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[1] Trace element and Sr-Nd-Pb isotope compositions of basaltic lavas from 11 volcanoes spanning 1300 km of the Aleutian Island arc provide new constraints on the recycling of elements in melts and fluids derived from subducted oceanic crust and sediment. Despite a nearly twofold variation in the flux of sediment subducted along the Aleutians, proxies indicating the presence of sediment melt in the magma source, including Th/La and Th/Nd, do not vary systematically along strike. In contrast, ratios including B/La, B/Nb, B/Be, Cs/La, Pb/Ce, and Li/Y suggest that the quantity or composition of fluid transferred from the slab into the mantle wedge varies an order of magnitude along strike and is apparently correlated with sediment flux. However, the most distinctive fluid addition corresponds spatially with subduction of the Amlia Fracture Zone (AFZ), a likely repository for H_2O -rich serpentinite. Sr, Nd, and Pb isotope ratios, together with Th/Nd and B/La ratios, show that the majority of these basalts reflect a common baseline metasomatism of the mantle that accumulated, perhaps over millions of years, via small additions of both slab fluids and partially melted sediment. The paradox of requiring slab surface temperatures high enough to melt a layer of sediment, while lower-temperature dehydration reactions that supply water occur sufficiently deep to flux melting >80 km beneath the volcanoes is reconciled in a four-stage model: (1) as sediment and altered ocean crust is carried to ~ 60 km depth and temperatures increase to \sim 650°C, metamorphic dehydration reactions release most of the fluid and B to the shallow mantle wedge beneath the fore arc, but some of this mantle is metasomatized and flows downward; (2) the uppermost layer of sediment begins to melt at $\sim 750^{\circ}$ C and > 60 km depth; this small volume of melt physically mingles with the overlying metasomatized mantle wedge as it flows further downdip; (3) below the sediment veneer, the uppermost 1 km of ocean crust reaches 650°C at \sim 90 km depth where antigorite breaks down, releasing B-rich H_2O ; and (4) this fluid infiltrates the layer of residual unmelted metasediment leaching the remaining inventory of fluid mobile elements and ascends into the modified mantle lowering its solidus and inducing partial melting. Where antigorite is likely abundant at the surface of the Pacific plate along the AFZ, deep H_2O flux to the mantle is enhanced. This is reflected in higher B and lower incompatible element contents in the magmas, a relationship that links the amount of serpentine subducted to the extent of partial melting and the major element composition of arc basalt.

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1. Introduction

[2] Subduction thrusts oceanic crust and sediment, comprising minerals variably enriched in H_2O , into the mantle where melting occurs to produce island arcs [*Coats*, 1962]. The extent to which the predominantly basaltic magma found in island arcs contributes to building new continental crust of andesitic bulk composition and the mechanisms by which this might occur remain, four decades after Coats' remarkable paper, major, highly controversial, problems facing geology [Arculus, 1981; Kelemen et al., 2003a; Plank, 2005; Davidson and Arculus, 2006]. Moreover, the subduction of hydrated oceanic lithosphere is part of a poorly understood recycling process that transports water to depths of melting and perhaps much deeper into the mantle [Ulmer and Trommsdorf, 1995; Kerrick, 2002; Rüpke et al., 2004; Scambelluri et al., 2004]. Yet unresolved issues are to understand the proportions of mantle, sediment, subducted crust, and fluids involved in the production of island arc magma, and the pathways by which these components combine to form melts that ascend, erupt, and form arc volcanoes.

[3] One way to address these problems is to examine the chemical and isotopic variability of lavas erupted along- or across-strike of modern arcs and correlate compositional characteristics with geophysical or structural features of the subduction zone including, for example, depth to the Benioff zone and thickness of the mantle wedge [Ishikawa and Nakamura, 1994; Leeman et al., 1994; Ryan et al., 1995; Stern et al., 2006], variations in flux rate of the subducted plate beneath the arc [Kelemen et al., 2003a], presence of oceanic ridges or seamounts in the downgoing lithosphere [Leeman et al., 1994; Elliott et al., 1997; Ishikawa and Tera, 1999], exposures of deeply fractured, serpentinized rocks within the subducting plate [Singer et al., 1996; Rüpke et al., 2002; Jicha et al., 2004], or the transition from a continental to an oceanic upper plate [*George et al.*, 2003].

[4] The Aleutian Island arc has spawned many important hypotheses regarding the sources and processes that create arc magma. An early model of Kay [1978] to generate unusual high Mg # andesite called upon melting of basaltic crust in eclogite facies followed by reaction and contamination of the melt with mantle during ascent, with the caveat that conditions required for this to happen are uncommon in the Aleutian and other arcs. This model has been reinvigorated by *Kelemen et al.* [2003a] on the basis of finding that high-Mg # andesites with high Sr/Y, steep rare earth element (REE) patterns, low Yb and Y, and mid-ocean ridge basalt (MORB)-like Pb, Sr, and Nd isotope ratios, are important in the arc west of 174°W. Kelemen et al. [2003a] showed that the flux of sediment in m^3 m^{-1} yr⁻¹ beneath the arc peaks between 173 and 170°W, but diminishes to the west of 174W, where the plate boundary becomes increasingly strike slip (Figure 1b). The hypothesis of Kelemen et al. [2003a] is that melting of subducted basalt in eclogite facies occurs everywhere beneath the Aleutian Island arc, but its chemical signature is masked by more extensive partial melting of mantle due to larger fluxes of sediment and fluid beneath the central Aleutians east of 174°W. Another group of models based on elements enriched in fluids and sediment including at first Sr, light REE (LREE), and Pb, but later B and Be, require a mantle source that is modified by a

fluid derived in varying proportions from subducted sediment, altered oceanic crust (AOC) or both, plus perhaps a small quantity of melted sediment [Kay et al., 1978; Kay, 1980; McCulloch and Perfit, 1981; Morris et al., 1990; Miller et al., 1994; Singer et al., 1996; Jicha et al., 2004]. A third group of models, consistent with experimental constraints on solidii of proxies for subducted sediment [e.g., Johnson and Plank, 1999], consider both fluid mobile and immobile elements including Pb, U, Nd, Th, and Nb to argue that in addition to fluid components which derive from both sediment and AOC, partial melts of sediment with high Th/Nd, Th/La and Th/Nb also interact extensively with the asthenospheric mantle [Class et al., 2000; George et al., 2003; Plank, 2005].

[5] Singer et al. [1996], Kelemen et al. [2003a], and George et al. [2003] identified the paucity of complete, high-quality trace element and isotopic data for the vast majority of >1100 Aleutian Island arc lavas analyzed as a barrier to fully understanding the origin of along-strike geochemical variations. Given the new constraints on how sediment flux varies along the arc, the plethora of recent contrasting models, and limited amount of precise, internally consistent trace element and isotopic data, we try to constrain magma source components and their origins by examining new trace element and Sr, Nd, and Pb isotope compositions obtained from basaltic lavas erupted at 11 Pleistocene-recent volcanoes along the Aleutian Island arc. These volcanoes span most of the range of subducting sediment flux and Yunaska and Seguam also tapped magma sources where the Amlia Fracture Zone (AFZ) has been subducted (Figure 1a) [Singer et al., 1996]. Our new data establish that whereas several geochemical features are shared by most Aleutian basalt, intervolcano differences imply that along-arc compositional heterogeneity is important within both the mantle wedge and subducted components. We use Th/La and Th/Nd ratios to constrain the involvement of melted sediment [Class et al., 2000; Kelemen et al., 2003a; Plank, 2005] and B/Nb, B/La, B/ Be, Li/Y, and Pb/Ce ratios to identify fluid components [Morris et al., 1990; Leeman et al., 1994; Ishikawa and Tera, 1997; Moriguti and Nakamura, 1998; Miller et al., 1994]. These ratios coupled with Sr, Nd and Pb isotope compositions, are used to distinguish the sedimentary components from those sourced in AOC [e.g., Edwards et al., 1993]. Our results suggest that the amount of partially melted sediment involved in basalt genesis does not vary systematically along the Aleutian arc between Cold Bay and Little Sitkin. We instead hypothesize that the release of a larger than average quantity of chemically distinctive aqueous fluid from serpentinite, which is concentrated at the surface of the Pacific plate where it is highly fractured, has a more profound effect on arc basalt chemistry.

2. Tectonics, Sediment Subduction, and Pacific Plate Structure Along the Aleutian Island Arc

[6] The tectonic configuration of the Aleutian Island arc is outlined by Kelemen et al. [2003a] and Jicha et al. [2004, 2006] and references within these papers; only the most salient features are reviewed here. Quaternary volcanic centers are built upon >2000 km of an arcuate ridge comprising Eocene to late Miocene rocks that rest upon pre-

Figure 1. (a) Tectonic map of the Aleutian Island arc. (b) Location of volcanic centers for which new trace element and isotopic data have been collected, relative to the updip sediment flux below the arc estimated by Kelemen et al. [2003a]. The thickest section of sediment being subducted is where the Aleutian trench is deepest, east of the Amlia Fracture Zone between 170°W and 173°W. Small arrows are vectors indicating the convergence direction and velocity in cm yr^{-1} of the Pacific plate along its boundary with the North American plate from *DeMets et al.* [1994]. Marine magnetic anomaly pattern of the Pacific plate is from Atwater [1989]. Quaternary volcanic centers are in black, and older subaerially exposed rocks are in gray.

sumably Cretaceous oceanic crust accreted to the North American plate (Figure 1a) [Scholl et al., 1982; Geist et al., 1988; Jicha et al., 2006]. The age of the subducting Pacific crust entering the Aleutian trench is \sim 50–60 Ma [Kelemen] et al., 2003a]. The Pacific plate dips \sim 45° beneath the frontal arc volcanoes which are located ~ 80 km above the Benioff zone [Engdahl and Gubbins, 1987; Boyd and Creager, 1991], whereas Bogoslof, 45 km north the arc front, is \sim 120 km above the seismically defined slab. The arcuate shape of the Aleutian ridge, coupled with the oblique convergence vector between the Pacific and North American plates implies that the ''downdip'' rate of convergence varies systematically along the arc. In the eastern part of the arc, the trench-orthogonal convergence velocity is 7.5 cm yr^{-1} near 160°W beneath Cold Bay and

Shishaldin volcanoes but diminishes to less than 4.0 cm yr^{-1} beneath Buldir volcano at 185°W in the westernmost part of the subaerial arc [Fournelle et al., 1994; Kelemen et al., 2003a].

[7] The sediment prism along the landward base of the Aleutian trench comprises up to 6 km of mainly turbidites shed off the Alaska Range, Chugach, Wrangell, and St. Elias Mountains to the east during the last $5-6$ Ma [Scholl] et al., 1982]. These sediments thicken westward between 160 and 172° W as the trench floor gradually deepens, there is an abrupt thinning by about 30% between 173 and 174° W, with more gradual thinning to near zero at 190° W as the trench floor shallows, such that little, if any, sediment west of 184°W is subducted beneath the arc [Kelemen et al., 2003a]. Only \sim 15% of the sediment entering the subduction

Figure 2. Molar Mg # versus $SiO₂$ and longitude of basalt samples in Table 1 relative to >1100 analyses of Aleutian arc lavas summarized by Kelemen et al. [2003a]. The samples selected for this study span the range of Mg $#$ observed in Aleutian basalt and are representative of basalts erupted along 1300 km of the arc between 163° W and 183°W longitude.

zone is retained in the prism, the remainder, which is relatively uniform in thickness, is carried down dip beneath the volcanic arc [Kelemen et al., 2003a]. The product of the sediment thickness and trench-orthogonal convergence velocity yields the updip flux of sediment subducted beneath Aleutian arc [Kelemen et al., 2003a] which varies twofold among the 11 volcanoes for which we have acquired new trace element and isotopic data (Figure 1b).

[8] South of the 7300 m deep Aleutian trench, the most prominent feature of the Pacific plate is the Amlia Fracture Zone (AFZ) which is 50 km wide, offsets east-west trending magnetic lineations \sim 220 km, and is expressed bathymetrically as a 2000 m deep canyon floored by irregular mountainous topography where it enters the Aleutian trench (Figure 1a) [Scholl et al., 1982]. Farther west, the Rat and Adak fracture zones do not offset magnetic anomaly patterns more than a few tens of km and are accordingly much more subdued morphologically than the AFZ. During the modern phase of Aleutian magmatism from \sim 5 Ma to the present, the intersection of the AFZ and the Aleutian trench translated \sim 300 km westward from beneath Yunaska volcano at 171°W and passed beneath the island of Seguam at 173W less than 1 million years ago (Figure 1a).

[9] The AFZ is important for two reasons: first, the younger ocean crust to the west forms a steep, east facing escarpment in the Aleutian trench floor that acts as a barrier to westward transport of turbidite sediment [Scholl et al., 1982]. Thus the intersection of the AFZ with the Aleutian trench coincides spatially with largest updip thickness of subducted sediment (\sim 1300 m) and has served to focus the sediment flux beneath the arc to peak values of $95-$ 98 m³ m⁻¹ yr⁻¹ (Figure 1b). Second, highly faulted and fractured oceanic crust and upper mantle in many fracture zones expose large areas of peridotite to seawater hydrothermal alteration that creates abundant serpentine at or near the plate surface [Kerrick, 2002]. Serpentinization not only increases the water content of seafloor rocks to >10 wt $\%$, it strongly enriches the peridotite in B and leads to positive δ^{11} B values [*Bonatti et al.*, 1984; Spivack and Edmond, 1987]. Moreover, serpentine is stable to depths of 120– 200 km in subducted oceanic crust and upper mantle rocks [*Ulmer and Trommsdorf, 1995; Rüpke et al., 2004*] and may therefore provide an underappreciated mechanism to transport and release large volumes of water and fluid mobile elements, including B and Li deep into the mantle [Singer et al., 1996; Rüpke et al., 2002; Scambelluri et al., 2004]. Because the AFZ likely exposes serpentinized upper mantle peridotite at the surface of the subducting Pacific plate, the Central Aleutian arc is an ideal setting in which to test this hypothesis and distinguish the impact of serpentine-derived fluids from other subducted fluid or melt components that are partly mobilized into arc magmas, but perhaps largely recycled into deeper mantle levels.

3. Basalt Samples and Analytical Methods

[10] Whole rock samples were obtained from 53 subaerial basaltic lava flows on 11 volcanic centers including Little Sitkin volcano at 181.5° W and spanning 1300 km eastward to the Cold Bay complex at 162.8° W (Figure 1a). With the exception of the basalt from the 1992 eruption of Bogoslof, these samples had previously been measured for major element composition, but only a fragmentary set of trace element and radiogenic isotope compositions had been determined [Snyder, 1959; Brophy, 1986, 1990; Brophy et al., 1999; Singer, 1990; Singer et al., 1992; Jicha et al., 2004; Nicolaysen, 1994; Nye et al., 1986, 1992; Nye and Reid, 1986; Romick et al., 1990; Gust and Perfit, 1987; McCulloch and Perfit, 1981; Fournelle and Marsh, 1991] (Text S1 in the auxiliary material provides more specific information about these samples and the sources of major element compositions).¹ These lavas were chosen because (1) the compositional range, $45.3 - 53.2\%$ SiO₂, $3 - 18\%$ MgO, and molar Mg # between 0.4 and 0.8 are representative of the spectrum of basalt observed to the east of Little Sitkin volcano (181.5°W; Figure 2), (2), eighty percent have $Mg \neq 0.5$, and are unlikely to have been greatly affected by intracrustal differentiation or contamination, (3) they sample

¹Auxiliary material data sets are available at ftp://ftp.agu.org/apend/jb/ 2006jb004897. Other auxiliary material files are in the HTML.

the portion of the arc where the sediment flux shows the greatest variation (Figure 1b), (4) two of the volcanoes, Seguam and Yunaska, overlie mantle most recently underthrust by the AFZ (Figure 1a), and (5) adequate whole rock material was available for new analyses. The exceptionally high MgO content of 17 wt $\%$ and Mg # of 0.80 in sample ID-01 from Okmok volcano [Nye and Reid, 1986] may reflect accumulation of olivine. However, olivine accumulation in this, and possibly four other samples with Mg # \geq 0.70 (Figure 2), should not affect the ratios of incompatible trace elements and radiogenic isotopes that we use to constrain the origin of these basalts.

[11] Concentrations of 29 trace elements were determined in agate ground whole rock powders at the Open University using ICP-MS techniques of Rogers et al. [2006]. Data from standard rocks and replicates of five Aleutian basalt samples indicate that the internal and full external reproducibility of these trace element concentrations is between 1 and 2% for most elements (auxiliary Tables S1 and S2). Concentrations of several trace elements were also determined in 52 samples by X-ray fluorescence on pressed powder pellets at Royal Holloway [Thirlwall et al., 2000]; these data are reported in Table S3. Samples for Be analysis were prepared as by Ryan and Langmuir [1987], analyzed by direct current plasma spectroscopy and standard addition methods at the University of South Florida, and are precise to $\pm 15\%$. Prompt gamma neutron activation analysis at the reactor facility at McMaster University was used to obtain B concentrations following procedures of *Leeman* [1988] and *Leeman et al.* [1994]. Precision and accuracy of B determinations are on the order of 10% for concentrations >10 ppm, but approach 20% as concentrations drop toward 2 ppm [Leeman et al., 1994].

[12] The Sr, Nd, and Pb isotope ratios in 39 of the 53 samples were determined on a VG 354 multicollector thermal ionization mass spectrometer at Royal Holloway University of London, using procedures similar to Thirlwall et al. [1997]. Sr and Pb isotope ratios were determined on powders leached for 1 hour in 6 M HCl in sealed Savillex vials on a hot plate, followed by multiple rinsing in >18 M Ω H2O. Thirlwall et al. [2000] showed that such leaching recovers identical Pb isotope ratios for both whole rock powders and coarse rock chips. The standard data quoted by Thirlwall et al. [1997] apply to these samples. The trace element concentrations, and Sr, Nd, and Pb isotope ratios are summarized, along with the published major element data, in Table 1.

4. Results

4.1. Trace Element Variation: An Overview

[13] The intervolcano differences in trace element abundances and ratios within the portion of the island arc under consideration here $(163-181°W;$ Figure 1a) are subtle, but vary in systematic ways along strike. For example, the MORB-normalized total abundances of incompatible trace elements are highest in the easternmost volcanoes of Cold Bay and Shishaldin where updip sediment flux is low, and decrease progressively westward as sediment flux increases to a maximum beneath Yunaska and Seguam (Figure 3). The strikingly low and flat MORB-normalized REE patterns and lowest average concentrations of Ba, Th, U, K, Pb, and Sr and high field strength elements (HFSE) Ta, Nb, Hf, and Zr are distinguishing characteristics of the basalts at Yunaska and Seguam (Figure 3). Farther west at Kanaga and Little Sitkin volcanoes, the MORB-normalized patterns are steepest and total abundances similar to those at Cold Bay where the sediment flux is also comparably low (Figure 3). The back-arc sample from Bogoslof has modest heavy REE abundances, but a steep overall pattern including the highest Ba, Th, U, and K values among our samples (Figure 3).

[14] Ratios of incompatible trace element concentration in arc lavas have been used to constrain the extent of closed system melting and crystallization, reveal open system mixing or assimilation effects in magma, and to trace components involved in magma genesis, including mantle rock and minerals, sediment, and fluids [e.g., Elliott, 2003, and references therein]. Accordingly, we have employed several trace element ratios, summarized in Table 2, to explore processes and components recorded in Aleutian basalt. For example, high values of Sr/Y and Dy/Yb ratios suggest the presence of garnet in the residue of melting because Y and Nb have garnet-melt partition coefficients greater than those of Sr and Dy [Kay, 1978]. Similarly, provided melting occurs under closed system conditions, the differences in La/Yb among a suite of basaltic lavas may be used to gauge variations in the percentage of mantle melting [e.g., Allegre and Minster, 1978].

[15] The concentration of Th in marine sediment is typically more than 2 orders of magnitude larger than in the mantle and Th is highly insoluble in fluids relative to the REE and HFSE. Indeed the high Th/La, Th/Nd, and Th/Nb ratios in arc lavas prompted Elliott et al. [1997], Class et al. [2000], George et al. [2003], and Plank [2005] to argue that partially melted sediment is added to the mantle wedge beneath many arcs, including the Aleutian arc.

[16] The concentrations of Ba, Pb, Cs, Be, B, and Li are also typically more than an order of magnitude higher in sediment and hydrothermally altered ocean crust compared to the mantle, however in contrast to Th these elements are more strongly partitioned into fluid [Tatsumi and Kogiso, 1997; Brenan et al., 1998; Scambelluri et al., 2004, Kessel et al., 2005]. Thus fluids that form during dehydration of sediment or altered ocean crust are strongly enriched in these elements relative to La, Ce, Nb, and Y which are relatively immobile in fluids and preferentially retained by residual minerals. Ratios of Ba/La, Pb/Ce, B/La, B/Nb, Cs/ La, and Li/Y can therefore be used to identify the sedimentary or altered ocean crust sources and proportions of these fluids in the magma source (Table 2). B is particularly mobile in aqueous fluids [Ryan and Langmuir, 1993; Leeman, 1996; Leeman and Sisson, 1996] and has been used widely as a proxy for fluid released from dehydration of AOC and sediment in subduction zones (Table 2). The surprising correlation between ${}^{10}Be/{}^{9}Be$ and B/Be among lavas from many arcs, including the Aleutian arc, suggests that the B/Be ratio is a good proxy for 10 Be/ 9 Be, hence sediment in the magma source (Table 2), and that Be and B may be efficiently homogenized by mixing of fluids derived from both AOC and the overlying sediment veneer [Morris et al., 1990; Edwards et al., 1993]. In the next sections we consider how the trace element ratios in Table 2, together with isotope ratios of Pb, Sr, and Nd, vary along the strike

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of the arc, as well as how they covary among the studied Aleutian basalt samples.

4.2. Along-Strike Variation K_2O , Th/La, and Sediment Flux

[17] *Plank and Langmuir* [1993] found a global correlation between the flux of Th and K into subduction zones and the concentrations of these elements in primitive basalts and proposed that the volcanic arc output strongly reflects the composition and flux of subducted sediment. Moreover, the strikingly linear correlation of Th/La and Sm/La obtained from a small number of Aleutian lavas and average Deep Sea Drilling Project (DSDP) Site 183 sediment led Plank [2005] to suggest that Aleutian magmas reflect mixing of this sediment with an enriched-MORB mantle source. Th/La is low in high-Mg # lavas in the westernmost Aleutians but is on average uniformly higher, 0.1 to 0.3, among the basalts of this study and shows little, if any, variation as a function of sediment flux (Figure 4). K_2O contents of Aleutian basalts decrease from west to east, and we find that the average and lowest K_2O content at a given volcanic center decreases more than threefold where sediment flux increases from 50 to 95 m³ m⁻¹ yr⁻¹ (Figure 4). The lack of correlation between Th/La and sediment flux, coupled with the marked decline in $K₂O$, indicates that sediment flux alone is incapable of explaining the alongstrike compositional variation of these Aleutian arc basalts.

4.3. Along-Strike Variation of Sr/Y and $(Dy/Yb)_n$: Evidence for Residual Garnet During Melting?

[18] *Kay* [1978] and *Kelemen et al.* [2003a] noted that several high-Mg # lavas on or west of Adak Island are strongly enriched in Sr relative to Y and Dy relative to Yb (Figure 4), suggesting that they were produced via partial melting of peridotite or eclogite containing residual garnet but no plagioclase. The basalts studied here have a limited range of Sr/Y between 10 and 40 and show no correlation with longitude or sediment flux (Figure 4). Similarly, our precise ICP-MS measurements reveal that (Dy/Yb) _n values are only slightly above chondritic and exceptionally uniform, the vast majority are 1.2 ± 0.1 (Figure 4). Thus, although residual garnet may be required to produce some high-Mg # lavas west of Adak, there is no trace element evidence in most Aleutian basaltic lavas, including those we have measured here, that would require generation in, or equilibration with, garnet-bearing rock.

4.4. Along-Strike Variation in Radiogenic Isotopes

[19] Pb, Sr, and Nd isotope ratios show systematic variations along the entire Aleutian arc with far less radiogenic Pb and Sr and more radiogenic Nd distinguishing the westernmost Aleutians from the remainder of the arc (Figure 4) [Kelemen et al., 2003a; Yogodzinski et al., 1995]. The radiogenic isotope ratios of the basalt samples studied here also show orderly, but more subtle, variations

Figure 3. MORB-normalized spidergrams of central Aleutian arc basalts arranged from eastern centers at top to westernmost centers at bottom. MORB normalization values are from *Hoffman* [1988]. The gray shading indicates the range of all 52 frontal arc samples in Table 1.

^aWorkman and Hart [2005]; B values from *Ishikawa and Tera* [1997]. ^bMcDonough and Sun [1995]. ${}^{\circ}$ Hannigan et al. [2001]. ^dThis study, Table 1. e
Plank and Langmuir [1998]. ^fStaudigel et al. [1996]. ^gEstimate from this study; see Table 3. h_{Planck} [2005]. i Class et al. [2000]. $\frac{d}{dt}$ Elliott [2003] and *Kelemen et al.* [2003a]. k Leeman et al. [1994] and Rüpke et al. [2002].
¹Ishikawa and Tera [1997]. m_{Miller et al.} [1994]. n Morris et al. [1990] and Edwards et al. [1993]. ^oRyan and Langmuir [1987] and Moriguti and Nakamura [1998]. ^PHochstaedter et al. [1996]. ^qAllegre and Minster [1978]. Kay [1978].

along strike such that the highest Sr and Pb ratios and lowest Nd ratios correspond to the highest sediment flux (Figure 4).

[20] The $^{207}Pb^{204}Pb$ ratio increases gradually, from west to east and with increasing sediment flux (Figure 4). Specifically, the average $^{207}Pb/^{204}Pb$ ratio at a given volcano is <15.50 to the west of Little Sitkin where sediment flux is low, but rises to >15.58 at Seguam Island where sediment flux is the highest (Figure 4). This first-order variation along the entire arc and the correlation of Th/La with Pb isotope ratios were used by *Kelemen et al.* [2003a] to suggest that $207Pb/204Pb$ is a good indicator of sediment recycling in the magma source.

[21] The ${}^{87}Sr/{}^{86}Sr$ ratio increases from an average <0.7027 in the westernmost part of the arc to the highest ratios of 0.7037 at Seguam and are positively correlated with both $^{207}Pb^{204}Pb$ and sediment flux (Figure 4). This suggests that Sr, like Pb, is being recycled largely via

Figure 4. Th/La, K₂O, Sr/Y, and (Dy/Yb) _n and Sr, Nd, and Pb isotope ratios versus longitude. The gray curve shows the variation of updip sediment flux (see Figure 1). Shown are data from Table 1 and samples in the compilation of Kelemen et al. [2003a] with molar Mg $\# \geq 0.6$. C1 chondrite values for $(Dy/Yb)_n$ from Anders and Grevesse [1989].

subducted sediment. However, the unusually high ${}^{87}Sr/{}^{86}Sr$ values of 0.7037 occur where the AFZ was subducted; thus we must also consider whether Sr is being delivered to the mantle wedge by fluids liberated from AOC or serpentinite at the surface of the Pacific plate.

[22] The variation of 143 Nd/¹⁴⁴Nd is less pronounced than 87 Sr/ 86 Sr or 207 Pb/²⁰⁴Pb, but our data reinforce previous observations [Singer et al., 1992; Kelemen et al., 2003a] that ratios >0.51310 only occur west of Little Sitkin volcano where sediment flux is low, whereas the lowest ratios of 0.51295 to 0.51300 occur at Seguam volcano where sediment flux is at its maximum (Figure 4). Since Nd is relatively immobile in fluids but behaves much like Th upon partial melting the covariation of Th/Nd and 143Nd/144Nd isotope ratios from volcano to volcano can be used to explore the nature and extent of the sediment melt component in the source of Aleutian basaltic magmas

(Table 2) [Class et al., 2000; George et al., 2003]. We pursue this further in the discussion below.

4.5. Along-Strike Variation in Fluid Mobile Elements: Ba, B, Li, Be, Cs, and Pb

[23] In many arcs, including the Marianas and Central American arcs [Elliott et al., 1997; Carr et al., 1990; Patino et al., 2000; Elliott, 2003] it has been proposed that Ba is mobile in aqueous fluid and that ratios including Ba/La, Ba/ Nb, or Ba/Ta provide proxy indicators for fluid derived by dehydration of subducted sediment or AOC. However, Kelemen et al. [2003a] show that Ba/La in Aleutian lavas is positively correlated with Th/La (Figure 5) and $^{207}Pb/^{204}Pb$ rendering it ineffective for separating fluid from melt components. We concur with Kelemen et al. [2003a] that the correlation of Ba, Th, and Pb in Aleutian lavas likely means that transport of these elements from the subducted materials into the mantle wedge is via silicate

Figure 5. Th/La and B/La versus Ba/La and Pb/Ce and B concentration versus B/La. The arc-wide correlation of Ba with Th indicates that these elements most likely proxy for melted sediment [Kelemen et al., 2003a], whereas B/La is decoupled and tracks fluid. The array in the Pb/Ce versus B/La plot suggests that in addition to mixing between the mantle wedge and fluids from dehydration of subducted crust and sediment, partial melts of sediment with relatively low B/La and high Pb/Ce may also have been present in the source region beneath some volcanoes. End-member compositions are calculated from data in Table 3. Open circles are data from Class et al. [2002] and George et al. [2003].

melt and not aqueous fluid. Models illustrating this are presented in the discussion section below.

[24] The B concentration and B/La ratios of central Aleutian basalts vary by 1 order of magnitude from 3 to 30 and 0.8 to 8.0 ppm, respectively (Figure 5). However, B/ La shows no correlation with either Ba/La or Th/La indicating that B is strongly decoupled from Th, Ba, and the REE and is transported into the mantle wedge by a pathway involving fluid rather than melt (Figure 5). Whether B and Pb behave similarly is less clear. Because Pb is more soluble in fluids relative to LREE, it has been proposed that the Pb/ Ce ratio tracks fluid additions to the mantle wedge [Miller et al., 1994]. Moreover, since subducted sediment has $^{207}Pb/^{204}Pb$ much higher than altered oceanic crust, it is possible to use the Pb/Ce ratio together with Pb isotope ratios to discern fluid derived from AOC from that sourced from the overlying sediment [Miller et al., 1994; Brenan et al., 1994; Class et al., 2000]. However, as noted earlier, the correlation between Th and Pb isotope ratios strongly suggests that some Pb, like Th is mobilized in a melt phase rather than a fluid. Aleutian basalts with B/La ratios ≤ 1 have a large range of Pb/Ce from 0.1 to 0.5, whereas those with B/La >2 show a weak positive correlation with Pb/Ce (Figure 5). This suggests that Pb may be mobilized partly in melts of sediment poor in B due to dehydration at shallow depths [Moran et al., 1992; Leeman and Sisson, 1996], but also via a water- and B-rich fluid.

[25] In the eastern and westernmost portions of the arc where sediment flux is less than 80 m³ m⁻¹ yr⁻¹, ratios of B/La, B/Nb, B/Be, Li/Y, and Cs/La are low (excepting one high Cs/La sample from Akutan), whereas in the central part of the arc where sediment flux is highest these ratios are elevated at Okmok, Recheshnoi, Yunaska, and Seguam volcanoes (Figure 6). With the exception of three samples from Okmok, Pb/Ce ratios follow the same pattern with baseline and average values at each volcano rising from east

to west as the sediment flux rises, then falls to the west (Figure 6). Next to differences between the far westernmost and central portions of the arc in radiogenic isotopes, and to a lesser degree Th/La, Sr/Y, (Dy/Yb) _n ratios (Figure 4), the correlation of trace element ratios in Figure 6 with sediment flux represents a particularly distinctive geochemical feature of Aleutian basaltic magma.

[26] Another outstanding feature revealed by our data is that the highest average values of trace element proxies for fluid are found in basalt erupted at Seguam Island beneath which the AFZ has been recently subducted (Figure 6; excluding one high Cs/La sample from Akutan). With the exception of three basalt samples from Okmok, the Pb/Ce ratio follows this pattern, suggesting that some, but perhaps not all, of the Pb may be following B in fluids. As will be shown below, this unusually strong local enrichment in Brich fluid provides considerable leverage in identifying the sources and amounts of the fluid added to the mantle wedge. The remainder of this paper focuses on determining the proportion of sediment melt, sediment fluid, and fluid from AOC that have modified the mantle wedge to different extents beneath each volcano.

4.6. Trace Element Ratios and Intervolcano Variability

[27] For a set of seven Aleutian basaltic lavas from Okmok and Westdahl volcanoes, Plank [2005] found a remarkably linear variation between an inferred sediment component with Th/La of 0.32 ± 0.03 and Sm/La of 0.24 and mantle wedge with Th/La of 0.06 and Sm/La of 0.65 \pm 0.05. The Th/La of Plank's [2005] sediment end-member is indistinguishable from the estimated bulk Th/La found in DSDP Site 183 sediment [Plank and Langmuir, 1993] and higher than the average of 0.22 for Aleutian lavas. Similar data from other arcs led Plank [2005] to hypothesize that partially melted sediment, in which Th is not significantly fractionated from La during melting, accounts for 5% or less of the erupted magma output in island arcs. Our new data from 53 Aleutian basalt samples fall between the proposed bulk Aleutian sediment and mantle end-members of *Plank* [2005], but there is no simple arc-wide correlation between Th/La and Sm/La (Figure 7). Instead, we see that the suite of samples from a particular volcano define more or less linear arrays between DSDP site 183 sediment and possible mantle sources with Sm/La ratios between about 0.5 to 0.8. For example, five samples from Shishaldin volcano yield a highly linear ($R^2 = 0.96$) regression line, that if projected to high Th/La would link mantle values of Sm/La of about 0.5 to the lower end of the Th/La ratios found in DSDP site 183 sediment (Figure 7). Regression of the six samples from Okmok ($R^2 = 0.73$) and five from Yunaska ($R^2 = 0.70$) each define linear trends, less statistically significant than for Shishaldin, but that also suggest a link between potential mantle compositions with sediment from DSDP site 183 (Figure 7). Data from other volcanoes are more scattered,

Figure 6. Proposed proxies for fluid: B/La, B/Nb, B/Be, Li/Y, Cs/La, and Pb/Ce of basalt samples in Table 1 as a function of longitude. The gray curve shows the updip sediment flux (see Figure 1b), whereas the vertical gray band labeled AFZ shows the portion of the subarc mantle recently influenced by the Amlia Fracture Zone (see Figure 1a).

Figure 7. Sm/La versus Th/La for samples in Table 1. The basalts plot between the compositions of sediment from site DSDP 183 [Plank and Langmuir, 1993] and MORB. The data from several individual volcanoes define linear arrays, three of which have been regressed with the $R²$ values shown, and the one for Recheshnoi is fit by eye to four of the five samples. MORB data are by ICP-MS from the Mid-Atlantic Ridge [*Hannigan et al.*, 2001]. OIB data are from a compilation by T. Elliott cited by *Plank* [2005].

but the overall pattern suggests that each volcano may tap melts derived from unique mixtures of mantle and sediment components.

[28] To expand upon these intervolcano differences in trace element systematics, we now examine how the ratios of Th/Nd and B/Nb, proxies for sediment melt and subducted fluid in the magma source respectively, vary with $SiO₂$, Th and B contents. The aim is to evaluate closed versus open system processes that may further distinguish each volcano. Over the range of $SiO₂$ and Th contents observed, Th/Nd ratios vary in contrasting ways from volcano to volcano. For example, samples from Akutan and Shishaldin change little in Th/Nd as $SiO₂$ and Th contents increase, whereas those from Kanaga, Yunaska, Seguam, Okmok and Recheshnoi show progressively steeper increases (Figure 8). These variations suggest that the composition of basalts at Akutan and Shishaldin are controlled largely by closed system crystallization or melting processes, whereas the increases in Th/Nd with $SiO₂$ and Th content at the other volcanoes suggest that open system mixing of various sediment melt and mantle endmembers govern the compositions, with Recheshnoi, Okmok, and Kanaga volcanoes showing the most significant influences of sediment melt (Figure 8).

[29] The B/Nb ratio also varies with $SiO₂$ and B content in different ways at each volcano. As with the Th/Nd ratio, Akutan and Shishaldin basalts show virtually no change in B/Nb with SiO₂ and B, but samples from Kanaga, Okmok, Recheshnoi, and Yunaska show modestly positive correlations. Seguam basalt is extremely enriched in B/Nb and stands out relative to the other volcanoes (Figure 8). Moreover, there appears to be a hierarchy in the magnitude of B/ Nb enrichment, and hence fluid addition to the mantle wedge, along the arc. All Aleutian basalts have B/Nb ratios >2 and are thus significantly elevated relative to the vast majority of MORB or oceanic island basalt (OIB) with B/Nb <0.5 [Ishikawa and Tera, 1997]. Basalts from Shishaldin, Cold Bay, Akutan, Makushin, Recheshnoi, Kanaga, and Little Sitkin volcanoes have average B/Nb ratios <8, whereas Okmok and Yunaska basalts average about 10, and Seguam stands alone with 7 of 8 samples yielding B/Nb >15 (Figure 8). These data suggest varying degrees of recent open system fluid modification of the mantle wedge along the arc, with volcanoes including Okmok, Yunaska, and

Figure 8. Th and $SiO₂$ versus Th/Nd and B and $SiO₂$ versus B/Nb for samples in Table 1. In these plots, changes in SiO₂, Th, or B content reflect mainly closed system effects of melting or crystallization, whereas increases in Th/Nd and B/Nb indicate open system additions of sediment and fluid to the mantle. The thin lines are fit by eye to data from several individual volcanoes to emphasize contrasting intervolcano behavior and are discussed in the text. MORB data in top plots are from Hannigan et al. [2001] and *Schilling et al.* [1994, 1995]. MORB and OIB fields in bottom plots are from the summaries by Leeman and Sisson [1996] and *Ishikawa and Tera* [1999]. MORB and OIB data are from sources given in Figures 7 and 8. The term xtal frac means crystal fractionation.

especially Seguam, showing the most significant additions of B-rich fluid above a background level of metasomatic enrichment of the mantle wedge beneath the entire arc.

5. Discussion: Subducted Components in Aleutian Basalt

5.1. Mantle, Sediment, and Fluid Sources

[30] Our results are consistent with Th-rich sediment and B-rich fluid playing important, but somewhat variable roles in modifying the mantle wedge along the Aleutian Island arc between Little Sitkin and Cold Bay volcanoes (Figures 7 and 8). The mantle may also change slightly along the arc with respect to the degree of incompatible element depletion or enrichment as is demonstrated by the spread in Sm/La and 143Nd/144Nd ratios of the basalts studied here (Figure 9). In this section we use the compositional range of Aleutian basalt, sediment from DSDP site 183, and a global estimate of altered oceanic crust AOC as the principal guides, in concert with experimental constraints on mineral melt and mineral fluid partitioning of trace elements, to propose a set of potential sediment melt, fluid, and mantle end-members. We then illustrate, via a series of mass balance mixing models, how these components may combine to create the erupted basalts.

[31] The array in Figure 7 implies that the Sm/La ratio of the mantle beneath the central Aleutian Island arc is probably between about 0.5 and 0.8 and so is generally enriched in light rare earth elements relative to normal MORB (NMORB) mantle with a Sm/La of 1.0 [Plank, 2005]. Even the most ''enriched'' depleted MORB mantle model of *Workman and Hart* [2005] has a Sm/La of >1.0 and is therefore unlikely to characterize the mantle anywhere beneath the Aleutian arc. However, the Sm/La ratio of McDonough and Sun's [1995] ''primitive'' mantle is 0.58, and this is well within the range of plausible mantle sources of Aleutian basalt (Figure 7). We have therefore used this primitive mantle composition as a mixing com-

Figure 9. Plot of $143\text{Nd}/144\text{Nd}$ versus Th/Nd for samples in Table 1. The inset shows that in general, these data are clustered just above the compositional range of normal MORB. The compositions of basalt samples define quasi-linear arrays of slightly differing slope for several of the volcanoes similar to those illustrated in Figure 7. Samples from Kanaga, Okmok, and Recheshnoi volcanoes trend toward the composition of a partial melt of DSDP 183 sediment calculated in Table 3. In contrast, basalts from Seguam trend toward the composition of the clay fraction of DSDP site 183 sediment. The gray bands show a spectrum of mixtures that are possible if the range of sediment and plausible mantle (dark box in MORB field) end-members are considered. Tick marks on the calculated mantle-sediment melt mixing lines are labeled with the wt % of sediment melt. MORB, OIB, and sediment data are from sources given in Figure 7.

ponent in the mass balance models below (Table 3). As will be discussed, the choice of mantle end-member has little influence over the proportion of sediment melt or fluid required in the mass balance models to reproduce the observed intervolcano variability in Aleutian basalt.

[32] The subducted sediment is from DSDP Site 183 (Figure 1a) as reported by Plank and Langmuir [1998], and we have used their volume-weighted average composition, dominated by the diatomaceous ooze and clastic turbidite fractions, as an end-member in our modeling (Table 3). B, Be, and Li concentrations of average DSDP Site 183 sediment are chosen based on concentrations determined by *George et al.* [2003] and *Chan et al.* [2006].

[33] The composition of AOC in Table 3 is based on the works by Staudigel et al. [1996], Tatsumi and Kogiso [1997], and *Chan et al.* [1992]. A mixing component representing fluid derived by dehydration of AOC was calculated using the eclogite/fluid partition coefficients of Brenan et al. [1995a, 1995b], assuming generation and

equilibration of 5 wt $\%$ of fluid before its expulsion (Table 3). Similarly, a mixing component for fluid derived from dehydration or leaching of subducted sediment was calculated using the DSDP site 183 sediment and the partition coefficients of Johnson and Plank [1999] for the conditions at 650° C and 2 GPa, assuming that 5 wt % fluid equilibrated and was released (Table 3).

5.2. Sediment Melt-Mantle Mixing

[34] In a plot of $143\text{Nd}/144\text{Nd}$ versus Th/Nd the Aleutian basalts are clustered slightly above the MORB field but in detail the data are bracketed by two different trends defined mainly by basalts from Recheshnoi and Seguam (Figure 9). Two sediment melt-mantle mixing models are also illustrated in Figure 9; one assumes that the DSDP site 183 sediment is mixed in bulk or as a melt in which Th is not fractionated from Nd, the other assumes that Th is enriched over Nd in a partial melt of the sediment. The mass balance calculations for the sediment melt component

^aMantle values are from *McDonough and Sun* [1995] and GERM Web site http://www.earthref.org.
^bR and Be concentrations in DSDP 183 sediment represent an average from *George et al.* [2003] C

^bB and Be concentrations in DSDP 183 sediment represent an average from George et al. [2003]. Other sediment data are from Plank and Langmuir [1998] and Kelemen et al. [2003a].

^cAltered oceanic crust values from *Staudigel et al.* [1996]; Li concentrations are from within the values of *Chan et al.* [1992].

^dSediment/melt and sediment/fluid partition coefficients from Johnson and Plank [1999]; Li concentration from Chan et al. [1992].

 C^2 AOC/fluid partition coefficients from *Brenan et al.* [1995a, 1995b] assuming subducted oceanic crust has gt:cpx = 60:40.

Calculated sediment melt composition assuming 5% melt of average DSDP 183 sediments and partition coefficients in note d.

^gCalculated composition of fluid released during dehydration of subducted sediment. This assumes 5% fluid in equilibrium with sediment.

^hCalculated composition of fluid released from AOC. This assumes 5% fluid in equilibrium with AOC.

ⁱAddition of 1% sediment melt plus 0.5% sediment fluid and 0.5% AOC fluid to primitive mantle.

^jComposition of slab fluid assumes a 80:20 mixture of AOC:sediments-derived fluids.

assume 5 wt % partial melting before melt extraction [e.g., Class et al., 2000] and the trace element composition of the melt was calculated using Johnson and Plank's [1999] sediment melt partition coefficients at 2 GPa and 800° C (Table 3). Basalts from Recheshnoi, Okmok, Kanaga, and Shishaldin parallel closely the mixing line toward the high Th/Nd sediment melt, whereas those at Seguam, Makushin, and Akutan trend toward lower Th/Nd ratios of the bulk sediment. Basalts from Yunaska and Cold Bay fall between these two trends (Figure 9). Regardless of which sediment end-member mixes with the mantle wedge, these models suggest that, with the exception of one sample from Recheshnoi, between about 1 and 5 wt % sediment melt is required to elevate the Th/Nd ratios in the mantle wedge over MORB-like values (Figure 9). Although our Recheshnoi sample with Th/Nd of 0.26 appears to be unusual in Figure 9, *Class et al.* [2000] show that several andesitic lavas from this volcano would plot alongside it, suggesting that magma erupted here contains a relatively large proportion of melted sediment in comparison with other Aleutian volcanoes. Changing the Th and Nd abundances or the $143Nd/144Nd$ ratio of the mantle within the range of plausible MORB values will not significantly effect these mass balance calculations, nor will accounting for the full range of DSDP site 183 sediment components which are outlined in the gray bands encompassing the mixing model curves (Figure 9).

5.3. Fluid-Mantle Mixing

[35] To further explore the contribution to Aleutian basalt by aqueous fluids and the proportion of sediment melt versus fluid for various elements we adopt an approach similar to that of *Edwards et al.* [1993] that evaluates how trace element ratios most sensitive to fluid, including B/La, B/Be, and Li/Y vary with respect to Th/Nd, our proxy for

sediment melt, as well as $^{143}Nd/^{144}Nd$, $^{87}Sr/^{86}Sr$, and $^{207}Pb/^{204}Pb$ ratios. B/La and B/Be show no correlation with Th/Nd, in part because each vary by an order of magnitude, whereas the Th/Nd ratios are predominantly between 0.06 and 0.20 (Figures 10a and 10b). Partial melts of subducted sediment will have vanishingly little B owing to progressive metamorphism and dehydration as temperature and pressure are increased [Moran et al., 1992; You et al., 1996; Leeman and Sisson, 1996]. Conversely, as the sediments and AOC dehydrate they release virtually all of their B to the mantle wedge below about 750°C [Moran et al., 1992]. Our mass balance models suggest that mixing of \sim 4 wt % of fluid from subducted sediment or ~ 0.5 wt % fluid from AOC can create the B/La and B/Be ratios of $0.5-1.5$ and $7-15$, respectively, that characterize half of the Aleutian basalts, including all of those from Shishaldin, Akutan, Makushin and Kanaga. We therefore propose that the basalts at these four volcanoes reflect a ''baseline'' range of Th/Nd, B/La, and B/Be that is consistent with the addition of both $1 -$ 4 wt % of partially melted sediment and about 0.5 wt % of fluid from AOC (Figures 10a and 10b). If the fluid is a mixture of AOC- and sediment-derived fluids, our modeling suggests that the AOC is about 8 times more effective at enriching the mantle in B than the sediment. This is consistent with studies of several arcs, including the Aleutian arc, which propose that AOC-derived fluids comprise 80– 95% of the total fluid contributed to the mantle wedge from subducted crust and sediment [e.g., Edwards et al., 1993; Hochstaedter et al., 2000; Class et al., 2000; Straub et al., 2004; Stern et al., 2006]. The vast majority of basalts from Okmok, Recheshnoi, Little Sitkin, Yunaska, and most notably Seguam fall within the baseline range of Th/Nd, but have B/La and B/Be values that would require addition of up to about 6 wt % of a mainly AOC-derived fluid, or alternatively a smaller amount of fluid much richer in B

than that which created the baseline compositions (Figures 10a and 10b).

[36] Unlike B/La and B/Be, data from each of the individual volcanoes show a weak positive correlation between Li/Y and Th/Nd suggesting that some Li may be transported in partially melted sediment (Figure 10c). The limited overall variation in Li/Y is consistent with experiments that have revealed Li to be less compatible in fluids than B; thus it may be retained in high-pressure mineral assemblages [Brenan et al., 1998; Scambelluri et al., 2004]. About half our samples, including all of those that fall into the baseline group above, have relatively low Li/Y ratios between 0.3 and 0.7, whereas those from Seguam and Recheshnoi extend up to 1.2. To explain the range of Seguam basalts, our models suggest that addition of 5 to 20 wt % of sediment- or AOC-derived fluids to a relatively primitive mantle can produce these high Li/Y ratios (Figure 10c). However, if the mantle has already been modified so that it falls within the box of baseline values in Figure 10c (i.e., Th/Nd and Li/Y ratios have been elevated via addition of 1 to 2 wt % of both sediment melt and low-temperature slab fluid) the models show that addition of as little as $4-5$ wt % of the AOC-derived fluid is capable of producing the Li/Y ratios in the Seguam basalts. The high Th/Nd and Li/Y ratios of Recheshnoi basalts (Figure 10c) suggest that they are more strongly influenced by partially melted sediment than slab fluids, a finding consistent with that of Class et al. [2000] based on comparison of Th/Nd ratios in lavas from Recheshnoi and Okmok volcanoes.

[37] The covariation of ${}^{87}Sr/{}^{86}Sr, {}^{207}Pb/{}^{204}Pb, {}^{143}Nd/{}^{144}Nd$ ratios with fluid proxies like B/La provide additional insight regarding the sources, budgets, and pathways of geochemically contrasting elements. All samples have B/ La ratios that are more than an order of magnitude higher than that of the mantle, and most are displaced from mantle toward higher ${}^{87}Sr/{}^{86}Sr$ and ${}^{207}Pb/{}^{204}Pb$ and lower ¹⁴³Nd/¹⁴⁴Nd which suggests that from Cold Bay to Little Sitkin the mantle wedge has undergone a relatively uniform degree of metasomatism via a B-rich fluid \pm melt (Figure 11). As in Figure 10, a baseline level of mantle wedge modification is explained by adding about 1 wt % AOC+sediment derived fluid and \sim 1-2 wt % partial melt of sediment (Figure 11). The trend away from the baseline composition toward much higher B/La with slight increases in $87\text{Sr}/86\text{Sr}$

Figure 10. B/La, B/Be, and Li/Y versus Th/Nd for samples in Table 1. Owing to very low B and Li contents the mantle plots near the origin in each plot. Mass balance models show mixtures of a partial melt of sediment, sediment-derived fluid, and AOC-derived fluid with the mantle based on compositions in Table 3. Select tick marks are labeled with the wt % sediment melt or fluid in these mixtures. One set of models shows mixing of sediment melt into unmodified mantle, and another shows mixing of this sediment melt into a mantle that has been modified by adding 0.5 wt % fluid from AOC (Figures 10a and 10b) or 2 wt % fluid from sediment (Figure 10c). The dashed boxes encompass baseline values for a mantle wedge that include half of all the basalts studied here.

Figure 11

and $^{207}Pb/^{204}Pb$, and a decrease in $^{143}Nd/^{144}Nd$ suggests that the mantle beneath Okmok, Yunaska, and most strikingly Seguam, has been modified either by a much larger amount of AOC-dominated fluid, or by a fluid in which the concentration of B is greater than in our model AOC, or both (Figure 11). Regardless of which case may be more correct, the isotopic shifts require that the additional fluid, although dominantly sourced from AOC also contain a significant proportion (up to 20%) derived from sediment.

[38] The $87\text{Sr}/86\text{Sr}$ ratios of the basalts studied here lie on a mixing line between the AOC-dominated slab fluid and the modified mantle (Figure 11). In accord with the high solubility of Sr in aqueous fluid [Keppler, 1996; Tatsumi and Kogiso, 1997] the model requires that only a minor amount of Sr is mobilized in the form of a partial melt of DSDP Site 183 sediment, which would have an exceptionally low B/La owing to dehydration at low temperature and shallow depths prior to melting [Moran et al., 1992; You et al., 1996; Leeman and Sisson, 1996].

[39] Like ${}^{87}Sr/{}^{86}Sr$, most of the variation in ${}^{207}Pb/{}^{204}Pb$ relative to B/La can be explained by mixing additional AOC-dominated fluid into a modified mantle, but basalts from Kanaga and Little Sitkin have ²⁰⁷Pb/²⁰⁴Pb ratios that fall well below the baseline mantle (Figure 11). We infer that the mantle beneath these two volcanoes has either incorporated a smaller quantity of sediment melt than elsewhere, or that the Pb isotope ratio of sediment being subducted to the west of the AFZ is lower than at DSDP site 183 which is located more than 1600 km east of these volcanoes (Figure 1). In contrast to Pb isotope ratios, 143 Nd/ 144 Nd ratios decrease slightly from about 0.5131 to 0.5130 with increasing B/La and are well explained by mixing additional AOC-dominated fluid into the modified mantle (Figure 11).

5.4. Evolution of Baseline Modified Mantle

[40] The baseline composition of modified mantle in Figures 10 and 11 need not reflect solely modern processes occurring beneath the arc. Rather, it could represent nonconvecting lithospheric mantle which might be considered as a starting point for the mixing models. If so, adding an AOC-dominated slab fluid to lithospheric mantle does a good job reproducing the Okmok-Yunaksa-Seguam data. This could also explain the relatively low Sm/La ratio of the mantle source beneath the Aleutians compared to a depleted MORB source mantle (Figure 7). We therefore consider it possible that the Aleutian mantle has been shifted from a depleted MORB source mantle during 46 Ma of subduction [*Jicha et al.*, 2006]. A similar model in which lithospheric mantle domains that contain a stored slab-derived component partially melt, in response to ascent of magma from the hotter convecting asthenospheric mantle wedge, has been

proposed to explain contrasting petrologic characteristics of primitive basalts across the Cascades arc [Leeman et al., 2005].

6. Model for Genesis of Aleutian Arc Basalt and Implications

[41] *Kelemen et al.* [2003a] reviewed evidence that the high-Mg # andesitic lavas west of Adak and in particular those from Buldir Island (184°W) and submarine lavas from Piip Volcano and the Komandorsky block $(192.7°W)$ are chemically and isotopically distinct from basaltic lavas in the central Aleutians. Many of these high-Mg # andesites have exceptionally high Sr/Y, (Dy/Yb) _n, and Ce/Pb ratios as well as MORB-like Sr, Nd, and Pb isotope ratios that together define the most distinctive geochemical feature along the entire arc (Figure 4). The hypothesis put forward by Kelemen et al. [2003a] and Yogodzinski et al. [2001] is that lavas of the westernmost Aleutian Islands are generated by partial melting of subducted Pacific Ocean crust under eclogite facies conditions and reaction of the melts with the mantle.

[42] There is, however, no trace element or isotopic evidence in the set of basaltic lavas measured here that requires or suggests a contribution from garnet-bearing eclogitic rock. For example, the remarkably uniform (Dy/ Yb _n ratio of 1.2 \pm 0.1 (Figure 4), is too low to be controlled by garnet during melting. Evidently, the thermal conditions necessary for eclogite melting are restricted to the westernmost segment of the arc where the slab edge may heat up during prolonged, highly oblique transit beneath the arc (Figure 1) [Yogodzinski et al., 2001; Kelemen et al., 2003a]. Instead, we find that the components contributed by subduction to the majority of basalts erupted between Cold Bay and Little Sitkin comprise a small, relatively uniform amount of fluid derived mainly from AOC plus a partial melt of only the sediment veneer. Despite our finding that subtle differences in the amount or exact composition of these subducted components added to the mantle wedge, which itself may be slightly variable in composition, are manifest from volcano to volcano (Figures 7 and 8), a baseline level of mantle wedge modification by these subducted components characterizes most of the arc (Figures 10 and 11).

[43] Covariation of Th/Nd and $143\text{Nd}/144\text{Nd}$ indicates that the quantity of sediment melt added to the mantle wedge is limited to between about 1 and 4 wt % but does not vary systematically with position along the arc despite a twofold variation in the sediment flux. This finding is at odds with the correlation of similar parameters and sediment flux in a much smaller set of basaltic to dacitic samples analyzed by George et al. [2003]. If calcium-rich sediment comparable

Figure 11. B/La versus ⁸⁷Sr/⁸⁶Sr, ²⁰⁷Pb/²⁰⁴Pb, and ¹⁴³Nd/¹⁴⁴Nd for samples in Table 1. Models illustrate addition of partially melted sediment to the mantle wedge as near-vertical mixing lines, whereas addition of a purely sediment-derived fluid follows curves toward a B/La ratio of about 5. Addition of a small wt % of fluid derived from a mixture of AOC and sediment sources to the mantle generates a modified mantle wedge with a baseline range of compositions shown in the dashed boxes. Mixing of additional fluid, derived at least $10-20%$ from sediment and $80-90%$ from AOC, into this baseline mantle wedge can create the highly B-enriched source for basalts erupted at mainly at Okmok, Yunaska, and especially Seguam. End-members for the mixing models are in Table 3, and ticks are labeled for wt % slab fluid added to the baseline mantle composition.

Figure 12. B/La versus La/Yb of samples in Table 1. Data are superimposed upon a model illustrating variable percentages of melting of the modified mantle wedge in Table 3. Subvertical lines from left to right indicate increasing amounts in wt % of the slab fluid from Table 3 added to the modified mantle wedge. Partition coefficients and calculation procedures for partial melting are from *Jicha et al.* [2004]. Progressive addition of slab fluid is correlated with the percentage of calculated mantle melting. Symbols are as previously.

to that raised at DSDP Site 183 is involved, partial melting will fractionate Nd and Nb from Th in the presence of rutile and apatite or allanite [e.g., Plank, 2005] and this may explain why bulk sediment addition to the mantle is inadequate to reproduce many of the observed compositions (e.g., Figure 9). Sediment flux beneath the 1300 km of arc under investigation here varies mainly because the thickness of the sediment column changes along strike, whereas the trench-orthogonal velocity of the subducting plate changes only between about 7.5 and 6.0 cm yr^{-1} (Figure 1). This suggests that a uniformly thick layer representing a fraction of the overall sediment column undergoes partial melting to a similar extent beneath several hundred km of the arc front. New generation thermal models that incorporate temperature-dependent viscosity of the mantle suggest that temperatures in excess of the sediment solidus may attain at depths of ≥ 60 km along the slab surface in a subduction zone characterized by incoming plate age and velocity similar to the Aleutian arc [Kelemen et al., 2003b].

[44] We have also found evidence in the form of B/La, B/ Be, Cs/La, and Pb/Ce and Li/Y ratios that fluid has been added to the mantle wedge such that the amount varies along strike and appears to be correlated with sediment flux. However, mass balance modeling of trace element and Sr-Nd-Pb isotope compositions implies that the fluid is dominantly from the ocean crust. Unlike the overlying sediment cover, the flux of ocean crust beneath the central Aleutians varies only gradually by a few percent along the arc; thus the order of magnitude difference in the amount of fluid recycled into the mantle wedge requires that the composition of the subducted crust is not homogeneous along the arc. Hydrated basaltic oceanic crust contains up to 3 wt % H_2O [*Ulmer and Trommsdorf, 1995; Staudigel et* al., 1996], so the question becomes What is the most likely cause for the unusual enrichments in B and Li observed at Seguam, Yunaska, and to a lesser extent Okmok volcanoes?

[45] We propose that the basaltic magmas erupted at Seguam and Yunaska volcanoes acquired their unusually high B contents, B/La, and B/Be ratios from water released by serpentinite exposed within the AFZ (Figure 1a) [Singer et al., 1996]. Antigorite is a variety of serpentine produced during seawater hydrothermal alteration of olivine, a mineral comprising a small percentage of most gabbroic and basaltic rocks of the ocean crust. However, completely serpentinized peridotite can contain up to 13 wt $\%$ H₂O, is stable to 5 GPa at 620° C corresponding to depths of 120 to 150 km [*Ulmer and* Trommsdorf, 1995], and is strongly enriched in B relative to other ocean floor rocks [Scambelluri et al., 2004]. The most serpentine-rich rocks at or near the surface of the ocean floor are hydrothermally altered peridotites exposed in major fracture zones [Thompson and Melson, 1970; Bonatti et al., 1984; Kerrick, 2002; Omori et al., 2004].

[46] Singer et al. [1996] and Jicha et al. [2004] showed that incompatible trace element abundances and ratios including La/Yb and Zr/Hf in Aleutian basalt decrease as the amount of B and B/La increase. This observation is

Figure 13. Schematic four-stage model of basalt generation beneath the central Aleutian arc. A significant variable along strike of the arc is the abundance of serpentine in the upper few kilometers of the Pacific lithosphere. The modal abundance of the serpentine mineral antigorite is low in most altered oceanic crust, which mainly comprises hydrothermally altered basaltic lava flows and palagonitic breccia [Staudigel et al., 1996], but where seawater-altered peridotite is exposed in fracture zones like the Amlia Fracture Zone (Figure 1), vast exposures of nearly pure serpentine may develop and deep fluid release from antigorite dehydration may increase by an order of magnitude [Kerrick, 2002]. This fluid fluxes melting of either recently modified mantle in the actively convecting wedge or ancient modified mantle in the lithosphere. The thermal structure is approximated from *Kelemen et al.* [2003b].

consistent with the percentage of partial melting of the mantle being controlled by the quantity of aqueous fluid available to flux the melting reaction. Our model of partial melting in response to increasing addition of slab fluid starts with the modified mantle composition (Figures 10 and 11 and Table 3) and is presented in the La/Yb versus B/La plot of Figure 12. Basalts which contain little additional slab fluid correspond to between about 3 and 10% partial melting of the modified mantle, whereas basalts from Okmok, Yunaska and Seguam which require between 1 and 6% additional slab fluid input have progressively lower La/Yb ratios that require more extensive melting to about 25% (Figure 12). The impact on the major element composition of Aleutian basalt is substantial and perhaps best illustrated by the threefold decline in K_2O as the fluid proxy B/La increases from its lowest to highest values (Figures 4 and 6).

[47] On the basis of these observations, plus recent thermodynamic modeling by Rüpke et al. [2004] of fluid release patterns with depth of subducted sediment, metabasalt, and serpentinite, we propose the four-stage model of magma genesis outlined in Figure 13:

[48] 1. As sediment and altered ocean crust is carried to 2 GPa (\sim 60 km depth) and temperature increases to 650^oC, metamorphic dehydration reactions release the vast majority of B, Li, and other volatile elements [Moran et al., 1992; Leeman and Sisson, 1996]. These are channeled mainly into the fore arc [e.g., $R \ddot{u} p k e$ *et al.*, 2004], but a layer of the convecting mantle wedge is metasomatized to a baseline level of enrichment in these elements.

[49] 2. The uppermost layer of sediment begins to melt at \sim 750°C and >2 GPa [Johnson and Plank, 1999; Kelemen et al., 2003b], the melt mechanically mingles with and freezes within in the metasomatized mantle wedge near the surface of the Pacific plate. This modified mantle either continues to flow down dip or undergoes partial melting such that ascending magmas freeze within shallow nonconvecting levels of the lithospheric mantle.

[50] 3. Below the sediment veneer, the uppermost 1 km of ocean crust reaches 650° C between 3 and 4 GPa (90-120 km) and antigorite breaks down, releasing B-rich H_2O .

[51] 4. This fluid ascends through the veneer of residual unmelted metasediments; leaches most of the remaining B, Pb, Sr, Li, and other fluid mobile elements from it; and encounters modified mantle which undergoes fluid-fluxed melting. Where antigorite is exposed in large volumes near the surface of the subducting plate, for example in the Amlia Fracture Zone, the amount of fluid released at this latter stage may be far greater than in adjacent regions. This is reflected in the increased B content and relative percentage of partial melting recorded at Seguam and Yunaska (Figure 12).

[52] Our model differs from that of Rüpke et al. [2004] in that sediments not only dehydrate, but beneath the Aleutian Island arc they also partially melt before the dehydration of serpentine provides the water to initiate large-scale mantle melting. The ²³⁸U-²³⁰Th-²²⁶Ra isotope disequilibria data in mafic arc lavas globally [Elliott, 2003], and within the Aleutians [George et al., 2003], have been interpreted to suggest that sediment melting fractionates U from Th several hundred thousand years, or more, prior to basalt generation, whereas slab dehydration and fluid extraction fractionates Ra from Th only a few thousand years before the fluid ascends into the mantle wedge and promotes partial melting. A general model of relatively shallow sediment melting and potentially long-lived storage of the modified mantle, followed by deeper serpentine dehydration is broadly consistent with these inferences from U series data in many arcs.

[53] The Aleutian arc reflects the superposition of three major pulses of magmatism at $38-29$, $16-11$, and $6-0$ Ma [*Jicha et al.*, 2006]. Thus the enrichment of the subarc mantle to baseline values of Th/La, Th/Nd, and B/La higher than those of MORB or OIB does not necessarily reflect modern processes, but could alternatively be an ancient feature imprinted on the shallow nonconvecting reaches of lithospheric mantle, mobilized via melting or reaction as it is fluxed by modern fluid or magma [e.g., Leeman et al., 2005]. Storage of less volatile subduction components and perhaps even some B in the subarc mantle for several million years prior to remobilization in melts, as has been proposed for the Cascades [Leeman et al., 2005] and the Andean Southern Volcanic Zone [Hickey-Vargas et al., 2002], is a possibility also consistent with our findings in the Aleutians (Figure 13). A consequence is that we may be overestimating the amount of sediment melting and recycling that has taken place during the modern phase of magmatism in the Aleutians, and perhaps other arcs.

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