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	<p>dolomite carbonatite dykes (3.43 wt% TREO), where calcite, parisite-(Ce) and synchysite-(Ce) replace monazite-(Ce) after apatite. Primary magmatic carbonatites were widely hydrothermally dolomitized to produce low-Sr dolomite carbonatite (38.5-282 ppm Sr; La/YbCN = 38.4-158.4; <math>\delta^{18}\text{O}</math> = 20.8 to 21.9 ‰; <math>\delta^{13}\text{C}</math> = -4.3 to -3.6 ‰) that contains weak REE mineralization in replacement textures, veins and coating vugs. The relatively high <math>\delta\text{D}</math> values (-54 to -34 ‰) of H<sub>2</sub>O derived from carbonatites from the CRCC indicate that the fluids associated with carbonate formation contained a significant amount of crustal component in accordance with the elevated <math>\delta^{13}\text{C}</math> values (~ -4 ‰). The high <math>\delta\text{D}</math> and <math>\delta^{13}\text{C}</math> signature of the carbonatites may have been produced by CO<sub>2</sub>-H<sub>2</sub>O metasomatism of the mantle source during Paleoproterozoic subduction beneath the eastern margin of the Kimberley Craton.</p>
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## 27 **Abstract**

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56 subduction beneath the eastern margin of the Kimberley Craton.

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## 58 **Keywords**

59 Carbonatite, REE mineralization, H-C-O stable isotopes, phoscorite, clinopyroxenite,  
60 monazite-(Ce), Kimberley

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## 62 **Introduction**

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64 The Neoproterozoic Cummins Range Carbonatite Complex (CRCC) is situated at the  
65 southern apex of the Halls Creek Orogen, close to its junction with the King Leopold  
66 Orogen, adjacent to the Kimberley Craton in northern Western Australia (lat. 19°27'S, long.  
67 127°10'E; Fig. 1). The CRCC is defined by a major magnetic anomaly and comprises a  
68 composite, sub-vertical to vertical zoned stock in which a phlogopite-diopside  
69 clinopyroxenite was intruded by calcite carbonatite and dolomite carbonatite dykes and  
70 veins that contain variable proportions of apatite–phlogopite–magnetite ± pyrochlore ±  
71 metasomatic Na-Ca amphiboles ± zircon (Fig. 2).

72 Past company exploration has focussed on the oxidised zone above the carbonatite  
73 which contains a REE ore body with an inferred resource of 4.90 Mt at 1.74% TREO,  
74 11.2% P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> and 145 ppm U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub> (Kimberley Rare Earths 2012). This monazite-(Ce)-apatite-  
75 rich secondary ore largely formed through the mechanical concentration of primary  
76 magmatic–hydrothermal REE mineralization within the carbonatite during weathering and  
77 deflation. The ore body is the third largest REE resource in Western Australia behind the  
78 Mt Weld deposit and the Hastings-Brockman trachytic tuff (Geological Survey of Western  
79 Australia 2011).

80 In this paper we employ H-C-O stable isotope and whole-rock geochemistry to define  
81 the evolution of various phases of the Cummins Range carbonatite and associated  
82 hydrothermal–metasomatic processes involved in REE mineralization. H-C-O isotope data  
83 also provides information on the development of the mantle source regions for the CRCC  
84 where previous work has indicated the influence of subduction-related processes and the  
85 existence of a Neoproterozoic depleted lithospheric mantle root beneath the Halls Creek  
86 Orogen (Jaques et al. 1989a; Luguet et al. 2009; Honda et al. 2012).

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**88 Geological setting**

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90 The Paleoproterozoic Halls Creek Orogen is comprised of a NNE-trending band of  
91 deformed and metamorphosed sedimentary, volcanic and intrusive rocks that represents a  
92 suture zone between the Kimberley Craton and the remainder of the North Australian  
93 Craton to the east (Fig. 1). Amalgamation following plate collision had occurred by ~1820  
94 Ma (Myers et al. 1996; Tyler et al. 1999; 2012; Griffin et al. 2000; Cawood and Korsch  
95 2008; Richards 2013). The Argyle lamproite, associated lamproite dykes and the Bow Hill  
96 ultramafic lamprophyre dykes were emplaced along a terrane boundary within the Halls  
97 Creek Orogen during the Proterozoic (Fig. 1; Jaques et al. 1986; Jaques and Milligan 2004).  
98 Similarly, a deep crustal structure within the King Leopold Orogen probably provided a  
99 route for lamproite magmas to reach the surface during the Miocene (~17–22 Ma)  
100 volcanism in the West Kimberley (Ellendale; Fig. 1; Jaques and Milligan 2004). The  
101 Cummins Range Carbonatite Complex has been interpreted by a number of workers to be  
102 emplaced in the proximity of the Halls Creek Fault (Fig. 1; e.g. Sanders 1999). Country  
103 rocks, including granite gneiss and chlorite schist, are interpreted to be part of the Eastern  
104 zone of the Paleoproterozoic Lamboo Complex within the Halls Creek Orogen (Fig. 2;  
105 Andrew 1990; cf. Hassan 2000). The contacts of the CRCC are largely inferred from  
106 magnetic data and no structural disruption or contact metamorphism was found on the  
107 margins of the carbonatite complex. Neoproterozoic ages of ~854–1012 Ma (currently  
108 under review) are indicated for the CRCC by dating using various methods (Pidgeon et al.  
109 1986; Sun et al. 1986).

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## 111 Outline of Geology

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113 Previous detailed accounts of the geology and mineralogy of the intrusive complex may be  
114 found in Richards (1983, 1985) and Andrew (1990). The CRCC has little surface  
115 expression, with the area largely being concealed by an aeolian sand sheet of varying  
116 thickness, typical of the Great Sandy Desert. Exposure is limited to patchy outcrop of low  
117 mounds of jasperoidal matrix-supported ironstone breccia, interpreted to be a residual  
118 solution collapse breccia of karst origin (Fig. 2; Richards 1983). Other regolith units noted  
119 within, or beneath sand cover, are ferruginous laterite, silcrete and calcrete. Resistate  
120 minerals, including REE-bearing monazite-(Ce), apatite, zircon and pyrochlore are  
121 considered to have been enriched by up to 10 times their original concentration in the  
122 oxidised zone (Andrew 1990), but the nature of this enrichment is not well defined.

123       Drilling and aeromagnetic and more detailed ground magnetic surveys have shown that  
124 the CRCC is a composite, sub-vertical to vertical stock some 1.8 x 1.6 km in maximum  
125 dimensions with three broadly concentric zones (Fig. 2). A central intrusive zone or plug  
126 of calcite carbonatite and dolomite carbonatite dykes is surrounded by variably carbonated  
127 and metasomatically altered phlogopite clinopyroxenite. Adjacent to the central carbonatite  
128 intrusive zone the clinopyroxenite was intruded by numerous steeply-dipping carbonatite  
129 dykes up to ~60m thick and metasomatism of the clinopyroxenite by the carbonatite is most  
130 intense in this zone, where there is a high density of carbonate veins/microveins and  
131 invasion of the clinopyroxenite by carbonatite (Andrew 1990). The outer envelope



132 comprises less altered clinopyroxenite with a mineral assemblage that includes phlogopite,  
133 diopside, apatite, magnetite, calcite and ilmenite, and lesser amounts of metasomatic Na-Ca  
134 amphiboles and accessory zirconolite (Table 1; Fig. 2). Sulfide  $\pm$  oxide assemblages  
135 composed of pyrrhotite, pyrite, chalcopyrite,  $\pm$  sphalerite  $\pm$  galena  $\pm$  magnetite are common  
136 to both the clinopyroxenite and various phases of the carbonatite, where they may form  
137 sulfide-rich bands and lenses. Within the carbonatite, vugs up to several centimetres wide  
138 commonly contain hydrothermal pyrite, marcasite and chalcopyrite (Table 1). Sulfides  
139 exhibit textures that suggest that they have formed through the replacement of carbonates  
140 (calcite and dolomite), diopside (or actinolite), to a lesser extent apatite, and rarely  
141 monazite-(Ce).

142       The carbonatite and clinopyroxenite are cut by vertical–sub vertical shear zones,  
143 trending  $\sim 315\text{--}330^\circ$ , that include weakly to strongly foliated dolomite carbonatite, zones of  
144 phlogopitite, and zones of high-REE apatite-monazite-(Ce) rock (Fig. 3). Some shear zones  
145 have been localised along contacts between the clinopyroxenite and carbonatite and this  
146 deformation may have played a major role in producing foliated phlogopitite along the  
147 margins of some clinopyroxenite bodies. This apparent K-metasomatism does not appear to  
148 have been entirely related to contact metasomatism with the intrusion  
149 of carbonatite into clinopyroxenite, because zones of phlogopitite are asymmetric in  
150 distribution. At some boundaries of the clinopyroxenite there are quite thick zones  
151 of phlogopitite ( $\leq \sim 10$  m), but at others minimal phlogopitite is developed (cm-scale). This  
152 suggests a correlation with zones of shearing. The shear zone trend of  $\sim 315\text{--}330^\circ$  may also  
153 be reflected in the approximate orientation of the outcrop of iron oxide collapse breccias  
154 (Fig. 2) and the orientation of the REE orebody within the oxidised zone (see Appendix 1).

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## 156 **Analytical methods**

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158 Scanning electron microscopy and electron microprobe microanalysis

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160 Mineral identifications were assisted by detailed back-scattered electron (BSE) imaging and  
161 energy-dispersive X-ray spectrometry (EDS) using a Philips XL-40 scanning-electron  
162 microscope (SEM) at CSIRO Earth Science and Resource Engineering, Perth.

163 The composition of apatite was determine at the Centre for Microscopy,  
164 Characterisation and Analysis at the University of Western Australia using a field emission  
165 gun JEOL JXA-8530F Hyperprobe with five wavelength-dispersive spectrometers  
166 operating at 20 keV, 50 nA, and a 10  $\mu\text{m}$  diameter beam to minimise fluorine diffusion. All  
167 analyses were performed using the Probe for EMPA software by Probe Software, Inc. F and  
168 Ca were analysed first using a Time Dependent Intensity (TDI) correction to account for  
169 any anisotropic elemental diffusion during analysis. REEs were standardised using the  
170 Smithsonian Institution single element orthophosphate standards. Ca and F were  
171 standardised on Durango apatite; Cl was standardised on a Brazilian sodalite. Natural  
172 orthoclase was used as the standard for Si and K, and San Carlos olivine was used for Fe  
173 calibration. Sr was calibrated on synthetic celestine and synthetic barite was used for S.  
174 Standards used for U, Th, and Pb were U metal,  $\text{ThO}_2$ , and crocoite respectively. All REEs,  
175 Th, and U were counted for 100 seconds on peak and major elements were counted for 10 –  
176 40 seconds on peak. All elemental peak overlaps were accounted for and eliminated using  
177 software peak overlap correction routines. Errors on all elements are  $\leq 10\%$ .

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179 Whole-rock geochemistry

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181 Abundances of major and trace elements were determined at Geoscience Australia,  
182 Canberra by XRF and ICP-MS for selected samples. Major and minor elements (Si, Ti, Al,  
183 Fe, Mn, Mg, Ca, Na, K, P and S) were determined by wavelength-dispersive (Bruker  
184 S8Tiger) XRF on fused disks using methods similar to those of Norrish and Hutton  
185 (1969). Precision for these elements is better than  $\pm 1\%$  of the reported values. As, Ba, Cr,  
186 Cu, Ni, Sc, V, Zn, Zr, F and Cl were determined by XRF on pressed pellets using methods  
187 similar to those described by Norrish and Chappell (1977). Loss on Ignition (LOI) was by  
188 gravimetry after combustion at  $1100^{\circ}\text{C}$ . FeO abundances were determined by digestion and  
189 electrochemical titration using a modified methodology based on Shapiro and Brannock  
190 (1962), and  $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$  values were calculated as the difference between total Fe, determined by  
191 XRF, and FeO. Selected trace elements (Cs, Ga, Nb, Pb, Rb, Sb, Sn, Sr, Ta, Th, U, Y) and  
192 the Rare Earth elements were analysed by ICP-MS (Agilent 7500 with reaction cell) using  
193 methods similar to those of Eggins et al. (1997), but on solutions obtained by dissolution of  
194 fused glass disks (Pyke 2000). Precisions are  $\pm 5\%$  and  $\pm 10\%$  at low levels ( $< 20$  ppm).  
195 Agreement between XRF and ICP-MS are typically within 10%. Because of problems in  
196 retaining the sample in solution, the REE and F-rich fused XRF disc of sample CDD1-36  
197 (and CDD1-34 for comparison) was also analysed by laser ablation ICP-MS at the  
198 Research School of Earth Sciences, ANU, for REEs and other trace elements using an  
199 Agilent Technologies 7700 ICP-MS coupled to an ANU HeIEX laser-ablation system with  
200 a 193 nm wavelength EXCIMER laser (110 (ArF) COMPex, Lambda Physik) following the

201 method of Jenner and O'Neill (2012). Data acquisition involved a 20 second background  
202 measurement followed by 45 seconds of ablation, employing an 81 micron diameter laser  
203 spot, 5 Hz repetition rate and 50-55 mJ fluence. Samples were analysed by bracketing every  
204 5 unknowns with analyses of NIST610 and BCR2G reference glasses. Data were processed  
205 using the Iolite software package (Paton et al. 2011). Agreement of the LA-ICP-MS and  
206 solution ICP-MS methods for sample CDD1-34, and with recommended/preferred values  
207 for standards BCR-2G and SY-3 was within 10% for most elements at the ppm level and  
208 higher. LA-ICP-MS data for the REEs, Zr, Hf, Ta, Th and U in sample CDD1-36, and Tm,  
209 Hf and Ta in sample CDD1-34, are therefore reported here.

210 Abundances of trace elements for 9 rock samples were determined at TSW Analytical,  
211 Perth (analyst Sven Fjastad) using a combination of ICP-MS (Agilent 7700) and ICP-AES  
212 (Thermo Scientific iCAP) analysis. Solutions for analysis were prepared by two methods:  
213 (a) The pulverised sample (0.3 g) was fused with lithium tetraborate (35.3%)/lithium  
214 metaborate (64.7%) flux (0.8 g) at 1050°C for 15 minutes, then the fused material was  
215 dissolved in a citric acid solution (50 mL, 10% m/v); and (b) The pulverised sample (0.25  
216 g) was digested in a mixture of nitric, perchloric and hydrofluoric acids. The digestate was  
217 taken to incipient dryness and the residue dissolved in a mixture of nitric and hydrochloric  
218 acid then diluted with ultra-pure water to produce a final acid strength of ~5% v/v. The  
219 resultant solutions were then diluted appropriately for ICP-AES and ICP-MS analysis.

220 The elements reported for these samples have been compiled from, and confirmed by,  
221 using both the ICP-AES and ICP-MS results from the above sample preparation techniques.  
222 The detection limits vary from element to element in the various solution matrices and  
223 instrumental technique used, however as a generalisation elements reported from the ICP-

224 AES assay have limits of detection ( $2\sigma$ ) of approximately 10 ppm in the pulverised sample  
225 and elements reported from the ICP-MS assay have limits of detection ( $2\sigma$ ) of  
226 approximately 0.1 ppm in the pulverised sample.

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228 Stable Isotopes

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230 For carbonate samples from the CRCC the stable carbon and oxygen isotope compositions  
231 were determined by applying the carbonate-orthophosphoric acid reaction at 72°C (Spötl  
232 and Wennemann 2003) and using an automated GASBENCH II sample preparation device  
233 attached to a Thermo Finnigan Delta Plus XP mass spectrometer at the Institute for  
234 Geological and Geochemical Research, Budapest, Hungary.

235 Hydrogen isotope compositions of fluid inclusion-hosted H<sub>2</sub>O and H<sub>2</sub>O-contents in  
236 ten carbonate samples were determined by vacuum-crushing followed by H<sub>2</sub>O purification  
237 by vacuum distillation, reaction with Zn at 480°C to produce H<sub>2</sub> gas and mass spectrometric  
238 analyses of D/H ratios (see Demény 1995, Demény and Siklósy 2008, Czuppon et al. 2014)  
239 using a Finnigan MAT delta S mass spectrometer at the Institute for Geological and  
240 Geochemical Research.

241 The isotope compositions are given as  $\delta D$ ,  $\delta^{13}C$  and  $\delta^{18}O$  in parts per thousands (‰)  
242 relative to V-PDB ( $\delta^{13}C$ ) and V-SMOW ( $\delta D$  and  $\delta^{18}O$ ), according to the equation:  $\delta =$   
243  $(R_{\text{sample}}/R_{\text{standard}} - 1) \times 1000$ , where R is the D/H,  $^{13}C/^{12}C$  or  $^{18}O/^{16}O$  ratio in the sample  
244 or in the international standard. The measurement precision is better than 0.15‰ for C and  
245 O isotope data based on replicate measurements of international standards (NBS-19; NBS-

246 18) and in-house reference materials. Reproducibilities of H isotope analyses were about  
247 3‰ for  $\delta D$  values based on duplicate analyses.

248 Two samples of the high-REE apatite-monazite-(Ce) rock (CDD1-31, CDD1-37A)  
249 were examined and found not to contain fluid inclusions.

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## 251 **Petrography**

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253 Fresh rocks within the Cummins Range complex were encountered in two deep inclined  
254 diamond drill holes, CDD1 and CDD2, each ~402 m long (Figs 2, 3; Appendix 1). The  
255 petrographic descriptions presented here are based mostly on samples from these drill  
256 holes. Most exploration drilling has concentrated on defining the shallow REE resource  
257 within the oxidised zone. Two of the samples analysed for C-O isotopes came from shallow  
258 RC drill holes (NRC035 92–93 m, NRC058 97–98 m). We describe the various  
259 carbonatites and the high-REE apatite-monazite-(Ce) rock in detail here, but the associated  
260 clinopyroxenite will be described elsewhere (Table 1).

261 We use the term ‘phoscorite’ to describe apatite-amphibole-rich rocks that also contain  
262 varying proportions of phlogopite, magnetite, dolomite,  $\pm$  calcite  $\pm$  ilmenite (Table 1). No  
263 olivine-bearing rocks have been found in the CRCC. The definition of ‘phoscorite’ or  
264 ‘phoscorite-series’ rocks is complex, and this is discussed in detail by Krasnova et al.  
265 (2004).

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## 267 Carbonatites

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269 Multiple phases of calcite carbonatite and dolomite carbonatite dykes intruded the  
270 clinopyroxenite phase of the CRCC producing a central carbonatite plug (Fig. 2). The  
271 carbonatites contain variable proportions of apatite ± phlogopite ± magnetite ± amphibole,  
272 and with increasing content of these minerals range towards silicocarbonatites or  
273 phoscorite-series rocks (Table 1; Fig. 4). Blue-green, Na-Ca amphiboles (predominantly  
274 richterite) are a metasomatic phase ( $\leq \sim 5$  vol.%) that overprint the magmatic carbonatite  
275 rock fabric, including replacement of phlogopite and apatite (Fig. 4b, c). Contact  
276 relationships between carbonatites and associated phoscorite-series rocks commonly are  
277 gradational. Fresh diopside has not been observed in the carbonatites at Cummins Range,  
278 however diopside may have been a primary magmatic phase that has been replaced by  
279 richterite in associated apatite-amphibole-rich phoscorite.

280 The carbonatites vary from fine to coarse-grained, and from massive to foliated. The  
281 foliated textures indicate ductile deformation of the carbonatite during tectonism (Fig. 4d).  
282 Generally, the carbonatites are either calcite or dolomite dominant, where the carbonates  
283 comprise up to  $\sim 95$  vol.% of the rock. Recrystallization and hydrothermal alteration of the  
284 carbonatites has produced massive, turbid, microporous dolomite or calcite in some zones.  
285 In the carbonatites, apatite occurs as individual equant to elongate crystals ( $\leq 1.5$  cm long)  
286 or as radiating to divergent clusters of elongate crystals ( $\leq 4$  cm across) generally situated at  
287 calcite or dolomite grain boundaries, or in lenses of polygonal crystal cumulate (Fig. 4c).  
288 Pyrochlore and zircon are characteristic minor accessory minerals. Pyrochlore (generally  
289  $< 1$  vol.%) occurs as equant, euhedral to anhedral, dark brown to golden brown crystals

290  $\leq 10$  mm wide. It is commonly overgrown by thin rims of pyrite, and very rarely is replaced  
291 by ferrocolumbite. Zircon exhibits a diverse range of textures including subhedral  
292 megacrysts to  $\sim 1.5$  cm wide with typical igneous growth zonation (Fig. 4a; occurring in  
293 CDD1 323–331 m), anhedral, metamict composite porphyroblasts intergrown with  
294 dolomite in strongly foliated carbonatite ( $\leq 3$  mm wide; Fig. 4d), and turbid brown  
295 anhedral–subhedral crystals intergrown with amphibole-ilmenite-apatite-dolomite ( $\leq 5$  mm  
296 wide). Textural relationships indicate that the zircon is variably igneous to hydrothermal or  
297 metasomatic in origin. The zircons have a very low U content ( $\leq 138$  ppm; unpubl. data NJ  
298 McNaughton) consistent with their carbonatite origin (cf. Belousova et al. 2002).

299       Carbonatites within the CRCC commonly contain trace–minor hydrothermal REE-  
300 mineralization (generally  $< 1$  vol.%) in the form of disseminated grains of monazite-(Ce),  
301 parisite-(Ce) and synchysite-(Ce) in calcite and dolomite; monazite-(Ce) rimming and  
302 replacing magmatic apatite; parisite-(Ce) and synchysite-(Ce) in replacement textures,  
303 veins and lining cavities in carbonatite; as well as minor niobaeschynite-(Ce), chevkinite-  
304 (Ce), fergusonite and Ca-REE-Ba-Sr carbonates (possibly burbankite or carbocernaite; Fig.  
305 5).

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### 307 *High-Sr calcite carbonatite*

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309 Calcite carbonatites may have a fine-grained, equigranular to inequigranular polygonal  
310 mosaic texture (with straight to slightly curved grain boundaries; crystals  $\leq 1$  mm wide), but  
311 vary to inequigranular textures where carbonate crystals ( $\leq 5$  mm long) have irregular to



312 serrated boundaries. White–light grey, massive carbonatite may be intruded (and/or  
313 replaced?) by dykes or irregular bodies of light pink calcite carbonatite that occurs only in  
314 the drill hole CDD1 (Fig. 4a). This calcite carbonatite may contain minor subhedral to  
315 anhedral, phenocrysts and crystal clusters of white dolomite ( $\leq \sim 5$  mm long;  $< 15$  vol.%) in a  
316 calcite groundmass (Fig. 4a). High-Sr calcite carbonatite near the bottom of drill hole  
317 CDD2 preserves calcite-dolomite exsolution textures. Small blebs and rods of dolomite  
318 ( $\leq \sim 20$   $\mu\text{m}$  long) have exsolved from high-Mg calcite.

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320 *High-Sr dolomite carbonatite*

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322 White, massive, weakly–moderately fractured dolomite carbonatite is present in both drill  
323 holes (e.g. CDD1 150.45–152.26 m; CDD2  $\sim 110$ – $115$  m). Generally, it has indistinct  
324 contacts with surrounding calcite carbonatite, but is intruded by pink high-Sr calcite  
325 carbonatite. The texture varies from zones of inequigranular, variably clear to turbid  
326 dolomite, with crystals up to  $\sim 2$  mm wide having straight to curved or rounded boundaries,  
327 grading into a more coarse-grained turbid dolomite with elongated–anhedral crystals  
328  $\leq \sim 1.25$  cm long. This dolomite carbonatite contains rare parisite-(Ce), synchysite-(Ce) and  
329 monazite-(Ce) ( $< 1$  vol.%). Minor patches and crystals of calcite exhibit microporosity and  
330 contain inclusions of strontianite and Ca-REE-Ba-Sr minerals (possibly burbankite or  
331 carbocernaite;  $\leq 30$   $\mu\text{m}$  long).

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333 *High-REE dolomite carbonatite dykes*

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335 Late-stage, thin, grey dolomite carbonatite dykes intrude calcite and calcite-dolomite  
336 carbonatite over two intervals within the drill hole CDD2. These dykes contain relatively  
337 high-grade REE mineralization (e.g. CDD2 396.9–397.64 m – 3.43 wt% TREO) and their  
338 texture and mineralogy are as follows:

- 339 1) The grey, medium-grained dolomite carbonatite dyke intruding calcite-dolomite  
340 carbonatite over the interval CDD2 225.03–225.23 m, contains turbid dolomite and  
341 parisite-(Ce) (~15–20 vol.%; elongate crystals  $\leq 3$  mm) with minor aeschynite-(Ce)  
342 (crystals  $\leq 0.8$  mm long), monazite-(Ce) and pyrite (Fig. 5a, b). Crystals of parisite-  
343 (Ce) are partially resorbed or altered and fractured, with dissolution along cleavage  
344 planes. Pyrite (crystals  $\leq 0.6$  mm long) commonly occurs along fractures and cleavage  
345 planes in crystals of parisite-(Ce).
- 346 2) Dolomite carbonatite dykes intrude calcite carbonatite over the interval CDD2 396.9–  
347 397.18 m, 397.35–397.64 m. The REE mineralization in these dykes comprises fine-  
348 grained monazite-(Ce), parisite-(Ce) and synchysite-(Ce) in irregularly-shaped patches  
349 of pink calcite up to 2 cm long (Fig. 5c, d). Crystals of apatite may be partially to  
350 completely replaced by this calcite-REE-rich association (Fig. 5d). These calcite-  
351 monazite-(Ce) patches are not restricted to these dykes and occur in less abundance in  
352 surrounding calcite carbonatite. The sequence of replacement was apatite replaced by  
353 monazite-(Ce) that was later replaced by pink calcite and associated parisite-(Ce) and  
354 synchysite-(Ce). Monazite-(Ce) is also rarely replaced by pyrrhotite and magnetite in

355 this carbonatite. The dolomite carbonatite contains patches and crystals of microporous  
356 calcite with microinclusions (<2 µm wide) of strontianite ± Ca-REE-Ba-Sr carbonates  
357 (possibly burbankite or carbocernaite).

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359 *Low-Sr dolomite carbonatite*

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361 The low-Sr dolomite carbonatites are white–grey, massive and dominantly composed of  
362 turbid recrystallised, microporous dolomite (≤2 cm long crystals; anhedral with irregular  
363 boundaries). Boundaries with the surrounding calcite carbonatite commonly are  
364 gradational. Some zones within the carbonatite dykes have a vuggy texture and are weakly  
365 mineralised (e.g. 110.5–136.4 m, 303–322.2 m in CDD1; 328.3–396 m in CDD2; Fig. 5e).  
366 Vugs (≤~5 cm wide), typically containing ≤1 vol.% REE-bearing minerals, are lined by  
367 euhedral coarse dolomite crystals associated with crystals of pyrite–marcasite, quartz,  
368 monazite-(Ce), encrustations of very fine-grained platy crystals and crystal groups of the  
369 REE-fluorocarbonates parisite-(Ce) and synchysite-(Ce) (+ rare fine acicular groups of a  
370 Nb-Ti mineral, probably nioboaeschnynite-(Ce)) ± Mg-silicates (talc; Fig. 5f).

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372 High-REE apatite-monazite-(Ce) rock

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374 Within the drill hole CDD1, the interval 261.85–275.2 m is composed of weakly–strongly  
375 foliated rocks including carbonatite and apatite-monazite-(Ce)-amphibole-talc-rich rocks.

376 Some strongly foliated zones contain ~5–10 vol.% fine–medium grained disseminated  
377 zircon (the zircon has yellow SW fluorescence; ~269–269.15 m, 272.5–273 m). This shear  
378 zone was intruded by white, massive–fractured dolomite carbonatite dykes and veins, and  
379 over the interval 269.2–271.1 m light grey, fine-grained high REE apatite-monazite-(Ce)  
380 rocks (containing  $\leq$ ~25.8 wt% TREO) occur adjacent to these dolomite carbonatite dykes  
381 ( $\leq$ 0.142 wt% TREO; Fig. 6). From historical exploration geochemistry, the interval 269–  
382 271m is particularly high grade, with 8.29 wt% from 269–270m, and 5.14 wt% TREO from  
383 270–271 m (Fig. 3). The apatite-monazite-(Ce) rocks comprise complex intergrowths of  
384 apatite and monazite-(Ce) (that varies from thin, elongated crystals to granular in habit) that  
385 are overprinted by veins of talc-amphibole-pyrrhotite-dolomite (Fig. 7). Monazite-(Ce) may  
386 also occur in a talc–amphibole matrix. The thin, elongated crystals of monazite-(Ce)  
387 intergrown with apatite are up to ~0.8 mm long, and the apatite in this association is  
388 polycrystalline (variation in extinction angle), turbid and partially altered. In one sample  
389 (CDD1-33), this apatite-monazite-(Ce) zone has a sharp contact with an adjacent apatite-  
390 rich vein containing patchy to concentrically-zoned, elongated, crystals of apatite ( $\leq$ 3 mm  
391 long) aligned approximately perpendicular to the vein margins (Fig. 6).

392       Zones of foliated apatite-talc-monazite-(Ce)-amphibole rock are banded on a cm-scale  
393 (e.g. CDD1 265–266 m 3.3 wt% TREO). These include weakly foliated, monazite-(Ce)-  
394 talc-rich bands that contain ~40–50 vol.% anhedral–subhedral monazite-(Ce) crystals  
395 ( $\leq$ ~1.3 mm long, commonly fractured) in a talc-amphibole-pyrrhotite matrix (Fig. 7b, d).  
396 The monazite-(Ce)-talc bands are enclosed by moderately foliated bands of apatite-  
397 amphibole-monazite-(Ce)-talc in which the fabric is defined by crystals of green-blue  
398 amphibole (richterite,  $\leq$ ~1.2 mm long) intergrown with fine-grained talc and irregular

399 lenses and grains of pyrrhotite ( $\leq \sim 1.3$  mm long). The amphiboles enclose lenses of  
400 recrystallised and altered apatite to  $\sim 2$  mm long, and trains of equant/granular crystals of  
401 monazite-(Ce) ( $\leq \sim 0.7$  mm long,  $\leq \sim 5$  vol.%). Banding also includes more massive zones of  
402 altered and recrystallised apatite that are crosscut by lenses of amphibole ( $\sim 15$  vol.%,  $\leq \sim 4$   
403 mm long) and ragged grains and lenses of pyrrhotite  $\pm$  rare chalcopyrite ( $\leq \sim 0.7$  mm long).

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## 405 **Geochemistry**

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### 407 Apatite chemistry

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409 Electron microprobe data acquired from two samples of the high-REE apatite-monazite-  
410 (Ce) rock (CDD1-29, CDD1-33) and 3 samples of carbonatite are presented in Table 2 and  
411 Fig. 8. The high-REE apatite-monazite-(Ce) rock contains areas with zoned apatite crystals  
412 ( $\sim 5$  vol.%). Crystal cores, to  $\sim 600$   $\mu\text{m}$  long, occur in areas of massive uniform apatite in a  
413 talc-rich matrix. Apatite cores are REE-rich ( $\text{Y}_2\text{O}_3$  0.22–0.43 wt%; TREO 4.07–10.1 wt%;  
414 SrO 1.22–2.81 wt%) and apatite rims or surrounding apatite in the matrix are Sr-rich (SrO  
415 1.78–11.39 wt%) and poor in REEs (TREO  $\leq 2.92$  wt%;  $\text{Y}_2\text{O}_3$   $\leq 0.12$  wt%). Notably, some  
416 of these apatite cores exhibit positive Eu anomalies ( $\text{Eu}/\text{Eu}^* \sim 2.4$ –8.8; Fig. 8b). Apatite in  
417 the carbonatites has distinctive Sr and REE contents, with generally  $< 2$  wt% SrO and  $\leq 2.42$   
418 wt% TREO. Apatite analyses from the high-REE apatite-monazite-(Ce) rock may have low

419 analytical totals which could be due to the effects of hydrothermal alteration or the presence  
420 of  $\text{CO}_3^{2-}$  that has not been determined (Table 2; cf. DeToledo et al. 2004).

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422 Whole-rock geochemistry

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424 Whole-rock geochemical data for the CRCC is presented in Tables 3 and 4, and Figs 3 and  
425 9 (see also Appendix 1). The high-Sr calcite carbonatite contains from 4800–6060 ppm Sr,  
426 from 1.41–3.2 wt% MgO, from 0.18–0.30 wt% MnO, and from 0.42–1.80 wt%  $\text{P}_2\text{O}_5$ . The  
427 calcite carbonatites are weakly mineralised, containing 0.138–0.163 wt% TREO ( $\text{La}/\text{Yb}_{\text{CN}} = 31.6$ – $41.5$ ;  
428  $\text{La}/\text{Nd}_{\text{CN}} = 1.72$ – $2.23$ ). The pink calcite carbonatite (CDD1-24) has relatively  
429 higher Zr and Hf content than other calcite carbonatite samples (Fig. 9b).

430 The high-Sr dolomite carbonatite contains relatively high MnO from 0.683–1.12 wt%,  
431 and MgO from 16.1–19 wt% (CDD1-34 contains 12.7 wt% MgO but this sample has a high  
432 iron content due to sulfides). Sr content ranges from 4090–6310 ppm, and  $\text{P}_2\text{O}_5$  from 0.1–  
433 0.92 wt%. The TREO content is the lowest of all carbonatites in the complex, ranging from  
434 0.071–0.145 wt%, but it exhibits high LREE/HREE ratios ( $\text{La}/\text{Yb}_{\text{CN}} = 96.5$ – $352$ ;  $\text{La}/\text{Nd}_{\text{CN}} = 2$ – $3.14$ ).  
435 In contrast, the low-Sr dolomite carbonatite ( $\text{Sr} = 38.5$ – $282$  ppm) contains lower  
436 amounts of Fe and Mn, but higher TREO ( $\text{MnO} = 0.26$ – $0.34$  wt%;  $\text{P}_2\text{O}_5 = 0.035$ – $0.9$  wt%;  
437 TREO = 0.124–0.358 wt%). The low-Sr dolomite carbonatite has variable REE content,  
438 with  $\text{La}/\text{Yb}_{\text{CN}} = 38.4$ – $158.4$  and  $\text{La}/\text{Nd}_{\text{CN}} = 1.98$ – $2.73$ .

439 The high-REE dolomite carbonatite (2) dyke (CDD2-25A) contains 3.43 wt% TREO.  
440 It has relatively high  $\text{P}_2\text{O}_5$  (7.28 wt%) due to its apatite content and very high LREE

441 enrichment ( $\text{La}/\text{Yb}_{\text{CN}} = 2756$ ;  $\text{La}/\text{Nd}_{\text{CN}} = 5.8$ ). Unfortunately, insufficient sample was  
442 available from the high-REE dolomite carbonatite (1) dyke to undertake whole-rock  
443 geochemistry. The high-REE apatite-monazite-(Ce) rock (CDD1-36) is rich in Ca, Sr, and  
444 P and is extremely enriched in REEs with ~25.8 wt% TREO, has a high  $\text{La}/\text{Nd}_{\text{CN}}$  ratio  
445 (~5.4), an extremely high  $\text{La}/\text{Yb}_{\text{CN}}$  ratio (30085), and a high abundance of Y (126 ppm).  
446 Notably, its chondrite-normalised REE pattern is discordant to the quasi-parallel patterns of  
447 the carbonatites sampled (Fig. 9a).

448       Geochemically the primary carbonatites are high in Sr, and relatively low in Ba ( $\leq 509$   
449 ppm) and all carbonatites are low in HFSE (e.g.  $\text{Zr} \leq 279$  ppm,  $\text{Nb} \leq 254$  ppm,  $\text{Hf} \leq 3.81$   
450 ppm,  $\text{Ta} \leq 7.39$  ppm). The Th/U, Nb/Ta and Zr/Hf ratios of the carbonatite samples are  
451 quite variable (Table 3) and probably are controlled by zircon and pyrochlore content (Fig.  
452 9). In four carbonatite samples Hf content is below detection limits and two carbonatites  
453 have anomalously low Zr/Hf ratios with Hf content  $< 0.15$  ppm (Table 4). The remaining  
454 carbonatite samples have Zr/Hf ratios in the range 25.9–73.2 (average ~43.8), which is  
455 similar to the range for the Kovdor and Turiy Mys carbonatites from the Kola Alkaline  
456 Province, Russia (36–72; Ivanikov et al. 1998; Verhulst et al. 2000) and exceeds the  
457 primitive mantle value (~37). The Zr/Hf ratio of the apatite-amphibole phoscorite (52.5) is  
458 similar to the worldwide average of phoscorites and silicocarbonatites (57;  
459 Chakhmouradian 2006). The average Zr/Nb ratio of the carbonatites is the same as the  
460 worldwide carbonatite average (0.8; Chakhmouradian 2006), and much lower than the  
461 Zr/Nb ratio of the phoscorite (~6.39).

462       Y/Ho ratios are close to the primitive mantle value (~27) for the majority of carbonatite  
463 samples (21.5–27.1), but the high-Sr calcite carbonatite (CDD2-21A) has  $\text{Y}/\text{Ho} = 15.1$  and

464 the high-REE dolomite carbonatite dyke (2; CDD2-25A) has a low value of 2.14 and a  
465 negative Eu anomaly ( $\text{Eu}/\text{Eu}^* = 0.62$ ). The high-REE apatite-monazite-(Ce) rock (CCD1-  
466 36) also has a relatively low Y/Ho ratio of 17.9.

467 Ga/Ge ratios in a large group of calcite and dolomite carbonatites ( $n = 6$ ) are on  
468 average 5.34 (Table 4), which is slightly above the ratio for the primitive mantle  $\sim 3.67$ .  
469 Higher Ga/Ge ratios occur in samples with Al-bearing minerals, and thus a higher Ga  
470 content, apart from the late-stage high-REE dolomite carbonatite (CDD2-25A). The tightly  
471 constrained nature and consistency of the Ga/Ge ratios for the majority of carbonatite  
472 samples suggests that this ratio may reflect the mantle source.

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474 H-C-O stable isotopes

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476 Several groupings and trends in the C-O isotope data can be defined for the CRCC samples  
477 (Table 5; Fig. 10). High-Sr calcite carbonatites form a group with a range in  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  of 7.5 to  
478 8.6 ‰ and  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$  of -4.2 to -4.0 ‰. This group exhibits a positive  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$  shift (1) at almost  
479 constant  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  from a theoretical uncontaminated mantle source composition. Seven  
480 samples of dominantly dolomite carbonatite (with one sample of calcite carbonatite) define  
481 a weak positive trend over the ranges in  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  of 8.3 to 12.6 ‰ and  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$  of -3.4 to -2.2 ‰  
482 (shift 2). A group of low-Sr dolomite carbonatite samples (with vuggy textures) have  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$   
483 values from 20.8 to 21.9‰, with a relatively narrow range in  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$  of -4.3 to -3.6 ‰ (shift 3  
484 from the primary carbonatite field). The clinopyroxenite samples define two groups, one  
485 with  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  values from 11.1 to 11.3 ‰ and  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$  from -5.6 to -5.4 ‰, and another group



486 with  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  from 9.7 to 11.2 ‰ and  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$  from -4.4 to -3.9 ‰ that includes one amphibole-  
487 apatite phoscorite. One further clinopyroxenite sample contains calcite that has experienced  
488 a large shift in  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  compared to the signature of other clinopyroxenites ( $\delta^{18}\text{O} = 21.4$  ‰,  
489  $\delta^{13}\text{C} = -3.8$  ‰). The results of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ -contents and stable H isotope analysis of fluid  
490 inclusion-hosted  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , as well as bulk carbonate C and O isotope compositions for ten  
491 carbonate samples from various carbonatites are presented in Table 6 and Fig. 11.

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## 493 **Discussion**

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495 Evolution of the Cummins Range carbonatites

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497 Current evidence suggests that carbonatite magmas may have evolved from mantle-derived  
498 alkali-rich carbonated silicate magmas by some form of fractional crystallization or liquid  
499 immiscibility (e.g. Lee and Wylie 1998; Downes et al. 2005; Chakhmouradian and Zaitsev  
500 2012). Alternatively, a small number of carbonatites probably were derived directly from  
501 the mantle by partial melting of metasomatised peridotite (e.g. Ray et al. 2013;  
502 Chakhmouradian and Zaitsev 2012). At Cummins Range, the association of the  
503 carbonatites with coeval clinopyroxenite suggests a genetic relationship between the two.  
504 No evidence for any form of liquid immiscibility (e.g. conjugate silicate-carbonate or  
505 silicate-phosphate melts, or melt inclusion evidence of two immiscible liquids) involved in  
506 the evolution of the Cummins Range carbonatites has been discovered so far, however the  
507 operation of fractional crystallization processes is evident from the presence of apatite-

508 phlogopite-magnetite ( $\pm$  ilmenite  $\pm$  pyrochlore) rich bands within the carbonatites, and  
509 cumulate textures in associated phoscorite and clinopyroxenite in parts of the CRCC. The  
510 fractionation of REE-poor magnetite, ilmenite, phlogopite and/or diopside, along with  
511 dolomite or calcite, is thought to have played a role in the derivation of the late-stage, high-  
512 REE dolomite carbonatite dykes at Cummins Range. However, this picture is complicated  
513 by the role of apatite in controlling the REE budget in these rocks. Bands of cumulate-  
514 textured apatite-amphibole-rich carbonatite are enriched in Zr, Nb, REEs, F, P and Na in  
515 comparison to associated calcite carbonatite (compare CDD2-21A and CDD2-27). The  
516 increased REE content in the cumulate rock could be related to higher apatite content, but  
517 Na-Zr-REE-bearing metasomatic–hydrothermal fluids have also altered these rocks, where  
518 zircon and amphiboles appear to overprint the primary fabric and calcite replaces monazite-  
519 (Ce) after apatite. One of the cumulate-textured apatite-amphibole phoscorite units (CDD1-  
520 22) also is hydrothermally mineralised, with minor fluorite replacing carbonate, and this is  
521 reflected in the relatively high Y, HREE and F content of this rock. Therefore, apart from  
522 one very low volume parisite-(Ce)-bearing dolomite carbonatite dyke (1), the primary  
523 magmatic carbonatites do not appear to have been greatly enriched in REEs by magmatic  
524 fractionation processes. Hydrothermal processes probably were of greater importance in  
525 enriching the high-REE dolomite carbonatite dyke (2) in LREEs (see below).

526       The HFSE chemistry of the Cummins Range carbonatites shows similarities to  
527 carbonatites from the Kola Alkaline Province in Russia (e.g. Zr/Hf and Zr/Nb ratios), but is  
528 notably different from post-orogenic carbonatites such as Eden Lake, Canada where the  
529 Zr/Nb ratio (24.5; Chakhmouradian et al. 2008) is much higher than the worldwide  
530 carbonatite average of 0.8 (Chakhmouradian 2006). In contrast to the low Zr and Hf content

531 of the Cummins Range carbonatites, the associated clinopyroxenite is extremely enriched in  
532 these elements (Fig. 3). Therefore, if the primary high-Sr calcite carbonatite was derived  
533 from a carbonated silicate parental magma, then the very low Nb, Ta, Zr and Hf content of  
534 the carbonatites could be a function of the fractionation of phases such as zirconolite. The  
535 relationship between the clinopyroxenite and the carbonatites will be explored in more  
536 detail in subsequent work.

537       Stable C and O isotope data for the high-Sr dolomite carbonatites and one high-REE  
538 dolomite carbonatite dyke exhibits a significant shift (2; Fig. 10) from the primary  
539 carbonatite field that could be indicative of either Rayleigh fractionation, an internal  
540 fluid/magma/mineral evolution with the crystallization and cooling of a CO<sub>2</sub>-H<sub>2</sub>O-bearing  
541 magma (see Deines 1989; Demény et al. 2004; Ray and Ramesh 1999, 2000, 2006), the  
542 direct assimilation of sedimentary carbonate (e.g. Santos and Clayton 1995), or addition of  
543 external carbon by infiltrating fluids (Demény et al. 1998). Rayleigh fractionation appears  
544 to be a more likely process in producing shift (2) than the assimilation of sedimentary  
545 carbonate given the geological setting of the CRCC, which has intruded the  
546 metamorphosed siliciclastic sediments of the Archean Olympio Formation and gneisses of  
547 the Paleoproterozoic Lamboo Complex (Andrew 1990). The dolomite carbonatite sample  
548 (CR7) that defines the furthest extent of this trend (2) in the CRCC data ( $\delta^{18}\text{O} = 12.6\text{‰}$ ,  
549  $\delta^{13}\text{C} = -2.2\text{‰}$ ) is composed of turbid, microporous dolomite and contains minor quartz  
550 veining and weak REE mineralization associated with vugs. This suggests that the sample  
551 has been hydrothermally altered, and possibly it experienced a positive shift in  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  from  
552 its primary isotopic composition similar to other hydrothermally altered samples. The high-  
553 Sr dolomite carbonatites that fall along this trend (2) have relatively fractionated

554 LREE/HREE patterns ( $\text{La/Yb}_{\text{CN}} \sim 96.5\text{--}352$ ), along with depletions in the HREEs and Y in  
555 comparison to the high-Sr calcite carbonatites and low-Sr dolomite carbonatites (Fig. 9).  
556 This includes the dolomite carbonatite dyke (CDD1-37B;  $\delta^{18}\text{O} = 9.1 \text{‰}$ ,  $\delta^{13}\text{C} = -2.9 \text{‰}$ )  
557 associated with the high-REE apatite-monazite-(Ce) rock in CDD1.

558 In the high-REE dolomite carbonatite (CDD2-25), the pink calcite that replaces  
559 primary apatite and associated monazite-(Ce) has higher  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  than groundmass dolomite.  
560 This indicates a shift in  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  at relatively constant  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$  that may have been produced by  
561 postmagmatic isotope exchange with a water-rich carbonatitic fluid (cf. Zaitsev et al. 2002)  
562 and there is evidence for the exsolution of an aqueous fluid phase indicated by the REE  
563 geochemistry of this dyke (low Y/Ho ratio and Eu anomaly; cf. Buhn et al. 2001; Buhn  
564 2008). The second high-REE dolomite carbonatite (CDD2-26) has a more extreme  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$   
565 value that suggests hydrothermal alteration similar to shift (3). Both of these dolomite  
566 carbonatite dykes exhibit a positive shift in  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$  ( $-3$  to  $-3.3 \text{‰}$ ) in comparison to the group  
567 of high-Sr calcite carbonatites with  $\delta^{13}\text{C} \sim -4 \text{‰}$ . This shift may have been produced by  
568 Rayleigh fractionation processes as outlined above (shift 2), or by the addition of external  
569 carbon in the form of dissolved  $\text{HCO}_3^-$  or  $\text{CO}_3^{2-}$  in the infiltrating fluid (Demény et al.  
570 1998; Demény et al. 2004).

571 Stable hydrogen isotope compositions of water trapped in inclusions can provide  
572 constraints on the origin of fluids as the  $\delta\text{D}$  values can significantly differ between primary  
573 magmatic water and crustal solutions (Sheppard 1986). The present  $\delta\text{D}$  dataset ranges from  
574  $-54$  to  $-34 \text{‰}$  (Fig. 11, Table 6), which is similar to the upper limit of the  $\delta\text{D}$  range  
575 obtained for the Speewah complex  $\sim 330$  km NNE of the CRCC (Fig. 1; Czuppon et al.  
576 2014). Within this  $\delta\text{D}$  range no systematic change was found with the  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  content (i.e., the

577 amount of inclusion-hosted water; Fig. 11a) of the carbonate samples, thus the degassing  
578 and/or mixing processes assumed for the Speewah complex did not affect the Cummins  
579 Range rocks. Both the  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$  and  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  data vary independently from the  $\delta\text{D}$  values (Fig. 11b,  
580 c) suggesting that the evolution of the carbonatite system was not related to mixing of  
581 fluids of different origins.

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583 Hydrothermal processes and REE mineralization

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585 The highest grade REE mineralization discovered so far beneath the oxidised zone within  
586 the CRCC is the unusual apatite-monazite-(Ce) rock intersected in drill hole CDD1 over the  
587 interval 261.85–275.2 m (Figs 6, 7). The limited intersection of this REE-rich zone and the  
588 broken nature of the drill core does not allow for a comprehensive interpretation of its  
589 origin. In the CRCC, those intervals that show the complex intergrowth of fine, elongated  
590 monazite-(Ce) crystals in apatite are cut by veins of talc-amphibole that appears to  
591 preferentially replace apatite (Fig. 7). Associated foliated rocks in which monazite-(Ce)  
592 crystals occur in a talc-amphibole matrix may have developed from more apatite-rich rocks  
593 in which the apatite has been replaced by talc during metasomatism/hydrothermal alteration  
594 (Fig. 7). Several lines of evidence suggest a hydrothermal origin for the high-REE apatite-  
595 monazite-(Ce) rock. Firstly, the texture of the apatite vein adjacent to the apatite-monazite-  
596 (Ce) zone illustrated in Fig. 6 indicates hydrothermal growth. In addition, the composition  
597 of apatite from the apatite-monazite-(Ce) rock is quite distinct from that of magmatic  
598 apatite in associated carbonatites in terms of Sr and REE content (Fig. 8). High-Sr

599 hydrothermal apatite with some textural and compositional similarities to this occurs in  
600 hydrothermal phosphate vein-type ores from the southern Central Iberian Zone, Spain  
601 (Vindel et al. 2014). De Toledo et al. (2004) also described high-Sr hydrothermal apatites  
602 from the Catalao I alkaline-carbonatite complex in Brazil. Positive Eu anomalies in the  
603 REE-enriched cores of some zoned apatite crystals in the high-REE apatite-monazite-(Ce)  
604 rock suggest crystallization from a Eu-enriched fluid under reducing conditions (cf. Vindel  
605 et al. 2014). The very large enrichment in the LREEs evident in the chondrite-normalised  
606 REE pattern of the apatite-monazite-(Ce) rock also is consistent with hydrothermal  
607 mineralization (Fig. 9a; cf. Ngwenya 1994; Ruberti et al. 2008). The apatite-monazite-(Ce)  
608 rock exhibits shifts to higher  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  in comparison to an associated dolomite carbonatite dyke  
609 (Fig. 10). Texturally, the dolomite in this apatite-monazite-(Ce) rock appears to be  
610 associated with talc-amphibole-pyrrhotite veining that crosscuts the apatite-monazite-(Ce)  
611 fabric and this shift in  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  probably is related to hydrothermal alteration. A factor  
612 controlling the occurrence of this high-grade apatite-monazite-(Ce) rock appears to have  
613 been the initial presence of an apatite-rich lithology within the shear zone that was subject  
614 to subsequent hydrothermal mineralization, where monazite-(Ce) precipitated from REE-  
615 rich fluids, and partially replaced and overprinted apatite. The shear zone was the conduit  
616 for hydrothermal fluid flow probably contemporaneously with carbonatite emplacement.  
617 The timing of this monazite-(Ce) mineralization is presently the subject of further  
618 geochronological studies.

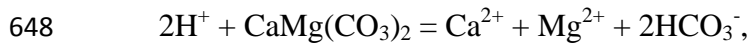
619 Hydrothermal alteration at decreasing temperature probably produced the significant  
620 shift from the primary carbonatite field seen particularly in the low-Sr, weakly mineralised,  
621 dolomite carbonatites (Fig. 10). The widespread hydrothermal dolomitization of

622 carbonatites within the CRCC and the occurrence of associated talc-rich zones within shear  
 623 zones suggests some similarities to a number of hydrothermal talc deposits, e.g. Ruby  
 624 Mountains, Montana, USA (Anderson et al. 1990; Brady et al. 1998); Puebla de Lillo,  
 625 Cantabrian zone, Variscan belt of Iberia, Northern Spain (Tornos and Spiro 2000); and  
 626 Göpfersgrün, Fichtelgebirge, Germany (Hecht et al. 1999). The talc may have precipitated  
 627 from Mg and Si-rich hydrothermal fluids at temperatures of approximately 250–400°C (cf.  
 628 Hecht et al. 1999). An indication of retrograde hydration is the widespread replacement of  
 629 diopside by actinolite (uralitization) in the clinopyroxenite. The source of Mg for the  
 630 formation of talc and dolomite is uncertain but may be the associated clinopyroxenite.

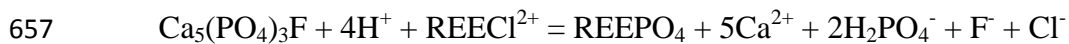
631       It appears that the most important episode of REE mineralization in the Cummins  
 632 Range carbonatites probably was associated with the late magmatic–hydrothermal phase of  
 633 carbonatite emplacement, where REEs were mobilised from primary magmatic carbonates  
 634 (Sr-bearing calcite) and apatite to produce monazite-(Ce) and the REE-fluorocarbonates,  
 635 parisite-(Ce) and synchysite-(Ce) (cf. Wall and Mariano 1996; Wall and Zaitsev 2004;  
 636 Chakhmouradian and Zaitsev 2012). A recent review of the transport and deposition of  
 637 REEs by hydrothermal fluids (Williams-Jones et al. 2012) suggested that a high chloride  
 638 activity was an important feature of the fluids involved. Chloride species are thought to  
 639 transport the REEs in most hydrothermal systems (Williams-Jones et al. 2012). At  
 640 Cummins Range, a possible mechanism for the deposition of the parisite-(Ce) and  
 641 synchysite-(Ce) could have been:

642        $\text{REECl}^{2+} + \text{HF} + 2\text{HCO}_3^- + \text{Ca}^{2+} = \text{REECa}(\text{CO}_3)_2\text{F} + 3\text{H}^+ + \text{Cl}^-$  (cf. Williams-Jones et  
 643 al. 2012).

644 The development of vugs in the low-Sr dolomite carbonatite indicates that some  
 645 dolomite (or calcite) was dissolved probably through reaction with hydrothermal fluids.  
 646 The following reaction involving the dolomite carbonatite may have increased the  $\text{HCO}_3^-$   
 647 activity and raised the pH of the fluids:



649 resulting in the precipitation of parisite-(Ce) and synchysite-(Ce) in solution cavities (cf.  
 650 Williams-Jones et al. 2012). Reaction with host carbonatite wall rocks appears to have been  
 651 a valid mechanism for the precipitation of REE-fluorocarbonates. Monazite-(Ce) most  
 652 commonly occurs rimming or replacing primary apatite, whereas the REE-fluorocarbonates  
 653 are generally restricted to a carbonate host. The replacement of apatite by monazite-(Ce) is  
 654 a common relationship in hydrothermal settings (see Wall and Mariano 1996; Smith et al.  
 655 1999), and apatite dissolution and monazite-(Ce) precipitation may have proceeded as  
 656 follows:



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659 Relationship between carbonatites and associated clinopyroxenite and phoscorite

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661 The H-C-O stable isotope data provide some insight into the relationship between the  
 662 carbonatites and associated clinopyroxenite and phoscorite in the CRCC. Cummins Range  
 663 exhibits similarities in stable isotope patterns to some of the carbonatite-phoscorite  
 664 complexes from the Kola Alkaline Province (Demény et al. 2004). Two samples of



665 clinopyroxenite and one of an amphibole-apatite phosphorite have  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$  values of  $\sim -4$  ‰  
666 similar to associated high-Sr calcite carbonatite (Fig. 10). The slight positive shift in  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$   
667 for these samples is consistent with carbonate-silicate isotope exchange at decreasing  
668 temperatures (cf. Deines 1989; Demény et al. 2004). One clinopyroxenite sample (CDD2-  
669 24) shows a more extreme shift in  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  that suggests that it might have been affected by  
670 hydrothermal alteration. Of particular interest are the two clinopyroxenite samples (CDD2-  
671 11, CDD2-14) that have  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$  values ( $-5.62$  to  $-5.38$  ‰) more within the range of primary  
672 mantle carbonate and similar to values for the Mt Weld carbonatite in Western Australia.  
673 The shift in  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  for these samples, to place them outside the range for primary igneous  
674 carbonate, also could be related to carbonate-silicate isotope exchange at decreasing  
675 temperatures (cf. Deines 1989; Demény et al. 2004). These samples do not show the shift in  
676  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$  that distinguishes the high-Sr calcite carbonatites and some clinopyroxenite and  
677 phosphorite samples (shift 1). This could mean that they are derived from a separate mantle  
678 source that has been unaffected by source contamination.

679       The relatively high  $\delta\text{D}$  values from the Cummins Range carbonatites indicate that the  
680 fluid associated with carbonate formation contained a significant amount of crustal  
681 component in accordance with the elevated  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$  values. The normal magmatic  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  values  
682 (between 6 and 10 ‰) of some of the carbonates at higher-than-mantle C isotopic  
683 compositions, however, suggest that the O isotope compositions in these samples were  
684 buffered by a magmatic silicate reservoir at high temperature. These observations  
685 collectively indicate that the carbonated silicate magma interacted with crustal fluids at  
686 depth, and this interaction shifted the H and C isotope compositions due to the relatively  
687 high proportion of H and C in the fluid relative to the magma. In contrast to H and C, the O

688 isotope compositions were buffered by the silicate magma from which the carbonate melt  
689 and associated fluids were separated.

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691 Nature and evolution of mantle source regions

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693 From initial work on a limited range of samples, the Cummins Range carbonatite has  
694 quite primitive Sr-Nd isotope compositions suggesting that it is derived from an OIB-type  
695 source within the depleted convecting mantle ( $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr} = 0.7028\text{--}0.7032$ ;  $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}} = 1.6\text{--}2.4$ ;  
696 Sun et al. 1986). This source is quite distinct from the radiogenic, enriched mantle sources  
697 of the Mesoproterozoic Argyle lamproite (Jaques et al. 1989b) and the Miocene lamproites  
698 of the West Kimberley province (McCulloch et al. 1983; Fraser et al. 1985). The high  
699 starting  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$  value of around  $-4\text{‰}$  for the source of the Cummins Range carbonatites  
700 therefore could mean metasomatism of the mantle source region by  $\text{CO}_2$  released by a  
701 subducted slab (Ray and Ramesh 1999; Zaitsev et al. 2002), or perhaps the removal of a  
702  $^{13}\text{C}$ -depleted component within the mantle via isotope fractionation processes (Deines  
703 2002).

704 Several authors have proposed that a period of NW-dipping subduction beneath the  
705 Kimberley Craton occurred during the Paleoproterozoic, before the eventual collision and  
706 amalgamation of the craton with the remainder of the North Australian Craton at  
707 approximately 1820 Ma (Myers et al. 1996; Tyler et al. 1999; Griffin et al. 2000). This was  
708 the last period during which subduction-related processes would have influenced the mantle  
709 beneath the East Kimberley. The  $\sim 1800$  Ma Hart Dolerite, a widespread series of tholeiitic

710 basaltic and related granophyre intrusions centered in the SE of the Kimberley Craton (Fig.  
711 1), is inferred to have been sourced from subduction-modified mantle beneath the  
712 Kimberley Craton, and was closely related to plate reorganization in late Paleoproterozoic  
713 Australia (Sheppard et al. 2013). Other evidence of plate-margin processes are provided by  
714 C isotopic and mineral inclusion studies of eclogitic diamonds from the Argyle lamproite  
715 that suggest that they probably formed in subducted oceanic crust that was accreted to the  
716 base of the lithosphere in the Proterozoic (Jaques et al. 1989a). Schulze et al. (2013)  
717 interpreted an association of light  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$  in Argyle eclogitic diamonds with high  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  values  
718 of their garnet and coesite silicate inclusions to indicate a subduction origin. A recent study  
719 of the noble gas and C isotopic composition of eclogitic diamonds from Argyle suggests  
720 that mixing had occurred between a subducted atmospheric and crustal component and  
721 mantle noble gases in their formation (Honda et al. 2012).

722 Further Sr-Nd isotopic analysis is required to examine the observed variation in  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$  in  
723 some clinopyroxenite samples from the CRCC and confirm that they are derived from a  
724 separate mantle source unaffected by subduction-related  $\text{CO}_2$  metasomatism or the removal  
725 of a  $^{13}\text{C}$ -depleted component within the mantle.

726 There are several processes that could explain the high  $\delta\text{D}$  values of the Cummins  
727 Range carbonatites. Degassing of  $\text{H}_2$  from the mantle source would leave the residual fluid  
728 enriched in deuterium, so the source may acquire a high  $\delta\text{D}$  signature (e.g. see Demény et  
729 al. 2012). However, this process would not produce high  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ . Alternatively, interaction  
730 with crustal fluids at crustal levels may have taken place, where the emplacement of a  
731 carbonated silicate magma may have induced a convective flow in the fluids surrounding  
732 the complex. If these fluids had a high- $\delta\text{D}$  signature and the magma interacted with these

733 fluids, the magma, and later the segregated carbonate melt would have a high- $\delta D$  fluid  
734 component too. Mixing of magmatic fluids and waters circulating in the surrounding  
735 country rocks may well have produced a fluid with  $\delta D$  around -40 ‰ as observed. This is  
736 possible, as we see appropriate fluid compositions regionally, for example at Speewah  
737 (Czuppon et al. 2014), but in this case the C and O isotope compositions should show at  
738 least a slight change with  $\delta D$ . No such correlation is evident in Fig. 11. The preservation of  
739 primitive Sr and Nd isotope compositions in the Cummins Range carbonatite would also  
740 argue against significant exchange with crustal fluids in this way. Finally, the subduction  
741 and devolatilization of oceanic crust may have provided D-enriched fluids that could, for  
742 example, have metasomatised the mantle wedge (e.g. Giggenbach 1992). The release of  
743  $CO_2$  and  $H_2O$  from a subducting slab would produce high  $\delta D$  and  $\delta^{13}C$  in the  
744 metasomatised mantle, but the O isotope composition would be buffered by the silicate  
745 mass.  $CO_2$ - $H_2O$  fluids without melt may not contain significant amounts of Sr and Nd, so  
746 the magma's Sr-Nd isotope compositions would remain intact. Therefore it appears that the  
747  $\delta D$  signature of the Cummins Range carbonatites could be a further indication subduction-  
748 related metasomatism of the mantle source.

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## 750 **Summary**

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752 The CRCC was emplaced at the junction of the Paleoproterozoic Halls Creek and King  
753 Leopold paleo-orogenic belts at the margin of the Kimberley Craton probably during a  
754 phase of Neoproterozoic extension. Trace-element geochemistry suggests that the  
755 carbonatites have affinities to rift-related carbonatites (cf. Chakhmouradian 2009) and

756 generally are not greatly enriched in the REEs (Fig. 9a). The Cummins Range carbonatites  
757 follow an intrusive sequence where early calcite carbonatite, possibly derived from a  
758 carbonated silicate parental magma by fractional crystallization, has been intruded by late-  
759 stage dolomite carbonatites with higher REE content (Fig. 12; cf. Wall and Mariano 1996).  
760 The shift in C-O stable isotope data from the primary carbonatite field for the high-Sr  
761 dolomite carbonatites and a high-REE dolomite carbonatite is consistent with a process of  
762 Rayleigh fractionation with magma crystallization and cooling. These dolomite carbonatites  
763 may have been derived from the calcite carbonatites through the fractionation of phases  
764 such as dolomite and apatite. Hydrothermal and metasomatic processes, probably involving  
765 fluids exsolved from the carbonatites, produced widespread dolomitization of the  
766 carbonatites and high-grade REE mineralization in a late-stage dolomite carbonatite dyke  
767 and in shear zone-hosted apatite-monazite-(Ce) rocks. The relatively high  $\delta D$  values ( $-54$  to  
768  $-34$  ‰) of  $H_2O$  derived from carbonatites from the CRCC indicate that the fluids associated  
769 with carbonate formation contained a significant amount of crustal component in  
770 accordance with the elevated  $\delta^{13}C$  values ( $\sim -4$  ‰). The high  $\delta D$  and  $\delta^{13}C$  signature of the  
771 carbonatites may have been produced by  $CO_2-H_2O$  metasomatism of the mantle source  
772 during Paleoproterozoic subduction beneath the eastern margin of the Kimberley Craton.

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## 1012 **Appendix 1: Supplementary data**

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1014 Exploration whole-rock geochemistry

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1016 The graphic drill logs of drill holes CDD1 (Fig. 3) and CDD2 (red circles indicate the  
1017 positions of late-stage, high-REE dolomite carbonatite dykes) were constructed using  
1018 historical exploration whole-rock geochemical analyses undertaken in 1984 by Pilbara  
1019 Laboratories in Perth, on behalf of CRA Exploration (Richards, 1985). These partial  
1020 analyses were carried out by inductively-coupled plasma emission spectroscopy (ICP). Full  
1021 details of the analytical procedures are described by Richards (1985). This report is  
1022 available for download from the Western Australian Department of Mines and Petroleum  
1023 website (<http://www.dmp.wa.gov.au/launch/wamex/>). The full dataset for drill holes CDD1  
1024 and CDD2 is presented here. A plan illustrating a possible structural control on the  
1025 orientation of the oxidised zone REE orebody in the CRCC is included (courtesy of  
1026 Kimberley Rare Earths).

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1028 **Figure Captions**

1029 **Fig. 1** Geological map showing the location of the Cummins Range Carbonatite Complex,  
1030 Kimberley region, Western Australia (1:2500000 Geological Survey of Western Australia  
1031 2014, extracted from GeoVIEW.WA on 05/06/2014. Perth, Western Australia: Department  
1032 of Mines and Petroleum.)

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1034 **Fig. 2** Geological map of the Cummins Range Carbonatite Complex (1:5000). Drill holes  
1035 CDD001, NRC035, NRC058: azimuth 180° (mag.), inclination 60°. CDD002: azimuth 270°  
1036 (mag.), inclination 60°. Geology modified after Richards (1985) and Andrew (1990) and  
1037 based on company drilling. Only the locations of drill holes sampled for use in this study  
1038 are shown.

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1040 **Fig. 3** Graphic log of drill hole CDD1. Red circles indicate the position of high-REE  
1041 apatite-monazite-(Ce) rock associated with dolomite carbonatite dykes within a shear zone.

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1043 **Fig. 4 a** Pink high-Sr calcite (cc) carbonatite containing a zircon megacryst (zrc) in an  
1044 apatite (ap)-amphibole-phlogopite-pyrochlore lamina, associated with magnetite (mt) and  
1045 dolomite (dol) (CDD1 323.9 m). **b** Calcite carbonatite containing large crystals of  
1046 magnetite, as well as amphibole (amp) and apatite (CDD2-4, 88.7 m). **c** High-Sr calcite  
1047 carbonatite containing apatite, phlogopite (phl) and magnetite overprinted by metasomatic  
1048 amphibole crystals (CDD2-21, 399.95 m). **d** Strongly foliated dolomite carbonatite  
1049 containing a composite zircon-dolomite porphyroblast (py – pyrite; CR5, CDD1 204.35 m).

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1051 **Fig. 5 a** Grey, late stage, high-REE dolomite carbonatite (par – parisite-(Ce), dol –  
 1052 dolomite, py – pyrite; CDD2-26, 225.2 m). **b** Intergrown crystals of parisite-(Ce) and  
 1053 aeschynite-(Ce) (aesc) in dolomite carbonatite (note parisite-(Ce) overgrowths on primary  
 1054 crystal of parisite-(Ce); CDD2-26). **c** Grey, late stage, high-REE dolomite carbonatite dyke  
 1055 intruding white high-Sr calcite carbonatite (CDD2-25, 397.35 m). Contains patches of pink  
 1056 calcite-monazite-(Ce) (cc-mz) replacing apatite (ap, phl – phlogopite, amp – amphibole). **d**  
 1057 Calcite and monazite-(Ce) (mz) replacing apatite in high-REE dolomite carbonatite  
 1058 (CDD2-25; SEM-BSE image). **e** White low-Sr dolomite carbonatite containing vugs  
 1059 (CDD2-8, 152 m). **f** Crystals of synchysite-(Ce) (syn) and dolomite lining vug in low-Sr  
 1060 dolomite carbonatite (CDD2-18, 328.78 m).

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1062 **Fig. 6** Boundary between high REE apatite-monazite-(Ce) rock (ap-mz) and an adjacent  
 1063 comb-textured apatite vein with a dolomite (dol) carbonatite vein at the bottom of the  
 1064 image (thin section in transmitted light; CDD1, 270.33 m).

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1066 **Fig. 7 a** Texture of complex intergrowths in apatite-monazite-(Ce) rock (CDD1-33, 270.33  
 1067 m; ap – apatite, mz – monazite-(Ce)). **b** Crystals of monazite-(Ce) in talc-amphibole (amp)  
 1068 matrix (CDD1-29, 265.3 m). **c** BSE image showing texture of complex monazite-(Ce)-  
 1069 apatite intergrowths (CDD1-33; pyrr – pyrrhotite). **d** BSE image showing texture of  
 1070 foliated monazite-(Ce)-amphibole-talc rock (CDD1-29). **e** Element map of complex  
 1071 monazite-(Ce)-apatite intergrowths illustrated in **c**. Red – apatite (P); purple – monazite-

1072 (Ce) (Ce); green – talc, amphibole (Si); light blue – pyrrhotite (S); black – dolomite. **f** BSE  
1073 image illustrating further complex intergrowths of monazite-(Ce) and apatite (CDD1-33).

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1075 **Fig. 8 a** SrO versus TREO, and **b** Chondrite-normalised REE patterns, for apatite from the  
1076 high-REE apatite-monzazite-(Ce) rock and carbonatites from the CRCC.

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1078 **Fig. 9 a** Chondrite-normalised REE patterns for the Cummins Range carbonatites. Average  
1079 magnesiocarbonatite from Chakhmouradian et al. (2009). **b** Primitive mantle-normalised  
1080 trace element diagram for the Cummins Range carbonatites (normalising data from Palme  
1081 and O'Neill (2005)).

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1083 **Fig. 10** Stable carbon and oxygen isotope compositions (in ‰ relative to V-PDB and V-  
1084 SMOW, respectively) for the Cummins Range carbonatite complex. Data for the Mt Weld  
1085 carbonatite are from Nelson et al. (1988) and Graham et al. (2004). Boxes indicate the  
1086 'primary carbonatite fields' of Taylor et al. (1967; black) and Keller and Hoefs (1995;  
1087 grey).

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1089 **Fig. 11** H<sub>2</sub>O-contents (in ppm) and stable hydrogen isotope compositions of fluid inclusion-  
1090 hosted H<sub>2</sub>O (in ‰ relative to V-SMOW), as well as bulk carbonate C and O isotope  
1091 compositions (in ‰ relative to V-PDB and V-SMOW, respectively) for ten carbonate  
1092 samples from the Cummins Range carbonatites. **a**  $\delta$  D versus H<sub>2</sub>O contents trapped in fluid

1093 inclusions in host carbonates. **b** and **c**:  $\delta$  D values of inclusion-hosted water versus  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$   
1094 **(b)** and  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  **(c)** values of the host carbonates.

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1096 **Fig. 12** Schematic diagram illustrating the evolution of the CRCC.

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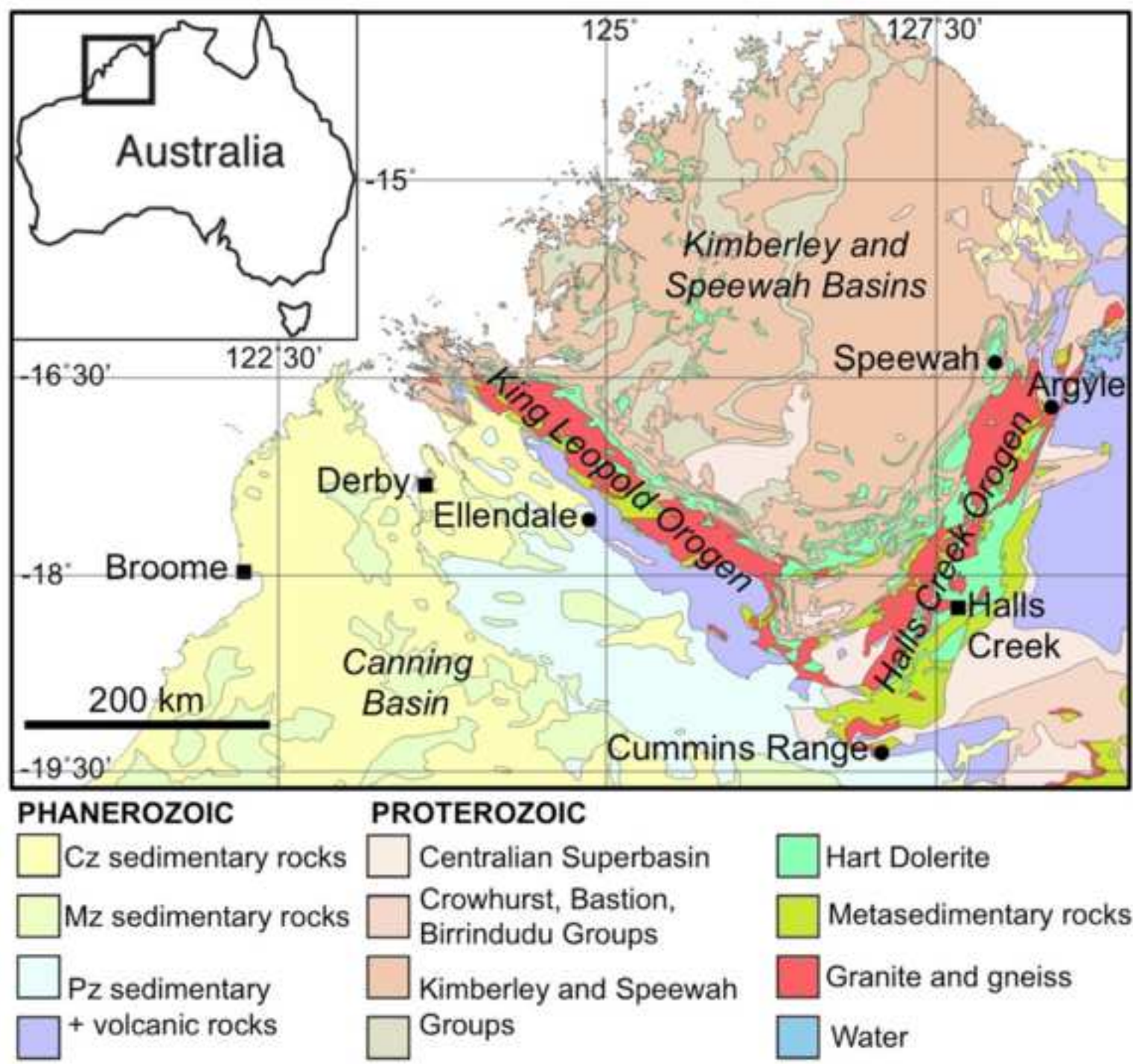


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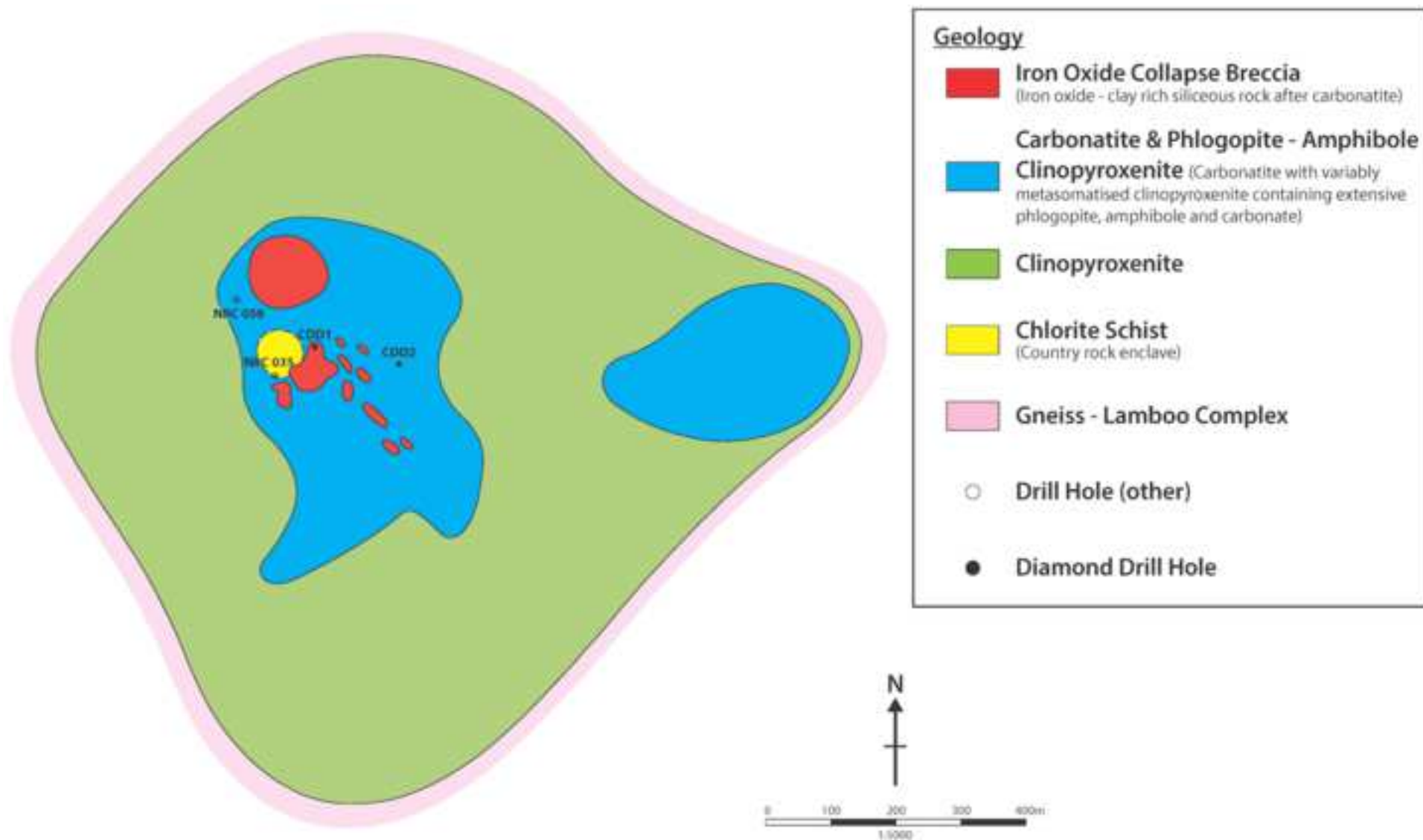


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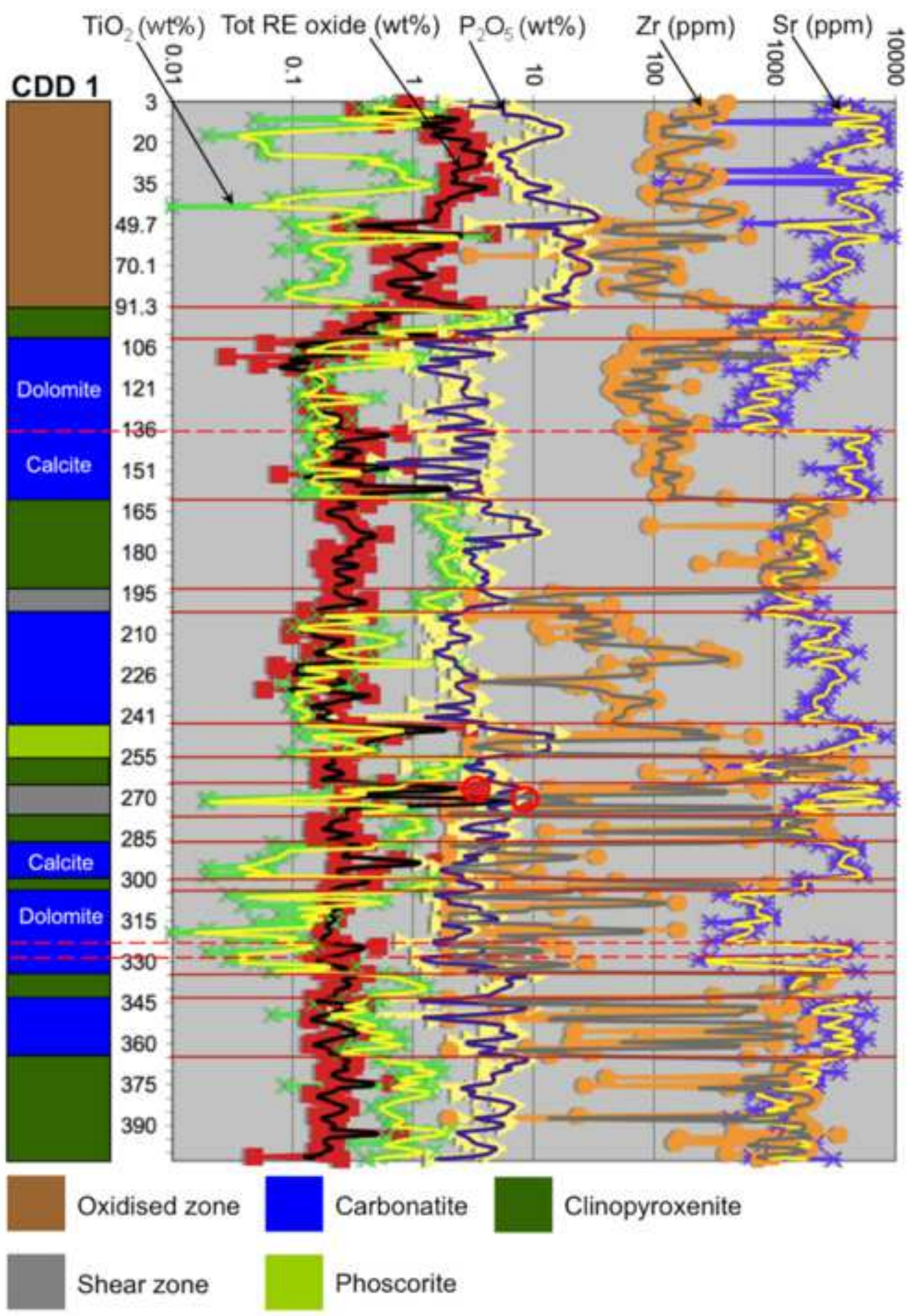




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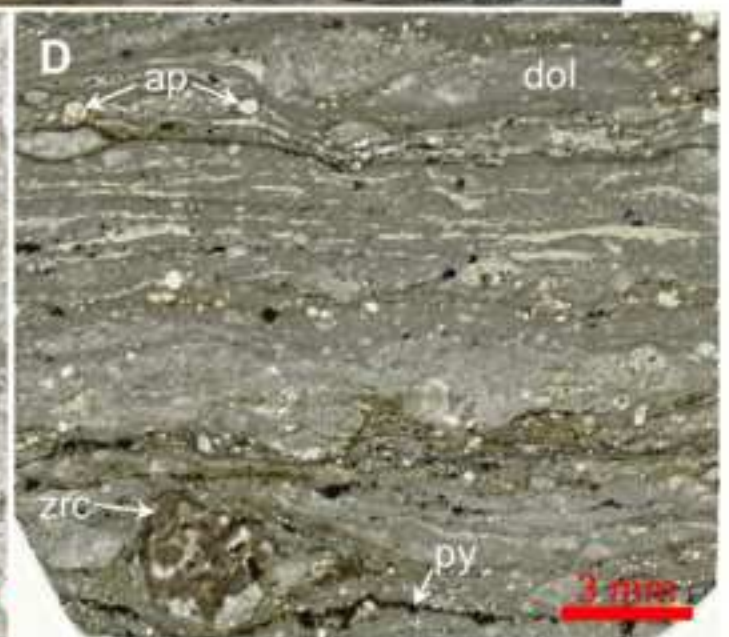
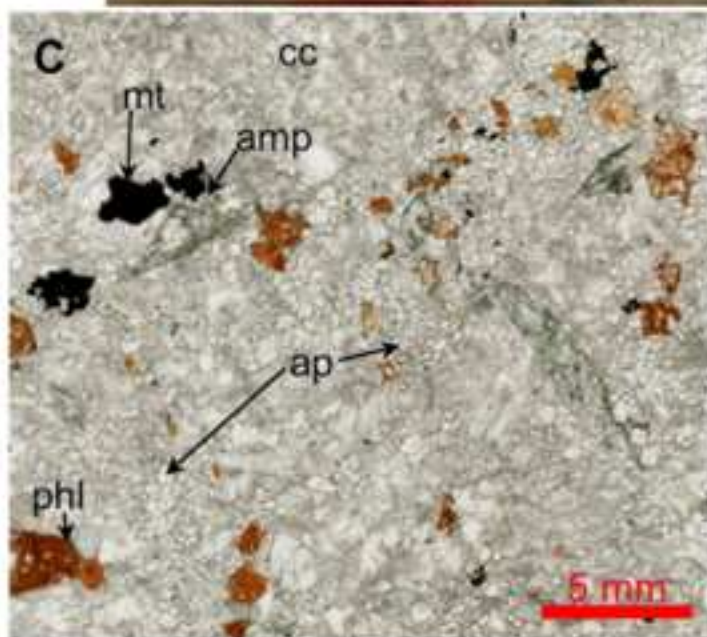
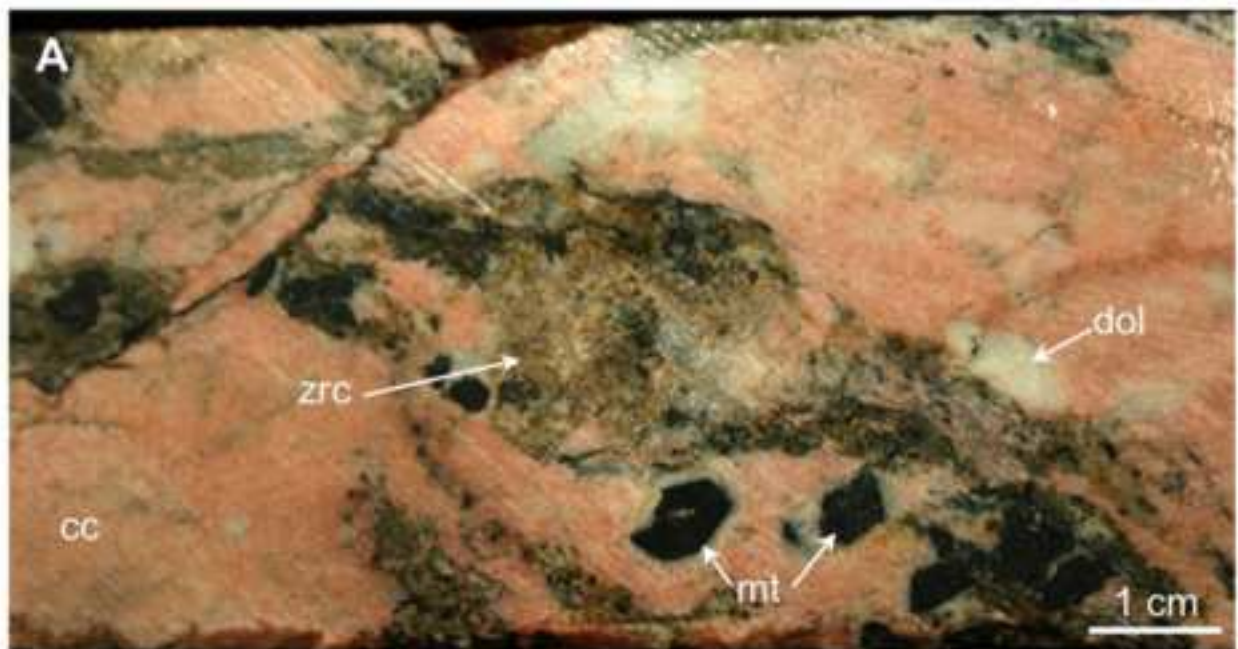


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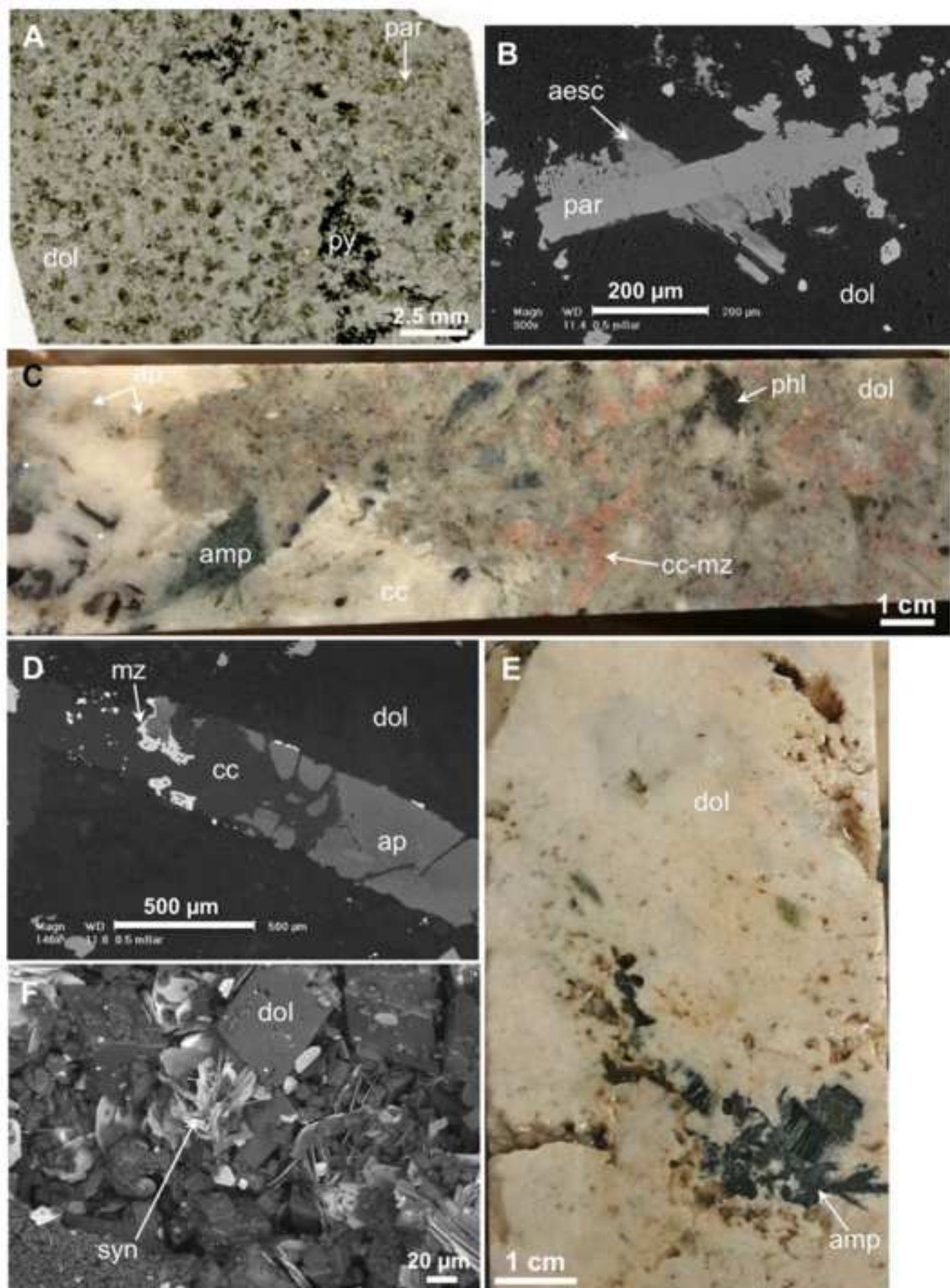


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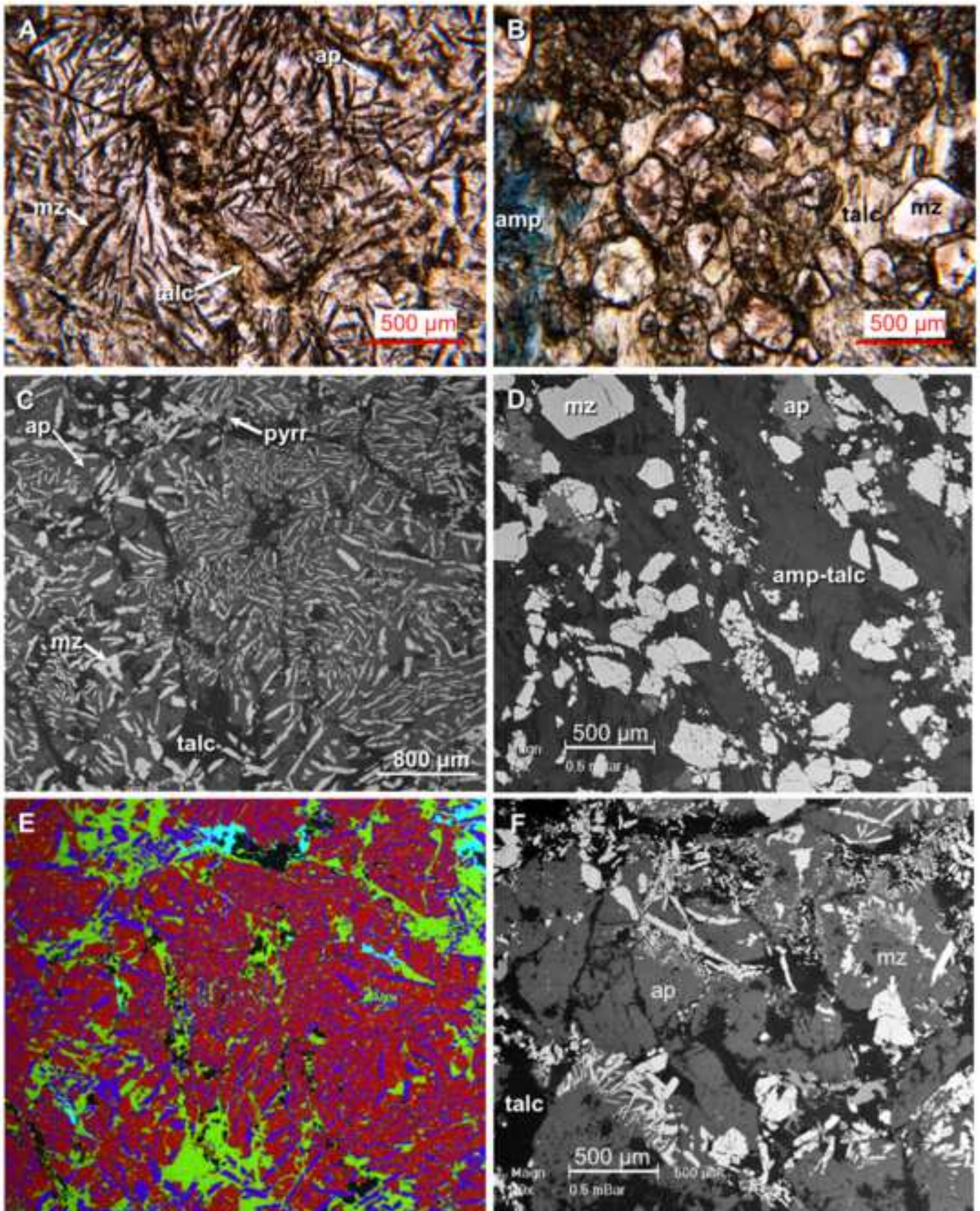


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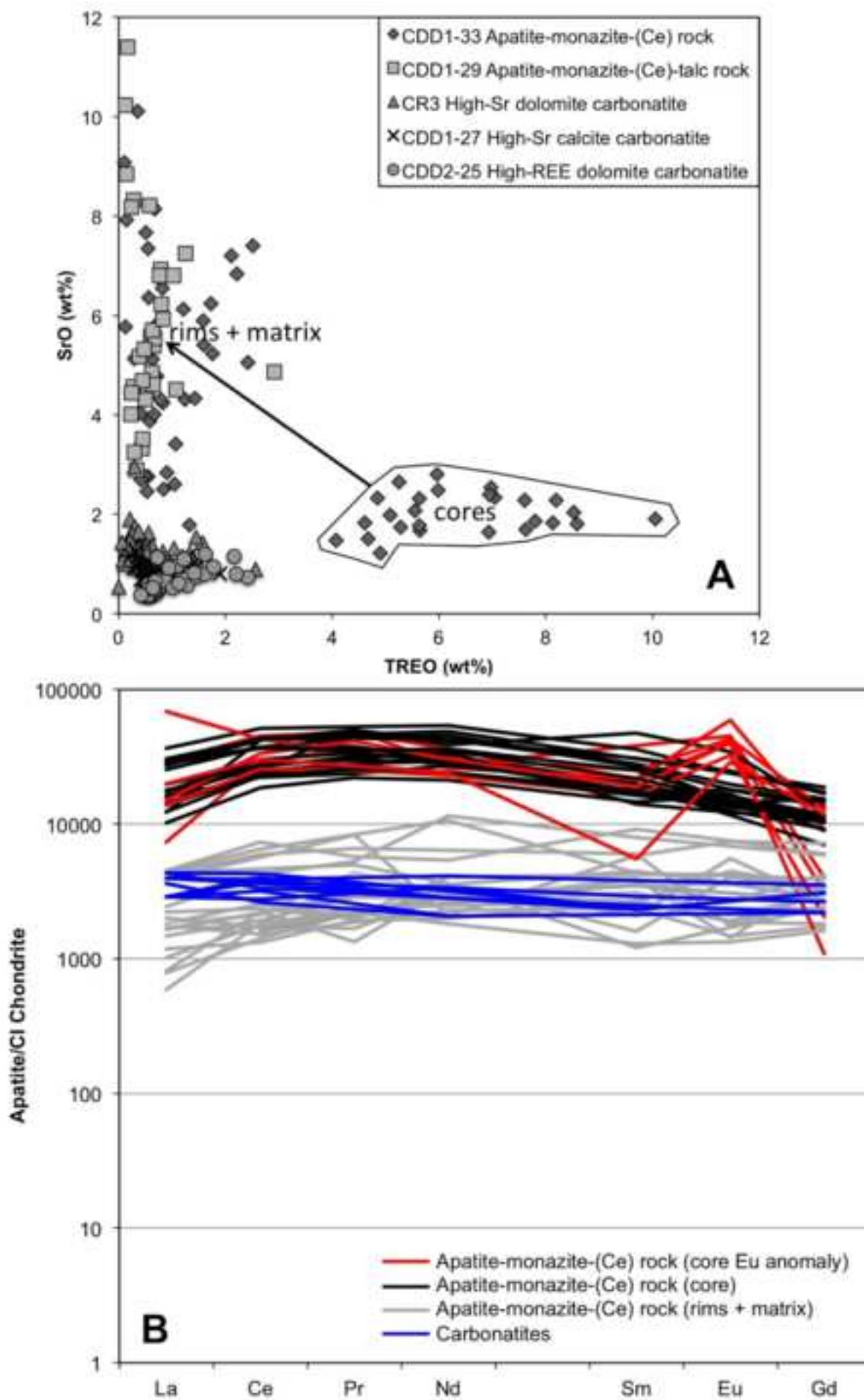


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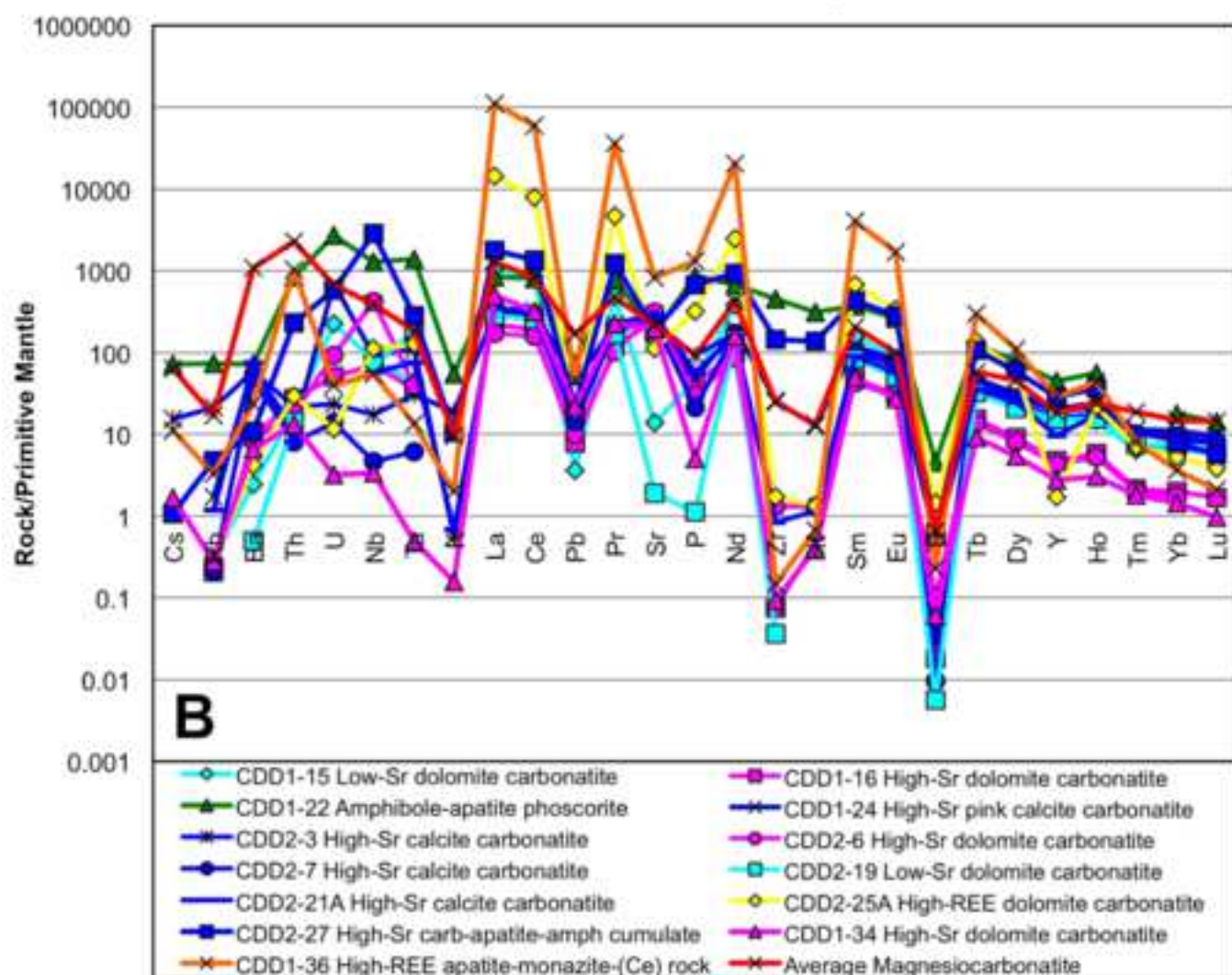
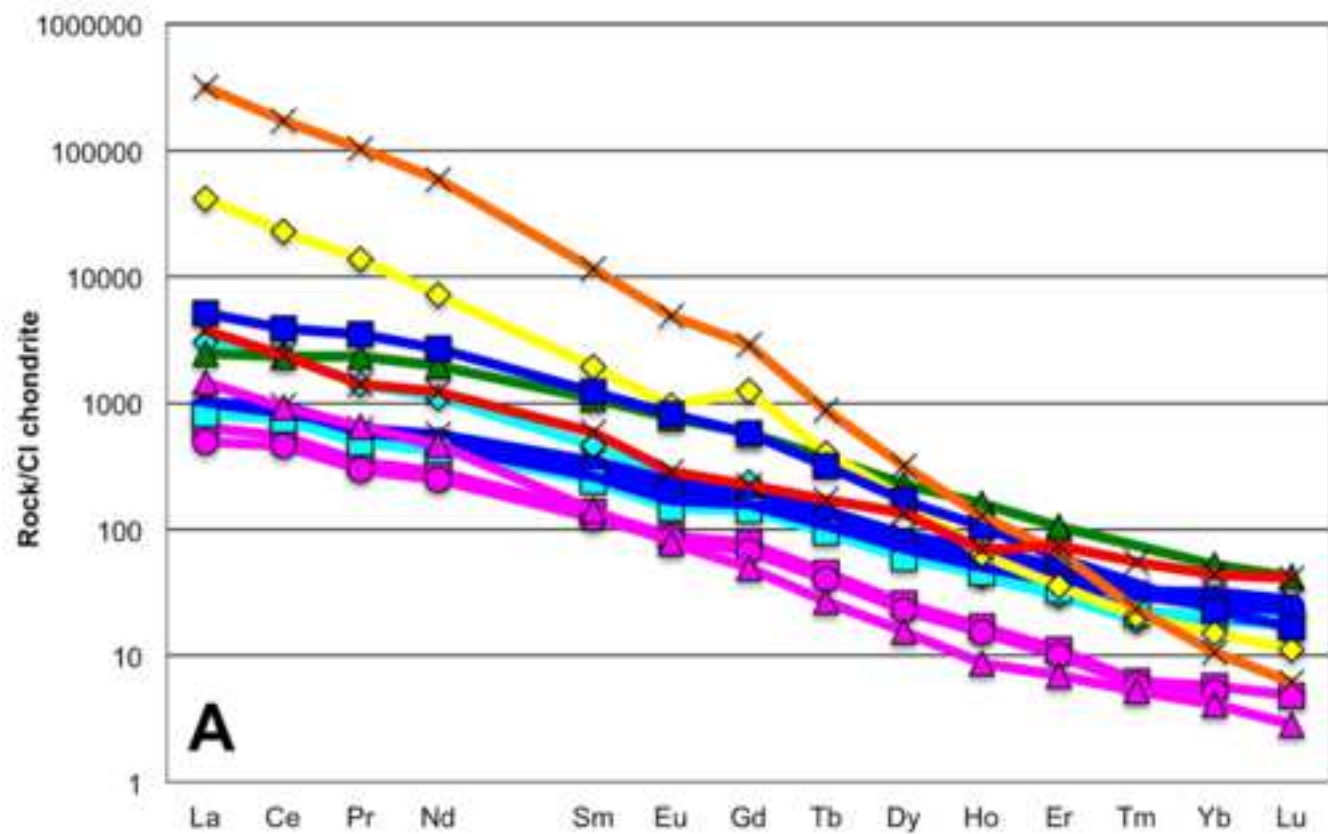
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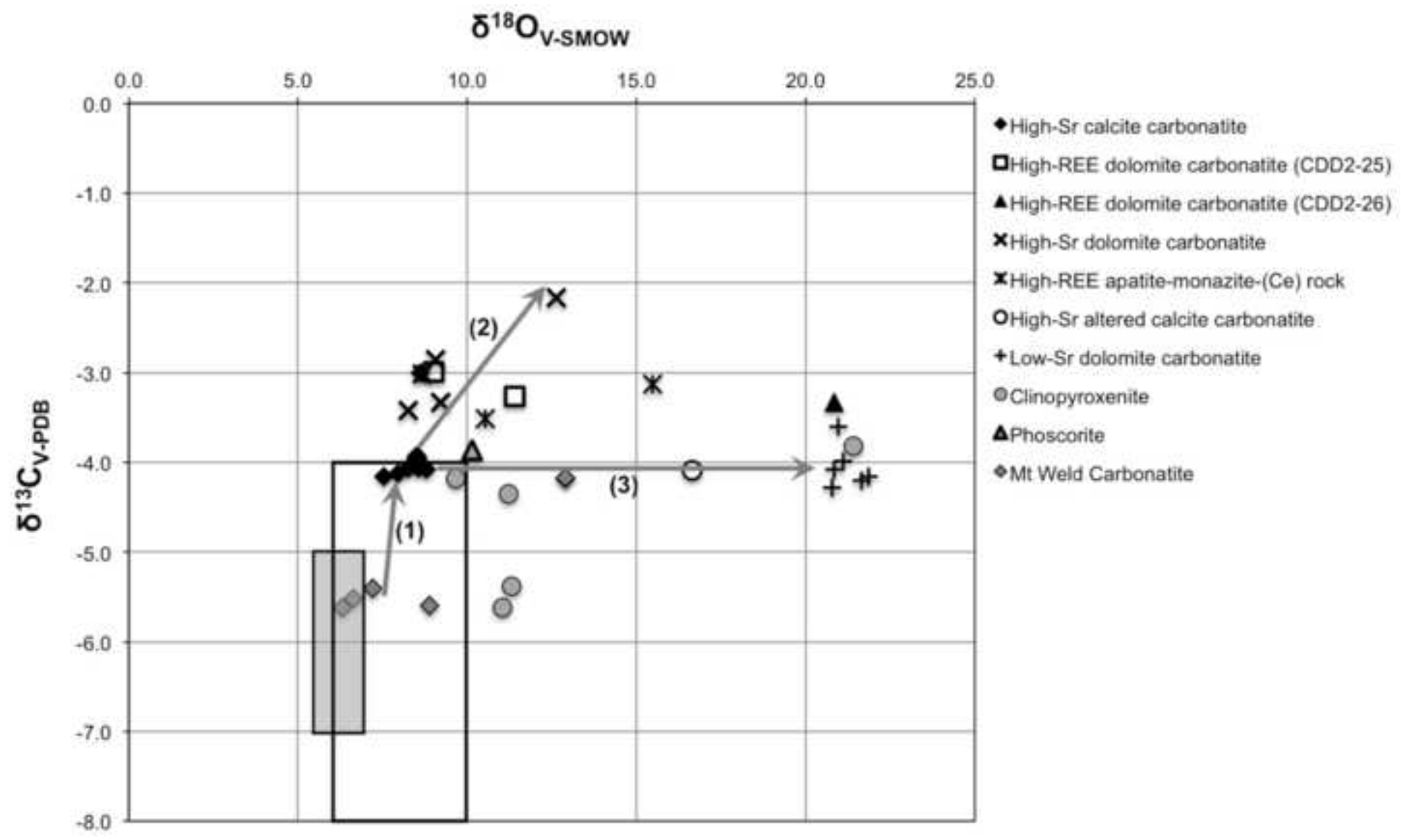


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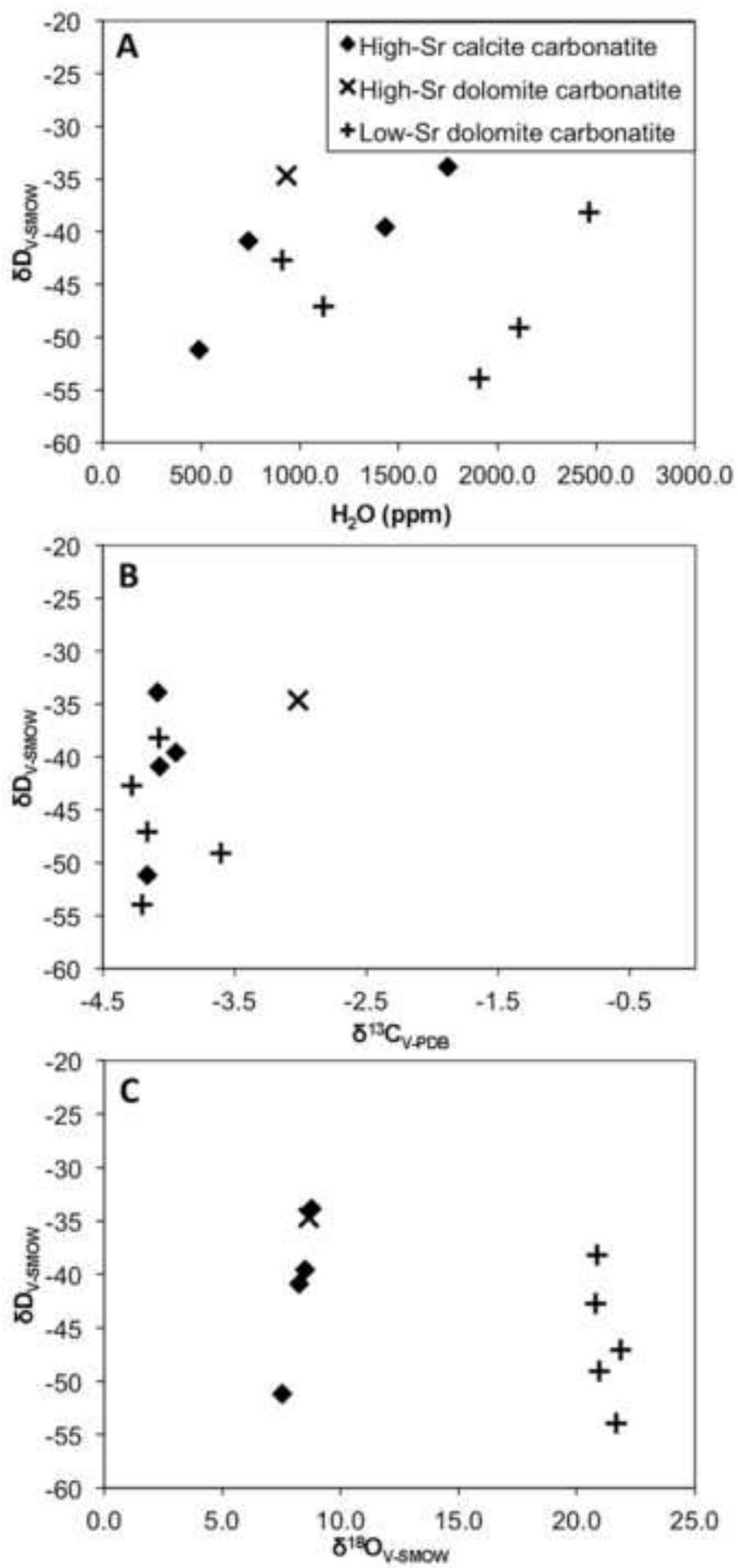
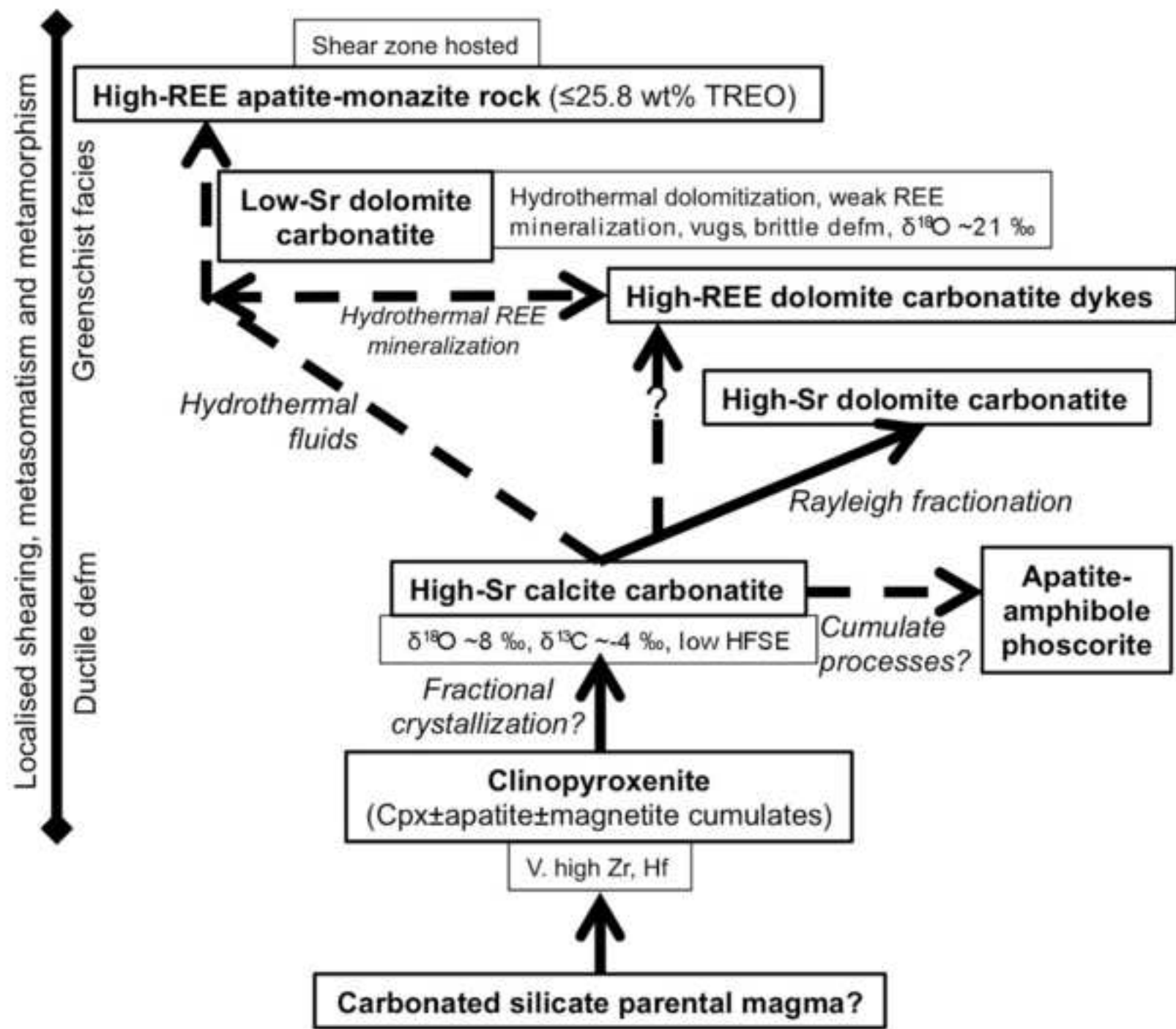
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**Table 1** Mineralogy of the carbonatites and associated rocks from the Cummins Range Carbonatite Complex.

Rock type	Texture	Mineralogy
<b>Clinopyroxenite</b>	Mesocumulate. Medium-coarse-grained.	Phlogopite, diopside, apatite, magnetite, ilmenite, richterite, calcite, dolomite, actinolite (replacing diopside). Pyrrhotite, pyrite, chalcopyrite, galena, sphalerite. Titanite, zirconolite, calzirtite, perovskite (partially-completely replaced by ilmenite, lucasite?, kassite, titanite), baddeleyite, niobaeschynite-(Ce), monazite-(Ce), allanite-(Ce), zircon, barite.
<b>Phoscorite-series apatite-rich rocks</b>	Cumulate. Medium-coarse-grained, massive to banded and foliated metasomatised rocks.	Apatite, phlogopite, magnetite, richterite-magnesioriebeckite, dolomite, calcite, ilmenite. Pyrite, chalcopyrite, pyrrhotite, sphalerite. Zircon, pyrochlore, niobaeschynite-(Ce), barite, fluorite.
<b>High-Sr calcite carbonatite</b>	White-light grey to pink. Massive to foliated. Bands of cumulate-textured apatite-phlog-amph-magnetite.	Calcite ( $\leq 5$ mm), apatite ( $\leq 30\%$ ; $\leq 1.5$ cm), magnetite ( $\leq 30\%$ ; $\leq 3$ cm), ilmenite, phlogopite ( $\leq 1$ cm), amphibole ( $\leq 5\%$ ; $\leq 1.3$ cm; metasomatic), dolomite ( $\leq 5$ mm). Pyrrhotite, pyrite, chalcopyrite, sphalerite, galena. Zircon, pyrochlore ( $\leq 5\%$ , generally $\leq 1\%$ ; $\leq 10$ mm), niobaeschynite-(Ce), parisite-(Ce), synchysite-(Ce), barite, chevkinite-(Ce), fergusonite, zirconolite, thorianite?
<b>High-Sr dolomite carbonatite</b>	Massive, white, weakly-moderately fractured dolomite carbonatite.	Dolomite, calcite, strontianite, apatite ( $\leq 5\%$ ; $\leq 1.5$ mm; crystal clusters $\leq 1$ cm), pyrite ( $\leq 1\%$ ), pyrrhotite, chalcopyrite, pyrochlore, ilmenite, monazite-(Ce) ( $\leq 1\%$ ), parisite-(Ce), synchysite-(Ce), Ca-REE-Ba-Sr carbonates (burbankite or carbocernaite?)
<b>High-REE dolomite carbonatite (1)</b>	Massive, medium-grained grey dolomite carbonatite.	Dolomite, parisite-(Ce) ( $\sim 15-20\%$ ; $\leq 3$ mm), pyrite ( $\leq 0.6$ mm), monazite-(Ce), aeschynite-(Ce) ( $\leq 0.8$ mm), galena.
<b>High-REE dolomite carbonatite (2)</b>	Massive grey dolomite carbonatite. Pink calcite-monazite-(Ce) replacement textures after apatite.	Dolomite, calcite, apatite, phlogopite, magnetite, monazite-(Ce), parisite-(Ce), synchysite-(Ce), apatite, fergusonite, strontianite, Ca-REE-Ba-Sr carbonates (burbankite or carbocernaite?)
<b>Low-Sr dolomite carbonatite</b>	White-grey foliated to massive with vugs.	Dolomite ( $\leq 2$ cm), calcite, apatite, magnetite, phlogopite, amphibole, quartz. Pyrite, marcasite, chalcopyrite, sphalerite. Monazite-(Ce), parisite-(Ce), synchysite-(Ce), niobaeschynite-(Ce), zircon, baddeleyite, pyrochlore, ferrocolumbite.
<b>High-REE apatite-monazite-(Ce) rock</b>	Complex intergrown apatite-monazite-(Ce) texture. Massive to foliated. Interval includes foliated monazite-(Ce)-talc rocks.	Apatite, monazite-(Ce), talc, amphibole, dolomite. Pyrrhotite, pyrite, chalcopyrite ( $\leq 5\%$ sulfide mineralization along fractures).



**Table 2** Representative analyses of apatite from the CRCC.

Sample No.	Apatite-monazite-(Ce) rock					Carbonatites		
	CDD1-33	CDD1-33	CDD1-33	CDD1-33	CDD1-29	CR3	CDD2-25	CDD1-27
Analysis No.	Area 3-1 A13	Area 3-3 A2	Area 3-2 A8	Area 3-2 A9	Area 4 A10	Area 1 A2	A1-4	A6
(wt%)	core	core	core	rim	matrix		core	
Na <sub>2</sub> O	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	0.22	0.17	0.23
MgO	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	0.17	-	-
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	-	-	0.08	0.01	-	-	-	-
SiO <sub>2</sub>	-	0.01	-	-	-	0.05	0.28	-
P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	38.96	39.00	38.94	40.18	38.21	41.00	42.22	43.31
CaO	48.54	50.08	46.32	50.80	47.00	55.18	54.32	52.19
MnO	-	-	-	0.02	0.02	-	-	-
FeO	0.03	0.05	0.02	0.03	0.15	-	-	-
SrO	2.07	1.22	2.04	5.83	11.39	0.94	0.43	1.15
Y <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.30	0.31	0.27	0.02	-	0.02	0.02	-
La <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.20	0.38	1.90	0.05	0.01	0.14	0.13	0.23
Ce <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	2.07	1.85	3.10	0.16	0.05	0.38	0.28	0.63
Pr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.41	0.27	0.37	0.03	-	0.05	0.05	0.11
Nd <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1.39	1.23	1.65	0.19	-	0.22	0.14	0.27
Sm <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.38	0.28	0.43	0.03	-	-	-	-
Eu <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.38	0.21	0.28	0.03	0.01	-	-	-
Gd <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.20	0.05	0.29	0.08	-	0.05	0.04	0.06
ThO <sub>2</sub>	-	0.02	-	0.01	-	-	-	-
UO <sub>2</sub>	0.01	0.01	-	-	-	-	-	-
SO <sub>3</sub>	-	-	-	0.03	0.03	-	0.04	-
Cl	-	-	-	0.01	-	-	-	-
F	3.74	3.38	3.61	3.92	3.49	3.65	4.21	4.42
F,Cl=O	-1.57	-1.43	-1.52	-1.65	-1.47	-1.54	-1.77	-1.86
Total	97.10	96.94	97.79	99.77	98.90	100.53	100.56	100.74
<b>Structural formulae calculated to 26 (O,OH,F,Cl)</b>								
Na	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	0.072	0.056	0.075
Mg	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	0.043	-	-
Al	-	-	0.016	0.001	-	-	-	-
Si	-	0.002	-	-	-	0.008	0.047	-
P	5.650	5.657	5.648	5.828	5.542	5.847	6.021	6.177
Ca	8.909	9.192	8.501	9.325	8.627	9.959	9.804	9.420
Mn	-	-	-	0.002	0.003	-	-	-
Fe	0.005	0.006	0.003	0.004	0.022	-	-	-
Sr	0.206	0.121	0.202	0.579	1.132	0.092	0.042	0.112
Y	0.027	0.029	0.024	0.002	-	0.002	0.002	0.000
La	0.013	0.024	0.120	0.003	0.001	0.009	0.008	0.014
Ce	0.130	0.116	0.195	0.010	0.003	0.023	0.017	0.039
Pr	0.026	0.017	0.023	0.002	-	0.003	0.003	0.007
Nd	0.085	0.075	0.101	0.012	-	0.013	0.008	0.016
Sm	0.022	0.017	0.026	0.002	-	-	-	-
Eu	0.022	0.012	0.016	0.002	0.000	-	-	-
Gd	0.012	0.003	0.017	0.004	-	0.003	0.002	0.003
Th	-	0.001	-	0.000	-	-	-	-
U	0.000	0.000	-	-	-	-	-	-
S	-	-	-	0.004	0.004	-	0.005	-
Cl	0.000	0.001	-	0.003	-	-	-	-
F	2.025	1.833	1.957	2.125	1.892	1.944	2.243	2.355
A-site	9.456	9.613	9.229	9.946	9.788	10.219	9.943	9.687
B-site	5.650	5.659	5.664	5.833	5.546	5.856	6.069	6.177

(- = below detection limits; n.a. = not analysed)



**Table 3** Representative whole-rock geochemistry of carbonatites and associated apatite-rich rocks from the CRCC.

Sample No.	CDD1-16	CDD1-22	CDD2-19	CDD2-21A	CDD2-25A	CDD2-27	CDD1-34	CDD1-36
Depth	150.82 – 151.03 m	251.13 – 251.22 m	370 – 370.15 m	399.78 – 399.95 m	397.45 – 397.59 m	400.5 – 400.68 m	263.75 – 263.85 m	269.75 m
	High-Sr dolomite carbonatite	Amphibole- apatite phoscorite	Low-Sr dolomite carbonatite	High-Sr calcite carbonatite	High-REE dolomite- calcite carbonatite	High-Sr carbonatite- apatite- amph cumulate	High-Sr dolomite carbonatite	High-REE apatite- monazite- (Ce) rock
(wt%)								
SiO <sub>2</sub>	0.023	17.79	<0.01	0.29	0.292	8.27	3.49	8.55
TiO <sub>2</sub>	0.012	0.975	0.008	0.136	0.305	0.131	0.013	0.049
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	<0.01	2.00	<0.01	0.031	<0.01	0.108	0.095	0.207
Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.67	1.56	0.36	0.56	2.32	1.84	1.70	0.890
FeO	3.84	2.98	1.95	0.76	4.60	2.62	18.9	1.10
MnO	0.793	0.168	0.272	0.183	0.822	0.501	0.683	0.116
MgO	19.0	9.03	21.3	1.41	12.0	11.7	12.7	4.01
CaO	30.9	31.5	31.1	55.4	33.9	33.8	21.2	20.9
Na <sub>2</sub> O	0.082	1.04	0.061	0.034	0.126	1.05	0.167	0.352
K <sub>2</sub> O	0.006	1.72	0.004	0.029	0.009	0.329	0.005	0.062
P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	0.92	17.05	0.035	1.25	7.28	13.4	0.099	26.1
SrO	0.601	0.415	0.005	0.689	0.270	0.454	0.484	2.00
TREO	0.085	0.440	0.125	0.138	3.43	0.671	0.142	25.8
SO <sub>3</sub>	0.443	0.187	0.277	0.038	0.012	0.036	19.8	0.352
LOI	44.0	10.3	46.3	41.4	34.8	24.4	18.9	3.71
F	0.111	2.02	0.040	0.512	0.720	1.39	<0.01	1.22
Cl (ppm)	197	37	448	173	239	65	246	59
Total	101.5	99.2	101.8	102.9	100.9	100.7	98.1	95.5

**Table 4** Trace-element geochemistry of carbonatites and associated apatite-rich rocks from the CRCC (samples CDD1-22, CDD2-27, CDD1-34, CDD1-36 analysed at Geoscience Australia and ANU).

Sample No.	CDD1-15	CDD1-16	CDD1-22	CDD1-24	CDD2-3	CDD2-6	CDD2-7	CDD2-19	CDD2-21A	CDD2-25A	CDD2-27	CDD1-34	CDD1-36
Depth	133.7 – 133.95 m	150.82 – 151.03 m	251.13 – 251.22 m	288.95 – 289.2 m	82.25 – 82.4 m	113.9 – 114 m	128.15 – 128.3 m	370 – 370.15 m	399.78 – 399.95 m	397.45 – 397.59 m	400.5 – 400.68 m	263.75 – 263.85 m	269.75 m
	Low-Sr dol carb	High-Sr dol carb	Amph-apatite phoscorite	High-Sr calcite carb	High-Sr calcite carb	High-Sr dol carb	High-Sr calcite carb	Low-Sr dol carb	High-Sr calcite carb	High-REE dol-calcite carb	High-Sr carb-apatite-amph cumulate	High-Sr dol carb	High-REE apatite-monazite -(Ce) rock
(ppm)													
Li	1.35	1.35	n.a.	5.74	6.88	0.885	0.61	0.274	1.47	1.73	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Be	0.284	< 0.100	5.95	0.242	0.307	< 0.100	0.479	< 0.100	< 0.100	0.254	2.95	0.3	1.70
B	< 0.100	5.91	n.a.	5.34	1.24	1.79	13.2	6.84	17.7	11.9	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
V	3.59	1.29	77.2	0.949	29.8	1.87	0.773	< 0.100	14.9	37.1	34.3	4.0	4.0
Cr	2.33	0.563	24.9	4.01	0.475	0.549	0.617	3.59	0.8	5.47	13.8	22	77
Co	8.32	4.41	12	5.73	7.7	4.8	4.45	4.36	3.86	7.14	8.18	150	22
Ni	1.1	1.31	16	7.31	2.25	< 0.100	4.93	2.05	4.73	< 0.100	12.2	20	24
Cu	37	7.76	127	56.4	10.6	1.8	2.52	< 0.100	14.4	9.58	73.9	1890	28
Zn	5.01	20.1	101	9.92	9.29	28.5	2.94	0.6	7.1	36.1	33.7	44	79
Ga	33.1	5.42	22.2	10.7	14.4	5.14	9.41	8.07	6.38	32.6	20.1	4.0	25.0
Ge	3.84	0.961	1.6	1.99	1.9	0.933	1.83	1.55	1.24	2.89	1.56	0.2	1.7
As	7.88	4.79	3.5	4.14	1.84	1.33	7.05	2.33	17.3	8.12	2.85	1.5	11.0
Se	4.94	2.31	n.a.	6.76	5.52	2.64	6.55	4.84	3.92	2.42	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Rb	0.182	0.127	44.6	1.03	12.7	0.133	0.132	< 0.100	0.708	0.168	2.88	0.17	2.0
Sr	282	5080	3507	6060	4800	6310	5060	38.5	5830	2280	3843	4090	16897
Y	51.4	20.7	194	90.3	70.2	19.1	84.8	67	42	7.46	124	12	126
Zr	< 0.100	0.816	4879	279	0.871	14	< 0.100	0.395	8.92	18.5	1544	1	1.6
Nb	47.9	42	764	55.2	10.4	254	2.82	41.7	34.1	67.3	1719	1.92	25
Mo	0.337	0.233	0.33	< 0.100	< 0.100	< 0.100	< 0.100	0.121	0.233	0.187	0.141	1.36	0.23
Ag	n.a.	n.a.	1.59	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	0.328	1.3	0.2
Cd	< 0.100	0.355	1.50	0.339	0.186	0.793	0.25	< 0.100	0.202	0.379	0.862	0.40	0.20
In	< 0.100	0.128	n.a.	0.131	< 0.100	0.241	< 0.100	< 0.100	< 0.100	0.25	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Sn	0.165	0.154	3.2	< 0.100	0.289	0.208	< 0.100	0.614	0.203	0.562	3.01	1.5	0.6
Sb	< 0.100	< 0.100	0.08	< 0.100	< 0.100	< 0.100	< 0.100	0.355	< 0.100	< 0.100	0.106	1	4

**Table 4** Trace-element geochemistry of carbonatites and associated apatite-rich rocks from the CRCC (samples CDD1-22, CDD2-27, CDD1-34, CDD1-36 analysed at Geoscience Australia and ANU).

Sample No. (ppm)	CDD1-15	CDD1-16	CDD1-22	CDD1-24	CDD2-3	CDD2-6	CDD2-7	CDD2-19	CDD2-21A	CDD2-25A	CDD2-27	CDD1-34	CDD1-36
Cs	< 0.100	< 0.100	1.29	< 0.100	0.279	< 0.100	< 0.100	< 0.100	< 0.100	< 0.100	0.019	0.03	0.2
Ba	16.3	62	490	419	397	57	325	3.32	509	28.4	73.3	44	158
La	717	152	580	239	201	117	210	195	240	9860	1216	345	75020
Ce	1490	338	1440	586	500	284	510	457	515	14200	2408	567	106220
Pr	131	31.8	216	58.7	51.6	27.6	51.7	44.7	61.5	1280	327	61	9650
Nd	508	130	895	260	227	113	230	193	209	3280	1233	213	26904
Sm	68.5	20.3	161	51.3	43.5	18.4	45.4	35.5	38.8	288	184	21	1735
Eu	13.6	4.98	42.9	13.6	11.4	4.71	11.9	8.3	9.41	53.9	45.7	4.4	276
Gd	46.8	15.5	115	40.4	32.5	13.1	34.9	28.2	31.3	244	113	9.85	571
Tb	4.29	1.62	13.25	5.03	3.95	1.42	4.44	3.38	3.78	14.3	11.3	0.96	31
Dy	16.1	6.4	55.7	22.4	16.8	5.65	19.7	14.6	17.4	43.6	41.7	3.84	78
Ho	2.32	0.926	8.82	3.81	2.75	0.835	3.35	2.47	2.78	3.49	5.78	0.48	7.03
Er	4.75	1.79	16.8	8.17	5.8	1.62	7.28	5.35	6.07	5.71	9.68	1.11	10.5
Tm	0.466	0.155	n.a.	0.811	0.545	0.145	0.718	0.535	0.746	0.508	n.a.	0.13	0.58
Yb	3.05	0.922	8.33	5.09	3.32	0.817	4.47	3.42	3.9	2.41	3.65	0.66	1.68
Lu	0.42	0.119	1.03	0.682	0.429	< 0.100	0.594	0.459	0.56	0.276	0.410	0.07	0.15
Hf	< 0.100	< 0.100	93	3.81	0.136	0.388	< 0.100	< 0.100	0.345	0.4	41.1	0.127	0.20
Ta	1.74	1.44	55	4.37	1.24	1.6	0.246	7.39	3.03	5.06	11.3	0.02	0.54
W	19.4	17.5	9	13.7	42.7	26	26.7	23.9	21.4	35.3	20.4	58	32
Tl	< 0.100	< 0.100	n.a.	< 0.100	< 0.100	< 0.100	< 0.100	< 0.100	< 0.100	< 0.100	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Pb	0.664	1.44	13.1	7.92	2.99	1.87	2.66	< 0.100	3.40	3.57	4.00	4.00	7.25
Bi	< 0.100	< 0.100	0.065	< 0.100	< 0.100	< 0.100	< 0.100	< 0.100	< 0.100	< 0.100	0.073	0.02	<0.02
Th	1.58	2.25	70	0.965	1.8	1.52	0.669	1.2	0.666	2.42	19.4	1.1	85
U	4.97	1.1	60	15	0.505	2.02	0.3	< 0.100	< 0.100	0.253	12.7	0.07	0.86
Sc	14	10.3	13.1	21.1	7.12	12.4	14.7	8.2	3.42	0.187	56.7	20.0	45.0
Zr/Hf	-	-	52.5	73.2	6.40	36.1	-	-	25.9	46.3	37.6	7.87	8.00
Nb/Ta	27.5	29.2	13.9	12.6	8.39	159	11.5	5.64	11.3	13.3	152	96.0	46.3
Th/U	0.318	2.05	1.17	0.064	3.56	0.752	2.23	-	-	9.57	1.53	15.7	98.8
Ga/Ge	8.62	5.64	13.6	5.38	7.58	5.51	5.14	5.21	5.15	11.3	12.9	17.4	14.7
Y/Ho	22.2	22.4	22.0	23.7	25.5	22.9	25.3	27.1	15.1	2.14	21.5	25.0	17.9

(n.a. – not analysed)



**Table 5** Stable C and O isotope compositions (in ‰ relative to V-PDB and V-SMOW, respectively) of carbonatites and associated rocks from the CRCC.

Sample No.	Hole No.	Depth (m)	Rock type	$\delta^{13}\text{C}$	$\delta^{18}\text{O}$
CR3	CDD1	151.8–151.94	High-Sr dol carb	-3.4	8.3
CR10	CDD1	324–324.1	High-Sr pink cc carb	-4.1	8.6
CR14	CDD1	401.65–401.75	High-Sr cc carb	-4.1	8.0
CDD2-3	CDD2	82.25–82.4	High-Sr cc carb	-4.1	8.3
CDD2-6	CDD2	113.9–114	High-Sr dol carb	-3.0	8.7
CDD2-7	CDD2	128.15–128.3	High-Sr cc carb	-4.1	8.8
CDD2-9	CDD2	178.05–178.15	High-Sr cc carb	-4.0	8.5
CDD2-22	CDD2	401.9–402	High-Sr cc carb	-4.2	7.5
NRC-35	NRC035	92–93	Dol carb	-3.3	9.2
NRC-58	NRC058	97–98	High-Sr cc carb	-3.0	8.6
CR7	CDD1	235.84–235.94	Dol carb	-2.2	12.6
CR12	CDD1	375–375.1	High-Sr cc carb	-4.1	16.7
CR13	CDD1	386–386.1	Low-Sr dol carb	-4.0	21.1
CDD2-1	CDD2	69.5–69.65	Low-Sr dol carb	-4.1	20.9
CDD2-10	CDD2	199–199.15	Low-Sr dol carb	-4.2	21.7
CDD2-12	CDD2	225.65–225.8	Low-Sr dol carb	-3.6	21.0
CDD2-18	CDD2	328.78–328.94	Low-Sr dol carb	-4.2	21.9
CDD2-19	CDD2	370–370.15	Low-Sr dol carb	-4.3	20.8
CDD2-25 cc	CDD2	397.35–397.45	High-REE dol carb	-3.3	11.4
CDD2-25 dol	CDD2	397.35–397.45	High-REE dol carb	-3.0	9.0
CDD2-26	CDD2	225.2	High-REE dol carb	-3.3	20.8
CDD1-31	CDD1	269.5	High-REE ap-mz rock	-3.1	15.5
CDD1-37A	CDD1	270.3	High-REE ap-mz rock	-3.5	10.5
CDD1-37B	CDD1	270.3	Dol carb	-2.9	9.1
CDD2-5	CDD2	92.9–93	Ap-phl phoscorite	-3.9	10.1
CDD2-11	CDD2	220.6–220.7	Clinopyroxenite	-5.4	11.3
CDD2-14	CDD2	250.85–251	Clinopyroxenite	-5.6	11.1
CDD2-17A	CDD2	293.6–293.79	Clinopyroxenite	-4.4	11.2
CDD2-23	CDD2	231.12–231.44	Clinopyroxenite	-4.2	9.7
CDD2-24	CDD2	309.85–310.06	Clinopyroxenite	-3.8	21.4
Mt Weld-88A			Mt Weld carbonatite	-4.2	12.9
Mt Weld-88B			Mt Weld carbonatite	-4.2	12.9
Mt Weld-1			Mt Weld carbonatite	-5.6	8.9
Mt Weld-2			Mt Weld carbonatite	-5.4	7.2
Mt Weld-87A			Mt Weld carbonatite	-5.6	6.3
Mt Weld-87B			Mt Weld carbonatite	-5.5	6.6

**Table 6** H<sub>2</sub>O-contents (“H<sub>2</sub>O”, in ppm) and stable hydrogen isotope compositions of fluid inclusion-hosted H<sub>2</sub>O (in ‰ relative to V-SMOW), as well as bulk carbonate C and O isotope compositions (in ‰ relative to V-PDB and V-SMOW, respectively) for ten carbonate samples from the Cummins Range carbonatites.

Sample No.	Hole No.	Depth (m)	Rock type	H <sub>2</sub> O	δD	δ <sup>13</sup> C	δ <sup>18</sup> O
CDD2-1	CDD2	69.5–69.65	Low-Sr dol carb	2466	-38	-4.1	20.9
CDD2-3	CDD2	82.25–82.4	High-Sr cc carb	737	-41	-4.1	8.3
CDD2-6	CDD2	113.9–114	High-Sr dol carb	932	-35	-3.0	8.7
CDD2-7	CDD2	128.15–128.3	High-Sr cc carb	1749	-34	-4.1	8.8
CDD2-9	CDD2	178.05–178.15	High-Sr cc carb	1431	-40	-4.0	8.5
CDD2-10	CDD2	199–199.15	Low-Sr dol carb	1909	-54	-4.2	21.7
CDD2-12	CDD2	225.65–225.8	Low-Sr dol carb	2110	-49	-3.6	21.0
CDD2-18	CDD2	328.78–328.94	Low-Sr dol carb	1119	-47	-4.2	21.9
CDD2-19	CDD2	370–370.15	Low-Sr dol carb	907	-43	-4.3	20.8
CDD2-22	CDD2	401.9–402	High-Sr cc carb	489	-51	-4.2	7.5

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