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1 **The effects of melt depletion and metasomatism on highly siderophile and**
2 **strongly chalcophile elements: S-Se-Te-Re-PGE systematics of peridotite**
3 **xenoliths from Kilbourne Hole, New Mexico.**

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34 **Abstract**

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36 The composition of the Earth's upper mantle is a function of melt depletion and
37 subsequent metasomatism; the latter obscuring many of the key characteristics of the former,
38 and potentially making predictions of Primitive Upper Mantle (PUM) composition
39 problematic. To date, estimates of PUM abundances of highly siderophile element (HSE =
40 platinum group elements (PGE) and Re) and the strongly chalcophile elements Se and Te,
41 have been the subject of less scrutiny than the lithophile elements. Critically, estimates of
42 HSE and strongly chalcophile element abundances in PUM may have been derived by
43 including a large number of metasomatized and refertilized samples whose HSE and
44 chalcophile element abundances may not be representative of melt depletion alone.

45 Unravelling the effects of metasomatism on the S-Se-Te-HSE abundances in
46 peridotite xenoliths from Kilbourne Hole, New Mexico, USA, potentially provides valuable
47 insights into the abundances of HSE and strongly chalcophile element abundances in PUM.
48 Superimposed upon the effects of melt depletion is the addition of metasomatic sulfide in
49 approximately half of the xenoliths from this study, while the remaining half have lost sulfide
50 to a late S-undersaturated melt. Despite these observations, the Kilbourne Hole peridotite
51 xenoliths have HSE systematics that are, in general, indistinguishable from orogenic
52 peridotites and peridotite xenoliths used for determination of PUM HSE abundances.

53 This study represents the first instance where Se-Te-HSE systematics in peridotite
54 xenoliths are scrutinized in detail in order to test their usefulness for PUM estimates. Despite
55 earlier studies attesting to the relative immobility of Se during supergene weathering, low S,
56 Se, Os and Se/Te in peridotite xenoliths suggests that Se may be more mobile than originally
57 thought, and for this reason, peridotite xenoliths may not be suitable for making predictions
58 of the abundance of these elements in PUM. Removal of Se, in turn, lowers the Se/Te in

59 basalt-borne xenolithic peridotites to subchondritic values. This is in contrast to what has
60 been recently reported in kimberlite-borne peridotite xenoliths. Moreover, Te added to melt
61 depleted peridotite in metasomatic sulfide is more difficult to remove in a S-undersaturated
62 melt than the HSE and Se due to the generation of micron-scale tellurides. The effects of
63 these processes in orogenic peridotites and xenoliths, from which PUM abundances have
64 been calculated, require further scrutiny before unequivocal Se-Te-Re-PGE values for PUM
65 can be derived.

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85 **1. Introduction**

86 Two main processes affect the composition of the Earth's upper mantle; varying
87 degrees of melt depletion (e.g. [Frey and Green, 1974](#); [Jagoutz et al., 1979](#); [Galer and](#)
88 [O'Nions, 1989](#)) and the range of secondary processes grouped together under the broad
89 umbrella of "metasomatism" ([Harte, 1983](#)). These include refertilization, i.e., the
90 precipitation of metasomatic clinopyroxene (e.g. [Le Roux et al, 2007, 2008, 2009](#); [Soustelle](#)
91 [et al., 2009](#); [van Acken et al., 2010a](#)), the infiltration of silicate melts and related fluids
92 ([Roden et al., 1984](#); [Menzies et al., 1987](#); [Schiano and Clocchiatti, 1994](#); [Schiano and](#)
93 [Bourdon, 1999](#)), interaction with carbonatitic melts ([O'Reilly and Griffin, 1988](#); [Yaxley et](#)
94 [al., 1991](#); [Dautria et al., 1992](#); [Ionov et al., 1993](#); [Rudnick et al., 1993](#); [Griffin et al., 1996](#))
95 and / or CO₂-rich fluids ([Andersen et al., 1984](#); [O'Reilly and Griffin, 1988](#)), the percolation
96 of kimberlite-like melts (e.g. [Menzies and Wass, 1983](#)), and the cryptic effects of mechanical
97 mixing of depleted peridotite with evolved cumulates (e.g. [Riches and Rogers, 2011](#)). The
98 effects of metasomatism on lithophile trace elements (e.g. rare earth elements (REE), high
99 field strength elements (HFSE) and large ion lithophile elements (LILE)) in melt-depleted
100 peridotites have been understood for decades (e.g. [Blundy and Wood, 1994](#); [Wood and](#)
101 [Blundy, 2001](#)). Residual mantle is particularly vulnerable to re-enrichment in the most
102 incompatible trace elements because depleted peridotite has very low concentrations of REE,
103 HFSE and LILE compared to any of the melts and fluids with which it may interact ([Navon](#)
104 [and Stolper, 1987](#); [Bodinier et al., 1990](#)). Similar investigations into the effects of
105 metasomatism on highly siderophile and strongly chalcophile elements, such as the platinum
106 group elements (PGE: Os, Ir, Rh, Ru, Pt, Pd), Re, S, Se and Te, are less numerous (e.g.
107 [Morgan, 1986](#); [Morgan et al., 2001](#); [Ackerman et al., 2009](#); [Alard et al., 2011](#); [Wang et al.,](#)

108 [2013; Wang and Becker, 2013; König et al., 2014, 2015a](#)). As a result, our understanding of
109 the behavior of these elements during mantle processes is less complete.

110 Unlike lithophile trace elements, which are controlled by major silicate and minor
111 oxide phases comprising > 99.9 modal percent of the mantle, the highly siderophile element
112 (HSE = platinum group elements, (i.e., PGE and Re) inventory of the mantle is controlled by
113 accessory Cu-Fe-Ni sulfides, also referred to as base metal sulfides (BMS). Experimentally
114 determined sulfide / silicate partition coefficients for HSE and chalcogens ($D^{\text{sulfide/silicate}}$) of up
115 to 5×10^4 ([Peach et al., 1994; Fleet et al., 1991, 1996, 1999; Mungall and Brenan, 2014](#)) were
116 complemented by early studies on separated minerals ([Morgan and Baedeker, 1983; Hart
117 and Ravizza, 1996; Pattou et al. 1996; Burton et al., 1999; Handler and Bennett, 1999; Alard
118 et al., 2000](#)), and confirmed by in-situ measurements of BMS grains in peridotites ([Alard et
119 al., 2000; Lorand and Alard, 2001; Luguet et al., 2001, 2004; Lorand et al., 2008](#)). Sulfide
120 melts have been implicated in the metasomatism of peridotite (e.g. [Bockrath et al., 2004;
121 Ballhaus et al., 2006; Holzheid, 2010](#)). The high solubility of S in silicate melts and C-O-H-
122 S-rich fluids (e.g. [Schiano and Clocciatti, 1994](#)) provides a mechanism for both the
123 dissolution and precipitation of BMS along grain boundaries and in intergranular interstices,
124 dissolution and remobilization of BMS during fluid / melt-induced recrystallization of
125 peridotite, or inclusion in secondary minerals, for example metasomatic clinopyroxene. An
126 additional complication is the tendency for Te, along with its affinity for BMS, to form
127 minute Pt-Bi-tellurides ([Luguet et al., 2004; Lorand et al., 2008; Lorand and Alard, 2010](#)). As
128 a result, metasomatic BMS is easily transported and deposited in the mantle, thus obscuring
129 the effects of prior melt depletion. Therefore lithophile trace elements, HSE and strongly
130 chalcophile element fingerprints of partial melting can be easily smudged by seemingly
131 ubiquitous secondary processes, i.e., post melt depletion, albeit it to differing extents for
132 different groups of elements.

133 This presents problems for the calculation of the HSE and chalcogen composition of
134 the Primitive Upper Mantle (PUM; [Meisel et al., 2001](#); [Becker et al., 2006](#); [Walker, 2009](#)),
135 which requires an understanding of the composition of the Earth's mantle before it
136 experienced melt extraction. Unfortunately, the ubiquity of metasomatic overprints make this
137 difficult to constrain unequivocally. Several studies over the last 25 years have concluded that
138 the major and trace element composition of many peridotites can be affected by silicate melt
139 migration (e.g., [Bodinier and Godard, 2003](#); [Zhang et al., 2004](#); [Le Roux et al., 2007](#);
140 [Piccardo et al., 2007](#); [Dick et al., 2010](#); [Batanova et al., 2011](#)) and that many fertile
141 lherzolites are in fact depleted harzburgites that have been subsequently refertilized through
142 reaction with silicate melt (e.g. [Elthon, 1992](#); [Müntener et al., 2004](#); [Le Roux et al., 2007](#),
143 [2008, 2009](#); [Soustelle et al., 2009](#)). Similar processes may also affect the distribution of the
144 HSE and chalcophile elements in mantle peridotites. For example, Cu-Ni-rich BMS
145 precipitated on grain boundaries in peridotites are often enriched in Pd, Re, chalcogens and
146 may possess radiogenic $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$ (e.g., [Alard et al., 2000, 2002, 2005](#); [Luguet et al., 2001](#);
147 [Pearson et al., 2004](#); [Harvey et al., 2010, 2011](#)). Co-precipitation of these interstitial sulfides
148 occurs with the crystallization of clinopyroxene and spinel from silicate melts, i.e., lithophile,
149 siderophile and chalcophile elements may all be affected by the interaction of melt-depleted
150 peridotite with a silicate melt, but the degree to which melt depletion signatures are affected
151 in each group of elements may vary considerably. In particular, the degree to which HSE and
152 strongly chalcophile elements will be affected depends upon the sulfur saturation status of the
153 silicate melt, which is, in turn, a function of pressure, temperature and FeO abundances in the
154 silicate melt (e.g. [Wendlandt, 1982](#); [Mavrogenes and O'Neill, 1999](#); [O'Neill and](#)
155 [Mavrogenes, 2002](#)). The metasomatism-induced alterations of HSE and chalcophile element
156 systematics may not be ubiquitously associated with lithophile element metasomatic

157 signatures, where bulk-rock geochemistry and textural features may disguise a refertilized
158 harzburgite as a fertile or modestly melt-depleted lherzolite.

159 Compared to studies of HSE, high precision analyses of Se and Te in peridotites are
160 scant and are dominated by Se abundance measurements ([Morgan, 1986](#); [Lorand et al.,
161 2003a, 2004](#); [Lorand and Alard, 2010](#); [Alard et al., 2011](#); [Delpech et al., 2012](#); [König et al.,
162 2012, 2014](#); [Wang et al., 2013](#); [Wang and Becker, 2013](#); [Marchesi et al., 2013](#)). The majority
163 of these studies have focussed on peridotite that include samples displaying unequivocal
164 evidence of metasomatism and / or refertilization by silicate melts. This potentially makes it
165 difficult to reconcile PUM concentrations of Se and Te with those drawn from
166 cosmochemical observations of chondritic meteorites ([Lodders et al., 2009](#)), when the
167 influence of metasomatism in terrestrial peridotites is considered.

168 This study focuses on a suite of well characterized peridotite xenoliths from
169 Kilbourne Hole, New Mexico, USA – the first comprehensive study of HSE, S, Se and Te in
170 basalt-hosted peridotite xenoliths. Prior investigations into their Re-Os isotope signatures
171 ([Harvey et al., 2011](#)) and lithophile element and Sr-Nd isotopic characteristics ([Harvey et al.,
172 2012](#)) have revealed that the composition of approximately half of the suite of xenoliths
173 retain geochemical characteristics consistent with melt depletion, but have subsequently
174 experienced small amounts of cryptic silicate metasomatism. The remainder have
175 experienced varying but, in general, greater degrees of cryptic silicate metasomatism, i.e.,
176 sufficient interaction with a melt to raise the abundances of the most incompatible lithophile
177 trace elements, but not intense enough to trigger the replacement of existing phases, or the
178 precipitation of new ones. These two sub-sets of Kilbourne Hole peridotites are evaluated for
179 their utility in estimating the HSE and chalcophile element characteristics of PUM, and the
180 degree to which metasomatic processes that affect the lithophile elements also disturb HSE
181 and chalcophile element signatures in melt depleted peridotites.

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183 **2. Geological setting and sample description**

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185 2.1 Geological setting

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187 One of several late Pleistocene volcanic maars, Kilbourne Hole is situated in the
188 Potrillo volcanic field on the axis of the Rio Grande Rift, which extends for more than 1000
189 km through south-western USA and onwards into northern Mexico. The lava flows at
190 Kilbourne Hole (dated at 80 ± 10 kyr to 141 ± 75 kyr; [Hoffer, 1976](#); [Dromgoole and Pasteris,](#)
191 [1987](#); [Bussod and Williams, 1991](#); [Thompson et al., 2005](#)) contain abundant peridotite and
192 pyroxenite xenoliths. The lithosphere in this region is particularly thin, with estimates ranging
193 from 40 km ([Cordell et al., 1991](#)) to 50-70 km ([Keller et al., 1990](#)). On the basis of gravity
194 and teleseismic investigations ([Keller et al., 1990](#); [Olsen and Morgan, 1995](#)), the crust at
195 Kilbourne Hole is ca. 26 km thick, constraining the thickness of the underlying sub-
196 continental lithospheric mantle (SCLM) to between 14 and 44 km. Geothermometry
197 calculations based upon Ca exchange between orthopyroxene and clinopyroxene ([Wells,](#)
198 [1977](#); [Brey and Kohler, 1990](#)) suggest that Kilbourne Hole xenoliths last equilibrated at
199 temperatures ranging from 880 to 1180°C ([Bussod, 1981](#); [Kil and Wendlandt, 2004](#); [Anthony](#)
200 [et al., 2002](#); [Harvey et al. 2012](#)). When projected onto a calculated present-day geotherm
201 ([Decker and Smithson, 1975](#); [Reiter et al., 1986](#)) these temperatures suggest that equilibration
202 last occurred at depths in excess of 48 km ([Kil and Wendlandt, 2004](#)). This is consistent with
203 minimum entrapment pressures of 1.3 GPa obtained from olivine-hosted fluid and melt
204 inclusions ([Schiano and Clocchiatti, 1994](#)). The asthenosphere-like Re-Os isotope signature
205 of Kilbourne Hole xenoliths (cf. [Harvey et al., 2006](#) and [Harvey et al., 2011](#)) also suggests
206 that they were derived from close to the local lithosphere-asthenosphere boundary.

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208 2.2. Bulk rock sample description

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210 The samples examined in this study ($n = 17$) are a subset of Cr-diopside spinel-
211 lherzolites and spinel-harzburgites with predominantly protogranular textures from [Harvey et](#)
212 [al. \(2011, 2012\)](#), where detailed descriptions can be found (for lithology, texture, mineralogy,
213 modal abundances and equilibration temperatures see Table S1). The samples were selected
214 to represent as wide a range of clinopyroxene modal abundance (a field proxy for melt
215 depletion) as possible. No discrete metasomatic phases (e.g. phlogopite, amphibole, apatite)
216 were detected during this, or any prior study of this locality. Most samples have silicate
217 modal abundances consistent with varying degrees of melt depletion. However, two samples
218 (KH03-3 and KH96-8) plot significantly away from this trend (Figure 1), while a further four
219 peridotites (KH03-11, KH03-16, KH96-18 and KH96-24) are not consistent with derivation
220 from one melting event, but more likely multiple episodes of low degree ($\leq 4\%$) partial
221 melting ([Harvey et al., 2012](#)).

222 Highly silicic, CO₂-S-saturated, alkali-enriched melts, found as inclusions, interstitial
223 glass or small veins have been observed in previous studies of some Kilbourne Hole
224 peridotite xenoliths ([Schiano and Clocchiatti, 1994](#)) e.g. KH03-15 (see Figure 4 in [Harvey et](#)
225 [al., 2012](#)). Olivine grains in contact with the veins appear to have been partially resorbed in
226 places, suggesting a degree of compositional disequilibrium between the primary mineral
227 assemblage and the secondary glass. KH03-10, KH03-15, KH03-21, KH03-24 and KH03-27
228 have all been observed to possess spongy clinopyroxene grain boundaries in close proximity
229 to the basaltic rind on the outside of the xenoliths, whereas in KH03-15, KH03-16 and KH03-
230 21 discrete stringers, veinlets and pockets of interstitial glass have been observed ([Harvey et](#)
231 [al., 2012](#)). Ten of the samples in this study have bulk-rock $(La/Yb)_N$, i.e., La/Yb normalized

232 to values of Primitive Mantle (McDonough and Sun, 1995) of <1 (Table S2; Figure 2a). This
233 subset of samples will be referred to as group 1 peridotites throughout the manuscript. The
234 remainder (n=7) have (La/Yb)_N ranging from 1 to 4.7 (Table S2). This subset will
235 subsequently be referred to as group 2 peridotites. Interestingly, the La/Yb ratios are negatively
236 correlated with the whole-rock Al₂O₃ contents in both groups, implying that harzburgites are
237 systematically characterised by higher (La/Yb)_N than the lherzolites in both group 1 and group 2
238 Kilbourne Hole peridotites. The osmium isotope ratios of both of the subsets of peridotites co-
239 vary strongly with indices of melt depletion (Harvey et al., 2011; Table S2; Figure 2b),
240 although group 2 samples project to ¹⁸⁷Os/¹⁸⁸Os in excess of that of PUM (Becker et al.,
241 2006). In addition, group 2 peridotites have much more scattered Re/Os ratios for a given
242 degree of melt depletion (Table S2; Figure 2c). This contrasts with group 1 peridotites whose
243 Re/Os co-variation with melt depletion is almost as strong as that between the Os isotope
244 ratios and bulk-rock Al₂O₃.

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246 2.3 Sulfide petrology

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248 The petrology of Kilbourne Hole BMS is described in detail in Dromgoole and
249 Pasteris (1987). Major element compositions (Table S3) and Re-Os isotope and elemental
250 systematics (Table S4) of BMS recovered from the Kilbourne Hole peridotite xenoliths used
251 in this study are described in detail in Harvey et al. (2011). Their petrological and
252 geochemical characteristics are summarized briefly here. Based upon major element
253 chemistry, BMS mineralogical assemblages can be divided into the following groups (see
254 Figure 4 of Harvey et al., 2011); Ni-rich and Ni-poor monosulfide solid solution (MSS) with
255 low (0.08–4.68 wt. %) Cu abundances, broadly equivalent to similar BMS elsewhere (Luguet
256 et al., 2003, 2004), and Cu-rich sulfides, analogous to chalcopyrite / cubanite from previous

257 studies of both mantle xenoliths and tectonically-emplaced peridotites (Dromgoole and
258 Pasteris, 1987; Luguet et al., 2003, 2004). This second subset have very high Fe:Ni ratios and
259 plot significantly below the array of the MSS grains. A single BMS grain with a composition
260 similar to that of the basalt hosted sulfide of Burton et al. (1999) is also illustrated in Figure 4
261 of Harvey et al. (2011). However, this BMS was observed 1 cm inside a xenolith (KH03-23)
262 and not in the host basalt. This demonstrates that in several xenoliths there has been limited
263 ingress of the host basalt, but in all cases this is a minor effect. In addition to peripheral
264 physical ingress of basaltic melt, a volatile-rich Te-bearing reaction may penetrate further
265 into the xenoliths, capable of precipitating Te-bearing platinum group minerals (PGM; König
266 et al., 2014).

267 Most of the BMS observed in the course of this study and Harvey et al. (2011) have,
268 to some extent, experienced supergene weathering (Figure 3) where the sulfide minerals have
269 been replaced by amorphous Fe-oxyhydroxide, i.e., $[\text{FeO}(\text{OH})_5 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}]$, analogous to that
270 reported by Luguet and Lorand (1998), Lorand et al., (2003a) and Alard et al. (2011). The
271 BMS featured in Figure 3 is in fact one of the least weathered interstitial BMS grain observed
272 during the course of this study. The exception to this is occasional small ($< 50 \mu\text{m}$) rounded
273 to ovoid-shaped sulfides which appear to be wholly enclosed within a silicate grain, typically
274 high Mg# (0.92) olivine, and thus protected from the effects of supergene weathering. These
275 grains can be considered as representing $< 5\%$ of sulfides (cf. Alard et al., 2002; Alard et al.
276 2011), the remaining 95% being interstitial pentlandite and Cu-Ni -rich BMS.

277 Sulfides from 4 of the group 2 xenoliths (KH03-15, KH03-16, KH03-21 and KH03-
278 24) were analysed for Re-Os isotope and elemental systematics in Harvey et al. (2011). Their
279 Os concentration (i.e., $[\text{Os}]$) varies from 0.001 to $36.85 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$ (Table S4). Rhenium
280 concentrations range from 0.002 to $138.9 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$ (Table S4). Osmium isotope ratios of the
281 BMS grains range from 0.1185 to 0.3729, with wide ranges of values within individual

282 xenoliths (Table S4). Rounded, subrounded or euhedral sulfides, i.e., those most likely to
283 have been enclosed within a silicate grain, have unradiogenic $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$ values, slightly
284 below or indistinguishable from the bulk-rock Os isotope ratio, and usually have the highest
285 [Os] and low [Re]. The remaining BMS have at least one straight edge, consistent with an
286 interstitial nature, and are characterised by radiogenic Os isotope ratios, i.e., in excess of the
287 corresponding bulk-rock value. They have up to two orders of magnitude lower [Os] and
288 higher [Re] than the rounded sulfides (Harvey et al., 2011).

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290 **3. Analytical methods**

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292 3.1. Highly Siderophile Element abundance determination.

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294 Bulk-rock HSE analyses were carried out at the Steinmann Institute für Geologie,
295 Mineralogie und Paläontologie, Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms Universität Bonn on a 1 g
296 powder split from the same material prepared for the previous studies of Harvey et al. (2011,
297 2012), where selected Ru and Os abundances, and $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$ had already been obtained,
298 using methods described therein. A mixed ^{190}Os – ^{185}Re – ^{191}Ir – ^{99}Ru – ^{194}Pt – ^{106}Pd -enriched spike
299 was added prior to digestion. Digestions were performed in reverse aqua regia (5 mL 16 N
300 HNO_3 and 2.5 mL 12 N HCl) for 14 h at 270 °C using an Anton Paar high pressure asher.
301 After HP-asher digestion, the aqua regia fraction was further digested overnight using
302 HF/HNO_3 in order to improve the digestion of the silicate minerals and maximise the
303 recovery of Re. The HSE in this aqua regia fraction were subsequently separated and
304 recovered by anion-exchange column chemistry (AG1X-8 100–200 mesh) using the methods
305 described in detail in Dale et al. (2008, 2012, and references therein). This chemical
306 separation is based on the procedure described by Pearson and Woodland (2000) and was

307 further modified by adding HF/HCl elution steps to improve the HFSE/HSE separation
308 (König et al., 2012; Lissner et al., 2014). Platinum, Ir, Re, Ru and Pd were analysed at the
309 Steinmann Institute on a Thermo Scientific Element XR SF-ICP-MS. Accuracy and precision
310 were tested by replicate analyses of UB-N peridotite (Meisel et al., 2003; Meisel and Moser,
311 2004). Precision is $\pm 1\%$ for Ir, ca. $\pm 5\%$ for Pt and Pd and ca. $\pm 15\%$ for Re for the UB-N
312 triplicate analyses. Similar “low” Re reproducibilities were observed by Fischer-Gödde et al.
313 (2010) and attributed to powder heterogeneity inherent in the UB-N reference material. Total
314 analytical blanks (n=3; Table 1) were measured by isotope dilution for each set of chemistry.
315 The average blank values are 0.002 ± 0.001 ng for Ir, 0.022 ± 0.004 ng for Pd, 0.01 ± 0.005
316 and 0.006 ± 0.001 ng for Re. For the HSE, blank measurements represent less than 1 % of the
317 analysed unknowns and therefore a blank correction has not been applied. For peridotites
318 with the lowest Re abundances the blank can constitute up to 30% of the measured value
319 (KH03-25 and KH03-15), and in the exceptional case of KH03-16, with a measured Re
320 abundance of 0.007 ng g^{-1} the sample is barely distinguishable from the blank. As such, Re
321 abundances have been blank corrected (Table 2).

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323 3.2. S-Se-Te abundance determination.

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325 Sulfur abundance was determined using a LECO SC230 analyzer at University of
326 Leicester. Approximately 2 g of powder was made into a pellet and analysed in a He
327 atmosphere. Internal reproducibility was typically ± 0.5 to $0.8 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$. For the highest S
328 abundances ($130 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$) this represents a maximum of $\pm 0.3\%$. For KH03-16, the peridotite
329 with the lowest sulfur abundance ($[\text{S}] = 3 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$) this internal reproducibility constitutes a
330 maximum of $\pm 26\%$. For Se and Te abundance measurements, made at Rheinische Friedrich-
331 Wilhelms Universität Bonn, the peridotites were spiked with ^{77}Se and ^{125}Te isotope tracers

332 and digested according to the methods described in detail in König et al. (2012, 2014).
333 Briefly, 1 g of sample powder was desilicified, using HF and concentrated HNO₃ in a bench
334 top digestion procedure after complete digestion in inverse aqua regia using an Anton Paar
335 high pressure asher at 100 bar and 220 °C for 12 h. Selenium and tellurium were separated
336 using thiol cotton fibre (Yu et al., 1983) according to the method described in detail by König
337 et al. (2012, 2014), using separation procedures modified from Marin et al. (2001), Elwaer
338 and Hintelmann (2008), and Savard et al. (2009). Generally, the recovery of Se varied
339 between 60% and 90%, while Te recovery varied between 10% and 90%. ⁷⁷Se, ⁷⁸Se, ¹²⁵Te
340 and ¹²⁶Te were measured using a Thermo Scientific SF-ICP-MS Element XR equipped with a
341 modified hydride generator (see Wombacher et al., 2009 and König et al., 2012 for details).
342 Instrument parameters are documented in detail in König et al. (2012, 2014). The
343 reproducibility of UB-N, [Se] of 132 ± 11 ng g⁻¹ is indistinguishable from previous literature
344 values (Terashima and Imai, 2000; Marin et al., 2001; Savard et al., 2009; Lorand and Alard,
345 2010; König et al., 2012, 2015a; Wang et al., 2013; Lissner et al., 2014). The Te
346 concentration of UB-N is 10.20 ± 3.79 ng g⁻¹, again well within the previous reported range
347 of values (Terashima, 2001; Lorand and Alard 2010; König et al., 2012). The Se/Te ratio
348 therefore ranges between 8.6 and 22.3, again in complete agreement with previously
349 published values (König et al., 2012; Wang et al., 2013). Total analytical blanks were
350 indistinguishable from background intensities during analysis. This is broadly equivalent to
351 ca. 0.1 ng g⁻¹ for Se and 0.01 ng g⁻¹ for Te, as based on background-corrected signal
352 intensities for standard solutions of these concentrations (König et al., 2015a) and, as such, no
353 blank corrections were made to the abundance measurements of Se and Te. Instrumental
354 mass bias was corrected using natural ⁷⁷Se/⁷⁸Se of 0.3211762 and natural ¹²⁵Te/¹²⁶Te of
355 0.376728 (De Bièvre and Taylor, 1993).

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357 4. Results

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359 Sulfur, selenium and tellurium abundance for the 17 peridotite xenoliths are presented
360 in Table 2. In summary, S concentrations range from $3 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$ in KH03-16 to $130 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$ in
361 KH03-18, i.e., all samples in this study have S abundances significantly below estimates for
362 the Primitive Mantle ($\text{PM} = 250 \pm 50 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$; [Lorand, 1990](#); [O'Neill, 1991](#); [Palme and O'Neill](#)
363 [2003](#)). There is no obvious relationship between S and Al_2O_3 (Figure 4). While most of the
364 peridotites define a broad positive co-variation between S and Al_2O_3 , there are samples in
365 both subsets which extend to higher S abundances for a given Al_2O_3 . Selenium abundances
366 vary from 1.1 ng g^{-1} in KH03-16 to 56.9 ng g^{-1} in KH03-10. Duplicate measurements of Se
367 abundances in group 1 peridotites do not reproduce as well as those of group 2 peridotites
368 (Table 2) or the long term reproducibility of the UB-N reference material (cf. Table 1 and
369 [König et al., 2012, 2014, 2015a](#)). A strong positive correlation is evident between the Se and
370 S abundances in both the subsets of peridotites, i.e., $R^2 = 0.88$ and 0.92 for group 1
371 peridotites and group 2 peridotites, respectively (Figure 5). While stronger than the co-
372 variation between S and Al_2O_3 , the correlation coefficients between Se and Al_2O_3 are only
373 marginally greater for both subsets of samples, with two samples from each subset (KH03-
374 10, KH03-18, KH96-8, KH96-24) having particularly high Se concentrations for a given
375 Al_2O_3 abundance (Figure 4b). Tellurium abundances range from 0.2 ng g^{-1} in KH03-16 to
376 19.2 ng g^{-1} in KH03-7. With the exception of KH03-7, there is a much more precise
377 reproducibility of Te abundances in group 1 peridotites than there is Se. Group 2 peridotites,
378 on the other hand, have comparable and excellent Se and Te reproducibility (Table 2).
379 Consequently, Se/Te ratios are much much scattered in group 1 peridotites than group 2
380 (Figure 5). There is a strong positive co-variation between Te and S abundances in group 2
381 peridotites ($R^2 = 0.78$) but no such relationship is apparent in group 1 peridotites ($R^2 = 0.08$;

382 Figure 5b). There is remarkably little covariation between Se and Te abundances in group 1
383 peridotites ($R^2 = 0.11$; Figure 5c) but there is a relationship in the group 2 peridotites, where
384 the R^2 is 0.60 (Figure 5c). Like S and Se, there is no strong co-variation between Te and
385 Al_2O_3 abundance (Figure 4c). Overall, the Kilbourne Hole peridotites from both group 1 and
386 group 2 define a similar Se/Te vs. Te trend as the one defined by König et al., (2012; 2014),
387 which include lherzolithic and harzburgitic peridotites from both xenolith localities (cratonic
388 and non-cratonic), and tectonically-emplaced massifs.

389 Highly siderophile element abundances can be found in Table 2 and are illustrated in
390 Figure 6. In general, HSE abundances are somewhat lower than current estimates for the
391 Primitive Upper Mantle (Becker et al., 2006). Interestingly, these HSE concentration
392 intervals and the PUM-normalized HSE patterns differ between group 1 and group 2
393 peridotites. The group 1 peridotites show sub-parallel HSE patterns with a surprisingly large
394 range of Ir contents (ca. one order of magnitude) along with more typical but still large
395 variations in Pt, Pd and Re concentration. All the group 1 peridotites show sub-PUM Pt/Pd
396 ratios (Becker et al., 2006), becoming more fractionated with decreasing Pt and Pd
397 concentrations. In comparison, the group 2 peridotites are characterised by Ir concentrations
398 varying by up to 40% and are variably depleted in Pt, Pd and Re. Independently of their
399 $(La/Yb)_N$ ratios, all the Kilbourne Hole peridotites are characterised by sub-PUM $(Os/Ir)_N$
400 (i.e., 0.42-0.84). Excluding KH03-24, these $(Os/Ir)_N$ correlate inversely with Pd depletion and
401 the $(Pd/Ir)_N$ ratios for the group 2 peridotites. $(Ru/Ir)_N$ ratios are also significantly lower than
402 PUM ranging from 0.93 in KH03-21 to 0.78 in KH03-16. Furthermore, strong correlations
403 are evident for group 1 peridotites between Os and Ir (Figure 7a), Pt and Pd; (Figure 8b), Re
404 and Pt or Pd (Pt; Figure 7c) and between Ir and Pt (Figure 7d). The peridotites from group 2
405 also display a positive correlation between Pd and Re; and Pd and Ir (excluding KH03-24).
406 However, unlike group 1 peridotites, group 2 peridotites exhibit negative correlations

407 between Ir and Os vs. Pd. Most of the group 2 peridotites are indistinguishable from the
408 group 1 peridotites with respect to Os vs. Ir abundances; only the most depleted group 1
409 peridotites are shifted toward higher Os concentrations for a given Ir contents. Only 3
410 samples, all group 2 peridotites, have $(PPGE/IPGE)_N > 1$; KH03-3 and KH96-8 both have
411 $(Pt/Ir)_N > 1$, whereas KH03-3, KH96-8 and KH03-24 have $(Pd/Ir)_N > 1$ (where PPGE = Pd and
412 Pt, and IPGE = Os and Ir; [Barnes et al., 1985](#)).

413 A strong positive correlation between S and Pd abundances is evident (Figure 8a) in
414 both subsets of peridotites ($R^2 = 0.78$ for group 1 peridotites; $R^2 = 0.80$ for group 2
415 peridotites). A similar, although less strong relationship in group 2 peridotites, is also
416 observed between Pd and Se (Figure 8b). However, the converse is seen in the relationship
417 between Pd and Te - there is a much stronger correlation between these two elements in
418 group 2 peridotites ($R^2 = 0.92$) than in group 1 peridotites ($R^2 = 0.28$; Figure 8c). The
419 relationships between Re and S, and Se and Te are also striking (Figure 8d, e and f,
420 respectively), although there is no correlation between Re and Se in group 2 peridotites;
421 Figure 8e). Neither of the subsets of peridotites show any strong correlations between
422 $(La/Yb)_N$ and S, Se, Te or PPGE, although group 2 peridotites are more strongly (negatively)
423 correlated with $(La/Yb)_N$ than group 1 peridotites (Figure 9). The only elements that deviate
424 from this pattern are the IPGE, which have slight ($R^2 = 0.13$) to moderate ($R^2 = 0.53$) positive
425 co-variations with $(La/Yb)_N$. However, no such co-variation between IPGE abundance and S,
426 Se or Te concentration is apparent

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428 **5. Discussion**

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430 **5.1 The effects of hydration, volatilization, and supergene weathering**

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432 Peridotite xenoliths are randomly sampled by basaltic melts that ascend through the
433 lithosphere. They are often extremely fresh, especially so in the case of Kilbourne Hole
434 peridotites. No serpentinization or discernable alteration of the silicates or spinel was
435 observed. In fact all of the samples exhibited modest gains on ignition (see online
436 supplementary information in [Harvey et al., 2012](#)). While the possibility exists for interaction
437 with, or infiltration of the host basalt (for which some evidence is preserved in the rims of
438 KH03-10 and KH03-27; Table S5), and it has been suggested that high temperatures
439 associated with entrainment in the host basalt may trigger devolatilisation, or partial loss of S
440 and perhaps Se (e.g. [Lorand et al., 2003a](#), [Alard et al., 2011](#)), sampling from the centre of
441 these >1 kg xenoliths ([Harvey et al., 2011, 2012](#)) avoids these potential complications, which
442 tend to be restricted to the outermost centimetre or so of the xenoliths.

443 Sulfur abundances are, in general, lower than the array of mostly orogenic peridotites
444 from the literature ([Le Roux et al., 2007](#); [Lorand et al., 2010](#); [Alard et al., 2011](#); [König et al.,](#)
445 [2012, 2014](#); [Wang et al., 2013](#)) but overlap with the previous Kilbourne Hole study of
446 [Morgan \(1986\)](#), despite the latter study having higher S concentrations for a given level of
447 Al₂O₃. Unlike orogenic peridotites, none of the Kilbourne Hole peridotites have S
448 abundances in excess of the estimated Primitive Mantle value of (250 ± 50 µg g⁻¹). This shift
449 to lower S abundances than orogenic peridotites is likely due to supergene weathering (Figure
450 3). This phenomenon was also observed in xenoliths from the French Massif Central by
451 [Lorand et al \(2003a\)](#), who used Se abundances as a proxy for mantle S abundance in similar
452 xenoliths. The poor correlation with silicate dominated indices of melt depletion, such as
453 Al₂O₃, is not helped by the clear perturbations to sulfide modal abundances in these
454 peridotites which have been modified since melt depletion by the addition of metasomatic
455 sulfide, and the subsequent removal of sulfide in a S-undersaturated melt (see section 5.2,
456 below).

457 At the bulk-rock scale, Os and Ir are not fractionated by magmatic processes as both
458 are hosted by BMS (i.e. MSS, pentlandite). However, the IPGE may behave differently at the
459 microscale when alloys have been stabilised in response to the disappearance of BMS during
460 a high degree of partial melting. In the Kilbourne Hole xenoliths melt depletion does not
461 extend to the high degrees (> 25%) often required for the formation of refractory alloys.
462 However, while the degassing of highly volatile OsO₄ during the eruption of the host basalt
463 could be implicated in the loss of Os from these xenoliths (e.g. [Lorand et al., 2003b](#)), this
464 process requires highly oxidizing conditions ($fO_2 >$ hematite-magnetite buffer) only found in
465 arc volcanics (e.g. [Frost and McCammon, 2008](#)).

466 Supergene weathering of BMS is, therefore, the most likely cause of the low Os
467 abundances and sub-chondritic Os/Ir ratios observed at Kilbourne Hole (cf. [Handler and
468 Bennett, 1999](#); [Pearson et al., 2004](#)). Moreover, as has been inferred in several prior studies
469 of siderophile and chalcophile elements in peridotite xenoliths (e.g. [Lorand, 1990](#); [Lorand et
470 al., 2003a, 2003b](#); [Reisberg et al., 2005](#); [Alard et al., 2011](#)), sub-chondritic S/Se ratios are a
471 function of the increased affinity of S for O over that of Se for O ([Dreibus et al., 1995](#);
472 [Lorand et al., 2003a](#)). This in turn means that groundwater or meteoric water percolating
473 through peridotite xenoliths has the potential to remove sulfide as sulfate whilst leaving Se
474 abundances less affected. For BMS apparently enclosed within olivine or orthopyroxene, the
475 silicate "armor" should provide a degree of protection against supergene weathering but, just
476 like silicate melt and fluid inclusions (e.g. [Bodnar, 2003](#)), BMS inclusions hosted within
477 peridotite xenoliths may experience decrepitation induced by the rapid drop in pressure
478 associated with the entrainment of a xenolith and its transport to the surface (e.g. [Andersen et
479 al., 1987](#)). [Griffin et al. \(2002\)](#) noted that many BMS grains in peridotite xenoliths from the
480 Siberian craton, especially the larger sulfides, show radiating expansion cracks lined with
481 films of sulfide, which may provide a pathway for meteoric water to interact with seemingly

482 enclosed BMS grains. This permits the partial oxidation sulfur to sulfate and Os to OsO₄ and
483 the removal of both species. This low temperature alteration process does not seem to have
484 any measurable effect on the lithophile trace element systematics, the majority of the HSE, or
485 the silicate (\pm spinel) mineralogy. In other words, only Os and S are clearly disturbed, to any
486 measurable degree, by supergene weathering.

487 However, Se may not be completely immobile under these conditions, but still less
488 mobile than S (Alard et al., 2011). For example, Figure 3 shows that BMS oxidation has
489 taken place, but Figure 5a demonstrates that many of the Kilbourne Hole samples retain a
490 chondritic, or near-chondritic S/Se ratio, but with low bulk-rock S abundances. For example,
491 in a recent study of peridotite xenoliths from Montferrier, Southern France (Alard et al.,
492 2011), several xenoliths yielded very low Se contents for a given sulfur abundance. This
493 suggests that peridotite xenoliths may also lose Se during the transport of xenoliths in their
494 host basalt or as a result of supergene weathering (cf. Lorand et al., 2003a). König et al.
495 (2014) discussed the possibility that near chondritic Se/Te ratios in fertile peridotites are not a
496 primitive signature of the Earth's mantle, but rather reflect strong enrichment in metasomatic
497 phases which accommodate high abundances of chalcogens, which erased previous pristine
498 melt depletion signatures. This is supported by near-chondritic Se/Te signatures in
499 metasomatic Cu-Ni-rich sulfides compared to much high Se/Te in residual sulfides ($\text{Se/Te} \leq$
500 200). Moreover, interstitial PGM-bearing fine fractions of a depleted peridotite also show
501 exclusively low Se/Te compared to residual Se-Te host phases in olivine (König et al.,
502 2015a). There is some support for this hypothesis in the Se/Te systematics observed in the
503 group 1 peridotites at Kilbourne Hole. However, in the group 1 peridotites, where an
504 additional process lowered the Se/Te, a low Se/Te ratio could be generated in at least two
505 different ways, i.e., by loss of Se (Alard et al., 2011) where the Se/Te was lowered from a

506 supra-chondritic ratio to near chondritic (ca. 9) or, conversely, with the addition of Te, which
507 is discussed in the sections that follow.

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509 5.2 High temperature processes affecting peridotite compositions

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511 5.2.1 Rare Earth Element signatures of melt depletion and subsequent metasomatism

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513 The peridotites in this study have been divided into two sub-groups, based upon their
514 $(La/Yb)_N$, i.e., the La/Yb ratio normalized to Primitive Mantle ([McDonough and Sun, 1995](#)).
515 Group 1 peridotites are identified by a $(La/Yb)_N$ of <1 , whereas group 2 peridotites have
516 $(La/Yb)_N$ of >1 . The simplest interpretation of a peridotite with a $(La/Yb)_N$ of <1 would be
517 that it retains the signature of melt depletion without overwhelming subsequent metasomatic
518 disturbance. A small amount of cryptic metasomatism is possible, but there are limits to its
519 extent; high degrees of silicate metasomatism could raise $(La/Yb)_N$ to values in excess of 1,
520 but this is dependent upon the nature of the metasomatic agent. Alternatively, the influx of a
521 LREE-depleted basalt, such as a MORB or similar, at high-melt-rock ratios may also mimic
522 the effects of varying degrees of melt depletion in peridotites (e.g. [Seyler et al. 2001, 2007](#);
523 [Bodinier and Godard, 2003](#)). Such high melt/rock ratios can be obscured by subsequent
524 recrystallization (e.g. [Soustelle et al., 2009](#)). However, despite the rift-like setting of
525 Kilbourne Hole, there is no clear evidence (e.g. low bulk-rock or mineral Mg#), to suggest
526 this is the cause of the observed REE element systematics in the group 1 peridotites.
527 However, alone, $(La/Yb)_N$ can be insensitive to the effects of small amounts of
528 metasomatism. Despite a lack of supporting petrographic evidence for metasomatism in the
529 group 1 peridotites (see [Harvey et al., 2012](#) and Table S5, this study), the absolute
530 abundances of La, Yb and Al_2O_3 in group 1 peridotites, without exception, possess higher

531 (La/Yb)_N for a given Al₂O₃ abundance to have been produced by melt depletion (Figure 2a).
532 Hence, a melt-depletion signature, albeit slightly modified by cryptic metasomatism, is the
533 most likely cause of the observed REE signature.

534 This feature is even more pronounced in the group 2 peridotites but, in some cases, is
535 also accompanied by several lines of petrographic evidence for metasomatic processes
536 subsequent to melt depletion (Table S5; Harvey et al., 2012). It should be noted though that
537 using the La/Yb ratios as proxy of “metasomatism” probably exaggerates the degree of
538 metasomatic overprinting in the group 2 harzburgites; their HREE are much lower than any
539 other peridotites from the Kilbourne Hole suite (Harvey et al., 2012). It is possible that the
540 group 2 harzburgites are the only peridotites to have preserved some “intact” HREE
541 abundances. Their low HREE abundances point to ≤25 % partial melting at low pressure (1-3
542 GPa), and the slight “spoon” shape argues for addition of only the most incompatible REE
543 (see Figure 9 in Harvey et al., 2012). In terms of the REE, the group 2 harzburgites may form
544 a continuum starting with metasomatism by small fractions of incompatible element-rich melt
545 fractions in the group 2 harzburgites, leading to larger melt fractions being added to the group
546 2 lherzolites.

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548 5.2.2 Chromatographic fractionation of REE during melt/rock interaction

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550 The interpretation of elevated (La/Yb)_N resulting from simple mixing of residual
551 peridotite with a silicate melt is likely to be overly simplistic in some cases. A consequence
552 of the low incompatible trace element abundances in residual peridotite is that the xenoliths
553 that record the greatest degree of melt extraction (those with the lowest Al₂O₃ and / or Yb)
554 are the most susceptible to having their melt depletion signature overprinted by subsequent
555 incompatible element metasomatism (Wood and Blundy, 2003) as a result of their inability to

556 buffer against an influx of highly incompatible elements present in, for example, a C-O-S-H-
557 enriched silicate melt (Alard et al., 2011). Figure 2a demonstrates that the most depleted
558 peridotites have the highest $(La/Yb)_N$ in both sample subsets, i.e., despite a major element
559 signature reminiscent of melt depletion, they have acquired an enrichment of LREE over
560 HREE. Navon and Stolper (1987) and Bodinier et al. (2004) have both quantified a
561 chromatographic effect observed in melt-depleted peridotites where LREE/HREE are
562 predicted to increase away from the site of intense melt-peridotite interaction, such as during
563 the generation of pyroxenite found at Kilbourne Hole, both as discrete and composite
564 xenoliths (Dromgoole and Pasteris, 1987; Wilshire et al., 1988; Kil and Wendlandt, 2004).
565 Since fronts of the more incompatible elements travel faster through the adjacent peridotite,
566 their concentrations rise earlier. A clear distinction between addition of small amounts of a
567 silicate melt back into a depleted peridotite pre-cursor versus cryptic modification of
568 incompatible trace element abundances is difficult to resolve. However, in the peridotites
569 with the lowest Al_2O_3 abundance and highest $(La/Yb)_N$, a chromatographic effect from a
570 proximal melt-peridotite interaction seems more feasible.

571 The two trends illustrated by groups 1 and 2 in Figure 2a project back to a common
572 composition at ca. 5 wt. % Al_2O_3 and a very low $(La/Yb)_N$ that is inconsistent with a
573 Primitive Mantle composition. Using the lithophile elements alone, it is probably not possible
574 to unequivocally unravel the petrogenetic history of these peridotites, other than group 1
575 peridotites have experienced a smaller degree and less generations of silicate metasomatism
576 than group 2 peridotites. That the group 2 peridotites have experienced a more complex
577 petrogenetic history is supported by the extended REE and lithophile incompatible trace
578 element plots abundances (Harvey et al., 2012).

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580 5.3 Processes affecting the highly siderophile element compositions of peridotites

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582 While a general consensus exists regarding the nature of melt depletion and
583 subsequent metasomatism with respect to the behavior of major (e.g. Baker and Stolper,
584 1994; Baker et al., 1995; Hirschmann et al., 1998; Robinson et al., 1998) and trace elements
585 with a lithophile affinity (e.g. Blundy and Wood, 1994, 2003; Wood and Blundy, 2001), the
586 role played by BMS during these processes is less well constrained, despite extensive
587 experimental investigations into its behavior (e.g. Fleet et al., 1991, 1996; Peach and Mathez,
588 1993; Peach et al., 1994; Brenan, 2002, 2008; Brenan et al., 2003, 2005; Bockrath et al.,
589 2004; Righter et al., 2004; Ballhaus et al., 2006; Holzheid, 2010; Mungall and Brenan, 2014).
590 Mantle BMS in melt depleted peridotite constitute less than 0.1 modal % (corresponding to
591 $250 \pm 50 \mu\text{g g}^{-1} \text{S}$) of the upper mantle (O'Neill, 1989; Lorand, 1990; Palme and O'Neill,
592 2003), yet their high $D^{\text{sulfide/silicate}}$ ensures that these accessory phases dominate the mass
593 balance of bulk-rock peridotite for the HSE (e.g. Fleet et al., 1991, 1996; Peach and Mathez,
594 1993; Peach et al., 1994; Guo et al., 1999), and may also exert a strong control on the
595 distribution of Pb in the mantle (Burton et al., 2012; Warren and Shirey, 2012).

596 The behavior of sulfur during partial melting of peridotite is assumed to be related to
597 the steady depletion of BMS following a batch/equilibrium melting process (e.g. Morgan,
598 1986; Handler and Bennett, 1999; Lorand et al., 1999; Luguet et al., 2003; Pearson et al.,
599 2004; Fischer-Gödde et al., 2011), resulting in a residual peridotite that is mostly devoid of
600 BMS and sulfur at around 25 % partial melting (e.g. Burnham et al., 1998). During partial
601 melting, BMS melts incongruently to produce a refractory monosulfide solid solution (MSS)
602 that retains Os, Ir and Ru in the mantle residue, and Cu–Ni-rich sulfide melt (Barnes et al.,
603 1997; Alard et al., 2000; Luguet et al., 2003; Bockrath et al., 2004; Peregoedova et al., 2004;
604 Wang and Becker, 2015a) which hosts Pt, Pd and Re and is extracted within the partial
605 silicate melts, although the exact importance of this fractionation during partial melting is not

606 universally agreed upon (Wang et al., 2013; Mungall and Brenan, 2014; Wang and Becker,
607 2015b). Therefore, partial melting residues are generally characterised by PUM-like or even
608 slightly elevated Os and Ir contents, but substantial and progressive depletions in Pt, Pd and
609 Re (see Lorand et al., 1999; Pearson et al., 2004; Luguet et al., 2007).

610 Three samples from the group 2 xenoliths (KH96-24, KH03-15 and KH03-16) show
611 such HSE patterns, which are consistent with moderate to high degrees (15-20 %) of partial
612 melting of a fertile peridotite (Figure 6b; cf. Figure 3 from Harvey et al., 2011). Interestingly
613 they are the most depleted peridotites of group 2 with Al₂O₃ contents < 2.7 wt.%. Although
614 Os was likely lost during the late supergene weathering, thus lowering the original Os/Ir
615 ratios, these three samples still retain the highest Os concentrations and tend to have the
616 highest (Os/Ir)_N ratios, suggesting that some magmatic systematics may still be preserved.
617 High Os concentrations combined with high Os/Ir ratios (generally greater than PUM) may
618 be symptomatic of the stabilisation of laurite (Ru-Os sulfide) and subsequent Os-Ru rich
619 alloys forming in response to the complete exhaustion of BMS in the mantle residue during
620 extensive partial melting (ca. c. 20-25%; Luguet et al., 2007). The exhaustion of sulfides in
621 these three samples is supported by the low to extremely low bulk-rock sulfur abundances of
622 these three peridotites ([S] in KH96-24, KH03-15 and KH03-16 = 3 to 36 μg g⁻¹, Table 2).

623 The remaining 4 peridotites of group 2 have HSE patterns, with either flat to elevated
624 Pd/Pt and/or Re/Pd, which are inconsistent with both their refractory nature (i.e., bulk rock
625 Al₂O₃ contents) and their sulfur abundances. These features, combined with the overall S vs.
626 HSE (especially Pd) and PPGE/Ir (i.e., Pd/Ir) correlations among these four samples may be
627 best explained by addition of metasomatic PPGE-rich BMS (similar to the interstitial Type-2
628 sulfides of Alard et al., 2002, 2011) to a predominantly melt-depleted residual peridotite.
629 Evidence for the addition of HSE to melt depleted peridotites (e.g., Becker et al., 2001;
630 Luguet et al., 2003, 2004; Pearson et al., 2004; Ionov et al., 2006; van Acken et al., 2008,

631 2010b), or their selective removal (Lorand et al., 2000; 2003a; 2004; Becker et al., 2001;
632 Büchl et al., 2002; Ackerman et al., 2009) is becoming increasingly abundant in the literature,
633 and this provides a framework within which the HSE abundances in Kilbourne Hole
634 xenoliths can be interpreted.

635 Assuming the addition of ca. 80 $\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$ S (the whole-rock S contents of both KH03-3
636 and KH96-8) as metasomatic BMS in a S-free partial melting residue with a HSE
637 composition similar to the most depleted group 2 peridotite (KH03-16), the HSE systematics
638 of KH03-3 and KH96-8 can be reproduced if the metasomatic BMS hosts, on average, 20 μg
639 g^{-1} Pt and 25 $\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$ Pd. These BMS contents are typical of Pt and Pd concentrations obtained
640 in BMS from peridotite xenoliths (Alard et al., 2000; 2002; Lorand and Alard, 2001; Alard et
641 al., 2011) or tectonically emplaced peridotite massifs (Luguet et al., 2001; 2004; Alard et al.,
642 2005). To account for the HSE systematics of KH03-24, the average metasomatic BMS must
643 be characterised by an even stronger Pd enrichment (45 $\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$ Pd and 8 $\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$ Pt). Such
644 compositions can also be found in xenolithic BMS (e.g. grains s15 and s13 from xenolith Mtf
645 37, from Montferrier, southern France; Alard et al., 2011).

646 Precipitation of BMS has been attributed to either percolation of S-saturated silicate
647 melts or to sulfidation reaction between a C-O-S-H fluids with magnesian silicates (e.g.
648 Ackerman et al., 2009; Alard et al., 2011; Delpech et al., 2012; Lorand et al., 2013). The
649 preservation of \leq PUM S/Se and Pd/Pt ratios in the group 2 peridotites likely to have
650 experienced BMS precipitation strongly argue for percolation of a silicate melt and
651 precipitation of Cu-Ni-rich BMS rather than the volatile transport of S and HSE and
652 crystallisation of pyrrhotite-chalcopyrite assemblages (Delpech et al., 2012). Small-degree
653 melt fractions, preserved as melt inclusions, have previously been reported in Kilbourne Hole
654 xenoliths (Schiano and Clocciatti, 1994). These are CO_2 saturated silicate melts (e.g.
655 Menzies and Dupuy, 1991; Moine et al., 2004), in addition to being S-saturated. In addition,

656 the group 2 peridotites have a slightly higher $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$ for a given Al_2O_3 abundance than
657 the group 1 peridotites (Figure 2b) which suggests that a Re-bearing phase, such as
658 metasomatic sulfide, may have been added sufficiently long ago to allow a small amount of
659 ^{187}Os ingrowth prior to removal of sulfide by a sulfur-undersaturated melt. Indeed, KH03-24
660 and KH96-8 both retain elevated Re-Os ratios (Figure 2c) compared to the rest of the two
661 groups of peridotite.

662 By contrast, the group 1 peridotites all preserve sub-parallel HSE patterns (Figure 6a)
663 and strong positive correlations between all of the HSE. This contrasts with the fractionated
664 HSE patterns (Figure 6b) and correlations between only IPGE or PPGE and Re in the group 2
665 peridotites (Figure 7). Although any individual group 1 peridotite may preserve a HSE
666 pattern that resembles a melt depletion signature, the parallel offset of the HSE patterns
667 within the group cannot be attributed to this process. Depending upon the degree of sulfur
668 saturation, a predominantly silicate metasomatic melt may dissolve sulfides located in
669 interstices between silicate minerals. The S-saturation concentration of lavas increases with
670 decreasing pressure, i.e., shallower depths (Mavrogenes and O'Neill, 1999), allowing S-
671 undersaturated silicate melt to pass through the SCLM. These S-undersaturated melts thus
672 have the potential to remove sulfide not enclosed inside silicates (e.g. Lorand and Alard,
673 2001; Lorand et al., 2003a, 2003b, 2004; Reisberg et al., 2004, 2005). This effect may be
674 enhanced by ongoing open-system melting associated with reactive porous flow at increasing
675 melt/rock ratios, which has the effect of diluting S in the percolating melt. The effect of
676 sulfide removal is likely to be a dilution of a pre-existing HSE signature, depending upon the
677 absolute amount of sulfide removal that has occurred. The parallel HSE patterns of the group
678 1 peridotites are consistent with this hypothesis. Following a period of melt depletion that
679 imparted a relatively uniform melt depletion signature upon the group 1 peridotites, a sulfur-
680 undersaturated melt passed through that portion of the SCLM, removing different proportions

681 of sulfide from the group 1 peridotites. This is not only consistent with the observation that
682 the peridotites with the lowest S abundances of the group (KH03-25, KH03-27, KH96-2,
683 KH96-18) have the lowest overall HSE content, but also that the group 1 peridotites have
684 well correlated IPGE versus PPGE abundances (Figure 7) and possess the lowest $(La/Yb)_N$,
685 implying that the precipitation of metasomatic phases or fingerprints was negligible in group
686 1 peridotites. This in turn is supported by the observation that there is little or no petrographic
687 evidence for the precipitation or crystallization of a metasomatic melt or fluid preserved in
688 the group 1 peridotites (Table S5); the removal of sulfide, and the HSE that it hosts, by a
689 transiting sulfur-undersaturated melt has simply diluted a pre-existing melt depletion
690 signature. It is not clear whether or not the group 1 peridotites experienced any addition of
691 PPGE-rich sulfide (cf. group 2 peridotites) prior to the passage of a sulfur-undersaturated
692 melt, but the parallel HSE patterns observed within this group of peridotites (Figure 6a)
693 suggests that this is unlikely.

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695 5.4 The effects of melt depletion and subsequent processes on S-Se-Te systematics

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697 Despite the potential to use S as a proxy for melt depletion (e.g. [Burnham et al.,](#)
698 [1998](#)), in instances where sulfide has been either added or removed, this usefulness quickly
699 becomes undermined. The only remaining evidence that S concentrations have not been
700 completely decoupled from silicate-dominated processes is found in those group 2 peridotites
701 which have experienced the greatest amount of melt depletion (KH03-15 and KH03-16). In
702 these examples, Al_2O_3 , S and PPGE are all extremely low, despite a clear silicate-
703 metasomatic overprint (Figure 4a, Figure 9a, Figure 6, respectively). Similarly, there is very
704 little correlation between Se and Al_2O_3 (Figure 4b). The measured, broadly chondritic S/Se
705 ratios of this study are also consistent with previous measurements of Kilbourne Hole

706 peridotite xenoliths by [Morgan \(1986\)](#) (black circles, Figure 5a) and are within the range of
707 published values of S/Se in the literature, which are dominated by orogenic peridotites, but
708 which show a considerable degree of scatter at higher S and Se abundances, particularly
709 where the concentrations of these elements exceed the estimates for a Primitive Mantle
710 composition. Like sulfur, the Se systematics of both groups of peridotites have been
711 decoupled from silicate indices of melt depletion, but the most highly melt depleted group 2
712 peridotites (KH03-15 and KH03-16) contain the lowest abundances of Se (Figure 4b). As Se
713 is partitioned into interstitial pentlandite and chalcopyrite, the behavior of Se during melt
714 depletion, sulfide addition and the removal of sulfide in a sulfur-undersaturated melt would
715 be expected to mimic the behavior of the PPGE (e.g., [van Acken et al., 2010a](#)). This is
716 demonstrated in Figure 8b where the strong co-variation of Se with Pd is illustrated for both
717 groups of peridotites. The contrasting geochemical behavior of strongly compatible Ir
718 ($D^{\text{sulfide/silicate melt}} \text{ ca. } 5 \times 10^4$; [Peach et al., 1994](#)) and mildly compatible Se ($D^{\text{sulfide/silicate melt}} \text{ c.}$
719 10^3 ; [Peach et al., 1990](#); [Mungall and Brenan, 2014](#)), cannot explain the distinct co-variation
720 between these two elements in group 1 peridotites compared to invariant Ir abundance over a
721 large range of Se abundance in group 2 peridotites. In the group 2 peridotites, enriched Se for
722 a given Ir content may be the result of exsolution of a metasomatic Se-bearing Cu-Ni sulfide
723 phase from a silicate melt containing virtually no IPGE, i.e., the addition of metasomatic
724 sulfide after melt depletion. Precipitation of a metasomatic Cu-Ni-rich sulfide could also
725 increase the Te abundances more dramatically than the Se in these samples, yet this is not
726 observed; the Te abundances of group 1 and group 2 peridotites are indistinguishable, which
727 in turn, suggests that Se and Te may be controlled by different phases in different groups of
728 peridotites. This effect is compounded by the apparent vulnerability of Se to supergene
729 weathering, compared to Te. These effects are best illustrated in Figure 5c, where large
730 differences in the correlation coefficients between Se and Te for the two groups of peridotites

731 are observed. This, in turn, is consistent with the poorer reproducibility of Se and Te in
732 KH03-2 and KH03-7 (group 1 peridotites) where tellurides may control at least some of the
733 Te budget, compared with much more reproducible replicate analyses of group 2 peridotites
734 where Se and Te abundances are more strongly correlated (Figure 5c), the external
735 reproducibility of replicate analyses is stronger, and sulfide is the dominant host phase for Se
736 and Te (Figure 5a and b).

737 Although early studies suggested that the compatibility of chalcogenic elements varies
738 systematically, i.e., $Te > Se > S$ (e.g., [Hertogen et al., 1980](#); [Morgan, 1986](#); [Hattori et al.,](#)
739 [2002](#)) subsequent investigations suggest the contrary, especially in harzburgites ([König et al.,](#)
740 [2012, 2014](#)). Tellurium does not appear to behave as coherently as S and Se with regard to
741 melt depletion and subsequent mantle processes, especially in the group 1 peridotites, most
742 likely because the distribution of Te is more strongly controlled by the heterogeneous
743 distribution of micron-sized tellurides than in group 2. Figure 4c shows that there is no
744 discernible co-variation of Te with Al_2O_3 over a wide range of melt depletion. In this respect,
745 the samples of this study overlap completely with those of [Morgan \(1986\)](#). Moreover, where
746 Al_2O_3 is greater than 1 wt. % the range of Te contents measured in Kilbourne Hole
747 peridotites overlap completely with the existing literature data derived from mostly orogenic
748 peridotites, and is otherwise unremarkable. Strong correlations between S and Te (Figure 5b),
749 and Se and Te (Figure 5c) are only observed in the group 2 peridotites. Both S/Te and Se/Te
750 plot on sub-chondritic trajectories, with the Se/Te of group 1 peridotites being particularly
751 low. This provides further evidence for the likely mobility of sulfide-hosted Se during
752 supergene weathering and interaction with a S-undersaturated melt, but is also testament to
753 the effects of telluride precipitation that are relatively unaffected by these processes. The
754 strong control exerted by metasomatic BMS on Te abundance ([Helmy et al., 2010](#)) is
755 illustrated by the positive correlations between Pd, Re and Te in group 2 peridotites (Figure

756 8). The sympathetic variation of S and PPGE in the group 1 peridotites clearly argue for the
757 removal of all these elements during BMS dissolution in percolating S-undersaturated melts.
758 The persistence of high Te concentrations in group 1 peridotites, and its decoupling from S
759 and the PPGE, along with the poor reproducibility of the Te concentrations, demonstrates that
760 Te is not significantly mobilized during the BMS dissolution because it is hosted in tellurides.
761 Alternatively, Te may have been added after interaction with a sulfur-undersaturated melt.
762 Late exhalative precipitation of tellurides from a volatile rich melt (cf. König et al., 2014)
763 could also account for the observed Te systematics in the group 1 peridotites.

764 In residual sulfide-free harzburgites Se is entirely controlled by micro-inclusions of
765 PGM in olivine (König et al., 2015a), but this host phase could equally be base metal sulfide
766 trapped within silicate grains in less severely depleted xenoliths. Some Se from interstitial
767 sulfides could be volatilized and lost, but the Se hosted in silicate-armored sulfide would be
768 retained. Hence, bulk-rock Se abundance could still be low, yielding subchondritic Se/Te
769 ratios. The only previously reported non-basalt-borne peridotites that also show subchondritic
770 Se/Te (three harzburgitic samples from Lherz; König et al., 2012) have been strongly affected
771 by the introduction of metasomatic Bi-Pt-telluride without Cu-Ni-rich sulfide precipitation,
772 which may increase Te abundances but not necessarily Se to the same degree. In the group 1
773 peridotites, Se/Te remain relatively constant, but it is difficult to account for the very low
774 Se/Te ratios in the group 1 peridotite that possess the highest Te abundance without the
775 presence of tellurides (Figure 5).

776 Several authors have discussed the formation of PGM and their effect upon bulk-rock
777 HSE (\pm Se-Te-As-Bi) abundances. A diagnostic feature of metasomatic processes is the
778 increasing modal abundance of Pt-Pd-Te-Bi or Pt-As-S micro-phases, whereas refractory
779 PGM, residual after intense melt depletion, may be represented by Ru-Os \pm Ir sulfides and
780 Pt-Ir \pm Os alloys (Luguet et al., 2007; Kogiso et al., 2008; Wang et al., 2009; Ackerman et

781 al., 2009, 2013; Lorand et al., 2010, 2013; O'Driscoll et al., 2012). These phases are
782 notoriously difficult to find using optical methods and even detailed studies of sulfide grains,
783 or the spinel with which they are intimately associated, often fail to reveal their presence (e.g.
784 Ferraris and Lorand, 2008). However, Wang et al. (2009) identified discrete Pt-rich micro-
785 nuggets from in-situ analyses of enclosed MSS in xenoliths from the Penghu Islands
786 (Taiwan). Ackerman et al. (2009) described the effects of Pt-rich discrete microphases in
787 sulfide-poor melt-percolated Bohemian xenoliths, while Luguet et al. (2007) identified Cu-
788 Rh-Pt sulfides in barely metasomatized orogenic harzburgites, and Lorand et al. (2010)
789 described Ru-Os \pm Ir sulfides and Pt-Ir \pm Os alloys recovered from melt-percolated orogenic
790 lherzolites and harzburgites from Lherz. Although no PGM consistent with BMS exhaustion
791 have been detected in Kilbourne Hole xenoliths, the occasional presence in some xenoliths of
792 low temperature PGM, such as Pd \pm Pt-tellurides, is inferred from the anomalous PPGE-Te
793 signatures observed in KH96-24 and KH03-24. KH96-24 has an unusually high Te
794 abundance (14 ng g⁻¹; Table 2) but is otherwise unremarkable. Conversely, KH03-24 has a
795 remarkably high Pd concentration (18 ng g⁻¹), which may be attributable to an alloy phase-
796 derived nugget effect, but no corresponding elevated concentration of either Pt or Te is
797 observed. Whether the occasional anomalous HSE signatures seen in the Kilbourne Hole
798 xenoliths of this study can be attributed to PGM micro-nuggets or not or should only treated
799 as speculation without firm identification of the PGM themselves. Lorand et al. (2010)
800 suggest that every metasomatized peridotite also likely contains Pt-Ni-tellurides; while the Se-
801 Te signatures of the group 1 peridotites support this hypothesis, further detailed work is
802 necessary on this peridotites to unequivocally confirm this.

803 Figure 10 summarizes the likely sequence of events to have affected the HSE, Se and
804 Te abundances in the Kilbourne Hole peridotites. Both groups of peridotite experienced \leq 25
805 % melt depletion. In the case of group 1 peridotites, this was followed by interaction with a

806 S-undersaturated melt which removed BMS, thus leading to depletion in the observed PPGE
807 and Se abundances. Tellurium was likely retained in micron-scale tellurides. Following melt
808 depletion, group 2 peridotites interacted with an ascending C-O-S-H-rich melt or fluid, which
809 added varying amounts of metasomatic PPGE (\pm Re \pm Se \pm Te)-bearing Cu-Ni-Fe sulfide;
810 this results from the upward decrease in porosity and temperature in the SCLM with reduced
811 depth, as described by [Bedini et al. \(1997\)](#). After exposure at the surface, both groups of
812 xenoliths experienced loss of S and Os (\pm Se) as a result of supergene weathering. These
813 features link the melt depletion signature preserved in the major element and HSE chemistry
814 with the chromatographic effect of infiltration of a C-O-S-H rich melt which selectively
815 elevated $(La/Yb)_N$ and PPGE \pm Re abundances, as described above.

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817 5.5 Comparisons of Kilbourne Hole peridotites with estimates of primitive mantle
818 composition

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820 The observation that large datasets derived from orogenic and xenolithic peridotites
821 acknowledged to have experienced extensive metasomatism (e.g. [Meisel et al., 2001](#); [Becker](#)
822 [et al., 2006](#); [Wang et al., 2013](#)), tend to project back to values for PUM suggests that the
823 effects of metasomatism are not only widespread ([König et al., 2014](#)), but also may be
824 included in estimates for HSE and chalcophile element abundances of PUM. Sample
825 selection that takes into account metasomatism, which is apparent in lithophile, chalcophile
826 and siderophile element systematics, should be critical in this respect. Estimates of PUM
827 HSE and chalcophile element abundances have, to date, relied upon compilations of orogenic
828 peridotite and xenolithic peridotite projected back to a major element composition consistent
829 with zero melt extraction ([Meisel et al., 2001](#); [Becker et al., 2006](#)) and interpreted with
830 respect to chondritic abundances ([Horan et al., 2003](#); [Lodders et al., 2009](#)). For this method to

831 successfully predict PUM abundances requires careful selection of samples so as to exclude
832 peridotites that do not best reflect the influence of melt depletion.

833 Suprachondritic Pd/Ir (or Pd/Pt) and Ru/Ir in fertile mantle peridotites have been
834 widely reported from different tectonic settings (e.g., [Pattou et al., 1996](#); [Rehkämper et al.,](#)
835 [1999](#); [Schmidt et al., 2000](#); [Becker et al., 2006](#); [Liu et al., 2009](#)). One possible explanation for
836 this observation is that existing estimates for HSE and strongly siderophile element
837 abundances in PUM, based upon estimates from a wide range of orogenic and xenolithic
838 peridotites, are not accurate and / or the projection back to a PUM composition has been
839 made with inappropriate samples or methods. Although some of the potential problems in
840 using Al₂O₃ as a suitable melt depletion indicator could be overcome by using S, the
841 perturbations to sulfur abundances by supergene weathering, and evidence for the addition
842 and removal of sulfide in groups 1 and 2 respectively of this study do not make S a reliable
843 proxy for Al₂O₃. In fact, although plots of S versus Ir, Pd and Pt superficially resemble melt
844 depletion curves (Figure 11a, b and c, respectively), the knowledge that S and HSE
845 systematics have likely been disturbed in many of these xenoliths, and the lack of any strong
846 co-variation between Al₂O₃ and S (Figure 4a) suggests that these can only be regarded as
847 apparent melt depletion curves.

848 Historical estimates of the PUM composition ([Meisel et al., 2001](#); [Becker et al., 2006](#);
849 [Wang et al., 2013](#)) have employed peridotites that have been experienced BMS and Se-Te-
850 HSE metasomatism ([Lorand et al., 2010; 2013](#); [Alard et al., 2011](#)). While xenolithic
851 peridotite is prone to the loss of Os and S (\pm Se) as a result of supergene weathering, the
852 remaining HSE in peridotite xenoliths are probably as reliable an indicator of mantle
853 processes as those abundances found in orogenic peridotites. For example, the co-variations
854 observed in the Kilbourne Hole xenoliths of this study between S and Ir, Pd and Pt (Figure
855 11a, b and c, respectively) fall within the range of values used in the literature to project back

856 to a PUM composition. In this study, the addition of metasomatic sulfides in the group 2
857 peridotites and removal of sulfide by a S-undersaturated melt have both been identified, yet
858 their compositions are indistinguishable from the orogenic and xenolithic peridotites reported
859 in the literature (Figure 11a, b and c). The inference from this observation is that, with the
860 exception of [Os] ($^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$ is unlikely to be fractionated by supergene weathering),
861 peridotite xenoliths in general, and from Kilbourne Hole specifically, are as suitable a proxy
862 for calculating PUM HSE abundances as orogenic peridotites which have probably
863 experienced the same processes identified in this study, whether they were reported in prior
864 investigations of different localities or not. The observation that group 1 peridotites from this
865 study have experienced a loss of sulfide, yet still plot within the range of literature values
866 used to calculate PUM, suggest that the literature database of peridotite HSE abundances also
867 contains a considerable proportion of samples where HSE abundances have been diluted,
868 irrespective of whether they are xenoliths or from orogenic massifs.

869 With respect to the strongly chalcophile elements Se and Te, these elements also need
870 to be subjected to the same scrutiny as the lithophile and highly siderophile elements in
871 appraising the suitability of orogenic peridotites and peridotite xenoliths for making estimates
872 of PUM composition. [König et al. \(2014\)](#) recently discussed the merits of using both
873 orogenic peridotites and kimberlite-derived peridotite xenoliths to investigate the primitive
874 Se-Te systematics of pristine, undepleted mantle and concluded that neither Se-Te
875 concentrations, nor their relatively low and near-chondritic Se/Te ratios can be considered as
876 primitive features of the Earth's mantle. Although this standpoint was subsequently
877 challenged ([Wang and Becker, 2015a](#)), the mineral-scale Se/Te study of [König et al. \(2015a\)](#)
878 that followed, in addition to the clarification of their earlier hypothesis ([König et al., 2015b](#)),
879 suggest that chondritic Se/Te and Se-Te concentrations seem unlikely to represent primitive
880 mantle. Selenium concentrations in Kilbourne Hole peridotites are low and project to around

881 50% of the concentration of PUM (McDonough and Sun, 1995), and consequently possess
882 lower Se/Te ratios than many of the literature values reported by Lorand et al. (2010, 2012),
883 Alard et al. (2011), König et al. (2012, 2014) and Wang et al. (2013) (Figure 5c). Despite
884 careful study of the multiphase petrogenetic history of Kilbourne Hole lherzolites, the nature
885 of the Se systematics of PUM remains equivocal. What is obvious is that the literature
886 compilation of Se-Te data that trend towards the Primitive Mantle and chondritic estimates of
887 McDonough and Sun (1995) and Palme and Jones (2003) respectively, contain many samples
888 that possess Se abundances in excess of that predicted for PUM. Although the large degree of
889 scatter of Se abundances amongst the Kilbourne Hole peridotites and the likelihood of Se loss
890 during transport of the xenoliths to the surface makes it difficult to quantify what the effects
891 of melt depletion on Se abundances were in these peridotites, any projection to a PUM-like
892 Se abundance using these peridotites alone would only underestimate the true PUM value.
893 The inclusion of peridotites with elevated Se abundances relative to PUM to estimate PUM
894 itself suggests that the current estimate of Se abundance in PUM is too high. Perhaps a more
895 realistic value for Se in PUM lies somewhere inbetween these estimates. Alternatively, high
896 Te abundances could skew the observed Se/Te systematics of the Kilbourne Hole peridotites.
897 In KH03-7 from this study (cf. UM9 of Morgan, 1986) an unusually high Te concentration
898 was detected that was not replicated in a second measurement. This hints at a particularly
899 intense nugget effect possibly caused by Te-rich micro-phases (Lorand et al., 2013; König et
900 al., 2014). This phenomenon may also explain the particularly high Pt concentration observed
901 in KH96-24, albeit without an anomalous Te abundance. In this respect the Kilbourne Hole
902 xenoliths have no more an unusual range of Te abundances than the orogenic peridotites used
903 for PUM calculations and it seems more likely that low Se abundances in these xenoliths
904 result in the Se/Te ratios that plot below any plausible melt depletion trend (Figure 12).

905 Perhaps this is more compelling evidence for the mobility of Se as a result of supergene
906 weathering.

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908 **6. Concluding remarks**

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910 This study represents the first instance where Se-Te-HSE systematics in peridotite
911 xenoliths are scrutinized in detail in order to test their usefulness for PUM estimates. Melt-
912 impregnated or metasomatized peridotites may not be the best tools for estimating the HSE
913 and chalcophile element composition of PUM; neither orogenic peridotites nor carefully
914 screened peridotite xenoliths appear to offer unequivocal solutions as to the composition of
915 their melt depleted pre-cursor. There are problems in estimating HSE and chalcophile
916 element abundances from worldwide peridotite datasets that have not been adequately
917 screened for subtle effects of metasomatism or melt / rock interaction, and the Kilbourne
918 Hole peridotites of this study demonstrate that unequivocal values for PUM composition with
919 regard to HSE, Se and Te concentrations are unlikely to be derived from peridotite xenoliths.
920 It is only by selecting peridotites that have been scrupulously scrutinized for the effects of
921 processes other than melt depletion that accurate PUM abundances may be determined.

922 New evidence for Se being affected by secondary processes can be found in
923 Kilbourne Hole peridotite xenoliths which in turn lowers the Se/Te in basalt-borne xenolithic
924 peridotites to subchondritic values. This contrasts with recent reportedly chondritic Se/Te in
925 kimberlite-borne peridotite xenoliths.

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1485 **Figure captions**

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1487 **Figure 1.** Mineral modal abundances preserved in Kilbourne Hole xenoliths from this study.
1488 The calculated mineral modal abundances of most samples are consistent with varying
1489 degrees of melt depletion. For comparison, the effects upon modal mineralogy of
1490 experimental 1-20% batch melting (large dashes) of [Baker and Stolper \(1994\)](#) and repeated
1491 extraction of small batch melts (small dashes; [Robinson et al., 1998](#)) are illustrated. Light
1492 gray symbols (group 2) are xenoliths with bulk-rock $(La/Yb)_N > 1$ (where $(La/Yb)_N$ is the

1493 ratio of La/Yb normalised to the composition of primitive mantle; [McDonough and Sun,](#)
1494 [1995](#)) dark gray symbols (group 1) are xenoliths with $(\text{La}/\text{Yb})_N < 1$. Numbers in symbols refer
1495 to KH96 xenoliths (italics) or KH03 xenoliths (non-italicized). Crossed field = non-cratonic
1496 peridotite xenoliths; striped field = cratonic peridotites ([Pearson et al., 2004](#)). Figure modified
1497 after [Harvey et al. \(2012\)](#).

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1499 **Figure 2.** Relationship between melt depletion, silicate and sulfide metasomatism in the
1500 Kilbourne Hole peridotite xenoliths from this study. (a) Al_2O_3 wt. % versus $(\text{La}/\text{Yb})_N$,
1501 (striped rectangle = Primitive mantle (PM); [O'Neill, 1991](#); [McDonough and Sun 1995](#);
1502 [Becker et al., 2006](#)). Symbols as in Figure 1. Data from [Harvey et al. \(2012\)](#). Grey field
1503 represents field of compositions possible from 1-20 % non-modal fractional melting alone.
1504 (b) Osmium isotope ratios as a function of melt depletion. Both sample suites demonstrate
1505 strong co-variations with Al_2O_3 . The group 2 samples project to values in excess of PM,
1506 whereas the group 1 samples project to approximately the value of PM. Modified after Figure
1507 2a of [Harvey et al. \(2011\)](#). (c) Unlike the $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$ ratio, there is significantly more scatter
1508 in Re/Os for a given degree of melt depletion in group 2 samples. Data from [Harvey et al.,](#)
1509 [\(2011, 2012\)](#). Error bars show 2σ reproducibility. Where no error bars are shown the 2σ
1510 uncertainty is smaller than the symbol used.

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1512 **Figure 3.** Back-scattered electron image of sulfide in KH03-20.

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1514 **Figure 4.** S-Se-Te versus Al_2O_3 . (a) No strong relationship is observed between S and Al_2O_3 ,
1515 despite both of these elements being considered suitable as indices of melt depletion (e.g.
1516 [Burnham et al., 1998](#); [Reisberg and Lorand, 1995](#), respectively). While most of the
1517 peridotites define a broad positive co-variation, some samples in both subsets extend to

1518 higher S abundances for a given Al₂O₃. (b) A similar relationship to that observed in (a) can
1519 be seen with regard to Se, although correlation coefficients are marginally stronger between
1520 Se and Al₂O₃. (c) Correlation coefficients between Te and Al₂O₃ are marginal, suggesting
1521 little or no relationship between melt depletion alone and Te abundance in these xenoliths.
1522 Symbols as in Figure 2 with small black circles from [Morgan \(1996\)](#). Small white circles are
1523 literature data from [Lorand et al. \(2010, 2012\)](#), [Alard et al. \(2011\)](#), [König et al. \(2012, 2014\)](#),
1524 [Wang et al. \(2013\)](#), with additional Al₂O₃ data from [Le Roux et al. \(2007\)](#).

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1526 **Figure 5.** S-Se-Te abundances. Symbols as in Figure 1. Grey field = CI chondrite ([Palme and](#)
1527 [Jones, 2003](#)). (a) Both sample subsets demonstrate a strong positive co-variation in S and Se
1528 abundances. (b) The co-variation between Te and S is less strong, notably in group 1 samples.
1529 (c) This is also reflected in the Te versus Se positive co-variation which is marked in group 2
1530 samples, but absent in group 1 samples. Small white circles are literature data from [Lorand et](#)
1531 [al. \(2010, 2012\)](#), [Alard et al. \(2011\)](#), [König et al. \(2012, 2014\)](#), [Wang et al. \(2013\)](#). Primitive
1532 mantle (PM; striped rectangle) defined by [O'Neill, 1991](#), [McDonough and Sun \(1995\)](#) and
1533 [Becker et al. \(2006\)](#). Small black circles are Kilbourne Hole peridotites from [Morgan \(1986\)](#).

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1535 **Figure 6.** Platinum group element abundances, normalized to the composition of Primitive
1536 Mantle ([Becker et al., 2006](#)). (a) Group 1 samples (b) Group 2 samples. Rhenium abundances
1537 vary by up to 15% (see analytical methods sections) but error bars have not been added for
1538 clarity.

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1540 **Figure 7.** Co-variation of HSE in group 1 and 2 peridotite xenoliths. Strong co-variations
1541 exist in the group 1 peridotites between (a) Ir and Os, (b) Pd and Pt, (c) Re and Pt and (d) Re
1542 and Ir, i.e., all of the HSE behave in a similar manner which is not consistent with melt

1543 depletion, but more likely removal of sulfide in a S-undersaturated melt. Strong co-variations
1544 are observed within the group 2 peridotites between (a) Ir and Os (IPGE) and (b) Pt and Pd
1545 (PPGE), but no strong positive covariation between IPGE, PPGE and / or Re, which is
1546 consistent with fractionation resulting from melt depletion.

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1548 **Figure 8.** Pd and Re co-variation with S, Se and Te. Strong positive correlations are apparent
1549 between Pd and S (a) and Pd and Se (b) for both subsets of peridotites. The predicted residual
1550 composition after 0-20 % non-modal fractional melt depletion is shown inset. The model
1551 assumes a primitive mantle (PM) starting composition ($[Pd] = 7.7 \text{ ng g}^{-1}$, [Becker et al \(2006\)](#);
1552 $[S] = 250 \pm 50 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$, ([O'Neill, 1991](#); [Lorand 1990](#), [Palme and O'Neill, 2003](#)); $[Se] = 79 \text{ ng}$
1553 g^{-1} , ([Palme and O'Neill, 2003](#); [König et al, 2014](#)). Modelled curves for $D_{Pd}^{\text{sulfide/melt}} = 10^5$ and
1554 10^3 from [Wang et al \(2013\)](#), Se depletion from [Wang et al \(2013\)](#), which assumes a $D^{\text{sulfide/melt}}$
1555 of 1770. Model assumes sulfur concentration at sulfur saturation of $10^3 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$ S throughout.
1556 (c) Pd and Te in group 2 peridotites have much stronger correlations than group 1 samples.
1557 (PM $[Te] = 12 \text{ ng g}^{-1}$ ([König et al, 2014](#))). D^{sulf} from [Handler and Bennett \(1999\)](#). A similar
1558 strong positive correlation between Re and S (d) is also observed (PM $[Re] = 0.32 \text{ ppb}$,
1559 ([Palme and O'Neill, 2003](#)). Modelled depletion of Re assumes a similar bulk partition
1560 coefficient to that of Yb during partial melting ([Blundy and Wood, 2003](#)). This relationship
1561 breaks down for Re and Se (e) in group 2 samples, yet remains strong in group 1 peridotites.
1562 Like Pd vs. Te, there is a very strong positive correlation between Re and Te (f) in group 2,
1563 with no apparent correlation in group 1 peridotites. Symbols as per Figure 1. Where error
1564 bars are not shown 2σ uncertainty is smaller than symbol size.

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1566 **Figure 9.** Relationship between degree of silicate metasomatism, i.e., $(La/Yb)_N$, and (a)
1567 sulfur (b) selenium (c) tellurium (d) osmium (e) iridium (f) platinum (g) palladium and (h)

1568 rhenium. Neither of the subsets of peridotites show any particularly strong correlations
1569 between $(La/Yb)_N$ and S, Se, Te or PPGE, although group 2 peridotites are more strongly
1570 (negatively) correlated with the degree of silicate metasomatism than group 1 peridotites. The
1571 only elements that deviate from this pattern are the IPGE, which have slight ($R^2 = 0.13$) to
1572 moderate ($R^2 = 0.53$) positive co-variations with degree of silicate metasomatism. Primitive
1573 mantle compositions from [Lorand \(1990\)](#); [O'Neill \(1991\)](#); [Palme and O'Neill \(2003\)](#); [Becker](#)
1574 [et al. \(2006\)](#); [König et al. \(2014\)](#). Symbols as in Figure 1. Where error bars are not shown 2σ
1575 uncertainty is smaller than symbol size.

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1577 **Figure 10.** Cartoon depicting the likely sequence of events affecting the HSE abundances of
1578 (a) group 1 and (b) group 2 peridotites. Group 1 peridotites experienced (i) varying degrees
1579 (<20 %) of melt depletion followed by (ii) dilution of all of the HSE concentrations through
1580 the removal of sulfide by a S-undersaturated melt. After exposure at the surface of the Earth
1581 as a peridotite xenolith, supergene weathering partially oxidizes sulfide and Os is removed in
1582 its volatile OsO_4 form. Group 2 peridotites also experienced up to 20% partial melting (i)
1583 followed by (ii) the addition of metasomatic sulfide which drove HSE patterns back towards
1584 a PUM-like composition (and in the case of KH03-3 and KH03-24, cf. Figure 8) beyond
1585 PUM abundances for the PPGE. Finally, like the group 1 peridotites, supergene weathering
1586 oxidized sulfide and removed Os (iii).

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1588 **Figure 11.** Covariation of HSE abundance and S abundance. (a) Iridium abundances tend to
1589 be invariant with all but the lowest sulfur abundances. Ir, Pd (b) and Pt (c) scatter crudely
1590 around model calculations for bulk-rock HSE abundances with varying degrees of melt
1591 depletion. Model parameters from [Handler and Bennett \(1999\)](#).

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1593 **Figure 12.** Se/Te variability as a function of Te abundance. Despite S abundance being
1594 considered a useful index of melt depletion (e.g. [Burnham et al., 1998](#)) and recent estimates
1595 for partition coefficients for $\text{Se}^{\text{mss/sulfide melts}}$, $\text{Te}^{\text{mss/sulfide melts}}$ ([Helmy et al., 2010](#)) and $\text{Se}^{\text{solid/melt}}$
1596 and $\text{Te}^{\text{solid/melt}}$ ([van Acken et al., 2010a](#)), no systematic behavior with increasing degree of
1597 melt depletion is observed, except perhaps an increase in Se/Te at the lowest Te abundances.
1598 See also Figure 3 for poor degrees of correlation between S-Se-Te and bulk-rock Al_2O_3 wt.
1599 %. (i) batch melt depletion curve, (ii) incremental melt depletion curve, (iii) "forced" melt
1600 depletion curve parameters from [König et al. \(2014\)](#) - see main text for details.

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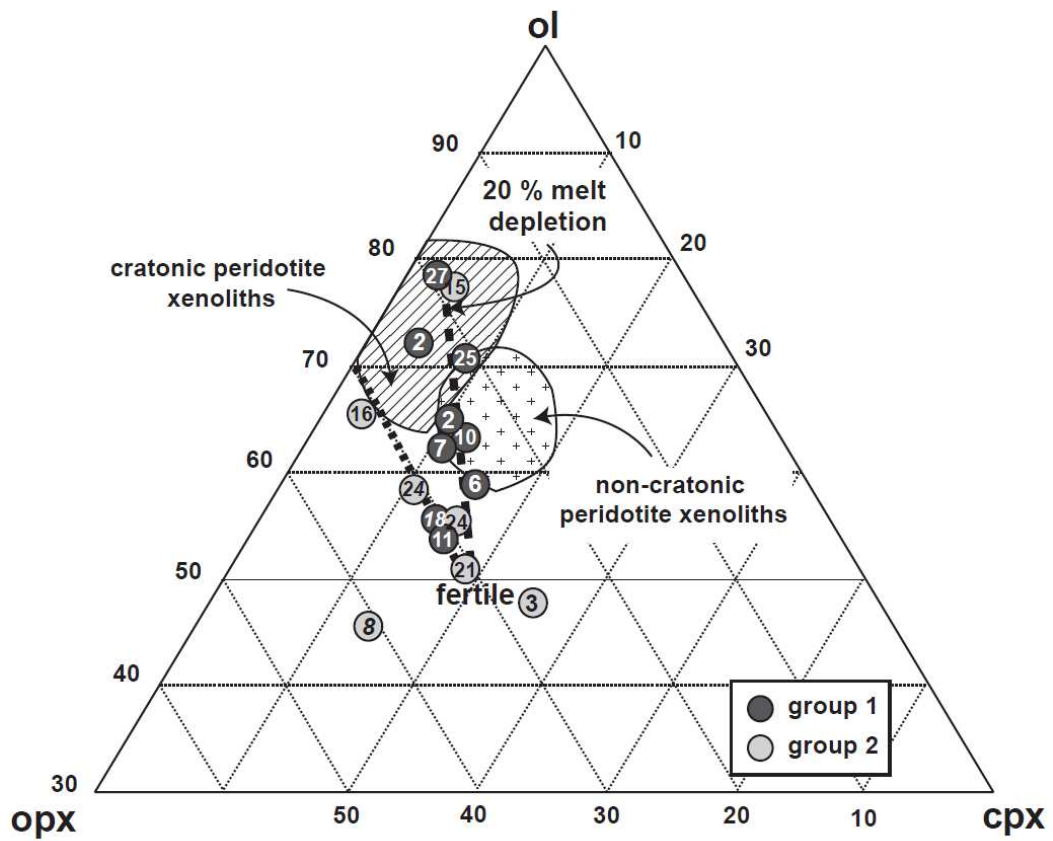
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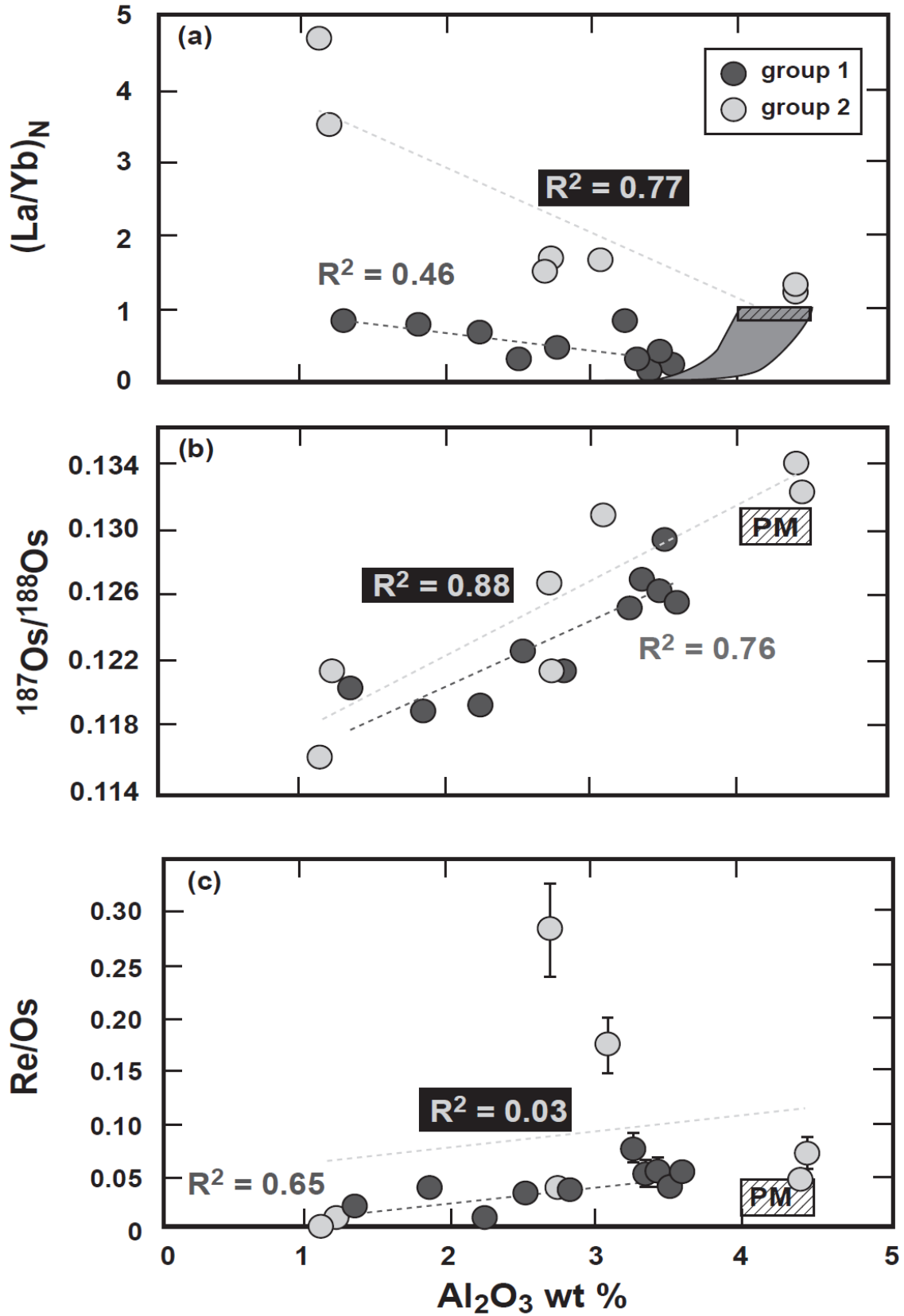
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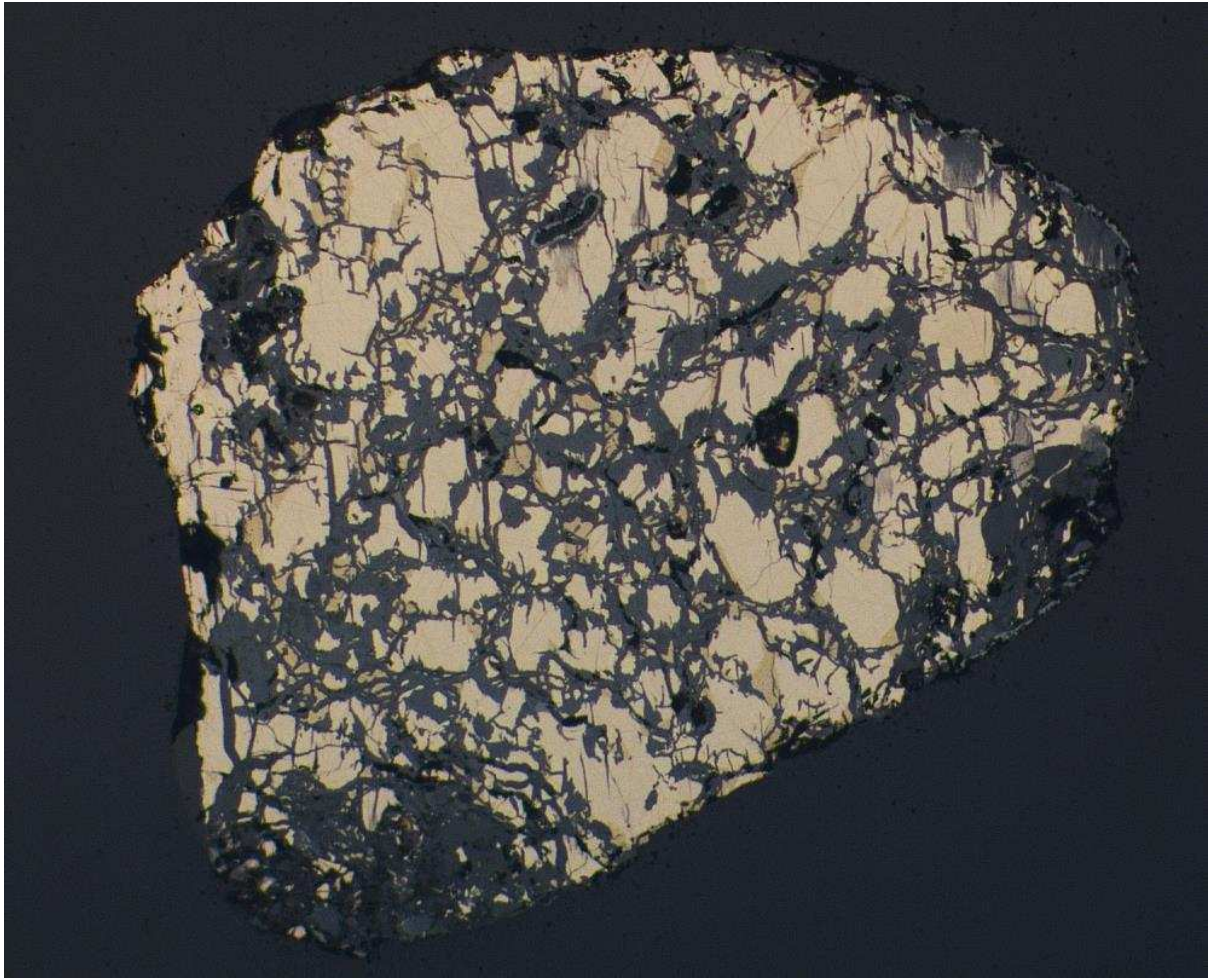
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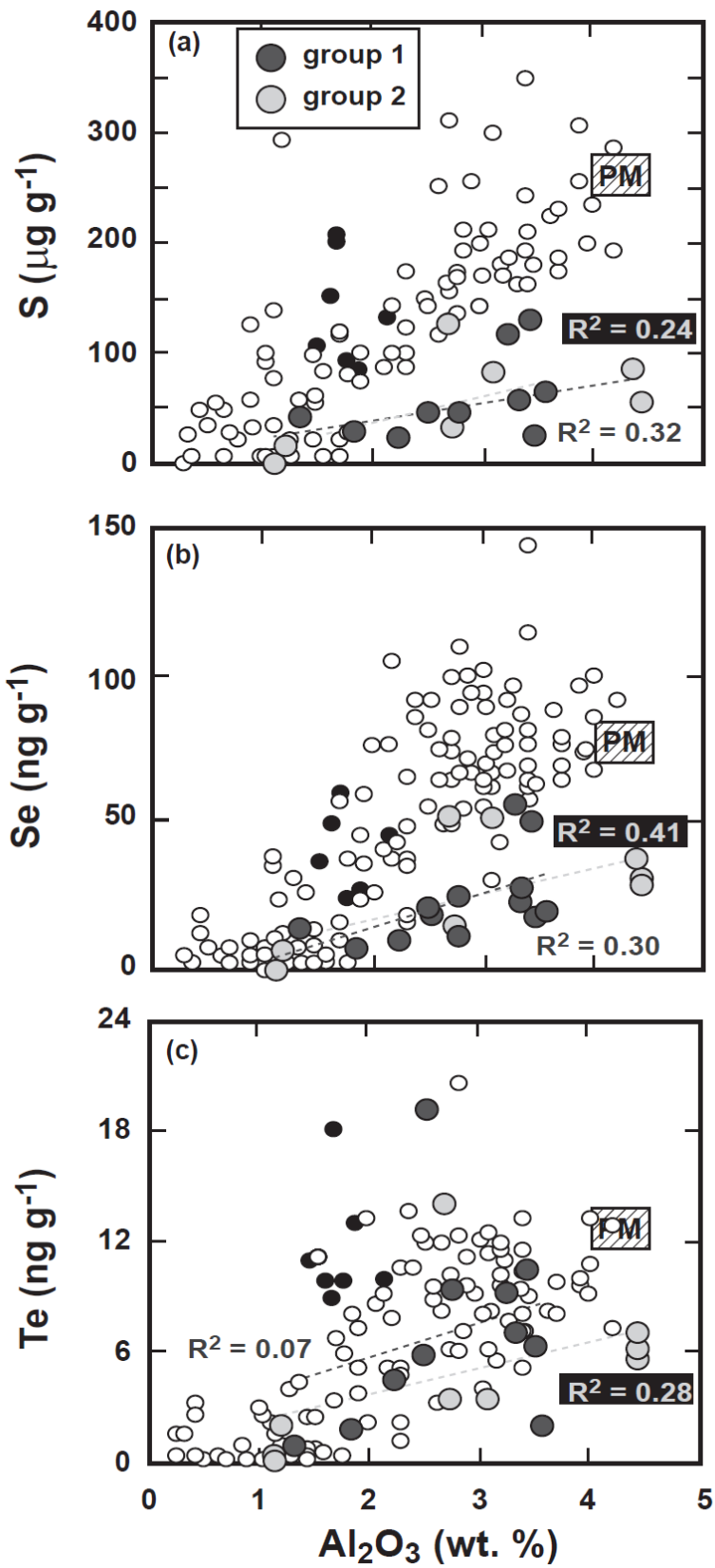
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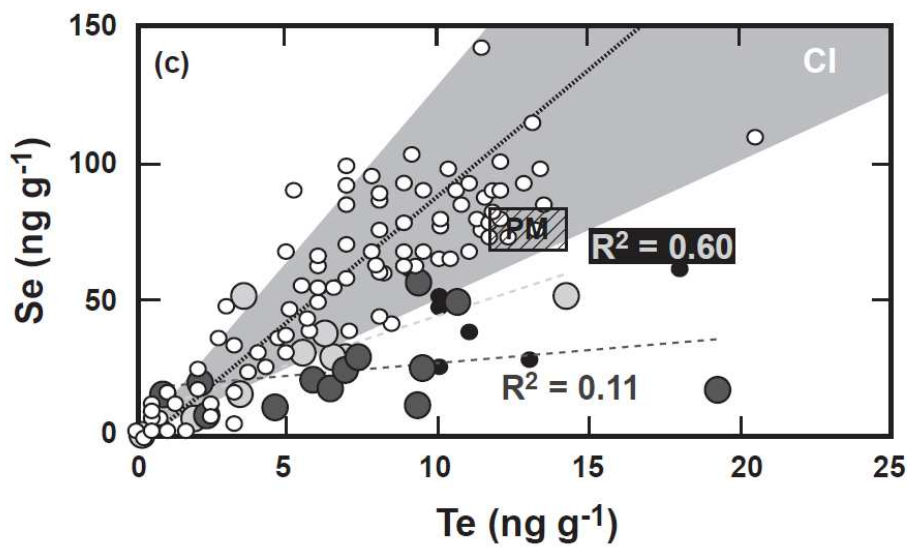
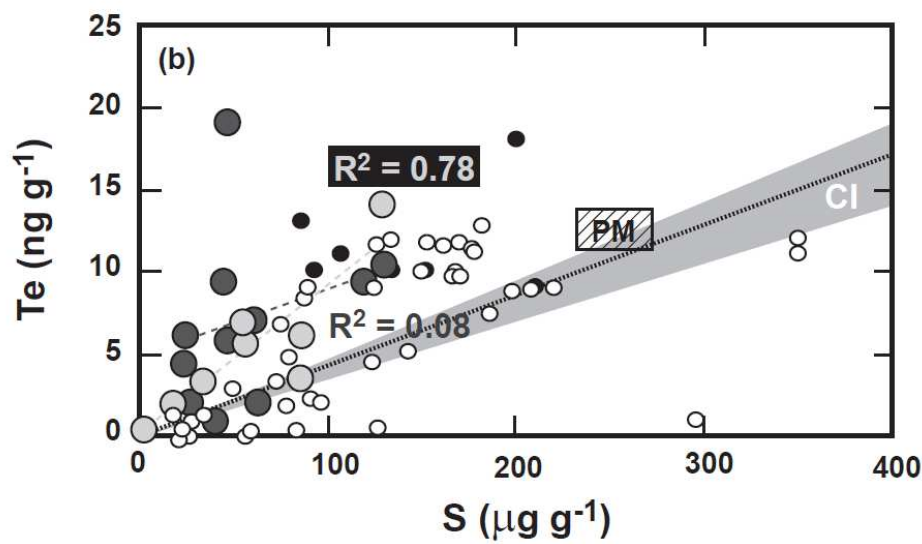
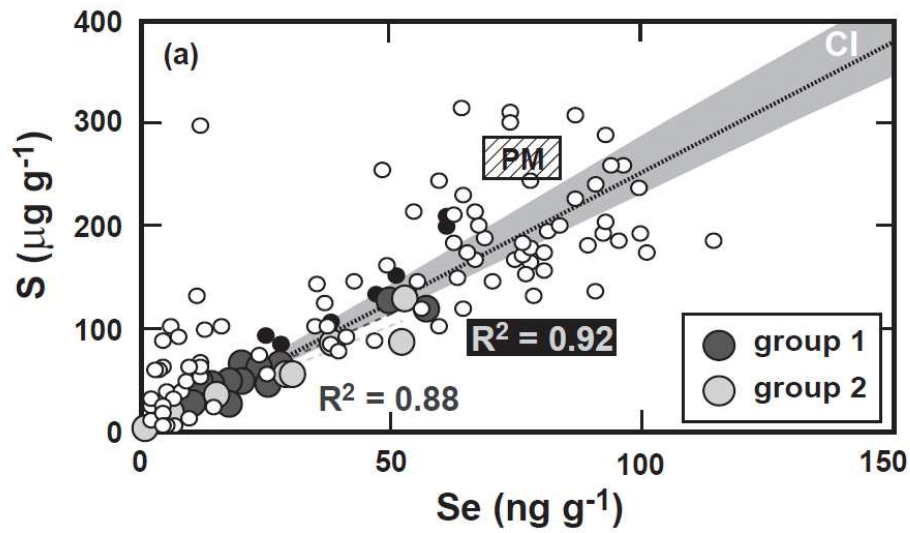
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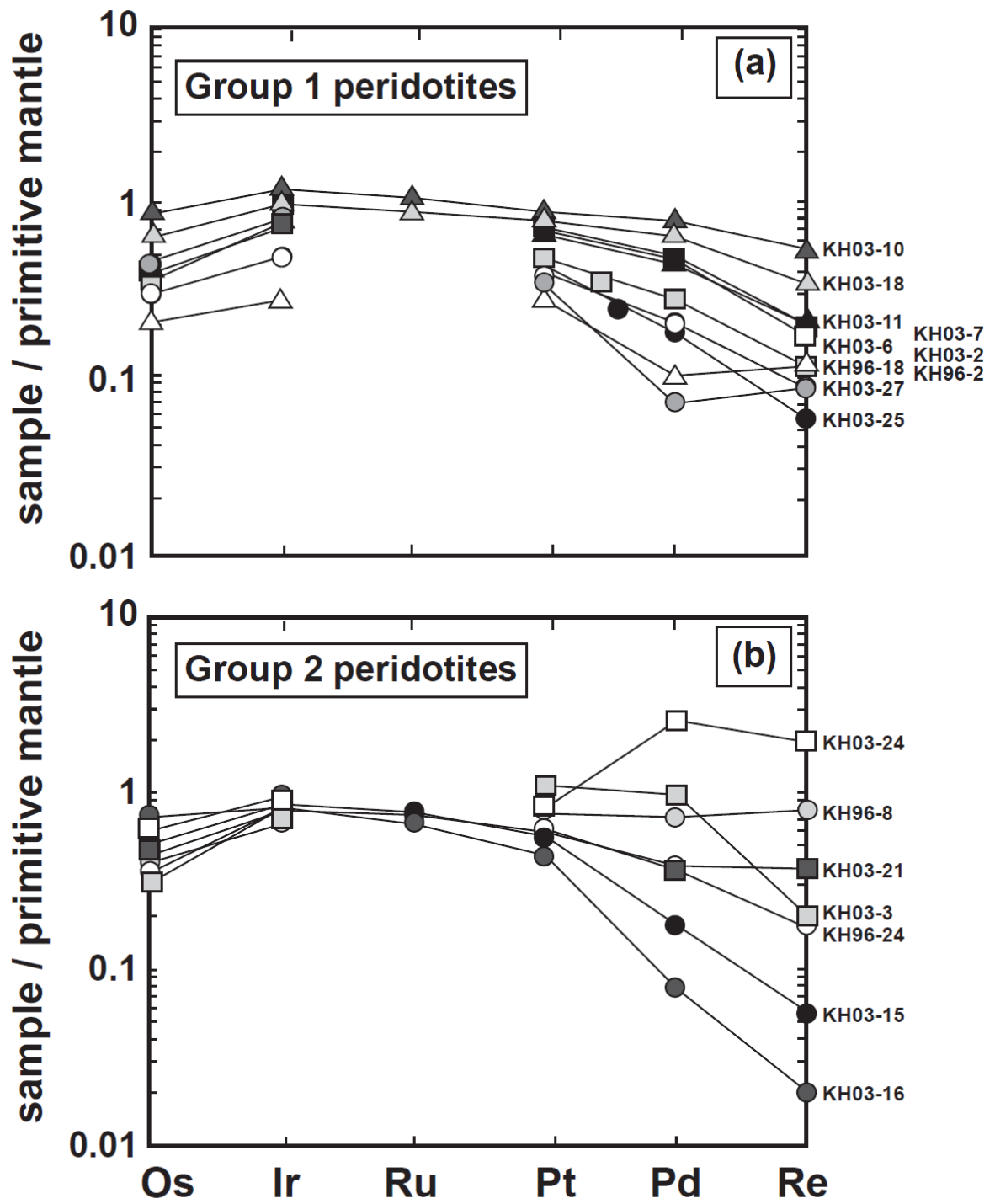
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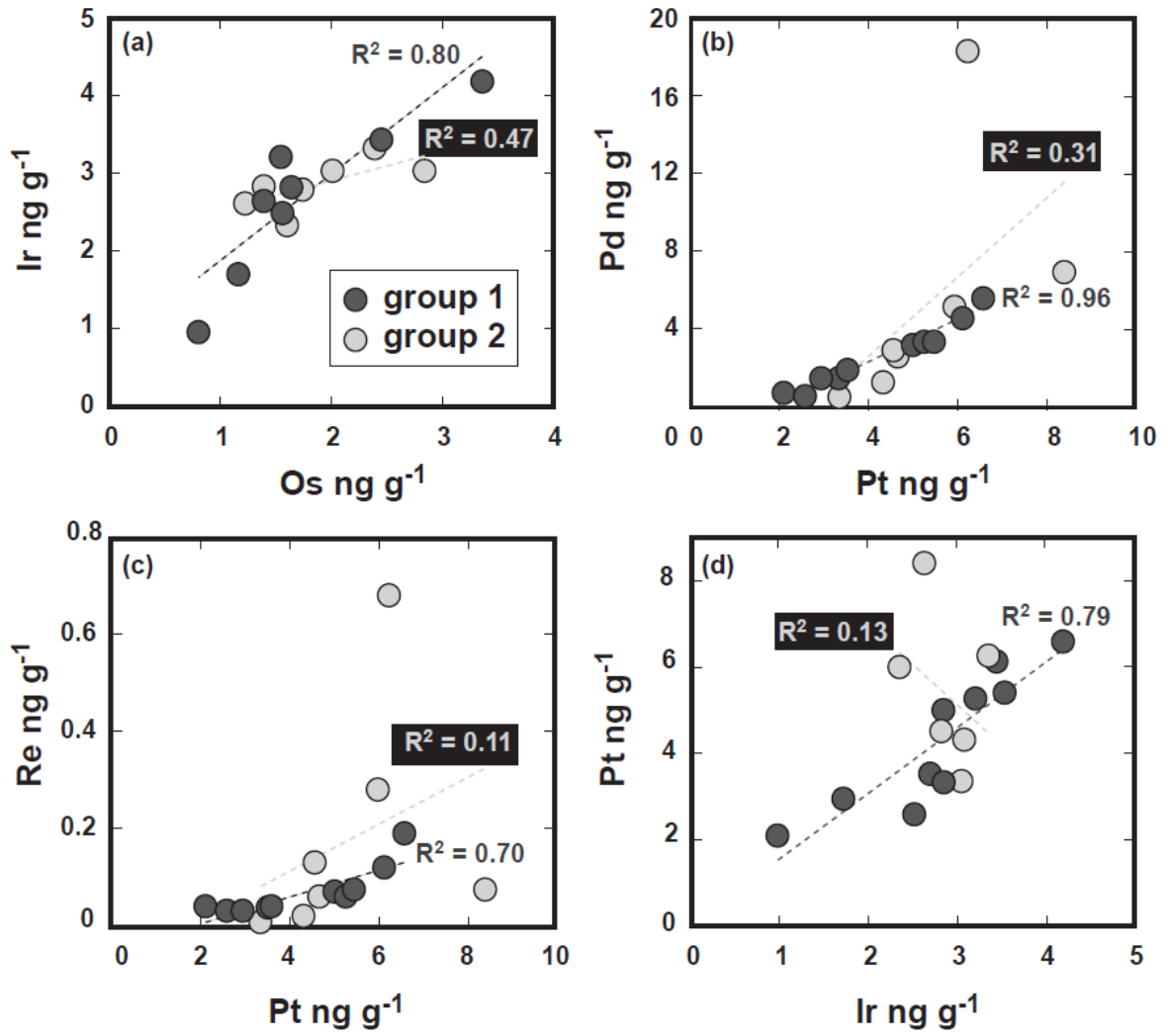
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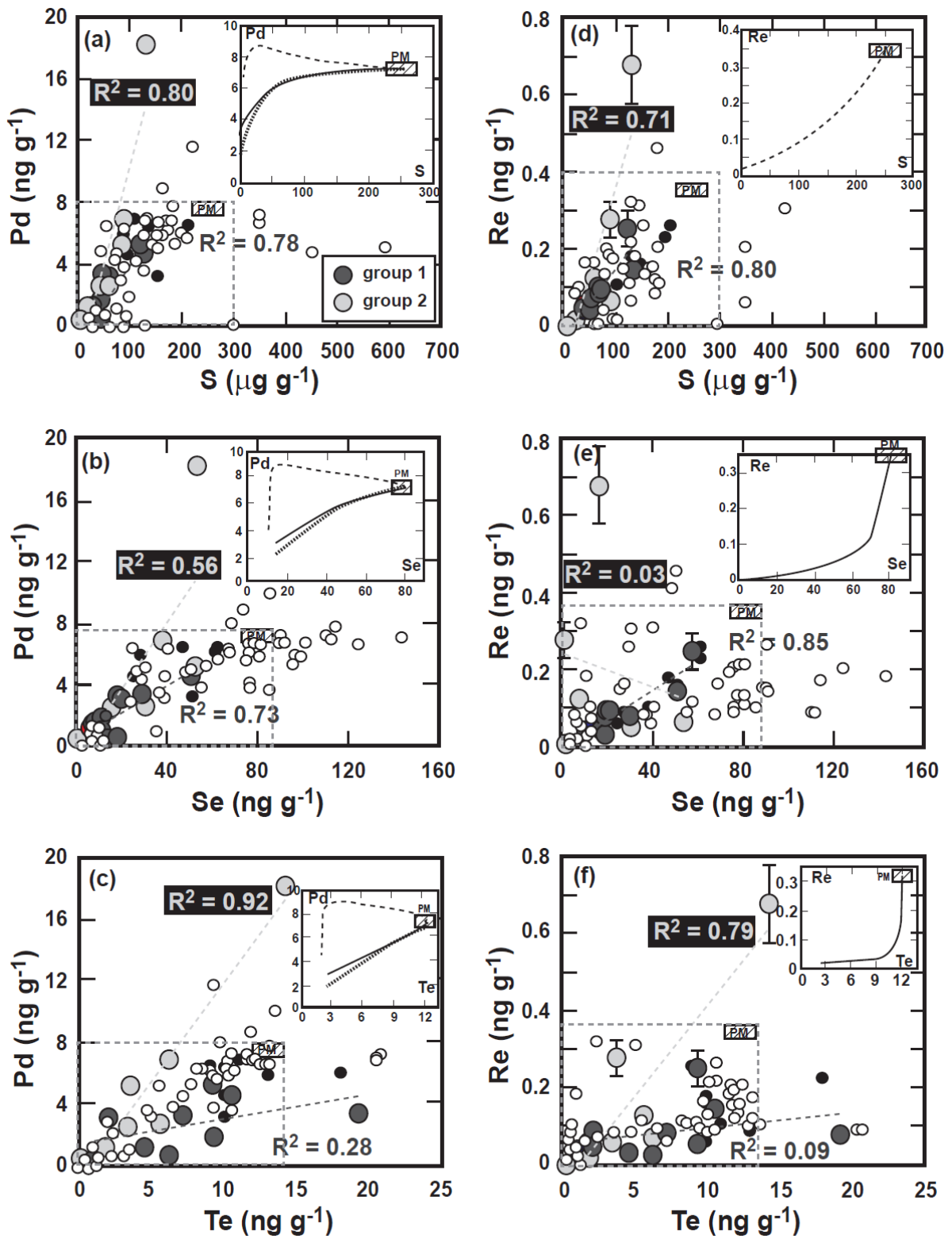
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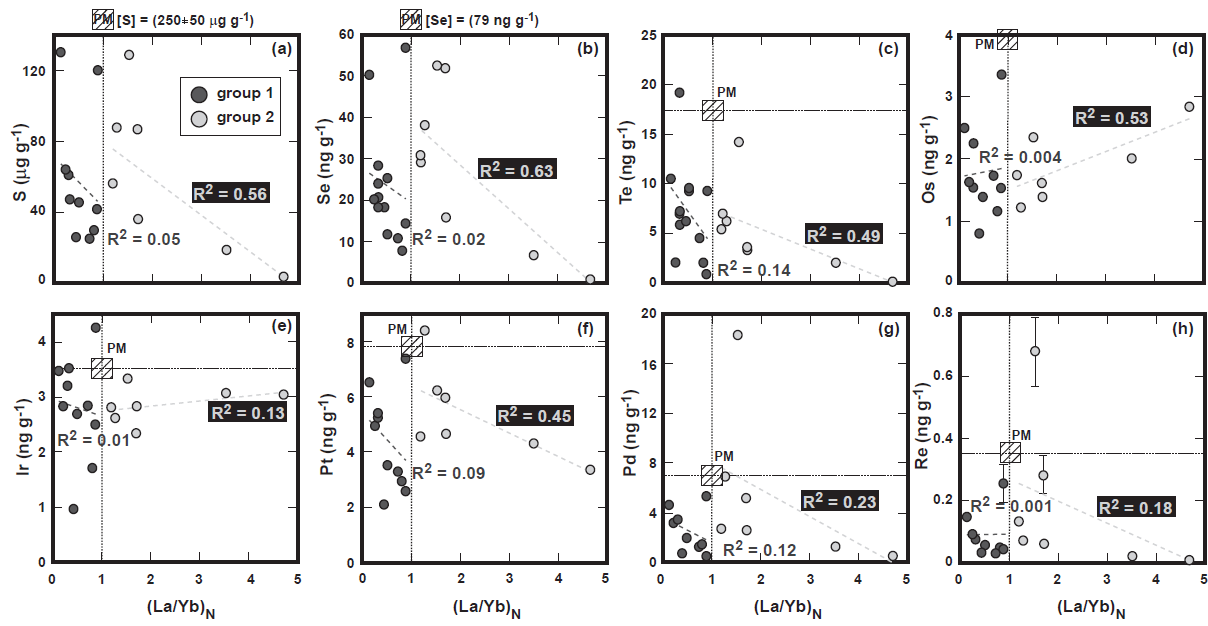


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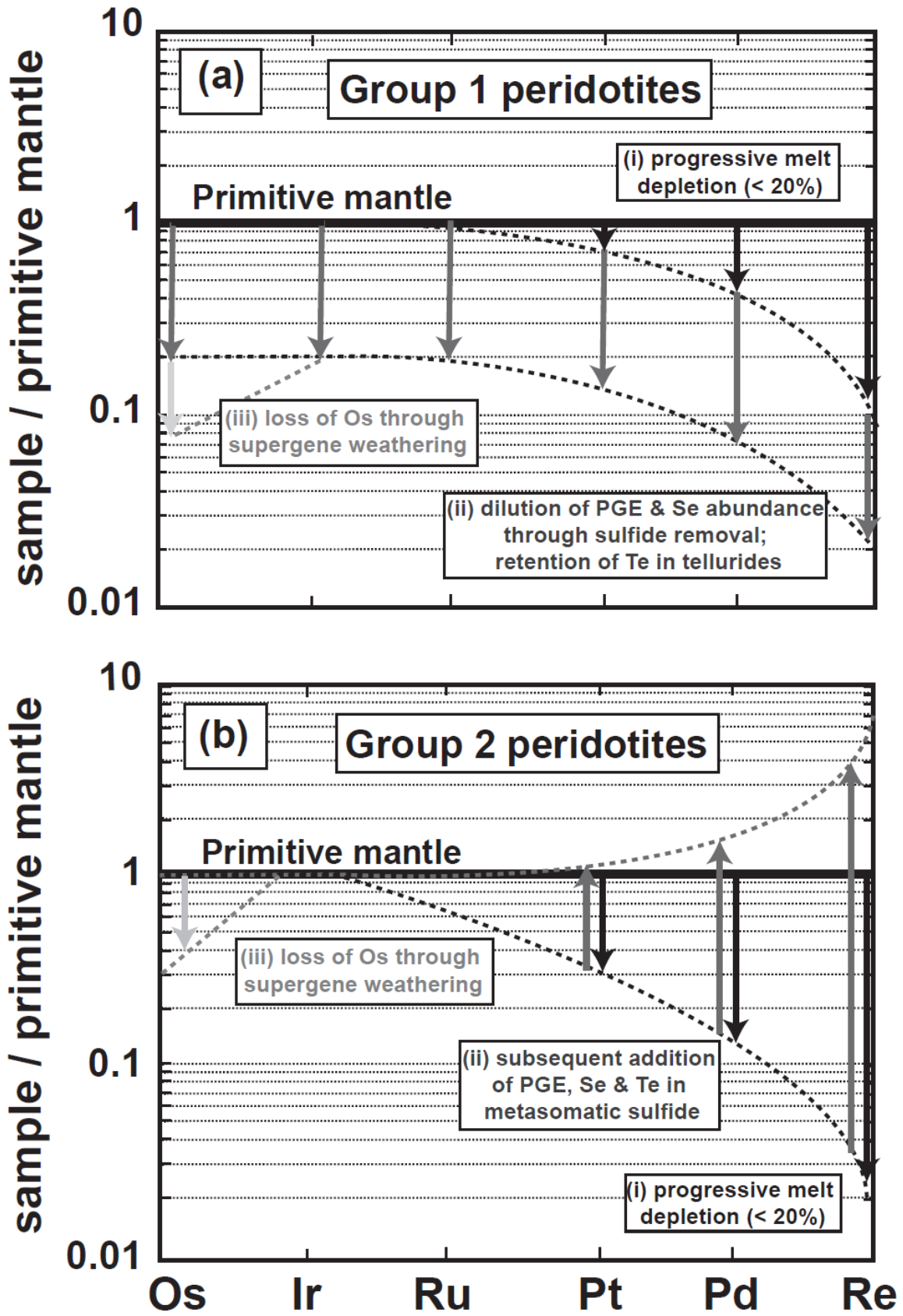
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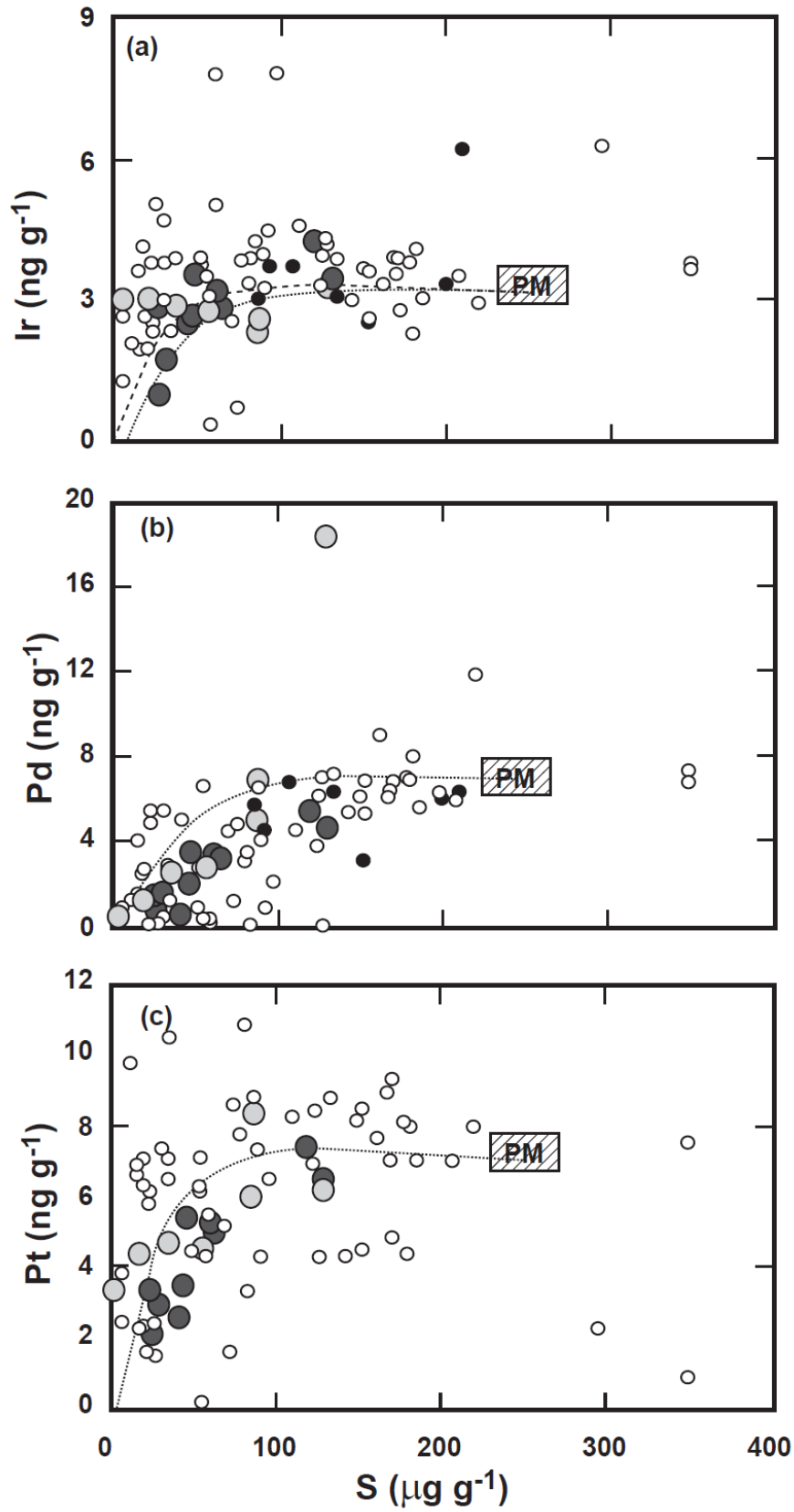
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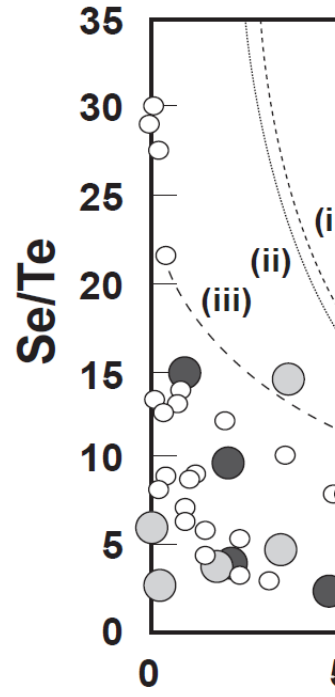


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UBN-1 mean	-	-	-	-	2.93	7.34	5.65	0.18
UBN-1 (2σ)	-	-	-	-	0.02	0.37	0.27	0.03
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Blk mean	3	-	-	-	0.002	0.012	0.022	0.006
Blk (2σ)	-	-	-	-	0.001	0.004	0.005	0.001
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1720 **Table 1.** Analysis of reference materials and total procedural blank analyses. Sulfur
1721 abundances expressed in $\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$, all others in ng g^{-1} . ^adenotes not analysed. bdl denotes below
1722 detection limits. Abundances of Os and Ru, where available, can be found in [Harvey et al.](#)
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1737 **Table 2.** Abundances of S, Se, Te, platinum group elements and Re. ^aSulphur abundances
 1738 expressed in $\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$, all other abundances in ng g^{-1} . ^bOsmium concentrations derived from
 1739 powder splits prepared for [Harvey et al. \(2011\)](#) ^cblank-corrected Re abundance, with % of
 1740 blank correction. ^dduplicate measurement. ^enot determined. Group 1 peridotites are
 1741 distinguished by $(\text{La/Yb})_{\text{N}} < 1$ compared to group 2 peridotites which have $(\text{La/Yb})_{\text{N}} > 1$.
 1742 Al_2O_3 wt. % from [Harvey et al. \(2011\)](#).

Sample	Al_2O_3 wt %	S ^a	Se	Te	Os ^b	Ir	Ru	Pt	Pd	Re ^c	blk %
Group 1 peridotites											
KHO3-2	2.76	46	11.8	9.3	1.39	2.69	^e	3.52	1.97	0.03	15
KHO3-2 ^d		^e	25.3	9.4	^e	^e	^e	^e	^e	^e	^e
KHO3-6	3.32	61	28.3	7.2	1.54	3.20	^e	5.26	3.35	0.05	10
KHO3-6 ^d		^e	24.0	7.0	^e	^e	^e	^e	^e	^e	^e
KHO3-7	2.51	47	18.6	19.2	^e	3.53	^e	5.40	3.45	0.06	9
KHO3-7 ^d		^e	20.8	5.9	^e	^e	^e	^e	^e	^e	^e
KHO3-10	3.23	120	56.9	9.3	3.36	4.19	7.47	6.58	5.58	0.18	3
KHO3-11	3.55	64	20.3	2.1	1.63	2.83	^e	4.98	3.18	0.06	9
KHO3-18	3.41	130	50.1	10.5	2.45	3.44	6.21	6.12	4.55	0.11	5
KHO3-25	2.22	25	10.9	4.5	1.73	2.83	^e	3.32	1.27	0.01	30
KHO3-27	1.32	42	14.4	1.0	1.54	2.51	^e	2.58	0.50	0.02	20
KH96-2	1.83	30	7.86	2.1	1.16	1.71	^e	2.94	1.45	0.02	20
KH96-18	3.46	26	18.3	6.2	0.80	0.97	^e	2.10	0.72	0.04	15
Group 2 peridotites											
KHO3-3	4.37	88	38.2	6.2	1.22	2.62	^e	8.40	6.93	0.06	9
KHO3-15	1.20	19	6.9	1.9	2.01	3.07	5.43	4.31	1.26	0.01	30
KHO3-16	1.13	<3	1.1	0.4	2.84	3.04	4.77	3.35	0.55	0.001	86
KHO3-16 ^d		^e	0.9	0.2	^e	^e	^e	^e	^e	^e	^e
KHO3-21	4.41	56	30.7	5.5	1.74	2.81	5.25	4.56	2.74	0.12	5
KHO3-21 ^d		^e	29.2	6.6	^e	^e	^e	^e	^e	^e	^e
KHO3-21 ^d		^e	29.5	6.9	^e	^e	^e	^e	^e	^e	^e
KHO3-24	2.72	36	15.9	3.4	2.39	3.33	^e	6.23	18.30	0.67	1
KH96-8	3.06	87	51.9	3.6	1.60	2.34	^e	5.97	5.18	0.27	2
KH96-24	2.67	129	52.6	14.2	1.39	2.84	5.14	4.66	2.59	0.05	10

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1748 **Table S1.** Lithology, texture, mineral modal abundance and equilibration temperature for the Kilbourne Hole peridotite xenoliths of this study.
 1749 Data from [Harvey et al. \(2012\)](#). All samples recovered from within a 200 metre radius of N 031.57.595 W 106.58.148. ^aNot determined.
 1750 ^bLithology: L = lherzolite, H = harzburgite. ^cTexture based upon criteria of [Mercier & Nicolas \(1975\)](#): i, protogranular; ii, transitional between
 1751 protogranular aa porphyroclastic. ^dModal abundance calculated using a total inversion method ([Tarantola & Valette, 1982](#)), which utilizes bulk-
 1752 rock and mineral major element abundances. Ol = olivine; Opx = orthopyroxene; Cpx = clinopyroxene; Spl = spinel. Uncertainties on modal
 1753 abundance are $\pm 2.9\%$ for olivine, $\pm 3.6\%$ for orthopyroxene, $\pm 1.7\%$ for clinopyroxene, $\pm 0.9\%$ for spinel. ^eCalculated using the two-pyroxene

Sample	Lithology ^b	Texture ^c	Modal abundance ^d				Wells ^e	Equilibration temperature ^o C		
			Ol	Opx	Cpx	Spl		\pm	B and K ^f	\pm
KH03-2	L	i	63.5	23.6	10.9	2.1	983	13	1020	12
KH03-3	L	i	46.8	26.2	23.9	3	978	13	1014	13
KH03-6	L	i	59.1	25	14.2	1.6	971	10	1002	10
KH03-7	L	i	62.6	25.9	10.7	0.9	1003	8	1047	6
KH03-10	L	i	62.4	23.9	12	1.8	1039	7	1085	6
KH03-11	L	i	53.2	29.7	15.7	1.4	970	10	1014	10
KH03-15	H	i	76.9	18	3.9	1.2	1126	7	1165	5
KH03-16	H	i	64.9	30.7	2.6	1.8	1123	2	1152	1
KH03-18	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a
KH03-21	L	ii	50.4	29.6	17.5	2.5	958	6	989	17
KH03-24	L	i	56.4	27.8	13.2	2.6	989	8	1021	7
KH03-25	L	i	70.3	20.3	8.1	1.4	1009	13	1058	17
KH03-27	H	i	79.1	18.9	2.2	0	965	8	1000	7
KH96-2	L	i	71.6	22.4	5.2	0.8	1006	8	1045	15
KH96-8	L	i	45.1	39.9	12.9	2	1143	5	1181	4
KH96-18	L	i	54.6	28.9	14.6	1.9	986	5	1025	9
KH96-24	L	i	57.6	30.9	10.1	1.5	927	6	940	11

1754 geothermometer of
 1755 Wells (1977).
 1756 ^fCalculated using the
 1757 two-pyroxene
 1758 geothermometer of
 1759 Brey & Kohler (1990).

1768 **Table S2.** Bulk-rock Al₂O₃, (La/Yb)_N, Re and Os elemental abundance and Re-Os isotope
1769 systematics of the 17 peridotite xenoliths from this study. Al₂O₃ (expressed in wt. %) and
1770 (La/Yb)_N from [Harvey et al. \(2012\)](#), where (La/Yb)_N is La/Yb normalised to the composition
1771 of primitive mantle ([McDonough and Sun, 1995](#)), Re-Os measurements from [Harvey et al.](#)
1772 [\(2011\)](#). Complete major and trace element abundances can be found in [Harvey et al. \(2012\)](#).
1773 [Re] and [Os] expressed in ng g⁻¹. Errors shown as 2σ mean. T_{RD} = (minimum) time of
1774 rhenium depletion calculated using (T_{RD} = 1/λ x ln {[(¹⁸⁷Os/¹⁸⁸Os_{chon} / ¹⁸⁷Os/¹⁸⁸Os_{sample})
1775 / ¹⁸⁷Re/¹⁸⁸Os_{chon}] + 1} ([Shirey and Walker, 1998](#)) which assumes a mean present-day
1776 chondritic value ¹⁸⁷Os/¹⁸⁸Os = 0.127 ([Luck & Allègre, 1983](#); [Walker & Morgan, 1989](#)) and
1777 also assumes that ¹⁸⁷Re/¹⁸⁸Os_{sample} = 0. ^a not determined. ^b T_{RD} produces no useful
1778 geochronological information. ^c Carius tube digestion. ^d high pressure asher digestion for
1779 PGE concentration measurement. ^e duplicate measurement.

Sample	(La/Yb) _N	[Os]	[Re]	¹⁸⁷ Os/ ¹⁸⁸ Os	2 s.e.	¹⁸⁷ Re/ ¹⁸⁸ Os	T _{RD}
KH03-2 ^c	0.51	1.39	0.04	0.1213	0.0001	0.124	0.85
KH03-3 ^c	1.27	1.22	0.07	0.134	0.0001	0.27	^b
KH03-6 ^c	0.31	1.54	0.06	0.1267	0.0002	0.183	0.05
KH03-6 ^{ce}	^a	1.6	0.08	0.1272	0.0003	0.243	^b
KH03-6 ^{ce}	^a	1.48	0.06	0.1269	0.0001	0.183	0.02
KH03-6 ^{ce}	^a	1.52	0.06	0.127	0.0002	0.173	0
KH03-7 ^c	0.32	2.25	0.07	0.1226	0.0001	0.138	0.65
KH03-10 ^c	0.88	3.36	0.19	0.1252	0.0001	0.261	0.27
KH03-10 ^{de}	^a	3.36	0.19	^a	^a	^a	^a
KH03-10 ^{de}	^a	3.23	0.23	^a	^a	^a	^a
KH03-11 ^c	0.23	1.63	0.07	0.1257	0.0002	0.2	0.19
KH03-15 ^c	3.51	2.01	0.02	0.1213	0.0002	0.044	0.84
KH03-15 ^{de}	^a	2.01	0.02	^a	^a	^a	^a
KH03-15 ^{de}	^a	2.04	0.03	^a	^a	^a	^a
KH03-16 ^c	4.68	2.84	0.01	0.116	0.0003	0.009	1.62
KH03-16 ^{de}	^a	2.96	0.002	^a	^a	^a	^a
KH03-16 ^{de}	^a	3.04	0.01	^a	^a	^a	^a
KH03-18 ^c	0.13	2.5	0.12	0.1263	0.0004	0.214	0.11
KH03-18 ^{de}	^a	2.4	0.16	^a	^a	^a	^a
KH03-18 ^{de}	^a	2.5	0.12	^a	^a	^a	^a
KH03-21 ^c	1.19	1.72	0.13	0.1325	0.0001	0.306	^b
KH03-21 ^{ce}	^a	1.71	0.07	0.1324	0.0001	0.185	^b
KH03-21 ^{ce}	^a	1.79	0.06	0.1322	0.0003	0.151	^b

KH03-21 ^{de}	a	1.72	0.13	a	a	a	a
KH03-21 ^{de}	a	1.71	0.07	a	a	a	a
KH03-21 ^{de}	a	1.79	0.06	a	a	a	a
KH03-21 ^{de}	a	1.73	0.08	a	a	a	a
KH03-24 ^c	1.71	1.39	0.06	0.1233	0.0001	0.148	0.54
KH03-24 ^{ce}	a	1.79	0.04	0.1192	0.0002	0.077	1.16
KH03-24 ^{de}	a	1.39	0.06	a	a	a	a
KH03-24 ^{de}	a	1.39	0.05	a	a	a	a
KH03-25 ^c	0.72	1.73	0.02	0.1194	0.0002	0.052	1.13
KH03-27 ^c	0.87	1.54	0.03	0.1203	0.0033	0.088	0.99
KH96-2 ^c	0.8	1.16	0.03	0.1189	0.0001	0.124	1.21
KH96-8 ^c	1.7	1.6	0.28	0.1309	0.0001	0.832	b
KH96-18 ^c	0.43	0.8	0.04	0.1294	0.0001	0.196	b
KH96-24 ^c	1.53	2.39	0.68	0.1268	0.0001	1.36	0.03

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1796 **Table S3.** Major element abundances of sulfide grains in peridotite xenoliths from Kilbourne
1797 Hole, New Mexico, USA. Repeat analyses of an in-house pentlandite standard yields errors
1798 on major elements (S, Fe, Ni) of 2, 5 and 6 % (2 σ) respectively, with minor elements (Co,
1799 Cu) errors (2 σ) of 22% and 70% respectively (Data from Harvey et al., 2011).

Sample	Ni	Cu	S	Fe	Co	Zn	Si	Total
KH03-11_A1	16.03	0.61	36.69	45.34	0.31	0.00	0.03	99.00
KH03-11_A1	34.14	1.31	33.20	31.15	0.46	0.00	0.01	100.27
KH03-14_A10	16.02	0.78	37.48	44.28	0.31	0.00	0.00	98.87
KH03-14_A10	8.89	4.44	37.16	48.88	0.23	0.00	0.00	99.61
KH03-14_A10	1.74	20.99	34.81	40.17	0.14	0.02	0.00	97.86
KH03-14_A9	15.03	0.63	37.35	45.50	0.31	0.00	0.00	98.83
KH03-14_A8	17.71	0.44	36.37	43.70	0.28	0.00	0.00	98.50
KH03-14_A8	11.40	11.69	35.25	39.97	0.19	0.01	0.00	98.51
KH03-14_A9	1.92	21.44	35.15	39.75	0.13	0.01	0.00	98.40
KH03-14_A7	19.50	4.56	35.08	35.84	0.36	0.02	1.15	96.50
KH03-14_A7	16.13	0.66	37.49	44.63	0.30	0.00	0.00	99.21
KH03-14_A6	13.30	0.44	37.24	47.52	0.26	0.00	0.00	98.76
KH03-14_A5	17.05	0.77	37.19	44.18	0.29	0.00	0.00	99.48
KH03-14_A4	15.76	0.73	37.50	45.33	0.30	0.00	0.00	99.63
KH03-14_A3	14.78	0.37	38.08	45.09	0.30	0.00	0.01	98.63
KH03-14_A2	14.66	0.55	37.64	45.99	0.31	0.01	0.00	99.16
KH03-14_A1	15.14	0.77	37.31	45.98	0.31	0.00	0.00	99.52
KH03-15_1.1	28.76	0.68	34.71	35.01	0.30	0.00	0.00	99.47
KH03-17_A1	23.26	0.23	37.93	38.17	0.29	0.00	0.00	99.87
KH03-17_A2	25.88	0.31	37.75	35.64	0.29	0.01	0.00	99.87
KH03-21_1.1	29.39	1.72	32.61	35.26	0.29	0.00	0.00	99.27
KH03-21_1.1	27.32	4.68	32.79	33.87	0.30	0.00	0.00	98.96
KH03-21_1.2	28.45	1.71	33.15	36.13	0.29	0.00	0.00	99.74
KH03-21_1.2	26.90	4.61	33.12	35.02	0.30	0.00	0.00	99.95
KH03-21_1.3	31.95	1.84	32.41	31.81	0.33	0.00	0.00	98.34
KH03-21_1.3	8.79	0.12	37.50	51.19	0.17	0.00	0.00	97.78
KH03-21_2.1	16.27	0.28	37.32	45.54	0.32	0.01	0.00	99.74
KH03-21_2.2	23.86	0.20	37.12	38.23	0.28	0.02	0.00	99.71
KH03-21_2.2	2.69	22.59	34.17	38.63	0.09	0.00	0.00	98.17
KH03-21_3.1	16.26	0.51	36.61	44.66	0.32	0.00	0.00	98.36
KH03-21_3.2	28.27	2.23	32.06	34.91	0.30	0.00	0.08	97.85
KH03-21_3.2	21.26	9.25	32.34	35.15	0.24	0.00	0.00	98.24
KH03-21_4.1	10.86	0.53	36.61	51.03	0.29	0.00	0.02	99.34

KH03-21_4.1	28.43	0.32	33.99	37.41	0.63	0.00	0.00	100.77
KH03-22_A1	34.08	1.64	33.00	30.58	0.25	0.00	0.02	99.56
KH03-22_A3	17.17	0.62	37.28	44.37	0.27	0.00	0.00	99.71
KH03-22_A3	33.46	1.65	33.16	31.20	0.29	0.00	0.02	99.79
KH03-22_A3	29.88	4.26	34.10	32.16	0.28	0.00	0.00	100.68
KH03-22_A4	34.77	1.21	32.31	30.09	0.28	0.00	0.20	98.85
KH03-22_A4	17.75	0.39	37.76	43.64	0.28	0.00	0.00	99.81
KH03-22_A5	19.17	0.45	37.84	41.91	0.24	0.00	0.00	99.62
KH03-22_A5	36.16	0.95	33.10	28.58	0.29	0.00	0.09	99.17
KH03-22_A6	18.69	0.49	37.39	42.94	0.24	0.00	0.00	99.75
KH03-22_B1.1	14.38	0.32	37.28	45.47	0.20	0.00	0.00	97.65
KH03-22_B1.2	28.23	0.47	34.70	36.35	0.30	0.00	0.03	100.07
KH03-22_B1.3	16.13	0.30	38.29	44.18	0.25	0.00	0.06	99.22
KH03-22_B1.4	31.54	2.12	33.18	30.75	0.32	0.00	0.19	98.09
KH03-22_B1.4	12.55	0.41	38.17	48.15	0.23	0.02	0.03	99.57
KH03-22_B2	19.65	0.54	36.18	40.99	0.24	0.01	0.01	97.63
KH03-22_B3.1	31.93	1.59	33.02	31.86	0.32	0.00	0.02	98.74
KH03-22_B3.1	13.09	0.55	37.36	47.66	0.22	0.00	0.00	98.89
KH03-22_B3.2	34.07	1.11	32.71	30.02	0.30	0.00	0.00	98.21
KH03-22_B3.2	17.56	0.23	37.25	43.34	0.24	0.00	0.00	98.62
KH03-22_B4.2	16.95	0.46	36.98	43.82	0.27	0.01	0.07	98.57
KH03-22_B4.1	32.71	1.00	33.49	30.94	0.29	0.00	0.00	98.42
KH03-22_B4.1	19.94	0.56	37.44	40.68	0.28	0.00	0.00	98.91
KH03-23_A1	1.10	25.91	34.21	36.11	0.04	0.01	0.01	97.39

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1811 **Table S4.** Re–Os elemental abundance and isotope data for sulfides from KH03-15, KH03-
 1812 16, KH03-21 and KH03-24 (modified after Harvey et al., 2011). Errors shown are 2 σ . Re
 1813 and Os concentrations expressed as $\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$. For analytical standards and corrections for
 1814 $^{18}\text{O}/^{16}\text{O}$ and $^{17}\text{O}/^{16}\text{O}$ refer to Table 2 of Harvey et al., (2011).

Sample	[Os]	[Re]	$^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$	2 s.e.	$^{187}\text{Re}/^{188}\text{Os}$
KH03-15_2	0.001	0.848	0.2163	0.0073	3575
KH03-15_4	24.70	11.3	0.1195	0.0003	2.18
KH03-15_5	36.9	2.83	0.1208	0.0002	0.37
KH03-15_6	10.9	0.140	0.1202	0.0002	0.05
KH03-15_7	6.05	-	0.1304	0.0003	-
KH03-15_9	5.82	-	0.1185	0.0003	-
KH03-15_10	21.2	-	0.1312	0.0004	-
KH03-16_2	0.51	1.35	0.1349	0.0015	12.7
KH03-16_3	0.010	138.9	0.1424	0.0050	68722
KH03-16_4	1.48	34.27	0.1556	0.0051	111
KH03-16_5	12.9	0.294	0.1235	0.0001	0.11
KH03-16_6	0.024	3.133	0.1819	0.0057	622
KH03-16_9	1.74	-	0.1362	0.0010	-
KH03-16_10	0.052	-	0.3729	0.0169	-
KH03-21_1	0.992	1.252	0.1303	0.0006	6.02
KH03-21_2	1.11	1.181	0.1694	0.0004	5.11
KH03-21_3	2.72	0.056	0.1283	0.0003	0.098
KH03-21_4	10.0	23.32	0.1291	0.0001	101
KH03-21_5	9.97	-	0.1259	0.0008	-
KH03-21_6	1.29	-	0.1302	0.0008	-
KH03-21_7	0.843	-	0.1368	0.0008	-
KH03-21_8	4.48	-	0.1282	0.0005	-
KH03-21_9	0.447	-	0.1764	0.0012	-
KH03-21_10	0.584	-	0.1385	0.0005	-
KH03-24_5	1.69	0.01	0.1227	0.0004	0.020
KH03-24_10	0.195	0.002	0.1237	0.0028	0.050
KH03-24_11	0.231	-	0.1240	0.0006	-
KH03-24_14	2.76	0.04	0.1226	0.0013	0.070
KH03-24_15	2.54	35.87	0.1234	0.0004	67.4
KH03-24_16	2.50	18.78	0.1238	0.0011	35.8
KH03-24_17	0.600	27.27	0.1264	0.0005	217
KH03-24_20	0.314	-	0.1449	0.0017	-

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1838 **Table S5.** “Metasomatic” processes observed in the
 1839 Kilbourne Hole peridotite xenoliths from this study. (i)
 1840 Melt-rock interaction in antiquity; (ii) recent melt-rock
 1841 interaction (a) spongy clinopyroxene rims, (b) observed
 1842 interstitial glass; (iii) refertilization; (iv) cryptic
 1843 metasomatism. Modified from [Harvey et al. \(2012\)](#).

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“Metasomatic” process	(i)	(iia)	(iib)	(iii)	(v)
Group 1 peridotites					
KH03-2					
KH03-6					
KH03-7					
KH03-10		x			
KH03-11					
KH03-18					
KH03-25					
KH03-27		x			
KH96-2					
KH96-18					x
Group 2 peridotites					
KH03-3	x			x	x
KH03-15		x	x		
KH03-16			x		
KH03-21			x		x
KH03-24		x			
KH96-8	x				x
KH96-24					x