearing mélange is important.
732 However, the extremely high Th/La feature has not been observed in any minerals

733 other than lawsonite and all accessory minerals can be discounted. Lawsonite has also
734 been reported to carry a high Th/La signature (up to 4.88) from nearby Sivrihisar in
735 Turkey and Alpine Corsica in France ([Vitale Brovarone et al., 2014](#); [Martin et al.,](#)
736 [2014](#)). It is thus reasonable to link lawsonite blueschist to the genesis of AHOB
737 potassium-rich magmatism, and to consider the melting of newly-formed lithosphere
738 that contains blueschist-bearing mélanges in other areas.

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Sample	Location	Coordinates	Mineral assemblage (mode %)
10tav04	Tavşanlı Zone, Turkey	39°43'49.72"N; 29°49'19.93"E	Amp (26), Chl (24), Phen (18), Law (8), Tnt (6), Arg (6), Cpx (5), Apa (5), <i>Py, Hem</i>
10tav05	Tavşanlı Zone, Turkey	39°43'49.72"N; 29°49'19.93"E	Chl (26), Amp (18), Law (15), Arg (12), Qrz (8), Phen (8), Apa (6), Tnt (3), <i>Ga</i>
10tav06	Tavşanlı Zone, Turkey	39°45'27.23"N; 29°50'53.70"E	Amp (30), Law (25), Chl (14), Arg (8), Phen (7), Apa (6), Tnt (4), Qrz (4), <i>Py, Hem</i>
10tav07	Tavşanlı Zone, Turkey	39°43'49.72"N; 29°49'19.93"E	Amp (30), Law (25), Qrz (15), Phen (10), Chl (8), Arg (8), Apa (6), Tnt (3), Mn-Grt (1), <i>Py, Hem</i>
10tav08	Tavşanlı Zone, Turkey	39°45'27.23"N; 29°50'53.70"E	Law (26), Amp (18), Chl (16), Phen (10), Arg (10), Apa (8), Qrz (6), Tnt (3), <i>Py, Hem</i>
10tav09	Tavşanlı Zone, Turkey	39°43'49.72"N; 29°49'19.93"E	Amp (28), Law (25), Chl (12), Phen (10), Arg (10), Apa (6), Qrz (4), Tnt (3), <i>Py, Hem</i>

1173 Minerals in *Italic* denote opaque accessory minerals identified in samples. Amp: amphibole; Chl: chlorite; Phen: phengite; Law: lawsonite; Tnt: titanite; Arg: aragonite; Cpx:
1174 clinopyroxene; Apa: apatite; Py: pyrite; Hem: hematite; Qrz: quartz; Mn-Grt: Mn-rich garnet; Ga: galena.

1175 **Table 1.** Mineral assemblages and mineral modal abundances of blueschist samples.

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Sample	10tav04	10tav05	10tav06	10tav07	10tav08	10tav09
Number of analyses	5	5	5	5	5	5
SiO ₂	47.6	43.8	45.4	57.5	46.5	44.8
TiO ₂	1.5	0.9	1.4	1.2	1.4	1.4
Al ₂ O ₃	13.9	14.9	13.9	12.9	15.5	15.3
FeO _T	13.3	9.3	11.2	8.2	11.1	11.2
MnO	0.19	0.21	0.18	0.15	0.15	0.16
MgO	7.1	6.3	7.0	5.6	5.4	4.7
CaO	5.3	11.9	11.2	6.0	10.0	12.2
Na ₂ O	3.8	2.1	2.7	3.1	2.3	2.8
K ₂ O	2.9	0.7	0.1	0.9	0.1	0.1
P ₂ O ₅	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1
Cr ₂ O ₃	0.02	0.07	0.04	0.03	0.04	0.05
NiO	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.01	0.01
LOI	4.0	10.0	7.2	3.9	8.0	7.6
Sum	99.9	100.2	100.4	99.7	100.4	100.3
Li	27	25	22	27	33	37
Sc	45	40	42	27	43	35
Ti	10287	6399	9999	10364	10872	6770
V	372	235	248	205	287	227
Cr	145	512	270	254	309	210
Mn	1360	1620	1346	1233	1303	845
Co	42	51	39	28	49	35
Ga	18	14	15	17	18	13
Rb	75	17	2.6	22	2.1	2.1
Sr	42	343	185	144	84	71
Y	35	24	28	37	34	26
Zr	80	58	75	212	97	65
Nb	5.9	20	5.1	32	4.5	2.8
Cs	3.2	0.68	0.14	0.5	0.11	0.16
Ba	297	56	11	144	5.3	17
La	6.2	15	4.4	36	5.2	6.8

Ce	15	26	11	69	13	11
Pr	2.3	3.0	1.7	8.5	2.1	2.2
Nd	12	13	9.4	35	11	10
Sm	4.0	3.0	3.3	7.8	3.7	3.1
Eu	1.4	1.1	1.1	2.1	1.4	1.1
Gd	5.4	3.7	4.0	7.5	5.0	3.7
Tb	0.95	0.60	0.74	1.1	0.91	0.66
Dy	6.6	4.1	5.0	7.0	6.2	4.4
Ho	1.4	0.91	1.1	1.4	1.4	0.94
Er	3.9	2.7	3.1	3.9	3.9	2.7
Tm	0.53	0.38	0.47	0.55	0.53	0.39
Yb	3.5	2.6	3.3	3.6	3.7	2.6
Lu	0.47	0.38	0.46	0.52	0.53	0.40
Hf	2.3	1.6	2.2	5.1	2.7	1.8
Ta	0.32	1.1	0.31	2.0	0.27	0.15
Pb	1.8	10	2.0	2.4	5.7	10
Th	0.36	1.9	0.36	7.9	0.38	0.24
U	0.27	0.37	0.18	1.6	0.26	0.33
Ba/Th	825	29	31	18	14	71
Ce/Nb	2.5	1.3	2.2	2.2	2.9	3.9
La/Sm	1.6	5.0	1.3	4.6	1.4	2.2
Rb/Sr	1.8	0.05	0.01	0.15	0.03	0.03
Ba/Rb	4.0	3.3	4.2	6.5	2.5	8.1
Nb/La	0.95	1.3	1.2	0.89	0.87	0.41
Th/Yb	0.10	0.73	0.11	2.2	0.10	0.09
La/Yb	1.8	5.8	1.3	10	1.4	2.6
Ta/Yb	0.09	0.42	0.09	0.56	0.07	0.06
Ce/Pb	8.3	2.6	5.5	29	2.3	1.1
Nb/U	22	54	28	20	17	8.5
Th/Nb	0.06	0.10	0.07	0.25	0.08	0.09

1177 **Table 2.** Major (wt%) and trace (ppm) element compositions of blueschists.

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Sample	10tav04	10tav05	10tav06	10tav07	10tav08	10tav09
Number of analyses	20	8	15	22	11	14
SiO ₂	38.29	37.46	37.84	37.94	37.87	37.90
TiO ₂	0.29	0.11	0.08	0.17	0.22	0.10
Al ₂ O ₃	30.02	30.68	30.28	30.16	29.99	31.09
FeO	1.26	1.75	1.77	1.11	1.12	1.39
MnO	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.01	NA
MgO	0.01	0.01	NA	0.01	0.01	NA
CaO	16.57	17.56	17.28	16.95	16.88	17.58
Na ₂ O	0.01	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.01
K ₂ O	0.01	0.01	0.01	NA	NA	0.01
Cr ₂ O ₃	0.04	0.05	0.05	0.09	0.13	0.08
Total	86.51	87.65	87.32	86.43	86.24	88.16
Si	2.05	1.99	2.02	2.04	2.04	2.00
Ti	0.01	<0.01	<0.01	0.01	0.01	<0.01
Al	1.89	1.92	1.90	1.91	1.90	1.93
Fe	0.06	0.08	0.08	0.05	0.05	0.06
Ca	0.95	1.00	0.99	0.98	0.97	0.99
Total	4.96	5.00	4.99	4.98	4.98	5.00

1179 Structural formula based on 5 cations and 8 oxygen

1180 **Table 3.** Major element (wt%) compositions of lawsonite in blueschists.

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Sample	10tav04		10tav05		10tav06		10tav07		10tav08		10tav09	
	N	1 SD	N	1 SD	N	1 SD	N	1 SD	N	1 SD	N	1 SD
Li	2.0	0.42	6.6	1.1	0.52	0.13	1.4	0.36	1.5	0.22	2.3	0.38
Sc	5.3	0.77	2.1	0.33	3.5	0.44	3.7	0.55	4.6	1.1	3.3	0.53
Ti	2856	463	292	45	2004	328	4743	791	1469	235	2083	373
V	630	84	340	67	471	63	329	56	588	77	423	55
Cr	95	13	165	32	295	58	340	49	502	109	443	61
Mn	113	26	571	49	72	11	70	14	121	31	96	13
Co	2.2	0.46	16	2.2	0.69	0.23	2.3	0.42	2.2	0.34	2.1	0.34
Ga	26	5.9	23	3.8	27	4.4	32	5.1	29	3.0	26	4.6
Rb	0.51	0.26	0.46	0.23	0.12	0.08	0.59	0.18	0.42	0.18	0.21	0.10
Sr	398	75	2215	339	76	5.9	394	67	208	34	116	23
Y	149	28	41	7.2	26	3.8	60	18	32	4.5	40	8.9
Zr	23	6.1	0.25	0.10	24	4.1	40	16	13	2.3	21	4.2
Nb	1.4	0.83	0.22	0.08	0.73	0.14	13	3.4	0.37	0.12	0.64	0.24
Cs	0.04	0.02	0.05	0.02	0.05	0.03	0.12	0.07	0.08	0.04	0.04	0.02
Ba	3.1	0.45	45	3.8	1.3	0.22	3.2	0.55	3.2	0.45	6.4	1.8
La	77	9.7	33	4.1	2.4	0.37	35	9.2	4.7	0.67	5.2	1.5
Ce	196	54	56	7.6	6.4	0.85	87	16	14	0.22	14	1.9
Pr	27	4.8	5.6	0.85	1.1	0.30	14	2.2	2.2	0.36	2.2	0.35
Nd	127	30	22	3.2	5.5	0.69	60	23	13	0.27	12	2.4
Sm	32	8.4	4.9	0.74	2.0	0.41	16	4.5	4.6	0.78	4.2	1.2
Eu	10	3.2	2.0	0.39	0.76	0.19	4.6	0.92	1.7	0.41	1.7	0.35
Gd	36	5.5	5.4	0.71	2.9	0.17	16	3.8	6.1	0.82	5.7	0.78
Tb	5.0	0.91	0.95	0.38	0.55	0.11	2.4	0.83	0.95	0.44	1.1	0.20
Dy	28	5.2	6.4	0.92	3.9	0.32	13	4.6	5.5	1.1	7.1	0.95
Ho	5.7	1.4	1.4	0.09	0.98	0.25	2.5	1.1	1.2	0.30	1.6	0.31
Er	13	2.9	4.1	0.72	2.9	0.34	5.7	2.9	3.1	0.55	4.2	0.56
Tm	1.2	0.43	0.52	0.11	0.41	0.12	0.62	0.12	0.37	0.12	0.56	0.19
Yb	7.1	2.1	3.1	0.28	2.9	0.44	3.4	0.83	2.4	0.72	3.8	0.48
Lu	0.98	0.37	0.40	0.17	0.42	0.07	0.48	0.12	0.38	0.15	0.54	0.28
Hf	0.49	0.25	0.06	0.04	0.71	0.13	1.3	0.44	0.40	0.17	0.61	0.29
Ta	0.08	0.06	0.17	0.08	0.05	0.02	0.65	0.21	0.03	0.02	0.04	0.02
Pb	50	28	719	183	21	3.7	13	3.8	35	7.2	89	25
Th	4.3	1.7	0.83	0.45	0.13	0.07	12	4.1	0.34	0.13	0.15	0.08
U	1.6	0.88	1.3	0.72	0.12	0.06	3.1	1.2	0.56	0.14	0.16	0.11

1182 **Table 4.** Mean trace element compositions of lawsonite (ppm) in blueschist.

Sample	Formation	Age (Ma)	Rb	Sr	⁸⁷ Rb/ ⁸⁶ Sr	⁸⁷ Sr/ ⁸⁶ Sr*	2s	(⁸⁷ Sr/ ⁸⁶ Sr) _i	Sm	Nd	¹⁴⁷ Sm/ ¹⁴⁴ Nd	¹⁴³ Nd/ ¹⁴⁴ Nd*	2s	(¹⁴³ Nd/ ¹⁴⁴ Nd) _i	εNd _(T)
10tav04	Devlez	80	76	50	4.29	0.711778	6	0.706902	3.9	12	0.21	0.512967	6	0.512856	6.4
						0.711827 [†]	6	0.706951			0.512982	8	0.512871	6.7	
						0.711828 [†]	6	0.706952			0.513003 [†]	8	0.512892	7.1	
											0.513010 [†]	8	0.512899	7.3	
10tav05	Devlez	80	18	300	0.17	0.707000 [#]	6	0.706808	3.0	13	0.15	0.512803 [#]	6	0.512724	3.8
10tav06	Devlez	80	3	180	0.05	0.705219	6	0.705167	3.3	9.4	0.22	0.512995	8	0.512881	6.9
						0.705217 [†]	6	0.705164			0.513001 [†]	8	0.512887	7.0	
						0.705210 [†]	6	0.705157							
10tav07	Devlez	80	22	123	0.50	0.705294	6	0.704720	7.8	35	0.14	0.512545	6	0.512472	-1.1
						0.705254 [†]	6	0.704680			0.512543	6	0.512470	-1.1	
10tav08	Devlez	80	2.1	71	0.08	0.705777	6	0.705687	3.7	11	0.21	0.512998	6	0.512889	7.1
						0.705780 [†]	6	0.705690			0.512986 [†]	6	0.512877	6.8	
						0.705792 [†]	6	0.705702			0.512969 [†]	6	0.512860	6.5	
10tav09	Devlez	80	3	89	0.10	0.705769 [#]	6	0.705661	3.1	10	0.19	0.513000 [#]	6	0.512900	7.3

1183 *Repeat, individual isotope measurements; [†]Second, duplicate dissolution run by Reimund Jotter, MPIC; [#]Run by Peter Wieland, Macquarie University.

1184 **Table 5.** Whole rock Rb, Sr, Nd and Sm concentrations (ppm) and Sr, Nd isotope result of blueschist samples.

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Sample	Age (Ma)	Pb	U	Th	$(^{206}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb})_m$	2s	$(^{206}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb})_i$	$(^{207}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb})_m$	2s	$(^{207}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb})_i$	$(^{208}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb})_m$	2s	$(^{208}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb})_i$
10tav04	80	1.8	0.27	0.36	18.692	2	15.633	38.783	3	18.572	15.627	8	38.731
10tav06	80	2.0	0.18	0.36	18.424	1	15.57	38.468	1	18.353	15.567	2	38.421
10tav07	80	2.4	1.6	7.9	19.354	2	15.658	39.743	2	18.809	15.632	5	38.859
10tav08	80	5.7	0.26	0.38	18.336	1	15.599	38.368	1	18.300	15.597	4	38.351

1188 Footnote m and i denote measured and calculated initial composition using given age, respectively. Note that the age used here is metamorphism age, not the age of the protoliths.

1189 **Table 6.** Whole rock Pb, U and Th concentrations (ppm) and Pb isotope result of blueschist samples.

1190 **FIGURE CAPTIONS**

1191 **Fig. 1 (a)** Tectonic map of western Anatolia showing the position of the Tavşanlı zone (blue).
1192 Modified from [Plunder et al. \(2015\)](#). Topography of this area from Geomapapp 3.3.6 (<http://www.geomapapp.org/>). **(b)** Simplified schematic cross-section across the Tavşanlı zone showing
1193 tectonostratigraphic units and structure (not to scale). Note the three major formations in the
1194 Orhaneli Group: Kocasu Formation (metaclastic rocks) at the base, the İnönü Marble in the middle
1195 and the upper Devlez Formation (metabasite and metachert) where the samples in this study were
1196 collected. Modified from [Okay and Whitney. \(2010\)](#). **(c)** Geological map of the region north-east
1197 of Tavşanlı showing the locations of the samples (orange stars). Modified from [Okay and Whitney.](#)
1198 [\(2010\)](#).

1200 **Fig. 2** Field photographs: **(a)** Blueschist outcrops consist of a sequence of intercalated metabasite,
1201 metachert, metashale and metagabbro blocks of different sizes in diameter, immersed in the
1202 mélange matrix; **(b)** Location where blueschist samples 10tav04, 05, 07 and 09 were collected; **(c)**
1203 Location where blueschist samples 10tav06 and 08 were collected.

1204 **Fig. 3** Representative back-scattered electron images of Tavşanlı blueschists, **(a)** Sample 10tav04.
1205 Euhedral lawsonite filled with tiny sodic amphibole, augite and titanite as inclusions along with
1206 interstitial anhedral aragonite; **(b)** Sample 10tav05. The only sample with highly carbonated
1207 foliation characterized by the preferred alignment of phengite, sodic amphibole, and to a lesser
1208 extent, chlorite; **(c) (e) (f)** Samples 10tav06, 08 and 09, respectively. These three samples share
1209 similar paragenesis of euhedral prismatic lawsonites coexisting with sodic amphibole, aragonite,
1210 phengite, chlorite, titanite and apatite; **(d)** Sample 10tav07 shows the simplest texture and best-
1211 preserved idiomorphic mineral assemblage of all six samples, and is the only sample where Mn-
1212 rich garnet occurs. Law: lawsonite; Gln: glaucophane; Mrb: magnesio-riebeckite; Tnt: titanite;
1213 Apa: apatite; Phe: phengite; Chl: chlorite; Aug: augite; Arg: aragonite; Grt: garnet; Qtz: quartz.

1214 **Fig. 4** MgO variation diagrams of six key major elements (Ti, Al, Fe, Ca, Na and K from **(a)** to **(f)**,
1215 respectively) in the Tavşanlı zone blueschists. Also shown are MORB compositions (orange
1216 shaded fields, GEOROC database, <http://georoc.mpch-mainz.gwdg.de/georoc>) and GLOSS (grey
1217 stars, [Plank and Langmuir, 1998](#)). Blue shaded “MORB origin” fields include samples 10tav06,
1218 08 and 09, whereas yellow shaded “enriched origin” fields include samples 10tav04, 05 and 07.

1219 **Fig. 5** Whole rock trace element compositions of blueschist samples from the Tavşanlı zone along
1220 with Global Subducted Sediments (GLOSS, [Plank and Langmuir, 1998](#)), normalised to N-MORB
1221 ([Sun and McDonough, 1989](#)).

1222 **Fig. 6** Trace element compositions of lawsonite in the Tavşanlı zone blueschists, normalised to C1
1223 chondrite ([Sun and McDonough, 1989](#)). Error bars indicate propagated uncertainties as single
1224 standard deviations.

1225 **Fig. 7** Trace element compositions of minerals in the Tavşanlı zone blueschists, normalised to C1
1226 chondrite ([Sun and McDonough, 1989](#)). **(a)-(f)**, sodic amphibole, titanite, phengite, apatite,
1227 chlorite and other minerals (aragonite, galena, Mn-garnet and hematite).

1228 **Fig. 8** $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ and $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$ isotopic variation (initial values) of lawsonite blueschists. Sr and
1229 Nd isotopic data for MORB and OIB from the GEOROC database ([http://georoc.mpch-](http://georoc.mpch-mainz.gwdg.de/georoc)
1230 [mainz.gwdg.de/georoc](http://georoc.mpch-mainz.gwdg.de/georoc)), terrigenous sediment field from [Rollinson \(1993\)](#).

1231 **Fig. 9** Pb isotopic variation of the Tavşanlı zone blueschists (modified from [Prelević et al., 2015](#)).
1232 **(a)** $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$ vs $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$ and **(b)** $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$ vs $^{208}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$. NHRL, Northern Hemisphere
1233 Reference Line from [Hart \(1984\)](#).

1234 **Fig. 10** Discrimination diagrams: **(a)** TiO_2 vs $\text{Zr}/\text{P}_2\text{O}_5$. Most blueschist samples are of tholeiitic
1235 affinity, except for sample 10tav04 which falls close to the line between alkaline and tholeiitic
1236 (after [Winchester and Floyd, 1976](#)); **(b)** P_2O_5 vs Zr (ppm) (after [Winchester and Floyd, 1976](#)). All
1237 blueschists plot within the tholeiitic field; **(c)** Th/Yb vs Ta/Yb discrimination diagram after [Pearce](#)
1238 [\(1983\)](#); **(d)** Ce/Nb vs Th/Nb discrimination diagram following [Saunders et al \(1988\)](#). DMM:
1239 Depleted MORB Mantle; RSC: Residual Slab Component; SDC: Slab-Derived Component;
1240 GLOSS: Global Subducted Sediments.

1241 **Fig. 11** $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}_{\text{initial}}$ vs Ba/Th diagram showing three-component mixing (MORB, sediment and
1242 fluid derived by dehydration of the subducted oceanic crust) to explain the geochemistry of
1243 blueschist samples from the Tavşanlı zone (after [Turner et al., 1996](#)). Note that sample 10tav04
1244 exhibits distinctly higher Ba/Th ratio (827) than the rest of samples, suggesting an addition of Sr-
1245 rich slab-derived fluid in the source.

1246 **Fig. 12** La/Yb vs Yb (ppm) discrimination diagram of blueschist samples from the Tavşanlı zone
1247 (partial melting curves calculated from batch melting; adapted from [Miller et al., 1999](#); [Zhu et al.,](#)
1248 [2015](#)). La and Yb contents of Primitive mantle from [Sun and McDonough \(1989\)](#). All six
1249 blueschist samples plot along or parallel to the trajectory for non-modal fractional melts of a
1250 spinel peridotitic source, suggesting that the parental magmas of blueschist samples were
1251 produced from the differing degrees of partial melting of spinel-facies peridotites.

1252 **Fig. 13** Trace element budget for the Tavşanlı zone blueschist samples. See text for details.

1253 **Fig. 14 (a)** Pb/Ce vs Ce (ppm); **(b)** Sm/Nd vs Sr (ppm); **(c)** La/Dy vs La (ppm) and **(d)** Dy/Lu vs
1254 Lu (ppm) diagrams for Tavşanlı zone lawsonites. For comparison, titanite (filled diamonds) and
1255 apatite (empty diamonds) in blueschist samples from this study are also shown.

1256 **Fig. 15** Th/La vs Sm/La comparison of lawsonite in blueschist sample 10tav07 (enriched
1257 terrigenous origin) and in the blueschists of MORB origin with Alpine-Himalayan Orogenic Belt
1258 lavas ([Wang et al., 2017](#)), OIB (GEOROC database, <http://georoc.mpch-mainz.gwdg.de/georoc>),
1259 MORB (GEOROC database, <http://georoc.mpch-mainz.gwdg.de/georoc>), and arc magmas related
1260 to slab-derived mantle metasomatism (data from [Tommasini et al., 2011](#) and references therein).
1261 Note the distinction between “enriched” and MORB-like lawsonites is as striking as that between
1262 AHOB and other lavas.

1263 **Fig. 16** ($^{208}\text{Pb}/^{206}\text{Pb}$)_i vs ($^{206}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$)_i variation of lawsonite blueschists in the Tavşanlı zone
1264 mé ange, AHOB lavas, Tethyan Realm lamproites, and anorogenic intracratonic lamproites along
1265 with MORBs and OIBs, adapted from [Tommasini et al \(2011\)](#). Also shown are GLOSS and
1266 Serbian flysch. MORB and OIB data from [Stracke et al \(2003\)](#) and GEOROC database, data for
1267 Tethyan Realm lamproites and anorogenic intracratonic lamproites from [Tommasini et al \(2011\)](#),
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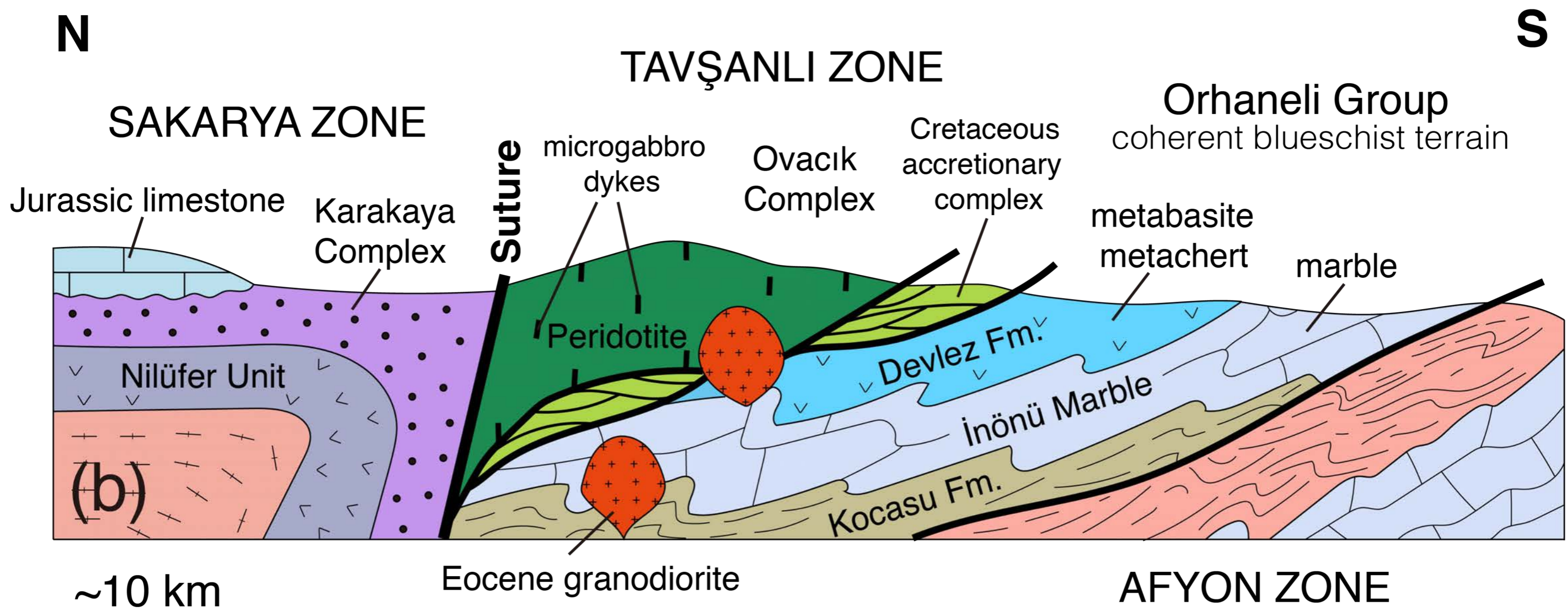
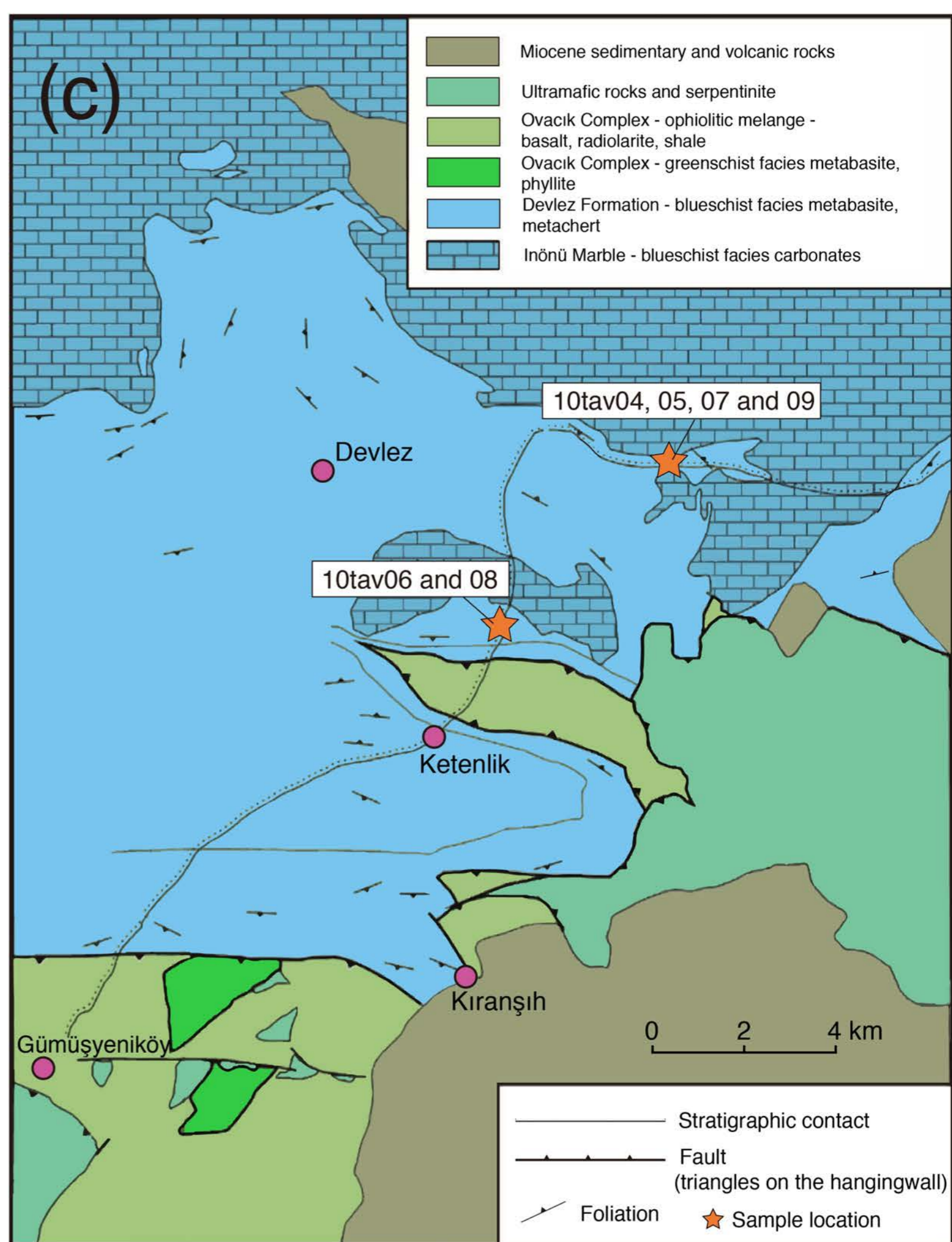
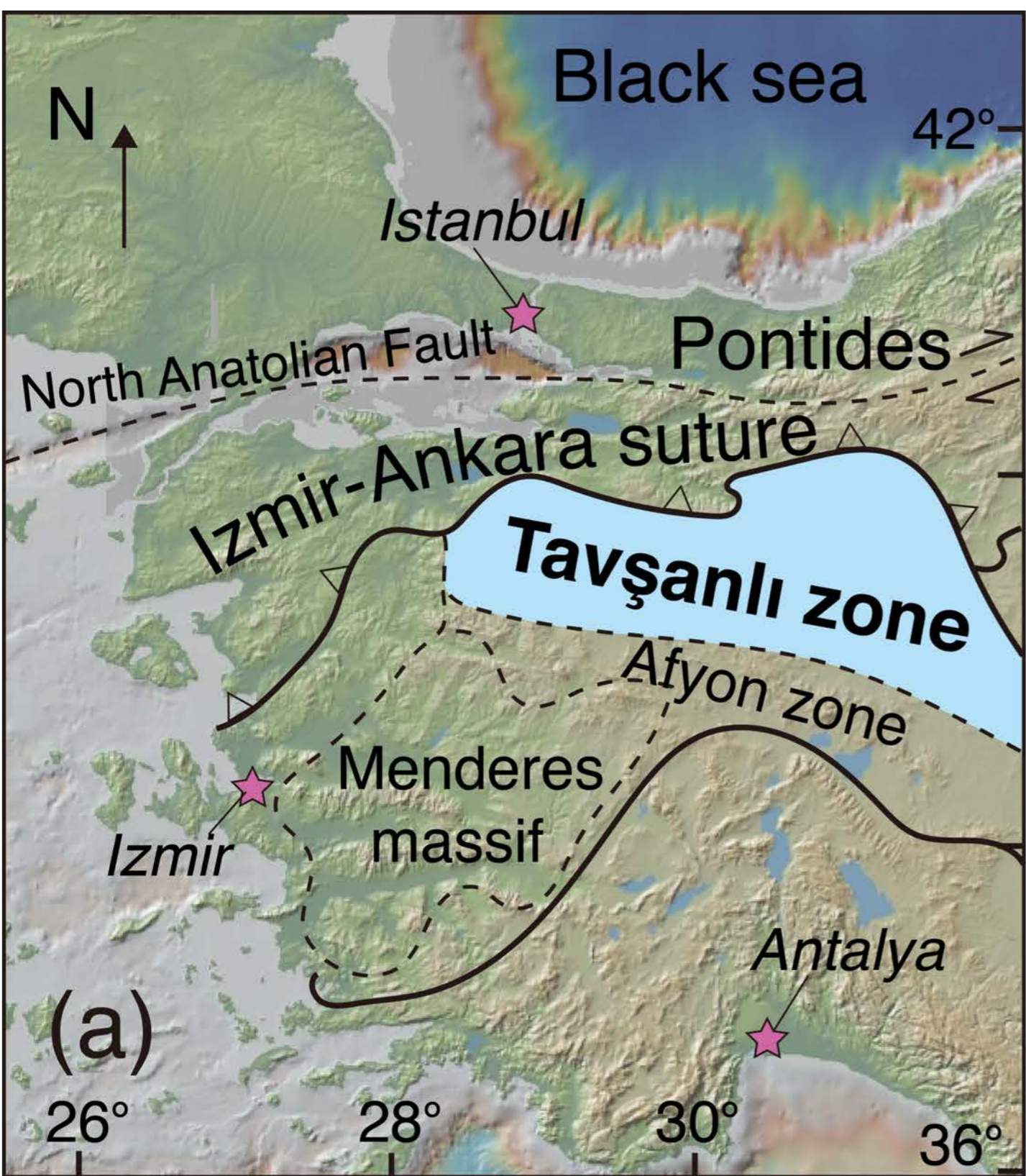


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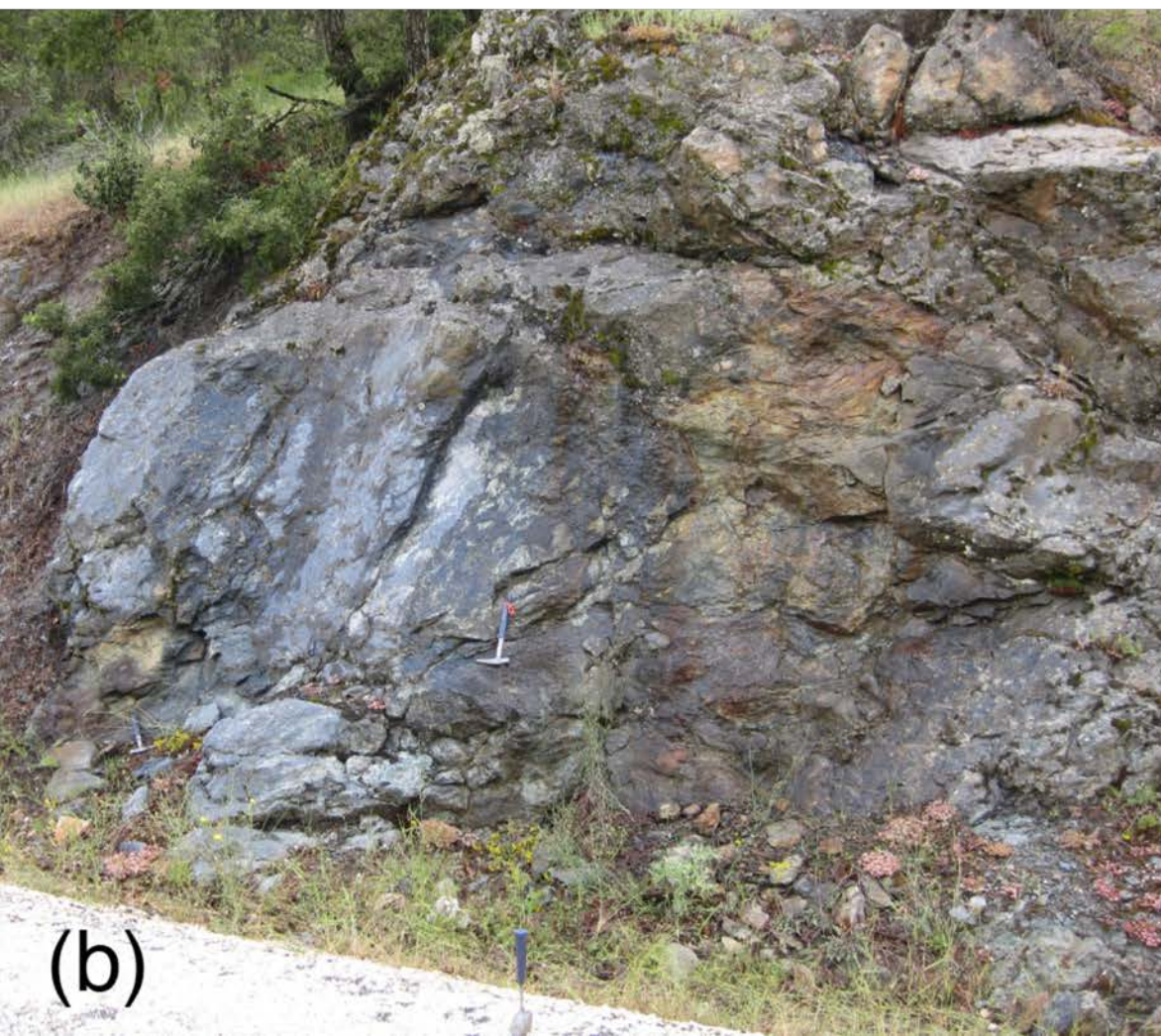


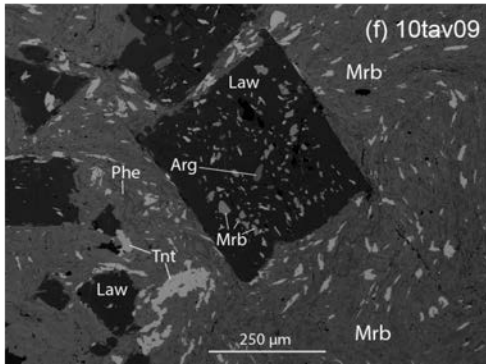
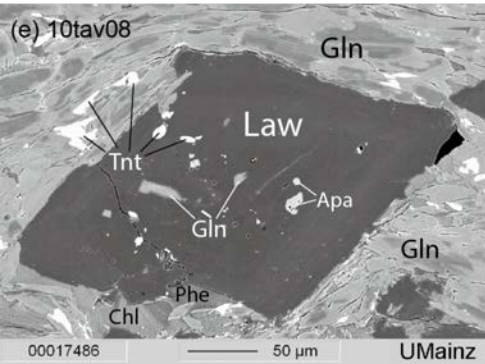
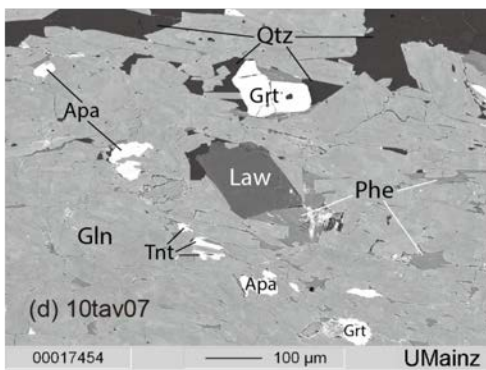
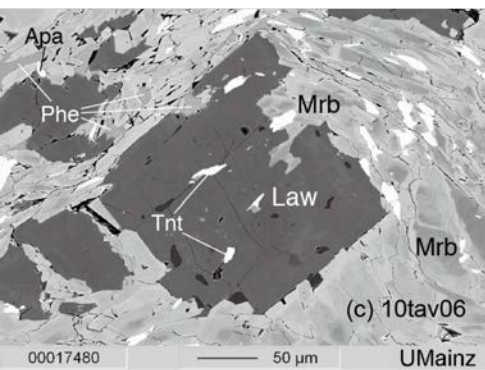
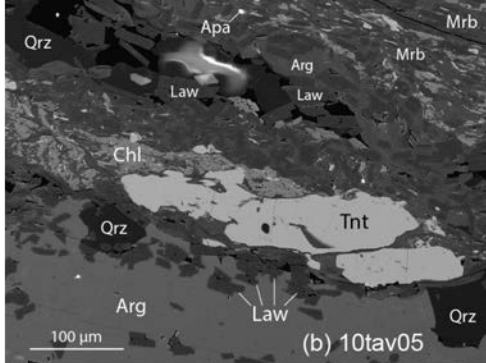
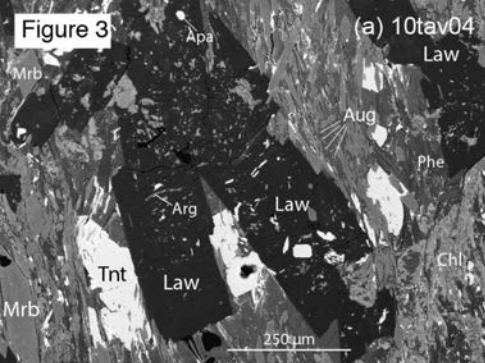
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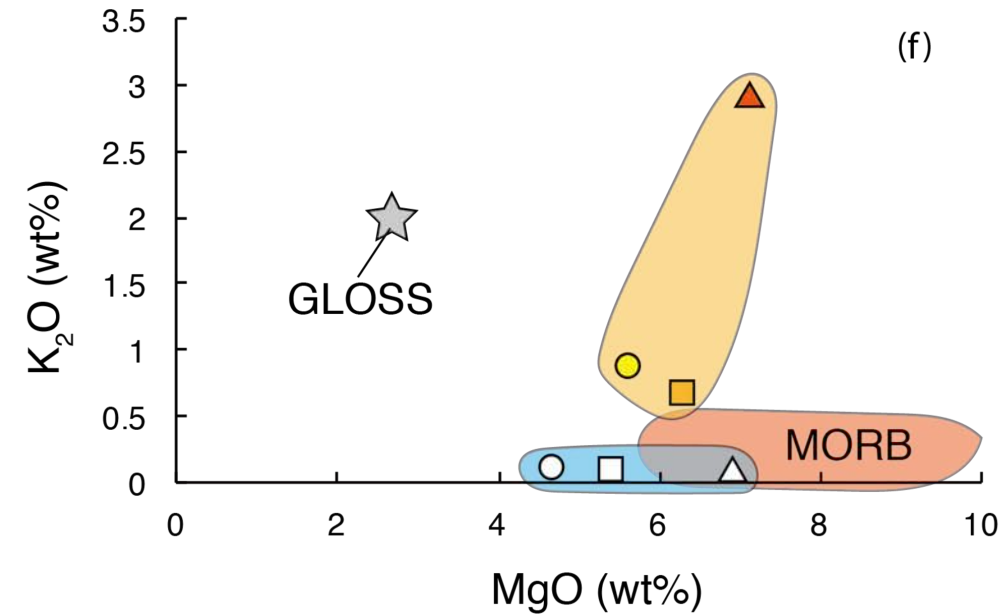
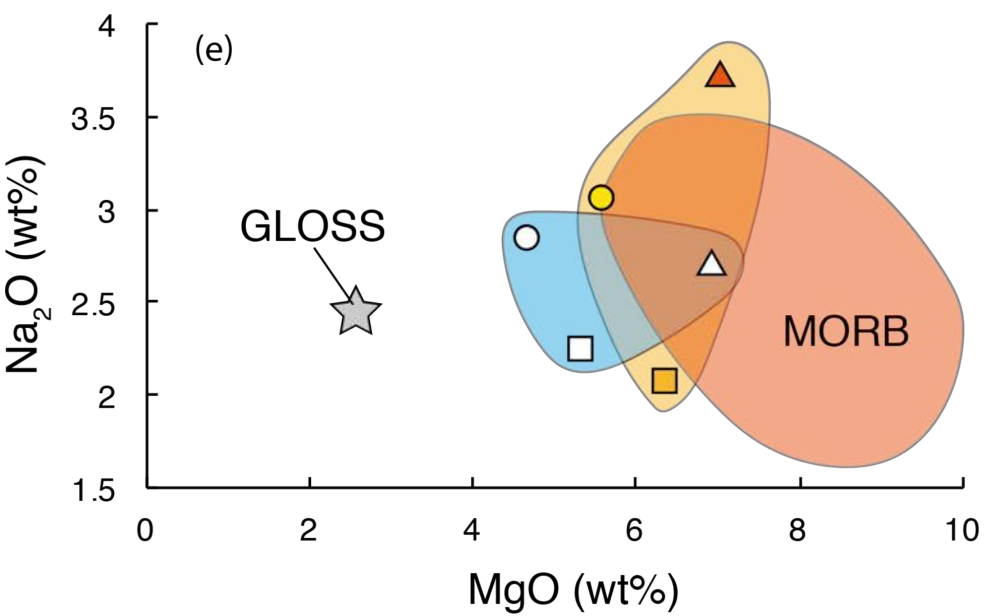
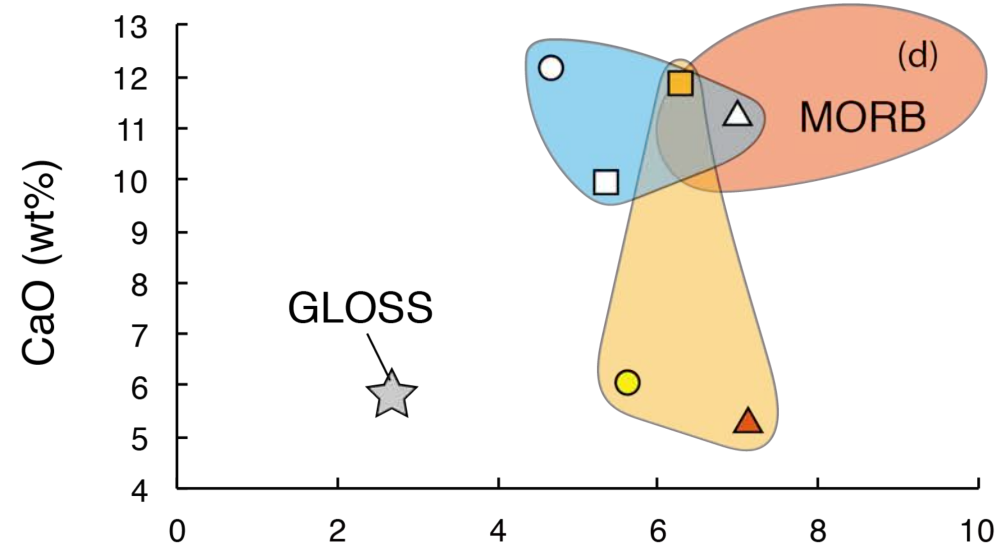
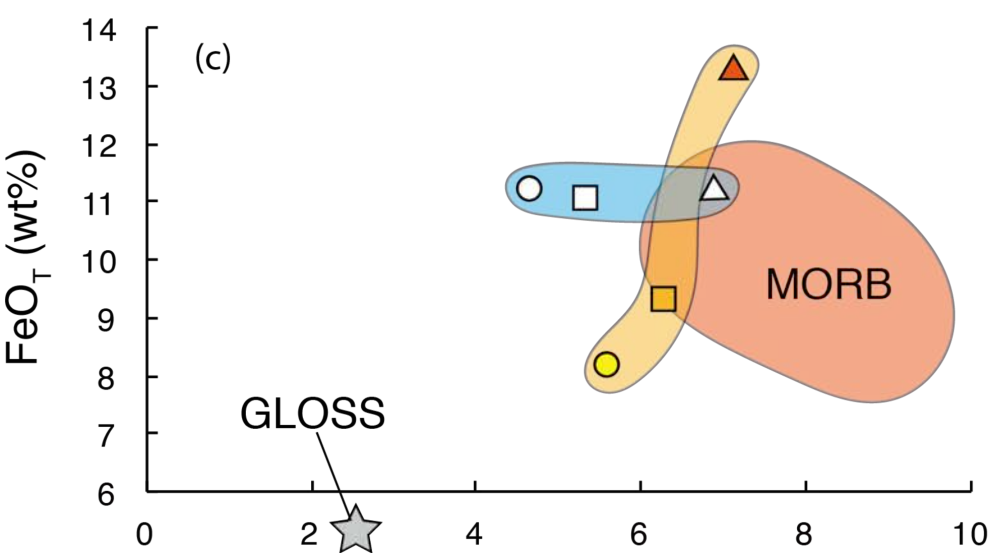
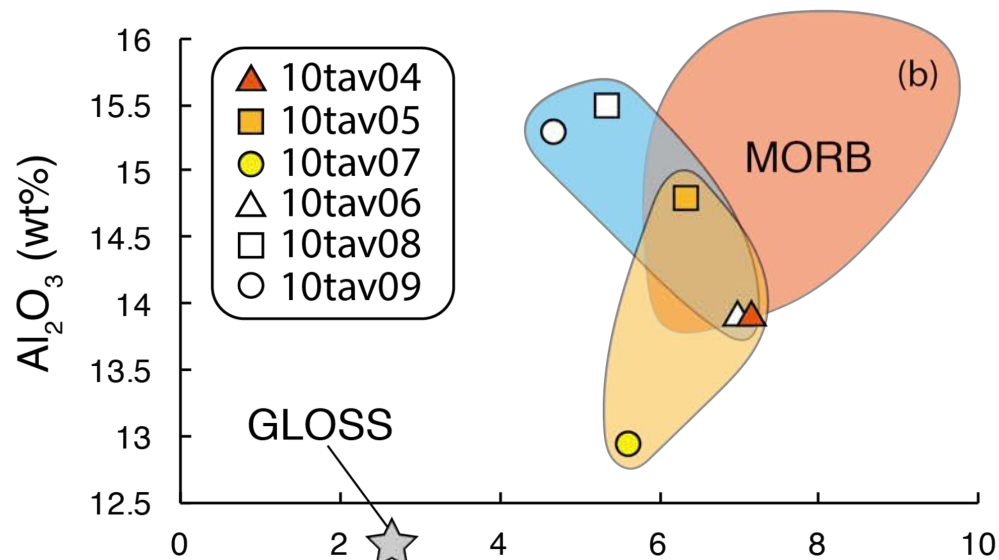
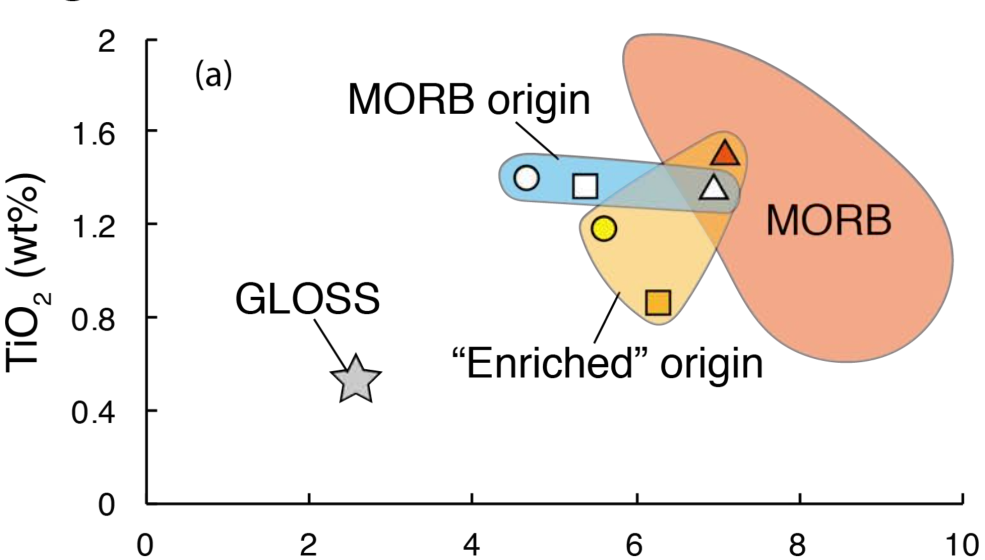
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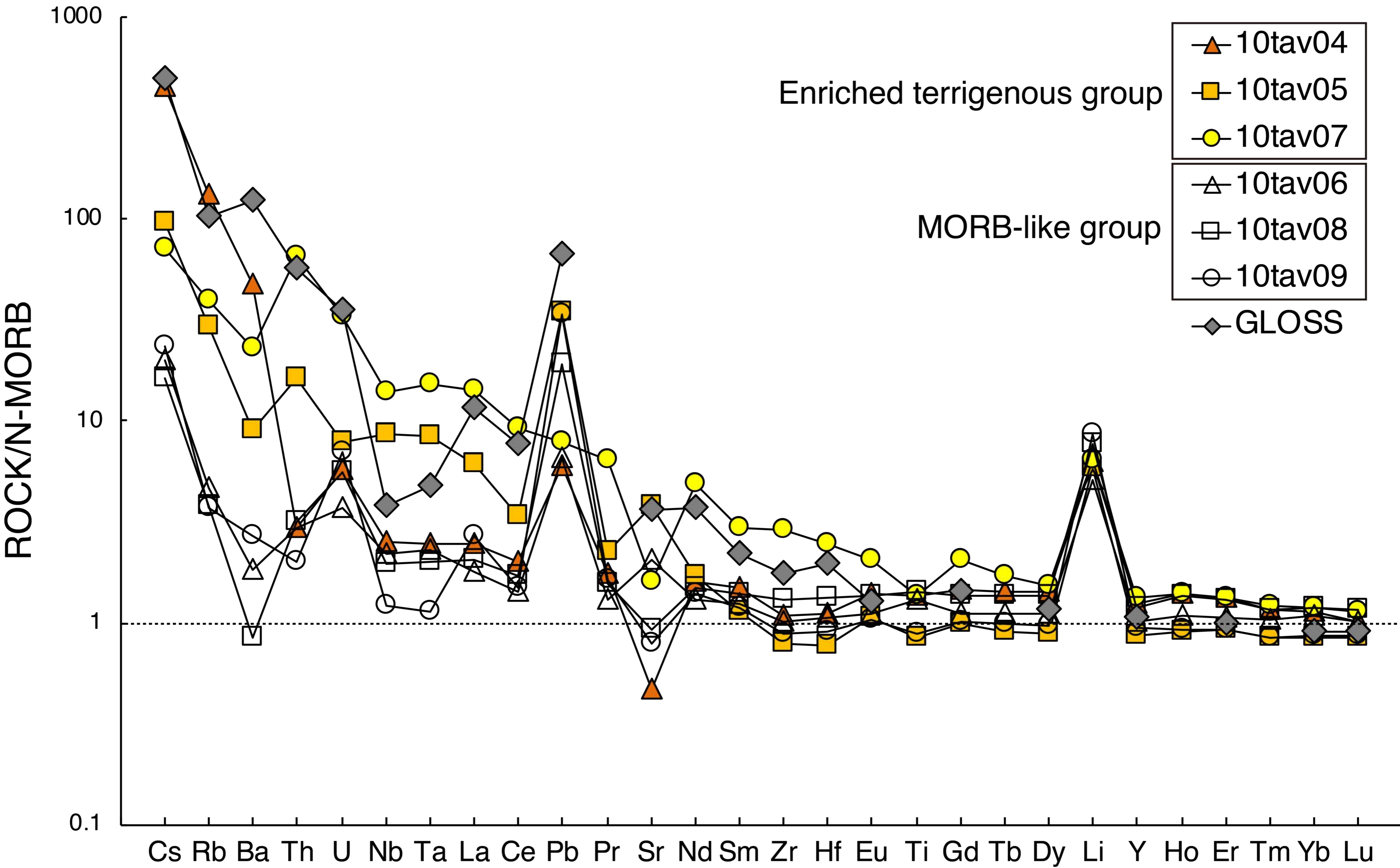
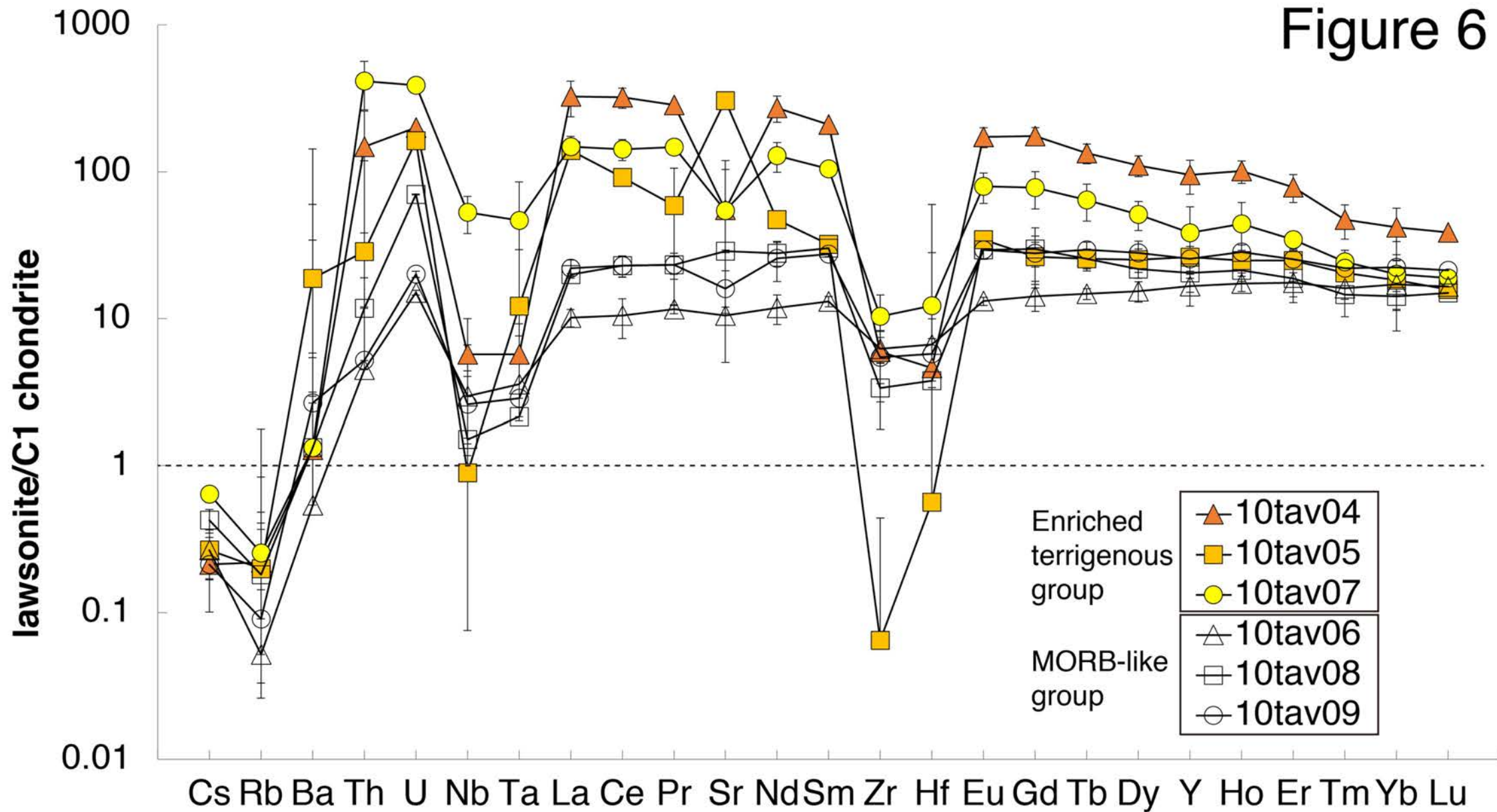


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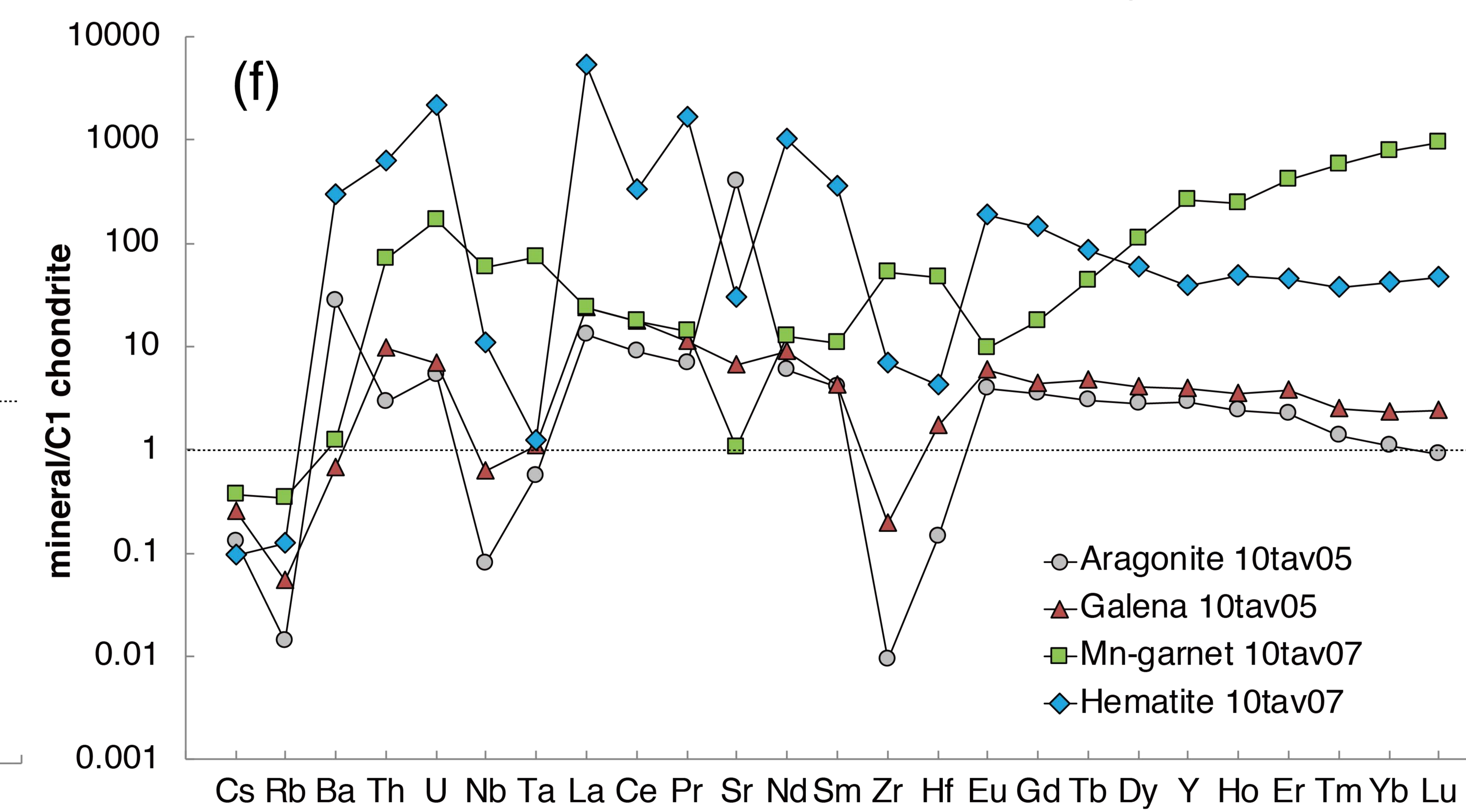
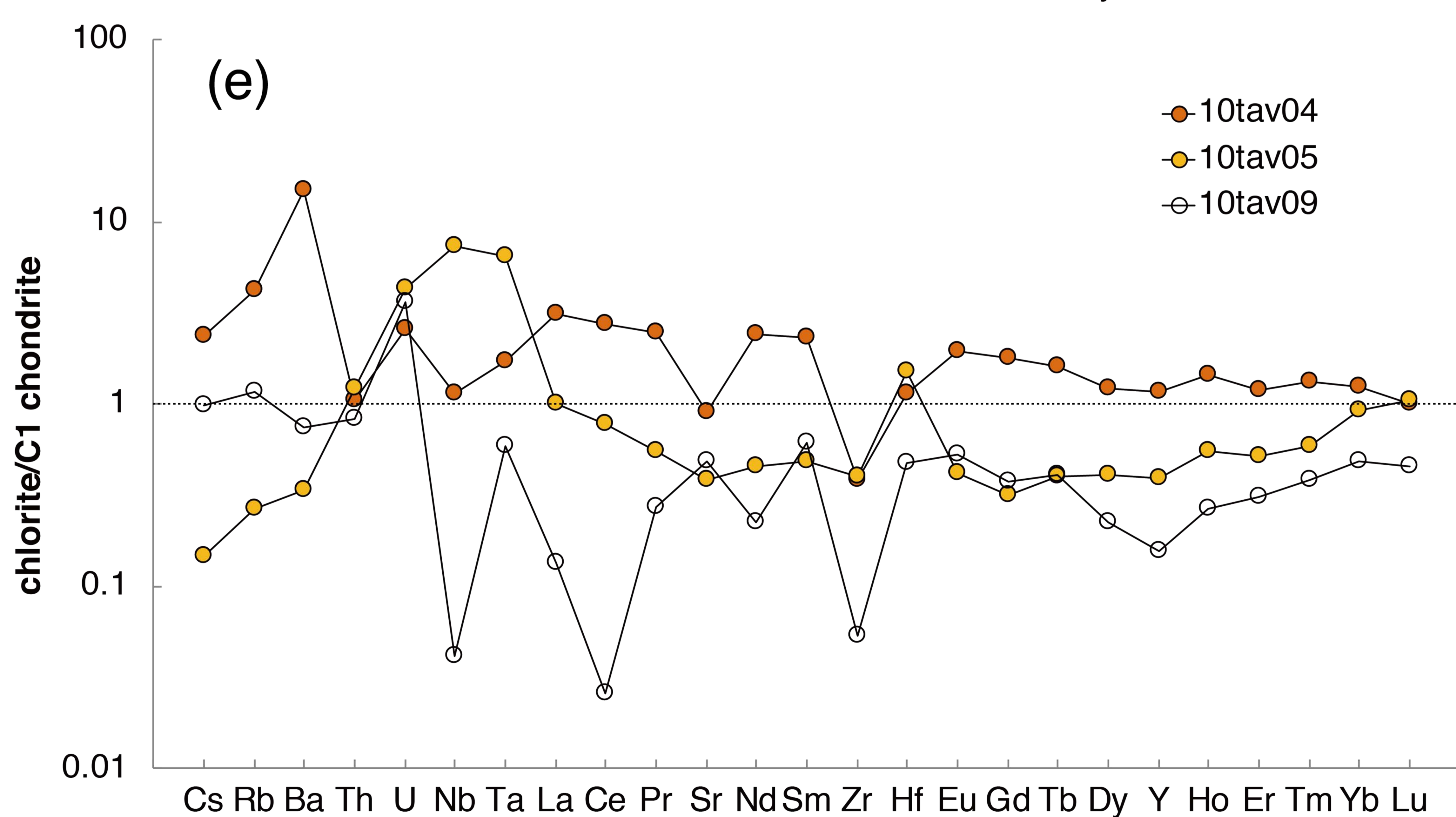
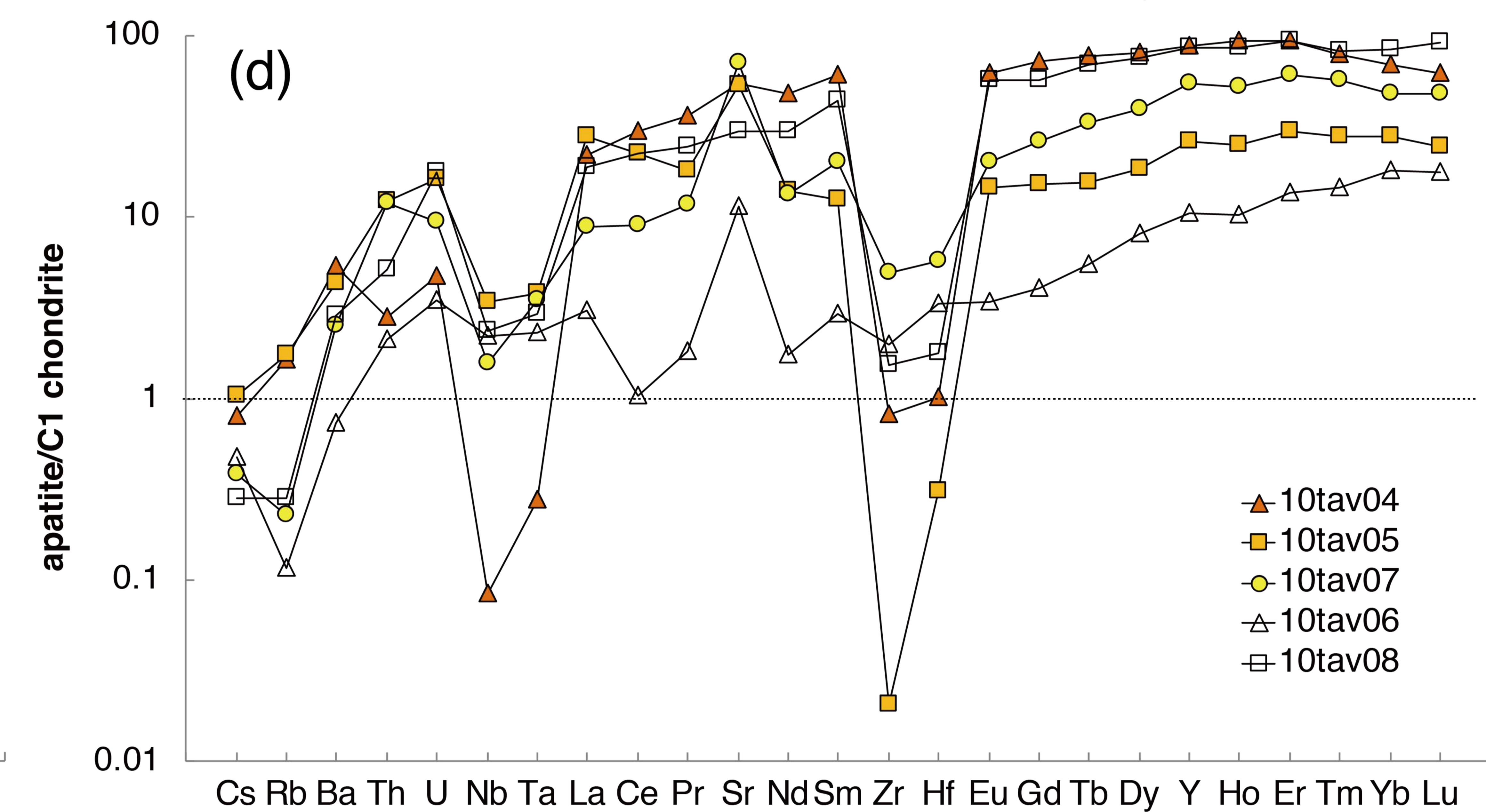
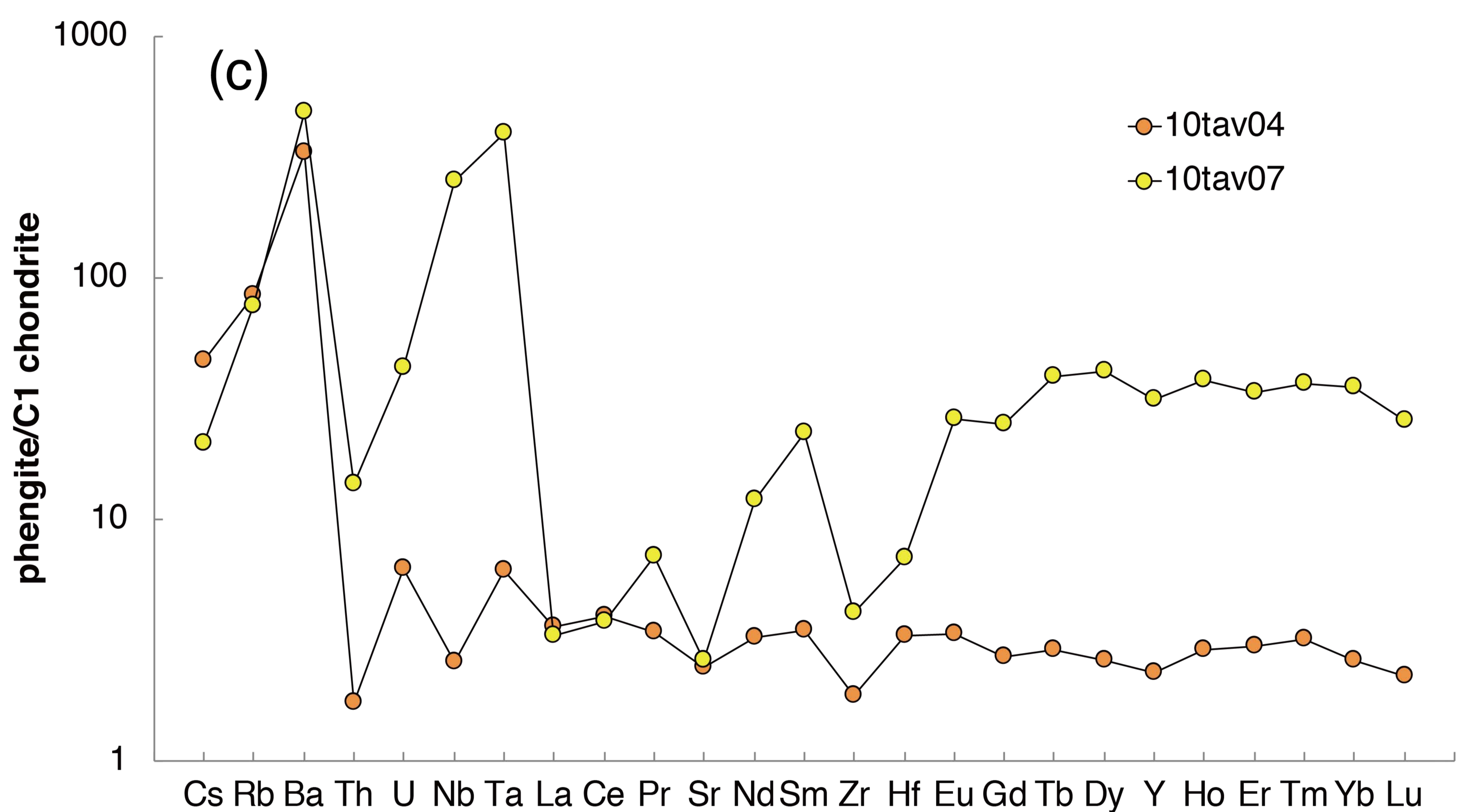
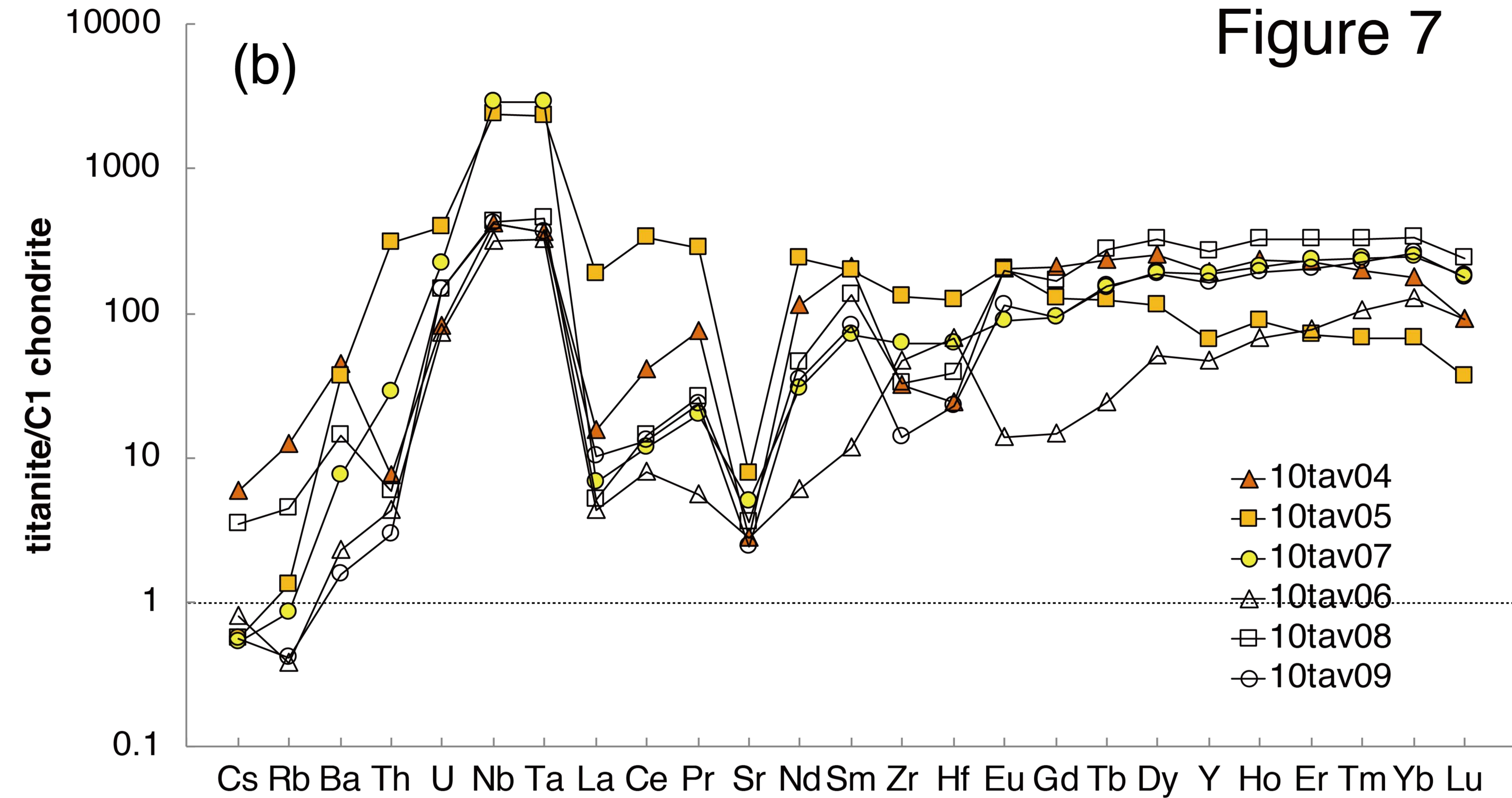
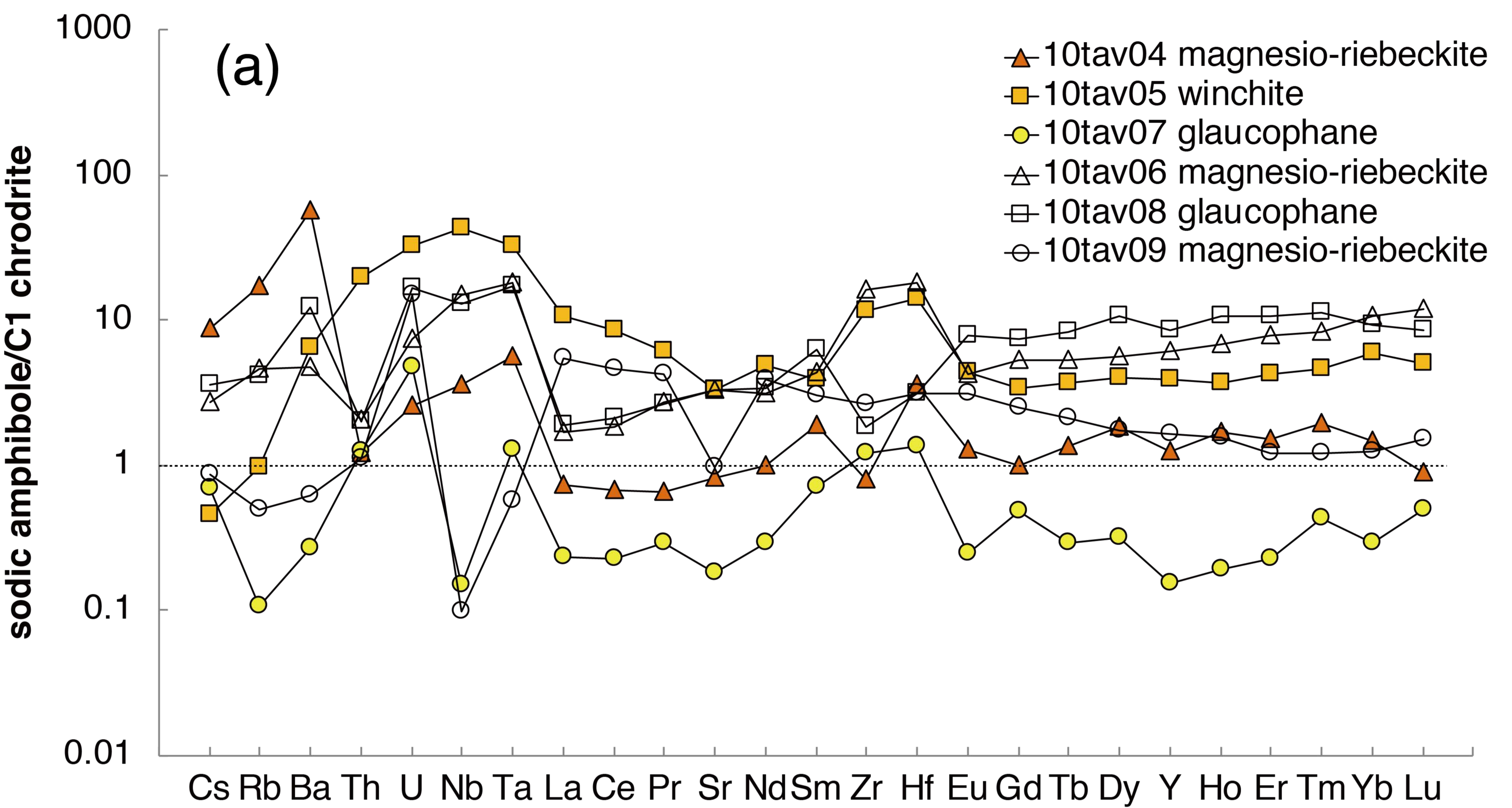


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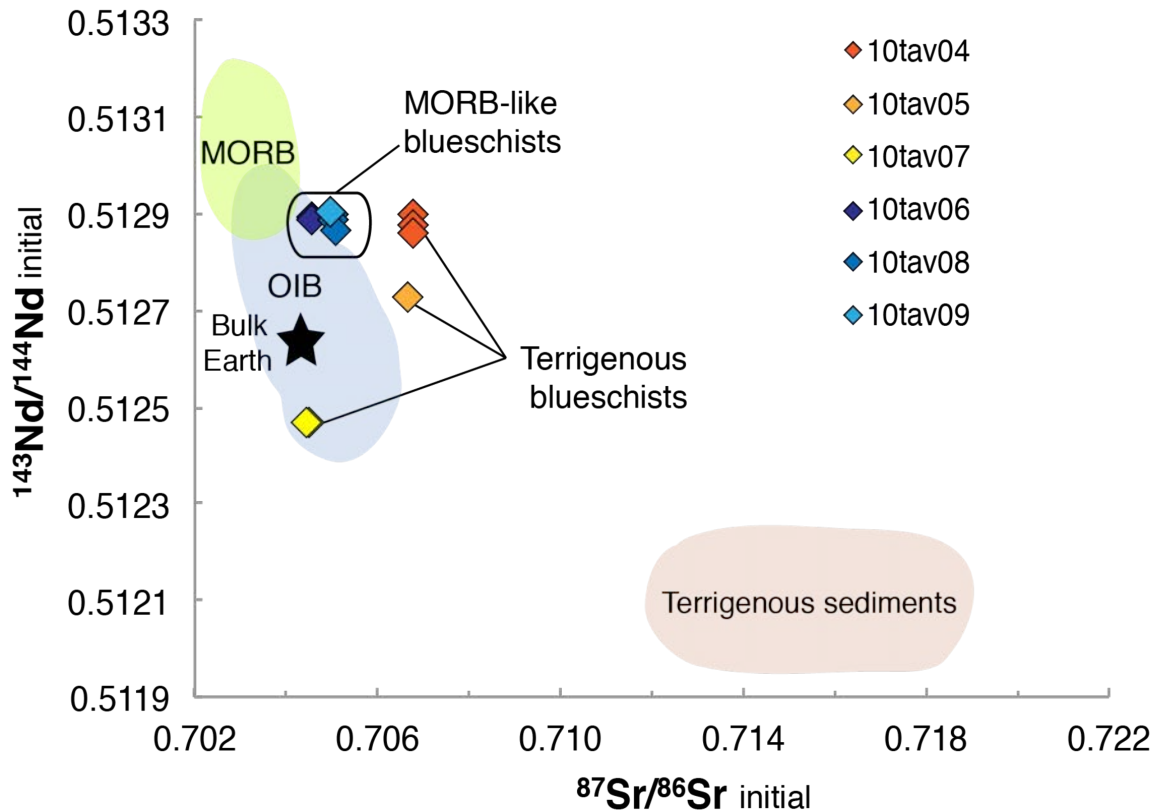


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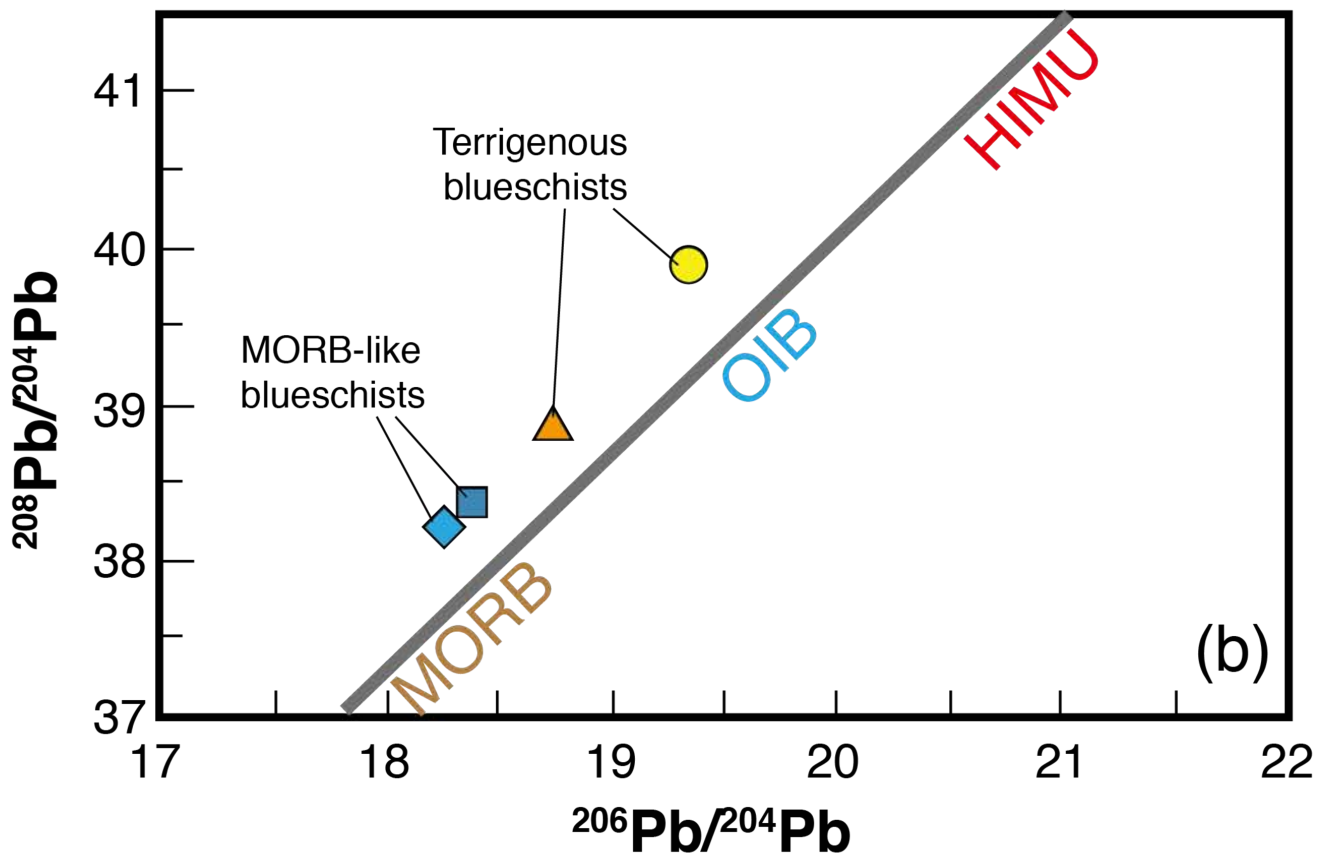
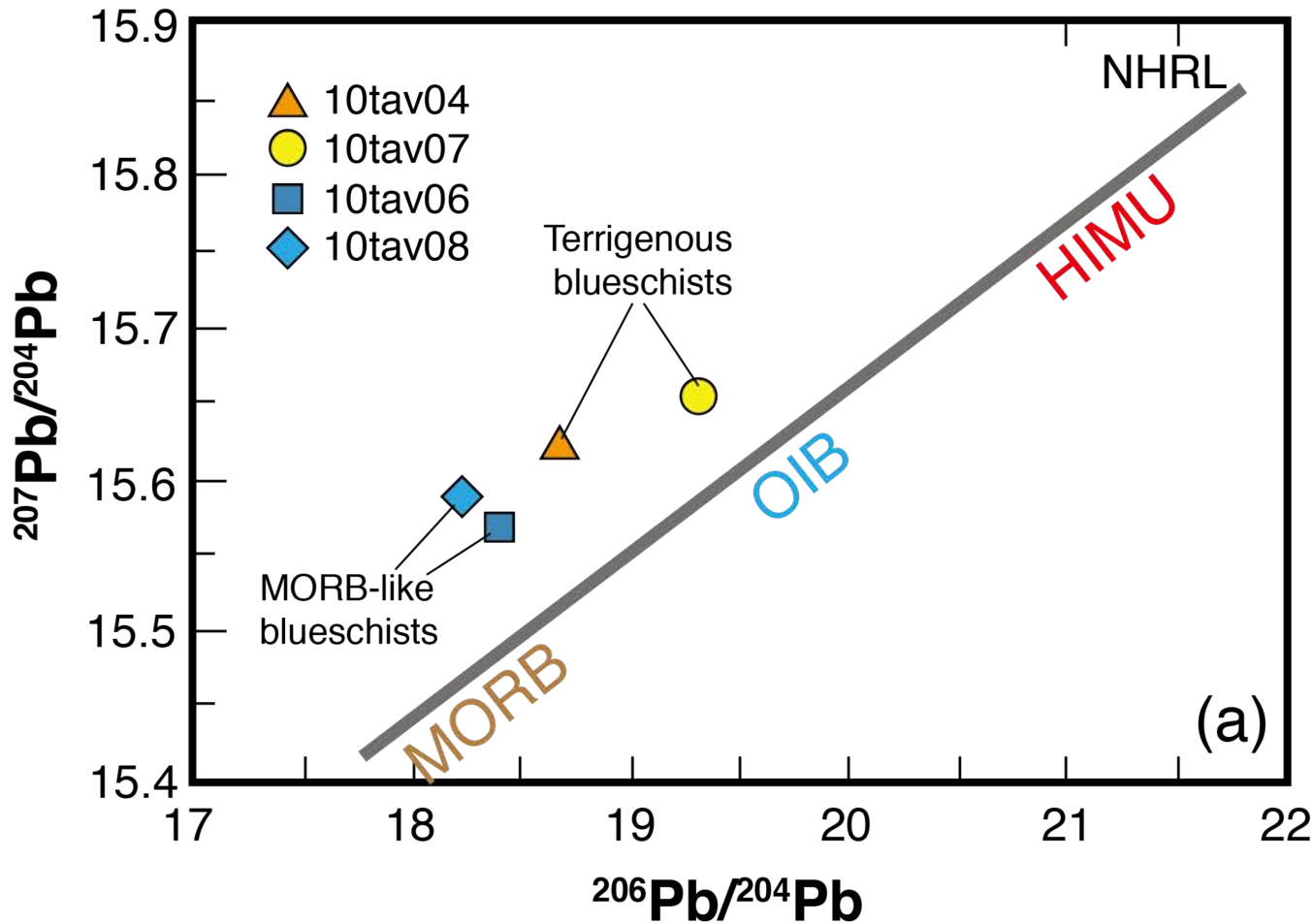


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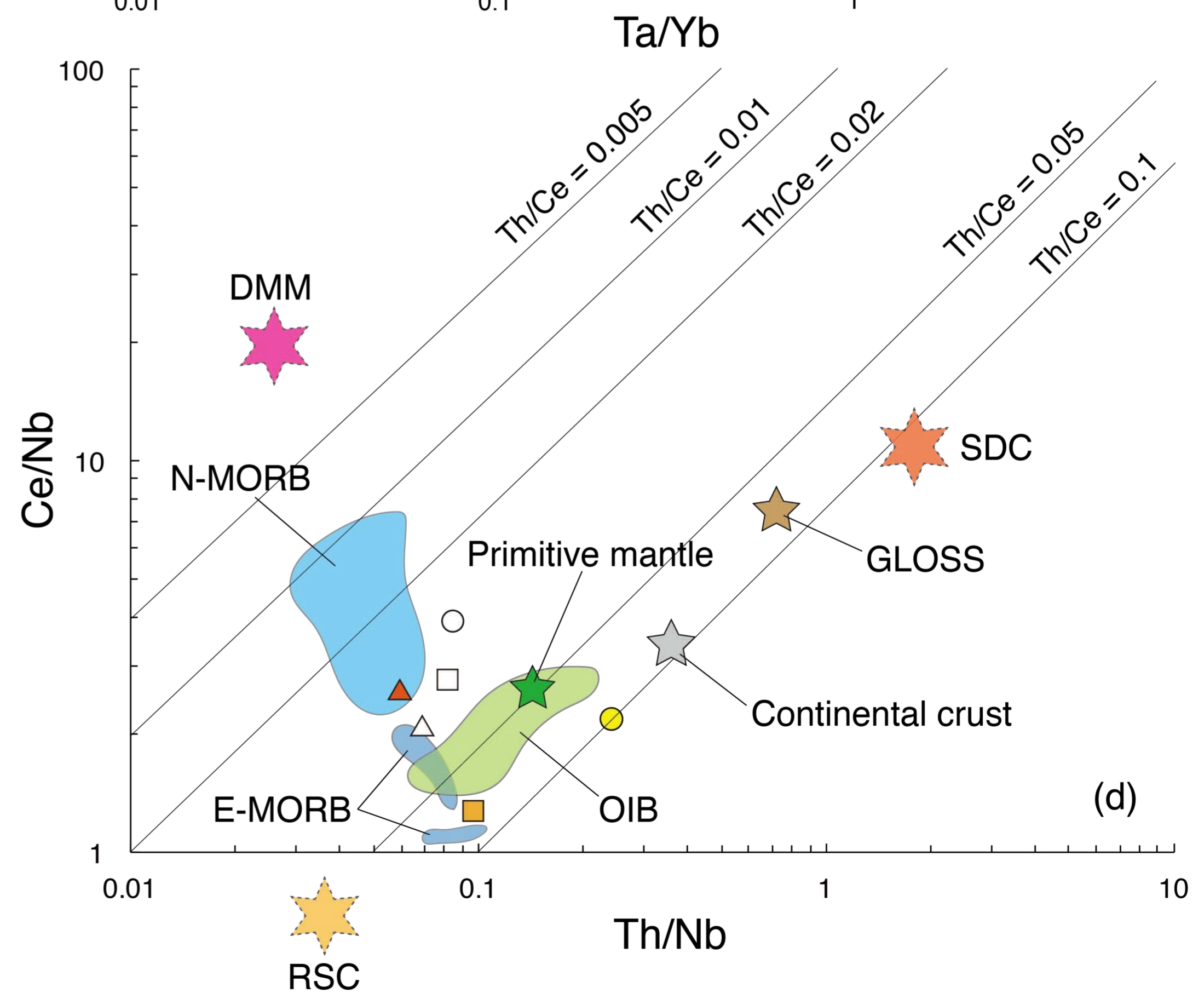
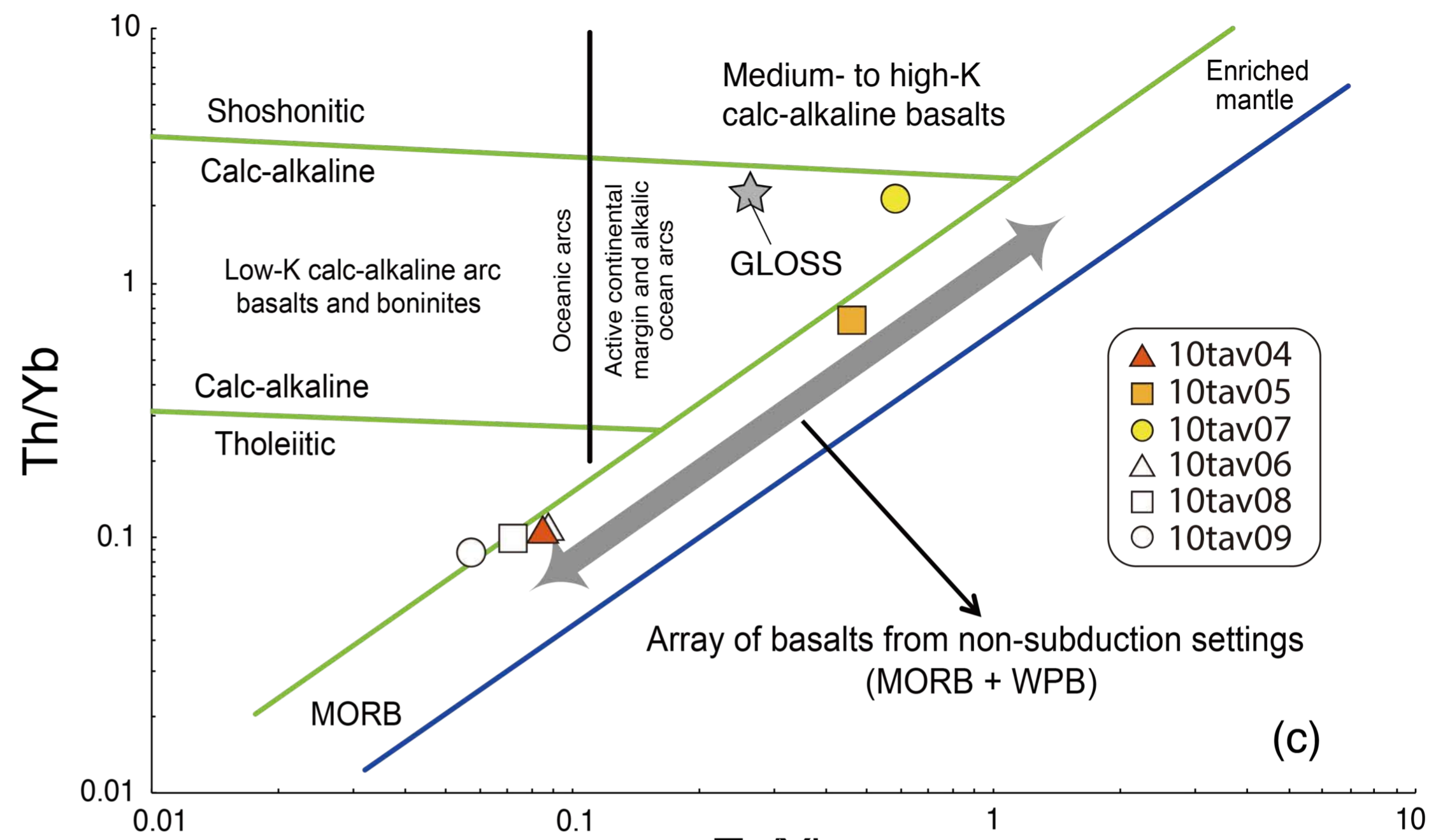
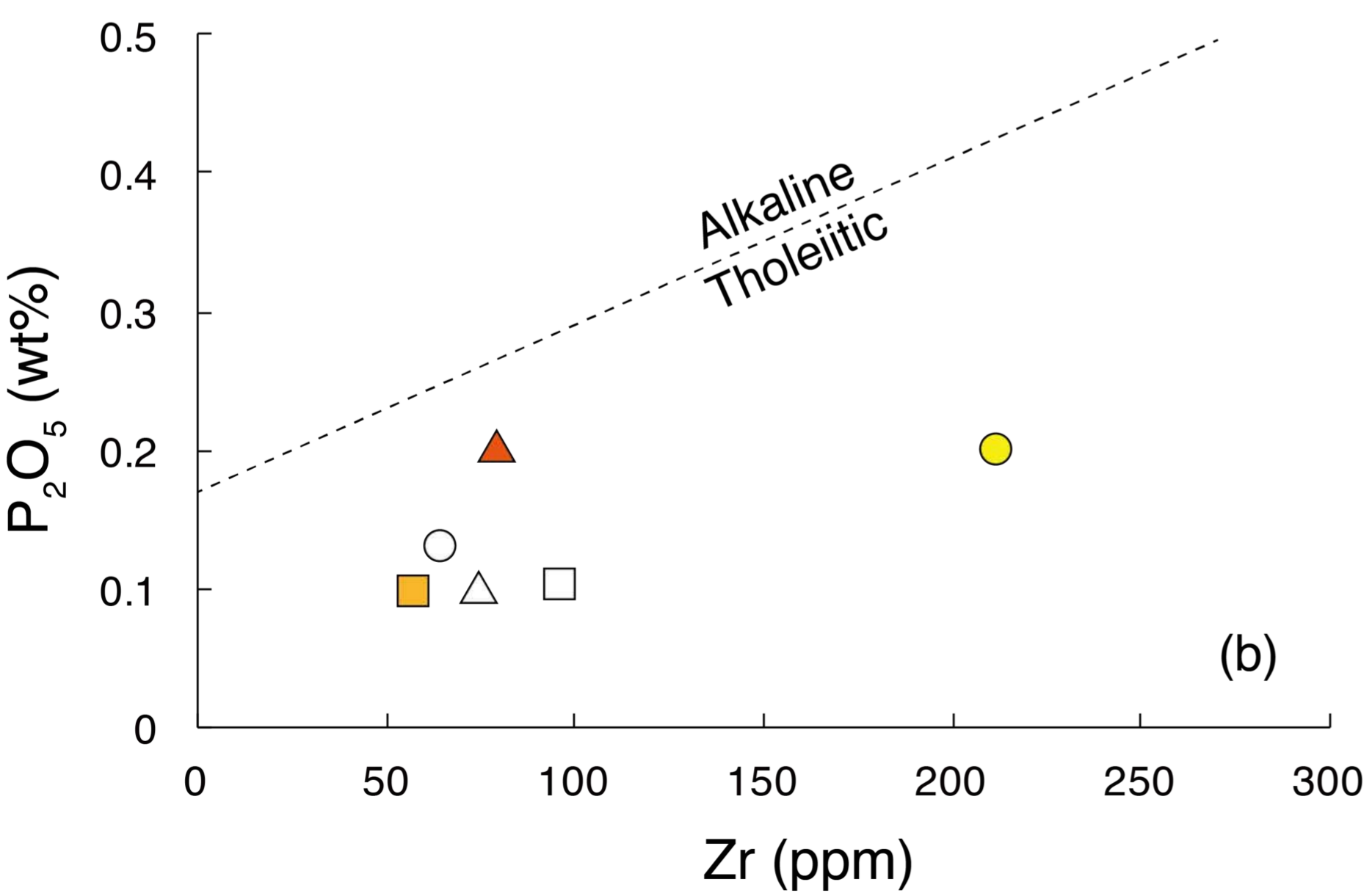
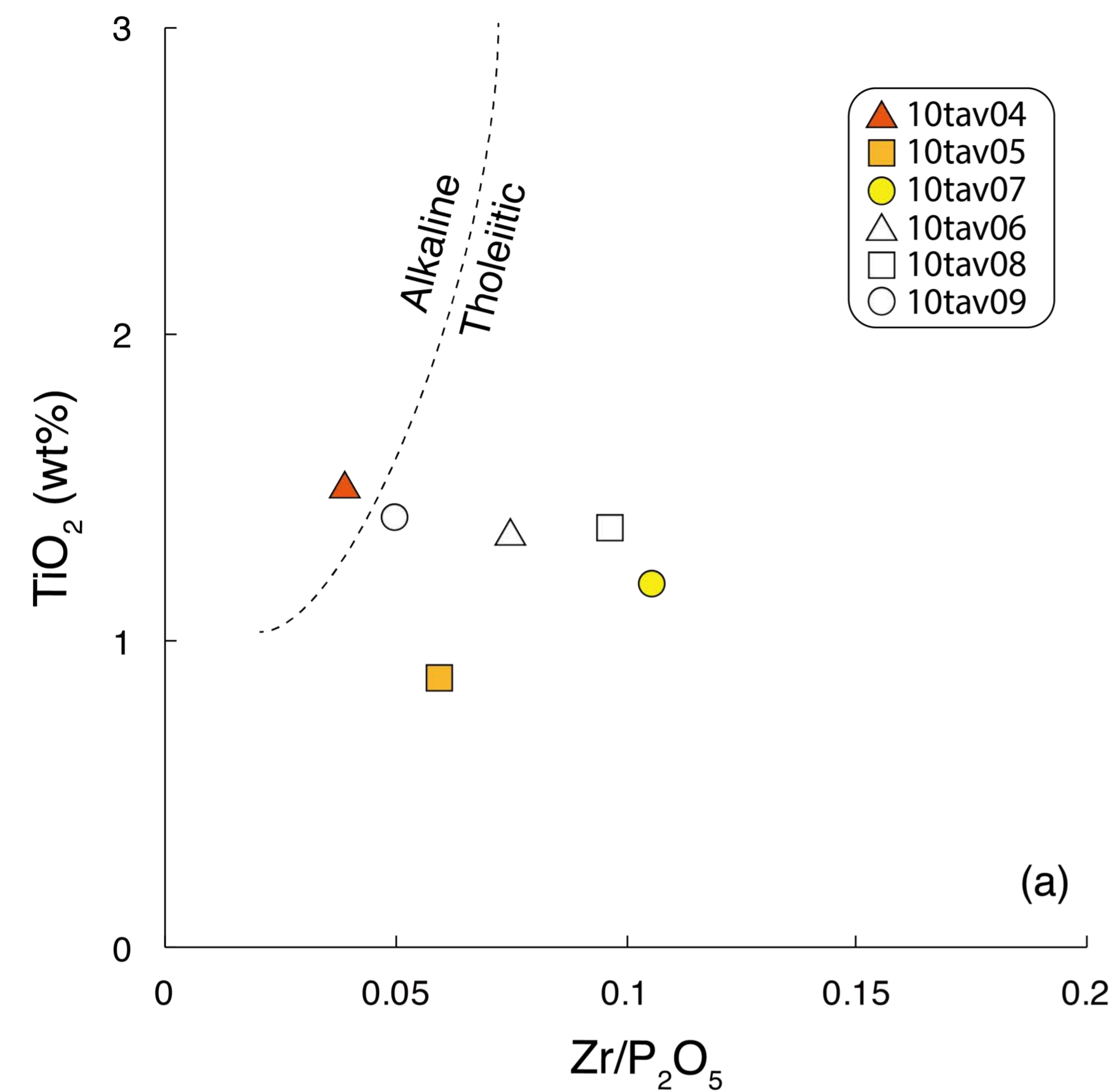


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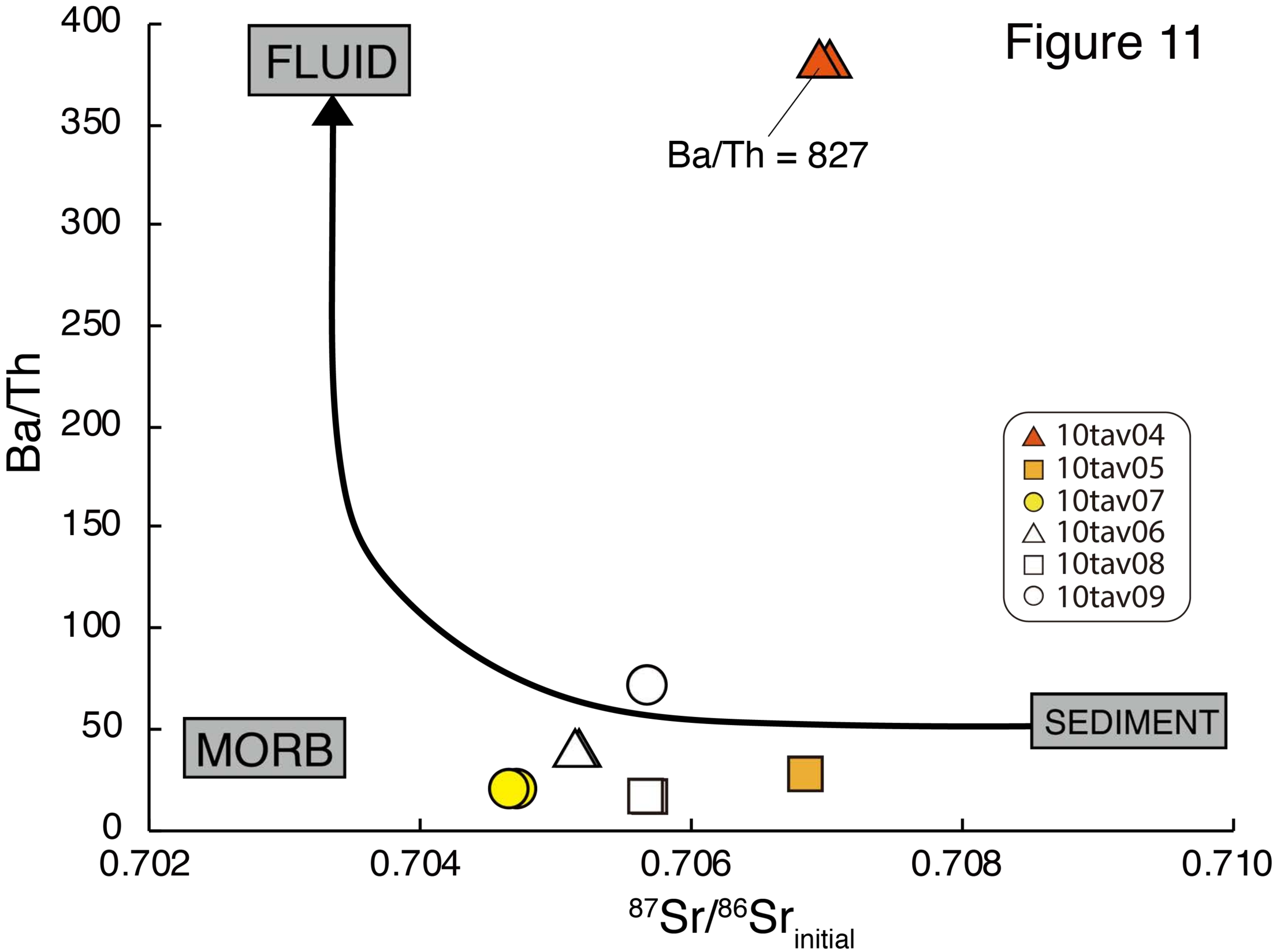
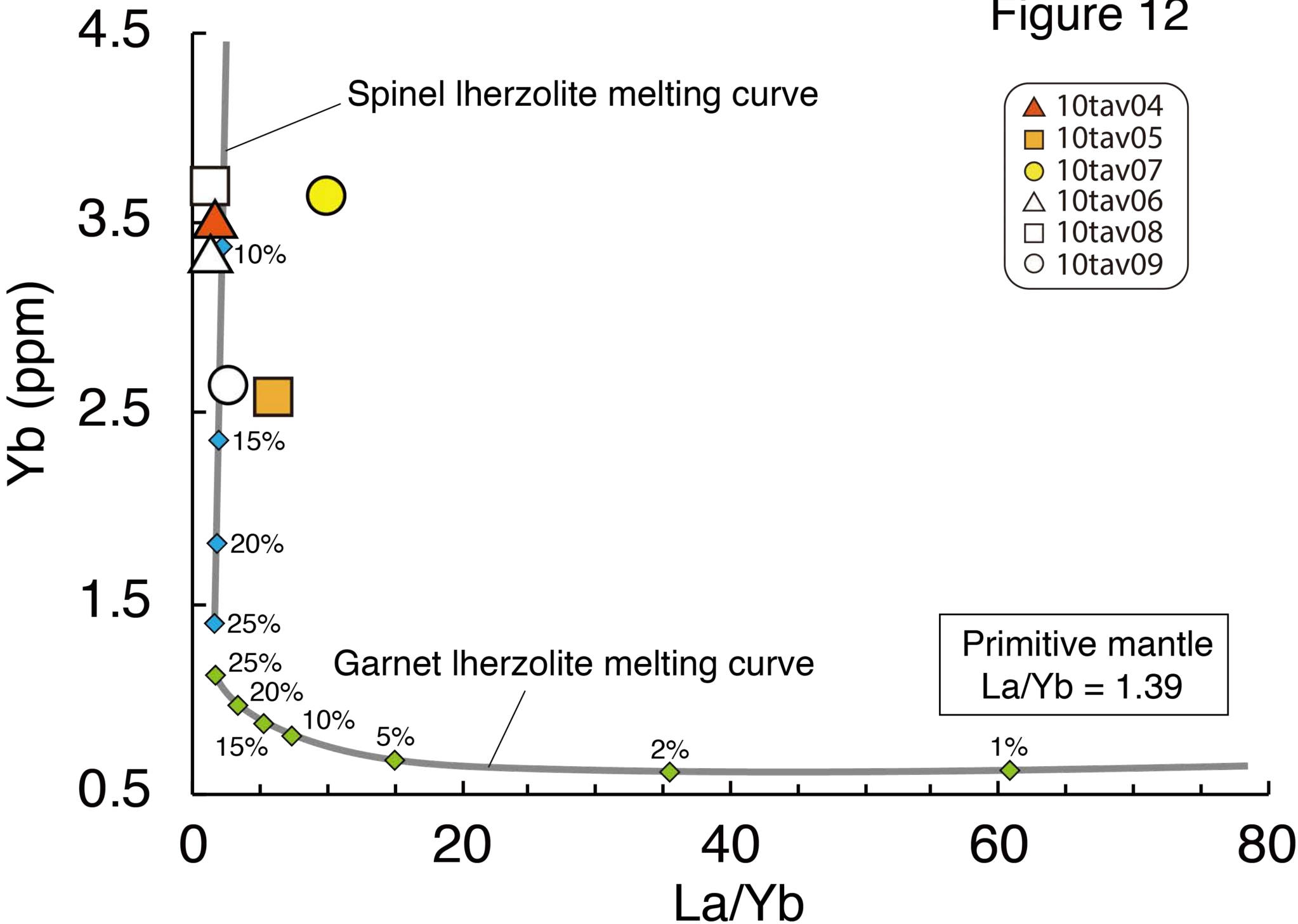
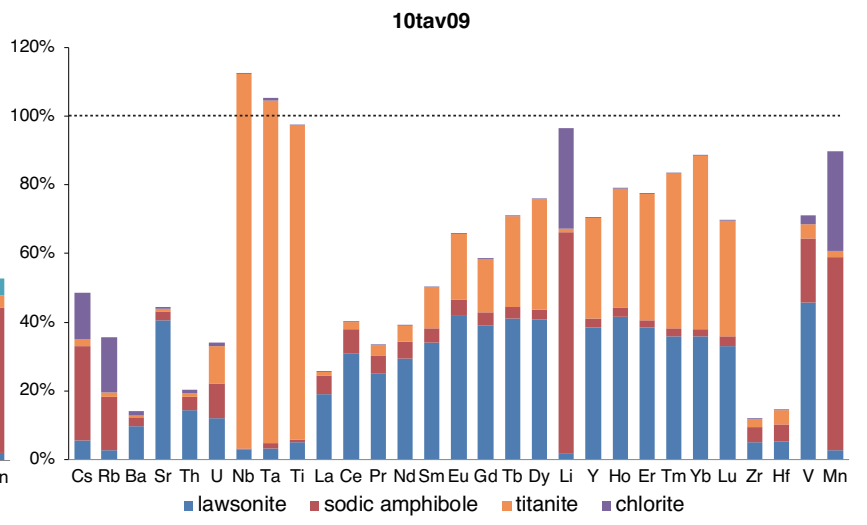
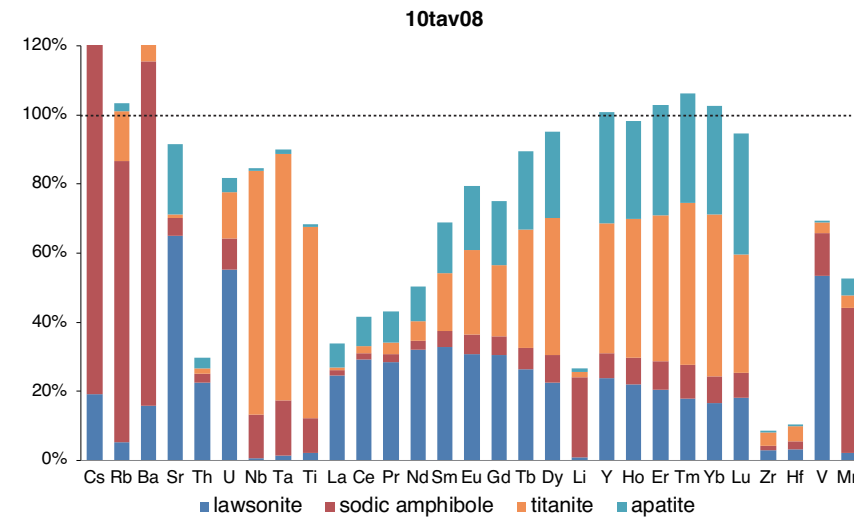
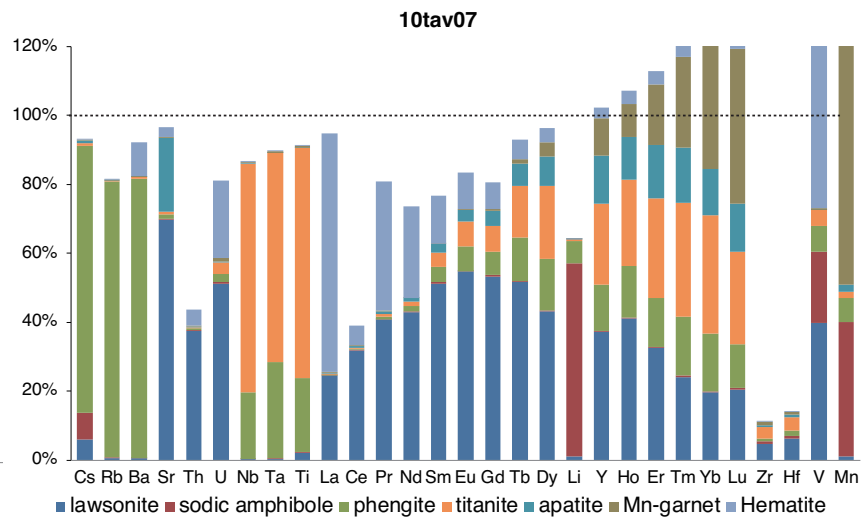
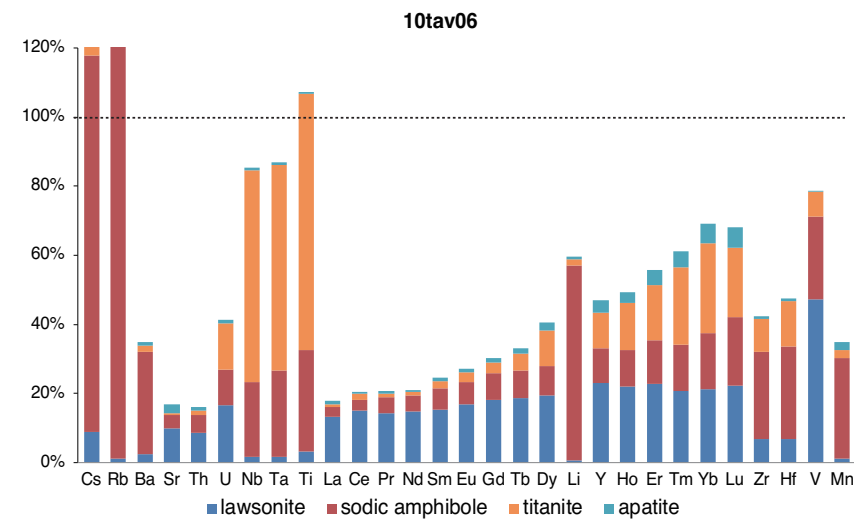
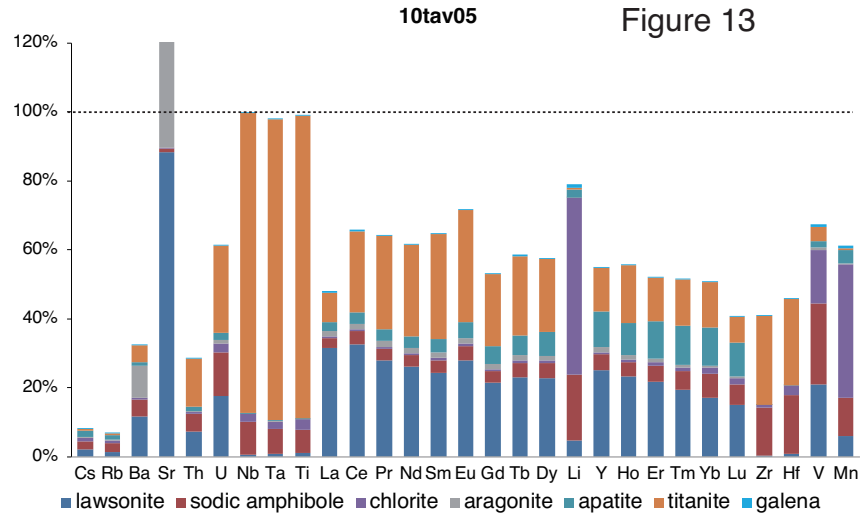
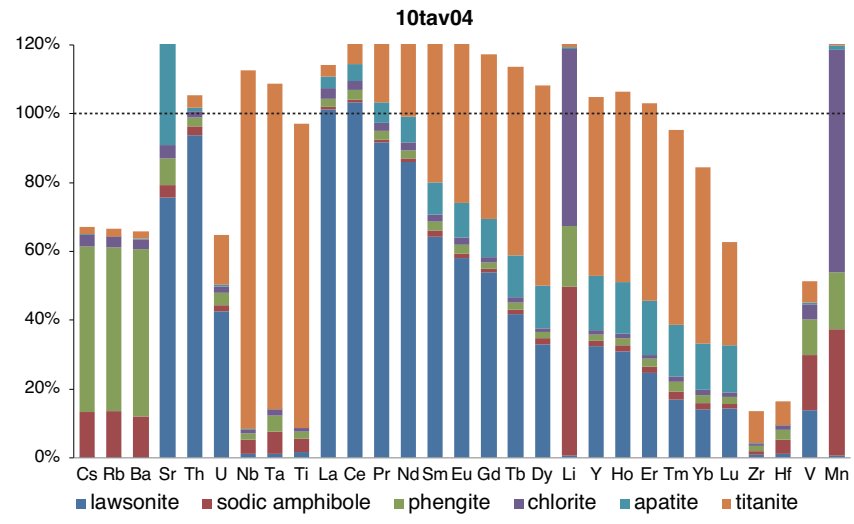


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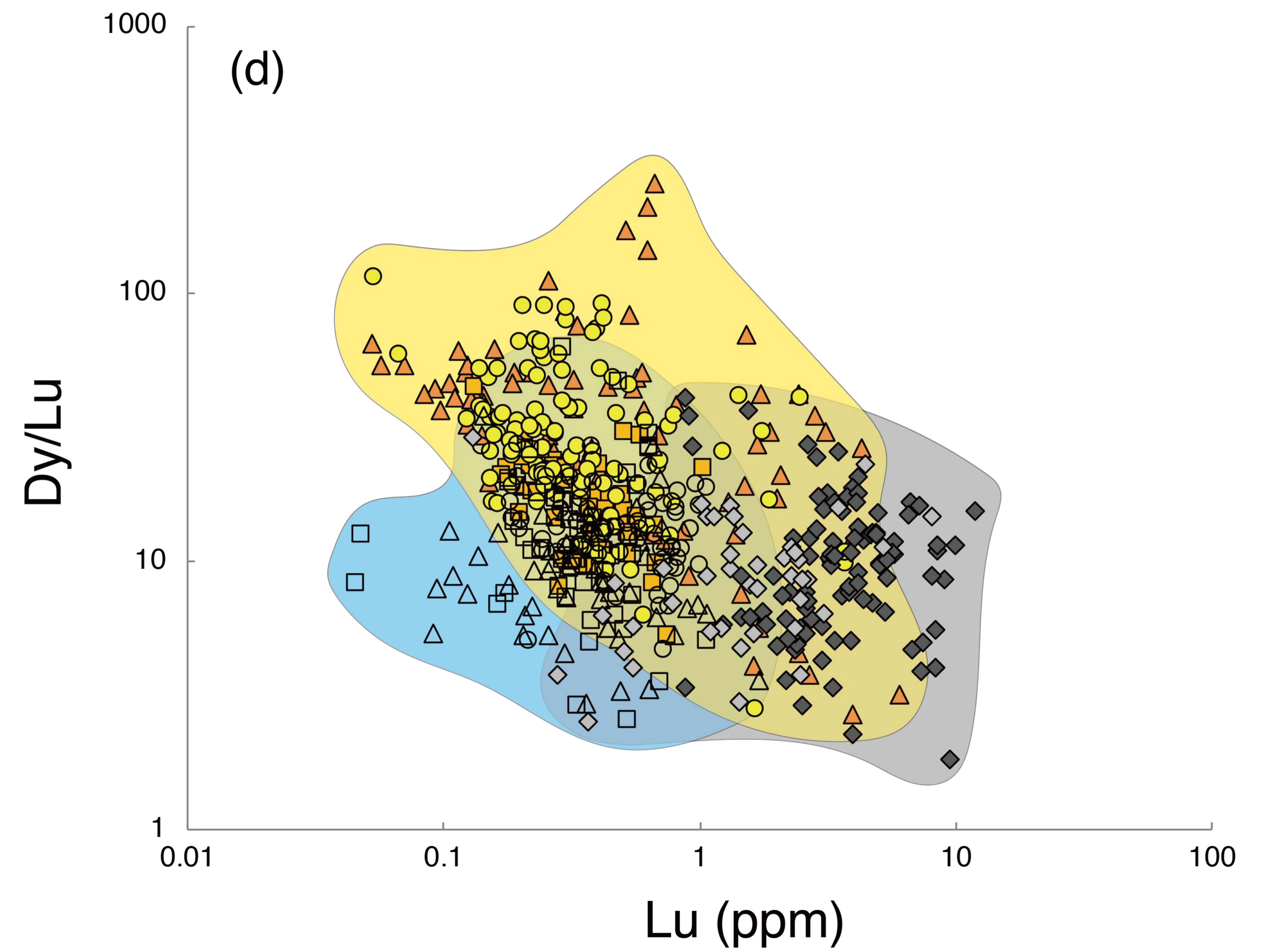
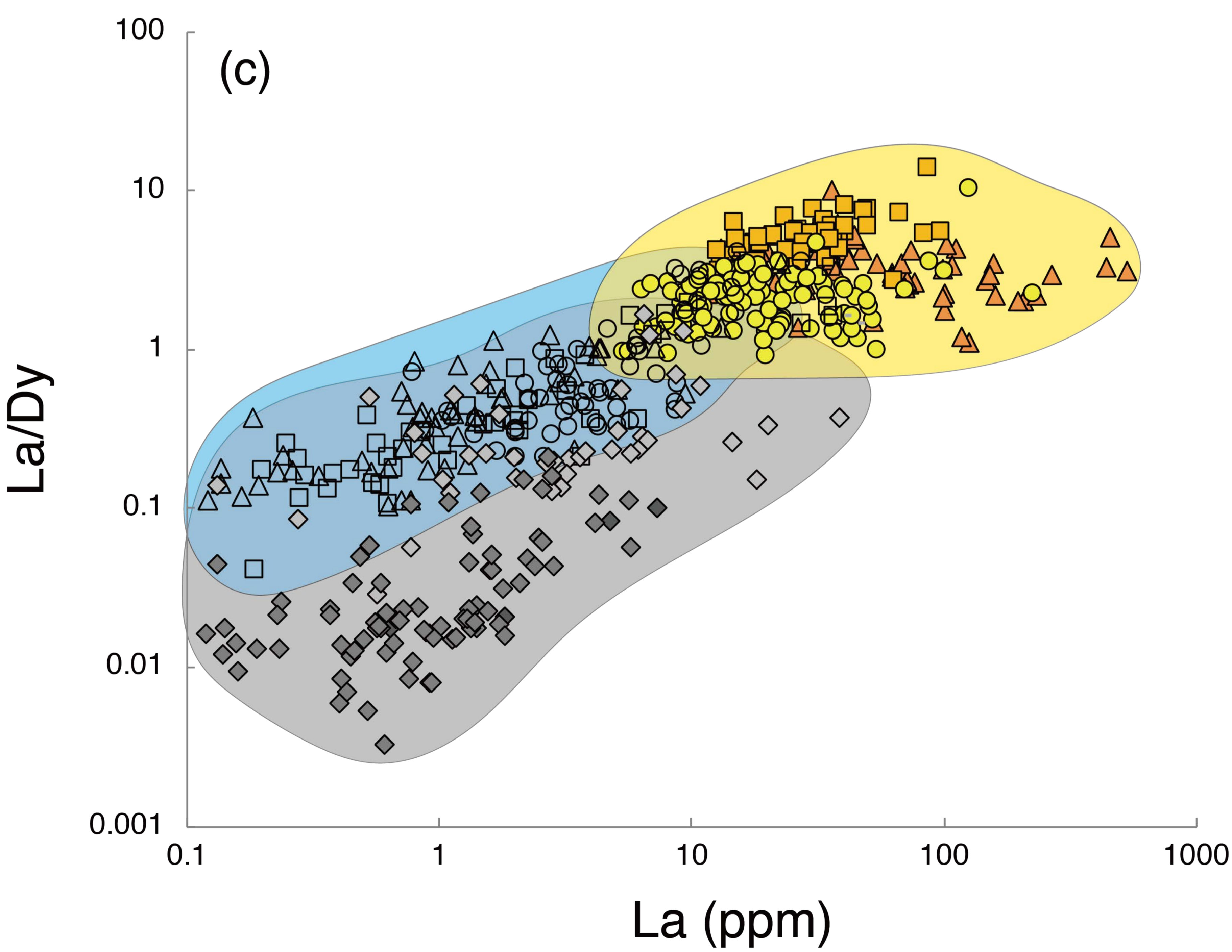
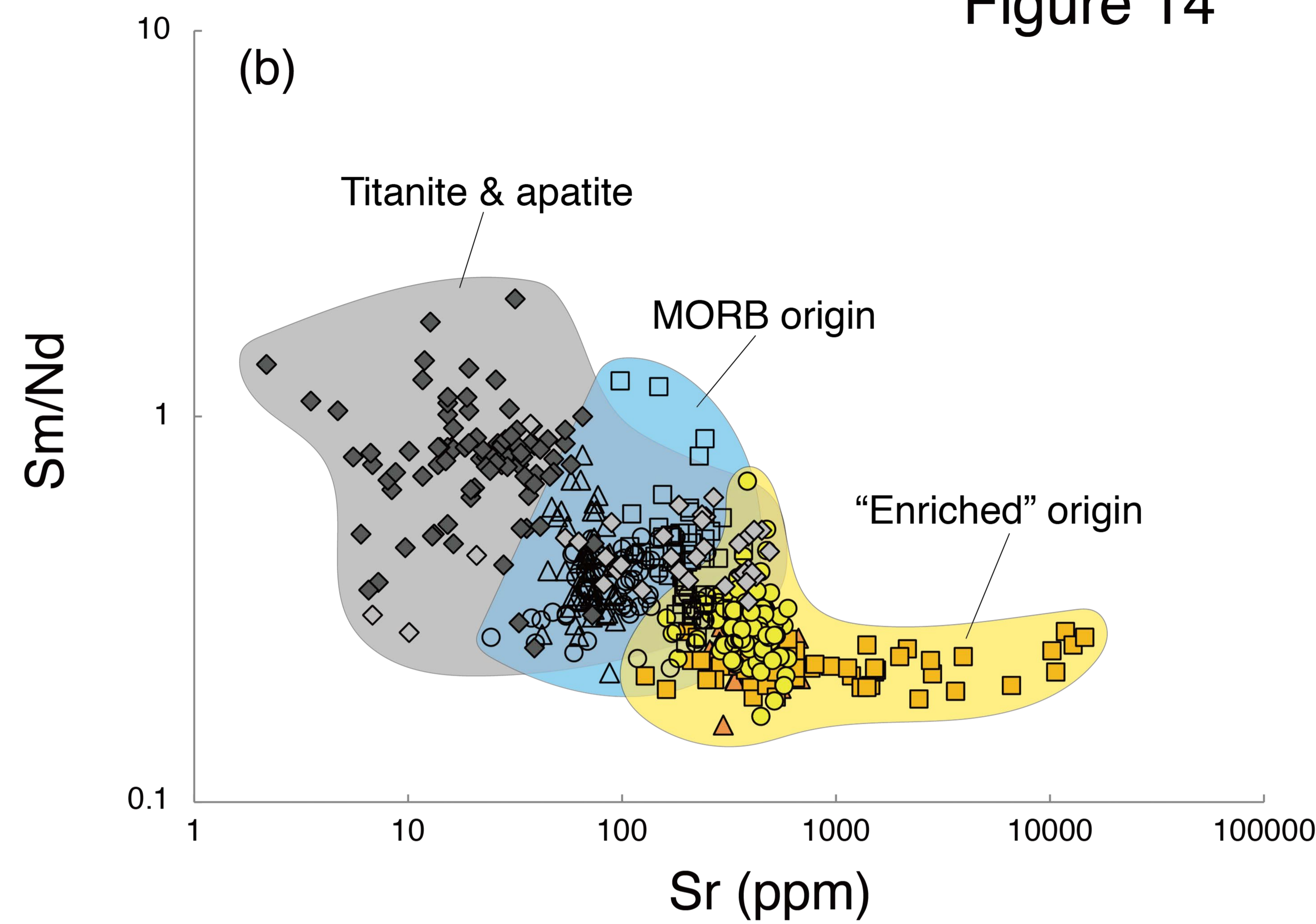
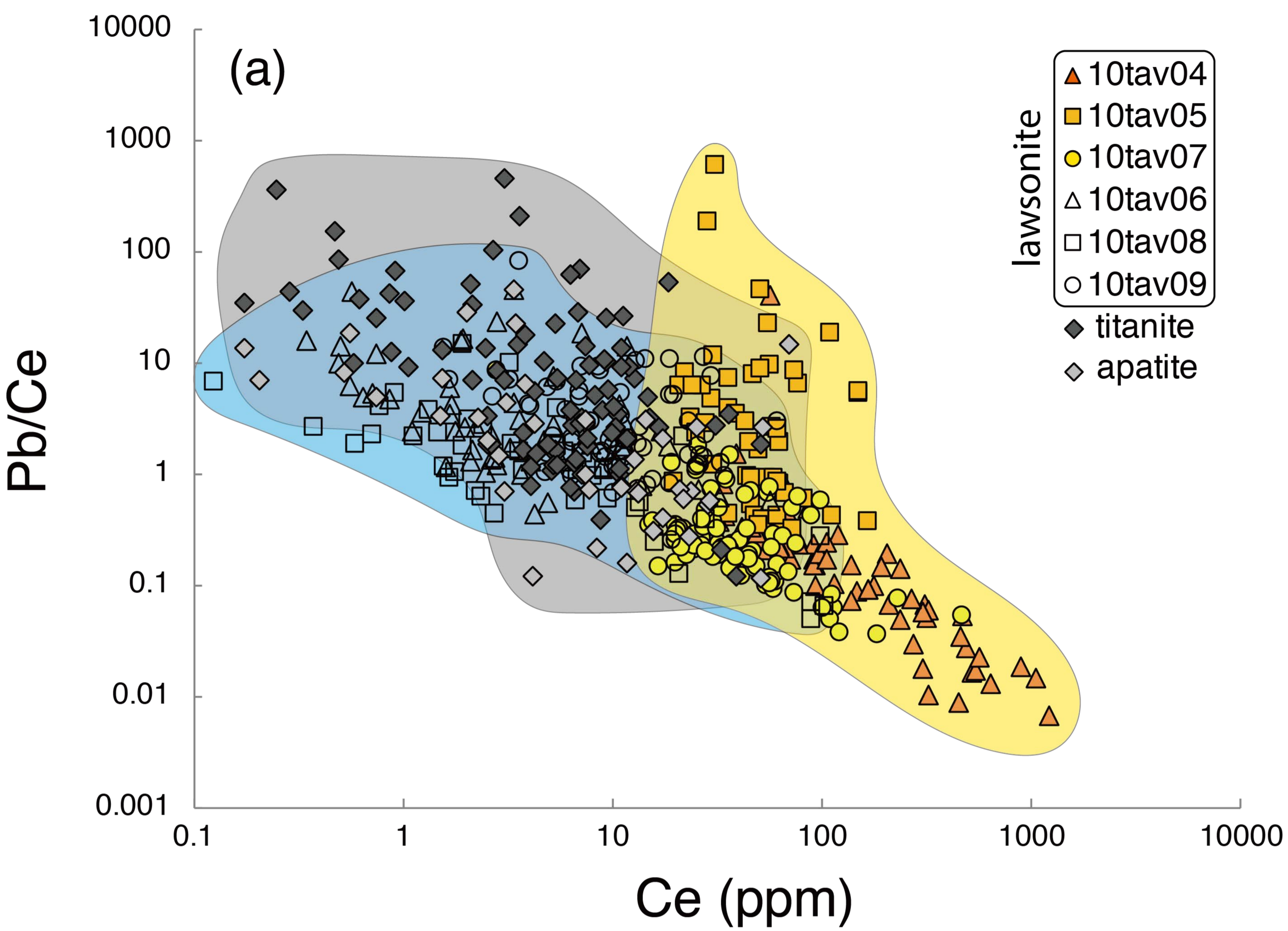


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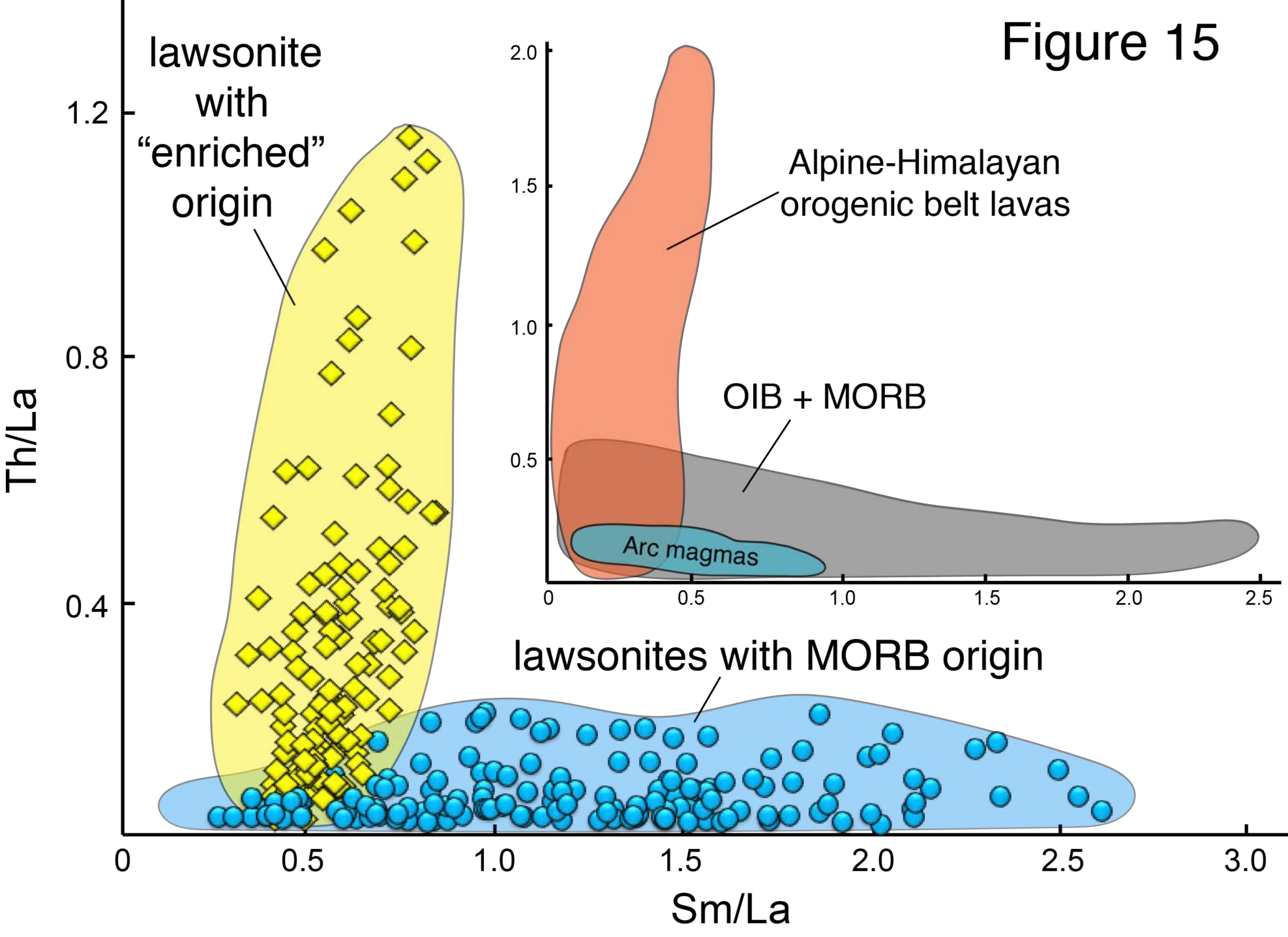


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