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## Abstract

The paleomagnetism of the Martian crust has important implications for the history of the dynamo, the intensity of the ancient magnetic field, and the composition of the crust. Modification of crustal magnetization by impact cratering is evident from the observed lack of a measurable crustal field (at spacecraft altitude) within the youngest large impact basins (e.g., Hellas, Argyre and Isidis). It is hoped that comparisons of the magnetic intensity over impact structures, forward modeling of subsurface magnetization, and experimental results of pressure-induced demagnetization of rocks and minerals will provide constraints on the primary magnetic mineralogy in the Martian crust. Such an effort requires: (i) accurate knowledge of the spatial distribution of the shock pressures around impact basins, (ii) crustal magnetic intensity maps of adequate resolution over impact structures, and (iii) determination of demagnetization properties for individual rocks and minerals under compression. In this work, we evaluate the current understanding of these three conditions and compile the available experimental pressure demagnetization data on samples bearing (titano-) magnetite, (titano-) hematite, and pyrrhotite. We find that all samples demagnetize substantially at pressures of a few GPa and that the available data support significant modification of the crustal magnetic field from both large and small impact events. However, the amount of demagnetization with applied pressure does not vary significantly among the possible carrier phases. Therefore, the presence of individual mineral phases on Mars cannot be determined from azimuthally averaged demagnetization profiles over impact basins at present. The identification of magnetic mineralogy on Mars will require more data on pressure demagnetization of thermoremanent magnetization and forward modeling of the crustal field subject to a range of plausible initial field and demagnetization patterns.

44 keywords: Mars, paleomagnetism, impact cratering, pressure demagnetization, magnetic minerals

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## 46 **1. Introduction**

### 47 ***1.1. The Martian magnetic field***

48 Renewed interest in the Martian magnetic field has been fueled by detailed mapping by  
49 NASA's Mars Global Surveyor (MGS) spacecraft (Albee, et al., 2001) from 1997 to 2006. The  
50 Magnetometer (MAG) and Electron Reflectometer (ER) aboard MGS mapped the global crustal  
51 magnetic field at about 400 and 185 km altitude, respectively (see Figure 1). Although Mars  
52 currently does not possess a global magnetic field of internal origin stronger than 0.5 nT at the  
53 surface, intense localized magnetic fields of crustal origin (e.g., Acuña, et al., 1999; Lillis, et al.,  
54 2008) and remanent magnetization\* in the Martian meteorite ALH 84001 (e.g., Weiss, et al.,  
55 2008) indicate that a substantial global field must have existed early in the planet's history. The  
56 distribution of the magnetic anomalies has been the subject of much debate as it is believed to  
57 have major implications for the ancient dynamo on Mars and the formation of the Martian crust.

58 The strongest magnetic anomalies are primarily located in the Noachian crust (>4 Ga) of the  
59 southern hemisphere. The observed crustal magnetic field is in some locations ~20 times greater  
60 than terrestrial magnetic anomalies at similar altitude, implying remanent magnetization of tens  
61 of A/m (Acuña, et al., 2001; Langel, et al., 1982). Such high intensities may be due to  
62 thermoremanent magnetization acquired as the crust cooled below the blocking temperatures\* of  
63 the constituent ferromagnetic minerals, post-impact heating within large craters, and/or heating  
64 by magmatic intrusions (Arkani-Hamed, 2003; Arkani-Hamed, 2005; Hood, et al., 2007;  
65 McEnroe, et al., 2004). Many questions regarding the origin of the magnetization remain open.  
66 For example, the interpretation of quasi-parallel lineations of alternating magnetic polarity at

67 spacecraft altitude remains controversial (e.g., Connerney, et al., 2005; Harrison, 2000; Hood, et  
68 al., 2007).

## 69 **1.2. Impact cratering and demagnetization processes**

70 Another important observation is that impact cratering appears to have shaped large regions  
71 of the crustal magnetic field. The younger (<4.1 Ga, Frey, 2008) impact basins, Hellas (2070 km  
72 diameter), Argyre (1315 km) and Isidis (1352 km) are devoid of magnetic anomalies (Figure 1)  
73 because the crust has presumably been demagnetized by these impacts (e.g., Acuña, et al., 1999).  
74 In order to quantify how impacts have modified the crustal field, we must first understand  
75 impact-related demagnetization and remagnetization processes (Figure 2).

76 Impacts result in the excavation of magnetized crust from the crater cavity and act to  
77 redistribute material onto the surrounding terrain. Near the crater rim, the ejected material may  
78 be partially intact and folded; in the distal ejecta blanket however, the crustal material randomly  
79 deposited (Louzada, et al., 2008), which would not contribute to the observed magnetic intensity  
80 at altitude. Additionally, near the impact point, the impact energy is high enough to melt or  
81 vaporize the crust, destroying any primary magnetic remanence in the rocks. The resulting melt  
82 sheet that lines the crater floor will acquire a new thermoremanent magnetization in the ambient  
83 magnetic field upon cooling. If there is a very weak or nonexistent ambient field, the melt sheet  
84 will remain essentially unmagnetized.

85 With increasing distance from the impact point,  $r$ , shock pressures (and temperatures)  
86 decrease as  $1/r^{1.5}$  to  $1/r^3$  (the decay exponent depends on the impact velocity and material,  
87 Melosh, 1989, p. 62; Pierazzo, et al., 1997). Beyond the crater rim, where the shock has decayed  
88 to below a few GPa, the stress wave is elastic and pressure decreases as  $1/r$ . Nevertheless, in this  
89 region, shock heating is no longer substantial enough to affect the magnetic remanence of the

90 rocks. In the absence of a magnetic field, the low pressures ( $\leq$  a few GPa) found at this distance  
91 are known to demagnetize rocks and minerals (e.g., Borradaile, 1993; Borradaile and Jackson,  
92 1993; Kinoshita, 1968; Nagata, 1971; Ohnaka and Kinoshita, 1968). In the presence of an  
93 ambient field, compression at low pressures results in the acquisition of shock remanent  
94 magnetization (SRM, e.g., Fuller, 1977; Gattacceca, et al., 2010; Gattacceca, et al., 2007; Srnka,  
95 et al., 1979). It has also been shown experimentally that impacts can generate or amplify ambient  
96 magnetic fields (Crawford and Schultz, 1993; Crawford and Schultz, 1999) capable of producing  
97 a strong SRM in shocked materials. However, at present, there is no evidence for shock related  
98 magnetic fields from terrestrial crater studies in basaltic rock (Louzada, et al., 2008; Weiss, et al.,  
99 2010). Nonetheless, the efficiency of SRM is typically several times less than that of  
100 thermoremanent magnetization. It is also more susceptible to viscous decay and may not be  
101 stable over geologic time (Gattacceca, et al., 2007). Finally, post-impact magnetic modification  
102 of the Martian crust could have occurred during hydrothermal metamorphism that may (e.g.,  
103 Barnhart and Travis, 2010) or may not (e.g., Scott and Fuller, 2004) be impact related.

### 104 ***1.3. Impact demagnetization signatures of the Martian basins***

105 The absence of central magnetic anomalies over the youngest impact basins (Hellas, Isidis,  
106 Argyre, Utopia and the North Polar basin, see Figure 1) has been used to date the cessation of the  
107 Martian dynamo at about  $\sim$ 4 Ga (Acuña, et al., 1999; Arkani-Hamed, 2004; Lillis, et al., 2008).  
108 This interpretation is based on the assumptions that melt sheets in these basins would have  
109 acquired a thermoremanence in the presence of an ambient magnetic field and that the  
110 remanence would have persisted to the present-day. Alternatively, impact-related  
111 thermoremanence could have been demagnetized as a result of multiple subsequent impacts on  
112 the basin floor. However, the spatial distribution and rate of impacts onto Mars is not likely to

113 have been homogeneous and constant, resulting in incomplete demagnetization of the centers of  
114 the basins. Because variations in crustal magnetic fields measured from orbit originate from  
115 lateral gradients in magnetization (as opposed to absolute magnetization) and demagnetization  
116 appears to be complete in these basins, the extremely low crustal fields observed over the basins  
117 also imply that indeed no significant magnetization was acquired in their centers when they  
118 formed (Acuña, et al., 1999; Lillis, et al., 2008).

119 The older basins (e.g. Ares, Daedalia, Zephyria) are associated with moderate-to-strong  
120 crustal magnetic fields and likely formed before the dynamo ceased (Lillis, et al., 2008). The  
121 cumulative history of impact events has likely substantially demagnetized the upper ~10 km of  
122 the Noachian crust (Arkani-Hamed, 2003). Similarly, secondary impacts by the ballistic ejecta of  
123 basin-forming events will also have contributed to impact demagnetization of the upper crust  
124 around basins greater than ~500 km in diameter (Artemieva, et al., 2005). Hence, a Noachian  
125 melt sheet of a few km thick is likely to have been extensively modified by subsequent impact  
126 events. The crustal magnetic fields measured over the old basins are therefore probably due to  
127 deep seated, coherently magnetized bodies (Shahnas and Arkani-Hamed, 2007). Such bodies  
128 may originate from magmatic intrusions beneath the basins (Watters, et al., 2009), analogous to  
129 those of the Sudbury Igneous Complex on Earth (Deutsch, et al., 1995).

#### 130 ***1.4. Using impact craters to probe the magnetic crust***

131 Hood et al. (2003) first correlated estimates of shock pressure with magnetic field intensities  
132 over Martian impact basins and experimental pressure demagnetization of magnetic minerals.  
133 Their study laid out a framework whereby an understanding of impact-induced demagnetization  
134 could provide information about the magnetic properties of the Martian crust. In order to infer  
135 the magnetic properties of the Martian crust based on impact demagnetization (Figure 3), the

136 following information is required:

137 (i) accurate knowledge of the spatial distribution of the shock pressures around impact

138 basins,

139 (ii) crustal magnetic intensity maps of adequate resolution over impact structures (including a  
140 way to relate field intensity to magnetization strength and direction), and

141 (iii) determination of demagnetization properties for individual rocks and minerals under  
142 compression.

143 In this paper, we critically examine the state of knowledge of these three topics and identify  
144 outstanding questions. We then compile the available pressure demagnetization data of rocks and  
145 minerals from the literature and evaluate the demagnetization trends of individual minerals.  
146 Finally we discuss the implications for the Martian crust.

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## 148 **2. The magnetic crust of Mars**

### 149 ***2.1. Candidate magnetic mineralogy***

150 Multiple magnetic minerals are likely present in different regions of the Martian crust. The  
151 list of potential candidate phases responsible for the magnetization includes single-domain\*  
152 magnetite, single-domain pyrrhotite, and multidomain\* hematite (e.g., Dunlop and Arkani-  
153 Hamed, 2005). We briefly discuss these minerals below.

154 Magnetite is the most common magnetic mineral in the Earth's crust and has one of the  
155 highest spontaneous magnetizations\*. A high Curie temperature\* (580°C) suggests that magnetic  
156 remanence in magnetite is stable to great depths in the ancient Martian crust. Magnetite is an  
157 important carrier of remanence in the Martian meteorite ALH 84001 (Antretter, et al., 2003;



158 Rochette, et al., 2005; Weiss, et al., 2002; 2002) and is the main ferromagnetic mineral in  
159 Martian dust as inferred from rover magnet experiments (Madsen, et al., 2009). Titanomagnetite,  
160 the dominant magnetic carrier in some nakhlites (a subclass of Martian meteorites) (Rochette, et  
161 al., 2001), has a lower spontaneous magnetization (~75% that of magnetite) and easily oxidizes  
162 to titanomaghemite. Both titanomagnetite and titanomaghemite have low Curie temperatures  
163 (150-300 °C) and may exsolve during cooling into intergrown (potentially single-domain)  
164 magnetite and ilmenite.

165 Single-domain pyrrhotite, with a low Curie temperature of 320 °C, has a spontaneous  
166 magnetization 20% that of magnetite. Pyrrhotite is a secondary magnetic phase in ALH84001  
167 (Kirschvink, et al., 1997; Weiss, et al., 2000; Weiss, et al., 2002) and the primary magnetic  
168 mineral in the Fe-rich basaltic shergottites (Lorand, et al., 2005; Rochette, et al., 2005; 2001),  
169 another subclass of Martian meteorites and considered to be most representative of the bulk  
170 Martian crust (Longhi, et al., 1992; McSween and Treiman 1998). Based on thermal  
171 considerations (the depth to the Curie temperature), it is unlikely that pyrrhotite is responsible for  
172 deep-seated magnetization on Mars, although it may be a contributing carrier in the shallower  
173 crust (above ~30 km). There is no evidence for ferromagnetic sulfides in Martian dust (Madsen,  
174 et al., 2009).

175 The presence of single-domain hematite (Curie temperature of 675 °C) on Mars has been  
176 inferred in Martian dust (Madsen, et al., 2009), and in rock coatings and spherules in outcrops  
177 (Klingelhöfer, et al., 2004). Although hematite dust and rock coverings are likely not responsible  
178 for large crustal magnetic anomalies, multidomain hematite could be a potential carrier on Mars  
179 if it was deep-seated and igneous in origin, as its thermoremanent potential is greater than that of  
180 single-domain hematite (although still a factor of 5 lower than that of single-domain magnetite)

181 (Dunlop and Kletetschka, 2001). Arkani-Hamed (2007) argues against coarse grained hematite  
182 as a carrier of intense magnetization as it would require unreasonably large amounts of hematite  
183 in the lower crust. Additionally, magnetization in low coercivity\* phases such as multidomain  
184 hematite may not be stable over geologic time due to shock demagnetization (Dunlop and  
185 Arkani-Hamed, 2005; Gattacceca, et al., 2007).

## 186 ***2.2. Implications of the magnetic carrier on the magnetic crust***

187 The identity of the magnetic carrier has implications for the thermal stability of crustal  
188 remanence as well as the oxidation state and chemistry of the crust. The presence of pyrrhotite at  
189 depth would indicate that the Martian crust was less oxidized than if magnetite were present. In  
190 situ observations of hematite and magnetite indicate higher oxidation levels at the surface.  
191 Magnetite, with its greater spontaneous magnetization, would require a lower concentration in  
192 the crust to explain the intensity of the field. The thickness of the Martian crust has been  
193 estimated to be around ~50 km with a crustal dichotomy in both thickness and magnetization  
194 (e.g., Nimmo and Tanaka, 2005). Estimates of the depth of the magnetic crust are strongly model  
195 dependent, and range from 30 to 50 km (Arkani-Hamed, 2003; Nimmo and Gilmore, 2001;  
196 Voorhies, 2008; Voorhies, et al., 2002). Maximum depths to Curie temperatures based on  
197 estimates of the ancient geothermal gradient for the Martian crust indicate that remanence in  
198 magnetite, hematite, and pyrrhotite are stable at depths down to 29-50 km, 33-70 km, and 13-35  
199 km depth, respectively (e.g., Artemieva, et al., 2005; Dunlop and Arkani-Hamed, 2005; Nimmo  
200 and Gilmore, 2001). Over the past 4 Ga, lithostatic pressure and thermoviscous decay have  
201 decreased the magnetization in the lower crust, while impact demagnetization will have  
202 decreased it in the upper ~10 km of the crust (Shahnas and Arkani-Hamed, 2007).

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## 204 **3. A framework for interpreting shock demagnetization on** 205 **Mars**

### 206 ***3.1. Estimates of shock pressure around impact basins***

207 It was quickly recognized that the shock pressures responsible for the demagnetization  
208 beyond ~1 crater radius from the center of large impact basins on Mars must have been only a  
209 few GPa (Hood, et al., 2003; Kletetschka, et al., 2004; Mohit and Arkani-Hamed, 2004). Using  
210 azimuthally averaged modeled magnetic intensities, Mohit and Arkani-Hamed (2004) estimated  
211 that complete demagnetization over Hellas basin occurs at distances up to 0.8 basin radii  
212 (present-day topographic basin radius ~1150 km), and that partial demagnetization extends out to  
213 ~1.2-1.4 basin radii, corresponding to radii of ~900 and ~1500 km, respectively.

214 Modeling of the shock pressure field around impact basins relies in part on the estimated  
215 projectile size and velocity. For a given crater diameter, scaling laws are used to estimate the size  
216 of the projectile, for an assumed impact velocity and density (rocky or icy). A two-step process  
217 relates (i) the impact conditions to the size of a transient crater (the hemispherical cavity that  
218 exists prior to gravitational collapse) and (ii) the transient cavity to the final observed crater size  
219 (after collapse). Geometric reconstructions of simple (bowl-shaped) and complex (e.g., central  
220 peak) craters provide constraints on the relationship between the transient and final crater size  
221 (for crater reconstructions see Melosh, 1989, p. 129 and 138). However, impact basins are  
222 morphologically very different from simple and complex craters, and their final geometries are  
223 not easily related to the volume of the transient cavity. For example, structural collapse and the  
224 development of multiple inward facing scarps (e.g., Argyre) may have destroyed the transient  
225 crater rim (Spudis, 1993, p.5, and references therein). Therefore, the final main topographic rim

226 of a basin does not represent the transient crater, as has been previously assumed (Hood, et al.,  
227 2003; Kletetschka, et al., 2004; Schultz and Frey, 1990). Additional complicating factors are  
228 extensive modification since formation (Tanaka and Leonard, 1995) and the ellipticity of all  
229 basins (Andrews-Hanna, et al., 2008). Computational techniques have only recently allowed for  
230 full numerical simulations of impact basin formation (e.g., Ivanov, et al., 2010).

231 Taking into account the uncertainties listed above, impactor radii of 125 to 342 km and  
232 impact velocities of 7.5 to 15 km/s have been invoked for the formation of Hellas (Hood, et al.,  
233 2003; Kletetschka, et al., 2004; Louzada and Stewart, 2009; Mohit and Arkani-Hamed, 2004).  
234 Initial pressure field estimates were made with the assumption that the planet's crust could be  
235 approximated as infinitely flat (after Melosh, 1984). However, Mars' small radius (3390 km)  
236 means that the curvature of the planetary surface results in a shallowing of the interference zone  
237 (the zone of reduced shock pressure near the surface, Figure 3) and higher shock pressures near  
238 the surface (Louzada and Stewart, 2009). Additionally, for large impacts, the presence of a  
239 density and sound-speed contrast at the crust-mantle boundary affects the propagation of the  
240 shock wave so that detailed near-surface pressure contours require numerical modeling of the  
241 impact event.

242 Figures 4 and 5 show the results of such a model for a 230 km and a 125 km radius projectile  
243 impacting at 9 km/s onto Mars (Louzada and Stewart, 2009). In the crust, the shock pressure  
244 contours are steeply inclined (nearly vertical, Figure 4). The averaged shock pressure with  
245 distance in the crust between 10 and 50 km depth is shown in Figure 5 (grey). If the  
246 demagnetization of magnetic minerals is sensitive to narrow pressure ranges, then steep pressure  
247 contours, in combination with magnetic intensity maps, may potentially be used to infer  
248 magnetic mineralogy.

249 For the 230 km radius impactor, at distances of ~900 and ~1500 km (corresponding to the  
250 radii of complete and partial demagnetization as inferred from magnetic field maps, respectively)  
251 the average shock pressures in the crust are  $4.5 (\pm 1.0)$  and  $1.5 (\pm 0.3)$  GPa, respectively.  
252 However, if the transient crater was much smaller than the main topographic rim of Hellas (e.g.,  
253 if the scaling were closer to complex crater scaling), then the projectile may have been much  
254 smaller. In comparison, for a 125 km radius projectile, the inferred complete and partial  
255 demagnetization pressures are  $1.3 (\pm 0.2)$  and  $0.6 (\pm 0.1)$  GPa, respectively. Until we have a  
256 better understanding of impact basin formation and collapse, we will not be able to constrain the  
257 demagnetization shock pressures to better than a few GPa.

### 258 ***3.2. Crustal magnetic intensity over impact craters***

259 The azimuthally averaged profile of the magnetic field intensity at 185 km altitude (Lillis, et  
260 al., 2008) (between  $120^\circ$  and  $300^\circ$  measured clockwise from geographic North) over Hellas  
261 basin is shown in Figure 5 (dark grey). The zone of near-zero magnetic field extends out to  
262 distances of 900-1000 km, beyond which its intensity increases smoothly and rapidly at distances  
263 up to 1400 km. Due to the highly non-unique relationship between subsurface magnetization and  
264 magnetic field measured from orbit, magnetic field data along single radial lines are not useful  
265 for constraining magnetization as a function of radius. Only by averaging over a wide range of  
266 azimuth angles does the general trend become clear. Azimuthally averaged radial profiles of the  
267 crustal magnetic field calculated from models of impact demagnetized crust can then be  
268 compared to azimuthally averaged magnetic field intensity data to constrain quantities such as  
269 average demagnetization radius. Lillis, et al. (2010) estimated this radius to be ~1300 km for  
270 Hellas basin.

271 Since the horizontal spatial resolution of magnetic maps from spacecraft observations is  
272 comparable to the orbital altitude (generally hundreds of km), detecting demagnetized craters in  
273 otherwise magnetized regions depends on the size of the crater, the coherence wavelength of the  
274 magnetization around the crater, and the altitude of observation. Magnetic field maps of Mars  
275 indicate a global average horizontal coherence wavelength of the crustal magnetization of ~650  
276 to 1200 km. Because the crustal magnetic field strength decreases with altitude, magnetizations  
277 of such large wavelengths result in substantial masking of the magnetic signatures of  
278 demagnetized craters of length scales similar to the orbital altitude smaller than the horizontal  
279 coherence wavelength. Lillis, et al. (2010) estimated minimum demagnetized zone diameters  
280 capable of producing clear demagnetization signatures at 185 and 400 km altitude to be ~600 and  
281 ~1,000 km, respectively (or about ~2.5 times the observational altitude). Thus, from a statistical  
282 point of view, it is not surprising that the magnetic field maps do not display many dozens of  
283 circular holes over post-dynamo impact basins less than 1,000 km in diameter. Smaller impact  
284 craters could also produce magnetic signatures detectable at spacecraft altitude. However, it  
285 would not be possible to unambiguously conclude that these structures were impact  
286 demagnetized based solely on variations in magnetic intensity at altitude and additional  
287 constraints on the small-scale crustal magnetization would be needed.

288 Magnetic maps provide some additional constraints on the demagnetization of the crust. If  
289 the demagnetization was characterized by a region of zero magnetization surrounded by strong  
290 crustal remanence outside of the basin, then a magnetic edge effect would be observed at altitude  
291 (Figure 1 in Halekas, et al., 2009). The fact that this edge effect is not seen in magnetic maps and  
292 that the coherence scale is large suggests that the reduction in remanence is gradual in the radial  
293 direction from the basin center. Therefore, simple identification of a carrier phase with an

294 idealized pressure criterion for complete demagnetization will not be adequate. Instead, magnetic  
295 profiles must be modeled using the remaining remanence based on the shock pressure field. For  
296 very large impact basins, however, multiple overlapping craters and heterogeneity in the  
297 distribution of pre-impact crustal remanence may complicate the interpretation of the shock  
298 pressure history of the crust.

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### 300 ***3.3. A thumbprint for shock demagnetization of rocks and minerals***

301 Ideally, sensitivity of individual minerals to shock demagnetization would be sufficiently  
302 different to allow for unambiguous comparison with the magnetic field maps around impact  
303 basins. For example, the demagnetization of different minerals could occur in narrow pressure  
304 ranges that are distinct for each mineral or, hypothetically, minerals could demagnetize  
305 monotonically with applied shock pressure and reach complete demagnetization at very different  
306 pressure amplitudes. Recent experimental studies focused on static or dynamic pressure-induced  
307 demagnetization have been motivated by the desire to have a mineral-specific pressure  
308 amplitude for complete demagnetization (e.g., Bezaeva, et al., 2007; Kletetschka, et al., 2004;  
309 Louzada, et al., 2007).

310 As discussed above, the inferred pressures for shock demagnetization on Mars based on the  
311 magnetic field maps are on the order of a few GPa. It has long been known that the remanence of  
312 magnetic materials is indeed permanently reduced as a result of compression in this pressure  
313 range (e.g., Cisowski and Fuller, 1978; Martin and Noel, 1988; Nagata, 1970; Pearce and  
314 Karson, 1981). In order to evaluate the uniqueness of the amplitude of pressure demagnetization  
315 of experimentally compressed rocks and minerals, we must first consider the differences between  
316 experimental procedures.

317 Neither dynamic nor static experiments can duplicate the exact conditions of planetary-scale  
318 impact cratering. Dynamic experiments have a greater strain rate and shorter stress duration than  
319 planetary-scale impact cratering, and the opposite holds for static experiments (Figure 6). If  
320 kinetic processes play an important role in pressure demagnetization, then experiments  
321 conducted under different conditions may not attain the same final results. In static experiments,  
322 the greater efficiency of demagnetization in uniaxial loading compared to hydrostatic  
323 compression has been attributed to greater shear stresses in the former (e.g., Martin and Noel,  
324 1988).

325 Nagata (1971) and Pohl et al., (1975) found that the first application of a single mechanical  
326 shock produces the greatest shock demagnetization effect and that repeated shocks have a  
327 decreasing efficiency, asymptotically approaching a final remanence. The effect of hydrostatic  
328 stress cycling on magnetic remanence is similar (Bezaeva, et al., 2007). Because pressure  
329 demagnetization is often partially reversible upon decompression (0-15% in Bezaeva, et al.,  
330 2007; Gilder and Le Goff, 2008), demagnetization measurements under pressure may slightly  
331 overestimate the reduction in remanence.

332 The demagnetization observed in magnetic experiments is also dependent on the domain-size  
333 and composition of the magnetic material (Bezaeva, et al., 2010) and its magnetic anisotropy  
334 (Louzada, et al., 2010). It is also dependent on the type of magnetic remanence. High coercivity  
335 remanence like thermoremanent magnetization is less susceptible to pressure demagnetization  
336 than the saturation isothermal remanent magnetization\* commonly used in pressure experiments  
337 (Cisowski and Fuller, 1978).

338 In summary, as with the shock pressure distribution and magnetic field maps around impact  
339 basins, the experimental data on pressure-induced demagnetization have caveats and limitations



340 in their application to impact demagnetization. Because the body of data on pressure-induced  
341 demagnetization has grown significantly in recent years, we next examine the data for different  
342 magnetic minerals to determine whether their responses to pressure are sufficiently different that  
343 they could be distinguished in the Martian crust using magnetic field maps of demagnetized  
344 impact basins.

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#### 346 **4. A compilation of data on stress demagnetization**

347 We have compiled the available experimental pressure demagnetization data on magnetite,  
348 titanomagnetite (Ti>40%), hematite, titanohematite, and pyrrhotite (Figure 7). We have included  
349 only single (first) applications of dynamic and static stress and all types of magnetization  
350 (isothermal, saturation isothermal, thermoremanent, and natural remanent magnetization). Based  
351 on the uncertainties in the shock pressures inferred at the edge of the demagnetized region  
352 around the Hellas basin (section 2.1), we focus on the 0 to 5 GPa pressure range. The studies  
353 included in the compilation are listed in Table 1. Additional experimental work not included in  
354 the compilation are experiments conducted at very low pressures (<~0.2 GPa) (Borradaile, 1992;  
355 Borradaile, 1992; 1993; Borradaile, 1994; Borradaile and Jackson, 1993; Borradaile and  
356 Mothershill, 1991; Carmichael, 1968; Graham, et al., 1957; Hamano, 1983; Martin and Noel,  
357 1988; Nagata and Carleton, 1969; Shapiro and Ivanov, 1967; Stott and Stacey, 1960), shock  
358 experiments with uncertain pressure calibration (Cisowski and Fuller, 1978; Hargraves and  
359 Perkins, 1969), or explosive shock experiments on porous samples and/or accompanied by  
360 extensive heating (Kohout, et al., 2007; Pesonen, et al., 1997). Because it is not clear whether  
361 pressure studies on iron and iron-nickel alloys motivated by lunar studies are applicable to Mars,  
362 they have also been excluded (Bezaeva, et al., 2010; Dickinson and Wasilewski, 2000;

363 Wasilewski, 1976).

#### 364 **4.1. Magnetite**

365 The low-pressure demagnetization behavior of magnetite (and low Ti magnetite, Ti <40%)  
366 up to 2 GPa is variable (Figure 7A), and there do not appear to be distinct differences between  
367 the single-domain and multidomain fractions. The demagnetization results appear to be very  
368 complicated. On average, however, the multidomain samples (blue symbols) are more  
369 demagnetized than the pseudo-single-domain\* fractions (green symbols) at similar pressures.  
370 This result is consistent with multidomain magnetite having a lower coercivity and being more  
371 susceptible to pressure demagnetization than single-domain magnetite (Bezaeva, et al., 2010;  
372 Cisowski, et al., 1976; Cisowski and Fuller, 1978; Kletetschka, et al., 2004; Pearce and Karson,  
373 1981), but not with the results from Gilder et al. (2006) who observe the opposite upon initial  
374 application of compression. Planar shock recovery experiments on single-domain magnetite  
375 bearing *Chiton stelleri* (a mollusk) teeth conducted in the Shock Compression Laboratory at  
376 Harvard attained complete demagnetization at 10 GPa (unpublished). However, Bezaeva, et al.  
377 (2010) find that remaining magnetization of magnetite and titanomagnetite, up to 1.24 GPa is  
378 dependent on the coercivity of the grains and is approximately proportional to  $\ln(B_{cr})$ , where  $B_{cr}$   
379 is the coercivity of remanence\*. Unfortunately, demagnetization data are not available in the  
380 critical 2-5 GPa range and it is likely that demagnetization trends will change when plastic  
381 deformation takes place. For example, brecciation will occur in rocks and minerals when the  
382 stress limit for elastic deformation has been exceeded. This limit, known as the Hugoniot Elastic  
383 Limit, is on the order of a few GPa in most rocks and minerals (Table 3.1 in Melosh, 1989;  
384 Sekine, et al., 2008). At present, there is no characteristic pressure for complete demagnetization  
385 for magnetite.

## 386 **4.2. Titanomagnetite**

387 More dynamic pressure demagnetization data exists for pseudo-single-domain  
388 titanomagnetite ( $Ti > 40\%$ ) with saturation isothermal remanent magnetization up to  $\sim 4.5$  GPa,  
389 and natural remanent magnetization up to 20 GPa. Natural and thermoremanent magnetization  
390 appear to be more resistant to pressure up to 5 GPa (Figure 7B) than saturation isothermal  
391 remanent magnetization in both the multidomain and pseudo-single domain samples. In  
392 titanomagnetite, magnetic remanence is more sensitive to shock compression in multidomain  
393 grains than it is in pseudo-single-domain grains at  $\sim 0.5$  GPa (compare solid green and solid blue  
394 symbols in Figure 7B). However, in hydrostatic experiments (open symbols), the fraction of  
395 remanence in pseudo-single-domain and single-domain samples demagnetized at 1.24 GPa is  
396 variable (between 0.45 and 0.9). In titanomagnetite, pressure demagnetization is not only  
397 dependent on the domain state, but is also correlated with the Ti content of the mineral (Bezaeva,  
398 et al., 2010). Although explosive experiments on titanomagnetite-bearing basalt (solid green  
399 squares) resulted in a net decrease of magnetization, a shock remanent magnetization was  
400 simultaneously acquired in the terrestrial field and accounts for  $\sim 22\%$  of the remaining  
401 magnetization at  $\sim 2$  GPa. If corrected for this shock remanent magnetization, the trend would be  
402 shifted down (arrow in Figure 7B). The remaining offset of  $\sim 50\%$  with the laser shock  
403 experiments (solid green diamonds) is probably a result of the lower susceptibility to  
404 demagnetization of natural (thermoremanent) magnetization with respect to saturation isothermal  
405 remanent magnetization, illustrating the importance of the initial coercivity distribution of the  
406 remanence carrying grains.

### 407 **4.3. Hematite and Titanohematite**

408 Only limited pressure demagnetization studies have been performed on SD hematite under  
409 hydrostatic pressures up to 1.24 GPa, and on multidomain hematite under dynamic pressure up to  
410 4 GPa (Figure 7C). The fraction of remanence carried by multidomain hematite that is  
411 demagnetized at low pressures varies significantly (at ~1 GPa between 0.8 and 0.3 and a single  
412 measurement at 4 GPa indicates 0.4). No single domain pressure demagnetization data has been  
413 acquired above 1.24 GPa. Titanohematite has only been investigated in dynamic drop  
414 experiments on single-domain grains at about 1 GPa (Figure 7D). Although both minerals  
415 demagnetize as a result of pressure, it is not possible to extract a demagnetization trend from the  
416 available data.

### 417 **4.4. Pyrrhotite**

418 The demagnetization of single-domain, pseudo-single-domain and multidomain pyrrhotite  
419 has been studied in both planar impact shock experiments (up to 12 GPa) and in hydrostatic  
420 compression (up to 3 GPa) (Figure 7E; Figure 2B in Louzada, et al. (2010)). At low pressures  
421 (<3 GPa) saturation isothermal remanence of pyrrhotite demagnetizes similarly to saturation  
422 isothermal remanent magnetization in titanomagnetite (Figure 7B). At shock pressures above a  
423 transition to paramagnetism\* (Rochette, et al., 2003) and the Hugoniot Elastic Limit (Louzada, et  
424 al., 2007; 2010) of pyrrhotite (both at ~3 GPa), demagnetization is partially counteracted by  
425 shock-induced changes in the magnetic properties of the material, consistent with an observed  
426 increase in single-domain like behavior. This observed stress hardening has also been noted in  
427 other materials (Gattacceca, et al., 2007; Gilder, et al., 2004; Jackson, et al., 1993).

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## 429 **5. Discussion**

### 430 **5.1. *Generalizing the results***

431 Despite the aforementioned difficulties in comparing the experimental results, we can draw  
432 some general conclusions regarding the effects of compression on the magnetic remanence of  
433 rocks and minerals at pressures below 5 GPa. Although the amount of demagnetization for a  
434 single mineral phase is highly variable, all minerals discussed demagnetize substantially at low  
435 pressures and the remaining magnetization decreases with increasing pressure. For example,  
436 below ~3 GPa, demagnetization trends for saturation isothermal remanent magnetization in  
437 titanomagnetite and pyrrhotite are remarkably similar (Figure 7B and E).

438 Significant scatter in the experimental results is due to differences in coercivity (domain size  
439 and type of remanence – saturation versus thermoremanent magnetization) and sample type  
440 (composition and pure mineral versus mineral bearing rocks) and prevents the extraction of  
441 detailed individual demagnetization trends from Figure 7. Regardless, at low pressures, the  
442 relative demagnetization differences between mineral phases are not sufficiently distinct so as to  
443 provide individual magnetic thumbprints (see also Bezaeva, et al., 2007).

444 Nevertheless, these data demonstrate that the estimated threshold for complete  
445 demagnetization of the Martian crust at a few GPa, as estimated from magnetic field maps and  
446 shock pressure distribution estimates around impact basins, is reasonable. Since the mechanical  
447 properties of rocks and minerals are similar, we do not expect substantially different  
448 demagnetization mechanisms to be occurring in different rocks and minerals. Mechanisms  
449 suggested to be responsible for stress demagnetization and shock demagnetization at pressures  
450 below the Hugoniot Elastic Limit are the effects of stress on magnetostriction (the spontaneous

451 change in shape of a crystal lattice as a result of magnetization and vice versa) (Gilder, et al.,  
452 2004; Kinoshita, 1968; Nagata, 1966). In larger grains, domain-wall displacement (Borradaile  
453 and Jackson, 1993; Nagata and Carleton, 1969) may also be an important demagnetization  
454 mechanism. Additionally, microbrecciation has been shown to have a profound effect on the  
455 domain structures of pyrrhotite in shock experiments (Louzada, et al., 2010) as well as in  
456 naturally shocked pyrrhotite-bearing rocks (Kontny, et al., 2007).

457 Similar deformation mechanisms are active during static and dynamic pressure experiments  
458 (e.g., dislocation generation and movement, microfracturing); however, the stress at which a  
459 material fails and the final demagnetization state attained can be different in static versus  
460 dynamic deformation because of differing strain rates and loading paths. The data presented here  
461 suggest that static and dynamic demagnetization is similar at low pressures (< several GPa).  
462 However, until static pressure techniques are developed that can expand the pressure range to  
463 complete demagnetization, we cannot conclusively state that full demagnetization occurs at the  
464 same dynamic and static pressure.

## 465 **5.2. Naturally shocked rocks**

466 Pressure demagnetization preferentially affects the lowest coercivity fractions in all rocks  
467 (Bezaeva, et al., 2007; Cisowski and Fuller, 1978; Gattacceca, et al., 2007; Jackson, et al., 1993;  
468 Louzada, et al., 2010). As the magnetization of the Martian crust is likely due to thermoremanent  
469 magnetization carried by grains with relatively high coercivity, the Martian crust will be less  
470 susceptible to demagnetization compared to most of the experimental samples. Additionally,  
471 caution should be taken when applying experimental results on pure minerals to planetary crusts.  
472 For example, above the Hugoniot Elastic Limit, the magnitude of demagnetization in pure  
473 pyrrhotite depends on the stress orientation with respect to the magnetic anisotropy whereas

474 less anisotropic pyrrhotite-bearing schists are not sensitive to stress orientation.

475 On planets with a global magnetic field, shock demagnetization may be partially  
476 compensated for by the acquisition of shock remanent magnetization (Gattacceca, et al., 2007;  
477 2007). The significance of transient impact-induced or amplified magnetic fields (Crawford and  
478 Schultz, 1988; Martelli and Newton, 1977) is unclear as the magnetizing potential of these fields  
479 is only located near the surface and their coherence scales are unknown. Additionally, shock-  
480 related changes in magnetic remanence may be obscured by viscous processes. For example, at  
481 Lonar crater, India (1.88 km diameter), titanomagnetite-bearing basalts shocked to a few GPa  
482 contain a strong viscous remanent magnetic overprint acquired over the last 50 kyr since the  
483 formation of the crater which obscures any potential evidence of shock effects on the  
484 paleomagnetism of the rocks (Louzada, et al., 2008). Experiments indicate that the efficiency of  
485 shock remanent acquisition is less than that of thermal remanence ( $\geq 17\%$  for pseudo-single-  
486 domain titanomagnetite bearing basalt, Gattacceca, et al., 2007) and that shock remanent  
487 magnetization may be more susceptible to viscous decay. In addition, impact-generated fields  
488 greater than several tens of  $\mu\text{T}$  were not detected at Lonar (Weiss, et al., 2010). For these  
489 reasons, we assert that shock remanent magnetization can generally be neglected in the  
490 interpretation of the Martian crustal field.

### 491 ***5.3. Intensity of the Martian crustal magnetic field***

492 Perhaps the greatest outstanding question regarding the Martian crustal magnetic field is the  
493 nature of the localized high intensities associated with certain areas of Noachian terrain (Acuña,  
494 et al., 1999). Not only must the magnetic carrier phase(s) satisfy the observed low (several GPa)  
495 pressure impact demagnetization, but they must also be able to carry strong magnetization and  
496 retain that remanence over geologic time ( $\sim 4$  Gyr). Therefore, high magnetic intensities are

497 presumably due to thermoremanence acquired during emplacement of igneous rocks in a strong  
498 global magnetizing field and/or a high concentration of magnetic minerals. Estimates of the  
499 paleointensity of the Martian magnetic field based on the ~4 Ga meteorite ALH 84001 (e.g.,  
500 Weiss, et al., 2008) and magnetostrophic balance considerations (Arkani-Hamed, 2005) are  
501 within an order of magnitude similar to (or less than) that of present-day Earth. If Martian basalts  
502 are enriched in Fe, then they possibly contain higher fractions of magnetic minerals, including  
503 pyrrhotite. Dunlop and Arkani-Hamed (2005) estimated that it would require 2 to 4 wt% of  
504 pyrrhotite in the Martian crust to explain the intense magnetization if the field strength was  
505 similar to that of the present-day Earth and the magnetization of the crust was similar to that of  
506 fresh mid-ocean ridge basalt. To date, the pyrrhotite content of basaltic shergottite meteorites has  
507 been found to be between 0.16 and 1.0 wt% (Rochette, et al., 2005). It has however been  
508 experimentally shown that synthetic Fe-rich Martian basalts rich in spinel-structured oxides are  
509 capable of acquiring intense thermoremanent magnetization (Bowles, et al., 2009). In any case,  
510 magnetic field intensity need not have been uniform on Mars (Stanley, et al., 2008). At present, a  
511 satisfactory mechanism for producing localized high magnetic intensities on Mars has not been  
512 developed.

#### 513 ***5.4. Evaluation of the framework for shock demagnetization on Mars*** 514 ***and future work***

515 The first-order hypothesis that the Martian crust has been demagnetized by large basin-  
516 forming impacts is robust. The three components of the framework set out in section 1.6  
517 consistently indicate that impact demagnetization on Mars occurred below 5 GPa. All magnetic  
518 minerals are effectively demagnetized in this pressure range, which is reasonable considering the  
519 similar mechanical properties of most rocks and minerals. Initial agreement between shock and



520 static experiment results suggest that both types of experiment yield results appropriate for  
521 studying planetary-scale impact cratering. However, because of the dependence of  
522 demagnetization on the initial coercivity distribution, more demagnetization data are needed on  
523 thermoremanent magnetization in rocks and minerals.

524       Static pressure experiments are presently limited by the maximum attainable hydrostatic  
525 pressure in the cell. Extrapolation of these results to greater pressures must be done with caution.  
526 Demagnetization trends versus pressure are likely to change as brecciation and defect generation  
527 become more important at pressures nearing the elastic limit. Inferred demagnetization pressures  
528 from the magnetic maps indicate that demagnetization occurs right at the cusp where permanent  
529 deformation of rocks and minerals takes place. More static pressure demagnetization  
530 experiments in the 2 to 5 GPa range and measurements of the Hugoniot Elastic Limit are desired  
531 for all the minerals discussed above.

532       More detailed interpretations of pressure demagnetization of the Martian crust are  
533 complicated by the degeneracy of the demagnetization data, limitations of the magnetic maps,  
534 and uncertainties in impact basin formation processes. In order to answer secondary questions  
535 regarding the magnetization of the crust (e.g., the coherence scale of magnetization, distribution  
536 of magnetic carrier phases, and magnetic mineralogy) more sophisticated forward modeling with  
537 hypothetical initial field and demagnetization patterns is required. This type of modeling is not  
538 trivial as the coherence scale of magnetization and the distribution of magnetic carriers may be  
539 codependent. However, it may help constrain the trend of remaining magnetization versus radius  
540 (or pressure) as a means of identifying magnetic carrier phases.

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## 542 **6. Conclusions**

543 In this work, we postulated that in order to infer properties of the magnetized crust of Mars  
544 from observations of the magnetic field we need: (i) accurate estimates of the shock pressure  
545 distribution around impact basins, (ii) crustal magnetic intensity maps of adequate resolution  
546 over impact structures, and (iii) a unique thumbprint for the magnetic response of different rocks  
547 and minerals to compression. Detailed shock pressure contours in the crust require numerical  
548 simulations and cannot be easily approximated. Until we have a better understanding of how  
549 large impact craters and basins collapse, we will not be able to constrain (complete or partial)  
550 shock demagnetization pressures better than a few GPa.

551 However, even if the detailed demagnetization pressures from magnetic intensity maps and  
552 demagnetization trends from experimental results are lacking at present, the basic premise set out  
553 in the beginning of this paper still holds. A compilation of the available pressure  
554 demagnetization data of (titano-) magnetite, (titano-) hematite, and pyrrhotite, while considering  
555 the differences in experimental conditions (type of remanence, stress regime, mineralogy and  
556 grain-size), indicates a universal trend: all minerals demagnetize substantially (by several tens of  
557 percent) as a result of compression below 5 GPa. This behavior is probably due to the similar  
558 mechanical properties of the magnetic minerals and rocks. Individual demagnetization trends of  
559 magnetic minerals do not lend mineral specific thumbprints that can be mapped onto magnetic  
560 profiles over impact structures.

561 More detailed interpretations of impact demagnetization of the Martian crust require: (1) a  
562 better understanding of basin formation and collapse, (2) more pressure demagnetization data on  
563 thermoremanent magnetization in rocks and minerals, (3) more static and dynamic pressure  
564 demagnetization of rocks and minerals in overlapping pressure regimes up to 5 GPa (past the

565 Hugoniot Elastic Limit ), and (4) forward modeling of the coherence scale of the magnetization,  
 566 distribution of magnetic carriers in the crust and magnetic crustal intensities on Mars.

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858 **Figure Captions**

859 **Figure 1.** Spherical projection maps of Mars' crustal magnetic field magnitude, centered on  
860 45° S, 12° E, from a) electron reflectometer measurements at 185 km altitude and b)  
861 magnetometer measurements at 400 km altitude from the Mars Global Surveyor (Lillis, et al.,  
862 2008; Lillis, et al., 2010). The large demagnetized basins Hellas (He), Argyre (Ag) and  
863 Prometheus (Pr) are labeled. The other circles represent older, magnetized basins identified by  
864 Frey (2008).

865 **Figure 2.** A schematic of the different crustal magnetic modification processes applicable to  
866 the formation of a (simple) crater in the absence of an ambient magnetic field. After Melosh  
867 (1989) and numerical simulations of Lonar crater, India (Figure 3 in Louzada, et al., 2008). Color  
868 online, grayscale in print.

869 **Figure 3.** Schematic representation of conventional shock pressure contours ( $P_1$ - $P_6$ ) and their  
870 relationship to spacecraft magnetometry for a large impact onto a flat planet. The shock pressure  
871 decays with distance from the impact point. Near the surface, shock waves interfere with  
872 rarefaction waves from the free-surface, effectively reducing the shock pressure. The depth of  
873 the interference zone depends on the size of the impactor and the curvature of the planet; for  
874 large impacts the interference zone is deep and encompasses the entire (magnetic) crust. Pressure  
875 decay at depths below the interference zone is hemispherical. Spacecraft magnetic measurements  
876 above impact basins show decreased (nearly zero) intensities of the crustal magnetic field at  
877 altitude. No vertical exaggeration.

878 **Figure 4.** Shock pressure contour results from hydrocode simulations of 125 km and (black  
879 lines) and 230 km (grey lines) radius impactors on Mars at 9 km/s (Louzada and Stewart, 2009).

880 Because Hellas is an elliptical basin, ranges for its inner and outer topographic boundaries are  
 881 given, rather than single values, and were determined from Mars Orbital Laser Altimeter  
 882 (MOLA) topography data (Smith, et al., 1999).

883 **Figure 5.** Demagnetization as a function of pressure over Hellas Basin: azimuthally averaged  
 884 shock pressure contours in the magnetic portion of the crust plotted over the averaged magnetic  
 885 field intensity at altitude. The solid and dashed lines illustrate the shock pressure contours (100  
 886 km radial bins, averaged over the crust between 10 and 50 km depth) resulting from the  
 887 hydrocode simulations of impacts by 125-km and 230-km radius projectiles at 9 km/s (1 $\sigma$  error  
 888 bars), respectively. Azimuthally averaged crustal magnetic field intensity at 185 km altitude  
 889 (with 100 km smoothing; Lillis, et al., 2008) over Hellas basin between azimuths of 300° and  
 890 120° with respect to geographic N (clockwise) increases with distance. The dark grey shaded  
 891 region represents 1 $\sigma$  error bars. The sensitivity threshold for detecting unambiguously crustal  
 892 fields is 4 nT (horizontal dash-dotted line).

893 **Figure 6.** Schematic of the stress duration and strain rate regimes for different experimental  
 894 techniques and planetary-scale impact cratering (Bezaeva, et al., 2010; Borradaile and  
 895 Mothershill, 1991; Boustie and Cottet, 1991; Melosh, 1989; Rochette, et al., 2003).

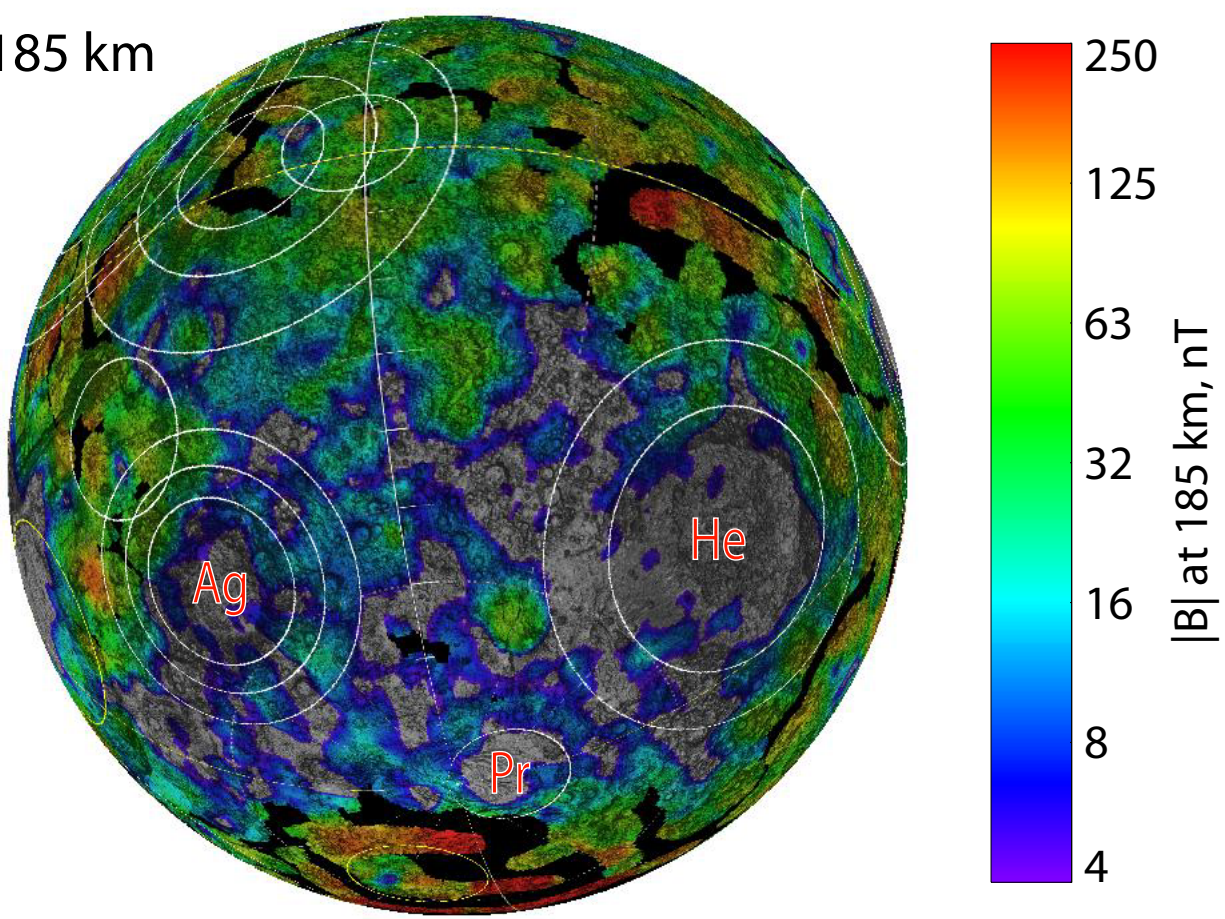
896 **Figure 7.** Compilation of selected static (hydrostatic - open symbols) and dynamic (drop,  
 897 plate impact, laser shock and explosive shock - solid symbols) pressure experiments (below 5  
 898 GPa) on magnetite (A), titanomagnetite (B), hematite (C), titanohematite (D), and pyrrhotite (E).  
 899 Red, green, orange, and blue symbol colors indicate single-domain\* (SD)/superparamagnetic\*  
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 901 and multidomain samples, respectively. For more information and sources see Table 1.



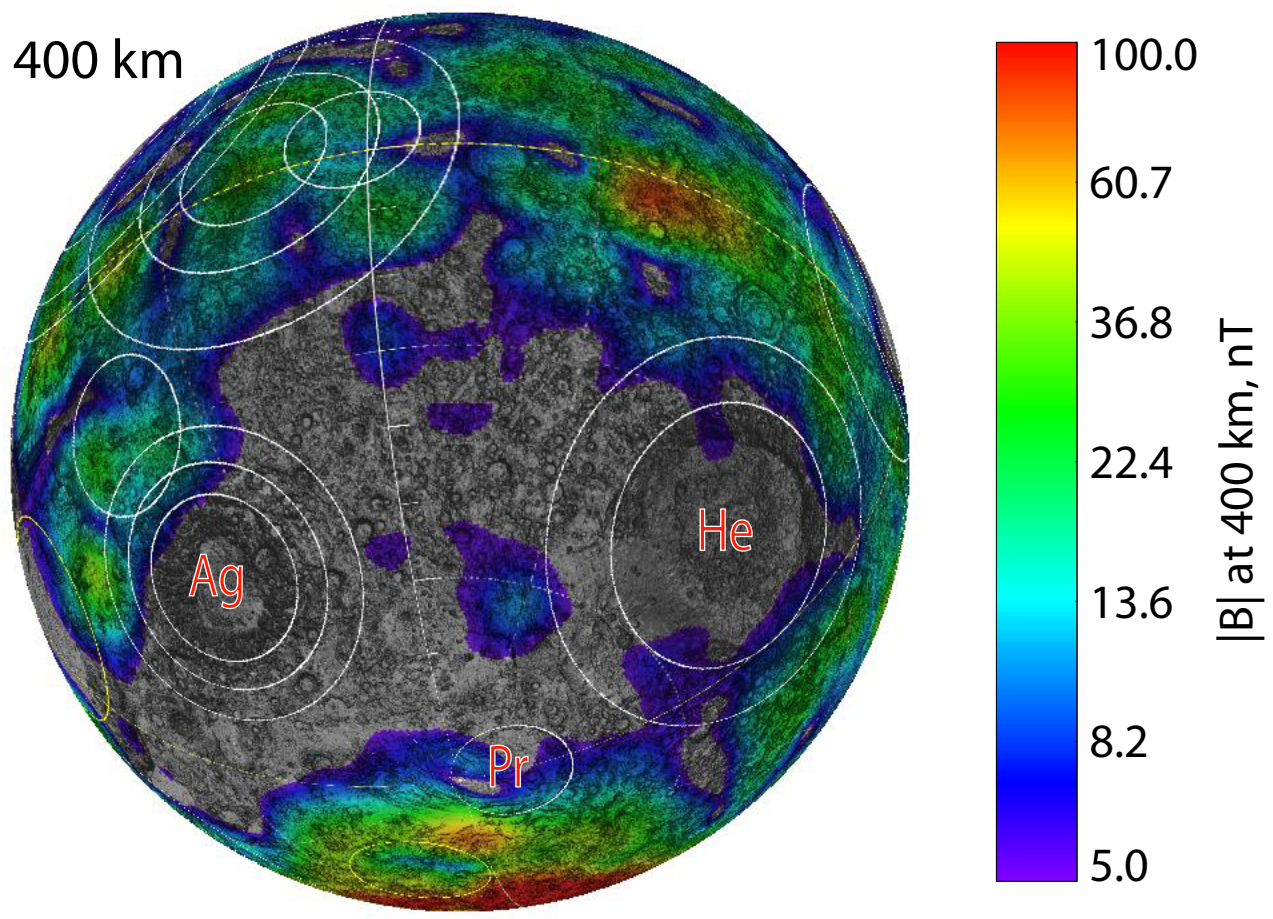
## \*Research Highlights

- Compiling the available pressure demagnetization data indicates a universal trend.
- All minerals demagnetize substantially as a result of compression below 5 GPa.
- Experimental demagnetization data do not lend mineral specific thumbprints.
- At present, we cannot constrain the mineralogy on Mars from demagnetized basins.

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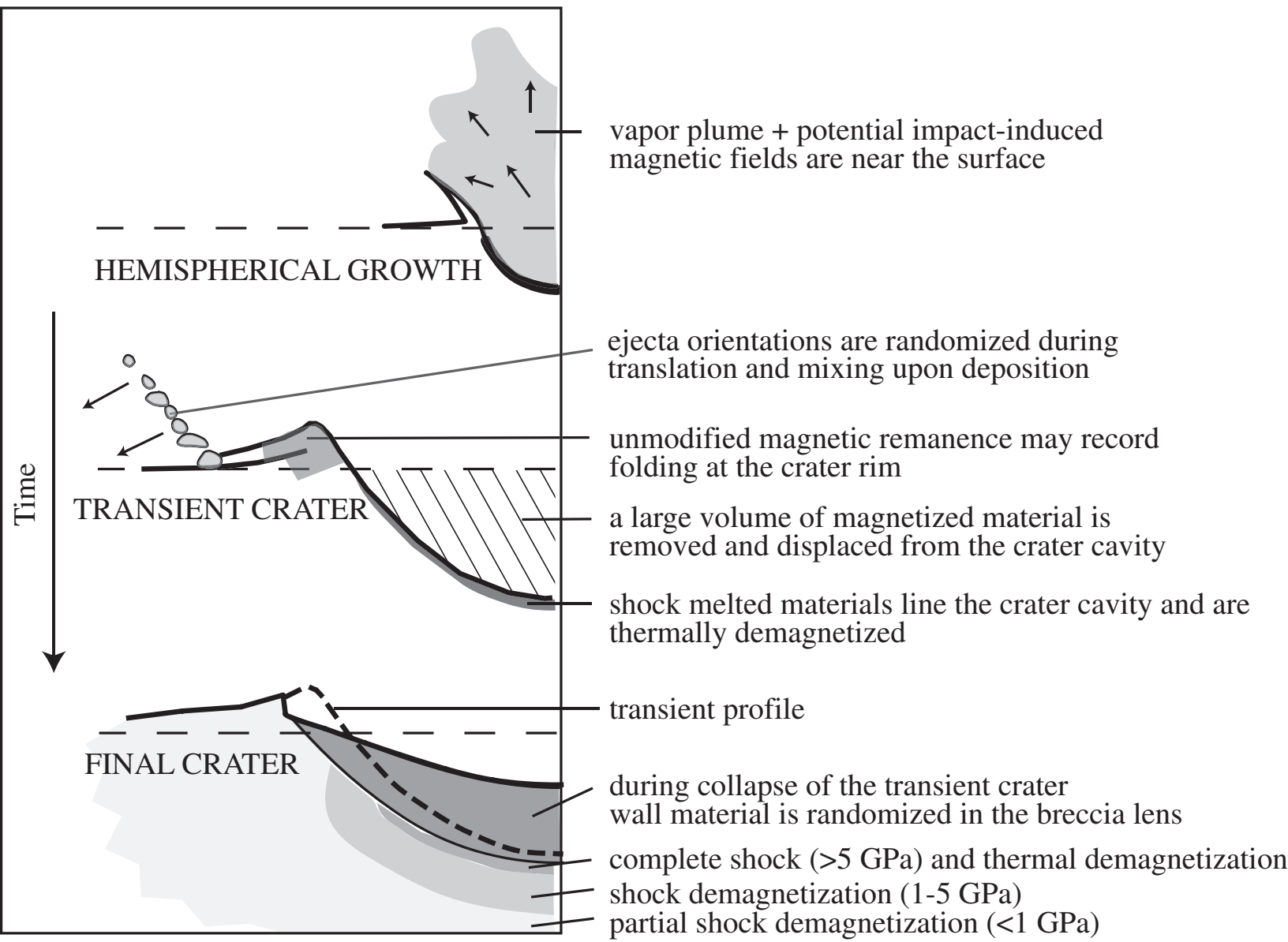


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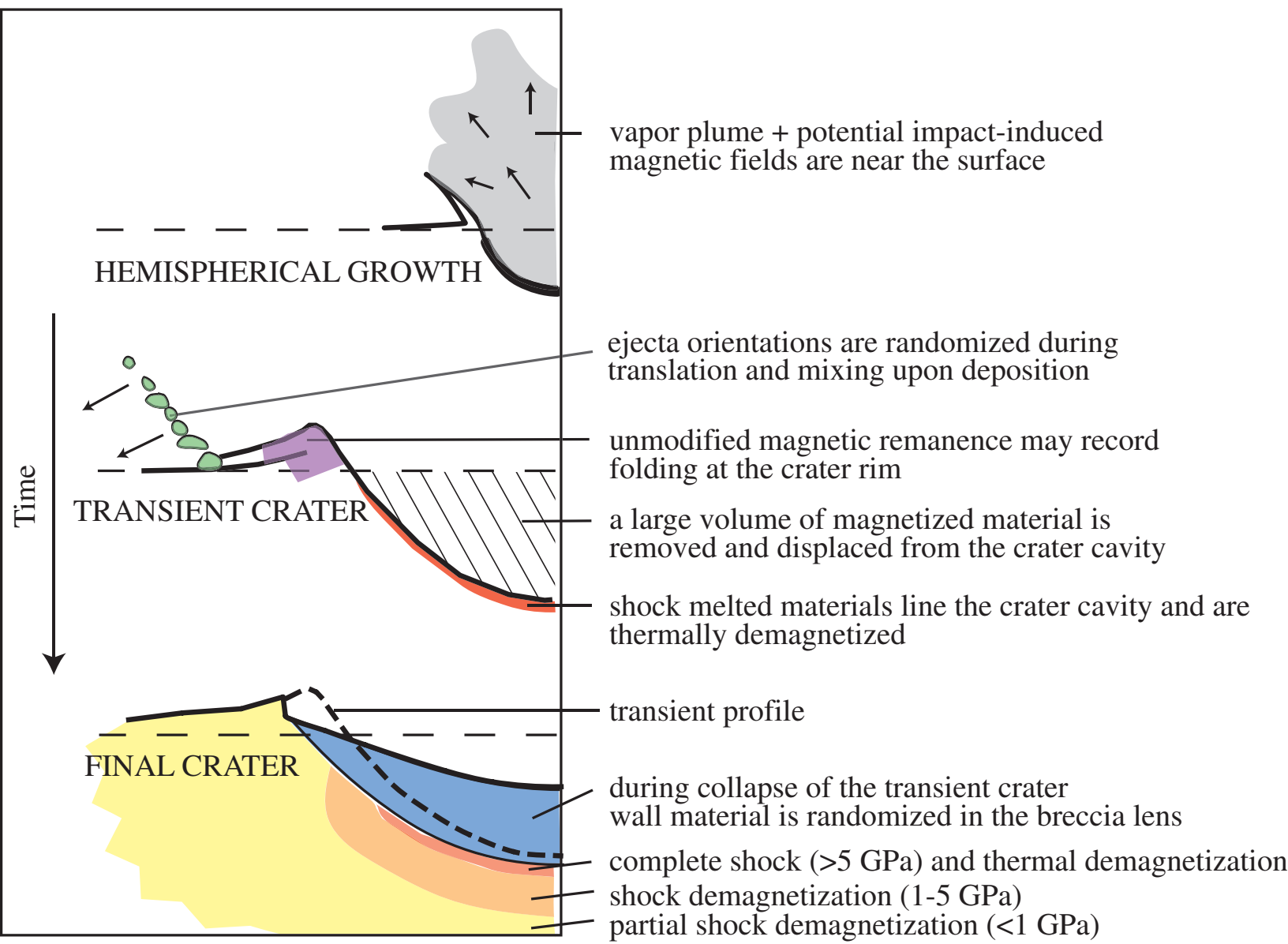
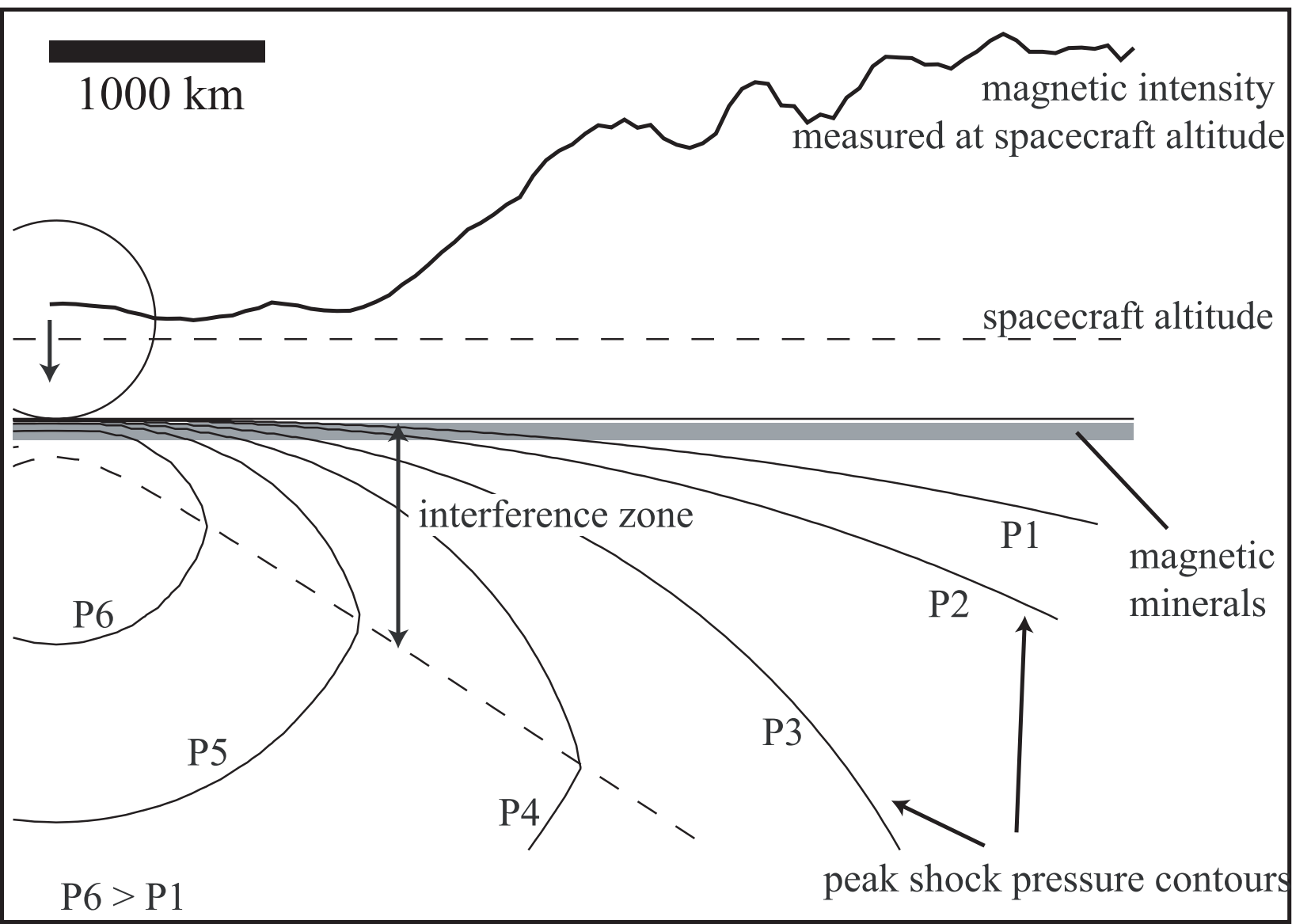
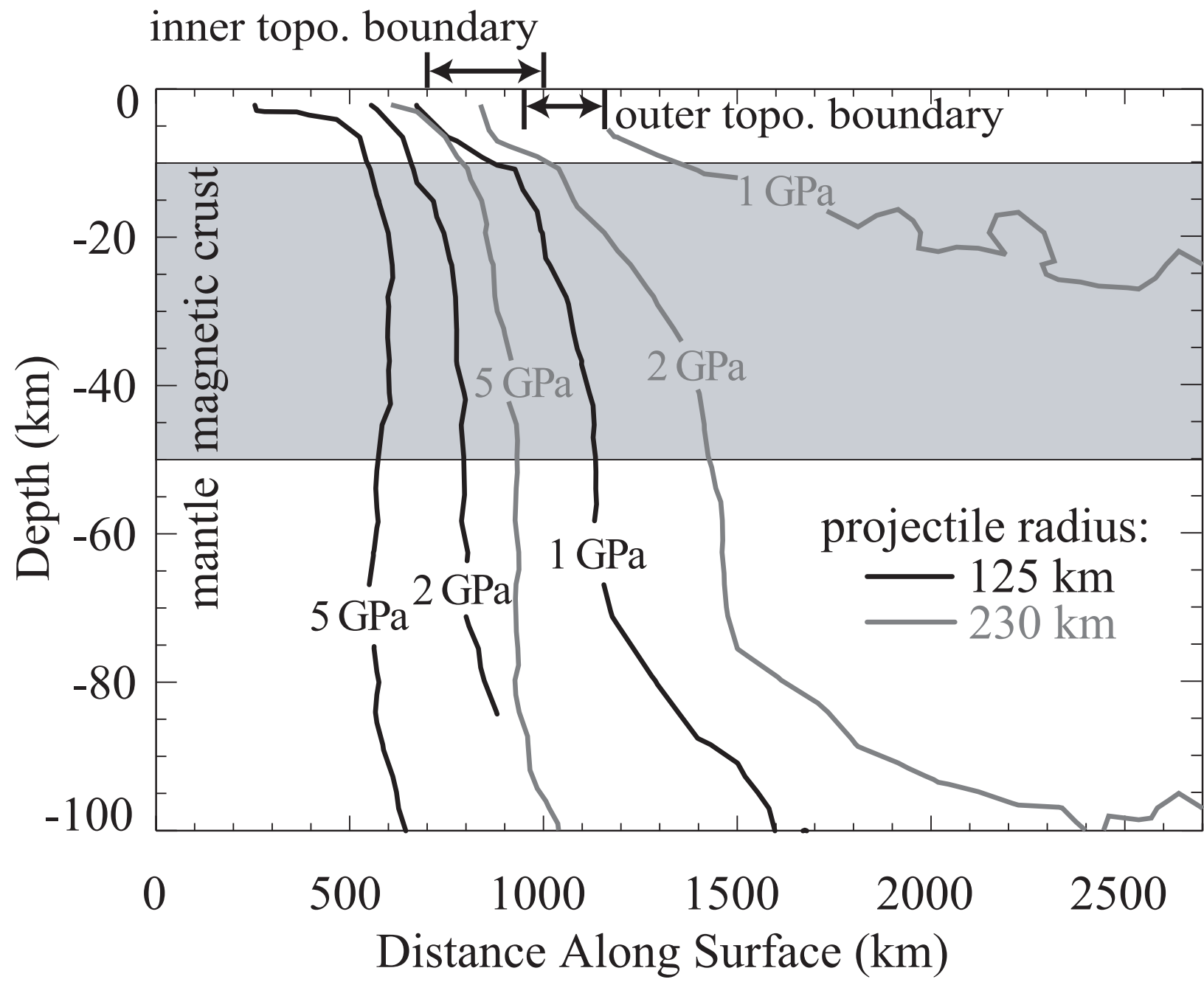
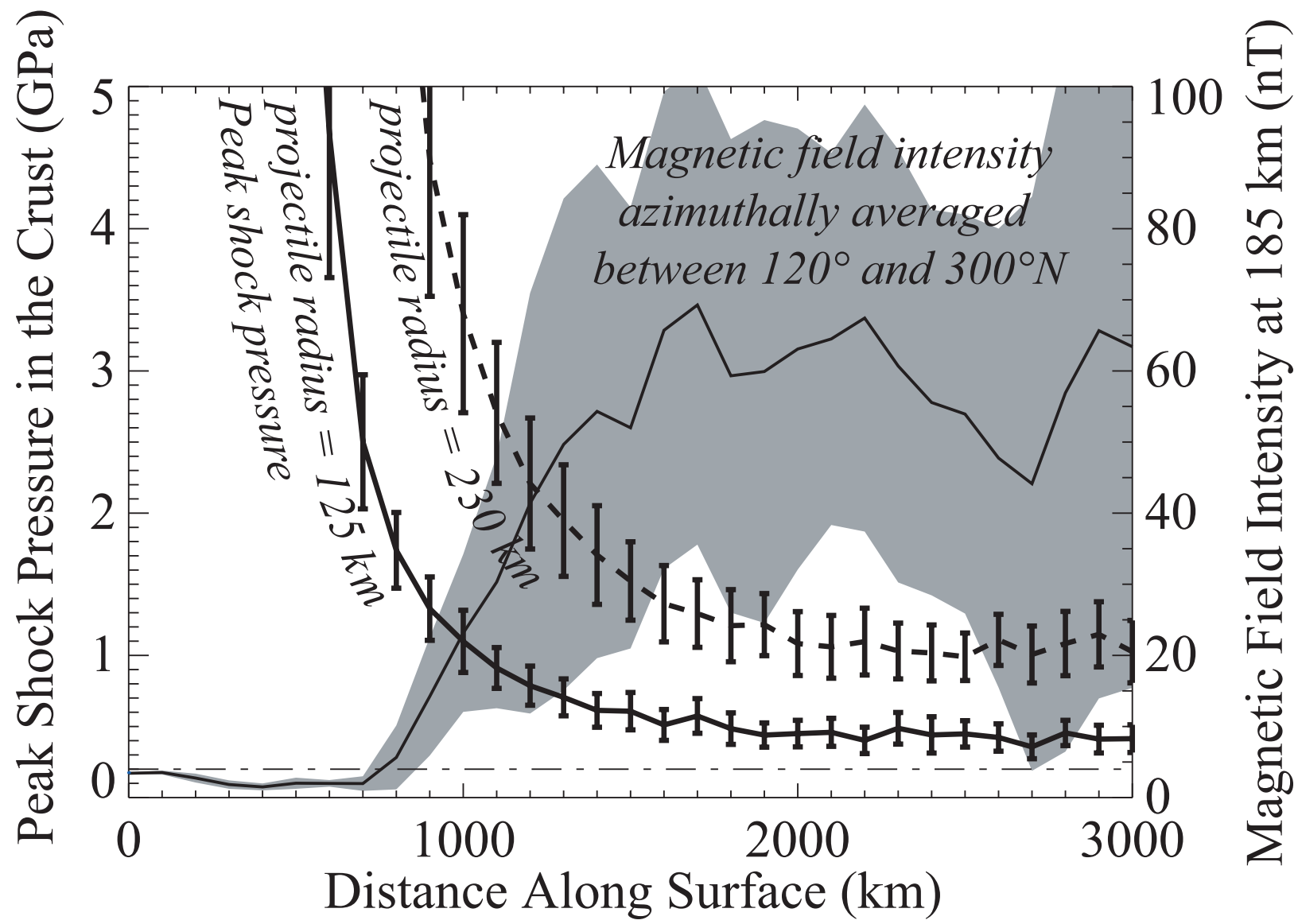


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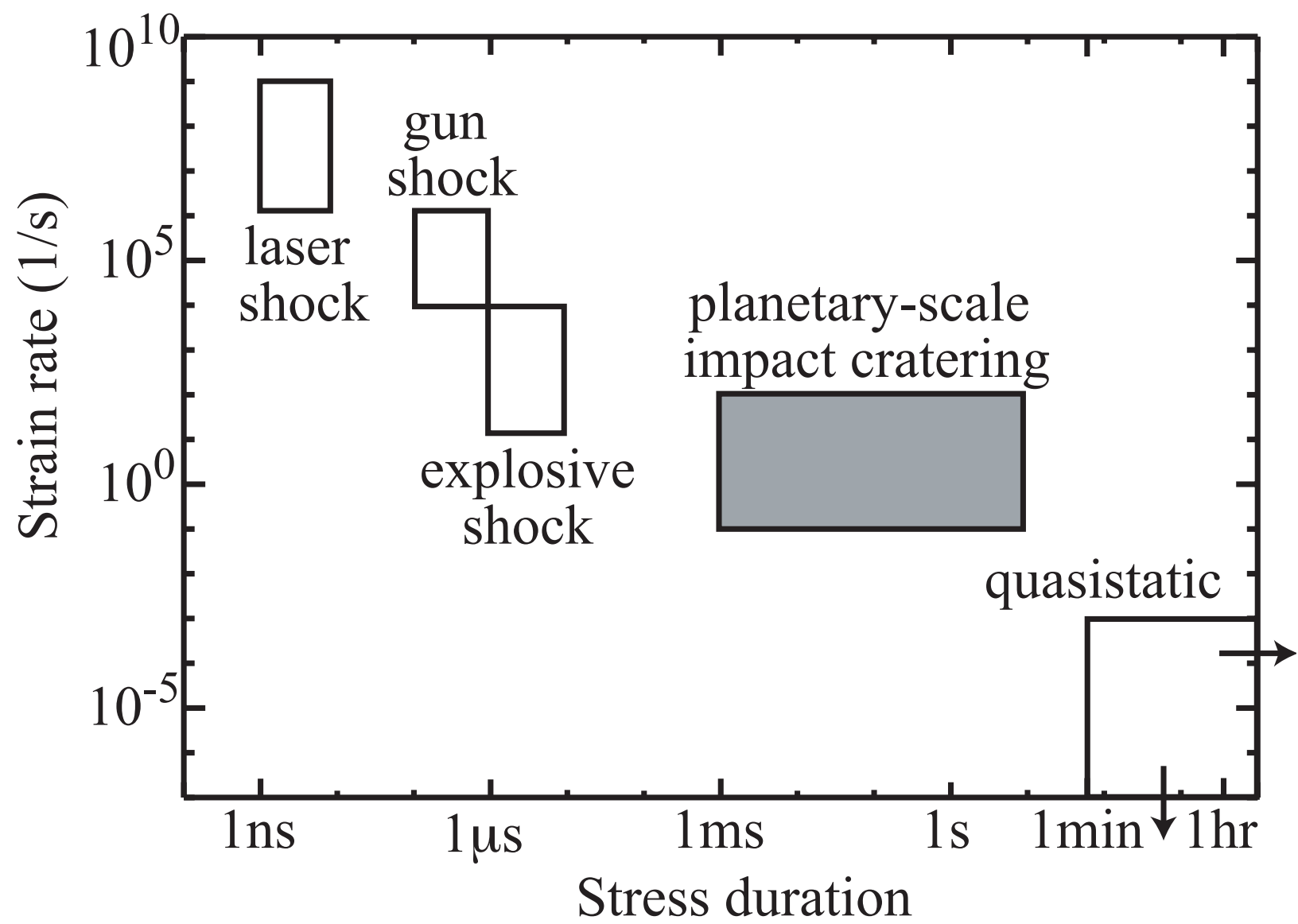
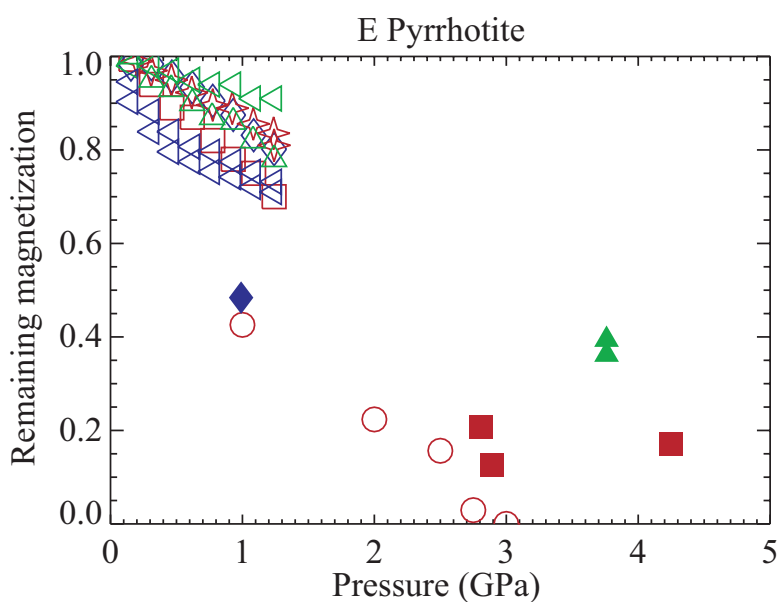
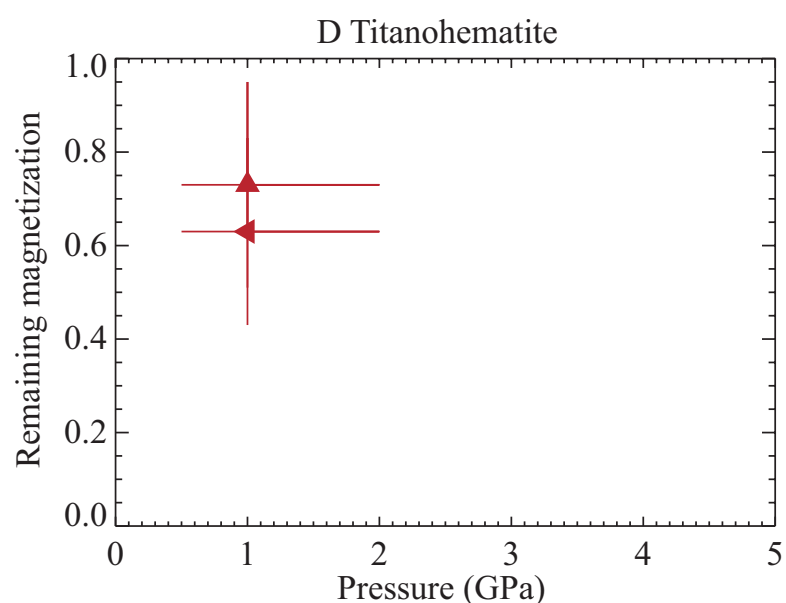
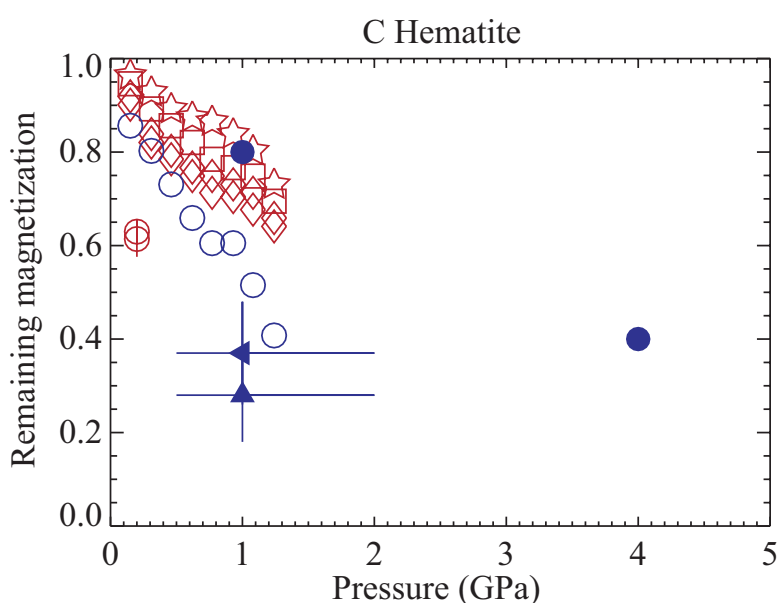
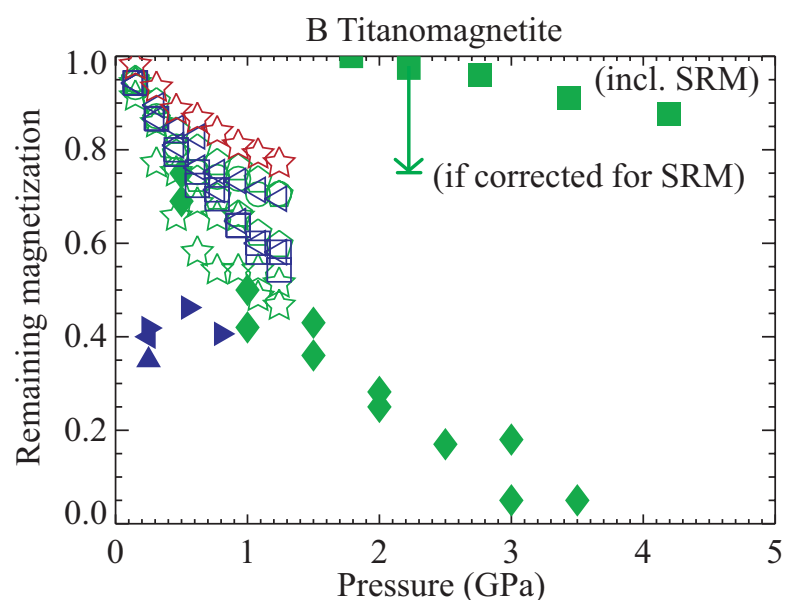
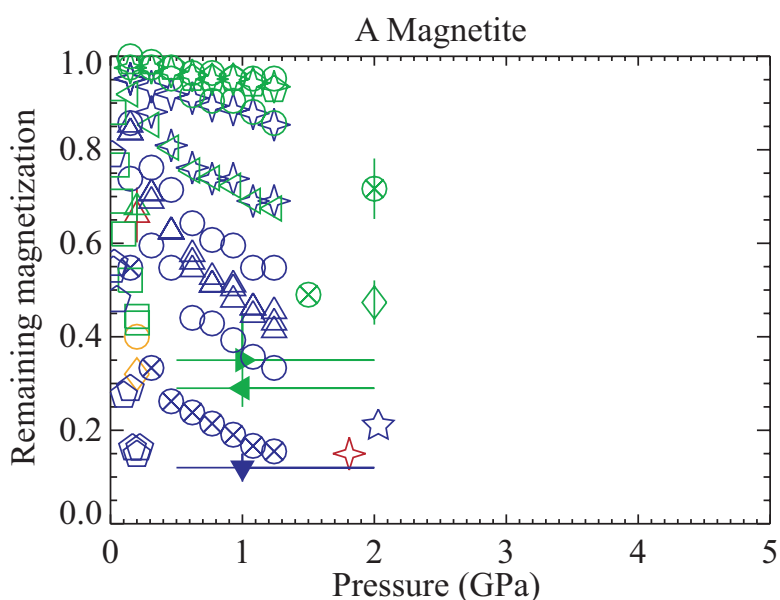


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Red = Single-domain,  
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Orange = Pseudo-single-domain/Multidomain  
Blue = Multidomain  
Solid symbols = high strain rate  
Open symbols = low strain rate  
\*Shock direction parallel to [001]  
See Table 1 for more information and references.

### Glossary of magnetic terms:

*Blocking temperature* = the temperature at which a ferromagnetic material can be regarded as being superparamagnetic (on a geological timescale).

*Coercivity* = the intensity of the applied magnetic field required to reduce the magnetization (induced + remanent) of a material to zero after magnetic saturation.

*Coercivity of remanence* = the intensity of the applied field required to reduce the remanence of a material to zero after magnetic saturation.

*Curie temperature* = the temperature at which the long-range ordering of atomic moments disappears because of local thermal fluctuations.

*Domain* = a region within a magnetic grain of constant magnetization. Because the magnetization between domains is of opposite sign, the net magnetization of the grain is smaller than the saturation magnetization. Domain walls separating domains are of a finite width and can move when exposed to an applied field resulting in a change in net magnetization.

*Multidomain* = grains with one or more domain. Because domain walls can move inside the grain, multidomain grains have a lower coercivity than single-domain grains.

*Paramagnetism* = a condition that allows materials with non-interacting atomic moments to retain a small induced magnetization parallel to the ambient field. The material cannot retain a remanence after the field is removed.

*Pseudo-single domain* = a multidomain domain grain with similar magnetic properties as single-domain grains.

*Remanent magnetization (magnetic remanence)* = the magnetization of a material measured in a zero field (no induced magnetization is present).

*Single-domain* = single-domain grains have only one domain. Because they must change their magnetization by rotation, single-domain grains generally have a higher coercivity than multidomain grains.

*Spontaneous magnetization* = a property of ferromagnetic materials that, unlike paramagnetic materials, retain a remanent magnetization after removal of a magnetizing field due to the alignment of atomic moments.

*Superparamagnetism* = a thermally activated condition that allows for the spontaneous reversal of magnetic moment in very small single-domain grains to be rapid enough that it cannot stably retain a remanence.



**Table 1.** Pressure demagnetization experiments of selected rocks and minerals. (Summarized in Figure 7.)

<i>Domain size</i>	<i>Sample Description</i>	<i>Experiment type</i>	<i>Remanence type</i>	<i>Pressure range (GPa)</i>	<i>Figure &amp; Symbol</i>	<i>Comments</i>	<i>Source</i>
<i>Magnetite (Ti&lt;40%)</i>					(Figure 7A)		
SD	Pure magnetite	hydrostatic	IRM	0.16-1.81	☆		(Gilder, et al., 2006)
SD	Ancaster limestone	hydrostatic	IRM	0.2	△		(Borradaile, 1992)
SD/PSD	Magnetite dispersed naturally in green spinel	drop	SIRM	~1 (-0.5/+1)	◀		(Kletetschka, et al., 2004)
SD/PSD	Magnetite dispersed naturally in green spinel	drop	NRM	~1 (-0.5/+1)	▶		(Kletetschka, et al., 2004)
PSD	Ancaster limestone	hydrostatic	SIRM	0.2	△		(Borradaile, 1993)
PSD	Synthetic (unspecified)	hydrostatic	SIRM, NRM (unspecified)	2	◇		(Pearce and Karson, 1981)
PSD	Rock samples (unspecified)	hydrostatic	SIRM, NRM (unspecified)	2	⊗		(Pearce and Karson, 1981)
PSD	Martian Nakhilite NWA998	hydrostatic	SIRM	0-1.24	◡	under pressure	(Bezaeva, et al., 2007)
PSD	Chemically precipitated magnetite and calcite rock analogue	hydrostatic	two-component IRM	0.025-0.200	□		(Borradaile and Jackson, 1993)
PSD?	Ignimbrite	hydrostatic	SIRM	0-1.24	☆	under pressure	(Bezaeva, et al., 2010)
PSD?	Andesite	hydrostatic	SIRM	0-1.24	◡	under pressure	(Bezaeva, et al., 2010)
PSD?	Granite	hydrostatic	SIRM	0-1.24	○	under pressure	(Bezaeva, et al., 2010)
PSD/MD	Calcite magnetite aggregate	hydrostatic	ARM	0.2	○		(Borradaile, 1993)
PSD/MD	Calcite magnetite aggregate	hydrostatic	SIRM	0.2	◇		(Borradaile, 1993)
MD	Granite	hydrostatic	SIRM	0-1.24	○	under pressure	(Bezaeva, et al., 2010)
MD?	Ignimbrite	hydrostatic	SIRM	0-1.24	☆	under pressure	(Bezaeva, et al., 2010)
MD	Pure magnetite	hydrostatic	IRM	0-2.03	☆		(Gilder, et al., 2006)
MD	Natural crushed magnetite with calcite	hydrostatic	2-component IRM	0.010-0.220	◡		(Borradaile and Jackson, 1993)
MD?	Microdiorite	hydrostatic	SIRM	0-1.24	⊗	under pressure	(Bezaeva, et al., 2010)
MD?	Synthetic	hydrostatic	SIRM	0-1.24	△	under pressure	(Bezaeva, et al., 2010)
MD	Pure magnetite	drop	NRM	~1 (-0.5/+1)	▼		(Kletetschka, et al., 2004)

<i>Titanomagnetite (Ti&gt;40t%)</i>					(Figure 7B)		
SD	Martian shergottite Los Angeles	hydrostatic	SIRM	0-1.24	☆	under pressure	(Bezaeva, et al., 2007)
PSD	Basalt	hydrostatic	SIRM	0-1.24	☆	under pressure	(Bezaeva, et al., 2007); (Bezaeva, et al., 2010)
MD	Basalt, Lonar	hydrostatic	SIRM	0-1.24	☆	under pressure	(Bezaeva, et al., 2010)
MD	Basalt, Lonar	hydrostatic	ARM	0-1.24	○	under pressure	(Bezaeva, et al., 2010)
PSD	Basalt, Fe <sub>0.25</sub> Ti <sub>0.75</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	explosive shock	NRM	2.9-31.3	■	demagnetization +SRM acquisition	(Gattacceca, et al., 2007)
PSD	Basalt, [Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> ] <sub>0.54</sub> [Fe <sub>2</sub> TiO <sub>4</sub> ] <sub>0.46</sub>	laser shock	SIRM	0-3.5	◆	shifted up 20% to compensate for offset due to sensor to surface distance between pre and postshock measurements	(Gattacceca, et al., 2006)
MD	Ignimbrite	hydrostatic	SIRM	0-1.24	◁	under pressure	(Bezaeva, et al., 2007)
MD?	Andesite	hydrostatic	SIRM	0-1.24	◻	under pressure	(Bezaeva, et al., 2007)
MD/SD	Basalt, [Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> ] <sub>0.46</sub> [Fe <sub>2</sub> TiO <sub>4</sub> ] <sub>0.54</sub>	shock	SIRM	0.25	▲		(Pohl, et al., 1975)
MD/SD	Basalt, [Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> ] <sub>0.46</sub> [Fe <sub>2</sub> TiO <sub>4</sub> ] <sub>0.54</sub>	shock	TRM	0.25	◄		(Pohl, et al., 1975)
MD/SD	Basalt, [Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> ] <sub>0.46</sub> [Fe <sub>2</sub> TiO <sub>4</sub> ] <sub>0.54</sub>	shock	NRM	0.25, 0.55, 0.8	►		(Pohl, et al., 1975)
<i>Hematite</i>					(Figure 7C)		
SD	Rhyolite	hydrostatic	SIRM	0-1.24	☆	under pressure	(Bezaeva, et al., 2010)
SD	Synthetic aggregates with calcite and Portland cement with hematite (<0.5μm) pigment	hydrostatic	near SIRM	0.2	○		(Borradaile, 1993) (Borradaile, 1992)
SD?	Radiolarite	hydrostatic	SIRM	0-1.24	◇	under pressure	(Bezaeva, et al., 2010)
SD?	Jasper	hydrostatic	SIRM	0-1.24	◻	under pressure	(Bezaeva, et al., 2010)
MD	Synthetic	hydrostatic	SIRM	0-1.24	○	under pressure	(Bezaeva, et al., 2010)
MD	Pure hematite	drop	NRM	~1 (-0.5/+1)	▲		(Kletetschka, et al., 2004)
MD	Pure hematite	drop	SIRM	~1 (-0.5/+1)	◄		(Kletetschka, et al., 2004)
MD	Granite	gun shock	NRM	1-4	●		(Cisowski, et al., 1976)

<i>Titanohematite</i>						(Figure 7D)
SD	Exsolved (Fe <sub>2-x</sub> Ti <sub>x</sub> O <sub>3</sub> , x<0.2)	drop	NRM	~1 (-0.5/+1)	▲	(Kletetschka, et al., 2004)
SD	Exsolved (Fe <sub>2-x</sub> Ti <sub>x</sub> O <sub>3</sub> , x<0.2)	drop	SIRM	~1 (-0.5/+1)	◀	(Kletetschka, et al., 2004)
<i>Pyrrhotite</i>						(Figure 7E)
SD/SP	Pure, nodule	hydrostatic	SIRM	1.74-5.67	□	under pressure (Bezaeva, et al., 2010; Louzada, et al., 2007, 2010)
SD/SP	Pure, nodule	plate impact	near SIRM	1.74-5.67	■	(Louzada, et al., 2007, 2010)
SD	Pure, Ducktown	hydrostatic	SIRM	1-3	○	(Rochette, et al., 2003)
SD	Basaltic shergottite NWA 1068	hydrostatic	SIRM	0-1.24	☆	under pressure (Bezaeva, et al., 2007)
PSD	Rumuruti chondrite NWA 753	hydrostatic	SIRM	0-1.24	◁	under pressure (Bezaeva, et al., 2010)
PSD	Schist	hydrostatic	SIRM	0-1.24	△	under pressure (Bezaeva, et al., 2010; Louzada, et al., 2007, 2010)
PSD	Schist	plate impact	near SIRM	3.76, 10.1	▲	(Bezaeva, et al., 2010)
MD	Synthetic powder	hydrostatic	SIRM	0-1.24	◁	under pressure (Bezaeva, et al., 2010; Louzada, et al., 2007, 2010)
MD	Single-crystal	hydrostatic	SIRM	0.99-12.0	◇	under pressure (Bezaeva, et al., 2010; Louzada, et al., 2007, 2010)
MD	Single-crystal	plate impact	near SIRM	0.99-12.0	◆	(Louzada, et al., 2007, 2010)

SP = Superparamagnetic. SD = Single-domain. PSD = Pseudo-single-domain. MD = Multidomain. IRM = Isothermal remanent magnetization. SIRM = Saturation isothermal remanent magnetization. ARM = Anhyseretic remanent magnetization. TRM = Thermal remanent magnetization. NRM = Natural remanent magnetization.

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