

1                   **Tephra from andesitic Shiveluch volcano, Kamchatka, NW Pacific:**  
2                   **Chronology of explosive eruptions and geochemical fingerprinting of volcanic glass**

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23 **Abstract**

24 The ~16 ka long record of explosive eruptions from Shiveluch volcano (Kamchatka, NW  
25 Pacific) is refined using geochemical fingerprinting of tephra and radiocarbon ages. Volcanic  
26 glass from 77 prominent Holocene tephras and four Late Glacial tephra packages was analyzed  
27 by electron microprobe. Eruption ages were estimated using 113 radiocarbon dates for proximal  
28 tephra sequence. These radiocarbon dates were combined with 76 dates for regional Kamchatka  
29 marker tephra layers into a single Bayesian framework taking into account the stratigraphic  
30 ordering within and between the sites. As a result, we report ~1700 high-quality glass analyses  
31 from Late Glacial-Holocene Shiveluch eruptions of known ages. These define the magmatic  
32 evolution of the volcano and provide a reference for correlations with distal fall deposits.  
33 Shiveluch tephras represent two major types of magmas which have been feeding the volcano  
34 during the Late Glacial-Holocene time: Baidarny basaltic andesites and Young Shiveluch  
35 andesites. Baidarny tephras erupted mostly during the Late Glacial time (~16 - 12.8 ka BP) but  
36 persisted into the Holocene as subordinate admixture to the prevailing Young Shiveluch  
37 andesitic tephras (~12.7 ka BP - present). Baidarny basaltic andesite tephras have trachyandesite  
38 and trachydacite ( $\text{SiO}_2 < 71.5$  wt. %) glasses. The Young Shiveluch andesite tephras have  
39 rhyolitic glasses ( $\text{SiO}_2 > 71.5$  wt. %). Strongly calc-alkaline medium-K characteristics of  
40 Shiveluch volcanic glasses along with moderate Cl, CaO and low  $\text{P}_2\text{O}_5$  contents permit reliable  
41 discrimination of Shiveluch tephras from the majority of other large Holocene tephras of  
42 Kamchatka. The Young Shiveluch glasses exhibit wave-like variations in  $\text{SiO}_2$  contents through  
43 time that may reflect alternating periods of high and low frequency/volume of magma supply to  
44 deep magma reservoirs beneath the volcano. The compositional variability of Shiveluch glass  
45 allows geochemical fingerprinting of individual Shiveluch tephra layers which along with age  
46 estimates facilitates their use as a dating tool in paleovolcanological, paleoseismological,  
47 paleoenvironmental, and archaeological studies. Electronic tables accompanying this work offer  
48 a tool for statistical correlation of unknown tephras with proximal Shiveluch units taking into  
49 account sectors of actual tephra dispersal, eruption size and expected age. Several examples  
50 illustrate the effectiveness of the new database. The data are used to assign a few previously  
51 enigmatic wide-spread tephras to particular Shiveluch eruptions. Our finding of Shiveluch  
52 tephras in sediment cores in the Bering Sea at a distance of ~600 km from the source permits re-  
53 assessment of the maximum dispersal distances for Shiveluch tephras and provides links  
54 between terrestrial and marine paleoenvironmental records.

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56 **Introduction**

57 Correlations of individual tephra layers using geochemical fingerprinting and dating have been  
58 widely used and have applications in volcanology and various fields of paleoenvironmental  
59 research (Lowe 2011, and references herein). Tephrochronology permits reconstructing the past  
60 explosive activity of a volcano which can then be used for understanding the tectonic and  
61 magmatic processes governing the volcanic pulses (e.g., Oladottir et al. 2008). A single tephra  
62 layer or a suite of stratigraphically ordered tephra layers can serve as excellent markers which  
63 help to correlate and date various depositional successions and ensure direct comparisons  
64 between different paleoenvironmental archives (e.g., Davies et al. 2008). Correlations of tephra  
65 layers between disparate sites may, however, be complicated if several tephtras from the same  
66 volcano are close in composition but dispersed in different directions from the volcano.  
67 Knowledge of all major tephra layers from a volcano, and their geochemical characteristics, can  
68 significantly improve understanding of distal tephrostratigraphy.

69 Andesitic tephtras are considered to be difficult for geochemical identification and  
70 correlation for various reasons (e.g., Lowe 2011 and refs herein). Andesitic volcanoes commonly  
71 produce numerous and compositionally similar tephtras which form complex proximal sequences.  
72 These sequences sometimes are partly eroded or only partly exposed (e.g., Donoghue et al. 2007;  
73 Turner et al. 2009). In addition, andesitic tephtras often are highly vesicular and crystallized, so  
74 they may contain only tiny pockets of microlite-free interstitial glass suitable for microprobe  
75 analysis. Some microprobe glass analyses therefore might be non-representative because of  
76 entrapment of mineral phases. Even if this does not happen, glass may be compositionally  
77 heterogeneous due to magma mixing and crystallization, which makes statistical comparisons  
78 and correlations of different tephtras difficult.

79 In spite of these problems, studies of proximal pyroclastic sequences of dominantly  
80 andesitic volcanoes are necessary for reconstructing the volcano's eruptive history and  
81 characterizing all the tephra layers that have the potential to work as marker layers in distal sites.  
82 Here we present a record of Late Glacial - Holocene explosive eruptions from the dominantly  
83 andesitic Shiveluch volcano (Kamchatka, NW Pacific). We estimate the age of the eruptions  
84 based on calibration of a sequence of 113 <sup>14</sup>C dates for proximal pyroclastic deposits and 76  
85 dates for marker tephra layers from other volcanoes obtained elsewhere. We provide a first-order  
86 evaluation of compositional changes in the Shiveluch magmas over time based on bulk rock and  
87 glass composition in proximal pyroclastic units. Characteristics of glass from dated proximal  
88 pyroclastic units allow us to provide a set of analyses that can be used as a reference for distal  
89 correlations of Shiveluch tephtras. This paper extends and refines the earlier published Shiveluch

90 eruptive history (Ponomareva et al. 2007) and provides new insights into temporal variability of  
91 its magma compositions.

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### 93 **Shiveluch volcano**

94 The andesitic Shiveluch volcano is a highly explosive eruptive center with historical (1600-ies -  
95 present) magma discharge rates of 25-30 Mt/year (Melekestsev et al. 1991), an order of  
96 magnitude higher than typical island arc volcanoes (Davidson and DeSilva 2000). Shiveluch is  
97 located ~60 km south of the northern edge of the subducting Pacific Plate and is spatially related  
98 to the junction of the Kuril-Kamchatka and Aleutian arcs (Fig. 1; Davaille and Lees 2004;  
99 Portnyagin et al. 2007). Written records of Shiveluch activity date back to AD 1739 (Gorshkov  
100 and Dubik 1970). The first large explosive eruption examined in detail occurred in 1964. It  
101 involved a sector collapse, subsequent phreatic explosion, a plinian eruption resulting in fall and  
102 pyroclastic density current deposits with a total bulk volume of 0.6-0.8 km<sup>3</sup>, and lahars  
103 (Gorshkov and Dubik 1970; Belousov 1995). Since 1980 lava domes have been growing in the  
104 1964 crater, occasionally producing block-and-ash and pumice flows, landslides, lahars and  
105 minor to moderate ash falls (Dvigalo 1984; Gorelchik et al. 1997; Khubunaya et al. 1995;  
106 Zharinov et al. 1995; Fedotov et al. 2004; Zharinov and Demyanchuk 2013). The most recent  
107 activity was in 2015 (<http://www.kscnet.ru/ivs/kvert/volc.php?name=Sheveluch&lang=en>). The  
108 frequent ash plumes from Shiveluch pose hazards to local towns and to dozens of daily air flights  
109 between North America and Far East ([http://www.kscnet.ru/ivs/kvert/index\\_eng.php](http://www.kscnet.ru/ivs/kvert/index_eng.php)).

110 Since the onset of its activity over 80 ka (Pevzner et al. 2014), Shiveluch has built a  
111 composite volcanic edifice rising to over 3200 m (Fig. 1). The volcano with its debris flow plain  
112 occupies an area of  $\geq 1300$  km<sup>2</sup>. The edifice consists of the late Pleistocene Old Shiveluch  
113 volcano which was destroyed by a collapse crater, and the currently active Young Shiveluch  
114 (YSH) eruptive center nested in the latter. The Old Shiveluch core is formed by a ~2000 m thick  
115 pile of coarse massive or weakly stratified pyroclastic deposits, probably enclosing lava domes,  
116 which is crowned with a series of lava flows erupted from four vents (Gorbach et al. 2013). The  
117 easternmost vent forms the 3283 m high Main Summit; two western vents (Baidarny vent and  
118 Southern vent) and their lava flows form Baidarny Spur (Figs. 1 and 2). Major sector collapse  
119 likely occurred in the late Pleistocene, somewhat earlier than the Last Glacial Maximum  
120 (Melekestsev et al. 1991). The resulting collapse crater has later been reshaped by numerous  
121 avalanches (Ponomareva et al. 1998; Pevzner et al. 2013). Recent studies suggest that the activity  
122 from Baidarny vents extended into the Late Glacial times (Pevzner et al. 2013).

123 Most of the Holocene eruptions were associated with the YSH eruptive center nested in the  
124 older collapse crater. YSH edifice is a cluster of lava domes (including the currently active one)

125 and short lava flows. In addition, a few Holocene lava domes are located at the western slope of  
126 Old Shiveluch (Karan domes), and a tuff ring recently revealed by erosion is positioned at the  
127 southwestern terminus of the Baidarny Spur (Fig. 2; Churikova et al. 2010). The exact number of  
128 former vents within the collapse crater is not known because some of them might be covered  
129 with later deposits while others might have been destroyed by numerous debris avalanches  
130 (Ponomareva et al. 1998).

131 Late Glacial-Holocene erupted products from Shiveluch are mainly pyroclastic deposits  
132 (bulk volume of  $\sim 100 \text{ km}^3$ ) with subordinate amount of lava (Gorbach and Portnyagin 2011).  
133 Pyroclastic deposits on Shiveluch slopes are interlayered with paleosol horizons and provide a  
134 nearly continuous record of the volcano's activity during the last 16 ka. The older pyroclastic  
135 sequence was probably removed from the volcano's slopes by glacial erosion. Sixty prominent  
136 pyroclastic units erupted since  $\sim 11$  ka have been recognized and dated (Ponomareva et al. 2007).  
137 Preserved Holocene lava flows are rare (Gorbach and Portnyagin 2011) and extend  $\leq 4$  km from  
138 vent. They are too young to be dated by radiogenic methods so their eruption ages are uncertain.  
139 The eruptive history and magmatic evolution of this tectonically important volcanic center is  
140 therefore best examined using the pyroclastic deposits.

141 YSH eruptions are dominated by medium-K amphibole-bearing andesites which were  
142 fairly uniform throughout the Holocene, with the exception of two large basalt - basaltic andesite  
143 eruptions (Volynets et al. 1997; Ponomareva et al. 2007). Electron microprobe analyses of  
144 rhyolitic glass from thirteen Shiveluch tephras yielded similar compositions so these tephras  
145 could not be geochemically distinguished (Kyle et al. 2011). These data gave the impression of  
146 limited variations in the magma compositions at Shiveluch during the Holocene. However, some  
147 of the YSH pumices and lavas exhibit hybrid features formed by extensive mixing of evolved  
148 and primitive magmas (Volynets 1979; Gorbach and Portnyagin 2011). They are different from  
149 Old Shiveluch (including Baidarny) rocks, which exhibit limited evidence for magma hybridism  
150 (Gorbach et al. 2013).

151 If the numerous tephra fall layers erupted from Shiveluch can be fingerprinted, they should  
152 make excellent markers for dating Holocene deposits and landforms up to distances of at least  
153 350 km away from the volcano (Ponomareva et al. 2007). For example, a peat section  $\sim 80$  km  
154 southeast of Shiveluch that extends back to  $\sim 6.8$  ka (Pevzner et al. 1998) contains at least 28  
155 visible tephra layers assumed to be mainly from Shiveluch. Limited microprobe analyses of  
156 Shiveluch glass, however, have permitted only a few major Shiveluch tephras to be used as  
157 markers (e.g., Braitseva et al. 1983, 1991; Bourgeois et al. 2006; Goebel et al. 2003; Kozhurin et  
158 al. 2006; O. Dirksen et al. 2011; V. Dirksen et al. 2013). On-going volcanological,  
159 paleoseismological, archaeological and paleoenvironmental research in the area (Hulse et al.

160 2011; Kozhurin et al 2006, 2014; Pendea et al. 2012; Pinegina et al. 2012; Portnyagin et al. 2009,  
161 2011) would benefit if all the major tephra layers from Shiveluch are geochemically  
162 characterized, which will facilitate their use for dating and correlating various deposits and  
163 landforms.

164 Recent field work has permitted re-evaluation of the Shiveluch eruptive history over the  
165 last 16 ka. Recent erosion has exposed pyroclastic deposits on Shiveluch erupted between ~16  
166 and 12 ka (Pevzner et al. 2013). These deposits were produced by weak and moderate explosive  
167 eruptions attributed to activity at Baidarny Spur based on close resemblance of bulk tephra  
168 compositions to those of Baidarny lavas (Pevzner et al. 2013). The onset of the YSH was dated  
169 at ~11.7 ka (Gorbach and Portnyagin 2011; Pevzner et al. 2013).

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### 171 **Proximal pyroclastic sequence**

172 Late Glacial-Holocene pyroclastic deposits on Shiveluch include tephra fall and pyroclastic  
173 density current deposits. The pyroclastic deposits are intercalated with paleosol horizons and  
174 debris avalanche deposits and form a near-continuous record spanning the last ~16 ka (Figs. 3 -  
175 5; Online Resource 1). The pyroclastic deposits are best exposed in deep radial valleys (Fig. 2).  
176 Typical tephra fall deposits produced by plinian eruptions of YSH are andesitic pumice lapilli  
177 tuffs (Fig. 3) with estimated bulk volumes of up to 2–3 km<sup>3</sup> (Ponomareva et al. 2007). Small  
178 tephra from YSH, such as those accompanying the current growth of lava dome, are composed  
179 of fine to coarse dark-pink, white, pale or gray ash. Most of these small tephra form  
180 discontinuous layers which are very similar in appearance, and are difficult to trace and correlate  
181 over the different sectors of the Shiveluch slopes.

182 Several basalt - basaltic andesite tephra erupted from YSH differ from the typical andesite  
183 tephra and may have been erupted from vents on the Baidarny Spur. Two major tephra were  
184 labeled the "dark package" and SHsp (Volynets et al. 1997). The "dark package" is a dark-gray  
185 stratified coarse ash of basaltic andesite composition (Volynets et al. 1997; Ponomareva et al.  
186 2007). It was considered a main crater eruption until 2008, when its source - a tuff ring on the  
187 southwestern part of Baidarny Spur (Fig. 2) - was partly exposed by erosion (Churikova et al.  
188 2010). The younger basaltic tephra, coded SHsp, has unique composition among the Kamchatka  
189 rocks. It is a high-K, high-Mg olivine- and phlogopite-bearing basalt (Volynets et al. 1997).  
190 Similar rocks occur in a dike on Baidarny Spur suggesting that the source of this eruption was  
191 also located at the Baidarny (Gorbach and Portnyagin 2011), however, it is not related to  
192 Baidarny or Southern vent. Four small tephra compositionally close to SHsp have recently been  
193 found and also linked to an unknown source on the western slope of Old Shiveluch (Pevzner and  
194 Babansky 2011).



195 Deposits of pyroclastic density currents are common at Shiveluch and are typically  
196 pumiceous ignimbrites and surge deposits. Some ignimbrites contain black scoria. Most of the  
197 ignimbrites are deposited to the south of the volcano.

198 Tephras from the Late Glacial Baidarny eruptive period are 1-10 cm thick layers of dull  
199 gray coarse cinders and fine ash (Fig. 4). These tephras have been found in a few outcrops at the  
200 western, eastern and southeastern slopes of the volcano. Because of the paucity of the outcrops  
201 containing these tephras and similarity of appearance and composition of these layers, we cannot  
202 correlate individual tephras between the sectors, so we refer to the whole package as "Baidarny  
203 cinders".

204 The Holocene YSH and Late Glacial Baidarny parts of the pyroclastic sequence are  
205 separated by ~1-1.5 meters of thinly bedded Baidarny-type cinders interlayered with 0.5-3 cm  
206 thick layers of fine to very fine white, light-gray or pink ash as well as with organic-rich  
207 paleosoils (Fig. 4c). The lower part of this succession is dominated by thin layers of ash-sized  
208 gray cinder while fine to very fine light-colored ash layers become more common higher in the  
209 succession. These tephra layers hereafter referred to as the "transition package" represent weak  
210 explosive activity related to transition from the Late Glacial Baidarny eruptive period to the YSH  
211 Holocene activity.

212 In addition to Shiveluch tephra, the sections around the volcano contain eight regional  
213 marker tephra layers from other Kamchatka eruptive centers (Ponomareva et al. 2007; Fig. 5),  
214 easily identified in the field based on their color, grain size, and uniform thickness, as well as  
215 numerous thin layers of dark-gray fine-grained cinders, mainly from Kliuchevskoi volcano.  
216 Together with the earlier identified marker layers from Shiveluch they divide the Holocene  
217 tephra sequence into parts and help correlate tephra sections around the volcano.

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## 219 **Methods**

### 220 Field stratigraphy

221 Many YSH tephra fall deposits have distinct dispersal axes and narrow elongated area of  
222 deposition (e.g., those of the 1964 and 1854 eruptions, see Fig. 2c in Kyle et al. 2011). These  
223 tephras can only be identified in one sector of the volcano. It means that any single tephra  
224 section on the volcano's slope is not representative of the whole eruptive history, and sections  
225 from all the sectors should be measured and correlated to each other. We have measured more  
226 than 200 sections through the pyroclastic deposits around the volcano, correlated them with the  
227 help of direct field tracing and radiocarbon dating (as in Ponomareva et al. 2007), and combined  
228 them to produce a summary section (Fig. 5; Online Resource 1). In addition to the sixty  
229 pyroclastic deposits (units), reported for YSH by Ponomareva et al. (2007), we have identified

230 thirteen more YSH pyroclastic units and examined the transition between Baidarny and Young  
231 Shiveluch activity. By unit in this paper (as well as in Ponomareva et al. 2007) we mean the  
232 pyroclastic deposits of an individual eruption clearly separated from neighbor pyroclastic layers  
233 by paleosols. The summary stratigraphy of pyroclastic deposits is the basis for the reconstruction  
234 of the Shiveluch explosive activity during the last 16 ka. Even with the extensive coverage of  
235 measured stratigraphic sections, it is possible that some tephras were missed. Also some tephras  
236 could have been miscorrelated so the presented summary section is still an incomplete record of  
237 the Late Glacial-Holocene Shiveluch eruptions, and more eruptions could be identified during  
238 further studies.

239 We retain the numbering and informal codes for Shiveluch eruptions and pyroclastic units  
240 proposed by Braitseva et al. (1997), Ponomareva et al. (2007) and Pevzner et al. (2013). Newly  
241 identified YSH units are marked with the number of the underlying tephra plus the letters a, b. In  
242 some cases (units 23 - 27b and bottom of the section) we were not able to correlate deposits from  
243 different slopes of the volcano, therefore we show stratigraphies from each slope separately (Fig.  
244 5; Online Resource 1). Three units above unit 26 found on the eastern slope are labeled with  
245 letters a, b, and c, because we do not know their stratigraphic relation with units 24 and 25 found  
246 on the western slope. Four early Holocene YSH tephras stratigraphically positioned below PL1  
247 marker tephra are placed left of the main column and labeled 61(-1)-61(-4). Units that form the  
248 transition package are labeled T1-T5. Baidarny tephras are combined into four stratigraphic/age  
249 packages (B1-B4) (Fig. 5; Online Resource 1). Yellow color indicates units with large tephra fall  
250 deposits which are likely to work as regional marker layers. In this paper we classify tephras  
251 with bulk volume  $>0.5 \text{ km}^3$  as large,  $0.5\text{--}0.1 \text{ km}^3$  as moderate, and  $<0.1 \text{ km}^3$  as small. Dispersal  
252 axes of large tephras have been defined based on the location of the sites with their maximum  
253 thicknesses at a distance of  $\leq 20 \text{ km}$  from the volcano.

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#### 255 Radiocarbon dating and calibration

256 Proximal tephra sequences at Shiveluch contain many organic-rich paleosol layers, charcoal and  
257 wood, which have been dated with the help of radiocarbon dating. Ponomareva et al. (2007)  
258 published 101 radiocarbon dates for the proximal sequence which were roughly calibrated to  
259 determine the approximate duration of active and repose periods but an accurate calculation of  
260 the age of each eruption was not performed. Since then twelve more dates for proximal sequence  
261 have been obtained (Pevzner et al. 2013, and this study). In order to estimate the ages of the  
262 eruptions we combined all available  $^{14}\text{C}$  dates for proximal Shiveluch deposits (a total of 113,  
263 Online Resource 1) as well as 76 dates for marker tephra layers from other volcanoes obtained  
264 elsewhere (Braitseva et al. 1993, 1995; Bazanova, Pevzner 2001; Ponomareva et al. 2013) into a



265 single Bayesian framework (Bronk Ramsey 2009) taking into account the stratigraphical  
266 ordering within and between the sites (Online Resource 2). Units (eruptions) were treated as  
267 boundaries. The lower age boundary for the Shiveluch tephra sequence (15.8-16 ka) is based on  
268 calculations of soil accumulation rate (Pevzner et al. 2013). Whenever possible, the  
269 chronological ordering of the dates and units was defined explicitly based on stratigraphical  
270 reasoning, using the Sequence command. Separate sequences with shared markers were tied to  
271 the main sequence using OxCal's '=' linking function. Closely spaced dates and units for which  
272 the exact stratigraphical order could not be determined were put within Phases. Since the  $^{14}\text{C}$   
273 dates under unit 56 showed more scatter than dates above this unit, dates below said unit were  
274 assigned 5% prior outlier probabilities (the model run did not finalize without this outlier  
275 labeling). The calibration curve used was the terrestrial northern hemisphere IntCal13 (Reimer et  
276 al. 2013)

277 This approach has allowed us to enhance the reliability and precision of the estimated  
278 calibrated age for most of the YSH eruptions whose tephra may serve as markers over a large  
279 area as well as for the regional marker tephra layers (Fig. 5; Online Resource 3). In this paper,  
280 we use calibrated  $^{14}\text{C}$  ages in cal BP (calibrated years before AD 1950) except for the citations  
281 from old papers where the tephra ages were given in  $^{14}\text{C}$  yrs BP. For loose (approximate) dates  
282 we are using designation ka (calibrated kyr before AD 1950; e.g., our record spans ~16 ka).

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#### 284 Geochemical analysis

285 We have analyzed volcanic glass from 135 samples of proximal tephra-fall and pyroclastic  
286 density current deposits representing most of the identified Shiveluch eruptions (Online  
287 Resources 1 and 4). The samples were collected from outcrops around the volcano at a distance  
288 of 4-24 km from the modern dome (Fig. 2). Most of the samples are lapilli, eleven samples  
289 (mainly Baidarny cinders) are coarse to medium ash, and eight samples (mostly transition  
290 package) are fine to very fine ash (Online Resource 4). All samples were washed in distilled  
291 water and dried; lapilli were crushed. Each sample was examined under the microscope and  
292 representative unaltered glass shards were picked for the electron microprobe analysis.  
293 Backscattered electron images were obtained for representative tephra (Fig. 6).

294 Volcanic glass was analyzed using JEOL JXA 8200 electron microprobe equipped with  
295 five wavelength dispersive spectrometers including 3 high-sensitivity ones (2 PETH and TAPH)  
296 at GEOMAR (Kiel). The analytical conditions for glasses were 15 kV accelerating voltage, 6 nA  
297 current and 5  $\mu\text{m}$  electron beam size. Counting time was 5/10 s (peak/background) for Na;  
298 20/10s for Si, Al, Fe, Mg, Ca; 30/15 s for K, Ti, Cl, S; and 40/20 s for Mn and F. Standards used  
299 for calibration and monitoring of routine measurements were basaltic glass (USNM 113498/1

300 VG-A99) for Ti, Fe, Mg, Ca, P, rhyolitic glass (USNM 72854 VG568) for Si, Al, K, scapolite  
301 (USNM R6600-1) for Na, S and Cl, all from the Smithsonian collection of natural reference  
302 materials (Jarosevich et al. 1980), rhyolitic glass KN-18 (Mosbah et al. 1991) for F and synthetic  
303 rhodonite for Mn. Two to three analyses of the reference glasses and scapolite were performed at  
304 the beginning of analytical session, after every 50-60 analyses and at the end. The data reduction  
305 included on-line CITZAF correction (Armb 1995) and small correction for systematic deviations  
306 (if any) from the reference values obtained on standard materials. The latter correction did not  
307 exceed 5% relative for all elements and allowed to achieve the best possible accuracy of the data  
308 and long-term reproducibility. The INTAV intercomparison of electron-beam microanalysis of  
309 glass by tephrochronology laboratories (Kuehn et al. 2011) revealed no systematic error for  
310 glasses compositions analyzed at GEOMAR lab (coded as lab #12).

311 During data reduction we excluded EMP analyses with totals lower than 93 wt. %, which  
312 resulted from possible unevenness of sample surface, entrapment of voids or epoxy during  
313 analysis of very small glass fragments. Contamination by epoxy resin has also been identified by  
314 unusually high measured chlorine concentrations, which resulted from 3-4 wt. % of Cl in the  
315 epoxy resin used in the course of this study (Buehler EpoThin). Analyses contaminated by  
316 occasional entrapment of crystal phases, usually microlites of plagioclase, pyroxene or Fe-Ti  
317 oxides, were identified on the basis of excessive concentrations of  $Al_2O_3$ , CaO or FeO (and  
318  $TiO_2$ ), respectively, compared to the prevailing composition of glasses in every sample. Because  
319 volcanic glasses can be hydrated over time during post-eruptive interaction with water or contain  
320 significant but variable amount of  $H_2O$ , not completely degassed during eruption, all analyses  
321 were normalized to 100% on an anhydrous basis. The original totals measured by EMP are given  
322 in Online Resource 4.

323 We have obtained a total of 1688 individual glass analyses from 135 samples collected  
324 from 41 sections. Typically we made 12 analyses per sample (Online Resource 4). Two tephtras  
325 (units 7 and 9) did not contain fresh glass, and four earlier identified tephtras (units 17, 26, 31 and  
326 38) have not been analyzed because the samples were not available. In order to test the  
327 applicability of our proximal data for identification of distal tephtras, we have also used 70  
328 individual glass analyses for distal tephtras obtained under the same analytical conditions (Online  
329 Resource 5). In discussion, we also used 63 XRF and 22 wet chemistry analyses reported by  
330 Ponomareva et al. (2007) and seven new XRF analyses on bulk Baidarny and YSH tephtra  
331 (Online Resource 6). All analyses of bulk tephtra have been performed on pumice or cinder lapilli  
332 so they have not been influenced by eolian segregation and should be representative of bulk  
333 magma composition.

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## 335 **Results**

### 336 Stratigraphy and ages of analyzed pyroclastic deposits

337 Fig. 5 presents a summary stratigraphy of proximal Shiveluch pyroclastic units and their  
338 calibrated ages. Stratigraphic position of all the geochemically characterized samples and all the  
339 radiocarbon dates for the proximal pyroclastic sequence are provided in Online Resource 1. Most  
340 of the dates are in good agreement with the stratigraphy except for one case discussed below.  
341 The section also includes marker tephra layers from other volcanoes. The 76 radiocarbon dates  
342 for the marker tephra layers are placed in the Online Resource 2 (Oxcal code). One  $^{14}\text{C}$  date  
343 ( $9310\pm 80$ ) on a bulk sample below the PL1 marker tephra contradicts a new high quality date of  
344  $10,080\pm 40$  for this tephra obtained elsewhere (Ponomareva et al. 2013) and makes the ages of  
345 the units in this part of stratigraphy somewhat younger. We, however, retain all the published  
346 dates in order to avoid arbitrary selection of the "good" dates.

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### 348 Bulk compositions of Shiveluch tephra

349 Typical YSH pumice is light gray or light-yellow to tan, highly vesicular lacy andesite with  
350 fluidal textures and 20-50% of phenocrysts (Fig. 6a-c). General mineral assemblage of andesitic  
351 YSH tephra includes plagioclase, green hornblende, magnetite, ilmenite, ortho- and  
352 clinopyroxene in various proportions. Some tephra (e.g., SH<sub>3</sub>, SH<sub>5</sub>) contain brown hornblende.  
353 Olivine and apatite may occur as accessory minerals. YSH and Baidarny cinders are gray to  
354 dark-gray, highly crystallized vesicular basalts - basaltic andesites abundant in microlites (Fig.  
355 6d-f). "Dark package" cinders have the most massive and dense particles with rare rounded  
356 vesicles (Fig. 6e). Overall, basalt - basaltic andesite cinders are more crystallized than andesitic  
357 pumice and many of them contain only tiny ( $\leq 5 \mu\text{m}$ ) pockets of interstitial glass. Mineral  
358 assemblage of the cinders is dominated by olivine, clinopyroxene and plagioclase. Tephra SHsp  
359 (unit 28; Fig. 6d) contains phenocrysts of olivine, clinopyroxene, mica and green hornblende.

360 Late Glacial - Holocene Shiveluch lapilli are predominantly andesites and basaltic  
361 andesites of medium-K compositions (Ponomareva et al. 2007; Fig. 7). SHsp tephra has  $\text{K}_2\text{O}$   
362 contents  $>1.6$  wt. % and is a high-K basalt very different from the rest of the pyroclastic deposits  
363 (Fig. 7) (Volynets et al. 1997). Compositions of the pyroclastic deposits overlap closely with the  
364 YSH and Baidarny lavas (Gorbach and Portnyagin 2011), although lava represents only a few  
365 short periods of activity whereas the pyroclastic deposits were formed in over 80 eruptions  
366 spanning the last  $\sim 16$  ka (Fig. 7; Online Resource 1). Late Glacial Baidarny cinders have  
367 distinctively higher  $\text{TiO}_2$ ,  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  and  $\text{Na}_2\text{O}$ , and lower  $\text{MgO}$  contents at given  $\text{SiO}_2$  compared to  
368 the YSH tephra (Fig. 7), and are similar to the compositions of lavas from the Baidarny and  
369 Southern vents (Gorbach et al. 2013). Very tight and linear trends of the YSH pumice and lava

370 compositions on variation diagrams of major elements are argued to originate via fractional  
371 crystallization and concurrent mixing of mafic and silicic magmas as well as via crystal  
372 accumulation in evolved melt (e.g., Dirksen et al. 2006; Humphreys et al. 2008; Gorbach and  
373 Portnyagin 2011; Gorbach et al. 2013).

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#### 375 Volcanic glass compositions

376 Volcanic glass compositions from all Shiveluch tephra range from ~58 to 80 wt. % SiO<sub>2</sub> and fall  
377 into two major groups: low- and high-Si (Figs. 8 and 9). Glasses from Baidarny cinders have  
378 predominantly trachyandesitic and trachydacitic compositions with 62-71.5 wt. % SiO<sub>2</sub> ("low-Si  
379 glasses" further on). Glasses from YSH tephra are mostly rhyolitic with SiO<sub>2</sub>=71.5-80 wt. %  
380 ("high-Si glasses" further on). Some low-Si glasses (58-71.5 wt. % SiO<sub>2</sub>) also occur during the  
381 YSH activity, mostly in minor and moderate eruptions, and in two large basalt - basaltic andesite  
382 tephra units 28 (SHsp) and 46 ("dark package"). Most of these glasses fall into trachyandesitic  
383 and trachydacitic fields with subordinate amount of glass compositions in the upper part of the  
384 dacite field. Both trachydacitic and rhyolitic glasses are equally present in small tephra from the  
385 transition package.

386 On Harker variation diagrams Shiveluch glasses exhibit well-defined trends of decreasing  
387 FeO, TiO<sub>2</sub> and MgO contents with decreasing SiO<sub>2</sub> (Fig. 9). Na<sub>2</sub>O contents reach maximum at  
388 SiO<sub>2</sub> of ~65 wt. % and then decrease with increasing SiO<sub>2</sub>. K<sub>2</sub>O increase and Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and CaO  
389 decrease with increasing SiO<sub>2</sub> but are more scattered compared to other major elements. On the  
390 K<sub>2</sub>O-SiO<sub>2</sub> diagram the majority of rhyolitic glasses falls into the medium-K field (Fig. 9) with  
391 K<sub>2</sub>O contents between 2.4 and 3.7 wt. %, the range being larger than that of 2.5-3 wt. %  
392 identified by Kyle et al. (2011) for thirteen YSH tephra. A small population of high-K (K<sub>2</sub>O>4  
393 wt. %) rhyolitic glasses is found in small tephra from the transition package.

394 Low-Si glasses from Shiveluch have medium- to high-K compositions. Baidarny glasses  
395 form a trend from ~62 to 71 wt. % SiO<sub>2</sub>. Glasses from YSH units 43 and 46 ("dark package") fit  
396 into the same trend but also include glasses with lower SiO<sub>2</sub> contents (60-62 wt. % SiO<sub>2</sub>). The  
397 lowest SiO<sub>2</sub> contents (58-60 wt. %) occur in glass from unit 61(-2) stratigraphically positioned  
398 below PL1 marker tephra (Fig. 5; Online Resource 1). Glasses from Baidarny and three above  
399 mentioned units 43, 46, and 61(-2) are higher in alkali and lower in CaO contents than glasses  
400 from most of the other YSH cinders; only a few of the latter partly fit into the Baidarny-dark  
401 package trend with the glasses from unit 36a being the closest. Glasses from SHsp and similar  
402 minor tephra (unit 36b) stand apart from other Shiveluch glasses and have distinctly high-K glass  
403 with highly variable K<sub>2</sub>O contents (3.69-5.96 wt. %) and SiO<sub>2</sub> range between 59.8 and 66.9 wt.  
404 % in SHsp tephra.

405 The majority of the YSH andesitic tephra units have quite homogeneous ( $\text{SiO}_2$  variations  
406 within 2 wt. %) rhyolitic glass compositions (Fig. 10a); a few have variable glass compositions  
407 usually organized in trends or in different populations (Fig. 10b). On Harker variation diagrams  
408 homogeneous glasses form individual clusters: some of those differ in  $\text{K}_2\text{O}$  and/or other oxides  
409 from each other while the others have overlapping compositional fields (Fig. 10a). Among the  
410 heterogeneous glasses, the most pronounced variations in  $\text{SiO}_2$  contents (64-74 wt. %) are  
411 observed in SHdv fall deposits (unit 34) (Fig. 10b); shorter trends are characteristic for tephra  
412 from units 6 (SH<sub>2</sub>), b, 56, 57 and some others. Mixed material with two or three glass  
413 populations occurs in some ignimbrites (Online Resource 4). Most of Baidarny cinders have  
414 slightly variable glass compositions forming trends in the trachyandesitic - trachydacitic field  
415 (Fig. 9).

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#### 417 Temporal variations of glass composition in Shiveluch tephra

418 Low-Si glass compositions predominated during the Late Glacial activity between ~16 and 12.8  
419 ka. In products of Holocene eruptions, low-Si glasses occur a number of times, most frequently  
420 between ~4 and 8.4 ka, when the YSH andesitic eruptions were relatively rare (Fig. 11). High-Si  
421 glasses typical for the YSH activity first appeared at ~12.7 ka in thin layers of fine to very fine  
422 white ash in the transition package. During the YSH lifetime, the compositions of high-Si glasses  
423 have exhibited alternating periods of decreasing or increasing  $\text{SiO}_2$  (Fig. 11). Well expressed  
424 periods of decreasing  $\text{SiO}_2$  took place at ~11-9.9, 8.5-7.7, 5.6-4.9 and 4-3 ka, and 1.5 ka-present  
425 (except for AD2001 glasses). Increasing  $\text{SiO}_2$  was characteristic for periods of ~9.9-8.5, 4.9-4,  
426 and 2.9-1.5 ka. The systematic changes of  $\text{SiO}_2$  resulted in semi-continuous wave-like pattern of  
427 glass compositions through time (Fig. 11).

428 Variations of other major element oxides strongly correlating with  $\text{SiO}_2$  content in  
429 Shiveluch glasses ( $\text{MgO}$ ,  $\text{FeO}$ ,  $\text{TiO}_2$ ,  $\text{CaO}$ ,  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$ ) also exhibit a wave-like pattern through time.  
430 Variations of  $\text{K}_2\text{O}$  in glasses are somewhat different from other major element oxides (Fig. 11).  
431 Among the large tephtras (except for the SHsp), the most high-K glass compositions come from  
432 vitreous tephtras erupted during the initial stages of the YSH activity between 11.1 and 8.4 ka  
433 (Figs. 9 and 11). The majority of these high-Si glasses have  $\text{K}_2\text{O} > 3$  wt. % whereas glasses from  
434 more recent eruptions (8.4 - 1.8 ka) have predominantly  $< 3$  wt. %  $\text{K}_2\text{O}$ .

435 The significant variability of Shiveluch glasses suggests that many of the units can be  
436 discerned from each other based on their glass compositions. The wave-like changes of major  
437 oxides through time, however, indicate that (1) some glass compositions may be repeated within  
438 different time intervals, and (2) glasses from the neighbor units in the stratigraphic succession  
439 may have very similar compositions.



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441 **Discussion**

442 Comparison of Shiveluch tephra compositions to those from other Kamchatka tephra

443 Proximal YSH bulk lapilli have high MgO (2.3–6.8 wt. %), Cr (47–520 ppm), Ni (18–106  
444 ppm) and Sr (471–615 ppm) and low Y (<18 ppm) (Ponomareva et al. 2007). These features  
445 distinguish YSH erupted products from other Kamchatka Holocene pyroclastic deposits. Some  
446 of these features have also been described for bulk samples of distal YSH tephra and used for  
447 correlations of distal tephra layers. Braitseva et al. (1997) reported high Cr (98-124 ppm), Ni  
448 (26-30 ppm) and Sr (415-461 ppm) and low Y (12-13 ppm) in two samples of the YSH fine ash.  
449 Kyle et al. (2011) proposed Cr contents of >50 ppm (the highest among other silicic tephra in  
450 Kamchatka) and La/Yb ratio of 4-10 as the most diagnostic characteristics for identifying YSH  
451 bulk distal tephra.

452 For identification of distal tephra, however, results derived from bulk compositions may  
453 be inconclusive because of eolian differentiation and contamination with terrigenous material.  
454 Volcanic glass is the predominant component of most tephra and its composition is normally  
455 used for chemical fingerprinting and distal correlations of tephra (e.g., Lowe 2011). The main  
456 major element characteristics of the YSH rhyolitic glass reported earlier is medium K<sub>2</sub>O contents  
457 (2.5–3.0 wt. %) (Kyle et al. 2011). This is clearly not enough to identify Shiveluch tephra in  
458 distal localities which is why Kyle et al. (2011) suggested complementing glass data with the  
459 trace element data on bulk samples.

460 Our new data allow us to further refine specific features of Shiveluch glasses, which help  
461 to discern Shiveluch pyroclastic deposits from other major Kamchatka tephra. Shiveluch glasses  
462 have characteristically high Na<sub>2</sub>O, low CaO and consequently low CaO/(Na<sub>2</sub>O+K<sub>2</sub>O) at any  
463 given SiO<sub>2</sub> (Fig. 12a) corresponding to calc-alkaline series in classical definition of Peacock  
464 (1931) [CaO/(Na<sub>2</sub>O+K<sub>2</sub>O)<1 at SiO<sub>2</sub>=60 wt. %]. Unlike Shiveluch, many other Kamchatkan  
465 volcanoes produced glasses which belong to calcic series. Such glass compositions are  
466 characteristic for major tephra from Avachinsky, Iliinsky and Ksudach volcanoes (Fig. 12a).  
467 Noticeably, Shiveluch bulk rock compositions also have the strongest calc-alkaline specificities  
468 compared to other volcanoes in the Central Kamchatka depression and likely in all Kamchatka  
469 (e.g., Portnyagin et al. 2007).

470 The strong calc-alkaline affinity is, however, not a unique feature of Shiveluch glasses.  
471 Glasses from some other major silicic and intermediate tephra in Kamchatka also fall into, or  
472 close to the Shiveluch field on the CaO/(Na<sub>2</sub>O+K<sub>2</sub>O) vs. SiO<sub>2</sub> diagram (Fig. 12a). These are  
473 glasses from KHG, KHD, KRM, KO, KZ, OP, and OPtr marker tephra (Kyle et al. 2011)  
474 overlapping with high-Si Shiveluch glasses, and those from Plosky volcano (Ponomareva et al.



475 2013) overlapping with intermediate Baidarny glasses. KHD and KO glasses have lower, and  
476 those of OP and OPtr – higher K<sub>2</sub>O content than Shiveluch glasses at given SiO<sub>2</sub> (Table 1; Fig.  
477 12b). Medium-K glasses from KZ tephra are distinguished by their elevated CaO (>1.5 wt. %).  
478 Glasses from KRM tephra have elevated Cl (>0.20 wt. %) and those from KHG – low Cl (<0.08  
479 wt. %) contents (Fig. 12c). Intermediate Baidarny glasses can be distinguished from those of  
480 Plosky volcano on the basis of high K<sub>2</sub>O, low Cl (<0.1 wt. %) and high P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> (>0.5 wt. %)  
481 contents in the latter (Fig. 12, Table 1). Thus, strongly calc-alkaline medium-K characteristics of  
482 Shiveluch glasses along with moderate Cl, CaO and low P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> allow reliable discrimination of  
483 silicic Shiveluch tephras from the majority of other large Holocene tephras of Kamchatka.

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485 Identification of Shiveluch tephra in distal localities and their correlations to proximal tephra  
486 units

487 The majority of distal Shiveluch tephras have equivalent proximal pumice fall deposits  
488 (Braitseva et al. 1997; Ponomareva et al. 2007). Fingerprinting of these proximal units, therefore,  
489 is most important in order to provide a reference for correlations with distal tephra. Two  
490 Holocene basalt - basaltic andesite tephras (SHsp and dark package) were also dispersed over  
491 large areas (Volynets et al. 1997) and are important for the reference set. Some YSH small  
492 tephras like the 2010 ash (Ponomareva et al. 2012) or co-ignimbrite fall deposits may also form  
493 distinct layers over the distances of 80 km so their compositions should also be considered. The  
494 dispersal of Baidarny cinders is not mapped but based on their proximal thicknesses (Fig. 4) and  
495 field tracing they may well be found over 30 km from the volcano.

496 Some YSH tephras have been recognized on Bering and Attu Islands and at Okhotsk coast  
497 of Kamchatka (Figs. 12d and 13), ~350-850 km to the east and 400 km southwest from the  
498 volcano (Kirianov et al. 1990; Melekestsev and Kurbatov 1998; Pevzner 2003, 2010; Kyle et al.  
499 2011). Such distal findings, however, are few because of the proximity of the seas in the east and  
500 paucity of measured terrestrial sections in the northern and western directions from the volcano.  
501 In addition, most of these correlations were based on field tracing and <sup>14</sup>C dating and only very  
502 few were supported by microprobe glass analyses (Kyle et al. 2011; Dirksen et al. 2011).

503 At distances of 100-200 km from the volcano, typical andesitic YSH tephra is coarse to  
504 fine-grained ash of specific "salt-and-pepper" color where "salt" consists of pumiceous grains  
505 and/or plagioclase and "pepper" – of dark-colored minerals (Braitseva et al. 1997). This is  
506 consistent with the crystal-rich nature of the YSH magmas. Farther downwind these tephras  
507 normally still retain visible grains and do not acquire significant amount of very fine ash. These  
508 distal tephras mainly correlate with non-graded proximal pumice layers with distinct dispersal  
509 axis. Bulk composition of YSH tephra normally changes downwind from andesite (lapilli) to

510 basaltic andesite (coarse ash enriched in mineral grains) and then to andesite-dacite (dominantly  
511 vitric fine ash) (Braitseva et al. 1997). Isopach maps or areas of dispersal have been published  
512 for thirteen YSH andesitic tephra (Kyle et al. 2011) and for two major YSH basalt - basaltic  
513 andesite tephra ("dark package" and SHsp, units 46 and 28, respectively) (Volynets et al. 1997).

514 We have characterized glass from most of proximal large pyroclastic deposits  
515 geochemically, refined their ages, and shown their main dispersal sectors and axes (Fig. 5; for  
516 orientation the north-based directions are labeled on Fig. 2). All data are compiled in Online  
517 Resource 4, which provides a practical tool for comparison of glass compositions from unknown  
518 tephra with our database of Shiveluch proximal glasses. This file contains description page; our  
519 complete data set of Shiveluch EMP glass compositions from proximal tephra; sheet with  
520 calculated mean compositions of glasses from Shiveluch units and data on their ages and  
521 dispersal; sheet to enter user's data; two sheets for comparing unknown tephra with Shiveluch  
522 glasses (SC-test and *t*-test); service tables; sheets SC matrix and SC matrix (large) located at the  
523 end of the table. Data on the large tephra dispersal are given in the sheet named "all average".  
524 Those include dispersal sectors at a distance of  $\leq 20$  km from the volcano (in degrees from north  
525 clockwise) and main dispersal axes based on the maximum thickness of each tephra at the same  
526 distance. These axes are also indicated on Fig. 5 and in Online Resource 1.

527 Our comparison with Shiveluch glasses is performed using two alternative approaches:  
528 similarity coefficient and statistical *t*-test. The similarity coefficient (SC) between two mean  
529 compositions is calculated following a formulation by Borchardt et al. (1972) commonly used in  
530 tephrochronology (e.g., Lowe 2011; Davies et al. 2012). SC is calculated for 10 elements (Si, Ti,  
531 Al, Fe, Mg, Ca, Na, K, P, Cl) and for all Shiveluch units compared to unknown glass.  
532 Optionally, P can be excluded from the calculations when its concentration approaches detection  
533 limit of microprobe analyses and thus can influence SC significantly. Mn is not included in  
534 calculations because this element correlates strongly with Fe, has low concentrations in glasses  
535 and is usually determined with relatively low precision. According to Froggatt (1992) two  
536 analyses are considered to be equivalent when  $SC > 0.92$ .

537 The statistical *t*-test (Microsoft Excel) is performed for the case of two-tail unequal  
538 distribution for 11 elements. The null-hypothesis of inequality is rejected at critical *t*-value of  
539 0.05. The number of elements for which the null-hypothesis is rejected defines  $T_{11}$  value. The  
540 higher the  $T_{11}$  value the more similar are two mean glass compositions. In practice, very similar  
541 glasses have  $T_{11} > 6$ , that is, means for 6 elements of 11 in consideration are statistically  
542 indistinguishable on 95% confidence level.

543 Both tables calculating SC and *t*-values have options for "fine tuning" allowing to narrow  
544 the searchable database. For example, when working with thick Shiveluch layers at distant

545 localities it can be reasonable to exclude minor eruptions. Entering the direction to the sampling  
546 site from Shiveluch allows one to further exclude eruptions that sent tephra in other directions.  
547 Another very effective way to narrow an age interval is to provide any age constraints available  
548 from direct dating of the deposits or from stratigraphy. Finally, settings of critical SC and T<sub>11</sub>  
549 values can be changed to higher or lower values. Based on our testing, the tables are effective in  
550 defining one or a few Shiveluch eruptions which fit all above mentioned criteria. In everyday  
551 work with the database, it is quite common that both SC and *t*-test point to one Shiveluch  
552 eruption as an ultimate source of unknown tephra. Below we describe examples of a few long-  
553 distance correlations done with the help of the new database and major conclusions derived from  
554 these results.

555         Sheets SC matrix and SC matrix (Large) located at the end of the Online Resource 4 show  
556 Shiveluch units which are similar in glass compositions. Two large basalt - basaltic andesite  
557 tephras, SHsp (unit 28) and "dark package" (unit 46) have unique compositions and can be used  
558 as markers in distal localities. From 41 large pumiceous tephras, only few have unique glass  
559 compositions: 14, 15, 34 (SHdv), 45, 47, 55. All others have more or less strongly expressed  
560 geochemical similarity to some other YSH units, and their identification in distal sites requires  
561 further constraints from stratigraphy, age and dispersal axes. Proximal glass data, however,  
562 provides new compositional constraints which help to reduce the correlation uncertainty.

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#### 564 Examples of long-distance correlations of Shiveluch tephra

565 Based on our data for major proximal YSH tephras including their ages, glass chemistry, and  
566 stratigraphic position between regional marker tephra layers, we can now ascribe some  
567 "unknown tephras" analyzed on-land and in marine cores to YSH. Here we provide a few  
568 examples of such correlations, which allow us to better estimate the distance of dispersal of the  
569 largest YSH tephras and provide the basis for estimates of tephra volumes and magnitudes of the  
570 eruptions. These data also demonstrate practical results of using our new database of proximal  
571 Shiveluch glasses (Online Resource 4).

572         1. Fine-grained tephra dubbed "Lower yellow" (LY) was long known in the Eastern  
573 volcanic front between Kronotsky volcano and Bolshoi Semiachik caldera (Fig. 13). It was  
574 locally dated at ~9300 <sup>14</sup>C yrs and used for dating of volcanic features at Krashennnikov and  
575 Kikhpinych volcanoes (Braitseva et al. 1989; Ponomareva et al. 1990). The source of this tephra  
576 was not known although sources of major silicic tephras had already been identified by this time  
577 (Braitseva et al. 1995, 1997). Microprobe analyses of glass have allowed us to identify the same  
578 tephra on the slopes of Kliuchevskoi volcano where it was medium sand size (Fig. 14a;  
579 Portnyagin et al. 2011). In both areas, the glass was characterized by high Na<sub>2</sub>O contents typical

580 for Shiveluch, but it had lower SiO<sub>2</sub> and higher K<sub>2</sub>O contents than then known for Shiveluch  
581 tephra, and did not fit into the geochemical portrait of tephra from any other volcano (Kyle et al.  
582 2011). With our current extensive coverage for the proximal Shiveluch tephra, we can identify  
583 the "LY" as one of the YSH early Holocene tephras (Figs. 10a and 14a). Comparison of glass  
584 compositions from each of the "LY" samples to the proximal YSH dataset shows that up to three  
585 large YSH tephras may geochemically match it. Consideration of dispersal axis (southwards) and  
586 age interval (early Holocene), however, allows us to single out unit 58 as the most probable  
587 match (SC<sub>10</sub> values of 0.929-0.961, and T<sub>11</sub> of 6-8). The resulting distribution map (Fig. 13)  
588 prompts that "Lower yellow" is one of the larger eruptions from Shiveluch.

589         2. SH<sub>5</sub> tephra is one of the markers from YSH dispersed to the south of the volcano  
590 (Braitseva et al. 1997). Its previous age estimate was based on erroneous correlation of distal  
591 tephra dispersed to the south with the proximal tephra unit 24 at the northwestern slope of the  
592 volcano dated at ~2550 <sup>14</sup>C yrs (Ponomareva et al. 2007). By comparing the glass data for both  
593 tephras, we were able to untangle the proximal stratigraphy and correlate the distal tephra to  
594 YSH unit 21 dated at ~1850 cal BP (Fig. 14b). Comparison of glass compositions from distal  
595 SH<sub>5</sub> tephra and unit 21 yielded high SC<sub>10</sub> (0.953) and T<sub>11</sub> (10) values while comparison of the  
596 same tephra to unit 24 yielded SC<sub>10</sub> (0.918) and T<sub>11</sub> (4). The younger age for the SH<sub>5</sub> tephra  
597 allows us to reconsider the ages of many important volcanic events in the Kliuchevskoi volcanic  
598 group whose ages have been estimated relative to SH<sub>5</sub>: Bezymianny eruptive period BI with its  
599 largest explosive eruption (Braitseva et al. 1991); eruption of the Kliuchevskoi famous high-Mg  
600 cinder cones (Auer et al. 2009), active period in the Tolbachik monogenetic lava field (Braitseva  
601 et al. 1983), etc.

602         3. Very fine rhyolitic hornblende-bearing ash was found in two cores at the Shrishov Ridge  
603 (Bering Sea) in association with the early Holocene PL2 cindery tephra from Plosky volcano,  
604 which serves as a marker in the summary Shiveluch section and fits between units 56 and 57  
605 (Fig. 5) (Ponomareva et al. 2013). Rhyolitic glasses in both cores correspond to calc-alkaline  
606 medium-K rhyolites with moderate Cl and CaO, and low P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> contents, which is consistent with  
607 their origin from YSH (Online Resources 4 and 5). In the core SO201-2-77KL (Fig. 13; N  
608 56.3305° E 170.6997°), both PL2 tephra and YSH glasses are found at the depth of 116-117 cm.  
609 Formal comparison of rhyolitic glass from this layer to the proximal dataset (Online Resource 4)  
610 shows that it passes the test for similarity with the glasses from units 51, 54 and 56 with the best  
611 match to unit 56 (SC<sub>10</sub>=0.965 and T<sub>11</sub>=10) (Fig. 14c). Considering its stratigraphic proximity to  
612 PL2 tephra in the proximal sequence, unit 56 is likely the source of this marine ash (Fig. 14c).

613         In the core SO201-81KL (pilot) (N 56.7165° E 170.4962°) rhyolitic glass was found at the  
614 depths of 10-13 and 14-17 cm in association with PL2 tephra, which is more abundant in the

615 lower sample (Ponomareva et al. 2013). Rhyolitic glasses have typical YSH medium-K  
616 composition (Fig. 14c). It is not clear whether all these glasses come from a single eruption or  
617 belong to several different units. As a single unit, these glasses compositionally match five large  
618 YSH tephtras (units 1, 4, 6, 27, and 36). All these units, however, are younger than ~5.6 ka.  
619 Taking into account a close association of the glasses with PL2 tephra dated at 10.2 ka, we tend  
620 to favor unit 59 (10.7 ka) with dispersal axis to the east as a correlative for at least glasses from  
621 the 14-17 cm level ( $T_{11}=8$ ) (Fig. 14c). Other glasses may belong to different units.

622 Exact correlations of submarine tephra to certain YSH units require more analytical work  
623 on the former, but it is important that at least two different early Holocene YSH tephtras were  
624 found at a distance of 560-580 km away from the source. These are the first ever findings of  
625 Shiveluch tephtra in marine cores. Presence of different tephtras in the same layers in the marine  
626 cores may result from low accumulation rate of the sediments and/or contamination during the  
627 coring of semi-liquid Holocene deposits.

628 4. Kyle et al. (2011) attributed three tephtra samples (95-01/1, 95-01/2 and 95-06/1)  
629 collected on Attu Island (western Aleutians) to YSH (Fig. 13). If this correlation is correct, it  
630 would increase the estimates of dispersal distance for Shiveluch tephtra from 350 km  
631 (Ponomareva et al. 2007) or 560-580 km (see above) to 850 km. The three samples are very  
632 close geochemically (Fig. 14d). All of them fit into an age interval of ~3000-5100  $^{14}\text{C}$  yr BP  
633 (Kyle et al. 2011). The Attu tephtras have lower  $\text{K}_2\text{O}$  contents than the majority of the YSH  
634 glasses (Fig. 14d). Only one of those samples (95-01/2) passed the formal test on similarity with  
635 any of the proximal units, however, a probable match (unit 6) is far younger (764 cal BP) and  
636 has a SSW- and not E-directed dispersal axis. At this stage correlation of the Attu tephtras with  
637 Shiveluch is tenuous and we leave open the possibility that these tephtras may have come from  
638 some closer source in the Aleutians.

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#### 640 Geochemical variability of Young Shiveluch glasses

641 Significant geochemical variability of glasses from the YSH tephtras, which facilitates their usage  
642 in tephrochronology, is rather unexpected result given the relatively short time interval of the  
643 volcanic activity (Holocene) and earlier data by Kyle et al. (2011) who reported a rather small  
644 compositional variability of Shiveluch glasses. It is therefore worthwhile to analyze possible  
645 petrological reasons for the compositional variability of glasses and rocks documented in our  
646 study.

647 Here we refer to pyroclastic and effusive Shiveluch rocks as close compositional analogues  
648 of magmas that existed at depth and have undergone degassing upon eruption. Volcanic glasses  
649 represent a (partially) degassed residual melt quenched during eruption. The glasses can



650 approach the composition of melt in magma chamber or be more evolved due to late  
651 crystallization, which may occur immediately before eruption and during magma transport to the  
652 surface (e.g. Blundy and Cashman 2001). The compositions of YSH rocks and glasses can thus  
653 be interpreted in terms of a number of petrogenetic processes including: 1) crystallization, 2)  
654 crystal removal, sorting or accumulation, 3) mixing of variably fractionated magmas, and 4)  
655 mixing with magmas of different geochemical type. The relative role of these processes in the  
656 petrogenesis of YSH lavas was discussed by Gorbach and Portnyagin (2011) and Gorbach et al.  
657 (2013).

658 Crystallization is a major petrogenetic process occurring either due to magma cooling or  
659 decompression and water degassing from magma (e.g., Eichelberger 1995; Blundy et al. 2006;  
660 Portnyagin et al. 2012). In most Shiveluch magmas, crystallizing assemblage of minerals is  
661 represented by ortho- and clinopyroxene, plagioclase, hornblende, oxides and apatite (Gorbach  
662 and Portnyagin, 2011). Effects of crystallization of this low-Si and low-K assemblage are clearly  
663 seen in the composition of glasses, which often exhibit short (SiO<sub>2</sub> range of 2-3 wt. %) but well  
664 defined trends of coherently increasing SiO<sub>2</sub> and K<sub>2</sub>O as crystallization proceeds (Fig. 10b).  
665 Crystallization of magma results in evolving melt and increasing amount of crystals but has no  
666 effect on bulk magma composition and thus can be suggested for tephra of identical bulk  
667 composition with different composition of glasses.

668 Processes of crystal removal, sorting and accumulation are related to physical movement  
669 of crystals relative to melt and each other, and therefore they have no effect on the composition  
670 of melt but are able to change proportion between the melt and amount of crystals in magma. For  
671 example, Gorbach and Portnyagin (2011) showed that compositional trend of Young Shiveluch  
672 lavas can be well explained by selective separation of mafic minerals, primarily, hornblende and  
673 oxides relative to plagioclase.

674 Processes of mafic and evolved magma mixing are well documented for YSH lavas and  
675 pyroclastics (Volynets 1979; Humphreys et al. 2006; Dirksen et al. 2006; Gorbach and  
676 Portnyagin, 2011). Effect of magma mixing on volcanic glasses is expressed in shifting glass  
677 compositions to lower SiO<sub>2</sub> along mixing trend, as a result of direct mixing of mafic and silicic  
678 melts, or more likely along the crystallization trend due to dissolution of phenocrysts at  
679 increasing temperature. Incomplete mixing with basaltic magmas prior to eruption is also evident  
680 from a common occurrence of banded pumices and coexistence of low- and high-Si glasses in  
681 andesitic pyroclastic rocks. Effects of mixing on bulk magma composition are similar to that for  
682 glasses. Hybrid rocks have lower SiO<sub>2</sub> content and plot along linear mixing trends. There is also  
683 a strong effect of mixing on concentration of refractory trace elements in hybrid magmas.  
684 Gorbach and Portnyagin (2011) show that linear trends of Cr versus SiO<sub>2</sub> content in bulk rocks



685 and distinctively high Cr content (>50 ppm, Ponomareva et al. 2007) in YSH tephra cannot be  
686 explained by crystallization processes but require persistent admixture of mafic Cr-rich material  
687 to Shiveluch andesites.

688 The processes outlined above are mainly responsible for shifting glass and/or magma  
689 compositions along (or close to) crystallization trends and unable to explain significant  
690 variability of Shiveluch glasses in K<sub>2</sub>O content at any given SiO<sub>2</sub>. In order to explain this  
691 variability, we propose *mixing of different geochemical type magmas*, "normal" medium-K<sub>2</sub>O  
692 and high-K<sub>2</sub>O, in magma-feeding system beneath Young Shiveluch. High-K<sub>2</sub>O tephra of  
693 distinctive composition form the SHsp layer. Additional evidence for widespread involvement of  
694 high-K<sub>2</sub>O melts comes from the presence of dacitic melt inclusions in plagioclase with up to 6.5  
695 wt. % K<sub>2</sub>O found in YSH rocks (Tolstykh et al. 2000). The high-K silicic melts can result from  
696 extensive crystallization of high-K basalts (SHsp tephra), crustal assimilation (Gorbach and  
697 Portnyagin 2011) or low pressure "dry" fractionation leading to stronger enrichment in K<sub>2</sub>O  
698 compared to hydrous high pressure fractionation (e.g., Botcharnikov et al. 2008). More  
699 conclusive evidence about the origin of the K-rich component in YSH magmas can be likely  
700 obtained with the help of trace element and isotope studies.

701 Concurring effects of the four processes described above can readily explain the large  
702 variability of YSH glasses. These processes are rather common in the genesis of island-arc  
703 andesites (e.g., Gorbach et al. 2013 and references therein), and thus tephra of other frequently  
704 erupting andesitic volcanoes can be similarly distinguished with the help of systematic study of  
705 compositions of volcanic glass and whole rocks. Although andesitic tephra are frequently  
706 considered to be difficult for geochemical fingerprinting (Shane et al. 2005; Donoghue et al.  
707 2007; Lowe 2011), our results provide new perspective and petrologic background for using  
708 such tephra in constraining detailed tephrostratigraphy in many volcanically active regions on  
709 continental margins.

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#### 711 The origin of regular temporal variations of Young Shiveluch glasses

712 Geochemical studies of the detailed tephra record for individual volcanoes are few (e.g.,  
713 Donoghue et al. 2007; Oladottir et al. 2008; Turner et al. 2009) though they permit to study  
714 evolution of volcanoes with great details and sometimes show certain regular temporal patterns  
715 in the eruptive records (Oladottir et al. 2008). Our work at Shiveluch and Kliuchevskoi  
716 volcanoes also shows that both volcanoes exhibit wave-like changes of SiO<sub>2</sub> contents in glass  
717 from rapidly quenched tephra during Holocene roughly correlating in time between the  
718 volcanoes (Portnyagin et al. 2009, 2011). Both volcanoes have been erupting continuously with  
719 little (Shiveluch) or no (Kliuchevskoi) significant repose periods so their eruptions provide

720 almost continuous temporal record of the composition of magmas (bulk rocks) and their melts  
721 (glasses) under these volcanoes.

722 As described in previous chapter the most profound effect on SiO<sub>2</sub> content in volcanic  
723 glasses have two counteracting processes, crystallization and mixing with mafic melt. Interaction  
724 between these two processes on a long time scale can provide a reasonable explanation for the  
725 wave-like pattern of SiO<sub>2</sub> in volcanic glass of Young Shiveluch tephra. No such clear trend is  
726 seen in the composition of bulk tephtras (Fig. 11).

727 Low-pressure crystallization during magma transport to the surface and eruption can  
728 certainly affect the composition of volcanic glasses (e.g., Blundy et al. 2006). This process alone  
729 is, however, unlikely to result in wave-like variability of SiO<sub>2</sub> in Shiveluch glasses as this would  
730 imply alternating periods of more or less extensive low-pressure crystallization during the  
731 Shiveluch history without clear reason and without correlation to the magnitude of the eruptions.  
732 Alternatively, the wave-like variations can reflect the temporal evolution of melt composition in  
733 magma chamber prior to eruption and be interpreted in terms of the evolution of periodically  
734 replenished - continuously fractionated magma chamber (O'Hara 1977).

735 As much of the glass variations can be explained by counteracting processes of mixing and  
736 crystallization, the temporal trends from more to less silicic compositions (~11-9.9, 8.5-7.7, 5.6-  
737 4.9, 4-3 ka, and 1.5 ka-present) (Fig. 11) can be explained when mafic replenishments are  
738 frequent and/or more voluminous so that they drive melt composition in magma chamber toward  
739 more mafic one against the effect of crystallization. The opposite trend from less to more silicic  
740 compositions may imply that the effect of crystallization becomes more important and  
741 overwhelms the effect of mafic replenishments, which could be less frequent or less abundant at  
742 certain interval of time. The wave-like pattern of SiO<sub>2</sub> variations may thus reflect alternating  
743 periods of high and low frequency/volume of mafic magma supply to deep magma chamber  
744 beneath Shiveluch. The onsets of four of five presumed periods of high mafic magmas supply  
745 (~11-9.9, 8.5-7.7 and 4-3 ka, and 1.5 ka-present) strikingly coincide in time with known periods  
746 of enhanced volcanic activity in Kamchatka (Fig. 11) (Braitseva et al. 1995; Kozhurin et al.  
747 2006; Pevzner et al. 2013; Ponomareva et al. 2013). This synchronicity suggests that the ascents  
748 of deeper magmas may have been caused by regional stress redistribution rather than by local  
749 processes at Shiveluch.

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#### 751 Implications for Shiveluch eruptive history

752 The activity of Shiveluch has persisted throughout the Late Glacial - Holocene times and was  
753 non-uniform in time both in terms of eruption frequency and composition of erupted products.  
754 Exclusively Baidarny-type basaltic andesite tephtras were erupted between ~16 and ~12.8 ka,

755 which represented the activity that had started in the late Pleistocene (Gorbach et al. 2013). A  
756 major divide in the Late Glacial - Holocene eruptive history was the arrival of high-Si melts at  
757 ~12.7 ka, which likely marked the onset of the YSH activity. The first small high-Si tephtras  
758 might have been related to the andesitic dome- and lava-producing eruptions at the initial stages  
759 of the YSH activity (Gorbach and Portnyagin 2011; Pevzner et al. 2013). Young Shiveluch  
760 powerful explosive activity started at ~11.1 ka BP. Since then, high-Si glasses prevailed in the  
761 erupted tephtras (Fig. 8).

762 Bulk Baidarny cinders have compositions close to Baidarny and Southern vents lavas (Fig.  
763 7). They have significantly lower MgO, Cr and higher SiO<sub>2</sub>, Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, Na<sub>2</sub>O, K<sub>2</sub>O contents  
764 compared to the YSH unit 46 ("dark package") (Fig. 7; Online Resource 6). Glass compositions  
765 in Baidarny cinders and in the "dark package", however, are very close (Fig. 9; Online Resource  
766 4). Melt inclusions found in minerals from Baidarny cinders and from the "dark package" have  
767 similar compositions (Pevzner et al. 2013). This implies that the "dark package" tephtras are  
768 likely enriched in mafic crystals but otherwise cogenetic with Baidarny cinders and lavas. We  
769 interpret this as persisting presence (envolvement) of the Baidarny-type magmas during the YSH  
770 activity.

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## 772 **Conclusions**

773 Here we present a state-of-the-art dataset of compositions and ages of Late Glacial-Holocene  
774 proximal tephtras from the dominantly andesitic Shiveluch volcano (Kamchatka). The dataset is  
775 accompanied by an interactive table for comparison of unknown glasses to those from proximal  
776 tephtra units (Online Resource 4). These data are used to reconstruct the eruptive history and  
777 magmatic evolution of Shiveluch during the last ~16 ka, and to assist in the identification of  
778 distal Shiveluch tephtras. We explicitly envisage that our knowledge of the Shiveluch eruptive  
779 history could be updated in the future once new <sup>14</sup>C dates are added to our existing compilation  
780 and/or more tephtra units are recognized and characterized geochemically.

781 As a result, we have obtained a nearly continuous record of glass compositions for  
782 Shiveluch tephtras spanning the last ~16 ka. This record has allowed us to reveal that Young  
783 Shiveluch rhyolitic glasses exhibit wave-like variations in SiO<sub>2</sub> and some other elements  
784 contents through time that may reflect alternating periods of high and low frequency/volume of  
785 mafic magmas supply to deep magma chamber beneath the volcano. A wave-like pattern of SiO<sub>2</sub>  
786 and other elements variations through time has earlier been found for basaltic Kliuchevskoi  
787 volcano located 75 km southeast of Shiveluch (Portnyagin et al. 2009, 2011). Baidarny-type  
788 tephtras were erupted mostly during the Late Glacial time (16-12.8 ka) but also persisted into the  
789 Holocene as subordinate (except for the "dark package" unit) admixture in prevailing andesitic

790 tephtras. The described compositional variability of Shiveluch glasses facilitates geochemical  
791 fingerprinting of distal Shiveluch tephtras and their use as a dating tool in paleovolcanological,  
792 paleoseismological, paleoenvironmental, and archaeological studies.

793         At Shiveluch volcano we have encountered several well known problems related to  
794 andesitic tephtra and proximal tephtra sequence such as complex stratigraphy with about eighty  
795 individual pyroclastic units; similar appearance of many pumiceous tephtras; high vesicularity  
796 and crystallinity of pumices and cinders; heterogeneity of glass compositions. In our case,  
797 extensive stratigraphic work (more than 200 measured sections), direct tracing of major tephtra  
798 layers between the sectors, and detailed radiocarbon dating helped to compile a summary  
799 stratigraphy. A 5- $\mu\text{m}$  beam size made it possible to successfully analyze even tiny glass pockets  
800 in pumices and cinders. Glass heterogeneity in some tephtras, e.g., SHsp, helps to uniquely  
801 identify them.

802         We suggest working on proximal deposits, where available, in order to reconstruct near-  
803 continuous record of past eruptions and provide a better reference for identification and  
804 correlation of distal tephtras. Dating and calibration of high resolution proximal  
805 tephrostratigraphy permit to narrow the age interval for each tephtra; this refined age can be  
806 further used for more precise dating of various deposits. This research is important for the long-  
807 term forecast of eruptions and volcanic hazard assessment, and contributes to both global and  
808 regional tephtra databases.

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1042 **Table 1** Comparison of glass compositions from major Kamchatka tephras to Shiveluch  
 1043 proximal data

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#### 1045 **Figure captions**

1046 **Fig. 1** Shiveluch volcanic massif seen from southwest. Inset shows the location of Shiveluch  
 1047 volcano (yellow star) in relation to major tectonic features: Aleutian arc to the east and  
 1048 Kuril-Kamchatka arc to the south

1049 **Fig. 2** Satellite image of Shiveluch volcanic massif consisting of the late Pleistocene Old  
 1050 Shiveluch (Old SH) volcano, destroyed by a collapse crater, and the currently active Young  
 1051 Shiveluch (YSH) eruptive center nested in the latter. Southwestern part of Old Shiveluch  
 1052 (Baidarny Spur) is formed by lava flows from Baidarny and Southern vents marked with  
 1053 blue diamonds. Red diamonds show positions of the Holocene Shiveluch vents. A tuff ring  
 1054 at the southwestern slope of Baidarny Spur produced a large tephra (the "dark package",  
 1055 see text for discussion). Yellow circles show positions of tephra sections with analyzed  
 1056 tephra samples. Small black circles show all measured sections in the area. River valleys  
 1057 mentioned in the text are labeled in white. Numbers around the frame show north-based  
 1058 directions from the Young Shiveluch crater used for determining the tephra fall axes  
 1059 (Online Resource 4)

1060 **Fig. 3** Typical outcrops of the Holocene tephra sequence on the Shiveluch slopes. **a** - tephra  
 1061 sequence overlying pyroclastic density current deposits in Mutny Creek valley,  
 1062 northwestern slope of the Shiveluch edifice, 13.5 km from the modern dome; **b** - major  
 1063 pumice fall layers in Dry Ilchinets valley, southeastern sector of Shiveluch slope, 12 km  
 1064 from the modern dome. Labels of major tephra units as in Fig. 5, Online Resources 1-4.  
 1065 SHsp and SHdv are important YSH marker tephras discussed in the text. Marker tephra



1066 layers from other volcanoes: KHG (~7.85 ka) – Khangar; KZ (~8.1 ka; highlighted with a  
1067 yellow line) - Kizimen; PL2 (~10.2 ka) and PL1 (~11 ka) – Plosky volcanic massif

1068 **Fig. 4** Outcrops of Late Glacial – Holocene deposits in Dry Ilchinets valley (southeastern sector  
1069 of Shiveluch slope, 11 km from the modern dome). **a-b** - Holocene tephra sequence  
1070 overlying two debris avalanche deposits (DAD), and Late Glacial sequence sandwiched  
1071 between them; **c** - Late Glacial tephra sequence between the two DADs. The lower part of  
1072 the sequence contains only gray or oxidized Baidarny cinders (coarse and fine sands, and  
1073 rare lapilli). The upper part (transition package labeled TP, see text for discussion) is  
1074 dominated by 0.5-3 cm thick layers of white very fine silicic ash related to the onset of the  
1075 Young Shiveluch active period (~12.7 ka BP) but also contains a few thin layers of  
1076 Baidarny cinders. Numbers of the analyzed samples from this outcrop are shown left and  
1077 right of the photo; black and yellow labels show samples taken in 1996 and 2011,  
1078 respectively. Radiocarbon dates (Pevzner et al. 2013) are shown in red. Dates within each  
1079 box have been obtained on different fractions of the same sample

1080 **Fig. 5** Simplified summary stratigraphy of the Late Glacial-Holocene pyroclastic sequence on  
1081 the Shiveluch slopes. Deposits from individual YSH eruptions (in this paper referred to as  
1082 units) are shown with boxes and labeled left of those. Large tephra (bulk volumes ca. >0.5  
1083 km<sup>3</sup>) are highlighted in yellow. Small tephra forming the "transition package" are shown  
1084 with green dotted lines and labeled T1-T5 (from top to bottom). Late Glacial Baidarny  
1085 tephra are combined into four packages (B1-B4) highlighted in blue. In some cases (units  
1086 23 - 27b and the bottom of the YSH sequence) we were not able to correlate deposits from  
1087 different slopes of the volcano, therefore we show the stratigraphies from each slope  
1088 separately. Pyroclastic material analyzed in this paper is indicated inside each box: f -  
1089 tephra fall deposits, i - ignimbrite. Units 17, 26, 31, and 38 marked "n/a" have not been  
1090 analyzed because the samples were not available. In units 7 and 9 marked "n/d" no fresh  
1091 glass has been detected. Codes for marker tephra layers from Shiveluch used in previous  
1092 research are the same as in Ponomareva et al. (2007) and are labeled in magenta left and  
1093 right of the boxes. "Lower yellow" is one of the marker tephra layers from Shiveluch  
1094 identified in this paper. Regional marker tephra layers are shown with thick magenta lines  
1095 and labeled in magenta, from top to bottom: BZ1956 – Bezymianny volcano AD 1956  
1096 tephra; KS<sub>1</sub> and KS<sub>2</sub> – Ksudach volcano tephra (Braitseva et al. 1995, 1997); KL –  
1097 Kliuchevskoi (Braitseva et al. 1995); KHG – Khangar (Bazanova and Pevzner 2001); KZ –  
1098 Kizimen (Braitseva et al. 1997); PL1 and PL2 - Plosky volcanic massif (Ponomareva et al.  
1099 2013). Calibrated ages of the Shiveluch pyroclastic units and regional marker tephra layers  
1100 (weighted mean of all age estimates for each layer) are given right of the boxes or magenta

1101 lines. Direction of dispersal for large tephra is provided right of the ages. The lower age  
1102 boundary for the Late Glacial part of the Shiveluch tephra sequence (15.8-16 ka) is based  
1103 on calculations of soil accumulation rate (Pevzner et al. 2013). For complete summary  
1104 stratigraphy and analyzed samples IDs see Online Resource 1

1105 **Fig. 6** Backscattered electron images of selected Shiveluch tephra. **a-c** - Young Shiveluch  
1106 pumiceous tephra: **a** - SH<sub>1</sub> (unit 4, sample 757-1), **b** - SH2800 (unit b, sample 775-8), **c** –  
1107 early Holocene high-K pumice (sample 775-25); **d-f** – cinders: **d** – SHsp (unit 28, sample  
1108 757-20); **e** - "dark package" (unit 46, sample K01-17); **f** - Baidarny cinder (sample 97057-  
1109 3). For stratigraphic position of the samples see Online Resource 1

1110 **Fig. 7** Compositions of Shiveluch lava and proximal lapilli tephra. In TAS plot fields shown  
1111 according to Le Bas et al (1986): B – basalt, BA – basaltic andesite, A – andesite, D –  
1112 dacite, BTA – basaltic trachyandesite, TA - trachyandesite, TD – trachydacite. In K<sub>2</sub>O -  
1113 SiO<sub>2</sub> plot low-, medium-, and high-K fields are shown after Gill (1981). Data on tephra are  
1114 from Ponomareva et al. (2007) and this study, and data on lava compositions are from  
1115 Gorbach and Portnyagin (2011) and Gorbach et al. (2013). The labels on the diagrams  
1116 indicate two basalt - basaltic andesite tephra (SHsp and "dark package") discussed in the  
1117 text

1118 **Fig. 8** Histograms of SiO<sub>2</sub> contents in glasses from tephra erupted at different stages of Late  
1119 Glacial-Holocene Shiveluch activity show that glass compositions fall into two major  
1120 groups: glasses from Baidarny and YSH cinders have ~58-71.5 wt. % SiO<sub>2</sub> (low-Si  
1121 glasses), and glasses from YSH pumices are mostly rhyolitic with SiO<sub>2</sub>=71.5-80 wt. %  
1122 (high-Si glasses). Dotted gray line shows the boundary between the two groups

1123 **Fig. 9** Compositions of Shiveluch glasses plotted versus SiO<sub>2</sub> content. Small gray dots in  
1124 background illustrate a compositional range of glasses from Holocene Kamchatka tephra  
1125 (Kyle et al. 2011; Ponomareva et al. 2012, 2013; V. Ponomareva and M. Portnyagin,  
1126 unpublished). Fields of different rock types in TAS (see Fig. 7 for abbreviations) and K<sub>2</sub>O  
1127 vs. SiO<sub>2</sub> plots are shown after Le Bas et al. (1986) and Gill (1981), respectively. Error bars  
1128 (2sigma) characterize 95% uncertainty of individual data points as calculated from multiple  
1129 standard measurements by propagating the errors to the average composition of Shiveluch  
1130 glass. The labels on the diagrams indicate two basalt - basaltic andesite tephra (SHsp and  
1131 "dark package") discussed in the text

1132 **Fig. 10** Examples of homogeneous (**a**) and heterogeneous (**b**) glass compositions found in  
1133 different YSH pumice units (color circles). Labels of the units have same colors as the  
1134 symbols for corresponding glass compositions, and are the same as in Fig. 5 and Online  
1135 Resources). For the units used as markers in previous research (e.g., Braitseva et al. 1997;

1136 Pevzner et al. 1998; Kyle et al. 2011) their codes are provided in brackets. Gray circles  
1137 show glass compositions in all the YSH tephra

1138 **Fig. 11** Temporal variations in SiO<sub>2</sub> and K<sub>2</sub>O contents in Shiveluch glasses and bulk lapilli  
1139 during Late Glacial – Holocene times. Dotted gray line at 71.5% SiO<sub>2</sub> shows the boundary  
1140 between low-Si and hi-Si glasses. Gray shaded bars show the periods of enhanced volcanic  
1141 activity in Kamchatka (Braitseva et al. 1995; Kozhurin et al. 2006; Pevzner et al. 2013;  
1142 Ponomareva et al. 2013)

1143 **Fig. 12** Comparison of Shiveluch glass compositions to those from other large Holocene  
1144 Kamchatka tephtras (see discussion in the text). Fields and averages for glass compositions  
1145 from different tephtras from Kyle et al. (2011) and Ponomareva et al. (2013). A map (**d**)  
1146 shows sources of the largest Holocene Kamchatka tephtras. Tephtra codes: AV<sub>1</sub>, IAV2 -  
1147 Avachinsky volcano; IL - Iliinsky volcano; KHD - Khodutkinsky crater; KHG -Khangar  
1148 volcano; KO - Kurile Lake caldera; KRM - Karymsky caldera; KS<sub>1</sub>, KS<sub>2</sub>, KS<sub>3</sub>, KSht<sub>3</sub> -  
1149 Ksudach eruptive center; KZ - Kizimen volcano; OP - Barany Amphitheater crater at  
1150 Opala volcano; OPtr - Chasha crater; PL - Plosky eruptive center

1151 **Fig. 13** Minimum dispersal of selected YSH tephtras based on new correlations with distal sites.  
1152 Color circles show locations of the analyzed distal tephtra samples. Ovals of matching  
1153 colors show minimum dispersal areas for tephtra units 56, 59, and 58 ("Lower yellow").  
1154 Findings of YSH tephtras in the marine cores SO201-2-81 and SO201-2-77 are the first  
1155 ever findings of Shiveluch tephtra in the marine sediments, which allow us to estimate the  
1156 minimum dispersal of Holocene Shiveluch tephtra at 560-580 km. Inset shows the location  
1157 of Attu Island, where tephtra samples attributed by Kyle et al. (2011) to Shiveluch likely  
1158 come from another source (see text for discussion)

1159 **Fig. 14** Results of comparison of glass compositions in distal tephtras with the proximal YSH  
1160 high-Si glasses. **a** - "Lower yellow" (LY) tephtra was used as a marker in the Eastern  
1161 Kamchatka but its source was not known because its composition did not match then  
1162 known YSH ones (Kyle et al. 2011). Comparison of LY glass to our proximal data shows  
1163 that it matches early Holocene YSH tephtras. **b** - SH<sub>5</sub> tephtra is one of the markers from  
1164 YSH dispersed to the south of the volcano earlier dated at ~2550 <sup>14</sup>C yrs based on  
1165 erroneous correlation to unit 24 (Ponomareva et al. 2007). Comparison of the glass data for  
1166 distal and proximal tephtras have allowed us to correlate the distal tephtra to YSH unit 21  
1167 dated at ~1850 cal BP. **c** - glass compositions of tephtras found in the Bering Sea cores  
1168 SO201-2-77KL and -81KL in association with the PL2 marker tephtra (~10.2 ka; Plosky  
1169 eruptive center) suggest their correlation to proximal early Holocene YSH units 56 and 59.  
1170 **d** - glasses from the three tephtras found on Attu Island and attributed to Shiveluch (Kyle et

- 1171 al. 2011) form a single group and have lower  $K_2O$  contents than the majority of the YSH  
1172 glasses  
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- 1174 **Online Resource 1** Schematic summary section through Late Glacial - Holocene Shiveluch  
1175 pyroclastic sequence
- 1176 **Online Resource 2** OxCal code used for calibrating the sequence of radiocarbon dates obtained  
1177 for the Shiveluch pyroclastic deposits
- 1178 **Online Resource 3** Calibrated ages of the Shiveluch tephra units and marker tephra layers from  
1179 other volcanoes
- 1180 **Online Resource 4** Compilation of data on Shiveluch glass compositions and statistical tools for  
1181 their comparison
- 1182 **Online Resource 5** Electron microprobe analyses of glass from distal Shiveluch tephra  
1183 mentioned in the paper
- 1184 **Online Resource 6** Chemical analyses of bulk tephra used in this paper

**Table 1. Comparison of glass compositions from major Kamchatka tephtras to Shiveluch proximal data**

<b>Tephra ID</b>	<b>Source volcano</b>	<b>Glass compositions compared to those from Shiveluch</b>	<b>Additional characteristics different from the Shiveluch ones</b>
AV <sub>1</sub> , IAV <sub>2</sub>	Avachinsky	Very different: lower K <sub>2</sub> O and Na <sub>2</sub> O; higher CaO and Ca/Na <sub>2</sub> O+K <sub>2</sub> O	
IL	Iliinsky	Very different: lower K <sub>2</sub> O, Na <sub>2</sub> O and TiO <sub>2</sub> ; higher CaO, FeO, MgO and Ca/Na <sub>2</sub> O+K <sub>2</sub> O	
KHD	Khodutkinsky Crater	Different: lower K <sub>2</sub> O	
KHG	Khangar	Different: lower Na <sub>2</sub> O and lower Cl	Presence of mica
KO	Kurile Lake caldera	Very different: lower K <sub>2</sub> O; higher CaO, FeO and Ca/Na <sub>2</sub> O+K <sub>2</sub> O	
KRM	Karymsky caldera	Different: lower Na <sub>2</sub> O and Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> ; higher FeO and Cl	Absence of hornblende
KSht <sub>3</sub> , KS <sub>1</sub> , KS <sub>2</sub> , KS <sub>3</sub>	Ksudach	Very different: low K <sub>2</sub> O; higher CaO and Ca/Na <sub>2</sub> O+K <sub>2</sub> O	Absence of hornblende
KZ	Kizimen	Different: lower Na <sub>2</sub> O and higher CaO	
OP	Barany Amphitheater Crater, Opala volcano	Different: higher K <sub>2</sub> O; lower FeO, MgO and TiO <sub>2</sub>	Presence of mica
OPtr	Chasha Crater	Different: higher K <sub>2</sub> O; lower Na <sub>2</sub> O, FeO, MgO, TiO <sub>2</sub> and Cl	Presence of mica
PL1, PL2, PL3	Plosky volcanic massif	Very different: higher K <sub>2</sub> O and P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> ; lower Na <sub>2</sub> O and Cl	

The table includes major Holocene Kamchatka tephtras studied for glass compositions by Kyle et al. (2011) and Ponomareva et al.

(2013). Source volcanoes are listed from north to south. “Very different” implies that the contents of the listed oxides do not overlap with those from Shiveluch. “Different” means that the contents of the listed oxides are close to Shiveluch compositions but still differ from the majority of those. Glass compositions from listed tephtras are shown on the diagrams (Fig. 12).



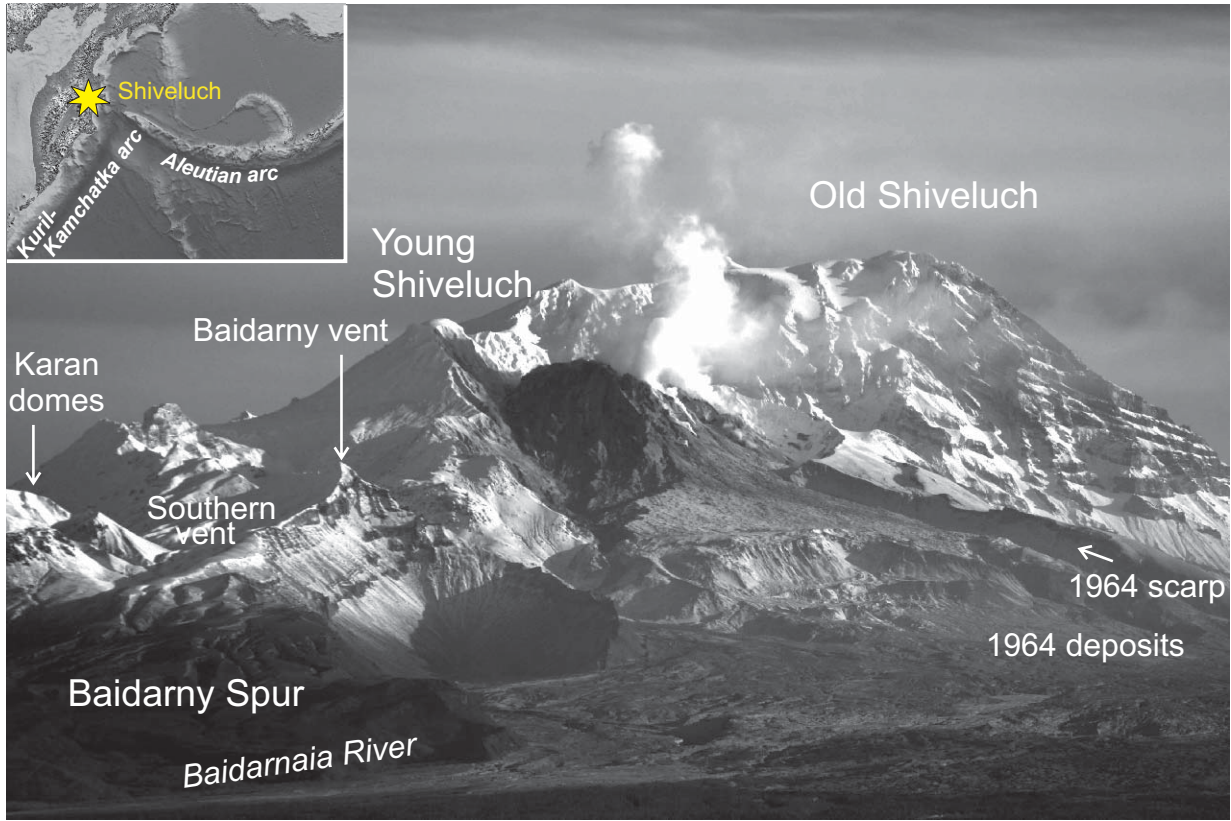


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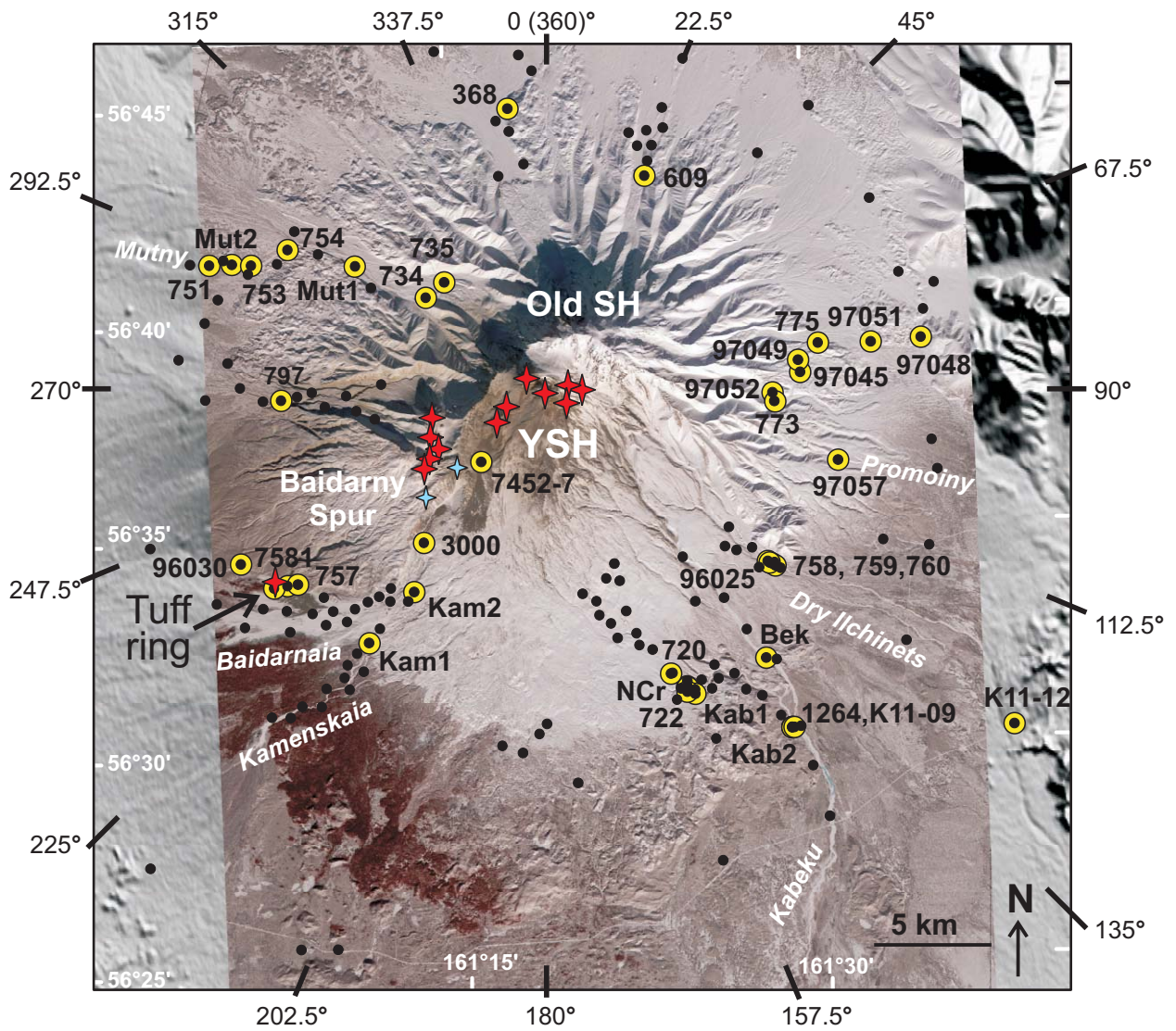


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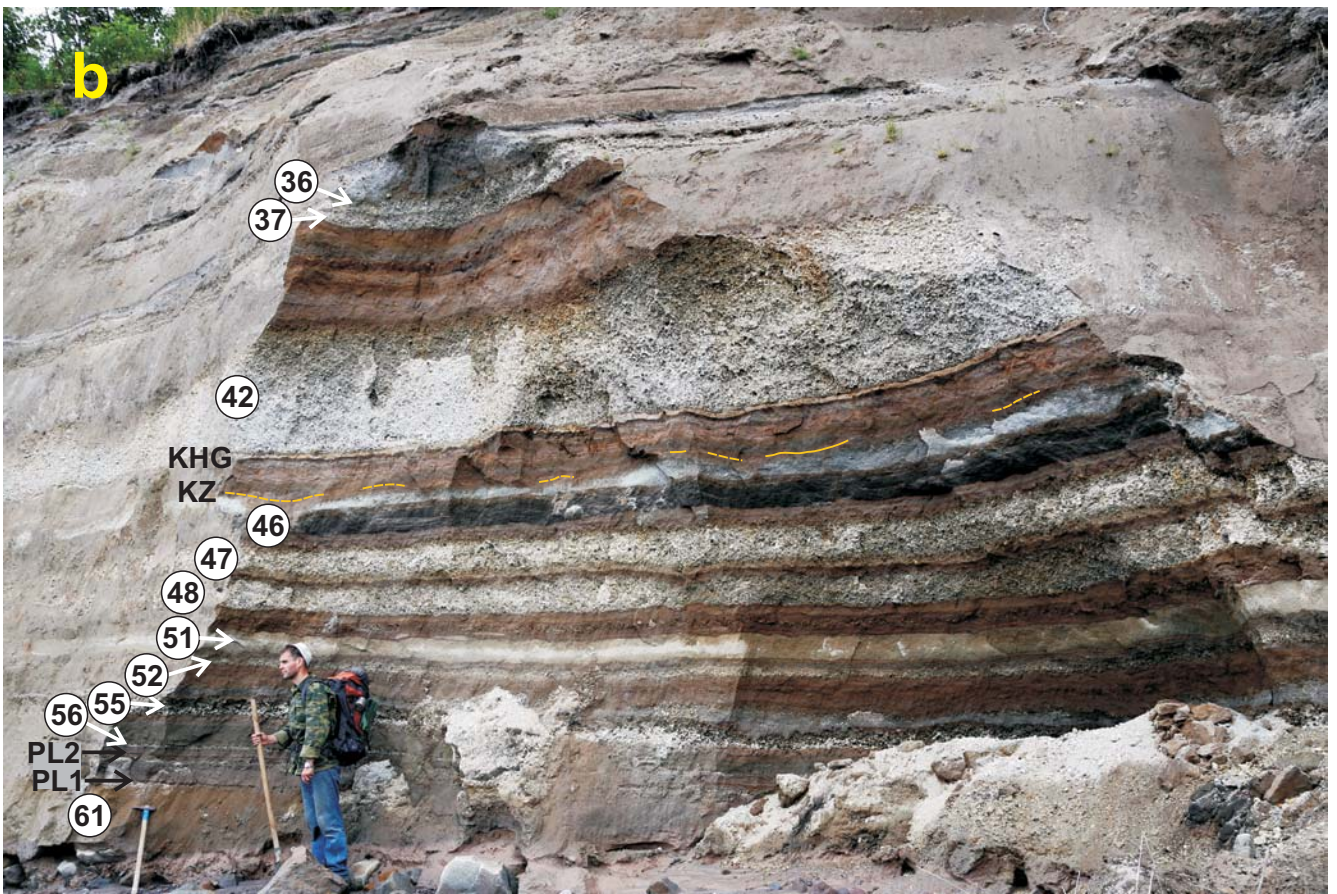


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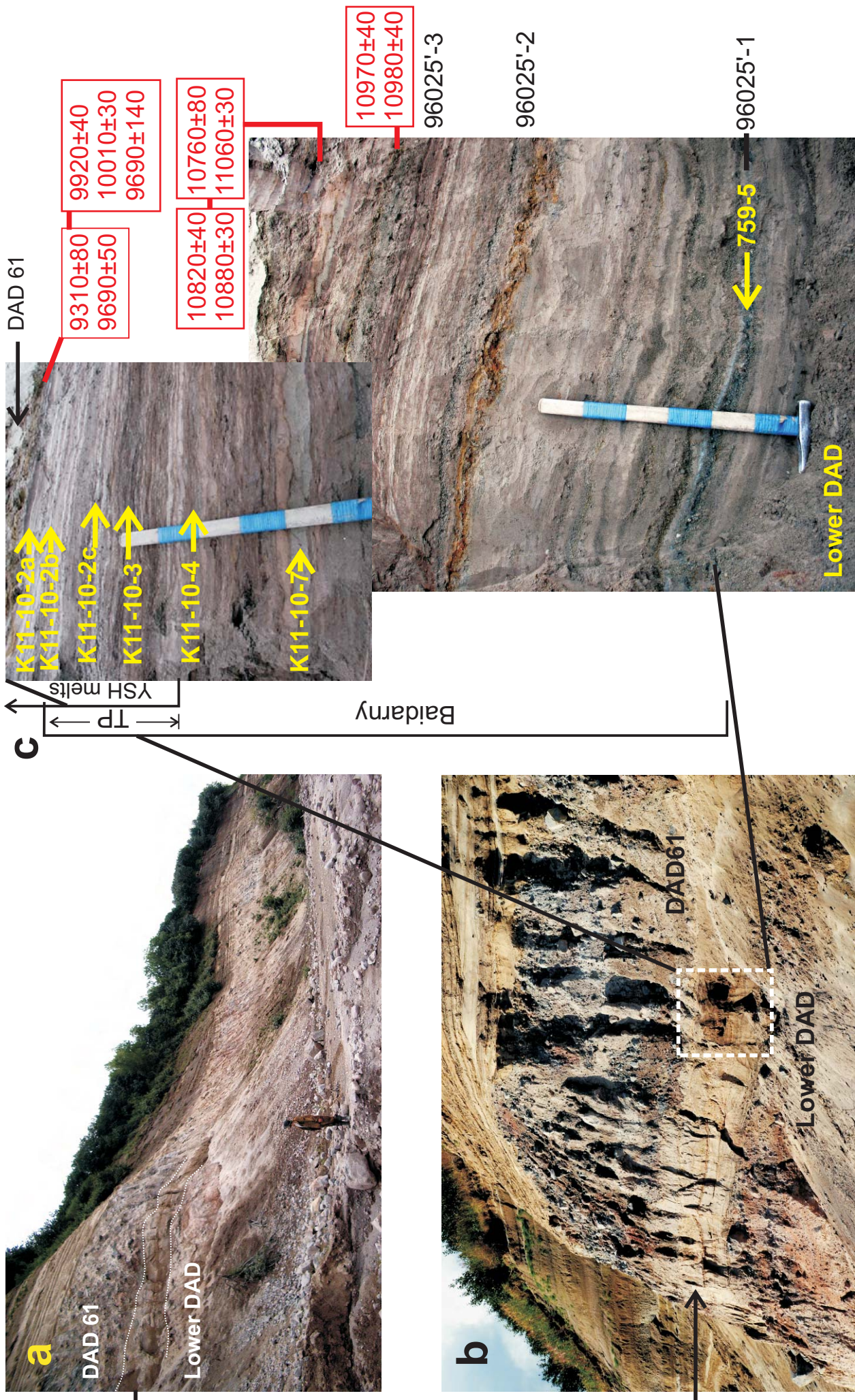


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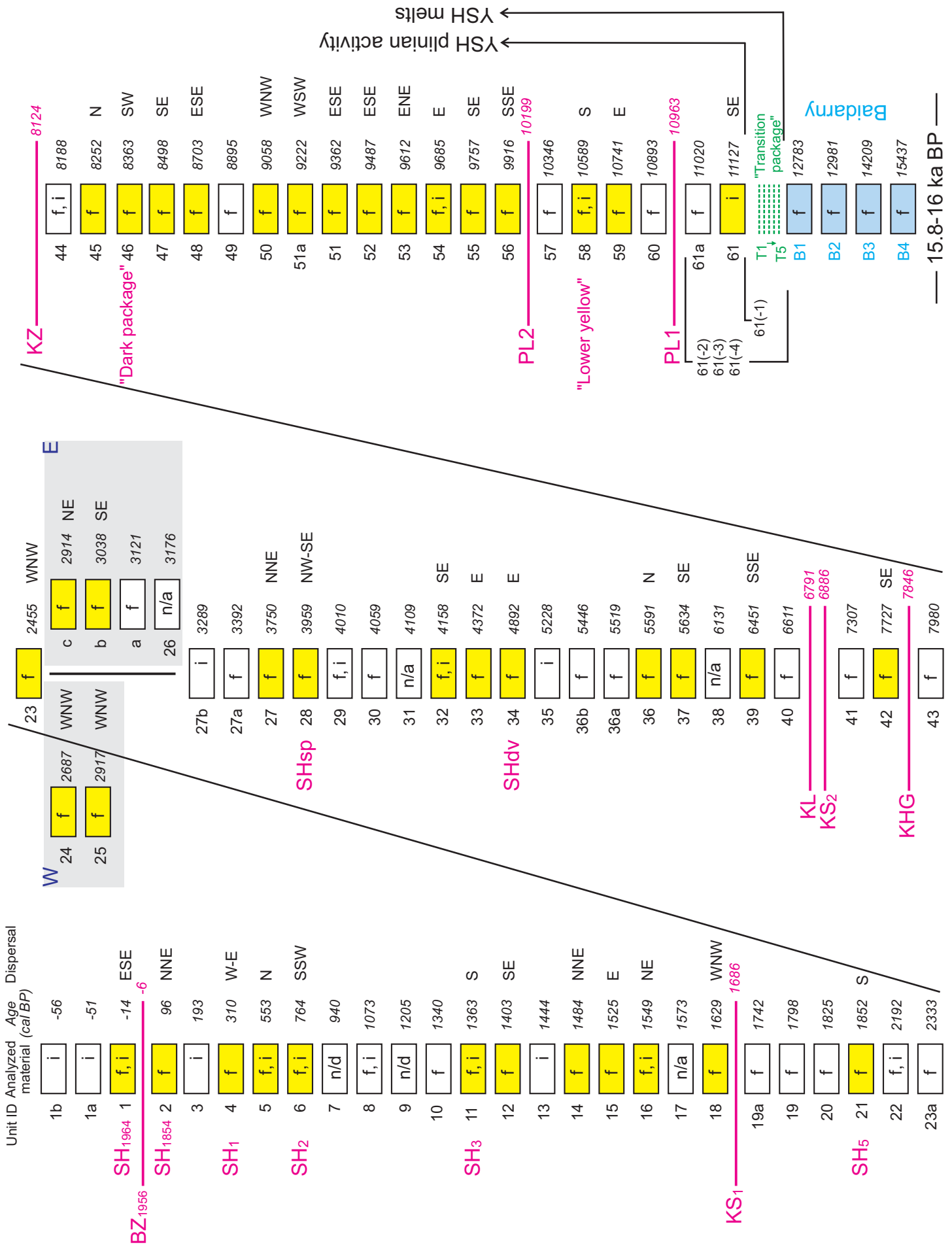
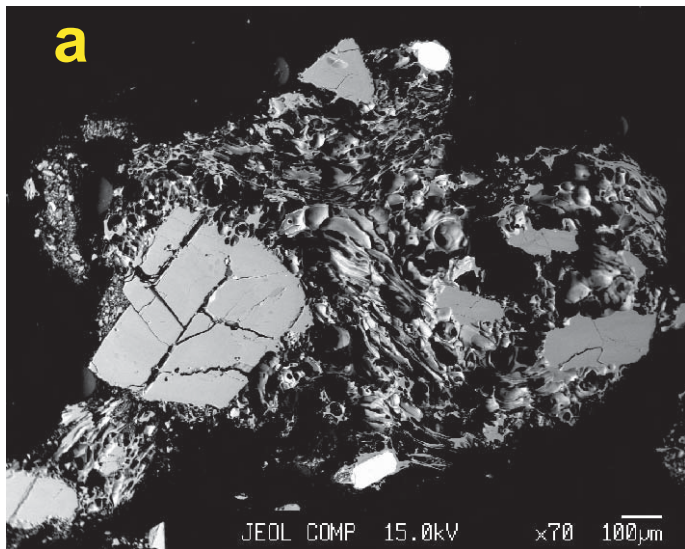
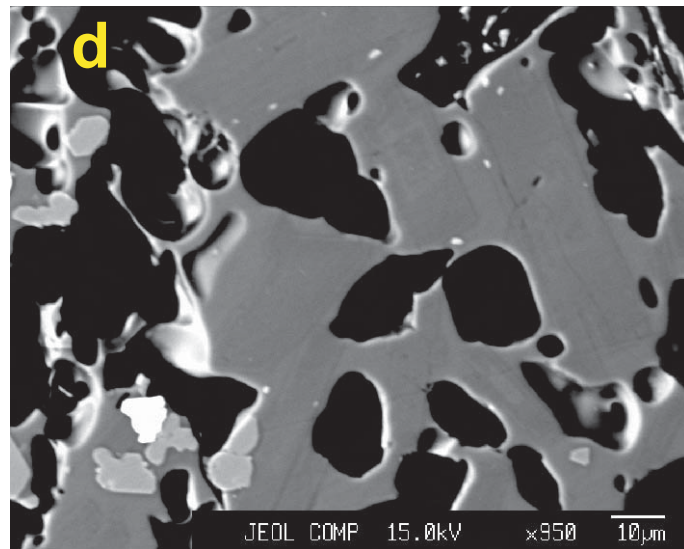


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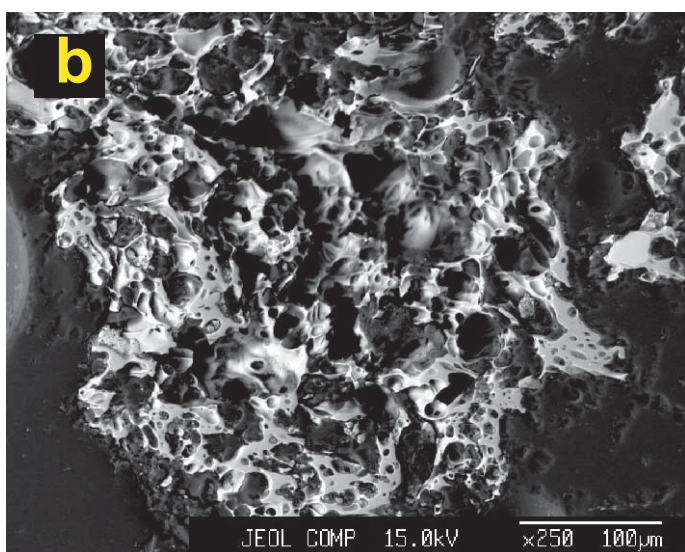




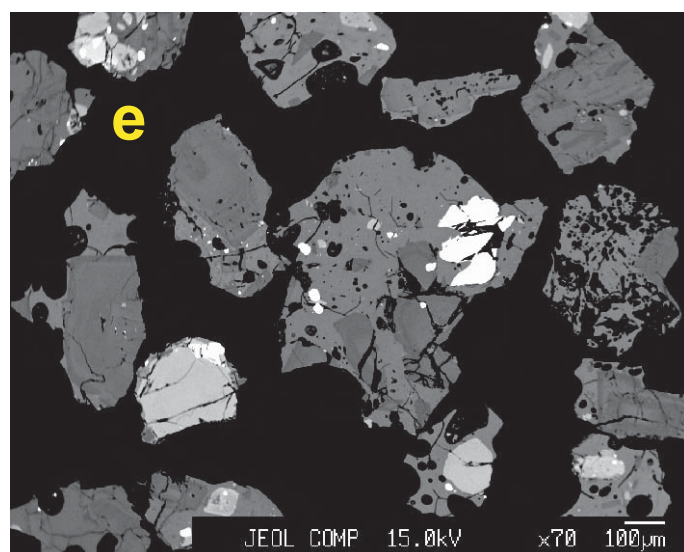
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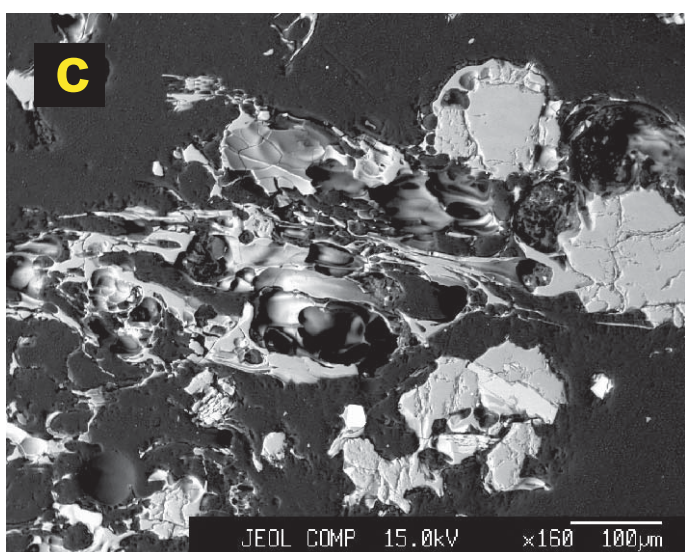
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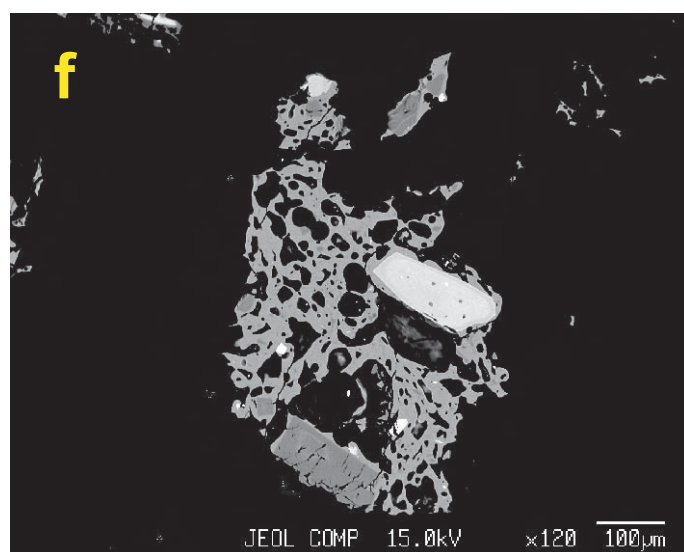
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YSH, 775-25



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Fig. 6

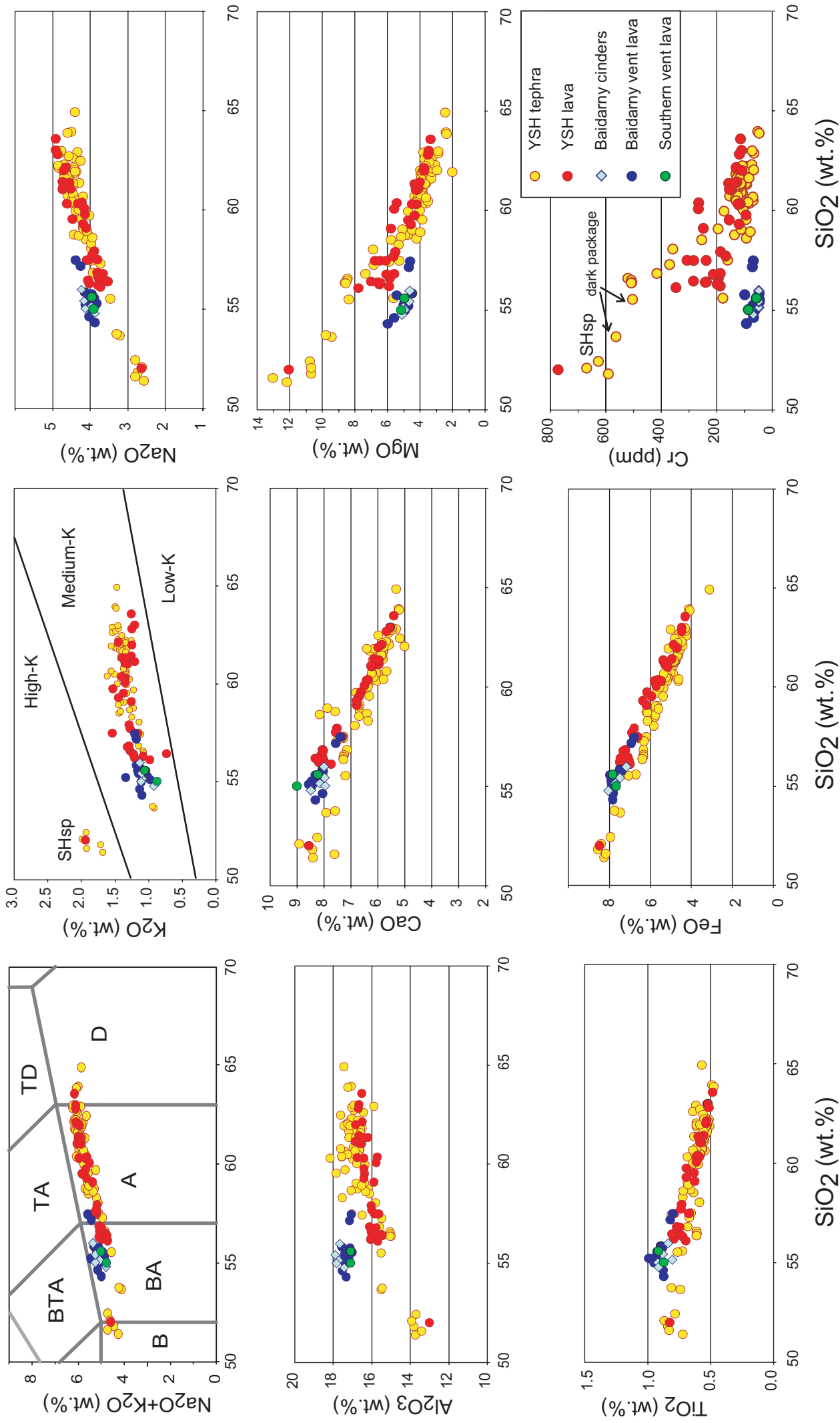


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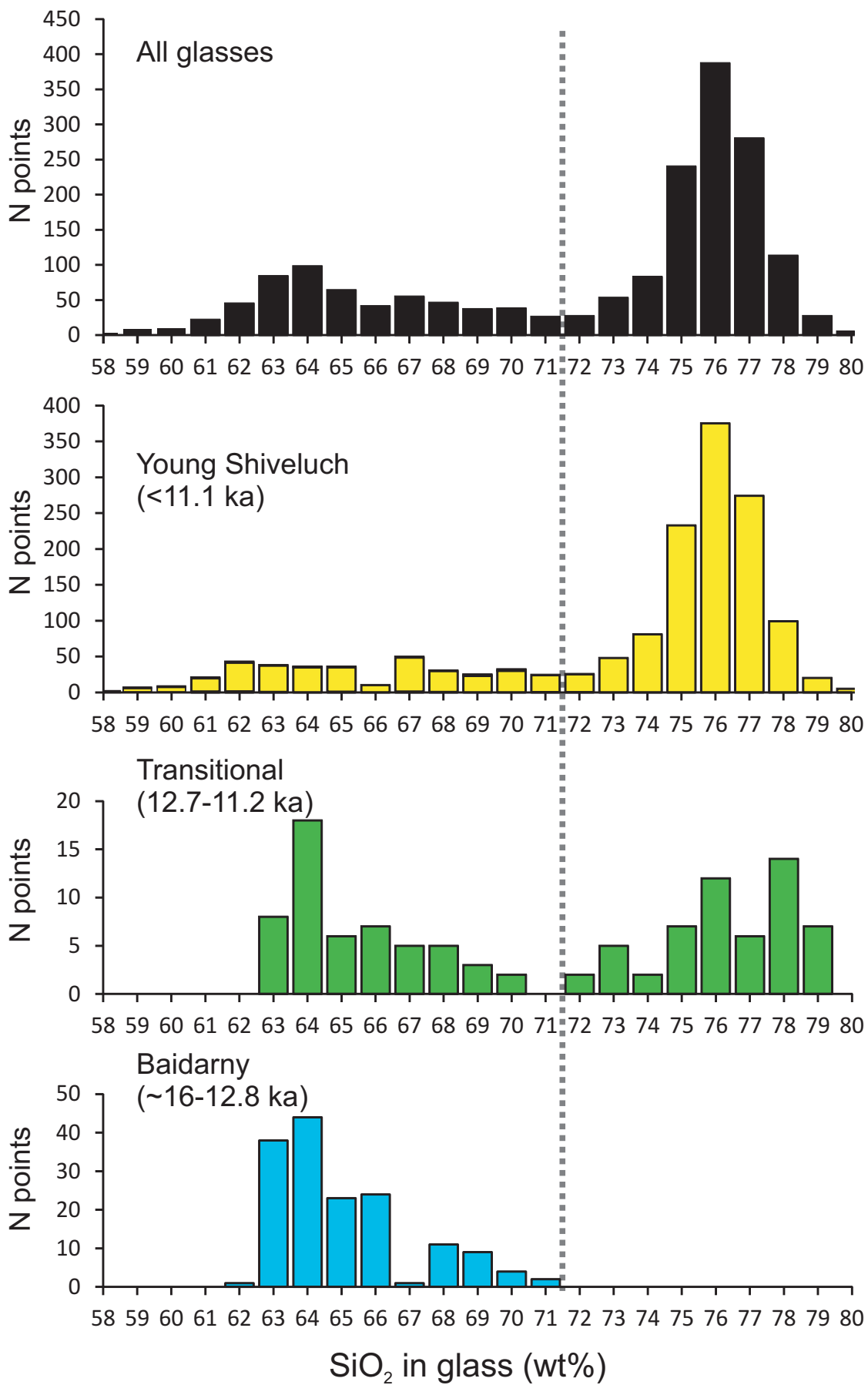


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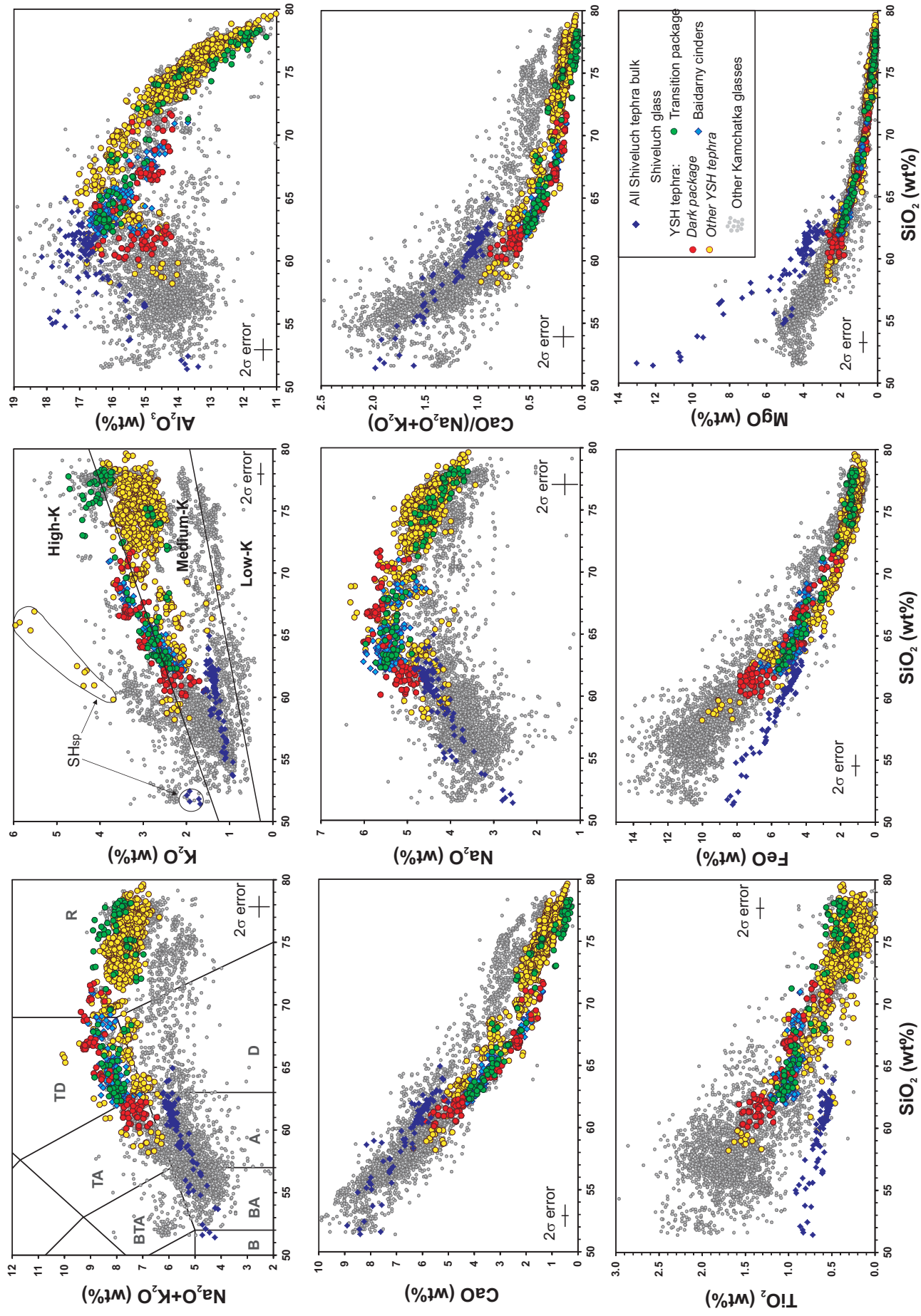


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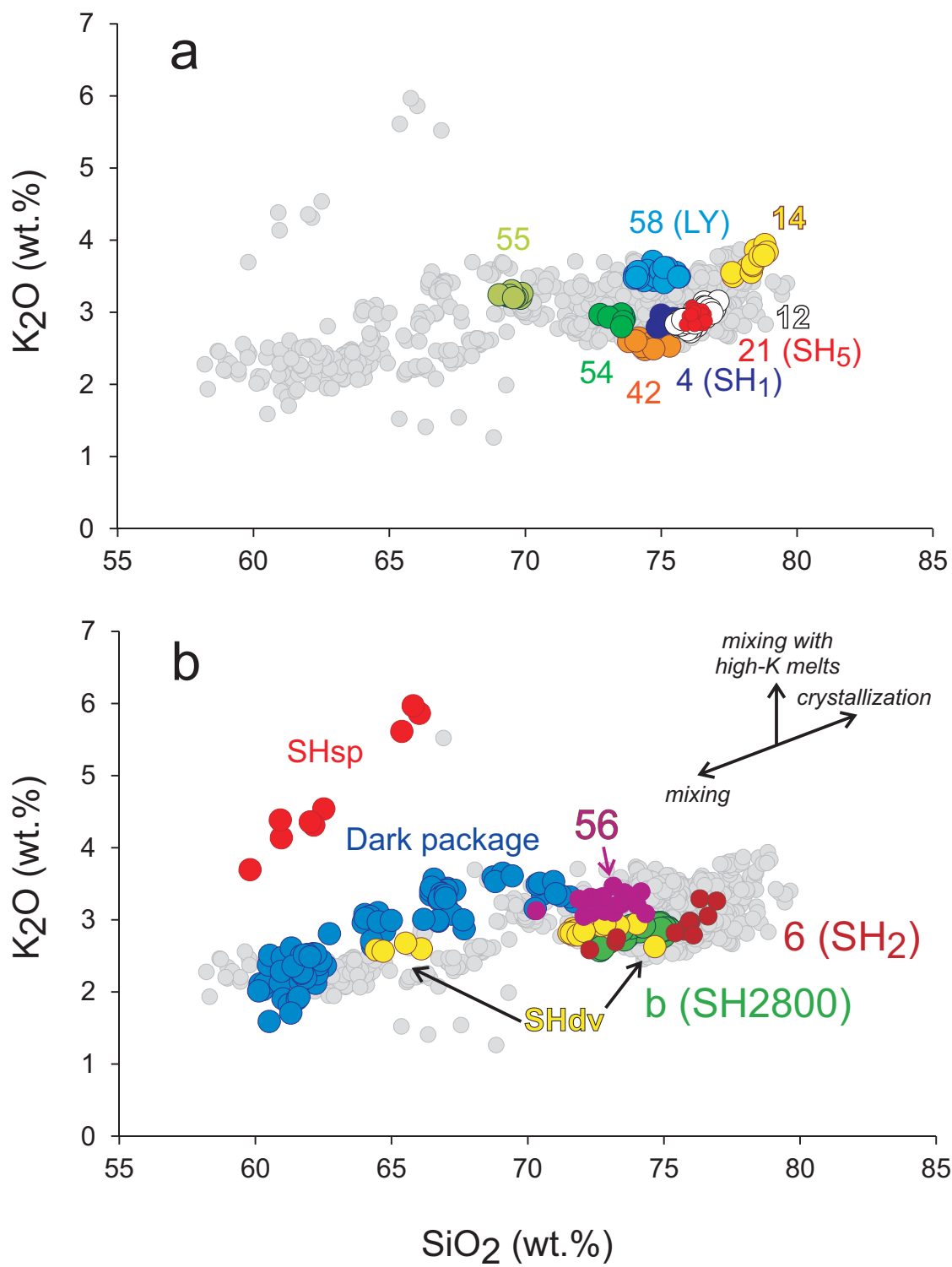


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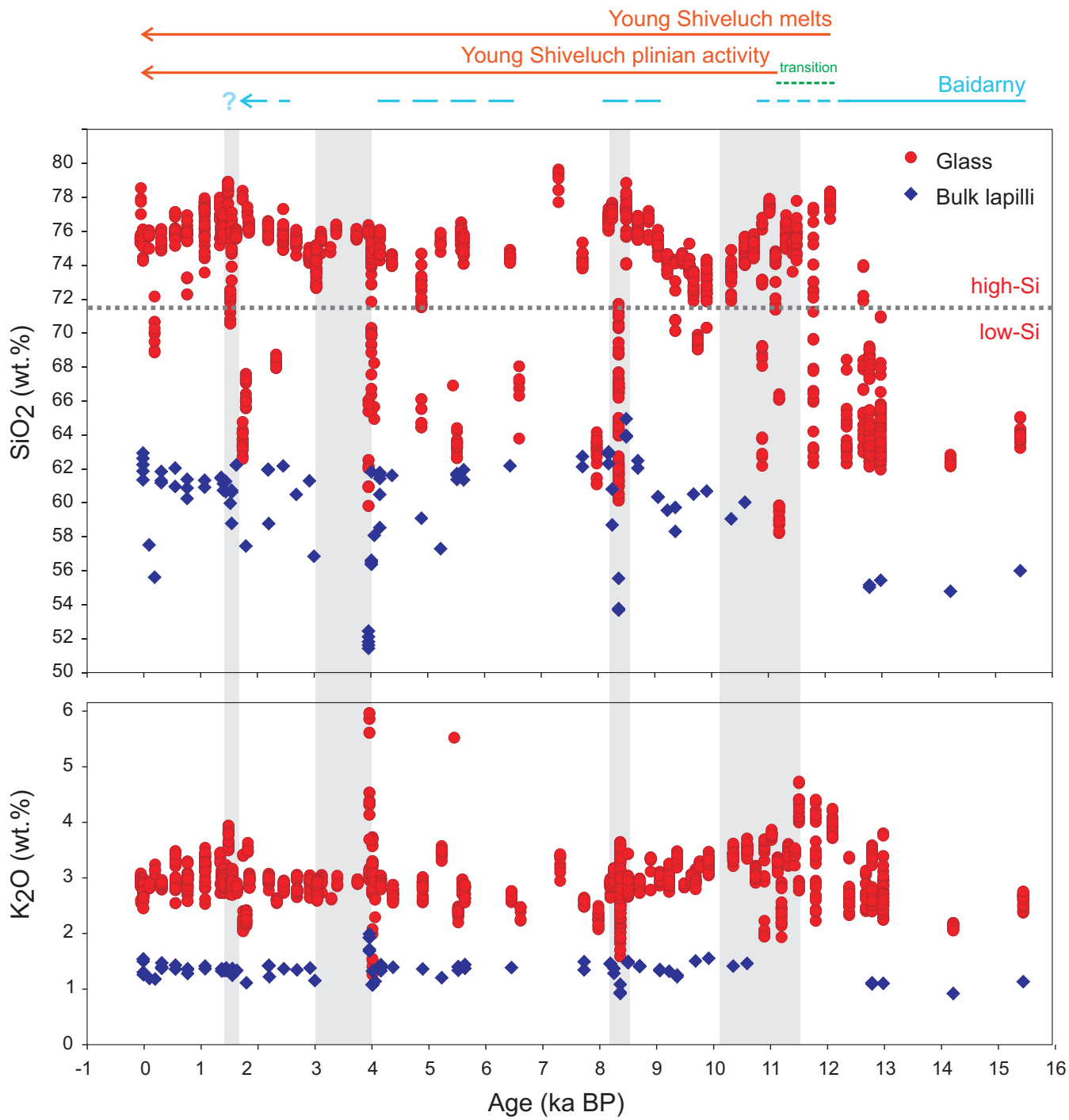


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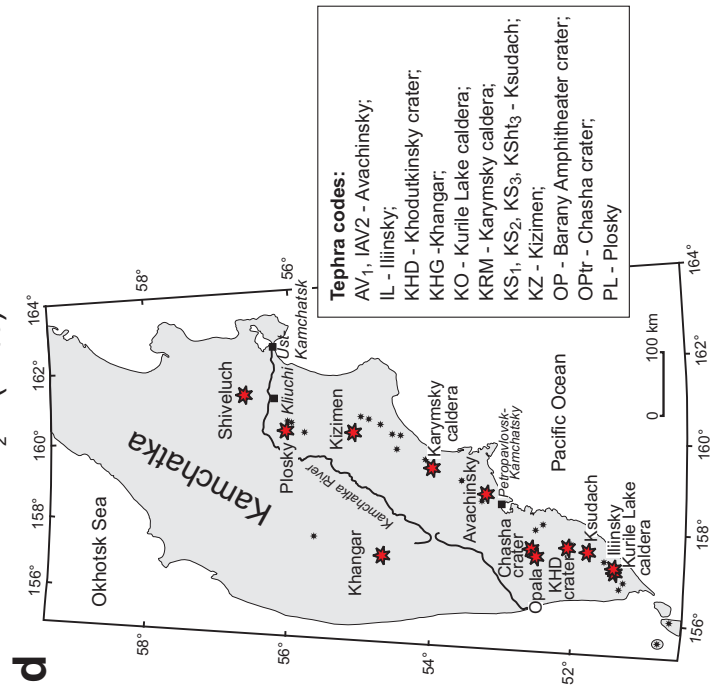
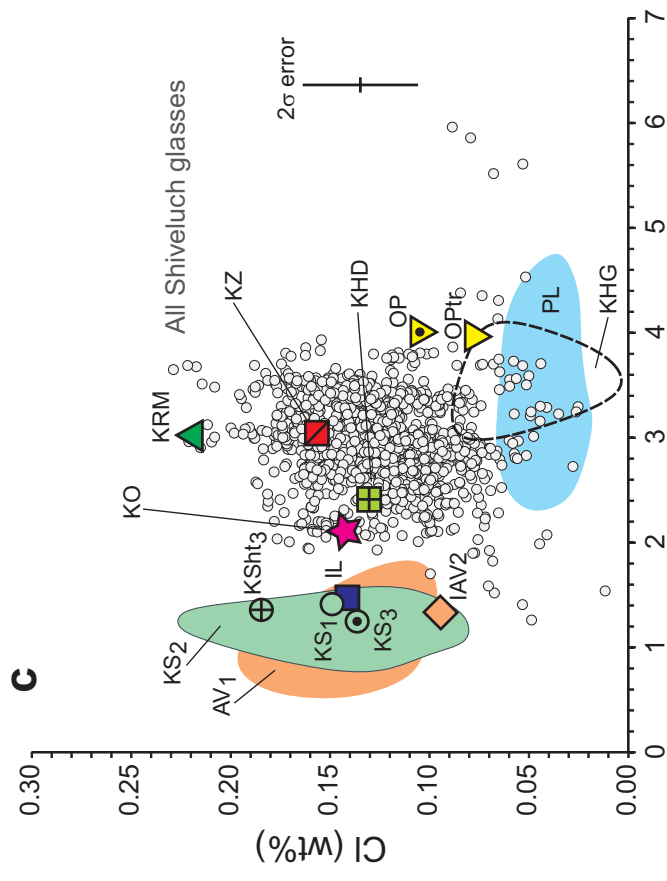
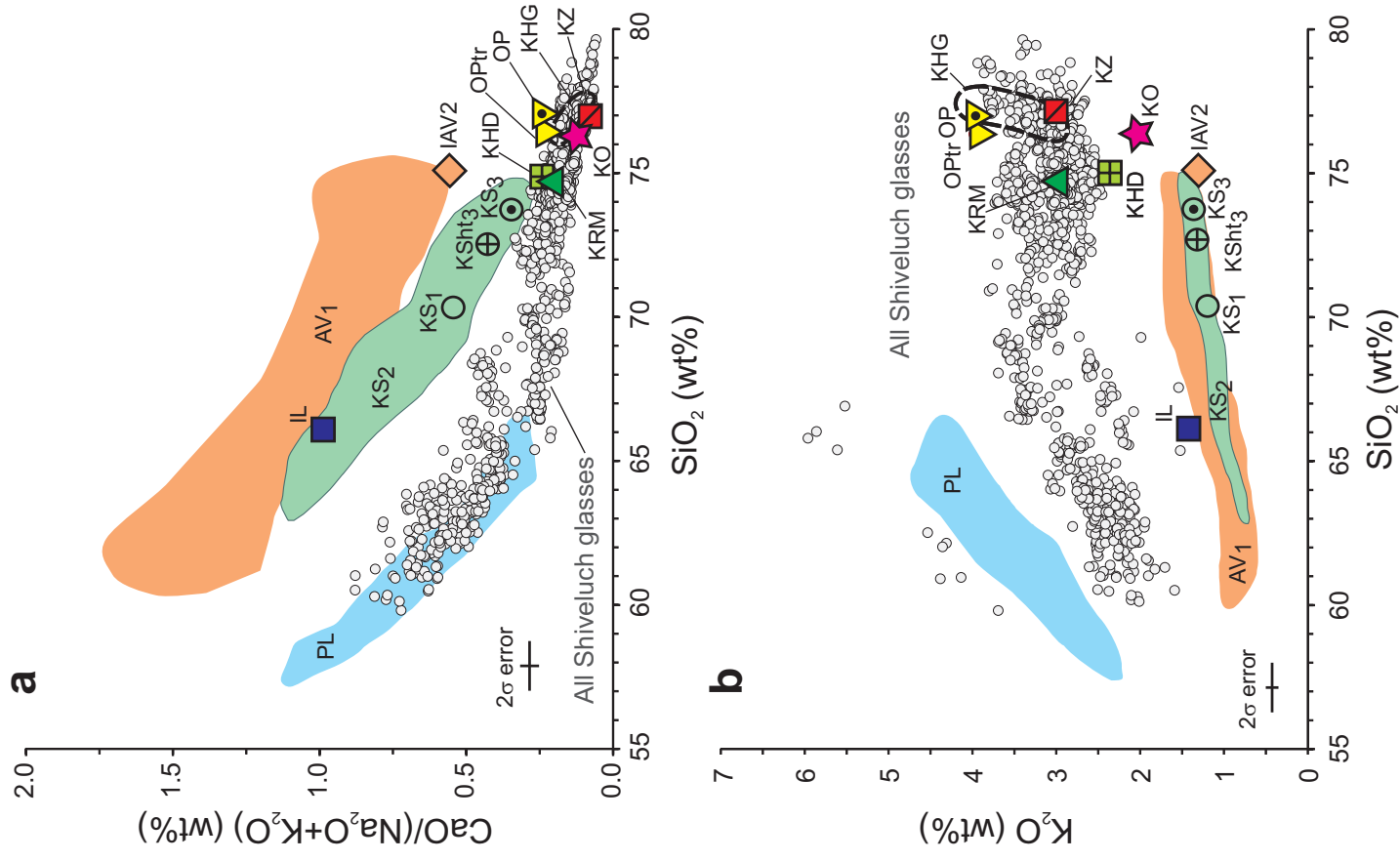


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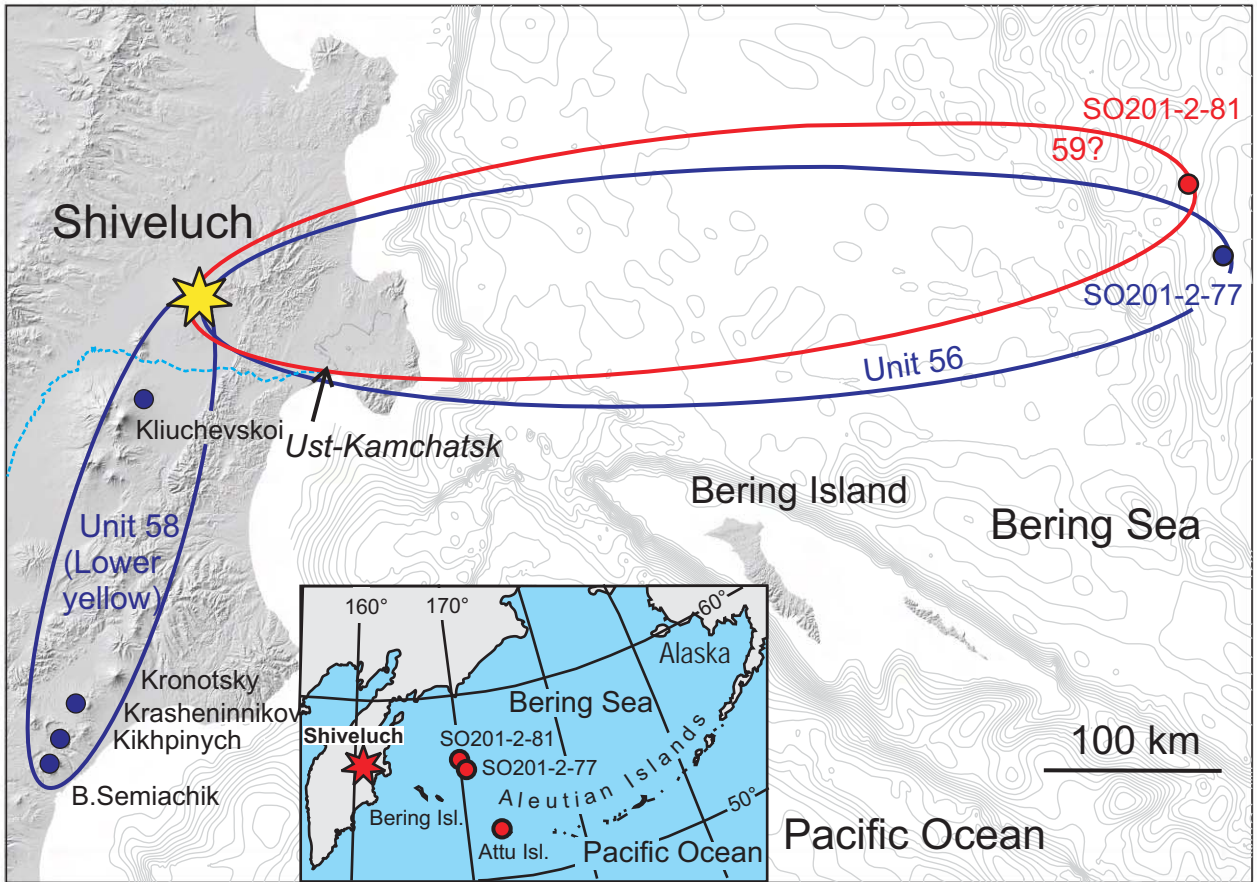


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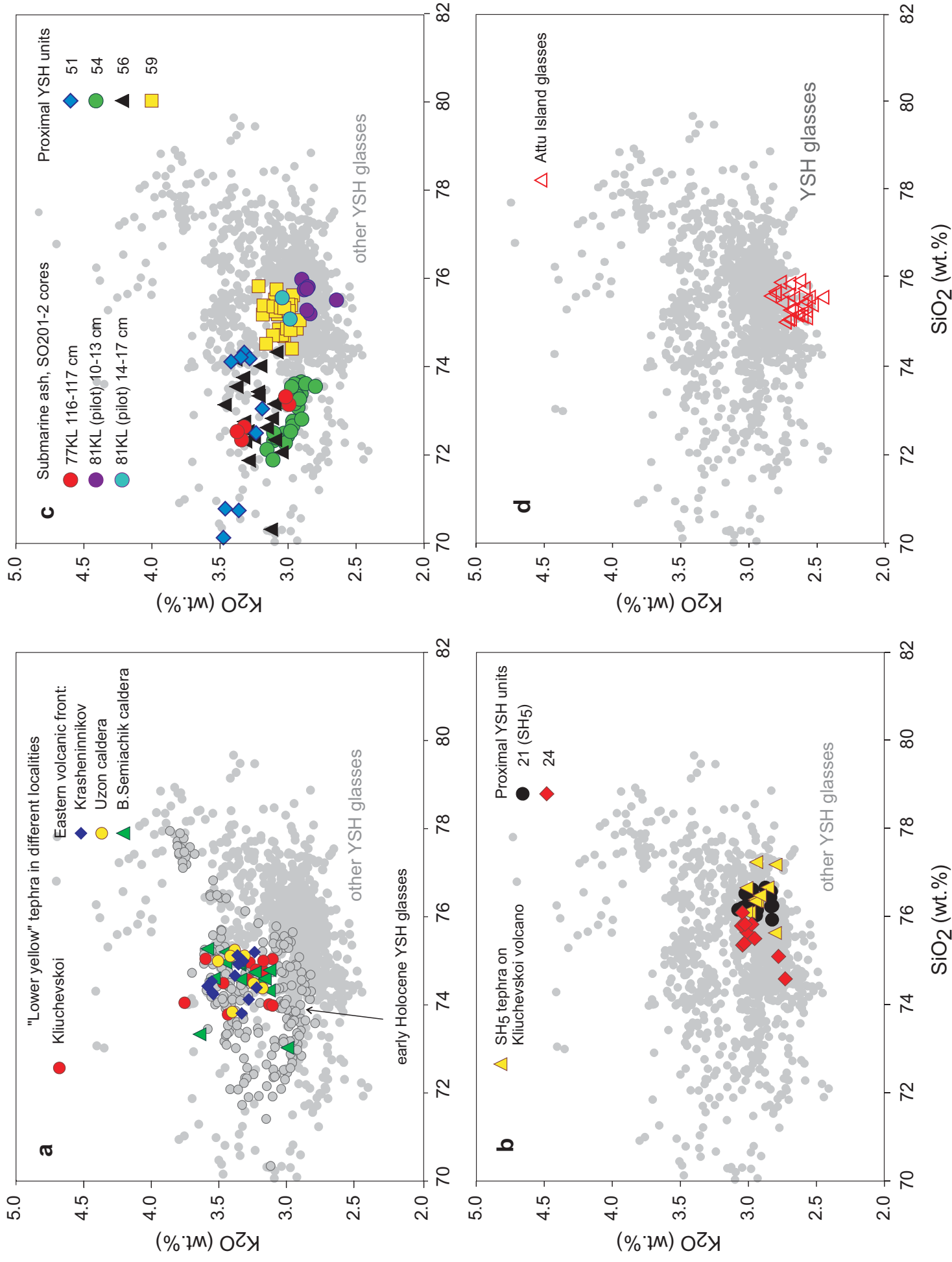


Fig. 14