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1 Boron isotope compositions establish the origin of marble from metamorphic complexes: 2 Québec, New York, and Sri Lanka

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10 Abstract

11 The origin of an array of marble samples found in both the Grenville Province and
12 southwestern Sri Lanka remains uncertain, whether magmatic, sedimentary, or mixed, due to
13 their proximity to both carbonatite bodies and carbonate-rich metasedimentary rocks. This study
14 reports boron and trace element abundances, in addition to carbon, oxygen, boron, and strontium
15 isotopic compositions in order to determine the petrogenesis of these carbonate-rich samples.
16 Boron abundances for all of the samples are relatively high and variable (1.48 - 71.1 ppm)
17 compared to those for carbonatites worldwide (≤ 1 ppm), and mostly overlap those documented
18 for sedimentary sources (up to 54 ppm). The rare earth element (REE) abundances (0.5 – 1068
19 ppm) for the marbles studied are similar to those for local sedimentary units, and thus contain, in
20 general, lower REE contents than both the average worldwide calcio-carbonatite and respective
21 neighboring carbonatite bodies. The $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{V-PDB}}$ and $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{V-SMOW}}$ compositions for all of the

22 samples range between -2.9 to $+3.2 \pm 0.1\%$ and $+14.3$ to $+25.8 \pm 0.2\%$, respectively, and are
23 considerably heavier than those reported for magmatic or metamorphosed carbonatites. The
24 $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ ratios reported here range from 0.70417 to 0.70672, which are more radiogenic than the
25 average $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ (~ 0.70345) reported for carbonatites included for comparison in this study.
26 Importantly, the boron isotopic compositions ($\delta^{11}\text{B}$ ‰) for samples from the Grenville Province
27 range from $+7.5$ to $+15.7 \pm 0.5\%$, which are consistent with those reported for biogenic carbonate
28 ($+4.9$ to $+35.1$ ‰). In contrast, $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ values for the samples of marble from Sri Lanka vary from -
29 9.8 to $-14.3 \pm 0.5\%$ overlapping with those estimated for average bulk continental crust ($-9.1 \pm$
30 2.4 ‰). Together, the boron compositions, chemical data, stable (C, O) and radiogenic Sr
31 isotopic data overwhelmingly point to a sedimentary origin for the marble samples examined
32 here. Specifically, the samples from the Grenville Province represent marble formed during high-
33 temperature regional metamorphism of limestone units. The Sri Lankan samples were formed
34 from carbonate-rich and ^{11}B -poor fluids derived from a crustal source. The boron isotopic
35 compositions for the samples studied here are also compared to those reported for mantle-
36 derived carbonate (i.e., carbonatites) worldwide, along with their associated $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{V-PDB}}$ and
37 $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ values. This comparison results in defining three isotopically distinct fields; mantle-
38 derived carbonates, sedimentary carbonates derived from heterogeneous limestone protoliths,
39 and carbonates derived from meteoric water interacting with crustal material. This work
40 establishes the effective use of boron isotopic compositions in determining the origin of
41 carbonate-rich rocks of contentious petrogenesis.

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43 **Keywords:** Boron isotopes; Grenville Province; Sri Lanka; multi-colored marble; carbonatite

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Introduction

Deciphering the petrogenesis of carbonate-rich rocks in crustal regimes, whether igneous (carbonatite), sedimentary (limestone) or metamorphic (marble) can, in some instances, be difficult, especially as there are multiple possible modes of formation. Owing to their similarities in both appearance and major-element compositions, several criteria have been used to distinguish carbonatites (of igneous affinity) from metasedimentary carbonate rocks; these include field relationships (e.g., the occurrence of fenites; Barker 1989), distinctive mineral assemblages (e.g., the presence of pyrochlore; Hogarth 1989; Le Bas et al. 2002), trace and rare earth element (REE) concentrations, chondrite-normalized REE patterns (Le Bas et al. 2002), and stable isotope compositions (e.g., Gittins et al. 1970; Deines 1989). These lines of evidence can be combined to argue for a sedimentary or igneous origin, but are not without exceptions. The debate would benefit from including additional geochemical signatures.

One such example of carbonate-rich rocks with unclear origin(s) is found within the Grenville Province in southern Ontario and adjacent Québec (Canada), and extending into the proximal Adirondack region of New York State (USA). Commonly referred to as marbles (the term adopted here), skarns, carbonatites, vein-dykes, or pseudo-carbonatites, these rocks can be found scattered throughout the Central Metasedimentary Belt (CMB) and its boundary zones (Fig. 1). Previous work on these marbles have focused on traditional geochemical signatures (Sr, Nd, C, O isotopic ratios, REE geochemistry, major and trace element concentrations) in addition to field relationships and mineralogy (Adams and Barlow 1910; Satterly 1956; Hewitt 1967; Gittins et al. 1970; Valley and O'Neil 1984; Lentz 1996; Moecher et al. 1997; Chiarenzelli et al. 2019). Several models describing their formation, including those with an igneous, sedimentary, or mixed origin, have been proposed for these marbles, and these are; 1. Contact metamorphism

67 and influx of regional fluids from surrounding metasediments (Kitchen and Valley 1995; Bailey
68 et al. 2019); 2. Localized interaction between limestone and an intrusive body that released fluids
69 forming a skarn-type deposit (Gerdes and Valley 1994; Chiarenzelli et al. 2019); 3. Melting and
70 remobilization of pre-existing carbonate deposit(s) (Moyn 1990; Lentz 1999; Sinaei-Esfahani
71 2013; Schumann and Martin 2016; Schumann et al. 2019); 4. Metamorphosed carbonatite
72 (Moecher et al. 1997); 5. Coeval formation with magmatic carbonate from nearby carbonatites
73 (i.e., Meech Lake or Oka carbonatite complexes; Lumbers et al. 1990). Given the various models
74 for their formation and their location, a new constraint on the petrogenesis of these marbles may
75 provide additional insights into the complicated tectono-magmatic history of the Grenville
76 Province and Adirondacks (Gerdes and Valley 1994; Moecher et al. 1997).

77 An analogous geological situation is present in Sri Lanka, where multi-colored, calcite-
78 rich marble (term also adopted here), skarn, or dyke-like units occur with an unclear genesis,
79 whether derived from remobilized marble or carbonatite-related fluids (Madugalla et al. 2013;
80 Madugalla and Pitawala 2015; Pitawala 2019). Previous work done on these carbonate units in
81 Sri Lanka have mainly focused on the economic viability of these deposits (i.e., lime and
82 carbonate-derived products; Mantilaka et al. 2013, 2014a, b), however, a few studies contain
83 information on their geochemical characteristics (e.g., mineralogy, stable isotopic signatures, and
84 trace element abundances; Madugalla et al. 2013; Madugalla and Pitawala 2015; Pitawala 2019).
85 Pitawala (2019) suggested that their formation is due to marble remobilization as a result of
86 shearing related to the assembly of Gondwana. In order to provide new insights into the
87 provenance and formation model of the carbonate units in both the Grenville Province and Sri
88 Lanka, this study investigates a suite of multi-colored carbonate-rich rocks from these regions

89 through the lens of a new forensic tool based on boron abundances and corresponding isotope
90 compositions.

91 **Boron as a key geochemical indicator**

92 Boron-related investigations of geological samples are advantageous for many reasons,
93 including its use as a paleo-pH proxy in marine carbonates (e.g., Deegan et al. 2016; Rasbury
94 and Hemming 2017; Rae 2018), isotopic sensitivity, especially in fluid-mediated processes (e.g.,
95 Spivack and Edmond 1987; Lemarchand et al. 2000, 2002; Gaillardet and Lemarchand 2018; De
96 Hoog and Savov 2018), and limited isotopic fractionation during high-temperature
97 metamorphism and/or hydrothermal activity associated with mantle-derived carbonates (e.g.,
98 Çimen et al. 2018, 2019; Kuebler et al. 2020). Boron is a widespread trace element in natural
99 carbonates (~1 to 100 ppm; Kowalski and Wunder 2018 and references therein); its
100 incorporation depends on the conditions of the precipitating fluid (e.g., pH, temperature), the
101 presence of other elements (e.g., Mg, Sr), and the type of carbonate present (biogenic or
102 inorganic; Hemming and Hanson 1992; Hemming et al. 1995; Sanyal et al. 2000; Penman et al.
103 2013; Rasbury and Hemming 2017; Sutton et al. 2018). Although the mechanism(s) of B
104 incorporation into the carbonate structure is complex, the most straightforward substitution is
105 considered to be the exchange of the carbonate ion (CO_3^{2-}) with the borate ion (HBO_3^{2-}) due to
106 similarity in size (B-O and C-O bonds; 1.28 vs. 1.36 Å), charge, and shape (trigonal; Hemming
107 and Hanson 1992; Hemming et al. 1995; Balan et al. 2016; Branson 2018). Importantly, boron
108 isotopes (^{10}B and ^{11}B) are characterized by a high mass difference (~10%), which leads to
109 significant isotopic variation (~100 ‰; Palmer and Swihart 1996; Foster et al. 2016). In addition,
110 since B is incompatible in mantle- and partial-melting-related processes, B concentrations are <1
111 ppm and isotopically light ($\delta^{11}\text{B} = -7.1 \pm 0.9\%$) in the asthenospheric (MORB-like) mantle

112 (Marschall et al. 2017). Conversely, sedimentary sources are characterized by an increase in both
113 boron abundances ($\gg 1$ ppm) and ^{11}B ($\delta^{11}\text{B}$ up to +35.1‰; Vengosh et al. 1991; Ishikawa and
114 Nakamura, 1993; Sutton et al. 2018). In recent studies, boron has proven to be a powerful
115 diagnostic tool even in complicated geologic settings. For instance, it has been possible to
116 elucidate the mantle source region(s) of the Miaoya and Bayan Obo carbonatite complexes in
117 China despite extensive hydrothermal activity or high-grade metamorphism or both (Çimen et al.
118 2018, 2019; Kuebler et al. 2020). Furthermore, combining boron isotope values with C, O and Sr
119 isotope compositions has established an effective means for identifying pristine (unaltered)
120 mantle-derived carbonate samples that can then be used to decipher the chemical nature of their
121 upper mantle source regions (Hulett et al. 2016; Çimen et al. 2018, 2019; Kuebler et al. 2020).

122 Given the distinct boron signatures within various terrestrial reservoirs and its isotopic
123 sensitivity as a tracer in fluid-related processes, the boron isotope compositions for samples of
124 marble from the Grenville Province and Sri Lanka are used in this study to help delineate their
125 origin. While several previous studies have examined the boron compositions of other minerals
126 (e.g., tourmaline, serendibite, harkerite) within the Grenville Province (Grew et al. 1990, 1991,
127 1999; Belley et al. 2014), to our knowledge this is the first to examine the boron compositions of
128 the carbonate within the Grenville Province and Sri Lanka marble units. Thus, this study will
129 significantly contribute to understanding the nature of the fluids involved with their formation. A
130 comparison of the results obtained here for the multi-colored calcite-rich samples from the
131 Grenville Province and Sri Lanka with analogous data from worldwide carbonatites further
132 reinforces the effectiveness of boron compositions in identifying magmatic vs. sedimentary
133 carbonate, and the occurrence of any crustal contamination (if igneous in origin).

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135 **Geological Background and Sample Descriptions**

136 **Grenville Province and the Adirondacks**

137 There are several geologic units related to the fifteen samples of marble examined in this
138 study from the northeastern region of North America, herein referred to as the Grenville
139 Province samples (Fig. 1), that are discussed below with sample locations and geologic context
140 shown in Figures 2 and 3. In summary, the Grenville Province is a tectonically complicated
141 region composed of overlapping accreted terranes that experienced extensive regional
142 metamorphism with estimated temperatures up to 700–750°C and pressures of 7-8 kilobars
143 (Valley and O’Neil 1984; Kretz 2001) during the Grenville orogeny (~1.35 to 1.0 Ga; e.g.,
144 Valley and O’Neil 1984; Kretz 2001; Dickin and McNutt 2007 and references therein). The
145 Adirondacks are part of the Grenville Province located near the foreland region of the
146 Appalachian Orogeny (Fig. 3; Chiarenzelli et al. 2018). They are subdivided into two regions,
147 the Highlands and Lowlands, based on lithology and metamorphic grade (Fig. 3). The Highlands
148 consist of granulite-facies meta-igneous and -sedimentary rocks that were deformed during two
149 major orogenic events (~1165 Ma, Shawinigan Orogeny and ~1050 Ma, Ottawa Orogeny;
150 McLelland et al. 2013; Chiarenzelli and Selleck 2016). In contrast, the Lowlands are
151 characterized by amphibolite-grade metamorphic facies assemblages that consist of supracrustal
152 rocks of the Grenville Supergroup that were metamorphosed during the Shawinigan Orogeny
153 (Chiarenzelli et al. 2015).

154 Two carbonatite complexes intruding the Grenville Province (Figs. 1 and 2) are relevant
155 to this study; Oka and Meech Lake. The ~120 million-year-old Oka carbonatite complex (OCC;
156 Chen and Simonetti 2013) is located ~94 km east of the sample locality in Canada (Autoroute 5)
157 and ~150 km north of the New York samples. The OCC consists of both carbonatite and

158 undersaturated silicate rocks (e.g., ijolite, alnöite) in a distorted figure eight that intrudes a
159 Precambrian host gneiss and is surrounded by fenite (e.g., Chen and Simonetti 2013). The Meech
160 Lake carbonatite complex (MLCC) is about ~4 km from the main area of sample collection in
161 Canada, and consists of numerous carbonatite dykes that cut a Mesoproterozoic aplitic granite
162 plug within the Wakefield orthogneiss batholith, in small, discontinuous, and concentric fractures
163 (Fig. 2 overlay; Vistelius et al. 1983; Hogarth 2016).

164 All of the Grenville Province marble samples examined here are hosted in part of the
165 Grenville Supergroup (Baillieul 1976; Gerdes and Valley 1994; Chamberlain et al. 1999; Bailey
166 et al. 2019; Chiarenzelli et al. 2019). These marbles are characterized by their abundance of
167 large, well-formed minerals in crystal “pockets” due to the local dissolution of the calcite matrix
168 (Chiarenzelli et al. 2019). More specifically, thirteen samples of marble were collected from
169 exposures along Autoroute 5, in the 2.5 km interval between Farm Point and Wakefield (Fig. 2;
170 see field guide, Belley et al. 2016). The Wakefield area is situated within the southeastern corner
171 of the Marble Domain, Mont-Laurier Terrane, where marbles have been metamorphosed to
172 upper amphibolite - granulite facies conditions (Cartwright and Weaver 1993; Corriveau 2013).
173 The outcrops along Autoroute 5 are different from the regional marble (white to gray) due to the
174 variety of colors present (i.e., white, blue, green, orange, yellow); however, these pockets of
175 colored marble exist in other parts of the Grenville Province as well (Kretz 2001). The
176 petrography and mineralogy of these deposits are discussed in detail in Sinaei-Esfahani (2013),
177 Schumann and Martin (2016), and Belley et al. (2016). The samples studied here are of six
178 different colors: various shades of blue (WAK-087, WAK-02, BCJF, BC-ST4), yellow (YC-01 –
179 YC-03), orange (OC-ST1, OC-ST3), green (GC-01), white/cream (WCJF, PC-01), and gray (JF).
180 All of the samples range in size from 1 to 4 cm (Fig. 4).

181 The two blue marble samples obtained from the Adirondacks (Fig. 3) were retrieved from
182 the Valentine mine, near Harrisville, NY (BC-Harris) and the Cascade Slide, the northern slope
183 of Cascade Mountain, Keene, NY (BC-Cascade). The BC-Harris sample was collected from a
184 “sky-blue” marble near a wollastonite skarn that grades into white marble further away (Gerdes
185 and Valley 1994; Chamberlain et al. 1999). The marble surrounds the skarn and is also in contact
186 with the Diana syenite complex that was emplaced at 1.15 Ga (Gerdes and Valley 1994;
187 Chamberlain et al. 1999; Basu and Premo 2001). The BC-Cascade sample was collected near a
188 wollastonite-garnet granulite within the Marcy Anorthosite Massif, which is believed to
189 represent post-metamorphic (~1.15 Ga) domal uplift (Baillieul 1976; Kitchen and Valley 1995).

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191 **Sri Lanka**

192 The basement geology of Sri Lanka consists of high-grade Precambrian metamorphic
193 rocks, which are subdivided into four lithotectonic units based on metamorphic grade, Nd-model
194 ages, and structural features (Kröner et al. 1991; Cooray 1984, 1994); these four units are the
195 Highland Complex (HC), the Wannai Complex (WC), the Vijayan Complex (VC) and the
196 Kadugannawa Complex (KC) as shown in Figure 5. The HC, the most extensive unit, is
197 composed of metasedimentary rocks (e.g., quartzite, marble, pelitic to semi-pelitic gneiss), and
198 late- to post-tectonic granitoids and mafic magmatic rocks (Cooray 1994; Fernando et al. 2017)
199 that yield Nd-model ages of 3.4 - 2.0 Ga (Milisenda et al. 1988, 1994). The WC consists of a
200 suite of gneisses and granites with metasediments mostly occurring near the border with the HC
201 (Cooray 1994; Kröner et al. 2003) that yield Nd model ages ranging from 1.0 - 2.0 Ga (Milisenda
202 et al. 1988, 1994). Both HC and WC experienced upper amphibolite to granulite-facies
203 metamorphism (Cooray 1994) from 600 to 550 Ma (Milisenda et al. 1994). The boundary

204 between the WC and HC is still poorly defined (e.g., Fig. 5; Kröner et al. 2003). The KC sits at
205 the center of the island and is dominated by hornblende-bearing gneisses with Nd model ages of
206 2.0 - 1.0 Ga (Milisenda et al. 1988, 1994), whereas the VC at the south of Sri Lanka is mainly
207 composed of amphibolite facies gneisses and metasediments with Nd model ages of 1.8 - 1.1 Ga
208 (Milisenda et al. 1988, 1994). The thrust fault boundary between VC and HC has been postulated
209 to be a result of the final assembly of Gondwana (He et al. 2016).

210 Also indicated on Figure 5 is the location of the Eppawala carbonatite (EC), the main
211 carbonatite unit in Sri Lanka, which crops out within the WC (Manthilake et al. 2008; Madugalla
212 et al. 2017). The EC consists of apatite-rich carbonate rocks that occur as massive, discontinuous
213 N-S-trending oval bodies and intrude the Precambrian, high-grade metamorphic terrane (WC)
214 close to the village of Eppawala, north of the city of Kandy (Pitawala et al. 2003; Madugalla et
215 al. 2017). Based on field evidence and Rb-Sr and Sm-Nd isotopic data, the EC was emplaced
216 within the WC after a period of high-grade metamorphism that occurred at ~550 Ma (Weerakoon
217 et al. 2001); this relates the emplacement of the EC to large-scale regional faulting of the Indian
218 subcontinent associated with carbonatite intrusions in south India (Viladkar and Subramanian
219 1995; Pitawala and Lottermoser 2012).

220 Of importance to this study are the widely distributed marbles throughout the HC (shown
221 in Fig. 5), especially those near the VC boundary (sample locality). Overall, the marbles occur as
222 layers or intercalations (10 - 20 km along strike) with pelitic gneiss and mafic granulites that
223 have been deformed, metamorphosed, and recrystallized under granulite facies P-T conditions
224 and thus obscuring primary sedimentary features (Cooray 1984; Osanai et al. 2000, 2006;
225 Pitawala 2019). The marble layers in the SW region of Sri Lanka trend northwesterly and have
226 gneissose banding with both silicate-rich and pure marble layers (Pitawala 2019). The samples of

227 colored marble examined in this study were collected from the Piyangiriya quarry (06°36.054' N,
228 80°50.261' E), which is located south of the city of Kandy and near the border between the HC
229 and VC units (Fig. 5). In this area, dyke-like calcitic carbonate bodies (2 - 20 m wide; 20 - 150 m
230 long) transect marble, pelitic gneiss, and charnockitic gneiss (Madugalla et al. 2013; Madugalla
231 and Pitawala 2015) as blue to yellow-brown lenticular marble bodies (Pitawala 2019). Two
232 samples in this study (SL-01 and SL-10) are blue and sample SL-07 is yellow; specimens range
233 in size from 1 to 2.5 cm (Fig. 4).

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235 **Analytical Methods**

236 **Boron and trace element abundances**

237 Samples of marble were crushed, then carbonate fractions were hand-picked with the aid
238 of a binocular microscope and powdered by mortar and pestle. These carbonate separates were
239 processed for determinations of boron and trace element abundances in a class 1000 clean-room
240 laboratory at the Midwest Isotope and Trace Element Research Analytical Center (MITERAC),
241 University of Notre Dame. Detailed analytical procedures and instrumental protocols are
242 included within the appendix.

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244 **Stable (C, O, B) and radiogenic (Sr) isotope analyses**

245 Carbon and oxygen isotope analyses were conducted in the Center for Environmental
246 Science and Technology (CEST) at the University of Notre Dame using a Delta V Advantage
247 isotope ratio mass spectrometer. Further details on the analytical procedure are contained within
248 the appendix. Both B and Sr isotope analyses were conducted in MITERAC via solution-mode
249 on a Nu PlasmaII multi-collector-ICP-MS (MC-ICP-MS). Detailed ion exchange chemistry and

250 instrumental set-up for B and Sr isotopic ratio determinations can also be found within the
251 appendix.

252 To evaluate the potential effects of weathering, leaching experiments were conducted
253 using small fragments (0.3 - 0.7 mm) of samples soaked in 0.5 mL of 2% HNO₃ at room
254 temperature for ~18 hrs. The leachate was removed and the residual solid was dried at 65°C, then
255 completely dissolved in high-purity 16N HNO₃ acid. Both leachate and residual aliquots were
256 processed through the B-specific ion-exchange chemistry and analyzed on the MC-ICP-MS
257 following the procedures described in the appendix.

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259 **Results**

260 **Trace element geochemistry**

261 The boron and trace element abundances for the marble samples are reported in Table 1.
262 The boron contents range from 1.48 to 71.1 ppm, which overlap documented B concentrations
263 for various carbonate sediments (0.3-26 ppm; Ishikawa and Nakamura 1993; Spivack and You
264 1997; Vengosh et al. 1991) and biogenic carbonate (e.g., foraminifera, 9-54 ppm; Vengosh et al.
265 1991). These concentrations are also higher than the ≤ 1 ppm B reported for the vast majority of
266 carbonatites worldwide (Hulett et al. 2016; Çimen et al. 2018, 2019; Kuebler et al. 2020). The
267 total rare earth element (REE) contents for the samples vary from 0.5 to 1068 ppm (Table 1).
268 Most of the corresponding chondrite-normalized (CN)-REE patterns (Fig. 6) show light rare
269 earth element (LREE) enrichment ($\text{La/Lu}_{\text{CN}} = 2.8\text{-}1491$), with the exception of sample OC-ST3
270 from the Grenville Province (orange line; Fig. 6a; $\text{La/Lu}_{\text{CN}} = 0.7$).

271 The majority of the Grenville Province samples have much lower total REE contents than
272 the average calcio-carbonatite worldwide (Woolley and Kempe 1989) and Meech Lake

273 carbonatite (Fig. 6a; Hogarth 2016), with the exception of three samples (OC-ST1, OC-ST3, PC-
274 01), which have higher heavy REE abundances (HREE; Er to Lu). The majority of the Grenville
275 Province samples have CN-REE patterns similar to the Otter Lake regional (white) marble, a
276 representative sample of regional marble (76 km NW of Autoroute 5; Sinaei-Esfahani 2013), and
277 have concentrations that are intermediate between the marble sampled at Otter Lake and the Oka
278 carbonatite field (Chen and Simonetti 2015). The Adirondack samples are highlighted in Figure
279 6a, which displays the distinct steeply-sloped CN-REE pattern for sample BC-Cascade (green
280 line). Figure 6c is a CN-REE plot that highlights the patterns for several of the samples taken
281 along Autoroute 5, and these are compared to that for the Otter Lake marble (dashed pink line).

282 The Sri Lanka marble samples also have much lower total REE contents than the average
283 calcio-carbonatite (Woolley and Kempe 1989) and the Eppawala carbonatite (Manthilake et al.
284 2008; Pitawala et al. 2003), with the exception of the La content for sample SL-07 (200 ppm;
285 Table 1). As Figure 6b shows, sample SL-07 has overlapping Ce-Sm contents with the
286 carbonatite dykes, but mid-to-heavy REE abundances that are intermediate between values
287 reported for carbonatite dykes and regional marbles (Pitawala 2019). In contrast, samples SL-01
288 and SL-10 have lower La-Eu contents than the Sri Lankan regional marbles with comparable Gd-
289 Lu concentrations. The CN-REE pattern for SL-07 is similar to the carbonatite dyke field,
290 whereas samples SL-01 and SL-10 have patterns more akin to the regional marble field (Fig. 6b).

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292 **Boron, carbon, and oxygen isotope compositions**

293 Carbon (C) and oxygen (O) isotopic ratios for the samples examined here are listed in
294 Table 2 and are compared to corresponding data for proximal geologic units within their
295 respective areas (Fig. 7). The carbon and oxygen isotope compositions for the marble samples

296 range between -2.9 ‰ to +3.2 ‰ and +14.3 ‰ to +25.8 ‰, respectively, and are significantly
297 heavier than those reported for magmatic carbonatites ($\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{V-PDB}} \sim -4 \text{ ‰}$ to -8 ‰ and $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{V-SMOW}} \sim +6 \text{ ‰}$ to $+10 \text{ ‰}$; Keller and Hoefs 1995; Fig. 7). In addition, the carbon and oxygen
298 isotopic values for all of the samples fall outside the range attributed to metamorphosed
299 carbonatites (Moecher et al. 1997). The Grenville Province samples have significantly heavier
300 carbon and oxygen isotopic values compared to data reported for the Oka carbonatite complex
301 (Chen and Simonetti 2015). Instead, they mostly overlap with the Lowlands Marble field
302 (Kitchen and Valley 1995), with several falling within or just outside the range of C and O
303 isotope compositions for skarns and marbles from the Central Metasedimentary Belt (CMB;
304 Lentz 1999). Of note, the Sri Lanka samples have C vs. O isotope signatures that plot between
305 those for the Eppawala carbonatite and nearby metasedimentary units (Fig. 7b), and within the
306 field defined by Sri Lankan carbonate-rich dykes (Pitawala 2019).

308 The boron isotopic ratios obtained for the samples investigated here are listed in Table 2.
309 A comparison of the $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ values vs. the corresponding strontium isotopic ratios for the Grenville
310 Province samples is shown in Figure 8b. The boron isotopic values for all samples of marble
311 examined here are plotted against their corresponding $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{V-PDB}}$ and Sr isotopic ratios in Figure
312 9b and 9c, respectively, along with those for carbonatites worldwide (Chen and Simonetti 2015;
313 Hulett et al. 2016; Çimen et al. 2018, 2019; Kuebler et al. 2020). The Grenville Province samples
314 are characterized by $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ values ranging between +7.5 and +15.7‰, which are similar to the
315 values reported for sedimentary and biogenic carbonate (+4.9 to +35.1; Vengosh et al. 1991;
316 Sutton et al. 2018). In contrast, the Sri Lanka carbonate samples are characterized by lighter $\delta^{11}\text{B}$
317 values (-9.8, -10.5, -14.3‰) than those for biogenic carbonate. The B isotope signatures for
318 samples SL-07 and SL-10 overlap those estimated for the bulk continental crust ($-9.4 \pm 2.4\text{‰}$;

319 Marschall et al. 2017). Figure 9a compares the $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{V-PDB}}$ and $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{V-SMOW}}$ compositions for the
320 samples studied to those for worldwide carbonatites; all of the data plot above and to the right
321 relative to those for the carbonatite complexes. The $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{V-PDB}}$ (Fig. 9b) and $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ values (Fig.
322 9c) vs. $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ compositions for the marble samples and worldwide carbonatites are also shown,
323 and these define three distinct fields corresponding to those from Sri Lanka, the Grenville
324 Province, and worldwide samples of carbonatite. The results of the leaching experiments
325 performed on several samples are listed in Table 3. For three of the four samples analyzed, the
326 leachate has a heavier $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ value than the corresponding residue (SL-01, SL-07, BC-Cascade).
327 In contrast, the leachate from sample SL-10 has a lighter $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ (-17.0 ‰) than its corresponding
328 residue (-14.9 ‰).

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330 **Strontium isotope compositions**

331 The strontium isotopic compositions of selected samples are listed in Table 4 and
332 illustrated in Figures 8 and 9. The Sr contents range from 85 to 6842 ppm (Table 4) and are
333 characterized by low $^{87}\text{Rb}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ values (0.00001-0.0037). The reported $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ values (0.70417 –
334 0.70672) are more radiogenic than the average $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ (~0.70345) reported for carbonatites
335 (Eppawala and Oka; Chen and Simonetti 2015) included for comparison in this study (Fig. 9c).
336 The strontium isotopic values vs. their respective strontium concentrations and $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ values for
337 the Grenville Province samples are compared to those for the Oka carbonatite complex in Figure
338 8 (Chen and Simonetti 2015). Figure 8a also exhibits several two-component binary mixing-
339 model calculation lines between the Oka carbonatite (Sr abundance = 15000 ppm and $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ =
340 0.70327 ± 0.00005) and different end-members (blue: 260 ppm Sr, $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ = 0.706; 1.0-1.3 Ga

341 seawater; Veizer 1989; green: 320 ppm Sr, $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr} = 0.710$; bulk continental crust; Rudnick and
342 Gao 2003; Faure 1986; purple: 300 ppm Sr, $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr} = 0.730$; upper crust).

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344 **Discussion**

345 **Origin of multi-colored marble**

346 **Grenville Province**

347 As stated earlier, several models have been proposed for the origin of the multi-colored
348 marbles from the Grenville Province, and these include; 1. Interaction of regional fluids released
349 from surrounding metasediments, whether intrusion-related or not (Kitchen and Valley 1995;
350 Bailey et al. 2019; Chiarenzelli et al. 2019); 2. Metasomatism or melting of pre-existing
351 carbonate deposit(s) via mantle-derived fluids (Moyd 1990; Lentz 1999; Sinaei-Esfahani 2013;
352 Schumann and Martin 2016, Schumann et al. 2019); 3. Primary or metamorphosed carbonatite
353 (Lumbers et al. 1990; Moecher et al. 1997). It is reasonable to expect that if the investigated
354 samples are offshoots of primary carbonatites, then these would have mantle-like geochemical
355 signatures, since it is commonly accepted that carbonatites represent low-degree partial-melts of
356 metasomatized upper mantle (Bell and Simonetti 2010). Some of these characteristics include
357 REE enrichment (i.e., 100 - 1000 ppm; Le Bas et al. 2002), magmatic stable isotope ratios
358 ($\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{V-PDB}} \sim -4\text{‰}$ to -8‰ and $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{V-SMOW}} \sim +6\text{‰}$ to $+10\text{‰}$; Keller and Hoefs 1995), depleted
359 Sr signatures (<0.703 ; Bell and Simonetti 2010), and asthenospheric (MORB-like) B
360 compositions (≤ 1 ppm; $\delta^{11}\text{B} \approx -7.1 \pm 0.9\text{‰}$; Hulett et al. 2016; Cimen et al. 2018, 2019; Kuebler
361 et al. 2020). Based on the geochemical data reported here for the Grenville Province samples,
362 these clearly have a metasedimentary rather than a mantle-derived origin. As Figure 6a
363 illustrates, the REE contents for the Grenville Province samples are, in general, lower than those

364 for typical calcio-carbonatites worldwide (Woolley and Kempe 1989) and the Meech Lake
365 carbonatite (Hogarth 2016). The CN-REE patterns for the Grenville Province marble samples
366 displayed in Figure 6a also differ from the steep, negatively sloped curves that are typical of
367 carbonatites worldwide, and are almost identical to the horizontal-like CN-REE pattern for the
368 Otter Lake regional marble (dashed pink line; Fig. 6a, c). The elevated LREE concentrations,
369 relative to the abundances reported for the regional marble, in most of the samples (except BC-
370 ST4, BC-JF, and BC-Harris), may be attributed to micro-inclusions of REE-bearing apatite
371 within the marble as documented in Sinaei-Esfahani (2013). This is consistent with the findings
372 here that samples with the highest levels of mineral impurities (orange hues; Sinaei-Esfahani
373 2013), such as samples OC-ST3, OC-ST1, PC-01, have some of the highest LREE contents. In
374 addition, the elevated HREE concentrations that characterize samples OC-ST1, OC-ST3, and
375 PC-01 may be due to the presence of zircon (Chiarenzelli et al. 2019). In contrast, the BC-
376 Cascade sample exhibits a negatively sloped CN-REE pattern that may be attributed to a
377 compositional difference in the protolith.

378 The carbon and oxygen isotopic compositions for the Grenville Province samples listed
379 in Table 2 and plotted in Figure 7a are also consistent with a sedimentary origin, as they plot
380 above and to the right of both the magmatic and metamorphosed carbonatite fields (Keller and
381 Hoefs, 1995; Moecher et al. 1997). Moreover, the C and O isotope compositions for the
382 Grenville Province samples are significantly heavier than carbonate from the Oka carbonatite,
383 and plot mostly within the field for Lowlands marbles (green field in Fig. 7a; Kitchen and Valley
384 1995) and CMB skarn and marble (Lentz 1999). The wide range of $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{V-PDB}}$ vs. $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{V-SMOW}}$
385 values for samples of Lowland marble has been attributed to either an isotopically heterogeneous
386 protolith (unmetamorphosed limestone) that underwent minor isotopic exchange with inorganic

387 carbon (graphite), which would decrease the original heavy isotopic signatures (e.g., $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{V-PDB}} =$
388 4 ‰, $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{V-SMOW}} = 26$ ‰; Peck et al. 2005; Chamberlain et al. 1999), or possible interaction
389 with hydrothermal fluids during metamorphism (Valley & O'Neil 1984; Kretz 2001; Peck et al.
390 2005). Thus, the carbon and oxygen isotope signatures for the Grenville Province samples
391 analyzed are most likely inherited from protolith limestone source(s) that experienced minor
392 depletions in ^{18}O and ^{13}C due to fluid interaction associated with metamorphic activity.

393 The strontium abundances and isotope compositions for the samples of the Grenville
394 Province marble (Table 4) further confirm their metasedimentary origin. The Sr concentrations
395 for samples range from 238 to 6842 ppm, and though this range is highly variable, it is
396 significantly lower than the average strontium abundance for the Oka carbonatite complex
397 (~10000 ppm; Chen and Simonetti 2015). Moreover, the $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ values for the Grenville
398 Province samples range between 0.70417 and 0.70542, which are more radiogenic than both the
399 average $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ value (~0.7034) for carbonatites included for comparison in this study (Fig. 9c)
400 and the Oka carbonatite complex (0.70327; Chen and Simonetti 2015). Reported $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ values
401 for Grenville-age marbles (1.0 - 1.3 Ga) range from 0.7048 to 0.7050 (Krogh and Hurley 1968),
402 which overlap the range of Sr isotope compositions for the marble samples studied here, and
403 confirm their biogenic origin. Of note, sample BC-Cascade has a more radiogenic $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ value
404 (0.70672) compared to the remaining Grenville Province samples, an observation also described
405 in Sinaei-Esfahani (2013), thus confirming the unique composition of its protolith.

406 Figure 8a also shows that the strontium isotopic compositions for a significant number of
407 the Grenville Province samples plot along a two-component binary mixing line between an
408 average 1.1 - 1.4 Ga seawater composition (260 ppm, $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr} = 0.706$; Veizer 1989) and the
409 Oka carbonatite complex (Chen and Simonetti 2015). The binary mixing calculations in Figure

410 8a indicate that only low contributions are required from a carbonatite end-member (between 0
411 to ~8%) to explain the Grenville Province marble samples data. Therefore, this effectively rules
412 out any notion that these samples were derived via direct partial melting of a metasomatized
413 upper mantle source. Figure 8a also displays additional two-component binary mixing curves
414 based on both bulk continental crust and an upper crustal end-member (with varying and more
415 radiogenic $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ compositions), and none of these binary mixing calculations adequately
416 explain the range of strontium compositions defined by the Grenville Province samples.

417 Although the geochemical data provide strong evidence for a metasedimentary origin for
418 the Grenville Province samples, their corresponding boron contents and isotopic compositions
419 greatly aid in the characterization of the fluids involved in their genesis. The boron
420 concentrations (2.53 to 71.1 ppm; Table 1) for the Grenville Province marble samples are
421 remarkably higher compared to those reported for carbonatites worldwide (≤ 1 ppm; Hulett et al.
422 2016; Çimen et al. 2018, 2019; Kuebler et al. 2020), and largely fall within the range reported for
423 carbonate sediments and biogenic carbonates (0.3-54 ppm; Ishikawa and Nakamura 1993;
424 Spivack and You 1997; Vengosh et al. 1991). Once again, the sole exception is sample BC-
425 Cascade, which has a much higher B concentration (71.1 ppm). One possible explanation is that
426 the Adirondack Highlands region is characterized by a significant source of boron compared to
427 both the Autoroute 5 and BC-Harris locations. For example, the limestone protolith(s) for BC-
428 Cascade may have contained an evaporitic component that included borate minerals
429 (characterized by wt.% boron; Swihart et al. 1986), which is not uncommon in limestone
430 deposited in a shallow marine setting (Smith and Holm 1990; Dickin and McNutt 2007;
431 Chiarenzelli et al. 2015). This is consistent with studies by Grew et al. (1999) and Bailey et al.
432 (2019) that reported the occurrence of numerous boron-bearing minerals (e.g., harkerite, datolite,

433 tourmaline super group) within or adjacent to carbonate-rich metasedimentary units with
434 evaporitic affinities in the Adirondacks region (including the Cascade Slide), and attributed the
435 source of B to a calcareous protolith.

436 The boron isotopic compositions reported here (+7.5 to +15.7‰; Table 2) for the
437 Grenville Province samples are similar to the highly variable and positive $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ values associated
438 with biogenic carbonate and marine borates (from evaporite deposits). For example, foraminifera
439 (calcite) are characterized by $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ values ranging from +4.9 to +32.2 ‰ (Vengosh et al. 1991),
440 whereas marine borates (e.g., boracite, ulexite) have $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ values from +18.2 to +31.7 ‰
441 (Swihart et al. 1986). It is important to note that boron exhibits limited isotopic fractionation in
442 carbonates under high-temperature (~450-750°C) metamorphism (e.g., Çimen et al. 2019;
443 Kuebler et al. 2020), much like the peak metamorphic conditions reported for the Grenville
444 Province (Valley and O'Neil 1984; Kretz 2001). For example, Çimen et al. (2019) reported
445 mantle-like $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ signatures (-8.67 to -6.36‰) for primary igneous carbonatites from the Blue
446 River Region, British Columbia that underwent mid-amphibolite grade metamorphism. Thus, it
447 is unlikely that these Grenville Province marble samples represent either primary or
448 metamorphosed carbonatites or even marble metasomatized by “hot” mantle-derived fluids as
449 their $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ values are much heavier than those reported for both carbonatites worldwide (Fig. 9b,
450 c) and asthenospheric (MORB-like) mantle (-7.1 ± 0.9 ‰; Marschall et al. 2017). Hence, the B
451 isotope compositions for the samples investigated here most likely reflect their sedimentary
452 protolith, which is consistent with the REE abundances and $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{V-PDB}}$ vs. $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{V-SMOW}}$ values.

453 All of the combined geochemical data, in particular the boron isotope compositions
454 presented here, support the hypothesis that these colored deposits formed from heterogeneous
455 marine limestone units that may have interacted (slightly if at all) with regional fluids derived

456 from surrounding metasediments (Kitchen and Valley 1995; Bailey et al. 2019; Chiarenzelli et
457 al. 2019). The degree of interaction with additional crustal-derived fluids depends on the exact
458 location of each sample. Several of the samples (BC-ST4, BC-JF, BC-Harris) closely match the
459 characteristics (REE contents, CN-REE pattern, C and O stable isotopic ratios) of regional
460 marble units. Thus, these carbonate deposits, in particular, likely represent typical units of
461 metasedimentary marble within the Grenville Province and Adirondack Lowlands. However, the
462 majority of the samples obtained from colored marble outcrops along Autoroute 5 (southwestern
463 Québec) require an additional component to account for their REE enrichment and presence of
464 significant mineral inclusions. One possibility is that high-temperature hydrothermal fluids
465 derived during the emplacement of proximal alkaline complexes of Oka and Meech Lake
466 interacted with pelitic sediments, and may have provided the elements (i.e., Fe, Si, LREE)
467 necessary to precipitate the documented micro-inclusions (e.g., apatite, allanite, and diopside) in
468 the marble samples; however, these would have to be B-poor, as their heavy $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ values are
469 clearly inherited from their Precambrian marine carbonate protolith. Lastly, sample BC-Cascade
470 is characterized by the most radiogenic $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ ratio, which most likely reflects a slightly higher
471 degree of fluid interaction with proximal metasedimentary units found within the Adirondack
472 Highlands (Ashwal and Wooden 1983).

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474 **Sri Lanka**

475 The multi-colored carbonate-rich dykes found in southwestern Sri Lanka have similarly
476 been attributed to either an igneous, sedimentary, or mixed origin. Recently, Pitawala (2019)
477 proposed that heat from shearing and thrusting between the HC and VC in Sri Lanka, associated
478 with the suturing of Gondwana, melted marine carbonates and produced the dykes. The trace

479 element abundances, C, O, B and Sr isotopic data reported in this study, and outlined below,
480 support this interpretation of a metasedimentary origin, but provide more insight into the nature
481 of the fluids involved in their formation. The CN-REE plot (Fig. 6b) indicates that the Sri
482 Lankan samples can be separated into two groups based on their color. The samples of blue
483 marble (SL-01 and SL-10) have lower total REE abundances than both the average worldwide
484 calcio-carbonatite (Wooley and Kempe 1989) and Eppawala carbonatite (Manthilake et al. 2008;
485 Pitawala et al. 2003), which alone suggests a sedimentary origin, as limestone and marble are
486 known to be depleted in REEs compared to carbonatites (Jarvis et al. 1975; Barker 1989;
487 Subbarao et al. 1995; Le Bas et al. 2002). Furthermore, the CN-REE patterns for the blue
488 samples do not overlap with either carbonatite profiles, and instead, more closely resemble the
489 horizontal-like pattern of the Sri Lankan regional marble field (Pitawala 2019). In contrast, the
490 yellow sample (SL-07) has LREE contents that overlap with the carbonatite dyke range, except
491 for its La abundance (200 ppm; Table 1), which is similar to the La content of the Eppawala
492 carbonatite (Manthilake et al. 2008; Pitawala et al. 2003). The mid-to-heavy-REE contents of
493 sample SL-07 are intermediate between the values reported for carbonatite dykes and marbles
494 (Pitawala 2019). The CN-REE pattern for sample SL-07 also displays similarities with both the
495 Eppawala carbonatite and the carbonatite dykes, which is indicative of a mixed input.

496 The carbon and oxygen isotopic compositions for the Sri Lanka samples (Table 2), shown
497 in Figure 7b, confirm their sedimentary origin as they plot above and to the right of both
498 magmatic and metamorphosed carbonatite fields (Keller and Hoefs 1995; Moecher et al. 1997).
499 The C and O isotope compositions for the investigated marble samples lie in between values for
500 nearby metasedimentary units and the Eppawala carbonatite, and are entirely within the field
501 previously defined for the dykes (Manthilake et al. 2008; Pitawala et al. 2003; Pitawala 2019).

502 Of note, the Eppawala carbonatite is uniquely characterized by heavier C and O stable isotope
503 signatures (relative to the magmatic carbonatite field), a feature that was attributed to an enriched
504 mantle source region (Manthilake et al. 2008).

505 The reported Sr contents and isotope compositions for samples of Sri Lankan marble are
506 also consistent with a sedimentary origin (Table 4). Typically, carbonatites have significantly
507 higher strontium contents (~7000 ppm) relative to sedimentary carbonates (260 ppm; Bell and
508 Blenkinsop 1989); the same is true for the Eppawala carbonatite (2960 - 6819 ppm; Pitawala et
509 al. 2003) compared to Sri Lankan regional marble units (~300 ppm; Pitawala et al. 2003). The Sr
510 concentrations obtained for the samples analyzed in this study are on the same order as those for
511 the regional marble; the samples of blue marble, however, have lower Sr abundances (85, 146
512 ppm; Table 4), whereas the sample of yellow marble has a higher Sr content (1035 ppm). The
513 $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ values for the blue samples (SL-01 and SL-10; Table 4) record less radiogenic values
514 (0.70428, 0.70433) compared to the range reported for the Eppawala carbonatite (0.7049-0.7051;
515 Manthilake et al. 2008). This enriched strontium isotope range documented for the Eppawala
516 carbonatite, relative to the average for carbonatites worldwide included in this study (~0.7034;
517 Fig. 9c), has been previously attributed to the presence of an enriched lithospheric mantle
518 beneath the Indian sub-continent (Simonetti et al. 1998; Manthilake et al. 2008). In contrast, the
519 sample of yellow marble (SL-07) has a more radiogenic value (0.70670) than both the Eppawala
520 carbonatite and samples of blue marble, which overlaps with the Sr isotope ratio for bulk
521 continental crust (0.706; Rudnick and Gao 2003). The less radiogenic Sr isotope values for the
522 blue marble samples compared to both the Eppawala carbonatite and bulk continental crust are
523 rather suspect; together with their low Sr contents, these features suggest that they result from Sr
524 loss associated with either secondary alteration due to weathering or fluid activity, or derivation

525 from an isotopically depleted sediment. The former interpretation is favored, as it is supported by
526 both the documented extensive weathering of Sri Lanka carbonate bodies, and the evidence for
527 significant fluid activity surrounding the Eppawala carbonatite (Pitawala et al. 2003; Manthilake
528 et al. 2008).

529 To evaluate the nature of the fluid(s) that formed the metasedimentary carbonate-rich
530 dyke occurrences in Sri Lanka, boron abundances and isotopic compositions are reported in
531 Tables 3 and 4. The boron concentrations of the Sri Lanka samples in this study range from 1.48
532 to 2.44 ppm (Table 1), and are higher than the concentrations reported for a vast majority of
533 carbonatites worldwide (≤ 1 ppm; Hulett et al. 2016). However, they are markedly lower than the
534 boron content for biogenic carbonates (e.g., foraminifera, 9-54 ppm; Vengosh et al. 1991), and
535 are not as variable as those reported for the Grenville Province samples (2.53 to 71.1 ppm; Table
536 1). The $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ values obtained for the Sri Lanka samples of multi-colored marble (-9.8 to -14.3‰)
537 are depleted compared to both documented values for carbonatites worldwide (Fig. 9b and c) and
538 biogenic carbonates (+4.9 to +35.1; Vengosh et al. 1991; Sutton et al. 2018), and align more
539 closely with the range documented for bulk continental crust ($-9.1 \pm 2.4\%$; Marschall et al.
540 2017). This value for bulk continental crust is based on studies of tourmaline in granitic bodies
541 (Chaussidon and Albarède 1992; Marschall and Ludwig 2006), and is therefore biased towards
542 metasedimentary sources. This may in turn be more representative of the influence of weathering
543 (i.e., meteoric water) on stripping the heavier isotope (^{11}B) rather than reflecting the true
544 composition of the continental crust. Analogously, the light $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ values for colored marble
545 samples from Sri Lanka, especially the blue samples, may reflect interaction with meteoric water
546 rather than an inherited signature from a protolith. Furthermore, extensive weathering has been
547 documented for the Eppawala carbonatite complex (and surrounding areas), which produced

548 economic phosphate deposits (Pitawala et al. 2003). In order to investigate this hypothesis of
549 possible preferential removal of ^{11}B via weathering, leaching experiments were performed on
550 fragments of several samples under mildly acidic conditions (2% HNO_3); these tests yielded
551 heavier $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ values in the leachates compared to residual solid fragments in three of the four
552 samples investigated (e.g., -10.9 ‰ vs. -16.1 ‰; SL-01L- leachate vs. SL-01R- residue; Table
553 3). However, the leaching results listed in Table 3 also show that the effects of post-solidification
554 alteration processes are not straightforward and may not always dictate the final $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ signature,
555 as the leachate for sample SL-10 yielded a slightly lighter $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ value (-17.0 ‰) compared to its
556 corresponding residue (-14.9 ‰).

557 The geochemical data, and in particular the boron isotope compositions obtained here,
558 point to the formation of the carbonate-rich dykes in southwest Sri Lanka from fluids derived
559 from the continental crust. It is unlikely that these deposits represent melted marine carbonates as
560 proposed in Pitawala (2019), as their extremely light boron isotopic compositions do not
561 corroborate this hypothesis. An alternative model possibly involves the interaction of low-
562 temperature meteoric water with nearby marble deposits leading to carbonate- and ^{10}B -rich fluids
563 concentrating and forming these multi-colored calcite-dominated dykes.

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565 **Boron isotope compositions: effective tool in forensic studies**

566 To demonstrate the effective use of boron isotope compositions in determining the
567 petrogenesis of carbonate-rich rocks, Figure 9 compares the B isotope signatures for the marble
568 samples investigated here to those reported to date for magmatic and pristine carbonates (mantle-
569 derived carbonatites) worldwide. The data compiled for the carbonatite field relate only to
570 pristine carbonates within the carbonatite samples (Hulett et al. 2016; Çimen et al. 2018, 2019;

571 Kuebler et al. 2020). In Figure 9a, it is clear that the samples analyzed in this study are consistent
572 with derivation from sedimentary source(s), as indicated by their enriched carbon and oxygen
573 isotope signatures relative to both magmatic or metamorphosed carbonatite fields, and adjacent
574 Rayleigh crystal fractionation field (Keller and Hoefs 1995; Moecher et al. 1997). However,
575 $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{V-PDB}}$ and $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{V-SMOW}}$ compositions alone are not enough to distinguish between the Sri
576 Lanka marbles and those from the Grenville Province (Fig. 9a). In addition, the assumption that
577 crustal contamination has been recorded in magmatic carbonates based solely on heavy $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{V-PDB}}$
578 and $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{V-SMOW}}$ signatures is somewhat inadequate, especially in dolomite-dominated and
579 geochemically complex magmatic-hydrothermal systems (e.g., Bayan Obo carbonatite complex;
580 Chen et al. 2020; Kuebler et al. 2020).

581 Firstly, the combined use of boron isotope compositions with corresponding $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{V-PDB}}$
582 and $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ ratios yields a clear distinction between the Sri Lanka and Grenville Province
583 samples (Fig. 9b, c). The Sri Lanka samples are characterized by enriched $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{V-PDB}}$, radiogenic
584 $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$, and depleted $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ values compared to worldwide carbonatites, whereas the Grenville
585 Province samples record enriched $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{V-PDB}}$, $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$, and $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ values. The application of boron
586 isotope ratios to these two groups of sedimentary carbonate-rich units allows them to be
587 distinguished not only from each other, but also identifies two potential modes of formation. The
588 Grenville Province samples represent metamorphosed marine carbonates, whereas the Sri Lanka
589 samples formed with input from crustal fluids. Thus, the results from this study indicate that
590 boron isotope compositions can effectively identify sedimentary carbonate provenance.

591 Secondly, it is evident that boron isotope compositions are effective in distinguishing
592 between mantle-derived and sedimentary carbonates when combined with both carbon and
593 strontium isotope signatures. Despite the range of $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ values ($\sim 10\%$) for carbonatites

594 worldwide, B isotope signatures for mantle-derived carbonates are clearly distinct relative to
595 those for sedimentary carbonates (Fig. 9b and c). Although the dashed box outlining the isotopic
596 compositions for carbonatites worldwide covers a range of $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{V-PDB}}$, $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$, and $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ values
597 (Fig. 9), it does not come close to overlapping with either provenance field for the multi-colored
598 marbles. Thus, the notion that heavy boron isotopic signatures in mantle-derived carbonates (i.e.,
599 $> -7.1 \pm 0.9\%$) may be attributed solely to crustal contamination during magma emplacement,
600 from either bulk continental crust or metasediments, is doubtful. The results from this study
601 support the model proposed by Hulett et al. (2016) that the enriched boron isotopic compositions
602 for young (<200 million years old) carbonatites reflect recycling of crustal material into their
603 mantle source region rather than late-stage crustal contamination, or hydrothermal alteration
604 experienced during magma emplacement.

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606 **Implications**

607 Comparison of the results for samples of multi-colored marble reported here with those
608 for mantle-derived carbonates validates the use of boron (abundances) and its isotopes to
609 distinguish between crustal and mantle-derived carbonates. The combined $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ values and $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{V-}}$
610 PDB and $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ compositions for mantle-derived carbonatites (e.g., Hulett et al. 2016; Çimen et
611 al. 2018, 2019; Kuebler et al. 2020) are distinct from samples of marble from both regions
612 investigated here. Grenville Province samples were derived from heterogeneous limestone
613 protolith(s) that possibly contains an evaporite component, whereas Sri Lanka samples formed in
614 carbonate-rich and ^{11}B -poor veins resulting from meteoric water interaction with crustal material.
615 Based on the results reported here, it is clear that the low boron abundances ($\ll 1$ ppm) and
616 relatively restricted range (~ -8 - $\sim +3$ ‰) of boron isotopic compositions for worldwide mantle-

617 derived carbonates cannot be readily explained by contamination with biogenic carbonate or
618 meteoric water interaction during magma emplacement. Thus, the range of $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ values for
619 carbonatites worldwide characterized by pristine radiogenic (Sr, Nd, and Pb) and magmatic-like
620 $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{V-PDB}}$ and $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{V-SMOW}}$ isotope compositions reported to date (Hulett et al. 2016; Çimen et al.
621 2018, 2019; Kuebler et al. 2020) can conclusively be attributed to mantle source region
622 heterogeneity.

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Figure Captions

Figure 1. (a) Simplified map of the Grenville Province modified from Matt et al. (2017) after Tollo et al. (2010). Central Metasedimentary Belt (CMB) is outlined in white. (b) Sample location map within Canada (black line; along Autoroute 5) and New York (BC-Harris-Valentine Mine, BC-Cascade- Cascade Mountain) from Google Maps. Also shown are the Oka (purple field, main map) and Meech Lake (orange field within Fig. 2 box) carbonatite complexes. See Figs. 2 and 3 for more details.

Figure 2. Geologic map of the Autoroute 5 (blue line) area from Wakefield to Chelsea in Québec, Canada (modified after Béland 1955). Samples from this area were taken from outcrops along the route (between Wakefield and the white star). A more detailed geologic map of the Meech Lake carbonatite complex is outlined in black (after Hogarth 2016).

Figure 3. Detailed geologic map of the Adirondack Lowlands and Highlands after Chiarenzelli et al. (2019). The inset shows the contiguous Grenville Province (orange). The two samples of marble taken from this region are indicated with stars (yellow, BC-Harris; red, BC-Cascade).

Figure 4. Images of selected samples examined in this study. Each yellow bar indicates 1 cm.

Figure 5. Simplified geologic map of Sri Lanka showing occurrences of marbles, carbonatites, limestones and other carbonate rocks from Pitawala (2019) after Cooray (1984). Sample locality is identified with the red circle.

989 Figure 6. Chondrite-normalized (CN) REE patterns for samples analyzed in this study. (a)
990 Samples of marble from the Grenville Province are compared to: Meech Lake carbonatite
991 (purple; Hogarth 2016); Oka carbonatite (gray shaded field; Chen and Simonetti 2015); and a
992 regional marble from Otter Lake, Québec (pink dashed line; Sinaei-Esfahani 2013). Several
993 samples have been highlighted (orange: OC-ST3; blue: BC-Cascade; green: BC-Harris; see text
994 for details). (b) Samples of multi-colored marble from Sri Lanka are compared to several local
995 carbonate-rich rocks (shaded regions): Eppawala carbonatite (green; Manthilake et al. 2008;
996 Pitawala et al. 2003); Carbonatite dykes (purple; Pitawala 2019); Marbles (gray; Pitawala 2019).
997 The color of the CN-REE patterns for marble samples analyzed in (b) are based on their
998 respective color in hand specimen. Also plotted in (a) and (b) is the average calcio-carbonatite
999 (red line) from Woolley and Kempe (1989). (c) Samples from the Autoroute 5 locality compared
1000 to Otter Lake marble (pink dashed line; Sinaei-Esfahani 2013). Chondrite data are from Sun and
1001 McDonough (1989).

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1003 Figure 7. $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{V-PDB}}$ (‰) vs $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{V-SMOW}}$ (‰) values for marble samples examined in this study.
1004 The shaded areas indicate fields for magmatic (blue) and metamorphosed (purple) carbonatites,
1005 in addition to carbonate sedimentary rocks (orange), from Chiarenzelli et al. (2019). The color of
1006 each sample (this study) is reflected in each individual symbol (a. triangles; b. diamonds). (a)
1007 Isotope data for samples of multi-colored marble from Grenville Province are compared to those
1008 for the Oka carbonatite (red circles; Chen and Simonetti 2015), Lowlands marble (green shaded
1009 area; Kitchen and Valley 1995), and different parts of the Central Metasedimentary Belt (CMB;
1010 black dotted outlines; after Lentz 1999). (b) Isotope compositions for Sri Lanka samples are
1011 compared to those for metasedimentary units (gray squares: Pitawala et al. 2003) and the

1012 Eppawala carbonatite (orange circles: Pitawala et al. 2003; green circles: Manthilake et al. 2008).
1013 Also plotted (black dotted field) is the range of C vs. O isotopic compositions for Sri Lankan
1014 carbonate-rich dyke-like units from Pitawala (2019). Associated uncertainties are within the size
1015 of the symbol.

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1017 Figure 8. Sr isotopic compositions of samples of marble from the Grenville Province compared
1018 to (a) Sr concentrations and (b) $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ (‰) values. The two samples from the Adirondacks are
1019 outlined in red. Data on the Oka carbonatite complex (OCC) are from Chen and Simonetti
1020 (2015). (a) Lines represent different binary mixing lines between OCC and other end-members
1021 (blue; 260 ppm Sr, $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr} = 0.706$; green; 320 ppm Sr, $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr} = 0.710$; purple; 300 ppm Sr,
1022 $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr} = 0.730$; see text for details). (b) Blue region indicates the boron isotopic composition
1023 of asthenospheric (MORB-like) mantle (Marschall et al. 2017) and the blue arrow indicates the
1024 range of $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ values reported for biogenic carbonate and marine borates (Vengosh et al. 1991;
1025 Sutton et al. 2018; Swihart et al. 1986). Associated uncertainties are within the size of the
1026 symbol if not visible.

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1028 Figure 9. (a) $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{V-PDB}}$ (‰) vs $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{V-SMOW}}$ (‰) values from this study (Grenville Province –
1029 yellow triangles; Sri Lanka - yellow diamonds) are compared to those for carbonatites worldwide
1030 (gray circles). (a) Fields for both magmatic (blue) and metamorphosed (purple) carbonatites
1031 along with carbonate sedimentary rocks (orange) are plotted (after Chiarenzelli et al. 2019); the
1032 blue line delineates the range of C and O isotope values that may be attributed to closed-system
1033 crystal fractionation of a single parental carbonatitic magma (Keller and Hoefs 1995). (b) $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{V-}}$
1034 PDB (‰) and (c) $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ vs $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ (‰) values for samples investigated in this study and those for

1035 carbonatites worldwide. Blue-shaded field in (b) and (c) represents the boron isotopic
1036 composition of asthenospheric mantle (Marschall et al. 2017). The dashed blue box indicates the
1037 reported range of compositions for carbonatites worldwide deemed ‘pristine’ on the basis of
1038 petrographic, radiogenic Sr, and C and O isotope compositions. The data for worldwide
1039 carbonatites are compiled from various sources (Chen and Simonetti 2015; Hulett et al. 2016;
1040 Çimen et al. 2018, 2019; Kuebler et al. 2020). (c) Average continental crust (red shaded box)
1041 estimated from Marschall et al. (2017) and Rudnick and Gao (2003). The range of $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ values
1042 reported for biogenic carbonate and marine borates is indicated with the arrow (Vengosh et al.
1043 1991; Sutton et al. 2018; Swihart et al. 1986). The associated uncertainty is within the size of the
1044 symbol if not visible.

Table 1: Trace element abundances (ppm) for marble samples in this study

| | SL-01 | SL-07 | SL-10 | BC-Harris | BC-Cascade | WAK-02 | WAK-07 | BCJF | BC-ST4 | WCJF | GC-01 | YC-01 | YC-02 | YC-03 | OC-ST1 | OC-ST3 | PC-01 | JF |
|--------------|-------|-------|-------|-----------|------------|--------|--------|------|--------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|--------|-------|------|
| Color | b | y | b | b | b | b | b | b | b | w | gr | y | y | y | o | o | c | g |
| B | 1.53 | 2.44 | 1.48 | 6.43 | 71.1 | 25.4 | 4.93 | 8.98 | 8.30 | 7.13 | 12.8 | 2.53 | 2.77 | 3.49 | 11.4 | 4.38 | 8.14 | 14.3 |
| Li | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.5 | 0.5 |
| Sc | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.4 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.1 |
| Co | 0.2 | 0.5 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Ni | 5.3 | 5.6 | 3.9 | 1.4 | 1.3 | 3.8 | 3.7 | 3.0 | 2.9 | 2.3 | 3.6 | 3.2 | 3.1 | 2.8 | 2.9 | 3.1 | 2.0 | 2.9 |
| Cu | 0.6 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.6 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.9 | 0.2 | 4.1 | 1.3 |
| Zn | 0.8 | 3.1 | 0.5 | bdl | 4.2 | bdl | 4.1 | 1.8 | 3.0 | 0.8 | 1.6 | 3.1 | 3.8 | 4.5 | 7.7 | 1.5 | 11.2 | 5.4 |
| Rb | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.1 |
| Sr | 146 | 1035 | 85 | 4942 | 633 | 2985 | 3237 | 417 | 238 | 643 | 612 | 757 | 705 | 2819 | 6842 | 1565 | 4459 | 1416 |
| Y | 1.4 | 16.2 | 0.6 | 4.2 | 0.2 | 9.4 | 4.9 | 1.4 | 2.2 | 5.5 | 21.6 | 4.2 | 4.9 | 10.7 | 294 | 153 | 82.3 | 14.1 |
| Zr | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 4.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| Nb | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 3.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Mo | 0.0 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | bdl | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.1 |
| Cs | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Ba | 12.9 | 181 | 9.4 | 262 | 24.5 | 29.2 | 1032 | 15.8 | 1239 | 16.1 | 204 | 99.1 | 86.7 | 3127 | 311 | 14.3 | 8774 | 54.2 |
| La | 0.3 | 200 | 0.1 | 4.7 | 18.9 | 32.5 | 26.5 | 0.9 | 1.6 | 56.4 | 40.0 | 37.4 | 30.0 | 94.7 | 338 | 12.0 | 142 | 56.1 |
| Ce | 0.3 | 25.5 | 0.2 | 2.5 | 116 | 20.1 | 11.1 | 1.8 | 1.6 | 76.3 | 26.1 | 27.3 | 29.3 | 32.3 | 393 | 38.9 | 224 | 79.3 |
| Pr | 0.0 | 2.0 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 7.8 | 1.6 | 1.0 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 5.6 | 2.9 | 2.6 | 2.6 | 2.7 | 40.2 | 6.5 | 24.6 | 8.1 |
| Nd | 0.1 | 5.5 | 0.1 | 1.1 | 22.7 | 5.2 | 3.1 | 0.7 | 1.1 | 16.4 | 10.2 | 7.2 | 7.4 | 7.9 | 165 | 37.4 | 115 | 26.6 |
| Sm | 0.0 | 0.6 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 1.5 | 0.7 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 1.7 | 1.5 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 24.7 | 10.5 | 19.1 | 3.1 |
| Eu | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 5.2 | 2.1 | 4.4 | 0.7 |
| Gd | 0.0 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.9 | 0.6 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 1.2 | 1.4 | 0.6 | 0.7 | 0.6 | 21.4 | 12.4 | 16.0 | 2.2 |
| Tb | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 3.1 | 2.0 | 2.3 | 0.3 |
| Dy | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.5 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.6 | 1.1 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 19.6 | 13.0 | 13.8 | 1.3 |
| Ho | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 5.4 | 3.2 | 3.6 | 0.3 |
| Er | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.6 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 17.9 | 9.4 | 11.0 | 0.7 |
| Tm | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 3.3 | 1.4 | 1.9 | 0.1 |
| Yb | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.6 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 0.1 | 27.4 | 10.3 | 16.1 | 0.7 |
| Lu | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 4.7 | 1.7 | 2.8 | 0.1 |
| W | 0.0 | 0.0 | bdl | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | bdl | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.6 | 0.0 |
| Pb | 0.3 | 6.6 | 0.9 | 5.2 | 1.4 | 1.5 | 1.4 | 4.2 | 2.5 | 11.3 | 12.5 | 31.5 | 33.7 | 11.3 | 14.2 | 2.6 | 4.0 | 18.3 |
| Th | 0.0 | 3.0 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.5 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.8 | 2.6 | 0.8 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.8 | 0.0 | 1.5 |
| U | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 1.3 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 14.5 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| TREEs | 1.0 | 234 | 0.5 | 9.4 | 168 | 62.5 | 42.8 | 4.5 | 5.7 | 159 | 85.4 | 76.9 | 72.3 | 140 | 1068 | 161 | 597 | 180 |

Note(s): bdl = below detection limit; TREEs= total of all rare earth element abundances; color notation = blue (b), yellow (y), white (w), green (gr), orange (o), cream (c), gray (g); ICP-MS-determined elemental abundances, which are associated with relative uncertainties of between 3 to 5% (2 σ level); Sri Lankan samples = SL-01, SL-07, SL-10; Grenville Province samples = BC-Harris, BC-Cascade, WAK-02, WAK-07, BCJF, BC-ST4, WCJF, GC-01, YC-01, YC-02, YC-03, OC-ST1, OC-ST3, PC-01, JF. Always consult and cite the final published document. See <http://www.minsocam.org> or [GeoscienceWorld](http://www.GeoscienceWorld.org)

Table 2: Carbon, oxygen, and boron isotopic data for samples of multi-colored marble

| | $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{V-PDB}}$ (‰) | Uncertainty (2σ) | $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{V-SMOW}}$ (‰) | Uncertainty (2σ) | $\delta^{11}\text{B}^*$ (‰) |
|------------|--|------------------------------|---|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| SL-01 | -1.2 | 0.1 | 18.7 | 0.2 | -14.3 |
| SL-07 | -0.5 | 0.1 | 19.4 | 0.1 | -9.8 |
| SL-10 | -0.4 | 0.1 | 20.0 | 0.1 | -10.5 |
| BC-Harris | 1.8 | 0.1 | 25.0 | 0.1 | 10.8 |
| BC-Cascade | -1.0 | 0.1 | 21.5 | 0.1 | 7.5 |
| WAK-02 | -2.5 | 0.1 | 18.4 | 0.1 | 9.7 |
| WAK-07 | -2.9 | 0.1 | 17.4 | 0.1 | 11.2 |
| BCJF | 2.6 | 0.1 | 25.4 | 0.1 | 10.2 |
| BC-ST4 | 3.0 | 0.1 | 25.8 | 0.1 | 12.5 |
| WCJF | 1.6 | 0.1 | 22.8 | 0.1 | 8.3 |
| GC-01 | 2.3 | 0.1 | 25.4 | 0.1 | 14.6 |
| YC-01 | 3.2 | 0.1 | 21.9 | 0.1 | 10.7 |
| YC-02 | 3.2 | 0.1 | 21.5 | 0.1 | 15.7 |
| YC-03 | 2.9 | 0.1 | 25.7 | 0.1 | 11.4 |
| OC-ST1 | -0.8 | 0.1 | 14.5 | 0.1 | 13.0 |
| OC-ST3 | -0.9 | 0.1 | 17.5 | 0.1 | 14.1 |
| PC-01 | -0.8 | 0.1 | 14.3 | 0.1 | 7.8 |
| JF | 3.0 | 0.1 | 23.9 | 0.1 | 13.3 |

* $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ associated 2σ uncertainty ($\pm 0.5\text{‰}$) based on replicate analyses of in-house coral standard

Table 3: Summary of leaching experiments on fragments of marble samples

| | $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ | Mass Fraction of B (%) |
|--------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| SL-01 L | -10.9 | 0.14 |
| SL-01 R | -16.1 | 0.86 |
| SL-07 L | -16.3 | 0.19 |
| SL-07 R | -18.2 | 0.81 |
| SL-10 L | -17.0 | 0.17 |
| SL-10 R | -14.9 | 0.83 |
| BC-Cascade L | 9.9 | 0.72 |
| BC-Cascade R | 6.7 | 0.28 |

Note(s): L = Leachate; R = Residual-solid; $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ associated 2σ uncertainty ($\pm 0.5\text{‰}$); Mass fraction values were calculated based on ICP-MS-determined B abundances and gravimetric measurements of the fragments before and after leaching.

Table 4: Strontium isotope data for select samples of marble from this study

| | Rb (ppm) | Sr (ppm) | $^{87}\text{Rb}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ | $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ | Uncertainty (2σ) |
|------------|---------------------|---------------------|---|---|---|
| SL-01 | 0.01 | 146 | 0.00027 | 0.70428 | 0.00001 |
| SL-07 | 0.03 | 1035 | 0.00010 | 0.70670 | 0.00002 |
| SL-10 | 0.11 | 85 | 0.00371 | 0.70433 | 0.00001 |
| BC-Harris | 0.05 | 4942 | 0.00003 | 0.70533 | 0.00001 |
| BC-Cascade | 0.00 | 633 | 0.00001 | 0.70672 | 0.00001 |
| WAK-02 | 0.06 | 2985 | 0.00006 | 0.70488 | 0.00001 |
| BCJF | 0.20 | 417 | 0.00143 | 0.70542 | 0.00001 |
| GC-01 | 0.04 | 612 | 0.00018 | 0.70509 | 0.00001 |
| YC-02 | 0.12 | 705 | 0.00052 | 0.70421 | 0.00001 |
| OC-ST1 | 0.04 | 6842 | 0.00002 | 0.70439 | 0.00001 |
| PC-01 | 0.29 | 4459 | 0.00020 | 0.70450 | 0.00001 |
| JF | 0.10 | 1416 | 0.00022 | 0.70417 | 0.00001 |

Note(s): $^{87}\text{Rb}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ values were calculated based on ICP-MS-determined elemental abundances which are associated with relative uncertainties of between 3 to 5% (2σ level).

Figure 1

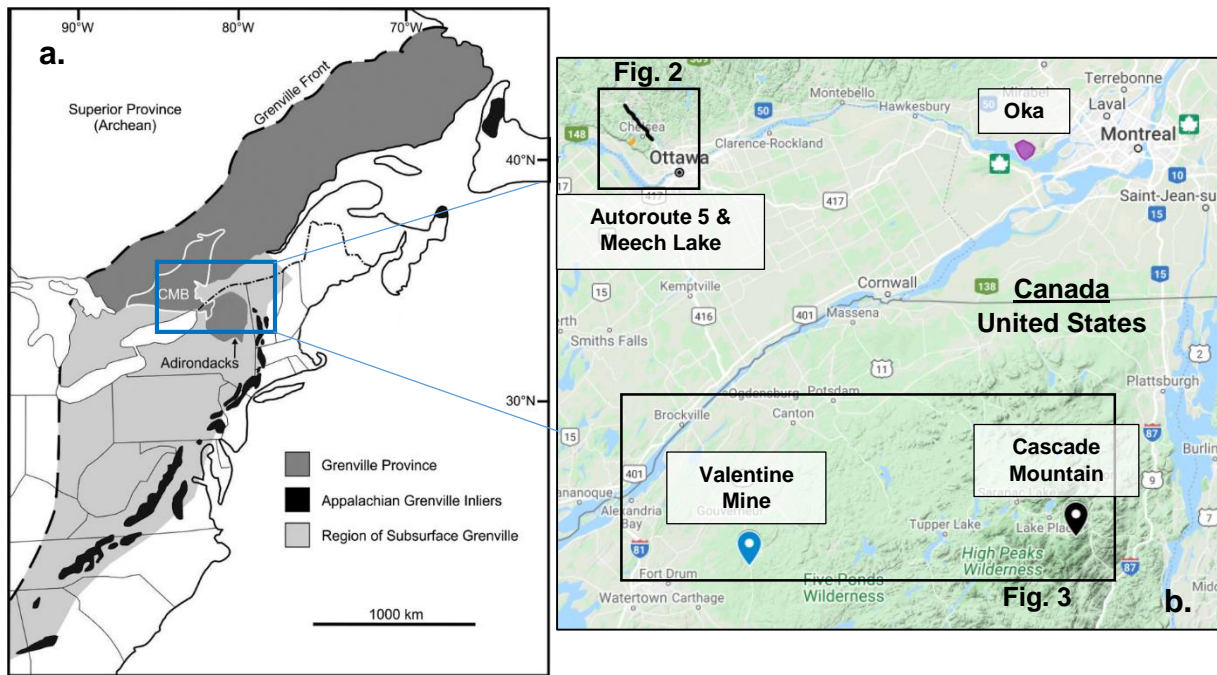


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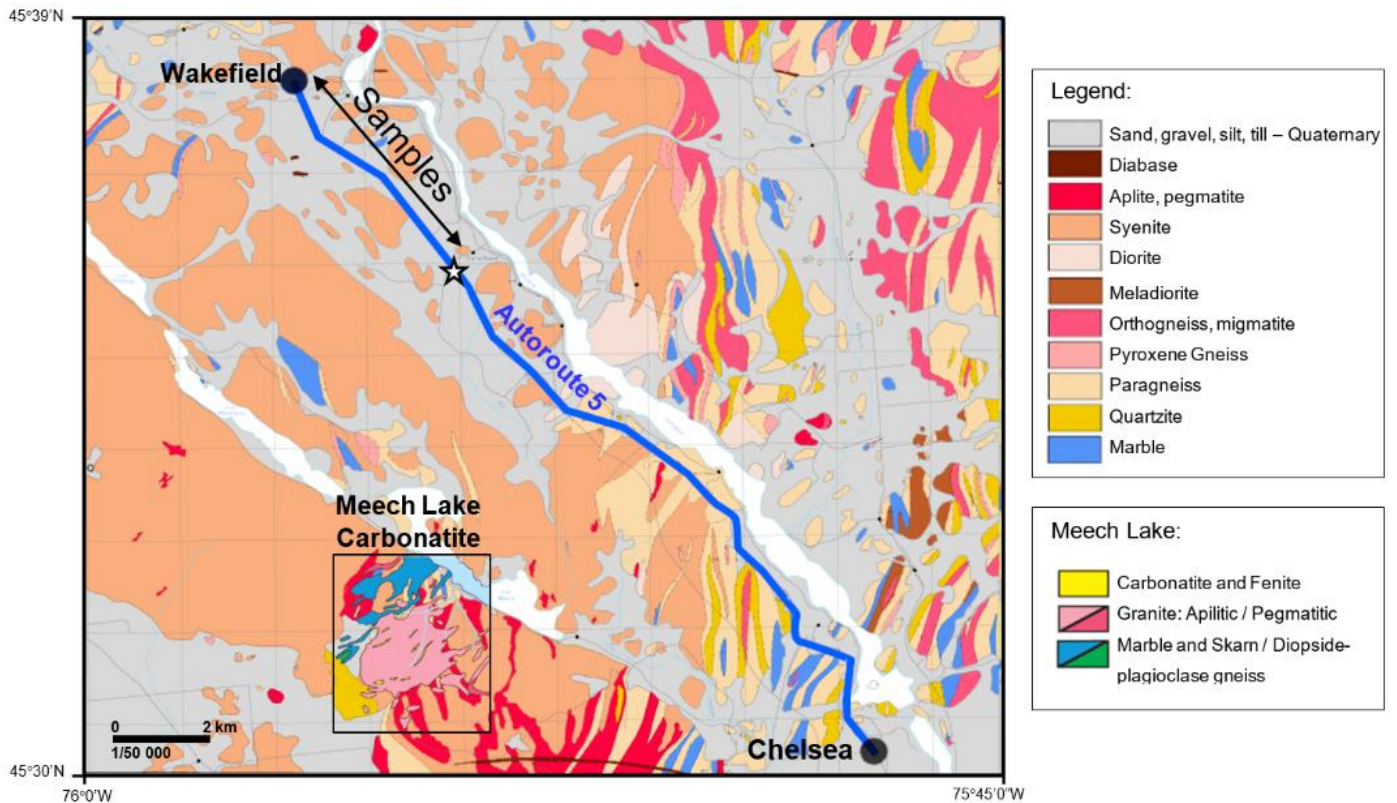


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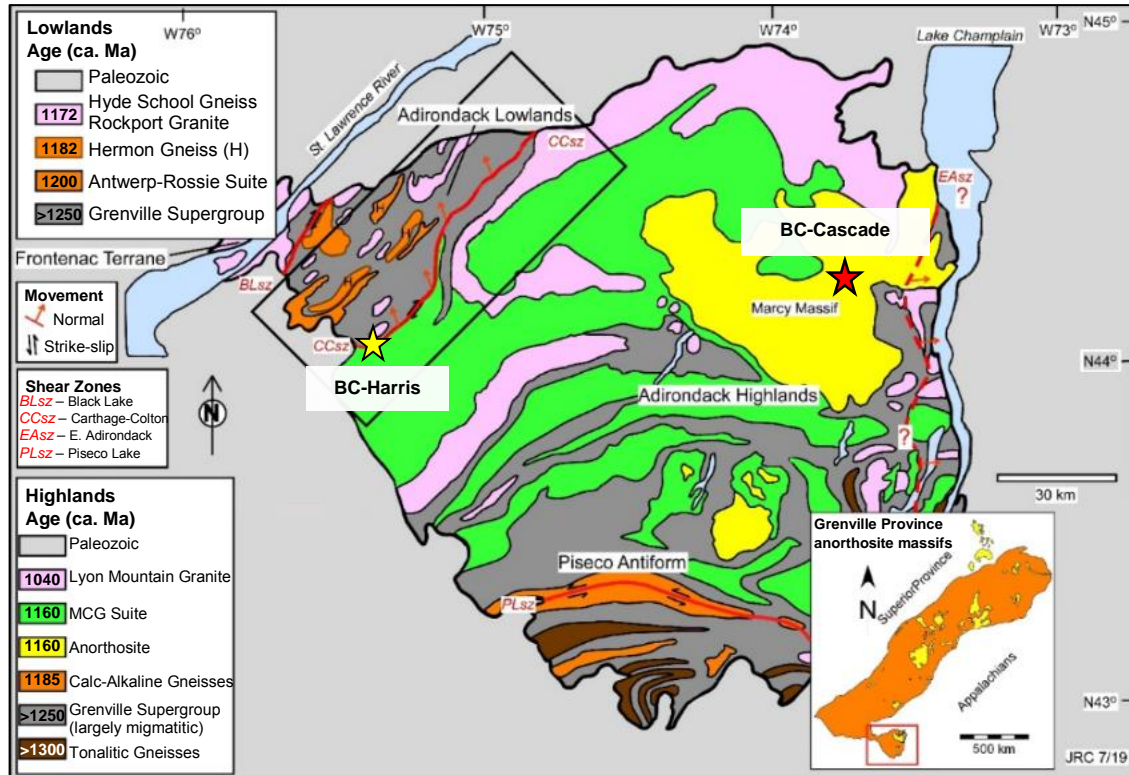


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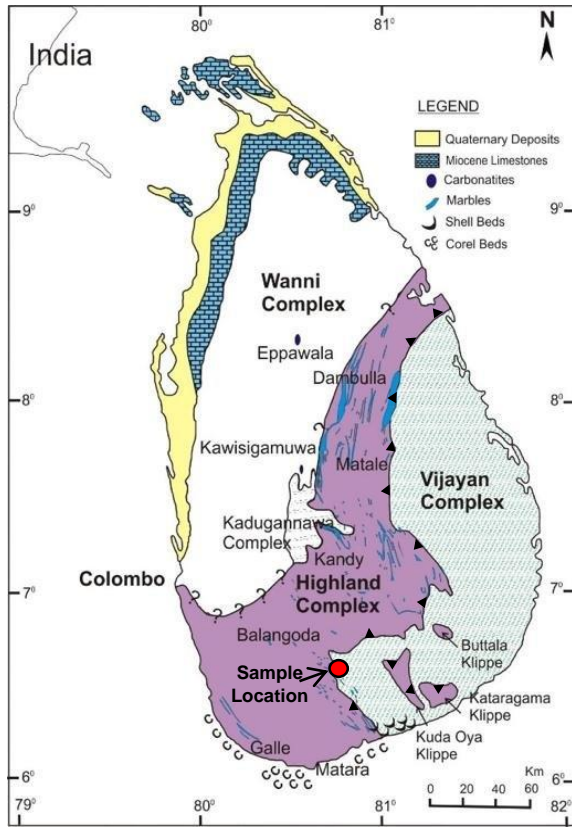


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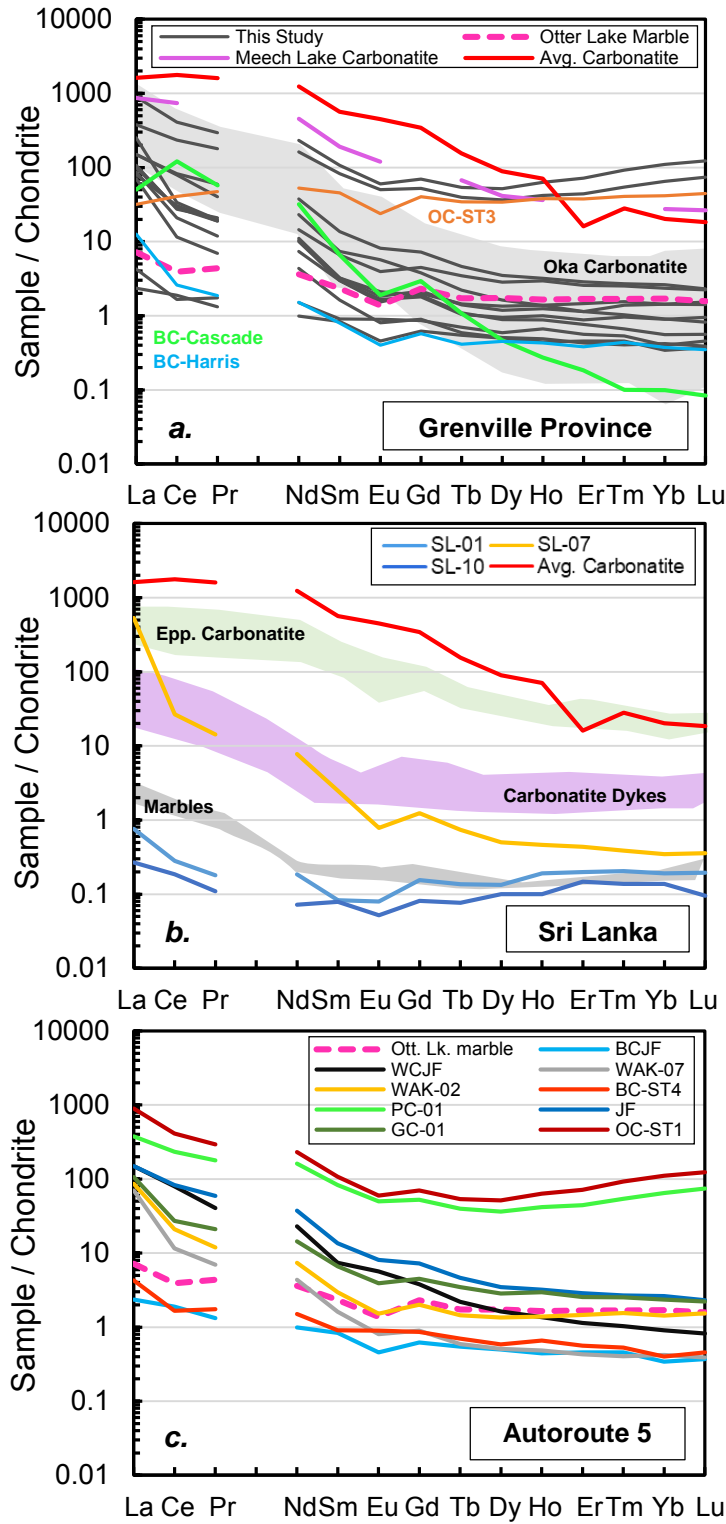


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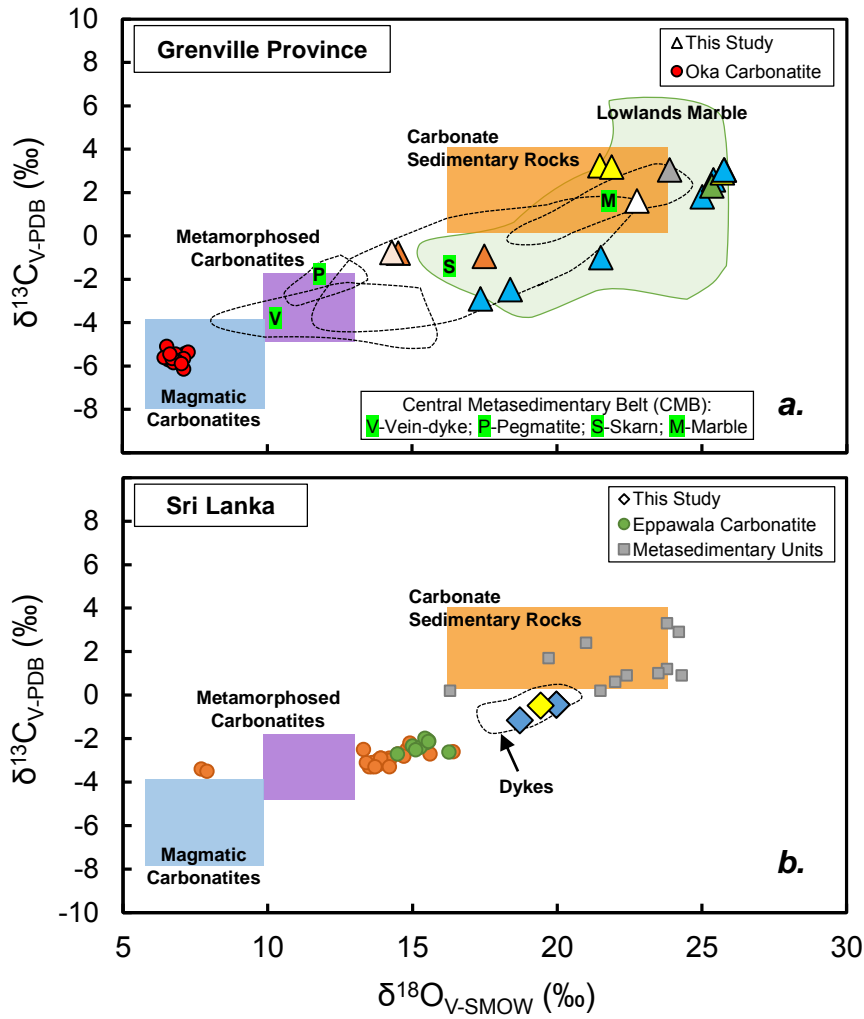
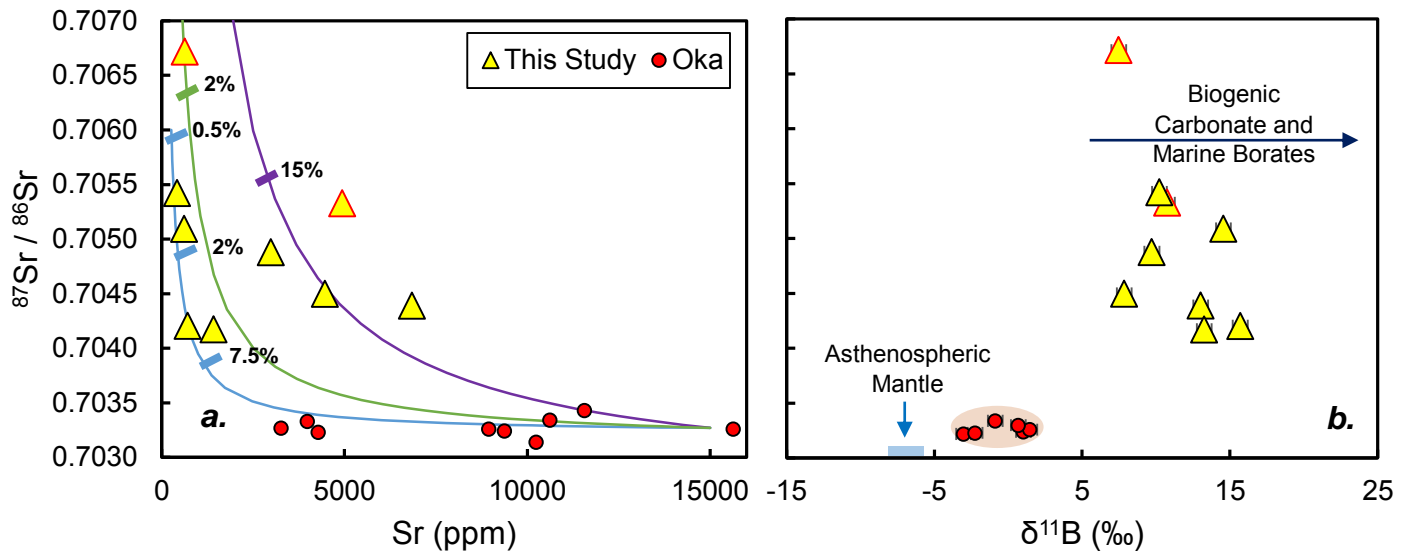


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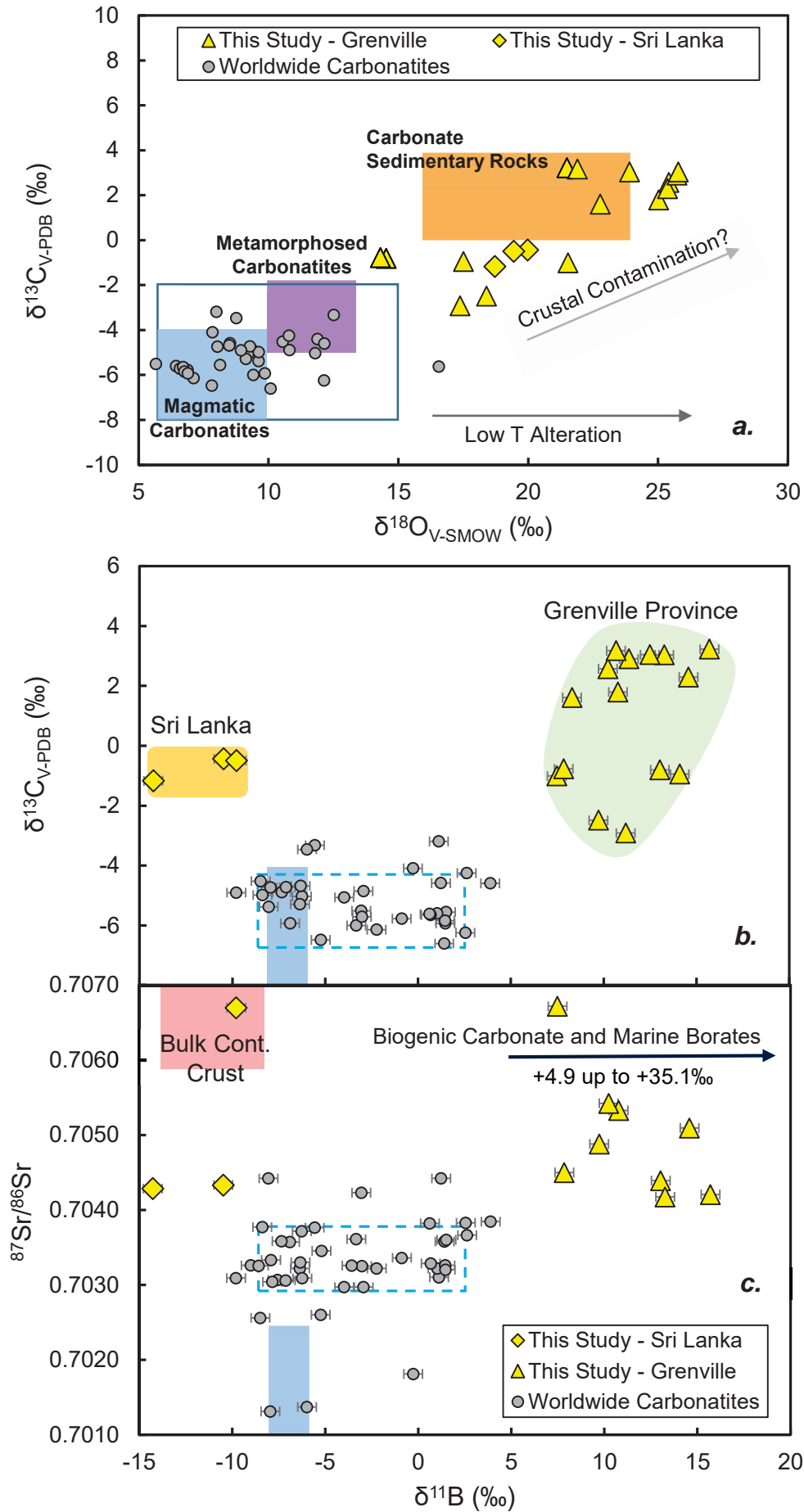


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