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1 **Hf-Zr anomalies in clinopyroxene from mantle xenoliths from**  
2 **France and Poland: implications for Lu-Hf dating of spinel**  
3 **peridotite lithospheric mantle**

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11 **ABSTRACT**

12 Clinopyroxenes in some fresh anhydrous spinel peridotite mantle xenoliths from the  
13 northern Massif Central (France) and Lower Silesia (Poland), analysed for a range of  
14 incompatible trace elements by Laser Ablation-Inductively Coupled Plasma Mass  
15 Spectrometry, show unusually strong negative anomalies in Hf and Zr relative to  
16 adjacent elements Sm and Nd, on primitive-mantle-normalised diagrams. Similar Zr-Hf  
17 anomalies have only rarely been reported from clinopyroxene in spinel peridotite  
18 mantle xenoliths worldwide, and most are not as strong as the examples reported here.  
19 Low Hf contents give rise to a wide range of Lu/Hf ratios, which over geological time  
20 would result in highly radiogenic  $\epsilon_{\text{Hf}}$  values, decoupling them from  $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}}$  ratios. The  
21 high  $^{176}\text{Lu}/^{177}\text{Hf}$  could in theory produce an isochronous relationship with  $^{176}\text{Hf}/^{177}\text{Hf}$   
22 over time; **an errorchron** is shown **by clinopyroxene from mantle** xenoliths from the  
23 northern Massif Central. However, in a review of the literature, we show that most  
24 mantle spinel peridotites do not show such high Lu/Hf ratios in their constituent  
25 clinopyroxenes, because they lack the distinctive Zr-Hf anomaly, and this limits the  
26 usefulness of the application of the Lu-Hf system of dating to garnet-free mantle rocks.  
27 **Nevertheless, some mantle xenoliths from Poland or the Czech Republic** may be  
28 amenable to Hf-isotope **dating in the future.**

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30 **Keywords:** mantle, spinel peridotite, clinopyroxene, France, Poland, Lu-Hf  
31 geochronology

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### 33 **1. DATING EVENTS WITHIN THE UPPER MANTLE**

34 Methods have long been sought that can date events which have occurred within the  
35 shallow (spinel peridotite) subcontinental lithospheric mantle. Success has been  
36 achieved in those rare mantle rocks that contain zircon (e.g. Sanchez-Rodriguez and  
37 Gebauer 2000; Femenias et al., 2003; Zheng et al., 2006), probably related to  
38 enrichment in the lithosphere by silicate melts. Osmium isotope methods based on  
39 model ages or Re-depletion ages can provide a guide to the age of mantle events (e.g.  
40 Pearson et al., 2002; Schmidt and Snow, 2002; Handler et al., 2003; Widom et al.,  
41 2003; Xu et al., 2008; Rudnick and Walker, 2009; Janney et al., 2010; Wittig et al.,  
42 2010a; Wittig et al., 2010b) but are best applied to regions of ancient lithospheric  
43 mantle. The Sm-Nd isotope system can be used to determine model ages, but this  
44 system is strongly affected by mantle metasomatism, leading to mixed ages that are  
45 probably meaningless (Zangana, 1995). Notable exceptions are the “approximate  
46 isochron” shown by clinopyroxenes from mantle xenoliths from Inner Mongolia (Deng  
47 and Macdougall, 1992) and errorchrons shown by minerals from mantle spinel  
48 peridotite xenoliths from Jordan (Nasir and Rollinson, 2009).

49 In contrast, the Lu-Hf system may provide a more robust method of dating mantle  
50 lithologies, particularly of garnet peridotites, garnet pyroxenites and eclogites (e.g.,  
51 Schmidberger et al., 2002, 2007; Ionov 2004; Lazarov et al., 2009; Gonzaga et al.,  
52 2010; Shu et al., 2013). Its decay scheme ( $^{176}\text{Lu}$  decays to  $^{176}\text{Hf}$  with decay constant of  
53  $1.865 \times 10^{-11} \text{ yr}^{-1}$  (Scherer et al., 2001; Söderlund et al., 2004)) is suitable for dating  
54 ancient mantle events, and it is less prone to respond to metasomatism, because many  
55 potential metasomatic agents have low Lu and Hf contents. Since Lu is a heavy rare  
56 earth element, it shows greater compatibility with the mantle compared to Hf, which  
57 has a compatibility similar to that of Sm and Nd during mantle melting. The question

58 then arises as to whether Lu-Hf isotopic system could be appropriately applied to  
59 garnet-free mantle peridotite samples.

60 Clinopyroxene is the main host of most incompatible lithophile trace elements in the  
61 garnet-free anhydrous lithospheric mantle. Dobosi et al (2010) has shown in a study of  
62 Pannonian Basin mantle peridotite xenoliths that the abundances of incompatible trace  
63 elements in mantle clinopyroxenes are usually much greater (by an order of magnitude  
64 or more) than those in coexisting orthopyroxenes, and that the abundances of Lu, Hf,  
65 Zr, Sm and Nd in clinopyroxene always exceed those in orthopyroxene. Hence for  
66 technical reasons, it is not possible to use the other minerals in a mantle xenolith to  
67 derive an internal mineral isochron.

68 Figure 1 shows a compilation of Lu/Hf and Sm/Nd ratios from clinopyroxenes in  
69 mantle spinel peridotites worldwide. It demonstrates that the range of Lu/Hf ratios  
70 reported for mantle clinopyroxenes is much greater than the range in Sm/Nd. There is a  
71 “common mantle clinopyroxene” field with Sm/Nd ratios of 0.2-0.4 and Lu/Hf ratios of  
72 0.1-0.3. This field is centered on the value for Lu/Hf and Sm/Nd in primitive mantle  
73 (Sun and McDonough 1989). However, in other mantle samples, Sm/Nd ratios in  
74 clinopyroxene rarely exceed 0.7 whereas Lu/Hf ratios greater than 1 are not unknown.  
75 Thus Hf model ages and Lu-Hf isochrons might theoretically be derived from these  
76 garnet-free samples that have experienced depletion events and were not overwritten by  
77 metasomatic addition of Lu or Hf to the lithospheric mantle. In this study, we report the  
78 trace element compositions of clinopyroxenes in a variety of four-phase anhydrous  
79 mantle spinel peridotite xenoliths from France and SW Poland that show a wide range  
80 of Lu/Hf ratios, resulting from variable depletion in Hf. We compare them to  
81 clinopyroxenes from mantle spinel peridotites worldwide and show that only a very  
82 small proportion of clinopyroxenes in garnet-free mantle rocks have experienced  
83 sufficient fractionation of Hf from Lu to be amenable to dating by this method.

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## 85 2. METHODOLOGY AND SAMPLES ANALYSED

86 Forty-three spinel peridotite mantle xenoliths from Neogene alkali basalts of the French  
87 Massif Central were analysed. Petrological details, **sample localities** and major element  
88 compositions have been discussed extensively elsewhere (Downes and Dupuy 1987;  
89 Zangana et al., 1998; Downes et al., 2003). **They are all Cr-diopside and** contain no  
90 hydrous minerals. **Clinopyroxene from xenoliths from the northern domain have lower**  
91 **TiO<sub>2</sub> and Na<sub>2</sub>O contents (<0.5 wt% and <1.2 wt%, respectively) than those from the**  
92 **southern domain (Downes et al., 2003), suggesting more extensive depletion in the**  
93 **northern domain mantle.** Trace element abundances in clinopyroxenes from some of  
94 these samples had been analysed previously by different methods and in different  
95 laboratories (Downes and Dupuy 1987; Vannucci et al., 1994; Zangana et al., 1998;  
96 Mason et al., 1999; Downes et al., 2003). Clinopyroxene grains were hand-picked from  
97 these samples, usually from the medium grain size fraction (850-425 µm). In addition,  
98 separated clinopyroxene from sixteen spinel peridotite mantle xenoliths from the  
99 Neogene alkali basalts in the Polish Sudetes (Lower **Silesia – localities Ladek, Lutynia**  
100 **and Wilcza Gora**) were provided by Dr J Blusztajn and correspond to the samples  
101 previously described by Blusztajn and Shimizu (1994). **These clinopyroxene are also**  
102 **Cr-diopsides and have low TiO<sub>2</sub> and Na<sub>2</sub>O contents similar to those of the Northern**  
103 **Massif Central domain.** Similar material has been studied more recently by Matusiak-  
104 Malekj et al (2010) and Puziewicz et al. (2011). Up to eight grains per sample were  
105 analysed, with a minimum of 3 points per grain; the results were averaged for each  
106 sample. **No differences between cores and rims were detected.**

107 Trace element compositions were determined by in situ laser ablation inductively  
108 coupled plasma mass spectrometry (LA-ICPMS) at Birkbeck/UCL. The analytical  
109 instrumentation consists of a New Wave Research YP213 laser aperture imaged  
110 frequency quintupled Nd:YAG solid state laser source, operating at a wavelength of  
111 213 nm, coupled to an Agilent 7500a quadrupole ICP-MS. A 50 micron laser spot size  
112 was used. Time-resolved analysis was employed during data acquisition. The samples  
113 were ablated with pulses of 80mJ at a pulse repetition rate of 5Hz, over an ablation time  
114 of 20 s. The synthetic glass reference material NIST 612 was used as a calibration  
115 standard with the average composition of Pearce et al. (1997). Ca contents of  
116 clinopyroxenes analysed by electron microprobe were used for internal calibration to

117 correct for differences in ablation characteristics between samples and standards. The  
118 GEMOC Glitter reduction software was used to process the raw data. This program  
119 provides minimum detection limits for all elements in each individual analysis, and the  
120 data reported were all above the relevant detection limit. Any results that were below  
121 detection limit (a common case with Rb and Ba concentrations in mantle  
122 clinopyroxenes) are shown in the Tables as a blank.

123 An in-house standard RP91-17, a clinopyroxene from a mantle xenolith from the  
124 southern French Massif Central (Zangana et al., 1998), was used to ensure  
125 comparability with previously determined values by LA-ICPMS (Mason et al., 1999)  
126 who also used the NIST 612 international standard. Trace element compositions of  
127 clinopyroxenes from the Massif Central are given in Table 1, together with data for the  
128 in-house standard; those for clinopyroxene from mantle xenoliths from Poland are  
129 given in Table 2. In general the comparability between our results for RP 91-17 and  
130 those of Mason et al (1999) are very good, i.e. within 1-2%, but there is a significant  
131 discrepancy for Pb concentrations (our value = 0.38 ppm; that of Mason et al (1999) is  
132 1.5 ppm). We consider that this may be due to a memory effect in the earlier analysis,  
133 as the same standard clinopyroxene analysed using the LA-ICPMS facility at Kingston  
134 University yielded a value of 0.17 ppm Pb. Comparisons of our LA-ICPMS Lu and Hf  
135 analyses with concentrations given by Wittig et al (2006) on bulk clinopyroxenes by  
136 isotope dilution (ID) are generally good despite ID being inherently a more precise  
137 method (e.g. for sample Mb50, Lu = 0.1277 ppm by ID and 0.12 ppm by LA-ICPMS;  
138 Hf = 0.032 ppm by ID and 0.02 ppm by LA-ICPMS). Discrepancies may also be due to  
139 the different volumes of material that are analysed by the two different methods, with  
140 ID analysing much larger volume of clinopyroxene.

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### 142 **3. TRACE ELEMENT VARIATIONS IN CLINOPYROXENES FROM SPINEL** 143 **PERIDOTITES**

144 It has been recognized that the sub-continental mantle lithosphere beneath the French  
145 Massif Central is separated into a northern and southern domain characterized by  
146 contrasting bulk rock compositions of mantle xenoliths (Lenoir et al., 2000),

147 clinopyroxene compositions (Downes et al., 2003) and geophysical signatures (Babuska  
148 et al., 2002). The mantle xenoliths from the Massif Central have therefore been divided  
149 into those two geographic groups, which also correspond to differences in their trace  
150 element patterns. Clinopyroxenes in xenoliths from the southern region (samples prefixed  
151 by RP, Bo, Ta, Gr, Ce, Vp, Pey, BR, Ms, AL and Z in Table 1), tend to show flat trace  
152 element patterns (Fig. 2), when normalised to primitive mantle (Sun and McDonough  
153 1989). Their Zr/Hf ratios are mostly in the range 23 to 44, i.e. approximately chondritic  
154 (36), although a very small number of analyses have strongly sub-chondritic values (3-  
155 13). In contrast, clinopyroxenes from northern localities (Mb, PH, FR, Bt, St and CH in  
156 Table 1) tend to show highly spiked patterns, with several samples showing particularly  
157 strong negative anomalies in Zr and Hf (Fig. 2). These samples also show positive  
158 anomalies in Sr, Pb, La and U compared to adjacent elements, and strong enrichment in  
159 LREE over MREE. The Zr/Hf ratios of these unusual clinopyroxenes vary from strongly  
160 subchondritic to suprachondritic (0.5 to 82). Some of the variation may be a result of  
161 analytical problems, given that the Hf content of these minerals is conspicuously low  
162 (less than 0.05 ppm).

163 Clinopyroxenes from mantle xenoliths from SW Poland (Fig. 3) also show a variety of  
164 trace element patterns, although there is no clear correlation with location. Our trace  
165 element results are similar to those of Matusiak-Malek et al (2010) for different samples  
166 from similar localities. In general they are more enriched in the LREE than the Massif  
167 Central samples, and show conspicuous troughs at Ta and Pb. However, some also show  
168 conspicuous negative anomalies in Zr and Hf, although these are not as strong as those  
169 seen in mantle clinopyroxenes from the northern Massif Central. Their Zr/Hf ratios are in  
170 the range 3-151. The Polish samples appear to show significant decoupling of Ta  
171 relative to Nb. Similar low Ta values are also shown in clinopyroxenes from Polish  
172 mantle xenoliths analysed by Matusiak-Malek et al. (2010), but unfortunately Nb  
173 was not analysed in that study. Although this is beyond the scope of this paper, the  
174 superchondritic Nb/Ta values in the Polish mantle clinopyroxenes are worthy of  
175 further investigation.

176 Further examples of Zr-Hf-depleted clinopyroxenes have been found in spinel peridotite  
177 xenolith suites from elsewhere in Europe (Fig. 4), namely Monte Vulture in southern Italy  
178 (Downes et al., 2002), the Hyblean Plateau in Sicily (Perinelli et al., 2008) and the  
179 Bohemian massif **within the Czech Republic** (Ackerman et al., **in press**). Such strong  
180 Zr-Hf anomalies are uncommon in clinopyroxene from mantle peridotites worldwide,  
181 although other examples (Fig. 4) have been reported from peridotite xenoliths from the  
182 Bearpaw Mountains, Montana (Downes et al., 2004) and Tok, Siberia (Ionov et al.,  
183 2006). **Clinopyroxene from a mantle xenolith from the Avacha volcano in Kamchatka**  
184 **situated above an active subduction zone** (Halama et al., 2009), **shows similarly low Hf**  
185 **abundances but does not show the same extent of Lu/Hf fractionation.**

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#### 187 **4. Hf ISOTOPE COMPOSITIONS OF CLINOPYROXENES IN SPINEL** 188 **PERIDOTITES**

189 Mantle peridotite clinopyroxenes analysed in this study display a range of Lu contents  
190 from 0.05 to 0.45 ppm, whereas their Hf contents range from 0.01 to 2.5 ppm. Worldwide  
191 mantle peridotite clinopyroxenes show similar ranges in Lu and Hf (although samples  
192 from Tok in Siberia (Ionov et al., 2006a) show even higher Hf contents, up to 5.65 ppm,  
193 that are not accompanied by high Lu contents). There is a broad but very poor positive  
194 correlation between Lu and Hf contents in mantle clinopyroxenes (not shown). Figure 5  
195 shows the Lu/Hf ratios of our samples plotted as a function of Hf content, compared with  
196 a worldwide data set of mantle peridotite clinopyroxene compositions. **We have included**  
197 **clinopyroxene from a mantle xenolith from Avacha volcano (Halama et al., 2009),**  
198 **situated above an active subduction zone, for comparison.** Only clinopyroxenes that  
199 contain less than 0.1 ppm Hf show high Lu/Hf ratios, ranging from 1 to 100. A wide  
200 range of Lu/Hf ratios would be a prerequisite for dating mantle events using the Lu-Hf  
201 method. Only a suite of mantle peridotite samples that includes clinopyroxenes with  
202 high Lu/Hf ratios, such as those from the northern Massif Central, would be  
203 amenable to Lu-Hf isotopic age dating, and then only if neither Lu nor Hf had been  
204 added to the sample by later events such as metasomatism.



205 Methodology and results for Hf isotope compositions in clinopyroxenes from a subset  
206 of Massif Central spinel peridotite xenoliths were reported by Wittig et al. (2006,  
207 2007). Figure 6 shows the  $\epsilon\text{Hf}$ -  $\epsilon\text{Nd}$  isotope diagram for clinopyroxenes from xenoliths  
208 from the northern and southern domains of the region. Those from the southern domain  
209 show relatively little variation in  $\epsilon\text{Hf}$ , ranging from +5.4 to +22;  $\epsilon\text{Nd}$  values range from  
210 +0.08 to +16. In contrast, samples from the northern domain show extreme values of  
211 both  $\epsilon\text{Hf}$  (+140 to +2586) and  $\epsilon\text{Nd}$  (+2 to +91).

212 The northern Massif Central xenoliths are also very different in their isotopic  
213 composition from other spinel peridotite xenoliths worldwide, as shown in Figure 7 (in  
214 which the samples from the Massif Central with the highest  $\epsilon\text{Hf}$  and  $\epsilon\text{Nd}$  values have  
215 been omitted, in order for the remaining data to be shown clearly on the scale).  
216 Clinopyroxenes from almost all other mantle spinel peridotites cluster in a small area of  
217 the  $\epsilon\text{Nd}$ -  $\epsilon\text{Hf}$  diagram (Fig. 7), near the values for Mid-Ocean Ridge Basalts and Ocean  
218 Island Basalts, whereas those from the northern Massif Central show much higher  $\epsilon\text{Hf}$   
219 values (and, more rarely, higher  $\epsilon\text{Nd}$  values). Only a few samples (e.g. one each from  
220 Lherz, Jordan and Spitsbergen) show such highly radiogenic Hf isotope values. Such  
221 ultradepleted lithospheric mantle domains have been discussed by Rampone and  
222 Hofmann (2012) and Stracke et al (2011). These studies showed  $\epsilon\text{Hf}$  values up to +110  
223 for these depleted domains, which are low compared with those found in Massif Central  
224 mantle clinopyroxenes ( $\epsilon\text{Hf} = +140$  to +2586).

225  $^{176}\text{Hf}/^{177}\text{Hf}$ - $^{176}\text{Lu}/^{177}\text{Hf}$  data for clinopyroxenes from several different mantle  
226 xenoliths from the northern Massif Central (Wittig et al., 2006) form a strong  
227 correlation (Fig. 8) which has been interpreted as an errorchron with an apparent  
228 age of  $344 \pm 11$  Ma. Disregarding the two samples with highest values of  $^{176}\text{Hf}/^{177}\text{Hf}$ -  
229  $^{176}\text{Lu}/^{177}\text{Hf}$  still yields an age of  $350 \pm 61$  Ma. In contrast, mantle peridotites from  
230 elsewhere in the world (Schmidberger et al., 2002; Le Roux et al., 2009; Choi et al.,  
231 2010) all plot at the extremely low end of this array, as do the mantle garnet data of  
232 Lazarov et al (2009). Even the sub-calcic garnet data for garnet peridotite xenoliths  
233 from South Africa (Shu et al., 2013) plot in the low end of the array, but because of  
234 the age of these garnets, their  $^{176}\text{Hf}/^{177}\text{Hf}$  show a much higher dispersity than other

235 data and can therefore generate meaningful errorchrons. Thus, clinopyroxenes from  
236 spinel peridotite xenoliths from the northern part of the French Massif Central are  
237 much more amenable to Lu-Hf dating than those from many other regions of  
238 shallow sub-continental lithospheric mantle. Clinopyroxenes from mantle xenoliths  
239 from SW Poland may also be potential candidates for **future** Lu-Hf dating.

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## 241 **5. DISCUSSION**

242 Extreme depletion in Hf and Zr in mantle xenoliths and their constituent clinopyroxenes  
243 from the northern part of the French Massif Central was earlier reported by Lenoir et al.  
244 (2000) and Downes et al. (2003). Our new LA-ICPMS analyses of clinopyroxenes  
245 confirm this anomaly and also confirm the presence of strong negative anomalies in Zr  
246 and Hf relative to the adjacent REE Sm and Nd in clinopyroxenes from mantle xenoliths  
247 from the Polish Sudetes (Figs. 2 and 3). Few other sub-continental mantle xenolith suites  
248 show this feature; those which do include some from southern Italy, western USA and  
249 southern Siberia. The extreme depletion in Hf and Zr is due to a process that  
250 removes these elements from the mantle, and the most obvious process is extensive  
251 partial melting. Wittig et al. (2006) modeled Hf depletion in clinopyroxenes in  
252 Massif Central peridotites as being due to extensive partial melting (e.g. up to 30%)  
253 in the spinel peridotite stability field. **As shown in Figures 2-4, similar extreme Hf**  
254 **depletion of mantle clinopyroxenes has been reported for a mantle xenoliths from**  
255 **Avacha volcano, Kamchatka (Halama et al 2009).**

256 One possible origin of this extensive mantle depletion may be related to supra-  
257 subduction zone processes. Since the volcanic fields of the northern Massif Central  
258 and the Polish Sudetes are all situated on the northern margin of the Variscan  
259 orogen, it is possible that the mantle beneath these regions experienced a similar  
260 extreme depletion event, which may require two-stage melting such as is found in  
261 the mantle wedge above a subducting slab. **The Hf-depleted mantle clinopyroxene**  
262 **from Avacha volcano comes from a subduction setting (Halama et al., 2009).** Tok  
263 (SE Siberia) and the Bearpaw Mountains (Montana) are in cratonic settings but are

264 situated above regions of recent deep subduction, which may have been the cause of  
265 extreme depletion due to partial melting. Both Monte Vulture and Sicily are near to  
266 subduction zones, and the mantle beneath these regions may also have experienced  
267 strong depletion in this tectonic setting. However, the reason why such extensive  
268 melting has only occurred in some parts of the continental lithosphere is not entirely  
269 clear.

270 Comparison of the highly incompatible trace elements in mantle peridotite  
271 clinopyroxenes from the northern Massif Central and SW Poland (Figures 2 and 3)  
272 suggests that the lithospheric mantle beneath the two regions experienced different  
273 enrichment processes. In the northern Massif Central, clinopyroxenes show relative  
274 enrichment in U, La, Pb and Sr, compared to adjacent elements in their mantle-  
275 normalised patterns. Mantle-normalised Nb concentrations ( $Nb_n$ ) are usually lower than  
276  $Ta_n$  values; mantle-normalised  $Zr_n$  values are less than  $Hf_n$  values. In contrast, the Polish  
277 mantle peridotite xenoliths have clinopyroxenes that are relatively enriched in Nb (Fig.  
278 3), with mantle-normalised  $Nb_n$  always greater than  $Ta_n$ , and with many showing  
279 enrichment in Zr relative to Hf. Unusually, Pb shows a relative depletion compared with  
280 the adjacent REE.

281 The contrasting trace element signatures of Zr-Hf depleted clinopyroxenes in the  
282 xenoliths from France and Poland are probably derived from contrasting metasomatic  
283 fluids. Among the northern Massif Central xenoliths, the enrichment in fluid-mobile  
284 elements such as U, Pb and Sr, and lack of enrichment in fluid-immobile ones, suggests  
285 that a subduction-related fluid may have been responsible. The lack of enrichment in Zr  
286 relative to Hf also implies that the fluid carried little or no Zr. Although both Lenoir et al.  
287 (2000) and Wittig et al. (2006) suggested that the metasomatic agent in these xenoliths  
288 might be a mantle-derived carbonatite magma, a subduction-related fluid, enriched in U,  
289 Pb, Sr and LREE, is also possible.

290 In contrast, the Polish xenoliths show enrichment in both LREE and the immobile  
291 elements (Zr, Nb), and additionally many of them have  $Zr_n$  greater than  $Hf_n$ , suggesting  
292 that the metasomatic agent carried some Zr. This may be the result of metasomatism by

293 an alkaline silicate melt, which can carry such high-field strength elements. Again this is  
294 in contrast to the earlier suggestion (Blusztajn and Shimizu 1994) that carbonatite  
295 metasomatism had affected these samples. Zr-Hf depleted mantle clinopyroxenes from  
296 spinel peridotites from elsewhere in the world (Figure 4) tend to resemble those from  
297 Poland in terms of their enrichment in Zr relative to Hf, and the presence of Pb troughs,  
298 suggesting that they have also experienced silicate melt metasomatism to some extent.

299 Significantly, in the Polish xenoliths, the  $Zr_n$  values are less than  $Hf_n$  only in those  
300 samples which show lowest overall values of  $Zr_n$  and  $Hf_n$ , i.e. the most depleted  
301 samples (Fig. 3). In the less depleted samples,  $Zr_n$  is greater than  $Hf_n$ , indicating that  
302 Zr has been added to the clinopyroxenes after the original depletion had occurred. In  
303 contrast, in the northern Massif Central samples,  $Zr_n$  is generally less than  $Hf_n$ , for  
304 all samples, so there is no evidence of addition of Zr to the clinopyroxenes after the  
305 initial loss of both Zr and Hf by partial melting.

306 Figure 5 shows that only a few mantle peridotites worldwide display a trend towards  
307 high Lu/Hf ratios and low Hf contents in their clinopyroxenes. Other xenoliths have  
308 clinopyroxene compositions that cluster around Lu/Hf ratios between 0.1 and 1.0, and  
309 some suites show very little dispersion of Lu/Hf ratios. The trend shown by the  
310 clinopyroxene trace element data on Figure 5 is almost certainly due to removal of  
311 Hf relative to Lu, during partial melting of the mantle, since Hf is more  
312 incompatible than Lu in the shallow mantle. Another possible reason for Lu-Hf  
313 fractionation may be the earlier presence of garnet in the region of the mantle now  
314 represented by the spinel peridotite xenoliths (i.e. garnet became unstable because  
315 of a decrease in pressure perhaps by rifting or mantle uplift). Evidence for this may  
316 be present as vermicular spinel-pyroxene clusters described in Northern Massif  
317 Central xenoliths by Lenoir et al (2000) and Downes et al. (2003), which are  
318 commonly considered to be relics of pre-existing garnet.

319 Over geological time these high Lu/Hf ratios will lead to extremely radiogenic  $\epsilon Hf$   
320 values. In the example of the northern French Massif Central (Fig. 6), such  
321 xenoliths show highly radiogenic Hf isotope ratios ( $\epsilon Hf$  values up to +2600). Thus,

322 as shown in Fig. 7, in the northern Massif Central  $\epsilon_{\text{Hf}}$  values in clinopyroxenes  
323 from mantle peridotite xenoliths are much more strongly decoupled from  $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}}$  values  
324 compared with, for example, xenoliths from the oceanic lithosphere (e.g., Hawaii)  
325 or other regions of the sub-continental lithospheric mantle (e.g. the Lherz massif in  
326 the French Pyrenees; Le Roux et al., 2009). They appear to be extreme examples of  
327 spinel peridotite mantle with highly radiogenic Hf isotopes. Only rare xenoliths  
328 from Jordan and one from Hawaii show  $\epsilon_{\text{Hf}}$  values greater than 100, although  
329 unpublished data for mantle samples from Beni Bousera and Kaapvaal appear to  
330 have similarly extreme values (Pearson et al., 2003).

331 Clinopyroxenes with high Lu/Hf ratios from the northern Massif Central (Wittig et  
332 al., 2006) yield Hf model ages and  $^{176}\text{Hf}/^{177}\text{Hf}$ - $^{176}\text{Lu}/^{177}\text{Hf}$  systematics that appear to  
333 indicate that an event occurred in the mantle beneath this region in Variscan times  
334 (Fig. 8). A fundamental problem with dating mantle samples is to know what  
335 exactly is being dated. It is not clear whether the apparent Variscan age given by the  
336 Lu-Hf systematics of Massif Central mantle clinopyroxenes actually dates a specific  
337 event (e.g. depletion of Hf relative to Lu due to extensive melting). It might instead  
338 date the time at which the mantle passed through the closure temperature of Lu-Hf  
339 in clinopyroxene, although this temperature is not well constrained.

340 Other attempts at using Lu-Hf isotopes to date mantle events (e.g. Schmidberger et  
341 al., 2002; Choi et al., 2010) have been based on much smaller variations in  
342  $^{176}\text{Hf}/^{177}\text{Hf}$ - $^{176}\text{Lu}/^{177}\text{Hf}$  ratios (Fig. 8) that are unlikely to yield meaningful results  
343 unless the event being dated is very old. One possible approach may be to use  
344 orthopyroxene mineral separates as well as clinopyroxene as, although  
345 orthopyroxene generally contains much less Hf than clinopyroxene (by an order of  
346 magnitude according to Dobosi et al (2010)), the modal abundance of orthopyroxene  
347 in spinel peridotites is often 2-3 times that of clinopyroxene, so a significant  
348 fraction of the Hf in the rock will reside within the orthopyroxene component.  
349 Mantle orthopyroxenes often show positive Zr and Hf anomalies compared to  
350 adjacent elements; indeed, orthopyroxene from northern Massif Central samples  
351 Mb8 and Mb57 show positive Hf anomalies, but the Hf abundance in the

352 orthopyroxene is an order of magnitude less than that in the coexisting  
353 clinopyroxene (J. Puziewicz and M. Matusiak-Malek, pers. comm. 2013). Data  
354 presented by Dobosi et al. (2010) show that the Lu/Hf ratio in mantle peridotite  
355 orthopyroxene usually exceeds that of coexisting clinopyroxene by a factor of ~2.  
356 Thus it may be possible to use orthopyroxene to extend the Lu-Hf isochron,  
357 although analyzing the low levels of Hf in orthopyroxene may present technical  
358 problems.

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## 360 **6. CONCLUSIONS**

361 The use of the Lu-Hf system for dating events in the shallow (spinel peridotite)  
362 lithospheric mantle is constrained by the behaviour of Lu and Hf during melting and  
363 metasomatism. Lu concentrations in mantle clinopyroxenes tend not to vary greatly,  
364 whereas Hf concentrations show wider variations as a result of depletion by partial  
365 melting. Thus the variation in Lu/Hf within mantle clinopyroxenes will govern the  
366 usefulness of the system to geochronology. Only a few rare peridotites show appropriate  
367 depletion in Hf compared with Lu in their clinopyroxenes. Among these, the example  
368 from the xenoliths from the northern part of the French Massif Central yields a  
369 geologically meaningful age of 350 Ma, attributed to depletion during Variscan  
370 subduction. These samples have not experienced addition of Hf during subsequent  
371 metasomatism, probably because the subduction-related metasomatic fluids that affected  
372 them carried little Hf. Other regions of central Europe, e.g. Lower Silesia (Poland) and  
373 the Bohemian Massif (Czech Republic), have mantle xenoliths which show Hf-depletion,  
374 but they have experienced later addition of Zr (and therefore perhaps Hf) during  
375 metasomatism and therefore may be less likely to produce meaningful Lu-Hf model ages  
376 or errorochrons.

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## 608 **Figure Captions**

609 Figure 1 Sm/Nd vs Lu/Hf ratios in clinopyroxenes from spinel peridotite mantle rocks  
610 from worldwide localities. Data Sources: NFMC = North French Massif Central (Table  
611 1); SFMC = South French Massif Central (Table 1); Poland (Table 2); Pannonian Basin  
612 (unpublished data, CDV); Jordan (Shaw et al., 2007); China (Leizhou – Yu et al.,  
613 2006); Vulture (Italy - Downes et al., 2002); Rhön (Witt-Eickschen and Kramm,  
614 1997); Tok, Siberia (Ionov et al., 2006); Hawaii (Bizimis et al., 2007); Premier, South  
615 Africa (Gregoire et al., 2005); Bearpaws, Montana, USA (Downes et al., 2004);  
616 Morocco (Wittig et al., 2010c); NE Spain (Bianchini et al., 2007); Alberta (Aulbach et  
617 al., 2004). Values for primitive mantle (Sm/Nd = 0.328; Lu/Hf = 0.239) from Sun and  
618 McDonough (1989).

619 Figure 2. LA-ICPMS data for clinopyroxene in representative mantle xenoliths from  
620 the Northern Massif Central compared with those of the Southern Massif Central (data  
621 from Table 1), normalised to primitive mantle (Sun and McDonough 1989). Data  
622 shown by grey squares and dashed line are for clinopyroxene in mantle xenoliths from  
623 Avacha volcano, Kamchatka, situated above an active subduction zone (Halama et al.,  
624 2009).

625 Figure 3. LA-ICPMS data for clinopyroxene in mantle xenoliths from Polish Sudetes  
626 (data from Table 2) normalised to primitive mantle (Sun and McDonough 1989). Data  
627 shown by grey squares and dashed line are for clinopyroxene in mantle xenoliths from  
628 Avacha volcano, Kamchatka, situated above an active subduction zone (Halama et al.,  
629 2009).

630 Figure 4. Zr-Hf-depleted clinopyroxenes from mantle xenoliths from Mte Vulture Italy  
631 - Downes et al., 2002; Sicily - Perinelli et al., 2008; Bearpaw Mts (Wyoming - Downes  
632 et al., 2004), Middle Atlas (Morocco - Wittig et al., 2010c), Tok (Siberia - Ionov et al.,  
633 2006), Plesny (Bohemian massif - Ackerman et al., in press), normalised to primitive  
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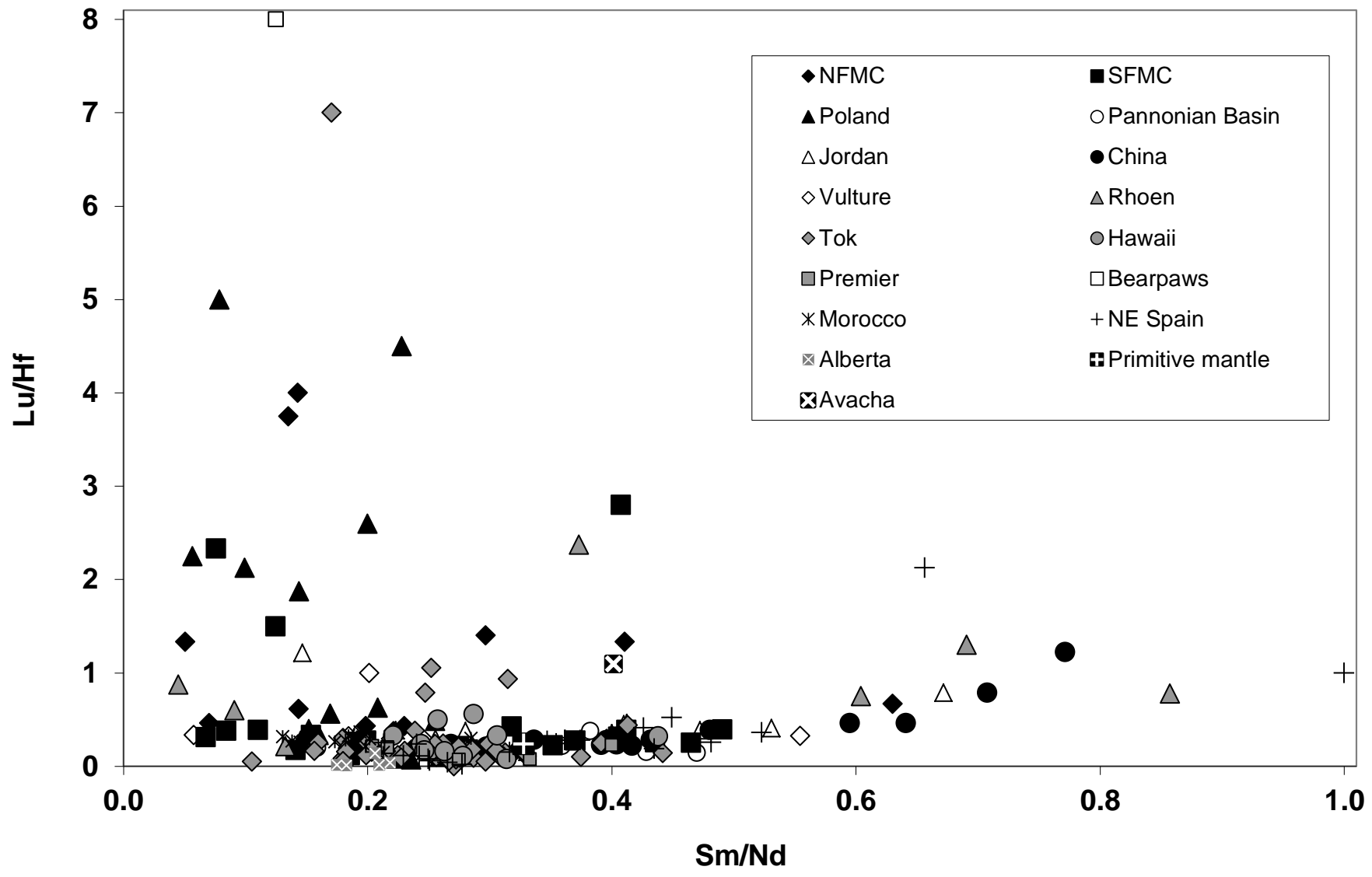
637 Figure 5. Lu/Hf ratio vs Hf concentration (ppm) in clinopyroxenes from mantle spinel  
638 peridotite xenoliths worldwide. Data sources as for Fig. 1. Note logarithmic scales on  
639 both axes. A few show extreme Hf-depletion and consequent high Lu/Hf ratios similar  
640 to those of the Southern French Massif Central. Arrow indicates increasing extent of  
641 partial melting. Values for primitive mantle from Sun and McDonough (1989). Data

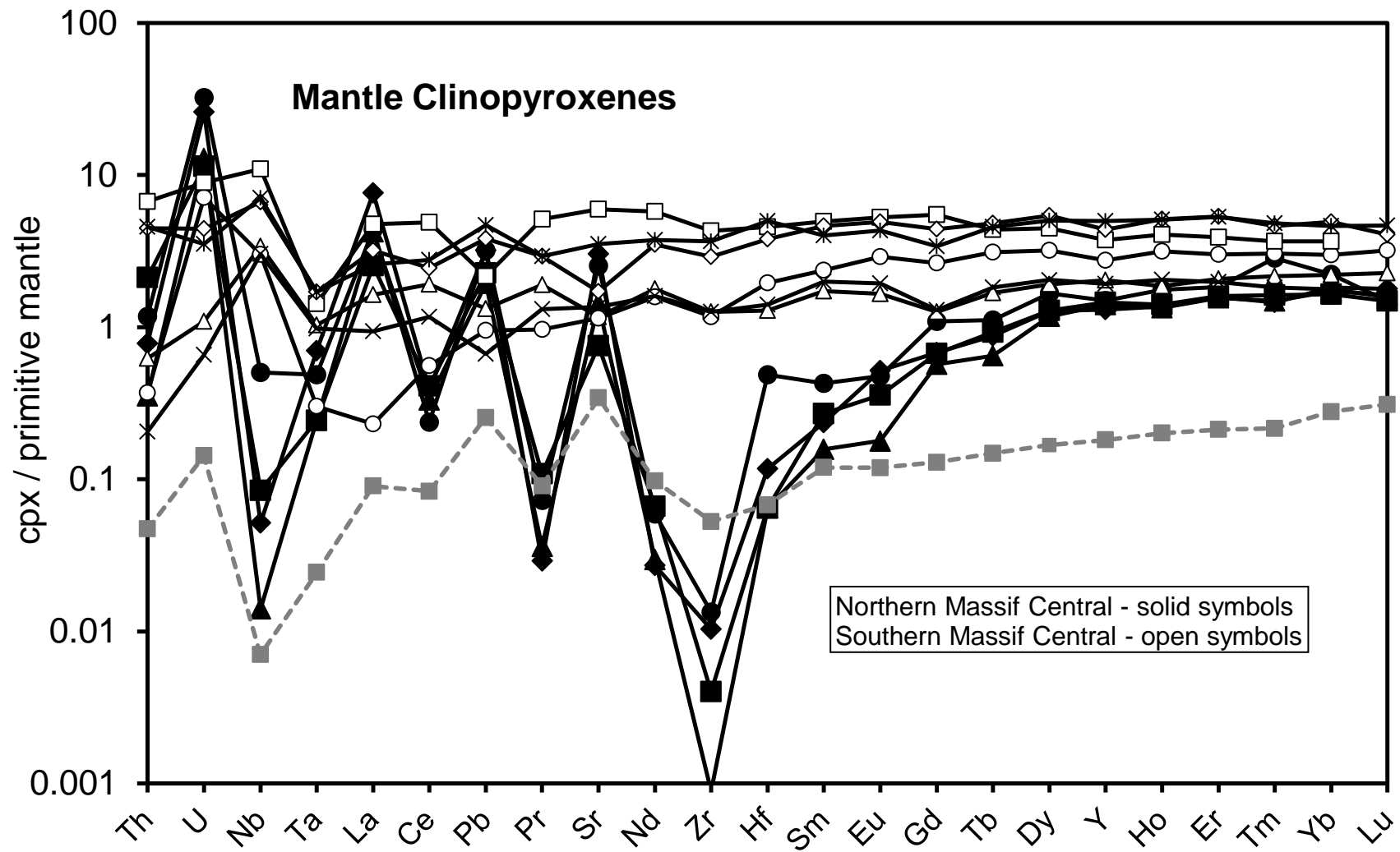
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644 2009).

645 Figure 6.  $\epsilon\text{Hf}$ - $\epsilon\text{Nd}$  isotope data for clinopyroxenes from mantle spinel peridotite  
646 xenoliths from French Massif Central showing differences between northern and  
647 southern regions (Wittig et al., 2007). Inset shows expanded field of southern Massif  
648 Central samples compared with the field for Mid-Ocean Ridge Basalts and Ocean  
649 Island Basalts (dashed line).

650 Figure 7.  $\epsilon\text{Hf}$ - $\epsilon\text{Nd}$  isotope data for clinopyroxenes from mantle peridotites worldwide  
651 (data sources as follows: Jordan – Shaw et al., 2007; Alberta – Aulbach et al., 2004;  
652 Hawaii – Bizmis et al., 2007; Tok – Ionov et al., 2006b; Somerset Island (Canada) –  
653 Schmidberger et al., 2001, 2002; Scotland – Bonadiman et al., 2008; Olot (Spain) –  
654 Bianchini et al., 2007; Middle Atlas (Morocco) – Wittig et al., 2010c; Eritrea – Teklay et  
655 al., 2010; NE China – Yu et al., 2009; Spitsbergen – Choi et al., 2010; Lherz massif –  
656 Le Roux et al., 2009; Gakkel Ridge – Stracke et al., 2011), compared with  $\epsilon\text{Hf}$ - $\epsilon\text{Nd}$   
657 isotope data from clinopyroxenes from the northern Massif Central peridotite xenoliths  
658 (Wittig et al., 2007). The most enriched compositions from the northern Massif Central  
659 shown on Figure 6 have been omitted.

660 Figure 8. Lu-Hf isochron diagram for clinopyroxenes from spinel peridotite mantle  
661 xenoliths from the northern Massif Central, showing a reference isochron of  $344 \pm 11$  Ma  
662 (Wittig et al., 2006), compared to data from other regions of sub-continental  
663 lithospheric mantle (Schmidberger et al., 2002; Le Roux et al., 2009; Choi et al., 2010).  
664 Inset shows the reference isochron of  $350 \pm 61$  Ma for the northern Massif Central  
665 samples minus the two with the highest Lu/Hf ratios.







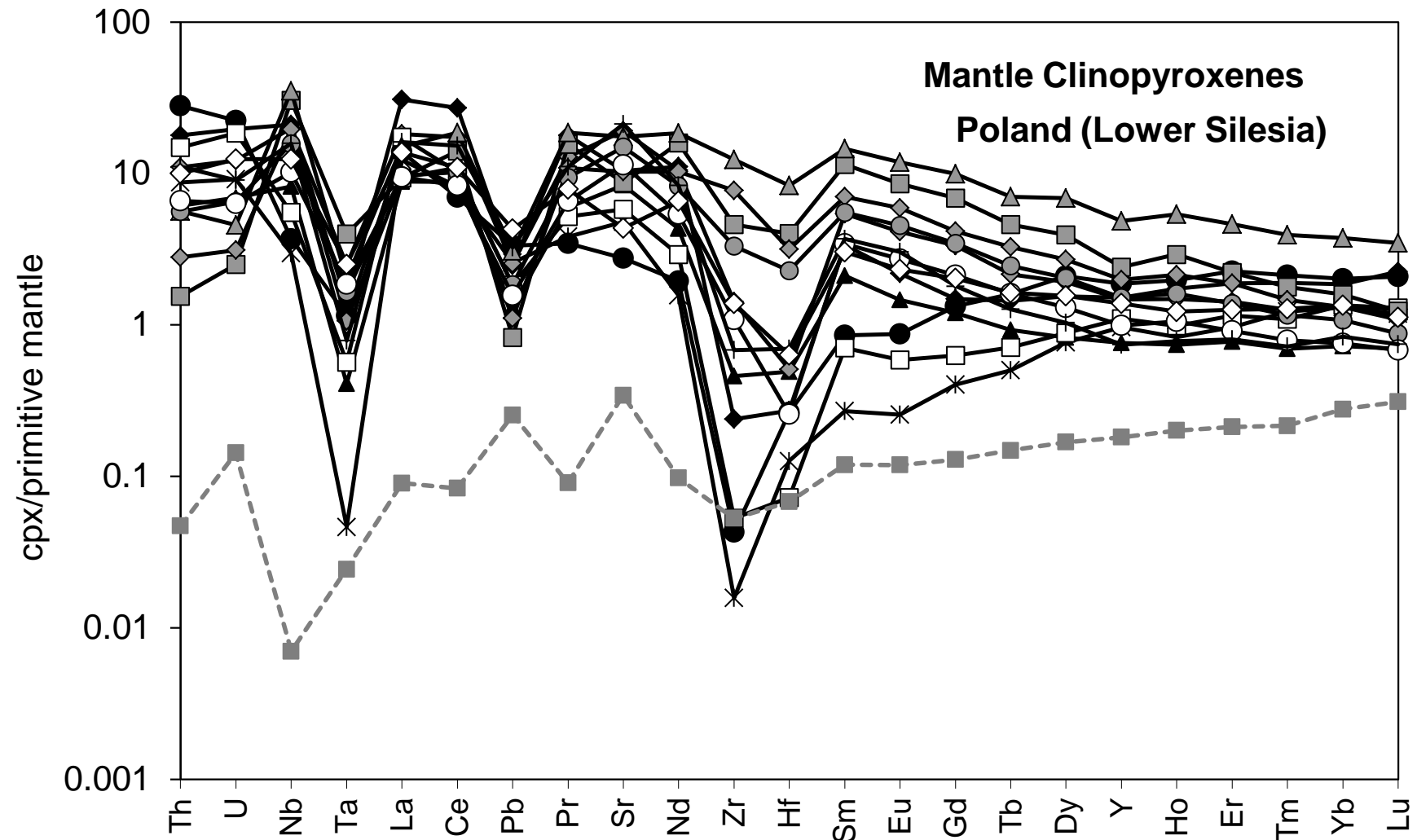
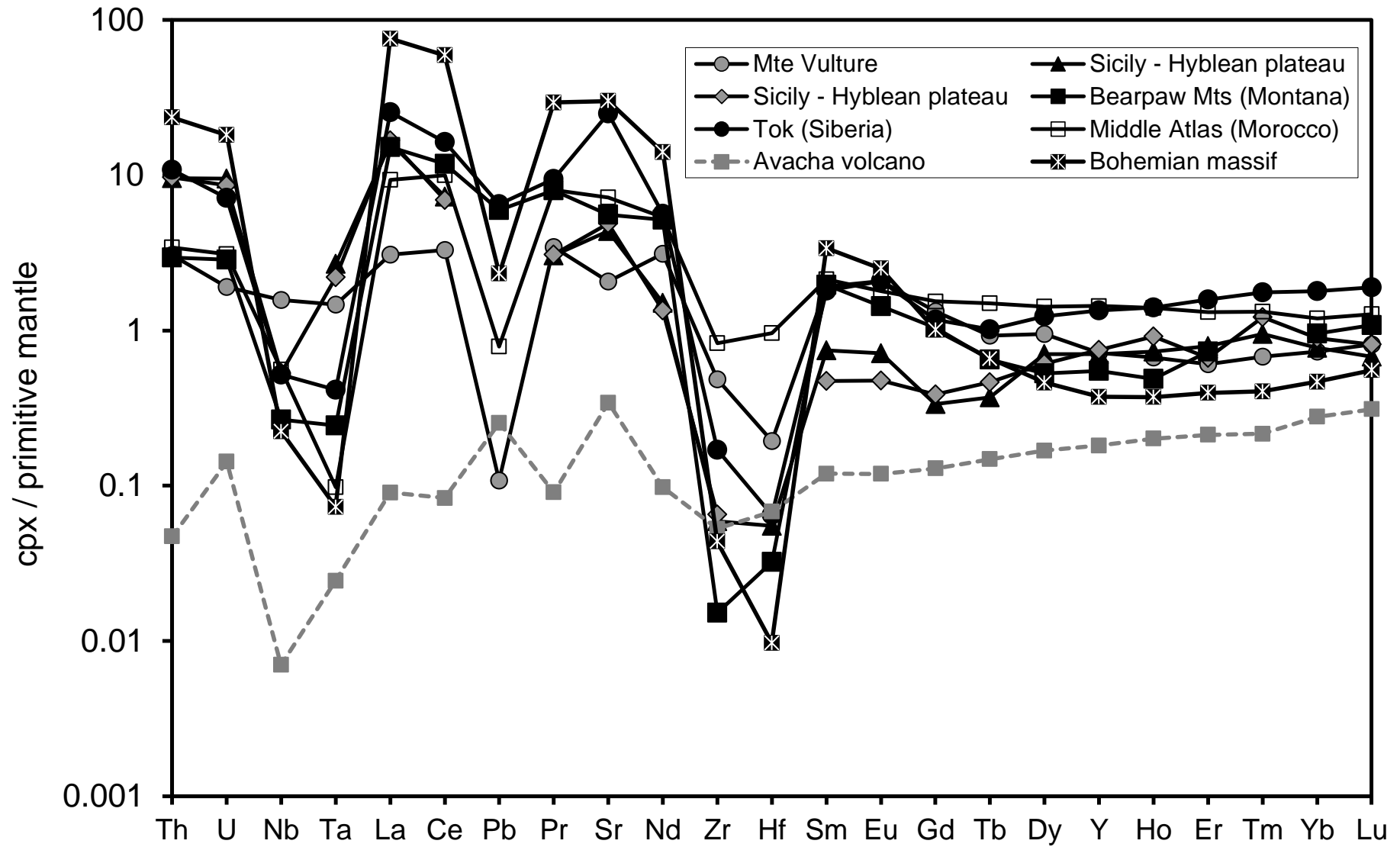
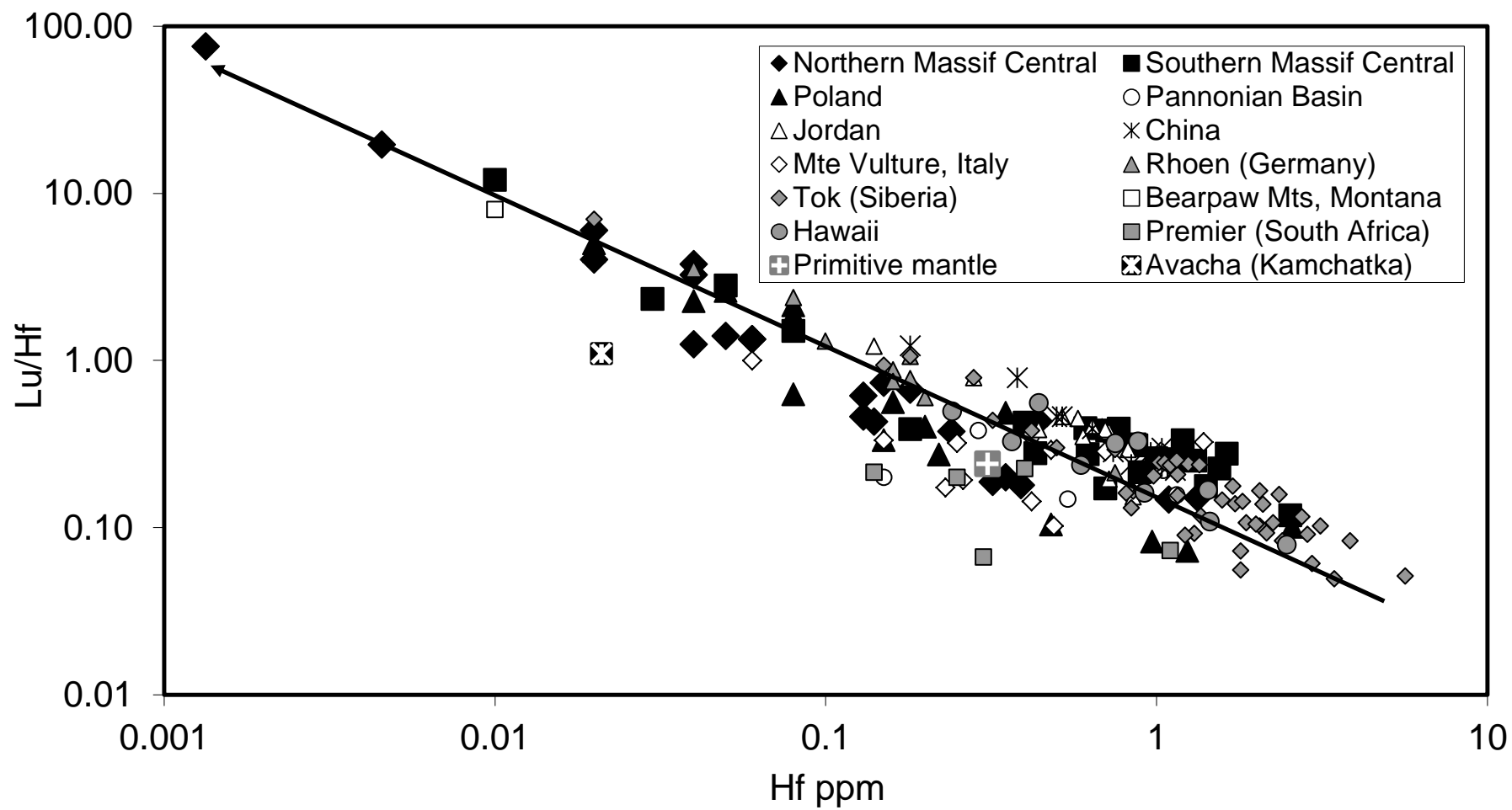


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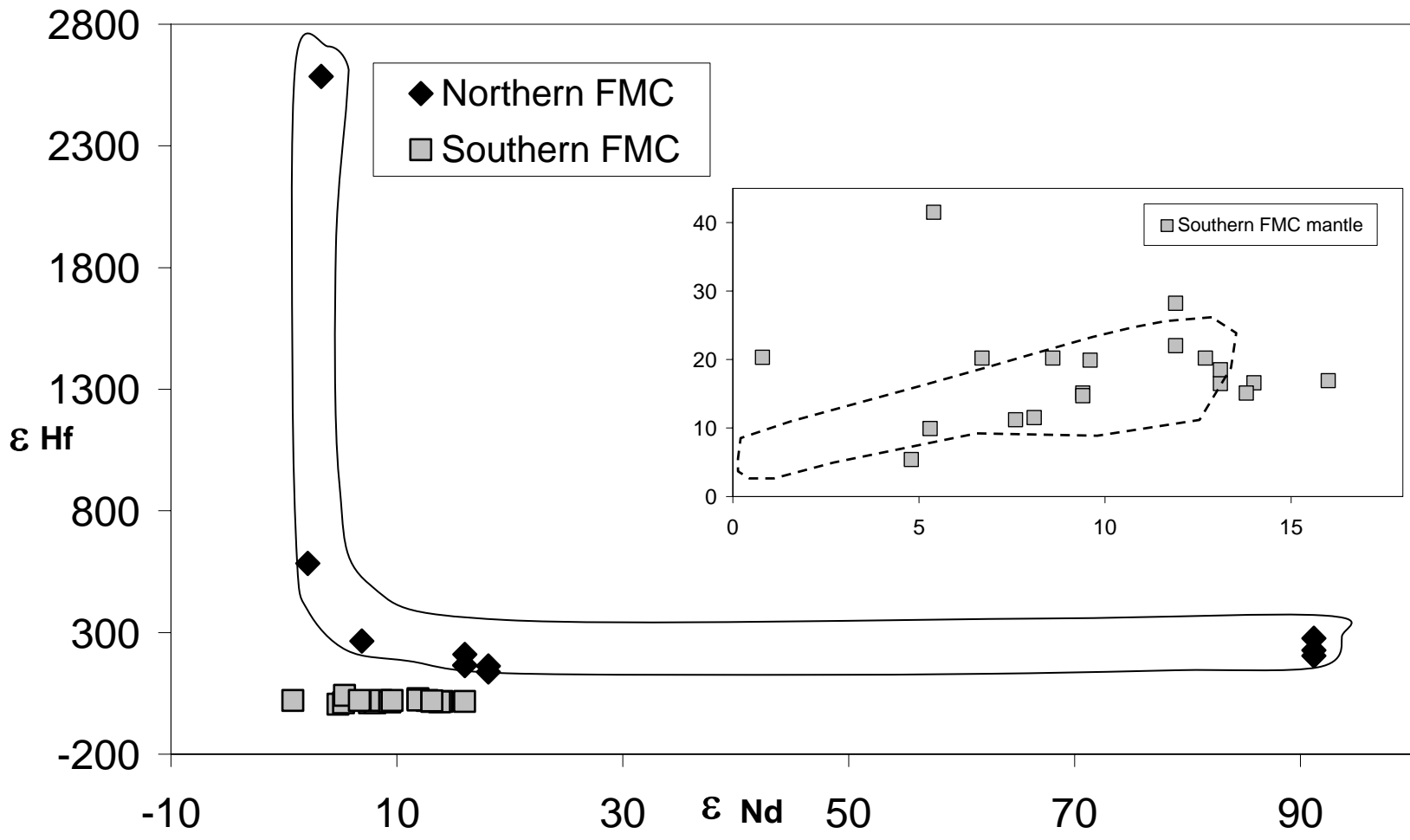


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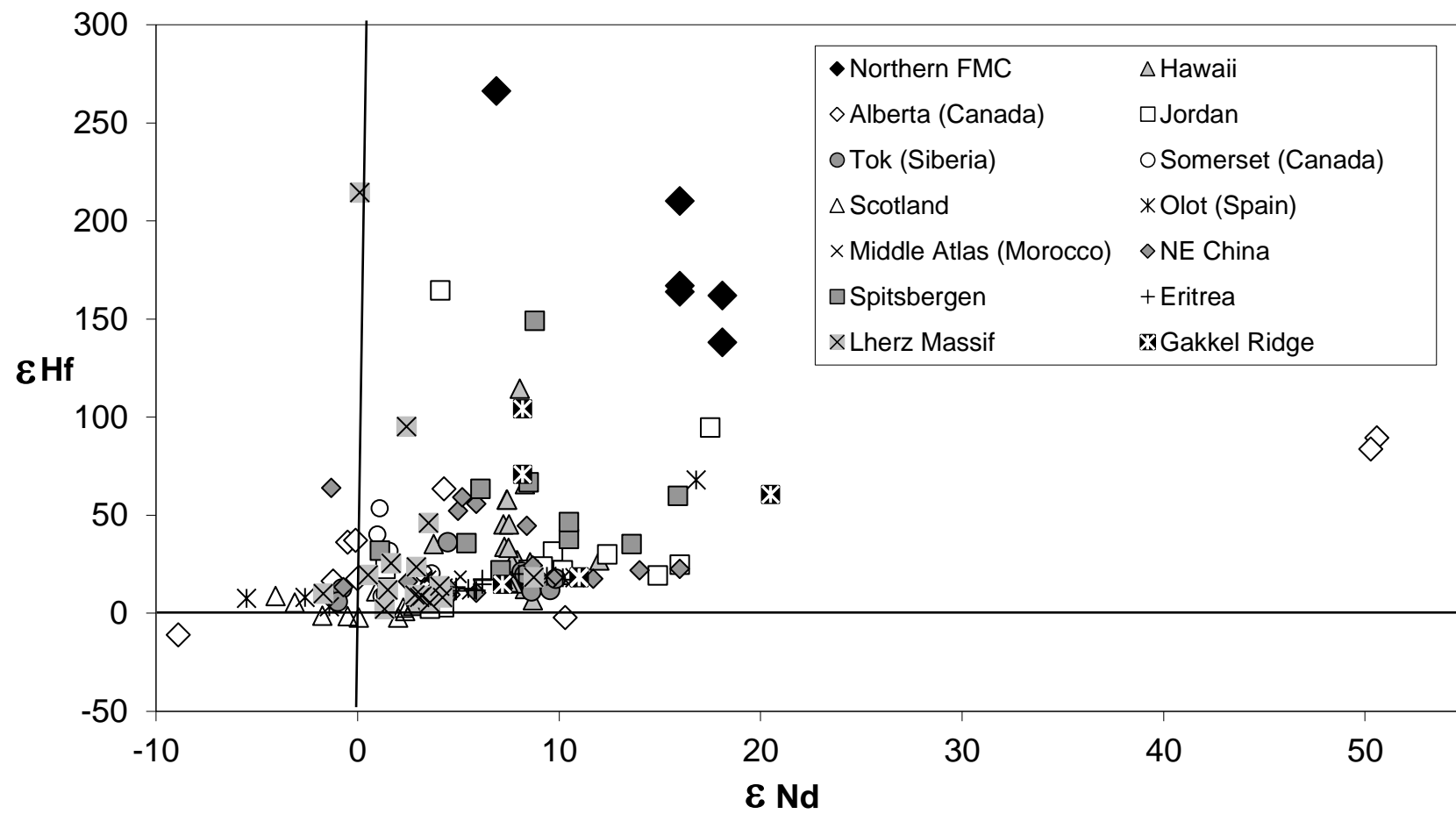


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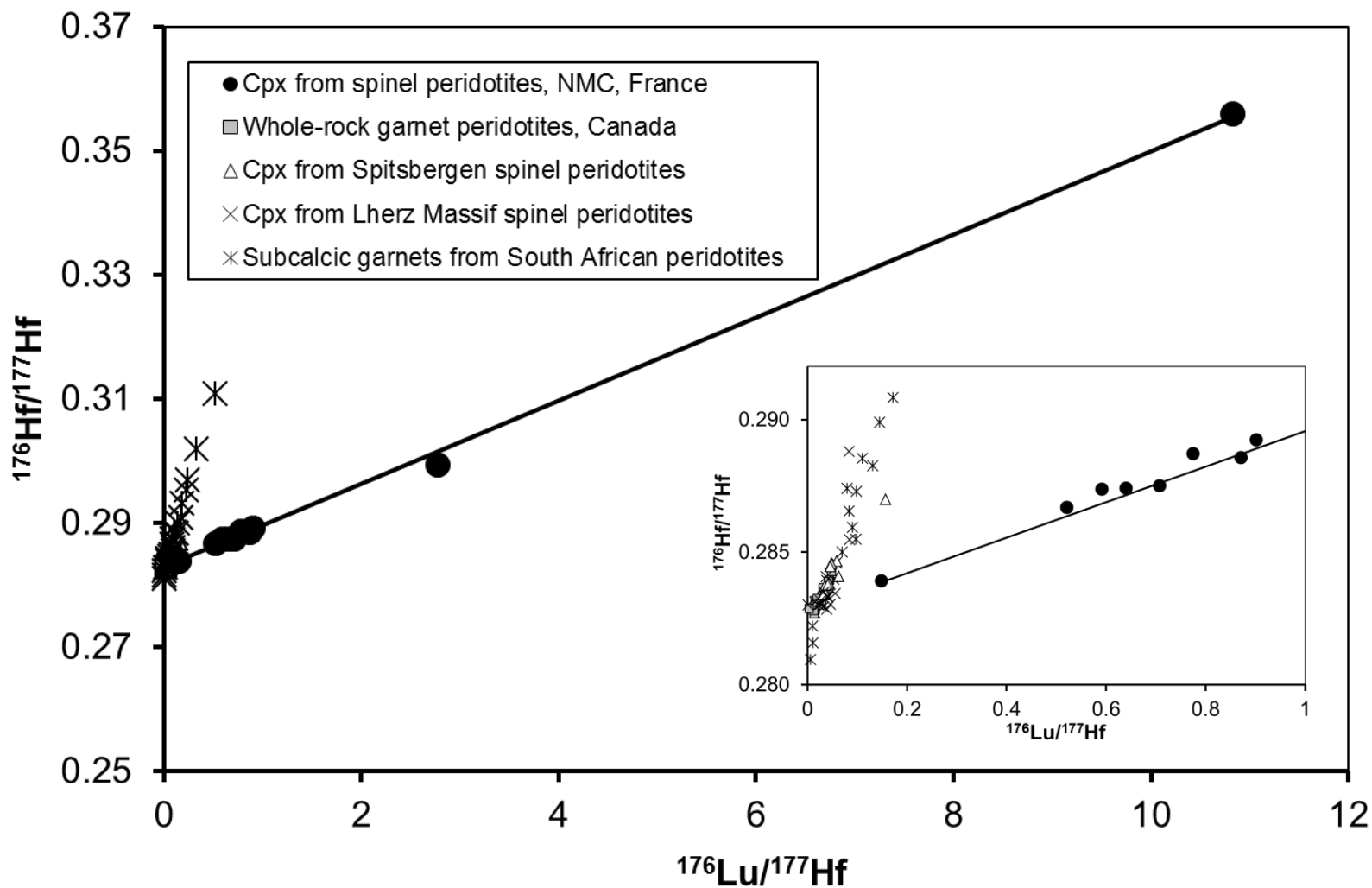


Table 1. Analyses of clinopyroxenes from French Massif Central, by LA-ICP-MS. NMC = Northern Domain

element	RP83-72 SMC	RP87-2 SMC	RP91-20 SMC	BO83-74 SMC	Ta 7 SMC	Ta 13 SMC	Ta 19 SMC	Gr83-75 SMC
Rb				0.01		0.03	0.02	0.02
Ba				0.05		0.31	0.27	0.09
Th	2.80	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.90	0.56	0.74	0.05
U	0.51	0.02	0.02	0.01	0.24	0.27	0.21	0.02
Nb	0.15	0.05	0.08	2.17	0.70	8.86	7.49	2.42
Ta	0.03	0.02	0.02	0.04	0.02	0.01	0.09	0.04
La	20.00	0.34	0.12	0.65	6.70	1.84	11.42	1.12
Ce	58.00	2.35	1.11	2.08	7.20	5.69	19.67	3.39
Pb	0.67	0.18	0.70	0.12	1.20	0.49	0.31	0.24
Pr	6.70	0.62	0.34	0.36	0.90	0.68	2.78	0.53
Sr	353.0	49.0	24.0	28.7	103.0	55.7	240.4	24.7
Nd	22.00	3.61	2.50	2.17	4.30	8.86	7.49	2.42
Zr	22.00	25.00	16.50	14.16	40.00	31.54	39.07	14.10
Hf	0.70	0.87	0.71	0.43	1.31	1.00	0.89	0.40
Sm	3.10	1.69	1.39	0.89	2.00	1.68	2.06	0.77
Eu	0.82	0.76	0.53	0.33	0.67	0.66	0.69	0.28
Gd	2.10	2.30	1.94	0.77	2.80	1.37	1.40	0.75
Tb	0.32	0.46	0.42	0.20	0.54	0.44	0.39	0.18
Dy	1.80	2.90	2.80	1.51	3.70	3.29	2.63	1.41
Y	10.00	19.30	18.40	8.78	23.00	29.94	11.87	9.25
Ho	0.35	0.72	0.64	0.34	0.81	0.72	0.53	0.30
Er	0.91	2.00	1.90	0.95	2.50	2.00	1.55	1.00
Tm	0.13	0.30	0.28	0.14	0.33	0.29	0.22	0.16
Yb	0.76	1.82	1.83	0.87	2.20	1.75	1.26	1.09
Lu	0.12	0.27	0.27	0.12	0.33	0.26	0.19	0.17

i; SMC = Southern Domain

<b>Ce83-77</b>	<b>Vp83-79</b>	<b>Pey83-82</b>	<b>BR 6</b>	<b>BR 9</b>	<b>BR 12</b>	<b>Ms 15</b>	<b>AL 851</b>	<b>AL 852</b>
<b>SMC</b>	<b>SMC</b>	<b>SMC</b>	<b>SMC</b>	<b>SMC</b>	<b>SMC</b>	<b>SMC</b>	<b>SMC</b>	<b>SMC</b>
0.02	0.03	0.08	0.03	0.09		0.05	0.92	5.18
0.16	0.14	1.53	0.17	4.82		0.27	10.53	61.10
0.03	0.57	0.27	0.38	0.75	0.01	1.02	0.39	0.76
0.15	0.19	0.23	0.09	0.51	0.00	0.25	0.07	0.23
2.14	7.79	3.93	4.73	2.81	0.09	6.89	5.06	22.79
0.01	0.06	0.02	0.07	0.02	0.02	0.04	0.07	0.25
0.16	3.26	3.01	2.20	13.53	0.74	11.28	1.78	11.45
0.99	8.70	2.98	4.36	15.81	3.25	21.08	4.91	31.70
0.18	0.40	0.55	0.71	0.64	0.04	0.58	0.87	4.18
0.27	1.41	0.62	0.81	1.18	0.63	1.84	0.81	4.46
24.2	125.6	53.6	36.2	104.2	67.0	158.0	74.3	179.3
2.14	7.79	3.93	4.73	2.81	3.80	6.89	5.06	22.79
13.14	48.03	26.51	32.58	4.11	29.80	21.79	40.93	88.52
0.61	1.41	0.77	1.17	0.18	0.86	0.62	1.55	2.54
1.05	2.20	1.62	2.06	0.31	1.54	1.37	1.78	4.23
0.49	0.88	0.66	0.83	0.11	0.62	0.51	0.72	1.52
1.57	3.28	2.57	2.63	0.32	2.20	1.32	2.03	3.14
0.34	0.47	0.41	0.52	0.07	0.44	0.30	0.49	0.63
2.36	3.29	3.28	3.98	0.47	2.94	2.09	3.70	3.85
12.52	16.98	17.40	19.94	2.46	19.20	12.48	22.65	21.12
0.52	0.67	0.75	0.84	0.10	0.67	0.45	0.83	0.81
1.44	1.87	2.13	2.56	0.30	1.95	1.31	2.54	2.32
0.23	0.27	0.29	0.34	0.05	0.28	0.18	0.36	0.34
1.48	1.81	2.07	2.42	0.36	1.85	1.09	2.29	1.98
0.24	0.25	0.30	0.30	0.07	0.27	0.17	0.35	0.30



<b>Z4</b>	<b>Z 7</b>	<b>Z 8</b>	<b>Z 10</b>	<b>Z 28</b>	<b>Z 42</b>	<b>RP83-72</b>	<b>RP87-2</b>	<b>RP91-20</b>
<b>SMC</b>	<b>SMC</b>	<b>SMC</b>	<b>SMC</b>	<b>SMC</b>	<b>SMC</b>	<b>SMC</b>	<b>SMC</b>	<b>SMC</b>
1.50	0.09	0.05	0.04		0.04			
56.93	1.16	0.35	0.26		0.26			
3.24	2.21	0.17	0.82	0.72	0.34	2.80	0.02	0.02
3.96	0.58	0.09	0.66	0.33	0.09	0.51	0.02	0.02
8.72	6.99	3.53	0.27	0.13	6.10	0.15	0.05	0.08
0.06	0.01	0.04	0.02	0.01	0.06	0.03	0.02	0.02
34.94	28.37	12.14	5.96	3.80	2.26	20.00	0.34	0.12
39.09	34.37	19.20	3.98	3.70	6.01	58.00	2.35	1.11
6.65	0.72	0.47	1.46	0.67	1.15	0.67	0.18	0.70
3.33	2.68	1.49	0.20	0.07	1.03	6.70	0.62	0.34
174.5	282.5	98.5	24.4	20.7	57.2	353.0	49.0	24.0
8.72	6.99	3.53	0.27	0.42	6.10	22.00	3.61	2.50
15.61	0.22	2.76	0.18	0.07	38.68	22.00	25.00	16.50
1.20	0.03	0.08	0.05	0.01	1.63	0.70	0.87	0.71
1.34	0.53	0.44	0.11	0.18	2.26	3.10	1.69	1.39
0.61	0.21	0.19	0.05	0.06	1.02	0.82	0.76	0.53
6.21	0.63	0.83	0.48	0.41	3.42	2.10	2.30	1.94
0.55	0.06	0.13	0.10	0.10	0.69	0.32	0.46	0.42
3.84	0.48	0.99	1.00	0.97	5.23	1.80	2.90	2.80
11.95	3.65	6.19	6.95	7.00	23.28	10.00	19.30	18.40
0.96	0.12	0.23	0.29	0.23	1.19	0.35	0.72	0.64
3.26	0.39	0.74	0.91	0.78	3.21	0.91	2.00	1.90
0.50	0.06	0.12	0.15	0.12	0.45	0.13	0.30	0.28
3.92	0.46	0.84	1.02	0.92	3.06	0.76	1.82	1.83
0.40	0.07	0.12	0.14	0.12	0.45	0.12	0.27	0.27

<b>BO83-74</b>	<b>Ta 7</b>	<b>Ta 13</b>	<b>Ta 19</b>	<b>Gr83-75</b>	<b>Ce83-77</b>	<b>Vp83-79</b>	<b>Pey83-82</b>	<b>BR 6</b>
<b>SMC</b>	<b>SMC</b>	<b>SMC</b>	<b>SMC</b>	<b>SMC</b>	<b>SMC</b>	<b>SMC</b>	<b>SMC</b>	<b>SMC</b>
0.01		0.03	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.03	0.08	0.03
0.05		0.31	0.27	0.09	0.16	0.14	1.53	0.17
0.02	0.90	0.56	0.74	0.05	0.03	0.57	0.27	0.38
0.01	0.24	0.27	0.21	0.02	0.15	0.19	0.23	0.09
2.17	0.70	8.86	7.49	2.42	2.14	7.79	3.93	4.73
0.04	0.02	0.01	0.09	0.04	0.01	0.06	0.02	0.07
0.65	6.70	1.84	11.42	1.12	0.16	3.26	3.01	2.20
2.08	7.20	5.69	19.67	3.39	0.99	8.70	2.98	4.36
0.12	1.20	0.49	0.31	0.24	0.18	0.40	0.55	0.71
0.36	0.90	0.68	2.78	0.53	0.27	1.41	0.62	0.81
28.7	103.0	55.7	240.4	24.7	24.2	125.6	53.6	36.2
2.17	4.30	8.86	7.49	2.42	2.14	7.79	3.93	4.73
14.16	40.00	31.54	39.07	14.10	13.14	48.03	26.51	32.58
0.43	1.31	1.00	0.89	0.40	0.61	1.41	0.77	1.17
0.89	2.00	1.68	2.06	0.77	1.05	2.20	1.62	2.06
0.33	0.67	0.66	0.69	0.28	0.49	0.88	0.66	0.83
0.77	2.80	1.37	1.40	0.75	1.57	3.28	2.57	2.63
0.20	0.54	0.44	0.39	0.18	0.34	0.47	0.41	0.52
1.51	3.70	3.29	2.63	1.41	2.36	3.29	3.28	3.98
8.78	23.00	29.94	11.87	9.25	12.52	16.98	17.40	19.94
0.34	0.81	0.72	0.53	0.30	0.52	0.67	0.75	0.84
0.95	2.50	2.00	1.55	1.00	1.44	1.87	2.13	2.56
0.14	0.33	0.29	0.22	0.16	0.23	0.27	0.29	0.34
0.87	2.20	1.75	1.26	1.09	1.48	1.81	2.07	2.42
0.12	0.33	0.26	0.19	0.17	0.24	0.25	0.30	0.30

<b>BR 9</b>	<b>Mb 1</b>	<b>Mb 8</b>	<b>Mb 9</b>	<b>Mb 36</b>	<b>Mb 47</b>	<b>Mb 50</b>	<b>Mb 57</b>	<b>Bt 1</b>
<b>SMC</b>	<b>NMC</b>	<b>NMC</b>	<b>NMC</b>	<b>NMC</b>	<b>NMC</b>	<b>NMC</b>	<b>NMC</b>	<b>NMC</b>
0.09		0.62	0.01	0.02				
4.82		25.85	0.29	0.15				
0.75	2.34	5.39	0.07	0.02	0.10	0.03	3.10	0.23
0.51	1.20	1.03	0.55	0.02	0.68	0.27	0.93	0.07
2.81	0.01	5.35	0.04	0.01	0.36	0.01	0.01	0.16
0.02	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.00	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.01
13.53	42.40	27.36	5.24	0.16	3.01	2.90	49.87	3.10
15.81	24.93	31.96	0.70	0.04	0.42	0.59	71.10	9.70
0.64	1.05	0.90	0.59	0.19	0.59	0.36	0.99	1.00
1.18	0.51	2.16	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.01	2.93	1.18
104.2	454.0	768.6	64.0	9.6	53.3	30.1	468.7	355.0
2.81	0.49	5.35	0.04	0.01	0.08	0.04	3.85	4.70
4.11	0.02	0.16	0.12	0.02	0.15	0.01	3.01	12.10
0.18	0.02	0.06	0.04	0.04	0.15	0.02	0.13	0.24
0.31	0.07	0.27	0.10	0.07	0.19	0.07	0.27	1.04
0.11	0.03	0.11	0.09	0.03	0.08	0.03	0.10	0.32
0.32	0.25	0.39	0.41	0.18	0.65	0.34	0.36	0.75
0.07	0.06	0.05	0.09	0.04	0.12	0.07	0.07	0.12
0.47	0.60	0.47	0.94	0.43	1.23	0.87	0.50	0.72
2.46	4.40	3.33	5.92	2.81	6.80	6.40	3.27	4.80
0.10	0.14	0.10	0.22	0.10	0.29	0.22	0.11	0.16
0.30	0.52	0.39	0.76	0.34	0.88	0.75	0.38	0.50
0.05	0.08	0.07	0.11	0.05	0.21	0.11	0.05	0.08
0.36	0.59	0.54	0.90	0.40	1.10	0.85	0.44	0.59
0.07	0.08	0.08	0.13	0.05	0.11	0.12	0.06	0.09

<b>Bt 3 NMC</b>	<b>Bt 11 NMC</b>	<b>Bt 14 NMC</b>	<b>Bt 19 NMC</b>	<b>Bt 27 NMC</b>	<b>Bt 39 NMC</b>	<b>Bt 40 NMC</b>	<b>FR 9 NMC</b>	<b>FR 10 NMC</b>
0.13	0.02	0.03	0.07	0.01			11.13	
0.14	0.20	1.03	0.80	0.02			82.13	
0.13	0.02	0.26	0.28	0.05	0.56	0.28	0.82	0.05
0.12	0.02	0.05	0.03	0.02	0.13	0.08	0.37	0.04
0.64	1.78	6.69	2.23	0.56	1.50	0.05	1.26	0.24
0.01	0.01		0.04	0.00	0.19	0.01	0.07	0.02
1.28	0.73	2.36	3.15	0.44	4.83	3.20	2.79	1.13
1.77	2.40	8.11	6.03	1.11	11.70	8.50	3.62	3.40
0.33	1.21	0.09	0.83	0.96	0.40	0.28	2.43	0.10
0.17	0.39	1.40	0.60	0.14	1.36	1.21	0.34	0.62
31.8	417.7	290.0	340.6	40.8	99.0	46.0	12.4	34.2
0.64	1.78	6.69	2.23	0.56	5.19	5.90	1.26	3.60
1.12	10.26	5.75	3.59	1.36	19.00	41.00	63.70	26.30
0.05	0.39	0.14	0.13	0.06	0.44	1.33	1.14	0.32
0.19	0.42	1.54	0.32	0.23	1.03	1.89	0.26	0.89
0.08	0.20	0.51	0.19	0.09	0.34	0.67	0.13	0.28
0.27	0.46	1.19	0.44	0.41	1.20	2.19	0.26	0.70
0.06	0.07	0.15	0.09	0.09	0.25	0.41	0.05	0.10
0.48	0.50	0.83	0.62	0.74	1.65	2.50	0.45	0.62
2.95	3.22	4.29	3.66	4.12	11.50	15.60	4.19	3.50
0.11	0.11	0.16	0.13	0.18	0.41	0.54	0.13	0.12
0.39	0.38	0.43	0.45	0.51	1.24	1.56	0.49	0.35
0.06	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.08	0.18	0.21	0.08	0.05
0.46	0.46	0.38	0.53	0.55	1.21	1.38	0.56	0.42
0.07	0.07	0.06	0.08	0.08	0.19	0.20	0.10	0.06

<b>FR 11</b>	<b>ST 2</b>	<b>CH 11</b>
<b>NMC</b>	<b>NMC</b>	<b>NMC</b>
	0.02	
	0.23	
0.86	3.25	0.15
0.37	1.05	0.12
0.87	1.11	0.01
0.03	0.01	0.03
6.60	38.17	1.94
14.10	61.86	1.71
0.16	0.35	0.31
1.46	0.27	0.13
56.6	306.4	17.7
5.95	1.11	0.73
26.50	0.09	3.73
0.35	0.04	0.18
1.11	0.15	0.46
0.35	0.08	0.20
0.84	0.34	0.93
0.12	0.13	0.17
0.78	1.16	1.39
4.10	27.95	8.82
0.14	0.30	0.30
0.39	0.92	0.94
0.06	0.14	0.13
0.48	0.89	0.92
0.07	0.15	0.12

Table 2. Trace elements in clinopyroxenes from Lower Silesia (Poland), analysed by LA-ICP-MS.

element	LA74	LA 56	LA 62	LA 81	LA 31	LA 58	LA 39	LA 85
Rb	0.03	0.04	0.10	0.07	0.06	0.25	0.07	0.02
Ba	0.22	0.22	1.62	0.85	0.13	0.13	0.43	0.10
Th	1.51	2.38	0.52	1.82	0.74	0.93	0.56	1.26
U	0.41	0.47	0.15	0.33	0.19	0.26	0.15	0.39
Nb	14.99	2.64	5.87	4.55	2.12	14.21	0.40	3.94
Ta	0.06	0.05	0.02	0.04	0.00	0.10	0.00	0.02
La	21.14	9.55	6.06	14.04	8.42	12.54	4.08	11.89
Ce	48.00	12.34	15.64	18.09	14.54	30.80	4.59	18.15
Pb	0.46	0.62	0.24	0.35	0.48	0.47	0.35	0.34
Pr	4.93	0.96	1.64	1.43	1.05	3.54	0.22	1.43
Sr	220.5	58.4	176.8	179.2	101.3	402.8	25.9	122.7
Nd	14.99	2.64	5.87	4.55	2.12	14.21	0.40	3.94
Zr	2.67	0.48	5.15	15.25	0.18	15.98	0.14	0.59
Hf	0.08	0.08	0.15	0.48	0.04	0.16	0.05	0.02
Sm	1.49	0.38	0.94	0.82	0.12	2.41	0.08	0.31
Eu	0.37	0.15	0.25	0.26	0.04	0.69	0.04	0.10
Gd	0.89	0.79	0.72	0.73	0.24	1.99	0.26	0.38
Tb	0.16	0.17	0.10	0.10	0.05	0.23	0.08	0.08
Dy	1.14	1.54	0.61	0.66	0.56	1.41	0.81	0.65
Y	6.90	8.49	3.47	3.76	4.38	6.69	5.98	4.98
Ho	0.28	0.32	0.12	0.14	0.14	0.24	0.23	0.16
Er	0.90	1.09	0.37	0.39	0.46	0.69	0.78	0.55
Tm	0.14	0.16	0.05	0.06	0.09	0.09	0.12	0.08
Yb	0.92	0.99	0.36	0.38	0.64	0.66	0.82	0.66
Lu	0.17	0.15	0.05	0.05	0.09	0.09	0.13	0.10

LA 83	LA 38	WG 10	Tr 27	LU 50	LU 28	LU 8	LA 67	LA74
0.34	0.05	0.12	0.05	0.04	0.05	0.02	0.33	0.03
0.96	0.28	0.09	0.29	0.26	0.14	0.05	0.10	0.22
0.70	0.26	0.13	0.48	0.24	0.56	0.94	0.85	1.51
0.32	0.14	0.05	0.10	0.07	0.13	0.19	0.26	0.41
2.35	0.57	21.58	24.96	13.93	7.30	11.28	8.89	14.99
0.09	0.01	0.16	0.08	0.04	0.08	0.03	0.10	0.06
8.11	5.95	6.41	10.35	6.43	6.52	11.04	9.43	21.14
12.82	7.23	24.90	32.94	19.45	14.78	27.09	19.40	48.00
0.50	0.28	0.15	0.57	0.20	0.29	0.60	0.79	0.46
1.15	0.33	4.31	5.14	2.99	1.81	3.06	2.17	4.93
57.4	37.8	183.0	368.5	217.1	240.9	445.9	91.9	220.5
2.35	0.57	21.58	24.96	13.93	7.30	11.28	8.89	14.99
1.13	0.58	51.48	138.47	86.29	12.15	7.66	15.52	2.67
0.35	0.02	1.24	2.57	0.97	0.08	0.22	0.20	0.08
0.60	0.13	5.09	6.47	3.12	1.52	1.64	1.35	1.49
0.23	0.02	1.43	2.00	0.99	0.46	0.51	0.39	0.37
1.50	0.14	4.10	5.91	2.47	1.26	1.07	1.21	0.89
0.25	0.05	0.50	0.76	0.35	0.17	0.14	0.18	0.16
1.60	0.28	2.90	5.05	1.99	0.96	0.76	1.14	1.14
11.21	2.25	10.93	22.15	9.04	4.52	3.38	6.32	6.90
0.28	0.08	0.48	0.88	0.35	0.17	0.13	0.20	0.28
1.04	0.24	1.06	2.23	0.90	0.44	0.39	0.60	0.90
0.17	0.06	0.13	0.29	0.11	0.06	0.05	0.09	0.14
0.76	0.34	0.78	1.85	0.65	0.37	0.41	0.66	0.92
0.17	0.09	0.09	0.26	0.08	0.05	0.06	0.08	0.17

LA 56	LA 62	LA 81	LA 31	LA 58	LA 39	LA 85
0.04	0.10	0.07	0.06	0.25	0.07	0.02
0.22	1.62	0.85	0.13	0.13	0.43	0.10
2.38	0.52	1.82	0.74	0.93	0.56	1.26
0.47	0.15	0.33	0.19	0.26	0.15	0.39
2.64	5.87	4.55	2.12	14.21	0.40	3.94
0.05	0.02	0.04	0.00	0.10	0.00	0.02
9.55	6.06	14.04	8.42	12.54	4.08	11.89
12.34	15.64	18.09	14.54	30.80	4.59	18.15
0.62	0.24	0.35	0.48	0.47	0.35	0.34
0.96	1.64	1.43	1.05	3.54	0.22	1.43
58.4	176.8	179.2	101.3	402.8	25.9	122.7
2.64	5.87	4.55	2.12	14.21	0.40	3.94
0.48	5.15	15.25	0.18	15.98	0.14	0.59
0.08	0.15	0.48	0.04	0.16	0.05	0.02
0.38	0.94	0.82	0.12	2.41	0.08	0.31
0.15	0.25	0.26	0.04	0.69	0.04	0.10
0.79	0.72	0.73	0.24	1.99	0.26	0.38
0.17	0.10	0.10	0.05	0.23	0.08	0.08
1.54	0.61	0.66	0.56	1.41	0.81	0.65
8.49	3.47	3.76	4.38	6.69	5.98	4.98
0.32	0.12	0.14	0.14	0.24	0.23	0.16
1.09	0.37	0.39	0.46	0.69	0.78	0.55
0.16	0.05	0.06	0.09	0.09	0.12	0.08
0.99	0.36	0.38	0.64	0.66	0.82	0.66
0.15	0.05	0.05	0.09	0.09	0.13	0.10