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Trace element evidence from seamounts for recycled oceanic crust in the Eastern Pacific mantle

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Abstract

We present trace element data for 80 samples from about 50 seamounts in the east equatorial Pacific near the East Pacific Rise. These data indicate that the heterogeneous mantle source that supplies the seamounts consists of two components: (1) an extremely depleted component, much more depleted than estimates of the source of depleted MORB; and (2) an enriched component even more enriched than average OIB. The depleted component shows large variations in Zr/Hf, Nb/Ta, Rb/Cs, Ce/Pb, and Th/U that are correlated with each other and with La/Sm, indicating that these paired elements do fractionate from each other in some oceanic basalts. The order of incompatibility of trace elements we find differs slightly from that found elsewhere. For example, for seamounts, we find that $D_{Nb} \approx D_{Th} < D_{Ta} \approx D_{U}$. In comparison with Th and U, the enriched component shows anomalous enrichments of Ta and Nb. Since such fractionations are characteristic of subduction zones, we suggest that the most likely ultimate source of the enriched component is recycled ocean crust.

Keywords: seamounts; East Pacific Rise; basalts; trace elements; mantle source heterogeneity; oceanic crust recycling

1. Introduction

Isotopic and trace element studies of oceanic basalts provide fundamental constraints for models of earth's differentiation and convection processes (e.g. [1–7]). It is generally thought that mid-ocean ridge basalts (MORB) are derived from a mantle source that was depleted early in earth history to produce the continental crust. Hofmann and colleagues [3,8] argue that this early differentiation event resulted in a relatively homogeneous mantle, from which the depleted source for MORB and the

more enriched source of Ocean Island Basalt (OIB) were then produced over a long period, principally by the subduction of oceanic crust [9].

Data from oceanic basalts have led to the identification of several distinct mantle reservoirs and components [1], whose origin and significance is actively debated [5,10,11]. In addition to lavas from mid-ocean ridges and large hotspot volcanoes, samples from small seamounts near the East Pacific Rise have previously provided useful windows to the suboceanic mantle (e.g. [12–14]). These studies, and others, have shown that near-axis seamounts are geochemically more diverse than basalts erupted at the axis. Despite the greater diversity of seamount lavas, reflecting heterogeneity of the mantle source, the mean composition of seamount lavas is very

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similar to axial MORB, after considering the fact that seamount lavas are generally more primitive, with higher abundances of MgO [15].

In this paper, we present new trace element data for about 50 near-ridge seamounts near the East Pacific Rise between 5° and 15°N. The samples are a subset of those previously studied [15]. Our results confirm that seamount lavas in this part of the Pacific are extremely heterogeneous but can be readily explained by melting of a mantle source consist-

Table 1

Blank levels and USGS reference standards BIR-1 and AGV-1 analyzed by ICP-MS at The University of Queensland

	AGV-1	RSD	BIR-1	RSD	Blank	1σ
	(ppm)	(%)	(ppm)	(%)	(ppb)	
Li	12.1	5.4	3.11	2.7	0.056	0.040
Be	2.20	4.7	0.091	8.8	0.019	0.028
Sc	12.4	3.4	43.5	1.6	2.071	2.547
V	111	1.8	283	3.5	0.088	0.087
Cr	8.7	5.5	373	3.1	0.755	0.786
Co	16.0	2.7	55	7.1	0.239	0.193
Ni	16.6	4.6	170	2.1	2.156	1.175
Cu	62.5	2.0	121	2.2	0.229	0.100
Zn	81.9	3.0	66	3.9	2.058	0.855
Ga	20.3	2.4	15.4	2.3	0.074	0.094
Rb	66.6	1.8	0.20	4.4	0.044	0.031
Sr	646	1.8	109	1.3	1.240	2.187
Y	17.4	2.1	13.5	2.4	0.003	0.001
Zr	211	1.7	13.1	2.0	0.007	0.003
Nb	14.2	1.6	0.54	1.2	0.008	0.005
Cs	1.26	2.4	0.005	9.9	0.005	0.003
Ba	1162	2.8	6.44	2.1	0.035	0.016
La	37.6	2.2	0.58	3.4	0.004	0.001
Ce	67.2	2.3	1.84	1.7	0.004	0.002
Pr	8.71	2.1	0.38	1.8	0.003	0.001
Nd	30.2	2.5	2.24	1.7	0.007	0.002
Sm	5.44	2.2	1.02	1.5	0.017	0.009
Eu	1.54	5.4	0.49	1.7	0.003	0.001
Gd	5.16	4.1	1.67	3.2	0.011	0.003
Tb	0.61	3.0	0.32	2.6	0.001	0.000
Dy	3.37	2.6	2.38	2.2	0.006	0.002
Ho	0.64	2.4	0.52	2.4	0.002	0.001
Er	1.79	2.3	1.54	2.5	0.004	0.001
Tm	0.23	2.2	0.22	2.1	0.001	0.000
Yb	1.54	1.8	1.49	2.8	0.004	0.001
Lu	0.23	2.6	0.22	2.1	0.001	0.000
Hf	4.91	2.0	0.53	1.8	0.005	0.001
Та	0.84	2.4	0.049	1.1	0.003	0.001
Pb	32.5	0.8	2.81	3.1	0.015	0.005
Th	5.90	2.1	0.030	6.6	0.002	0.000
U	1.88	1.9	0.011	4.4	0.005	0.011

ing of two components, one enriched in incompatible elements and the other depleted in incompatible elements. The geochemical consequence of melting such a source is to produce the apparent mixing relationships in the melts between the two components

We analyzed fresh, hand picked glasses lightly leached in 10% H₂O₂-5% HCl (1:1 by volume), for 10 min to remove any Mn oxides in cracks and other potential labile contaminants, repeatedly washed ultrasonically in mili-Q water, dried, weighed, dissolved. The analyses were done using a Fisons (VG) PQ2 ICP-MS at The University of Queensland. The values for both BIR-1 and AGV-1 are averages of 18 repeated analyses of 12 digestions. The RSD is the relative standard deviation in percent. The blank values are the average of 10 repeated analyses of 6 individual procedural blanks. Note the high 'blank' value (also large σ) for Sr, which is affected by Kr contamination in argon. Sample digestion: (1) 50 mg of cleaned material was digested in a 22 ml Screw-top Savillex[®] Teflon[®] beaker using 3 ml HF and 3 ml Aquaregia [3 HCl:1 HNO₃] sealed on a hotplate at ~175°C over night; (2) 2 ml H₂O with 1 ml HNO₃ was added to samples and then the sample was evaporated to incipient dryness; (3) 1 ml HNO₃ was added and again evaporated to incipient dryness (often repeated 2-3 times); (4) after cooling, 1 ml 14 N HNO₃ with 5 ml H₂O was added, with a tight lid was place on it and it was kept on a hotplate at ~110°C over night; and (6) the sample was diluted to a total dissolved solid of $\sim 0.1\%$ with 10 ppb internal standards of ¹¹⁵In, ¹⁸⁷Re and ²⁰⁵Tl in a matrix of 2% HNO₃. Calibration was done against multi-element standard solutions made from high purity metals or oxides from Aldrich. Instrumental sensitivity was maintained in the range 20-35 million counts per second for 1 ppm ¹¹⁵In solution (often tuned to higher sensitivity for heavy masses for geochemical purposes). Oxide production was minimized by using a low Ar auxiliary flow rate (~ 0.51/min) and low sample introduction rate (0.5-0.7 ml/min). Molecular (oxides/hydroxides) interferences for REEs are corrected. Drift was minimized by flushing through a rock solution for ~ 30 min before tuning the instrument for a run. Drift corrections are done, in addition to using the internal standards, by repeatedly analyzing a sample as a drift monitor over the duration of a run. The memory effect was avoided by manual analysis and observing ¹⁸¹Ta count levels between samples in a wash solution of 1% Triton X-100 alternated with 2% HNO3. All H2O used was double-distilled mili-Q water, and all acids used were double-distilled, concentrated acids. Solution stability was checked by analyzing diluted samples immediately after dissolution and then again after 10 months. For most elements in most samples, the results are indistinguishable and there are no systematic effects for any elements. All samples were maintained under clean room conditions during the entire procedure. Most samples in Table 2 were analyzed at least three times. A detailed procedure for sample preparation and analysis can be obtained electronically from the authors.

Notes to Table 1:

Table 2

Major and trace element analyses of glass samples from near-Ridge seamounts, $5^\circ N-15^\circ N$ EPR

Sample Lat. Long. Depth	R1-14 5.77 102.18 1834 1	R1-17 5.77 102.18 .834 1	R3-1 5.78 102.21 773	R3-3 5.78 102.21 1773 1	R3-4 5.78 102.21 773 2	R4-7 5.60 103.02 263	R7-13 8.14 103.19 2020	R8-8 8.34 103.06 3180	R10-3 8.35 104.11 2741	R13-1 8.40 104.07 2140	R13-2 8.40 104.07 2140	R15-1 8.76 104.54 1682	R16-1 8.84 104.57 2985	R16-2 8.84 104.57 2985	R17-1 8.91 104.57 2715	R18-3 8.93 104.46 2720	R19-4 8.94 104.41 2267	R20-2 9.00 104.37 2837	R20-3 9.00 104.37 2837	R21-6 8.89 104.14 2657
Electron SiO ₂ TiO ₂ Al ₂ O ₃ FeOt MnO MgO CaO Na ₂ O K ₂ O P ₂ O ₅ Total	micropro 49.18 1.01 16.42 8.43 0.15 9.35 12.76 2.29 0.04 0.13 99.75	bbe analy 49.87 1.20 15.38 9.42 0.20 8.28 12.69 2.55 0.05 0.15 99.78	vses (wt. 49.12 0.91 16.68 8.10 0.15 9.70 12.74 2.16 0.03 0.12 99.74	%) 50.27 1.35 15.10 9.38 0.19 8.26 12.46 2.52 0.06 0.15 99.75	$50.72 \\ 1.92 \\ 14.89 \\ 10.35 \\ 0.20 \\ 6.67 \\ 11.25 \\ 3.13 \\ 0.32 \\ 0.23 \\ 99.67$	50.65 1.84 14.72 10.44 0.21 6.70 11.29 3.24 0.30 0.22 99.59	50.45 1.05 14.96 9.15 0.19 8.47 13.02 2.24 0.05 0.13 99.71	50.81 1.51 14.18 10.97 0.23 7.13 11.92 2.67 0.11 0.16 99.68	50.29 2.28 13.66 12.55 0.23 6.40 11.14 2.73 0.23 0.25 99.75	49.78 2.49 17.30 8.82 0.17 5.87 9.20 4.01 1.36 0.61 99.63	48.40 1.29 17.16 8.69 0.18 9.17 11.81 2.78 0.14 0.19 99.80	48.97 2.38 18.10 8.89 0.20 6.47 8.95 3.87 1.32 0.57 99.71	50.39 1.58 14.83 10.00 0.23 7.79 12.07 2.54 0.14 0.20 99.75	50.12 1.08 16.05 8.30 0.19 8.63 12.76 2.41 0.08 0.17 99.79	50.33 2.23 15.08 10.11 0.24 6.29 11.12 3.28 0.70 0.35 99.74	49.99 1.76 15.84 9.20 0.19 7.49 11.41 3.07 0.50 0.20 99.66	49.75 1.09 16.07 8.41 0.19 8.64 12.95 2.47 0.08 0.16 99.81	51.28 1.50 14.73 9.86 0.20 7.83 11.42 2.58 0.12 0.18 99.70	51.81 2.01 14.07 11.32 0.21 6.95 10.09 2.79 0.17 0.25 99.66	50.82 1.43 15.27 9.52 0.17 8.31 11.38 2.52 0.12 0.19 99.72
Mg#	68.73	63.53	70.36	63.56	56.06	55.97	64.70	56.28	50.24	56.87	67.64	59.05	60.67	67.32	55.20	61.74	67.03	61.12	54.88	63.36
ICP-MS Li Be Sc V Cr Co Ni Cu Zn Ga Rb Sr Y Zr Nb Cs Ba La Ce Pr	analyses 4.35 0.26 33.8 196 326 42.7 87.6 84.7 55.3 14.0 0.16 83.2 20.0 44.7 0.525 0.019 1.81 1.30 4.64 0.89	(ppm) 5.40 0.29 238 347 52.9 66.0 91.9 86.2 15.6 0.37 90.9 25.4 64.4 0.982 0.022 2.22 1.73 6.37 1.17	$\begin{array}{c} 4.07\\ 0.16\\ 32.1\\ 185\\ 328\\ 42.0\\ 121\\ 77.7\\ 48.8\\ 13.5\\ 0.08\\ 66.3\\ 18.8\\ 34.5\\ 0.306\\ 0.003\\ 1.27\\ 0.92\\ 3.38\\ 0.67\end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 4.67\\ 0.19\\ 35.2\\ 203\\ 377\\ 47.5\\ 135\\ 86.1\\ 65.6\\ 15.2\\ 0.111\\ 69.5\\ 19.6\\ 36.2\\ 0.003\\ 2.41\\ 1.05\\ 3.69\\ 0.74 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 5.12\\ 0.21\\ 38.9\\ 225\\ 385\\ 47.4\\ 95.8\\ 87.1\\ 72.7\\ 15.9\\ 0.14\\ 69.0\\ 22.0\\ 40.5\\ 0.444\\ 0.004\\ 1.84\\ 1.09\\ 4.11\\ 0.83\\ \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 5.58\\ 0.74\\ 39.3\\ 243\\ 138\\ 38.1\\ 39.5\\ 84.3\\ 75.8\\ 16.8\\ 4.20\\ 156\\ 30.6\\ 126\\ 7.292\\ 0.076\\ 38.32\\ 6.77\\ 18.22\\ 2.71\\ \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 4.46\\ 0.17\\ 38.5\\ 226\\ 346\\ 43.8\\ 61.4\\ 91.1\\ 57.5\\ 14.5\\ 0.14\\ 57.5\\ 21.5\\ 37.8\\ 20.58\\ 5\\ 0.000\\ 1.85\\ 0.92\\ 3.55\\ 0.73\end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 5.31\\ 0.35\\ 38.7\\ 241\\ 71.6\\ 43.1\\ 29.6\\ 65.9\\ 68.1\\ 15.6\\ 0.70\\ 93.7\\ 25.6\\ 66.8\\ 1.966\\ 3.001\\ 9.31\\ 2.49\\ 7.93\\ 1.37\end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 8.01\\ 0.69\\ 41.9\\ 332\\ 108\\ 45.2\\ 45.5\\ 79.4\\ 112\\ 19.6\\ 1.92\\ 125\\ 42.0\\ 133\\ 5\\ 4.475\\ 0\\ 0.035\\ 18.91\\ 5.41\\ 16.31\\ 2.89\end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 6.57\\ 1.81\\ 24.2\\ 194\\ 118\\ 33.2\\ 77.6\\ 45.7\\ 107\\ 22.0\\ 26.70\\ 538\\ 27.3\\ 256\\ 46.00\\ 0.319\\ 384.26\\ 30.64\\ 65.15\\ 8.11\end{array}$	4.47 0.55 31.3 185 448 56.9 336 79.8 73.8 15.3 1.35 204 21.9 91.5 1 3.17 9 0.01' 15.34 4.16 12.27 1.89	7.29 1.98 18.0 157 122 33.7 114 43.8 91.8 22.1 25.09 513 26.8 254 7 43.388 7 0.28 325.52 30.04 65.06 8.64	6.16 0.50 43.0 275 303 44.9 93.2 78.1 87.6 17.3 1.53 128 30.8 101 3.29 3 0.02 15.92 4.17 12.69 2.08	$\begin{array}{c} 4.66\\ 0.37\\ 36.4\\ 216\\ 305\\ 39.7\\ 76.1\\ 74.4\\ 56.9\\ 14.4\\ 0.86\\ 120\\ 69.1\\ 8\\ 1.870\\ 3\\ 0.02\\ 9.52\\ 2.76\\ 8.50\\ 1.43\end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 6.74\\ 1.24\\ 38.0\\ 267\\ 129\\ 39.3\\ 52.4\\ 81.4\\ 100\\ 20.9\\ 14.07\\ 311\\ 32.4\\ 177\\ 0\\ 23.300\\ 1\\ 0.166\\ 185.19\\ 16.73\\ 38.38\\ 5.42\end{array}$	5.83 0.85 36.5 233 40.5 71.3 83.2 80.7 18.2 8.66 237 27.1 129 7 14.09 8.01 104.93 10.72 25.21 3.66	4,90 0,37 37,6 212 336 43,7 99,6 89,3 66,0 15,7 0,32 126 22,3 65,8 2 1,37 2 0,000 4,21 2,37 7,59 1,39	$\begin{array}{c} 5.65\\ 0.41\\ 41.8\\ 253\\ 304\\ 45.8\\ 94.4\\ 76.4\\ 76.4\\ 76.4\\ 16.4\\ 1.11\\ 119\\ 27.2\\ 88.0\\ 6\\ 2.73\\ 6\\ 0.01^{+}\\ 11.59\\ 3.29\\ 10.26\\ 1.71\end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 8.05\\ 0.71\\ 42.8\\ 322\\ 141\\ 44.5\\ 50.6\\ 73.6\\ 117\\ 19.9\\ 2.34\\ 127\\ 41.6\\ 136\\ 3\\ 5.019\\ 7\\ 0.033\\ 24.28\\ 5.86\\ 17.26\\ 2.99\end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 5.08\\ 0.40\\ 37.0\\ 239\\ 295\\ 39.7\\ 79.5\\ 69.1\\ 66.6\\ 15.1\\ 0.87\\ 110\\ 26.1\\ 77.4\\ 9\\ 2.501\\ 3\\ 0.015\\ 9.98\\ 3.10\\ 9.56\\ 1.60\end{array}$
Nd Sm Eu Gd	5.02 1.90 0.78 2.73	6.58 2.52 0.99 3.42	4.04 1.68 0.73 2.49	4.47 1.83 0.77 2.63	4.97 2.08 0.85 2.98	12.87 3.81 1.41 4.76	4.46 1.86 0.78 2.82	7.29 2.52 1.00 3.54	13.84 4.57 1.62 6.11	32.20 6.69 2.21 6.31	9.30 2.75 1.10 3.54	32.19 6.66 2.17 6.39	10.66 3.46 1.29 4.50	7.39 2.44 0.97 3.27	21.93 5.39 1.83 6.03	15.69 3.99 1.41 4.67	7.01 2.39 0.93 3.19	9.06 2.94 1.15 3.97	14.25 4.59 1.59 5.92	8.21 2.75 1.05 3.70
Dy Ho Er Tm Yb Lu Hf Ta Pb	0.49 3.35 0.73 2.15 0.33 2.06 0.29 1.287 0.049 0.453	0.03 4.18 0.91 2.57 0.39 2.54 0.37 1.814 0.101 0.457	0.45 3.11 0.68 2.01 0.30 1.96 0.28 1.121 0.029 0.157	0.49 3.31 0.72 2.05 0.31 2.05 0.30 1.198 0.038 0.172	0.56 3.73 0.81 2.30 0.35 2.32 0.34 1.353 0.041 0.222	5.18 1.10 3.15 0.47 3.01 0.44 3.014 0.437 0.651	0.32 3.53 0.79 2.32 0.35 2.25 0.33 4 1.240 7 0.040	0.03 4.21 0.94 2.71 0.41 2.61 0.38 5 1.829 5 0.126 3 0.343	1.07 6.98 1.55 4.55 0.62 4.18 0.64 9 3.451 5 0.391 7 0.584	0.91 5.27 1.00 2.65 0.37 2.43 0.35 5.779 2.599 2.06	0.38 3.72 0.79 2.22 0.33 2.15 0.32 9 2.03 9 0.20 1 0.50	0.89 4.95 0.99 2.74 0.35 2.26 0.34 7 5.25: 8 2.35(2 2.01)	0.79 5.27 1.13 3.17 0.48 3.16 0.45 5 2.54 5 0.21 3 0.45	0.38 3.84 0.84 2.43 0.37 2.37 0.34 5 1.79 4 0.13 4 0.39	0.93 5.60 1.17 3.30 0.44 2.91 0.44 2 3.90 1 1.26 0 1.250	0.74 4.60 0.99 2.84 0.38 2.50 0.38 7 2.93 3 0.76 5 0.86	0.56 3.70 0.81 2.41 0.32 2.18 0.33 1 1.69 4 0.10 1 0.36	0.70 4.58 0.97 2.69 0.41 2.69 0.39 4 2.28 0 0.17 0 0.40	1.05 6.67 1.48 4.31 0.59 3.94 0.60 5 3.31 9 0.30 9 0.59	0.05 4.38 0.95 2.79 0.42 2.73 0.39 4 2.052 3 0.168 4 0.502
Th U	0.046 0.024	0.064 0.034	0.032	0.027 0.015	0.030 0.020	0.537 0.174	7 0.040 1 0.010	5 0.132 5 0.049	2 0.301 9 0.116	2.93	8 0.19 3 0.08	2 2.79 2 0.92	5 0.21 7 0.08	4 0.14 4 0.05	4 1.492 0 0.480	2 0.95 5 0.30	3 0.07 5 0.03	8 0.16 4 0.06	5 0.31 4 0.11	9 0.169 4 0.067

Table 2 (continued)

Sample Lat. Long. Depth	R22-1 8.90 104.10 2749 3	R23-2 9.03 104.05 3025	R24-1 8.97 103.87 3054	R24-5 8.97 103.87 3054	R25-1 8.88 103.79 1980 1	R28-3 8.81 103.90 984	R28-7 8.81 103.90 1984 2	R29-6 8.70 104.08 2726	R30-30 9.18 105.60 1863	R31-1 9.09 105.02 2366	R32-1 9.09 104.92 3025	R60-1 10.00 104.91 2640	R61-2 10.01 104.79 2364	R62-5 10.03 104.19 2320	R62-7 10.03 104.19 2320	R63-1 10.10 103.46 2410 2	R65-1 10.13 103.41 2074	R66-1 " 10.14 103.34 2600 3	'R68-5,9' 10.20 103.42 3177 2	R69-1 10.33 103.64 985
Electron SiO ₂ TiO ₂ Al ₂ O ₃ FeOt MnO MgO CaO Na ₂ O K ₂ O P ₂ O ₅ Total	n micropro 51.92 1.33 14.67 9.69 0.19 7.95 11.22 2.45 0.08 0.18 99.69	bbe anal 49.18 0.98 17.38 8.53 0.15 9.77 11.06 2.47 0.06 0.15 99.72	yses (wt. 51.08 1.40 14.75 10.07 0.21 7.68 11.52 2.73 0.07 0.16 99.67	%) 51.68 2.07 13.97 11.44 0.21 6.80 10.23 2.81 0.16 0.24 99.61	50.21 1.26 15.54 8.86 0.17 8.37 12.48 2.61 0.09 0.11 99.68	50.97 2.16 13.95 11.55 0.22 6.78 10.83 2.84 0.16 0.24 99.71	49.85 1.15 15.94 8.88 0.19 8.72 12.41 2.41 0.06 0.16 99.76	49.73 1.44 16.35 8.60 0.17 8.88 11.67 2.55 0.15 0.19 99.73	48.94 1.08 16.91 8.35 0.17 9.29 12.03 2.73 0.04 0.15 99.69	49.99 1.18 15.74 8.92 0.16 8.52 12.47 2.42 0.12 0.16 99.68	49.80 1.47 16.59 8.05 0.16 8.63 11.64 2.74 0.34 0.24 99.68	47.76 1.24 17.63 8.34 0.16 9.62 11.87 2.88 0.09 0.13 99.73	48.48 1.21 17.55 8.17 0.17 9.17 11.70 3.09 0.05 0.15 99.74	49.15 1.17 16.56 8.56 0.16 8.98 12.11 2.75 0.10 0.15 99.70	49.31 1.25 16.34 8.63 0.16 8.89 12.08 2.78 0.11 0.15 99.71	50.22 1.28 15.22 9.09 0.18 8.52 12.24 2.74 0.07 0.15 99.71	49.42 0.99 16.96 8.30 0.13 8.82 12.48 2.41 0.07 0.12 99.69	49.52 1.03 16.33 8.57 0.17 9.18 12.27 2.46 0.07 0.14 99.73	51.94 3.68 11.70 16.45 0.31 3.94 7.88 3.07 0.35 0.37 99.68	51.32 2.94 12.74 14.16 0.26 5.27 9.49 3.15 0.25 0.20 99.77
Mg#	61.92	69.42	60.18	54.07	65.17	53.76	66.04	67.17	68.79	65.42	67.97	69.54	68.96	67.52	67.11	65.00	67.80	67.95	32.15	42.46
ICP-MS Li Be Sc V Cr Co Ni Cu Ga Rb Sr Y Zr Nb Cs a La Ce Pr Nd Sm Eu Gd	s analyses 6.08 0.41 43.7 271 226 45.3 53.7 85.6 83.3 17.4 0.54 98.7 29.9 79.7 1.887 0.008 6.16 2.77 9.01 1.68 9.35 2.98 1.12 4.11	$(ppm) \\ 4.70 \\ 0.29 \\ 33.8 \\ 174 \\ 444 \\ 54.8 \\ 334 \\ 107 \\ 80.4 \\ 15.5 \\ 0.33 \\ 103 \\ 20.8 \\ 49.4 \\ 1.066 \\ 3.12 \\ 1.63 \\ 5.42 \\ 1.05 \\ 5.94 \\ 2.03 \\ 0.82 \\ 2.88 \\ 2.88 \\ (2.8) \\ 1.05 \\ 1.$	$\begin{array}{c} 6.47\\ 0.42\\ 45.0\\ 272\\ 217\\ 47.2\\ 57.2\\ 87.4\\ 86.1\\ 17.9\\ 0.26\\ 109\\ 30.5\\ 8.76\\ 2.54\\ 8.75\\ 1.69\\ 8.76\\ 3.10\\ 1.19\\ 8.76\end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 6.94\\ 0.60\\ 39.5\\ 302\\ 124\\ 38.6\\ 48.1\\ 62.8\\ 86.9\\ 16.7\\ 1.56\\ 111\\ 39.5\\ 127\\ 7\\ 3.635\\ 5\\ 0.033\\ 15.36\\ 4.90\\ 15.21\\ 2.52\\ 12.84\\ 4.30\\ 1.49\\ 5.62\end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 4.52\\ 0.36\\ 37.8\\ 213\\ 317\\ 39.6\\ 67.8\\ 79.0\\ 59.5\\ 14.3\\ 0.28\\ 116\\ 22.6\\ 67.1\\ 1.212\\ 0.006\\ 3.62\\ 2.29\\ 7.63\\ 1.33\\ 7.02\\ 2.41\\ 0.96\\ 3.22\end{array}$	6.84 0.59 39.3 301 130 38.3 48.8 61.5 83.6 16.4 1.59 111 39.0 125 0.033 15.20 4.82 14.91 2.49 12.74 4.21 1.47 5.52	$\begin{array}{c} 5.50\\ 0.33\\ 39.7\\ 234\\ 341\\ 47.7\\ 99.6\\ 93.9\\ 16.5\\ 0.20\\ 104\\ 24.6\\ 6\\ 0.004\\ 2.03\\ 1.98\\ 6.77\\ 1.31\\ 6.88\\ 2.50\\ 0.98\\ 3.48\\ \end{array}$	4.69 0.46 32.3 218 286 39.7 146 63.6 62.1 15.2 1.39 120 25.3 8.588 1.02 3.586 11.28 1.78 8.888 8.888 8.888 2.85 1.07 3.69	5.47 0.26 34.8 199 320 48.3 119 91.0 79.3 16.2 0.42 100 21.8 5.7 1.002 3.52 1.38 5.45 1.100 6.28 5.45 1.100 6.28 5.45 1.100 6.28 5.45 1.100 6.28 5.45 1.100 6.28 5.45 1.100 6.28 5.45 1.100 6.28 5.45 1.100 6.28 5.45 1.100 6.28 5.45 1.28 5.45 1.28 5.45 1.28 5.45 1.39 1.28 5.45 1.39 1.28 5.45 1.300 6.28 5.45 1.300 6.28 5.45 1.300 6.28 2.340 0.94 3.12 1.38 5.45 1.100 1.28 1.28 1.28 1.28 1.28 1.28 1.28 1.28 1.28 1.28 1.28 1.38 1.28 1.38 1.392 1.38 1.38 1.392 1.38 1.38 1.392 1.38 1.392 1.38 1.392 1.38 1.392 1.38 1.392 1.38 1.392 1.38 1.392 1.38 1.392 1.38 1.392 1.38 1.392 1.38 1.392 1.38 1.392 1.38 1.392 1.38 1.392 1.38 1.392 1.38 1.392 1.38 1.392 1.392 1.38 1.392	$\begin{array}{c} 4.25\\ 0.31\\ 34.7\\ 206\\ 316\\ 40.9\\ 97.3\\ 79.5\\ 54.8\\ 14.1\\ 1.01\\ 110\\ 20.8\\ 58.0\\ 31.866\\ 50.011\\ 10.24\\ 2.43\\ 7.36\\ 1.21\\ 6.26\\ 2.10\\ 0.87\\ 2.96\end{array}$	4.96 0.82 34.4 225 312 43.1 156 65.3 79.8 17.4 7.17 219 24.2 113 9 8.879 5 0.122 76.18 8.49 21.09 2.93 13.02 3.49 1.26 4.07	$\begin{array}{c} 3.61\\ 0.39\\ 26.8\\ 148\\ 380\\ 222\\ 62.0\\ 43.5\\ 12.1\\ 0.46\\ 152\\ 17.9\\ 6.54\\ 2\\ 0.000\\ 6.54\\ 2\\ 0.000\\ 6.54\\ 2\\ 0.000\\ 6.54\\ 1.52\\ 1.7.9\\ 6.57\\ 1.32\\ 6.77\\ 2.19\\ 0.89\\ 2.75\end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 4.66\\ 0.36\\ 32.5\\ 184\\ 373\\ 49.0\\ 200\\ 83.9\\ 71.0\\ 15.9\\ 0.23\\ 152\\ 20.8\\ 65\\ 0.80\\ 5\\ 0.80\\ 5\\ 0.00\\ 2.99\\ 2.04\\ 7.65\\ 1.44\\ 7.70\\ 2.53\\ 1.00\\ 3.13\end{array}$	4.62 0.39 37.4 205 303 46.0 112 87.2 68.2 16.0 1.10 149 22.5 76.2 9 2.68 4 0.022 10.69 3.09 9.39 1.57 8.16 2.70 1.09 3.51	$\begin{array}{c} 4.36\\ 0.38\\ 33.5\\ 191\\ 279\\ 40.6\\ 93.0\\ 77.1\\ 53.5\\ 14.4\\ 0.81\\ 133\\ 21.6\\ 67.3\\ 3\\ 2.36\\ 0.012\\ 10.73\\ 2.76\\ 8.49\\ 1.42\\ 7.38\\ 2.43\\ 0.98\\ 3.18\end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 5.50\\ 0.34\\ 42.8\\ 233\\ 359\\ 45.5\\ 80.2\\ 89.1\\ 84.1\\ 15.9\\ 0.40\\ 118\\ 25.2\\ 74.2\\ 0.006\\ 2.88\\ 2.36\\ 8.07\\ 1.44\\ 7.76\\ 2.70\\ 1.09\\ 3.72\end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 4.04\\ 0.28\\ 32.4\\ 180\\ 383\\ 45.3\\ 145\\ 93.4\\ 50.5\\ 13.7\\ 0.26\\ 101\\ 18.2\\ 48.1\\ 1.012\\ 5.0005\\ 3.05\\ 3.05\\ 3.05\\ 3.05\\ 5.57\\ 0.95\\ 5.01\\ 1.78\\ 0.74\\ 2.50\end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 4.43\\ 0.25\\ 33.4\\ 191\\ 309\\ 42.5\\ 93.9\\ 83.3\\ 51.2\\ 13.8\\ 0.25\\ 92.9\\ 20.0\\ 47.5\\ 0.954\\ 0.005\\ 3.01\\ 1.511\\ 5.11\\ 0.93\\ 5.20\\ 1.92\\ 0.80\\ 2.77\end{array}$	13.88 1.28 44.0 470 51.0 13.6 79.1 189 26.0 128 74.2 260 8.761 0.056 34.39 10.06 30.94 5.18 26.33 8.43 2.67 10.45	$\begin{array}{c} 10.07\\ 0.96\\ 44.1\\ 431\\ 40\\ 49.7\\ 29.9\\ 70.9\\ 151\\ 23.5\\ 2.50\\ 126\\ 58.3\\ 194\\ 5.869\\ 0.037\\ 27.12\\ 7.47\\ 23.32\\ 3.91\\ 19.88\\ 6.45\\ 2.16\\ 8.20\\ \end{array}$
Tb Dy	0.74 4.81	0.51 3.44	0.76 4.96	1.00 6.60	0.57 3.81	0.97 6.45	0.62 4.09	0.63 4.22	0.57 3.72	0.51 3.46	0.67 4.27	0.47 3.06	0.56 3.62	0.60 3.96	0.55 3.66	0.65 4.28	0.45 3.03	0.49 3.33	1.86 12.27	1.46 9.56
Hó Er Tm Yb Lu Hf Ta Pb Th U	1.08 3.17 0.44 2.89 0.45 2.104 0.130 0.376 0.108 0.048	0.77 2.28 0.31 2.08 0.32 1.396 0.081 5 0.247 3 0.060 3 0.027	1.10 3.23 0.44 2.96 0.45 5 2.160 1 0.097 7 0.363 0 0.070 7 0.038	1.44 4.19 0.64 4.08 0.59 0 3.366 7 0.244 3 0.567 0 0.277 3 0.097	0.83 2.41 0.36 2.32 0.33 0.33 0.089 0.377 0.089 0.377 0.089	1.41 4.11 0.63 4.04 0.59 0.242 0.552 0.270 0.270 0.094	0.91 2.66 0.37 2.46 0.38 7 1.749 2 0.080 2 0.030 2 0.056 4 0.028	0.91 2.62 0.39 2.59 0.37 0.2.162 0.226 4 0.503 5 0.240 8 0.081	0.80 2.26 0.34 2.24 0.33 2 1.60 5 0.05 3 0.27 0 0.04 1 0.02	0.76 2.19 0.33 2.14 0.31 5 1.56 1 0.119 7 0.309 2 0.139 1 0.04:	0.89 2.50 0.37 2.43 0.35 3 2.64 9 0.53 9 0.78 9 0.76 5 0.24	0.65 1.88 0.27 1.81 0.26 7 1.62: 9 0.10: 1 0.37' 3 0.10: 5 0.03'	0.77 2.14 0.33 2.12 0.31 2 1.85 2 0.07 7 0.32 2 0.05 7 0.02	0.84 2.31 0.34 2.25 0.33 1 1.93 1 0.17 8 0.34 5 0.14 5 0.06	0.79 2.26 0.33 2.16 0.32 3 1.77 ² 1 0.148 7 0.347 1 0.152 3 0.056	0.91 2.56 0.38 2.51 0.37 4 1.968 3 0.098 7 0.347 2 0.068 5 0.033	0.67 1.97 0.29 1.94 0.28 1.312 0.069 0.284 0.072 0.284 0.072 0.028	0.74 2.13 0.32 2.07 0.30 1.399 0.068 0.240 0.071 0.027	2.63 7.55 1.15 7.64 1.11 6.801 6.801 0.564 0.965 0.488 0.209	2.08 5.92 0.91 5.97 0.87 5.059 0.391 0.777 0.352 0.146

Table 2 (continued)

Sample Lat. Long. Depth	R70-1 10.29 103.63 2964	R71-21 10.26 103.74 3380 2	R72-2 10.38 103.93 2748	R73-1 10.38 103.92 2547 2	R74-6 10.62 103.84 2320	R75-2 10.69 103.87 3115	R76-1 10.65 103.24 2344	R78-6 11.22 103.58 2450	R79-2 11.79 103.25 1620	R80-1 11.80 103.25 1619	R81-1 11.53 103.56 2174	R82-1 11.51 103.61 2660	R83-3 11.24 103.59 2900	R84-3 11.48 103.87 2244	R86-2 11.51 103.99 2509	R89SG 11.52 103.88 2455	R9-1 8.39 103.52 3130	R91-4 11.80 103.85 2630	R92-6 11.94 103.89 2844	R93-7 12.29 103.64 2721
Electron SiO ₂ TiO ₂ Al ₂ O ₃ FeOt MnO MgO CaO Na ₂ O K ₂ O P ₂ O ₅ Total	1 micropro 50.94 2.44 13.14 12.81 0.26 6.21 10.31 3.20 0.18 0.22 99.70	obe analy 50.09 3.70 12.66 15.37 0.25 5.05 8.67 3.46 0.24 0.27 99.77	yses (wt. 49.14 1.36 16.84 8.87 0.18 8.84 11.18 2.92 0.23 0.17 99.73	.%) 48.89 1.47 16.94 8.99 0.18 8.50 11.33 2.98 0.26 0.17 99.71	50.32 0.94 15.14 8.81 0.19 9.31 12.83 2.03 0.03 0.13 99.73	54.89 2.62 12.81 13.34 0.26 3.29 7.50 3.97 0.48 0.55 99.71	48.70 0.92 17.05 8.36 0.17 9.63 12.39 2.34 0.06 0.13 99.75	50.25 1.52 17.17 7.99 0.16 7.66 10.48 3.33 0.80 0.30 99.67	49.60 1.29 17.24 8.10 0.17 7.61 11.36 3.20 0.81 0.28 99.66	48.53 1.68 18.03 7.96 0.13 8.25 11.03 3.26 0.49 0.26 99.63	50.05 1.14 15.31 9.02 0.19 8.70 12.78 2.28 0.06 0.13 99.67	49.30 1.06 16.07 8.67 0.16 9.17 12.77 2.32 0.06 0.13 99.72	49.62 1.96 16.10 9.19 0.18 8.08 10.24 3.29 0.71 0.30 99.67	49.68 1.63 15.95 8.75 0.18 8.14 12.02 0.18 0.17 99.71	49.62 1.70 16.03 8.96 0.17 7.90 11.73 3.13 0.24 0.19 99.67	49.84 1.84 15.38 9.65 0.19 7.47 11.74 3.20 0.20 0.18 99.69	50.01 1.48 15.22 9.60 0.19 8.11 12.41 2.39 0.11 0.17 99.69	50.01 1.68 15.24 9.37 0.18 7.91 12.15 2.85 0.15 0.18 99.73	51.17 3.67 11.77 16.44 0.31 4.14 8.25 3.31 0.31 0.32 99.70	49.48 1.36 16.84 8.29 0.17 8.63 11.77 2.77 0.21 0.19 99.70
Mg" ICP-MS	49.00 S analyses	39.42 (ppm)	66.39	65.18	67.67	32.83	69.51	65.50	65.05	67.25	5.65	67.70	63.54	5 30	63.59	5 22	5 70	5.48	13.48	67.33
Li e Be Sc V Cr Co N Cu Zn Ga R Br Y Zr N Cs a La	11.20 0.75 42.8 338 94 47.6 67.6 68.2 122 20.4 1.94 122 20.4 1.94 122 4.312 0.028 19.96 9.28	$\begin{array}{c} 12.99\\ 1.28\\ 45.7\\ 456\\ 97\\ 45.3\\ 71.3\\ 52.1\\ 169\\ 24.1\\ 1.78\\ 111\\ 80.0\\ 285\\ 25.811\\ 30.026\\ 16.08\\ 10.22\\ \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 4.39\\ 0.53\\ 32.2\\ 194\\ 252\\ 41.5\\ 133\\ 69.1\\ 60.5\\ 15.3\\ 2.87\\ 179\\ 21.9\\ 83.0\\ 5.173\\ 0.044\\ 4.59\end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 4.41\\ 0.56\\ 31.9\\ 195\\ 262\\ 42.3\\ 149\\ 68.9\\ 60.5\\ 15.4\\ 3.33\\ 187\\ 21.7\\ 84.1\\ 8\\ 5.960\\ 0\ 0.049\\ 48.57\\ 5.01\end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 4.40\\ 0.13\\ 41.5\\ 225\\ 401\\ 48.7\\ 99.1\\ 94.7\\ 69.9\\ 14.9\\ 0.09\\ 56.1\\ 19.4\\ 30.0\\ 0.252\\ 0.003\\ 1.11\\ 0.77\end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 14,60\\ 2,01\\ 32,2\\ 154\\ 44\\ 29,9\\ 12,4\\ 36,5\\ 155\\ 26,7\\ 5,89\\ 126\\ 109,5\\ 423\\ 2,14,522\\ 5,8,36\\ 18,91\\ \end{array}$	4,23 0,33 35.5 192 344 49.8 168 89.6 67.9 15.5 0.80 110 19.9 51.1 7 1.870 2 0.010 9.95 2.03	$\begin{array}{c} 4.60\\ 0.88\\ 27.6\\ 168\\ 187\\ 94.9\\ 68.0\\ 49.9\\ 14.4\\ 17.75\\ 262\\ 20.2\\ 111\\ 0\\ 29.519\\ 0\\ 0.24\\ 16.87\\ 18.19\end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 4.86\\ 0.96\\ 27.3\\ 179\\ 238\\ 38.7\\ 96.8\\ 79.3\\ 68.5\\ 16.2\\ 17.14\\ 264\\ 21.2\\ 110\\ 2264\\ 21.2\\ 110\\ 2264\\ 21.2\\ 110\\ 2264\\ 21.2\\ 110\\ 2264\\ 10.215\\ 216.17\\ 18.19\\ \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 4.74\\ 0.98\\ 27.6\\ 171\\ 178\\ 35.8\\ 120\\ 60.8\\ 52.2\\ 15.0\\ 5.34\\ 248\\ 24.1\\ 143\\ 5\\ 13.546\\ 5\\ 0.070\\ 68.31\\ 10.19\\ \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 0.30\\ 0.30\\ 41.0\\ 239\\ 367\\ 49.0\\ 82.5\\ 90.0\\ 81.2\\ 16.2\\ 0.67\\ 93.3\\ 23.7\\ 56.1\\ 0& 1.45(0\\ 0.07)\\ 2.02\end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 4.46\\ 0.25\\ 36.1\\ 217\\ 394\\ 49.5\\ 123\\ 95.8\\ 73.1\\ 15.4\\ 0.50\\ 88.6\\ 20.3\\ 46.1\\ 0\\ 1.66\\ 0\\ 0.00\\ 7.18\\ 1.64\end{array}$	1.00 31.5 229 326 46.8 221 63.9 83.1 17.1 15.05 278 30.3 156 1 28.77 7 0.18 186.28 17.16	0.63 40.0 229 363 46.4 150 80.8 78.6 17.5 1.61 184 25.7 99.1 5 3.692 8 0.022 20.55 4.68	$\begin{array}{c} 3.40\\ 0.75\\ 39.0\\ 231\\ 311\\ 44.2\\ 114\\ 81.5\\ 94.5\\ 17.8\\ 2.18\\ 210\\ 27.2\\ 116\\ 34.928\\ 50.032\\ 27.63\\ 5.86\end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 0.62\\ 0.62\\ 37.1\\ 228\\ 211\\ 37.5\\ 69.2\\ 63.9\\ 73.7\\ 16.0\\ 1.69\\ 167\\ 28.7\\ 114\\ 3.911\\ 0.033\\ 19.47\\ 4.82\\ 0.48\\ 19.47\\ 4.82\\ 0.03\\ 19.47\\ 0.48\\ 19.47\\ 0.48\\ 19.47\\ 0.48\\ 19.47\\ 0.03\\ 19.47\\ 0.03\\ 19.47\\ 0.03\\ 19.47\\ 0.03\\ 19.47\\ 0.03\\ 19.47\\ 0.03\\ 19.47\\ 0.03\\ 19.47\\ 0.03\\ 19.47\\ 0.03\\ 19.47\\ 0.03\\ 19.47\\ 0.03\\ 19.47\\ 0.03\\ 19.47\\ 0.03\\ 19.47\\ 0.03\\ 19.47\\ 0.03\\ 19.47\\ 0.03\\ 19.47\\ 0.03\\ 10.48\\ 0.03\\ 10.48\\ 0.03\\ 10.48\\ 0.03\\ $	0.43 39.7 253 332 47.4 99.1 82.6 80.8 16.9 0.67 115 29.1 91.9 5 2.514 0.000 5.99 3.29	$\begin{array}{c} 0.49\\ 41.3\\ 247\\ 307\\ 44.3\\ 93.4\\ 86.9\\ 82.7\\ 17.2\\ 1.32\\ 150\\ 27.7\\ 95.1\\ 4\\ 3.420\\ 7\\ 0.010\\ 15.24\\ 4.02\\ 15.24\\ 4.02\end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 13.44\\ 1.34\\ 42.3\\ 463\\ 46.9\\ 15.9\\ 62.2\\ 185\\ 25.5\\ 3.72\\ 128\\ 77.8\\ 279\\ 9.342\\ 5\ 0.052\\ 40.47\\ 11.65\end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} \textbf{0.75} \\ \textbf{3.3.6} \\ \textbf{207} \\ \textbf{298} \\ \textbf{44.9} \\ \textbf{122} \\ \textbf{80.3} \\ \textbf{74.0} \\ \textbf{16.6} \\ \textbf{2.01} \\ \textbf{177} \\ \textbf{106} \\ \textbf{2.4.7} \\ \textbf{106} \\ \textbf{2.5.12} \\ \textbf{6.16} \\ \textbf{2.5.12} \\ \textbf{6.16} \end{array}$
Ce Pr Nd Smu Gd Tb Dyo Er Tm Yb Luf Ta Pb Tu	17.32 2.92 14.90 4.95 1.70 6.27 1.12 7.36 1.58 4.50 0.68 4.54 0.66 3.718 0.266 0.106	$\begin{array}{c} 33.25\\ 5.64\\ 28.91\\ 9.39\\ 2.80\\ 11.90\\ 2.10\\ 13.68\\ 2.97\\ 8.44\\ 1.29\\ 8.44\\ 1.29\\ 8.44\\ 1.23\\ 3\\ 7.753\\ 0\\ 0.418\\ 5\\ 1.063\\ 5\\ 0.0408\\ 0\\ 0& 0.174\end{array}$	12.29 12.86 8.92 2.65 1.04 3.26 0.56 3.70 0.80 0.80 0.80 0.35 2.22 0.335 1.96 8 0.298 6 0.54(8 0.335	13.17 1.96 9.25 2.65 1.04 3.33 0.56 0.79 2.28 0.34 2.20 0.34 2.20 0.34 2.20 0.34 2.20 0.34 2.20 0.32 0.389 0.56 0.389 0.0389 0	2.91 0.59 3.57 1.59 0.67 2.39 0.46 3.25 0.71 2.04 0.31 2.04 0.31 2.09 0.020 0.155 0.020	56.88 9.25 45.92 14.05 3.82 17.43 2.98 19.14 4.11 11.74 1.76 11.60 5 0.91 5 1.300 0 1.040	$\begin{array}{c} 6.24\\ 1.07\\ 5.60\\ 2.03\\ 0.81\\ 2.66\\ 0.49\\ 3.32\\ 0.72\\ 2.04\\ 0.31\\ 2.08\\ 0.72\\ 2.04\\ 0.31\\ 2.08\\ 0.7\\ 1.43\\ 7\\ 0.12\\ 5\\ 0.26\\ 0\\ 0.10\\ 8\\ 0.04\\ \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 34.93\\ 3.92\\ 14.60\\ 3.14\\ 1.11\\ 3.47\\ 0.55\\ 3.47\\ 0.75\\ 3.47\\ 0.74\\ 2.14\\ 0.32\\ 2.03\\ 0.74\\ 2.14\\ 0.32\\ 2.03\\ 1.569\\ 2& 1.13\\ 5& 2.366\\ 2& 0.62\\ 0& 0.2\\ 0& 0& 0.2\\ 0& 0& 0& 0& 0\\ 0& 0& 0& 0& 0\\ 0& 0& 0& 0& 0\\ 0& 0& 0& 0& 0\\ 0& 0& 0& 0& 0\\ 0& 0& 0& 0& 0\\ 0& 0& 0& 0& 0\\ 0& 0& 0& 0& 0\\ 0& 0& 0& 0& 0\\ 0& 0& 0& 0& 0\\ 0& 0& 0& 0& 0$	35.46 3.98 14.91 3.31 1.17 3.67 0.58 3.70 0.76 2.15 0.31 2.09 0.76 0.31 3.2.55 9.1.600 1.1114 3.2.244 0.655	25:00 3.36 14.35 3.56 1.29 3.98 0.66 4.15 0.38 2.53 0.38 2.39 0.35 0.290 0.74 4.0855 0.290 0.74 4.0855 0.290 0.7995 0.0755 0.0795 0.0795 0.0755 0.0795 0.0755 0.0755 0.0755 0.0755 0.0755 0.0755 0.0755 0.0755 0.0755 0.0755 0.0755 0.0755 0.0755 0.0755 0.00555 0.00555 0.00555 0.00555 0.005555 0.00555 0.0055	$\begin{array}{c} 6.61\\ 1.18\\ 6.45\\ 2.39\\ 0.93\\ 3.22\\ 0.59\\ 4.03\\ 0.86\\ 2.45\\ 0.37\\ 2.45\\ 0.37\\ 2.45\\ 0.37\\ 2.45\\ 0.37\\ 2.45\\ 0.37\\ 2.45\\ 0.37\\ 2.45\\ 0.37\\ 2.65\\ 0.03\\ 0.86\\ 2.65\\ 0.00\\ 9\\ 0.09\\ 5\\ 0.04\\ 0.09\\ 0.00\\ 0.00\\ 0.00\\ 0.00\\ 0.00\\ 0.00\\$	5.35 0.95 5.15 1.96 0.77 2.62 0.49 3.34 0.72 2.02 0.32 2.11 0.30 1.337 0.008 3.026 7.007 2.62 0.49 3.44 0.75 0.32 0.15 0.75 0.32 0.32 0.30 0.30 0.30 0.30 0.30 0.008 0.007 0.008 0.008 0.007 0.008 0.008 0.008 0.008 0.007 0.007 0.008 0.007 0.008 0.007	36.31 4.51 18.42 4.43 5.15 0.83 5.28 1.10 3.00 0.46 3.00 0.44 9 3.46 0 1.59 4 1.07 7 1.89 9 0 58	$\begin{array}{c} 13.81\\ 2.21\\ 10.74\\ 3.32\\ 1.25\\ 3.96\\ 0.69\\ 4.44\\ 0.39\\ 2.55\\ 0.39\\ 2.55\\ 0.39\\ 2.55\\ 0.39\\ 2.55\\ 0.39\\ 2.55\\ 0.39\\ 2.55\\ 0.39\\ 2.55\\ 0.39\\ 2.55\\ 0.39\\ 2.55\\ 0.39\\ 2.55\\ 0.39\\ 2.55\\ 0.39\\ 2.55\\ 0.39\\ 0.39\\ 2.55\\ 0.39\\ 0.3$	$\begin{array}{c} 16.93\\ 2.65\\ 12.54\\ 3.69\\ 1.36\\ 4.33\\ 0.74\\ 4.68\\ 0.99\\ 2.76\\ 0.41\\ 2.67\\ 0.41\\ 2.67\\ 0.41\\ 2.67\\ 0.41\\ 2.67\\ 0.41\\ 2.67\\ 0.41\\ 2.67\\ 0.41\\ 2.67\\ 0.41\\ 2.67\\ 0.41\\ 2.67\\ 0.41\\ 3.0\\ 0.32\\ 3.0\\ 3.0\\ 3.0\\ 3.0\\ 1.3\\ 0.1$	14.78 2.39 12.04 3.66 1.67 4.49 0.77 4.91 1.06 3.00 0.45 2.86 0.45 2.86 0.23 3 0.23 3 0.588 4 0.23 3 0.588	10.66 1.81 9.53 3.15 1.19 4.30 0.75 4.89 1.04 2.96 0.45 2.92 0.45 2.92 0.45 2.92 0.45 2.92 0.45 2.92 0.37 0.37 1.0 0.0 0.37 1.0 0.0 0.37 0.0 0.37 1.0 0.0 0.37 0.0 0.13 1.0 0.0 0.0 0.13 1.0 0.0 0.13 1.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0	12.39 2.05 10.58 3.39 1.31 4.39 0.75 4.88 1.04 2.89 0.43 2.76 0.41 2.41 0.221 1.0.43 5.0.181 1.008	35.25 5.80 29.31 9.38 2.90 11.75 2.06 13.30 2.88 8.28 1.26 8.14 1.20 1 7.443 5 0.611 3 1.088 9 0.586 2 0.23	16.15 2.32 10.74 3.14 1.15 3.73 0.65 4.21 0.90 2.53 0.38 2.50 0.36 3.2.404 7.0.366 5.0.356 5.0.356

Table 2 (continued)

Sample Lat. Long. Depth	R94-2 12.33 103.72 2694	R96-24F 13.07 103.45 2577 1	8100-1 10.14 102.77 1816	R102-1 1 13.22 102.68 2350	R103-3 13.84 103.80 2870	R104-1 13.90 103.75 1851	R105-5 14.13 103.82 2679	R106-1 14.12 103.85 2746	R107-8 14.16 104.45 2169	R109-5 14.15 104.30 2610	R110-4 14.14 104.36 2760	R110-5 14.14 104.36 2760	R111-3 14.16 104.35 2640	R111-4 14.16 104.35 2640	R112-2 14.15 104.36 2762	R116-1 14.46 104.03 2876	R118-2 14.68 103.80 2594	R12-1 H 8.37 104.65 2865	R121-3 F 14.57 104.52 2879 2	R123-4 14.80 104.51 2580
Electron SiO ₂ TiO ₂ Al ₂ O ₃ FeOt MnO MgO CaO Na ₂ O K ₂ O P ₂ O ₅ Total	n micropr 51.00 1.33 14.52 10.20 0.19 7.59 12.05 2.55 0.10 0.14 99.68	obe analy 50.38 1.38 15.31 8.94 0.16 8.10 12.36 2.75 0.12 0.17 99.67	yses (wt 50.52 1.37 15.52 8.91 0.14 7.98 12.12 2.87 0.12 0.15 99.72	. %) 50.52 1.34 15.77 8.95 0.17 8.04 11.97 2.71 0.11 0.14 99.72	51.14 1.41 15.13 9.02 0.18 7.74 11.83 3.03 0.07 0.15 99.71	50.96 1.62 15.53 9.05 0.18 7.27 11.47 3.34 0.11 0.18 99.69	50.52 1.40 15.23 9.00 0.17 8.34 12.00 2.77 0.08 0.16 99.68	50.27 1.86 14.75 10.85 0.21 7.48 11.38 2.65 0.11 0.17 99.73	50.68 0.96 15.46 8.03 0.15 8.99 12.75 2.50 0.05 0.14 99.70	50.56 1.43 15.90 8.34 0.17 7.79 12.10 2.66 0.48 0.23 99.64	51.91 2.32 14.69 10.36 0.20 5.75 9.93 3.64 0.52 0.33 99.65	48.80 1.87 16.61 9.33 0.17 8.15 11.16 3.04 0.34 0.23 99.69	49.98 2.12 16.07 9.30 0.18 7.37 10.70 3.24 0.46 0.28 99.69	51.51 2.26 14.74 10.16 0.20 6.06 10.42 3.54 0.50 0.30 99.68	51.79 2.33 14.85 10.48 0.20 5.54 10.01 3.64 0.53 0.30 99.67	48.56 1.39 17.11 8.95 0.17 9.02 11.09 3.25 0.05 0.13 99.72	50.93 1.77 14.93 9.55 0.19 7.18 11.48 3.34 0.17 0.20 99.72	48.34 1.27 17.18 8.74 0.18 9.16 11.85 2.77 0.13 0.19 99.81	50.84 1.62 14.46 10.22 0.21 7.49 12.09 2.56 0.09 0.15 99.72	51.09 1.57 14.89 9.60 0.17 7.43 11.68 2.95 0.16 0.17 99.72
Mg#	59.60	64.21	63.93	64.02	62.96	61.40	64.74	57.72	68.93	64.92	52.35	63.37	61.07	54.15	51.17	66.61	59.82	67.50	59.20	60.51
ICP-MS Li Be Sc V	analyses 6.15 0.35 43.7 273	(ppm) 4.56 0.43 37.0 212	5.17 0.50 42.7 232	4.36 0.43 33.7 207	6.00 0.47 41.9 239	6.07 0.75 41.9 230	6.45 0.52 39.4 252	7.41 0.53 41.5 300	5.14 0.25 36.9 209	5.40 0.75 34.2 226	5.95 1.19 36.4 289	6.56 0.87 34.4 243	6.66 1.18 33.7 269	6.61 1.25 37.6 282	6.52 1.30 38.0 303	5.08 0.58 33.9 182	6.81 0.94 39.6 261	4.45 0.62 33.1 187	6.69 0.43 43.4 278	6.42 0.43 41.7 263
Ċr	84	267	285	665	227	240	342	254	364	263	38	243	203	229	63	314	131	314	215	225
Ni	50.9 50.4	37.7 73.9	43.0 84.8	632	43.4 78.9	40.0 57.2	45.0	45.5 91.7	43.8	41.2	32.6 21.7	44.5 146	101	39.4 101	30.2 30.6	224	40.4 49.1	48.9 218	44.5 57.6	43.0
Cu	81.6	68.0	81.8	81.2	78.1	85.8	81.0	70.2	88.0	71.7	48.1	65.2	58.7	57.7	62.0	83.4	78.2	76.4	74.5	81.9
Zn	85.1	59.6	71.0	68.4	75.5	85.2	85.2	102.5	66.0	75.3	88.7	89.0	90.9	96.4	103	70.6	85.5	67.9	88.0	89.6
Rh	17.0	14.4	10.2	15.0	10.5	10.4	17.4	18.3	15.2	17.0	18.4	18.2	20.1	20.2	20.7	10.5	18.5	10.5	0.75	0.62
Sr	104	125	158	126	132	184	111	96.0	86.1	230	176	225	229	232	187	183	174	206	97.9	103
Y	27.3	23.8	25.8	22.3	29.5	30.6	31.0	37.9	22.4	23.3	40.7	32.4	36.4	36.6	41.8	26.8	34.9	23.4	33.2	30.8
Zr	74.8	78.4	94.2	71.4	93.8	136	95.5	118	50.8	100	194	150	176	176	201	100	151	93.9	95.7	84.7
IND Cs	3.375	<i>i</i> 0.085	3.34	0 0 0 1 1	0 0 1.54.	3 2.723	5 2.00. 2 0.01	2 3.23	3 0.81	5 14.87	8 10.18 6 0.12	1 13.72	8 14.13	8 13.59	5 17.274	4 1.37	/ 4.991 5 0.022	1 3.344	2.198	5 1.724 0.011
Ba	20.49	16.48	16.46	11.85	5.03	7.62	6.15	11.36	3.34	108.60	100.47	104.17	3 0.08. 87.48	89.94	100.36	4.54	18.78	16.42	6.83	6.22
La	3.16	3.44	3.74	2.75	2.96	5.01	3.19	4.23	1.47	10.04	13.09	10.56	11.91	12.04	13.40	3.33	6.71	4.27	3.31	2.80
Ce	9.03	10.24	11.57	8.46	10.22	15.94	10.61	13.43	5.37	22.29	32.11	26.01	29.79	30.50	33.05	11.48	19.70	12.35	10.72	9.28
Nd	1.45	1.00	9.68	7.24	0.89	2.59	9.90	11.98	5.88	12 57	4.47	3.01	4.40	4.20	20.91	2.15	3.23	2.07	10.04	9.30
Sm	2.73	2.71	3.10	2.45	3.34	3.74	3.39	4.09	2.20	3.19	5.33	4.39	5.01	5.14	5.65	3.25	4.27	2.86	3.52	3.18
Eu	1.10	1.05	1.20	0.96	1.28	1.40	1.24	1.46	0.89	1.16	1.79	1.54	1.71	1.74	1.88	1.24	1.51	1.11	1.28	1.17
Gd	3.83	3.53	3.86	3.22	4.36	4.66	4.39	5.38	3.11	3.81	6.28	5.25	5.92	5.96	6.73	4.05	5.31	3.61	4.64	4.31
10 Dv	0.68	0.61	0.69	0.58	0.77	0.81	0.79	0.96	0.56	0.62	1.05	0.86	0.97	0.98	1.11	0.69	0.90	0.61	0.83	0.76
Но	4.55	4.05	4.41	0.83	5.04	5.22	5.14	0.40	3.08 0.83	5.90 0.84	0.84	5.55 1.18	0.00	0.25	0.95	4.48	5.75	3.95	5.00	4.99
Er	2.84	2.55	2.59	2.41	3.08	3.09	3.24	3.94	2.42	2.44	4.26	3.32	3.79	3.77	4.38	2.86	3.70	2.51	3.43	3.25
Tm	0.43	0.38	0.39	0.35	0.44	0.47	0.47	0.59	0.34	0.33	0.65	0.50	0.52	0.56	0.60	0.39	0.51	0.35	0.51	0.45
Yb	2.78	2.44	2.53	2.29	2.92	3.03	3.10	3.89	2.23	2.23	4.09	3.19	3.46	3.72	4.00	2.62	3.34	2.30	3.38	2.98
LU Hf	0.41	0.36	0.37	0.33	0.44 5 2.42	0.44	0.46	0.57	0.34	0.34	0.59	6 2 27	0.52	0.53	0.61	0.40	0.51	0.35	0.50	0.45
Ta	0.213	2.014	0.221	3 0150	3 2.43. 3 0.120	2 3.070	5 2.45 8 0.15	7 0.21	2 1.47. 6 0.06	5 0.81	4 0 97	0 3.37 4 0.75	9 0.80 9 0.80	1 3.99 7 0.82	3 0.98	0 2.324 2 0.101	+ 5.203	5 0.219	2.555	0 125
Pb	0.732	2 0.480	0.46	2 0.469	9 0.44	5 0.83	5 0.50	8 0.49	2 0.29	5 0.79	8 1.34	1 0.89	5 1.14	6 1.07	7 1.27	0.60	5 0.813	3 0.488	0.415	5 0.407
Th	0.256	5 0.207	0.200	0 0.130	5 0.10	0 0.169	9 0.12	7 0.20	8 0.05	5 1.04	4 1.29	9 0.95	2 0.93	9 0.97	9 1.22	7 0.092	2 0.308	8 0.207	0.129	0.108
U	0.076	5 0.072	0.08′	7 0.052	2 0.04	6 0.099	9 0.05	6 0.08	7 0.02	1 0.31	8 0.43	6 0.29	8 0.31	5 0.33	9 0.44	1 0.034	4 0.11	7 0.080	0.057	0.047

Sample locations are Lat. (latitude) in degrees north; long. (longitude) in degrees west; and depth in meters below sea level. Major element analyses were done using the electron microprobe at the University of Hawaii (analyst: Y. Niu); all these data were normalized to a Smithsonian MORB glass reference standard VG-2, whose working values (SiO₂, 50.57 wt%; TiO₂, 1.85%; Al₂O₃, 14.06%; FeOt, 11.59%; MnO, 0.22%; CaO, 11.12%; Na₂O, 2.63%; K₂O, 0.19%; and P₂O₅, 0.20%) were agreed upon by Jill Karsten, Emily Klein, and Yaoling Niu in 1993. FeOt is total Fe expressed as Fe²⁺. Mg[#] = Mg/[Mg + Fe²⁺] × 100 with 10% total Fe as Fe³⁺. Trace element analyses were done using a PQ2 Inductively-coupled Mass Spectrometer at The University of Queensland (analyst: Y. Niu). The samples are fresh glass chips of 0.5–1.0 mm size hand picked under a binocular microscope. See the notes to Table 1 for sample preparation procedures and run conditions.

[12,16–18], which may be termed melting-induced mixing [18]. We place constraints on the nature of the two components: (1) an extremely depleted com-

ponent, exhibiting highly variable but correlated differences in Zr/Hf, Nb/Ta, Th/U, Rb/Cs and other ratios that generally show little variation between



Fig. 1. Location maps for the seamount samples analyzed in this study.

MORB and OIB; and (2) an enriched component with relative enrichments of high-field strength elements (HFSE), such as Nb, Ta, Zr, and Ti. We argue that the enriched component is derived from subducted and recycled oceanic crust [6]. Cousens [19] has recently made a similar proposal to explain the enriched component present in the mantle below the northeast Pacific. Our data show that, at least in this part of the Pacific mantle, even the most depleted seamount and EPR MORB samples are affected by this enrichment process because the depleted endmember is much more depleted than any available lava samples.

2. Data and methods

We analyzed 80 seamount basalt glasses, rock standards, and blanks for trace elements by ICP–MS. Table 1 gives data for the standards and blanks and

describes our sample preparation and analytical procedures. Table 2 gives major and trace element analyses of our samples. Major elements were determined on fresh glasses by electron microprobe [15] and trace elements were determined by ICP–MS at the University of Queensland.

3. Results

Fig. 1 shows sample locations and Fig. 2 shows a plot of the trace element data normalized to primitive mantle [3,5]. Also shown are estimates of average continental crust [20], OIB, and both normal (N-type) and enriched (E-type) MORB [5]. The samples exhibit a huge range of variation, from OIB-like lavas to extremely depleted samples. The depleted samples are similar to the most depleted MORB recovered from the EPR (e.g. [21]) and are more depleted than samples from the Lamont Seamounts near 10°N [14].



Fig. 2. Primitive mantle-normalized trace element abundances of seamount samples. Also shown are Ocean Island Basalt (OIB), E-MORB and N-MORB [5] and average continental crust [20]. Note that the Nb and Ta depletion of continental crust is matched by enrichments of oceanic basalts. For the seamount samples, enrichments of Nb and Ta increase with increasing overall enrichment.



Fig. 3. Plots of Zr/Hf vs. Zr and Nb/Ta vs. Nb for the seamount data. Note that these data indicate that $D_{Zr} < D_{Hf}$ and $D_{Nb} < D_{Ta}$. Similar plots were used to determine the order of incompatibility shown in Fig. 2. Note the wide variation of element ratios, these generally show very limited variation (shaded band) in oceanic basalts.

As found previously, both enriched and depleted samples may occur on the same seamount and we find no systematics to the geographic distribution of enriched and depleted samples. Enriched samples occur on seamounts as close as 4 km from the axis of the EPR.

Fig. 4. Plots of various highly and moderately incompatible element pairs (Ta/Ho vs. Li/U; Ta/Hf vs. Ho/Th; Nb/Hf vs. P/Pr; Nb/Sm vs. Zr/Rb) to show that the seamount lavas can be explained by melting-induced two-component mixing; that is, the consequence of melting a two-component mantle source [12,13,16–18]. Note that the hyperbolae are not synonymous with binary mixing of two singular melts [23,24], since the seamounts are geographically dispersed. These hyperbolic plots constrain the nature of the mixing end-members. The depleted end-member is more depleted than previously proposed compositions of depleted MORB mantle. The enriched end-member cannot be average continental crust. We suggest that it is recycled ocean crust with a prior history of subduction-related melting [6].

The order of incompatibility shown in Fig. 2 differs slightly from the order conventionally used by others [3,5]. To determine the order, we used ratio-element plots of the type shown in Fig. 3. Plots such as these can confidently be used to infer which element of the plotted pair is more incompatible [8,22]. The fact that we find a slightly different order of incompatibility is perhaps not surprising, because



this order is expected to vary with tectonic setting, differences in mantle sources and differences in the melting process [5]. The most significant differences we find in the order of incompatibility are in the relative incompatibility of Nb, Th, Ta, and U. We find that, in this part of the Pacific mantle, $D_{Nb} \approx D_{Th} < D_{Ta} \approx D_{U}$. Note that the patterns in Fig. 2 are quite smooth, showing that the order of incompatibility that we use is indeed appropriate for this sample set.

As shown in Fig. 4, the trace element variations are apparently the result of melting-induced twocomponent mixing. We have made plots using dozens of different ratios and all are consistent with such two-component mixing. The mixing curves can be linear or hyperbolic [23,24] on ratio-ratio diagrams, depending on the differences in relative incompatibility between the two elements in the numerator and in the denominator. The hyperbolic plots, however, constrain the nature of the mixing end-members. The depleted component is extremely depleted. A conservative estimate gives: $Zr/Hf \le 25$, Nb/Ta ≤ 10 , Th/U \leq 1.5, Nb/U \leq 20, Rb/Cs \leq 20 and Ce/Pb \leq 15. On the other hand, the enriched end-member is more enriched that average OIB and resembles average continental crust (CC) in many ways. However, it is clear from Fig. 4 and other plots involving Ta and Nb, that CC can not be the enriched endmember, being far too depleted in these elements.

Fig. 2 shows that the negative anomalies of Ta, Nb, Zr and other HFSE seen in CC are matched by positive anomalies in our samples. This is especially clear for Ta and Nb. Further, the positive anomalies grow larger with progressive enrichment. This is also shown in Fig. 5, indicating qualitatively that the Ta and Nb missing from continental crust may reside in the mantle source of oceanic basalts [4–6], particularly in an enriched component.

As shown in Fig. 3, our samples show relatively large variations in Zr/Hf (28–49). This is also true for Nb/Ta (10–18), Rb/Cs (8–98), Ce/Pb (10–44), Th/U (1.4–3.8) and other element ratios (Fig. 6) that are generally constant for oceanic basalts [8,22,25–28]. Variations of this type were found previously in intraplate basaltic rocks [29]. Further, variations in these ratios show good correlations with each other ($\mathbf{R} = 0.7-0.8$) and with La/Sm. This finding indicates that these element pairs have frac-



Fig. 5. Excess Ta (Ta^{*} = [Ta/U] normalized to primitive mantle) plotted against excess Nb for our samples. Note that all our samples, as well as average oceanic basalts, have excesses of both Ta and Nb relative to primitive mantle, while continental crust shows a depletion. We propose that the excess Nb and Ta results from the incorporation of low degree melts into the highly depleted source of N-MORB. Further, we suggest that the ultimate source of these melts is recycled ocean crust [6,9] with a previous history of melting in subduction zones.

tionated from each other, either during formation or modification of the depleted mantle source, or during melting to produce seamount magmas.

To gain insight into the nature of this process, we plot the variability of each element for seamount and EPR axis basalts. Fig. 7 shows that the relative variability of the elements varies rather smoothly with their order of incompatibility, as previously found for other suites [8,30]. Furthermore, the patterns are the same for seamount and axial lavas. This observation provides strong evidence that the process leading to the observed correlated fractionations in Zr/Hf, Nb/Ta, Rb/Cs, Ce/Pb, Th/U, La/Sm and other ratios is a melting process [30]. Additional evidence for this comes from a plot of our data similar to Fig. 2, but with the data normalized to the most depleted seamount sample. This plot (not shown) indicates very smooth and regular increases in incompatible element abundances in progressively enriched samples.

4. Discussion and conclusions

The data presented above shows that the mantle sampled by near-EPR seamounts in the east Equato-



Fig. 6. Trace element ratio–ratio plots of seamount data to show correlations. Note that the plots involving La/Sm (bottom set of panels) show curved data arrays. Also shown (square) is the mean of axial EPR data from 5° to 15°N, with 4σ bars. R75, labeled on plots involving Ce/Pb, is a basaltic andesite with 54 wt% SiO₂.

rial Pacific consists of two end-members: an extremely depleted one, much more depleted than estimates of the depleted MORB mantle [1,2,5,7], and a highly enriched component derived from a source with anomalous enrichments of Nb and Ta relative to Th and U. These end-members are mixed in various proportions prior to or during melting to produce seamount magmas. Physically, these heterogeneous mantle domains must be rather small, perhaps on the order of several hundred meters, in order to explain the great diversity seen in the lavas of single seamounts. It seems reasonable that the enriched component represents highly localized dikes or veins, as previously proposed (e.g. [11,13,16,31]).

Important clues about the origin of the enriched component are its enriched nature and its enrichments of Nb and Ta relative to Th and U. It is widely believed that fractionation of Nb and Ta from Th and U occurs only in subduction zones, although the mechanism is controversial [6,32–34]. There appears to be wide agreement that, whatever the reason for the relative HFSE-depletion of arc magmas, it is likely that there is a complementary enrichment in other reservoirs, such as subducted hydrous ocean



Fig. 7. Relative variability of trace element abundances in seamount samples (this study) and nearby axial samples from the East Pacific Rise (Niu and Batiza, unpubl. data for EPR samples from $9-10^{\circ}N$, $11^{\circ}20'N$, and $13-14^{\circ}N$) plotted against their order of incompatibility, as in [8,30] (Fig. 2). Relative variability is essentially a measure of the mixing contribution from the enriched and depleted end-members. Note the smooth variation for seamount samples and the similar trend shown by the axial samples. We interpret this smooth variation as indicating that element fractionations such as those seen in Fig. 5 are the result of a magmatic (melting) process.

crust [6] and perhaps the mantle portion of the slab, or else the mantle wedge [33]. We propose that the overall enrichment of the enriched seamount component, as well as its relative enrichment of Nb and Ta, point to subducted oceanic crust as a likely candidate for this component.

If so, then one possibility is that this enriched material has simply been mixed into the upper mantle below the east Equatorial Pacific by convective processes (e.g. [35]). Once mixed with depleted mantle, upwelling could cause small amounts of melting and these melts could be dispersed as highly mobile, metasomatic fluids (e.g. [18]), possibly in the lowvelocity asthenosphere [36]. We favor this scenario because recent mantle convection models favor only episodic mixing between the upper and lower mantle (e.g. [37]) and because the apparent absence of other enriched components in the east Equatorial Pacific does not suggest a well-stirred, multi-component blend [7]. In addition, the small size scale of the heterogeneities and the absence of larger-scale geographic gradients in trace element abundances in the area both suggest wide, but 'spotty' dispersal, consistent with a metasomatic or low-degree melt origin.

In conclusion, the new trace element data we present provide strong evidence for the involvement of recycled ocean crust in the east Equatorial Pacific mantle source of seamount lavas. These data also provide additional evidence [6] that the missing Nb and Ta in continental crust reside in the mantle source of oceanic basalts.

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