

1 **Seeing through the Effects of Crustal Assimilation to Assess**
2 **the Source Composition Beneath the Southern Lesser Antilles**
3 **Arc**

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20 **ABSTRACT**

21 Assessing the impact of crustal assimilation on the composition of oceanic arc lavas is important
22 if source composition is to be correctly interpreted. This is particularly the case in the Lesser
23 Antilles where lavas encompass a very large range in radiogenic isotope ratios. Here we present
24 new $^{176}\text{Hf}/^{177}\text{Hf}$ and trace element data for a suite of samples from St Lucia, in the southern Lesser
25 Antilles arc, where assimilation of sediments located within the arc crust has been shown to
26 significantly impact Sr-Nd-Pb isotope compositions. We show that a high rate of assimilation ($r =$
27 0.8) of sediment is responsible for the co-variation of Th/Th^* , La/Sm , $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$, $^{206/207/208}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$,
28 $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$ and $^{176}\text{Hf}/^{177}\text{Hf}$ toward extreme “continental” compositions. Lavas that escaped
29 sediment assimilation have a typical oceanic arc signature and provide the best reflection of mantle
30 source characteristics beneath St Lucia. They display similar Ba/Th, La/Sm and Nd isotopic
31 composition but slightly more radiogenic Sr and Pb than lavas further north in the arc. Calculations
32 indicate that addition of less than 2 % of the local bulk subducting sediments or less than 3.5% of
33 sediment partial melts or fluids to the mantle can explain these compositions; these estimates are
34 similar to those previously obtained for the northern arc. Therefore, after removal of the effects of
35 sediment assimilation, St Lucia lavas have only slightly more radiogenic Pb and perhaps Sr isotope
36 signatures compared to the northern islands and this can be attributed to differences in the isotopic
37 composition of the subducting sediment rather than greater sediment input, as has been previously
38 proposed. Comparison of St Lucia with the other southern Lesser Antilles islands suggests similar
39 source compositions exist beneath Martinique, St Vincent and maybe Bequia, while a more
40 “continental” source might characterize Ile de Caille, Kick'em Jenny and Grenada.

41 Key words: Lesser Antilles, assimilation, oceanic arc, sediment, St Lucia

42 INTRODUCTION

43 Global arc studies have shown that oceanic arcs can be divided into two groups based on their
44 trace element and radiogenic isotope compositions (Hawkesworth et al., 1993). The first group
45 comprises, amongst others, Tonga, Mariana, South Sandwich and the Aleutian arcs which are
46 characterised by compositions often termed “typical oceanic arcs” that have a relatively narrow
47 range of Sr, Nd, Hf and Pb isotope compositions that differ only slightly from mid-oceanic ridge
48 basalts (MORBs). Oceanic arcs from the second group (e.g., Java, Banda, Philippines) have more
49 heterogeneous compositions comprising very “continental” isotopic compositions (more
50 radiogenic Sr and Pb isotope ratios with less radiogenic Nd and Hf isotopic ratios). They also have
51 higher light versus middle and heavy rare-earth elements ratios (L/M-HREE) and lower ratios of
52 large-ion lithophile elements versus high field strength elements (LILE/HFSE; e.g. Ba/Th), similar
53 to continental arcs (Hawkesworth et al., 1993; Woodhead et al., 2001). Understanding the origin
54 of the “continental” signature observed in some oceanic arcs is important to assess the crust
55 production and recycling at subduction zones (Davidson & Arculus, 2006).

56 The Lesser Antilles arc (Fig. 1) is a well-known example of an oceanic arc which has a
57 “continental” signature (White & Dupré, 1986; Davidson, 1987; Macdonald et al., 2000; Fig. 2).
58 Lavas with “continental” Sr, Nd, Hf and Pb isotope compositions are restricted to islands from the
59 central-southern segments of the arc, while the northern islands display “typical oceanic arc”
60 compositions. Relative to the northern lavas, the continental signature observed in some of the
61 lavas in the southern arc could be explained by the contamination of the mantle wedge by greater
62 amounts of, or more continental-like, sediments from the subducting slab. (White & Dupré, 1986;
63 Labanieh et al., 2010; 2012). However, sediment assimilation has been shown to be significant in
64 Martinique (e.g. Davidson & Harmon, 1989) and St Lucia (Bezard et al., 2014), which are the two

65 islands displaying the largest isotopic heterogeneities. Therefore, in order to interpret the source
66 compositions in this region, an understanding of the impact of sediment assimilation is required.
67 Such an exercise has been performed for Martinique, where Davidson & Wilson (2011) stripped
68 off the effects of sediment assimilation and other differentiation processes by back-extrapolating
69 major and trace element and isotope differentiation trends to a SiO₂ composition likely to
70 characterize the primary magmas of the suite (SiO₂ = 48 wt. %). They extended their comparative
71 studies to other islands and proposed that the chemical and isotopic compositions of the mantle
72 source beneath Martinique and St Vincent, both from the southern arc, are not dissimilar to the
73 source beneath the northern islands magmas. This suggests that the north-south trace element and
74 isotopic variations could be almost entirely produced by sediment assimilation.

75 In order to test this hypothesis, we performed a detailed study of lavas from St Lucia. Here,
76 the filtering of sediment assimilation cannot be performed using the back-extrapolation method of
77 Davidson & Wilson (2011), because differentiation trends are harder to establish. However, in St
78 Lucia, very good constraints on which lavas are affected by sediment assimilation are available
79 from a study of $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ in phenocrysts (Bezard et al., 2014). This allows comparison of the
80 compositions of lavas that are significantly affected by sediment assimilation and those that are
81 negligibly affected in order to isolate which elements and isotopes were modified by sediment
82 assimilation. This exercise was carried out for Sr, Pb and Nd isotopes by Bezard et al. (2014) who
83 showed that these elements were very sensitive to sediment assimilation. However, the constraint
84 of the composition and amount of sediment assimilated and the characterization of the mantle
85 source compositions were beyond the scope of Bezard et al. (2014) contribution. Here we
86 investigate the overall impact of sediment assimilation using new Hf isotope and trace element
87 compositions coupled with published Sr, Pb and Nd isotopes data in order to constrain (1) the

88 nature of the assimilant and (2) St Lucia mantle source characteristics and compare them with
89 other Lesser Antilles islands.

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91 **GEOLOGICAL SETTING**

92 The 800 km long Lesser Antilles arc (Fig. 1a) results from subduction of the North American Plate
93 under the Caribbean Plate (Fig. 1a). The arc was initiated in the late Oligocene (Germa et al., 2011)
94 and is currently active. It exhibits major geochemical and isotopic differences from north to south.
95 Northern islands are characterised by tholeiitic and calc-alkaline volcanic rocks with very limited
96 isotope and trace element ratios variations (e.g. Sr-Nd isotopes; Fig. 2). In contrast, the central and
97 southern sections of the arc have erupted a wider range of magma types, extending to alkaline
98 lavas. These central-southern magmas are characterised by large isotope and trace element ratio
99 variations, ranging from compositions similar to those of the northern islands to compositions
100 more similar to continental crust (Fig. 2). This geographic variation has been suggested to reflect
101 physical variation of the arc system (e.g. Van Soest et al., 2002) including basement heterogeneity
102 (Speed & Walker, 1991; Aitken et al., 2011), age and thickness variations of the volcanic
103 sequences (McCann & Sykes, 1984; Bouysse & Westercamp, 1990), and changes in nature and
104 amount of sediment in the trench from north to south (Carpentier et al., 2008).

105 St Lucia is located between Martinique and St Vincent (Fig. 1a) and belongs to the central
106 section of the arc as defined by Macdonald et al. (2000). Current activity is focused within the
107 Qualibou depression (Fig. 1b), a large sector collapse in the south-west of the island (Lindsay et
108 al., 2013). St Lucia rocks can be separated into two main groups based on age constraints.

109 **Pre-Soufrière Volcanic Complex**

110 The first and oldest group, termed the Pre-Soufrière Volcanic Complex (Pre-SVC) consists
111 dominantly of eroded basalt, basaltic andesite and andesite centres, with only one rhyolite flow
112 (OAS, 1984). Rocks in this group are present across the island (Fig. 1b) and have been dated by

113 K-Ar to between 15-18 Ma and 3.13 Ma by Briden et al. (1979), Aquater, (1982) and De Kerneizon
114 et al. (1983). Two Pre-SVC basaltic andesite flows, cropping out in the Qualibou depression, in
115 the south-west of the island were initially dated by K-Ar between 6.1 ± 0.6 and 6.5 ± 0.6 Ma at
116 Jalousie (Aquater, 1982) and 5.61 ± 0.25 Ma at Malgretoute (Briden et al., 1979). The same flows
117 were more recently dated, using the same method, at 1.10 ± 0.02 and (Jalousie) and 6.64 ± 0.12
118 Ma (Malgretoute) by Samper et al. (2008). Pre-SVC lavas can be separated into two subgroups
119 on the basis of their Sr-Nd isotopic signatures (Bezard et al., 2014). The first, and main, subgroup
120 (Pre-SVC1) has typical oceanic arc signatures in terms of $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ and $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$ (0.70411-
121 0.70439 and 0.51295-0.51298 ($\epsilon\text{Nd} = +6.01$ to $+6.73$) respectively). Pre-SVC1 lavas also have Pb
122 isotopes close to typical oceanic arc signatures ($^{206}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$, $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$ and $^{208}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$ range from
123 19.291-19.341, 15.747-15.748, 38.96-39.11, respectively). According to mineral $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ data, which
124 overlap or plot very close to the mantle range (unlike the rest of the lavas on the island), this group
125 is thought to be minimally affected by assimilation of sediment during ascent (Bezard et al., 2014)
126 and is therefore the closest representative of St Lucia primary magma. However, Pre-SVC1 lava
127 compositions may not entirely reflect mantle source characteristics. Indeed, Bezard et al. (2015)
128 used Os isotopes to suggest that even the most mafic lavas that escaped sediment assimilation,
129 such as Pre-SVC1, could still have been partly modified by assimilation of lower crust during their
130 early storage. The second subgroup (Pre-SVC2) has more “continental” Sr-Nd isotopic
131 compositions (0.70611-0.70622 and 0.51251-0.51258 ($\epsilon\text{Nd} = -2.59$ to -1.14), respectively; Pb
132 isotopes were not analysed) that vary with indexes of differentiation such as SiO_2 and with mineral
133 $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ values, indicating larger contributions of assimilated sediment within the arc crust.

134 **Soufrière Volcanic Complex**

135 The second and younger group of volcanic rocks on the island is the Soufrière Volcanic Complex
136 (SVC). It comprises eroded high-silica andesite and dacite volcanic centres with associated
137 volcanoclastic units (Fig. 1b) dated between 3 Ma to Recent (Lindsay et al., 2013). Lindsay et al.
138 (2013) separated the activity of the SVC into three different periods. The first period of eruption
139 occurred between 3 Ma and ca. 250 Ka and produced andesitic stratovolcanoes of the SVC as well
140 as andesitic to dacitic pyroclastic deposits. This was followed by a major sector collapse between
141 250-100 Ka resulting in the Qualibou depression and uncovering the shallow parts of the SVC
142 basement made of mafic Pre-SVC1 units (e.g. SL-83-25 basaltic andesite; Bezard et al., 2014).
143 Finally, dacitic domes and pyroclastic deposits were emplaced in the region of the depression
144 during two main eruptive periods: 100-50 Ka and 20 Ka-present.

145 The SVC plumbing system was investigated by Schmitt et al. (2010) who proposed an
146 evolutionary model based on U-Th and (U-Th)/He zircon ages. Their results indicated episodic
147 thermal and mechanical rejuvenation within a complex of a long-lived intermediate mid-crustal
148 plutons under the Qualibou depression. SVC lavas display extreme Sr-Pb-Nd isotopic
149 compositions, typical of continental crust, with high Sr-Pb ($^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr} = 0.70754\text{-}0.70906$;
150 $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb} = 19.721\text{-}19.797$, $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb} = 15.826\text{-}15.846$, $^{208}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb} = 39.438\text{-}39.528$) and low
151 Nd isotopic ratios ($0.51210\text{-}0.51226$; $\epsilon\text{Nd} = -10.67$ to -7.36 ; Bezard et al., 2014). This shift to
152 continental signatures (compared to Pre-SVC lavas) correlates with increases in SiO_2 and is
153 associated with high $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ values in phenocrysts, supporting sediment assimilation during magma
154 differentiation (Bezard et al., 2014). The occurrence of the most continental signatures in the SVC
155 suggests a correlation between the factors responsible for the development of the silicic complex
156 and the occurrence of major crustal assimilation. However, the understanding of these factors is
157 beyond the scope of this contribution.

158 **SAMPLING AND ANALYTICAL PROCEDURES**

159 **Samples**

160 A total of 32 lava and pumice samples from St Lucia were selected to encompass the whole range
161 of major element compositions in both the Pre-SVC (basalt to rhyolite) and the SVC (high silica
162 andesite to dacite). These were analysed for their trace elements and 26 were selected for Hf
163 isotope analyses. All the samples have been previously analysed for major elements (Davidson,
164 1984; Lindsay et al., 2013) and Sr-Nd-Pb isotopes (Bezard et al., 2014) on the same hand samples.
165 Furthermore, 2 samples previously analysed for trace elements (Lindsay et al., 2013) by LA-
166 ICPMS were re-analysed to maintain internal consistency.

167 **Trace elements**

168 Thirty samples were analysed at Durham University and two samples analysed at the Geochemical
169 Analysis Unit (GAU) at Macquarie University.

170 At both Durham and Macquarie, samples were analysed twice: once using rock powder
171 and once on fused glass to obtain Zr, Hf, U and Ti concentrations in zircon-bearing rocks. Although
172 Ti concentrations were already obtained by X-ray fluorescence (XRF; Davidson, 1984; Lindsay et
173 al., 2013), we re-analysed it on fused glasses for consistency. At Durham trace elements were
174 analysed in solution by inductively coupled plasma mass spectrometry (ICP-MS) using the
175 Thermo Scientific X-Series Element 2 instrument using the technique described by Ottley et al.
176 (2003). Rock powders (0.1g) were digested in a HNO₃/HF mixture. After digestion, samples were
177 dried and re-dissolved in HNO₃ twice. The sample was then dissolved in dilute HNO₃ before
178 analysis. In all zircon-bearing felsic samples, rock powders were also fused with lithium
179 tetraborate flux and subsequently crushed in an agate ball mill and analysed again in solution

180 following the technique described by Ottley et al. (2003). For the latter analyses, data were blank
181 corrected using processed fused flux and fused fluxed standards for calibration. At Macquarie,
182 rock powders were analysed in solution using an Agilent 7500 Series ICP-MS instrument. As in
183 Durham, the rock powders were fused with Lithium tetraborate flux to obtain Zr, Hf, U and Ti
184 concentrations. Fused disks were analysed using a NewWave UP-213 laser ablation system linked
185 to an Agilent 7700 Series ICP-MS system. Ablation of the samples was performed in a helium-
186 filled chamber using a frequency of 5 Hz and an ablation spot size of 50 μm or a line 240 μm long.
187 CaO from XRF analyses was used as an internal standard. At both Durham and Macquarie
188 Universities, the reproducibility was checked by analysing three replicates of the same sample in
189 each batch. Relative standard deviation between the three replicates of each batch was less than
190 3% for all elements presented. The inter-lab reproducibility of the data was verified by analysing
191 basaltic standards BHVO-1 or BHVO-2 (which are identical for the elements presented, except for
192 Pb) in every batch of sample (results are provided in the Supplementary file 1). Differences
193 between our measured BHVO-1 concentrations in every batch and the Georem preferred values
194 (<http://georem.mpch-mainz.gwdg.de>) are less than 5% for all elements presented.

195 **Hf isotopes**

196 For Hf isotopes, 20 samples were analysed by multicollector-inductively coupled plasma-mass
197 spectrometry (MC-ICP-MS) using the Thermo Scientific Neptune instrument at Durham and six
198 samples were analysed using the same method but using a Nu plasma instrument at Macquarie. At
199 Durham, Hf was first collected from Sr-spec resin columns used to separate Sr and Pb from the
200 sample (Bezard et al., 2014). Hf was then separated from other rare earth elements and Ba using a
201 cationic resin (AG50W X-8) and from Ti using AG1-X8 anion-exchange resin. At Macquarie, Hf
202 was first collected from cation exchange resin columns (AG 50W-X8) where it was separated from

203 the Sr and Nd cuts (Bezard et al., 2014). The Hf cuts were then purified in two stages using AG1-
204 X8 and AG50W-X8 anion- and cation-exchange resins respectively. At both Durham and
205 Macquarie, the measurements were made in static-collection mode and mass bias was corrected
206 using $^{179}\text{Hf}/^{177}\text{Hf}$ of 0.7325 and an exponential law. At Durham, ten JMC475 solutions were
207 analysed during the analytical session. The average $^{176}\text{Hf}/^{177}\text{Hf}$ was 0.282144 ± 0.000006 (2SD)
208 and was then used to correct for $^{176}\text{Hf}/^{177}\text{Hf}$ of all processed samples and standards assuming a
209 JMC475 standard value of 0.282160 (Nowell et al., 1998). The $^{176}\text{Hf}/^{177}\text{Hf}$ of the two international
210 rock standards BIR-1 and BHVO-1 analysed were 0.283239 and 0.283105, respectively. At
211 Macquarie, four JMC475 solutions were analysed during the analytical session. The average was
212 0.282162 ± 0.000017 (2SD) which is in very good agreement with the accepted value. The
213 $^{176}\text{Hf}/^{177}\text{Hf}$ of BHVO-1 was 0.283107, which is in excellent agreement with Weis et al. (2007)
214 (0.283106 ± 12 ; 2SD) and with the BHVO-1 composition obtained in Durham which demonstrates
215 the excellent inter-lab reproducibility.

216 **RESULTS**

217 New trace element and Hf isotope data are presented in Table 1 along with the corresponding
218 major elements, Sr, Nd and Pb isotope ratios (Bezard et al., 2014).

219 **Trace elements**

220 Pre-SVC and SVC lavas and pumices display classic arc trace element signatures with enrichment
221 in LILE and depletion of HFSE relative to the REE. However, in detail, distinctions exist, not only
222 between the Pre-SVC and SVC volcanic rocks, but also between the Pre-SVC1 and Pre-SVC2
223 samples (Fig. 3). Extended trace element patterns presented in Fig. 3b, d and f clearly show that
224 the main differences amongst the lavas are found in L/M-HREE and Th/Ba and Th/U. When

225 normalised to chondrite, Pre-SVC1 lavas (Fig. 3a, b) display negative Th anomalies with
226 $\text{Th}/\text{Th}^*(\text{Th}_N / ((\text{Ba}_N + \text{U}_N)/2))$ between 0.45-0.71, and a flat REE pattern with La/Sm, La/Yb,
227 $\text{Dy}/\text{Dy}^* (= \text{Dy}_N / (\text{La}_N^{4/13} * \text{Yb}_N^{9/13}))$ and Dy/Yb ranging between 1.4-1.9, 1.5-2.3, 0.87-1.07 and
228 1.47-1.65 respectively. They also display variable Ba/Th (98-200). Compared to Pre-SVC1, Pre-
229 SVC2 (Fig. 3c and d) lavas have slightly higher Th/Th* (0.80-0.84) lower Ba/Th (85-95) and
230 slightly enriched LREE/M-HREE with La/Sm, La/Yb, Dy/Dy* and Dy/Yb ranging between 2.5-
231 3, 2.9-3.5, 0.79-0.85 and 1.58-1.6, respectively. Samples from the SVC (Fig. 3e, f) plot within a
232 very narrow compositional range. They have negligible Th anomalies ($\text{Th}/\text{Th}^*=0.87-1.08$), low
233 Ba/Th (58-79) and a REE pattern highly enriched in LREE compared with M-HREE, with La/Sm,
234 La/Yb, Dy/Dy* and Dy/Yb between 5.6-8.2, 10.5-18.4, 0.47-0.59, 1.51-1.72, respectively.

235 **Hf isotopes**

236 Hf isotope ratios (Fig. 4a) also differ between the three groups defined by the trace element
237 concentrations and the Sr-Nd-Pb isotopes (Fig. 4b). Pre-SVC1 samples have typical oceanic arc
238 isotopic signatures with $^{176}\text{Hf}/^{177}\text{Hf}$ ranging between 0.283027 and 0.283156 ($\epsilon\text{Hf} = +9.02$ to
239 $+13.57$). Pre-SVC2 lavas extend toward some more radiogenic signatures with $^{176}\text{Hf}/^{177}\text{Hf}$ ranging
240 between 0.282755 and 0.282802 ($\epsilon\text{Hf} = -0.60$ to $+1.08$). Finally, all the SVC samples have very
241 radiogenic signatures with $^{176}\text{Hf}/^{177}\text{Hf}$ between 0.282419 and 0.282603 ($\epsilon\text{Hf} = -14.11$ to -5.98).

242 **SEDIMENT ASSIMILATION CONTROL ON MAGMA COMPOSITIONS**

243 **Impact of sediment assimilation on $^{176}\text{Hf}/^{177}\text{Hf}$**

244 Two principal factors are capable of producing variations in the isotopic compositions of arc
245 magmas: (1) variation in the nature and amount of subducted slab component(s) added to the
246 source (from current or previous subduction) and (2) changes in the amount of crust assimilation.

247 Bezard et al. (2014) showed that on St Lucia, Sr-Pb-Nd isotope variations correlate with indices
248 of differentiation and also with a clear departure from the mantle range of phenocryst $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ values
249 providing unequivocal evidence for sediment assimilation. Sediments with continental Sr, Nd and
250 Pb isotopes also typically have continental Hf isotopes (e.g. Vervoort et al., 1999), therefore Hf
251 isotopes are expected to be affected by assimilation too. Hf isotope ratios decrease from Pre-SVC1
252 to the SVC lavas and correlate with the variations toward more continental signatures observed in
253 Nd, Sr, Pb and O isotopes, consistent with control of Hf isotopes by sediment assimilation. This
254 is confirmed when Hf isotopes are plotted against SiO_2 (Fig. 5a) revealing similar variations to that
255 shown by $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$ versus SiO_2 (Fig. 5b). Pre-SVC1 shows negligible variation in $^{176}\text{Hf}/^{177}\text{Hf}$
256 trend while Pre-SVC2 and SVC volcanic rocks show a clear negative correlation. The absence of
257 correlation between radiogenic isotope compositions and indices of differentiation in the Pre-
258 SVC1 lavas suggests closed system fractional crystallisation, while the correlation formed by SVC
259 and Pre-SVC2 samples argues for assimilation during differentiation. Since the two trends back
260 project toward a similar end member, the two groups seem to share a similar primitive/parental
261 magma, as suggested by Sr-Nd isotopes (Fig. 5b, c).

262 **Impact of sediment assimilation on trace elements**

263 The main trace element variations observed amongst the St Lucia volcanic rocks are tightly linked
264 with the isotopic variations shown to result from sediment assimilation and may therefore be
265 controlled by the same process. Indeed, similar to radiogenic isotopes, no La/Sm and Th/Th*
266 variation exists with increasing SiO_2 in Pre-SVC1 lavas, while Pre-SVC2 and SVC volcanic rocks
267 form a trend toward higher Th/Th* and La/Sm with increasing SiO_2 , similar to the isotope ratios
268 (Fig. 5e, f). However, unlike radiogenic isotopes, trace elements are affected by mineral
269 fractionation. Therefore, the increases in La/Sm and Th/Th* observed in St Lucia volcanic rocks,

270 which are tightly linked with the assimilation event, do not necessarily reflect the composition of
271 the assimilant and might instead (or in part) be produced by a change in the fractionating mineral
272 assemblage. For example, a change in the fractionating assemblage could be caused by a change
273 in water content of the magma produced by the dehydration of the assimilant during its
274 incorporation. In order to constrain the impact of sediment assimilation on the trace element
275 variations observed between Pre-SVC1, Pre-SVC2 and SVC volcanic rocks, the effects related to
276 fractional crystallisation alone need to be quantified first. To do so, determination and
277 quantification of the phases involved in fractionation of the Pre-SVC1 basalt liquid to produce the
278 SVC lavas was undertaken using major element concentrations. A Pre-SVC1 basalt (SL-83-44)
279 was chosen as a starting composition since this represent the most mafic end-member on the island
280 and both the trends formed by Pre-SVC1 and by Pre-SVC2 and SVC back project toward this
281 composition. Using partition coefficients, we subsequently model La/Sm and Th/Th* variations
282 due to mineral fractionation and then compare these with the observed SVC compositions.

283 *Determination of the fractionating assemblage using major elements*

284 In the absence of crustal assimilation, the major element compositions of magmas are only
285 controlled by the composition of the primitive magma and the phases removed by crystal
286 fractionation. In a case where crustal assimilation is significant and the assimilant has a distinct
287 major element composition to the magma, the differentiation trend might show a clear change at
288 the onset of assimilation.

289 When plotted on an AFM diagram (Fig. 6a), all of the Pre-SVC1 samples plot in the
290 tholeiitic field (Irvine & Baragar (1971) boundary) while the SVC samples all belong to the calc-
291 alkaline field and Pre-SVC2 lavas plot at the boundary between the two or in the calc-alkaline
292 field. Therefore, samples that experienced increasing sediment assimilation were progressively

293 displaced toward the calc-alkaline field. Such observation is consistent with experiments of Grove
294 et al. (1982) which show that assimilation of crustal material can produce a calc-alkaline trend
295 from tholeiites. However, when major element oxide variations are plotted against SiO₂ (Fig. 6b-
296 g), no significant change in the differentiation trends between Pre-SVC and SVC samples are
297 observed. In the Pre-SVC samples, most major element oxides show a general linear trend from
298 basalt to rhyolite, although scatter exists in the data. The absence of inflections indicates that there
299 was no sudden major modal abundance changes in the fractionating assemblages, nor sudden
300 addition of assimilant with a very distinct composition. The SVC compositional trends are linear
301 and overlap with the Pre-SVC trends for CaO, TiO₂, MgO and K₂O, however, the SVC have
302 slightly higher Al₂O₃ and lower FeO_t (total Fe as FeO). This slight difference might be either due
303 to a change in the phases of the fractionating assemblage and/or in the amount of the phases
304 fractionated or due to assimilation.

305 For all St Lucia samples, > 93% of CIPW normative minerals plot in the quartz-feldspar-
306 orthopyroxene-clinopyroxene tetrahedral system and all Pre-SVC and SVC samples could have
307 been differentiated from the most mafic Pre-SVC sample (SL-83-44) by fractionation of
308 clinopyroxene + orthopyroxene + plagioclase. SVC samples follow the Pre-SVC cotectic and Pre-
309 SVC and SVC andesites have very similar normative compositions. Although CIPW norms
310 represent a dry system, the results are in very good agreement with the mineralogical assemblages
311 observed in thin section. All the Pre-SVC lavas have phenocryst assemblages that are comprised
312 of plagioclase, clinopyroxene, orthopyroxene with minor ilmenite and resorbed olivine. The SVC
313 andesite phenocryst assemblages are mainly comprised of plagioclase, orthopyroxene with minor
314 resorbed quartz. Finally, the SVC dacites contain some or all of the phases plagioclase,
315 orthopyroxene or cummingtonite, quartz, biotite and hornblende microphenocrysts. Plutonic

316 inclusions found in some of the SVC volcanic rocks have the same mineral assemblage as their
317 host but in different modes.

318 In order to further test whether the Pre-SVC1 and SVC andesites can both be produced by
319 fractionation of similar phases from the most mafic Pre-SVC1 lava and to constrain the modal
320 abundances of such phases, we performed least-squares modelling using an Excel-based version
321 of XTLFRAC (Stormer & Nicholls, 1978). We used the most mafic Pre-SVC1 lava (SL-83-44) as
322 a starting composition, and high-silica andesite (with similar SiO₂) from both the Pre-SVC and the
323 SVC groups for the resultant magmas. For the possible fractionating assemblages, we explored
324 combinations of all different phase compositions found in both the Pre-SVC mafic-andesitic
325 samples and the SVC andesitic mineral assemblages (and in both volcanic rocks and xenoliths).
326 Since amphibole is not present in either the Pre-SVC or SVC andesites, we used the composition
327 of high-Ca and low-Ca hornblende micro-phenocrysts found in some SVC dacites and in the
328 plutonic xenoliths. In the model, we used combinations of 9 major elements oxides and 4 phases.
329

330 The least squares models are presented in Fig. 6b-g. A very good fit of $\sum R^2 = 0.05$ was
331 obtained by fractionating the observed plagioclase + clinopyroxene + orthopyroxene + ilmenite
332 assemblage for the Pre-SVC andesite (Table 2 model #3). Using the same phenocryst assemblage,
333 but with orthopyroxene having slightly lower MgO and plagioclase with lower anorthite, a very
334 good $\sum R^2$ was obtain for the SVC andesite ($\sum R^2 = 0.03$) (Table 2, model #1).

335 No least squares solution that involves fractionation of amphibole (using either the SVC
336 dacite or granitoid amphibole composition) or olivine produced a residual melt with the Pre-SVC
337 andesite composition. For the SVC andesite, a good fit for an amphibole-bearing assemblage could
338 be obtained, however, it only involved fractionation of less than 1% of amphibole (Table 2, model

339 #2). The fits were not improved when phase compositions from the plutonic xenolith assemblages
340 were used.

341 *Impact of the fractionating assemblage on the trace element variations*

342 Using the most mafic Pre-SVC1 lava (SL-83-44) as a starting composition, the partition
343 coefficients presented in Table 3 and the Rayleigh fractionation equation, we calculated the impact
344 of fractionation of the least squares model assemblages on Th/Th* and the REE ratios of the
345 magmas. Results are presented in Table 2.

346 *Th/Th**; The results show that none of the fractionating assemblages obtained from the
347 least squares models can produce a significant increase in Th/Th* (Fig. 5f). Residual melts from
348 least square models #1 and #2 have Th/Th* of 0.72, while the residual melt from model #3 has a
349 ratio of 0.71. Therefore, Th/Th* of all residual melts are very similar or identical to the starting
350 melt composition (SL-83-44; Th/Th* = 0.71), and indicate that Th/Th* remains almost constant
351 during fractionation. Th/Th* obtained are far lower than the ratio observed in the SVC andesite of
352 0.96, suggesting that the difference needs to be accounted for by sediment assimilation. Because
353 the decrease of the Th anomaly in the Pre-SVC2 and the SVC lavas relative to Pre-SVC1 lavas is
354 due to an increase in Th instead of a decrease in Ba and U (Fig. 3), we argue that the assimilant
355 possesses higher Th/Ba and Th/U than the Pre-SVC1 lavas.

356 Ba/Th is often used to constrain the amount of fluid versus sediment from the subducting
357 slab in the mantle wedge source. On St Lucia, the increase in Th reduces the Ba/Th of the Pre-
358 SVC2 and SVC volcanic rocks by 16-25% and 32-39% respectively. We therefore suggest that a
359 correlation between Th/Th* and SiO₂ should be precluded before using a proxy such as Ba/Th for
360 source characterisation. Pre-SVC1 samples do not show any correlation of Th anomaly with SiO₂,

361 therefore, the large range of Ba/Th should represent source variations, if no other cryptic
362 assimilation has occurred.

363 *REE*; As noted by Davidson et al. (2007), during magma differentiation, fractionation of
364 olivine and plagioclase does not significantly affect the L/M-HREE. Although pyroxene
365 fractionation can increase the L/M-HREE of the magma slightly, amphibole and garnet
366 fractionation (including amphibole crystallising by reaction-replacement of clinopyroxene; Smith,
367 2014) produce larger changes in this ratio.

368 The fractionating assemblages obtained from least squares modelling provide no
369 suggestion of garnet fractionation during differentiation from Pre-SVC1 basalt to Pre-SVC1 or
370 SVC andesites. The absence of garnet fractionation is confirmed by the lower Dy/Dy* of the SVC
371 (0.47-0.59) and Pre-SVC2 (0.79 vs 0.85) volcanic rocks compared to Pre-SVC1 basalt (0.97).
372 Indeed, garnet preferentially incorporates HREE followed by MREE and LREE while amphibole
373 and pyroxene preferentially incorporate MREE followed by HREE and LREE (Davidson et al.,
374 2013). The Dy/Yb and Dy/Dy* of the most mafic Pre-SVC1 lava (SL-83-44) is chondritic,
375 therefore, any garnet fractionation during differentiation of such magma would produce magma
376 with Dy/Dy* > 1. However, Dy/Dy* is < 1 for Pre-SVC2 and SVC lavas, which indicates that
377 fractionation of garnet from the more primitive St Lucia basalt is very unlikely to be involved in
378 their genesis. Therefore, only pyroxene and amphibole fractionation are capable of increasing
379 L/M-HREE in the Pre-SVC1 and SVC andesites.

380 As for Th/Th*, fractionation of the least squares models mineral assemblages obtained for
381 the production of Pre-SVC1 andesites (SL-83-41; La/Sm = 1.9; La/Yb = 2.3) and SVC andesites
382 (SL-83-17; La/Sm = 5.7; La/Yb = 11.3) from the differentiation of Pre-SVC1 basalt (SL-83-44;

383 La/Sm = 1.65; La/Yb = 1.74) did not result in any significant increase in La/Sm in the residual
384 melt (Fig. 5e). Indeed, results show that fractionation of assemblages #1 and #3, which are
385 amphibole-free, produced a residual melt with L/M-HREE similar to the observed Pre-SVC1
386 andesitic ratios (SL-83-41; La/Yb = 2.30; La/Sm = 1.90) with La/Yb and La/Sm of 2.19-2.31 and
387 1.82-1.90 respectively. Fractionation of the amphibole-bearing assemblage (0.9% hornblende; #2),
388 also yields low La/Yb or La/Sm (2.29 and 2.02; Fig. 5e). These low L/M-HREE indicate that the
389 increase in La/Sm (and La/Yb) observed in the SVC volcanic rocks cannot be due to mineral
390 fractionation but rather reflects the characteristics of the assimilated.

391 **COMPOSITION OF THE SEDIMENT ASSIMILATED**

392 **Major and trace elements**

393 The limited differences in major element compositions between Pre-SVC and SVC lavas of similar
394 MgO can be easily accounted for by fractional crystallisation alone. This indicates that, if
395 significant crustal assimilation occurred in the SVC, addition of the assimilated must have had a
396 similar effect on major element compositions of the magma as the removal of the crystallising
397 assemblage. Terrigenous sediments derived from continental crust could have appropriate
398 compositions since they are andesitic to silicic on average (e.g. Plank and Langmuir, 1998). Many
399 of the local sediments fulfill such criteria. This is true of the pelagic and radiolarian clays drilled
400 on the subducting plate at Site DSDP site 543 (see Supplementary data file 2 for sedimentary
401 sequences description) and for the terrigenous claystones and sandstones from Barbados
402 sediments, both of which originate from the South American craton (Carpentier et al., 2009).
403 Contamination by carbonate-rich sediments, such as grey marl and chalk ooze (Units 1 and 2;
404 Mean CaO=30 wt. %) or the black shales (Unit 3; Mean CaO = 33 wt. %) intersected at DSDP site
405 144 (see Supplementary data file 2), seems less likely since their assimilation should produce a

406 shift in the differentiation trend of CaO in the Pre-SVC2 and SVC volcanic rocks compared to Pre-
407 SVC1 lavas, which is not observed (Fig. 6). Alternatively, it could be argued that the effect on
408 CaO of assimilation of such sediment could be buffered by fractionation of large quantities of
409 calcic magmatic phases such as plagioclase and clinopyroxene.

410 Local sediments having the assimilant trace element features are abundant since high
411 La/Yb or La/Sm ratios and high Th/Ba and Th/U relative to Pre-SVC1 lavas characterise sediments
412 from both DSDP sites 543, 144 and from Scotland formation of Barbados (not the Oceanic
413 formation which comprises tephra) (Carpentier et al., 2008; 2009).

414 **Isotopic composition and rate of sediment assimilation**

415 AFC modelling performed in the 1980's and 1990's to explain the extreme isotope signatures of
416 the Lesser Antilles lavas highlighted the need for the assimilant to have very radiogenic Pb, but
417 failed to find local sediment with such composition (e.g. Thirlwall et al., 1996). The local
418 sediments are mainly terrigenous, and it was suggested that biogenic (organic-rich) sediments,
419 which typically have more radiogenic Pb, would be necessary to explain the isotopic composition
420 of the Lesser Antilles lavas (Thirlwall et al., 1996). Recently, Carpentier et al. (2008; 2009)
421 presented new isotopic data for local sediments including those from Barbados, DSDP site 543
422 and DSDP site 144. At the latter site, black shales (present only in Unit 3) with extremely
423 radiogenic Pb were encountered (e.g. Carpentier et al., 2008; 2009) and could possibly represent
424 the "missing endmember".

425 We calculated the "minimum" isotopic composition, i.e. the composition with the lowest
426 Sr and Pb isotope ratios and highest Nd and Hf isotope ratios, necessary for any assimilant that
427 would be able to explain Pre-SVC2 and SVC signatures using reasonable parameters. This was

428 then compared to the composition of the local sediments to assess the most likely relative
429 contribution of terrigenous versus biogenic sediment (such as black shales). We used the AFC
430 equations of De Paolo (1981), in which several parameters must be accounted for: (1) the initial
431 magma composition, (2) the bulk partition coefficient for which the fractionating assemblage and
432 the partition coefficients need to be known, (3) the fraction of melt remaining, “F”, , the (4) trace
433 element and isotopic composition of the assimilant and (5) the assimilation / crystallisation ratio
434 or assimilation rate, “r”.

435 As in the least squares models, and for the same reasons, the most mafic Pre-SVC1 lava
436 (SL-83-44) was used for the initial magma composition for trace elements. For the isotopic
437 composition, we again used SL-83-44 (basalt), along with SL-83-25 (basaltic andesite) to
438 encompass most of the range of isotopic compositions observed in the Pre-SVC1 samples. For
439 each element, the bulk partition coefficients were calculated using the assemblages produced by
440 the two best least square models obtained for SVC andesite (models #1 and 2; Table 2) and the
441 compilation of partition coefficients (k_{dS}) presented in Table 3. We ensured that the amount of
442 fractionating assemblage, and therefore the amount of melt remaining, was constant in every
443 isotope-isotope space modelled. The SVC volcanic rocks display some isotopic variation,
444 precluding the modelling of all SVC samples by the same amount of fractionation. In each isotope-
445 isotope space, we used the F value suggested by the least squares models (F~15%; corresponding
446 to ~85% fractionation) for the most extreme lava composition of the SVC (highest Sr and Pb
447 isotope ratios and lowest Nd and Hf isotope ratios). This resulted in all SVC lava compositions
448 being explained with F ranging between ~80% and 15%.

449 Given that reasonable assumptions can be made for the first three factors, we can constrain
450 the trace element composition of the assimilant, its “minimum” isotopic composition (5) and the
451 rate of assimilation (6).

452 *The best fit for trace elements and isotope compositions of the assimilant*

453 As discussed in the previous section, the assimilant displays higher La/Sm and Th concentration
454 than the Pre-SVC1 lavas. Such characteristics can be found in all local sediments that have been
455 analysed (Carpentier et al., 2008), except the Oceanic Formation in Barbados, which contains ash
456 layers. Because the magmas erupting in the southern arc are thought to have intruded through the
457 Aves Ridge forearc basin, any sediments from the Grenada and Tobago basins could represent the
458 assimilant. These two basins accumulated up to 14 km of sedimentation that started in the
459 Paleogene. Sequences deposited before Lesser Antilles magmatism were mainly derived from the
460 South American continent, with only minor amounts from the Aves Ridge (Aitken et al., 2011 and
461 references therein). Because no published trace element compositions exist for the Grenada and
462 Tobago sediments, we used published compositions of the sediments located on the subducting
463 slab near the trench since they were shown to derive dominantly from the Amazon tributary
464 draining the Guyana and Brazilian cratons (Allegre et al., 1996). We investigated different options
465 for trace element concentrations of the assimilant including: (a) the bulk composition of site 144
466 (mainly biogenic), (b) the bulk composition of site 543 sediment (below the décollement found at
467 ~170m in the sequence; mainly terrigenous), (c) the bulk composition of the Scotland Formation
468 of Barbados (terrigenous) and (d) a mix of 50 % each of bulk compositions of sediments from
469 DSDP sites 543 and 144 (reflecting a sequence comprising similar amounts of biogenic and
470 terrigenous sediments; bulk compositions for each site were determined by Carpentier et al. (2008;

471 2009)). Subsequently, we determined the minimum isotopic composition of the assimilant required
472 to model the Pre-SVC2 and SVC lavas.

473 *Sr, Nd, Hf and Pb concentrations of the assimilant;* No good fit was obtained using the
474 bulk trace element composition of sediments from the three different sites (a,b,c); mainly due to
475 Sr/Nd being either too low, or too high suggesting that the assimilant cannot be pure terrigenous
476 or biogenic sediment. However, a 50-50% mix of bulk site 144 and bulk site 543 sediments (d),
477 results in Sr/Nd, Hf/Nd and Nd/Pb (~20, ~0.15, ~1.75, respectively) that can explain the trends
478 observed in the isotope-isotope diagrams (Fig. 4a,b,c,d). This mixed sediment has Sr, Nd, Hf and
479 Pb concentrations of 383 ppm, 22.7 ppm, 2.5 ppm, 13.0 ppm, respectively.

480 *“Minimum” isotopic composition of the assimilant;* Taking into account all the previous
481 parameters (See supplementary data file 1 for all parameters and AFC model data), the “minimum”
482 composition permissible for the assimilant is: $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr} = 0.7091$, $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd} = 0.51205$,
483 $^{176}\text{Hf}/^{177}\text{Hf} = 0.28227$, $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb} = 19.81$, $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb} = 15.85$, $^{208}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb} = 39.54$ (Fig. 4a-d).
484 The presence of amphibole (<1%) in the fractionating assemblage results in insignificant changes
485 in the modeled trends on the isotope-isotope diagrams. The use of SL-83-25 as a starting
486 composition results in a better fit than using SL-83-44. This ‘minimum’ isotopic composition of
487 the assimilant to explain the Pre-SVC2 and SVC volcanic rocks compositions requires a rate of
488 assimilation (r) of ~0.8. This value is considered reasonable since high rates of assimilation ($r \geq 1$)
489 are a feature of recent models (Beard et al., 2005) whereby bulk assimilation of crust is driven by
490 reactions during melting, limiting the energy necessary for the process to proceed. Given that all
491 the parameters used in this model are reasonable, we suggest that the modeled “minimum”
492 composition for the assimilant is realistic.

493 *Best fit for L/M-HREE and Ba/Th versus isotopes models;* Given that the variations in
494 isotopic compositions of St Lucia volcanic rocks are correlated with variations in REE patterns
495 and LILE/HFSE, we verified that the 50-50% mix of bulk site 144 and bulk site 543 sediments,
496 having ideal Sr, Nd, Hf and Pb concentrations to model the isotopic variations, also had suitable
497 REE and Ba, Th and U concentrations to explain the high La/Yb and La/Sm (Fig. 4e,f) and the
498 observed Ba/Th and Th/Th* of the volcanic rocks using the same model parameters. This mixed
499 sediment has La, Sm and Yb concentrations of 25.16 ppm, 4.48 ppm and 1.90 ppm, with La/Sm
500 and La/Yb of 5.6 and 13.2 and Ba and Th concentrations of 562 ppm and 7.8 ppm, respectively.

501 The increase in La/Yb and La/Sm observed from Pre-SVC1 to Pre-SVC2 lavas are very
502 well reproduced by the model with no change in parameters. The La/Yb and La/Sm ratios of SVC
503 volcanic rocks can also be modeled very well. However, more residual melt (and therefore less
504 mineral fractionation) than the amount determined by the least squares models is needed to explain
505 the SVC andesite compositions ($F \sim 15\%$). This can be observed in Fig. 4e and f which shows that
506 using both amphibole-bearing and amphibole-free assemblages, the La/Yb composition of the
507 SVC andesites plot between $F = 70-55\%$ which corresponds to 30-45% fractionation, and the SVC
508 andesites La/Sm plot between $F = 70-20\%$ ($F = 70-55\%$ for amphibole-bearing assemblage and F
509 $= 55-20\%$ for the amphibole-free assemblage).

510 This F discrepancy could be argued to be due to the use of La/Sm and La/Yb assimilated
511 values that are too high. However, a decrease of these ratios to unreasonable values ($\text{La/Yb} = 5.3$;
512 $\text{La/Sm} \leq 4.24$) would be necessary in order to model the SVC andesites compositions with $F \sim 15$
513 $\%$. Indeed, no local sediment would have low enough La/Yb and La/Sm while having $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$
514 radiogenic enough (Fig. 4e) to explain the andesite compositions. Therefore, we suggest that the
515 F discrepancy in the L/M-HREE versus isotope ratio model may result from the interplay of both

516 (1) values of La/Sm and La/Yb that are slightly too high in the assimilant used and (2) an
517 overestimation of the amount of fractionation obtained by the major element least squares models
518 which may instead be comprised between 55 and 75% (F = 45-25 %). The overestimation of the
519 amount of fractionation could easily be explained by the fact that the system is open, and may be
520 caused by the impact of both recharge events and assimilation on the major element composition
521 of the SVC magmas. In addition, the overestimate could also result from the use of an invariant
522 fractionated mineral assemblage in the AFC model. The impact of this potential overestimation of
523 F on the modeled “minimum” assimilant composition from the isotope data is nevertheless
524 insignificant. Indeed, using F ~ 55 % instead of F ~ 15 % to model the most extreme SVC signature
525 in the isotope-isotope models yields a very similar minimum assimilant isotopic composition:
526 $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}=0.7093$, $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}=0.5120$, $^{176}\text{Hf}/^{177}\text{Hf}=0.28220$, $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}=19.83$,
527 $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}=15.85$, $^{208}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}=39.54$ (see supplementary file 1).

528 In a similar way to La/Sm and La/Yb, the SVC Ba/Th were modeled successfully, but with
529 $F > 20\%$ (Fig. 4g) which supports the inference of an overestimation of fractionation from the
530 REE. However, unlike the REE, the choice of a sediment with slightly higher Ba/Th compared to
531 the composition of the mix used is possible and could cancel the small F discrepancy. A sediment
532 with a slightly higher Ba/Th (~83 instead of 72 for the mix) would be consistent with the Th/Th*
533 necessary to model the composition of Pre-SVC2 and SVC volcanic rocks. Indeed, using the Ba,
534 Th and U content of the 50-50% mix of bulk site 144 and bulk site 543 sediments manages to
535 successfully reproduce the Th/Th* increase between Pre-SVC1 and SVC, as shown in Fig. 5g.
536 However, for the model path to go through Pre-SVC2 lavas, the sediment assimilated needs to
537 have a slightly lower Th/Th* (0.93) than the mix of 50% bulk site 543 + 50% bulk site 144
538 sediment used (1.07; Fig. 5g).

539 *Comparison of the “minimum” assimilant composition with the local sediments*

540 The modeled isotopic composition of the assimilant overlaps Units 1 and 2 of DSDP site 144
541 sediments in terms of Sr, Nd and Pb isotopes but is also not very different from site 543 and
542 Barbados sediment compositions (Fig. 4). In terms of Hf isotope ratio, the assimilant plots amongst
543 the less radiogenic compositions of Barbados and Unit 1 and 2 of site 144 sediments. Black shales
544 such as those present in Unit 3 of DSDP site 144, and which display the most radiogenic Pb
545 isotopic composition known in the Caribbean area, are not required in the St Lucia basement to
546 explain SVC lava isotopic compositions. In fact, although our modeled assimilant represents the
547 “minimum” composition which means the assimilant could be more radiogenic, assimilation of
548 black shales seems very unlikely. This is because black shales all display $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb} > 21$ which
549 can hardly be reached by a model that goes through the SVC volcanic rock compositions. It is
550 particularly obvious on the $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$ vs. $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$ diagram (Fig. 4d). Furthermore, the black
551 shales have higher $^{176}\text{Hf}/^{177}\text{Hf}$ than some SVC lavas (>0.2824), which argues against their
552 likelihood of representing the assimilant. Carbonate-rich sediment similar to Units 1 and 2 of site
553 144 could fit with the isotopic composition of our assimilant. However, as mentioned earlier, these
554 sediments have a mean CaO of ~30 wt. % and significant plagioclase and/or clinopyroxene
555 fractionation would be needed to offset the related CaO increase in the magma during assimilation.
556 Furthermore, the trace element composition of such sediments is not suitable because the Sr/Nd is
557 too high (Mean Units 1 and 2 sediment Sr/Nd = 62 while Sr/Nd needed in the model is ~20).
558 Terrigenous sediments from DSDP 543 and Barbados have isotopic compositions very close to
559 the modelled assimilant. However, like site 144 Unit 1-2 sediments, their trace element
560 composition is not suitable for modelling St Lucia volcanic rocks because Sr/Nd (~4) is too low.
561 We therefore suggest that the assimilant is more likely to be a mix of terrigenous and biogenic

562 sediment, since this would fulfil all the characteristics of the assimilant, both in terms of major,
563 trace elements and isotopes. Such an interpretation would be in agreement with the heterogeneous
564 composition of the sequences found in the Grenada and Tobago basins, through which the arc
565 magmas are thought to have intruded. Indeed the basin sequences comprise deep-water turbidite,
566 pelagic and volcanogenic shales and siltstone, with some biogenic limestone in the deeper parts
567 (Aitken et al., 2011).

568 **THE COMPOSITION OF THE MANTLE SOURCE REGION BENEATH ST LUCIA**

569 Due to the continental signature of the lavas, the mantle source under the south of the arc has long
570 been suspected to comprise more sediment than in the north of the arc and/or sediment with more
571 “continental” isotopic composition (White & Dupré, 1986; Carpentier et al., 2008). However,
572 Bezard et al. (2014) showed that in St Lucia, volcanic rocks with Sr, Nd and Pb isotopic
573 compositions more continental than those of “typical oceanic arc” are in fact the result of
574 assimilation of continent-derived sediment. So are the Hf isotopic compositions and LILE/HFSE
575 and L/M-HREE, as demonstrated in the previous sections. Therefore, based on trace elements and
576 the Sr, Nd, Hf and Pb isotope composition of the lavas which have not been affected by sediment
577 assimilation (i.e. Pre-SVC1 lavas), the source beneath St Lucia may be similar to that beneath the
578 northern islands. However, Bezard et al. (2015) show that, even the composition of lavas that
579 avoided sediment assimilation need to be interpreted with care. Indeed, some lithophile isotopic
580 and trace element features of some of the most primitive lavas along the arc (including Pre-SVC1
581 lavas) were shown to result from assimilation of igneous basement early during magma
582 differentiation (Bezard et al., 2015). Below, using all these constraints, we interpret St Lucia source
583 characteristics and compare these with the rest of the arc.

584 **Crustal assimilation by Pre-SVC1 magmas?**

585 The absence of a correlation between SiO₂ and radiogenic isotopes (Fig. 5a, b, c, d), Ba/Th (not
586 shown) and L/M-HREE (Fig. 5e) in the Pre-SVC1 lava compositions suggest that their magmas
587 avoided substantial sediment assimilation during differentiation from basalt to rhyolite, and could
588 therefore have preserved St Lucia mantle source characteristics. However, their low MgO values,
589 even for the most mafic lavas of this suite, indicates that they evolved from a more primitive
590 precursor. Therefore, the possibility of cryptic assimilation, either during basaltic differentiation
591 from the primary magma and/or between basalt and rhyolite differentiation, needs be considered.

592 Methods to investigate assimilation of crust during the production of Pre-SVC1 basalt are
593 limited. Bezdard et al. (2014) shown that $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ values of pyroxene and plagioclase phenocrysts from
594 Pre-SVC1 basalt lie at the upper-end of, or slightly above their mantle ranges. This suggests that
595 these crystals grew in a magma that assimilated very limited amounts of sediment (having high
596 $\delta^{18}\text{O}$). Such limited amounts are unlikely to have had substantial effects on the whole rock isotopic
597 composition (Bezard et al., 2014). On the other hand, assimilation of an igneous component with
598 mantle-like $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ by the primary magmas, leading to Pre-SVC1 basalt compositions, cannot be
599 precluded and has been recently suggested by Bezard et al. (2015). These authors used Os isotope
600 data to show that, except for Grenada, the most primitive lavas found along the arc, including Pre-
601 SVC1 basalt SL-83-44, were affected by assimilation of plagioclase-rich cumulates in the deep arc
602 crust. This is suggested to decrease $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ and La/Sm and increases Sr/Th in the primary magmas
603 while keeping unmodified $\delta^{18}\text{O}$, Nd isotopes and Pb isotopes (Bezard et al., 2015).

604 Assimilation of igneous crust may also explain some or all the compositional variations
605 observed amongst Pre-SVC1 samples. While Pre-SVC1 $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$ and $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$ isotope
606 compositions are nearly identical, some small variations are observed for $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$, $^{176}\text{Hf}/^{177}\text{Hf}$,

607 $^{208}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$ and $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$ (Fig. 4). These variations do not follow the same trajectory as the SVC
608 and Pre-SVC2 AFC trend, and cannot be explained by assimilation of any local sediments. Instead,
609 they could either be explained by variations in the composition of the mantle source (either pre-
610 existing variations in the mantle wedge or variations in the composition of the subducted sediment)
611 or by variable amount of assimilation of igneous crust. Once again, discriminating between source
612 and crustal processes using lithophile radiogenic isotopes and the mineral $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ data available is
613 not straightforward. Indeed, the overlap of mineral $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ with the mantle range, the very limited
614 radiogenic isotope variation in Pre-SVC1 group and the absence of correlations between these
615 indices and SiO_2 do not preclude sporadic assimilation, or assimilation of material with SiO_2 and
616 $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ compositions resembling that of the magma. As mentioned above, $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$ was shown to
617 be a powerful tool to detect assimilation of igneous material but was analysed in only one basalt
618 from St Lucia. Given that plagioclase-rich cumulate assimilation likely modified the composition
619 of the primitive magma, it could also be responsible for some of the small compositional variations
620 observed amongst Pre-SVC1 lavas. However, assimilation of plagioclase cumulates was shown to
621 only clearly affect Sr isotopes, hence, variations of at least Nd and Pb isotopes and maybe Hf
622 isotopes (which were not investigated by Bezard et al. (2015) since no data were available for most
623 of the lavas analysed) need to be explained by either another assimilant or a source process.
624 However, in the absence of evidence for the former hypothesis, a source origin is the most plausible
625 explanation for the isotopic variations observed.

626 **Amount of subducted sediment in the source**

627 Given that part of the composition of the most primitive lava of the island is likely affected
628 by cumulate assimilation and that the small isotopic variations observed amongst Pre-SVC1 lavas
629 may also be due to assimilation, constraining the source characteristics of the primitive St Lucia

630 magmas, such as the amount and the isotopic composition of slab-derived material added to the
631 mantle, is not straightforward. However, the maximum amount of sediment involved in the mantle
632 source can be estimated using mixing models and published compositions of the subducting slab
633 units.

634 Slab components in the magma source region could be inherited from (1) fluids or melts
635 from the subducting sediments and/or (2) fluids or melts from the subducted basaltic oceanic crust.
636 White et al. (1985) found that the isotopic composition of DSDP site 543 basalt, on the subducting
637 plate had a typical MORB composition ($^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr} = 0.7030\text{-}0.7033$; $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd} = 0.513048\text{-}$
638 0.513084 ; $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb} = 18.437\text{-}18.470$; $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb} = 15.54\text{-}15.57$ $^{208}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb} = 38.03\text{-}38.11$). This
639 means that fluids/melts derived from basalt dehydration/melting should have a negligible impact
640 upon the Sr, Nd, Hf and Pb isotopic compositions of the mantle wedge. Hence, only the subducted
641 sediments would possibly affect the mantle isotopic signature. Given the very restricted
642 composition of the Pre-SVC1 lavas, our only option to determine the maximum amount of
643 sediment involved is to use the “least continental” isotopic composition of the local sediment and
644 their trace element compositions, in a mixing model passing through the mean Sr, Nd, Hf and Pb
645 Pre-SVC1 lavas composition using the depleted mantle (Workman & Hart (2005) for trace element
646 and White et al. (1985) for isotopic compositions) as a starting composition. In addition, we
647 repeated the models using the $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ of Grenada’s most primitive picrite for Pre-SVC1 lavas
648 since plagioclase cumulate assimilation has been suggested to reduce the $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ of St Lucia
649 primitive magma from values similar to Grenada picrite to that observed in Pre-SVC1 basalt
650 (Bezard et al., 2015). This allows the evaluation of the influence plagioclase cumulate assimilation
651 on the maximum amount of sediments obtained by the models.

652 Three local sedimentary sequences that represent possible subducted sediments are: the
653 DSDP site 543 sediments, site 144 sediments and sediments similar to those preserved on Barbados
654 (although the latter was accreted, it cannot be ruled out that similar sediment could also have been
655 subducted). These three sedimentary sequences not only display large ranges in Sr-Nd-Hf-Pb
656 isotope composition, they also display large differences in trace element concentrations and ratios
657 (Carpentier et al., 2008; 2009). The greatest difference is seen in very high Sr and low Nd, Hf and
658 Pb concentrations in site 144 sediments compared to site 543 and Barbados. Such high Sr produces
659 Sr/Nd, Sr/Hf and Sr/Pb ratios up to 15 times higher than at site 543 and Barbados, while there are
660 insignificant differences in Nd/Hf, Nd/Pb and Hf/Pb between all three sets of sediments. Because
661 elemental concentrations and ratios strongly influence the shape of mixing curves, we performed
662 models using extreme concentrations and elemental ratios to encompass the whole range of bulk
663 local sediment composition variations. Elemental ratios of the sediment component are also very
664 dependent on whether it is incorporated as a solid ('bulk'), or is incorporated through fluids or
665 partial melts in the mantle. Therefore, we subsequently discuss the differences in the amount of
666 sedimentary component required in the mantle to model Pre-SVC1 lava compositions in the case
667 of fluids and melts incorporation.

668 In the first model, we used the trace element composition of the bulk site 144 (B144)
669 sediments, which have the highest Sr concentrations and the highest Sr/Nd with the lowest Pb
670 concentration and a low Pb/Hf (3.4) similar to the lowest bulk value corresponding to Barbados
671 (2.7). In the second model we used the trace element compositions of the bulk site 543 (B543)
672 sediments which have the lowest Sr concentration and Sr/Th and the highest Pb and Pb/Hf ratios
673 (6.7). Bulk sediment concentrations at each DSDP site were used to represent the average of the
674 whole subducting pile. We present the models in both the $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ - $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$ and the

675 $^{176}\text{Hf}/^{177}\text{Hf}$ - $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$ diagrams (Fig. 7) in which we fixed the highest realistic Nd and Hf isotope
676 compositions of the local sediment to $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd} = 0.5122$ and $^{176}\text{Hf}/^{177}\text{Hf} = 0.2827$. These values
677 correspond to the highest Nd and Hf isotope composition amongst the local sediment having
678 similar to or more radiogenic Sr and Pb isotopic compositions than the lavas (Barbados sediment
679 containing ash layers, are not considered since they are at the top of the sedimentary sequence and
680 are unlikely to have been subducted). Models 1 and 2 were constrained to pass through the mean
681 composition of the Pre-SVC1 lavas and the Sr and Pb isotopic compositions of the sediment end-
682 member was constrained to realistic isotopic compositions, i.e. plotting in the compositional field
683 of the local sediments. The position of Pre-SVC1 samples on the two modeled curves of each
684 diagram constrains the maximum amount of sediment involved in the source of the lavas for the
685 whole spectrum of Sr and Pb concentrations and Sr/Nd and Pb/Hf of the local sediments at these
686 fixed Nd and Hf isotopic composition. Decreasing $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$ and $^{176}\text{Hf}/^{177}\text{Hf}$ of the sediment
687 used in the model toward more “continental” compositions, while still permitting the model to pass
688 through Pre-SVC1 lava compositions, will decrease the amount of sediment necessary to explain
689 Pre-SVC compositions. Hence, we can be confident that our models constrain the maximum
690 possible amount of bulk local sediment in the source, if $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ of the Pre-SVC1 lavas represent
691 the primary magma composition. We also produced Models 1' and 2' passing through potential
692 lava compositions characterized by $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ of Grenada picrite but $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$ of Pre-SVC1 lavas
693 (Pre-SVC1') to constrain the maximum possible amount of bulk local sediments in the source, in
694 a case where plagioclase cumulate assimilation affected the $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$, as suggested by Bezard et
695 al. (2015). To do so, the minimum $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ of the subducted sediment for Model 1' was increased
696 compared to model 1 (from 0.7066 to 0.7087). For Model 2', given that no subducting sediment
697 can possibly have higher $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ than that used in Model 2, the only option to make a model go

698 through the Pre-SVC1' compositions was to increase the Sr content of the sediment in the source
699 (from 110 to 184 ppm).

700 The best fit obtained using B144 Sr and Nd concentrations, in both Models 1 and 1',
701 involves between 0.6-0.8% of bulk sediment in the mantle source of Pre-SVC1 lavas; using site
702 543 sediment composition (Model 2) or similar (Model 2') requires 0.2-0.4% of bulk sediment in
703 the source. Using Hf and Pb concentrations from either B144 or B543 implicates between 1 and
704 2% of sediments in the source (the higher "maximum" value obtained using Pb/Hf compared to
705 Sr/Nd is due to the smaller isotopic difference between the least "continental" local sediments and
706 the DMM). Therefore, even taking into account the large variations in trace element composition
707 of the local sediments, and potential decrease of $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ by cumulate assimilation, the amount of
708 bulk sediment needed in the source does not exceed 2%. Such a low amount of sediment in the
709 mantle wedge source is similar to amounts estimated for the north of the arc (~2% by Turner et
710 al., (1996); 1% by Carpentier et al. (2008); <1% by Davidson & Wilson (2011) for Statia), as well
711 as for Martinique (<1%; Davidson & Wilson, 2011), Grenada (0.2-2%; Thirlwall et al., 1996) and
712 the whole arc (0.2-2% bulk sediment addition for the Lesser Antilles source by DuFrane et al.
713 (2009)).

714 The models discussed above involve incorporation of bulk sediments in the mantle.
715 However, depending on the slab conditions, sediment could be introduced as partial melts or fluids,
716 rather than bulk sediments, (DuFrane et al., 2009; Labanieh et al., 2012). Sr/Nd and Pb/Hf are
717 different in sediment melts and in sediment fluids compared to the bulk sediments, due to the
718 presence of residual phases during melting and different mobility of these elements in aqueous
719 fluids respectively. Discrimination between the addition of bulk sediment, sediment fluid or
720 sediment melt to the mantle source is not straightforward. Sr/Th, U/Th and Ba/Th (i.e.

721 LILE/HFSE) are often used to detect the influence of slab-derived fluids in the lava mantle source
722 since Sr, U and Ba are preferentially incorporated into the fluid phase (e.g. Johnson & Plank, 1999)
723 while Th is not and can only be added as bulk sediment or sediment melt to the mantle (e.g.
724 Hawkesworth et al., 1997; Plank, 2005). In Pre-SVC1 no correlation exist between LILE/HFSE
725 (e.g. Sr/Th, U/Th and Ba/Th) and Sr or Pb isotopes which suggests that if slab derived fluids are
726 responsible for the variations observed in LILE/HFSE, they cannot come from the dehydration of
727 the subducted sediments. Indeed the latter have very continental signatures and would produce a
728 positive correlation between LILE/HFSE and Sr or Pb isotopes. Instead, the LILE/HFSE variations
729 would need to come from the dehydration of the mafic and/or ultramafic parts of the subducting
730 slab, which would have an isotopic composition similar to MORBs. Therefore, although it cannot
731 be precluded that a correlation between Sr isotopes and LILE/HFSE, might be masked by
732 assimilation of igneous basement (Bezard et al., 2015), the absence of correlation between
733 LILE/HFSE and Nd, Hf and Pb isotopes suggest that the displacement to more ‘continental’
734 isotopic compositions of Pre-SVC1 lavas isotopic signatures compared to MORBs is not produced
735 by slab-derived fluids, but instead by sediment or sediment melt.

736 La/Sm ratios have been used in conjunction with Nd or Hf isotopes by some authors to
737 discriminate between sediment and sediment melt addition to the mantle, based on the comparison
738 of the lava compositional trend with the mixing lines produced by incorporation of sediment and
739 sediment melts to the depleted mantle (e.g. Labanieh et al., 2012). However the La/Sm
740 compositions of Pre-SVC1 lavas are close to those of the depleted mantle and overlap fresh
741 Atlantic MORB compositions (not shown). Therefore, they cannot be used to discriminate between
742 melt and bulk sediment input in the mantle. The possible occurrence of sediment melt in the St
743 Lucia mantle source could be deduced from the conditions of the slab (P, T°). These conditions

744 could, in turn, be determined by detecting the presence of certain accessory slab minerals, using
745 the isotopic and trace element signatures of the lavas. For example, key ratios such as Zr/Hf (e.g.
746 Hermann and Rubatto, 2009) or the decoupling of Hf and Nd isotopes can be used to detect the
747 presence of residual zircon in the slab. However, in St Lucia, the absence of clear trends in the
748 Pre-SVC1 lavas renders the detection of residual zircon, and therefore, the determination of the
749 slab conditions impossible. Similarly, detection of rutile and amphibole residual phases (and
750 discrimination of their relative impact) using Nb/Ta vs Zr/Sm (Konig and Schuth, 2011) is not
751 possible since Pre-SVC1 lavas do not show any trend and plot within the MORB range.

752 In the absence of clear evidence for the nature of the sediment component and to account for all
753 scenarios (even the case where sediment components are added by fluids), we calculated the melt
754 Sr/Nd and Pb/Hf as well as the fluid Sr/Nd of B144 and B543 sediments (fluid Pb/Hf could not be
755 calculated since the Hf partition coefficient is not available) using partition coefficients from
756 Johnson & Plank (1999) and Hermann & Rubatto (2009) (see Supplementary data file 1). Results
757 show that, compared to the bulk sediment, both melts and fluids display higher Sr/Nd (Melts: 18.21
758 for B543 melt and 224.51 for B144; fluids: 17.49 for B543 and 215.61 for B144) and that melts
759 also have higher Pb/Hf (20.76 for B543 melt and 10.43 for B144 melt). These higher ratios require
760 slightly more sediment melt or fluids in the mantle source to explain Pre-SVC1 lavas, compared
761 to bulk sediments. Indeed using Sr and Nd concentrations, for both sites 144 and 543, the amount
762 of sediment melt needed to explain Pre-SVC1 lava compositions ranges between 1 and 3% and
763 the amount of sediment fluid needed ranges between 0.8 and 3% Using Hf and Pb concentrations,
764 between 2 and 3.5% of sediment melt are needed in the mantle source. Therefore, a maximum of
765 3.5% sediment melt or 3% sediment fluids can be invoked to explain both the Sr-Nd and Pb-Hf
766 isotopic composition of Pre-SVC1 lava source. As for the models involving bulk sediments, these

767 percentages represent maximum values. Indeed, most site 543 and 144 sediments have lower
768 $^{176}\text{Hf}/^{177}\text{Hf}$ (bulk sites 543 and 144: 0.28256 and 0.28236 respectively; Carpentier et al., 2009) and
769 $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$ values (bulk sites 543 and 144: 0.511966 and 0.512014 respectively; Carpentier et al.,
770 2009) than those used in the model. Nevertheless, the involvement of 3.5% sedimentary
771 component in the mantle source would still be much lower than some values obtained without
772 taking sediment assimilation into account (e.g. 10% sediments in Carpentier et al., 2008).

773 **Comparison of the St Lucia source composition with the rest of the arc**

774 Although small amounts of plagioclase cumulate assimilation may have affected Pre-SVC1 lavas,
775 these represent the lavas with the composition closest to that of the source beneath St Lucia.
776 Keeping in mind the effect of cumulate assimilation, we now compare their inferred mantle source
777 characteristics with the potential source beneath the other islands.

778 In order to compare St Lucia source (Pre-SVC1) compositions with the rest of the arc, we
779 plotted, on Fig. 8, combinations of the most commonly used isotopic and trace element proxies for
780 all Lesser Antilles samples available in the literature: $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$, $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$ and $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$ against
781 MgO, La/Sm and Ba/Th ($^{176}\text{Hf}/^{177}\text{Hf}$ was not plotted as very few data are available). In addition,
782 we selected the most mafic lava composition available from each island and plotted them on Figs.
783 7 and 9.

784 *St Lucia and the north of the arc*

785 Based on the composition of the most mafic lavas, the mantle source beneath the northern
786 islands would have similar La/Sm, Ba/Th, $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$ (except for Dominica), but slightly less
787 radiogenic $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ and less radiogenic $^{206,207,208}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$ than that inferred for St Lucia (Fig. 8, 9).
788 The similar range of Ba/Th argues for a similar fluid/sediment ratio beneath the northern islands

789 and St Lucia. The similar Nd isotopic composition could also be consistent with a similar amount
790 of sediment in the source. Their similar La/Sm could indicate that the sediment composition and
791 the process of incorporation into the source (melt vs bulk sediment) do not change substantially
792 from north to south, but this ratio is likely buffered by cumulate assimilation (Bezard et al., 2015)
793 and should therefore not be used as a source indicator. Similarly the higher $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ of Pre-SVC1
794 lavas compared to the northern islands might be due lower amounts of plagioclase cumulate
795 assimilation. On the other hand, Pb isotopes were not shown to be affected by the latter process,
796 and the higher Pb isotope ratios of St Lucia Pre-SVC1 lavas compared to the northern lavas could
797 be explained by sediment with more radiogenic Pb in the mantle source of St Lucia. We prefer this
798 to the alternative argument that the more radiogenic Pb isotope ratios of Pre-SVC1 lavas compared
799 to the northern islands were produced by very small amounts of sediment assimilation, where only
800 Pb isotopes were sensitive to assimilation, due to larger differences in concentration of these
801 elements between the magma and the assimilant than for Nd. While this would be consistent with
802 the Pre-SVC1 mineral $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ data plotting close to the upper end of the mantle range, it is not
803 supported by the small differences in Pb and Nd concentrations observed between Pre-SVC1 basalt
804 and the inferred composition of the assimilated sediment. Indeed, the modeled sediment
805 assimilated (similar to 50-50% mix of site 144 and site 543) has ~3.2 times more Nd than Pre-
806 SVC1 basalt which is not much lower than the ratio for Pb (~5 times). Yet, we do not observe a
807 displacement of Pre-SVC1 $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$ compared to the northern islands, anticipated for
808 assimilation of sediment able to increase Pb isotopes. Therefore, we suggest that the Pb isotopic
809 contrast between St Lucia (Pre-SVC1) and the northern islands are not due to subtle sediment
810 assimilation. Instead, we explain these by the more radiogenic nature of the subducted sediment
811 present in the mantle beneath St Lucia.

812 *St Lucia and the south of the arc*

813 Compared to the northern islands, variations in the isotopic and trace element compositions of the
814 southern lavas are important (Fig. 8a, b, c). However, the largest variations are found in the most
815 differentiated rocks (typically in lavas with MgO below 5 wt. %) which comprise both
816 compositions overlapping the northern arc and very 'continental' signatures, while the most mafic
817 lavas only present limited heterogeneities. The absence of important compositional changes in the
818 most mafic lavas suggests the variations observed in the southern islands could be mostly produced
819 during magma differentiation. Furthermore, lavas from Martinique (Labanieh et al., 2010; 2012),
820 Grenada (Thirlwall et al., 1996) and Bequia (Smith et al., 1996), which display the largest
821 heterogeneities and the most 'continental' signatures (along with St Lucia), display co-variation
822 of Sr, Nd, Hf, Pb isotopes, Ba/Th and of La/Sm, like in St Lucia (Fig. 8a, b, c). This strongly argues
823 for the production of compositional heterogeneities, and therefore the production of the continental
824 signatures observed, by assimilation of a similar sediment to that inferred for St Lucia. Hence, like
825 in St Lucia, it is critical to use the most mafic lavas available to investigate the source of the
826 southern island lavas.

827 The most mafic lavas of Bequia, St Vincent and Martinique have La/Sm, Ba/Th, $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$
828 and $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$ overlapping the Pre-SVC1 and northern islands range. They have Pb isotope
829 signatures increasing from compositions similar to the northern islands (in Martinique and St
830 Vincent) to compositions clearly higher than those of the Northern islands and St Lucia (in Bequia;
831 Fig. 8, 11). Primitive lavas from Grenada, Ile de Caille and Kick'em Jenny have variable La/Sm
832 and some of the lowest Ba/Th and $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$ in the arc, although these ratios still overlap the
833 range observed in the northern islands. They are, however, clearly distinguished from the rest of
834 the arc by their higher Sr and Pb isotopes composition. Although the involvement of larger

835 amounts of sediment cannot be ruled out, the overlap of $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$ and Ba/Th with the range
836 observed in the north of the arc suggests that the more radiogenic Pb isotopes signatures of the
837 lavas more likely reflect the more radiogenic nature of sediment introduced in the mantle source.

838 In summary, based on overlapping Ba/Th and $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$ of the most mafic lavas, no
839 major contrast in slab-derived fluid /sediment ratio can be observed between the sources of the
840 southern and the northern arc, except maybe for Grenada, Ile de Caille and Kick'em Jenny. The
841 along arc variations in Pb and Nd isotopic signatures amongst mafic lavas most likely reflect
842 different isotope compositions of the sediment in the source. The variations in La/Sm and $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$
843 could also result from variable sediment composition in the source, but have also been suggested
844 to result from cumulate assimilation (Bezard et al., 2015). The presence of sediment with more
845 radiogenic Pb in the source of the southern islands compared to the north of the arc has been
846 suggested in the past (e.g. Carpentier et al., 2008). However, previous estimates of the nature and
847 composition of these sediments were made using the whole Lesser Antilles arc lava dataset,
848 without taking into account the degree of differentiation of the lavas, especially crustal
849 assimilation. Here we show that isotopic variations in the most mafic lavas are restricted compared
850 to the variations observed when lavas of all degrees of differentiation are selected. Therefore,
851 previous estimates of the nature and isotopic composition of the subducted sediments, based on
852 the whole Lesser Antilles arc lavas dataset, are biased and need to be reassessed. These studies
853 include that of Carpentier et al. (2008) who suggested the need for 10% of subducted sediment
854 with extreme Pb isotopic compositions such as those found in site 144 sediments, to explain the
855 southern islands lava compositions.

856 **CONCLUSIONS**

857 Volcanic rocks with continental isotopic compositions observed in St Lucia are produced by high
858 rates of assimilation of sediment in the arc crust, which are responsible for the co-variation of Sr,
859 Nd, Hf and Pb isotope ratios, L/M-HREE and Th/Th* with SiO₂. The sediment assimilated is likely
860 to be a mix of biogenic and terrigenous sediments originating from the South American continent.
861 Some lavas escaped significant sediment assimilation, these have signatures close to “typical
862 oceanic arc” isotopic signatures with similar Ba/Th, La/Sm, Nd isotope ratios to the northern island
863 mafic lavas but slightly more radiogenic Sr and Pb isotopes. Such lavas can be produced by the
864 addition of less than 2% of bulk sediment or less than 3.5% of sediment melt or fluid, with more
865 radiogenic Pb than the sediments involved in the mantle source of the northern islands. A
866 comparison of St Lucia with other islands from the south of the arc suggests that the source of
867 Martinique, St Vincent and Bequia magmas is similar to St Lucia. Only Grenada, Ile de Caille and
868 Kick'em Jenny could have a source containing larger amounts of, or more radiogenic sediment.
869 Martinique and Grenada, which along with St Lucia are the two other islands with extreme isotopic
870 compositions, display a similar co-variation of Sr, Nd, Hf and Pb isotope ratios, Ba/Th and L/M-
871 HREE to that observed in St Lucia lavas affected by sediment assimilation. We suggest that
872 assimilation is the only process responsible for the extreme isotopic compositions observed in the
873 arc and that, except maybe for Grenada, Ile de Caille and maybe Kick'em Jenny, the amount of
874 sediment present in the source of the north and the south of the arc is similar. The more radiogenic
875 Pb signatures observed in the southern lavas are instead explained by a more radiogenic sediment.

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1059 **FIGURE CAPTIONS**

1060 Fig. 1: (a) Location of St Lucia on a bathymetric contour map of the Lesser Antilles arc area
1061 modified from Bezard et al. (2014). The location all the islands of the arc, of the Grenada and
1062 Tobago basins, as well as The Barbados and St Lucia ridges and the DSDP sites 543 and 144 are
1063 also shown (b) geological map of St Lucia modified from Lindsay et al. (2013).

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1065 Fig. 2: Comparison of Sr, Nd isotopic composition of St Lucia lavas to all the other lavas from the
1066 rest of the arc. St Lucia compositions cover most of the arc variations. Data sources; Saba,
1067 (Sherman, 1992; Van Soest, 2000; Dufrane et al. 2009), Statia (Davidson, 1984; Van Soest, 2002),
1068 St Kitts (Toothhill et al., 2007; Van Soest, 2000), Nevis (Van Soest, 2000); Redonda (Davidson,
1069 1984), Montserrat (Davidson, 1984; Van Soest, 2000), Guadeloupe (Van Soest, 2000; Dominica
1070 (Davidson, 1984), Martinique (Davidson, 1984; Labanieh et al., 2010; Van Soest, 2000), St Lucia
1071 (Bezard et al., 2014), St Vincent (Heat et al., 1998; Van Soest, 2000), Grenadine with Bequia
1072 (Smith et al., 1996), Ile de Caille (Van Soest, 2000; Turner et al., 1996) and Kick'em Jenny (Huang
1073 et al., 2011), and Grenada (Thirlwall and Graham, 1984; Thirlwall et al., 1996; Van Soest, 2000).
1074 MORB field is mid-Atlantic Ridge mafic volcanic rocks between 30°N and 30°S (data from
1075 PETDB: <http://petdb.org/science.jsp/>). 144, 543 and correspond to Atlantic sediments cored at the
1076 front of the trench at DSDP sites 144, 543 and Barbados corresponds to sediments outcropping on
1077 Barbados; Carpentier et al., 2008, 2009).

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1079 Fig. 3: Rare earth element (a, c, e) and expanded trace element (b, d, f) composition of Pre-SVC1,
1080 Pre-SVC2 and SVC lavas normalised to chondrite C1 of Sun and McDonough (1989). Insets show
1081 the position of the Pre-SVC1, 2 and SVC Sr-Nd isotopic composition compared to MORB;
1082 sediments from sites DSDP 543 and 144 and arc field shown in Fig. 2.

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1084 Fig. 4: Sr, Nd, Hf, Pb isotopic composition of St Lucia lavas with AFC models. See text for
1085 description of parameters used. Full model parameters and data are presented in Supplementary
1086 data file 1. SL-83-25 with am = AFC model using SL-83-25 isotopic composition and least square

1087 model #2. SL-83-25 no am = AFC model using SL-83-25 isotopic composition and least square
1088 model #1. SL-83-44 with am/no am models use the isotopic composition of SL-83-44 lava. F =
1089 amount of residual melt. MORB, local sediment fields as well as the bulk sediment of each locality)
1090 are also shown (data source as in Fig. 2). B Bar, B 543 and B 144 = the bulk sediment composition
1091 of Barbados, DSDP site 543 and DSDP site 144 respectively. Red and black striped pentagons
1092 represent the assimilant composition. The terrestrial array in panel (a) is from Vervoort et al.
1093 (1999). The inset in panel (d) shows the very radiogenic Pb composition of the black shales from
1094 DSDP site 144, making them unlikely to be the assimilant.

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1096 Fig. 5: Hf, Nd, Sr, Pb isotopes and La/Sm and Th/Th* vs. SiO₂ (wt. %) in St Lucia lavas. Pre-
1097 SVC2 and SVC composition vary exactly the same way in all the proxies with increasing SiO₂
1098 (wt. %) while Pre-SVC1 lava compositions remain similar in isotope and trace element ratios
1099 during differentiation. Sr, Nd and Pb isotope ratios are from Bezard et al. (2014). Impact on La/Sm
1100 and Th/Th* of mineral fractionation of assemblages obtained by least square models is presented
1101 in e and f. Tick marks on the arrows represent the amount of fractionation and the black dot on
1102 each arrow represent the percentage of phases fractionated for the best fit. Impact of AFC on
1103 La/Sm and Th/Th* is presented in g where tick marks correspond to the amount of melt remaining
1104 (see text and Supplementary data file 1 for model parameters).

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1106 Fig. 6: Major element variation of St Lucia lavas. (a) AFM diagram with dividing line from Irvine
1107 and Baragar (1971) (b) MgO, (c) CaO, (d) Al₂O₃, (e) TiO₂, (f) K₂O and (g) FeO_{tot} variations are
1108 plotted against SiO₂ and. Least square models #2 and #3 are also presented (#1 is not shown here
1109 but is similar to #2). Tick marks on the arrows represent the amount of fractionation and the black

1110 dot on each arrow represent the amount of phases fractionated for the best fit of the least square
1111 models.

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1113 Fig. 7: Mixing models to constrain the amount of sediment involved in the source of Pre-SVC1
1114 lavas. Model 1 (Site 144 conc.) = model in which Sr, Nd, Hf and Pb concentrations of the bulk of
1115 site 144 compositions were used. Model 2 (Site 543 conc.) = model in which Sr and Nd
1116 concentrations in the bulk site 543 compositions were used. Models 1' and 2' use the same
1117 parameters as Models 1 and 2, respectively, except for the $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ composition of the Pre-SVC1
1118 lavas, which was shifted to 0.70508 which is the value of the most primitive picrite in Grenada
1119 (see text for explanation). $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$ and $^{176}\text{Hf}/^{177}\text{Hf}$ were fixed at 0.5122 and 0.2827 which are
1120 the least crustal composition found in most local sediments. The most mafic lava of every island
1121 of the arc as well as all the local sediment composition are also shown for comparison (same
1122 reference as in Fig. 2). DMM = trace element (Workman & Hart, 2005) and isotopic (White et al.,
1123 1985) composition of the depleted MORB mantle.

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1125 Fig. 8: (a) MgO (wt.%), (b) La/Sm and (c) Ba/Th vs. $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$, $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$, $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$ of St Lucia
1126 lavas compared to both the north (top 4 figures of each panel) and the South of the arc (bottom 4
1127 figures of each panel). Grey field present in all diagrams indicates the isotopic composition of the
1128 least evolved samples in the different islands of the northern and southern arc. Same data source
1129 as in Fig. 2 for Lesser Antilles lavas.

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1131 Fig. 9: Comparison of La/Sm, Ba/Th, $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$, $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$, $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$ and MgO (wt. %) of the
1132 most mafic samples analysed in each island along the arc. Primitive magma isotopic compositions

1133 from Davidson and Wilson (2011) is also shown for comparison. The grey section of the diagrams
1134 represent the central-southern section of the arc. Same data source as in Fig.2. Full compositions
1135 and names of the mafic samples used are presented in Supplementary data file 1.

Fig. 1

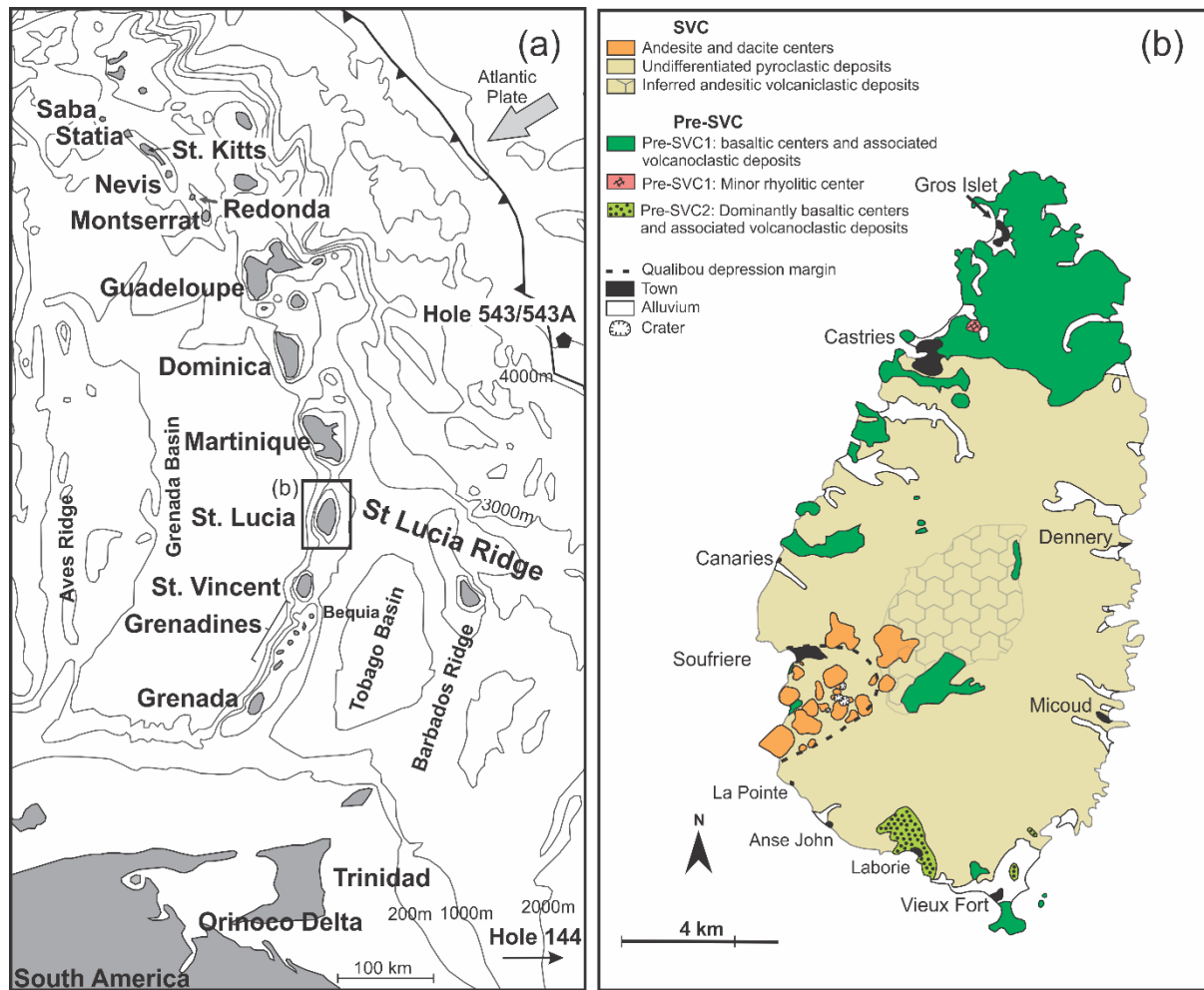


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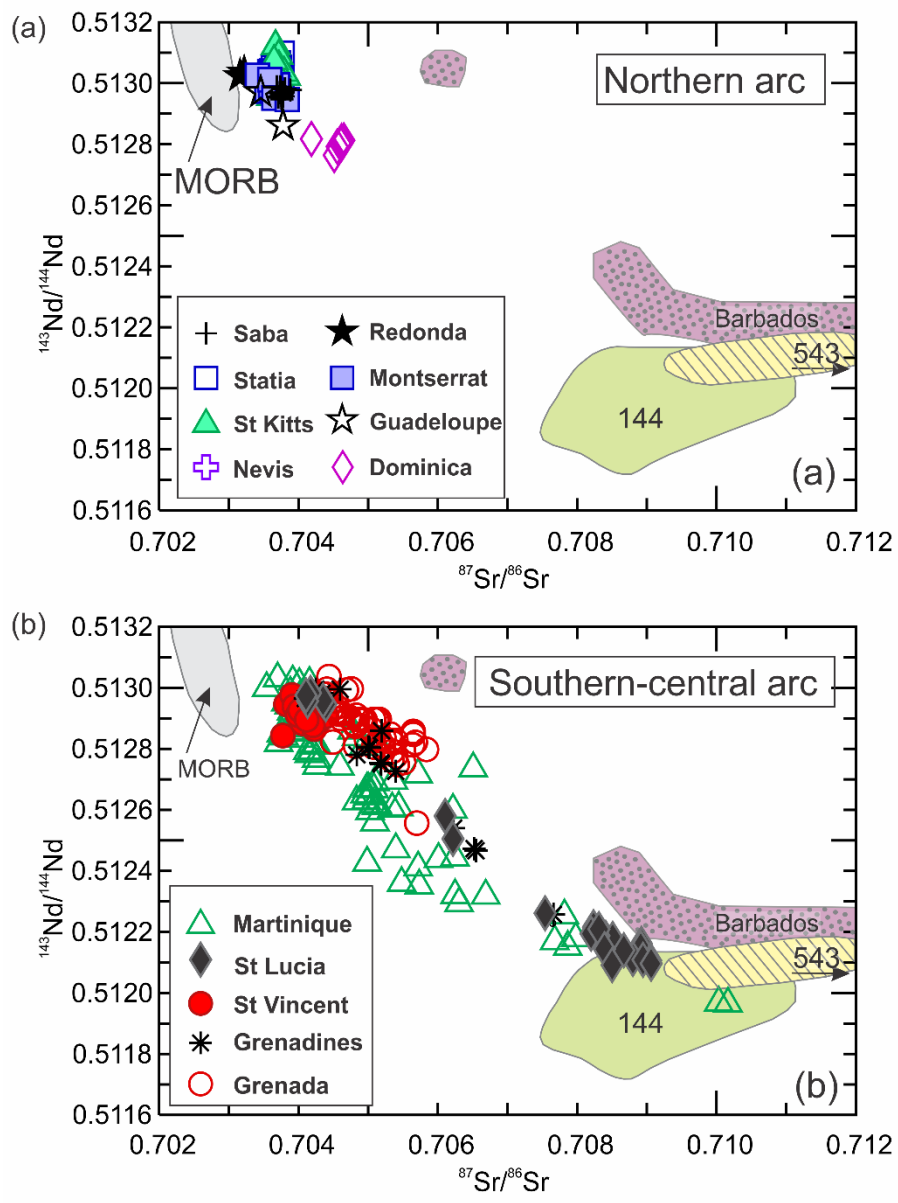


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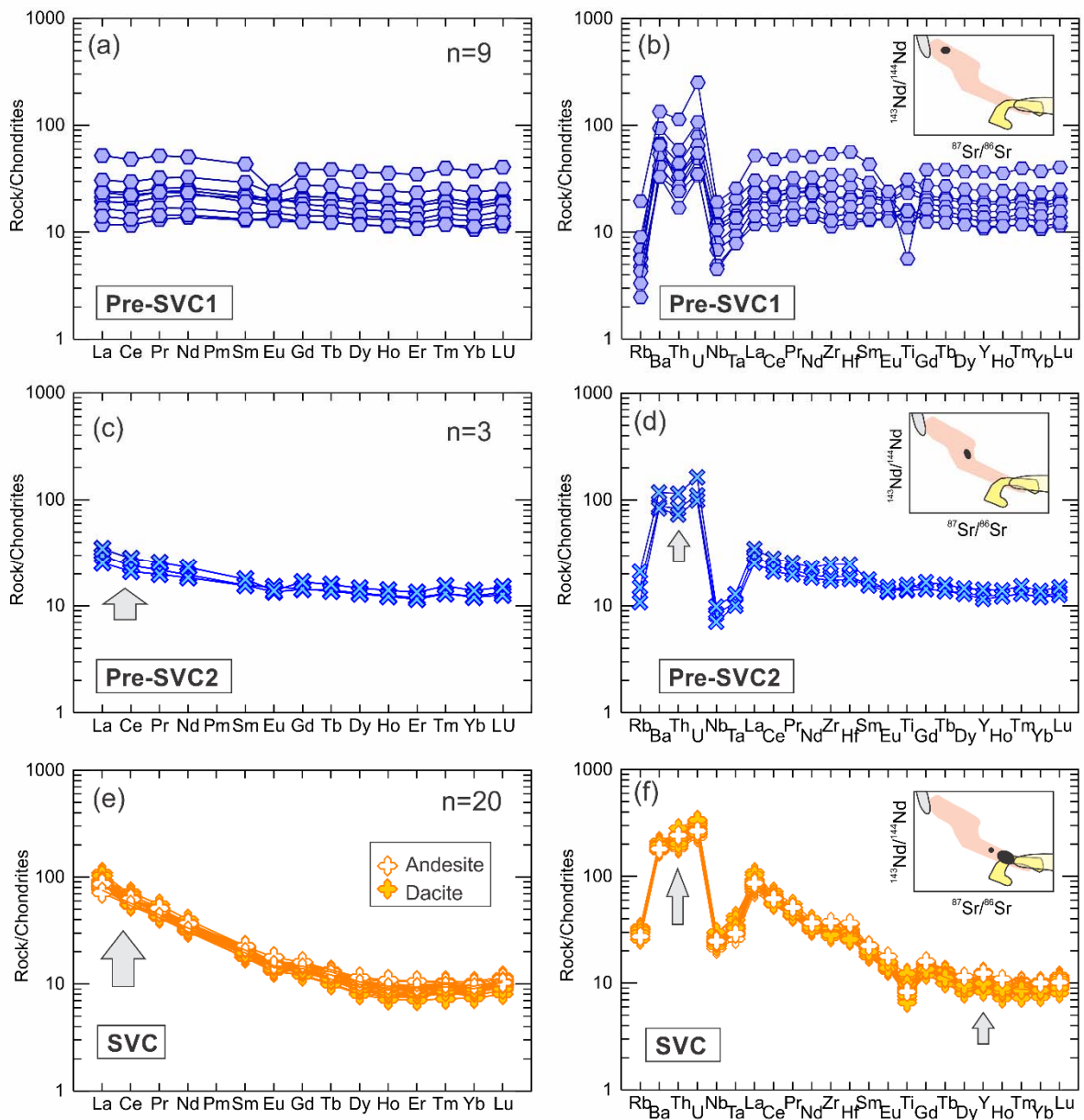


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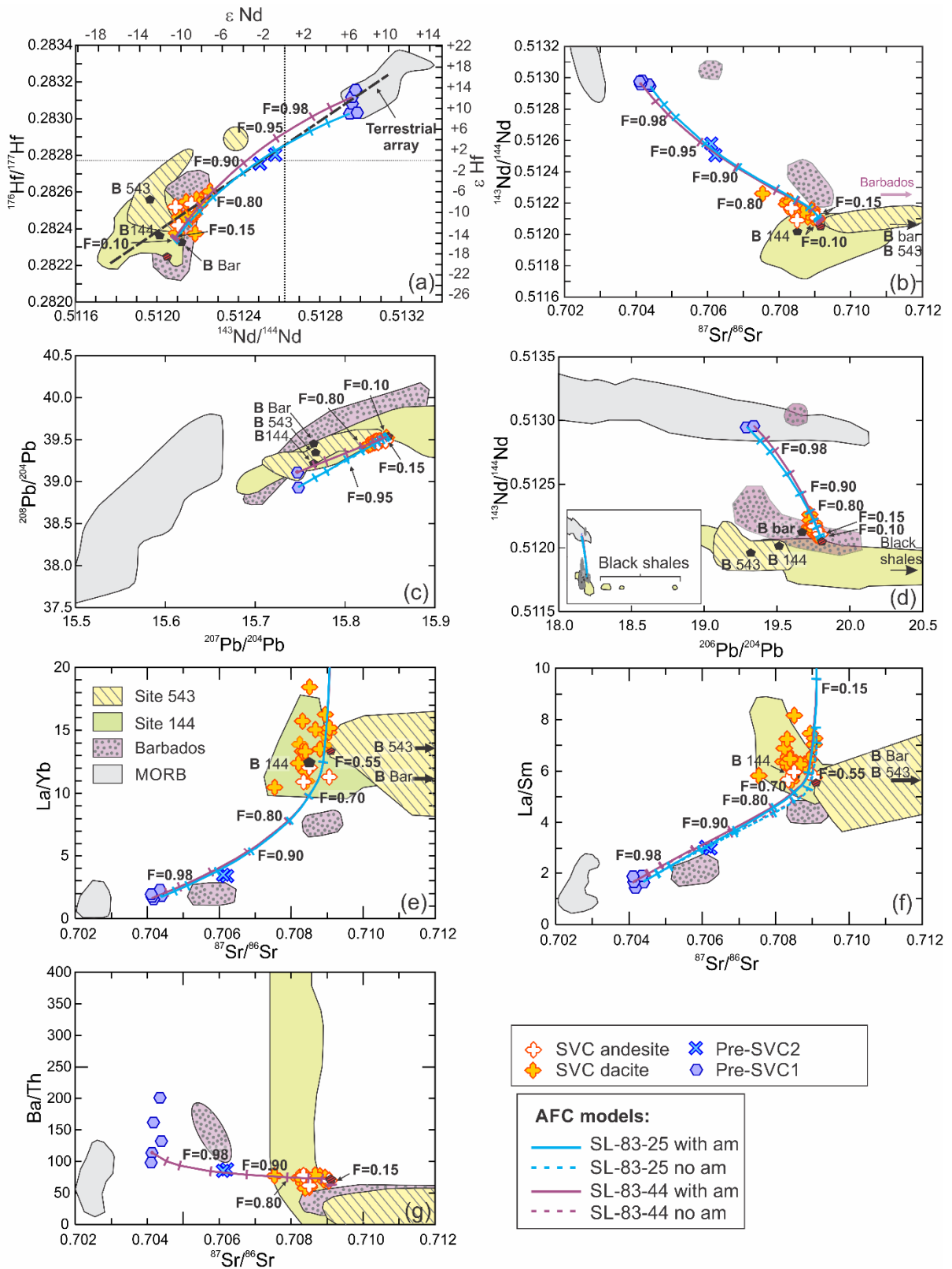


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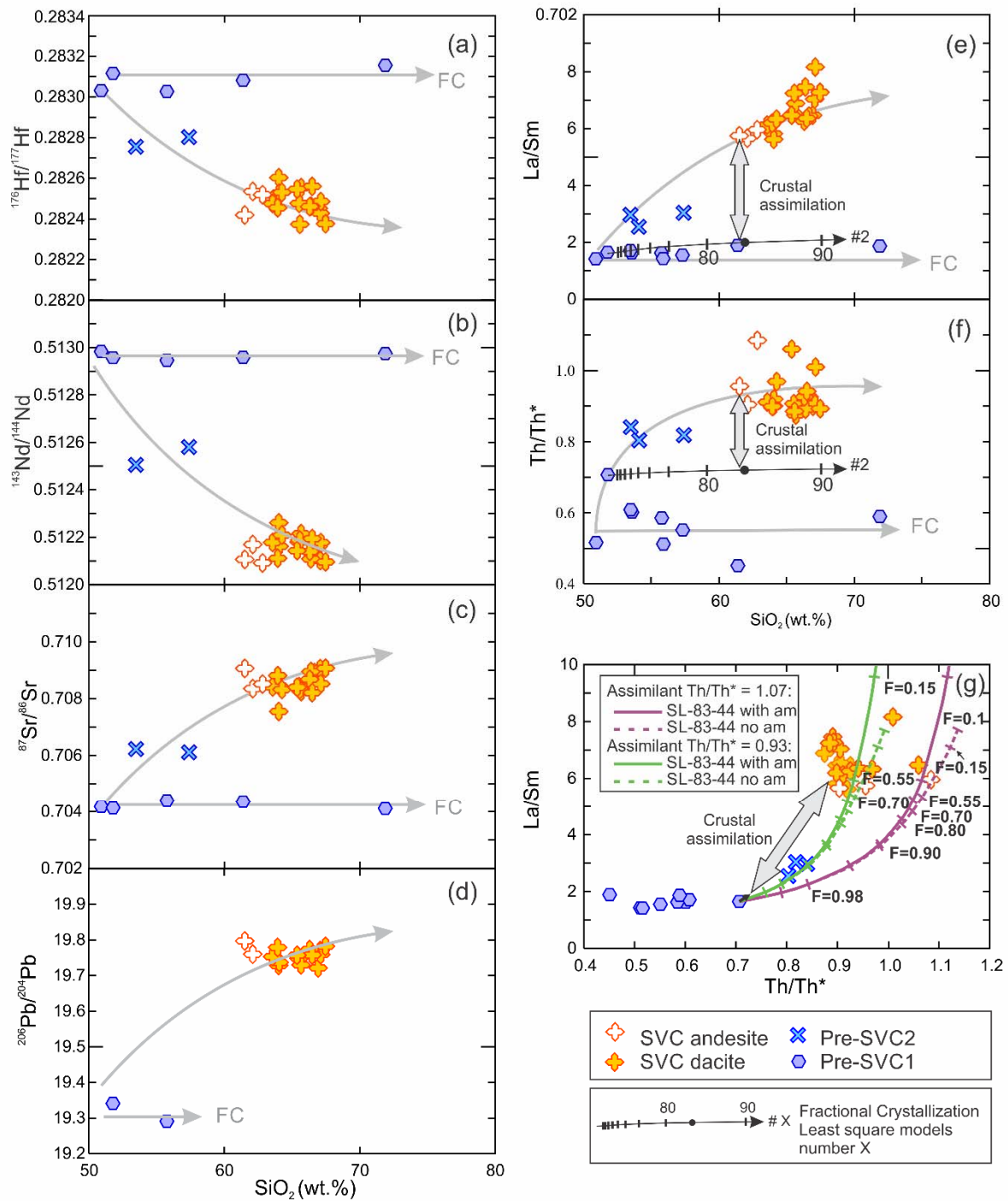


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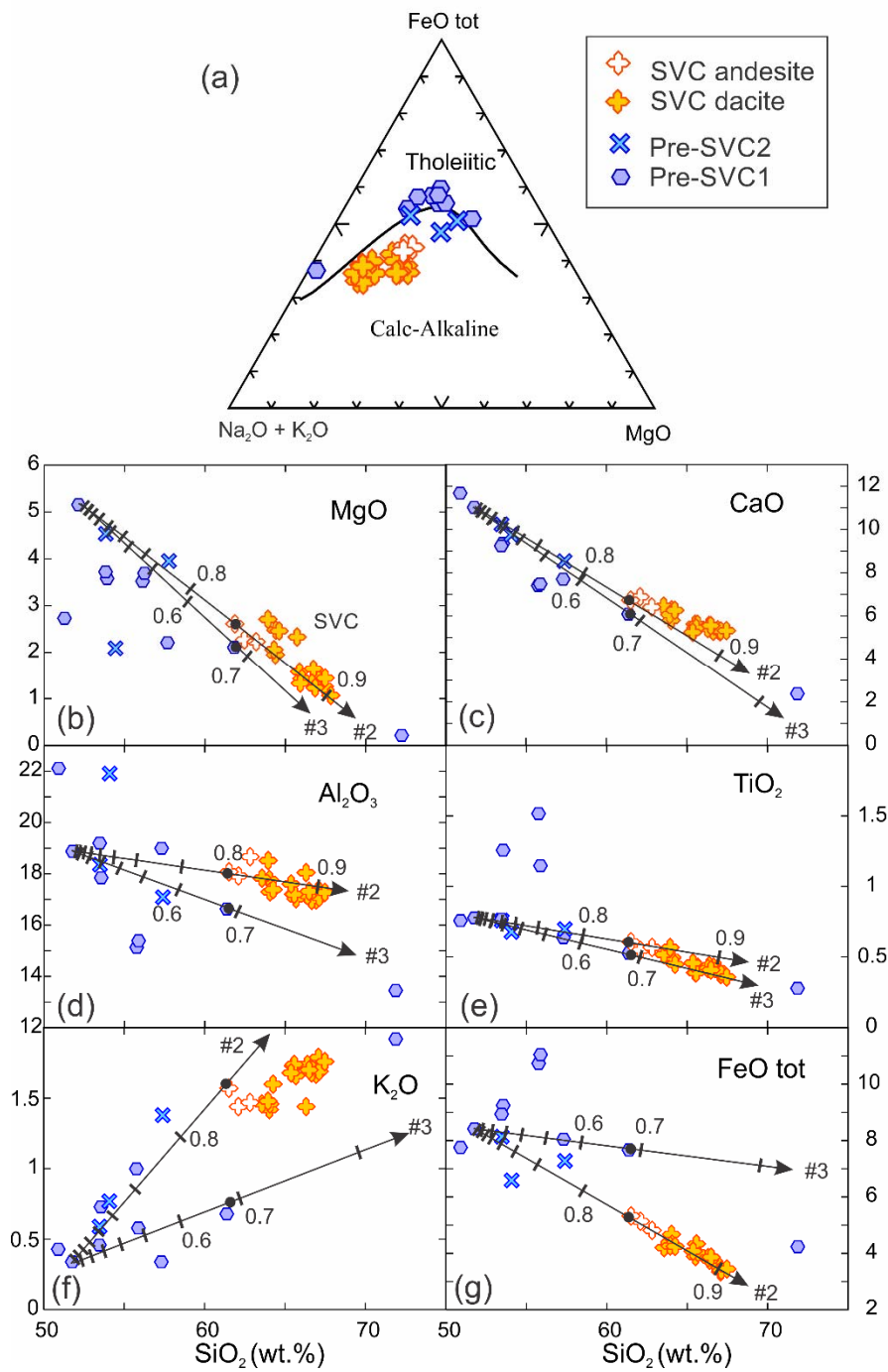


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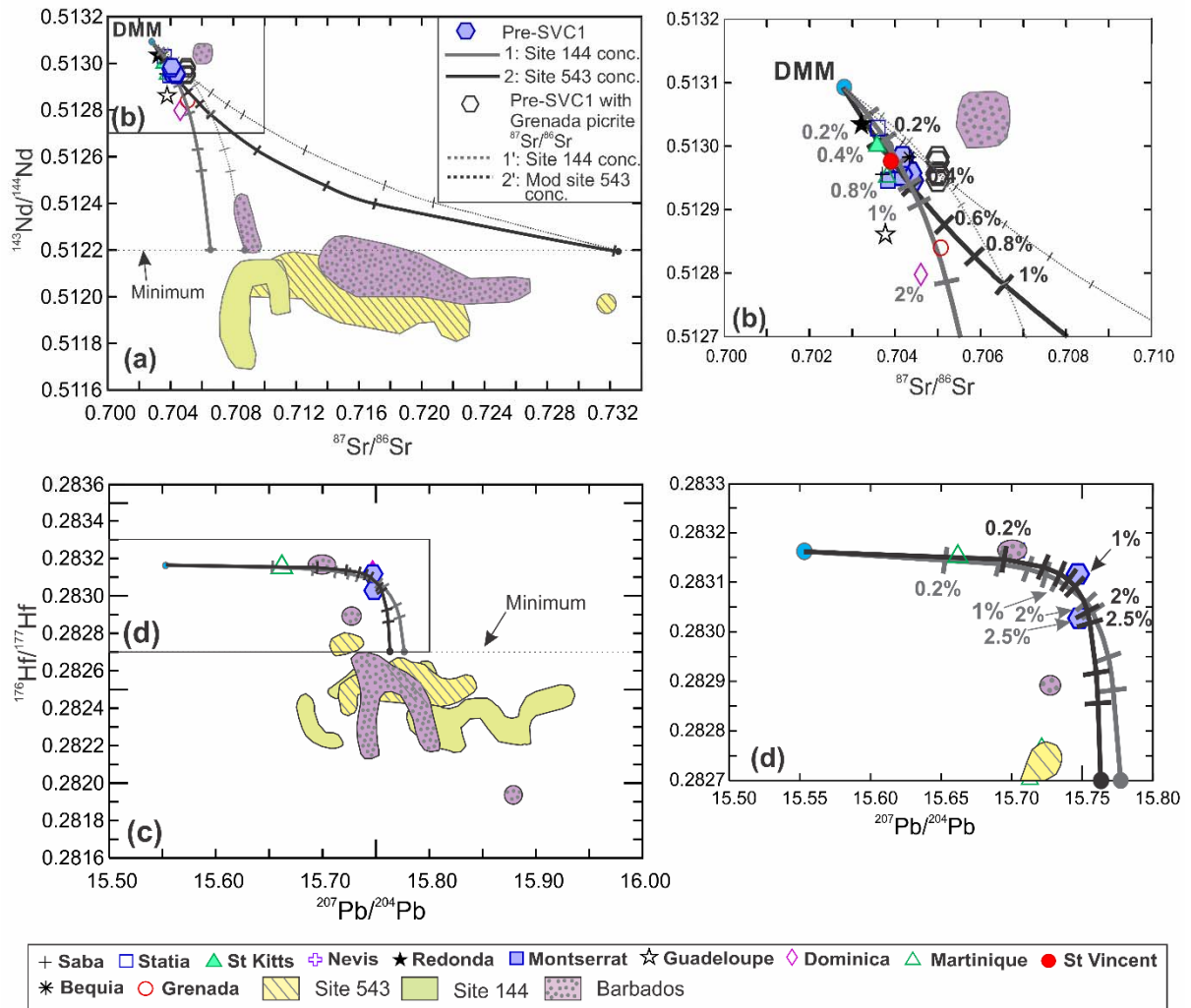


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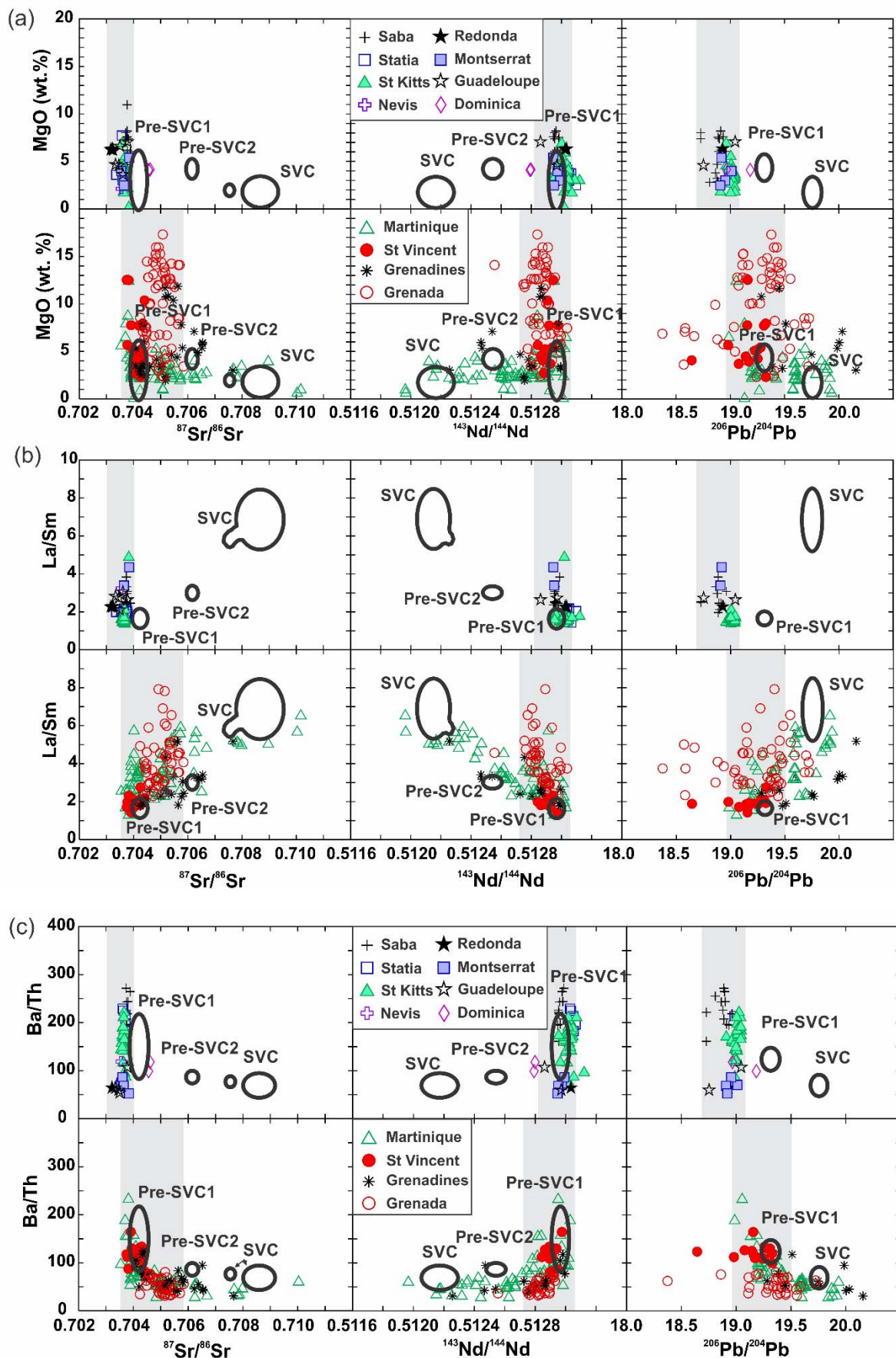


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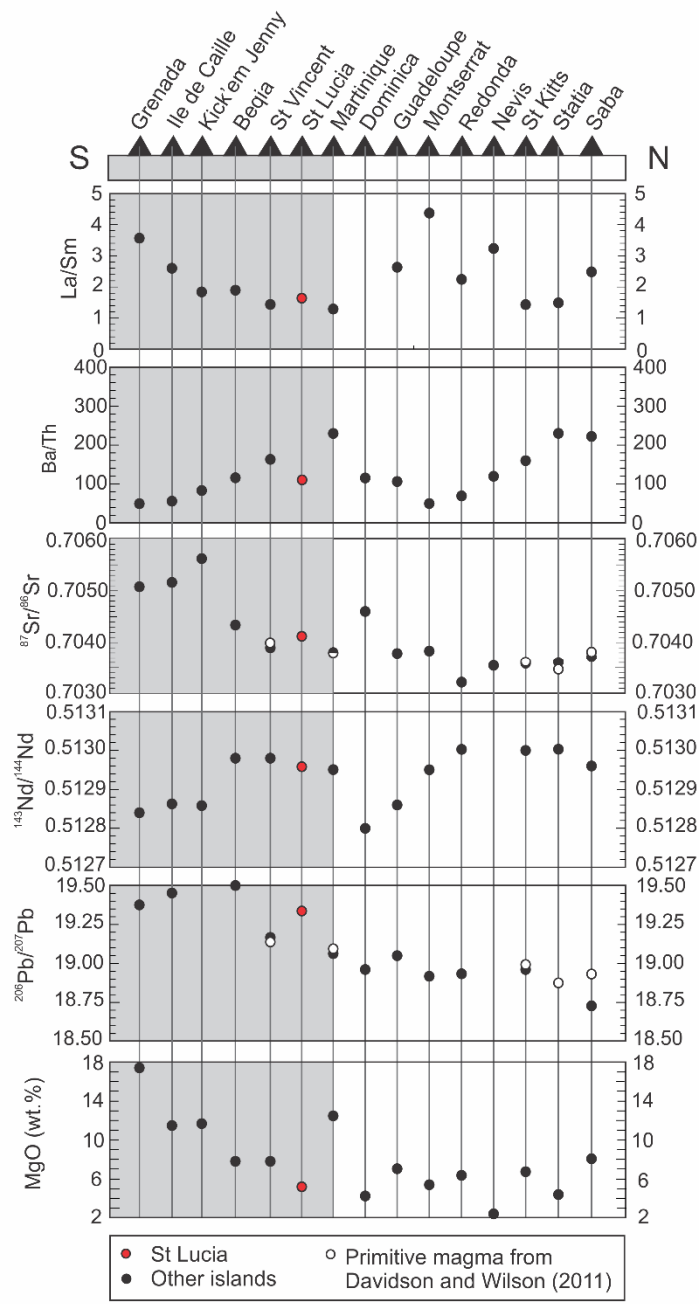


Table 1. Major and trace element concentrations and Sr-Nd-Pb-Hf isotopic compositions of St Lucia volcanic rocks.

Group:	SVC	SVC	SVC	SVC	SVC	SVC
Sample:	SL8303 ^a	SL8308 ^a	SL8312 ^a	SL8315 ^a	SL8316 ^a	SL8317 ^a
SiO ₂	64.02	66.93	66.65	62.10	64.05	61.51
TiO ₂	0.49	0.42	0.43	0.55	0.50	0.61
Al ₂ O ₃	17.77	16.97	16.96	17.91	17.29	18.07
FeO tot	4.67	3.54	3.72	5.13	4.32	5.32
MnO	0.13	0.12	0.12	0.17	0.13	0.14
MgO	1.94	1.43	1.44	2.26	2.47	2.60
CaO	5.79	5.36	5.29	6.89	6.28	6.73
Na ₂ O	3.13	3.07	3.18	2.85	2.92	2.71
K ₂ O	1.42	1.67	1.68	1.44	1.46	1.57
P ₂ O ₅	0.11	0.10	0.11	0.12	0.10	0.14
LOI	1.75	1.19	1.23	3.45	0.16	1.66
Ti	4600	4110	4031	4952	4745	5573
V	65	20.6	19.4	31.8	48.4	35.7
Ga	17.7	17.7	17.7	17.4	16.8	17.8
Rb	67.0	78.0	77.7	60.3	59.5	70.7
Sr	325	313	314	298	296	310
Y	20.1	16.3	16.2	16.4	17.6	17.7
Zr	110	128	129	117	111	128
Nb	5.4	7.4	7.2	5.2	6.3	6.8
Ba	440	515	514	411	425	425
La	18.7	21.8	22.4	16.9	17.9	19.3
Ce	33.9	41.6	44.2	33.1	34.9	37.3
Pr	4.35	4.85	5.27	3.96	4.22	4.55
Nd	16.4	17.5	18.7	14.5	15.6	16.6
Sm	3.21	3.37	3.48	3.00	3.19	3.36
Eu	0.91	0.88	0.88	0.86	0.85	0.90
Gd	3.19	3.07	3.09	2.88	3.02	3.16
Tb	0.50	0.47	0.47	0.46	0.49	0.48
Dy	2.82	2.51	2.54	2.52	2.66	2.72
Ho	0.60	0.51	0.51	0.52	0.54	0.57
Er	1.76	1.46	1.46	1.52	1.57	1.60
Tm	0.27	0.24	0.23	0.24	0.25	0.26
Yb	1.78	1.57	1.51	1.55	1.63	1.71
Lu	0.30	0.26	0.27	0.26	0.27	0.29
Hf	2.89	3.32	3.42	2.98	2.87	3.14
Ta	0.39	0.55	0.60	0.36	0.48	0.47
Pb	12.1	15.9	15.3	10.8	12.3	16.5
Th	5.7	7.2	7.3	5.3	5.7	6.1
U	2.04	2.70	2.63	1.86	1.99	2.12
La/Sm	5.81	6.46	6.44	5.66	5.62	5.74
Th/Th*	0.90	0.90	0.93	0.90	0.92	0.96
¹⁴³ Nd/ ¹⁴⁴ Nd	0.512261	0.512161	0.512147	0.512169	0.512161	0.512106
1SE	0.000005	0.000005	0.000006	0.000005	0.000005	0.000005
⁸⁷ Sr/ ⁸⁶ Sr	0.707542	0.708925	0.708914	0.708346	0.70843	0.709056
1SE	0.000005	0.000005	0.000005	0.000005	0.000005	0.000005
²⁰⁶ Pb/ ²⁰⁴ Pb	19.7280	19.7211	—	19.7604	19.7365	19.7967
1SE	0.0004	0.0004	—	0.0005	0.0004	0.0005
²⁰⁷ Pb/ ²⁰⁴ Pb	15.8260	15.8302	—	15.8374	15.8327	15.8449
1SE	0.0005	0.0004	—	0.0004	0.0004	0.0004
²⁰⁸ Pb/ ²⁰⁴ Pb	39.438	39.457	—	39.467	39.466	39.489
1SE	0.002	0.002	—	0.001	0.002	0.001
¹⁷⁶ Hf/ ¹⁷⁷ Hf	0.282603	0.282452	—	0.282535	0.282527	0.282419
1 SE	0.000003	0.000003	—	0.000003	0.000003	0.000005

Major element concentrations are from Davidson (1987) and Lindsay et al. (2013) and normalised to 100% volatile free. Sr, Nd and Pb isotope ratios are from Bezard et al. (2014). 1 SE = 1 standard error.

^a Trace element concentrations and ¹⁷⁶Hf/¹⁷⁷Hf (if available) analysed at Durham University.

^b Trace element concentrations analysed at Macquarie University and ¹⁷⁶Hf/¹⁷⁷Hf analysed at Durham University.

^c Trace element concentrations and ¹⁷⁶Hf/¹⁷⁷Hf analysed at Macquarie University.

^d Trace element concentrations analysed at Durham and ¹⁷⁶Hf/¹⁷⁷Hf analysed at Macquarie University.

*Also analysed by LA-ICPMS by Lindsay et al. (2013).

Table 1. continued

Group:	SVC	SVC	SVC	SVC	SVC	SVC
Sample:	SL8319 ^a	SL8324 ^a	SL-JL-22 ^a	SL-JL-23 ^a	SL-JL-24 ^a	SL-JL-33 ^a
SiO ₂	65.52	65.67	63.56	63.94	67.08	67.12
TiO ₂	0.39	0.43	0.52	0.57	0.38	0.38
Al ₂ O ₃	17.20	17.02	17.83	18.51	17.36	17.07
FeO tot	3.88	4.02	4.20	4.26	3.34	3.39
MnO	0.12	0.12	0.10	0.09	0.09	0.09
MgO	1.57	1.42	2.70	2.05	1.25	1.43
CaO	5.62	5.61	6.45	6.06	5.27	5.31
Na ₂ O	3.44	3.48	3.06	2.89	3.31	3.40
K ₂ O	1.73	1.66	1.46	1.48	1.79	1.69
P ₂ O ₅	0.10	0.11	0.13	0.15	0.13	0.12
LOI	0.37	0.90	0.40	1.28	1.51	1.58
Ti	3665	3920	5227	5482	3576	3646
V	23.2	23.2	44.0	25.8	8.4	12.2
Ga	17.1	16.2	16.7	17.8	16.3	16.6
Rb	75.3	67.0	59.3	63.7	73.4	73.8
Sr	319	287	298	309	303	292
Y	16.4	13.6	16.9	16.7	15.0	14.8
Zr	113	108	115	126	118	117
Nb	5.80	5.56	6.44	6.67	6.66	5.92
Ba	470	436	431	424	448	421
La	19.4	18.6	18.8	20.9	21.5	26.0
Ce	37.3	34.1	34.2	37.4	39.4	41.6
Pr	4.34	3.97	4.12	4.66	4.56	4.90
Nd	15.7	14.4	15.2	17.2	16.6	17.3
Sm	2.97	2.70	3.07	3.38	3.05	3.18
Eu	0.83	0.76	0.84	0.93	0.82	0.80
Gd	2.83	2.52	2.91	3.26	2.78	2.76
Tb	0.42	0.38	0.45	0.48	0.42	0.40
Dy	2.39	2.09	2.56	2.63	2.28	2.21
Ho	0.50	0.43	0.54	0.54	0.47	0.44
Er	1.45	1.25	1.54	1.53	1.34	1.30
Tm	0.24	0.21	0.25	0.24	0.22	0.21
Yb	1.59	1.34	1.60	1.55	1.45	1.41
Lu	0.28	0.22	0.28	0.25	0.25	0.24
Hf	2.94	2.83	2.94	3.23	3.07	2.99
Ta	0.48	0.45	0.46	0.45	0.49	0.45
Pb	15.4	12.5	12.2	11.6	14.5	14.4
Th	6.5	5.8	5.7	5.5	6.5	7.1
U	2.37	2.23	2.02	1.96	2.47	2.51
La/Sm	6.53	6.88	6.12	6.19	7.03	8.16
Th/Th*	0.91	0.87	0.91	0.90	0.91	1.01
¹⁴³ Nd/ ¹⁴⁴ Nd	0.512180	0.512215	0.512178	0.512111	0.512101	0.512177
1SE	0.000004	0.000015	0.000005	0.000005	0.000004	0.000004
⁸⁷ Sr/ ⁸⁶ Sr	0.708412	0.708237	0.708402	0.708801	0.709049	0.708511
1SE	0.000005	0.000004	0.000004	0.000004	0.000005	0.000004
²⁰⁶ Pb/ ²⁰⁴ Pb	19.7478	19.7300	19.7532	19.7791	19.7700	19.7588
1SE	0.0004	0.0004	0.0003	0.0005	0.0003	0.0004
²⁰⁷ Pb/ ²⁰⁴ Pb	15.8366	15.8280	15.8317	15.8361	15.8340	15.8324
1SE	0.0004	0.0004	0.0003	0.0005	0.0003	0.0004
²⁰⁸ Pb/ ²⁰⁴ Pb	39.479	39.446	39.471	39.479	39.484	39.473
1SE	0.002	0.001	0.001	0.002	0.001	0.002
¹⁷⁶ Hf/ ¹⁷⁷ Hf	0.282476	0.282554	0.282475	0.282455	0.282427	0.282485
1SE	0.000008	0.000007	0.000009	0.000005	0.000004	0.000004

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^a Trace element concentrations and ¹⁷⁶Hf/¹⁷⁷Hf (if available) analysed at Durham University.

^b Trace element concentrations analysed at Macquarie University and ¹⁷⁶Hf/¹⁷⁷Hf analysed at Durham University.

^c Trace element concentrations and ¹⁷⁶Hf/¹⁷⁷Hf analysed at Macquarie University.

^d Trace element concentrations analysed at Durham and ¹⁷⁶Hf/¹⁷⁷Hf analysed at Macquarie University.

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Table 1. Continued

Group:	SVC	SVC	SVC	SVC	SVC	SVC
Sample:	SL-JL-51 ^a	SL-JL-57 ^a	SL-JL-61 ^{a*}	SL-JL-79 ^{a*}	SL-JL-83 ^a	SL-JL-84 ^a
SiO ₂	66.39	66.30	67.47	65.57	66.49	64.25
TiO ₂	0.44	0.42	0.36	0.39	0.41	0.45
Al ₂ O ₃	17.14	18.04	17.27	17.20	17.31	17.38
FeO tot	3.75	3.84	3.44	4.33	3.86	4.24
MnO	0.10	0.09	0.08	0.11	0.10	0.10
MgO	1.63	1.32	1.06	1.32	1.22	2.45
CaO	5.57	5.42	5.32	5.45	5.55	6.26
Na ₂ O	3.12	3.04	3.13	3.77	3.24	3.15
K ₂ O	1.74	1.44	1.76	1.74	1.70	1.60
P ₂ O ₅	0.12	0.08	0.11	0.12	0.11	0.11
LOI	0.71	1.99	1.29	1.60	0.14	0.46
Ti	4120	3125	3325	3389	4366	3782
V	21.6	10.9	7.0	10.9	42.5	19.9
Ga	16.8	17.1	16.6	16.2	16.6	17.2
Rb	77.4	69.5	73.6	71.7	70.7	73.5
Sr	295	299	309.20	296	298	315
Y	16.5	15.2	14.9	13.1	15.3	16.1
Zr	125	113	115	115	104	110
Nb	7.43	6.13	6.34	5.62	5.44	5.82
Ba	510	489	454	454	430	476
La	24.5	20.0	21.5	19.8	18.3	19.2
Ce	39.3	38.2	37.8	34.8	33.8	39.0
Pr	4.62	4.65	4.53	4.08	4.11	4.51
Nd	16.9	16.9	16.2	14.6	14.9	16.4
Sm	3.28	3.19	2.96	2.74	2.88	3.03
Eu	0.80	0.85	0.83	0.78	0.78	0.80
Gd	3.01	2.91	2.69	2.46	2.71	2.82
Tb	0.44	0.43	0.40	0.37	0.41	0.42
Dy	2.44	2.28	2.23	2.03	2.27	2.29
Ho	0.50	0.46	0.46	0.41	0.46	0.48
Er	1.42	1.30	1.32	1.17	1.33	1.37
Tm	0.23	0.21	0.22	0.19	0.22	0.22
Yb	1.50	1.33	1.42	1.26	1.47	1.44
Lu	0.25	0.22	0.24	0.20	0.24	0.25
Hf	3.17	2.91	2.96	2.87	2.66	2.75
Ta	0.55	0.43	0.48	0.42	0.41	0.41
Pb	14.4	13.1	14.3	13.2	11.6	13.5
Th	6.8	6.2	6.4	6.0	5.9	6.6
U	2.53	2.09	2.47	2.24	2.01	2.20
La/Sm	7.46	6.26	7.27	7.24	6.35	6.33
Th/Th*	0.89	0.93	0.89	0.88	0.94	0.97
¹⁴³ Nd/ ¹⁴⁴ Nd	0.512108	0.512140	0.512096	0.512187	0.512194	0.512209
1SE	0.000003	0.000005	0.000005	0.000004	0.000005	0.000005
⁸⁷ Sr/ ⁸⁶ Sr	0.708946	0.708672	0.709063	0.708313	0.708202	0.708313
1SE	0.000004	0.000006	0.000004	0.000005	0.000004	0.000005
²⁰⁶ Pb/ ²⁰⁴ Pb	19.7661	19.7729	19.782	–	19.7576	–
1SE	0.0003	0.0005	0.001	–	0.0004	–
²⁰⁷ Pb/ ²⁰⁴ Pb	15.8342	15.8399	15.846	–	15.8354	–
1SE	0.0003	0.0004	0.0009	–	0.0004	–
²⁰⁸ Pb/ ²⁰⁴ Pb	39.484	39.489	39.528	–	39.483	–
1SE	0.002	0.001	0.003	–	0.002	–
¹⁷⁶ Hf/ ¹⁷⁷ Hf	0.282462	0.282460	0.282376	0.282373	0.282560	0.282530
1SE	0.000004	0.000004	0.000006	0.000006	0.000006	0.000004

Major element concentrations are from Davidson (1987) and Lindsay et al. (2013) and normalised to 100% volatile free. Sr, Nd and Pb isotope ratios are from Bezar et al. (2014). 1 SE = 1 standard error.

^a Trace element concentrations and ¹⁷⁶Hf/¹⁷⁷Hf (if available) analysed at Durham University.

^b Trace element concentrations analysed at Macquarie University and ¹⁷⁶Hf/¹⁷⁷Hf analysed at Durham University.

^c Trace element concentrations and ¹⁷⁶Hf/¹⁷⁷Hf analysed at Macquarie University.

^d Trace element concentrations analysed at Durham and ¹⁷⁶Hf/¹⁷⁷Hf analysed at Macquarie University.

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Table 1. Continued

Group:	SVC	SVC	Pre-SVC2	Pre-SVC2	Pre-SVC2	Pre-SVC1
Sample:	SL-JL-1 ^b	SL-JL-2 ^c	SL8326 ^d	SL8338 ^a	SL8339 ^d	SL8323 ^a
SiO ₂	65.37	62.82	53.47	54.08	57.39	53.55
TiO ₂	0.46	0.57	0.76	0.68	0.70	1.26
Al ₂ O ₃	17.60	18.66	18.35	21.91	17.08	17.84
FeO tot	4.07	4.81	8.13	6.58	7.27	9.24
MnO	0.10	0.11	0.20	0.16	0.18	0.17
MgO	2.32	2.22	4.52	2.08	3.94	3.57
CaO	5.25	6.41	10.24	9.76	8.53	9.36
Na ₂ O	3.01	2.80	2.76	3.16	2.64	3.10
K ₂ O	1.68	1.47	0.59	0.77	1.38	0.73
P ₂ O ₅	0.12	0.14	0.08	0.08	0.07	0.16
LOI	1.48	1.25	0.33	1.00	1.24	1.59
Ti	2922	3706	6999	6186	6388	11690
V	44.6	44.5	235	132	198	292
Ga	17.8	18.7	15.6	16.9	15.4	17.2
Rb	68.5	63.5	34.6	25.1	48.6	13.5
Sr	251	288	195	238	174	193
Y	15.7	19.5	19.7	18.2	22.3	30.3
Zr	140	145	71.7	66.6	96	105
Nb	6.02	6.12	2.06	1.74	2.42	3.00
Ba	472	436	211	199	283	163
La	19.6	20.5	7.05	6.00	8.22	5.74
Ce	38.6	38.0	14.6	12.8	17.1	14.4
Pr	4.49	4.86	2.06	1.87	2.43	2.44
Nd	15.6	17.2	9.1	8.6	10.7	12.1
Sm	3.03	3.44	2.38	2.36	2.71	3.55
Eu	0.92	1.04	0.78	0.87	0.80	1.12
Gd	2.78	3.30	2.92	2.95	3.43	4.44
Tb	–	–	0.52	0.51	0.59	0.79
Dy	2.44	2.93	3.34	3.27	3.70	5.08
Ho	0.51	0.62	0.70	0.69	0.79	1.09
Er	1.46	1.76	1.98	1.90	2.20	3.06
Tm	–	–	0.33	0.33	0.39	0.53
Yb	1.47	1.70	2.08	2.04	2.35	3.21
Lu	0.23	0.26	0.34	0.32	0.38	0.53
Hf	3.78	3.90	2.03	1.89	2.63	2.86
Ta	0.46	0.41	0.15	0.14	0.18	0.23
Pb	15.4	12.2	4.89	3.60	6.55	4.13
Th	8.2	7.0	2.41	2.11	3.32	1.28
U	2.70	2.14	0.88	0.79	1.30	0.63
La/Sm	6.47	5.95	2.97	2.54	3.04	1.62
Th/Th*	1.06	1.08	0.84	0.80	0.82	0.60
¹⁴³ Nd/ ¹⁴⁴ Nd	0.512143	0.512091	0.512505	–	0.512580	–
1 SE	0.000002	0.000003	0.000007	–	0.000006	–
⁸⁷ Sr/ ⁸⁶ Sr	0.708393	0.708504	0.706219	–	0.706106	–
1 SE	0.000002	0.000002	0.000003	–	0.000002	–
²⁰⁶ Pb/ ²⁰⁴ Pb	19.7568	–	–	–	–	–
1 SE	0.0007	–	–	–	–	–
²⁰⁷ Pb/ ²⁰⁴ Pb	15.8376	–	–	–	–	–
1 SE	0.0007	–	–	–	–	–
²⁰⁸ Pb/ ²⁰⁴ Pb	39.489	–	–	–	–	–
1 SE	0.002	–	–	–	–	–
¹⁷⁶ Hf/ ¹⁷⁷ Hf	0.282546	0.282519	0.282755	–	0.282802	–
1 SE	0.000003	0.000005	0.000005	–	0.000007	–

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^a Trace element concentrations and ¹⁷⁶Hf/¹⁷⁷Hf (if available) analysed at Durham University.

^b Trace element concentrations analysed at Macquarie University and ¹⁷⁶Hf/¹⁷⁷Hf analysed at Durham University.

^c Trace element concentrations and ¹⁷⁶Hf/¹⁷⁷Hf analysed at Macquarie University.

^d Trace element concentrations analysed at Durham and ¹⁷⁶Hf/¹⁷⁷Hf analysed at Macquarie University.

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Table 1. Continued

Group: Sample:	Pre-SVC1 SL8325 ^a	Pre-SVC1 SL8330 ^a	Pre-SVC1 SL8332 ^a	Pre-SVC1 SL8340 ^a	Pre-SVC1 SL8341 ^d	Pre-SVC1 SL8342 ^d
SiO ₂	55.76	55.88	57.31	53.46	61.38	50.90
TiO ₂	1.52	1.15	0.64	0.77	0.53	0.76
Al ₂ O ₃	15.12	15.38	18.99	19.19	16.62	22.11
FeO tot	10.73	11.04	8.04	8.93	7.66	7.75
MnO	0.20	0.22	0.25	0.20	0.22	0.20
MgO	3.51	3.68	2.20	3.71	2.10	2.72
CaO	7.41	7.48	7.70	9.24	6.09	11.68
Na ₂ O	3.36	3.22	3.45	2.96	3.71	2.51
K ₂ O	1.00	0.58	0.34	0.46	0.68	0.43
P ₂ O ₅	0.21	0.14	0.18	0.08	0.15	0.08
LOI	3.49	2.22	2.47	0.76	1.99	1.43
Ti	13800	10280	5959	7212	4887	6973
V	348	296	51.9	198	52	207
Ga	17.2	16.4	17.2	16.9	15.4	16.7
Rb	15.9	11.1	5.71	12.9	20.9	10.0
Sr	190	173	238	205	228	221
Y	38.7	28.4	24.4	19.9	21.7	16.9
Zr	134	81.3	81.0	54.3	65.4	43.6
Nb	3.85	1.96	2.87	1.68	2.58	1.20
Ba	226	150	100	129	157	79.4
La	7.24	4.58	5.02	3.95	5.54	2.80
Ce	18.1	11.6	13.0	9.51	13.6	7.10
Pr	3.05	2.01	2.26	1.60	2.25	1.25
Nd	15.2	10.4	11.5	7.80	10.9	6.44
Sm	4.46	3.21	3.25	2.31	2.94	1.98
Eu	1.32	1.12	1.22	0.88	1.01	0.79
Gd	5.63	4.11	3.76	2.91	3.38	2.58
Tb	1.01	0.75	0.65	0.53	0.58	0.46
Dy	6.38	4.84	4.11	3.41	3.64	2.99
Ho	1.38	1.05	0.89	0.74	0.77	0.64
Er	3.87	2.93	2.51	2.05	2.17	1.79
Tm	0.65	0.49	0.43	0.34	0.38	0.30
Yb	4.02	2.99	2.80	2.17	2.40	1.81
Lu	0.64	0.49	0.47	0.35	0.40	0.29
Hf	3.65	2.28	2.16	1.59	1.85	1.30
Ta	0.29	0.16	0.20	0.13	0.19	0.11
Pb	5.05	6.19	3.54	2.62	3.50	1.67
Th	1.71	0.94	0.72	0.96	0.78	0.49
U	0.86	0.52	0.39	0.44	0.44	0.27
La/Sm	1.63	1.42	1.55	1.71	1.88	1.41
Th/Th*	0.58	0.51	0.55	0.61	0.45	0.52
¹⁴³ Nd/ ¹⁴⁴ Nd	0.512946	–	–	–	0.512958	0.512983
1 SE	0.000015	–	–	–	0.000003	0.000008
⁸⁷ Sr/ ⁸⁶ Sr	0.704394	–	–	–	0.704354	0.704174
1 SE	0.000006	–	–	–	0.000003	0.000003
²⁰⁶ Pb/ ²⁰⁴ Pb	19.291	–	–	–	–	–
1 SE	0.001	–	–	–	–	–
²⁰⁷ Pb/ ²⁰⁴ Pb	15.748	–	–	–	–	–
1 SE	0.001	–	–	–	–	–
²⁰⁸ Pb/ ²⁰⁴ Pb	38.930	–	–	–	–	–
1 SE	0.003	–	–	–	–	–
¹⁷⁶ Hf/ ¹⁷⁷ Hf	0.283027	–	–	–	0.283081	0.283032
1 SE	0.000002	–	–	–	0.000007	0.000009

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^b Trace element concentrations analysed at Macquarie University and ¹⁷⁶Hf/¹⁷⁷Hf analysed at Durham University.

^c Trace element concentrations and ¹⁷⁶Hf/¹⁷⁷Hf analysed at Macquarie University.

^d Trace element concentrations analysed at Durham and ¹⁷⁶Hf/¹⁷⁷Hf analysed at Macquarie University.

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Table 1. Continued

Group:	Pre-SVC1	Pre-SVC1
Sample:	SL8344^a	SL8345^d
SiO ₂	51.77	71.88
TiO ₂	0.78	0.28
Al ₂ O ₃	18.87	13.44
FeO tot	8.41	4.23
MnO	0.18	0.17
MgO	5.14	0.21
CaO	11.02	2.37
Na ₂ O	2.47	4.97
K ₂ O	0.34	1.92
P ₂ O ₅	0.09	0.05
LOI	0.95	2.49
Ti	6974	2507
V	236	0.52
Ga	15.5	17.3
Rb	7.71	45.2
Sr	178	103
Y	17.6	57.6
Zr	49.4	209
Nb	1.11	4.71
Ba	79.6	324
La	3.34	12.3
Ce	8.08	29.4
Pr	1.36	4.93
Nd	6.75	23.6
Sm	2.03	6.62
Eu	0.74	1.39
Gd	2.57	7.89
Tb	0.46	1.44
Dy	2.98	9.34
Ho	0.65	2.01
Er	1.80	5.76
Tm	0.30	1.01
Yb	1.92	6.32
Lu	0.31	1.03
Hf	1.41	6.02
Ta	0.11	0.36
Pb	2.31	6.39
Th	0.70	3.30
U	0.28	2.01
La/Sm	1.65	1.86
Th/Th*	0.71	0.59
¹⁴³ Nd/ ¹⁴⁴ Nd	0.512957	0.512975
1 SE	0.000008	0.000002
⁸⁷ Sr/ ⁸⁶ Sr	0.704132	0.704109
1 SE	0.000002	0.000003
²⁰⁶ Pb/ ²⁰⁴ Pb	19.341	–
1 SE	0.001	–
²⁰⁷ Pb/ ²⁰⁴ Pb	15.747	–
1 SE	0.001	–
²⁰⁸ Pb/ ²⁰⁴ Pb	39.110	–
1 SE	0.003	–
¹⁷⁶ Hf/ ¹⁷⁷ Hf	0.283116	0.283156
1 SE	0.000006	0.000002

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1 SE = 1 standard error.

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^b Trace element concentrations analysed at Macquarie University and ¹⁷⁶Hf/¹⁷⁷Hf analysed at Durham University.

^c Trace element concentrations and ¹⁷⁶Hf/¹⁷⁷Hf analysed at Macquarie University.

^d Trace element concentrations analysed at Durham and ¹⁷⁶Hf/¹⁷⁷Hf analysed at Macquarie University.

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Table 2. Least squares models to produce a residual melt with Pre-SVC1 andesite (SL-83-41; model #3), or SVC andesite (SL-83-17; models #1 and #2) compositions from differentiation of Pre-SVC1 basalt (SL-83-44) and the corresponding Rayleigh fractionation models.

#1	Init. mag.	Final mag.	Phase analyses (normalized to 100%)			
	SL-83-44	SL-83-17	Plag1	Opx1	Ilm1	Cpx1
SiO ₂	52.35	61.96	49.77	50.29	0.00	60.94
TiO ₂	0.78	0.62	0.04	0.11	53.01	0.44
Al ₂ O ₃	19.08	18.21	31.5	0.59	0.12	5.02
FeOt	8.51	5.36	0.79	27.71	45.51	4.51
MgO	5.20	2.62	0.10	20.45	1.27	0.12
CaO	11.14	6.78	13.32	0.84	0.02	28.76
Na ₂ O	2.50	2.73	3.98	0.01	0.00	0.21
K ₂ O	0.34	1.58	0.14	0.00	0.01	0.00
P ₂ O ₅	0.09	0.14	0.35	0.00	0.07	0.00
Total	100	100	100	100	100.01	100
$\Sigma(R^2)$	Res. Melt (%)		Phase (in % relative to initial magma)			
0.03	14.27		50.13	23.02	1.10	11.48

#2	Init. mag.	Final mag.	Phase analyses (normalized to 100%)				
	SL-83-44	SL-83-17	Plag1	Opx1	Ilm1	Cpx1	Am1
SiO ₂	52.35	61.96	49.77	50.29	0	60.94	42.24
TiO ₂	0.78	0.62	0.04	0.11	53.01	0.44	1.8515.4
Al ₂ O ₃	19.08	18.21	31.5	0.59	0.12	5.02	5
FeOt	8.51	5.36	0.79	27.71	45.51	4.51	8.6316.5
MgO	5.2	2.62	0.1	20.45	1.27	0.12	3
CaO	11.14	6.78	13.32	0.84	0.02	28.76	12.77
Na ₂ O	2.5	2.73	3.98	0.01	0	0.21	2.08
K ₂ O	0.34	1.58	0.14	0	0.01	0	0.45
P ₂ O ₅	0.09	0.14	0.35	0	0.07	0	0
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
$\Sigma(R^2)$	Res. Melt (%)		Phase (in % relative to initial magma)				
0.02	14.96		49.28	22.44	1.11	11.31	0.90

#3	Init. mag.	Final mag.	Phase analyses (normalized to 100%)			
	SL-83-44	SL-83-41	Plag2	Cpx2	Opx2	Ilm2
SiO ₂	52.35	62.04	49.88	51.2	50.77	0.27
TiO ₂	0.78	0.54	0.04	0.37	0.41	16.14
Al ₂ O ₃	19.08	16.8	30.86	3.25	1.36	2.15
FeOt	8.51	7.75	0.83	6.82	21.71	80.52
MgO	5.20	2.12	0.11	16.56	23.45	0.78
CaO	11.14	6.16	14.47	21.6	2.29	0.12
Na ₂ O	2.50	3.75	3.39	0.2	0.01	0.01
K ₂ O	0.34	0.69	0.10	0.00	0.00	0.01
P ₂ O ₅	0.09	0.15	0.32	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100
$\Sigma(R^2)$	Res. Melt (%)		Phase (in % relative to initial magma)			
0.05	31.27		42.65	12.85	9.94	3.29

Rayleigh fractionation model:

	La/Yb	La/Sm	Th/Th*
SL-83-44	1.74	1.65	0.71
SL-83-17	11.31	5.74	0.96
SL-83-41	2.31	1.88	0.45
#1 res. Melt	2.31	1.82	0.72
#2 res. Melt	2.29	2.02	0.72
#3 res. Melt	2.19	1.90	0.71

Table 3. Mineral-melt distribution coefficients used for Rayleigh fractionation and AFC models.

	Plag	Cpx	Opx	Ilm	Hbl
La	0.035	0.105	0.002	0.098	0.544
Nd	0.018	0.287	0.030	0.140	1.340
Sm	0.013	0.477	0.050	0.150	1.804
Yb	0.016	0.601	0.340	0.170	1.642
Hf	0.009	0.121	0.010	0.380	1.534
Sr	1.670	0.070	0.040	0.010	0.480
Pb	0.36	0.0102	0.0013	0.01	0.1
Ba	0.29	0.001	0.011	0.00034	0.16
U	0.25	0.01	0.0046	0.0082	0.004
Th	0.25	0.012	0.0012	0.00055	0.004

Distribution coefficients were compiled from Aignertorres et al. (2007), Arth (1976), Paster et al. (1974), Dostal (1983), Fujimaki et al. (1984), Green et al. (1989), McKenzie and O’Nions (1991), Salters and Longhi (1991) and Zack and Brumm (1998) and set to 0.01 where not available and known to be insignificant. Plag = Plagioclase, Cpx = clinopyroxene, Opx = orthopyroxene, Ilm = ilmenite; Hbl = hornblende.