Iron and zinc stable isotope evidence for open-system high-pressure dehydration of antigorite

serpentinite in subduction zones

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Abstract: Subducted serpentinites have the potential to control the exchange of volatile and redox sensitive

elements (e.g., Fe, S, C, N) between the slab, the mantle wedge and the deep mantle. Here we examine the

mobility of iron and zinc in serpentinite-derived fluids by using their stable isotopes (δ^{56}Fe and δ^{66}Zn) in

high-pressure subducted meta-serpentinites from the Cerro del Almirez massif (Spain). This massif

preserves a metamorphic front between antigorite (Atg-serpentinite) and antigorite-olivine-orthopyroxene

(transitional lithologies) -bearing serpentinites, and chlorite-bearing harzburgite (Chl-harzburgite),

displaying granofels, spinifex and fine-grained recrystallized textures. Those rocks were formed at eclogite

facies conditions (1.6–1.9 GPa and 680–710 °C). The mean δ^{56}Fe of all the Cerro del Almirez meta-

serpentinites (+0.05 ± 0.01 ‰) is identical within an error to that of primitive mantle (+0.03 ± 0.03 ‰). A

positive correlation between δ^{56}Fe and indices of peridotite protolith fertility (e.g., Al_2O_3/SiO_2) suggests that

the δ^{56}Fe values of Cerro del Almirez samples predominantly reflect protolith compositional variations,

likely produced by prior episodes of melt extraction. In contrast, the Zn concentrations ([Zn] = 34–67 ppm)

and isotope signatures (δ^{66}Zn = +0.18 – +0.55 ‰) of the Cerro del Almirez samples show a broad range of

values, distinct to those of the primitive mantle ([Zn] = 54 ppm; δ^{66}Zn = +0.16 ± 0.06 ‰). The Atg-

serpentinites ([Zn] = 34–46 ppm; δ^{66}Zn = +0.23 ± 0.06 ‰) display similar [Zn] and δ^{66}Zn values to those

of slab serpentinites from other high-pressure meta-ophiolites. Both [Zn] and δ^{66}Zn increase in transitional

lithologies ([Zn] = 45–67 ppm; δ^{66}Zn = +0.30 ± 0.06 ‰) and Chl-harzburgites with granofels ([Zn] = 38–

30 59 ppm; $\delta^{66}Zn$ = +0.33 ± 0.04 ‰) or spinifex ([Zn] = 48–66 ppm; $\delta^{66}Zn$ = +0.43 ± 0.09 ‰) textures.

31 Importantly, Cerro del Almirez transitional lithologies and Chl-harzburgites display abnormally high [Zn]

32 relative to abyssal peridotites and serpentinites (29–45 ppm) and a positive correlation exists between [Zn]

33 and $\delta^{66}Zn$. This correlation is interpreted to reflect the mobilization of Zn by subduction zone fluids at high

34 pressures and temperatures coupled with significant Zn stable isotope fractionation. An increase in [Zn] and

35 $\delta^{66}Zn$ from Atg-serpentinite to Chl-harzburgite is associated with an increase in U/Yb, Sr/Y, Ba/Ce and

36 Rb/Ce, suggesting that both [Zn] and $\delta^{66}Zn$ record the interaction of the transitional lithologies and the Chl-

37 harzburgites with fluids that had equilibrated with metasedimentary rocks. Quantitative models show that

38 metasediment derived fluids can have isotopically heavy Zn as a consequence of sediment carbonate

39 dissolution and subsequent Zn complexation with carbonate species in the released fluids (e.g.,

40 [$ZnHCO_3(H_2O)^{5+}$] or [$ZnCO_3(H_2O)_3$]). Our models further demonstrate that Zn complexation with reduced

41 carbon species cannot produce fluids with heavy $\delta^{66}Zn$ signature and hence explain the $\delta^{66}Zn$ variations

42 observed in the Chl-harzburgites. The most straightforward explanation for the heavy $\delta^{66}Zn$ of the Cerro del

43 Almirez samples is thus serpentinite dehydration accompanied by the open system infiltration of the massif

44 by oxidized, carbonate-rich sediment-derived fluids released during prograde subduction-related

45 metamorphism.

1. Introduction

47 In subduction zones, tracing and quantifying the fluxes of redox-sensitive elements, such as those of iron,

48 carbon or sulfur, between the slab, the mantle wedge and the deep mantle is crucial for understanding Earth

49 chemical evolution and habitability (e.g., Duncan and Dasgupta, 2017). Among subducted lithologies,

50 serpentinites are significant reservoirs of water and redox-sensitive elements (Alt et al., 2013). Their

51 dehydration at depth could, therefore, trigger large scale metasomatism of the mantle wedge area and

52 influence redox sensitive and volatile element cycles between the Earth's interior and surface (Debret and

53 Sverjensky, 2017; Cannao and Malaspina, 2018; Iacovino et al., 2020). However, tracing the cycling of

54 these elements in subduction zones remains an active research frontier and is subject to considerable

55 uncertainty (e.g., Kelemen and Manning, 2015; Plank and Manning, 2019; Menzel et al., 2020).

56 One of the main challenges is determining the mobility and speciation of the redox sensitive and volatile

57 elements in fluids released during prograde metamorphism in subduction zones. Although several studies

58 have investigated this problem using traditional stable isotopes (e.g., carbon and sulfur, C and S), the

59 significant overlap between the C and S isotope compositions of seafloor-altered protoliths and high-

60 pressure rocks suggests that these isotope systems are insensitive tracers of geochemical exchanges between

61 the slab and the mantle wedge in subduction zones (e.g., Alt et al., 2013). Non-traditional stable isotopes,

62 such as Fe (δ^{56}Fe) and Zn (δ^{66}Zn), can, however, complement traditional stable isotope systems by providing

63 key constraints on elemental mobility and mass balance as Fe and Zn equilibrium fractionation between

64 different phases (serpentine minerals, Fe-oxides, sulfides, carbonate and fluids) is driven by contrasts in

65 element bonding environment, such as co-ordination chemistry and oxidation state (Polyakov and Mineev,

66 2000; Schauble, 2004; Fujii et al., 2014). Furthermore, the effects of seafloor alteration (e.g.,

67 serpentinization) on Fe and to a lesser extent on Zn isotope systematics of mantle peridotites are

68 comparatively minor (Craddock et al., 2013; Debret et al., 2018a), such that subduction-related fractionation

69 processes should be relatively straightforward to identify. Recent studies have successfully applied Fe and

70 Zn stable isotopes in subduction settings to identify processes associated with high-pressure metamorphism

71 in metabasites, meta-serpentinites and metasedimentary rocks (e.g., Debret et al., 2016; Pons et al., 2016;

72 Inglis et al., 2017; El Korh et al., 2017; Debret et al., 2018b; Turner et al., 2018; Gerrits et al., 2019; Huang

73 et al., 2019; Chen et al., 2019; Debret et al., 2020). In these studies, Fe and Zn stable isotopic variations

74 were attributed to redox reactions and associated metal mobility in sulfur, carbon and chlorine-bearing fluids

75 during metamorphic processes. These results highlight the potential of these isotope systems as powerful

76 tools that can be used to trace redox-sensitive element mobility and quantify redox budget variations

77 associated with prograde metamorphism in subduction zones.

78 Here we present a study of Fe and Zn isotopes in samples from the eclogite-facies ultramafic massif of Cerro

79 del Almirez (Nevado-Filábride Complex, Betic Cordillera, S. Spain). This massif preserves a unique

80 reaction front between antigorite-bearing serpentinite (Atg-serpentinite) and their high-pressure dehydration

81 product, chlorite-bearing harzburgite (Chl-harzburgite) (Trommsdorff et al., 1998; Padrón-Navarta et al.,

82 2011). Our new data on well-characterized Chl-harzburgite and their precursor Atg-serpentinite allow us to

83 investigate the role of seafloor serpentinization versus subduction dehydration on the distribution and

84 mobility of metals. We show that the change in $\delta^{66}Zn$ observed across the contact between Atg-serpentinites

85 and Chl-harzburgites can be explained by the open-system percolation of external fluids. In this scenario,

86 the $\delta^{66}Zn$ of the Chl-harzburgites are most consistent with metasomatism by carbonate-bearing fluids

87 released during metasedimentary rock devolatilization at high pressures and temperatures.

88 **2.   Geological setting**

89 The Cerro del Almirez ultramafic massif lies in the Nevado-Filábride Complex, a subduction complex

90 composed of metapelites, marbles, orthogneisses, meta-serpentinites, and metabasites, exposed in the core

91 of an E–W elongated, antiformal dome structure in the internal zones of the Betics orogenic belt (SE Spain)

92 (Fig. 1a) (Gómez-Pugnaire et al., 2019, and references therein). The Nevado-Filábride Complex results from

93 the subduction of the Mesozoic extended SE Iberian margin beneath the Miocene extended Alborán domain

94 during the westward rollback of the Alpine Tethys slab in the mid-Miocene (15–18 Ma) (López Sánchez-

95 Vizcaíno et al., 2001; Behr and Platt, 2012; Booth-Rea et al., 2015; Gómez-Pugnaire et al., 2019). The

96 complex was then uplifted along the subduction channel and exhumed in the extensional Sierra Nevada

97 antiformal dome (Fig. 1a) (Martínez-Martínez et al., 2002; Behr and Platt, 2012; Booth-Rea et al., 2015).The

98 Cerro del Almirez massif is the largest (2.3 km^2) of several ultramafic massifs that occur along shear zones

99 in the uppermost units of the Nevado-Filábride Complex (Fig. 1b) (Trommsdorff et al., 1998; Martínez-

100 Martínez et al., 2002; Padrón-Navarta et al., 2011). The massif is composed of strongly foliated antigorite-

101 bearing serpentinites (Atg-serpentinites) overlying a 70–100 m sequence of unfoliated, coarse-grained

102 chlorite-bearing harzburgites (Chl-harzburgites). The Atg-serpentinites are made up of antigorite (Atg) +

103 olivine (Ol) + chlorite (Chl) + magnetite (Mag) + ilmenite (Ilm) ± diopside (Di) ± tremolite (Tr) ± titanian

104 clinohumite (Ti-Chu). The Chl-harzburgites were formed by dehydration of Atg-serpentinites during

105 subduction (Trommsdorff et al., 1998). They are composed of Ol + orthopyroxene (Opx) + Chl + Mag +

106 Ilm ± titano-hematite ± Tr ± Ti-Chu. Two main textures, namely granofels and spinifex, were identified in

107 the Chl-harzburgites (Padrón-Navarta et al., 2011). Granofels Chl-harzburgites are made up of coarse

108 anhedral olivine, chlorite flakes, and prismatic orthopyroxene, with an interlocked texture, whereas spinifex-

109 textured Chl-harzburgites are characterized by a criss-cross arrangement of olivine single crystals (up to 12

110 cm in length), and by centimetre-scale radial aggregates of orthopyroxene with variable grain size and

111 orientation. Granofels and spinifex Chl-harzburgites occur in interspersed lenses that are thought to record,

112 respectively, sequences of slow and fast fluid draining events during serpentinite dehydration (Padrón-

113 Navarta et al., 2011; Dilissen et al., 2018). Both textural types of Chl-harzburgite are locally recrystallized

114 along grain size reduction zones (Padron-Navarta et al., 2010a). This grain size reduction is also

115 accompanied by a decrease of orthopyroxene modal amount and a change of olivine color, from brown to

116 colorless. These features have been interpreted in terms of reaction pathways for fluid flow during high

117 pressure metamorphism (Padrón-Navarta et al., 2010a). The minimum temperature of crystallization of Chl-

118 harzburgites is constrained by the limit of antigorite stability field, between 660 and 680 °C at 1.6 and 2.5

119 GPa (e.g., Ulmer and Trommsdorff, 1995; Wunder and Schreyer, 1997; Padrón-Navarta et al., 2010b), In

120 addition, the occurrence of tremolite in the Chl-harzburgites limits the maximum temperature from 680 to

121 710 °C for 1.9 and 1.6 GPa, respectively (Padrón-Navarta et al., 2010b). These P-T conditions compare well

122 with independent estimates for metarodingite (1.6-1.9 GPa and 660-684 °C; Laborda-López et al., 2018)

123 and ophicarbonate lenses hosted within the Chl-harzburgites (18 kbar, 650–670 °C; Menzel et al., 2019).

124 These studies suggest that the peak metamorphic conditions experienced by the Cerro del Almirez massif

125 were 680–710 °C and 1.6–1.9 GPa, notably high in temperature for a given pressure as compared to other

126 alpine meta-ophiolites (Fig. 2).

127   In the massif, the transition from Atg-serpentinites to Chl-harzburgites is marked by a sharp increase in the

128   abundance of olivine, orthopyroxene and chlorite concomitant with a steady disappearance of antigorite

129   (Padrón-Navarta et al., 2011). In the field, the transition from Atg-serpentinites to Chl-harzburgites takes

130   place over few meters (< 2 m) where serpentinites are composed of Atg + Chl + Ol ± Opx and correspond

131   to partly dehydrated serpentinites that have been termed "transitional" lithologies in previous studies

132   (Padrón-Navarta et al., 2011). The contact between Atg-serpentinites and transitional lithologies developed

133   obliquely to the foliation of the Atg-serpentinite and shows no signs of tectonic activity or offset. In addition

134   to the Atg-serpentinite, Chl-harzburgite and transitional lithologies, the massif also contains minor

135   metarodingite boudins and ophicarbonates lenses that, together with the Atg-serpentinites, preserve a

136   textural and geochemical record of seafloor serpentinization and carbonation processes (Alt et al., 2012;

137   Laborda-López et al., 2018; Menzel et al., 2019), which likely took place during the opening of the western

138   branch of the Alpine Tethys Ocean in the Mesozoic (Puga et al., 2011).

139   In this study, we selected samples from the three distinctive lithologies from the Cerro del Almirez massif:

140   Atg-serpentinites, transitional lithologies, and Chl-harzburgites with granofels, spinifex and recrystallized

141   textures (Table 1). In order to evaluate the potential contribution of sediment-derived external fluids, we

142   also analyzed two metasedimentary mica-schists surrounding the Cerro del Almirez massif.

143   **3. Methodology**

144   Whole rock powders were dissolved using concentrated HF and HNO_3 acids in 7 mL PTFE Teflon square

145   digestion vessels with wrench top closures in an oven at 160 °C for 3 days. Following evaporation of the

146   HF and HNO_3 the samples were subsequently treated with a 1:1 mix of concentrated HCl and HNO_3 and

147   refluxed at 140 °C for 3 days in an oven. Prior studies comparing this method to Parr-bomb dissolution

148   techniques (Debret et al., 2018) have shown that it can digest all refractory phases that may be present in

149   serpentinites, including spinel (see Results section for further discussion). Finally, samples were brought

150   into solution in 6 M HCl and 1.5 M HBr before Fe and Zn column chemistry, respectively. Quantitative

151   purification of Fe was achieved by chromatographic exchange, using Biorad AG1-X4 anion exchange resin

152   in an HCl medium following the procedure of Williams and Bizimis (2014). The quantitative separation of

153   Zn from matrix elements was achieved using Teflon shrink-fit columns filled with 0.5 mL of Biorad AG1-

154   X4 anion exchange resin following the procedure adapted from Moynier et al. (2006). All reagents used in

155   the chemistry and mass spectrometry procedures were distilled in sub-boiling Teflon two-bottle stills at

156   Durham University (UK), except for the HBr acid, which was ultra-pure grade ROMIL grade. The total

157   amount of Fe and Zn processed through the columns was typically around 650 µg and 1250 ng, respectively.

158   The total procedural blank contribution was <50 ng of Fe and <10 ng of Zn, which is negligible compared

159   to the amount of Fe and Zn in the samples.

160   Iron and Zn isotope analyses were performed by multiple-collector inductively coupled plasma mass

161   spectrometry (MC-ICP-MS; Thermo Scientific Neptune Plus) at Durham University (UK). Instrumental

162   mass fractionation was corrected using the sample-standard bracketing technique for Fe, and combined

163   sample-standard bracketing and external empirical normalisation with a Cu standard for Zn (e.g., Maréchal

164   et al., 1999). In the case of Fe analyses, solutions consisted of 2 ppm natural Fe in 0.1 M HNO_3, which were

165   introduced into the mass spectrometer using a quartz SIS (stable introduction system; ThermoFisher) and

166   PFA 50 µl/min nebuliser. The international Fe isotope standard IRMM014 was used as both the bracketing

167   and delta notation reporting standard. To resolve the polyatomic interferences $^{40}Ar^{16}O$, $^{40}Ar^{14}N$, and

168    $^{40}Ar^{16}OH^+$ that occur on masses ^{56}Fe, ^{54}Fe, and ^{57}Fe, respectively, the instrument was run in medium

169   resolution mode, which gave a mass resolving power (mass/Δmass) of ~8000. The standard Fe beam

170   intensities typically varied between 25 and 35 V for ^{56}Fe using a 10^{10} Ω resistor. Data were collected in 25

171   cycles of 4.194 second integrations. Mass dependence, long-term reproducibility, and accuracy were

172   evaluated by analyzing an in-house $FeCl_2^-$ salt standard. The values obtained for repeated measurements of

173   this standard solution yielded average $\delta^{56}Fe$ values of −0.70 ±0.05 ‰ and $\delta^{57}Fe$ values of −1.03 ±0.09 ‰

174   2sd, n =24. These average values are in excellent agreement with previous measurements (Williams and

175   Bizimis, 2014). The international rock reference material USGS BIR-1a (Icelandic basalt) was analyzed in

176 the same analytical sessions as the samples, yielding $\delta^{56}Fe$ values of 0.06 ± 0.02 ‰ and $\delta^{57}Fe = 0.08 \pm 0.01$

177 ‰ (2sd, $n = 2$; see appendix A).

178 Zinc isotope compositions were measured on the purified sample solutions. These solutions were prepared

179 at 750 ng/g of natural Zn and doped with 250 ng/g of pure Cu solution. This gave a Zn intensity of ~ 4V for

180 ^{64}Zn. The solutions were introduced to the instrument using a PFA 50 µl/min nebuliser coupled to a quartz

181 cyclonic spray chamber. Owing to a lack of polyatomic interferences across the mass range for Zn the

182 machine was operated in low mass resolution mode. Mass of ^{62}Ni was monitored to correct for the potential

183 interference of ^{64}Ni on ^{64}Zn. Data were collected in 40 cycles of 4.194 second integrations. Because the

184 widely used Zn isotope standard (JMC-Lyon) is exhausted, an in-house pure Zn solution obtained from

185 Alfa-Asear was used as the bracketing standard. This standard solution was calibrated relative to the JMC-

186 Lyon solution, and an offset for $\delta^{66}Zn$ of +0.28‰ was observed. This allowed for the measured $\delta^{66}Zn_{Alfa\text{-}}$

187 $_{Asear}$ to be corrected to $\delta^{66}Zn_{JMC\text{-}Lyon}$ by applying a correction value of +0.28‰ to all values. The mass

188 dependence, long-term reproducibility and accuracy of this method were evaluated by the analysis of the

189 external reference material USGS BHVO-2, which yielded a $\delta^{66}Zn$ value of 0.35 ± 0.05 ‰ (2sd, $n = 2$). This

190 value is in excellent agreement with previously published values (see appendix A).

191 **4. Results**

192 Iron and zinc isotopic ratios were measured in the Cerro del Almirez samples and given in Table 1. Major

193 and trace element data, including iron and zinc concentrations, are from Marchesi et al. (2013). The $\delta^{56}Fe$

194 values of Cerro del Almirez rocks range from -0.06 ± 0.04 ‰ to +0.12 ± 0.04 ‰ with a mean $\delta^{56}Fe$ value

195 of +0.05 ± 0.02 ‰ (2sd/√n; n = 24), comparable to that of the primitive mantle (+0.03 ± 0.03 ‰; Craddock

196 et al., 2013; Poitrasson et al., 2013; Sossi et al., 2016; Fig. 3a). Among Cerro del Almirez samples, Chl-

197 harzburgites display a larger range of $\delta^{56}Fe$ (from -0.06 ± 0.04 to +0.09 ± 0.03 ‰) relative to Atg-

198 serpentinites (+0.01 ± 0.01 to +0.10 ± 0.03 ‰) and transitional lithologies (+0.00 ± 0.01 to +0.08 ± 0.01

199 ‰). The mean value of Chl-harzburgites decreases from granofels (+0.07 ± 0.02 ‰, 2sd/√n; n = 4) to

200 spinifex (+0.04 ± 0.03 ‰, n = 5) and recrystallized textures (-0.01 ± 0.05 ‰, n = 3; Fig. 3a). The FeO

201　　contents of these samples range from 6.7 to 8.7 wt% and are indistinguishable from those observed in

202　　abyssal and orogenic serpentinites (e.g., Deschamps et al., 2013).

203　　Zinc concentrations [Zn] and isotope ratios (δ^{66}Zn) range broadly from 34 to 74 ppm and from +0.09 to

204　　+0.55 ‰, respectively. The [Zn] and δ^{66}Zn values of Cerro del Almirez samples are generally higher than

205　　those assumed for the primitive mantle ([Zn] = 55 ppm; mean δ^{66}Zn = +0.16 ± 0.06 ‰; Sossi et al., 2018).

206　　Given that spinels commonly display high [Zn] and δ^{66}Zn values relative to mantle silicates and sulfides

207　　(Wang et al., 2017; Ducher et al., 2016), the incomplete dissolution of spinel in our samples cannot explain

208　　these variations as this should lead to apparently lighter δ^{66}Zn and low [Zn] relative to mantle values. The

209　　δ^{66}Zn values observed in our samples increase from Atg-serpentinites ([Zn] = 34–46 ppm; δ^{66}Zn = +0.23 ±

210　　0.06‰), to transitional lithologies (Zn = 45–67 ppm; δ^{66}Zn = +0.30 ± 0.06‰), granofels ([Zn] = 38–59

211　　ppm; δ^{66}Zn = +0.33 ± 0.04‰) and spinifex ([Zn] = 48–66 ppm; δ^{66}Zn = +0.43 ± 0.09‰) Chl-harzburgites

212　　(Fig. 3b). The recrystallized Chl-harzburgites display scattered δ^{66}Zn values (from +0.21 ± 0.04 ‰ to +0.49

213　　± 0.03 ‰) with a mean of +0.33 ± 0.12‰. Two samples of the mica-schists surrounding the Cerro del

214　　Almirez massif were also analyzed. They are characterized by similar FeO (6.44 and 8.26 wt%) and δ^{56}Fe

215　　(+0.05 ± 0.02 and +0.11 ± 0.02 ‰) and high [Zn] (113 and 125 ppm) and δ^{66}Zn (+0.33 ± 0.04 and +0.46 ±

216　　0.03 ‰) compared with meta-serpentinites (i.e., the Atg-serpentinites, transitional lithologies, granofels,

217　　spinifex and recrystallized -textured Chl-harzburgites).

218　　**5.　Discussion**

219　　Serpentinites are significant reservoirs of water and redox-sensitive elements (e.g., Alt et al., 2013). Their

220　　high-pressure dehydration to meta-peridotite at depth in subductions zones is the main source of water for

221　　arc magmatism, triggers large scale metasomatism of the mantle wedge area, and influences redox sensitive

222　　element cycles between the Earth's interior and surface (Debret and Sverjensky, 2017; Cannao and

223　　Malaspina, 2018; Iacovino et al., 2020; Menzel et al., 2020). The subduction-related Cerro del Almirez

224　　complex provides an unmatched opportunity to investigates these processes because this is the only

225　　exhumed massif worldwide that preserves a reaction front between Atg-serpentinites and their high-pressure

226 dehydration product, Chl-harzburgites (Trommsdorff et al., 1998; Padrón-Navarta et al., 2011; Alt et al.,

227 2012; Marchesi et al., 2013).

228 Before addressing the significance of the Cerro del Almirez Fe and Zn stable isotope data in the context of

229 high-pressure dehydration of serpentinite in subduction zones, it is essential to first investigate the effects

230 of high temperature petrogenetic processes and seafloor hydrothermal alteration that may have modified the

231 oceanic lithosphere prior to subduction. The major, trace element and stable isotope composition of the

232 oceanic mantle lithosphere is influenced by high temperature melting and melt extraction processes, which

233 ultimately define its "fertility" (*i.e.*, the degree to which mantle peridotite has experienced prior melt

234 extraction and its capacity to produce partial melts). To explore how these processes could have influenced

235 Fe and Zn isotope systematics we need to evaluate potential correlations between $\delta^{66}Zn$, $\delta^{56}Fe$ and chemical

236 indicators of mantle fertility. The degree of mantle peridotite fertility is manifested in the modal abundances

237 of pyroxenes and hence can be qualitatively estimated using Al_2O_3 contents, with fertile lherzolites

238 displaying high Al_2O_3 relative to refractory harzburgites and dunites (e.g., Bodinier and Godard, 2013). In

239 serpentinites Al_2O_3/SiO_2 is considered a better proxy of peridotite protolith composition than Al_2O_3

240 concentrations because the Al_2O_3/SiO_2 ratio remains relatively unchanged during the serpentinization

241 process, whereas Al_2O_3 concentrations can be influenced by volume changes accompanying serpentinite

242 formation (see Paulick et al., 2006; Deschamps et al., 2013). Although serpentinite bulk-rock MgO values

243 can retain some magmatic signals (Niu, 2004), serpentinized peridotites mostly display MgO/SiO_2 ratios

244 that mostly fall below the terrestrial mantle array (Figure 4a). Previous authors have attributed this

245 observation to a loss of MgO during low temperature seafloor weathering (e.g., Snow and Dick, 1995; Niu,

246 2004; Paulick et al., 2006; Deschamps et al., 2013). In the following discussion we therefore use the

247 Al_2O_3/SiO_2 ratio instead of Al_2O_3, MgO contents or MgO/SiO_2 to quantify fertility variations in Cerro del

248 Almirez protolith(s).

249 Previous studies have shown that the $\delta^{56}Fe$ values of peridotites can be highly influenced by melt extraction,

250 with higher $\delta^{56}Fe$ preserved in lherzolites relative to harzburgites and dunites (Williams et al., 2005; Weyer

251   and Ionov, 2007), where the latter display light δ^{56}Fe as a consequence of losing isotopically heavy Fe to a

252   melt phase. The range in δ^{56}Fe (-0.06–0.12 ‰) and the Al_2O_3/SiO_2 (0.03–0.09) ratios observed in the Cerro

253   del Almirez samples are comparable to those of mantle peridotites and abyssal serpentinites (δ^{56}Fe -0.14–

254   +0.08 ‰; Debret et al., 2018a; $Al_2O_3/SiO_2 = 0.01$–0.09; Godard et al., 2008) and a broad correlation between

255   Al_2O_3/SiO_2 and δ^{56}Fe is observed (Fig. 4b). These observations suggest that the δ^{56}Fe variations of Cerro

256   del Almirez samples are mainly controlled by peridotite protolith δ^{56}Fe compositions, which in turn may

257   record prior melt extraction and/or refertilisation processes.

258   In contrast to Fe, there are significant variations in the Zn isotope compositions of the Cerro del Almirez

259   samples (+0.09 ± 0.02 ‰ to +0.55 ± 0.09 ‰; Fig. 3), which are well resolved from primitive mantle values

260   (+0.16 ± 0.06 ‰; Sossi et al., 2018). The absence of any correlations between δ^{66}Zn and indices of fertility

261   such as Al_2O_3/SiO_2 (Fig. 4c) suggests that the Zn isotope compositions of the Cerro del Almirez samples

262   have been overprinted by subsequent metamorphic processes, taking place during either oceanic stage

263   serpentinisation or prograde subduction related metamorphism. In a recent study, Bretscher et al. (2018)

264   speculated that the Atg-out reaction front between the Cerro del Almirez Chl-harzburgites and Atg-

265   serpentinites may correspond to a sharp oxidation seafloor serpentinization front, with the Chl-harzburgite

266   protolith representing the deep part of the oceanic lithosphere and the Atg-serpentinite protolith formed at

267   shallower depths. In the scenario proposed by Bretscher et al. (2018), abyssal serpentinization processes

268   control the contrasting mineralogical and chemical variations observed across the contact between Atg-

269   serpentinites and Chl-harzburgites in the Cerro del Almirez, rather than prograde subduction-related

270   metamorphism and devolatilisation processes (Padrón-Navarta et al., 2011).

271   These scenarios can be distinguished using Zn stable isotopes. Abyssal peridotites and serpentinites display

272   a large range of δ^{66}Zn (from 0.13‰ to 0.47‰), with highly serpentinized peridotites displaying low [Zn]

273   and high δ^{66}Zn relative to fresh mantle peridotites (Fig. 5a; Debret et al., 2018a). Debret et al., (2018a)

274   attributed these variations to the preferential mobility and loss of isotopically light Zn in fluids during

275   abyssal serpentinization, with Zn stable isotope fractionation being controlled by the dissolution of both

276   mantle sulfides and/or spinels and Zn complexation with chlorine in fluids. In the Cerro del Almirez massif,

277   transitional lithologies ($\delta^{66}Zn$ = +0.30 ± 0.06‰) granofels ($\delta^{66}Zn$ = +0.33 ± 0.04‰) and spinifex ($\delta^{66}Zn$ =

278   +0.43 ± 0.09‰) Chl-harzburgites display higher $\delta^{66}Zn$ values relative to Atg-serpentinites ($\delta^{66}Zn$ = +0.23 ±

279   0.06‰), as showed by a broad negative correlation between $\delta^{66}Zn$ and Loss On Ignition (LOI, a broad

280   measure of the presence of hydrous phases such as serpentine) values (Fig. 5b). Furthermore, the studied

281   Chl-harzburgites display high [Zn] (38-74 ppm) relative to abyssal peridotites and serpentinites (29-45 ppm,

282   Debret et al., 2018a; Fig. 5) and a broad positive correlation is observed between $\delta^{66}Zn$ and [Zn] (Fig. 5a).

283   These results contrast with previous observations in abyssal settings, where negative correlation between

284   $\delta^{66}Zn$ and [Zn] was interpreted as reflecting spinel dissolution during peridotite serpentinization and Zn

285   leaching in hydrothermal fluids (Fig. 5; see also Debret et al., 2018a). This comparison demonstrates that

286   the observed variations in the Cerro del Almirez meta-serpentinites cannot be explained by differences in

287   the degree of seafloor serpentinization (c.f. Bretscher et al., 2018). Instead, the Zn elemental and isotopic

288   variations observed in the Cerro del Almirez massif are most likely to reflect the mobility of Zn in

289   metamorphic fluids at high pressures and temperatures during the progressive dehydration of Atg-

290   serpentinites into transitional lithologies and Chl-harzburgites. The observed Zn isotope fractionation can

291   therefore be used to place constraints on the composition of slab derived fluids during subduction, as we

292   discuss in detail below.

293   Zinc isotope fractionation is highly influenced by the (re-)crystallization of Fe-oxides (e.g., spinels), sulfides

294   and carbonates, which are the main carriers of Zn in ultramafic rocks (e.g., Wang et al., 2017; Debret et al.,

295   2018a). The subduction of the oceanic lithosphere initiates a continuum of metamorphic redox reactions and

296   dehydration/rehydration events between the downgoing slab and the slab/mantle wedge interface and/or the

297   mantle wedge that influence Fe-oxides, sulfides and carbonates stability resulting in stable isotope

298   fractionation (Debret et al., 2016). The Zn concentration and isotope composition of the Cerro del Almirez

299   Atg-serpentinites are consistent with those observed in other high-P slab serpentinites, such as those from

300   the Western Alps meta-ophiolites (Pons et al., 2016) (Fig. 5a). However, in contrast to the Western Alps, in

301   the Cerro del Almirez massif the dehydration of Atg-serpentinites to prograde Chl-harzburgites is

302   accompanied by an increase in both bulk rock $\delta^{66}Zn$ values and [Zn] (Fig. 5). Furthermore, the metamorphic

303   recrystallization of Atg-serpentinites into Chl-harzburgites is accompanied by a decrease of magnetite

304   modal abundance in bulk rock (Debret et al., 2015), suggesting a change in serpentinite redox budget during

305   subduction. One possible explanation for these observations is the dissolution of Zn-bearing spinels and the

306   subsequent leaching of isotopically heavy Zn in metamorphic fluids during serpentinites dehydration.

307   However, Fe-oxides tend to display high $\delta^{66}Zn$ and [Zn] concentrations relative to silicates (Ducher et al.,

308   2016; Wang et al., 2017), suggesting this scenario is unlikely.

309   Another possibility is that Zn stable isotope variations in the Cerro del Almirez meta-serpentinites were

310   produced by the influx of external fluids (i.e., open-system processes), rather than by the *in situ* (closed-

311   system) dehydration of serpentinites during subduction. Recent studies show that Zn can be highly mobile

312   in slab derived fluids forming carbonate (e.g., $Zn–CO_3$) and/or sulfate (e.g., $Zn–SO_4$) aqueous complexes,

313   and that these preferentially complex isotopically heavy Zn relative to silicates, Fe-oxides, sulfides and/or

314   carbonates (Fuji et al., 2014; Liu et al., 2016; Pons et al., 2016; Ducher et al., 2016; Debret et al., 2018b).

315   The elevated $\delta^{66}Zn$ values and Zn concentrations of the Cerro del Almirez Chl-harzburgites relative to those

316   of Atg-serpentinites (Figs 3 and 5) may therefore be interpreted in terms of the dehydration of Atg-

317   serpentinite in conjunction with the influx of external fluids with heavy Zn isotope signatures, such as those

318   released during slab devolatilization (Liu et al., 2016; Pons et al., 2016; Debret et al., 2018b).

319   Previous geochemical studies have shown that the Cerro del Almirez Chl-harzburgites are abnormally

320   enriched in Th, U, Nb, Ta, Pb, large ion lithophile elements (LILE, Cs, Rb, Ba, Sr) and light $\delta^{11}B$ relative

321   to Atg-serpentinites (Garrido et al., 2005; Marchesi et al., 2013; Harvey et al., 2014). These enrichments

322   cannot be explained by closed-system dehydration of serpentinite (Marchesi et al., 2013). Furthermore,

323   these geochemical characteristics (i.e., LILE, Sr and B enrichments) are also shared with fluid inclusions

324   trapped in metamorphic olivine and orthopyroxene from Chl-harzburgites (Scambelluri et al., 2004a, b),

325   providing strong evidence for the equilibration of the Chl-harzburgites with a fluid phase enriched in these

326 elements. Taken together, these observations show that dehydration must have occurred in an open system

327 involving external fluids that equilibrated with other lithologies such as metasedimentary rocks (Jabaloy et

328 al., 2015), meta-rodingites (Laborda-López et al., 2018), meta-ophicarbonates (Menzel et al., 2019), and/or

329 an exotic slab-derived component (Marchesi et al., 2013; Harvey et al., 2014). Interestingly, the Cerro del

330 Almirez samples display broad positive arrays between δ^{66}Zn and Sr/Y, Ba/Ce or Rb/Ce ratios with the Chl-

331 harzburgites displaying high δ^{66}Zn, Sr/Y, Ba/Ce and Rb/Ce ratios relative to the other lithologies as well as

332 higher and more variable U/Yb ratios (Fig. 6). Similarly, the metasedimentary rocks also display high δ^{66}Zn,

333 Sr/Y, U/Yb, Ba/Ce and Rb/Ce and plot in the same area as the Chl-harzburgites in Fig. 6.

334 The mean δ^{66}Zn of clastic sediments is +0.28 ± 0.13 ‰ (n = 105; Moynier et al., 2017) and is highly

335 influenced by the presence of carbon, sulfur and iron-bearing phases, which typically display isotopically

336 heavy signatures relative to silicate-bearing minerals (Fujii et al., 2014; Ducher et al., 2016). The Zn isotope

337 signatures of micaschists (+0.33 ± 0.04 and +0.46 ± 0.03 ‰) surrounding the Cerro del Almirez ultramafic

338 massif are extremely similar to the clastic sediment mean value, such that it is difficult to estimate the

339 magnitude and direction of any Zn stable isotope fractionation that may take place during the high-P

340 dehydration of these sedimentary rocks. However, given the similarity in micaschist and Chl-harzburgite

341 δ^{66}Zn values and the observation that Cerro del Almirez metasedimentary rocks also display high [Zn] (113–

342 125 ppm), it is plausible to consider that fluids in equilibrium with the micaschists could, at the very least,

343 have inherited their heavy δ^{66}Zn signatures. Infiltration of the the Chl-harzburgites with such heavy- δ^{66}Zn

344 sediment-derived fluids could thus have modified their Zn isotope signatures, explaining the heavy δ^{66}Zn

345 values observed. Furthermore, the devolatilization of metasedimentary rocks at high pressures is likely to

346 release carbon-bearing fluids due to carbonate devolatilization (e.g., Debret et al., 2018b). Given that these

347 aqueous complexes preferentially incorporate heavy Zn isotopes (Fuji et al.,2014) relative to Zn-bearing Fe-

348 oxides, sulfides or carbonates (Ducher et al., 2016), the fluids derived from metasedimentary rocks could

349 be even more fractionated to even heavier δ^{66}Zn values than the sedimentary (micaschist) residues from

350 which they were derived.

351 The recent study of Ferrando et al. (2019) on high-pressure fluid inclusions in kyanite reveals that the

352 progressive dissolution of phengite and carbonate in metasedimentary rocks results in the preferential

353 release of LILE, U, Th and Sr to a fluid phase. The fluid inclusions in the Chl-harzburgites display similar

354 anomalies in LILE and Sr (Scambelluri et al., 2004a, b) to those described by Ferrando et al. (2019),

355 reinforcing the idea of a sediment-derived fluid input to the Cerro del Almirez meta-serpentinites. Similarly,

356 the high F contents and $^{20}Ne/^{36}Ar$ ratios of the Cerro del Almirez Chl-harzburgites have been ascribed to the

357 open-system influx of F^-, ^{40}Ar, ^4He- and ^{20}Ne-rich fluids derived from metasedimentary rocks (Kendrick et

358 al., 2018). Hence, we suggest that the heavy Zn isotope composition of Chl-harzburgites, as well as their

359 trace element compositions, is consistent with metasomatism by carbonate-bearing fluids derived from the

360 metasedimentary rocks. This hypothesis is also in agreement with the observation of Mg-carbonates

361 associated with high-pressure minerals in Cerro del Almirez Chl-harzburgites (Menzel et al., 2019), those

362 being commonly interpreted as subduction related (e.g., Scambelluri et al., 2016).

363 In order to further test this hypothesis, we first attempted to model the Zn isotope composition of carbon

364 bearing fluids released during sediment dehydration at HP. Carbon can exist in deep fluids as either

365 carbonate and/or organic molecules, which can be stable, at low oxygen fugacity and/or pH, up to 6 GPa

366 and more than 600 °C in subduction zones (Sverjensky et al., 2014). We therefore considered both carbonate

367 $[ZnCO_3(H_2O)_3, ZnHCO_3(H_2O)^{5+}]$ and organic carbon $[Zn(cit)_2^{4-}]$ as potential complexes for Zn in

368 metasediment derived fluids. These different carbon-bearing species were chosen based on their different

369 partition functions, or β-factors, and contrasting oxidation state of carbon. The influence of organic ligands

370 on Zn isotope partitioning was approximated by using citrate as a representative ligand in our calculations;

371 moreover, no other *ab initio* calculation results are currently available for other organic complexes, such as

372 acetate (see review in Moynier et al., 2017), which are potentially more representative of subduction-zone

373 fluids (Sverjensky et al., 2014). Using these, the compositions of the Chl-harzburgites was modelled in the

374 form of a binary mixture between metasediment-derived fluids and Atg-serpentinites. The elemental and

375 isotopic behaviour of Zn in carbonate-bearing metasedimentary rocks (i.e., the β-factor) was approximated

376   to that of smithsonite ($ZnCO_3$). We used the *ab initio* calculations of Fujii and Albarède (2012) and Moynier

377   et al. (2017) for [$ZnHCO_3(H_2O)^{5+}$, $Zn(cit)_2^{4-}$] and [$ZnCO_3(H_2O)_3$] complexes in fluids and those of Ducher

378   et al. (2016) for smithsonite. The $\delta^{66}Zn$ composition of the metasediment derived fluids was modelled using

379   a simple Rayleigh distillation law, according to the following equations:

380    $10^3 \ln(\alpha_{fluid\text{-}mineral}) = 10^3 \ln(\beta_{fluid}) - 10^3 \ln(\beta_{mineral})$

381    $\delta^{66}Zn_{Final} = (1000 + \delta^{66}Zn_{Initial}) \times (F^{(\alpha-1)} - 1) + \delta^{66}Zn_{Initial}$

382   where α is the fractionation factor between smithsonite and a fluid phase complexing Zn as

383   [$ZnHCO_3(H_2O)^{5+}$], [$ZnCO_3(H_2O)_3$] or [$Zn(cit)_2^{4-}$] at temperatures ranging from 500 to 700 °C. *F* is the

384   fraction of Zn remaining in the rock, ranging from 1 (unreacted) to 0 (all of Zn lost to the fluid phase). As

385   we expect the mobility of Zn to be low in metasediment-derived fluids (see discussion above), we set F to

386   be 0.9 in our models. The $\delta^{66}Zn_{Initial}$ was set to 0.4 ‰, which is the mean value of countryside

387   metasedimentary rocks surrounding the Cerro del Almirez massif. The composition of the Cerro del Almirez

388   samples was then modelled as a binary mixture between Atg-serpentinites and metasediment-derived fluids

389   according to the following equation:

390    $\delta^{66}Zn_{mixture} = (N_a \delta^{66}Zn_a + N_b \delta^{66}Zn_b) / (N_a + N_b)$

391   where N_a and N_b are the amounts of Zn transported by fluids and the initial abundance of Zn in Atg-

392   serpentinites, respectively. The results of these models are plotted in Figure 7 and serves to demonstrate that

393   the high [Zn] and $\delta^{66}Zn$ of Cerro del Almirez Chl-harzburgites is consistent with the percolation of

394   [$ZnHCO_3(H_2O)^{5+}$] and [$ZnCO_3(H_2O)_3$] fluids at temperatures ranging from 500 °C to 700 °C.

395   Our models can also be used to explore the effect of reduced carbon species in fluids, such organic carbon

396   (illustrated on Figure 7 as citrate), on Zn isotope systematics and to determine whether percolation by such

397   fluids can explain the $\delta^{66}Zn$ variation in the Chl-harzburgites. However, reduced carbon species do not

398   fractionate Zn isotopes to the extent that they can create fluids with sufficiently heavy $\delta^{66}Zn$. Models using

399   available data for Zn isotope partitioning into such fluids were not able to reproduce the observed $\delta^{66}Zn$

400   variations in the Chl-harzburgites (Fig. 7). These observations are consistent with presence of titano-

401   hematite in Chl-harzburgites, which is a phase expected to crystallize at relatively high oxygen fugacities

402   (between +1 and +4 relative to quartz-fayalite-magnetite buffer), under which carbon is stable under

403   oxidized form (Debret et al., 2015; Debret and Sverjensky, 2017). Furthermore, recent studies and

404   thermodynamic modelling of Cerro del Almirez meta-ophicalcites indicate that both CO_2 and HCO_3^- species

405   are likely to dominate fluids circulating in the massif during antigorite breakdown (Menzel et al., 2020), in

406   agreement with our hypothesis.

407   The geochemical imprint of metasediment-derived fluids also occurs in other subduction-related Chl-

408   harzburgites. This is seen in Western Alps meta-ophiolites (Fig. 2), such as the Cima di Gagnone (Lepontine

409   Alps) and Erro Tobbio (Scambelluri et al., 2019; Cannao et al., 2020). These observations point to a

410   widespread association between open-system dehydration processes and oxidized fluids conditions (*i.e.*,

411   associated carbonate- or sulfate-bearing fluids). Such processes may therefore be ubiquitous in subduction

412   zones, particularly near the slab-wedge interface, where serpentinites are continuously percolated by fluids

413   with sediment-like signatures.

414   Long-range and large-scale fluid flows, such as the migration of slab derived fluids to the mantle wedge,

415   are known to occur in subduction zones. Although the sources and compositions of fluids in subduction

416   zones are expected to be highly variable, recent studies have proposed that fluids circulating in subduction

417   zones are likely to display fractionated Zn and/or Fe isotopes signatures (Debret et al., 2016; Pons et al.,

418   2016; Debret et al., 2018b; Gerrits et al., 2019; Chen et al., 2019; Liu and Li, 2019). In particular, the

419   observation of high $\delta^{66}Zn$ in Chl-harzburgites is consistent with the results of previous studies showing that

420   isotopically heavy Zn is likely to be mobile during carbonate dissolution at high pressure in subduction

421   zones (Liu et al., 2016; Debret et al., 2018b; Liu and Li, 2019). However, the lack of significant Fe isotope

422   variation in the Cerro del Almirez samples is surprising as isotopically light Fe is also expected to be mobile

423   in carbonate-bearing fluids (Fujii et al., 2014). Indeed, previous studies working in forearc mantle wedge or

424   shallow slab/mantle interface areas have shown that large Fe isotope variations in ultramafic rocks (down

425   to -0.26 ‰) may be attributed to carbonate-bearing metasomatism (Inglis et al., 2017; Debret et al., 2018b,

426   2020) and the dissolution of Ca- (i.e., calcites, aragonite) and/or Fe- (i.e., siderite and ankerite) bearing

427   carbonates in metamorphic fluids at low temperature (i.e., below 400 °C; Facq et al., 2014; Milesi et al.,

428   2015). Both Ca- (down to -0.92 ‰; Craddock and Dauphas, 2011) and Fe- (down to -3.9 ‰; Belshaw et al.,

429   2000; Johnson et al., 2008) bearing seafloor carbonates are known to concentrate isotopically light Fe

430   relative to silicate and oxide phases. However, in contrast to Ca-/Fe- carbonates, Mg-rich carbonates (e.g.,

431   magnesite) are comparatively insoluble at low pressures and become progressively soluble in water with

432   increasing pressure and temperature (e.g., Pan et al., 2013). It is therefore possible that the sequential

433   dissolution of Ca- /Fe- bearing carbonates to Mg- bearing carbonates during slab burial could generate

434   carbonate-bearing fluids with a spectrum of Zn and Fe isotope signatures, with shallow fluids resulting from

435   Ca- and Fe- bearing carbonate dissolution displaying isotopically light Fe signatures, and deep fluids

436   resulting from Mg-carbonate dissolution displaying isotopically heavy Zn isotope compositions. This

437   hypothesis is also consistent with the low Fe content of magnesite, such that the dissolution of these

438   carbonates and the low-Fe fluids released will not significantly impact the Fe isotope compositions of

439   carbonated mantle peridotites. Interestingly, the recent study of Shen et al. (2018) reported light $\delta^{26}Mg$

440   values for deep mantle wedge peridotites from the Dabie orogen (5.3-6.3 GPa; 800 °C) that were interpreted

441   as evidence for the dissolution and transfer of sedimentary Mg-rich carbonate by supercritical fluids at sub-

442   arc depths (∼160km), a scenario consistent with our observations from the Cerro del Almirez massif.

443   **6. Conclusion**

444   Our study results demonstrate the decoupled nature of the Fe and Zn isotope variations in Cerro del Almirez

445   meta-serpentinites. The $\delta^{56}Fe$ variations of ultramafic rocks are compatible with a mantle signature, as

446   shown by covariations between $\delta^{56}Fe$ and indices of melt extraction (i.e., Al_2O_3/SiO_2). The $\delta^{66}Zn$ and Zn

447   concentrations of the Atg-serpentinites are similar to those of slab derived serpentinites from high-pressure

448   meta-ophiolites. However, the Chl-harzburgites are abnormally enriched in isotopically heavy Zn that is

449   accompanied with an increase of Zn concentrations and Sr/Y, U/Yb, Ba/Ce and Rb/Ce ratios. These

450 observations are concordant with the percolation of external carbon-bearing fluids enriched in isotopically

451 heavy Zn. Geochemical models show that Zn isotope fractionation could be driven by $[ZnHCO_3(H_2O)^{5+}]$

452 and $[ZnCO_3(H_2O)_3]$ complexes in metamorphic fluids at temperatures ranging from 500 °C to 700 °C. Our

453 models show that reduced carbon species cannot reproduce the observed $\delta^{66}Zn$ variations in the massif. We

454 conclude that the decoupling behavior of Fe and Zn during Chl-harzburgite metasomatism is consistent with

455 the dissolution and mobility of Mg-(Zn)-rich and Fe-poor carbonates in oxidizing fluids at high pressures

456 during subduction.

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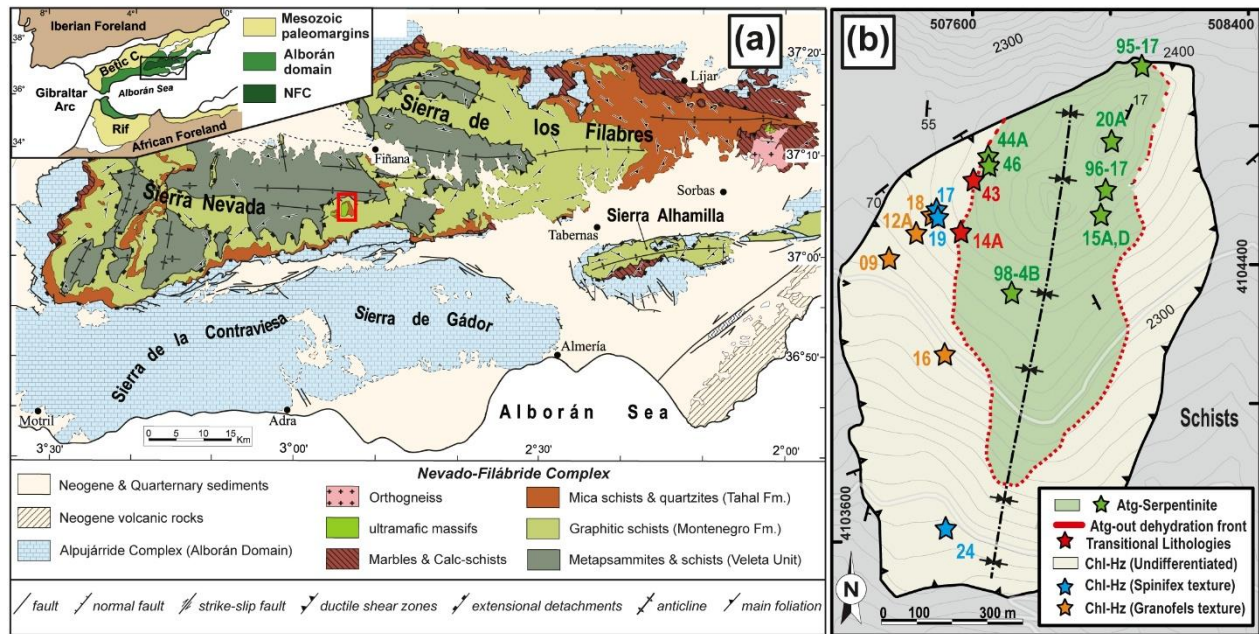
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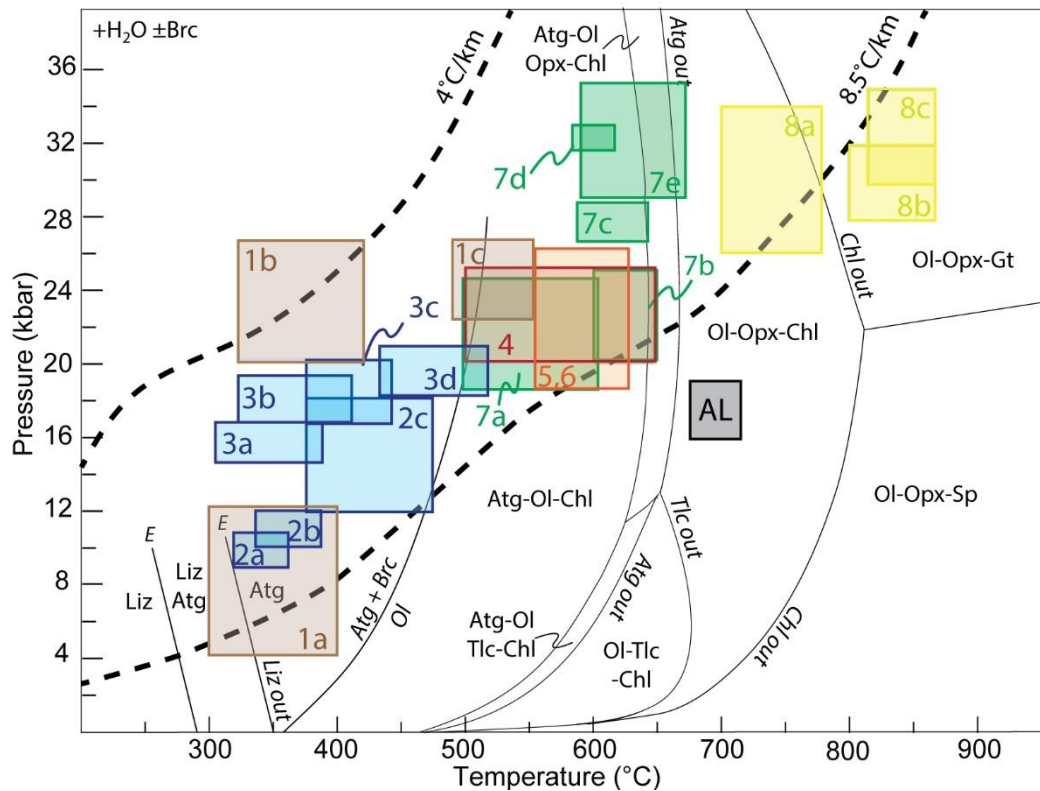
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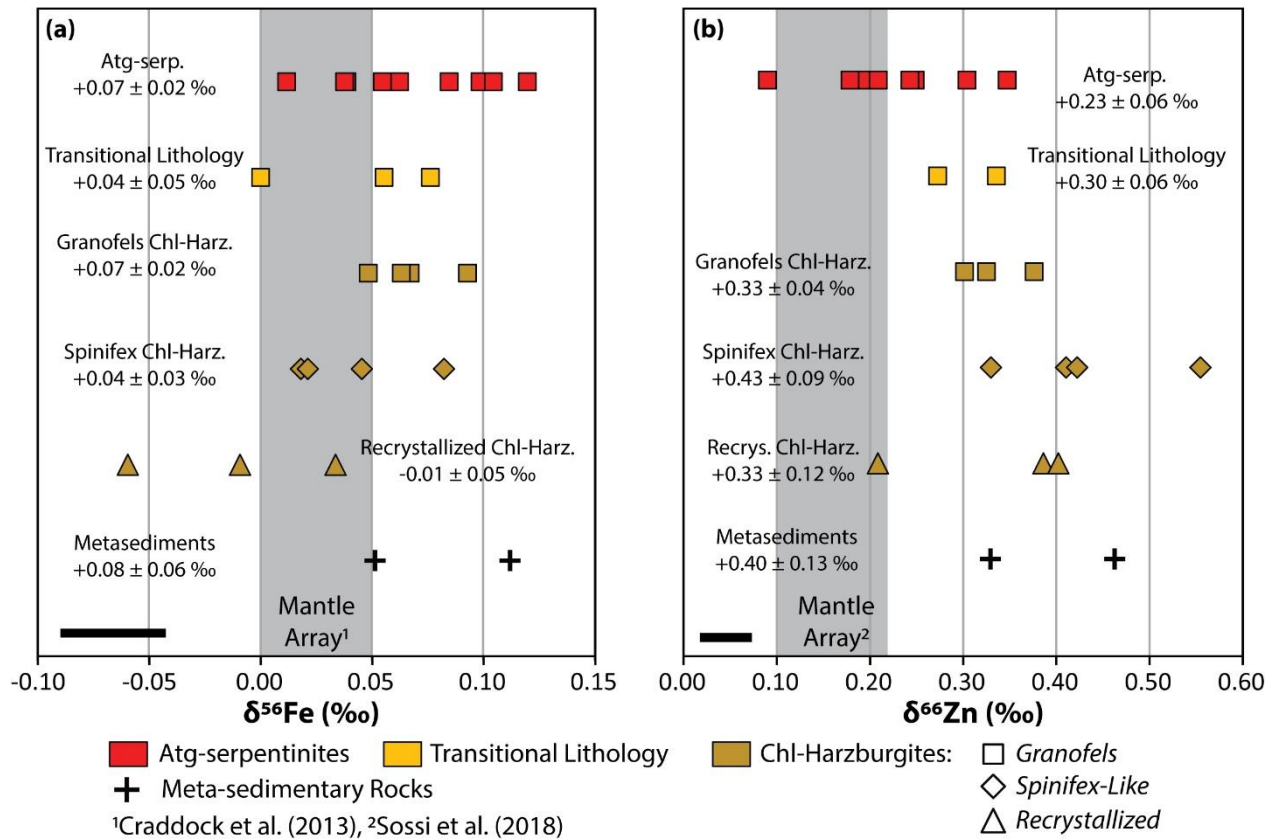
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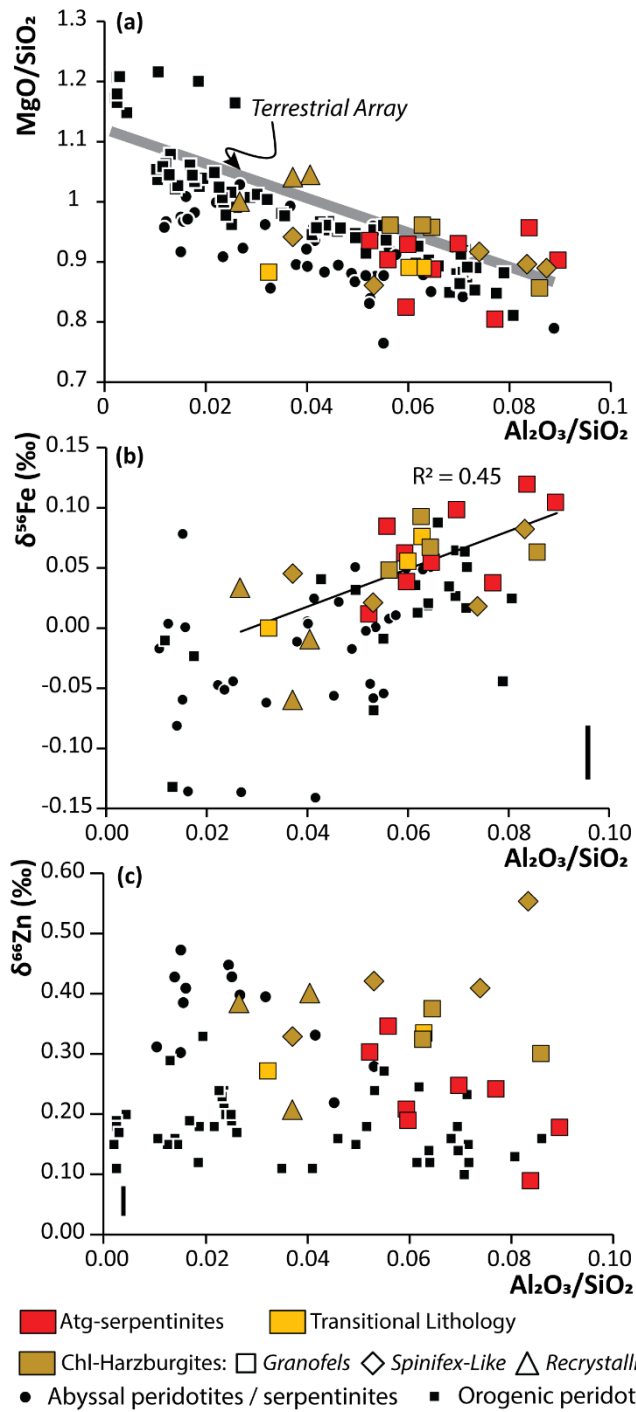
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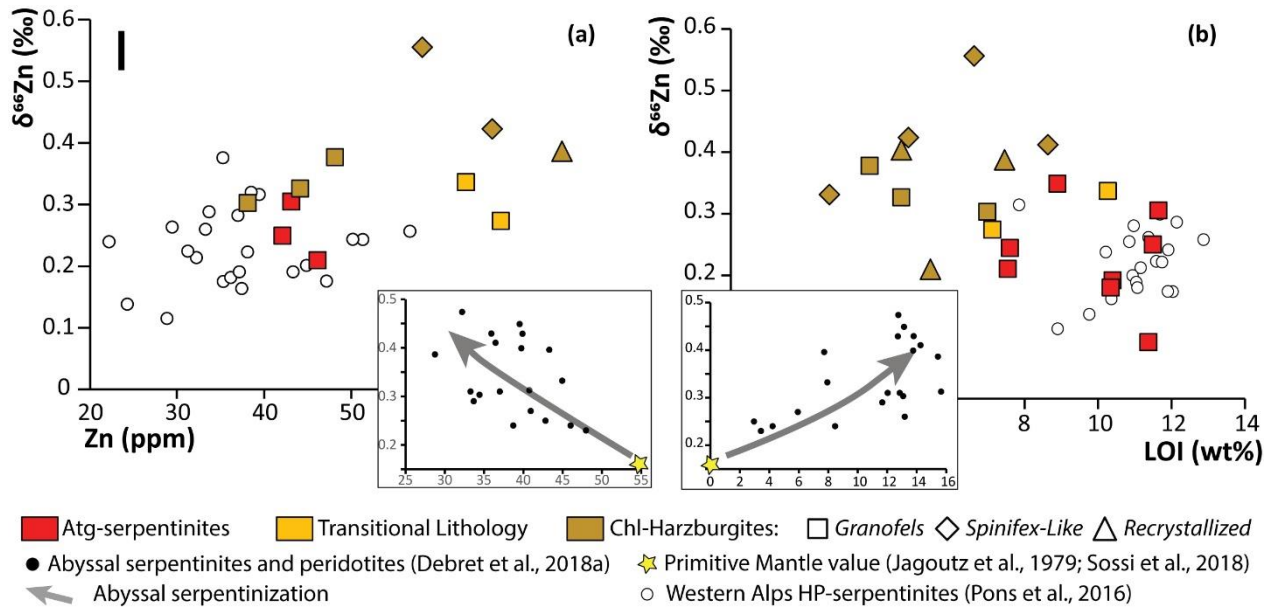
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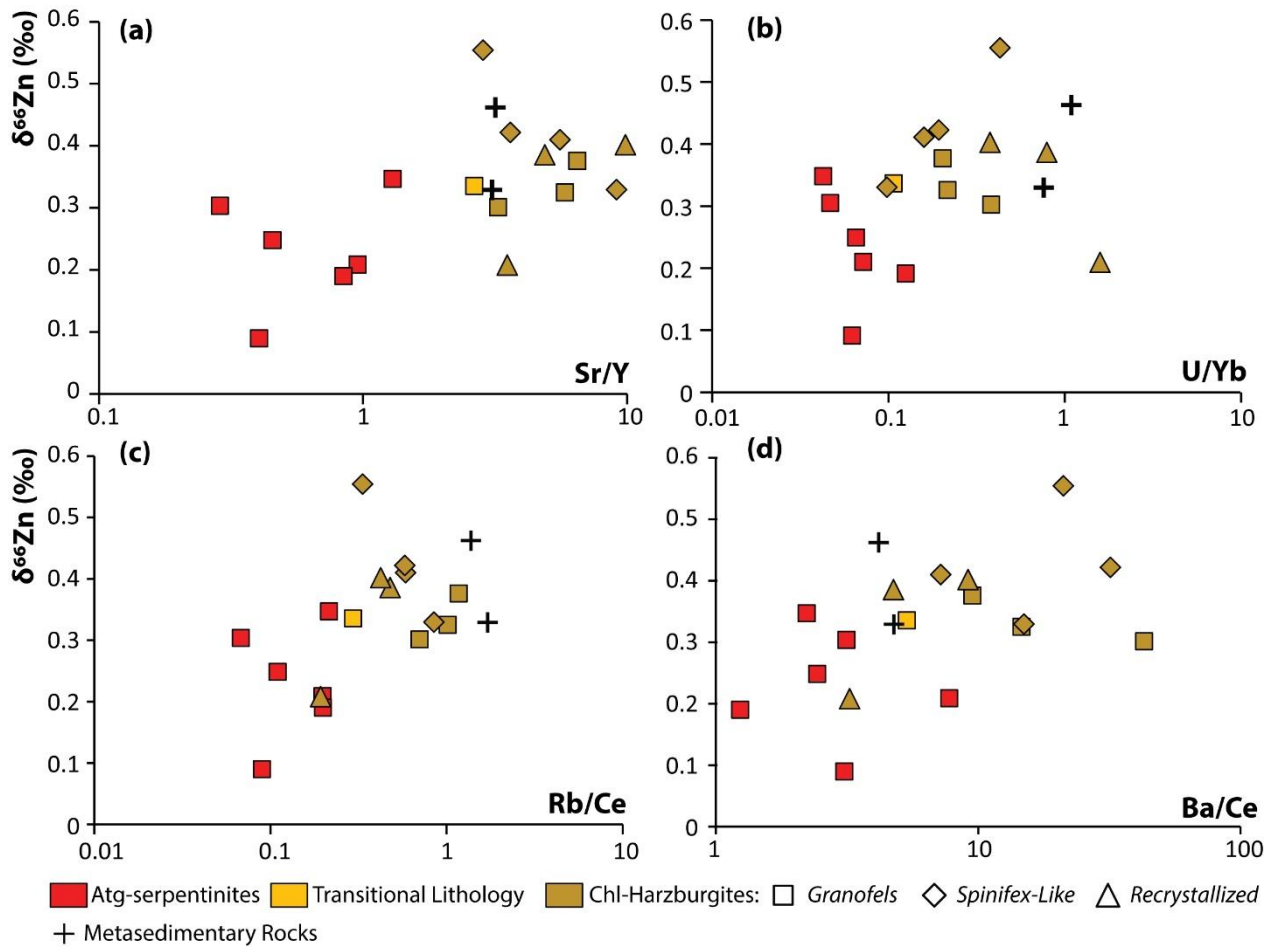
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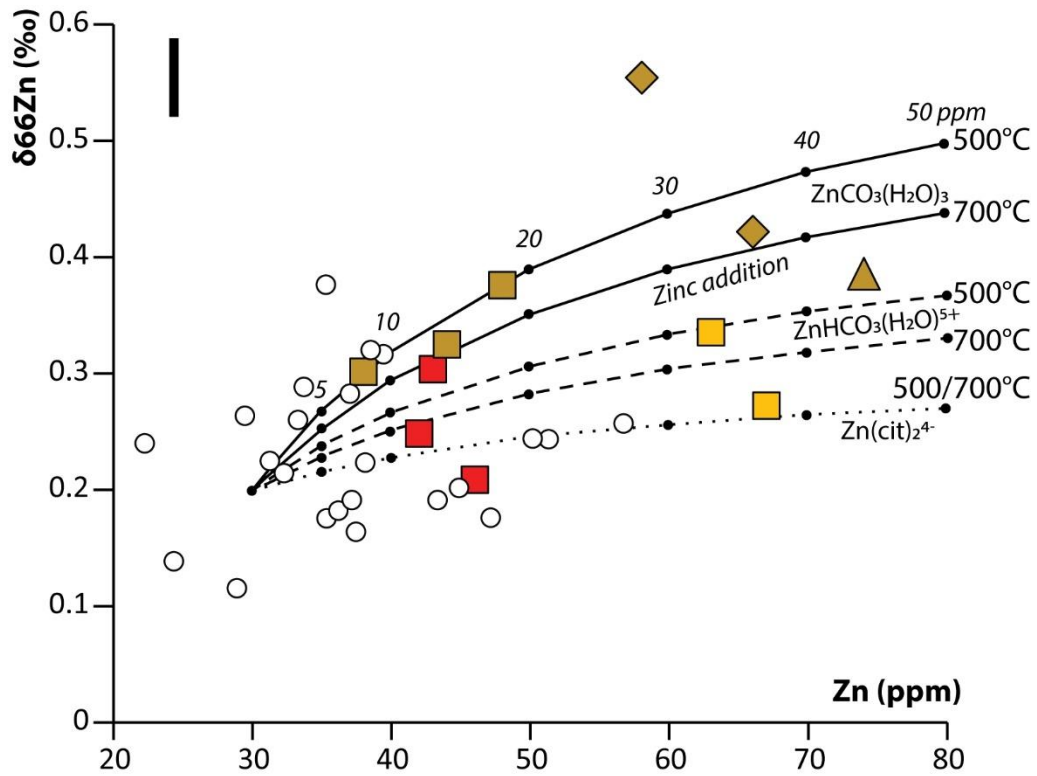
Figure 7: Plot of δ^{66}Zn (‰) versus Zn concentrations in Cerro del Almirez samples and presenting the results of the mixing models: additions of Zn by $ZnCO_3(H_2O)_3$, $ZnHCO_3(H_2O)_5^+$ and $Zn(cit)_2^{4-}$ fluids at temperatures ranging from 500°C to 700°C.

Name	Rock Type	Minerals	FeO (wt%)	Zn (ppm)	$\delta^{56}Fe$ (‰)	2sd	$\delta^{57}Fe$ (‰)	2sd	n	$\delta^{66}Zn$ (‰)	2sd	n
AL06-44A	Atg-serpentinite	Atg-Ol-Chl-Mgt ±Ilm	6.71	42	0.10	0.06	0.14	0.03	5	0.25	0.03	3
AL06-46	Atg-serpentinite	Atg-Ol-Chl-Mgt ±Ilm	7.04	43	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.04	3	0.30	0.04	3
ALM98-04B	Atg-serpentinite	Atg-Ol-Chl-Mgt ±Ilm	7.51	-	0.12	0.04	0.19	0.09	3	0.09	0.02	5
AL06-09A	Atg-serpentinite	Atg-Ol-Chl-Mgt ±Ilm-Di-Tr	9.87	46	0.06	0.03	0.12	0.10	2	0.21	0.05	5
AL95-17	Atg-serpentinite	Atg-Ol-Chl-Mgt ±Ilm-Di	6.68	-	0.04	-	0.07	-	1	0.19	0.05	2
AL96-17	Atg-serpentinite	Atg-Ol-Chl-Mgt ±Ilm-Di-Tr	7.66	-	0.08	-	0.10	-	1	0.35	0.02	3
AL06-20A	Atg-serpentinite	Atg-Ol-Chl-Mgt ±Ilm	7.33	34	0.05	0.02	0.09	0.07	4	-	-	
AL96-15A	Atg-serpentinite	Atg-Ol-Chl-Mgt ±Ilm-TiChu	8.96	-	0.10	0.03	0.16	0.08	3	0.18	0.00	2
AL96-15D	Atg-serpentinite	Atg-Ol-Chl-Mgt ±Ilm-TiChu	8.97	-	0.04	0.04	0.07	0.05	4	0.24	0.03	3
AL06-43	Transitional Lithologies	Atg-Ol-Chl-Mgt ±Ilm-Opx	7.17	63	0.08	0.01	0.09	0.04	5	0.34	0.03	3
AL07-06	Transitional Lithologies	Atg-Ol-Chl-Mgt ±Ilm-Opx	7.77	45	0.06	0.04	0.07	0.05	2	-	-	
AL08-14A	Transitional Lithologies	Atg-Ol-Chl-Mgt ±Ilm-Opx	8.70	67	0.00	0.03	0.01	0.11	2	0.27	0.01	3
AL06-12A	Granofels Chl-harzburgites	Ol-Opx-Chl-Mgt ±Ilm/Hem	7.73	48	0.07	0.04	0.11	0.07	4	0.38	0.01	2
AL07-09	Granofels Chl-harzburgites	Ol-Opx-Chl-Mgt ±Ilm/Hem	7.86	44	0.09	0.07	0.14	0.03	4	0.33	0.02	3
AL08-16	Granofels Chl-harzburgites	Ol-Opx-Chl-Mgt ±Ilm/Hem	8.11	59	0.06	0.03	0.08	0.03	3	-	-	
AL06-18	Granofels Chl-harzburgites	Ol-Opx-Chl-Mgt ±Ilm/Hem	6.89	38	0.02	0.06	0.03	0.14	4	0.30	0.04	6
AL95-29	Spinifex Chl-harzburgites	Ol-Opx-Chl-Mgt ±Ilm/Hem	8.08	-	0.05	0.04	0.07	0.07	5	0.33	0.05	3
AL06-17	Spinifex Chl-harzburgites	Ol-Opx-Chl-Mgt ±Ilm/Hem	7.53	58	0.08	0.02	0.10	0.04	4	0.55	0.09	2
AL95-24	Spinifex Chl-harzburgites	Ol-Opx-Chl-Mgt ±Ilm/Hem	6.98	-	0.02	0.03	0.05	0.02	3	0.40	0.04	3
AL06-19	Spinifex Chl-harzburgites	Ol-Opx-Chl-Mgt ±Ilm/Hem	7.32	66	0.02	0.06	0.05	0.15	2	0.42	0.02	5
AL06-03A	Recrystallized Chl-harzburgites	Ol-Opx-Chl-Mgt ±Ilm/Hem	7.67	74	0.03	0.02	0.07	0.02	7	0.41	0.06	6

Sample	Rock type	Mineralogy										
AL95-26	Recrystallized Chl-harzburgites	Ol-Opx-Chl-Mgt ±Ilm/Hem	7.46	-	-0.01	0.05	-0.05	0.07	5	0.49	0.03	3
AL96-1A	Recrystallized Chl-harzburgites	Ol-Opx-Chl-Mgt ±Ilm/Hem	7.28	-	-0.06	0.07	-0.12	0.13	2	0.21	0.04	3
AL96-12A	Metasedimentary rock	Graphite-lacking Micaschist	8.26	125	0.05	0.04	0.07	0.05	2	0.46	0.03	6
AL98-14A	Metasedimentary rock	Graphite-rich Micaschist	6.44	113	0.11	0.03	0.17	0.04	2	0.33	0.04	6
BHVO-2	Basalt standard	-			-	-	-	-		0.35	0.05	2
BIR	Basalt standard	-			0.06	0.02	0.08	0.01	2	-	-	

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799 orthopyroxene, Chl: chlorite, Mgt: magnetite, Ilm: ilmenite, Hem: hematite

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