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9  
10 **Abstract**

11 The central Taupo Volcanic Zone (TVZ) in New Zealand, the most productive of silicic  
12 volcanic centres, is flanked by younger andesitic stratovolcanoes to the south. Small basaltic  
13 scoria cones occur along the length of the TVZ, the most primitive of which contain abundant  
14 xenocrysts, giving insight into the mantle feeding the TVZ.

15 Here, we present major and minor element compositions of olivine from eleven mafic  
16 eruptions spanning the length of the central and south TVZ. Olivine compositions can be divided  
17 into three major groups, based on their texture, major and minor element composition, and  
18 zoning. Group 1 olivines are Fo<sub>88</sub> in the most primitive cores, with minor element concentrations  
19 consistent with magmatic origin. Group 2 olivine compositions range from Fo<sub>72-88</sub> but are  
20 homogeneous within individual crystals. CaO contents are consistently lower for a given  
21 forsterite content compared to group 1 olivines and are most consistent with a plutonic crystal  
22 mush origin. Group 3 olivines have core compositions of Fo<sub>93-90</sub>, and NiO and CaO (0.36-0.56

23 wt%, <0.15wt%, respectively) concentrations consistent with a primary magma or mantle-  
24 derived origin. Compositional variation within group 3 olivine allows for further characterisation  
25 of the mantle lithologies from which the crystals were sourced. Group 3 olivines from the central  
26 TVZ are lherzolite-derived, whereas group 3 olivines from the south TVZ are harzburgite-  
27 derived. However, recent whole-rock and melt inclusion data suggests that the most fertile  
28 mantle underlies the south TVZ, and the least fertile mantle underlies the inter-caldera regions of  
29 the central TVZ where caldera-forming volcanism has ceased. This is inconsistent with  
30 interpretations drawn from the olivine data. We therefore suggest that harzburgitic xenocrysts  
31 originate from old depleted sub-continental lithospheric mantle (SCLM), which is present at  
32 depths of ~30km in the south TVZ. By contrast, rifting and crustal thinning in the central TVZ  
33 has removed the SCLM, explaining why only xenocrysts of lherzolitic origin are found. The  
34 presence of depleted SCLM may act as a boundary layer inhibiting ascent of melt from the  
35 mantle, providing an explanation for lower erupted volumes in the south TVZ. Dissolution of the  
36 orthopyroxene component in harzburgite in the presence of hydrous melt satisfies major element  
37 constraints on south TVZ basalt (high SiO<sub>2</sub>, high MgO, low CaO/Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>). Taken together, this is  
38 the first mineralogical evidence for a tectonic and lithospheric control on the shift from andesitic  
39 to rhyolitic activity in the TVZ, implying a direct link between rifting, magma composition and  
40 volcanic productivity.

41 Keywords: Olivine; xenocryst; basalt; mantle; arc.

## 42 **1 Introduction**

43 Arc volcanism is responsible for some of the most explosive and hazardous eruptions on Earth (Self,  
44 2015). Typically, volcanic arcs erupt andesite composition magma. However, some arcs evolve into  
45 systems that produce large volumes of silicic magma. The causes behind why these systems evolve  
46 to produce large volumes of silicic magma are still of intense debate. Eruptions of rhyolitic material

47 are the result of large amounts of magmatic processing, including fractional crystallisation,  
48 assimilation of basement rocks, and magma mixing (Annen et al., 2006; Hildreth and Moorbath,  
49 1988; Wolff et al., 2015). This obscures mantle-derived features of parental arc melts, making it  
50 challenging to determine the nature of magmatic processes that ultimately feed and drive large-scale  
51 silicic eruptions. Constraining spatial and temporal variations in the composition of mantle source  
52 regions for parental melts is key to understanding how silicic magma systems evolve. Basalt that is  
53 coeval with rhyolite may have avoided most of this crustal processing, but even the most primitive  
54 basaltic magmas can still be subject to deceptively large amounts of magmatic interactions, due to  
55 storage in the complex MASH (melting, assimilation, storage, homogenisation) zone (Hildreth and  
56 Moorbath, 1988; Lynn et al., 2017; Waight et al., 2017; Zellmer et al., 2016). Fortunately, some  
57 basalts contain mantle-derived xenocrysts, which, when combined with whole-rock incompatible  
58 trace element data, can facilitate evaluation of the nature of the mantle source.

59 The Taupo Volcanic Zone (TVZ), New Zealand, is well known for its frequent and often  
60 explosive silicic eruptions. It is one of the most productive silicic centres worldwide (Wilson and  
61 Rowland, 2016), but we still know comparatively little about the mantle that is melting beneath the  
62 TVZ. As a rifted continental arc (Wilson et al., 1995), mantle melting feeding TVZ magmatism is  
63 caused by thinning and rifting of the lithosphere aided by flux melting due to slab-derived fluids  
64 (Gamble et al., 1993; Rooney and Deering, 2014; Stern et al., 2006; Waight et al., 2017). The arc is  
65 propagating southward, with the south TVZ characterised by predominantly andesitic volcanism  
66 (Fig.1). Andesite volcanism was precursory to rhyolitic volcanism in the central TVZ, as andesite  
67 lavas are found in drill holes beneath ignimbrite sheets (Browne et al., 1992; Chambefort et al., 2014;  
68 Price et al., 2005). Rifting and rhyolite are concentrated in the central TVZ (Fig.1) (Rowland et al.,  
69 2010; Wilson and Rowland, 2016), suggesting a tectonic control on the shift from andesitic to  
70 rhyolitic volcanism.

71 Monogenetic basalt eruptions along the length of the arc produce small scoria cones and maars  
72 (Cole, 1973; Hiess et al., 2007; Wilson et al., 1995) (Fig. 1). These often align along normal faults  
73 parallel to the main rift axis (Hiess et al., 2007), and reflect the primitive stages of magma evolution  
74 in the TVZ (Gamble et al., 1990). Basalt compositions vary along the arc. Plagioclase-dominant  
75 high-alumina basalts (HABs) are the predominant type in the central TVZ, whilst plagioclase-poor  
76 high-magnesia basalts and basaltic andesites (HMBs and HMBAs, respectively) (Gamble et al.,  
77 1990; Graham and Hackett, 1987) are the predominant type in the south TVZ. HMBs occur but are  
78 sporadic in the central TVZ. HMBs represent the most primitive magmas in the TVZ and contain  
79 abundant magnesian olivine and clinopyroxene (Cameron et al., 2010; Gamble et al., 1990; Graham  
80 and Hackett, 1987).

81 A compositional continuum between cool, wet, oxidised magmas in the northern parts of the  
82 central TVZ, to hot, dry, reduced magmas in the southern part of the central TVZ has been described  
83 by Deering et al. (2008, 2010). This change in composition has been attributed to variation in flux of  
84 slab-derived fluids whereby the northern central TVZ requires greater amounts of fluid flux from the  
85 subducting slab (Rooney and Deering, 2014). More recently, these changes in basalt composition  
86 have been attributed to changes in the temporal evolution of individual caldera-forming areas of the  
87 central TVZ. Basalt from intra- (Barker et al., 2020), or syn- (Zellmer et al., 2020), caldera regions is  
88 thought to be sourced from large, hydrous melt fractions in the shallow mantle that contributed to  
89 driving caldera-forming volcanism. Examples of this are found with the Okataina Volcanic Centre  
90 (OVC) in the northern portion of the central TVZ, and correspond to the cold, wet, oxidised trends  
91 observed by Rooney and Deering (2014). Basalt from inter- (Barker et al., 2020), or post- (Zellmer et  
92 al., 2020) caldera regions is thought to be sourced from smaller, drier melt fractions deeper in the  
93 mantle that do not contribute to caldera-forming volcanism. Basalt such as this occurs in inter-  
94 caldera regions in the central portion of the central TVZ, between the currently active Taupo and

95 Okataina volcanic centres, and corresponds to the hot, dry, reducing trends observed by Rooney and  
96 Deering (2014).

97 Whilst only trends in basalt composition within the central TVZ are considered by Barker et al.  
98 (2020) and Rooney and Deering (2014), comparison with basalt from the south TVZ is made by  
99 Zellmer et al. (2020) who suggested that basalt from the south TVZ is also sourced from large,  
100 hydrous melt fractions in the shallow mantle, similar to the intra-caldera basalt of the central TVZ.  
101 As the south TVZ is in the waxing stages of magmatism, it can be considered as a pre-caldera-  
102 forming setting. Accordingly, the mantle becomes progressively more depleted through the three  
103 stages of pre-, syn-, and post-caldera volcanism (Zellmer et al., 2020). Hf isotopic evidence also  
104 requires greater slab contributions in the south TVZ (Waight et al., 2017), hinting at a transition from  
105 arc-like andesitic volcanism in the south to a rifted arc in the north, with a correspondingly smaller  
106 contribution from the slab.

107 Here we use the composition of xenocrystic olivine from basalts from the central and south TVZ,  
108 combined with whole-rock trace element modelling, to constrain the nature of the underlying mantle  
109 source regions. Olivine is a unique petrogenetic indicator, comprising (40-90%) of the Earth's upper  
110 mantle, and is the first mineral to crystallise from almost all primary mantle melts (Foley et al.,  
111 2013). For these reasons it has been used widely to provide insight into the composition (Lynn et al.,  
112 2017; Sobolev et al., 2005) and melting regimes (e.g. extent of melting, pressure; Matzen et al.,  
113 2017; Prelevic and Foley, 2007; Sobolev and Shimizu, 1993) of the mantle. However, magmatic  
114 processing in the crust can also have a major influence on olivine composition (Herzberg et al., 2016;  
115 Lynn et al., 2017; Gleeson and Gibson, 2019), and so careful examination of olivine textures and  
116 olivine minor element chemistry is essential before making inferences on mantle compositions and/or  
117 melting regimes. Here, we use minor element chemistry of TVZ basalt-hosted olivine xenocrysts to  
118 identify overprinting due to fractionation and magma mixing. By modelling the effects of these

119 crustal processes, we can use the residual olivine core compositions to infer the nature of the mantle  
120 source region for TVZ basalts.

## 121 **2 Analytical Techniques**

122 We examined seven HABs, two HMBs, one HMBA and one BA (basaltic andesite) with abundant  
123 mafic glomerocrysts from the length of the TVZ (Fig.1). All samples are scoria clasts, with the  
124 exception of Ongaroto which is a sample from a lava flow. Backscatter electron (BSE) images were  
125 taken on a Zeiss SIGMA field-emission scanning electron microscope (SEM) to identify the largest  
126 and most magnesian olivines. Approximately 50 olivine crystals were selected for subsequent  
127 analysis using a Cameca SX100 electron-probe micro-analyser (EPMA) in the Grant Institute of  
128 Earth Science, University of Edinburgh, with a total of approximately 300 point analyses. Profiles  
129 across olivine crystals were mostly concentrated on the four samples containing group two and three  
130 olivine (see sample characterisation), which were collected from, respectively, Rotomakariri,  
131 Ongaroto, Waimarino and Ohakune. This decision was based on available preliminary olivine data  
132 from Allen (2011), and detailed petrographic examination of the samples. Inclusions of Cr-spinel  
133 occur in olivines from Ongaroto, Waimarino and Ohakune, and were analysed alongside olivine  
134 compositions for use with the Al-in-olivine thermometer of Wan et al. (2008). Run conditions are  
135 listed in supplementary dataset 1. Ratios of FeO to Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> in spinel were calculated  
136 stoichiometrically. Temperatures from olivine-spinel pairs were calculated using the equation of Wan  
137 et al. (2008), and  $fO_2$  in olivine-spinel pairs was calculated using the equation of Ballhaus et al.  
138 (1991).

### 139 **3 Sample Characterisation**

140 Key sample characteristics are listed in Table 1. Geochemical classification is based on whole-rock  
141 compositions and petrography (Gamble et al., 1990; Hiess et al., 2007; Kósik et al., 2016). HAB is  
142 prevalent in the central TVZ (C-TVZ), whereas HMB and HMBA are prevalent in the south TVZ (S-  
143 TVZ). Samples have variable crystal content, ranging from aphyric to highly porphyritic (>30%  
144 crystals). Groundmass is aphanitic to microcrystalline, with up to 35% vesicles. Crystallising  
145 assemblages and crystal compositions are highly variable. Olivine plus clinopyroxene crystals  
146 dominate HMB assemblages, with the addition of orthopyroxene in HMBA, whereas plagioclase is  
147 the dominant phase, with minor pyroxene and olivine in HAB (Gamble et al., 1990).

148 Samples contain texturally diverse olivine crystals that can be divided into three groups. Table 1  
149 shows sample locations, classifications, and olivine groups found in each sample. Group 1 olivines  
150 are euhedral phenocrysts <500 $\mu$ m and are present in all basalt (HMB + HAB) samples, but absent  
151 from BA and HMBA. Group 2 are large (>500 $\mu$ m) subhedral olivine crystals co-grown with  
152 oscillatory zoned clinopyroxene and are present in BA and HMBA. In Ohakune (HMBA), this same  
153 texture of subhedral olivine is also co-grown with orthopyroxene. Group 3 olivines, present in  
154 Waimarino and Ongaroto (both HMB), are 250 $\mu$ m-1mm, subhedral to euhedral, contain highly  
155 forsteritic cores, and thin (<30 $\mu$ m) overgrowths of microcrystalline orthopyroxene.

### 156 **4 Olivine and spinel composition**

157 Olivines from all samples show normal zoning from core to rim (Fig. 2) but can be grouped into  
158 three categories based on compositional and textural differences. All HABs contain only  
159 phenocrystic group 1 olivine. Compositions range up to Fo<sub>86</sub> in the most primitive cores, with minor  
160 element concentrations consistent with magmatic olivines (De Hoog et al., 2010). NiO is <0.2 wt.%  
161 and CaO is >0.18 wt.%. Group 1 olivines show normal zoning, down to Fo<sub>65</sub>, with some outliers in



162 Orakeikorako and Rotokawau as low as Fo<sub>53</sub> (Fig. 3). Rim compositions are in equilibrium with  
163 groundmass olivine, where present (See supplementary dataset 1 for olivine chemistry). Both HMBs  
164 also contain group 1 olivine compositions. Group 1 compositions are present as microphenocrysts  
165 and in the rim zones of larger crystals with cores of higher forsterite content.

166 Group 2 olivines, are present in Rotomakariri (BA), Ohakune (HMBA) and Waimarino (HMB).  
167 Group 2 olivines are weakly zoned in forsterite content and minor element concentrations.  
168 Compositions range from Fo<sub>72-88</sub> but are homogeneous within individual crystals. Ohakune and  
169 Waimarino contain only olivines at the upper end of this range, Fo<sub>85-88</sub>, whereas olivines in  
170 Rotomakariri span the whole range of compositions. CaO contents are low, at <0.15 wt.% (Fig. 3).  
171 This is consistently lower for a given forsterite content compared to group 1 olivines. NiO is 0.1 -  
172 0.15 wt.% in Waimarino and Ohakune, whereas in Rotomakariri NiO is <0.07 wt.% (Fig.3). P is  
173 below detection in all group 2 olivines from Waimarino and Ohakune and is approximately 100±50  
174 ppm in the lower-forsterite olivines in Rotomakariri. This is very close to the detection limit (<70  
175 ppm) (see supplement 1 for analysing conditions) and is deemed insignificant. More-forsteritic  
176 olivines in Rotomakariri also have P concentrations below detection.

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178 Group 3 olivine compositions are defined by forsterite content Fo<sub>>90</sub>, NiO >0.3 wt.% and CaO  
179 <0.15 wt.%. Group 3 compositions are present in Waimarino and Ongaroto. In these samples,  
180 approximately 8% of olivine macrocrysts have cores of group 3 composition. The core compositions  
181 are up to Fo<sub>92.5</sub> and Fo<sub>90.6</sub> for Waimarino and Ongaroto, respectively, primitive enough (Fo<sub>>90</sub>) to be  
182 mantle-derived (De Hoog et al., 2010). The proportion of group 3 olivines was calculated by  
183 calibrating greyscale BSE maps of polished thin sections to measured forsterite content from EPMA  
184 data. All macrocrystic olivines in a section were then traced using *imageJ* software and thresholded  
185 to reveal the proportion of olivines with cores Fo<sub>>90</sub>. Analysis encompassed an average ~400 olivines  
186 measured per section, with 30-40 olivines containing high-forsterite (Fo<sub>>90</sub>) cores. NiO in the high-

187 forsterite cores is up to 0.56 wt.% (4411 ppm Ni) and 0.37 wt.% (2904 ppm Ni) in Waimarino and  
188 Ongaroto, respectively (Fig.3). CaO in group 3 composition olivine cores for both samples is  
189 consistently between 0.1 and 0.15 wt.% (830-1100 ppm Ca) (Fig. 3), while P is below the detection  
190 limit (<70 ppm). Group 3 compositions are only present in crystal cores. The rims of olivines with  
191 group 3 composition cores do not have the composition of mantle-derived olivine and are normally  
192 zoned down to Fo<sub>64</sub> in Ongaroto and Fo<sub>85</sub> in Waimarino, correlating with decreases in NiO and  
193 increases in CaO (Fig. 2). The rim composition falls into the group 1 category; however neither  
194 sample contains groundmass glass or groundmass olivine, so it is not possible to assess whether rim  
195 compositions were in equilibrium with the melt. Often, rims are overgrown by microcrystalline  
196 orthopyroxene, suggesting disequilibrium with the final melt. Phosphorus remains below detection in  
197 the rims of olivines with group 3 composition cores in Waimarino, but in Ongaroto up to 400ppm P  
198 is detected in the outermost rim zones, indicative of rapid growth (Milman-Barris et al., 2008).

199 HMB samples contain olivine compositions from both groups 1 and 3. Olivines with group 3 core  
200 compositions have group 1 composition rims, producing normal zoning from core to rim. HAB  
201 samples only contain group 1 olivine compositions. However, there is a systematic offset in NiO  
202 between group 1 compositions in HMBs and HABs, where the former show relative enrichment in  
203 NiO for a given forsterite content when compared to the latter (Fig. 3). All single-crystal olivines in  
204 HMB samples exhibit this trend, indicating that the process controlling the rim zonation in these  
205 crystals is the same.

206 Spinel occurs as inclusions in olivine from Ongaroto (HMB), Ohakune (HMBA) and Waimarino  
207 (HMB), and forms two distinct chemical trends: a Cr-Al trend and a Fe-Ti trend (Fig. 4). All three  
208 samples contain spinel inclusions that fit a Cr-Al trend, whereas only Ongaroto contains additional  
209 spinel that fits a Fe-Ti trend (Fig. 4d). The Cr-Al group from Waimarino and Ohakune have Mg# of  
210 40–70 (atomic Mg/(Mg+Fe) \*100), Cr# of 70–80 (atomic Cr/(Cr+Al) \*100), and TiO<sub>2</sub> of <0.7 wt.%.  
211 Some spinel from Ongaroto also follows a Cr-Al trend, but with Cr# of 50–65. These are restricted to

212 the high-forsterite cores of group 1 Ongaroto olivines. Seven of the 14 spinels in Ongaroto olivines  
213 define the Fe-Ti trend (Fig. 4), with increasing Fe<sup>3+</sup> and TiO<sub>2</sub>, towards the rims of the host olivine.  
214 Spinel from the Fe-Ti group overlap magmatic fractionation trends, with Mg# and Cr# decreasing  
215 with forsterite content of the host olivine, and Fe<sup>3+</sup> and TiO<sub>2</sub> increasing, pushing compositions  
216 towards a Fe-Ti oxide.

#### 217 **4.1 Al-in-olivine thermometry**

218 Spinel inclusions in Ongaroto and Waimarino olivine cores are appropriate for application of Al-in-  
219 olivine thermometry (Wan et al., 2008). Ongaroto olivine-spinel pairs yield temperatures of  
220 1200±40°C (n=8, 1σ = 28°C). Waimarino olivine-spinel pairs yield temperatures of 1168°C ±40°C  
221 (n=8, 1σ = 24°C). The error on the calculation (±40°C) is larger than the error calculated in Wan et al.  
222 (2008) (±20°C) and is propagated from the error on the measurement of Al in olivine. The calculated  
223 temperatures are within error of one another; however increasing the precision on the measurement  
224 of Al in olivine would reduce the error on Al and could potentially reveal more information on  
225 temperature shifts between samples.

## 226 **5 Discussion**

227 Magmatic processes occurring in the crust, such as fractional crystallisation, crustal assimilation and  
228 magma mixing can overprint and obscure primary mantle-derived signatures in olivine (Gleeson and  
229 Gibson, 2019; Herzberg et al., 2016; Lynn et al., 2017). To circumvent the effects of these processes  
230 to determine mantle-derived signatures, we have modelled the effects of fractional crystallisation and  
231 magma mixing on the olivine cargo in order to filter out those olivines that have been affected. The  
232 remaining olivines are then assessed for their potential to be mantle-derived xenocrysts, in light of  
233 alternative models for producing high-Fo, high-Ni olivines (Matzen et al., 2017, 2013; Rowe and  
234 Tepley, 2016; Sobolev et al., 2005; Straub et al., 2011).

## 235 **5.1 Crustal processing**

236 To test the effect of fractional crystallisation on olivine composition we conducted forward models of  
237 crystallisation using *Petrolog* (Danyushevsky and Plechov, 2011). We simulate crystallisation of  
238 olivine in the absence of other phases as this is the only macrocryst phase in Ongaroto, and the first  
239 phase to form in all other magmas (Gamble et al., 1990). This simplifies the model by allowing  $D_{bulk}$   
240  $= D^{Ni}_{Ol/melt}$ . Partitioning of Ni into olivine is dependent on multiple factors, including temperature,  
241 and melt composition (Beattie, 1993; Matzen et al., 2013, 2017), specifically melt MgO and SiO<sub>2</sub>.  
242 These factors are difficult to deconvolve, as MgO is often a proxy for temperature, and SiO<sub>2</sub> is  
243 strongly linked to melt polymerisation, which may be an underlying control on partitioning  
244 behaviour. Equations to calculate  $D^{Ni}_{Ol/melt}$  in Putirka et al. (2011) account for variation in SiO<sub>2</sub>,  
245 MgO and temperature in the melt. Using a natural, near-primary HMB composition from Gust and  
246 Perfit (1987), adapted to be in Fe-Mg equilibrium (Roeder and Emslie, 1970) with the most primitive  
247 non-mantle olivines from the TVZ (Fo<sub>90</sub>), and a temperature of 1200°C from olivine spinel  
248 thermometry, gives a  $D^{Ni}_{Ol/melt} = 8$ . The input composition for this calculation is given in  
249 supplementary dataset 1. As Ni becomes more compatible with decreasing melt MgO, this value is a  
250 minimum, and non-primary melts with lower MgO crystallising olivine will have higher values of  $D$   
251  $^{Ni}_{Ol/melt}$ , up to ~15.

252 The model was run at 5 kbar as a representative depth for the mid crust in the TVZ (Stratford and  
253 Stern, 2006); running the model at 10 kbar and 1 kbar showed it to be insensitive to changes in  
254 pressure. The model was run until 30% fractional crystallisation had occurred, at which point the  
255 equilibrium olivine matched the least forsteritic compositions noted in the sample suite. Group 1  
256 olivine compositions, which encompass all the olivine in HABs, are consistent with the results of  
257 simple fractional crystallisation modelling (Fig. 5). The maximum forsterite content measured in  
258 these olivines shows that they crystallised from a melt that had already extensively fractionated  
259 olivine. There is no record of the earlier stages of olivine fractionation in HAB samples. This is

260 consistent with the notion that HABs represent melts that experienced earlier fractionation and  
261 removal of more primitive olivine, and that they are not primary basalts (Gust and Perfit, 1987;  
262 Sisson and Grove, 1993).

263 Group 2 olivines in Rotomakariri and Ohakune are also consistent with prior fractionation of  
264 olivine, despite their low CaO contents. NiO contents are constant from core to rim, which suggests  
265 equilibration of NiO across the crystal. Therefore, group 2 olivines are derived from primitive but  
266 non-primary melts that have experienced variable degrees of fractionation and are well equilibrated  
267 to produce flat forsterite and NiO trends from core to rim.

268 Group 1 olivine compositions in Waimarino and Ongaroto have Fo vs. NiO trends that are offset  
269 to higher NiO at lower Fo and cannot be explained by simple crystal fractionation (Fig. 5a). This  
270 offset is observed in all group 1 olivine compositions in both Waimarino and Ongaroto samples, and  
271 therefore occurs in the mid to rim zones of olivines with group 3 composition cores (indicated by  
272 translucent (mid zones) and hollow (rims) symbols in Fig. 5), and also throughout the group 1  
273 olivines. The core-rim compositional trend in olivines with group 3 cores and group 1 rims runs less  
274 steeply counter to the primary magma fractionation trend (Fig. 5). The lowest-forsterite zones show  
275 the greatest enrichment in NiO when compared to the modelled fractional crystallisation trend (Fig.  
276 5a), suggestive of a magmatic control. Alternate episodes of fractionation and magma recharge can  
277 produce elevated NiO contents in olivines at lower forsterite content (Fig. 5b). Gleeson and Gibson  
278 (2019) produced a numerical model showing that NiO enrichment in fractionated olivines in ocean-  
279 island basalt can arise as a result of multiple episodes of magma recharge. Here we have adapted  
280 their model to reflect crystallisation of olivine in conditions appropriate for the TVZ.

281 Using the same primary magma composition and D value as above, we ran models of fractional  
282 crystallisation (for full model parameters see supplementary dataset 1) in which batches of fresh  
283 magma of the initial composition were added repeatedly when the temperature had fallen by 200°C.  
284 Each recharge event involved the addition of a batch of magma with a volume equal to the initial

285 volume, meaning that for each subsequent recharge event, the ratio of fresh melt to fractionated melt  
286 would decrease, and hence the influence of the recharge event on the melt would also decrease with  
287 time. After each recharge event the composition of the mixed magma composition was used to start  
288 the next iteration of fractionation. This model effectively reproduces the enrichment in NiO observed  
289 in group 1 olivine in Ongaroto and Waimarino (Fig. 5b). It suggests that injection of multiple batches  
290 of mantle-derived magma contributed to the final composition of the erupted magma, and has  
291 overprinted the composition of the mid to rim zones of the olivines. The temperature interval of  
292 200°C between iterations of the model is a relatively unconstrained variable. Reducing the  
293 temperature interval in which each fractionation iteration is run means less fractionation would occur  
294 between recharge events, and therefore more iterations of repeated fractionation and recharge would  
295 be required to reach a given high-NiO, low-Fo composition. While this means that the model is not  
296 able to quantify the number of recharge events required to produce a specific composition, it is useful  
297 in revealing cryptic signs of magma mixing in these highly primitive magmas. However, we  
298 acknowledge that the more recharge events that are required creates a larger space problem. In the  
299 TVZ it is well documented that the injection into the crust of large volumes of basaltic magma is  
300 required in order to drive the production of silicic magma. Despite the small erupted volume of the  
301 HMB magma, the HMB samples represent only a small fraction of the total magma volume.  
302 However, in other magmatic settings, where flux of magma from the mantle is significantly lower,  
303 this may not be a viable mechanism for explaining olivine compositions.

## 304 **5.2 Mantle Origin of Olivine Cores and Cr-Spinel inclusions**

305 Fo and NiO contents in group 3 olivine cores from Ongaroto and Waimarino ( $Fo_{90-93}$ ; 0.33-0.56  
306 wt.% Ni) are too high for them to have crystallised from a fractionated mantle-derived melt. Group 3  
307 compositions have forsterite contents ( $Fo_{>90}$ ) that reflect either crystallisation of olivine from a  
308 primitive or primary mantle melt, or residual olivine from a mantle lithology. Group 3 Olivine cores

309 from Ongaroto have compositions that overlap with mantle lherzolite (Fig. 5). However, their  
310 compositions could also be in equilibrium with a primary mantle melt derived from partial melting of  
311 lherzolite. Group 3 Ongaroto olivine cores contain numerous small spinel inclusions of Mg-chromite  
312 composition, with Cr#<sub>56-70</sub>, typical of mantle lherzolite (Arai, 1994; Ballhaus et al., 1991; Workman  
313 and Hart, 2005). However, Barker et al. (2020) report olivines in Ongaroto with compositions  
314 matching group 3, hosting primitive melt inclusions, suggesting a magmatic origin for these olivines.  
315 Like composition, crystal habit is not a definitive discriminant between magmatic and mantle-  
316 derived olivine. Subhedral xenocrystic olivine cores overgrown by magmatic olivine rims can  
317 produce euhedral crystals (Boudier, 1991). Olivine rims which have a magmatic, not mantle-derived  
318 composition, record periods of basaltic fractionation and repeated episodes of magma recharge. This  
319 could explain the euhedral shape of olivines with group 3 composition cores, if the cores were  
320 mantle-derived (Boudier, 1991). However, the presence of melt inclusions in Fo<sub>90</sub> composition  
321 olivine reported by Barker et al. (2020) strongly suggests a magmatic origin of the group 3  
322 composition cores in Ongaroto. The melt that these olivines crystallised from must have been derived  
323 from a lherzolite source rock, with minimal fractionation prior to crystallisation of the group 3 cores,  
324 in order to remain in equilibrium with the lherzolite mantle and retain such high NiO contents.

325 Waimarino olivine cores with Fo and NiO contents that are too high for them to be xenocrysts  
326 entrained in the melt from mantle lherzolite (Fig. 5) also contain highly refractory Cr-spinel (Cr#  
327 70–80) (Fig. 4). It has been suggested (Sobolev et al., 2005) that olivine phenocrysts with similar  
328 compositions (Fo<sub>91–93</sub>; NiO > 0.45 wt.%) in basalt from plume settings crystallised from magma  
329 derived from pyroxenite lithologies in the mantle, because lower bulk  $D_{Ni}$  in the olivine-free  
330 pyroxenite leads to enrichment of Ni in the partial melt. Pyroxenite xenoliths are found in a range of  
331 tectonic settings, so it is possible that the mantle beneath the TVZ is not composed solely of  
332 peridotite but contains veins of pyroxenite. It then follows that the high NiO content of the olivine

333 could be due to a higher NiO content in the primary magma resulting from melting an olivine-free  
334 source (Straub et al., 2008; 2011; 2014).

335 The solidi of pyroxenite and peridotite are similar in the presence of water, but melt productivity  
336 is higher for pyroxenite at a given temperature and pressure (Sorbadere et al., 2013), especially if  
337 these are present as veins in a much more voluminous peridotite matrix. Therefore, a relatively small  
338 proportion of pyroxenite in the source can have a large effect on the relative proportion of melt  
339 supplied by pyroxenite and peridotite and hence on the aggregate melt composition. We modelled a  
340 hypothetical melting scenario of a mixed pyroxenite-peridotite source for south TVZ samples to test  
341 whether a pyroxenite contribution to South TVZ magma would be consistent with observed trace  
342 element compositions. The pyroxenite:peridotite ratio was assumed to be 1:9. Melt fractions were  
343 assumed to be 0.6 and 0.1 for pyroxenite and peridotite, respectively. The modelled pyroxenite-  
344 peridotite mixed composition is shown as the thick black line on the primitive-mantle-normalised  
345 abundance diagrams in Figure 6. Given these assumptions, the model shows that a pyroxenite  
346 contribution can reasonably explain the whole-rock trace element composition of the south TVZ  
347 samples. Increasing the proportion of pyroxenite in the source produces overall lower concentrations  
348 of trace elements in the melt, due to the higher productivity of pyroxenite (Sorbadere et al., 2013),  
349 and also has the effect of decreasing concentrations of REE to a greater extent than LILE, due to the  
350 overall increased compatibility of REE in pyroxenite over an olivine-dominated mantle source. The  
351 maximum proportion of pyroxenite in the source that satisfies the trace element profiles of south  
352 TVZ samples is approximately 40% pyroxenite to 60% peridotite. Therefore, a wide range of  
353 pyroxenite in the source could satisfy the trace element budget of south TVZ samples. However,  
354 south TVZ samples also have high MgO content at high SiO<sub>2</sub>, and low CaO/Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> ratios (Gamble et  
355 al., 1993; Graham and Hackett, 1987). Experiments show that pyroxenite-derived melts have similar  
356 major element compositions to MORB but cannot produce melts that have both high SiO<sub>2</sub> and high  
357 MgO, with low CaO/Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (Lambart et al., 2009, 2013).



358 Alternatively, the higher nickel content in Waimarino olivine could be associated with the  
359 dependence of  $D^{Ni}_{Ol/melt}$  on temperature. Matzen et al. (2013, 2017) showed that  $D^{Ni}_{Ol/melt}$  decreases  
360 with increasing temperature, emphasising the importance of  $\Delta T$  between the source and storage  
361 region on the compatibility of Ni. For example, a decrease of 100°C results in a 0.05 wt.% increase in  
362 NiO in crystallising olivine. If the high-Ni olivines were magmatic,  $D_{Ol}^{Ni}=8$  (Putirka et al., 2011)  
363 would require that the Ongaroto olivines crystallised from a magma with approximately 400 ppm Ni.  
364 Although whole-rock concentrations of Ni are ~140ppm for Ongaroto, a value of 400ppm Ni in the  
365 magma would approximate a typical primary mantle melt, in line with the highly primitive nature of  
366 the Ongaroto olivine cores. For Waimarino, a melt with 700 ppm Ni would be required to produce  
367 olivines containing 0.56 wt.% NiO. This is significantly higher than a typical primary mantle melt,  
368 and the whole-rock Ni content of 340ppm for Waimarino, and constitutes a predicted difference in  
369 the Ni content of the magma of 300 ppm between the two samples. Assuming no significant variation  
370 in primary melt MgO, which also controls  $D^{Ni}_{Ol/melt}$ , this variation in melt composition could be  
371 produced by a reduction in  $D^{Ni}_{Ol/melt}$  from 8 to approximately 3.7. This corresponds to a temperature  
372 difference between the source of Ongaroto olivine and the source of Waimarino olivine of  
373 approximately 540°C (Matzen et al., 2017). Such a large difference in temperature between Ongaroto  
374 and Waimarino mantle sources this large is not feasible. Additionally, Al-in-olivine thermometry  
375 (Wan et al., 2008) yields core temperatures of 1200°C +/- 40°C for Ongaroto and 1168°C +/- 40°C for  
376 Waimarino. Therefore, it seems unlikely that the variation in NiO in the Ongaroto vs. Waimarino  
377 olivine is due to temperature alone.

378 It is more likely that Ni-rich forsteritic cores from Waimarino olivines represent xenocrysts  
379 derived from depleted mantle. To test this, we took the composition of the depleted MORB mantle  
380 (DMM; Workman and Hart, 2005) and ran a melting model using MELTS (Asimow and Ghiorso,  
381 1998; Ghiorso and Sack, 1995) similar to that of Hirschmann et al. (1998). Pressure in the model was  
382 set at 1 GPa, corresponding to the base of the crust beneath the TVZ (Stratford and Stern, 2006), and

383  $fO_2$  at QFM+1, corresponding to  $fO_2$  values determined using the spinel oxygen barometer of  
384 Ballhaus et al., (1991) (Fig. 4). Temperature was increased at 1°C intervals until 20% melting had  
385 occurred. At 15% melt, all clinopyroxene had melted (Fig. 5), resulting in a harzburgitic residue. A  
386 detailed discussion of the use of MELTS to model peridotite melting can be found in Hirschmann et  
387 al. (1998). The model simultaneously reproduces the observed increase in Ni and forsterite content  
388 between the lherzolite-derived olivine cores from Ongaroto and the high-Fo, high-Ni cores from  
389 Waimarino, suggesting that the Waimarino cores are most likely harzburgite-derived xenocrysts.  
390 Decreasing the availability of  $Fe^{2+}$ , and therefore the total Fe that can be incorporated into olivine, by  
391 increasing  $fO_2$  to QFM+2 (Rowe and Tepley 2016), exaggerates this trend and produces similar  
392 increases in Fo and Ni at 1 mol.% higher Fo for a given melt fraction. Therefore, high Ni cores from  
393 Waimarino more likely reflect previous high volumes of melt extraction on residual mantle olivine,  
394 rather than any chemical heterogeneities in the source region for TVZ basalts. This result suggests  
395 that high-Ni, high-Fo cores from Waimarino olivines may be harzburgite-derived mantle xenocrysts.

### 396 **5.3 Low-Ca olivine**

397 Group 2 olivines in Ohakune and Rotomakariri have forsterite and NiO contents consistent with  
398 fractionation from a primary mantle melt (Fig. 5, section 5.1). However, they also have CaO  
399 concentrations (<0.15 wt.%) lower than expected for magmatic olivine (Foley et al., 2013). Group 2  
400 olivines are largely unzoned, suggesting sufficient time was available for Fe-Mg diffusion and re-  
401 equilibration. CaO concentrations are constant over a range of forsterite contents (Fig. 2).  
402 Historically, based on the work of Simkin and Smith (1970), low CaO (<0.1 wt.%) olivines have  
403 been assumed to have mantle origin. In Rotomakariri, individual, compositionally homogeneous  
404 grains of olivine exist within glomerocrysts, but with forsterite content varying from 82 to 73 mol.%  
405 between glomerocrysts. In all of these glomerocrysts, and in Ohakune individual and glomerocrystic  
406 olivines, CaO is constant and <0.15 wt.%. This consistency in Ca across a range of forsterite contents

407 in separate crystals suggests that the factor controlling low Ca is magmatic, and that these crystals  
408 are not overgrown mantle xenocrysts.

409 The Ca content of magmatic olivine is sensitive to melt composition, crystallisation of coexisting  
410 phases (Herzberg, 2011; Kamenetsky et al., 2006; Li et al., 2012), temperature (Köhler and Brey,  
411 1990) and H<sub>2</sub>O content (Gavrilenko et al., 2016) of the melt. Low Ca due to elevated H<sub>2</sub>O is unlikely  
412 as this does not fit with measurements of relatively low H<sub>2</sub>O contents from melt inclusions in the  
413 south TVZ (Kilgour et al., 2013). Textural evidence also suggests a common cause of low Ca  
414 between the Ohakune (south TVZ) and Rotomakariri (northern central TVZ) olivines. Furthermore,  
415 there is also scant evidence for significant variation in magmatic temperature between samples with  
416 low-Ca olivine, and those with higher Ca. Evidence for the origin of low-Ca olivine can be found in  
417 the glomerocrysts in which they occur. These glomerocrysts are antecrystic and consistent with being  
418 sourced from deep mafic/ultramafic cumulates. Two-pyroxene thermobarometry on Ohakune  
419 glomerocrysts indicates storage pressures of 4.8-5.4 kbar, corresponding to depths of 16-18km in the  
420 crust (Kósik et al., 2016). Clinopyroxene is the dominant co-crystallising phase; crystallisation of  
421 clinopyroxene will have strongly depleted the melts in CaO while having a lesser effect on melt  
422 MgO. Crystallisation at depth promotes clinopyroxene stability over plagioclase, consistent with  
423 plagioclase-poor, pyroxene-rich mineral assemblages observed in HMBs of the south TVZ.  
424 Therefore, group 2 Ohakune and Rotomakariri olivines with low Ca are more likely to be antecrystic,  
425 sourced from a deep-rooted cumulate or crystal mush by the host magma as it ascended through the  
426 crust.

## 427 **5.4 Revisiting whole-rock trace element data**

428 The interpretation of group 3 olivine core compositions from Waimarino as harzburgite-derived  
429 xenocrysts appears at odds with recent studies on mantle source composition in the TVZ. Recent  
430 studies have inferred a change in primary melt composition between basalt from areas of active

431 caldera-forming volcanism and basalt from inter-caldera regions (Barker et al., 2020). An  
432 evolutionary context between these regions is implied by describing these as syn- (intra-) and post-  
433 (inter-) caldera-forming settings. Basalt erupted in syn-caldera regions feeds active caldera systems,  
434 whereas basalt erupted in post-caldera regions is erupted through old inactive calderas and does not  
435 drive larger-scale volcanism. Syn-caldera basalt is sourced from large hydrous melt fractions in the  
436 shallow mantle, whereas post-caldera basalt is sourced from smaller, drier melt fractions deeper in  
437 the mantle (Barker et al., 2020; Zellmer et al., 2020). This implies that the waxing and waning of  
438 individual caldera systems is controlled by progressive depletion of the mantle beneath the TVZ  
439 (Zellmer et al., 2020).

440 Olivine xenocrysts discussed in this study are associated with post-caldera basalt in the central  
441 TVZ (Ongaroto) and pre-caldera basalt from the south TVZ (Waimarino) (Table 1). The south TVZ  
442 was not discussed by Barker et al. (2020), but Zellmer et al. (2020) suggested that the south TVZ  
443 sources the largest melt fractions from the shallowest depth in the mantle of the three TVZ segments.  
444 The south TVZ can be thought of as an immature system in the waxing stages of magmatism when  
445 compared to the mature caldera-forming systems of the central TVZ. The presence of harzburgite-  
446 derived xenocrysts from the south TVZ therefore needs to be reconciled against south TVZ trace  
447 element profiles, which suggest derivation of magma from a shallow fertile lherzolite source.

448 A variety of whole-rock geochemical datasets are available, with varying degrees of sample  
449 overlap, to enable comparison of olivine xenocryst and melt composition, and to relate these to  
450 mantle melting processes. The studies of Barker et al. (2020) and Rooney and Deering (2014)  
451 include samples from the central TVZ, whereas samples inclusive of the south TVZ are considered  
452 by Zellmer et al. (2020) and Lee (2010), and are included in the older datasets of Gamble et al.  
453 (1993) and Graham and Hackett (1987). We have combined these datasets for six representative  
454 samples; two from the south TVZ (pre-caldera setting), two from the north-central TVZ (syn-caldera

455 setting), and two from the central TVZ (post-caldera setting), to assess whole-rock geochemical  
456 trends in comparison to mantle xenocryst data.

457 Primitive-mantle-normalised incompatible element diagrams for six samples are presented in  
458 Figure 6. All samples show enrichments in LILE, depletions in HFSE, and relatively flat REE trends,  
459 typical of arc volcanism. Pre-caldera and syn-caldera samples show the greatest enrichments in LILE  
460 and greater depletions in HFSE in comparison to post-caldera samples. Post-caldera samples show  
461 only moderate enrichments in LILE and moderate depletions in HFSE. REE patterns across all  
462 samples are gently sloping. Light REEs are enriched compared to heavy REEs, whereas middle  
463 REEs do not show great amounts of enrichment compared to heavy REEs. Absolute concentrations  
464 of REEs vary across samples, and are lowest in pre-caldera samples, higher in syn-caldera samples,  
465 and higher still in post-caldera samples.

466 Batch melting of DMM (Salters and Stracke, 2004) was modelled using both garnet-bearing  
467 composition representative of a deep mantle source, and spinel-bearing composition, representative  
468 of a shallow mantle source, and the partition coefficients given by these authors. These are the same  
469 input parameters used in the melting models of Barker et al. (2020). The addition of slab-derived  
470 components was modelled by using the amphibolite-derived fluid composition and element  
471 mobilities from Tatsumi and Kogiso (1997) and a subducting sediment composition from Gamble et  
472 al. (1996). An average of the two compositions was used for the slab-derived fluid composition. We  
473 calculated up to 10% mixing between slab-derived fluid and DMM, and subsequent batch melting of  
474 these compositions up to  $F = 0.3$ . The best fit models are shaded grey and labelled in bold for each  
475 sample.

476 Syn-caldera samples require approximately 5% of slab-derived fluid to produce the observed  
477 enrichments in LILE and relative depletions in HFSE. Smaller melt fractions can produce the  
478 enrichments in LILE, but also produce significantly higher REE concentrations than observed. All  
479 REE patterns are gently sloping and consistent with melting of a shallow-mantle source. Overall, the

480 syn-caldera data can be modelled with large melt fractions from a shallow mantle source with a 5%  
481 slab derived fluid contribution. Post-caldera samples have smaller enrichments in LILE and less  
482 pronounced depletion in HFSE than syn-caldera samples. These samples require a smaller slab-  
483 derived fluid contribution of 1-3% to reproduce observed trace element variations. They also have  
484 higher overall concentrations of REE, and possibly require smaller melt fractions than syn-caldera  
485 samples, although our model results overlap considerably in this respect (Fig. 6). The HREE patterns  
486 in the Ongaroto samples do not require a garnet-bearing source. However, HREE profiles in the  
487 Kakuki sample are steeper, and may require a small amount of garnet in the source, although they  
488 cannot be modelled with either purely spinel lherzolite or garnet lherzolite melting.

489 The results of the models for syn- and post-caldera samples are largely consistent with those of  
490 both Zellmer et al. (2020) and Barker et al. (2020). Syn-caldera samples require greater slab-derived  
491 fluid contributions than do post-caldera samples. A reliable test of melt fraction is provided by  
492 considering ratios of moderately incompatible to highly incompatible elements, such as La/Sm or  
493 Zr/Nb (Fig. 7). There is no systematic difference between syn- and post-caldera samples with respect  
494 to these ratios, showing that Zr co-varies with Nb concentration in the magmas, and La with Sm,  
495 suggesting fractional crystallisation, rather than variation in degree of mantle melting. Additionally,  
496 there is no difference in Dy/Yb between the syn- and post-caldera samples, indicating neither  
497 requires garnet in the mantle source.

498 The modelling approach taken for central TVZ samples produces results that are consistent with  
499 previous models. The primitive olivines from Ongaroto are consistent with trace element models that  
500 suggest derivation from a lherzolite source. However, olivines from Waimarino are most consistent  
501 with derivation from a harzburgite source. To test whether the melt composition of Waimarino could  
502 be derived from a partial melt of harzburgite, we modelled partial melting of harzburgite with a  
503 variable slab-derived component (Fig. 8), similar to models of lherzolite melting (Fig. 6). A trace  
504 element profile of harzburgite was calculated by taking the residue composition of a 20% batch melt

505 of DM (Salters and Stracke, 2004). Slab-derived inputs were set at 10%, due to the high proportion  
506 of fluid required to partially melt a refractory source such as harzburgite, and the composition  
507 subsequently partially melted between 5 and 20%. The model reproduces LILE concentrations well  
508 (Fig. 8), due to the large slab input. However, fluid-immobile, highly incompatible elements are  
509 depleted in this model. Harzburgite is depleted in the most incompatible elements, as these partition  
510 preferentially into the melt phase during the partial melting that created the harzburgite residue. This  
511 produces low Nb and Ta concentrations in comparison to the south TVZ data. Additionally, ratios of  
512 highly/moderately incompatible elements, such as Nd/Sm are  $<1$  in the model, whereas south TVZ  
513 data have Nd/Sm  $>1$ . This shows that south TVZ magmas cannot be sourced from slab-fluid induced  
514 melting of harzburgitic mantle. This is consistent with the major element composition of south TVZ  
515 mafic rocks. Although they have lower CaO/Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> than central TVZ mafic rocks and higher SiO<sub>2</sub> for  
516 a given MgO (Graham and Hackett, 1987), they are not boninites.

517 The trace element composition of south TVZ rocks is better matched by models of arc-type  
518 mantle melting, similar to those that match the trace element profiles of syn-caldera samples. Whole-  
519 rock trace element profiles fit a fertile lherzolite source with a significant slab-derived input. Both  
520 Waimarino and Ohakune samples have very low and flat REE patterns, consistent with large melt  
521 fractions. These samples are indicative of shallow melting of a fertile lherzolite source with 5-10%  
522 slab-derived fluid. Therefore, the source of the harzburgite-derived olivine xenocrysts must be  
523 different to the magma source region. Additionally, fluid-induced melting of lherzolite (Fig. 6)  
524 provides a better fit to the south TVZ data than a modelled composition based on mixing of  
525 harzburgite and lherzolite (Fig.8). A profile constructed by mixing 10-50% harzburgite with  
526 lherzolite does not produce significant shifts from a lherzolite-derived profile, but still produces  
527 Nd/Sm ratios of  $\sim 1$ , which is lower than south TVZ samples. If harzburgite-derived melt contributed  
528 to the south TVZ magmas, it must have been limited to a small proportion of the total melt volume.

529 A significant difference between pre-caldera and syn-caldera samples is that pre-caldera samples  
530 have increased concentrations of Th, which is fluid immobile, in contrast to syn-caldera samples,  
531 which contain comparatively more Ba and Rb, typically fluid mobile elements. Th/Nb indicates the  
532 degree of Th enrichment, where pre-caldera samples have the highest ratios of all TVZ basalts (Fig.  
533 7). Thorium enrichments are most easily explained by a slab sediment contribution, as opposed to a  
534 purely fluid contribution (Fig. 7). This is consistent with Hf isotope evidence (Waight et al., 2017),  
535 which again necessitates a greater sediment contribution for south TVZ basalt.

## 536 **5.5 Implications for the lithosphere and mantle melting**

537 Basalt-hosted olivines from the TVZ provide evidence for both lherzolite and harzburgite within the  
538 mantle source region. The presence of olivine xenocrysts of harzburgitic origin implies that basalt in  
539 the south TVZ has sampled regions of mantle already depleted by melting processes. In contrast,  
540 lherzolite-derived olivine cores imply that regions of the mantle sampled by the central TVZ are  
541 relatively undepleted and have not been previously affected by large-scale melting (Fig. 9). The  
542 olivine xenocryst compositions appear to conflict with whole-rock and melt inclusion data, which  
543 suggest that the mantle became more depleted with ongoing magmatism at each volcanic centre  
544 (Zellmer et al., 2020). Accordingly, the south TVZ, a pre-caldera centre, should inherit olivine  
545 xenocrysts from fertile mantle, whereas Ongaroto, a post-caldera basalt, should inherit olivine  
546 xenocrysts from depleted mantle.

547 The sub-continental lithospheric mantle (SCLM) beneath New Zealand is harzburgitic in  
548 composition (Scott et al., 2014), whilst the deeper asthenospheric mantle in the mantle wedge is most  
549 likely lherzolitic in composition. Crust in the south TVZ is up to ~35 km thick, in contrast to the  
550 extensively thinned crust (15 km thickness) of the central TVZ (Stern et al., 2010; Stratford and  
551 Stern, 2006). During the initial stages of magma generation, as is currently occurring in the south  
552 TVZ, slab-derived fluids initially promote melt production in the mantle wedge. As magma ascends  
553 towards the crust, melts in the south TVZ interact with depleted, harzburgitic mantle and inherit



554 xenocrysts. Interaction of hydrous basalt magma with refractory harzburgite promotes absorption of  
555 orthopyroxene into the magma, whilst stabilising residual olivine (Kelemen, 1990; Mitchell and  
556 Grove, 2016), resulting in magma enriched in MgO relative to CaO and Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, as is observed in  
557 HMB and HMBA from the south TVZ. The potential for deeper storage due to the presence of  
558 thicker lithosphere promotes clinopyroxene stability over plagioclase, resulting in the olivine +  
559 clinopyroxene +/- orthopyroxene assemblages observed in HMBs in the south TVZ (Cameron et al.,  
560 2010; Graham and Hackett, 1987).

561 In contrast, as rifting progresses, as is the case in the central TVZ, the lithosphere is thinned,  
562 promoting upwelling of asthenospheric mantle (Fig. 9). As such, a spatial and temporal shift occurs  
563 from a subduction-flux-dominated mantle melting regime in the initial stages of magmatism, as in  
564 the south TVZ, to one that is controlled by both subduction-flux and decompression melting in the  
565 mature central TVZ. With ongoing rifting, the SCLM is thinned and replaced by asthenospheric  
566 lherzolite, and central TVZ melts inherit olivine with this lherzolithic heritage. Lherzolite melting  
567 leads to relatively enriched magma with higher concentrations of CaO and Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, producing magma  
568 similar in composition to TVZ HABs, which are concentrated in the central TVZ. Shallow storage of  
569 magma resulting from thinning of the crust promotes plagioclase over clinopyroxene stability,  
570 producing plagioclase-dominated mineral assemblages, similar to HABs (Gamble et al., 1990).  
571 Similar models have been proposed for other continental rifts, such as the Rio Grande rift. Without a  
572 slab fluid inducing melting in the mantle wedge, initial magma compositions reflect melting of  
573 SCLM. With progressive rifting, compositions are derived from melting of asthenospheric mantle  
574 (Fitton et al., 1991; McMillan et al., 2000), with the shift in magma composition associated with the  
575 pulling apart of the continental lithosphere. In the TVZ, harzburgite-derived olivine xenocrysts from  
576 the south TVZ most likely represent the interaction of basaltic melt with the depleted SCLM, rather  
577 than the magma itself arising from a depleted mantle source. Large melt fractions increase the  
578 reaction of refractory harzburgite (Mitchell and Grove, 2016), whilst the presence of thick SCLM

579 may also promote deeper storage of magma in addition to inhibiting large melt fractions reaching the  
580 surface, consistent with lower erupted volumes in the south TVZ (Wilson et al., 1995). In the central  
581 TVZ, mantle melts may become more depleted with ongoing melt extraction (Zellmer et al., 2020)  
582 whilst retaining a lherzolitic source. Basalt from both intra- and inter-caldera settings are expected to  
583 have xenocrysts of lherzolitic heritage if they were to inherit any. Additionally, it is possible that the  
584 complexity of the magma plumbing system at intra-caldera settings (Cole et al., 2014) inhibits basalt  
585 magma from retaining mantle-derived xenocrysts, whereas in inter-caldera settings where basalt  
586 magma has less interaction with the crust (Gamble et al., 1993), it is more likely to retain its  
587 primitive composition and mantle-derived xenocrysts.

## 588 **6 Conclusions**

589 Basalt-hosted xenocrysts provide a useful insight into the mantle source region of one of the most  
590 productive magmatic regions on Earth. Variation in olivine composition allows for assessment of  
591 mantle source contributions in greater detail than traditional whole-rock methods. Therefore, study of  
592 olivines within mafic rocks in other magmatic settings where changes in eruptive style are attributed  
593 to changes in mantle source may be a useful tool in assessing source composition. Magmas in the  
594 south TVZ interacted with depleted harzburgitic mantle. Whole-rock data suggest that magmas here  
595 are sourced from large melt fractions in the shallow mantle, and potentially require a greater slab  
596 sediment contribution than elsewhere in the rifted arc. Central TVZ magmas show no evidence for  
597 interaction with depleted harzburgitic mantle. Variation in the extent of slab-derived fluid input  
598 during melting is required to account for geochemical differences between syn-caldera and post-  
599 caldera basalt, with syn-caldera basalt requiring greater input from the slab. All basalt compositions  
600 from the TVZ are consistent with a spinel lherzolite mantle source with variable slab contribution.  
601 We suggest that thinning of the lithosphere in the central TVZ promotes the transition from  
602 continental arc style volcanism to rhyolitic volcanism. This implies a direct link between rifting,

603 magma composition and volcanic productivity. Although subduction promotes mantle melting due to  
604 fluid flux, it is the extent of rifting that determines the mantle lithology with which the magmas  
605 interact, and this rifting exerts a control on primitive magma composition and fractionation pathways  
606 in the crust.

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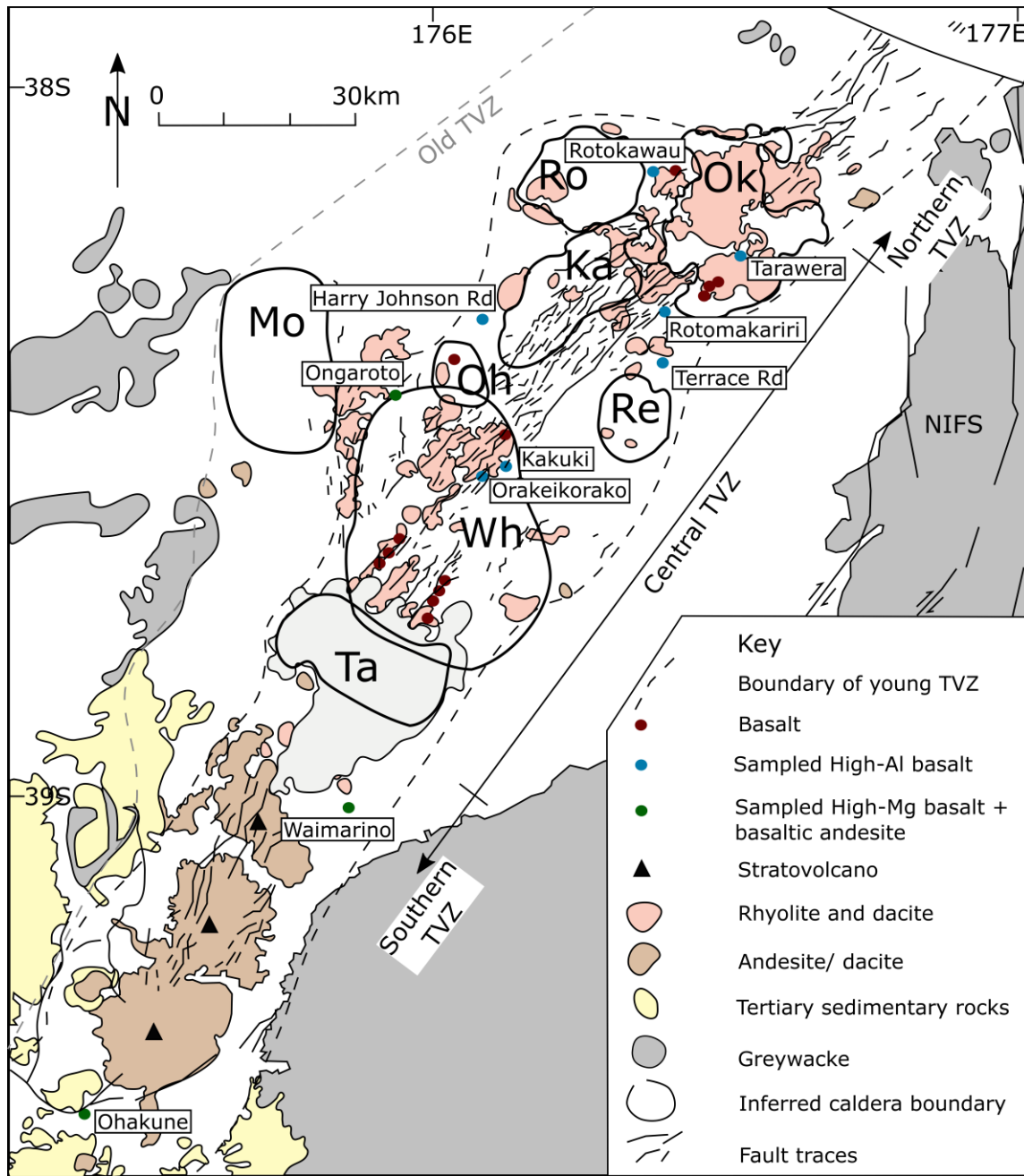
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835 Table 1: Summary of key characteristics of the samples used in this study

Location	Segment	Name	Class*	Crystal content	Crystal ass.	Group.	Max. NiO
CTVZ-N	Syn	Rotokawau	HAB	25%	Pl>Cpx>Ol	1	0.14
CTVZ-N	Syn	Tarawera	HAB	<5%	Pl>Cpx>Ol	1	<0.1
CTVZ-N	Syn	Rotomakariri	BA	20%	Pl>Cpx>Ol	2	<0.1
CTVZ-N	Syn	Terrace Rd	HAB	25%	Pl>Cpx>Ol	1	<0.1
CTVZ	Post	Johnson Rd	HAB	10%	Pl>Ol>Cpx	1	<0.1
CTVZ	Post	Ongaroto	HMB	25%	Ol»Cpx=Pl	1 & 3	0.37
CTVZ	Post	Kakuki	HAB	10%	Pl>Ol»Cpx	1	0.14
CTVZ	Post	Orakeikorako	HAB	25%	Pl>Cpx=Ol	1	<0.1
STVZ	Pre	Waimarino	HMB	25%	Ol>Cpx»Pl	1, 2, 3	0.56
STVZ	Pre	Ohakune	HMBA	15%	Cpx=Opx>Ol	2	0.23

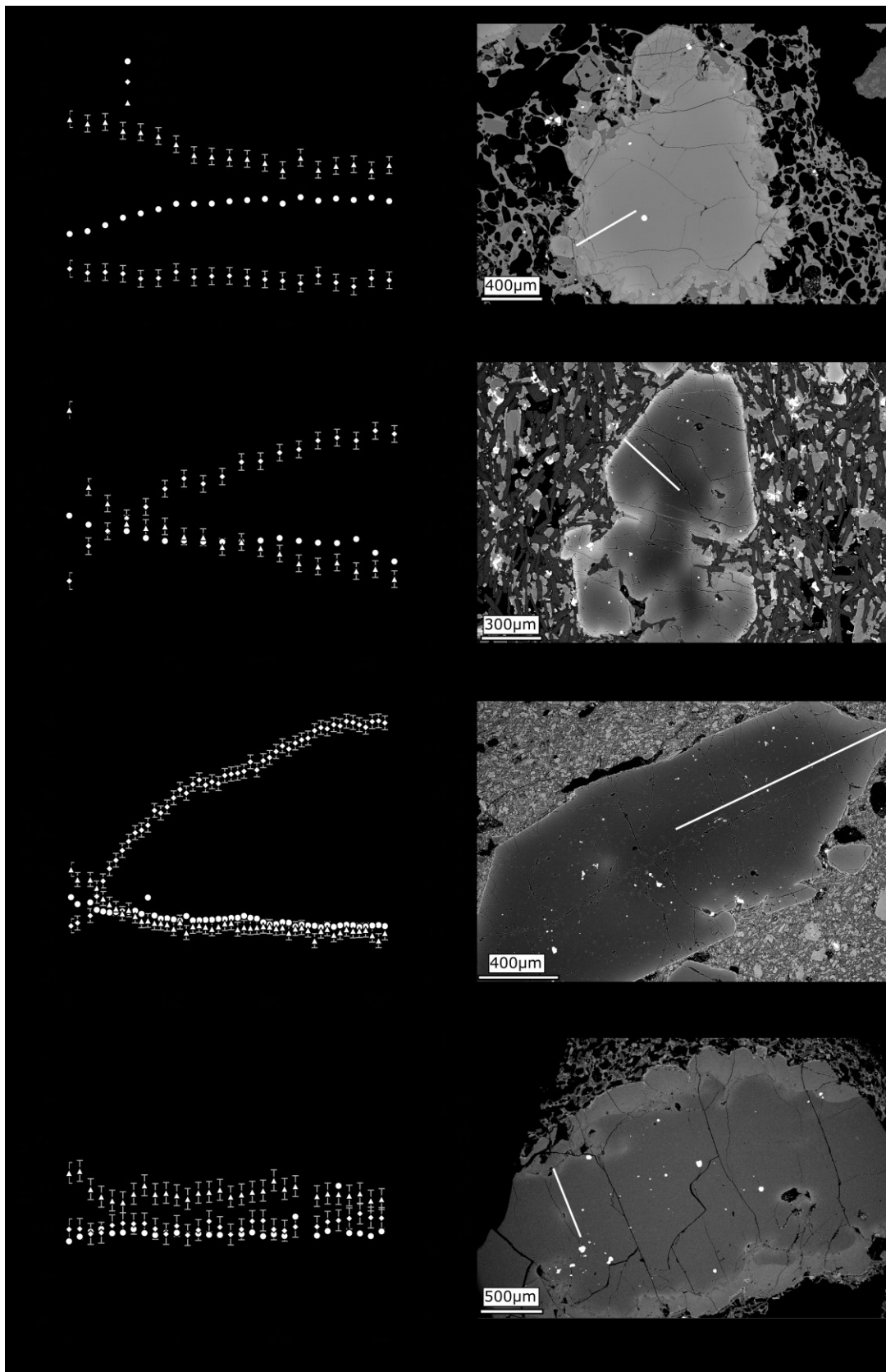
836 \* HAB, high-alumina basalt; HMB, high-magnesia basalt; HMBA, high-magnesia basaltic andesite



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838 Figure 1: Map of the TVZ, modified from Wilson and Rowland (2016) and references therein. Ka -  
 839 Kapenga, Mo - Mangakino, Oh - Ohakuri, Ok - Okataina, Re - Reporoa, Ta - Taupo, Wh -  
 840 Whakamaru. NIFS - North Island Fault System. Sample coordinates are provided in supp. dataset 1.

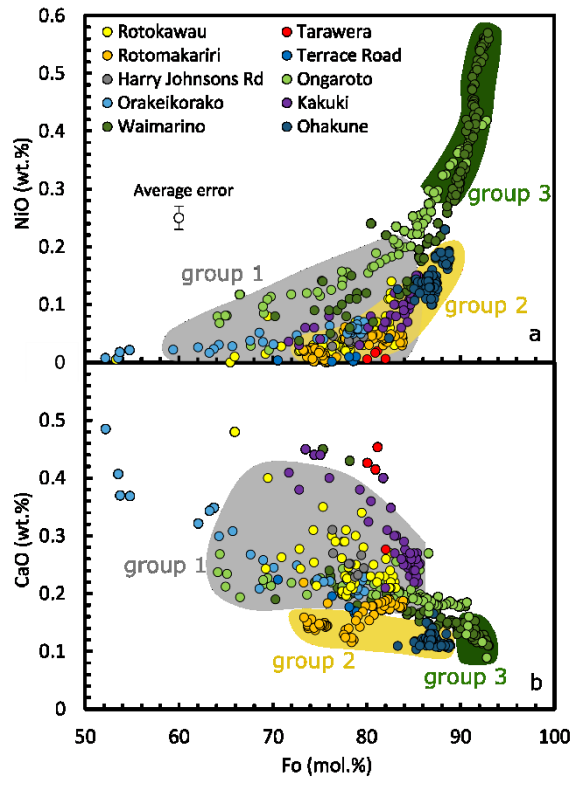




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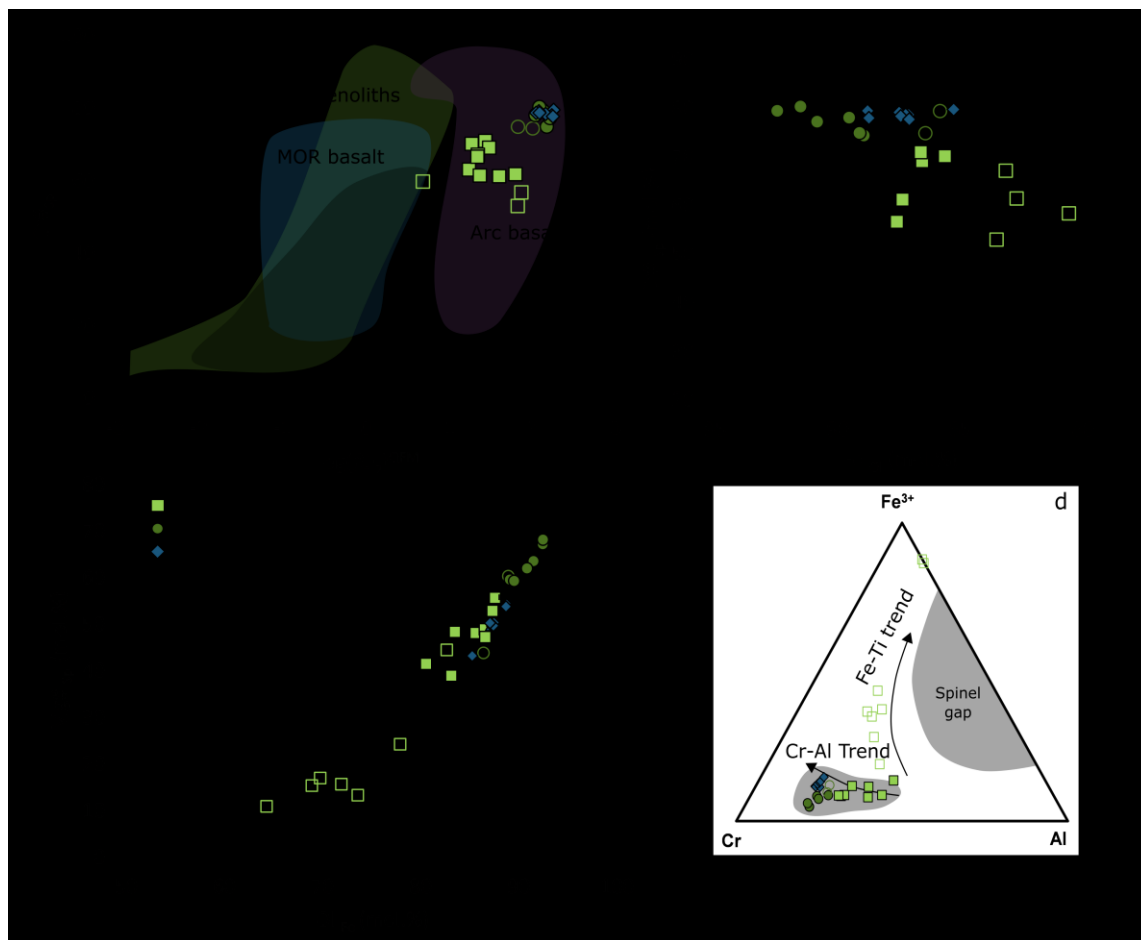
842 Figure 2: Examples of BSE images and compositional profiles of TVZ olivines. Rotomakariri –  
 843 group 2 low-Ca olivine with orthopyroxene overgrowth; Ongaroto – Group 3 high-Fo olivine core,

844 with normal zoning to group 1 phenocrystic rim; Waimarino – Group 3 high-Fo olivine core, with  
 845 normal zoning to group 1 phenocrystic rim; Ohakune – Group 2 low-Ca olivine with thick  
 846 orthopyroxene overgrowth. Note the significantly higher NiO content of group 3 Waimarino cores  
 847 compared with group 3 Ongaroto cores. White lines indicate location of tracks. Error bars are smaller  
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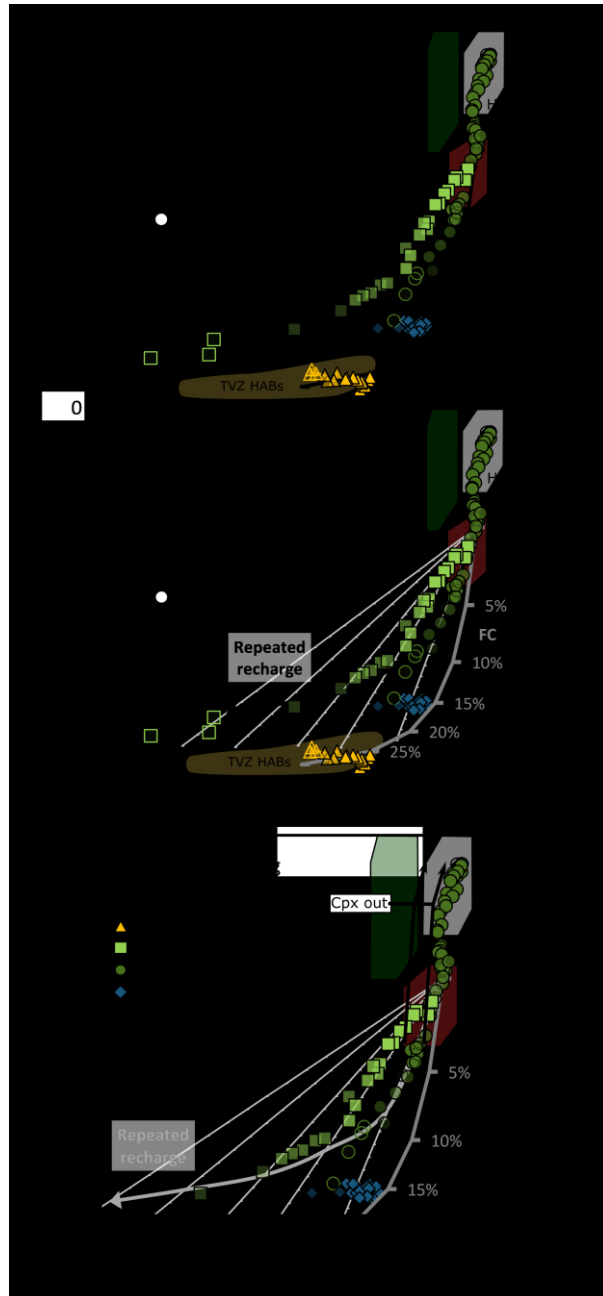
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850 Figure 3: a) Fo vs. NiO in olivine. Note the higher concentrations of NiO at lower Fo in Ongaroto  
 851 and Waimarino olivine. b) Fo vs. CaO in olivine. CaO concentrations are higher in HAB samples  
 852 than in Waimarino, Ongaroto, Ohakune and Rotomakariri. Errors are smaller than symbols.



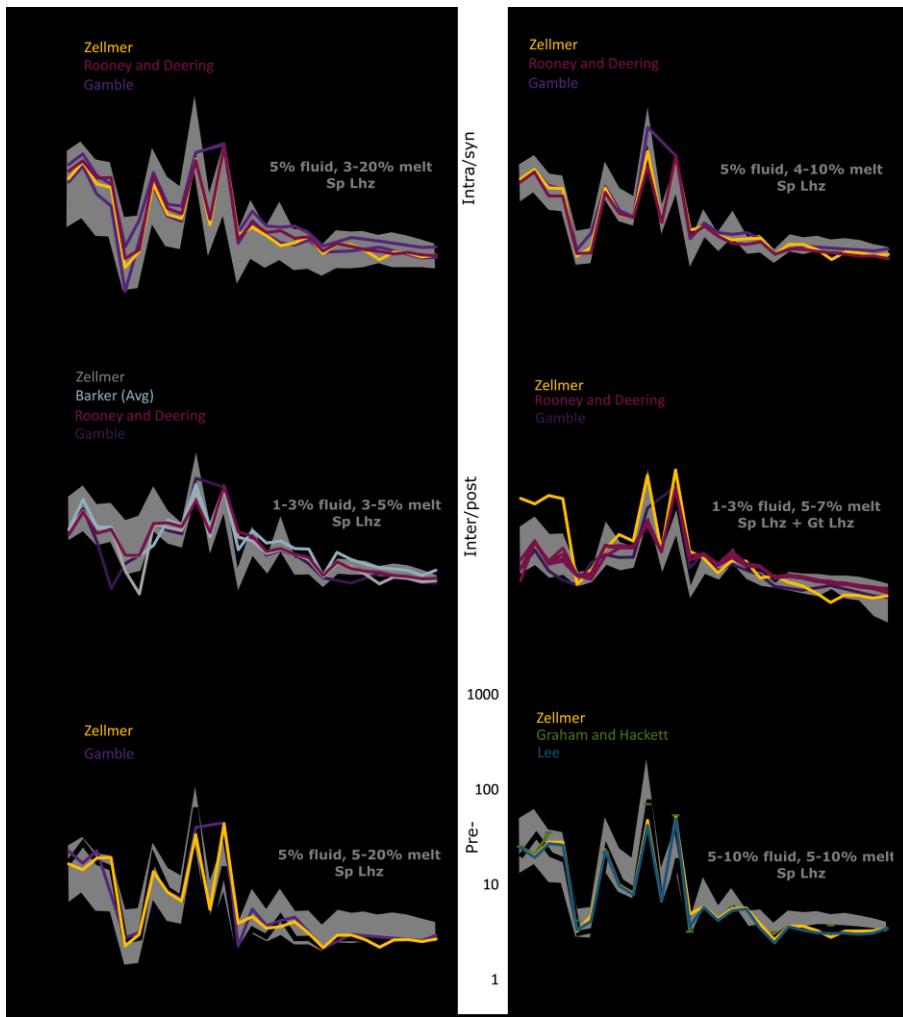
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854 Figure 4: a) Cr# of spinels vs. log  $fO_2$  (expressed as deviation from the QFM buffer).  $fO_2$  calculated  
 855 using the method of Ballhaus et al. (1991). Compositional fields also from Ballhaus et al. (1991). b)  
 856 Cr# of spinel inclusions vs. forsterite content of host olivine. OSMA (Olivine Spinel Mantle Array)  
 857 and direction of mantle depletion from Arai (1994). c) Mg# of spinel inclusions vs. forsterite content  
 858 of host olivine. Mantle and magmatic fields also from Arai (1994). d) Proportions of trivalent ions in  
 859 spinel. Compositional trends from Barnes and Roeder (2001). Filled coloured symbols represent  
 860 spinel inclusions from cores of olivines. Empty symbols with coloured rims represent spinel  
 861 inclusions near the rims of olivines.



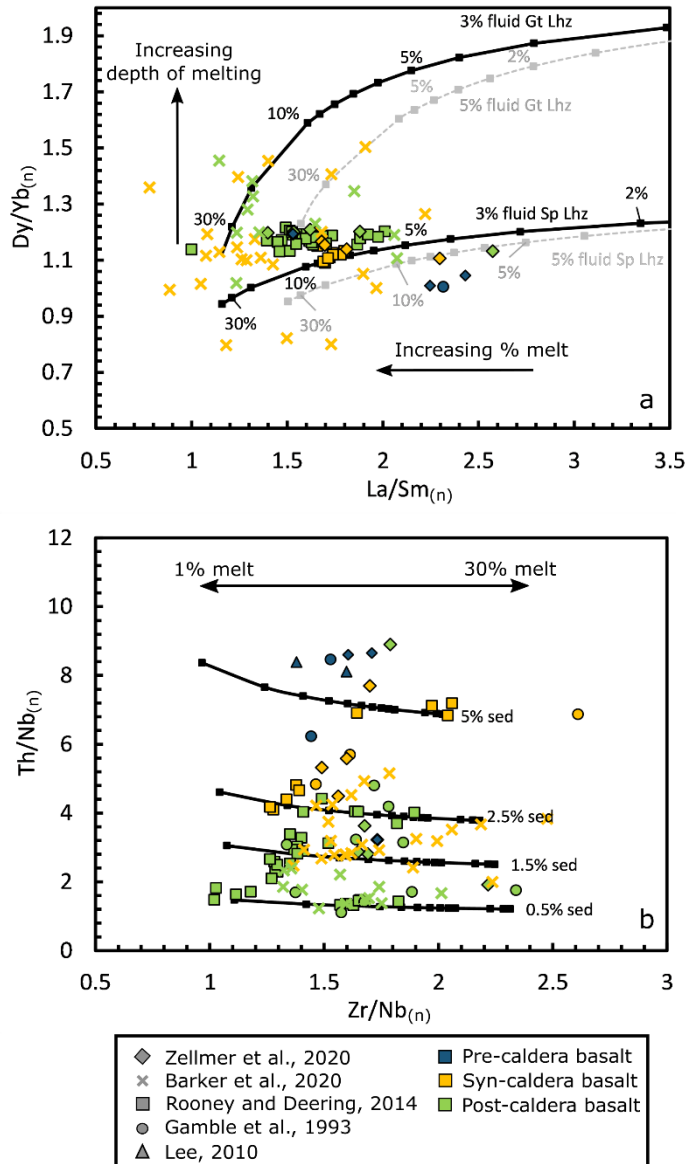
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 864 crystallisation model using *Petrolog* (Danyushevsky and Plechov, 2011) and the model of Beattie  
 865 (1993). b) Trajectory of repeated magma mixing events, adapted from Gleeson and Gibson (2019)  
 866 and Straub et al. (2011). c) Trajectory of mantle olivine composition at increasing fractions of melt  
 867 extraction modelled using MELTS (Asimow and Ghiorso, 1998; Ghiorso and Sack, 1995). Mantle  
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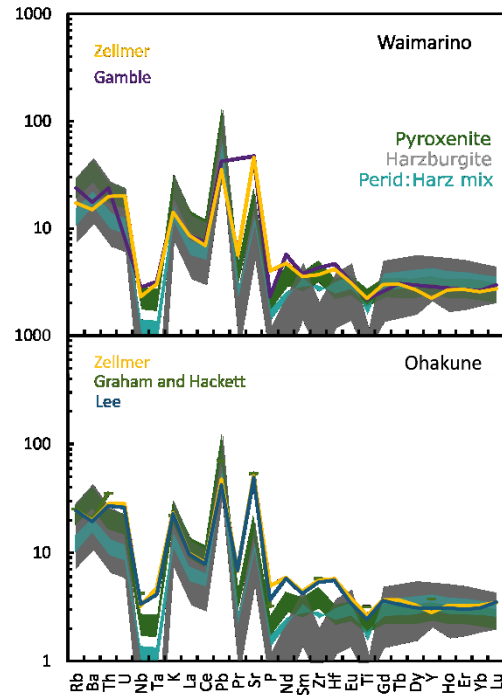
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 872 from syn-, post- and pre-caldera-forming settings. Zellmer = Zellmer et al. (2020), Barker = Barker  
 873 et al. (2020), Rooney and Deering = Rooney and Deering (2014), Gamble = Gamble et al. (1993),  
 874 Lee = Lee (2010). Grey shading shows modelled compositions. Models were created using deep  
 875 (garnet lherzolite) and shallow (spinel lherzolite) depleted mantle (compositions from Salters and  
 876 Stracke (2004)), fluid composition from Kogiso et al. (1997) and Gamble et al. (1996), element  
 877 mobility from Tatsumi and Kogiso (1997), and non-modal batch melting. Best fit ranges are in bold  
 878 grey text for each sample. Solid black line on Waimarino and Ohakune is modelled mantle melting  
 879 from a hybrid pyroxenite-peridotite source.



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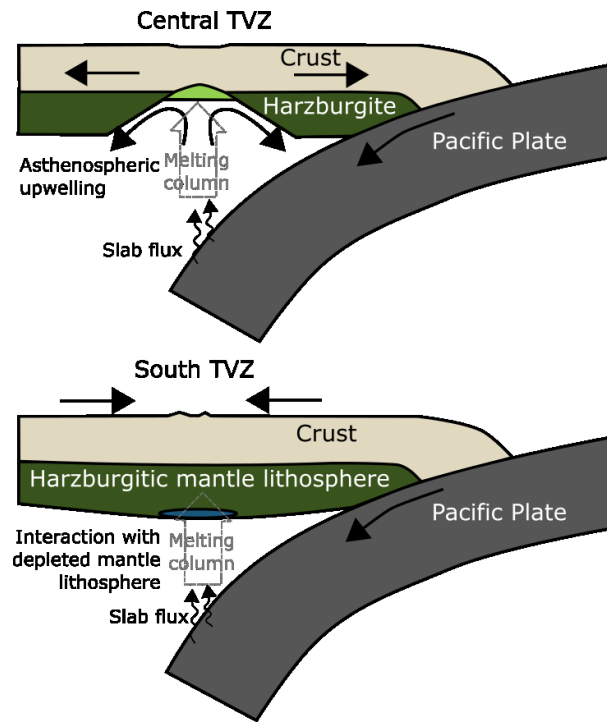
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 882 caldera, inter- or post-caldera and pre-caldera forming settings. Primitive mantle values from Sun  
 883 and McDonough (1989). A) Models were created using deep (Gt Lhz) and shallow (Sp Lhz) depleted  
 884 mantle (compositions from Salters and Stracke (2004)). Grey dashed line shows the effect of  
 885 additional fluid contribution to the models. Fluid composition from Kogiso et al. (1997) and Gamble  
 886 et al. (1996), element mobility from Tatsumi and Kogiso (1997), and non-modal batch melting. B)  
 887 All models produced from spinel lherzolite compositions (Salters and Stracke, 2004); using garnet  
 888 lherzolite has no effect on the model. Sediment compositions from Gamble et al. (1996).



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890 Figure 8: Primitive-mantle-normalised (Sun and McDonough, 1989) trace element plots of samples  
 891 from pre-caldera-forming settings. Sources of data are as in Fig. 6. Shaded areas show modelled  
 892 mantle melts. Pyroxenite melt composition was produce by mixing modelled pyroxenite and  
 893 peridotite partial melts in ratios of 1:10, respectively. Harzburgite melt composition was produced by  
 894 partially melting a residue of DM (Salters and Stracke, 2004) after 20% prior melt extraction.  
 895 Peridotite:Harzburgite mixed composition was produced by mixing a peridotite partial melt with  
 896 harzburgite partial melt in ratios varying from 10:1, to 50:50. For details of models, see text.  
 897 Depleted mantle composition, trace element partition coefficient, fluid compositions, and trace  
 898 element mobilities are as in Fig. 6.

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901 Figure 9: Schematic cartoon illustrating the effect of rifting on the depleted lithospheric mantle,  
 902 adapted from Stern et al. (2006). South TVZ magmas are generated in the mantle wedge but interact  
 903 with SCLM on ascent, promoting inheritance of harzburgitic olivine xenocrysts (Waimarino) and  
 904 deeper stalling of magma (e.g. Ohakune - dark blue). Central TVZ magmas are still generated in the  
 905 mantle wedge but rifting pulls apart the SCLM leading to inheritance of lherzolitic olivine xenocrysts  
 906 and promoting shallower stalling and underplating of magma (e.g. Ongaroto - pale green).

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