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## **Research Highlights:**

- A subduction-related magmatic pulse occurred in NW Iran at ca. 40 Ma
- Shoshonite leucite-free slightly preceded UK leucite-bearing volcanism
- Leucite-free magma source was metasomatised by dominant LC-sediment melts
- Leucite-bearing magmas was metasomatised by dominant HC-sediment melts
- Leucite-bearing rocks share similarities with Neapolitan Roman-type UK rocks

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## 54 **1. Introduction**

55 K-rich igneous rocks (shoshonitic and ultrapotassic) are common magmatic products of destructive plate  
56 margins and can occur from the subduction to syn and post-collisional stages of orogenic geodynamic  
57 settings (e.g., Lustrino and Wilson, 2007, Conticelli et al., 2009, 2015; Prelević et al., 2008, 2010). The origin  
58 of these magmas has been attributed to the partial melting of a mantle source variably metasomatized by  
59 the addition of fluids/melts during the subduction of oceanic lithosphere under the continental margin (e.g.,  
60 Chase, 1981; Hofmann and White, 1982; Palacz and Saunder, 1986; Hart, 1988; Nakamura and Tatsumoto,  
61 1988; Barling and Goldstein, 1990; Weaver, 1991; Chauvel et al., 1992; Foley, 1992; Stolz et al., 1996; Elliott,  
62 2003; Avanzinelli et al., 2009). The coexistence of K-rich magmas with various alkalinity degree has been  
63 interpreted because of the involvement of a sedimentary component to the mantle source, coupled with a  
64 steepening and roll-back of the subducted plate in the late stage of convergence or in post-collisional settings

65 (e.g., Wilson and Bianchini, 1999; Conticelli et al., 2002; Beccaluva et al., 2005). In a generalized model of the  
66 evolution of the Mesozoic Tethyan realm and development of the western sector of the Alpine-Himalayan  
67 belt, ultrapotassic and shoshonitic rocks were interpreted as the product of increasing partial melting degree  
68 of a metasomatized mantle source progressively involving the residual highest temperature liquidus domains  
69 (e.g., Foley, 1992; Conticelli et al., 2007; Avanzinelli et al., 2009, 2020; Tommasini et al., 2011; Dallai et al.,  
70 2019, 2022). In the Cenozoic magmatic evolution of western Mediterranean, many authors have constrained  
71 this general hypothesis by petrographic, geochemical and isotopic data, providing comprehensive  
72 explanation for the genesis and the evolution of the magmatism in this very complex natural laboratory. In  
73 these studies, a particular attention has been devoted to potassic-rich rocks (shoshonitic and ultrapotassic)  
74 and the genesis of leucite-bearing and leucite-free magmas (e.g., Peccerillo et al., 1988; Conticelli and  
75 Peccerillo, 1992; Beccaluva et al., 2005; Prelević et al., 2005; Prelević and Foley, 2007; Conticelli et al., 2010,  
76 2015). The genesis of K-rich magmas has generally been ascribed to various contribution of continental  
77 terrigenous and carbonate-bearing sediment/lithologies to the metasomatic agents in their mantle sources  
78 (Avanzinelli et al., 2008, 2009; Conticelli et al., 2015). Experimental studies indicate that mantle peridotite  
79 including hydrous, incompatible element-rich net veins derived from subducted sediments is a viable source  
80 for the generation of K-rich alkaline magmas (e.g., Foley, 1992; Mitchell, 1995; Bianchini et al., 2015;  
81 Avanzinelli et al., 2020). Moreover, Thomsen and Schmidt (2008) demonstrated the capability to generate  
82 potassic granite or phonolite melts from carbonated pelites in the T-P range 950-1070 °C 2.4-5.0 GPa,  
83 suggesting that the involvement of a carbonate component in the mantle source could be responsible for  
84 the generation of SiO<sub>2</sub>-undersaturated magmas. In particular, strongly silica-undersaturated ultrapotassic  
85 leucite-bearing magmas are thought to be derived from a metasomatized upper mantle by partial melting of  
86 a phlogopite-bearing lherzolite or wehrlite characterized by a CO<sub>2</sub> excess with respect to H<sub>2</sub>O, then high XCO<sub>2</sub>  
87 (e.g., Lloyd et al., 1985 and references therein), recalling the presence of a carbonate-bearing component in  
88 the metasomatized mantle sources (Conticelli et al., 2002; 2010; 2015; Avanzinelli et al., 2008, 2009; 2018;  
89 Boari et al., 2009; Bragagni et al., 2022). On the other hand, the generation of high silica leucite-free  
90 ultrapotassic magmas is compatible with the partial melting of a phlogopite-bearing harzburgite produced  
91 by metasomatism by sediment melts under high XH<sub>2</sub>O (Avanzinelli et al., 2009; Conticelli et al., 2009; Prelević  
92 et al., 2008; 2010; Casalini et al., 2022). Neogene to Quaternary ultrapotassic rocks of kamafugitic (SiO<sub>2</sub>-poor)  
93 and lamproitic (SiO<sub>2</sub>-rich) affinities also occur in the central-eastern Mediterranean sector of the Alpine-  
94 Himalayan belt, from the Balkans (Prelević et al., 2005) to western Anatolia (Francalanci et al., 2000; Doglioni  
95 et al., 2002; Innocenti et al., 2005; Çoban and Flower, 2006, 2007; Akal, 2008; Dilek and Altunkaynak, 2010;  
96 Prelević et al., 2008; 2012; 2015; Di Giuseppe et al., 2018, 2021; Casalini et al., 2022) and have been generally  
97 interpreted as the counterpart of western Mediterranean ultrapotassic rocks.

98 In the eastern sector of the Alpine-Himalayan belt, extending from the Pontide Arc in Central-Eastern  
99 Anatolia to the Alborz mountain range in Iran, widespread Late Cretaceous to Quaternary subduction-related  
100 magmatism, including K-rich rocks, occurred in response to the diachronous (mainly Cenozoic) closure of  
101 Tethyan oceanic branches and subsequent continental collision of the Arabia-Eurasian plates (e.g., Dilek et  
102 al., 2010). In this sector, several occurrences of leucite-bearing and leucite-free ultrapotassic (often  
103 associated to shoshonitic) volcanic rocks have been reported in the literature. This rock association is  
104 commonly recognized from Central (Gülmez et al., 2016) and Eastern Pontides, where plagioclites  
105 (Altherr et al., 2008) and shoshonitic leucite-free and ultrapotassic leucite-bearing rocks of Maastrichtian-  
106 early Paleocene age (Eyuboglu, 2010; Eyuboglu et al., 2011) outcrop, as well as in NW Iran. In particular the  
107 Iranian area display a heterogenous and complex rock assemblage and spatial distribution, with shoshonitic,  
108 leucite-free and ultrapotassic leucite-bearing rocks of Late Miocene age outcropping in the Eslamy Peninsula,  
109 (Moayyed et al., 2008; Shafaii Moghadam et al., 2014a); high-K leucite-bearing and leucite-free rocks of  
110 Eocene age (Shafaii Moghadam et al., 2018, Soltanmohammadi et al., 2018; 2021) exposed in Lahrud area  
111 and Salavat range in the Ardabil province; leucite-bearing rocks of Eocene age in Moghan area (Amraee et  
112 al., 2019), Alborz Mountains (Aghazadeh et al., 2011) and Lesser Caucasus (Lustrino et al., 2019; Dilek et al.,  
113 2010). The numerous, different interpretations regarding the genesis of the different K-rich igneous rocks  
114 characterizing this complex area, mainly arisen from the lack of systematic differences in their geochemical  
115 and isotopic features, with respect to their analogues in western Mediterranean. In fact, the relatively limited  
116 variability, especially in the isotopic composition, exhibited by leucite-free and leucite-bearing rocks from  
117 this sector poses several problems in the precise identification of the nature of the metasomatic agents  
118 affecting their mantle sources.

119 In this paper, we report new petrographic, geochemical, and isotopic composition, as well as new K-Ar age  
120 determination, of K-rich leucite-bearing and -free igneous rocks from the Ahar-Arasbaran area (NW Iran).  
121 This region is a key area in between the other localities we listed above, thus assessing the genesis of the  
122 coexisting leucite-bearing and leucite-free magmas can help improving the knowledge of the subduction-  
123 related Cenozoic volcanism of this sector of the Alpine-Himalayan belt, and better define the processes that  
124 characterized the diachronous closure of the Tethian Realm.

## 125 **2. Geological Outline**

126 The Ahar–Arasbaran region is located in the hinterland of the Arabia–Eurasia collision zone, in the broad  
127 Alpine–Himalayan orogenic belt (Fig. 1a). The area is part of the Turkish Iranian Plateau (TIP), consisting of  
128 several pre-Mesozoic micro-continents accreted to the Eurasia margin as a result of the opening and closing  
129 of different branches of the Tethyan ocean (Soltanmohammadi et al., 2018). While the subduction of the



130 Paleo-Tethys was active, from 360 to 210 Ma, along the Greater Caucasus and northern Iran (Stampfli, 2000;  
131 Zanchetta et al., 2013), the successive subduction system of the Neo-Tethys migrated southward from the  
132 Pontides arc and southwest Zagros, due the multiple arc-microcontinent collisions that prolonged up to the  
133 Cenozoic (Dilek et al., 2010 and references therein). Sengor and Yilmaz (1981) suggested a northward  
134 subduction of the Neo-Tethyan ocean from the Upper Cretaceous until the end of the Eocene, which ended  
135 with the continental collision between Arabian and Eurasian plates (McQuarrie and van Hinsbergen, 2013).  
136 The partial subduction of the Eastern Tauride-South Armenian microcontinent caused slab break-off and  
137 opening of asthenospheric window, which, in turn, generated an increase in the heat-flow that triggered  
138 melting of the overlying subduction-metasomatised lithospheric mantle (Grosjean et al., 2023 and references  
139 therein). The related Eocene calc-alkaline to K-alkaline magmatism developed along a curvilinear belt from  
140 Eastern Pontides to peri-Caspian region in northwestern Iran, including the Arasbaran area (Fig. 1a (Dilek et  
141 al., 2010). The Geology of the Arasbaran region is mainly composed of Upper Cretaceous-Eocene volcano-  
142 sedimentary rocks. Plutonic and volcanic rocks were emplaced starting from the Upper Cretaceous time and  
143 continued during the Paleogene until the Quaternary time (Aghazadeh et al., 2011). The Upper Cretaceous–  
144 Paleocene marine volcanism includes mafic to intermediate lava flows and pyroclastic rocks with calc-alkaline  
145 to high-K calc-alkaline affinities. This period of intense volcanic activity is also associated with deep-sea  
146 marine sediments. In this time span two main Cenozoic volcanic periods are recognized: i) an Eocene volcanic  
147 sequence, consisting of potassic trachybasalts, shoshonites, latites, and trachytes, straddling the boundary  
148 with more alkali-rich rocks ranging basanites/tephrites, phonolitic tephrites, and phonolites (e.g., Alberti et  
149 al., 1980; Dilek et al., 2010; Soltanmohammadi et al., 2018; 2021), which represent the precise focus of this  
150 paper; ii) an Upper Miocene-Quaternary sequence having a within-plate geochemical signature, including  
151 both basic rocks and differentiated products, that will not be investigated in this paper. Cenozoic plutonic  
152 rocks with shoshonitic to ultrapotassic affinity (Aghazadeh et al., 2010; 2011) are also widespread throughout  
153 the Arasbaran zone and the western sector of the Alborz magmatic belt (Castro et al., 2013).

### 154 **3. Materials and methods**

155 Mafic to intermediate potassic rocks with basaltic to tephritic composition, emplaced in the form of lava  
156 flows, pillows, dikes, and pyroclastic units, widely outcrop in the Arasbaran region. These K-alkaline igneous  
157 products are mainly emplaced into deep to shallow level submarine environment, shifting to a subaerial  
158 environment along the sequence during the late magmatic stage. The oldest outcrops of potassic igneous  
159 rocks in the Arasbaran region are made of pyroclastic units with different thickness, interlayered with silico-  
160 clastic sedimentary rocks.

161 Leucite-bearing volcanic rocks are found in the *Majid Abad*, *Gheshlagh*, and *Moshiran* areas, whereas leucite-  
162 (and foid) free rocks occur in the neighbors of *Moradlu*, *Tullun*, *Marallu* and south of the *Moshiran* villages  
163 (Fig. 1b; modified from Geological Survey of Iran-GSI, Geological map 1:100,000). The leucite-bearing lava  
164 flows overlie Eocene conglomerates, sandstones and tuffs and are sometimes interlayered with pyroclastic  
165 rocks that are widespread in the *Majid Abad* and *Moshiran* area. Tephritic lava layers (Supplementary Fig.  
166 1a, e) have megaporphyritic to porphyritic texture with centimetric analcime (leucite) phenocrysts. Mafic to  
167 intermediate lavas with pillow and columnar jointing structures outcrop in the *Gheshlagh* area  
168 (Supplementary Fig. 1c). According to geological maps published by GSI these pillow lavas have andesitic to  
169 basaltic composition. The leucite-free rocks outcrop in the form of basaltic and tephritic lava flows  
170 interbedded with pyroclastic rocks in the *Tullun* and *south Moshiran* (Supplementary Fig. 1b), and *Marallu*  
171 sections (Supplementary Fig. 1f). Trachytic and basaltic dykes, generally with NE-SW direction, outcrop in the  
172 *Moradlu* area (Supplementary Fig. 1d).

173 56 igneous rock samples were collected in order to investigate in extreme detail the volcanic sequence of  
174 magmatism of the Ahar-Arasbaran volcanic belt related with the Neo-Tethian subduction and collision.  
175 Samples were representative of the overall occurrences in the area, and their sampling locations are reported  
176 in Fig. 1b. The samples were collected with care to avoid weathered ones although, further care was taken  
177 during preparation. Specimens were cut in order to remove altered portions and fresh sample aliquots were  
178 used to obtain thin sections for petrographic analysis and powders (after grinding in an agate mill) for  
179 geochemical analyses.

180 Major and selected trace elements (Ni, Co, Cr, V, and Ba) were analyzed by X-ray fluorescence (XRF) on  
181 powder pellets, using a wavelength dispersive automated ARL Advant'X spectrometer at the Dipartimento di  
182 Fisica e Scienze della Terra of the University of Ferrara. Accuracy and precision for major elements are  
183 estimated as better than 3% for Si, Ti, Fe, Ca, and K, and 7% for Mg, Al, Mn, Na; for trace elements (above 10  
184 ppm) they are better than 10%.

185 REE, Rb, Sr, Y, Zr, Hf, Nb, Th, and U were analyzed, after acid digestion, by inductively coupled mass  
186 spectrometry (ICP-MS) at the Dipartimento di Fisica e Scienze della Terra of the University of Ferrara, using  
187 a Thermo-Scientific X-Series. Accuracy and precision, based on the replicated analyses of samples and  
188 standards, are estimated as better than 10% for all elements, well above the detection limit.

189 Analyses of radiogenic isotopes were carried out on rock powders preliminarily treated with 2.5M HCl for 4  
190 hours and then rinsed three times with Milli-Q water, as leaching generally minimize isotopic variation -  
191 induced by supergene processes – that may overprint the magmatic signature (Nobre Silva et al., 2010 and  
192 references therein). After acid digestion by a mixture of HF and HNO<sub>3</sub>, Sr, Nd and Pb were separated by

193 cation-exchange chromatography and then Sr-Nd isotopic ratios were determined using thermal ionization  
194 mass spectrometry (Thermo-Fisher Scientific Triton™ Plus) at the Dipartimento di Scienze della Terra of the  
195 University of Florence, with the methods described by (Avanzinelli et al., 2005). The normalizing factors used  
196 to correct the isotopic fractionation of Sr and Nd were  $^{86}\text{Sr}/^{88}\text{Sr} = 0.1194$ ,  $^{146}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd} = 0.7219$  and 0.001%  
197 per atomic mass unit, respectively. The NIST 987, La Jolla and NIST981 standard solutions yield values of  
198  $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr} = 0.710279 \pm 28 (2\sigma)$ ,  $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd} = 0.511851 \pm 13 (2\sigma)$ . Pb radiogenic isotopic analyses were  
199 performed using a Thermo Fisher Neptune Plus MC-ICP-MS at the CNR - Istituto di Geoscienze e Georisorse  
200 in Pisa (Italy) in 2%  $\text{HNO}_3$  solution containing 20-50  $\text{ng}\cdot\text{g}^{-1}$  of analyte. The correction for mass bias  
201 fractionation of Pb isotope ratios was performed adding an in-house Tl standard to the samples, and isobaric  
202 interferences of  $^{204}\text{Hg}$  to  $^{204}\text{Pb}$  was also corrected. Results were normalized to values recommended by  
203 (Todt et al., 1996), respectively 16.9356, 15.4891 and 36.7006 for the  $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$ ,  $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$  and  $^{208}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$   
204 isotope ratios. Full analytical details in (Agostini et al., 2022).

205 K–Ar dating was performed by ActLabs and Geochronex (Ontario, Canada). For Ar analysis, an aliquot of bulk  
206 rock powder was weighed, loaded into the sample system of extraction, degassed at ca 100 °C for 2 days to  
207 remove the surface gases. Argon was extracted from a double vacuum furnace at 1700 °C and its  
208 concentration determined using isotope dilution with  $^{38}\text{Ar}$  spike, which is introduced to the sample system  
209 prior to each extraction. The extracted gases are cleaned up in a two steps purification process. Then pure  
210 Ar is introduced into a magnetic sector mass spectrometer (Reynolds type). Ar isotope ratios were corrected  
211 for mass-discrimination and then atmospheric argon was corrected assuming that  $^{36}\text{Ar}$  is only from the air.  
212 The concentration of radiogenic  $^{40}\text{Ar}$  was calculated by using the  $^{38}\text{Ar}$  spike concentration. K analysis was  
213 performed by ICP.

## 214 **4. Results**

### 215 4.1. Petrography

216 Arasbaran volcanic rocks were divided in two groups on the basis of the occurrence of leucite, or analcite  
217 after leucite, into leucite-bearing and leucite-free, respectively.

#### 218 4.1.1. Leucite-bearing volcanic rocks

219 The *Majid Abad* lavas show medium grained, porphyritic to mega porphyritic textures with centimetric  
220 leucite, variously transformed in analcite (Fig. 2a), clinopyroxene, plagioclase, and rare sanidine phenocrysts,  
221 set in a microcrystalline groundmass composed of the same mineral assemblage plus apatite, opaque  
222 minerals and rare glass (Fig. 2b). The *Gheshlagh* pillow lavas show medium grained porphyritic textures with  
223 plagioclase, clinopyroxene, leucite (analcime) and minor iddingsitized olivine as phenocrysts, in a

224 microcrystalline groundmass of plagioclase, Ti-magnetite, apatite, k-feldspar, foids, other than devitrified  
225 glass (Fig 2c). The columnar jointing lavas have similar petrographic features, but a coarser grained  
226 groundmass with respect to that observed in the pillow lavas. Few samples are characterized by abundant  
227 olivine and clinopyroxene phenocrysts in a glassy matrix with abundant clinopyroxene microcrystals,  
228 recalling the petrographic features of ankaramites (Fig. 2d). The *Moshiran* rocks show petrographic features  
229 very similar to the *Majid Abad* lavas, varying from leucite (analcime) porphyry- to -megaporphyritic textures  
230 (Fig. 2e) except for the common presence of olivine (altered to iddingsite) and plagioclase as phenocryst  
231 phases (Fig. 2f). Most of the leucite-bearing rocks show clear petrographic evidence of cumulus analcime  
232 (leucite), except for a couple of columnar jointing lava samples characterized by cumulus clinopyroxene.

#### 233 4.1.2. Leucite-free rocks

234 The *Marallu* lavas show medium grained porphyritic texture with clinopyroxene (and rare plagioclase)  
235 phenocrysts in a microcrystalline (sometimes glassy) matrix with k-feldspar, plagioclase, clinopyroxene,  
236 apatite, biotite and hornblende (Fig. 3a). Clinopyroxene and plagioclase phenocrysts often show sieve  
237 textures (Fig. 3b) that, together with replacement of plagioclase and olivine by potassium feldspar and  
238 clinopyroxene, suggest that these rocks underwent magma mixing processes. One sample (M-09) shows rare  
239 leucite phenocrysts. The *south Moshiran* and *Tullun* lavas show similar petrographic features and are  
240 characterized by medium-grained porphyritic textures with olivine, plagioclase and clinopyroxene  
241 phenocrysts (Fig. 3c) in an intergranular to intersertal microcrystalline (sometimes containing glass, Fig. 3d)  
242 matrix including the same minerals plus apatite and Ti-magnetite. Olivine crystals are often replaced by  
243 serpentine and iddingsite, whereas plagioclase and clinopyroxene show sieve texture and zoning. The  
244 *Moradlu* hypabyssal rocks show two distinct petrographic features, on the basis of their degree of  
245 differentiation. The more mafic rocks are characterized by porphyritic texture with olivine, clinopyroxene  
246 and plagioclase phenocrysts in a fine-grained matrix of the same minerals and glass (Fig. 3e). They show  
247 petrographic features similar to those of the *south Moshiran* and *Tullun* rocks. The felsic rocks show  
248 porphyritic texture with sanidine (and rare plagioclase) phenocrysts in the fine to medium grained matrix  
249 composed of feldspar, biotite, apatite, opaque minerals, and rare nepheline (Fig. 3f).

#### 250 4.2 Major and trace element composition

251 The major and trace element composition of Arasbaran igneous rocks is reported in Tables 1 and 2. The major  
252 element budget conforms to that of basic to acid igneous rocks, with SiO<sub>2</sub> varying between 51.5 and 61.7  
253 wt%, and MgO between 7.9 and 0.1 wt%. In the Total Alkali Silica (TAS) diagram (Fig. 4a? Fig. 5a; Le Maitre  
254 et al., 2002), the Arasbaran magmatic rocks span from transitional to alkaline series. The leucite-free rocks  
255 generally include less differentiated products and are characterized by both transitional and alkaline

256 affinities, whereas the leucite-bearing rocks include exclusively alkaline rocks (with the exception of 2  
257 ankaramitic samples).

258 Among the leucite-bearing rocks the *Majid Abad* section is characterized by shoshonite, latite, tephritic  
259 phonolite to phonolite compositions ( $\text{SiO}_2$  53.7-58.0 wt %,  $\text{K}_2\text{O}$  3.5-8.2 wt%), the *Gheshlagh* section by high-  
260 K basaltic andesite (2 ankaramitic samples) to shoshonite, latite and tephritic phonolite ( $\text{SiO}_2$  52.4-54.2 wt %,  $\text{K}_2\text{O}$   
261 2.3-6.6 wt%), and the *Moshiran* section varies from latite to tephritic phonolite ( $\text{SiO}_2$  54.8-55.2 wt %,  $\text{K}_2\text{O}$   
262 1.3-5.1 wt%).

263 Among the leucite-free rocks, samples from the *Marallu* section plot at the boundary between shoshonite  
264 latite, phonolitic tephrite and tephritic phonolite fields ( $\text{SiO}_2$  53.2-54.3 wt %,  $\text{K}_2\text{O}$  4.5-7.2 wt%), whereas those  
265 from the *Tullun* and *south Moshiran* sections in the shoshonite field ( $\text{SiO}_2$  51.9-54.0 wt %,  $\text{K}_2\text{O}$  3.0-4.9 wt%).  
266 Mafic and felsic dikes outcropping westward from *Moradlu* are shoshonitic ( $\text{SiO}_2$  51.5-53.7 wt %,  $\text{K}_2\text{O}$  4.2-6.3  
267 wt%) to trachytic ( $\text{SiO}_2$  61.5-61.7 wt %,  $\text{K}_2\text{O}$  6.3 wt%) in composition.

268 Despite of the above cited differences between the two lithotypes, according to the  $\text{K}_2\text{O}$  vs  $\text{SiO}_2$  classification  
269 diagram (Peccerillo and Taylor, 1976; Fig. 4b) all the studied Arasbaran igneous rocks display shoshonitic  
270 affinity except for the ankaramitic samples. However, the normative composition reveals that leucite-bearing  
271 rocks are more  $\text{SiO}_2$ -undersaturated than leucite-free ones (Fig. 5).

272 The Arasbaran rocks are characterized by a variable Loss on Ignition (LOI) values, ranging between 0.6 and  
273 6.7 wt% and displaying a broad inverse correlation with CaO; leucite-bearing rocks show relatively high LOI  
274 values due to the presence of low-temperature secondary phases (e.g., analcime from leucite, calcite). In any  
275 case, the restricted compositional range observed for an element scarcely mobile during weathering  
276 processes such as  $\text{TiO}_2$ , and the lack of clear relationships between LOI and major oxides (with the exception  
277 of CaO) suggest that the bulk rock major element composition (recalculated on anhydrous basis) still  
278 preserves information on the magmatic signature.

279 The variation diagrams of Figure 6 show that MgO is inversely correlated with  $\text{SiO}_2$ ,  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$ , alkalis ( $\text{Na}_2\text{O}$  and  
280  $\text{K}_2\text{O}$ , not shown), and directly correlated with  $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$  and  $\text{TiO}_2$ , suggesting that the various rocks could reflect  
281 different degrees of fractional crystallization. All of the investigated volcanic products depict a common  
282 distribution, with the exception of the *Gheshlagh* pillow lavas, which are characterized by invariably lower  
283  $\text{TiO}_2$ ,  $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$ , CaO, higher alkalis and  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  contents at comparable MgO. The main difference in the liquid lines  
284 of descent (LLD) of leucite-bearing and leucite-free rocks is represented by the variation of CaO and  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  of  
285 least differentiated products, with the former characterized by a higher clinopyroxene fractionation with  
286 respect to the latter (Supplementary figure 2). Leucite-bearing *Gheshlagh* pillow lavas show the lowest  
287 compatible trace elements content, coupled with a distinctive enrichment in the most incompatible Large

288 Ion Lithophile Element (LILE) such as Ba (Fig. 6g). On the other hand, the leucite-free rocks (*South Moshiran*,  
289 *Tullun* lavas and *Moradlu* dykes) show a relative enrichment in High-Field Strength Elements (HFSE), as  
290 demonstrated by the distribution of Zr and Nb (Fig. 6f and h).

291 Primordial Mantle (PM)-normalized incompatible element distribution (Fig. 7) of Arasbaran igneous rocks  
292 show the typical features of subduction-related magmatism, with troughs in HFSE (Nb, Ta, Ti, Zr) and spikes  
293 in LILE (Ba, K; Condie, 2001) and Pb. Coherently, in the Ce/Yb vs Ta/Yb and diagram (Fig. 8a) proposed by  
294 Pearce (1982) Arasbaran rocks plot in the shoshonite field. This affinity, certainly attributable to a convergent  
295 plate setting, is confirmed by the use of recent tectonomagmatic diagrams (Fig. 8b and c) such as those  
296 proposed by Hastie et al. (2007) and Sacconi (2015).

297 Notably, leucite-bearing rocks are generally characterized by a higher LILE/HFSE ratio, with respect to the  
298 leucite-free rocks. In particular, samples from *Majid Abad*, *Quarah Su* and *Moshiran* occurrences show  
299 average Ba/Nb ratio of 157, 242 and 106, respectively. On the other hand, samples from *South Moshiran*,  
300 *Tullun* and *Marallu* generally show lower average Ba/Nb ratio (43, 63 and 98, respectively). Similar  
301 distribution concerns the LILE/REE ratio, which shows distinct ranges for leucite-bearing rocks (Ba/La 30-117)  
302 and leucite-free rocks (Ba/La 10-32). These geochemical features are also observed in other Late-Cretaceous-  
303 Eocene leucite-bearing and leucite-free rocks from NW Iran (Lahrud, Shafaii Moghadam et al., 2018; Moghan,  
304 Amraee et al., 2019), Central (Gülmez et al., 2016) and Eastern Pontides (Altherr et al., 2008; Eyuboglu et al.,  
305 2011). Leucite-free and leucite-bearing rocks are characterized by overlapping REE patterns, with  $La_N/Yb_N$   
306 varying from 6.3 to 17.8, which is inversely correlated with MgO (wt%), probably as a result of fractional  
307 crystallization of clinopyroxene in the most evolved products. Striking differences are also observed in the  
308  $Eu/Eu^*$  values, which are systematically higher in the leucite-bearing rocks (1.05-1.15) with respect to  
309 leucite-free rocks (0.82-0.88).

310 The Sr and Nd isotopic compositions of the Arasbaran rocks plot between the depleted MORB mantle (DM)  
311 and enriched mantle (EM) components (Fig. 9). On the whole, the  $^{87}Sr/^{86}Sr_{(i)}$  varies between 0.704407 and  
312 0.705669, whereas  $^{143}Nd/^{144}Nd_{(i)}$  values range from 0.512572 to 0.512791 (Table 3). Notably, leucite-bearing  
313 rocks are characterized by the lowest Sr and the highest Nd radiogenic values plotting above the Bulk Silicate  
314 Earth (BSE). In particular, the pillow and columnar jointing basalts from *Gheshlagh* river show a composition  
315 similar to that of slightly Altered Oceanic Crust (AOC) defined by (Hauff et al., 2003) thus trending toward  
316 the composition of an hypothetical Depleted Mantle (DM) geochemical component (Zindler and Hart, 1986).  
317 On the other hand, leucite-free rocks show the highest Sr and the lowest Nd radiogenic values, plotting in  
318 the Enriched Mantle (EM) quadrant of the diagram. Among them, the *Moradlu* mafic and felsic dykes show  
319 the highest Sr radiogenic values, the latter plotting toward the Global Oceanic Subducted Sediments (GLOSS)  
320 end-member defined by Plank and Langmuir (1998). The lead isotopic composition of the Arasbaran igneous

321 rocks is reported in (Fig. 10a). All samples are characterized by lead isotope values well above the Northern  
322 Hemisphere Reference Line (NHRL - Hart, 1984) on  $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$  vs  $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$  and  $^{208}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$  vs  $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$   
323 (not shown). They vary from 18.60 to 18.75 for  $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$ , from 15.58 to 15.64 for  $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$  and from  
324 38.69 to 38.87 for  $^{208}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$ . It is noteworthy that the leucite-bearing rocks are characterized by the lowest  
325 Pb radiogenic values ( $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$  18.58-18.65,  $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$  15.57-15.60,  $^{208}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$  38.63-38.71), whereas the  
326 leucite-free rocks the highest Pb radiogenic composition ( $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$  18.65-18.75,  $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$  15.61-15.64,  
327  $^{208}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$  38.65-38.87), thus defining distinct Pb compositional features

#### 328 4.3 K-Ar dating

329 K-Ar radiometric ages have been carried out on 6 samples representative of the various leucite-free and  
330 leucite-bearing Arasbaran igneous rocks (Table 3). Although K-Ar datings indicates that all the investigated  
331 samples are nearly coeval and of Middle Eocene in age (Lutetian-Bartonian), slight but significant differences  
332 can be observed. Leucite-free rocks were mainly emplaced from 41.9 +/- 1.1 Ma at *South Moshiran* to 40.0  
333 +/- 1.1 Ma at *Marallu*, whereas leucite-bearing lavas are slightly younger and were erupted in a short time  
334 interval from 39.6 +/- 1.0 at *Majid Abad* to 39.4 +/- 1.0 Ma at *Gheshlagh*.

### 335 5. Discussion

336 The main petrographic, geochemical and isotopic features of the Arasbaran igneous rocks are discussed  
337 below in order to define the magmatic affinities, the space-time distribution of the different magma types  
338 and the nature of the metasomatic agents affecting their mantle sources, in turn related the subduction  
339 geodynamic framework in this sector of the Alpine-Himalayan belt.

#### 340 5.1 Magmatic affinity and differentiation processes of the Arasbaran volcanic rocks

341 The observed mineralogical parageneses and the related geochemical features of the Arasbaran igneous  
342 products are important markers indicating that the relative magma was basically mafic and potassic, i.e.,  
343 features observed in many Cenozoic "orogenic" (subduction-related) volcanic rock associations of the  
344 circum-Mediterranean area (Beccaluva et al., 2011, 2013; Bianchini et al., 2008; Conte et al., 2016; Conticelli  
345 et al., 2009; Wilson and Bianchini, 1999). Petrographic observation allows distinguishing two different rock-  
346 types zonally arranged in adjacent sectors of the study area: leucite (analcime)-bearing rocks at *Majid Abad*,  
347 *Gheshlagh* and *Moshiran* (WNW) and leucite (analcime)-free rocks occurring at *South Moshiran*, *Marallu*,  
348 *Tullun* and *Moradlu* (ESE). The genesis of analcime in silica-undersaturated rocks is highly debated, since it  
349 can occur either as primary magmatic crystallizing phase or by secondary post-magmatic/hydrothermal  
350 substitution over leucite (e.g., Luhr & Kyser, 1989). Despite the primary genesis of analcime bearing rocks in  
351 this sector of the Alpine-Himalayan belt has been proposed by some authors (Didon and Gemain, 1976;

352 Soltanmohammadi et al., 2021), most interpretations favor a secondary origin (Comin-Chiaramonti et al.,  
353 1979; Altherr et al., 2008; Eyuboglu, 2010; Amraee et al., 2019). The primary analcime should be  
354 characterized by low K and high Fe contents. Considering the analcime compositions for NW Iran rocks with  
355 low Fe contents (Soltanmohammadi et al., 2021), coupled with the absence of magmatic hydrous minerals  
356 such as amphibole or mica in the rock we suggest that the observed analcime is a product of leucite  
357 transformation during secondary processes.

358 Noteworthy, the observed petrographic differences reflect different water content and degrees of SiO<sub>2</sub>-  
359 undersaturation of the two lithotypes, with the leucite-bearing rocks being generally water-free and  
360 characterized by lower silica saturation index ( $\Delta q = \text{CIPW normative } q - [lc + ne + kal + ol]$ ) and K<sub>2</sub>O/Na<sub>2</sub>O,  
361 with respect to leucite-free rocks (Fig. 5). The observed trend in the  $\Delta q$  vs. K<sub>2</sub>O/Na<sub>2</sub>O binary diagram is  
362 probably related to the effect of alteration, with the preferential loss of K<sub>2</sub>O over Na<sub>2</sub>O. As reported by  
363 Prelević et al. (2004), analcimization and alteration mainly induce loss of K<sub>2</sub>O and Rb, suggesting that the  
364 protolith of leucite-bearing rocks were highly potassic. The same interpretation was provided by Altherr et  
365 al., (2008) for plagioclitites from Pontides, who suggested an ultrapotassic affinity for these rocks.

366 Among leucite-bearing rocks *Gheshlagh* lavas include the most mafic end-members (mg# 0.57-0.70) and do  
367 not show petrographic evidence of olivine accumulation, thus representing the most suitable candidates as  
368 parental melts of this magma type. These rocks are, however, characterized by variable Na<sub>2</sub>O/K<sub>2</sub>O, high Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>  
369 and LOI confirming the petrographic evidence of leucite accumulation and analcime substitution. Moreover,  
370 their low CaO (and Sc) at relatively high MgO and Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> contents indicate that they suffered significant  
371 clinopyroxene fractionation. All these evidence pose several problems in reconstructing the pristine  
372 geochemical composition of leucite-bearing magmas both in terms of petrologic and geochemical affinities.  
373 For those reasons only the most mafic and potassic samples (samples M31, M36, M39) were selected for  
374 classification and modelling of the leucite-bearing rocks. Following a backward correction of the geochemical  
375 composition for the pseudomorphic substitution of analcime (from 10 to 25 vol%) over leucite (mineral  
376 chemistry from Comin-Chiaramonti et al., 2009) and fractionation (addition of 10-20% clinopyroxene,  
377 mineral chemistry from Conticelli et al., 1997) basing on the petrographic observation, the samples  
378 composition reconcile with the geochemical features required by the classification criteria defined by Foley  
379 et al. (1987) for ultrapotassic rocks (MgO and K<sub>2</sub>O >3 wt%, K<sub>2</sub>O/Na<sub>2</sub>O >2). The backward corrected parental  
380 leucite-bearing magmas share geochemical features with the leucitites and plagioclitites of the Roman  
381 province (data compilation from Conticelli et al., 2015) and with Central and Eastern Pontides leucitites and  
382 plagioclitites (Altherr et al., 2008; Gülmez et al., 2016) in the Foley's classification diagrams for  
383 ultrapotassic rocks (Supplementary Fig. 3).



384 Contrarily, the petrographic and geochemical features of the *South Moshiran*, *Moradlu* and *Tullun* leucite-  
385 free rocks do not match those of ultrapotassic rocks, and their low  $K_2O/Na_2O$  ratio ( $< 1.5$ ) confirmed their  
386 shoshonitic affinity. On the other hand, the *Marallu* lavas show intermediate geochemical features between  
387 leucite-bearing and leucite-free rocks ( $K_2O/Na_2O$  between 1.0 and 4.0).

388 In order to test the possible occurrence of magmatic relationships among the Arasbaran rocks suites the  
389 thermodynamically based Magma Chamber Simulator model (MSC, Bohron et al., 2020; Heinonen et al.,  
390 2020) for fractional crystallization processes (FC) has been applied to leucite-bearing and leucite-free magma  
391 types. Leucite-bearing rocks type are characterized by a wide spectrum of volcanic products at growing  
392 differentiation degree from the *Gheshlagh* pillow and columnar jointing lavas (mg# up to 0.7) to the *Majid*  
393 *Abad* lavas (mg# down to 0.1). The observed small, but consistent differences in the isotopic composition  
394 would also suggest a distinct mantle source for the mafic and intermediate/felsic leucite-bearing products.  
395 However, these products share petrographic and geochemical similarities, suggesting that they are nearly  
396 comagmatic. We thus tested if the most differentiated leucite-bearing products can be achieved through a  
397 simple FC model. Starting from the backward corrected composition of the *Gheshlagh* mafic lavas, the FC  
398 trend of the leucite-bearing rocks (FC1) correctly reproduce the observed major elements distribution of the  
399 more differentiated products, confirming their common magmatic affinity (Supplementary Fig. 2). Results  
400 show that the most differentiated leucite-bearing products are compatible with fractionation of 10-16% Ol,  
401 20-40% Pl, 10-20% Cpx, 5-15% Leu, 2-10% Af and 4-5% Fe-Ti oxides, from the relative calculated parental  
402 magmas, at the pressure of 1 Kb, oxygen fugacity on QFM buffer with low (0.5-1.0 wt%) initial water content.  
403 The liquid fraction corresponding to the most differentiated leucite-bearing product vary from 20 to 25% of  
404 the original parental melt at the temperature of 850 °C. The fractionated mineralogy and the crystallization  
405 order is consistent with that observed by petrographic analysis of the most differentiated leucite-bearing  
406 samples. In particular, the occurrence of leucite on the liquidus after clinopyroxene and plagioclase and its  
407 rapid growth predicted by the model is compatible with what observed in megaporphyritic samples showing  
408 big leucite crystals including the above cited mineral phases having higher crystallization temperature. The  
409 selected initial water content of parental magma is an important variable (at isobaric conditions) for  
410 reproducing the observed crystallization order and mineral proportions of the leucite-bearing melts. Indeed,  
411 at low (ca. 0.5 wt%  $H_2O$ ) initial water content the model predicts an early appearance of leucite on the  
412 liquidus following olivine in the crystallization sequence, whereas at higher water magma initial content ( $>$   
413 1.0 wt%  $H_2O$ ) leucite is not present in the fractionated solid assemblage and potassium is mainly hosted by  
414 alkali feldspar and minor biotite. The low water content of the parental leucite-bearing rocks was also  
415 inferred for Central Pontides (Gülmez et al., 2016) and for the Roman (Avanzinelli et al., 2009, Conticelli et  
416 al., 2015) rocks, and it is in agreement with the favored conditions for leucite crystallization in low  $P_{H_2O}$

417 conditions (Freda et al., 1997, Gaeta et al., 2000). Therefore, model results suggested that the physico-  
418 chemical conditions of differentiation for the leucite-bearing magma that best fit the petrographic features  
419 and the LLD of this suite include a FC process at low (1.0 Kb) pressure and a low water content of the parental  
420 magma ranging from 0.5 to 1.0 wt%

421 The same FC modelling has been applied to leucite-free samples, using the most mafic samples (M58, M56  
422 and M17 for the *South Moshiran*, *Tullun* and *Moradlu* series, respectively – black asterisk symbols in  
423 Supplementary Fig. 2) as parental melts. The composition of the most differentiated products, identified by  
424 the *Moradlu* trachytic dikes, of the leucite-free rocks can be successfully matched by the FC crystallization  
425 trends (FC2) of the related parental melts with 1.0-1.5 wt% water content at the pressure of 1 Kb and at QFM  
426 oxygen fugacity buffer (Supplementary Fig. 2). In particular, the fractionation of 9-13% Ol, 12-17% Cpx, 23-  
427 33% Pl, 5-6% Fe-Ti oxides and 0.5% Ap from the most mafic leucite-free melts allow reproducing the  
428 composition of the most differentiated products, which correspond to a liquid fraction of ca. 40% of the  
429 parental melt at ca. 1000 °C. The higher volatile content of the leucite-free rocks is confirmed by the  
430 significant presence of biotite in the mineral paragenesis, which is also predicted by the model. The *Marallu*  
431 series, although lacking petrographic evidence of leucite in its mineral assemblage, often plot in between the  
432 FC1 and FC2 differentiation trends, suggesting a possible derivation by a mixing of the two main magma types  
433 of the Arasbaran area. This is corroborated by the pervasive sieved textures observed in their phenocrysts  
434 (Fig. 4), by the intermediate isotopic composition (Fig. 9), as well as by the geographic position in between  
435 of the leucite-bearing and leucite-free occurrences (Fig. 1b).

## 436 5.2 Magma genesis, metasomatic agents and mantle sources of the Arasbaran rocks

437 The geochemical features of both leucite-free and leucite-bearing rocks conform to those of magma series  
438 typically occurring in convergent plate margins in connection with the occurrence of subduction processes  
439 (e.g., Conticelli and Peccerillo 1992 Beccaluva et al., 2013 and references therein; Bianchini et al., 2008;  
440 Conticelli et al., 2009; Mattioli et al., 2012). In fact, the incompatible element distribution of all the Arasbaran  
441 igneous rocks show the typical features of subduction-related magmatism, with troughs in Nb–Ta–Ti–Zr  
442 (HFSE) and spikes in Ba–K (LILE) and Pb (Condie, 2001). However, leucite-bearing rocks are characterized by  
443 higher LILE/HFSE (e.g., Ba/Nb), LILE/LREE (e.g., Ba/La) as well as Ba/Th ratios with respect to leucite-free  
444 rocks. The pronounced enrichment in some LILE (and Pb) was commonly attributed to the addition of these  
445 water-soluble elements by fluids derived from the dehydration of the subducted slab (e.g., Tatsumi et al.,  
446 1986), while depletion of the generally fluid-immobile HFSE is thought to reflect a preexisting depletion  
447 within the mantle wedge (e.g., Elliott, 2003; McCulloch and Gamble, 1991; Woodhead et al., 1993).  
448 Therefore, the relative contribution of slab-derived fluids and slab-melt to the mantle sources of subduction-  
449 related magmas is usually represented by the ratios between fluid-mobile (Ba, Pb) and fluid-immobile (e.g.,

450 Th, REE) elements. Subduction-related magmas having a geochemical signature characterized by Ba/Th >  
451 1000 coupled with low (La/Sm)<sub>N</sub> values (around 1), as well as a consistent Sr isotope ratio, has been  
452 traditionally related to a magma source mainly metasomatized by a 'fluid' phase from subducted altered  
453 MORB oceanic crust (e.g., Tonga, Izu–Bonin, some Mariana islands) whereas the contribution of sediment-  
454 derived melt will produce magmas characterized by higher trace element content, radiogenic Sr, low Ba/Th  
455 and high La/Sm ratios (Elliot et al., 2003). In this framework, leucite-bearing lavas share some geochemical  
456 similarities with the first source type, being characterized by high Ba/Th (170-520) and relatively low <sup>87</sup>Sr/<sup>86</sup>Sr<sub>i</sub>  
457 (0.70439-0.70464) values, whereas leucite-free lavas mainly conform to the latter, showing systematically  
458 lower Ba/Th (12-170) and higher <sup>87</sup>Sr/<sup>86</sup>Sr<sub>i</sub> (0.70481-0.70567) values (Fig. 11a). Recent experimental studies  
459 (Carter et al., 2015) demonstrated that also epidote-bearing Altered Oceanic Crust (AOC) experimental  
460 hydrous melts at 800-850°C are characterized by high Ba/Th values because of phengite (releasing Ba) but  
461 not epidote (retaining Th) melting in this narrow supra-solidus temperature range. The persistence of epidote  
462 in the melting residue of non-anomalously hot slab conditions, could also be responsible for the observed  
463 low La/Sm ratios of these AOC supercritical fluids/melts. In this regard, all the Arasbaran rocks (including  
464 leucite-bearing lavas) are characterized by high La/Sm ratios (2.7-5.7), incompatible with those originated  
465 from either AOC fluids or melts metasomatizing agents (Fig. 11b).

466 Similar results were obtained by the experimental study of Skora et al. (2015) that tested the melting of  
467 undoped marly sediments in T-P conditions typical of subduction environments (3GPa and 800-1100°C).  
468 These authors highlighted that high-carbonate (HC) sediments produce partial melts enriched in 'fluid-  
469 mobile' elements such Cs, Ba, Rb, K and Sr showing geochemical similarities with fluids conventionally  
470 ascribed to altered oceanic crust. On the other hand, HFSE such as Ti, Nb, and Ta are depleted, due to  
471 retention in residual rutile at temperature < 1000° C, as well as Y, and HREE due to their compatibility in  
472 residual garnet or carbonate. Moreover, partial melts produced by HC sediments in the presence of residual  
473 epidote are characterized by higher Ba/Th than those produced by carbonate-poor (LC) epidote-free  
474 lithologies. It follows that the presence of a residual phase in the subducted lithologies that selectively acts  
475 as sink for trace elements, such as epidote, is plausibly the reason of the observed Ba/Th ratios, irrespective  
476 of their nature. On the other hand, both LC and HC partial melts obtained at T>900°C produce high (La/Sm)<sub>N</sub>  
477 values (4.0-7.0) that may originate from the relative stabilities of epidote and garnet (Skora et al., 2015).  
478 These values conform with those observed in both leucite-bearing and leucite-free, suggesting that both  
479 magma types require a sedimentary input in their metasomatized mantle sources. Leucite-bearing rocks  
480 show different geochemical trends with respect to that defined by arc magmas (data from Elliot et al., 1997),  
481 pointing to unusually high Ba/Th and La/Sm values that conform with those of experimental partial melts of  
482 epidote-bearing HC sediments at T>=900°C. The involvement of a sedimentary component in the magma

483 source of leucite-bearing rocks is also evident by the comparison with Marianas arc lavas that show higher  
484 Ba/Th coupled with systematically lower La/Sm values, as a result of the exclusive contribution of AOC  
485 component to their mantle source. On the other hand, leucite-free rocks show systematically lower Ba/Th  
486 but similar La/Sm with respect to leucite-bearing rocks, which are compatible with those of partial melts  
487 from epidote-poor or -free LC lithologies in the same temperature interval. This geochemical composition is  
488 also comparable to that of the Roman (Neapolitan district) volcanic province, for which a significant  
489 sedimentary (carbonate) contribution to the mantle source has been invoked (Avanzinelli et al., 2009; 2018;  
490 Conticelli et al., 2015; Fig. 11).

491 Sr-Nd-Pb isotopes provide further evidence that support the involvement of sedimentary partial melts,  
492 rather than AOC supercritical melts/fluids as a metasomatizing agents of the Arasbaran mantle section.  
493 Although the Sr isotopic composition of leucite-bearing rocks (among the least radiogenic values of the whole  
494 TIP) is compatible with those of the neighboring Neotethyan Mesozoic ophiolites, representing the local  
495 subducted AOC, their low  $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$  and high  $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$  are not consistent with fluids/melts from the  
496 basaltic oceanic crust, instead requiring partial melts derived from continental crustal (i.e. sedimentary)  
497 material.

498 The application of the genetic model to the generation of the Arasbaran igneous rocks is reported in Fig. 9  
499 and Fig. 10. In this model, we report the partial melting of a mantle wedge enriched by metasomatic agents  
500 consisting of supercritical liquids and/or partial melt components deriving from the subducted AOC and by  
501 the associated sediments. The composition of the pre-metasomatised mantle wedge and of AOC can be  
502 carried out by the least metasomatised/altered mantle rocks and mafic rocks from Neyriz (Shafaii Moghadam  
503 et al., 2014b) and Kermanshah (Saccani et al., 2013) ophiolites, respectively, since they represent remnants  
504 of the Neotethyan mantle and oceanic crust involved in this subduction system. The sedimentary  
505 metasomatic agents could be instead represented by carbonate-rich (HC) and carbonate-poor (LC) marly  
506 sediments (e.g., Avanzinelli et al., 2018). The least differentiated volcanics ( $\text{Mg\#} > 0.60$ ,  $\text{SiO}_2 < 55$  wt%) from  
507 leucite-bearing (samples M36, M38; M45) and leucite-free (M54, M56, M58, M60), were chosen to be the  
508 target compositions of the genetic model since they reasonably represent the most suitable parental magma  
509 types of the area. The results of elemental and isotopic based mass balance calculations, together with those  
510 of the non-modal melting model (Shaw, 1970) highlight that both igneous and sedimentary metasomatic  
511 components need to be added to the mantle wedge to reproduce the source of leucite-bearing and leucite-  
512 free magmas of the Arasbaran area.

513 In particular, we infer that the geochemical signature of the mantle source is achieved through a two-steps  
514 process concerning a first enrichment event of the local mantle wedge involving metasomatic supercritical

515 liquids/melts, followed by a second one involving different proportions and quality of a sedimentary  
516 components.

517 In our model, the addition of 5-6% of AOC component (represented by the average Zagros MORB ophiolites)  
518 to the pre-subduction local mantle wedge can be inferred as an ubiquitous enrichment stage that  
519 characterized the whole mantle section source (S1) of the Arasbaran magmas. The composition of the slab  
520 derived metasomatic supercritical liquids/melts was obtained by the application of experimental results of  
521 (Carter et al., 2015) at 3 GPa and temperature between 900 and 1000 °C to the average local MORB-type  
522 ophiolites. The second enrichment stage, was instead distinct in terms of nature and proportions of the  
523 sedimentary component, differentiating the mantle sources of the leucite-bearing (S2) and leucite-free (S3)  
524 magma types. In particular, the addition of a small amount (3-4 %) of a HC-dominated (80-90%) sediment  
525 partial melts to the enriched mantle wedge successfully reproduces the isotopic composition of the most  
526 undersaturated leucite-bearing lavas, whereas higher proportions (4-8 %) of LC-dominated (60-80 %)   
527 sediment melts are needed to reproduce the isotopic features of the less undersaturated leucite-free lavas  
528 (Fig. 9). The two distinct isotopic trends defined by the second enrichment stage originated from the different  
529 isotopic and elemental budget of the HC and LC sediment partial melts, which are characterized by a Sr/Nd  
530 ratio higher ( $Sr/Nd > 100$ ) and lower ( $Sr/Nd < 20$ ), respectively, with respect to the S1 source ( $Sr/Nd$  ca. 70).  
531 The composition of sediment partial melts was obtained by the application of the experimental results of  
532 (Skora et al., 2015) performed at 3 GPa pressure and 900-1000°C temperature to the HC and LC  
533 Mediterranean marly sediments reported in Avanzinelli et al. (2018).

534 Similar results were obtained by the magma genesis melting model depicted in Fig. 12 that corroborate our  
535 interpretation. The observed incompatible elements distribution of the leucite-bearing and leucite-free  
536 magmas can be indeed reproduced by different partial melting degree of their relative mantle sources as  
537 defined by the previous model. The best fit for leucite-bearing magma-type is obtained by low melting degree  
538 (F around 4 %) of the S2 mantle source ( $Ol_{54}$ ,  $Op_{x25}$ ,  $Cpx_{12}$ ,  $Sp_2$ ,  $Gt_3$ ,  $Amph_2$ ,  $Phl_1$ ), whereas a higher melting  
539 degree (F around 10 %) of the S3 source ( $Ol_{54}$ ,  $Op_{x25}$ ,  $Cpx_9$ ,  $Sp_3$ ,  $Gt_3$ ,  $Amph_2$ ,  $Phl_4$ ) is required to fit the  
540 distribution of the leucite-free magmas (Fig. 12). The difference in the composition and partial melting  
541 degree of these two mantle sources is corroborated by the incompatible element distribution of leucite-free  
542 magmas, which is very similar to that of the LC-dominated sedimentary component. In this model, the  
543 composition of the High-Carbonate and Low-Carbonate sediment partial melts at temperatures between 900  
544 and 1000°C were tested as the sedimentary metasomatic agents, since they are the main carrier of REE  
545 (especially LREE). The results of our genetic model clearly indicate that, although AOC fluids/melts can  
546 imprint some geochemical features typical of Arasbaran magmas (high K, Sr, Ba/Th), they cannot provide the  
547 proper LREE budget to the mantle sources. As indicated by recent studies (e.g., Rustioni et al., 2021) REE

548 mobilization from the oceanic slab could be achieved also through the interaction with saline fluids.  
549 However, the application of these experimental results to the genetic model of Arasbaran magma fails to  
550 reproduce some geochemical features, such as Ba/Th and Th/LREE ratios. Moreover, as reported in Li et al.  
551 (2022), the addition of 2-3% of such saline fluids to the mantle source would produce a high H<sub>2</sub>O content  
552 (>10 wt%) magma, which is inconsistent with the absence of hydrous phases in leucite-bearing lavas.  
553 Therefore, the addition of the AOC component alone to the depleted mantle wedge cannot explain the  
554 observed isotopic features of the Arasbaran lavas, which need a metasomatically overprinted source by a  
555 sedimentary component.

556 The different incompatible element budget provided by the two sedimentary components is reflected by the  
557 distinct geochemical composition of the S2 and S3 modelled mantle source. The S2 source is generally less  
558 enriched than S3 source and this is reflected by their modal metasomatism, with the former characterized  
559 by a lower content of hydrous accessory phases (phlogopite+amphibole = 3) with respect to the latter  
560 (phlogopite+amphibole = 6). Moreover, the S2 source displayed distinctly higher Ba/Th, Sr/Nd and Sr/Y ratio  
561 with respect to S3 source, which correspond the geochemical features observed in the leucite-bearing and  
562 leucite-free lavas, respectively. In fact, the distinct melting degrees of S2 and S3 required to generate the  
563 related magma-types emphasized these geochemical differences in the modelled melts (in particular for the  
564 Ba/Th and Sr/Y ratios), reproducing what observed in leucite-bearing (higher Ba/Th and Sr/Y) and leucite-  
565 free lavas.

566 The isotopic composition of the Arasbaran ultrapotassic magmas is characterized by the least radiogenic Sr  
567 and most radiogenic Nd values with respect to previously published data from the area (Lahrud - Shafaii  
568 Moghadam et al., 2018; Salavat Range - Soltanmohammadi et al., 2021, Moghan - Amraee et al., 2019). At a  
569 regional scale, analogies and differences can be highlighted between the subduction-related igneous rocks  
570 of NW Iran and Central-Eastern Pontides sectors of the Alpine-Himalayan belt. The similarity is represented  
571 by the less radiogenic values showed by ultrapotassic leucite-bearing rocks with respect to shoshonitic  
572 leucite-free rocks in both sectors. The difference is a general displacement toward more radiogenic values  
573 of both rock types in the Eastern Pontides sector with respect to NW Iran. This is in excellent agreement with  
574 the general isotopic trend of the Cenozoic ultrapotassic (Iamproitic) magmatism along the Alpine-Himalayan  
575 belt identified by Casalini et al. (2022), probably indicating that the same sedimentary end-members (i.e., HC  
576 and LC sediments) are involved in a similar subduction environment, but at decreasing proportion with  
577 respect to the ambient mantle from W to E. Using the same components, the Pb isotope systematics also  
578 allows to reproduce leucite-bearing rocks as a mixing between the inferred subducted oceanic crust and HC-  
579 sediment partial melt and leucite-free rocks with Low-Carbonate sediment partial melt, the latter showing  
580 comparatively higher radiogenic Pb values (Fig. 10a). Coherently, the Pb isotopic values confirm that the

581 metasomatic agents of the leucite-bearing rocks are characterized by a lower sediment contribution with  
582 respect to those of leucite-free rocks.

583 Similar results can be obtained using elemental ratios such as Ba/La and Nd isotopic composition, confirming  
584 the reliability of the model and the source heterogeneity that characterizes the mantle section of the  
585 Arasbaran area (Fig.10b). Other geochemical features of leucite-bearing rocks, such as the high Sr/Y (up to  
586 300) and Eu/Eu\* (1.05-1.15) are compatible with the involvement of marine carbonate sediment as  
587 metasomatic component of their mantle source (Nath et al., 1992; Nagarajan et al., 2011).

588 Geochronological K-Ar data indicate a nearly coeval generation of the Arasbaran leucite-bearing (39.4-39.6  
589 +/- 1.0 Ma) and -free (41.9 +/- 1.1 Ma) magmatism in the Middle-Late Eocene, in agreement with previous  
590 data on hypabyssal rocks from the same area (42.7– 38.4 Ma, Alberti et al., 1976). The significant variability  
591 of the magmatic products occurred over a limited area in this short time-span indicate that this event  
592 represents an important step in the magmatic evolution of the Ahar-Arasbaran area. This is also confirmed  
593 by the intermediate age (40.0 +/- 1.1 Ma) showed by the *Marallu* rocks, which show petrographic,  
594 geochemical and isotopic evidence of mixing between older leucite-free and younger leucite-bearing rocks,  
595 with the former predominating over the latter. The spatio-temporal relationships of these different  
596 magmatic episodes suggest that during Middle Eocene magmatism in the Arasbaran area slightly migrated  
597 northwestward, becoming progressively more SiO<sub>2</sub>-undersaturated (Fig. 13). This transition is at the opposite  
598 with respect to what observed in most circum-Mediterranean occurrences, where a clear temporal  
599 succession from initially ultrapotassic, then shoshonitic and finally high-K calc-alkaline magmatism was  
600 interpreted as the progressive involvement of host mantle rocks (sub-alkaline end-member) over the  
601 metasomatic veins (strongly alkaline end-member) during source melting (Avanzinelli et al., 2009; Conticelli  
602 et al., 2011). This model is constrained by the different liquidus temperatures of the alkaline (lower) and sub-  
603 alkaline (higher) end-members and their contribution to the primary melts at growing mantle melting  
604 degrees in response to isotherm relaxation following the Neo-Tethyan slab roll-back in the mature  
605 subduction geodynamics (Bianchini et al., 2008; Avanzinelli et al., 2009; Conticelli et al., 2009a; 2009b). The  
606 elemental and isotopic features of ultrapotassic and shoshonitic rocks of the circum-Mediterranean  
607 invariably show the involvement of a significant proportion (up to 65 vol% for Tuscan lamproite, Conticelli et  
608 al., 2007) of sedimentary (terrigenous or pelagic in nature) melt component in their mantle source (Conticelli  
609 et al., 2007; 2009a; 2010; Avanzinelli et al., 2008; 2009), able to create net veined metasomatic domains that  
610 probably acted as exclusive source for ultrapotassic magmas. In this sector of the Neothethyan subduction, a  
611 significantly lower contribution of the sedimentary component to the metasomatic agents of the Arasbaran  
612 magmas doesn't suggests the creation of a net veined mantle source, but rather a more diffused  
613 metasomatism of the peridotitic mantle wedge. The metasomatic domains should have the flavor of

614 carbonate-rich late subducted sediment relatively close to the trench (S2) fading into a more decided  
615 carbonate-poor signature outward (S3), progressively overprinting the contribution from the altered oceanic  
616 crust to the mantle wedge (S1).

617 This sector of the Alpine-Himalayan belt, is characterized since the Cretaceous onward, by a northeastward  
618 subduction of the Neotethys oceanic slab underneath the southern margin of the Eurasia plate, followed by  
619 continental collision starting from the Oligocene in northwestern Iran with a progressive SW migration of  
620 deformation and topography (Agard et al., 2011; Aghazadeh et al., 2011). In this geodynamic scenario, The  
621 Middle Eocene Arasbaran magmatism should represent a subduction-related event, triggered by slab retreat  
622 and roll-back (Fig. 14; Raibiee et al., 2019 and references therein). The slab roll-back and retreat caused  
623 lithospheric extension in NW Iran (Shafaii Moghadam et al., 2018 and references therein) leading to  
624 asthenospheric up-welling that caused heating and lithosphere erosion through the melting of the  
625 metasomatised mantle wedge, the so called “magmatic flare-up” that was particularly intense during Eocene  
626 (Verdel et al., 2011). In this framework, the melting of leucite-bearing (S2) and -free (S3) sources occurred  
627 slightly diachronous and zonally arranged (Fig. 14a) probably both for the late arrival of high carbonate  
628 sediments at depth in concomitance with incipient slab steepening and roll back (e.g., Conticelli et al., 2015;  
629 (Ammannati et al., 2016)). The higher melting degree of S3 with respect to S2 source predicted by the model  
630 should be explained by the isotherms geometry in the mantle wedge generated in response to the slab  
631 retreat geodynamic trigger (e.g., Frezzotti et al., 2009) as well as by the higher proportion of metasomatic  
632 lower solidus component in the mantle source. In this scenario an eastward dipping polarity of the  
633 subduction plane broadly fits with the observed distribution in space and time of the associated magmatism,  
634 with the S2 source located relatively closer to the subducted slab with respect to the S3 source (Fig. 14b).  
635 The Eocene Arasbaran melting sequence from shoshonitic to ultrapotassic parallels the time-dependent  
636 geochemical variation observed from Late Cretaceous in Central Anatolia (Gülmez et al., 2016) through  
637 Paleocene in the eastern Pontides (Eyuboglu et al., 2011) occurrences, and from other eastern sectors of the  
638 Alpine-Himalayan belt such as the Neapolitan district of the Roman province (Cioni et al., 2008, and  
639 references therein; Conticelli et al., 2011) and at Stromboli in the Aeolian Arc (Ellam et al., 1988; Peccerillo,  
640 2001, 2005; Alagna et al., 2010; Conticelli et al., 2011).

641 The Arasbaran leucite-bearing rocks are very similar to plagiocleucites, a rare volcanic product worldwide,  
642 that at a regional scale can be compared with some Paleocene occurrences from Eastern Everek Hanları  
643 (Altherr et al., 2008)) and Southern Pontides (Amasya, Tüysüz, 1996, Ankara, Çapan, 1984). These magmatic  
644 products are more common in other sectors of the Alpine-Himalayan belt, such as the Roman volcanic  
645 province in central-southern Italy (Peccerillo, 2005 and references therein, Avanzinelli et al., 2008; 2018;  
646 Conticelli et al., 2011; 2015). In particular, the Arasbaran rocks show intermediate geochemical composition



647 between the Paleocene Anatolian plagioclinites and those from the Roman (Neapolitan district) province  
648 (Supplementary Fig. 3). The generation of the Neapolitan plagioclinites was interpreted as the result of  
649 partial melting of previously metasomatized mantle further enriched by the addition of carbonate sediments  
650 melts (Avanzinelli et al., 2018). A similar genetic model is proposed for the Arasbaran leucite-bearing rocks,  
651 but with a different metasomatic agent characterized by a lower sediment/altered oceanic crust ratio. This  
652 is consistent with the observed differences in the isotopic and trace element composition of the NW Iran,  
653 Anatolian and Italian plagioclinites (Fig. 10).

#### 654 **4. Conclusions**

655 The Middle Eocene K-rich magmatism of the Arasbaran area in NW Iran vary from shoshonitic to ultrapotassic  
656 affinity, the latter representing a relatively rare occurrence in this sector of the Alpine-Himalayan belt. This  
657 magmatic event is related to the melting of mantle sources variously metasomatized by different  
658 sedimentary and mafic components during the Neo-Tethys subduction under the Eurasian plate, triggered  
659 by slab roll-back and tearing after the Late Cretaceous-Early Eocene Arabian-Eurasian continental collision.  
660 The geochemical features of ultrapotassic leucite-bearing magmas are compatible with the involvement of a  
661 low (4-5%) HC-sedimentary contribution to a mantle source previously metasomatized by AOC-derived  
662 components. On the other hand, a higher (7-8%) LC-sedimentary partial melt component (added to a similar  
663 AOC-modified mantle wedge) is required to generate the shoshonitic leucite-free magmas. The almost coeval  
664 eruption of both magma types indicate a common geodynamic trigger, which produced an earlier relatively  
665 high-melting degree event of the S2 source, to generate the leu-free shoshonites, and a later low degree  
666 melts of the S3, to generate the leucite-bearing ultrapotassic rocks the latter occurring at lower temperature  
667 being closer to the subducted slab and characterized by a lesser amount of a lower solidus domains. The  
668 relative distance from the slab of the two metasomatic domains is probably due to the late arrival of HC-  
669 with respect to LC-sediment to the trench due to the evolution of the subduction system toward the  
670 continental collision. This would have produced the observed distribution of the Arasbaran lavas, with the  
671 ultrapotassic magmas mainly located to the NW and shoshonitic magmas in the SE part of the area. The  
672 similarities in the nature of the metasomatic agents and in the geodynamic evolution with the Mediterranean  
673 subduction-related magmatism suggest commonalities along the whole Alpine-Himalayan belt, whereas the  
674 distinctly lower sedimentary contribution to the mantle sources of the Arasbaran magmas confirm the  
675 decreasing W-E trend observed along these subduction systems.

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1059 **Table captions:**

1060 **Table 1** – Bulk rock major and trace elements composition of Eocene Arasbaran igneous rocks obtained by  
 1061 x-ray fluorescence (XRF). Rock type (Lc-bearing and Lc-free), classification, sampling locality and  
 1062 geographical coordinates are also reported. Lc = leucite; Bas. Tr-And.= Basaltic Trachy-Andesite,  
 1063 Tr-And. = Trachy-Andesite; Ph-Trachyte = Phonolitic Trachyte.

1064 **Table 2** – Bulk rock trace (incompatible and REE) elements composition of representative Eocene Arasbaran  
 1065 igneous rocks obtained by inductively coupled plasma mass spectrometry (ICP-MS). Sample  
 1066 characteristics and abbreviations as in Table 1.

1067 **Table 3** – Sr, Nd and Pb isotope composition of selected Arasbaran igneous rocks. Both measured and initial  
 1068 values are reported. Sample characteristics and abbreviations as in Table 1.

1069 **Figure Captions:**

1070 **Figure 1** – (a) Location of the study area and present distribution of Eocene magmatic rocks across

1071 southwest Asia (modified from Allen and Armstrong, 2008); (b) Sampling locations of leucite-  
1072 bearing (Majid Abad, Quarah Su, Moshiran - red symbols) and leucite-free (south Moshiran,  
1073 Marallu, Tullun, Moradlu - blue symbols) igneous rocks from the Arasbaran area (NW Iran). The  
1074 geological features are taken from the Geological map 1:100,000 published by Geological Survey  
1075 of Iran (GSI).

1076 **Figure 2 –** Petrographic features of leucite-bearing rocks from the WNW part of the Arasbaran area (NW  
1077 Iran). Lavas from Majid Abad section are characterized by porphyritic to megaporphyritic  
1078 analcimized leucite (a) and by plagioclase and clinopyroxene phenocrysts in a microcrystalline  
1079 groundmass (b). Pillow lavas from Quarah Su outcrop show altered plagioclase phenocrysts in a  
1080 microcrystalline to glassy groundmass (c), whereas columnar jointing lavas contain large  
1081 clinopyroxene phenocrysts surrounded by abundant foids (d). Lavas from Moshiran show  
1082 petrographic similarities with those from Majid Abad, and are characterized by leucite (deeply  
1083 analcimized) crystals up to centrimetric in size (e), and the presence of abundant plagioclase  
1084 phenocrysts (f). Pictures b, d, e, f are taken by optical microscopy in plane polarized light, picture  
1085 c in crossed polarized light.

1086 **Figure 3 –** Petrographic features and leucite-free rocks from the ESE part of the Arasbaran area (NW Iran).  
1087 Lavas from Marallu outcrop show abundant glomeroporphyritic textures with clinopyroxene  
1088 phenocrysts, often containing glass (a), and by sieve textured plagioclase and clinopyroxene in  
1089 biotite-rich matrix (b). Samples from South Moshiran and Tullun outcrops share the same  
1090 petrographic features, characterized by the presence of olivine, clinopyroxene and plagioclase  
1091 phenocrysts in a microcrystalline (c) to glassy (d) matrix. Dikes from Moradlu are characterized  
1092 by mafic to felsic compositions, with the former showing variously iddingsitised olivine,  
1093 plagioclase and clinopyroxene phenocrysts in a fine-grained olocrystalline matrix composed of  
1094 the same mineral paragenesis (e), and the latter by the presence of big alkali-feldspars and  
1095 biotite phenocrysts (f). Pictures b, d, e, f are taken by optical microscopy in plane polarized light,  
1096 picture c in crossed polarized light.

1097 **Figure 4 –** (a) TAS (Le Maitre et al., 2002) and (b)  $K_2O$  vs  $SiO_2$  (Peccerillo and Taylor, 1976) classification  
1098 diagrams of leucite-bearing and leucite-free igneous rocks from Arasbaran area (NW Iran). B =  
1099 basalt, BA = basaltic andesite, A = andesite, D = dacite, K-Tr-B = potassic trachybasalt, S =  
1100 shoshonite, L = latite, Tr = trachyte, Bs/T = basanite/tephrite, Ph-T = phonolitic tephrite, T-Ph =  
1101 tephritic phonolite, Ph = phonolite, CA = calcalkaline series, HK-CA = high-K calcalkaline series,  
1102 SHO = shoshonite series.

1103 **Figure 5** –  $\Delta q$  vs  $K_2O$  (Peccerillo and Manetti, 1985) diagrams showing the different  $SiO_2$ -saturation  
1104 conditions of leucite-bearing and leucite-free igneous rocks from Arasbaran area (NW Iran).  
1105 Symbols as in figure 4.

1106 **Figure 6** – Major element versus MgO (wt%) bivariate diagrams of leucite-bearing and leucite-free igneous  
1107 rocks from Arasbaran area (NW Iran). Symbols as in figure 4.

1108 **Figure 7** – Primordial Mantle (PM)-normalized incompatible element patterns of leucite-bearing (a) and  
1109 leucite-free (b) igneous rocks from Arasbaran area (NW Iran). The distribution of nearly coeval  
1110 leucite-bearing (c) and leucite-free (d) rocks from NW Iran (Lahrud – Shafaii Moghadam et al.,  
1111 2018; Moghan – Amraee et al., 2019) and from Eastern Pontides (Altherr et al., 2008; Eyuboglu  
1112 et al., 2011) are also reported for comparison. Symbols as in figure 4.

1113 **Figure 8** – Trace element discrimination diagrams for leucite-bearing and leucite-free igneous rocks from  
1114 Arasbaran area (NW Iran). a) Ce/Yb vs Ta/Yb (Pearce, 1982), b) Th vs Co (Hastie et al., 2007) for  
1115 altered rocks and c) N-MORB normalized Th vs Nb (Saccani, 2015).

1116 **Figure 9** – Initial Sr-Nd isotope ratios of leucite-bearing and leucite-free igneous rocks from Arasbaran area  
1117 (NW Iran). The distribution of nearly coeval leucite-bearing and leucite-free rocks from NW Iran  
1118 (Lahrud – Shafaii Moghadam et al., 2018; Moghan – Amraee et al., 2019) and from Eastern  
1119 Pontides (Altherr et al., 2008; Eyuboglu et al., 2011) are also reported for comparison. S1 is the  
1120 composition of the mantle wedge (MW; Sr = 22 ppm,  $^{87}Sr/^{86}Sr = 0.70298$ , Nd = 0.3 ppm,  
1121  $^{143}Nd/^{144}Nd = 0.51299$ ) after the first metasomatic events obtained by the addition of 6% of slab  
1122 partial melts (Sr = 630 ppm,  $^{87}Sr/^{86}Sr = 0.70393$ , Nd = 3.0 ppm,  $^{143}Nd/^{144}Nd = 0.51273$ ) of Zagros  
1123 Neotethyan MORB ophiolites as AOC (Saccani et al., 2013; Shafaii Moghadam et al., 2014b). The  
1124 blue and red mixing lines represents the second metasomatic events characterized by the  
1125 addition of low-carbonate (LC) and high-carbonate (HC) sediment melts to the S1 mantle source,  
1126 respectively. The composition of AOC partial melts and those of HC (Apennine marl SD48 –  
1127 Avanzinelli et al., 2018; Sr = 519 ppm,  $^{87}Sr/^{86}Sr = 0.70822$ , Nd = 2.8 ppm,  $^{143}Nd/^{144}Nd = 0.512163$ )  
1128 and LC (Apennine marl SD11 – Avanzinelli et al., 2018; Sr = 355 ppm,  $^{87}Sr/^{86}Sr = 0.71121$ , Nd = 22  
1129 ppm,  $^{143}Nd/^{144}Nd = 0.51234$ ) sediments partial melts were obtained using bulk/melt ratios from  
1130 the experimental work of Carter et al., 2015 (AOC) and Skora et al., 2015 (HC and LC) at  
1131 temperatures between 900 and 1000 °C. Dashed lines represents tie lines linking the same  
1132 proportions of HC and LC sediment melt component. Symbols as in figure 4.

1133 **Figure 10** – a) Initial Pb isotope ratios ( $^{207}Pb/^{204}Pb$  vs  $^{206}Pb/^{204}Pb$ ) and b) Ba/La vs  $^{143}Nd/^{144}Nd$  of leucite-  
1134 bearing and leucite-free igneous rocks from Arasbaran area (NW Iran). The distribution of nearly

1135 coeval leucite-bearing and leucite-free rocks from NW Iran (Lahrud – Shafaii Moghadam et al.,  
1136 2018; Moghan – Amraee et al., 2019) and from Eastern Pontides (Altherr et al., 2008; Eyuboglu  
1137 et al., 2011) are also reported for comparison. Grey and white solid lines represent the mixing  
1138 trends between the average of subducted oceanic crust, represented by Neyriz (Shafaii  
1139 Moghadam et al., 2014b) and Kermanshah (Saccani et al., 2013) Neotethyan ophiolites (Ba/La  
1140 = 5-10,  $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$  = 0.51277-0.51299), a high-carbonate (HC) sediment (Apennine marl SD48 –  
1141 Avanzinelli et al., 2015; Ba/La = 230,  $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$  = 0.512163) and a low-carbonate sediment  
1142 (Mariana pelagic clay 801- Plank and Langmuir, 1998; Ba/La = 4.4,  $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$  = 0.512134) partial  
1143 melts. Bulk/melt ratios are taken from the experimental work of Skora et al., 2015 for HC and LC  
1144 sediments at temperatures of 850-900°C. The Northern Hemisphere Reference Line (NHRL) is  
1145 from Hart (1984). Symbols as in figure 4.

1146 **Figure 11** – Ba/Th vs.  $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}_{(i)}$  (a) and vs.  $(\text{La}/\text{Sm})_N$  (b) showing the distribution of leucite-bearing and -free  
1147 lavas from the Arasbaran area. The composition of worldwide arc magmas, as well as the fields  
1148 of Mariana arc (representative of AOC predominant fluid metasomatism) and of Neapolitan  
1149 district of the Roman province (Vesuvius, representative of predominant carbonate melt  
1150 metasomatism) are shown for comparison. Data from Elliot et al., 1997 and Avanzinelli et al.,  
1151 2008.

1152 **Figure 12** – Non-modal partial melting model for the leucite-bearing (a) and -free (b) Arasbaran magmas. The  
1153 red field represents the compositional variation of magmas produced by S2 and S3 mantle  
1154 sources metasomatised by sediment partial melts produced at 900-1000°C (Skora et al., 2015).  
1155 Partition coefficient from the GERM database (<https://kdd.earthref.org/KdD>) and from  
1156 LaTourrette et al. (1995). End-member lithologies and compositions as in Fig. 9. See text for  
1157 further details.

1158 **Figure 13** –  $\Delta q$  vs age (Ma) distribution of leucite-bearing and leucite-free igneous rocks from Arasbaran area  
1159 (NW Iran). Age analytical errors (Table 3) are expressed by error bars.

1160 **Figure 14** – Geodynamic sketch depicting the generation of the leucite-bearing and leucite-free magmas in  
1161 the Arasbaran area (Ardabil Province, NW Iran). During late Cretaceous the subducting Neo-  
1162 tethyan plate brought first at the depth of melting (around 3 GPa, Shafai Moghadam et al., 2018)  
1163 LC-sediment (a), which were followed by the late arrival of HC-sediments at similar melting  
1164 conditions (e.g., Skora et al., 2015) due to slab verticalization and retreat at a more mature stage  
1165 of subduction (e.g., Conticelli et al., 2015), with the creation of two distinct metasomatic  
1166 domains (S3 and S2) in the mantle wedge (b). In the Eocene, slab roll-back and retreat recalling

1167 asthenospheric up-welling and heat flow to the overlying mantle wedge. Melting of the mantle  
1168 metasomatised domains that produced the Arasbaran volcanism started from and was more  
1169 effective on mantle domains at a higher distance from the colder subducting plate, i.e., from the  
1170 S3 source, progressively involving sectors of mantle wedge located closer to the Neothetyan slab  
1171 that suffered a lower thermal perturbation (c).

1172 **Supplementary Table captions:**

1173 **Supplementary Table 1** – Method accuracy and reproducibility for Sr-Nd (TIMS) and Pb (MC-ICP-MS)  
1174 measurements.

1175 **Supplementary figure captions:**

1176 **Supplementary Figure 1** – Representative field photographs of 6 sampling localities of the Eocene Arasbaran  
1177 igneous rocks: a) *Majid Abad*, b) *south Moshiran*, c) *Gheshlagh*, d) *Moradlu*, e) *Moshiran*, f) *Marallu*.

1178 **Supplementary Figure 2** – Major element variation over MgO (wt%) and fractional crystallization trends for  
1179 leucite-bearing (FC1) and -free (FC2) Arasbaran rocks modelled by MCS software (Bohrson et al., 2020).  
1180 Symbols as in Fig. 4. \* = corrected compositions for the most mafic and potassic leucite-bearing sample  
1181 (M31, M36, M39) See text for further details on modelling.

1182 **Supplementary Figure 3** – Classification diagrams for ultrapotassic rocks (after Foley, 1987) showing the least  
1183 differentiated leucite-bearing samples (yellow symbols) together with their corrected composition for  
1184 clinopyroxene accumulation and analcime substitution over leucite (red symbols). The composition of  
1185 ultrapotassic rocks from the Roman province (squares) and the fields of those from the Neapolitan  
1186 district (dashed) and Anatolian plagiocleucitites (dark gray) are also reported for comparison (data from  
1187 Conticelli et al., 2015 and Altherr et al., 2008).

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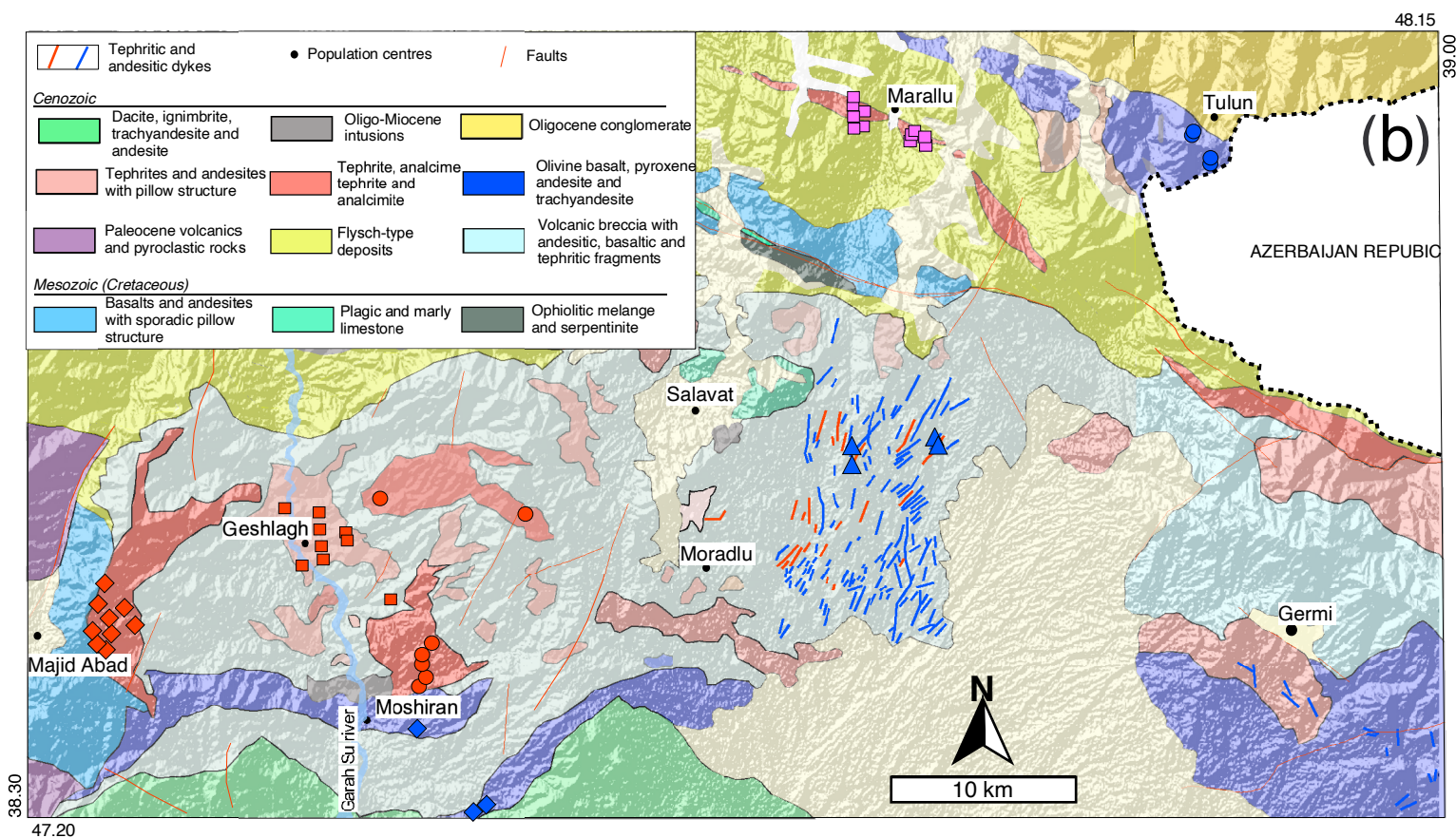
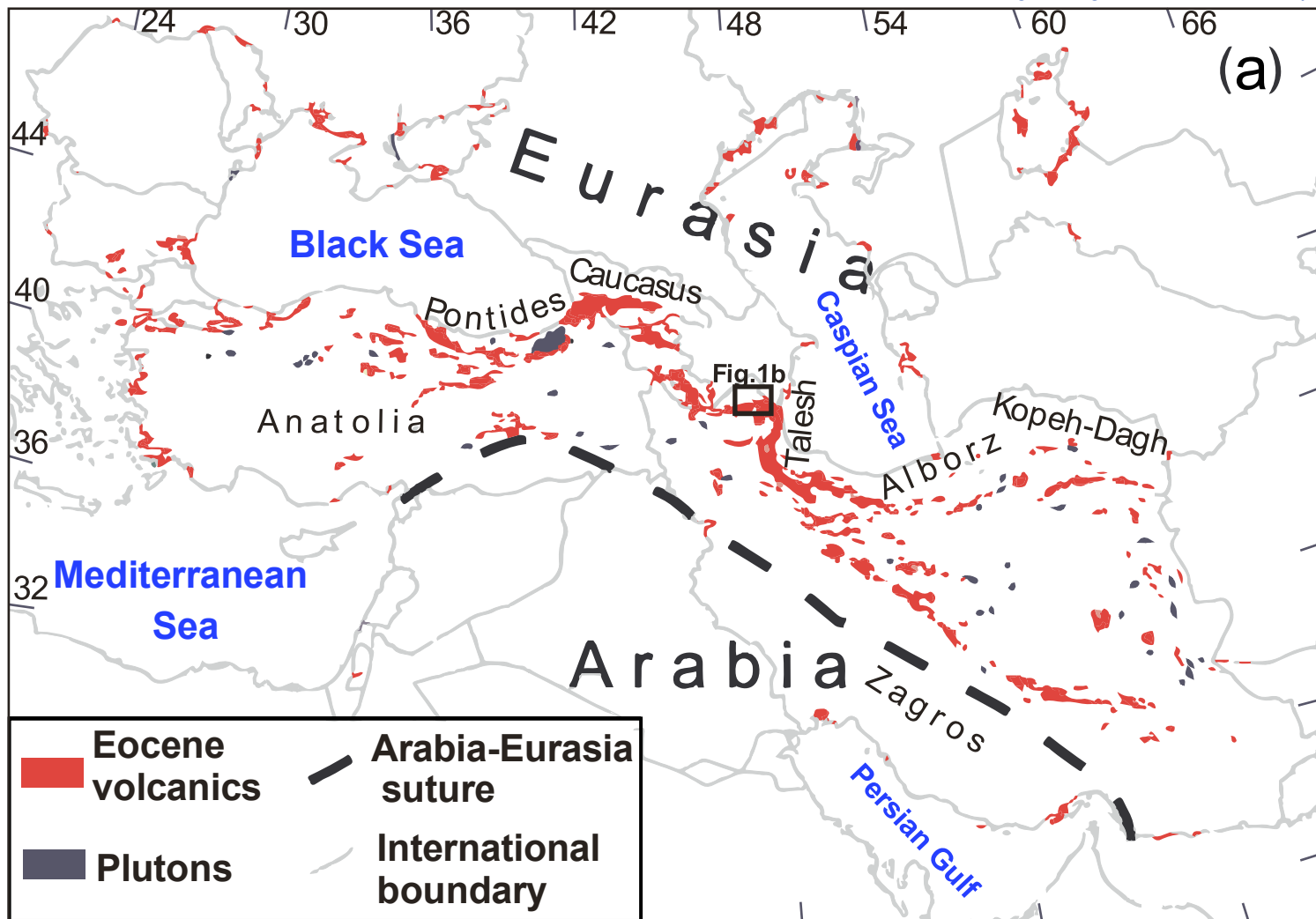




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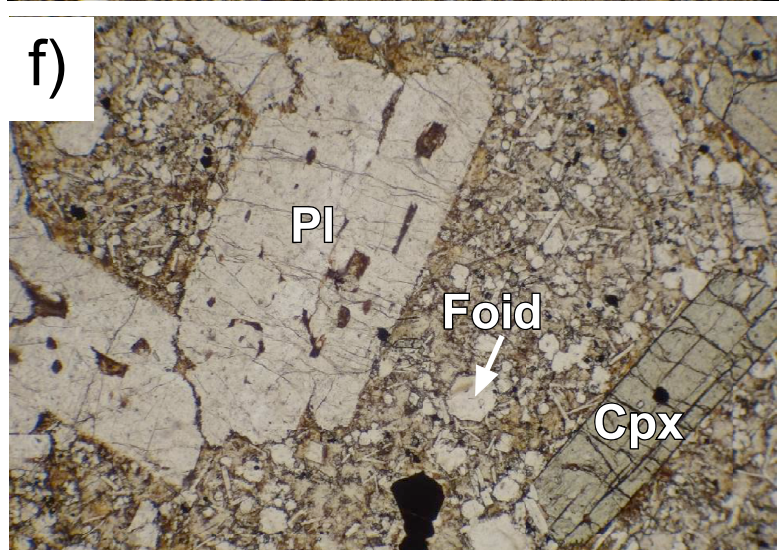
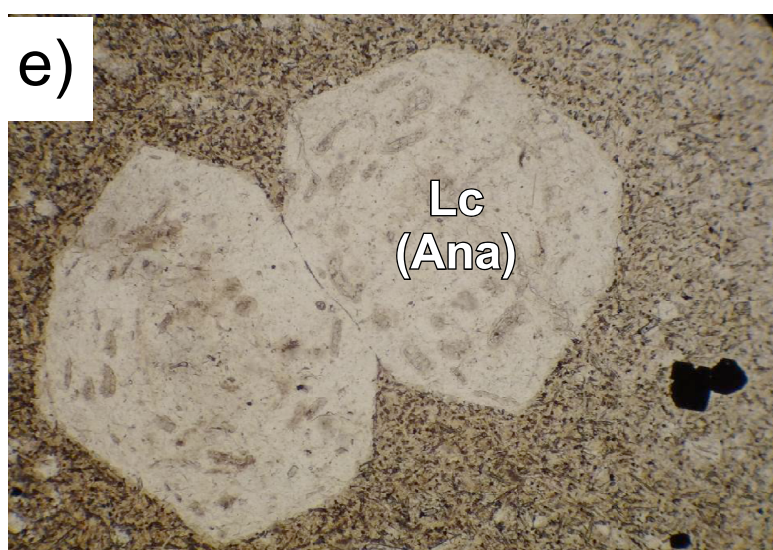
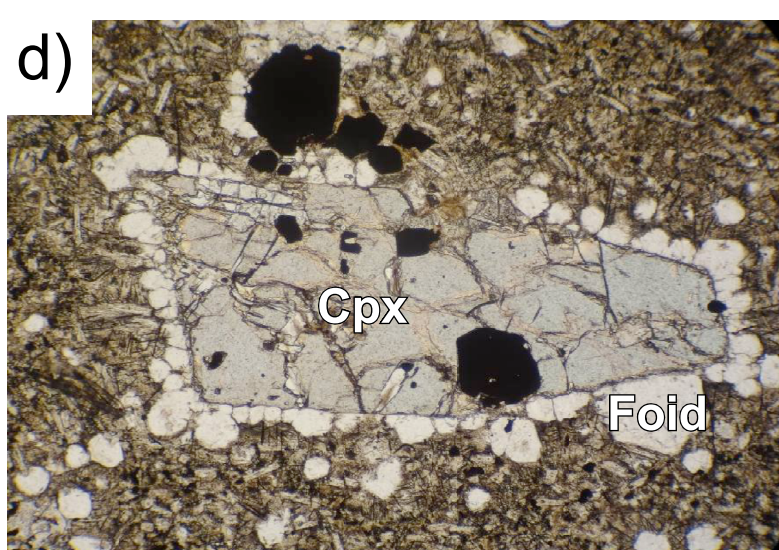
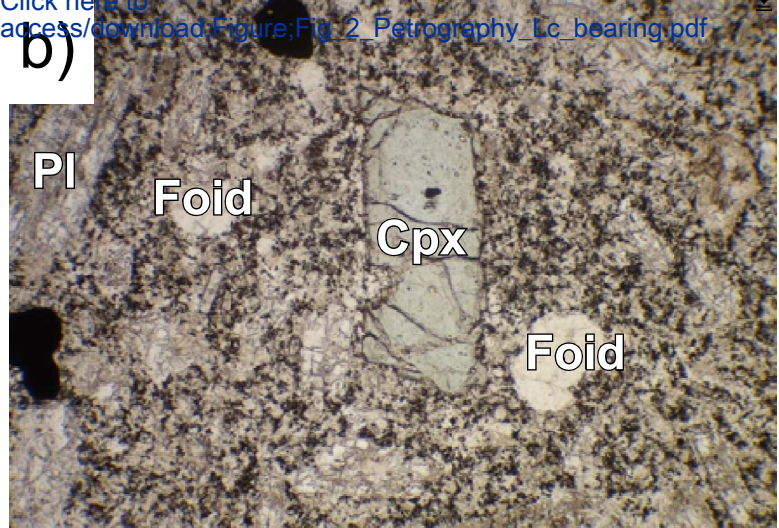
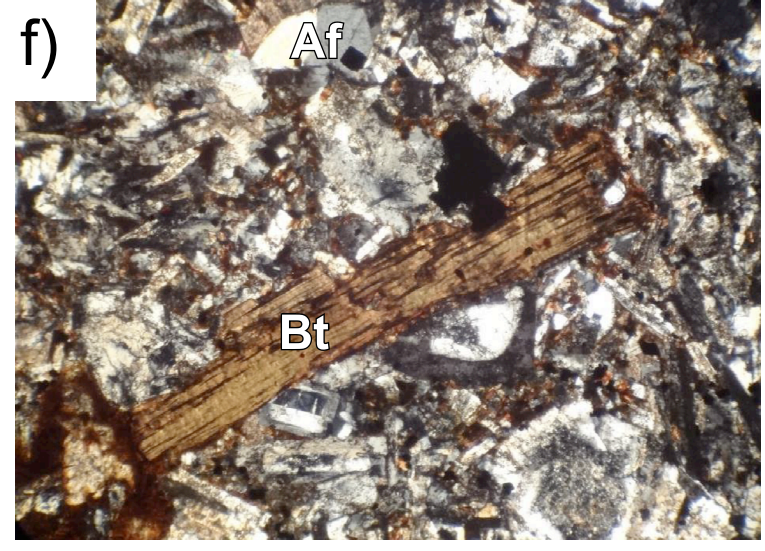
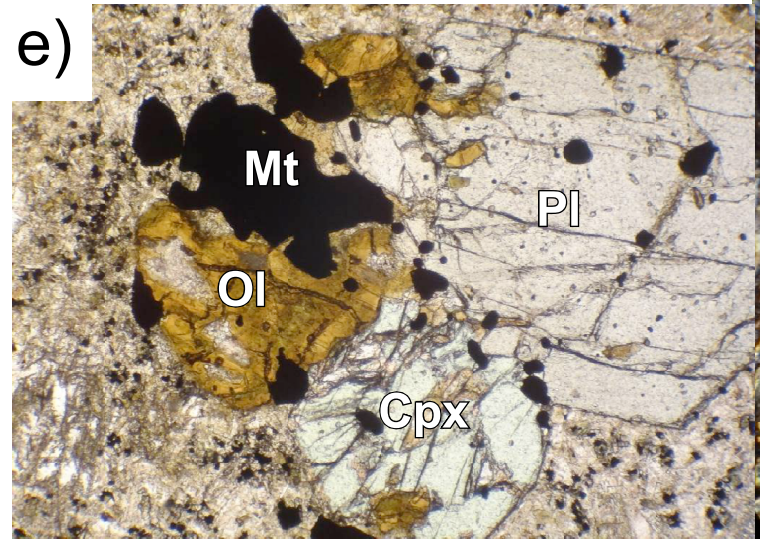
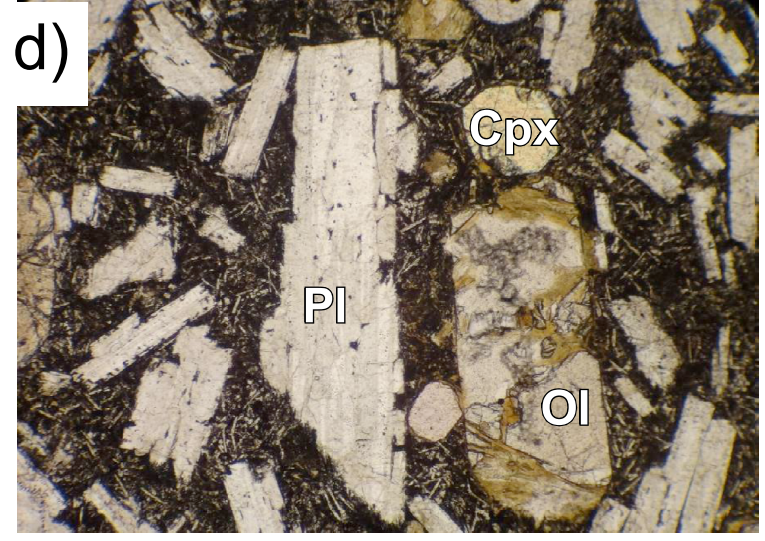
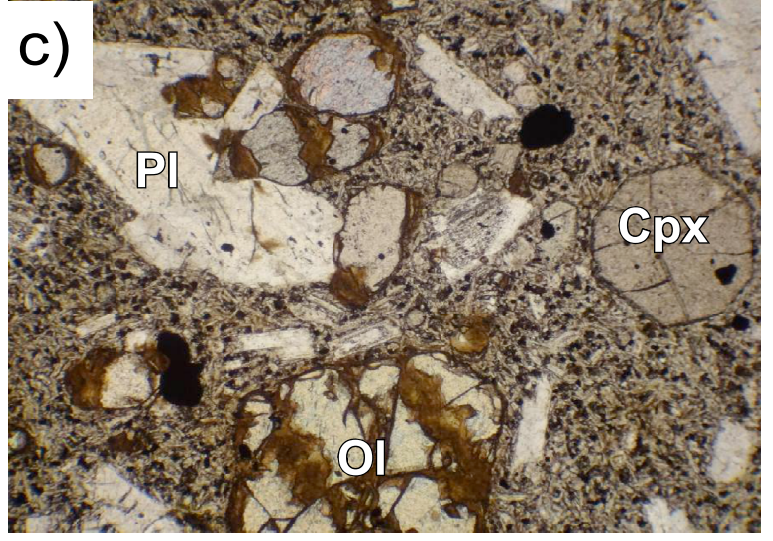
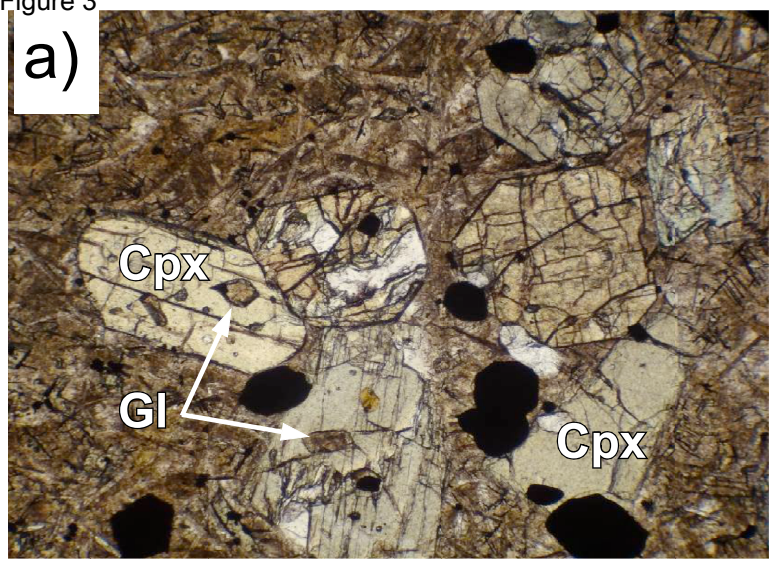




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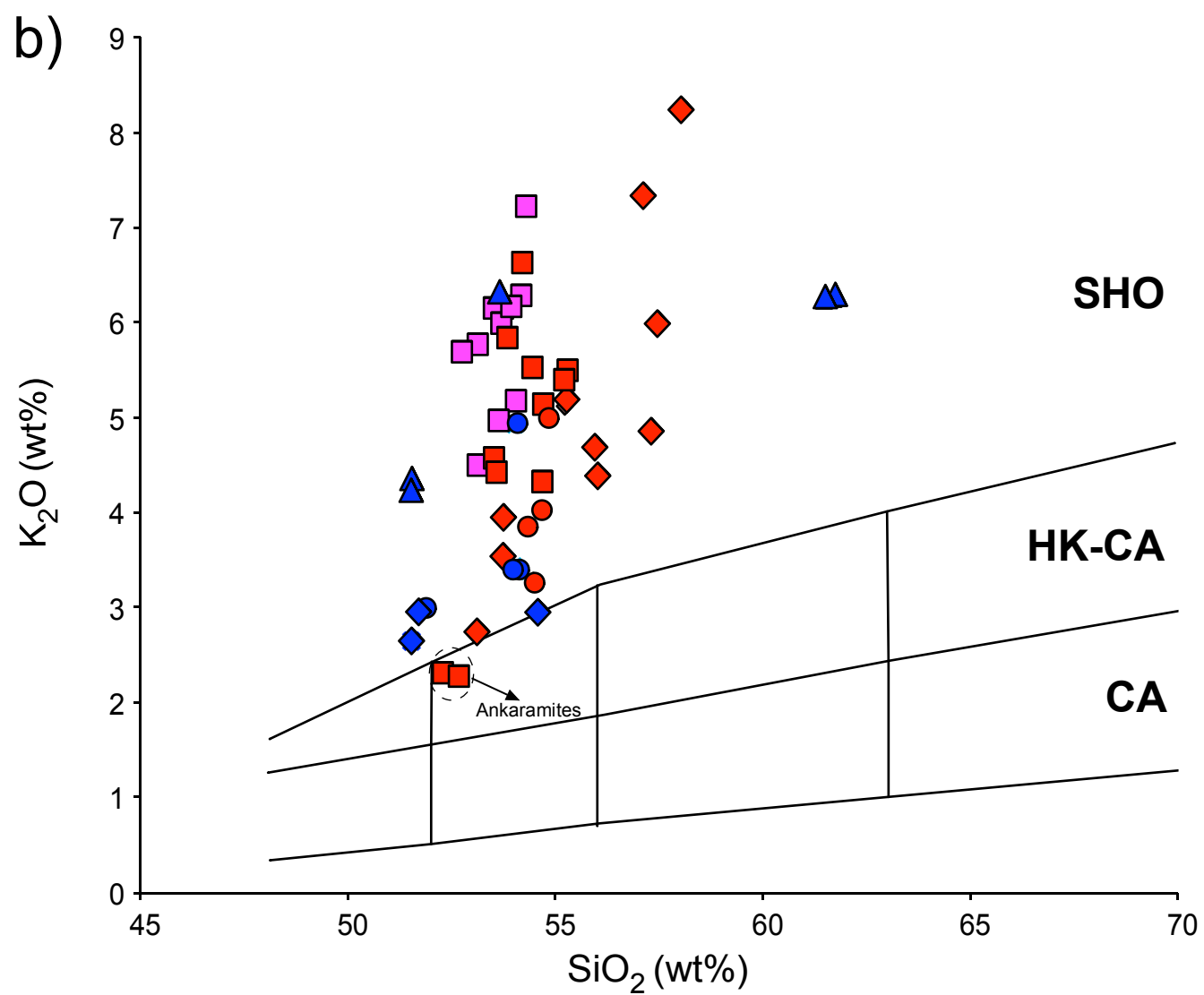
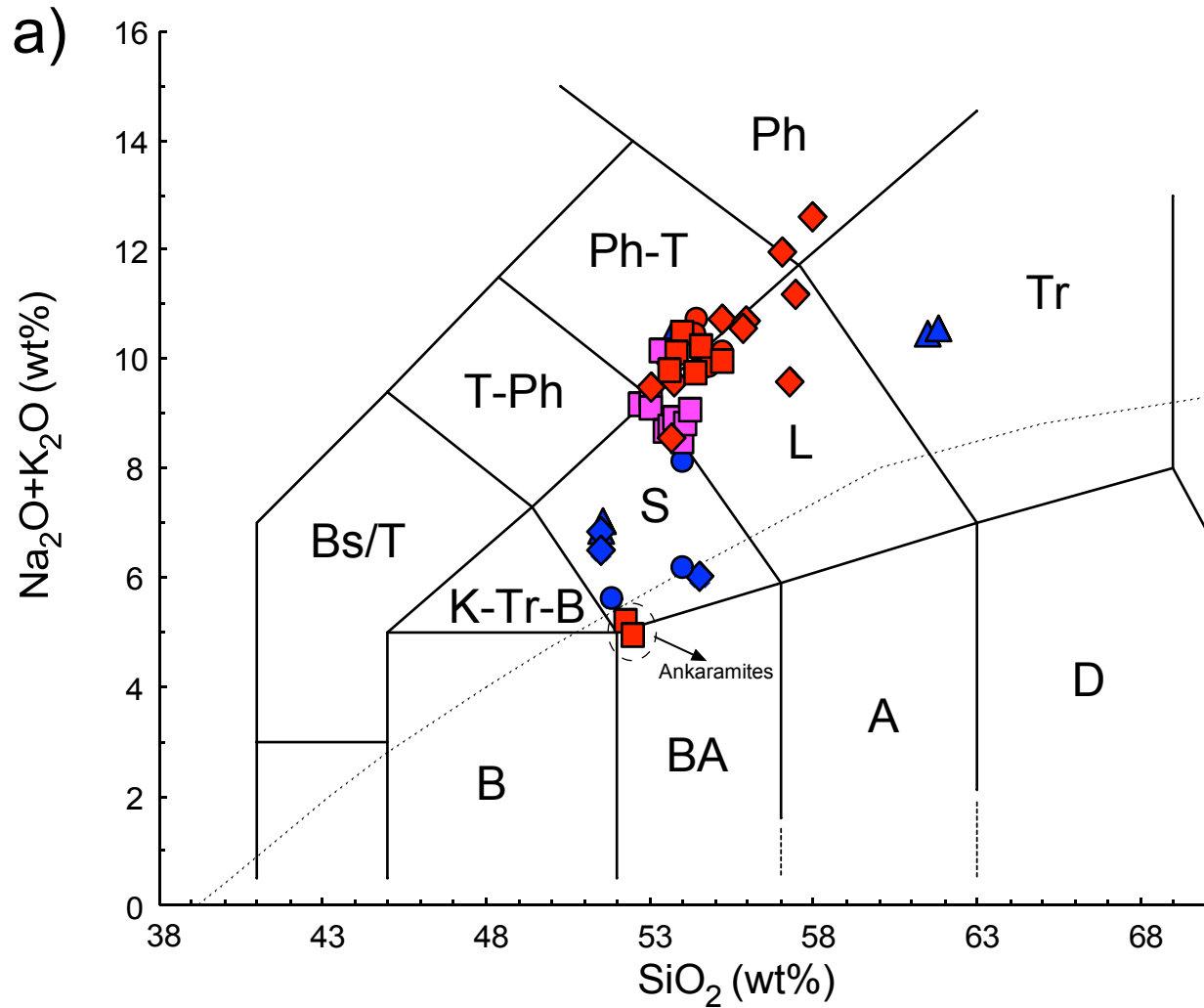
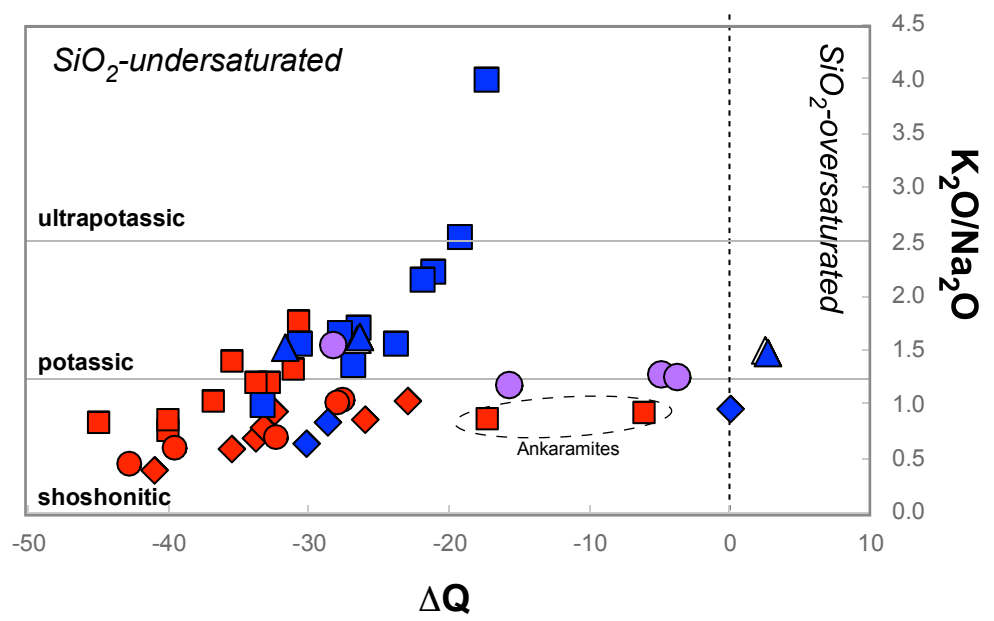
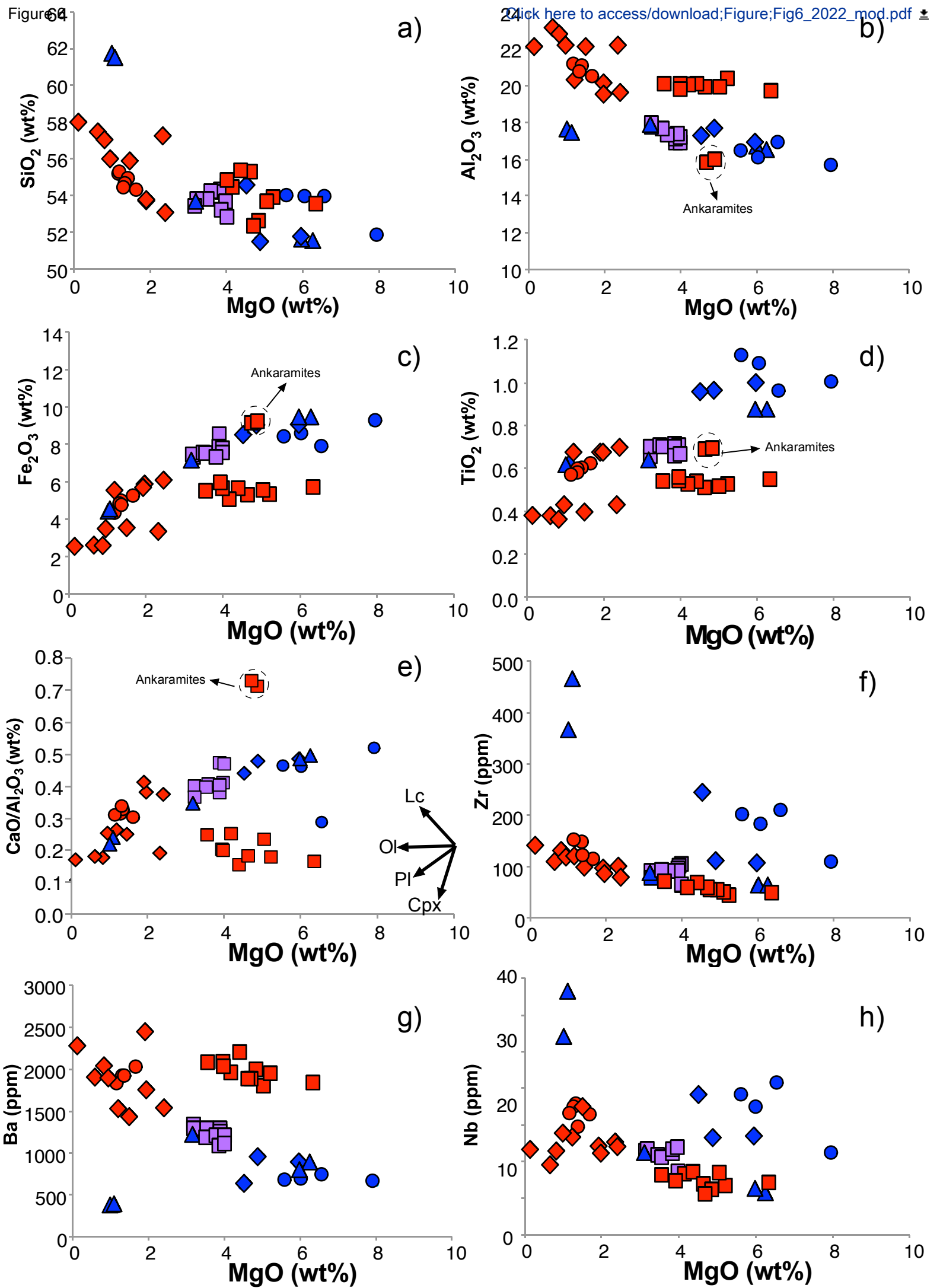


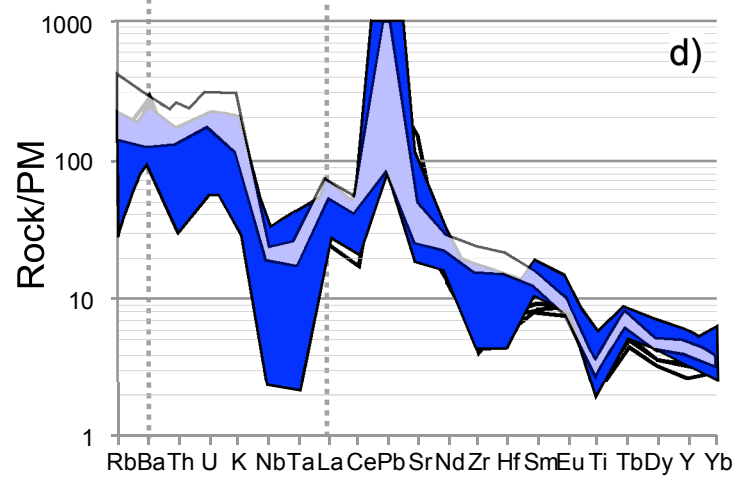
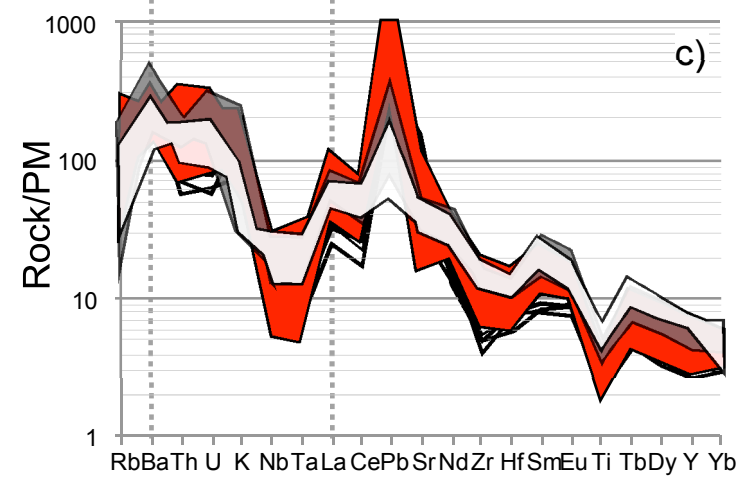
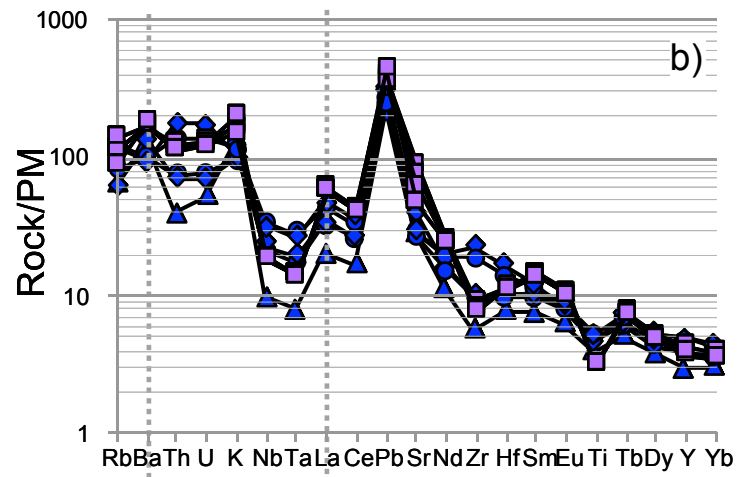
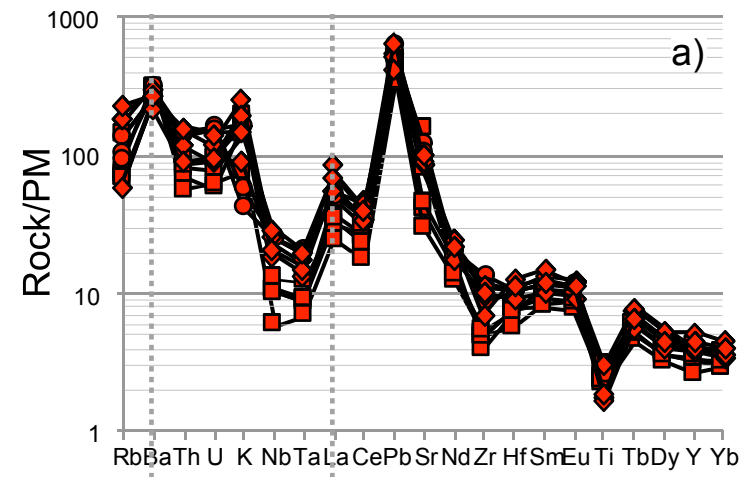
Figure 5





## Leucite-bearing rocks

## Leucite-free rocks



■ Plagiocleucitites (EP)

■ Lahrud, Moghan (NW Iran)

□ Eastern Pontides

Figure 8

*Leucite-bearing rocks*

*Leucite-free rocks*

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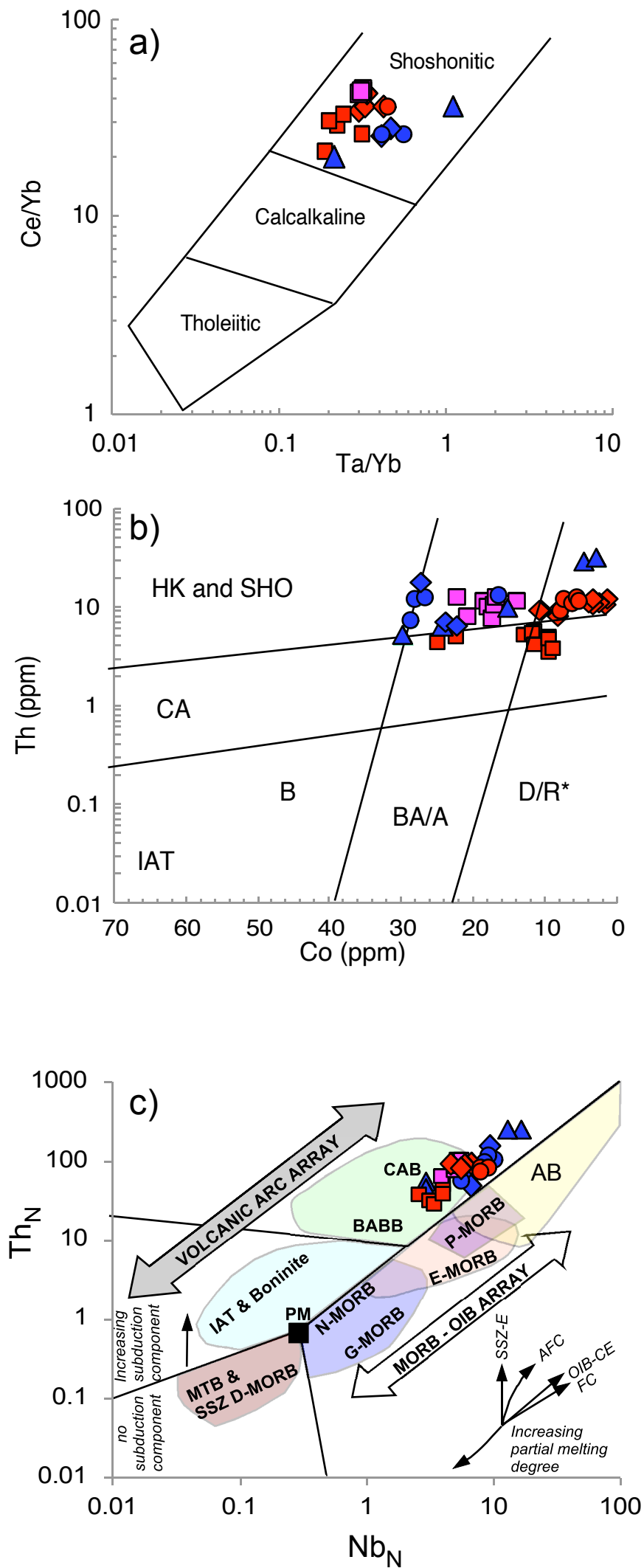
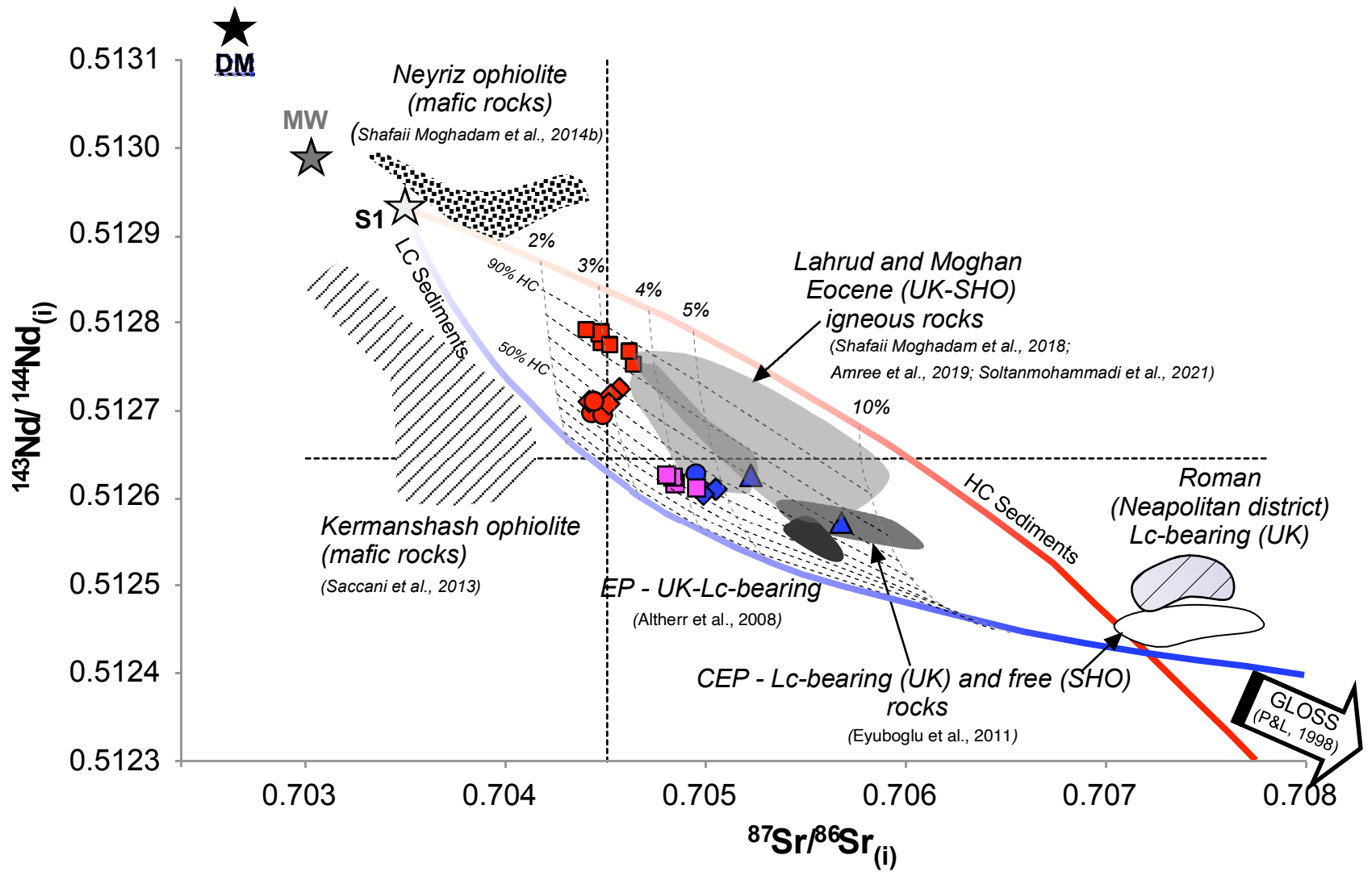
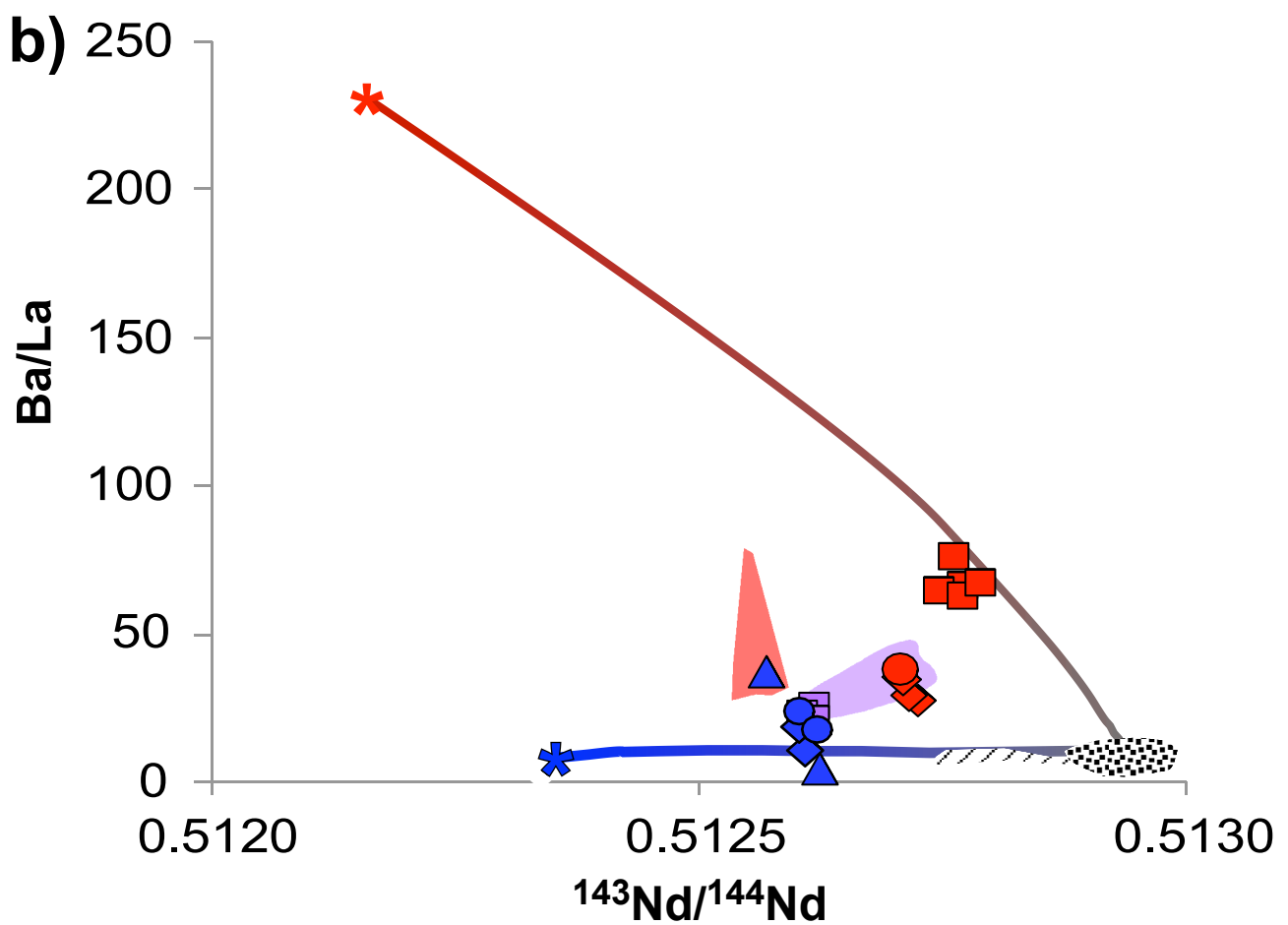
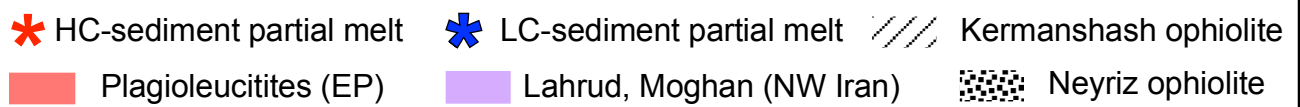
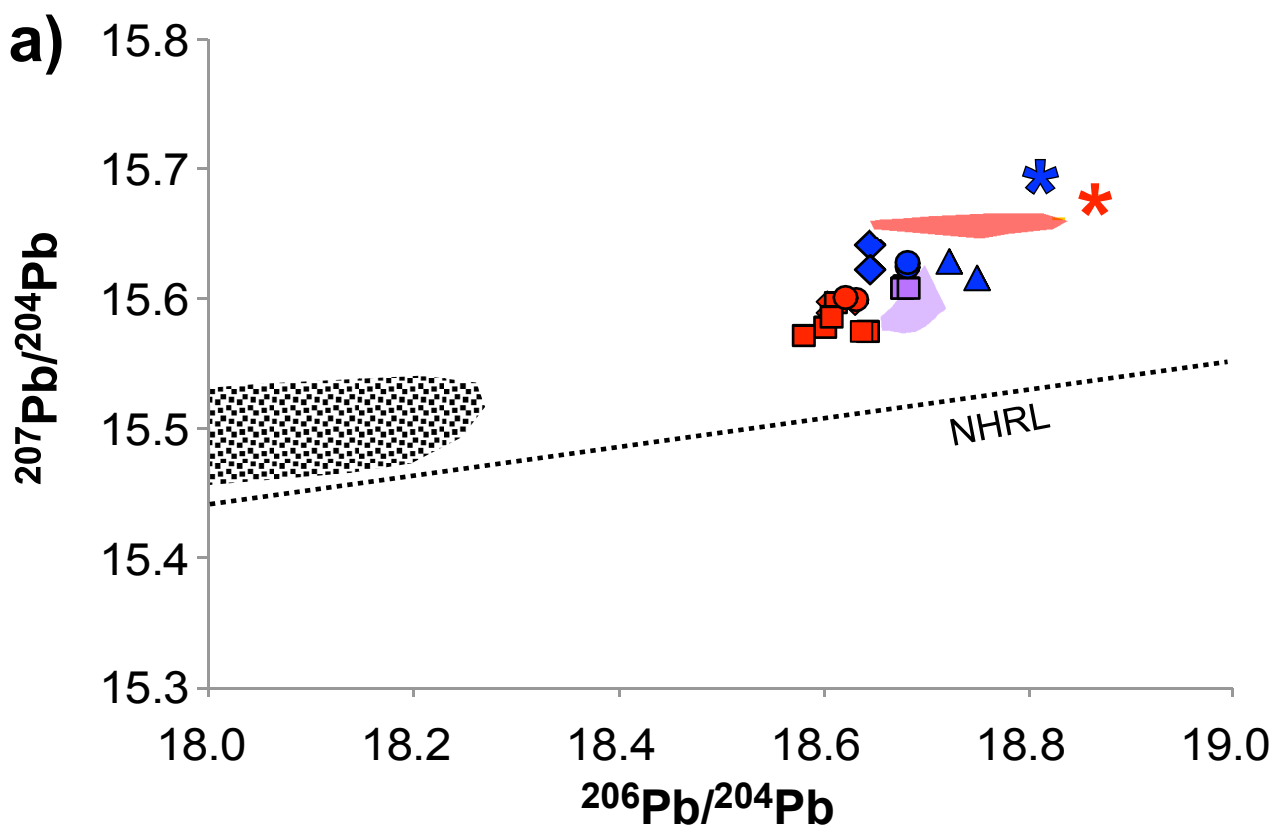
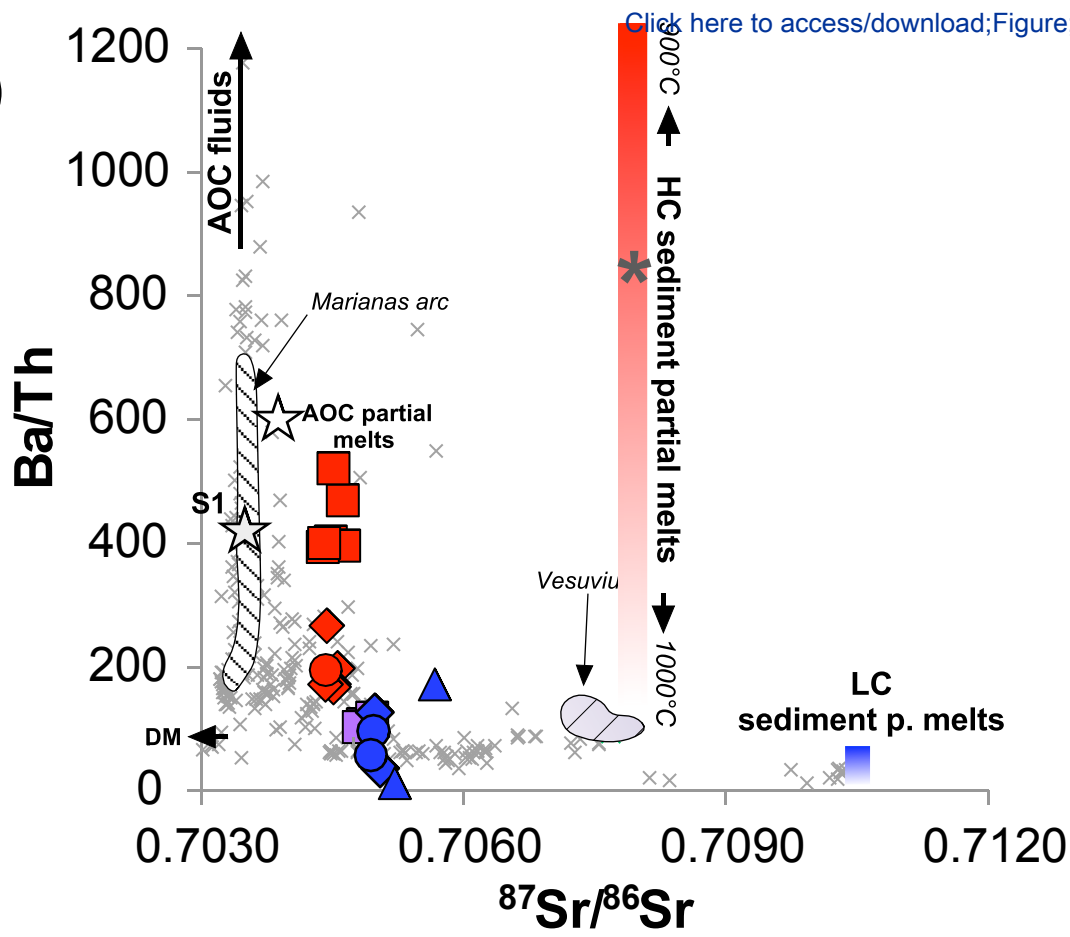


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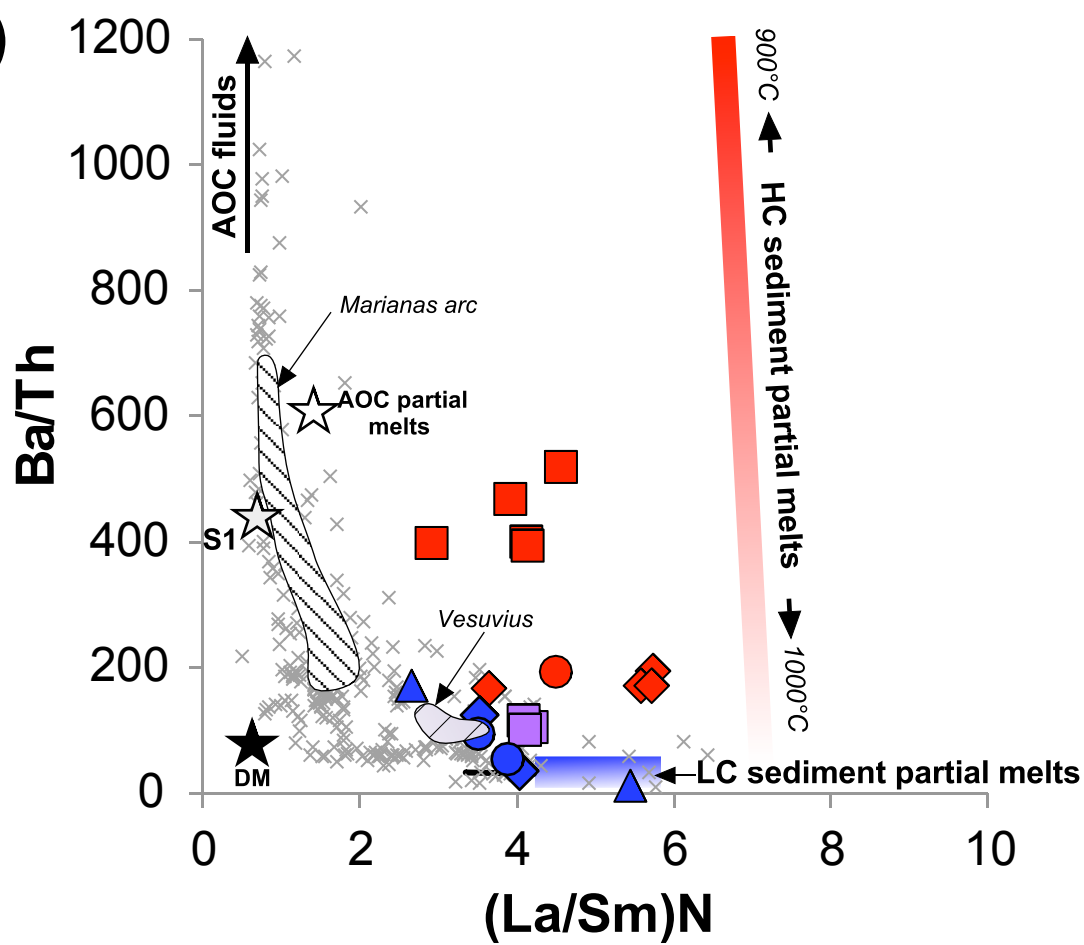




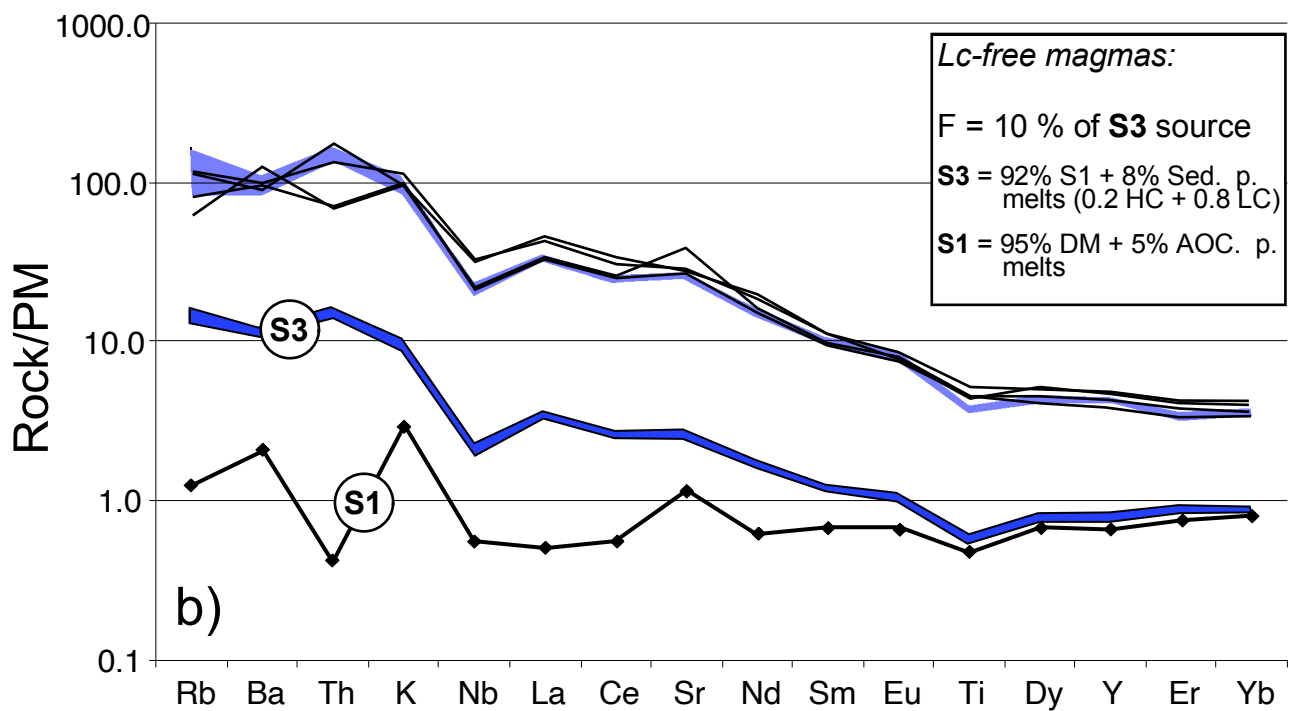
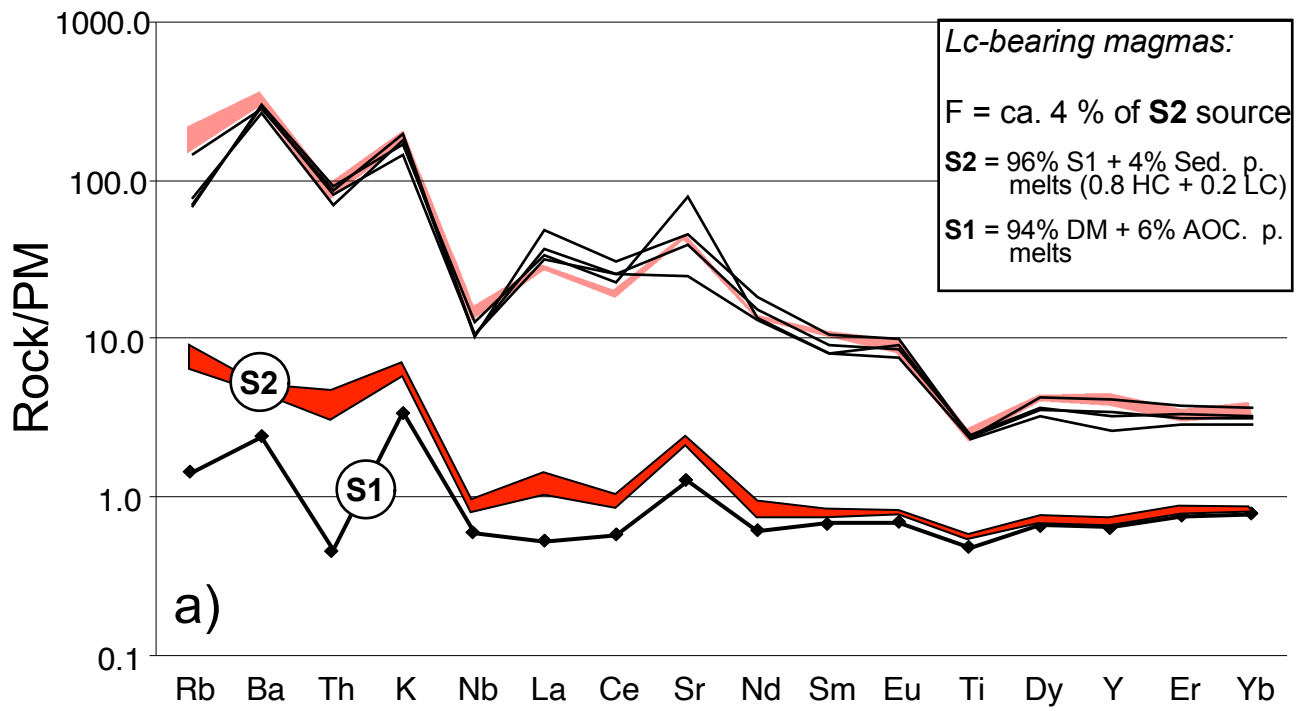
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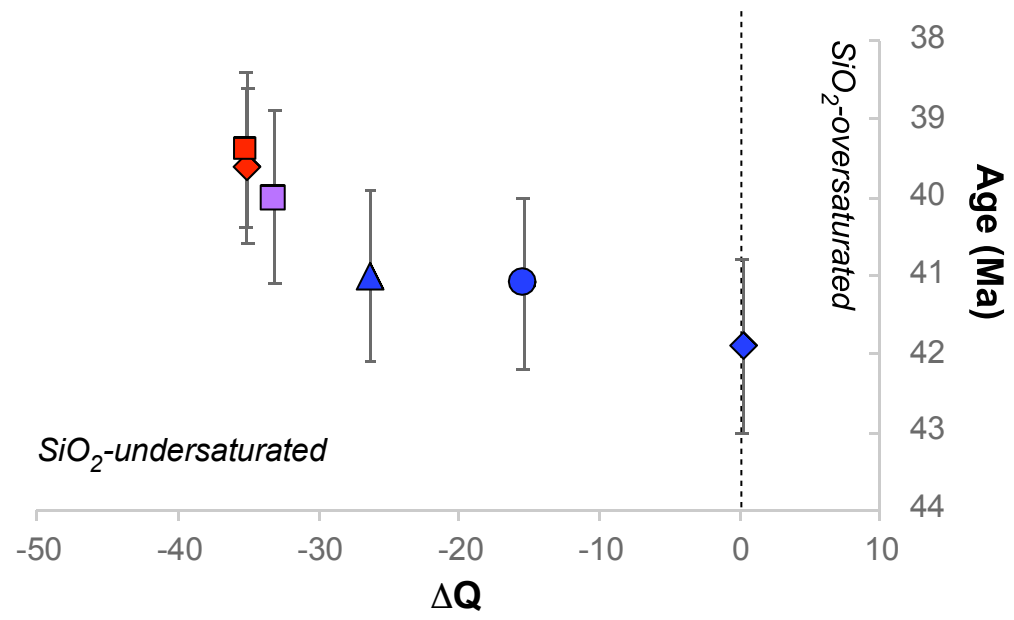


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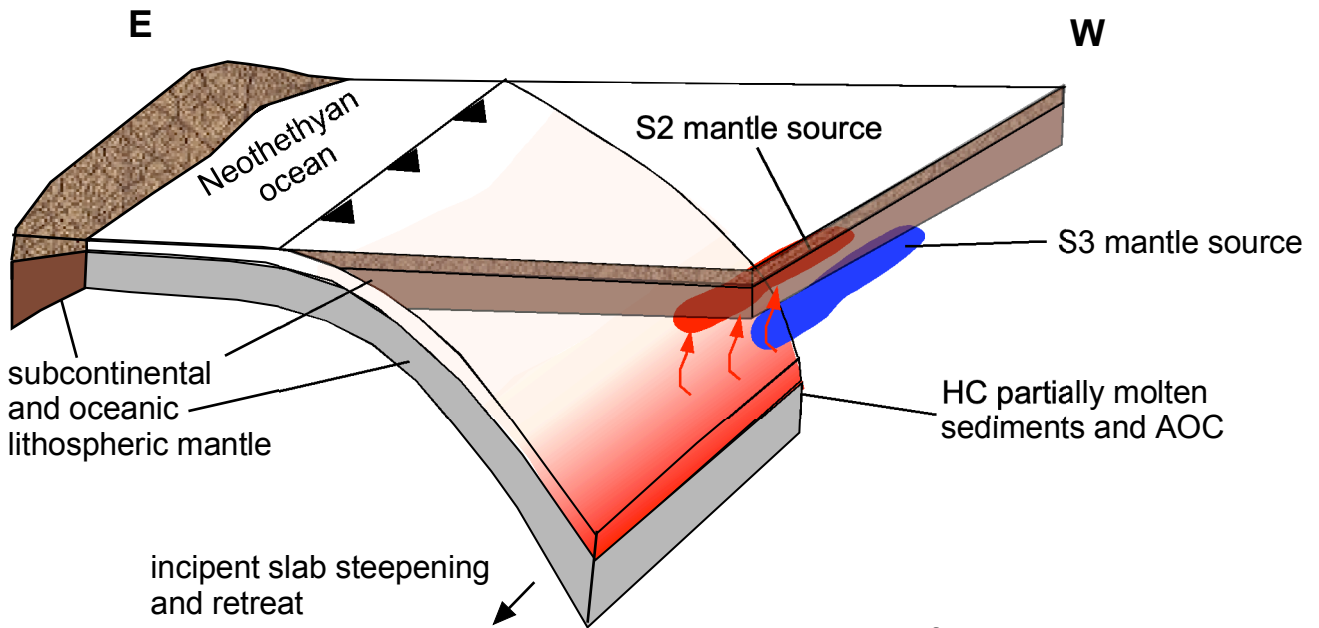
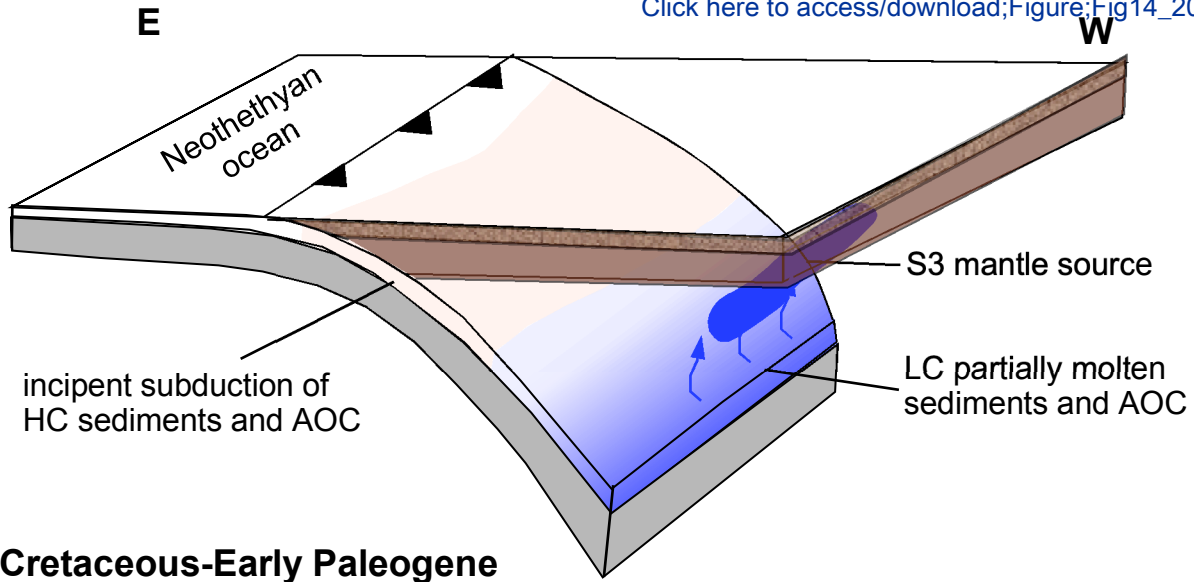




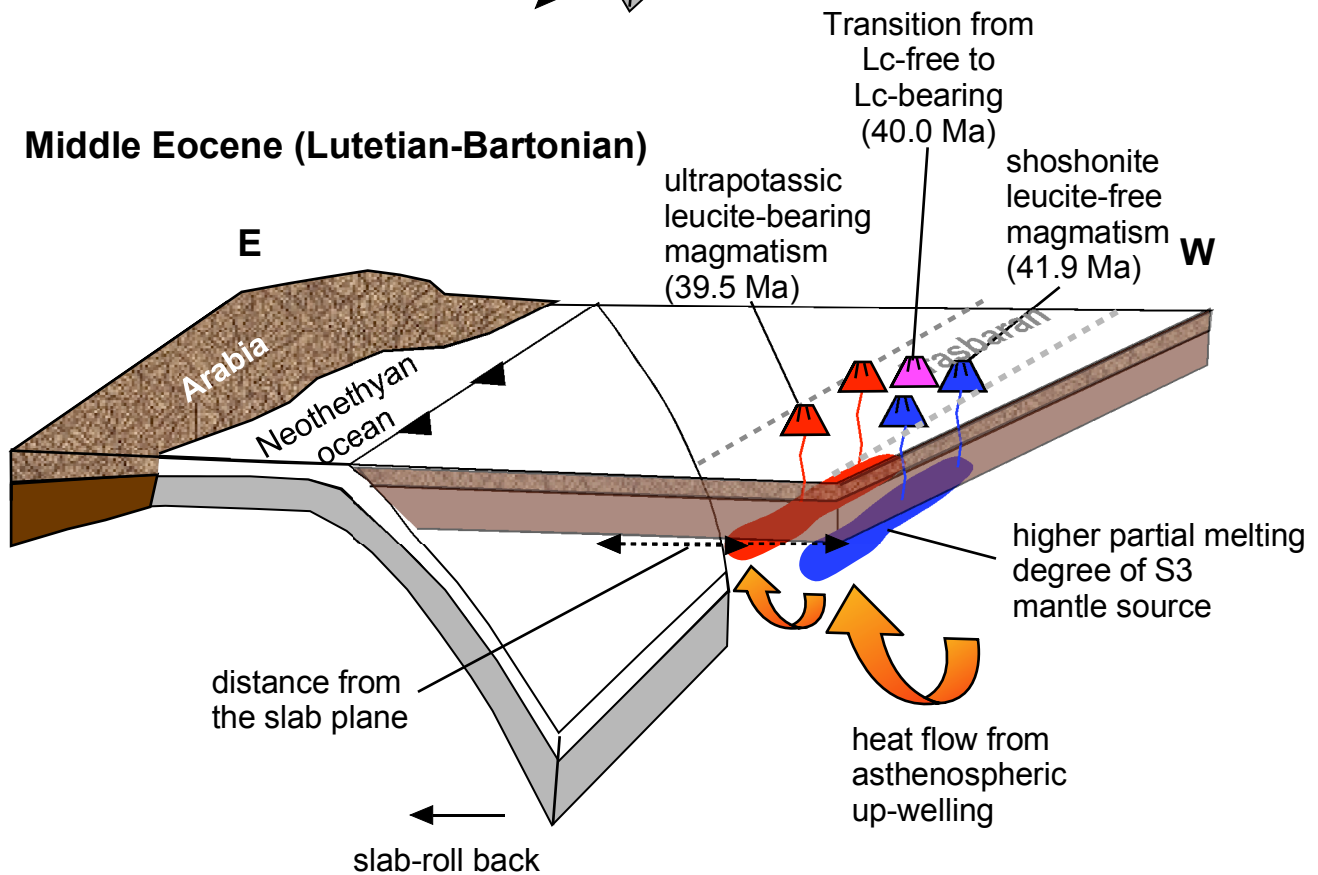




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b) **Middle Eocene (Lutetian-Bartonian)**



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Lithology	Lava	Lava	Lava	Lava	Lava	Lava	Lava	Lava	Lava	Lava	Lava	Lava	Lava	Dike	Dike	Dike	Dike	Dike	Lava	Lava	Lava	Lava	Lava	Lava	Lava	Lava	Lava	Lava	Columnar lava flow	
Rock-type	Le-free	Le-free	Le-free	Le-free	Le-free	Le-free	Le-free	Le-free	Le-free	Le-free	Le-free	Le-free	Le-free	Trachite	Bas.	Tr-And.	Bas.	Tr-And.	Tr-And.	Ph-Trachite	Le-bearing	Le-bearing	Le-bearing	Le-bearing	Le-bearing	Le-bearing	Le-bearing	Le-bearing	Le-bearing	
Classification	Tr-And.	Tr-And.	Tr-And.	Tr-And.	Tr-And.	Tr-And.	Tr-And.	Tr-And.	Tr-And.	Tr-And.	Tr-And.	Tr-And.	Tr-And.	Moradlu	Moradlu	Moradlu	Moradlu	Moradlu	Moradlu	Moradlu	Tr-And.	Tr-And.	Tr-And.	Tr-And.	Tr-And.	Tr-And.	Tr-And.	Tr-And.	Tr-And.	
Locality	Marallu	Marallu	Marallu	Marallu	Marallu	Marallu	Marallu	Marallu	Marallu	Marallu	Marallu	Marallu	Marallu	Trachite	Bas.	Tr-And.	Bas.	Tr-And.	Tr-And.	Ph-Trachite	Majid Abad	Majid Abad	Majid Abad	Majid Abad	Majid Abad	Majid Abad	Majid Abad	Majid Abad	Majid Abad	Gheshlagh
Latitude	38.9459051	38.9459954	38.9465935	38.9457806	38.9459436	38.9561972	38.9562259	38.9579623	38.9585147	38.9599503	38.9605733	38.9584426	38.8028251	38.8028341	38.8030825	38.8030823	38.7991213	38.7158643	38.7143556	38.7168686	38.7150633	38.7154252	38.7201523	38.7220457	38.7230337	38.7220588	38.7136686	38.7448248		
Longitude	47.8794081	47.8794002	47.8788937	47.8811681	47.8814978	47.8373524	47.8372843	47.8358998	47.8361526	47.8360252	47.8367078	47.8394844	47.8705157	47.8705161	47.8699389	47.8699504	47.8214028	47.3709702	47.3680568	47.3672082	47.3678157	47.3681841	47.3661205	47.3647223	47.369321	47.3689668	47.4012808	47.4958826		
SiO <sub>2</sub> (wt%)	52.22	52.62	52.78	52.09	52.80	51.15	47.41	51.81	51.40	51.94	51.95	52.10	59.96	60.16	49.75	49.73	52.26	54.78	53.00	51.41	55.72	51.89	54.98	50.98	54.59	53.48	54.12	51.09		
TiO <sub>2</sub>	0.67	0.69	0.68	0.69	0.69	0.66	0.66	0.60	0.64	0.64	0.68	0.63	0.68	0.61	0.60	0.84	0.84	0.62	0.35	0.65	0.64	0.36	0.65	0.36	0.67	0.41	0.41	0.38	0.52	
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	17.33	16.90	16.86	16.76	16.65	17.92	13.72	16.40	16.44	16.55	17.20	17.14	16.96	17.10	15.93	16.08	17.39	21.88	19.55	18.71	21.31	19.46	22.18	18.88	21.18	21.22	21.42	18.80		
Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	7.22	7.54	7.27	7.49	7.37	6.70	9.29	7.02	7.31	8.30	7.05	7.29	4.27	4.27	9.02	8.97	6.89	2.47	5.30	5.62	2.46	5.40	2.53	5.85	3.19	3.32	3.38	5.36		
MnO	0.19	0.19	0.19	0.19	0.19	0.18	0.19	0.18	0.19	0.18	0.18	0.11	0.11	0.16	0.16	0.18	0.18	0.15	0.18	0.18	0.15	0.21	0.14	0.21	0.15	0.14	0.11	0.17		
MgO	3.16	3.81	3.52	3.88	3.79	3.79	3.79	5.85	3.80	3.92	3.83	3.15	3.43	1.08	1.00	6.05	5.77	3.10	0.80	1.16	1.88	0.13	1.86	0.61	2.32	2.23	0.92	1.43	6.08	
CaO	6.90	6.66	6.82	6.87	6.28	7.51	10.32	7.76	7.69	6.68	6.29	6.80	4.08	3.75	7.88	7.79	6.05	3.85	5.13	7.17	3.65	8.00	4.03	7.06	4.05	5.40	5.37	3.04		
Na <sub>2</sub> O	2.68	3.23	2.41	3.58	1.76	3.85	6.60	3.30	3.35	4.45	3.87	2.72	4.05	4.13	2.54	2.57	4.01	4.43	5.32	5.80	4.20	4.48	4.99	6.51	4.51	5.99	5.70	5.25		
K <sub>2</sub> O	5.94	5.03	6.11	4.81	7.01	4.59	1.85	5.62	5.54	4.41	5.96	5.83	6.09	6.10	4.08	4.19	6.13	7.04	4.98	3.39	7.91	3.82	5.72	2.62	4.62	4.18	4.52	4.31		
P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	0.75	0.73	0.74	0.76	0.69	0.55	0.79	0.99	0.91	0.72	0.88	0.76	0.32	0.32	0.34	0.36	0.77	0.19	0.64	0.87	0.16	0.83	0.14	0.93	0.37	0.42	0.36	0.82		
LOI	2.94	2.62	2.63	2.88	2.77	3.14	3.39	2.48	2.60	2.24	2.85	3.08	2.48	2.45	3.40	3.53	2.60	4.05	4.09	4.32	3.96	3.40	4.32	3.97	4.69	4.53	3.21	4.56		
Sum	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	
Ba (ppm)	1311	1185	1275	1202	1279	1135	1913	1067	1082	1241	1212	1192	368	371	873	822	1217	2042	1527	1749	2281	2443	1906	1538	5019	1886	1427	1832		
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Co	17	18	17	22	18	18	25	21	17	17	14	17	3	5	30	24	15	2	8	8	1	11	3	11	3	4	4	9		
Cr	47	38	44	41	37	26	114	48	49	53	48	35	17	27	72	67	44	10	16	30	9	26	9	28	12	17	10	12		
Cu	169	165	163	164	164	130	156	180	178	155	168	174	32	32	100	103	160	41	50	116	80	75	54	95	58	109	30	181		
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Nb	13	13	12	13	12	7	7	13	10	13	13	12	38	31	7	7	12	13	15	13	13	14	11	14	14	16	20	8		
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Rb	111	85	102	80	129	93	76	96	78	64	91	104	208	176	60	60	105	94	118	62	115	66	134	56	69	155	47	49		
Sc	15	14	13	15	14	13	23	15	14	16	13	14	8	8	19	18	13	3	6	10	4	11	3	8	4	4	5	8		
Sr	1667	1886	1984	1625	1827	2489	607	1140	931	975	965	1311	325	261	604	498	1139	1653	1030	1773	1685	2018	2099	1931	3689	2176	1875	751		
Th	10	11	10	12	10	5	7	8	7	12	11	10	30	29	5	6	10	10	9	8	12	9	11	9	10	11	12	3		
V	209	200	209	196	209	205	266	211	229	220	193	212	44	44	239	241	182	84	192	234	88	243	83	247	100	108	43	171		
Y	21	22	21	21	20	19	14	23	18	20	19	20	27	21	18	17	19	20	26	21	22	23	16	20	13	14	12	15		
Zn	64	72	64	70	67	56	70	53	55	80	61	69	47	46	54	55	60	52	63	77	49	67	53	76	54	60	49	55		
Zr	89	97	90	101	94	55	44	89	65	85	75	91	464	364	63	64	85	131	120	83	142	93	110	78	98	116	99	46		

M-32	M-33	M-34	M-35	M-36	M-37	M-38	M-39	M-40	M-41	M-42	M-43	M-44	M-45	M-46	M-47	M-48	M-49	M-51	M-52	M-53	M-54	M-55	M-56	M-57	M-58	M-59	M-60	
Pillow	Pillow	Pillow	Pillow	Columnar lava flow	Columnar lava flow	Pillow	Columnar lava flow	Pillow	Pillow	Columnar lava flow	Lava	Lava	Pillow	Lava	Lava	Lava	Lava	Lava	Lava	Lava	Lava	Lava	Lava	Lava	Lava	Lava	Lava	
Lc-bearing Tr-And. Gheshlagh	Lc-bearing Tr-And. Gheshlagh	Lc-bearing Tr-And. Gheshlagh	Lc-bearing Tr-And. Gheshlagh	Lc-bearing Tr-And. Gheshlagh	Lc-bearing Tr-And. Gheshlagh	Lc-bearing Tr-And. Gheshlagh	Lc-bearing Tr-And. Gheshlagh	Lc-bearing Tr-And. Gheshlagh	Lc-bearing Tr-And. Gheshlagh	Lc-bearing Tr-And. Gheshlagh	Lc-bearing Tr-And. Moshiran	Lc-bearing Tr-And. Moshiran	Lc-bearing Tr-And. Moshiran	Lc-bearing Tr-And. Moshiran	Lc-bearing Tr-And. Moshiran	Lc-bearing Tr-And. Moshiran	Lc-bearing Tr-And. Moshiran	Lc-bearing Tr-And. Moshiran	Lc-bearing Tr-And. Moshiran	Lc-bearing Tr-And. Moshiran	Lc-free Bas. Tr-And. S. Moshiran	Lc-free Bas. Tr-And. S. Moshiran	Lc-free Bas. Tr-And. S. Moshiran	Lc-free Tr-And. Tullun	Lc-free Tr-And. Tullun	Lc-free Tr-And. Tullun	Lc-free Tr-And. Tullun	
38.7451281	38.7562069	38.7556365	38.7627018	38.7604231	38.7570949	38.760427	38.7600865	38.7478394	38.7467993	38.7458287	38.7302594	38.7711075	38.7195846	38.7797263	38.7118642	38.7021909	38.7028287	38.7051955	38.69866	38.69027	38.6691001	38.6396829	38.6402442	38.9262968	38.9263349	38.9671141	38.9671135	
47.4977109	47.4885812	47.4887111	47.503813	47.5054594	47.5098191	47.5211901	47.5219376	47.5090922	47.5088601	47.5087456	47.5466533	47.6325006	47.5299777	47.543613	47.5748866	47.5743325	47.5776898	47.579856	47.5747002	47.5649496	47.5565741	47.6023064	47.6009711	48.0575946	48.0576737	47.9867806	47.9868037	
49.45	51.91	50.92	52.75	51.56	51.91	52.58	51.13	50.34	49.81	51.53	50.38	51.80	52.14	51.99	52.05	52.34	52.75	53.00	52.32	52.18	54.26	50.68	50.54	52.30	51.10	53.05	53.11	
0.51	0.53	0.51	0.51	0.50	0.50	0.48	0.49	0.65	0.65	0.51	0.60	0.59	0.52	0.62	0.59	0.56	0.58	0.55	0.57	0.60	0.95	0.95	0.98	0.93	0.99	1.07	1.11	
17.90	18.77	18.56	19.17	19.54	19.09	18.91	19.04	15.26	15.04	19.07	17.19	19.12	19.10	19.35	19.29	19.91	20.16	20.38	19.94	19.73	17.19	17.41	16.58	16.41	15.46	15.81	16.15	
5.80	5.61	5.89	5.36	5.01	4.80	5.05	5.22	8.61	8.63	5.11	6.39	4.99	5.44	5.39	5.03	4.67	4.55	4.12	4.73	5.10	8.43	8.88	8.91	7.65	9.10	8.46	8.26	
0.16	0.16	0.16	0.15	0.17	0.16	0.14	0.16	0.19	0.19	0.16	0.17	0.18	0.17	0.20	0.18	0.19	0.17	0.19	0.19	0.15	0.18	0.17	0.12	0.17	0.14	0.16	0.16	
3.28	3.77	3.55	4.22	5.02	4.00	4.43	4.83	4.67	4.50	3.41	3.53	1.93	3.82	1.66	1.22	1.27	1.34	1.13	1.29	1.59	4.50	4.80	5.84	6.36	7.82	5.93	5.49	
5.61	3.78	4.07	2.91	3.47	4.80	3.42	4.41	10.87	10.97	4.73	5.81	6.44	3.80	5.95	7.60	6.20	6.55	6.28	6.69	5.94	7.59	8.35	8.07	4.66	7.98	7.24	7.47	
5.64	5.54	5.47	4.39	4.05	4.00	4.36	5.03	2.51	2.75	3.61	7.18	4.85	7.87	7.24	7.17	4.65	4.83	5.55	6.37	3.04	4.02	3.48	3.11	2.57	2.70	2.73		
4.26	4.09	4.14	5.21	5.56	5.26	5.12	4.22	2.19	2.17	6.28	5.25	1.68	4.87	1.87	1.22	3.14	4.82	4.91	3.85	3.70	2.93	2.61	2.87	4.78	2.95	3.37	3.33	
0.70	0.74	0.70	0.68	0.87	0.81	0.67	0.80	0.43	0.44	0.70	0.76	0.65	0.63	0.72	0.60	0.67	0.61	0.62	0.61	0.64	0.35	0.51	0.52	0.49	0.37	0.48	0.45	
6.70	5.11	6.02	4.65	4.25	4.67	4.84	4.67	4.28	4.85	4.90	6.30	5.42	4.66	4.37	4.97	3.88	3.80	4.02	4.26	3.96	0.62	1.62	2.02	3.20	1.50	1.75	1.74	
100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1919	2011	2226	2191	1927	1950	1875	1806	1961	1890	2061	1673	2235	2097	2002	1956	1922	1918	1830	1926	2029	635	951	894	748	664	691	698	
62	58	49	60	69	60	58	47	42	60	55	83	58	92	85	96	90	89	93	87	83	62	64	92	65	73	76	76	
11	13	14	12	9	10	11	10	23	25	12	12	8	12	9	8	6	7	7	6	28	22	24	17	29	28	27	27	
9	12	10	7	10	14	10	13	43	49	10	22	19	13	19	38	19	22	16	16	24	47	128	206	44	267	158	151	
183	180	179	187	189	202	198	196	187	185	187	217	152	152	153	147	150	162	166	159	155	64	66	74	100	83	90	92	
26	31	31	33	31	41	25	36	30	34	43	34	43	33	45	51	50	56	50	61	53	61	35	49	58	29	52	41	
8	8	8	10	8	9	8	9	7	6	9	11	17	10	18	20	20	17	19	20	19	20	15	15	24	13	20	22	
1	2	2	3	5	4	4	3	17	15	6	7	bdl	2	bdl	bdl	bdl	4	3	1	bdl	12	25	47	19	80	60	55	
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56	48	53	55	95	55	59	30	52	50	56	72	64	42	96	74	118	93	100	115	57	89	58	47	124	66	84	84	
8	7	7	6	7	7	7	7	18	17	7	10	7	6	7	7	8	6	6	7	7	17	15	16	13	20	17	17	
962	835	827	767	957	1383	629	1043	3257	3034	2327	1225	2540	1677	2309	2323	2248	2069	1991	2616	2149	594	1090	831	625	569	581	607	
5	5	5	5	4	5	4	5	5	4	6	4	10	5	10	13	12	11	10	11	11	18	6	7	13	7	12	12	
171	166	167	168	170	162	155	173	325	317	170	245	144	151	162	159	145	157	139	163	164	188	215	208	160	209	182	188	
15	15	15	18	13	16	15	16	16	16	17	19	15	15	16	17	20	21	22	22	20	29	25	23	27	20	25	27	
68	68	69	63	56	54	57	55	72	72	52	58	83	65	89	89	79	73	62	80	80	71	76	75	69	77	71	75	
59	57	59	67	44	58	55	53	55	52	70	73	97	60	95	121	123	127	149	147	113	244	110	108	211	108	183	203	

Sample	M-04	M-06	M-12	M-14	M-15	M-17	M-21	M-26	M-27	M-29	M-32	M-33	M-36	M-38	M-40	M-44	M-45	M-47	M-51	M-54	M-56	M-58	M-60	
Lithology	Lava	Lava	Lava	Lava	Dike	Dike	Lava	Lava	Lava	Lava	Pillow	Pillow	Columnar lava flow	Pillow	Pillow	Lava	Pillow	Lava	Lava	Lava	Lava	Lava	Lava	
Rock-type	Lc-free	Lc-free	Lc-free	Lc-free			Lc-bearing	Lc-bearing	Lc-bearing	Lc-bearing	Lc-bearing	Lc-bearing	Lc-bearing	Lc-bearing	Lc-bearing	Lc-bearing	Lc-bearing	Lc-bearing	Lc-bearing	Lc-bearing	Lc-free	Lc-free	Lc-free	Lc-free
Classification	Tr-And.	Tr-And.	Tr-And.	Tr-And.	Trachite	Bas. Tr-And.	Tr-And.	Tr-And.	Tr-And.	Tr-And.	Tr-And.	Tr-And.	Tr-And.	Tr-And.	Tr-And.	Ankaramite	Tr-And.	Tr-And.	Tr-And.	Tr-And.	Bas. Tr-And.	Bas. Tr-And.	Bas. Tr-And.	Tr-And.
Locality	Marallu	Marallu	Marallu	Marallu	Moradlu	Moradlu	Majid Abad	Majid Abad	Majid Abad	Majid Abad	Gheshlagh	Gheshlagh	Gheshlagh	Gheshlagh	Gheshlagh	Moshiran	Moshiran	Moshiran	Moshiran	Moshiran	S. Moshiran	S. Moshiran	Tulun	Tulun
Rb (ppm)	71.8	71.3	55.2	88.1	156	41.3	102.6	119.0	37.0	144.1	56.5	44.2	91.2	48.6	44.6	58.5	42.7	63.6	87.4	73.3	39.4	51.6	74.3	
Sr	1747	1547	913	1314	262	520	1802	1914	1594	2152	848	701	957	518	2932	2217	1594	1820	1736	477	666	466	509	
Y	17.9	19.6	17.9	16.9	16.2	13.5	23.4	17.2	18.3	20.1	15.8	14.8	18.7	12.0	15.2	19.0	15.8	18.5	18.1	22.0	18.9	17.2	21.7	
Zr	140	143	139	147	430	85	152	127	154	168	92	99	94	97	65	152	99	149	149	216	126	123	191	
Nb	13.4	13.3	13.2	13.5	58.4	6.8	16.2	13.4	14.6	20.8	7.2	7.6	7.3	7.5	4.2	18.2	9.0	18.0	18.4	22.5	15.9	15.0	23.4	
La	40.0	41.3	39.1	39.3	36.1	13.7	52.9	38.8	37.3	48.4	27.4	25.7	33.2	21.5	16.8	35.5	23.2	36.5	35.6	31.7	23.7	23.0	29.7	
Ce	74.9	77.1	73.1	75.4	76.8	29.8	74.5	61.3	78.3	69.8	46.4	45.6	55.1	45.8	30.7	61.9	40.4	63.5	63.8	60.8	46.0	44.3	55.4	
Pr	8.22	8.56	8.09	8.16	6.99	3.44	8.81	6.62	8.11	8.24	5.35	5.15	6.28	4.47	3.87	6.95	4.67	7.07	6.83	6.75	5.31	5.11	6.37	
Nd	32.9	33.9	32.5	32.6	24.7	14.8	32.7	24.6	33.5	30.2	21.4	20.6	24.7	18.0	17.1	27.6	18.6	27.6	27.1	26.7	21.9	20.8	25.5	
Sm	6.17	6.49	6.15	6.22	4.28	3.33	5.94	4.48	6.59	5.47	4.15	4.02	4.69	3.54	3.72	5.22	3.62	5.14	5.10	5.07	4.35	4.22	4.93	
Eu	1.72	1.80	1.71	1.73	0.69	1.04	2.09	1.55	2.02	1.88	1.49	1.45	1.69	1.27	1.47	1.98	1.53	1.84	1.90	1.30	1.36	1.26	1.44	
Gd	5.66	5.94	5.61	5.65	4.10	3.27	5.73	4.38	6.16	5.16	3.97	3.88	4.59	3.46	3.85	5.79	3.96	5.58	5.68	5.56	4.78	4.37	5.34	
Tb	0.78	0.82	0.78	0.78	0.61	0.54	0.81	0.61	0.86	0.73	0.58	0.56	0.66	0.50	0.55	0.75	0.55	0.72	0.72	0.77	0.68	0.64	0.75	
Dy	3.54	3.80	3.60	3.52	3.02	2.82	3.78	2.91	3.93	3.38	2.79	2.72	3.13	2.40	2.74	3.32	2.63	3.25	3.23	3.83	3.32	3.02	3.70	
Ho	0.70	0.75	0.70	0.70	0.65	0.59	0.77	0.59	0.76	0.68	0.58	0.56	0.64	0.49	0.54	0.67	0.54	0.65	0.65	0.79	0.69	0.62	0.76	
Er	1.88	2.01	1.91	1.87	1.92	1.58	2.15	1.67	2.00	1.91	1.63	1.60	1.80	1.39	1.46	1.83	1.51	1.83	1.81	2.18	1.87	1.67	2.12	
Tm	0.30	0.33	0.31	0.30	0.35	0.26	0.37	0.28	0.31	0.32	0.27	0.27	0.30	0.23	0.26	0.32	0.28	0.32	0.32	0.38	0.35	0.30	0.37	
Yb	1.77	1.89	1.76	1.74	2.12	1.48	2.18	1.70	1.84	1.95	1.66	1.61	1.82	1.42	1.45	1.82	1.56	1.82	1.78	2.19	1.81	1.68	2.06	
Lu	0.27	0.29	0.28	0.26	0.34	0.23	0.34	0.26	0.28	0.31	0.26	0.25	0.28	0.22	0.22	0.28	0.25	0.29	0.28	0.35	0.27	0.26	0.32	
Hf	3.40	3.48	3.46	3.58	9.71	2.38	3.33	2.82	3.86	3.46	2.30	2.43	2.33	2.42	1.75	3.30	2.32	3.18	3.14	4.98	3.03	2.90	4.12	
Ta	0.58	0.58	0.56	0.58	2.34	0.32	0.67	0.55	0.62	0.82	0.36	0.37	0.37	0.36	0.28	0.82	0.50	0.81	0.80	1.04	0.75	0.70	1.07	
Th	10.0	10.6	9.7	9.6	20.6	3.4	13.1	10.0	7.6	13.5	6.8	6.8	7.3	6.0	4.8	12.2	7.8	12.2	12.1	14.9	5.8	6.1	11.4	
U	2.69	2.73	2.58	2.70	6.09	1.10	2.50	1.86	2.01	3.04	2.49	1.66	1.92	1.20	1.32	3.37	2.02	3.43	3.18	3.56	1.43	1.54	2.81	

Sample	M-04	M-06	M-12	M-14	M-15	M-17	M-21	M-25	M-26	M-27	M-29	M-32	M-33	M-36 Columnar lava flow	M-38	M-39 Columnar lava flow	M-40	M-44	M-45	M-47	M-51	M-54	M-56	M-58	M-60	
Lithology	Lava	Lava	Lava	Lava	Dike	Dike	Lava	Lava	Lava	Lava	Lava	Lava	Pillow	Pillow			Pillow	Lava	Pillow	Lava	Lava	Lava	Lava	Lava	Lava	
Petrography	Lc-free	Lc-free	Lc-free	Lc-free			Lc-bearing	Lc-bearing	Lc-bearing	Lc-bearing	Lc-bearing	Lc-bearing	Lc-bearing	Lc-bearing	Lc-bearing	Lc-bearing	Lc-bearing	Lc-bearing	Lc-bearing	Lc-bearing	Lc-bearing	Lc-bearing	Lc-free	Lc-free	Lc-free	Lc-free
Rock-type	Tr-And.	Tr-And.	Tr-And.	Tr-And.	Trachite	Bas. Tr-And.	Tr-And.	Tr-And.	Tr-And.	Tr-And.	Tr-And.	Tr-And.	Tr-And.	Tr-And.	Tr-And.	Tr-And.	Tr-And.	Tr-And.	Tr-And.	Tr-And.	Tr-And.	Tr-And.	Bas. Tr-And.	Bas. Tr-And.	Bas. Tr-And.	Bas. Tr-And.
Locality	Marallu	Marallu	Marallu	Marallu	Moradlu	Moradlu	Majid Abad	Majid Abad	Majid Abad	Majid Abad	Majid Abad	Gheshlagh	Gheshlagh	Gheshlagh	Gheshlagh	Gheshlagh	Ankaramite	Moshiran	Moshiran	Moshiran	Moshiran	S.Moshiran	S.Moshiran	Tulun	Tulun	
Age (Ma)	40.0	40.0	<b>40.0</b>	40.0	41.0	<b>41.0</b>	39.6	<b>39.6</b>	39.6	39.6	39.6	40	40	<b>39.4</b>	40	39.4	<b>24.4</b>	40	40	40	40	<b>41.9</b>	41.9	<b>41.1</b>	41.1	
err	1.1	1.1	<b>1.1</b>	1.1	1.1	<b>1.1</b>	1.0	<b>1.0</b>	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.1	<b>1.0</b>	1.1	1.0	<b>0.7</b>	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	<b>1.1</b>	1.1	<b>1.1</b>	1.1	
Rb (ppm)	72	71	55	88	156	41	103	*66	119	37	144	56	44	91	49	*30	45	59	43	64	87	73	39	52	74	
Sr	1747	1547	913	1314	262	520	1802	*2018	1914	1594	2152	848	701	957	518	*1043	2932	2217	1594	1820	1736	477	666	466	509	
<sup>87</sup> Sr/ <sup>86</sup> Sr	0.704926	0.704920	0.704920	0.705089	0.706297	0.705836	0.704662	0.704492	0.704627	0.704560	0.704535	0.704574	0.704578	0.704684	0.704769	0.704437	0.704434	0.704517	0.704681	0.704476	0.704522	0.705305	0.705089	0.705173	0.705179	
2 $\sigma$ e	0.000008	0.000007	0.000007	0.000006	0.000007	0.000007	0.000007	0.000007	0.000007	0.000007	0.000007	0.000007	0.000007	0.000008	0.000007	0.000007	0.000007	0.000007	0.000006	0.000006	0.000007	0.000007	0.000008	0.000007	0.000007	
<sup>87</sup> Sr/ <sup>86</sup> Sr <i>j</i>	0.704852	0.704840	0.704812	0.704959	0.705217	0.705669	0.704569	0.704438	0.704522	0.704513	0.704418	0.704479	0.704483	0.704521	0.704615	0.704390	0.704407	0.704476	0.704640	0.704424	0.704439	0.705045	0.704991	0.704977	0.704946	
2 $\sigma$ e <sup>e</sup>	0.000010	0.000010	0.000011	0.000012	0.000082	0.000015	0.000010	0.000008	0.000010	0.000007	0.000011	0.000010	0.000010	0.000015	0.000014	0.000008	0.000007	0.000007	0.000007	0.000007	0.000010	0.000020	0.000011	0.000016	0.000018	
Nd (ppm)	33	34	33	33	25	15	33	nd	25	33	30	21	21	25	18	nd	17	28	19	28	27	27	22	21	26	
Sm	6.2	6.5	6.1	6.2	4.3	3.3	5.9	nd	4.5	6.6	5.5	4.2	4.0	4.7	3.5	nd	3.7	5.2	3.6	5.1	5.1	5.1	4.4	4.2	4.9	
<sup>143</sup> Nd/ <sup>144</sup> Nd	0.512643	0.512652	0.512653	0.512640	0.512655	0.512609	0.512754	0.512737	0.512747	0.512738	0.512738	0.512818	0.512807	0.512804	0.512797	0.512793	0.512826	0.512725	0.512782	0.512728	0.512740	0.512642	0.512638	0.512640	0.512658	
2 $\sigma$ e	0.000005	0.000006	0.000005	0.000004	0.000005	0.000007	0.000005	0.000005	0.000005	0.000005	0.000006	0.000008	0.000005	0.000007	0.000006	0.000004	0.000005	0.000003	0.000006	0.000007	0.000012	0.000006	0.000006	0.000006	0.000005	
<sup>143</sup> Nd/ <sup>144</sup> Nd <i>j</i>	0.512614	0.512622	0.512623	0.512610	0.512627	0.512572	0.512725	nc	0.512718	0.512707	0.512709	0.512787	0.512776	0.512774	0.512765	nc	0.512791	0.512695	0.512751	0.512698	0.512710	0.512611	0.512605	0.512607	0.512627	
2 $\sigma$ e <sup>e</sup>	0.000005	0.000007	0.000005	0.000004	0.000005	0.000007	0.000005	nc	0.000005	0.000005	0.000006	0.000008	0.000005	0.000007	0.000006	nc	0.000005	0.000003	0.000006	0.000007	0.000012	0.000006	0.000006	0.000006	0.000006	
Pb* (ppm)	28	27	31	25	38	15	35	29	37	30	46.5	35.8	34.9	31.8	26.2	33	24	42	31	46	36	22	21	17	18	
U	2.69	2.73	2.58	2.70	6.09	1.10	2.50	nd	1.86	2.01	3.04	2.49	1.66	1.92	1.20	nd	1.32	3.37	2.02	3.43	3.18	3.56	1.43	1.54	2.81	
Th	10.0	10.6	9.7	9.6	20.6	3.4	13.1	*9.2	10.0	7.6	13.5	6.8	6.8	7.3	6.0	*4.6	4.8	12.2	7.8	12.2	12.1	14.9	5.8	6.1	11.4	
<sup>206</sup> Pb/ <sup>204</sup> Pb	18.717	18.717	18.717	18.720	18.770	18.772	18.630	18.633	18.634	18.637	18.628	18.667	18.621	18.669	18.599	18.620	18.628	18.660	18.637	18.650	18.664	18.707	18.670	18.717	18.739	
2 $\sigma$ e	0.002	0.002	0.003	0.002	0.002	0.003	0.002	0.002	0.002	0.002	0.002	0.002	0.002	0.003	0.001	0.002	0.003	0.003	0.002	0.004	0.003	0.001	0.002	0.002	0.002	
<sup>208</sup> Pb/ <sup>204</sup> Pb	38.844	38.842	38.861	38.838	38.893	38.896	38.735	38.723	38.747	38.738	38.707	38.691	38.691	38.710	38.663	38.632	38.742	38.761	38.744	38.758	38.749	38.868	38.780	38.835	38.857	
2 $\sigma$ e	0.004	0.005	0.006	0.005	0.003	0.007	0.003	0.005	0.004	0.004	0.006	0.005	0.003	0.007	0.002	0.003	0.006	0.007	0.004	0.009	0.007	0.003	0.004	0.004	0.005	
<sup>207</sup> Pb/ <sup>204</sup> Pb	15.609	15.608	15.609	15.607	15.630	15.617	15.598	15.596	15.600	15.598	15.591	15.574	15.576	15.573	15.571	15.558	15.584	15.597	15.596	15.601	15.597	15.643	15.622	15.626	15.627	
2 $\sigma$ e	0.002	0.002	0.003	0.002	0.001	0.003	0.001	0.002	0.002	0.002	0.003	0.002	0.001	0.003	0.001	0.001	0.002	0.003	0.002	0.003	0.003	0.001	0.001	0.002	0.002	
<sup>206</sup> Pb/ <sup>204</sup> Pb <i>j</i>	18.679	18.676	18.683	18.676	18.704	18.743	18.601	nc	18.613	18.611	18.602	18.639	18.602	18.645	18.581	nc	18.607	18.628	18.611	18.621	18.629	18.639	18.641	18.681	18.676	
2 $\sigma$ e <sup>e</sup>	0.011	0.012	0.010	0.012	0.014	0.011	0.010	nc	0.010	0.010	0.010	0.011	0.010	0.010	0.010	nc	0.010	0.011	0.011	0.011	0.011	0.013	0.010	0.011	0.014	
<sup>208</sup> Pb/ <sup>204</sup> Pb <i>j</i>	15.608	15.606	15.607	15.605	15.627	15.616	15.596	nc	15.599	15.597	15.590	15.573	15.575	15.572	15.570	nc	15.584	15.596	15.595	15.599	15.596	15.639	15.620	15.624	15.624	
2 $\sigma$ e <sup>e</sup>	0.010	0.010	0.010	0.010	0.010	0.010	0.010	nc	0.010	0.010	0.010	0.010	0.010	0.009	0.010	nc	0.010	0.010	0.010	0.010	0.010	0.010	0.010	0.010	0.010	
<sup>207</sup> Pb/ <sup>204</sup> Pb <i>j</i>	38.796	38.792	38.819	38.786	38.819	38.867	38.685	nc	38.712	38.705	38.669	38.666	38.666	38.680	38.633	nc	38.716	38.722	38.711	38.724	38.705	38.775	38.742	38.787	38.773	
2 $\sigma$ e <sup>e</sup>	0.032	0.031	0.032	0.030	0.033	0.031	0.031	nc	0.032	0.029	0.031	0.030	0.030	0.031	0.031	nc	0.030	0.032	0.032	0.031	0.031	0.034	0.030	0.031	0.032	

Initial values are calculated on the basis of the age of the different suites of rocks measured on selected representative samples (highlighted in bold). Age propagated error (2 $\sigma$ e<sup>e</sup>) are obtained by MonteCarlo simulation. \* data by XRF



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