

1 **New Age and Geochemical Data from the Southern Colville and**
2 **Kermadec Ridges, SW Pacific: Insights into the recent geological history**
3 **and petrogenesis of the Proto-Kermadec (Vitiaz) Arc**
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22 **Abstract**

23 The intra-oceanic Kermadec arc system extends ~1300 km between New
24 Zealand and Fiji and comprises at least 30 arc front volcanoes, the Havre
25 Trough back-arc and the remnant Colville and Kermadec Ridges. To date,
26 most research has focussed on the Kermadec arc front volcanoes leaving the
27 Colville and Kermadec Ridges virtually unexplored. Here, we present seven
28 ⁴⁰Ar/³⁹Ar ages together with a comprehensive major and trace element and
29 Sr-, Nd-, and Pb-isotope dataset from the Colville and Kermadec Ridges to
30 better understand the evolution, petrogenesis and splitting of the former proto-
31 Kermadec (Vitiaz) Arc to form these two remnant arc ridges. Our ⁴⁰Ar/³⁹Ar
32 ages range from ~7.5-2.6 Ma, which suggests that arc volcanism at the
33 Colville Ridge occurred continuously and longer than previously thought.
34 Recovered Colville and Kermadec Ridge lavas range from mafic picro-basalts
35 (MgO = ~8 wt.%) to dacites. The lavas have arc-type normalized incompatible
36 element patterns and Sr and Pb isotopic compositions intermediate between
37 Pacific MORB and subducted lithosphere (including sediments, altered
38 oceanic crust and serpentinitised uppermost mantle). Geochemically diverse
39 lavas, including ocean island basalt-like and potassic lavas with high Ce/Yb,
40 Th/Zr, intermediate ²⁰⁶Pb/²⁰⁴Pb and low ¹⁴³Nd/¹⁴⁴Nd ratios were recovered
41 from the Oligocene South Fiji Basin (and Eocene Three Kings Ridge) located
42 west of the Colville Ridge. If largely trench-perpendicular mantle flow was

43 operating during the Miocene, this geochemical heterogeneity was likely
44 preserved in the Colville and Kermadec sub arc mantle. The Colville and
45 Kermadec Ridge data therefore highlight the complex interplay between pre-
46 existing mantle heterogeneities and material fluxes from the subducting
47 Pacific Plate. The new data allow us to present a holistic (yet simplified)
48 picture of the tectonic evolution of the late Vitiaz Arc and northern Zealandia
49 since the Miocene and how this tectonism influences volcanic activity along
50 the Kermadec arc at the present.

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52 **1. Introduction**

53 Volcanic arcs on Earth span ~22,000 km, predominantly manifested as the
54 'Ring of Fire', marking convergent Pacific Plate margins (e.g., de Ronde et al.,
55 2001; Leat and Larter, 2003). Of those ~22,000 km of arc volcanoes, ~6900
56 km are largely submarine (intraoceanic) and are commonly highly active
57 volcanically and hydrothermally. These volcanoes are therefore focus sites for
58 element transfer from the earth's mantle into the hydrosphere and
59 atmosphere. It is well known that magmatism beneath arc volcanoes is a
60 consequence of hydrous mineral breakdown and related dehydration of the
61 subducting lithospheric plate as pressure and temperature increase with
62 increasing depth of subduction (e.g., McCulloch and Gamble, 1991; Brenan et
63 al., 1995). As a consequence of million-year-long exposure to seawater and
64 consequent hydration of the descending plate, the sediments, oceanic crust
65 and the uppermost lithospheric mantle can store large amounts of water (e.g.,
66 Fisher et al., 2003). When the descending slab dehydrates, aqueous fluids
67 and melts migrate into the overlying mantle wedge and lower the peridotite ±
68 pyroxenite solidus below the ambient upper mantle temperature. This leads to
69 partial melting in the mantle wedge. The resulting melts then percolate
70 upwards to pool at density barriers such as the Moho or within the crust to
71 ultimately form new arc crust and arc front volcanoes.

72 The Kermadec arc system north of New Zealand is one of the prime
73 sites to study processes related to submarine arc volcanism. This largely
74 submarine intraoceanic arc system comprises, from west to east: The
75 remnant Colville Ridge, the active Havre Trough (back arc), the active
76 Kermadec arc front (volcanoes) and remnant Kermadec Ridge (Fig. 1).

77 Research to date has largely focused on the exploration of volcanically or
78 hydrothermally active arc front volcanoes (e.g., Gamble et al., 1993; Haase et
79 al., 2002; de Ronde et al., 2001; de Ronde et al., 2007; Timm et al., 2014),
80 leaving the inactive parts of the system (comprising ~75% of the areal extent)
81 underexplored. Therefore, little is known about the geology or lava chemistry
82 of the Colville and Kermadec Ridges that border the active Kermadec arc
83 system to the west and east, respectively. This contribution is part of a series
84 of three publications about the Colville Ridge, and presents seven $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{39}\text{Ar}$
85 ages, and a comprehensive major and trace element and Sr-Nd-Pb-isotope
86 dataset on samples recovered from the southern Colville and southern
87 Kermadec Ridges.

89 2. Geological Background

90 2.1 The Kermadec arc system

91 The mainly submarine Tonga-Kermadec arc system, extending ~2,500
92 km from north of New Zealand toward Fiji and Samoa, is one of the most
93 hydrothermally and volcanically active intra-oceanic arcs on Earth (24 of the
94 33 arc front volcanoes are hydrothermally active). Driven by westward
95 subduction of the Pacific Plate, convergence rates decrease from ~24 cm/yr.
96 at the northern Tonga Trench down to ~5 cm/yr. at the southern Kermadec
97 Trench (e.g., DeMets et al., 1994). The decrease in plate convergence rates
98 is accompanied by a decrease in associated back-arc opening rates from ~15
99 cm/yr. in the northern Lau Basin to ≤ 1 cm/yr. in the southern Havre Trough
100 (e.g., Schellart and Spakman, 2012). Crustal thickness, as determined from
101 wide-angle refraction seismic studies, ranges from ~13 km beneath the
102 Colville Ridge to 15 km beneath the Kermadec Ridge at ~29°S. Between the
103 two ridges, crustal thickness decreases to ~11 km at ~33°S. Further south the
104 crustal thickness beneath the Kermadec Ridge increases to ~17.5 km just
105 north of East Cape, New Zealand, at ~37°S (e.g., Bassett et al., 2010; Bassett
106 et al., 2016). The angle of the subducting Pacific Plate shallows from an
107 average of ~20° at 33°S to ~17° at ~34°S in the uppermost 20 km below the
108 seafloor (e.g., Bassett et al., 2010; Scherwath et al., 2010; Bassett et al.,
109 2016). Below ~40 km depth, the angle of the subducting Pacific Plate
110 changes to $\geq 45^\circ$ (e.g., van der Hilst, 1995).

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112 2.2 Structure of the Colville and Kermadec Ridges

113 *Colville Ridge*

114 The Colville Ridge forms the southern ~1,300 km segment of the Lau-Colville
115 Ridge that bounds the west-side of the Lau Basin-Havre Trough back-arc
116 basin system (Fig. 1). High-resolution bathymetric and geophysical mapping,
117 together with rock dredging undertaken in 2013 and 2015 during the Colville I
118 and Colville II surveys with R/V *Tangaroa* and 2017 during the SO255 Vitiaz
119 cruise, confirm that the Colville Ridge is volcanic and reaches water depths as
120 shallow as ~500 mbsl (meters below sea-level) on the southernmost three
121 segments trending northeast – southwest, paralleling the Kermadec Ridge
122 and Trench (see also Wright, 1997; Fig 2). Numerous faulted and intact
123 volcanic edifices dot the ridge-crest and the western flank of this ridge. The
124 Colville Ridge segments are separated by seafloor lows as deep as ~2,500
125 mbsl at 34°15' S. North of this seafloor low the ridge is relatively narrow and
126 composed of sub-parallel segments, before significantly widening and
127 shallowing north of ~32°S.

128 Prominent arc-perpendicular chains of comparably small volcanic
129 edifices, some of which sit on shallow seafloor, cut the Colville Ridge at
130 35°40'S (Rumble ridge; cf. Gamble et al., 1995; Todd et al., 2010), 34°40'S,
131 33°35'S and 33°0'S. Segmentation of the Colville Ridge occurs where these
132 chains intersect the Colville Ridge. Furthermore, a deeply eroded northwest-
133 southeast elongated flat-topped guyot and ridge-like volcanic structure is
134 located in the South Fiji Basin directly west of where the cross chains cut the
135 Colville Ridge.

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137 *Kermadec Ridge*

138 Bounding the Havre Trough to the east is the Kermadec Ridge, which forms
139 the southern part of the ~1,300 km long segment of the Tonga-Kermadec
140 Ridge. Similar to the Colville Ridge, the Kermadec Ridge is segmented and
141 generally widens towards the north from <10 km at ~36°S to > 25 km at
142 ~33°S. Wright (1997) defines five Kermadec Ridge segments between
143 ~36°30'S and ~32°S. The Kermadec Ridge, much like the Colville Ridge, is
144 asymmetrical with a steep west-facing (up to ~1000 m high) fault scarp

145 bordering the eastern side of the Havre Trough and more gentle sloping
146 eastern flank, forming the Kermadec forearc.

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148 2.3 Distribution of regional volcanism at the northern Lau and Tonga Ridges 149 since the Eocene

150 The oldest submarine rocks recovered thus far from the Tonga arc
151 system in the north are 51-39 Ma old arc gabbros, back-arc basin and arc-
152 type tholeiites dredged from the Tonga forearc (e.g., Meffre et al., 2012;
153 Falloon et al., 2014). Contemporaneous, 46-40 Ma old, arc-type basement
154 lavas are exposed on Eua Island, along the Tonga Ridge (e.g., Duncan et al.,
155 1985). Upper Eocene to Miocene rocks of the Yavuna Group (a ~34-25 Ma
156 old sequence of early arc eruptives, including boninites and island arc
157 tholeiites; e.g., Whelan et al., 1985; Gill, 1987; see also summary in Todd et
158 al., 2012) are exposed in Fiji on Vitu Levu, at the northern end of the Lau
159 Ridge. Between ~15 and 5 Ma, bimodal arc-type volcanism formed arc
160 volcanoes of the Lau Volcanic Group atop the Lau Ridge (e.g., Gill et al.,
161 1984; Hergt and Woodhead, 2007). The Lau Ridge began to split at ~6 Ma,
162 related to the initial opening of the Lau Basin (e.g., Parson and Hawkins,
163 1994; Taylor et al., 1996; Zellmer and Taylor, 2001). Volcanism on the Lau
164 Ridge recommenced at ~4.4 Ma and continued until 2.4 Ma (the Korobasanga
165 Volcanic Group; e.g., Gill, 1976; Whelan et al., 1985; Hergt and Woodhead,
166 2007 and references therein), which is surprising since the opening of the Lau
167 Basin shifted the trench further to the east. Based on dredge samples from
168 the Tonga Ridge, Meffre et al. (2012) proposed the existence of a third
169 Miocene (15-9 Ma) phase of volcanism, which youngs northward and
170 westward towards the Lau Basin. Present-day volcanism is focussed in the
171 eastern region of the Lau Basin and along the Tonga arc front.

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173 2.4 Current knowledge of the Geological History of the Colville and Kermadec 174 Ridges

175 No early to mid-Eocene volcanic or plutonic rocks have been recovered
176 from the Colville and Kermadec Ridges or Havre Trough back arc-Kermadec
177 arc front to date. The nearest late Eocene (37.5 Ma) to early Oligocene (31.7
178 Ma) arc rocks are exposed on or near the Three Kings Ridge and the

179 easternmost Northland Plateau (Fig. 1 and 4; Mortimer et al., 2007). The
180 South Fiji Basin opened in the Late Oligocene – Early Miocene with
181 contemporaneous eruption of low and high K (shoshonitic) arc-type lavas
182 between ~25 and 19 Ma (e.g., Herzer et al., 2011). Based on these ages and
183 rock-types, Mortimer et al. (2007) and Herzer et al. (2011 and references
184 therein) developed a tectonic model whereby the Loyalty-Three Kings Ridge
185 once formed a single, continuous arc with the Lau-Colville Ridge (the Vitiaz
186 arc), and the splitting of this arc allowed the South Fiji Basin to form.

187 Biostratigraphic data from both the Colville and Kermadec ridges
188 indicate that sedimentation on both ridges took place at least since the early
189 Miocene (~25 Ma), consistent with a co-joined origin of the ridges (Ballance et
190 al., 1999). Only two published radiometric ages of 16.68 ± 0.20 Ma (2σ ;
191 $^{39}\text{Ar}/^{40}\text{Ar}$ plagioclase; Mortimer et al., 2010) and 5.4 ± 0.1 Ma (2σ ;
192 K/Ar groundmass; Adams et al., 1994) exist from two Colville lavas obtained from a
193 single dredge haul. Similarly, a single K-Ar age of 7.84 ± 0.64 Ma exists from
194 a Kermadec Ridge lava cobble sampled at 7,700 mbsl at $\sim 31^\circ\text{S}$ (Fig. 1;
195 Ballance et al., 1999).

197 3. Sampling and Analytical Methods

198 Seafloor rock samples were recovered from 14 sites along the Colville
199 Ridge between $\sim 36^\circ\text{S}$ and 33°S during the Colville I (TAN1313) and Colville II
200 (TAN1512) research cruises, and from one Kermadec Ridge site at
201 $36^\circ 07.9'\text{S}/178^\circ 25.9'\text{E}$ during the Nirvana (TAN1213) survey, all using R/V
202 *Tangaroa*. Additional samples from seven Kermadec Ridge sites between 35
203 and 32.5°S were recovered with R/V *Sonne* during the SO255 VITIAZ
204 expedition.

205 Samples for geochemical analysis were broken into sub-centimetre-
206 sized pieces. Only fresh fragments without sawed surfaces were handpicked
207 under a binocular for geochemical analysis. These fragments were cleaned
208 for several hours in an ultrasonic bath in de-ionised water to remove seawater
209 salts; this procedure was repeated at least three times until the residue
210 solution was clear. The Colville and two TAN1213 Kermadec Ridge sample
211 were then dried at 60°C , crushed, pulverized in agate mills and analysed for

212 major and minor elements by X-ray fluorescence (XRF) and trace elements by
213 ICP-MS at the Ontario Geoscience Laboratories (OGL) in Sudbury, Canada.
214 The Kermadec Ridge samples collected with R/V *Sonne* were analysed for
215 major and minor elements by XRF at the University of Hamburg and for trace
216 elements by ICP-MS at the University of Kiel. Major and minor element XRF
217 analyses were performed on fused glass discs using lithium metaborate as
218 flux at both labs. Similarly, for trace element analysis, samples were digested
219 in a mixture of nitric, hydrofluoric, perchloric and hydrochloric acid in closed
220 vessels. Procedural details can be found in Burnham and Schweyer (2004)
221 (OGL) and Garbe-Schoenberg et al. (1993) (University of Kiel). Relative
222 deviations between measured standards and their reference values are within
223 $\leq 7\%$ (mostly $\leq 3\%$), except for Cs, Cu, Mo, Sb, Sn and Tl (all within $\leq 15\%$;
224 see Supplementary Table 1).

225 Strontium, Nd, and Pb isotope analyses of samples collected with R/V
226 *Tangaroa* were performed on a TIMS Triton at the Isotope Geochemistry and
227 Geochronological Research Centre at Carleton University, Ottawa, using the
228 same powders prepared for trace element analysis at OGL. Prior to
229 dissolution, one aliquot for Sr isotope analysis was leached in hot (125°C) 6 N
230 HCl for five days to remove altered portions of the rock. A second aliquot for
231 Nd and Pb isotope analysis was weakly acid-washed in warm (90°C) 1.5 N
232 HCl for 12 hours. Sample dissolution and chromatographic separation of Pb,
233 Sr and Nd was based on descriptions in Cousens (1996). Total procedural
234 blanks for Pb were < 200 picograms. Samples were loaded onto single Re
235 filaments with H_3PO_4 and silica gel, and run at filament temperatures of 1250 -
236 1310°C . All mass spectrometer runs were corrected for fractionation using
237 NIST SRM981. The average ratios measured for SRM981 were $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb} =$
238 16.883 ± 0.019 , $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb} = 15.420 \pm 0.017$, and $^{208}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb} = 36.476 \pm$
239 0.046 (2 standard deviations (s.d.)), based on 50 runs between July 2015 and
240 August 2017. The fractionation correction, based on the values of Todt et al.
241 (1984) is $+0.13\%$ /amu. Analysis of USGS Standard BCR-2 yielded
242 $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb} = 18.767$, $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb} = 15.619$, and $^{208}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb} = 38.742$
243 (average of 8 runs). Total procedural blanks for Sr were < 450 picograms. Sr
244 was loaded onto a single Ta filament with H_3PO_4 and run at filament

245 temperatures of 1380-1450°C. Isotope ratios were normalized to $^{86}\text{Sr}/^{88}\text{Sr} =$
246 0.1194 to correct for fractionation. Two standards were run at Carleton, NIST
247 SRM987 ($^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr} = 0.710250 \pm 22$, $n=65$, July 2015 - August 2017) and the
248 Eimer and Amend (E&A) SrCO_3 ($^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr} = 0.708013 \pm 15$, $n = 10$, Sept.
249 2010-Feb. 2014). Total procedural blanks for Nd were < 150 picograms.
250 Samples were loaded with H_3PO_4 on one side of a Re double filament, and
251 run at temperatures of 1780-1810°C. Isotope ratios were normalized to
252 $^{146}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd} = 0.72190$. Analyses of the USGS standard BCR-2 yielded
253 $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd} = 0.512644 \pm 12$ ($n = 11$). 60 runs of an in-house Nd metal
254 standard yielded $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd} = 0.511828 \pm 7$, and 6 runs of the La Jolla
255 standard average $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd} = 0.511860 \pm 9$ (July 2015-August 2017).
256 Samples collected with R/V Sonne were analysed at GEOMARs isotope
257 facility
258 following the protocols of Hoernle et al. (2011). Prior to dissolution rock chips
259 were leached in 2 N HCl at 70°C for 1-2 hours and thereafter triple rinsed in
260 18.2 M Ω water. Isotope analysis were carried out on a Triton-Plus TIMS
261 operating in static multi-collection. Within run normalization for Sr and Nd is
262 similar to Carleton University. Sample data is reported relative to $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr} =$
263 0.710250 ± 8 (2 s.d.; $n = 38$) for SRM987 and $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd} = 0.511850 \pm 5$ (2
264 s.d.; $n = 35$) for La Jolla that were measured along with the samples. Pb mass
265 bias correction uses the double-spike (DS) procedure of Hoernle et al. (2011).
266 DS corrected SRM981 ratios since installation of the instrument in 2014 are
267 $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb} = 16.9407 \pm 18$, $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb} = 15.4976 \pm 19$, and $^{208}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb} =$
268 36.7200 ± 0.0046 (2 s.d., $n = 112$). Procedural blanks were $<30\text{pg}$ for Pb, $<$
269 100pg for Sr and Nd.

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271 Samples for $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{39}\text{Ar}$ analyses were crushed, dry sieved and cleaned
272 with distilled water in an ultrasonic bath, and plagioclase separates and
273 sample matrix were handpicked using a binocular microscope. The $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{39}\text{Ar}$
274 analyses were all conducted at the GEOMAR Argon Geochronology (ARGO)
275 Laboratory. A summary of the $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{39}\text{Ar}$ results is shown in Table 2, and the
276 complete $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{39}\text{Ar}$ dataset for the 7 samples and detailed analytical

277 background are presented in Supplementary File 2 and 3 and Table 2. All
278 ages are quoted with 2σ errors, unless otherwise stated.

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280 4. Results

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282 4.1 Petrology and Mineralogy

283 The new samples of Colville and Kermadec Ridge lavas are dense to
284 slightly vesicular. Macroscopically these lavas range from aphyric to
285 porphyritic with up to 20 volume % (vol.%) of predominately plagioclase,
286 clinopyroxene, olivine \pm orthopyroxene and Fe-Ti oxide phenocrysts. The less
287 aphyric lavas are slightly vesicular (≤ 2 mm diameter) and contain a
288 microcrystalline groundmass consisting of small (<1 mm) plagioclase \pm
289 clinopyroxene, plus trace olivine. The groundmass of these lavas is mainly
290 crystalline with minor devitrified interstitial glass. The more porphyritic lavas
291 are variably vesicular and contain more plagioclase than pyroxene, with
292 crystals up to 5 mm across. Less abundant, but still forming mm-sized
293 crystals, are olivine (≤ 2 vol.%) and Fe-Ti oxides. In addition, both plagioclase-
294 pyroxene (\pm olivine and Fe-Ti oxide) and less common olivine-pyroxene
295 glomerocrysts of up to 8 mm across are the major constituents in the
296 porphyritic lavas.

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298 4.2 Age determinations

299 New plagioclase $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{39}\text{Ar}$ ages for three Colville Ridge and one
300 Kermadec Ridge, plus three groundmass Kermadec Ridge lavas are
301 presented in Table 2 and Figure 3. The oldest age of 6.9 ± 1.6 Ma comes
302 from a lava dredged from a small split volcanic edifice at the southernmost
303 Colville Ridge ($\sim 35.6^\circ\text{S}$; TAN1313 DR11-1). This sample yields a plateau age
304 of 7.5 ± 2.0 Ma (Mean Square Weighted Deviation (MSWD) = 1.57, probability
305 (P) = 14%; 70.9% ^{39}Ar), and low $^{36}\text{Ar}/^{37}\text{Ar}$ Alteration Index (AI) values for the
306 majority of the medium- and high-temperature steps indicating the degassing
307 of fresh plagioclase (Table 2; Supplementary File 3). However, an inverse
308 isochron plot of the plateau steps shows an initial $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{36}\text{Ar}$ ($(^{40}\text{Ar}/^{36}\text{Ar})_i$) value
309 of 303.3 ± 6.3 , which is > 295.5 (the atmospheric air $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{36}\text{Ar}$ ratio), thus

310 indicating the presence of excess ^{40}Ar . Therefore, we use the inverse
311 isochron age of 6.9 ± 1.6 Ma (MSWD = 0.77, P = 60, Spreading Factor (SF) =
312 85.1%). The large step errors (Supplementary File 3) are due to the very low
313 K content (<0.02 wt.% K) of this sample, which is reflected in the larger errors
314 associated with the plateau and inverse isochron ages. A similar K/Ar age of
315 7.84 ± 0.69 Ma from the Kermadec Ridge at $\sim 30.5^\circ\text{S}$ (Ballance et al., 1999)
316 suggests that largely contemporaneous volcanism occurred on the proto
317 Kermadec Arc (represented by combined Colville and Kermadec Ridges at
318 that time).

319 Plagioclase from two Colville Ridge lavas (TAN 1512 DR16-1 and 19-2;
320 Fig. 2 and 3) recovered from the upper ridge flank at $\sim 33.7^\circ\text{S}$ yield
321 significantly younger $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{39}\text{Ar}$ plateau ages of 3.80 ± 0.33 Ma (MSWD = 1.57,
322 P = 17%, 66.1 % ^{39}Ar) and 2.63 ± 0.39 Ma (MSWD = 1.21, P = 25%, 100 %
323 ^{39}Ar), respectively. The $^{36}\text{Ar}/^{37}\text{Ar}$ AI values indicate that these two plagioclase
324 samples are altered, although the medium- and high-temperature steps have
325 lower (fresher) values than the low-temperature steps (Supplementary File).
326 Inverse isochron plots of the plateau steps of these two samples yield inverse
327 isochron ages within 2σ errors of the plateau ages and $(^{40}\text{Ar}/^{36}\text{Ar})_i$ values
328 within error of the $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{36}\text{Ar}$ air ratio (Table 2; Supplementary File 3), giving us
329 confidence in these plateau ages.

330 The two TAN 1512 Colville Ridge plagioclase $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{39}\text{Ar}$ ages are similar
331 to a new $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{39}\text{Ar}$ plagioclase high-temperature plateau age of 3.40 ± 0.24 Ma
332 (MSWD = 1.04, P = 40%, 63.5% ^{39}Ar) from a southernmost Kermadec Ridge
333 lava dredged at $\sim 36.4^\circ\text{S}$ (TAN1213 DR64-1). This plagioclase sample also
334 preserves a younger low-temperature plateau age of 3.06 ± 0.25 Ma (MSWD
335 = 0.79, P = 40%, 63.5 % ^{39}Ar). The $^{36}\text{Ar}/^{37}\text{Ar}$ AI values indicate that this
336 plagioclase sample is altered, but the high-temperature plateau age originates
337 from fresher material, thus this age is preferred to the younger low-
338 temperature plateau age. Both plateau ages yield inverse isochron ages
339 identical to the plateau ages and show $(^{40}\text{Ar}/^{36}\text{Ar})_i$ values within 2σ errors of
340 the atmospheric $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{36}\text{Ar}$ ratio (Table 2). Three Kermadec Ridge groundmass
341 $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{39}\text{Ar}$ ages from Sonne cruise 255 yield similar plateau and pseudo-
342 plateau ages of 4.44 ± 0.36 and 4.04 ± 1.23 Ma (2 splits for sample DR30-4,

343 with a combined weighted mean age of 4.41 ± 0.35 Ma), 4.6 ± 1.6 Ma
344 (DR139-2) and 4.8 ± 1.2 Ma (DR179-5; Table 2; Figure 3). Unfortunately,
345 these samples had high Cl concentrations (resulting in suppression in some
346 initial Ar isotope measurement cycles), were variably altered, some had low K
347 contents, and they were overirradiated (older ages were expected, resulting in
348 low $^{40}\text{Ar}^*/^{39}\text{Ar}$ ratios of < 3), which resulted in large step errors and weighted
349 mean ages. However, despite these issues, the 3 groundmass samples did
350 yield plateau/pseudo-plateau ages that originated from fresh/slightly altered
351 material (i.e., shown by the low $^{36}\text{Ar}/^{39}\text{Ar}$ AI ratios), which overlap with the
352 inverse isochron ages, and show $(^{40}\text{Ar}/^{36}\text{Ar})_i$ values within 2σ errors of the
353 atmospheric $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{36}\text{Ar}$ ratio (Table 2).

354 These seven new $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{39}\text{Ar}$ plagioclase and groundmass ages, together
355 with a previously published K/Ar and a previously published $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{39}\text{Ar}$ age
356 (Adams et al., 1994; Balance et al., 1999), confirm that contemporaneous
357 volcanism occurred on the Colville and Kermadec Ridges between ~ 7 -8 Ma
358 and ~ 3 -5 Ma (cf. Figs. 2 - 4).

359 360 4.3 Major and trace element compositions

361 As is common for pre-Quaternary seafloor rocks, traces of alteration
362 are invariably present. Even after careful sample preparation, four of the
363 Colville and Kermadec Ridge lavas show high loss of ignition (LOI) values of
364 (> 3.5 wt.%) and six have P_2O_5 , (> 0.5 wt.%) in addition to high U, Cs and Li
365 contents suggesting that seawater alteration may have affected some of the
366 incompatible LILE contents. No systematic correlation, however, exists
367 between LOI and either of the alkalis (Na_2O or K_2O). The alkalis however
368 form a coherent positive trend with wt. SiO_2 , indicating that they have survived
369 major seawater alteration. Therefore, we use the alkali-based classification
370 scheme of LeMaitre et al. (2002) and Gill (1981). Following the rock
371 classification of LeMaitre et al. (2002), the compositions of the Colville and
372 Kermadec Ridge lavas range from picro-basalt through basalt, basaltic
373 andesite to dacite, (45-66 wt.% SiO_2 and 7.6-1.2 wt.% MgO; Fig.5a). Except
374 for one lava from the Colville Ridge and two from a seamount west of the
375 Colville Ridge, all lavas plot within the medium-K calc-alkaline series after Gill

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(1981) (Fig. 5b) and the ppm Th-Co variance (not shown) defined by Hastie et al. (2007). The major element oxides of the Colville and Kermadec lavas, including Al₂O₃, (and K₂O and to a lesser extent Na₂O), plot at the higher end of the spectrum defined by the Kermadec arc front and Havre Trough lavas (Figs. 6a-6g). Two lavas from a seamount ~2 km west of the Colville Ridge (in the South Fiji Basin; TAN1512 DR11-1 and 11-2) have low SiO₂, total FeO (FeO[†]) and MgO, but high TiO₂ and Al₂O₃ contents suggesting a different origin for these lavas.

On multi-element diagrams (normalised to normal mid-ocean ridge basalt; NMORB; after Sun and McDonough, 1989), the Colville and Kermadec Ridge lava minor and trace element patterns resemble those typical of island arc basalts, with high contents of large ion lithophile elements (LILE; e.g., Ba, Pb, Sr, K) and negative Nb and Ta anomalies (Fig. 7a). Although LILE contents of the Kermadec arc front and Colville and Kermadec Ridge lavas overlap, the two South Fiji basin seamount lava samples have higher contents of Th and the high field strength elements (HFSE; i.e., Nb, Ta, Zr, and Hf, and rare earth elements (REE)). The Colville and Kermadec Ridge lavas have higher more to less incompatible element ratios (e.g., Th/Zr, Ce/Yb, (La/Sm)_N, Sm/Yb, Nb/Y and Nb/Yb ratios; Figs. 7-10) than lavas from the Havre Trough and Kermadec arc front volcanoes. The two lavas from the South Fiji Basin seamount west of the Colville Ridge have distinct major and trace element compositions with high Nb (30 ppm) and Ta (1.8 ppm) contents, and moderately high Y, Zr, Hf and REE concentrations at a given SiO₂ content, when compared to the other Colville and Kermadec Ridge lavas (e.g., Fig. 7b and 8-10).

4.4 Sr-, Nd-, and Pb-isotopic compositions

A subset of Colville ($n = 19$) and Kermadec Ridge lavas ($n = 17$) were analysed for their Sr-, Nd-, and Pb-isotopic compositions. Sr, Nd and Pb isotopic compositions of the Colville Ridge lavas ($^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr} = 0.70396$ to 0.70449 ; $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd} = 0.51289$ to 0.51298 ; $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb} = 18.62$ to 18.76 ; $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb} = 15.55$ to 15.62 and $^{208}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb} = 38.47$ to 38.71) overlap with those from the Kermadec Ridge ($^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr} = 0.70395$ to 0.70439 ; $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd} = 0.51293$ to 0.51301 ; $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb} = 18.55$ to 18.83 ; $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb} = 15.56$ to

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410 15.63 and $^{208}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb} = 38.55$ to 38.74; Figs. 11a-11d). Although there is
411 nearly complete overlap between data from the Kermadec and Colville
412 Ridges, except that Colville lavas extend to slightly less radiogenic Nd isotopic
413 ratios and Kermadec lavas to slightly more radiogenic $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$ isotope
414 ratios. Compared to the Quaternary Kermadec volcanic front and Havre
415 Trough back arc lavas, most Kermadec and Colville Ridge samples are
416 shifted to lower $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$ at a given $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$, $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$ and $^{208}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$
417 for the modern arc and back arc (Fig. 11). Four Kermadec Ridge lavas have
418 more radiogenic Pb isotopic composition similar to that of the Quaternary
419 Kermadec volcanic front lavas. The two South Fiji Basin seamount lavas have
420 more radiogenic Pb (e.g., $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb} = 19.0$), radiogenic $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$
421 (0.51299 - 0.51301) and less radiogenic Sr isotopic compositions (0.7030 -
422 0.7031) than the Colville lavas, plotting in the field defined by other South Fiji
423 Basin lavas (Fig. 11).

424 425 **5. Discussion**

426 427 **5.1 Temporal evolution of the Colville and Kermadec Ridges: Filling the age** 428 **gap**

429 Combining one published $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{39}\text{Ar}$ age (16.68 ± 0.20 Ma; Mortimer et
430 al., 2010), two published K-Ar ages (5.4 ± 0.1 Ma, Adams et al., 1994; $7.84 \pm$
431 0.69 Ma, Balance et al., 1999) and our seven new $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{39}\text{Ar}$ ages of 6.9 ± 1.4
432 Ma (isochron age) and 4.80 ± 1.6 - 2.63 ± 0.23 Ma (Table 2; Fig. 3) indicates
433 that volcanism on the Colville and Kermadec Ridges has been active for at
434 least ~13 Ma from the mid Miocene to late Pliocene (16.7 to 2.6 Ma). The
435 similar ages determined on both ridges of ~7-8 and ~3-5 Ma also demonstrate
436 that volcanism on both ridges was contemporaneous and that the Colville
437 Ridge volcanism continued for ~2.8 Myrs longer than previously believed
438 based on the youngest published Colville Ridge lava age of 5.4 Ma. Four of
439 the seven new ages range from 4.8 ± 1.2 to 3.8 ± 0.33 suggesting that
440 volcanism may have been particularly active during this time. This age range
441 is similar to the age of ~5 Ma proposed for the initial opening of the Havre
442 Trough, based on the extrapolation of geodetic data from onshore New
443 Zealand (Wright et al., 1993). This raises the question whether the arc

444 splitting occurred rather at ~4 or even later, at least 1 Ma later than previously
445 thought. There is independent evidence that a sequence of processes
446 occurred between ~7 and 5 Ma onshore and to the north. Published rock and
447 biostratigraphic ages together with migration of arc volcanism suggests
448 acceleration of eastward arc migration from ~4-18 mm/yr. starting between ~7
449 and 5 Ma (e.g., Rowan and Roberts, 2008; Seebeck et al., 2013). Between 5
450 and 4 Ma arc volcanism on the North Island, New Zealand, switched from the
451 southern Coromandel Volcanic Zone - the onshore extension of the Colville
452 Ridge - to lower volume arc volcanism associated with crustal extension at the
453 western central volcanic region (e.g., Adams et al., 1994; Briggs et al., 2003;
454 Carter et al., 2003). The Colville $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{39}\text{Ar}$ age of 6.9 ± 1.4 Ma falls in a phase
455 of intense onshore rhyolitic volcanism (Whitianga Group) and subordinate
456 eruption of andesites in the central Coromandel Peninsula (e.g., Booden et
457 al., 2012). The younger ages of 4.80-3.80 Ma are contemporaneous with
458 crustal extension at ~4 Ma onshore. The two younger ages of 3.40 ± 0.24 and
459 2.63 ± 0.23 Ma post-date Coromandel arc volcanism and possibly relate to
460 ongoing eastward migration of the Kermadec Trench and associated back-arc
461 extension (re-) opening pathways for magmas to ascend to the surface. Given
462 the location of these lavas on the upper Colville and Kermadec ridge flanks,
463 the melts are likely to have ascended through pre-existing weak zones, such
464 as crustal-scale faults bordering the Havre Trough to the east and west (e.g.,
465 Wright, 1997).

466 To the north, initial crustal stretching between the Lau and Tonga
467 Ridges (accompanied by arc-type intrusions) was initiated at ~5-6 Ma (cf.
468 ODP site 834; Parson and Hawkins, 1992), followed by southward
469 propagating seafloor spreading at the eastern Lau spreading center between
470 ~4-2 Ma (e.g., Taylor et al., 1996; Zellmer and Taylor, 2001). Similarly, the
471 Lau Islands record Miocene to Pleistocene (~14 to ~0.3 Ma) magmatic activity
472 pre- and post-dating back-arc opening (e.g., Gill, 1976; Whelan et al., 1985).
473 Pre-dating back-arc opening are the ~14 - 5.4 Ma old Lau Volcanics that form
474 the Lau Island volcanic arc basement. Following ~1 Myr quiescence the arc-
475 like Korobasanga Volcanic Group erupted between ~4.4 and 2.4 Ma, post-
476 dating initial back-arc opening. Taken together we favour that splitting of the
477 proto-Kermadec arc may have occurred somewhat later than previously

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478 believed, probably around 4 Ma (or even later), contemporaneously with the
479 onset seafloor spreading in the Lau Basin and back-arc extension onshore
480 New Zealand. The exact timing of initial back-arc formation remains, however,
481 unclear, because of the limited age constraint from the western Havre Trough
482 where the first post-splitting seafloor formed.

483 Further sampling of the western slope of the Kermadec Ridge, between
484 31°07'S and 32°20'S recovered younger basalts ranging from 0.08 ± 0.03 to
485 2.0 ± 0.3 Ma (Ballance et al., 1999). In addition, exposed *in situ* volcanic rocks
486 in the central Havre Trough yield young ages of ≤ 2 Ma, and thus are related
487 to back arc extension (e.g., Ballance et al., 1999; Mortimer et al., 2009;
488 Zohrab, 2017). The new $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{39}\text{Ar}$ ages presented in this study therefore fill
489 the age gap between ~ 5 and ~ 2 Ma and demonstrate that volcanism has
490 occurred more or less continuously to the present. Continuous arc-type
491 volcanic activity since at least ~ 25 Ma also took place on the North Island,
492 New Zealand (e.g., Adams et al., 1994; Wilson et al., 1995; Heyward et al.,
493 2001; Carter et al., 2003; Briggs et al., 2005; Booden et al., 2012; Fig. 4). Our
494 new combined with published data suggest that contemporaneous volcanism
495 may have occurred continuously from the northern Lau-Tonga Ridges to the
496 North Island of New Zealand since possibly mid-Miocene times.

497 498 5.2 Do the Colville and Kermadec Ridge lavas have a common origin?

499 Lavas emplaced at similar times (8-3 Ma) have been recovered from both the
500 Colville and Kermadec Ridges. Furthermore, lavas from both ridges are
501 petrographically similar and include aphyric and highly plagioclase-,
502 clinopyroxene (\pm olivine)-phyric lavas. The Kermadec and Colville Ridge lavas
503 have similar major element compositions except for three more evolved lavas
504 recovered from the Kermadec Ridge. Clinopyroxene, orthopyroxene and
505 plagioclase, and to a lesser extent olivine and Ti-Fe oxide, are the main
506 phenocryst and groundmass phases in lavas from the ridges. Generally
507 increasing wt.% SiO_2 (and Na_2O and K_2O) contents and broadly decreasing
508 wt.% CaO , FeO^\dagger and Al_2O_3 with decreasing wt.% MgO on variation diagrams
509 is consistent with fractional crystallization of the observed phenocryst phases
510 to explain the major element variations (Figs. 5a-5e). In addition, about half of
511 the Colville Ridge lavas contain large amounts of phenocrysts, which

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512 suggests that the accumulation of phenocrysts (\pm xenocrysts) also plays a
513 role beneath both ridges. Plagioclase and pyroxene accumulation is
514 supported by relatively high Sc and Al₂O₃ contents and subtle positive Eu
515 anomalies in the porphyritic Colville Ridge samples (cf. Table 1; Eu/Eu* =
516 1.01-1.04), when compared to the less crystal-phyric lavas (Figs. 5-6). For
517 crystal fractionation and accumulation to occur melts were possibly stored in
518 magma chambers in the sub-arc crust (and possibly mantle). Some of the less
519 crystal-phyric and aphyric lavas have low silica contents, which indicates that
520 their formation is largely related to melting in the sub-arc mantle rather than a
521 chemical signal derived from crystal accumulation or fractionation.

522 The Kermadec and Colville Ridge lavas show typical arc-type multi-
523 element patterns (i.e., negative Nb and Ta and positive LILE anomalies
524 compared to MORB on multi-element diagrams; Figs. 6a) that nearly
525 completely overlap on multi-element diagrams, although a few Kermadec
526 samples show greater incompatible-element depletion than the Colville Ridge
527 lavas. Enrichment in fluid mobile elements (Rb, Ba, U, K, Sr, Pb, Sb, and Sn),
528 resulting in high Ba/Th ratios, are consistent with the Kermadec and Colville
529 sub-arc mantle having been fluxed (metasomatized) with aqueous
530 fluids/melts, derived from the subducting Pacific Plate (sediments and or
531 ocean crust).

532 Although most lavas from both Ridges (and the Kermadec arc front)
533 have largely overlapping incompatible-element characteristics, those from the
534 Colville Ridge tend to higher (La/Sm)_N, Ce/Yb, Th/Zr, Nb/Y, Nb/Yb and
535 possibly ⁸⁷Sr/⁸⁶Sr, but lower Ba/Th and ¹⁴³Nd/¹⁴⁴Nd. These differences could
536 be explained by a higher sediment melt component in the Colville Ridge
537 lavas, consistent with a more rear arc setting for the Colville Ridge lavas while
538 it was part of the proto-Kermadec (Vitiaz) arc compared with a more arc front
539 location for the Kermadec Ridge lavas. Due to the highly fluid mobile behavior
540 of Pb in subduction zones, sediment Pb will also be transported to the source
541 beneath the arc front by fluids, providing a possible explanation for the almost
542 complete overlap in Pb isotopes between Kermadec and Colville Ridges. In
543 conclusion, the Kermadec and Colville isotopic compositions can be modelled
544 by adding 1-3 wt.% subducted sediment to a depleted Pacific MORB type
545 mantle wedge. Of note is that four Kermadec Ridge lavas (from stations

546 SO255 DR32 and TAN1213 DR64) have a similar Sr, Nd and Pb isotopic
547 composition to the Quaternary Kermadec arc front lavas. This suggests that
548 these lavas are derived from a similar mantle than the Kermadec arc front
549 lavas. One of these samples gave a plagioclase $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{39}\text{Ar}$ age of 3.40 ± 0.24
550 Ma which is younger than other dated Kermadec Ridge lavas. This could
551 indicate that these lavas formed post-splitting at a more trench-ward location
552 than the remaining Kermadec Ridge lavas arguing for ridge separation prior to
553 3.40 ± 0.24 Ma.

554 In summary, the similarities between the geochemical compositions,
555 combined with their similar emplacement ages, indicates that most lavas from
556 the Kermadec and Colville Ridges are derived from a similar source, which is
557 different to the parental source of the modern Kermadec arc front lavas. The
558 stated similarities support the idea that the two ridges were joined and formed
559 a continuous volcanic arc prior to their separation, with the Kermadec Ridge
560 located closer to the trench (the arc front) and the Colville Ridge being located
561 more in a rear-arc position of the Miocene arc. Therefore, we henceforth
562 discuss the Colville and Kermadec Ridges together.

564 5.3 Geochemical variability of the Colville and Kermadec Ridge lavas

565 The Quaternary Kermadec arc front and Havre Trough back arc lavas
566 have largely distinct isotopic compositions from the older Colville and
567 Kermadec Ridge lavas extending to overall more radiogenic Pb and Sr but
568 overall less radiogenic Nd isotope ratios. The composition of the Quaternary
569 arc and back arc samples cannot be simply explained by mixing of depleted
570 Pacific type mantle wedge with a subducted sediment component, but
571 requires an additional component with more radiogenic Pb. Addition of a
572 mixture of subducted sediments and HIMU-type Hikurangi seamounts,
573 however, can explain the isotope data (Timm et al., 2014).

574 Based on a plate reconstruction model, Timm et al. (2014) argued that
575 the Hikurangi Plateau has subducted beneath the proto-Kermadec arc south
576 of $\sim 32^\circ\text{S}$ for at least the last 10 Ma. The geochemical data from the Kermadec
577 and Colville Ridges with dated samples as young as 2.6 Ma, however, do not
578 support the necessity of subducting the Hikurangi Plateau and Seamounts.
579 On the other hand, the Hikurangi Plateau basement has incompatible-element

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580 abundances similar to enriched (E) MORB, whereas the seamounts have
581 much higher abundances of almost all incompatible elements (except the
582 heavy rare earth elements and Y). Strontium and Nd are up to a factor of ~15
583 times higher and Pb is up to a factor of ~50 times higher in the seamount
584 compared to basement lavas (Hoernle et al., 2010). Therefore, it is possible
585 that subduction of the plateau can only be clearly established if HIMU-type
586 Hikurangi seamounts are present on the subducted portion of the plateau, as
587 is the case in the Quaternary Kermadec Arc (Timm et al., 2014).

588 When compared to the Quaternary Kermadec Arc front lavas, the
589 Colville and Kermadec Ridge lavas have generally higher abundances of light
590 rare earth elements (LREE: i.e., La-Sm) and Th and lower $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$ values
591 at a given wt.% SiO_2 . The high field strength element (Nb, Ta, Ti, Zr, Hf) and
592 Y contents and Nb/Y and TiO_2/Yb (and Nb/Yb) of the Quaternary Kermadec
593 arc front and Colville-Kermadec Ridge lavas are similar and N-MORB-like,
594 suggesting a source composition similar to N-MORB (e.g., Pearce, 2008; Fig.
595 10a and 10b). Although a subducted Pacific Plate sediment clearly contribute
596 to the higher LREE and Th via sediment melts or supercritical fluids it remains
597 unresolved whether the Colville-Kermadec Ridge sub arc mantle also was
598 geochemically heterogeneous prior to largely fluid-derived metasomatism of
599 the mantle wedge in the Indo-Australian Plate. Assuming corner flow, i.e.
600 mantle flow is largely perpendicular (eastward) to the Kermadec trench (as is
601 thought to occur beneath the Kermadec arc; Timm et al., 2013), the mantle
602 passing beneath the Colville Ridge would have undergone less prior melt
603 extraction (to form the South Fiji Basin back-arc lavas) than the mantle
604 beneath the present-day Havre Trough and Kermadec arc front. Therefore, it
605 is plausible that the mantle beneath the Colville-Kermadec Ridge was
606 somewhat less depleted in fluid immobile elements than the mantle beneath
607 the Havre Trough and Kermadec arc front today, accounting for the fluid
608 immobile element and Nd isotope variations observed in the Colville and
609 Kermadec Ridge lavas (Figs. 6-12). Todd et al. (2011) used Nb/Yb values to
610 map mantle heterogeneities and fertility in the south-eastern Havre Trough.
611 Because Nb/Yb (and Nb/Y) values in most Colville Ridge lavas overlap with
612 the range defined by the Havre Trough lavas, both regions show a similar
613 degree of Nb/Y mantle heterogeneity, independent of subduction input.

614 Similarly, as Nd is rather immobile in aqueous fluids (e.g., Kessel et al., 2005),
615 the low $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$ values in the Colville lavas either require input of Pacific
616 sediment-derived melts, bulk mass transfer, or pre-existing heterogeneities in
617 the Indo-Australian mantle flowing eastward from beneath the South Fiji
618 Basin.

619 5.4 Influences from surrounding geotectonic features

620 We will now summarize the geochemistry of South Fiji Basin, Northland
621 Plateau and Three Kings Ridge lavas; considering them to be parts of the
622 regional tectonic evolution that likely affected the petrogenesis of the Colville
623 Ridge lavas.

624 5.4.1 South Fiji Basin – a potential mantle contribution

625 Volcanic rocks recovered from the South Fiji Basin (SFB) can be grouped into
626 three types including; a) late Oligocene back-arc basin-type lavas from the
627 Minerva Basin (see section 2), b) Early Miocene high-K shoshonites, and c)
628 Mid-Miocene ocean island-type lavas (e.g., Mortimer et al., 2007; Todd et al.,
629 2011). The back-arc basin-type lavas are basalts that show some
630 enrichments of fluid mobile elements (e.g., Rb, Ba and Pb) compared to N-
631 MORB and subtle negative Nb and Ta anomalies. Little subduction (slab)-
632 influence, however, is seen in the isotope data: $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr} < 0.7028$, $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$
633 = 18.4-18.75 and $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd} > 0.512305$. The ocean island basalt (OIB)-type
634 lavas (including the two lavas recovered from a seamount directly west of the
635 Colville Ridge at $\sim 33.5^\circ\text{S}$) show typical 'concave up' trace element patterns
636 with relatively high Nb and Ta abundances (compared to N-MORB) and
637 negative sloping REE patterns on multi-element diagrams (Fig. 6b). The OIB-
638 type SFB lavas have relatively low $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ values of > 0.7035 , extend to
639 higher $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$ (up to 19.4) and lower $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$ values (down to
640 0.51287) than the back-arc basin SFB lavas, with the exception of one sample
641 that shows signs of seafloor alteration (e.g., $\text{P}_2\text{O}_5 = 6.5 \text{ wt.}\%$). Lavas with high
642 $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$ also have high Nb, Ta, LREE, Ce/Yb, Th/Zr, Nb/Y and low
643 $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$ values, suggesting partial melting of a source with a trace element
644 composition similar to that of average global OIB (Fig. 6b; Sun and
645 McDonough et al., 1989). By contrast, the shoshonites have high LILEs (e.g.,

648 Ba up to 3200 ppm) and low Nb values, characteristic of a subduction-related
649 origin. Mortimer et al. (2007) linked these lavas to an early Miocene arc rifting
650 process, but unfortunately, no published isotope data exist from these lavas.

651 Lavas from the SFB therefore late-Oligocene to early-Miocene back-arc
652 basin lavas from the Minerva plain (Fig. 1) and younger early- to mid-Miocene
653 shoshonitic and ocean island-type volcanism in the Kupe plain (Fig. 1). The
654 wide range in isotopic composition of these lavas is consistent with a
655 heterogenous mantle underlying the SFB. Since the central part of the Kupe
656 Plain is covered by sediments hindering the recovery of samples from the
657 oceanic crust in this region, the available samples are therefore restricted to
658 seamounts and ridges, located at the eastern and western margins of the
659 Kupe Plain and these may not necessarily reflect the composition of the
660 seafloor in the central Kupe plain. Nonetheless, if largely trench-perpendicular
661 mantle (or corner) flow was operating beneath South Fiji Basin and proto-
662 Kermadec arc, then a slightly depleted version of the SFB mantle (forming the
663 SFB crust and seamounts) flowed eastward and represents the 'parental'
664 mantle for the Colville/Kermadec proto-arc and possibly also for the
665 Quaternary Havre Trough - Kermadec arc system, as proposed by Todd et al.
666 (2010; 2011; 2012). Similar longitudinal opening rates between ~30-35°S
667 latitudes in the Late Oligocene - Early Miocene (e.g., Malahoff et al., 1982;
668 Sdrolias et al., 2003; Bassett et al., 2016) support the idea of largely trench-
669 perpendicular driven mantle flow. Therefore, it is likely that the mantle wedge
670 beneath the Miocene proto-arc (Colville and Kermadec Ridges) contained
671 potassic and OIB-type domains, which may still be present beneath the Havre
672 Trough back-arc and Kermadec arc front today at similar latitudes.

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674 5.4.2 Role of the South Fiji Basin, Northland Plateau and Three Kings Ridge 675 mantle in the southern Kermadec and Colville proto-arc petrogenesis

676 Before we can reliably discuss what influence the heterogeneous
677 mantle has on the petrogenesis of the proto-arc Kermadec and Colville lavas,
678 we need to establish the composition of the mantle, prior to subduction input.
679 Based on South Fiji Basin and Havre Trough back-arc lava samples least
680 affected by slab component addition (i.e., LILEs, Th and LREEs values,
681 similar to MORB), Todd et al. (2010; 2011) estimated the Sr-, Nd-, Pb-, and

682 Hf-isotopic and trace element compositions of the local least-modified mantle
683 were similar to the enriched end member of the depleted mantle after
684 Workman and Hart (2005). Because Sr, Nd and Pb isotopic composition of
685 the Havre Trough and depleted South Fiji Basin back-arc lavas are similar to
686 each other, the back-arc type mantle end-member isotopic composition is
687 likely similar to that defined by Todd et al. (2011). Using the back-arc end-
688 member composition similar to that defined by Todd et al. (2011), input of 1-
689 3% of locally subducted sediment (with a similar composition to sediments
690 being subducted today) into depleted SFB back-arc type mantle can explain
691 the Sr- and Pb-isotopic compositions of the Colville Ridge lavas, as noted
692 above (Fig. 11). 1-3% of sediment input via sediment melts or supercritical
693 fluids could also account for the observed $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$ and Th/Zr values in
694 some Colville and Kermadec Ridge lavas (e.g., Kessel et al., 2005).

695 An additional explanation of the low $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$ and high La/Sm,
696 Ce/Yb and Th/Zr values of the Colville and Kermadec Ridge lavas is to
697 include pre-existing mantle wedge heterogeneities (i.e., from back-arc basin-
698 type to OIB-type material) as recorded by the SFB lavas. Some of these OIB-
699 type lavas have similar Ce/Yb and Th/Zr values to the Colville Ridge lavas
700 and span a range of $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$ ratios from ~0.5128-0.5131 (Fig. 9, 11-12).
701 However, about half of the Colville (and less of the Kermadec) Ridge lavas
702 have relatively high Ce/Yb and Th/Zr requiring additional contribution of
703 another component with high Ce/Yb and Th/Zr, but with similar $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$
704 values. Potassic shoshonitic lavas from the South Fiji Basin and Three Kings
705 Ridge contain high Th (and Ce in the potassic SFB lavas) contents and have
706 significantly higher Th/Zr (and Ce/Yb in the potassic SFB lavas) values
707 (Mortimer et al., 1998 and Mortimer et al., 2007) that can act as an additional
708 end-member to explain the high Th/Zr values in some of the Colville and
709 Kermadec Ridge lavas. Binary mixing between $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$ and Th/Zr show
710 that $\leq 4\%$ input of a Three Kings Ridge-type shoshonitic signature into a SFB
711 back-arc basin-type mantle (containing subduction-derived sediment
712 signature \pm OIB-domains) can explain the observed variation in $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$
713 vs. Th/Zr values (Fig. 12) and in the $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$ vs. $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ or $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$ or
714 $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$ (Fig. 11a-11c). The formation of shoshonites in oceanic arc
715 settings have previously been attributed to early oceanic arc rifting (e.g., Fiji;

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716 Gill and Whelan, 1989). More specifically, Leslie et al. (2009) interpreted the
717 late Miocene-Early Pliocene Fijian shoshonites as having formed via low-
718 degrees of partial melting of metasomatised sub-arc lithosphere, prior to arc
719 fragmentation and back-arc formation. Mortimer et al. (2007) came to a similar
720 conclusion that the Late Eocene to Early Miocene Three Kings Ridge and
721 Northland Plateau shoshonites are precursors of imminent arc breakup and
722 South Fiji Basin formation. However, the occurrence of much younger (~20
723 Ma) shoshonites in the central-southern SFB is somewhat puzzling, although
724 it could represent a re-melting event of metasomatised sub-arc lithosphere.
725 The presence of a 'shoshonitic' geochemical signature in some Kermadec
726 and Colville Ridge proto-arc lavas corroborates the Three Kings and Colville
727 Ridges having once formed a single arc that split initiating the opening of the
728 South Fiji Basin in the late Miocene. Although the Kermadec and Colville
729 Ridge lavas have largely distinct isotopic compositions from the Quaternary
730 Kermadec Arc and back arc (best seen on the $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$ versus $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$
731 isotope diagram), there is some overlap with the Quaternary arc samples. On
732 each isotope diagram, the overlap could be explained by mixing or derivation
733 from a component similar to the TKR shoshonite samples. The involvement of
734 a TKR shoshonitic component can most clearly be seen on the $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$ vs
735 Th/Zr diagram, which shows that there may be up to ~4% of such a
736 component in the proto-arc lavas. Thus, a combination of geochemical sub
737 arc mantle heterogeneities and element influx from the subducting sediments
738 on the Pacific plate are required to explain the geochemical composition of
739 the Colville and Kermadec proto-arc lavas, as compared to the Quaternary
740 arc and back arc lavas; processes that need to be understood to understand
741 the geochemical composition of arc lavas globally.

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743 6. Conclusions

744 Fifty-three rock (lava) samples have been recovered from the southern part
745 (south of ~33°S) of the ~1300 km long Colville ($n = 25$) and Kermadec ($n =$
746 28) Ridges that bound the Kermadec arc front and Havre Trough back-arc
747 regions. Four plagioclase separates gave ages of 6.9 ± 1.4 Ma (inverse
748 isochron age; 7.5 ± 2.0 Ma plateau age), 3.80 ± 0.33 Ma and 2.63 ± 0.23 Ma
749 from Colville Ridge lavas and 3.40 ± 0.24 Ma from a Kermadec Ridge lava.

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750 An additional three groundmass $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{39}\text{Ar}$ analyses gave ages of 4.41 ± 0.35 ,
751 4.6 ± 1.6 and 4.8 ± 1.2 Ma. These ages fill existing gaps between 16.7 and 2 Ma
752 in the temporal evolution of the Colville and Kermadec Ridges. The ages
753 furthermore demonstrate the occurrence of contemporaneous volcanism at
754 the Colville and Kermadec Ridges between 8 and 3 Ma, and that volcanism at
755 the Colville Ridge occurred ~ 2.8 Ma longer than previously known. Except for
756 two mildly alkaline lavas from a seamount west of the Colville Ridge
757 (TAN1512 DR11-1 and DR11-2) all lavas range in composition from low-to-
758 medium-K micro-basalts to andesites ($\text{SiO}_2 = 44.6 - 56.7$ wt.%) with arc-type
759 minor and trace element patterns (negative Nb and Ta anomalies and positive
760 LILE contents).

761 Differences exist between the Kermadec and Colville Ridge lavas. The
762 Kermadec Ridge lavas extend to higher Ba/Th and lower La/Sm, Nb/Y,
763 Ce/Yb, Nb/Yb and Th/Yb ratios and overall have slightly less radiogenic Sr
764 and more radiogenic Nd isotopic compositions than the Colville Ridge lavas.
765 These geochemical differences can be explained by the transport of slab
766 components to the Kermadec arc front mantle via hydrous fluids, whereas
767 melts from subducted sediments were also added to the Colville rear arc
768 mantle. The overall similarity in geochemical composition and distinct
769 compositions from the Quaternary Kermadec arc/back arc lavas are
770 consistent with the Kermadec and Colville Ridges having formed a single
771 proto-Kermadec (Vitiaz) arc in the mid Miocene to Pliocene.

772 When compared to the Quaternary Kermadec arc front, most Kermadec
773 and Colville Ridge lavas have similar major element compositions (except for
774 some low-silica lavas from a seamount behind the Colville Ridge), but trend
775 towards higher La/Sm, Nb/Y, Nb/Yb, Th/Yb and lower Ba/Th and $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$
776 (for a given Sr, Nd or $^{208}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$) isotope ratio. Therefore, an additional
777 component is required in the Quaternary Kermadec arc front and back arc
778 lavas, which could be the subducting HIMU-type Hikurangi seamounts.
779 Therefore, there is some question as to whether the Hikurangi Plateau and
780 seamounts also subducted beneath the Miocene-Pliocene Kermadec proto-
781 arc, as is presently the case beneath the Kermadec Arc. Finally, high Th/Zr
782 ratios and elevated Pb isotope ratios in some Kermadec and Colville lavas,
783 similar to those found in Oligocene-Miocene shoshonites from Three Kings

784 Ridge, suggests that some enriched, shoshonitic type source mantle were
785 also present beneath the proto-arc and the present-day Kermadec Arc.
786 Existence of these enriched more alkaline domains profoundly affect melting
787 behavior beneath the Kermadec arc, a process that is likely to apply to all arcs
788 globally.

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808 **Figure captions**

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810 **Figure 1.** Bathymetric map (Smith and Sandwell (1997) and available multi-beam
811 data showing names of the regional geotectonic features. Symbols mark the
812 sampling locations and with the different symbol types refer to different rock-types
813 recovered (modified after Mortimer et al., 2007). Numbers next to the samples are
814 published ages (in Ma) after Adams et al (1994), Mortimer et al. (1998), Ballance et
815 al. (1999), Mortimer et al. (2007) and this study (bold letters).

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817 **Figure 2:** A) Bathymetric map of the Colville Ridge south of $\sim 32.8^\circ\text{S}$ collected during
818 the Colville I (TAN1313) and Colville II (TAN1512) expeditions with R/V *Tangaroa*
819 and B) of the Kermadec Ridge south of $\sim 32.5^\circ\text{S}$. Data used in the Kermadec Ridge
820 map were collected during several expeditions, including SO135, SO192-1,
821 ROVARK07, SO255 with R/V *Sonne* and TAN1104 with R/V *Tangaroa*. White circles
822 mark sampling locations with their sampling ID number and $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{39}\text{Ar}$ age presented

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825 **Figure 3:** Age spectra derived from laser step-heating apparent ages and assigned
 826 errors of plagioclase separates and microcrystalline matrix. Errors are stated in 2σ .
 827 See Table 2, text and supplementary files 2 and 3 for more details.

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829 **Figure 4:** Histogram showing available age data from New Zealand offshore arc
 830 lavas. Rectangles with solid lines represent $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{39}\text{Ar}$ ages and rectangles with
 831 thin dashed lines represent K-Ar age data. Data sources are: Adams et al. (1994) =
 832 Colville Ridge K-Ar age; Mortimer et al. (1998) = Three Kings Ridge, Norfolk Ridge
 833 and Basin; Ballance et al. (1999) = Kermadec Ridge and Havre Trough K-Ar ages;
 834 Mortimer et al. (2007) = South Fiji Basin; Northland Plateau and Havre Trough;
 835 Mortimer et al (2009) = Northland Plateau and Colville Ridge; Zohrab (2017) = Havre
 836 Trough and this study = Colville and Kermadec Ridge. Top panel: grey dashed lines
 837 show the duration of arc volcanism on or near the North Island of New Zealand for
 838 comparison. Data sources are: Hayward et al. (2001) = Northland arc K-Ar ages;
 839 Briggs et al. (2005) = Western Central Volcanic Zone; Skinner (1986), Adams et al.
 840 (1994), Brathwaite and Christie (1996) = Coromandel Volcanic Zone.

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842 **Figure 5:** A) Plot showing a total alkali diagram (wt.% SiO_2 versus $\text{Na}_2\text{O}+\text{K}_2\text{O}$) after
 843 LeMaitre et al. (2002). The Colville Ridge lavas range in composition from picro-
 844 basalts to high-silica basaltic andesites. Blue diamond mark the Colville Ridge data
 845 published by Todd et al (2011) and green diamonds are Kermadec Ridge data from
 846 Wysoczanski et al (2012). Pink circles are data from South Fiji Basin lavas (Mortimer
 847 et al., 2007; Todd et al., 2011). Grey diamonds represent published whole-rock data
 848 from the following Kermadec arc front volcanoes: Clark (Gamble et al., 1997; Haase
 849 et al., 2002); Tangaroa (Todd et al., 2011); Rumble V (Todd et al., 2011); Rumble IV
 850 (Turner et al., 1997; Todd et al., 2011); Rumble III (Turner et al., 1997); Rumble II
 851 East and West (Timm et al., 2016). Brothers (Haase et al., 2002; Haase et al., 2006;
 852 Timm et al., 2012); Healy (Barker et al., 2013); Sonne (Haase et al., 2002) and
 853 northern Kermadec arc (Timm et al., 2011; and Timm et al., 2012). Small orange
 854 circles mark samples from the Havre Trough back arc (Haase et al., 2002; Todd et
 855 al., 2010; and Todd et al., 2011) B) Plot showing wt.% SiO_2 versus wt.% K_2O . Most
 856 Colville and Kermadec Ridge lavas fall in the calc-alkaline, medium-K series as
 857 defined by Gill (1981).

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859 **Figure 6:** Plots showing wt.% MgO versus A) wt.% SiO_2 , B) wt.% TiO_2 , C) wt.%
 860 Al_2O_3 , D) wt.% FeO^t , E) wt.% CaO , F) wt.% Na_2O and G) wt.% K_2O . Additional data
 861 from the South Fiji Basin (Mortimer et al., 2007; Todd et al., 2011), Northland Plateau
 862 (Mortimer et al., 2007) and Three Kings Ridge (Mortimer et al., 1998) are also
 863 shown. Other symbols and data sources are listed in the Fig. 3 caption. Grey arrows
 864 in the plots show trends consistent with crystal accumulation. BABB = Back-arc
 865 basin; SFB = South Fiji Basin.

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867 **Figure 7:** Plots showing minor and trace elements distribution on multi-element
 868 diagrams normalised to a normal-mid-ocean ridge basalt (N-MORB) composition,
 869 after Sun and McDonough (1989). A) Plot showing a multi-element diagram of the
 870 Colville and Kermadec Ridge lavas. The grey field outlines the Kermadec arc front
 871 volcanoes data and the orange field marks the spectrum of trace and minor element
 872 compositions of the Havre Trough lavas (data sources are as listed in figure caption
 873 3). B) Plot showing NMORB-normalised minor and trace element distributions of the
 874 mildly alkaline ocean island basalts (OIB)-lavas from a seamount west of the Colville
 875 Ridge. The 3 different coloured fields show the trace and minor element
 876 compositions of the different lava compositions found in the South Fiji Basin (SFB)

877 potassic lavas = dark grey field; OIB-type lavas = medium grey field; back-arc basin
878 (BABB)-type lavas = light grey field). Data sources are Mortimer et al. (2007) and
879 Todd et al. (2011).

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881 **Figure 8:** Plot showing $(La/Sm)_{Npm}$ (Npm = primitive mantle normalised after
882 McDonough and Sun, 1995) versus Ba/Th. Data sources are as listed in Figure
883 caption 3. The brown field shows data for sediments on the Pacific Plate (Gamble et
884 al, 1996; Todd et al., 2010), the green field shows Hikurangi seamounts data (Smts;
885 Mortimer and Parkinson, 1996; Hoernle et al., 2010), and the grey field are data from
886 the Hikurangi Plateau basement (HP; Hoernle et al., 2010). The upwards pointing
887 arrow indicates the effect of fluid-flux derived from the subducted Pacific Plate. The
888 grey arrow pointing to the right marks the influence of mantle fertility (melting of high-
889 Nb domains).

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891 **Figure 9:** Plot of Nb/Y versus Ce/Yb. Data sources are as listed in the captions of
892 Figures 3, 4 and 6. Upwards directed arrows point towards two potential end-
893 member compositions: A) potassic South Fiji Basin lavas (high Ce/Yb and moderate
894 Nb/Y values), and B) OIB-type South Fiji Basin lavas (high Nb/Y and moderate
895 Ce/Yb values). Most Colville and Kermadec Ridge lavas fall onto an array between
896 the South Fiji Basin back-arc basin lavas and the potassic lavas.

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898 **Figure 10:** Diagram panels showing A) Nb/Yb versus Th/Yb and A) Nb/Yb versus
899 TiO_2/Yb modified after Pearce (2008). Data sources are as listed in the captions of
900 Figures 3, 4 and 6. B) Only lavas with < 55 wt.% SiO_2 are shown to minimise the
901 effect of TiO_2 fractionation.

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903 **Figure 11:** Plots showing $^{206}Pb/^{204}Pb$ versus A) $^{87}Sr/^{86}Sr$, B) $^{143}Nd/^{144}Nd$, C)
904 $^{207}Pb/^{204}Pb$ and D) $^{208}Pb/^{204}Pb$. Subducting sediment data (brown field) are from
905 Gamble et al. (1996) and Todd et al. (2010), Hikurangi Plateau data (grey field) are
906 from Mortimer and Parkinson (1996), Hoernle et al. (2010; least altered) and Timm et
907 al (2014; most altered) Hikurangi Seamount (HS; light yellow field) data are from
908 Hoernle et al (2010). The shading of the Hikurangi Plateau field relates to different
909 levels of alteration of the analysed samples with dark grey representing and pale
910 grey indicating less alteration. Light blue circles represent near-trench samples from
911 the Pacific Plate between 24° and 32°S (Castillo et al., 2009) and the Osborn
912 Trough (Worthington et al., 2006). The average Pacific mid ocean ridge basalt
913 (MORB) value is shown as a large grey star (after Meyzen et al., 2007).

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915 **Figure 12:** Plot of $^{143}Nd/^{144}Nd$ versus Th/Zr. Data sources for the fields are listed in
916 caption of Figures 3, 4 and 8. The brown finely dashed line represents mixing
917 between a lava with a geochemical composition similar to a South Fiji Basin back-arc
918 basin basalt and average subducting sediments on the Pacific plate (3% $_{SSed}$). White
919 circles and the red dashed line mark the percentage of the fertile mantle component
920 (Three Kings Ridge (TKR) high-K domain (3% $_{TKR}$ and 10% $_{TKR}$; Mortimer et al., 1998)
921 added to depleted SFB back-arc basin (Todd et al., 2011). Some of the Colville and
922 Kermadec Ridge lavas plot on the modelled trajectory between the South Fiji Basin
923 and Three Kings Ridge shoshonites.

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925 **Table 1:** Major and trace element analyses, sampling location, coordinates and
926 water depth of the Colville and Kermadec Ridge and South Fiji Basin lavas presented
927 in this contribution.

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929 **Table 2:** Results of the $^{40}Ar/^{39}Ar$ measurements. Lab. ID # = Laboratory Identification
930 number, MSWD = Mean Square Weighted Deviation, P = probability, SF = spreading

931 factor, $(^{40}\text{Ar}/^{36}\text{Ar})_i$ = initial $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{36}\text{Ar}$, Wt.% = weight %, and T = temperature. Values in
932 italics indicate statistically invalid values (i.e., SF = < 40%, or $(^{40}\text{Ar}/^{36}\text{Ar})_i$ values are >
933 or < 295.5). ^aSteps numbers associated with the degassing of fresh material are
934 determined from the $^{36}\text{Ar}/^{37}\text{Ar}$ Alteration Index plagioclase values (Baski, 2007;
935 Supplementary File 2). ^bWeight % K values are calculated from the combined ^{39}ArK
936 values for each weighed sample.

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938 **Supplementary File 1:** Major and trace element standard analyses as presented by
939 Ontario Geoscience Laboratories and their deviation from GeoReM values
940 (<http://georem.mpch-mainz.gwdg.de>).

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942 **Supplementary File 2:** $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{39}\text{Ar}$ analytical background.

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944 **Supplementary File 3:** $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{39}\text{Ar}$ run details.

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946 **Supplementary File 4:** Sr, Nd and Pb isotope and trace element modelling
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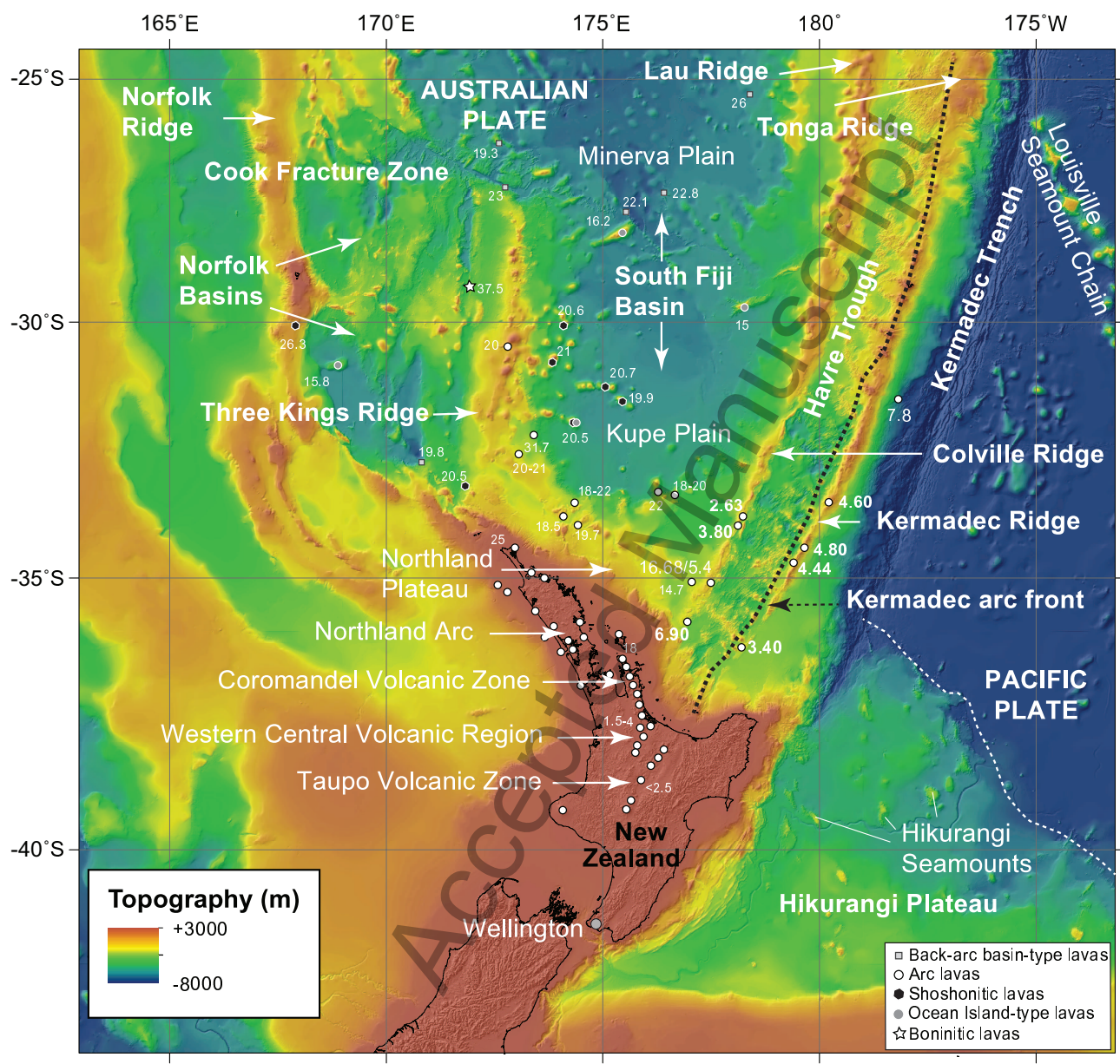
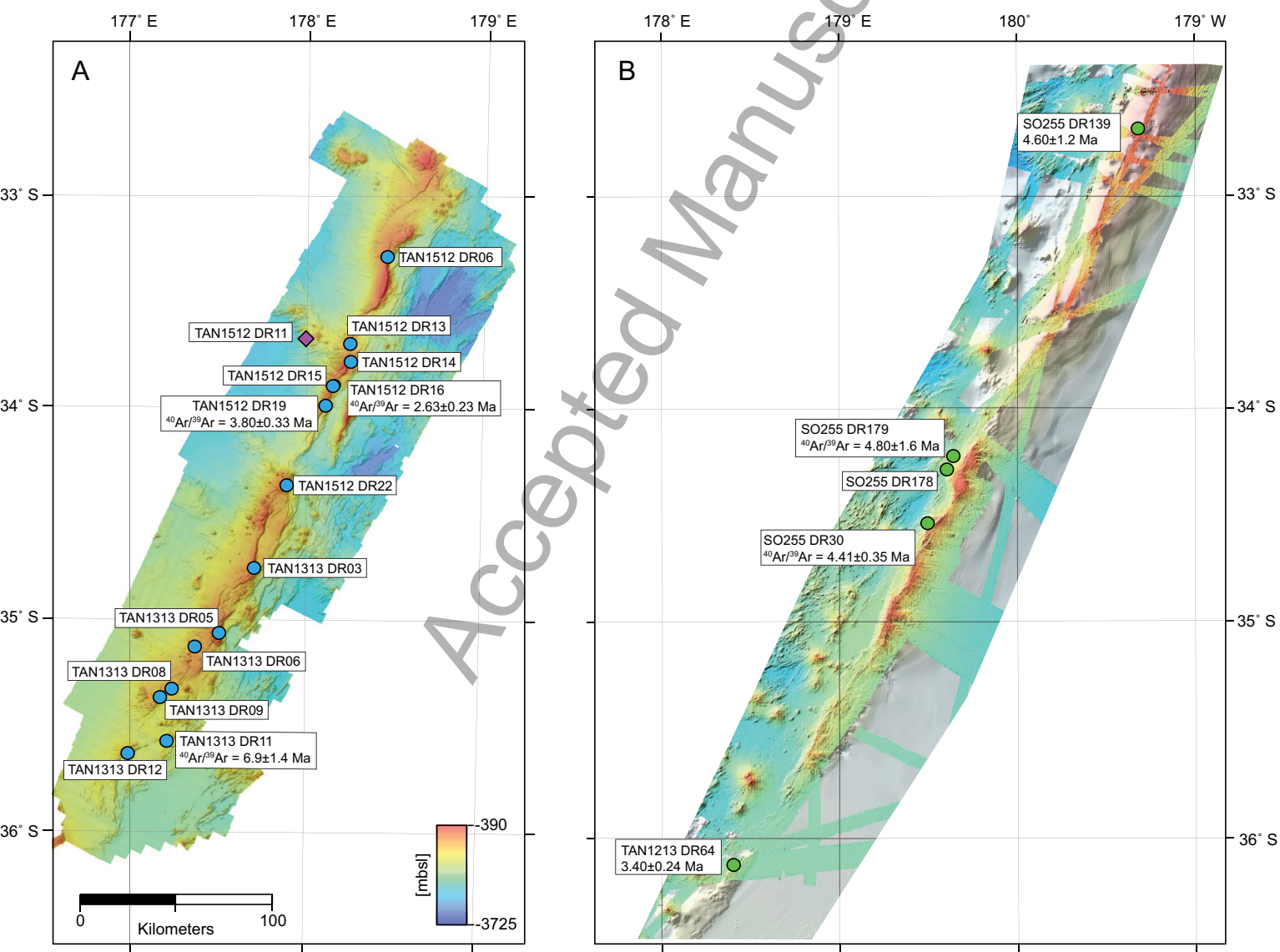


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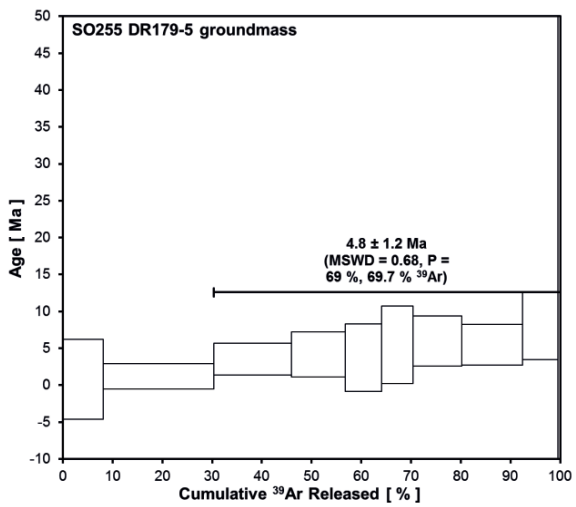
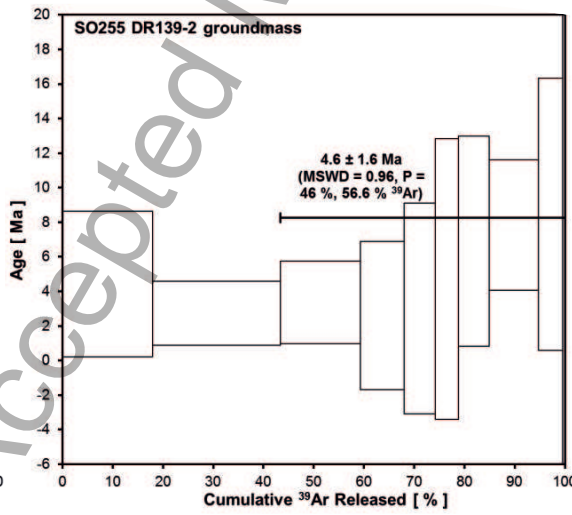
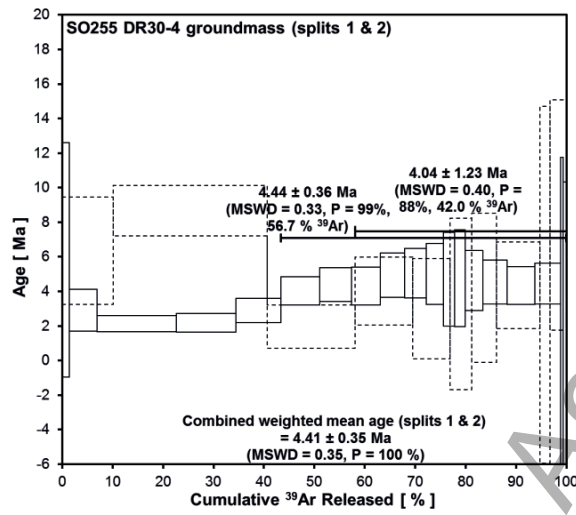
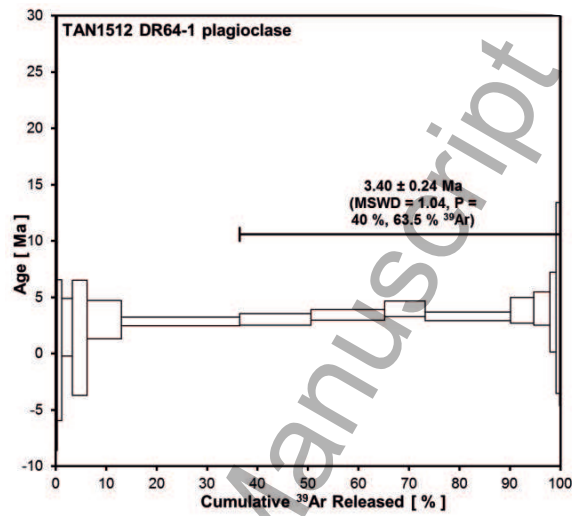
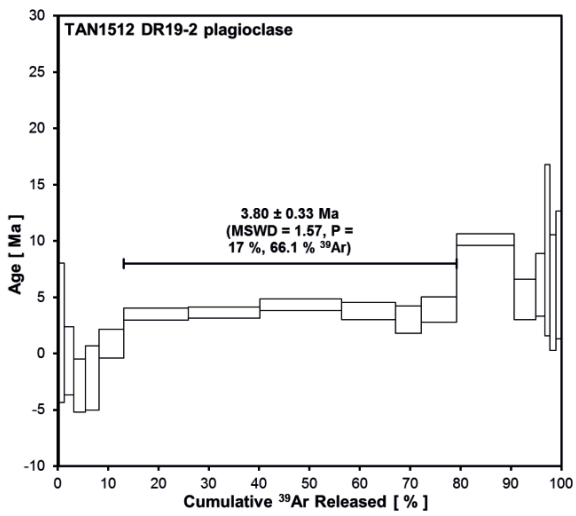
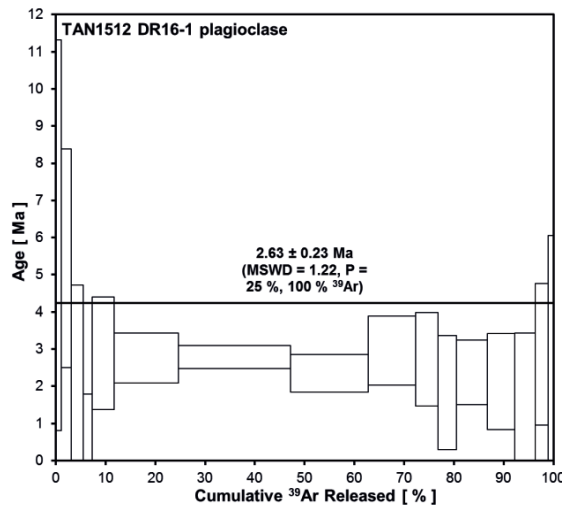
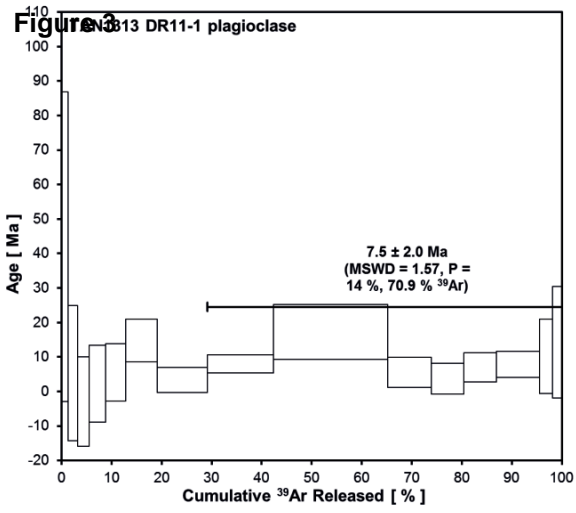
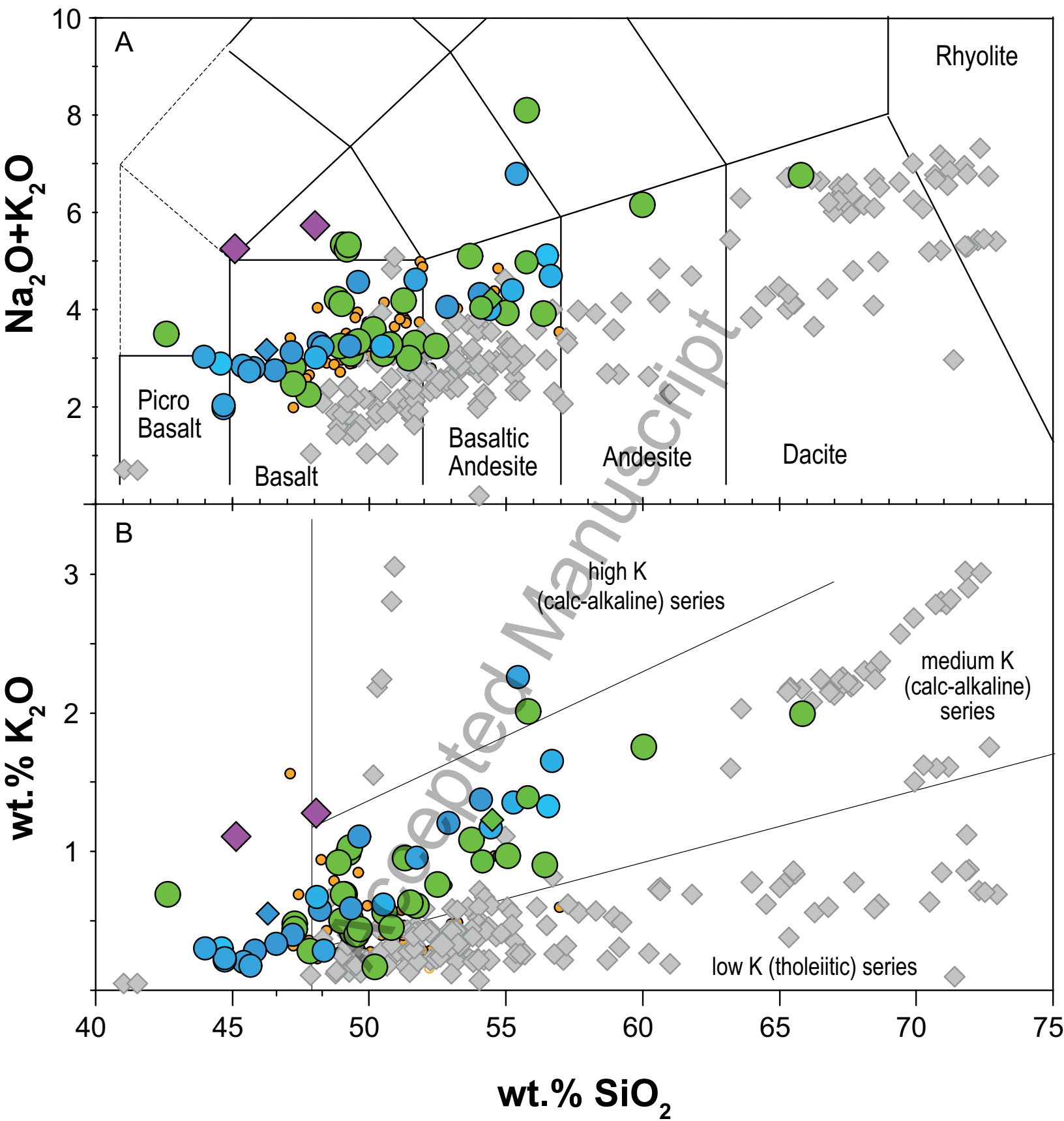


Figure 5



● Colville Ridge lavas

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● Kermadec Ridge lavas

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◆ South Fiji Basin lavas

● Havre Trough lavas

◆ Kermadec arc lavas

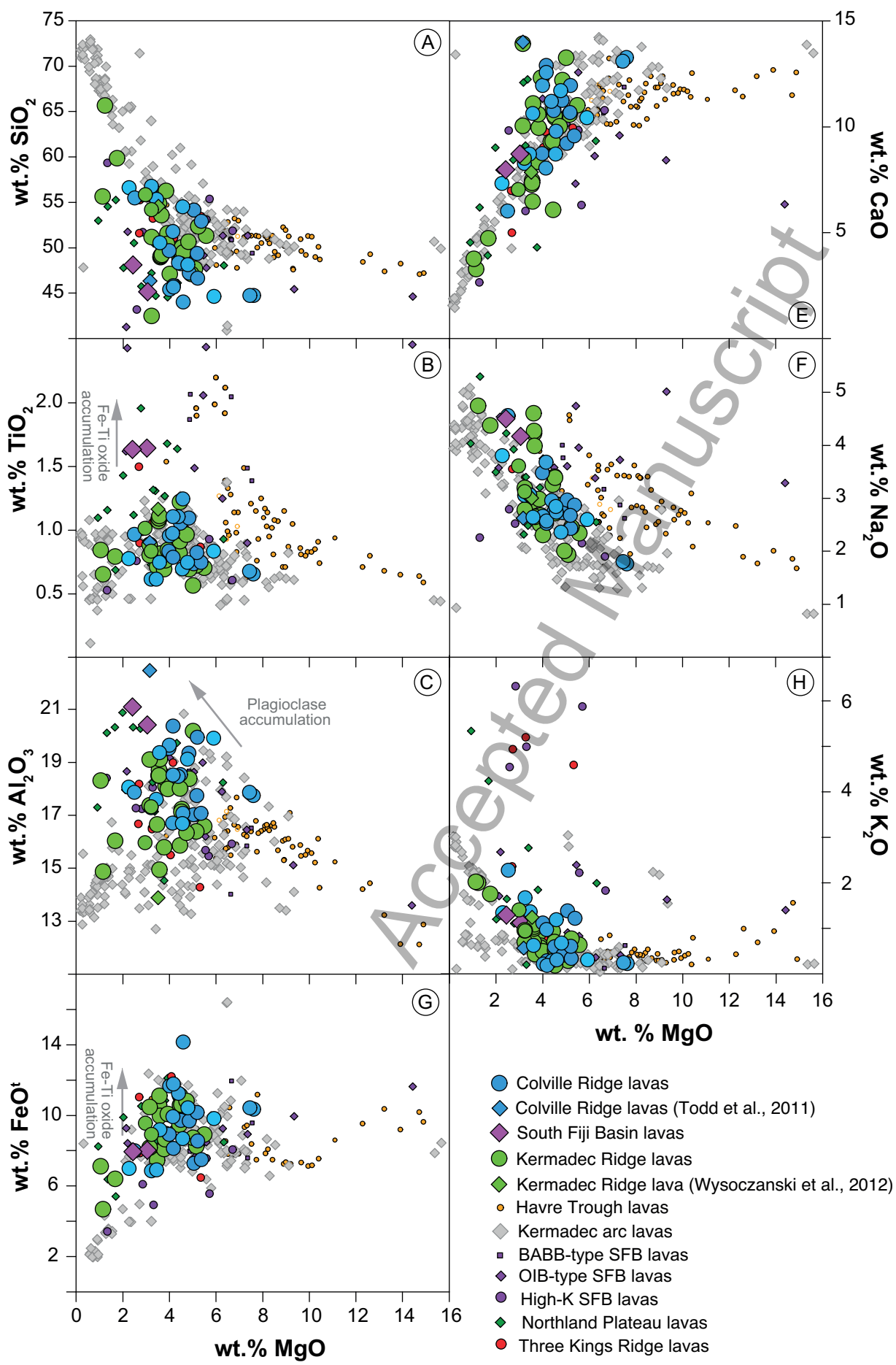
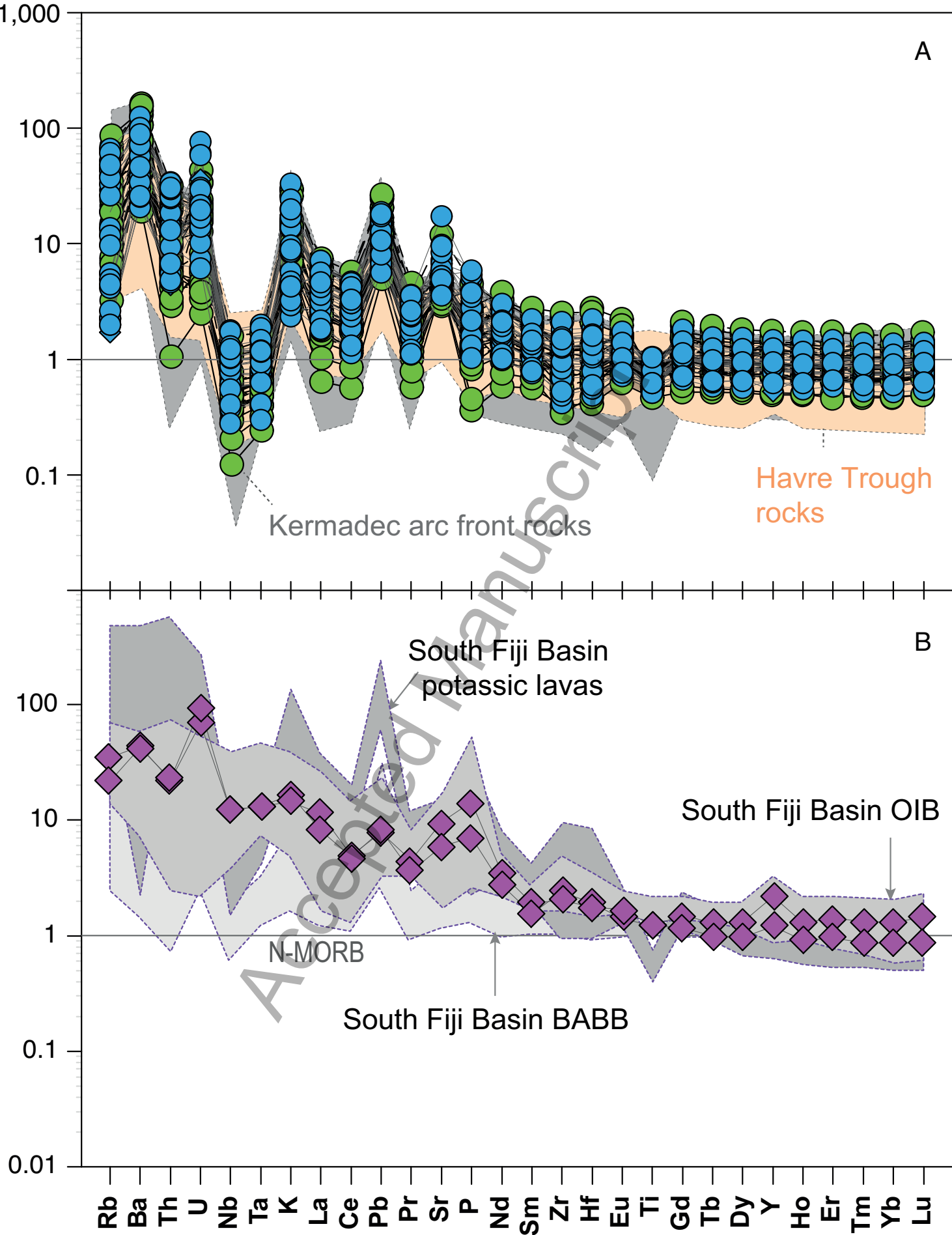


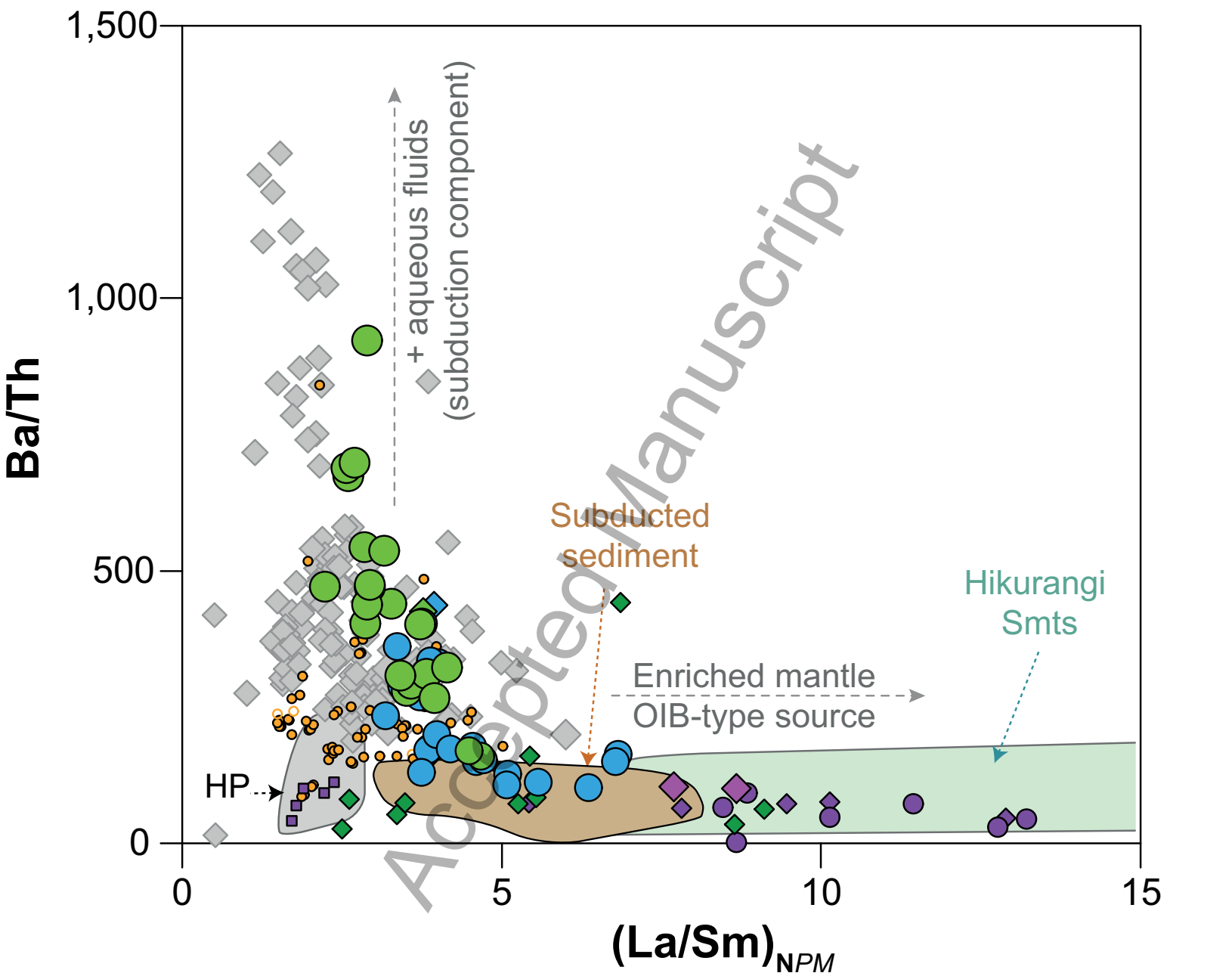
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Sample/N-MORB
(after Sun and McDonough, 1989)



- Colville Ridge lavas
- ◆ Colville Ridge lava (Todd et al. 2011)
- Kermadec Ridge lavas
- ◆ Kermadec Ridge lava (Wysoczanski et al. 2012)
- ◆ South Fiji Basin lavas

Figure 8



- Colville Ridge lavas
- ◆ Colville Ridge lava (Todd et al. 2011)
- Kermadec Ridge lavas
- ◆ Kermadec Ridge lava (Wysoczanski et al. 2012)
- ◆ South Fiji Basin lavas
- Havre Trough lavas
- ◆ Kermadec arc lavas
- BABB-type SFB lavas
- ◆ OIB-type SFB lavas
- High-K SFB lavas
- ◆ Northland Plateau lavas

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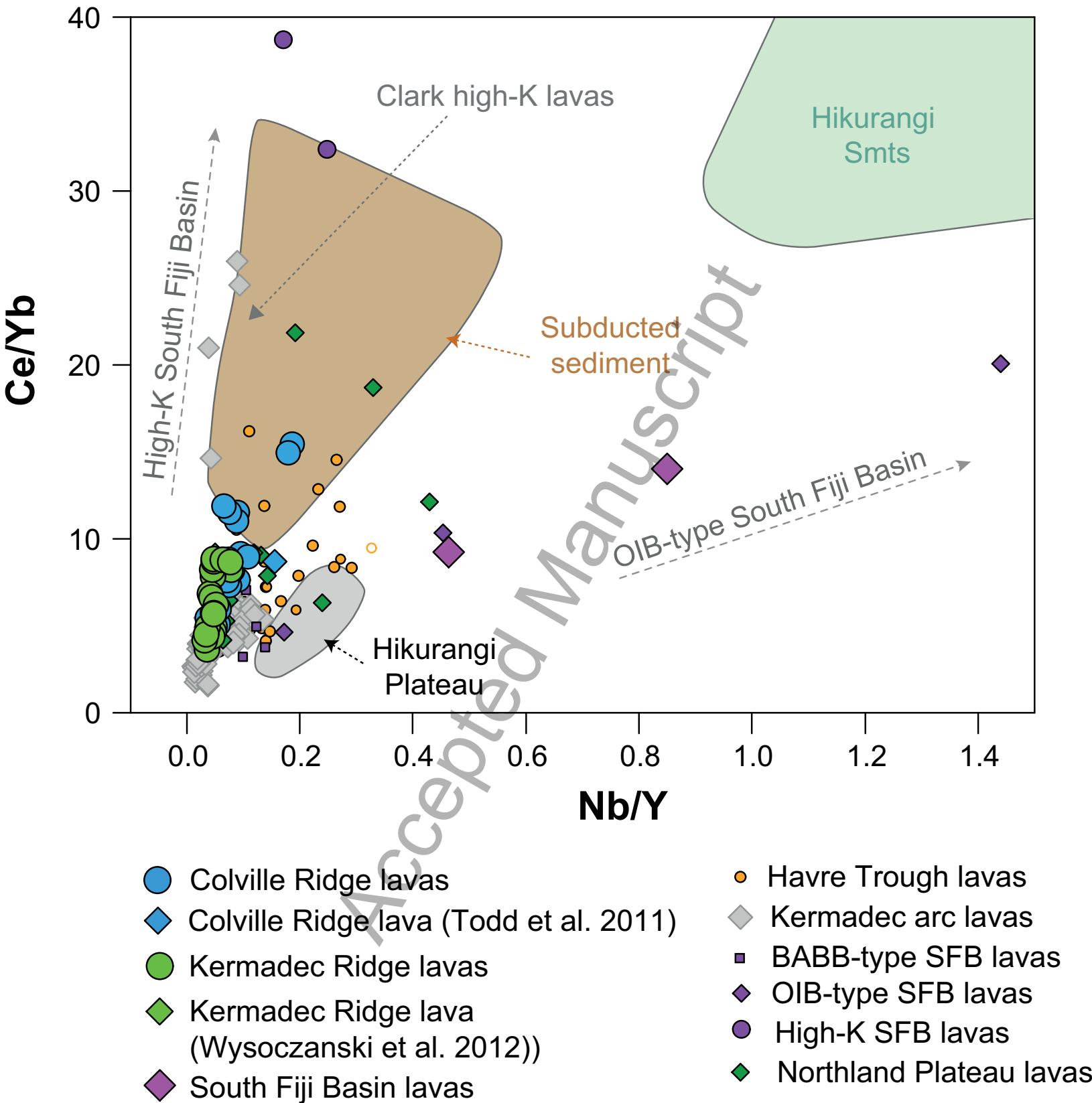


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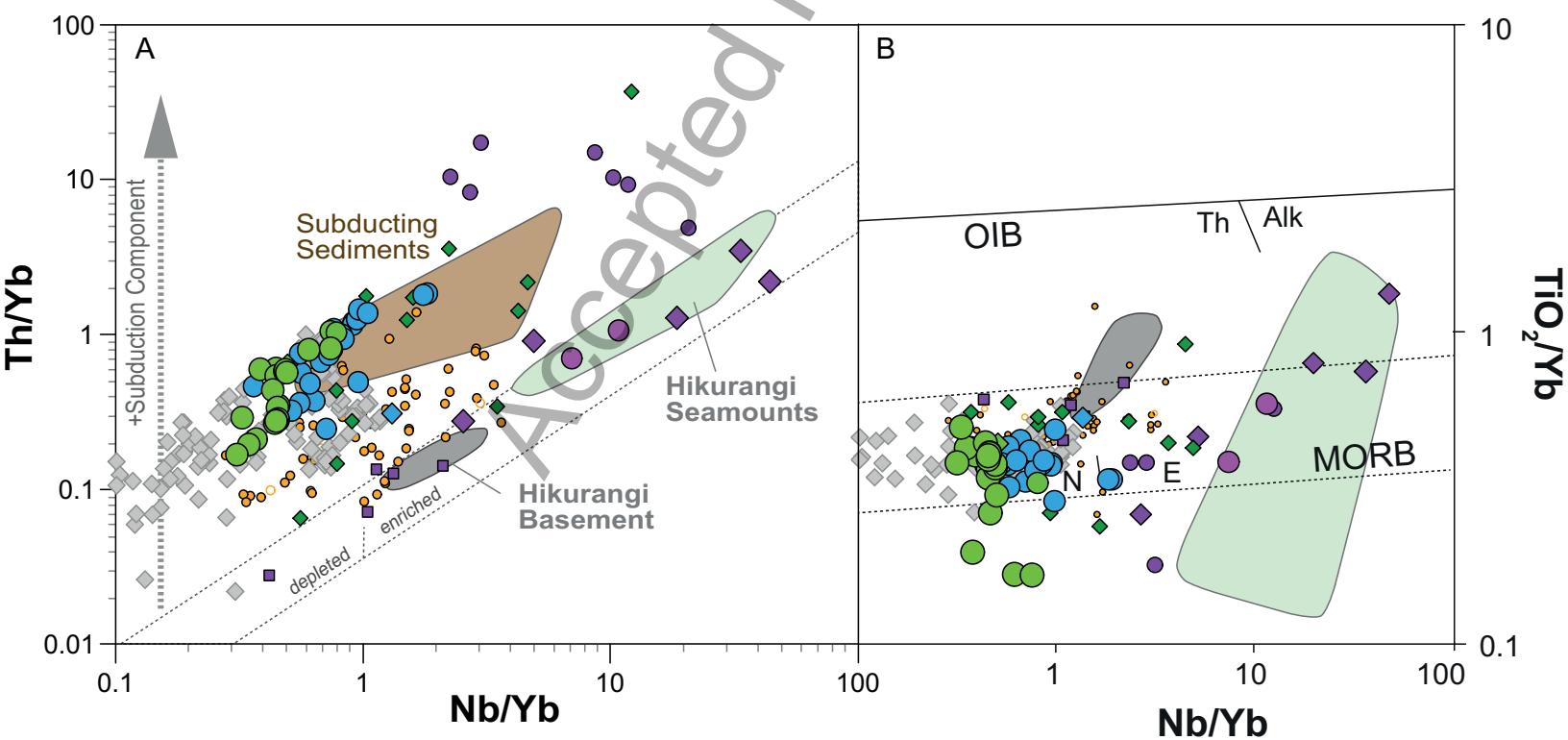
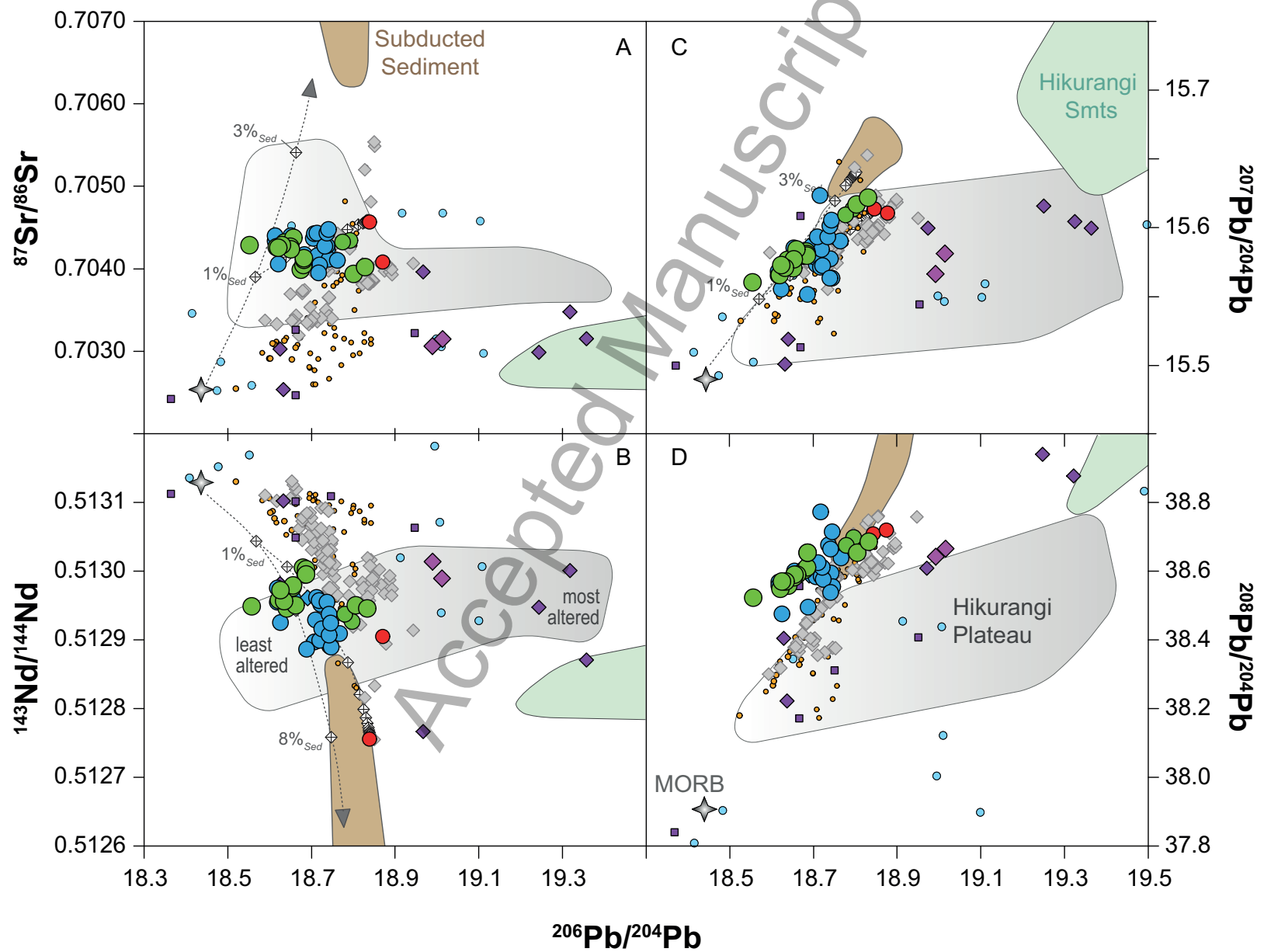
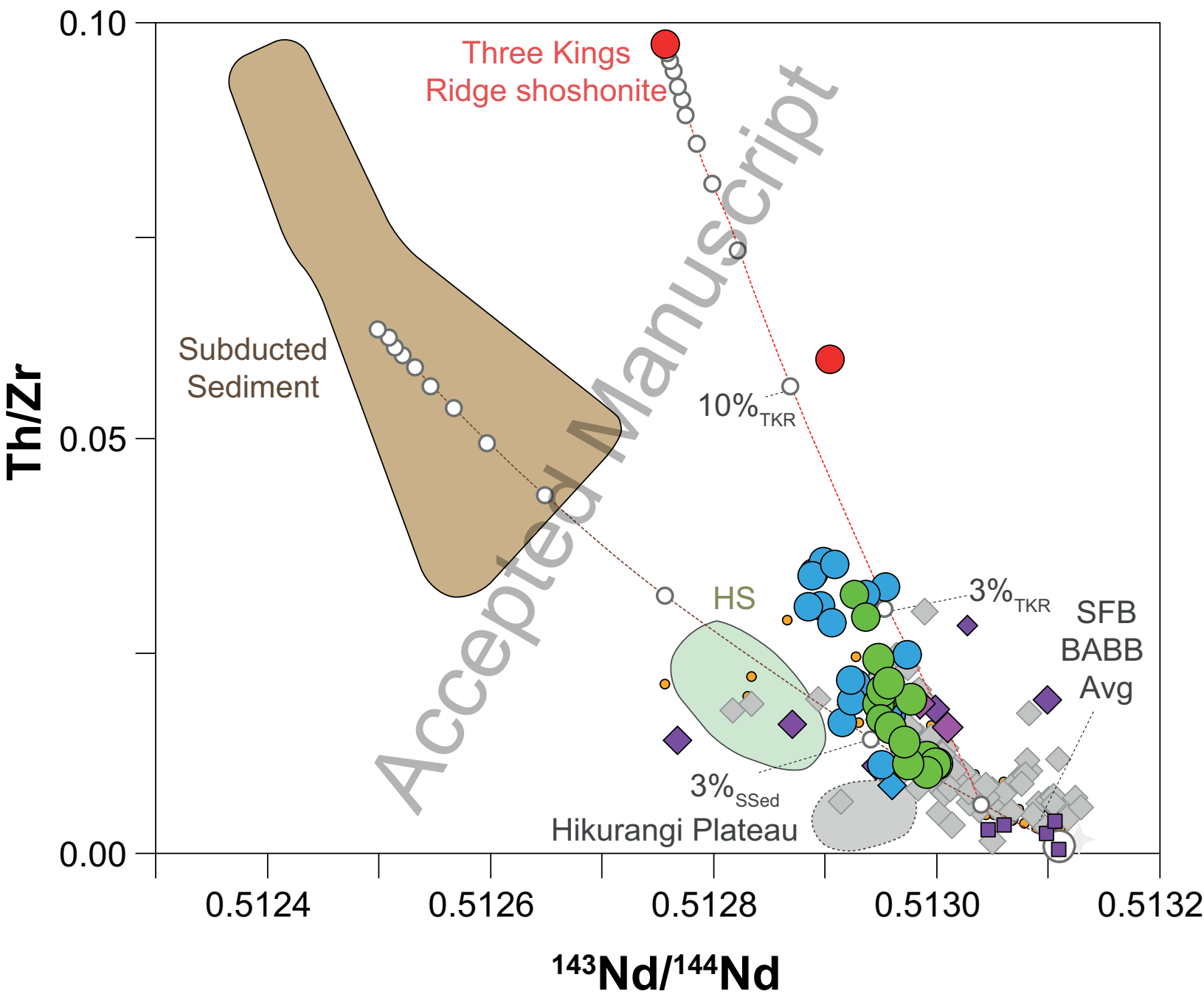


Figure 11



- Colville Ridge lavas
- ◆ Colville Ridge lava (Todd et al. 2011)
- Kermadec Ridge lavas
- ◆ South Fiji Basin lavas
- Havre Trough lavas
- ◆ Kermadec arc lavas
- BABB-type SFB lavas
- ◆ OIB-type SFB lavas
- Three Kings Ridge lavas
- Near-trench Pacific oceanic crust

Figure 12



- Colville Ridge lavas
 - ◆ Colville Ridge lava (Todd et al. 2011)
 - Kermadec Ridge lavas
 - ◆ South Fiji Basin lavas
- Havre Trough lavas
 - ◆ Kermadec arc lavas
 - BABB-type SFB lavas
 - ◆ OIB-type SFB lavas
 - Three Kings Ridge lavas

Table 1: Major and trace element composition of Colville Ridge lavas

Sample No.	TAN1313 DR03-1 Colville Ridge Upper ridge flank	TAN1313 DR05-1A Colville Ridge Upper ridge flank	TAN1313 DR05-1C Colville Ridge Upper ridge flank	TAN1313 DR06-1 Colville Ridge Cone E of Ridge	TAN1313 DR06-3 Colville Ridge Cone E of Ridge	TAN1313 DR08-1 Colville Ridge Upper ridge flank	TAN1313 DR08-3 Colville Ridge Upper ridge flank	TAN1313 DR09-1 Colville Ridge Upper ridge flank
Location								
Latitude (S)	34.77	35.05	35.05	35.14	35.14	35.33	35.33	35.37
Longitude (E)	177.71	177.51	177.51	177.37	177.37	177.25	177.25	178.18
Water depth (mbsl)	1420-1270	1075-890	1075-890	1300-1315	1300-1315	1461-1269	1461-1269	1944-1780
Crystallinity	porphyritic	porphyritic	porphyritic	porphyritic	porphyritic	porphyritic	porphyritic	porphyritic
Major elements (wt.%)								
SiO ₂	49.60	48.15	47.16	46.56	45.77	54.07	52.86	45.35
TiO ₂	0.83	1.05	1.09	0.76	0.78	0.73	0.74	0.95
Al ₂ O ₃	19.50	18.50	19.32	19.92	20.34	16.99	17.05	19.62
Fe ₂ O ₃ ^t	9.86	10.72	10.69	9.43	8.98	8.03	8.27	12.90
MnO	0.14	0.20	0.19	0.15	0.15	0.17	0.17	0.20
MgO	4.01	4.51	4.87	5.23	4.19	5.06	5.39	4.03
CaO	8.63	10.66	11.15	11.85	12.79	9.12	9.49	11.85
Na ₂ O	3.47	2.74	2.72	2.42	2.52	2.96	2.86	2.65
K ₂ O	1.10	0.57	0.39	0.32	0.27	1.37	1.20	0.19
P ₂ O ₅	0.14	0.24	0.55	0.43	0.60	0.20	0.21	0.33
LOI	1.86	1.96	2.18	2.99	3.49	0.80	1.04	1.86
Original Total	99.19	99.35	100.34	100.09	99.89	99.59	99.32	99.92
Trace elements (ppm)								
Sc	29.2	37.8	39.4	32.9	30.4	28.6	30.4	43.0
V	300	-	362	303	317	231	229	-
Cr	22.0	34.0	35.0	87.0	57.0	95.0	106	15.0
Co	24.3	30.6	28.9	27.9	24.0	26.7	27.6	37.3
Ni	12.4	15.2	21.8	37.0	28.7	26.6	33.7	27.3
Cu	38.6	145	127	99.3	90.7	68.1	70.0	124
Zn	74.0	94.0	101	83.0	91.0	67.0	68.0	113
Ga	18.2	18.3	17.8	17.4	17.7	16.8	16.2	18.8
Mo	1.52	1.05	0.91	0.93	0.71	1.34	1.17	1.05
Sb	0.17	0.090	0.26	0.22	0.25	0.060	0.050	1.70
Sn	0.63	0.93	0.95	0.57	0.60	0.68	0.70	0.59
Cs	0.013	0.20	0.18	0.076	0.11	0.096	0.59	0.50
Tl	0.10	0.026	0.009	0.025	0.005	0.065	0.055	0.17
Li	16.3	17.0	22.8	19.3	20.5	7.60	11.7	10.9
Rb	17.3	7.26	2.95	2.95	2.19	27.6	23.8	1.05
Sr	364	509	1477	610	575	428	512	445
Y	24.8	27.6	29.3	21.3	24.1	21.0	21.3	22.4
Zr	78.0	95.0	109	65.0	64.0	115	110	48.0
Nb	1.67	2.51	2.62	1.63	1.63	3.93	3.84	1.33
Ta	0.094	0.15	0.15	0.090	0.094	0.25	0.23	0.081
Ba	524	400	340	212	227	621	564	131
La	9.34	15.1	15.4	11.5	13.7	16.9	16.9	6.32
Ce	20.6	31.6	31.8	22.9	25.5	33.2	32.5	12.6
Pr	3.02	4.42	4.49	3.21	3.49	4.29	4.32	1.96
Nd	14.0	19.4	20.11	14.2	14.9	18.0	17.7	9.31
Sm	3.57	4.55	4.67	3.18	3.31	3.81	3.83	2.51
Eu	1.08	1.34	1.38	1.07	1.10	1.12	1.13	0.96
Gd	3.97	4.76	4.80	3.28	3.38	3.62	3.68	2.97
Tb	0.64	0.74	0.76	0.51	0.53	0.56	0.56	0.50
Dy	4.18	4.83	4.91	3.30	3.47	3.58	3.64	3.37
Ho	0.86	0.97	1.03	0.70	0.72	0.73	0.75	0.71
Er	2.57	2.95	3.01	2.08	2.17	2.17	2.18	2.16
Tm	0.37	0.42	0.44	0.30	0.32	0.31	0.32	0.32
Yb	2.48	2.74	2.88	1.99	2.14	2.15	2.18	2.09
Lu	0.37	0.42	0.43	0.31	0.34	0.33	0.34	0.32
Hf	2.15	2.84	2.98	1.72	1.73	2.82	2.81	1.37
Pb	2.50	3.80	3.80	2.80	3.00	3.30	3.30	1.70
Th	1.59	3.21	3.24	1.93	2.25	3.84	3.82	0.76
U	0.60	0.72	0.76	0.58	1.04	0.96	0.86	1.35

Table 1: Major and trace element composition of Colville Ridge lavas (continued)

Sample No.	TAN1313 DR11-1 Colville Ridge	TAN1313 DR11-3 Colville Ridge	TAN1313 DR12-1 Colville Ridge	TAN1512 DR06-1 Colville Ridge	TAN1512 DR06-2 Colville Ridge	TAN1512 DR06-3 Colville Ridge	TAN1512 DR11-1 Colville Ridge	TAN1512 DR11-2 Colville Ridge
Edifice	Faulted cone	Faulted cone	Ridge-like cone	Upper ridge flank	Upper ridge flank	Upper ridge flank	Cone W of Ridge	Cone W of Ridge
Location	35.59	35.59	35.64	32.81	32.81	32.81	33.66	33.66
Latitude (S)	177.21	177.21	176.99	178.23	177.37	178.23	178.02	178.02
Longitude (E)	1882-1677	1882-1677	1400-1395	1748-1526	1748-1526	1748-1526	1768-1608	1768-1608
Water depth (mbsl)	aphyric	aphyric	porphyritic	aphyric	porphyritic	porphyritic	aphyric	aphyric
Crystallinity	<hr/>							
Major elements (wt%)								
SiO ₂	48.28	45.60	49.31	51.71	44.55	56.56	45.08	48.03
TiO ₂	1.10	1.10	0.82	0.97	0.83	0.77	1.64	1.63
Al ₂ O ₃	18.44	18.49	17.71	16.67	19.89	18.04	20.38	21.06
Fe ₂ O ₃ [†]	12.44	13.03	11.24	10.96	10.85	7.71	8.86	8.73
MnO	0.21	0.20	0.17	0.19	0.19	0.16	0.07	0.09
MgO	4.41	4.20	5.20	4.17	5.93	2.31	3.08	2.46
CaO	11.11	12.46	10.57	7.95	10.33	7.22	8.61	7.86
Na ₂ O	2.95	2.56	2.67	3.67	2.59	3.80	4.16	4.49
K ₂ O	0.27	0.16	0.58	0.95	0.29	1.32	1.1	1.27
P ₂ O ₅	0.21	0.32	0.16	0.19	0.31	0.19	1.78	0.88
LOI	0.87	1.45	1.21	2.60	4.79	1.66	4.65	3.01
Original Total	100.29	99.59	99.66	100.08	100.57	99.75	99.47	99.58
Trace elements (ppm)								
Sc	39.5	43.6	36.1	31.8	31.6	21.1	25.5	19.6
V	-	-	304	327	325	136	201	196
Cr	16.0	14.0	39.0	3.00	30.0	4.00	198	156
Co	35.5	40.8	36.9	31.5	30.3	16.1	16.1	15.5
Ni	15.9	28.4	26.9	6.00	24.7	3.90	89.2	63.7
Cu	124	114	146	213	160	30.9	73.0	68.1
Zn	110	132	88.0	115	85.0	80.0	91.0	100
Ga	18.3	17.9	17.1	19.0	17.0	17.7	16.3	17.7
Mo	0.81	1.14	0.86	0.86	1.10	1.51	0.89	0.83
Sb	0.36	2.16	0.22	0.08	0.18	0.09	3.36	3.31
Sn	0.72	0.69	0.73	0.97	0.78	0.95	1.63	1.46
Cs	0.066	-	0.19	0.66	0.053	0.64	0.040	0.081
Tl	0.083	-	0.016	0.061	0.006	0.068	0.044	0.090
Li	10.0	9.50	12.2	21.8	25.6	10.3	15.5	13.4
Rb	2.58	1.19	6.24	13.9	2.34	22.8	12.9	20.6
Sr	438	444	334	385	715	348	916	564
Y	23.1	32.5	21.1	29.0	21.4	26.6	64.8	35.5
Zr	58.0	58.0	69.0	102	67.0	127	160	188
Nb	2.14	1.87	1.75	1.70	1.21	2.03	30.0	30.1
Ta	0.14	0.13	0.11	0.11	0.079	0.13	1.85	1.86
Ba	180	123	328	550	204	558	283	290
La	7.80	7.59	7.99	11.2	7.46	8.97	29.9	21.6
Ce	17.1	13.4	17.2	24.4	16.6	19.9	39.1	38.3
Pr	2.55	2.16	2.49	3.73	2.44	2.95	6.30	5.01
Nd	12.1	10.5	11.3	17.5	11.7	13.7	26.7	21.0
Sm	3.12	2.93	2.93	4.44	3.06	3.61	5.31	4.33
Eu	1.14	1.09	0.93	1.42	0.99	1.08	1.84	1.52
Gd	3.61	3.53	3.24	5.01	3.52	4.15	5.87	4.57
Tb	0.59	0.57	0.53	0.79	0.55	0.67	0.91	0.70
Dy	3.85	3.85	3.48	5.19	3.70	4.36	6.27	4.64
Ho	0.80	0.86	0.74	1.08	0.78	0.92	1.39	0.98
Er	2.40	2.72	2.18	3.19	2.26	2.81	4.50	3.00
Tm	0.34	0.39	0.31	0.47	0.34	0.41	0.64	0.43
Yb	12.23	2.62	2.09	3.02	2.19	2.71	4.24	2.74
Lu	0.34	0.43	0.32	0.46	0.33	0.42	0.69	0.42
Hf	1.73	1.52	2.02	2.97	2.11	3.60	3.78	4.12
Pb	2.10	1.90	3.30	4.70	2.80	4.20	2.50	2.60
Th	1.06	0.62	1.91	1.65	1.60	2.10	2.88	2.83
U	0.29	0.76	0.33	0.46	0.97	0.63	4.63	3.41

Table 1: Major and trace element composition of Colville Ridge lavas (continued)

Sample No.	TAN1512 DR13-1	TAN1512 DR13-2	TAN1512 DR14-1	TAN1512 DR15-1	TAN1512 DR16-1	TAN1512 DR19-1	TAN1512 DR19-2	TAN1512 DR22-1
Edifice	Colville Ridge	Colville Ridge	Colville Ridge	Colville Ridge	Colville Ridge	Colville Ridge	Colville Ridge	Colville Ridge
Location	Upper ridge flank	Upper ridge flank	Upper ridge flank	Upper ridge flank	Upper ridge flank	Upper ridge flank	Upper ridge flank	Upper ridge flank
Latitude (S)	33.71	33.71	33.78	33.89	33.89	34.00	34.00	34.37
Longitude (E)	178.24	178.24	178.25	178.16	178.16	178.10	178.10	177.88
Water depth (mbsl)	1660-1384	1660-1384	1100-974	1150-1080	1170-1084	1049-1035	1049-1035	1440-1379
Crystallinity	aphyric	aphyric	porphyritic	aphyric	porphyritic	porphyritic	porphyritic	porphyritic
Major elements (wt%)								
SiO ₂	44.66	44.68	55.43	43.95	54.43	56.68	55.26	48.06
TiO ₂	0.65	0.67	0.96	1.24	0.69	0.61	0.61	0.74
Al ₂ O ₃	17.71	17.83	17.84	17.05	16.65	17.26	17.62	17.58
Fe ₂ O ₃ ^t	11.45	11.53	8.82	15.66	9.57	7.56	7.61	11.62
MnO	0.21	0.23	0.22	0.22	0.18	0.14	0.14	0.20
MgO	7.62	7.45	2.54	4.62	4.60	3.25	3.48	4.81
CaO	13.18	13.00	5.92	9.69	8.61	8.17	8.61	11.62
Na ₂ O	1.75	1.80	4.56	2.73	2.84	3.05	3.06	2.35
K ₂ O	0.20	0.22	2.26	0.29	1.17	1.65	1.35	0.66
P ₂ O ₅	0.40	0.38	0.42	0.64	0.12	0.18	0.24	0.15
LOI	1.79	1.95	0.48	3.38	0.91	1.07	1.29	0.68
Original Total	99.68	99.78	99.52	99.51	99.82	99.71	99.30	99.93
Trace elements (ppm)								
Sc	49.9	48.9	23.6	49.0	32.0	22.1	22.7	n.a.
V	317	325	78.7	adl	258	167	168	n.a.
Cr	282	275	3.00	8.00	23.0	53.0	69.0	n.a.
Co	44.0	44.8	12.9	32.9	29.3	20.7	21.6	n.a.
Ni	79.0	83.2	4.30	29.1	16.3	12.0	15.5	n.a.
Cu	56.8	70.8	5.50	214	123	67.9	71.5	n.a.
Zn	80.0	91.0	118	136	73.0	66.0	67.0	n.a.
Ga	14.0	14.2	19.3	17.5	15.7	16.3	16.3	n.a.
Mo	0.57	1.29	0.83	0.82	1.32	1.57	1.49	n.a.
Sb	0.61	0.69	0.20	0.89	0.08	0.10	0.10	n.a.
Sn	0.53	0.55	1.29	0.97	0.72	0.96	0.96	n.a.
Cs	0.014	0.016	0.25	bdl	0.65	1.42	1.03	n.a.
Tl	0.091	0.12	0.039	0.019	0.048	0.069	0.060	n.a.
Li	7.70	8.50	12.1	23.1	12.7	9.00	13.0	n.a.
Rb	1.20	1.38	35.03	1.06	20.0	32.4	26.0	n.a.
Sr	331	330	318	831	398	414	747	n.a.
Y	17.4	20.5	39.1	32.8	23.3	23.6	22.9	n.a.
Zr	29.0	34.0	148	88.0	90.0	108	106	n.a.
Nb	0.83	0.89	2.86	1.94	2.25	2.29	2.33	n.a.
Ta	0.051	0.051	0.18	0.12	0.14	0.15	0.15	n.a.
Ba	152	154	750	345	427	596	536	n.a.
La	4.19	5.14	13.3	8.53	10.1	9.90	9.96	n.a.
Ce	8.18	8.02	29.84	18.92	21.7	21.7	21.3	n.a.
Pr	1.37	1.51	4.43	2.96	3.05	3.03	2.99	n.a.
Nd	6.81	7.65	21.0	15.0	13.6	13.4	13.4	n.a.
Sm	1.87	2.11	5.50	4.11	3.36	3.35	3.32	n.a.
Eu	1.63	1.84	4.12	3.44	2.42	2.49	2.46	n.a.
Gd	2.31	2.55	6.32	4.98	3.59	3.68	3.07	n.a.
Tb	0.34	0.40	0.98	0.79	.058	0.59	0.59	n.a.
Dy	2.41	2.84	6.56	5.25	3.85	3.92	3.92	n.a.
Ho	0.53	0.60	1.38	1.11	0.81	0.82	0.82	n.a.
Er	1.63	1.84	4.12	3.44	2.42	2.49	2.46	n.a.
Tm	0.23	0.26	0.60	0.49	0.36	0.37	0.36	n.a.
Yb	1.50	1.75	3.93	3.17	2.38	2.38	2.34	n.a.
Lu	0.23	0.28	0.60	0.50	0.38	0.38	0.37	n.a.
Hf	0.94	1.08	4.31	2.68	2.58	3.18	3.21	n.a.
Pb	1.60	2.30	5.30	4.30	3.60	4.90	5.00	n.a.
Th	0.53	0.55	2.81	1.48	2.90	3.36	3.31	n.a.
U	2.73	3.38	1.30	2.61	0.75	0.96	0.90	n.a.

Table 1: Major and trace element composition of Colville and Kermadec Ridge lavas (continued)

Sample No.	TAN1512 DR22-2	TAN1213 DR64-2	TAN1213 DR64-12	SO255 DR30-2	SO255 DR30-4	SO255 DR31-1	SO255 DR31-3	SO255 DR32-1
Edifice	Colville Ridge	Kermadec Ridge	Kermadec Ridge	Kermadec Ridge	Kermadec Ridge	Kermadec Ridge	Kermadec Ridge	Kermadec Ridge
Location	Upper ridge flank	Upper ridge flank	Upper ridge flank	NW facing cliff	NW facing cliff	SW facing cliff	SW facing cliff	NW facing scarp
Latitude (S)	34.37	36.13	36.13	34.55	34.55	34.49	34.49	34.25
Longitude (E)	177.88	178.43	178.43	179.48	179.48	179.48	179.48	179.51
Water depth (mbsl)	1440-1379	2120-1810	2120-1810	2235-1720	2235-1720	2670-2330	2670-2330	2990-2537
Crystallinity	porphyritic	aphyric	porphyritic	porphyritic	porphyritic	porphyritic	porphyritic	porphyritic
Major elements (wt%)								
SiO ₂	50.49	55.79	54.12	54.98	56.33	51.64	51.43	52.42
TiO ₂	0.74	1.01	0.83	0.71	0.69	0.76	0.70	0.72
Al ₂ O ₃	19.33	15.93	17.29	16.65	15.79	18.11	16.58	16.39
Fe ₂ O ₃ ^t	10.05	10.56	9.84	8.37	9.08	10.03	9.98	9.26
MnO	0.17	0.19	0.16	0.16	0.17	0.16	0.17	0.15
MgO	3.62	3.01	3.25	3.50	3.81	3.88	5.54	5.19
CaO	10.53	6.94	8.42	8.55	8.31	9.91	10.98	10.52
Na ₂ O	2.63	3.60	3.12	2.94	2.99	2.68	2.34	2.46
K ₂ O	0.61	1.39	0.92	0.99	0.92	0.63	0.65	0.78
P ₂ O ₅	0.11	0.25	0.15	0.44	0.19	0.12	0.19	0.15
LOI	0.91	1.21	1.97	1.93	0.78	1.39	0.75	1.41
Original Total	99.32	99.95	100.07	99.37	99.20	99.44	99.46	99.59
Trace elements (ppm)								
Sc	33.0	31.5	26.9	29.5	33.9	27.9	43.6	42.8
V	adl	247	309	267	289	337	378	351
Cr	11.0	bdl	7.00	16.3	30.6	33.1	149	136
Co	33.2	25.8	24.5	22.7	30.1	19.2	37.3	35.5
Ni	13.0	4.80	7.60	7.85	13.1	16.1	32.9	32.6
Cu	75.9	77.1	48.0	80.4	72.2	150	131	140
Zn	85.0	104	88.0	89.5	84.6	80.3	82.1	77.5
Ga	17.7	17.6	17.3	16.8	16.3	17.7	16.6	16.6
Mo	0.54	1.06	0.61	-	-	-	-	-
Sb	0.10	0.09	0.05	-	-	-	-	-
Sn	0.51	1.26	0.080	-	-	-	-	-
Cs	0.077	0.85	0.087	0.49	0.53	0.34	0.32	0.72
Tl	0.006	0.159	0.034	--	-	-	-	-
Li	9.10	7.60	17.2	7.88	8.79	11.8	6.29	11.9
Rb	5.12	20.13	9.94	15.5	15.5	10.4	9.94	18.2
Sr	305	310	281	275	245	343	321	320
Y	16.4	34.6	24.7	38.5	24.9	19.2	18.5	19.3
Zr	37.0	115	88.0	74.0	81.3	53.1	54.3	60.1
Nb	0.62	2.60	1.95	1.34	1.20	0.90	0.82	0.87
Ta	0.037	0.16	0.12	0.097	0.081	0.063	0.053	0.058
Ba	277	569	419	386	455	347	320	322
La	4.30	14.9	9.75	5.31	5.51	3.66	3.35	6.32
Ce	9.35	31.2	20.6	12.7	12.6	8.87	7.95	15.0
Pr	1.38	4.45	2.98	1.97	1.92	1.42	1.27	2.17
Nd	6.99	19.5	13.3	9.91	9.43	7.22	6.60	10.5
Sm	1.96	4.90	3.34	2.93	2.74	2.22	2.05	2.82
Eu	0.73	1.43	1.04	0.99	0.90	0.82	0.75	0.95
Gd	2.47	5.45	3.80	3.79	3.25	2.72	2.51	3.06
Tb	0.41	0.86	0.62	0.67	0.57	0.47	0.44	0.50
Dy	2.78	5.62	4.01	4.73	3.84	3.12	2.92	3.16
Ho	0.59	1.21	0.85	1.10	0.84	0.67	0.62	0.66
Er	1.84	3.62	2.54	3.18	2.57	1.82	1.87	1.98
Tm	0.26	0.53	0.38	0.52	0.38	0.29	0.27	0.28
Yb	1.71	3.53	2.51	3.55	2.57	1.94	1.83	1.92
Lu	0.27	0.55	0.33	0.59	0.41	0.31	0.29	0.30
Hf	1.16	3.35	2.47	1.91	1.98	1.41	1.35	1.47
Pb	3.00	5.20	2.80	2.97	2.94	2.98	2.61	2.89
Th	0.77	3.58	2.50	0.72	0.86	0.52	0.47	1.11
U	0.27	0.87	0.75	1.91	1.51	0.19	0.19	0.80

Table 1: Major and trace element composition of Kermadec Ridge lavas (continued)

Sample No.	SO255 DR32-8	SO255 DR35-2	SO255 DR35-4	SO255 DR35-6	SO255 DR35-9	SO255 DR139-2	SO255 DR139-8	SO255 DR139-12
Edifice	Kermadec Ridge NW facing scarp	Kermadec Ridge NW scarp upper part	Kermadec Ridge NW scarp upper part	Kermadec Ridge NW scarp upper part	Kermadec Ridge NW facing cliff	Kermadec Ridge SW facing slope	Kermadec Ridge SW facing slope	Kermadec Ridge NW facing slope
Location								
Latitude (S)	34.25	34.35	34.35	34.35	34.35	32.93	32.93	32.93
Longitude (E)	179.48	179.61	179.61	179.61	179.61	180.47	180.47	180.47
Water depth (mbsl)	2990-2537	1739-1459	1739-1459	1739-1459	1739-1459	995-633	995-633	995-633
Crystallinity	porphyritic	porphyritic	porphyritic	porphyritic	porphyritic	porphyritic	porphyritic	porphyritic
Major elements (wt%)								
SiO ₂	50.48	49.02	49.16	49.20	65.75	47.76	48.80	48.97
TiO ₂	0.81	1.07	1.09	1.09	0.65	0.56	0.87	0.82
Al ₂ O ₃	18.40	18.50	18.72	18.51	14.87	20.11	18.35	18.16
Fe ₂ O ₃ [†]	9.70	11.79	11.89	11.86	5.28	9.77	10.99	10.60
MnO	0.14	0.23	0.25	0.25	0.10	0.15	0.19	0.19
MgO	3.86	3.57	3.60	3.60	1.18	5.06	4.40	4.47
CaO	10.55	7.22	7.42	7.31	3.24	13.21	9.25	9.27
Na ₂ O	2.51	4.61	4.23	4.27	4.75	1.94	3.26	3.41
K ₂ O	0.58	0.71	1.01	1.05	2.01	0.30	0.94	0.71
P ₂ O ₅	0.13	0.22	0.22	0.23	0.19	0.04	0.50	0.27
LOI	1.93	2.06	2.12	2.02	1.28	0.94	1.48	2.25
Original Total	99.22	99.19	99.90	99.59	99.46	100.00	99.34	99.27
Trace elements (ppm)								
Sc	31.5	37.4	37.9	36.6	16.3	41.1	40.1	38.1
V	347	369	385	367	62.5	316	337	295
Cr	23.1	1..9	14.2	14.1	4.79	21.4	28.3	23.3
Co	29.7	28.3	28.3	28.6	7.16	38.0	33.4	30.9
Ni	18.8	9.97	10.7	11.0	1.75	18.1	38.6	20.8
Cu	160	145	105	143	18.5	107	92.7	66.9
Zn	76.6	102	106	104	80.7	67.8	105	86.0
Ga	17.85	21.9	22.6	21.7	17.3	17.0	17.9	17.0
Mo	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sb	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sn	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cs	0.59	0.41	0.34	0.35	0.63	1.10	0.050	0.042
Tl	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Li	14.7	17.2	17.5	17.2	30.4	15.0	19.7	9.94
Rb	11.3	7.96	12.4	13.0	37.3	10.1	5.34	7.73
Sr	318	449	443	440	257	357	1011	303
Y	19.4	32.0	31.1	30.1	37.9	12.9	33.4	29.6
Zr	47.7	90.0	91.7	90.4	150	27.8	95.8	75.3
Nb	0.77	1.40	1.43	1.40	2.35	0.27	1.71	1.01
Ta	0.055	0.092	0.094	0.094	0.152	0.026	0.099	0.074
Ba	322	481	641	630	920	114	775	282
La	6.09	11.7	11.7	11.5	15.0	1.50	14.5	6.29
Ce	13.4	25.2	25.2	24.9	33.5	3.40	30.4	14.5
Pr	1.97	3.81	3.88	3.83	4.77	0.71	4.39	2.32
Nd	3.52	18.01	18.5	18.1	22.0	4.02	20.5	11.6
Sm	2.66	4.79	4.87	4.82	5.63	1.41	4.99	3.46
Eu	0.93	1.56	1.59	1.55	1.58	0.60	1.48	1.16
Gd	3.01	5.19	5.29	5.24	6.01	1.81	5.12	4.12
Tb	0.50	0.84	0.85	0.84	0.98	0.33	0.82	0.72
Dy	3.23	5.35	5.34	5.30	6.23	2.20	5.11	4.75
Ho	0.68	1.10	1.11	1.09	1.30	0.47	1.07	1.02
Er	1.83	2.96	2.91	2.84	3.52	1.39	3.19	2.77
Tm	0.29	0.47	0.45	0.44	0.57	0.20	0.45	0.45
Yb	1.97	3.08	2.91	2.83	3.83	1.34	3.03	2.98
Lu	0.31	0.47	0.44	0.43	0.60	0.21	0.48	0.47
Hf	1.32	2.43	2.49	2.44	4.01	0.79	2.61	2.18
Pb	3.49	4.74	4.30	3.96	5.76	1.40	5.91	3.69
Th	1.13	1.59	1.62	1.60	2.93	0.12	2.21	0.83
U	0.79	0.69	0.71	0.71	0.91	0.11	1.49	0.99

Table 1: Major and trace element composition of Kermadec Ridge lavas (continued)

Sample No.	SO255 DR139-15	SO255 DR139-16	SO255 DR139-17	SO255 DR178-2	SO255 DR178-3	SO255 DR179-1	SO255 DR179-5	SO255 DR179-8
Edifice	Kermadec Ridge NW facing slope	Kermadec Ridge NW scarp slope	Kermadec Ridge NW scarp upper part	Kermadec Ridge Cone-like structure	Kermadec Ridge Cone-like structure	Kermadec Ridge NW facing slope	Kermadec Ridge NW facing slope	Kermadec Ridge NW facing slope
Location								
Latitude (S)	32.93	32.93	34.35	34.17	34.17	34.22	34.22	34.22
Longitude (E)	180.47	180.47	180.47	179.76	179.76	179.71	179.71	179.71
Water depth (mbsl)	995-633	995-633	995-633	1200-838	1200-838	1106-738	1106-738	1106-738
Crystallinity	porphyritic	porphyritic	porphyritic	porphyritic	porphyritic	porphyritic	porphyritic	porphyritic
Major elements (wt%)								
SiO ₂	53.67	50.13	55.74	49.29	42.55	47.21	47.20	48.90
TiO ₂	1.11	1.22	0.84	0.81	0.80	0.84	0.69	0.91
Al ₂ O ₃	14.95	15.86	18.31	19.12	17.38	17.99	18.39	18.01
Fe ₂ O ₃ [†]	12.44	12.48	7.98	11.18	11.72	11.29	11.49	11.84
MnO	0.39	0.57	0.26	0.19	0.48	0.19	0.16	0.18
MgO	3.61	4.50	1.08	3.63	3.18	3.97	4.89	4.49
CaO	6.43	6.03	3.73	11.05	13.88	12.27	12.15	10.78
Na ₂ O	3.99	3.39	6.07	2.65	2.78	2.31	2.01	2.72
K ₂ O	1.10	0.79	2.03	0.44	0.71	0.50	0.46	0.52
P ₂ O ₅	0.22	0.18	0.28	0.09	0.24	0.11	0.05	0.10
LOI	1.16	5.16	2.56	0.78	5.70	2.49	1.50	0.51
Original Total	99.27	99.95	99.06	99.35	99.31	99.31	99.12	99.12
Trace elements (ppm)								
Sc	29.4	36.3	19.0	35.8	38.8	43.9	45.3	49.3
V	309	457	27.8	363	378	415	311	416
Cr	4.94	5.43	5.33	11.5	12.1	24.6	40.5	32.5
Co	31.4	27.5	10.8	32.5	34.2	43.0	39.8	37.6
Ni	18.5	36.5	21.5	10.7	27.3	19.0	21.0	15.2
Cu	188	220	36.9	159	150	137	192	168
Zn	130	185	111	85.5	812	83.8	66.7	95.3
Ga	23.8	19.9	21.0	18.4	17.4	17.9	16.9	19.3
Mo	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sb	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sn	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cs	6.09	0.12	0.12	0.30	0.070	0.21	0.069	0.089
Tl	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Li	11.0	42.7	10.3	8.36	11.1	9.35	7.59	7.31
Rb	45.5	1.70	15.3	7.05	6.77	5.10	3.86	3.67
Sr	342	323	312	423	417	388	368	355
Y	37.0	30.2	40.4	18.6	21.4	19.2	13.5	21.9
Zr	82.4	73.6	159	41.0	41.6	45.7	30.9	56.3
Nb	1.16	0.95	2.61	0.66	0.65	0.82	0.45	1.00
Ta	0.079	0.069	0.18	0.049	0.048	0.059	0.036	0.066
Ba	841	280	977	242	302	337	176	324
La	9.55	6.08	12.37	3.88	418	5.52	2.42	5.31
Ce	20.8	14.1	37.4	9.12	8.48	12.3	6.09	12.3
Pr	3.42	2.35	4.61	1.46	1.46	1.91	0.98	1.92
Nd	17.0	12.0	22.5	7.47	7.54	9.32	5.21	9.56
Sm	4.79	3.67	6.29	2.27	2.27	2.65	1.71	2.84
Eu	1.57	1.45	2.13	0.91	0.90	0.95	0.72	1.03
Gd	5.44	4.34	6.84	2.74	2.80	3.07	2.03	3.31
Tb	0.91	0.75	1.12	0.47	0.48	0.50	0.35	0.57
Dy	5.86	4.94	7.05	3.07	3.25	3.26	2.32	3.68
Ho	1.23	1.04	1.44	0.66	0.70	0.68	0.48	0.77
Er	3.31	2.82	3.81	1.77	1.90	1.82	1.29	2.30
Tm	0.53	0.45	0.60	0.28	0.31	0.29	0.21	0.33
Yb	3.47	2.99	3.96	1.87	2.06	1.86	1.36	2.17
Lu	0.54	0.47	0.63	0.30	0.33	0.29	0.21	0.34
Hf	2.34	2.03	5.39	1.17	1.14	1.31	0.91	1.52
Pb	6.97	3.39	7.29	2.00	2.25	2.04	1.81	2.02
Th	1.19	0.65	2.43	0.35	0.33	0.78	0.38	0.70
U	0.57	0.37	0.89	0.27	1.07	0.15	0.25	0.17

Table 1: Major and trace element composition of Kermadec Ridge lavas (continued)

Sample No.	SO255 DR179-12	SO255 DR179-14	SO255 DR179-15	SO255 DR179-16	SO255 DR179-17
Edifice	Kermadec Ridge	Kermadec Ridge	Kermadec Ridge	Kermadec Ridge	Kermadec Ridge
Location	NW facing slope	NW facing slope	NW facing slope	NW facing slope	NW facing slope
Latitude (S)	34.22	34.22	34.22	34.22	34.22
Longitude (E)	179.76	179.71	179.71	179.71	179.71
Water depth (mbsl)	1106-738	1106-738	1106-738	1106-738	1106-738
Crystallinity	porphyritic	porphyritic	porphyritic	porphyritic	porphyritic
Major elements (wt%)					
SiO ₂	51.23	49.47	59.95	49.57	50.74
TiO ₂	0.88	0.99	0.79	0.99	0.96
Al ₂ O ₃	19.11	17.24	16.04	17.14	16.34
Fe ₂ O ₃ [†]	9.17	11.85	7.18	11.89	12.12
MnO	0.16	0.19	0.20	0.21	0.21
MgO	3.18	4.57	1.70	4.55	4.78
CaO	10.11	10.40	4.68	10.49	9.99
Na ₂ O	3.20	2.88	4.38	2.87	2.81
K ₂ O	0.97	0.42	1.77	0.46	0.47
P ₂ O ₅	0.18	0.20	0.31	0.19	0.14
LOI	0.94	0.75	2.25	0.61	0.38
Original Total	99.16	99.10	99.43	99.12	99.07
Trace elements (ppm)					
Sc	38.1	46.4	25.9	46.3	43.1
V	350	428	50.4	424	399
Cr	13.4	19.1	5.71	19.31	17.9
Co	28.2	34.3	11.6	37.5	37.5
Ni	7.66	11.6	4.86	11.7	10.7
Cu	87.7	103	22.7	170	151
Zn	92.4	98.2	138	136	101
Ga	19.5	19.0	18.9	19.2	18.0
Mo	-	-	-	-	-
Sb	-	-	-	-	-
Sn	-	-	-	-	-
Cs	0.11	0.14	0.73	0.082	0.22
Tl	-	-	-	-	-
Li	9.33	6.94	12.7	8.52	5.40
Rb	7.61	4.06	33.1	3.52	6.44
Sr	388	343	344	342	323
Y	28.4	24.0	46.8	24.6	23.3
Zr	89.5	53.3	194	53.8	52.1
Nb	1.44	1.10	3.52	1.13	1.07
Ta	0.10	0.075	0.21	0.076	0.072
Ba	469	257	938	284	289
La	7.77	5.78	17.4	5.96	5.69
Ce	17.8	13.5	40.3	14.0	13.2
Pr	2.62	2.13	5.71	2.17	2.06
Nd	12.6	10.7	26.5	11.0	10.3
Sm	3.56	3.17	6.90	3.23	3.04
Eu	1.13	1.14	1.89	1.16	1.08
Gd	4.12	3.71	7.34	3.78	3.60
Tb	0.70	0.62	1.22	0.64	0.60
Dy	4.59	4.09	7.75	4.15	3.93
Ho	0.98	0.85	1.62	0.88	0.83
Er	2.66	2.27	4.85	2.33	2.23
Tm	0.43	0.36	0.70	0.37	0.35
Yb	2.88	2.38	4.67	2.48	2.35
Lu	0.46	0.37	0.73	0.39	0.37
Hf	2.40	1.53	4.95	1.53	1.48
Pb	3.43	2.45	7.58	2.75	2.53
Th	1.56	0.65	3.62	0.66	0.62
U	0.78	0.21	0.93	0.19	0.17

adl = above detection limit; bdl = below detection limit; n.a. = not analysed; TAN samples have been analysed at OGL, Ontario, Canada; SO255 samples have been analysed at the University of Hamburg (XRF) and University of Kiel (ICPMS).

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Table 2. $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{39}\text{Ar}$ step-heating results from the Colville and Kermadec Ridges.

Sample #	Location	Material	Lab. ID #	Plateau age $\pm 2\sigma$ (Ma)	MSWD	P %	% ^{39}Ar	Steps	Inverse isochron age $\pm 2\sigma$ (Ma)	$(^{40}\text{Ar}/^{36}\text{Ar})_i \pm 2\sigma$	MSWD	P %	SF %	Steps	Steps with fresh material ^a	Wt.% K ^b	Comments
TAN1313 DR11-1	Colville Ridge	Plagioclase	11-1f	7.5 \pm 2.0	1.57	14	70.9	8-15	6.9 \pm 1.6	303.3 \pm 6.3	0.77	60	85.1	8-15	5-8, 10-15	0.02	
TAN1512 DR16-1	Colville Ridge	Plagioclase	16-1f	2.63 \pm 0.23	1.21	25	100.0	1-16	2.29 \pm 0.61	311 \pm 34	1.22	25	22.2	1-16	None	0.12	
TAN1512 DR19-2	Colville Ridge	Plagioclase	19-2f	3.80 \pm 0.33	1.57	17	66.1	7-12	4.2 \pm 1.2	280 \pm 52	1.81	12	19.1	7-12	None	0.11	
TAN1213 DR 64-1	Kermadec Ridge	Plagioclase	64-1f	3.40 \pm 0.24	1.04	40	63.5	7-15	3.82 \pm 0.61	276 \pm 29	1.04	40	40.2	7-15	None	0.11	High-T plateau
TAN1213 DR 64-1	Kermadec Ridge	Plagioclase	64-1f	3.06 \pm 0.25	0.79	60	65.2	1-8	3.10 \pm 0.34	294.2 \pm 7.0	0.9	50	26.6	1-8	None	0.11	Low-T plateau
SO255 DR30-4	Kermadec Ridge	Groundmass	30-4m/1	4.44 \pm 0.36	0.33	99	56.6	6-19	4.48 \pm 0.34	276 \pm 32	0.25	100	87.1	6-19	5-17	0.74	Split 1
SO255 DR30-4	Kermadec Ridge	Groundmass	30-4m/2	4.04 \pm 1.23*	0.40	88	42.0	4-10	3.8 \pm 1.6	300 \pm 29	0.46	81	68.9	4-10	5-8	0.70	Split 2
SO255 DR30-4	Kermadec Ridge	Groundmass	30-4 m/(1+2)	4.41 \pm 0.35	0.35	100											Combined age
SO255 DR139-2	Kermadec Ridge	Groundmass	1392m	4.6 \pm 1.6	0.96	46	56.6	3-10	5.9 \pm 2.4	266 \pm 65	1.00	42	45.2	3-10	5-9	0.19	
SO255 DR179-5	Kermadec Ridge	Groundmass	1795m	4.8 \pm 1.2	0.68	69	69.7	3-10	1.9 \pm 2.0	395 \pm 167	0.37	90	16.9	3-10	3-6	0.22	

Lab. ID # = Laboratory Identification number, MSWD = Mean Square Weighted Deviation, P = probability, SF = spreading factor, $(^{40}\text{Ar}/^{36}\text{Ar})_i$ = initial $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{36}\text{Ar}$, Wt.% = weight %, and T = temperature.

*Pseudo-plateau (40-49% ^{39}Ar) age.

Values in italics indicate statistically invalid values (i.e., SF = < 40%, MSWD = < 0.30, or $(^{40}\text{Ar}/^{36}\text{Ar})_i$ values are > or < 295.5).

^aSteps numbers associated with the degassing of fresh material are determined from the $^{36}\text{Ar}/^{37}\text{Ar}$ plagioclase and $^{36}\text{Ar}/^{39}\text{Ar}$ basalt groundmass Alteration Index basaltic values (Baskin, 2007; Supplementary Tables).

^bWeight % K values are calculated from the combined $^{39}\text{Ar}_K$ values for each weighed sample.

Table 3

Table 3: Sr - Nd - Pb isotope ratios of the Colville and Kermadec Ridge lavas

Sample ID	Unit	Rock-type	$^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$	$^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$	$^{206}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$	$^{207}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$	$^{208}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$
TAN1313 DR03-1	Colville Ridge	Basalt	0.704379	0.512929	18.706	15.572	38.607
TAN1313 DR05-1A	Colville Ridge	Basalt	0.704243	0.512891	18.740	15.576	38.590
TAN1313 DR05-1C	Colville Ridge	Basalt	0.707089	0.512897	18.704	15.577	38.580
TAN1313 DR06-1	Colville Ridge	Basalt	0.704181	0.512886	18.685	15.550	38.492
TAN1313 DR06-3	Colville Ridge	Basalt	0.704171	0.512899	18.716	15.570	38.581
TAN1313 DR08-1	Colville Ridge	Basaltic andesite	0.704127	0.512889	18.744	15.562	38.551
TAN1313 DR08-3	Colville Ridge	Basalt	0.704115	0.512909	18.764	15.589	38.634
TAN1313 DR09-1	Colville Ridge	Basalt	0.704058	0.512916	18.721	15.571	38.572
TAN1313 DR11-1	Colville Ridge	Basalt	0.704069	0.512925	18.622	15.554	38.472
TAN1313 DR11-3	Colville Ridge	Basalt	0.703963	0.512952	18.718	15.583	38.607
TAN1313 DR12-1	Colville Ridge	Basalt	0.704289	0.512907	18.739	15.562	38.534
TAN1512 DR06-1	Colville Ridge	Basalt	0.704348	0.512955	18.615	15.567	38.564
TAN1512 DR06-2	Colville Ridge	(Picro-) Basalt	0.704413	0.512975	18.615	15.564	38.553
TAN1512 DR06-3	Colville Ridge	Basaltic andesite	0.704409	0.512960	18.653	15.584	38.596
TAN1512 DR11-1	Colville Ridge	Basalt	0.703126	0.512986	19.013	15.580	38.660
TAN1512 DR11-2	Colville Ridge	Basalt	0.703047	0.513011	18.990	15.565	38.637
TAN1512 DR14-1	Colville Ridge	Basaltic andesite	0.704436	0.512962	18.709	15.592	38.620
TAN1512 DR15-1	Colville Ridge	(Picro-) Basalt	0.704446	0.512957	18.715	15.622	38.768
TAN1512 DR16-1	Colville Ridge	Basaltic andesite	0.704285	0.512955	18.734	15.592	38.672
TAN1512 DR19-1	Colville Ridge	Basaltic andesite	0.704440	0.512937	18.739	15.600	38.660
TAN1512 DR22-2	Colville Ridge	Basalt	0.704489	0.512924	18.742	15.604	38.711
TAN1213 DR64-2	Kermadec Ridge	Basaltic andesite	0.704351	0.512927	18.793	15.612	38.694
TAN1213 DR64-12	Kermadec Ridge	Basaltic andesite	0.704337	0.512937	18.776	15.608	38.671
SO255 DR30-2	Kermadec Ridge	Basaltic andesite	0.704000	0.513005	18.677	15.578	38.600
SO255 DR30-4	Kermadec Ridge	Basaltic andesite	0.704056	0.512995	18.683	15.581	38.606
SO255 DR31-1	Kermadec Ridge	Basaltic andesite	0.704119	0.513003	18.683	15.579	38.649
SO255 DR31-3	Kermadec Ridge	Basaltic andesite	0.704137	0.512995	18.683	15.578	38.649
SO255 DR32-1	Kermadec Ridge	Basaltic andesite	0.703946	0.512950	18.802	15.616	38.650
SO255 DR32-8	Kermadec Ridge	Basaltic andesite	0.704031	0.512946	18.830	15.620	38.681
SO255 DR35-6	Kermadec Ridge	Basaltic andesite	0.704328	0.512946	18.637	15.575	38.554
SO255 DR35-9	Kermadec Ridge	Basaltic andesite	0.704389	0.512950	18.658	15.583	38.586
SO255 DR178-2	Kermadec Ridge	Basaltic andesite	0.704278	0.512976	18.651	15.569	38.578
SO255 DR179-5	Kermadec Ridge	Basaltic andesite	0.704299	0.512949	18.554	15.559	38.519
SO255 DR179-8	Kermadec Ridge	Basaltic andesite	0.704270	0.512958	18.618	15.564	38.545
SO255 DR179-12	Kermadec Ridge	Basaltic andesite	0.704248	0.512979	18.652	15.576	38.586
SO255 DR179-15	Kermadec Ridge	Basaltic andesite	0.704296	0.512956	18.632	15.569	38.565
SO255 DR179-17	Kermadec Ridge	Basaltic andesite	0.704265	0.512972	18.623	15.572	38.566

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