

Boron isotopic signatures of melt inclusions from North Iceland reveal recycled material in the Icelandic mantle source

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Abstract

Trace element and volatile heterogeneity in the Earth's mantle is influenced by the recycling of oceanic lithosphere through subduction. Oceanic island basalts commonly have high concentrations of volatiles compared to mid-ocean ridge basalts, but the extent to which this enrichment is linked to recycled mantle domains remains unclear. Boron is an ideal tracer of recycled subducted material, since only a small percentage of a recycled component is required to modify the bulk $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ of the source mantle. Boron isotopic compositions of primary melts thus have potential to trace the fate of recycled subducted material in the deep mantle, and to constrain the lengthscales of lithologic and compositional heterogeneities in diverse tectonic settings.

We present new measurements of volatiles, light elements and boron isotopic ratios in basaltic glasses and melt inclusions that sample the mantle at two endmember spatial scales. Submarine glasses from the Reykjanes Ridge sample long-wavelength mantle heterogeneity on the broad scale of the Iceland plume. Crystal-hosted melt inclusions from the Askja and Bárðarbunga volcanic systems in North Iceland sample short-wavelength mantle heterogeneity close to the plume centre. The Reykjanes Ridge glasses record only very weak along-ridge

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enrichment in B content approaching Iceland, and there is no systematic variability in $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ along the entire ridge segment. These observations constrain ambient Reykjanes Ridge mantle to have a $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ of -6.1‰ ($2\text{SD}=1.5\text{‰}$, $2\text{SE}=0.3\text{‰}$). The North Iceland melt inclusions have widely variable $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ between -20.7 and $+0.6\text{‰}$. We screen melt inclusions against influence from crustal contamination, identifying high [B] and low $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ as fingerprints of assimilation processes. Only the most primitive melt inclusions with $\text{MgO}\geq 8$ wt.% reliably record mantle-derived $\delta^{11}\text{B}$. In North Iceland, incompatible trace element (ITE)-depleted primitive melt inclusions from Holuhraun record a $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ of -10.6‰ , a signal that has also been seen in melt inclusions from southwest Iceland (Gurenko and Chaussidon, 1997). In contrast, primitive ITE-enriched melt inclusions from nearby Askja volcano record a $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ of -5.7‰ , overlapping with our new constraint on the $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ of Reykjanes Ridge mantle. Coupled [B], $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ and $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ signatures of more evolved melt inclusions from North Iceland are consistent with primary melts assimilating $<5\text{-}20\%$ of hydrothermally altered basaltic hyaloclastite as they ascend through the upper crust.

Our data reveal the presence of a depleted, low- $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ and an enriched, higher- $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ mantle component, both intrinsic to the Icelandic mantle source and distinct from Reykjanes Ridge mantle. Non-modal melting calculations suggest that the enriched and depleted mantle components both contain ~ 0.085 $\mu\text{g/g}$ B, slightly lower than the $0.10\text{-}0.11$ $\mu\text{g/g}$ calculated for Reykjanes Ridge mantle. These data are consistent with the Icelandic mantle containing B-depleted dehydrated recycled oceanic lithosphere, in keeping with the low B/Pr of Icelandic melt inclusions in comparison to Reykjanes Ridge glasses or MORB. Our new data provide strong support for the role of recycled subducted lithosphere in melt generation at ocean islands, and highlight the need for careful screening of melt inclusion compositions in order to study global volatile recycling in ocean island basalts.

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1. Introduction

The chemical flux of volatile elements from the Earth's interior to its surface environments is governed by partial melting of the mantle followed by magma ascent and eruption. Volatiles are returned to the deep mantle through the tectonic recycling of oceanic lithosphere at subduction zones. Over billion-year residence times in the mantle, this subducted material is stretched and thinned so that its geochemical signature is attenuated, creating lithologic, isotopic and volatile element heterogeneities on a range of lengthscales (Allègre and Turcotte, 1986; Kellogg and Turcotte, 1987). Melting of recycled oceanic lithosphere has long been recognised as generating the compositional variability observed in ocean island and mid-ocean ridge basalts (OIB and MORB), through the lithophile radiogenic isotopic compositions (Sr, Nd, Pb, e.g. White and Hofmann, 1982; White, 1985; Zindler and Hart, 1986; Jackson et al., 2012; Stracke, 2012; White, 2010, 2015) and major and trace element systematics (e.g. Langmuir and Hanson, 1980; Weaver, 1991; Hirschmann and Stolper, 1996; Prytulak and Elliott, 2007; Sobolev et al., 2007; Shorttle and MacLennan, 2011) of erupted basalts. Ocean island basalts commonly have high concentrations of volatiles in comparison to MORB (e.g. Schilling et al., 1980); however, the extent to which this volatile enrichment is linked to recycled mantle domains remains unclear (e.g. Kendrick et al., 2015, and references therein).

Boron is incompatible in silicate minerals (Brenan et al., 1998), and its bulk partitioning behaviour between peridotite minerals and basaltic melt is comparable to that of Pr (Marschall et al., 2017). The depleted mantle has a very low B concentration, and its near-uniform boron isotopic signature of $\delta^{11}\text{B} = -7.1 \pm 0.9\text{‰}$ (Marschall et al., 2017) is not significantly fractionated during melting or crystallization. In contrast, boron is concentrated in surface reservoirs such as seawater, and is both enriched and isotopically fractionated in sediments and hydrothermally altered oceanic crust and lithospheric mantle (Marschall, 2018, and references therein). Enriched and fractionated lithologies returned to the mantle in subducting slabs include: marine sediments ($[\text{B}] = 1$ to $>100 \mu\text{g/g}$, $\delta^{11}\text{B} +2$ to $+26\text{‰}$);

27 continental sediments ([B]=50-150 $\mu\text{g/g}$, $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ -13 to -8‰); altered oceanic crust ([B]=10-
28 90 $\mu\text{g/g}$, $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ 0 to +18‰); and oceanic serpentinites ([B] 10-90 $\mu\text{g/g}$, $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ +7 to +40‰)
29 (Vils et al., 2009; De Hoog and Savov, 2018). Boron concentrations and boron isotopic com-
30 positions are gradually lowered during progressive dehydration of the subducting slab (e.g.
31 Konrad-Schmolke and Halama, 2014). Nevertheless, the isotopic contrast between potential
32 recycled lithologies and depleted mantle means that only a small percentage of a recycled
33 crustal component may be required to modify significantly the boron isotopic signature of
34 the mantle, thus making boron isotopes potentially a sensitive tracer of recycled subducted
35 material (De Hoog and Savov, 2018). Boron isotopic compositions of primary melts thus
36 have potential both to trace the fate of recycled subducted material in the deep mantle,
37 and to constrain the lengthscales of lithologic and compositional heterogeneities in diverse
38 tectonic settings.

39 A number of studies have used B contents and $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ ratios of primitive basalt whole-rocks
40 and glasses to characterize recycled components in OIB mantle sources (Ryan et al., 1996;
41 Chaussidon and Jambon, 1994; Chaussidon and Marty, 1995; Tanaka and Nakamura, 2005).
42 However, a major challenge in determining the B isotopic compositions of diverse mantle
43 reservoirs is the propensity of ascending melts to assimilate altered crustal material *en route*
44 to the surface. The isotopic contrast between primary mantle melts, geothermal fluids and
45 hydrothermally altered crustal rocks means that bulk $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ in basalts is highly sensitive to
46 even small degrees (<3%) of crustal assimilation.

47 Crystal-hosted melt inclusions offer the possibility of accessing unmodified melt compo-
48 sitions. Primitive inclusions trapped during the earliest stages of fractional crystallization
49 have the highest likelihood of preserving primary mantle-derived elemental concentrations
50 and isotopic signatures (Gurenko and Chaussidon, 1997; Kobayashi et al., 2004; Maclennan,
51 2008a; Walowski et al., 2019). Furthermore, the host mineral shields the melt inclusion from
52 any further effects of crustal processing, such that the inclusion records the B abundance

53 and $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ of the surrounding melt at the time of trapping. Melt inclusion suites trapped
54 over a long crystallization interval therefore offer the potential to track chemical signatures
55 of crustal contamination as crystallization proceeds.

56 Iceland is an ideal natural laboratory for investigating mantle heterogeneity. Previous
57 workers have inferred the presence of recycled oceanic crust in the Icelandic mantle on the
58 basis of major element, incompatible trace element and radiogenic and stable isotope com-
59 positions of erupted basalts (e.g. Fitton et al., 1997; Chauvel and Hémond, 2000; Skovgaard
60 et al., 2001; Kokfelt et al., 2006; Shorttle and MacLennan, 2011; Koornneef et al., 2012b).
61 Furthermore, mantle heterogeneity is present both on the 100 km lengthscale of Iceland's
62 active neovolcanic zones (e.g. Wood et al., 1979; Zindler et al., 1979; Hanan and Schilling,
63 1997; Stracke et al., 2003; Thirlwall et al., 2004; Koornneef et al., 2012a; Shorttle et al., 2013)
64 and on the lengthscale of melt supply to a single eruption (e.g. Gurenko and Chaussidon,
65 1995; MacLennan et al., 2003; MacLennan, 2008b; Halldorsson et al., 2008; Winpenny and
66 MacLennan, 2011; Neave et al., 2013). The boron isotopic signature of the Icelandic mantle
67 has previously been estimated at $-11.3\pm 3.8\%$ (2SD; Gurenko and Chaussidon, 1997), based
68 on measurements of primitive olivine-hosted melt inclusions from Miðfell and Mælifell in the
69 Western Volcanic Zone (WVZ), and from the Reykjanes Peninsula. The WVZ inclusions
70 are typified by low ratios of incompatible trace elements such as La/Yb, which could sug-
71 gest an association between isotopically light boron and a relatively depleted mantle source.
72 However, it is not known whether low $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ signatures are typical of Icelandic basalts, nor
73 whether low $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ represents a recycled lithology that is heterogeneously distributed in the
74 Icelandic mantle. Brounce et al. (2012) assumed a $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ of -7.8% for the Icelandic mantle,
75 i.e. within the $-7.1\pm 0.9\%$ proposed for depleted MORB mantle (DMM; Marschall et al.,
76 2017), based on the least negative $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ obtained in their study of plagioclase-hosted melt
77 inclusions from the AD 1783 Laki fissure eruption. However, this value was obtained from
78 a melt inclusion containing just 6.09 wt.% MgO, sufficiently evolved that the melt $\delta^{11}\text{B}$

79 may already have been modified through crustal assimilation. The nature and lengthscale of
80 boron isotopic heterogeneity in the Icelandic mantle therefore remains poorly characterized.

81 A further consideration is that comparisons of $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ values obtained at different labora-
82 tories and using various analytical techniques must take into account analytical limitations.
83 The past decade has seen significant developments in the characterization of silicate refer-
84 ence materials for boron isotope analysis, as well as improvements to analytical protocols
85 (Marschall, 2018, and references therein). It has been suggested that measured differences in
86 $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ from the 1980s and 1990s are not likely to be significant below the 5‰ level (Marschall,
87 2018), particularly when compared with more recently acquired data. Therefore, a funda-
88 mental outstanding question is whether the existence of an isotopically light component in
89 the Icelandic mantle with $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ around -11‰ (Gurenko and Chaussidon, 1997) can be verified
90 with new high-precision analyses.

91 In this work we present new measurements of volatiles (H_2O , CO_2 , S, F, Cl), light
92 elements (B, Li), and boron isotopic ratios in two sample suites that sample the mantle at
93 two endmember spatial scales. First, we have studied a suite of olivine- and plagioclase-
94 hosted melt inclusions and glasses from North Iceland. These samples have previously been
95 analysed for their major, trace element and oxygen isotopic compositions (Hartley et al.,
96 2012; Hartley and Thordarson, 2013; Hartley et al., 2013). Importantly, the oxygen isotopic
97 signatures of the most primitive melt inclusions reflect a primitive mantle-like component
98 with $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ of $+5.2\pm 0.2\text{‰}$, whereas more evolved melt inclusions and matrix glasses have
99 lower $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ values that reflect progressive assimilation of low- $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ altered basaltic crust.
100 This sample suite is therefore ideal for identifying and characterizing both mantle-derived
101 and assimilation-modified $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ signatures on a single-eruption and rift zone scale. We also
102 present new B, Li and boron isotope data from a suite of basalt glasses from the Reykjanes
103 Ridge south of Iceland (Murton, 1995). Previous studies of elemental, isotopic and redox
104 geochemistry in these samples (Murton et al., 2002; Nichols et al., 2002; Shorttle et al.,

105 2015) reveal systematic long-wavelength mantle heterogeneity on the broad scale of the
106 Iceland plume (Schilling, 1973): glasses recovered north of 61°N at radial distances <600
107 km from the putative plume centre record increasingly enriched and oxidised geochemical
108 signatures, whereas samples collected ~1200-600 km from the plume provide a reference
109 point for the boron isotopic composition of ambient Reykjanes Ridge mantle. With these
110 datasets we examine the volatile, Li, B and boron isotopic heterogeneity in Icelandic primary
111 melts, and determine the extent to which boron isotopic compositions in Icelandic basalts are
112 controlled by crustal contamination. Our results offer insights into the contribution of deep
113 recycled mantle material to melt production, and hence the lengthscales of volatile element
114 heterogeneity across an ocean island.

115 **2. Samples and analytical methods**

116 The samples from North Iceland selected for this study comprise basaltic tephra collected
117 from a suite of eruptions located between the northern edge of Vatnajökull glacier and
118 the central part of the Askja volcanic system (Fig. 1). Sample locations and eruption
119 ages are summarized in Table S2.1. The Holuhraun samples discussed in this study were
120 probably erupted between the 1860s and 1890s, and are geochemically similar to melts from
121 the Bárðarbunga volcanic system (Hartley and Thordarson, 2013). These older lavas are
122 now partly covered by the 2014-2015 Holuhraun lava flow field (Pedersen et al., 2017). All
123 references to Holuhraun in this study refer to the older Holuhraun eruptions, unless otherwise
124 stated. The samples from Askja central volcano comprise two basaltic tuff sequences located
125 on the northeast and southwest shores of Öskjuvatn lake, erupted between 3.6 and ~3.0 ka
126 BP; basaltic tephra erupted in January 1875 (denoted 1875-J) and March 1875 (denoted
127 1875-M); and three small eruptions from the early 20th century (c.1910, 1921, and 1922-23).
128 The most northerly samples were collected from the 1875 AD Nýjahraun fissure eruption,
129 located 45-60 km north of Askja central volcano. Before performing the measurements

130 described below, all samples were thoroughly cleaned to remove old gold and carbon coatings,
131 and re-polished to remove analysis pits from previous ion probe measurements.

132 The Reykjanes Ridge samples comprise quenched basaltic glass from pillows or sheet
133 flows, collected at radial distances of ~ 1100 to ~ 400 km from the Iceland plume centre
134 (Murton, 1995; Murton et al., 2002).

135 *2.1. Volatiles and light elements*

136 Melt inclusion sulfur contents were measured alongside the major elements reported by
137 (Hartley and Thordarson, 2013), using the Cameca SX-100 electron microprobe instrument
138 at the University of Edinburgh. Precision and accuracy were monitored by repeat analyses
139 of standards with known S concentrations, and are estimated to be better than $\pm 3\%$ and
140 $\pm 5\%$ respectively.

141 Following electron microprobe analyses, a total of 165 unbreached inclusion-hosted vapour
142 bubbles and 3 fluid inclusions from 23 different crystals were analysed by micro-Raman
143 spectroscopy using a Horiba LabRam instrument at the University of Cambridge, following
144 the method outlined by Hartley et al. (2014). Olivines typically host only 1-4 melt inclusions,
145 whereas some plagioclases contain melt inclusion assemblages of 30 or more inclusions. The
146 majority of analyzed bubbles were hosted in inclusions that were not opened for geochemical
147 analysis. Of those inclusions exposed at the sample surface, twenty-one had unbreached
148 bubbles that were analysed by Raman spectroscopy, and two had breached bubbles that
149 could not be analysed. It is possible that some of the exposed inclusions hosted bubbles that
150 were completely removed during sample preparation prior to visual inspection.

151 Melt inclusion and bubble lengths and widths were measured from high-resolution pho-
152 tomicrographs taken using Zeiss AxioVision software. Inclusion and bubble volumes were
153 then calculated assuming a regular ellipsoidal shape and that depth was equal to the shorter
154 of the measured dimensions. The melt inclusions range from 5 to 300 μm in their longest

155 dimension (average 54 μm). Bubbles had diameters of 1-60 μm (average 9 μm). In all but
156 13 of the bubble-bearing melt inclusions, the bubble occupied <5% of the inclusion volume
157 (average 1.2 vol.%). Of the remaining inclusions, 12 had bubbles occupying between 5 and
158 13 vol.% of the inclusion, and one bubble comprised 42 vol.% of its host inclusion.

159 The presence of CO_2 in fluid bubbles is verified by the presence of Fermi diad peaks
160 at $\sim 1285\text{ cm}^{-1}$ and $\sim 1380\text{ cm}^{-1}$ in the Raman spectrum. The Fermi diad spacing, Δ , was
161 converted to fluid density using the equation of Kawakami et al. (2003). The fluid is assumed
162 to be pure CO_2 since we did not detect any characteristic bands corresponding to other
163 volatile species such as H_2O , SO_2 or SO_4^{2-} in any of the Raman spectra.

164 Following Raman analyses, volatile (CO_2 , H_2O , F, Cl) and light element (B, Li) concen-
165 trations in 74 melt inclusions and 31 matrix glasses were determined by secondary ion mass
166 spectrometry (SIMS) using the Cameca ims-4f instrument at the Edinburgh Ion Microprobe
167 Facility. CO_2 was measured first, with the instrument configured to a high mass resolution
168 to resolve any interference by $^{24}\text{Mg}^{2+}$ on the $^{12}\text{C}^+$ peak. The remaining elements were then
169 measured in the same spots during a second round of analyses with the instrument configured
170 to lower mass resolution. Precision and accuracy for CO_2 and H_2O were monitored by repeat
171 analyses of standards with known compositions (Shishkina et al., 2010) and were $\pm 10.8\%$
172 and $\pm 10\%$ for CO_2 , and $\pm 8\%$ and $\pm 8\%$ for H_2O . Precision and accuracy for light elements
173 were monitored by repeat analyses of glass standards NIST-SRM610, GSA-1G, GSD-1G,
174 and BCR2-G. Accuracy was typically better than $\pm 5\%$ for Li, $\pm 6\%$ for B, and $\pm 20\%$ for F
175 and Cl. Average precision was as follows: Li, $\pm 3\%$; B, $\pm 4\%$; F, $\pm 11\%$; Cl, $\pm 22\%$. All errors
176 are 2σ .

177 Boron and lithium concentrations were measured in 65 basalt glasses from the Reykjanes
178 Ridge in a separate session under similar operating conditions. Each sample was measured
179 twice or three times, and the results averaged.

180 *2.2. Boron isotopes*

181 Boron isotopic ratios in North Iceland samples were measured for 63 melt inclusions and
182 37 matrix glasses using the Cameca ims-1270 instrument at the Edinburgh Ion Microprobe
183 Facility. Samples were re-polished to remove old analysis pits. Boron isotope analyses were
184 then made in the same locations as the volatile and light elements, with the exception of 6
185 glasses that were not previously analysed. Five silicate glass standards with known boron
186 isotopic ratios (GSD-1G, StHs6/80-G, GOR128-G, GOR132-G and BCR2-G) were measured
187 at regular intervals during the session to assess precision and accuracy. Standard glass GSA-
188 1G was mounted alongside the unknowns and analysed at regular intervals to monitor and
189 correct for instrumental drift. The mean internal precision was $0.95 \pm 0.47\%$ (2SD) across
190 the five glass standards. The external precision, or reproducibility, is estimated at 1.49%
191 based on $n=19$ measurements on GSD-1G. The propagated uncertainty on the correction
192 for instrumental mass fractionation is equivalent to $\pm 0.28\%$. The reported total analytical
193 uncertainties on the North Iceland unknowns take into account the internal precision (un-
194 certainty on an individual analysis), the external precision, and the propagated uncertainty
195 on the instrumental mass fractionation correction, and range from 2.2 to 6.3% (2SD; aver-
196 age 3.5%). Full details of the error propagation calculation are provided as supplementary
197 information.

198 Boron isotope ratios in 50 Reykjanes Ridge glasses were measured in a separate analytical
199 session using similar operating conditions, divided into three sub-sessions based on minor
200 differences in beam conditions. Precision and accuracy were monitored using the same set
201 of standard glasses, with the exception of GOR132-G. Standard glass BCR-2G was mounted
202 alongside the unknowns and measured at regular intervals to monitor instrumental drift,
203 which was negligible. The mean internal precision was $0.95 \pm 0.85\%$ (2SD) across the four
204 glass standards and three sessions. The external precision was assessed through repeat mea-
205 surements on GSD-1G in each sub-session, and is 1.1% or better. Propagated uncertainty

206 on the correction for instrumental mass fractionation is equivalent to 0.5, 0.4 and 0.2‰ for
207 sub-sessions 1, 2, and 3. Each of the Reykjanes Ridge unknowns was measured at least five
208 times. The total analytical uncertainty on individual measurements ranged from 2.3 to 7.9‰
209 (2SD; average 3.3‰). We have reported the $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ values for the Reykjanes Ridge glasses as
210 the average of n measurements, and uncertainties are reported as 2 standard error of the
211 mean which ranges from 0.7 to 3.4‰ (average 1.5‰). Further details about the analytical
212 methods and data processing are provided as supplementary material.

213 3. Results

214 3.1. Summary of major elements and post-entrapment crystallization corrections

215 The major element compositions measured in glasses and melt inclusions from the Askja
216 NE and SW tuff sequences, Nýjahraun and Holuhraun, are described in detail by Hartley
217 and Thordarson (2013). The melt inclusion compositions were previously argued to be close
218 to equilibrium with their host minerals, and minimally modified by post-entrapment crystal-
219 lization (PEC). However, applying an empirical PEC correction similar to that of Neave et al.
220 (2017) reveals that some plagioclase-hosted melt inclusions did experience substantial PEC
221 prior to quenching. We added equilibrium plagioclase incrementally back into the inclusion
222 until its Al_2O_3 , FeO and MgO contents match those of Icelandic tholeiitic glasses. Following
223 this procedure, 58 out of 91 inclusions had $\text{Kd}=\frac{\text{pl-liq}}{\text{Ab-An}}$ within the range 0.27 ± 0.11 appropri-
224 ate for plagioclase-melt equilibrium above $\geq 1050^\circ\text{C}$ (Putirka, 2008). Thirty inclusions had
225 $\text{Kd}=\frac{\text{pl-liq}}{\text{Ab-An}}$ lower than the equilibrium range, and these were all hosted in $\text{An}>86$ plagioclase.
226 Applying any further PEC correction to these inclusions in order to satisfy the equilibrium
227 criterion results in unrealistically high Al_2O_3 compared with Icelandic tholeiitic glasses (Fig.
228 2); similar results have been obtained for melt inclusions in high-anorthite plagioclases from
229 the nearby Grímsvötn volcanic system (Neave et al., 2017) and the 2014-15 Holuhraun erup-
230 tion (Hartley et al., 2018). Four inclusions required subtraction of equilibrium plagioclase

231 to satisfy the equilibrium criterion. The average PEC correction for inclusions from the
232 Askja NE and SW tuff cones was 4% (range 0-18%), and for Holuhraun the average PEC
233 correction was 8% (range 4-15%). Olivine-hosted melt inclusions were corrected for PEC
234 by adding equilibrium olivine back to the inclusion until a $Kd_{\text{Fe-Mg}}^{\text{ol-liq}}$ of 0.30 (Roeder and
235 Emslie, 1970) was reached. The mean PEC correction for inclusions from Nýjahraun was
236 1.7% (range 0.0-2.5%), and for Holuhraun the average correction was 2.1% (range 0.0-6.0%).

237 Corrected major element compositions of melt inclusions are summarized in Fig. 2.
238 Following PEC correction, the most primitive melt inclusions in the sample suite contain up
239 to 9.3 wt.% MgO (Fig. 2) and are hosted in plagioclases from Holuhraun. The most evolved
240 melt inclusions from each sample have compositions that are comparable with their carrier
241 liquids, represented by the matrix glass.

242 Volatile and light element contents of melt inclusions were corrected for PEC assuming
243 that they are perfectly incompatible in olivine and plagioclase. Melt inclusion trace element
244 contents were corrected for PEC using partition coefficients from O'Neill and Jenner (2012).
245 Boron and oxygen isotopes are not significantly fractionated during basalt crystallization
246 (Eiler, 2001; Marschall et al., 2017), so no PEC correction is required.

247 *3.2. Volatiles and light elements*

248 New volatile and light element analyses for our North Iceland and Reykjanes Ridge
249 samples are summarized in Fig. 3, and plotted against similarly incompatible trace elements
250 in Fig. 4.

251 *Carbon dioxide*

252 The CO₂ contents of matrix glasses and the evolved Nýjahraun melt inclusions are low
253 (50-284 μg/g), and in some cases are lower than the detection limit of ~24 μg/g (Fig. 3a).
254 The more primitive melt inclusions (>6 wt.% MgO) have a wide range of CO₂ contents (365-
255 2670 μg/g), but most inclusions have CO₂ contents close to the mean values of 806 μg/g for

256 the Askja NE tuff, 1036 $\mu\text{g/g}$ for the SW tuff, and 867 $\mu\text{g/g}$ for Holuhraun.

257 We detected no Fermi diad peaks in the Raman spectra of 143 out of 165 inclusion-hosted
258 bubbles, suggesting that they contain $\ll 0.04 \text{ g/cm}^3 \text{ CO}_2$ (Hartley et al., 2014) and make no
259 significant contribution to the total melt inclusion CO_2 content (e.g. Steele-MacInnis et al.,
260 2011). These apparently empty bubbles typically occupy $<3 \text{ vol.}\%$ of their host inclusion
261 (Fig. S2.1). They are most likely true shrinkage bubbles, formed due to differential thermal
262 contraction of the host olivine and silicate melt upon quenching, and with negligible diffusive
263 transfer of CO_2 from the silicate melt into the vapour phase. CO_2 fluid was detected in 22
264 inclusion-hosted bubbles and one fluid inclusion. These were hosted in one olivine crystal
265 from Holuhraun (one bubble, one fluid inclusion); two plagioclases from the NE tuff (three
266 bubbles); and four plagioclases from the SW tuff (17 bubbles).

267 Fluid densities for the 22 CO_2 -bearing inclusion-hosted bubbles were converted to CO_2
268 contents in $\mu\text{g/g}$ on a per-inclusion basis, after estimating the volumes of the bubble and the
269 glass, following the mass-balance approach of Steele-MacInnis et al. (2011). We assumed a
270 melt density of 2750 kg/m^3 for the mass balance calculations. The calculated bubble CO_2
271 contents range from 86 to $>11,000 \mu\text{g/g}$ (average $1860 \mu\text{g/g}$). For CO_2 -bearing bubbles,
272 there is a strong positive correlation between bubble CO_2 content and the bubble volume
273 fraction of the melt inclusion.

274 We find no differences in the glass CO_2 contents of bubble-bearing versus bubble-free
275 inclusions. Given that 143 out of 165 inclusion-hosted bubbles contain no detectable CO_2
276 and are most probably true shrinkage bubbles, we can assume that melt inclusion glasses
277 typically record the total melt inclusion CO_2 content at quenching. For three of our melt
278 inclusions (two olivine-hosted inclusions from Holuhraun and one plagioclase-hosted inclusion
279 from the SW tuff) it is necessary to add the glass and bubble CO_2 contents to yield the total
280 inclusion CO_2 content. These inclusions have total CO_2 contents of 880-1980 $\mu\text{g/g}$, within
281 the ranges of measured glass CO_2 contents in the same samples. The percentage of CO_2

282 sequestered into the fluid phase were 5% and 13% for the two Holuhraun inclusions, and
283 73% for the plagioclase-hosted inclusion from the SW tuff.

284 *Water*

285 Melt inclusion H₂O contents for Holuhraun and the Askja tuff sequences cluster around
286 0.39±0.08 wt.%, with no statistically significant differences between eruptions and no corre-
287 lation of H₂O with MgO (Fig. 3b). Most Nýjahraun melt inclusions lie between the most
288 H₂O-rich and H₂O-poor matrix glasses, and the positive correlation of H₂O with MgO sug-
289 gests that these inclusions were trapped as H₂O was degassing. A single melt inclusion
290 containing 0.98 wt.% H₂O may record the undegassed pre-eruptive melt H₂O content.

291 *Sulfur, fluorine, chlorine*

292 Melt inclusion sulfur contents are variable (typically 400-1730 µg/g; Fig. 3c), and are
293 negatively correlated with MgO (R²=0.63).

294 The North Iceland matrix glasses contain an average 400±180 (2SD) µg/g fluorine (Fig.
295 3d). They have similar F contents to the evolved melt inclusions, suggesting that there was
296 minimal F degassing before the matrix glasses were quenched. More primitive melt inclusions
297 contain 60-620 µg/g F. In olivine-hosted melt inclusions, F is negatively correlated with MgO
298 (Fig. S2.2), but this correlation is absent for plagioclase-hosted melt inclusions (Fig. S2.3).

299 Chlorine in matrix glasses ranges from 75 to 380 µg/g (Fig. 3e). Holuhraun melt in-
300 clusions contain 60-185 µg/g Cl, and Cl is negatively correlated with MgO. Melt inclusions
301 from the Askja tuff cones have slightly higher Cl contents of 110-395 µg/g, and are more
302 Cl-rich at any given MgO content than inclusions from Holuhraun.

303 *Boron, lithium*

304 Both B and Li are broadly negatively correlated with MgO (Fig. 3f,g), consistent with a
305 dominant fractional crystallization control on the concentrations of these incompatible trace

306 elements. All the glasses and melt inclusions measured in this study contain between 0.3
307 and 2.9 $\mu\text{g/g}$ B, similar to the B contents measured in global MORB datasets (Marschall
308 et al., 2017). Several Reykjanes glasses, and a small number of melt inclusions, have slightly
309 higher [B] than the main population of North Iceland melt inclusions. Two Reykjanes Ridge
310 glasses located <500 km from the putative Iceland plume centre have slightly higher [B] than
311 most Reykjanes Ridge samples; however, the apparent increase in the mean [B] of Reykjanes
312 Ridge samples approaching Iceland is not significant on the lengthscale of the whole dataset
313 (Fig. 5b).

314 Askja and Holuhraun matrix glasses contain 0.1-9.2 $\mu\text{g/g}$ Li (Fig. 3g). Reykjanes Ridge
315 glasses contain 3.7-6.7 $\mu\text{g/g}$ Li, and there is no systematic along-ridge variability in Li content
316 (Fig. 5a). They are compositionally indistinguishable from the main population of North
317 Iceland melt inclusions. A small number of melt inclusions have low Li contents down to 0.1
318 $\mu\text{g/g}$, and two inclusions have anomalously high Li contents up to 16 $\mu\text{g/g}$.

319 3.3. Boron and oxygen isotopes

320 Boron isotopic compositions of the North Iceland melt inclusions range from -20.7 to
321 +0.6‰. Across the whole dataset the modal $\delta^{11}\text{B} = -5.9\%$, where ‘modal’ refers to the peak
322 in the probability distribution, here and throughout the text. The modal $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ values are -6.1
323 to -6.4‰ for Holuhraun and the Askja tuff sequences, and -4.9‰ for Nýjahraun (Fig. S2.7).
324 The North Iceland glasses have $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ between -10.6 and -4.0‰, and the modal $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ value
325 is -5.6‰ (Fig. S2.7). Reykjanes Ridge glasses have $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ between -7.9 and -3.6‰. Their
326 modal $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ is $-6.1 \pm (2SD = 2.0\%, 2SE = 0.5\%, n = 50)$. There is no along-ridge variability in
327 $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ (Fig. 5c) and there is no correlation between [B] and $\delta^{11}\text{B}$. For both North Iceland and
328 Reykjanes Ridge samples, the modal $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ values are higher than the $-7.1 \pm 0.9\%$ (mean of six
329 ridge segments, 2SD) proposed for uncontaminated MORB (Marschall et al., 2017). However,
330 all the North Iceland samples contain melt inclusions that are isotopically lighter than the

331 proposed MORB range. Some inclusions from Holuhraun and the Askja tuff sequences have
332 $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ within the range $-11.3\pm 3.8\%$ measured in primitive olivine-hosted melt inclusions from
333 the Western Volcanic Zone and Reykjanes Peninsula (Gurenko and Chaussidon, 1997).

334 The North Iceland melt inclusions show no statistically significant correlations between
335 $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ and indices of melt evolution. However, if literature and Reykjanes Ridge data are
336 included, the lowest $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ values appear to be associated with the most primitive melt and
337 host mineral compositions (Fig. S2.9). For olivine-hosted melt inclusions, $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ and MgO
338 are negatively correlated with $R^2=0.60$ (Fig. 6a). Plagioclase-hosted inclusions have widely
339 variable $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ at near-constant MgO or B content (Fig. S2.9): for example, melt inclusions
340 from the Askja SW tuff containing 6.0-9.0 wt.% MgO have $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ ranging from -20.7 to -2.6‰.

341 Oxygen isotopic compositions of the North Iceland melt inclusions and glasses are sum-
342 marized in Figure 6b. The strong positive correlation between $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ and MgO wt.% has
343 been interpreted as evidence of assimilation of a low- $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ basaltic crustal component (Hart-
344 ley et al., 2013). We find no statistically significant correlation between $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ and $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ in
345 the North Iceland dataset (Fig. S2.8).

346 4. Discussion

347 4.1. Melt inclusion trapping pressures

348 The boron contents and $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ signatures of basaltic magmas are potentially highly sen-
349 sitive to small degrees of assimilation of hydrothermally altered crustal material. The few
350 published measurements of [B] and $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ in Icelandic upper crustal materials suggest that
351 they have high B contents of $\sim 3\text{-}12\ \mu\text{g/g}$, and heterogeneous boron isotopic compositions
352 between -18.3 and -4.4‰ (Raffone et al., 2008, 2010). Thus, even small degrees of upper
353 crustal assimilation could exert strong influence on the boron contents and $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ of ascending
354 basaltic magmas, particularly when the concentration and isotopic contrasts between melt
355 and assimilant are high. In contrast, the Icelandic lower crust is constructed through repeated

356 melt injections (e.g. Greenfield and White, 2015, and references therein), thus there will be
357 little compositional or isotopic difference between melts intruded into the lower crust and
358 their surrounding material. Melt inclusions trapped during crystallization in the lower crust
359 are therefore expected to record the least modified boron isotopic compositions, since their
360 carrier melts will have had minimal opportunity to assimilate B-rich, isotopically distinctive
361 altered upper crustal material.

362 Melt inclusion and glass equilibration pressures can be estimated using the position of
363 the olivine-plagioclase-augite-melt (OPAM) thermal minimum, provided that the melt is
364 saturated in all three phases. All the North Iceland samples contain olivine, clinopyroxene
365 and plagioclase crystals, although it is not possible to visually assess whether glassy melt
366 inclusions were trapped from a three phase-saturated melt. We calculated OPAM equilibra-
367 tion pressures for the North Iceland melt inclusions and glasses using the Yang et al. (1996)
368 parameterization of the OPAM barometer, following the method of Hartley et al. (2018).
369 The calculation is performed in two steps. First, equations 1-3 of Yang et al. (1996) are
370 solved iteratively at 1 MPa intervals between -0.5 and 1.5 GPa. The predicted cation mole
371 fractions of Mg, Ca and Al are then compared with the input melt composition, and the
372 best fitting model equilibration pressure is chosen to minimise the χ^2 misfit between mea-
373 sured and predicted melt compositions. Second, the quality of fit between the predicted and
374 measured melt compositions is assessed by using the χ^2 vs. pressure distribution to define a
375 significance criterion P_F , whereby only samples that pass the filter $P_F \geq 0.8$ are considered
376 to be three phase-saturated (Hartley et al., 2018). The high threshold of the P_F filter ensures
377 that one- or two-phase-saturated melts that could yield erroneously high OPAM pressures
378 are effectively screened out and not considered further.

379 We calculated OPAM equilibration pressures for the North Iceland melt inclusions using
380 both measured and PEC-corrected compositions. Only 20 out of 121 measured melt inclu-
381 sion compositions met the $P_F \geq 0.8$ criterion, rising to 53 inclusions when PEC-corrected

382 compositions are considered. The returned equilibration pressures are summarized in Fig.
 383 7. The highest pressure of 0.57 GPa was returned for a plagioclase-hosted melt inclusion
 384 from the SW tuff. Assuming a mean crustal density of 2860 kg/m³, this corresponds to a
 385 depth of 20.5 km. The crustal thickness is 30-35 km in the Askja region (Darbyshire et al.,
 386 2000), so our deepest-trapped melt inclusion records crystallization in the lower crust (e.g.
 387 Winpenny and MacLennan, 2011). The modal equilibration pressures are 0.36 GPa (12.9
 388 km) for Holuhraun, 0.31 GPa (11.1 km) for the NE tuff, and 0.47 GPa (16.6 km) for the
 389 SW tuff. The lowest equilibration pressures of 0.10-0.15 GPa (3.6-5.3 km) were for olivine-
 390 hosted inclusions from Holuhraun. No melt inclusions from Nýjahraun passed the $P_F \geq 0.8$
 391 criterion.

392 There appears to be a broad correlation between melt inclusion composition and trapping
 393 pressure, with more primitive inclusions returning deeper trapping pressures. However, it
 394 is difficult to assess the significance of this relationship given the ± 0.13 GPa uncertainty
 395 of the OPAM barometer. The median $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ decreases with decreasing pressure (Fig. 7b),
 396 although the magnitude of this decrease is smaller than analytical uncertainty on individual
 397 measurements. The $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ values are widely scattered across the entire crystallization interval.
 398 To characterise the dispersion of $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ we use the median absolute deviation, σ^* , which is
 399 not sensitive to outliers:

$$\sigma^* = k \text{med}(|x_i - \text{med}(x_j)|) \quad (1)$$

400 where $k \approx 1.48$ for normally distributed data, and $\text{med}(x_i)$ refers to the median of ordered
 401 dataset x_i . We assume that, at any given pressure, the dispersion in $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ is normally
 402 distributed. The median absolute deviation suggests that the variability in $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ generally
 403 increases with decreasing pressure, and is greatest in the uppermost 0.1 GPa (3.5 km) of the
 404 crust (Fig. 7b).

405 *4.2. Volatile-trace element systematics: primary versus modified signatures*

406 Figure 4 shows melt inclusion volatile concentrations each plotted against a similarly
407 incompatible trace element. These element pairs are expected to exhibit similar geochemical
408 behaviour during the crystallization of volatile-undersaturated melts (e.g. Michael, 1995;
409 Dixon and Clague, 2001; Saal et al., 2002; Michael and Graham, 2013; Rosenthal et al.,
410 2015).

411 The average CO_2/Ba recorded in melt inclusion suites is controlled by mixing between
412 variably degassed melts, such that the maximum CO_2/Ba in a melt inclusion dataset may not
413 reflect the mantle source CO_2/Ba (Matthews et al., 2017). Published estimates of CO_2/Ba
414 in nominally undegassed Icelandic melt inclusions range from 48 (Hauri et al., 2018) and
415 80-90 (Hartley et al., 2014; Neave et al., 2014) up to 396 (Miller et al., 2019). Only four
416 of our North Iceland melt inclusions could reflect undegassed or minimally degassed melts:
417 three inclusions from Holuhraun with CO_2/Ba of 77-79 and one inclusion from the Askja NE
418 tuff with $\text{CO}_2/\text{Ba}=62$. All the remaining melt inclusions have $\text{CO}_2/\text{Ba}<44$, and the nega-
419 tive correlation between CO_2 and Ba (Fig. 4a) is consistent with crystallization occurring
420 concurrently with CO_2 degassing. We used the major element compositions and total CO_2
421 contents of melt inclusions to calculate volatile saturation pressures following the method of
422 Shishkina et al. (2014). Calculated volatile saturation pressures fall between 0.37 and 0.02
423 GPa, and are on average 0.18 GPa lower than the equivalent OPAM pressure (Fig. S2.11).
424 This discrepancy, combined with the number of inclusions with apparently CO_2 -free bubbles
425 in our sample set, suggests that many of the inclusions have been affected by decrepitation.
426 This occurs when the internal pressure of the inclusion exceeds the tensile strength of the
427 host mineral resulting in loss of CO_2 vapour (Maclennan, 2017). The calculated volatile
428 saturation pressures thus provide a minimum estimate of the pressure at which the inclusion
429 was trapped.

430 The North Iceland melt inclusions have $\text{H}_2\text{O}/\text{Ce}$, S/Dy , F/Nd , Cl/K and Li/Yb values

431 that fall broadly within the expected ranges for undegassed and unmodified primary melts
432 of MORB or OIB affinity (Fig. 4). Reykjanes Ridge glasses have Li/Yb values that are
433 indistinguishable from the North Iceland samples. The mean H₂O/Ce across our melt in-
434 clusion dataset is 219, and most of the North Iceland inclusions fall within the expected
435 range for Icelandic melts (Hartley et al., 2015; Bali et al., 2018), suggesting that there has
436 been minimal post-entrapment modification of melt inclusion H₂O contents through diffu-
437 sive H⁺ exchange with their carrier melts. A number of plagioclase-hosted melt inclusions
438 have significantly higher F/Nd than the expected MORB range, which is consistent with
439 a dissolution-crystallization process resulting in the trapping of an Al- and F-rich bound-
440 ary layer (Neave et al., 2017). The high-Li, high-Li/Yb signatures in two melt inclusions
441 from the SW tuff are not associated with enrichment in any other incompatible or volatile
442 element, and could reflect trapping of Li-oversaturated melt pockets during crystallization
443 (e.g. Hartley et al., 2018). Finally, several low H₂O/Ce and Li/Yb melt inclusions from
444 Nýjahraun are likely to have been trapped during late-stage crystallization of a partially
445 H₂O- and Li-degassed melt. Further information on H₂O/Ce, S/Dy, F/Nd, Cl/K and Li/Yb
446 systematics is provided as supplementary material.

447 The North Iceland melt inclusions have B/Pr between 0.17 and 0.58, and mostly lie
448 within the range 0.34±0.06 (Fig. 4f). All but six plagioclase-hosted inclusions have lower
449 B/Pr than the global MORB average of 0.57±0.09 (Marschall et al., 2017). Reykjanes Ridge
450 glasses have widely variable B/Pr (0.4-1.9; Pr data from Novella et al. (2020)), and most
451 have higher B/Pr than the published global MORB range (Fig. 4f).

452 *4.3. Boron content and isotopic composition of Reykjanes Ridge mantle*

453 Reykjanes Ridge basalts show well-documented along-ridge shifts in incompatible trace
454 element concentrations, lithophile and noble gas isotopic ratios, and fO_2 north of 61 °N
455 (Hart et al., 1983; Schilling et al., 1983; Murton et al., 2002; Shorttle et al., 2015), indicating

456 that the presence of an enriched, plume-influenced mantle component beneath the northern
457 ridge segment is likely. Glasses collected at radial distances >620 km from the putative
458 plume centre do not show this distinctive enrichment, but sample ambient Reykjanes Ridge
459 mantle. To elucidate the boron isotopic composition of this mantle component, we have
460 filtered the Reykjanes Ridge sample set to consider only those collected at radial distance
461 >620 km. We also exclude two samples from enriched seamount 14D located 1100 km from
462 the plume centre (Murton et al., 2002). None of the filtered samples have B/Pr within the
463 expected MORB range: of the seven samples with B/Pr of 0.57 ± 0.09 , six are proximal to
464 Iceland and the seventh is from the enriched seamount (Fig. S2.12).

465 The filtered Reykjanes Ridge glasses have remarkably constant Pr contents of 1.0 ± 0.3
466 $\mu\text{g/g}$ (2SD) (Fig. S2.13). Their boron contents range between 0.7 to 1.8 $\mu\text{g/g}$ (mean 1.1 ± 0.6
467 2SD), but show no systematic variation with distance from Iceland (Fig. 5b). The modal
468 $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ value is -6.1% (2SD= 1.7% , 2SE= 0.3% , $n=31$) and there is no correlation between [B]
469 and $\delta^{11}\text{B}$. A very weak negative correlation between B/Pr and $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ with $R^2=0.19$ is not
470 statistically significant within uncertainty.

471 To maximise the likelihood that we are considering only samples that have not gained
472 boron through assimilation of seawater, brines or altered oceanic crust, we apply further
473 stringent filtering to exclude any samples with [B]>1.25 $\mu\text{g/g}$ or B/Pr>1.4. The remaining
474 samples contain on average 0.92 ± 0.29 (2SD) $\mu\text{g/g}$ B and 1.0 ± 0.2 (2SD) $\mu\text{g/g}$ Pr; their average
475 B/Pr is 0.92 (2SD=0.29, 2SE=0.06, $n=27$), and the modal $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ is -6.1% (2SD= 1.5% ,
476 2SE= 0.3% , $n=21$). We are confident that this $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ value is representative of ambient
477 depleted Reykjanes Ridge mantle. It is slightly higher than the proposed MORB range from
478 Marschall et al. (2017), although the two ranges overlap within uncertainty. Reykjanes Ridge
479 melts also have higher B/Pr than has been proposed for global MORB, but are similar to
480 basalts from the Kolbeinsey Ridge, north of Iceland, which have mean B/Pr=0.86 (Marschall
481 et al., 2017). Both the high B/Pr and high $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ signatures of Reykjanes Ridge basalts appear

482 to be intrinsic to the Reykjanes Ridge mantle source.

483 We used a simple non-modal batch melting equation and the relationships between Zr/Y
484 and La/Y (Fig. S2.16) to show that the Reykjanes Ridge basalts likely represent 10-12%
485 partial melts of a depleted spinel peridotite mantle. We use a bulk partition coefficient
486 $D_{\text{Pr}}=0.015$ for spinel peridotite (details provided as supplementary material) and a Pr con-
487 tent of $0.107 \mu\text{g/g}$ for depleted MORB mantle (DMM; Workman and Hart, 2005), to calculate
488 the average boron content of Reykjanes Ridge mantle. The average [Pr] of the Reykjanes
489 Ridge glasses, $0.87 \mu\text{g/g}$, is reached after 11.5% partial melting of DMM. To reach an average
490 B/Pr of 0.92 ± 0.29 after 11.5% partial melting, the mantle source should contain $\sim 0.10\pm 0.03$
491 $\mu\text{g/g}$ B. This suggests that Reykjanes Ridge mantle contains slightly more boron than the
492 $0.077\pm 0.010 \mu\text{g/g}$ typical of DMM (Marschall et al., 2017).

493 We recover a small degree of along-ridge enrichment in [B], but $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ remains constant
494 across the ridge segment (Fig. 5). The very limited [B] enrichment along the Reykjanes
495 Ridge approaching Iceland suggests that the plume-derived mantle component exerts only
496 very weak leverage on the along-ridge [B], and does not contribute substantially to the boron
497 budget of these melts. A counterintuitive inference leading from this observation is that the
498 enriched mantle component may be boron-poor in comparison to Reykjanes Ridge depleted
499 mantle. This is consistent with the observation that our North Iceland melt inclusions
500 have similar boron contents to the Reykjanes Ridge glasses (Fig. 4f), but have higher Pr
501 contents and lower B/Pr. Given the similarly incompatible behaviour of B and Pr during
502 mantle melting, this indicates that the North Iceland melt inclusions originate from a mantle
503 component with lower [B] than depleted Reykjanes Ridge mantle. The absence of along-ridge
504 variation in $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ could either reflect the low boron contribution from the enriched mantle
505 component, or else that there is only limited boron isotopic contrast between the enriched
506 component and ambient depleted mantle. In the next section, we explore the boron isotopic
507 composition of the mantle beneath Iceland.

508 *4.4. Boron content and isotopic composition of the Icelandic mantle*

509 The modal $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ value across the North Iceland melt inclusion dataset is -5.9% , somewhat
510 higher than the $-7.1\pm 0.9\%$ range proposed for uncontaminated MORB (Marschall et al.,
511 2017). However, the modal $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ values for melt inclusions from Holuhraun and the Askja
512 tuff sequences lie between -6.4 and -6.1% , within the expected MORB range. A number of
513 inclusions from Holuhraun and the Askja tuff sequences have much lower $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ and fall within
514 the $-11.3\pm 3.8\%$ that has previously been suggested to be representative of the Iceland mantle
515 source (Gurenko and Chaussidon, 1997). A key question is therefore whether the boron
516 isotopic signature of the Icelandic mantle is similar to, or distinct from, that of MORB.

517 To use the North Iceland melt inclusion data to assess the boron isotopic signature of the
518 Icelandic mantle, it is first necessary to verify that their $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ values have not been affected
519 by pre- or post-entrapment modification. We are not aware of any published studies of
520 boron diffusion in olivine or plagioclase, but we expect that post-entrapment modification
521 via B diffusion through these host minerals will be negligible. Both [B] and $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ in an
522 ascending magma could be modified prior to inclusion trapping via assimilation of altered
523 crustal material (e.g. Chaussidon and Jambon, 1994; Chaussidon and Marty, 1995; Gurenko
524 and Chaussidon, 1997; Rose-Koga and Sigmarsson, 2008; Brounce et al., 2012). Low $\delta^{18}\text{O}$
525 values measured in more evolved inclusions and glasses from North Iceland (Fig. 6b) most
526 likely reflect progressive assimilation of hydrated low- $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ basaltic hyaloclastite in the mid-
527 to upper crust (Hartley et al., 2013). Altered Icelandic upper crustal material has high B
528 contents of $\sim 3\text{--}12\ \mu\text{g/g}$, and boron isotopic compositions between -18.3 and -4.4% (Raffone
529 et al., 2008, 2010) (Fig. 7); therefore, the boron contents and isotopic signatures of these
530 more evolved melt inclusions and glasses are also expected to be modified by assimilation.

531 A small number of our North Iceland melt inclusions have higher [B] than can be consis-
532 tent with simple fractional crystallization (Fig. 2f), which indicates assimilation of a B-rich
533 component prior to melt inclusion trapping. To exclude potentially contaminated melt inclu-

534 sions from further consideration, we have filtered the melt inclusion dataset for compositions
535 with ≥ 8 wt.% MgO in order to assess the $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ of Icelandic primary melts. The $\text{MgO} \geq 8$ wt.%
536 melt inclusions are hosted in the most primitive olivines and plagioclases, indicating that
537 they were trapped during the earliest stages of crystallization from melts that experienced
538 no to minimal modification by assimilation of crustal contaminants. The effects of crustal
539 assimilation on melt inclusion [B], $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ and $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ signatures are explored further in Section
540 5.

541 The boron isotopic compositions of primitive melt inclusions from across Iceland are
542 shown in Fig. 8. Eleven of the North Iceland melt inclusions with available $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ measure-
543 ments have ≥ 8 wt.% MgO. These inclusions are hosted in some of the most primitive olivines
544 and plagioclases, and also have high CO_2 and low S, Cl, B and Li concentrations (Fig. 2)
545 suggesting that they are minimally degassed. These inclusions are therefore most likely to
546 provide robust estimates of $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ for the Icelandic mantle source.

547 Primitive melt inclusions from Holuhraun and the Askja SW tuff have different boron
548 isotopic signatures. Those from Holuhraun display a broad peak in the $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ probability
549 distribution at -10.6‰ (8), which is not distinguishable from the $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ of around -11‰ for
550 primitive WVZ melt inclusions (Gurenko and Chaussidon, 1997) within the uncertainty of
551 the measurements. One inclusion from the SW tuff has $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ of -10.1‰ , similar to the
552 Holuhraun and WVZ inclusions. However, the most probable $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ for inclusions from the
553 SW tuff is -5.7‰ (8), indistinguishable from the -6.1‰ of the Reykjanes Ridge glasses within
554 analytical uncertainty.

555 Our data suggest that Holuhraun and one inclusion from the SW tuff have sampled
556 a common, low- $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ mantle component that is characteristic of the Icelandic mantle and
557 distinct from Reykjanes Ridge MORB. There are then two possible explanations for the
558 inclusions from the SW tuff with $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ around -5.7‰ and the remaining primitive Holuhraun
559 melt inclusion with $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ of -6.4‰ . First, these inclusions could have trapped melts that had

560 already assimilated a crustal contaminant with $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ higher than -10.6‰. However, the
561 inclusions return OPAM equilibration pressures between 0.58 and 0.40 GPa (~20-14 km,
562 assuming a crustal density of 2860 kg/m³). This suggests that their host melts had limited
563 opportunity for interaction with altered upper crustal material prior to inclusion trapping.
564 The second, and more likely, explanation is that most of the primitive melt inclusions from
565 the SW tuff, and one inclusion from Holuhraun, have sampled melts of a mantle component
566 with near-identical $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ to Reykjanes Ridge MORB.

567 We modelled the boron contents of the lower- and higher- $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ components of the Ice-
568 landic mantle using a simple non-modal batch melting model. Relationships between Zr/Y
569 and La/Y suggest that primitive melts from the Askja SW tuff derive from 8-10% partial
570 melting of an approximately 1:1 mixture of melts derived from spinel and garnet peridotites
571 (Fig. S2.16). The average Pr content of primitive inclusions from the SW tuff, 2.3 $\mu\text{g/g}$, is
572 achieved after 8-10% partial melting of an enriched mantle source containing 0.25 $\mu\text{g/g}$ Pr,
573 similar to primitive mantle (PM) (Pr=0.27 $\mu\text{g/g}$; Palme and O'Neill, 2004). The primitive
574 inclusions of the SW tuff have an average B/Pr of 0.30 (range 0.24 to 0.38), suggesting that
575 the mantle source should contain ~0.083 $\mu\text{g/g}$ B (range 0.066-0.105 $\mu\text{g/g}$ B), similar to DMM.
576 The Zr/Y and La/Y systematics of primitive Holuhraun melt inclusions are best modelled
577 by 10-15% partial melts derived predominantly from spinel-facies mantle (Fig. S2.16). To
578 achieve the average Pr content of primitive Holuhraun melt inclusions (1.5 $\mu\text{g/g}$) after 15%
579 partial melting, the mantle source should contain ~0.2 $\mu\text{g/g}$ Pr, i.e. intermediate between
580 DMM and PM. The primitive Holuhraun inclusions have an average B/Pr of 0.40 (range
581 0.38 to 0.51), suggesting that their mantle source contains ~0.085 $\mu\text{g/g}$ B (range 0.081-0.108
582 $\mu\text{g/g}$ B). Despite the inherent trade-off between melt fraction and mantle source composi-
583 tion, these simple calculations suggest that the lower- and higher- $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ components of the
584 Icelandic mantle have similar B contents around 0.085 $\mu\text{g/g}$. This suggests that the aver-
585 age Icelandic mantle is slightly enriched in boron compared to average DMM (0.077±0.010

586 $\mu\text{g/g}$ B; Marschall et al., 2017) and slightly B-depleted compared to Reykjanes Ridge mantle
587 ($[\text{B}] \approx 0.10 \mu\text{g/g}$), although our estimated ranges for $[\text{B}]$ in the Icelandic mantle source over-
588 lap both DMM and Reykjanes Ridge mantle. Crucially, these calculations confirm that the
589 incompatible trace element-enriched plume-like component sampled along the northernmost
590 Reykjanes Ridge and by on-land Icelandic basalts shows no enrichment in boron compared
591 to ambient Reykjanes Ridge depleted mantle.

592 Our new melt inclusion data show a positive correlation between $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ and La/Yb , which
593 is often used as a tracer of primary melt enrichment or depletion (MacLennan, 2008a) (Fig. 8).
594 This relationship is strengthened if depleted melt inclusions from Miðfell, with low $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ and
595 $\text{La}/\text{Yb} < 1$, are taken into account. We therefore suggest that higher and lower $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ signatures
596 in Icelandic primary melts may be associated with incompatible trace element (ITE)-enriched
597 and ITE-depleted mantle components respectively, but both components have similar B
598 contents. They are both intrinsic to the Icelandic mantle source and distinct from ambient
599 depleted Reykjanes Ridge mantle. The presence of an intrinsic depleted Icelandic mantle
600 component distinct from N-MORB is consistent with available trace element and radiogenic
601 isotope data (e.g. Kerr et al., 1995; Fitton et al., 1997, 2003), while combined Sr-Nd-Pb
602 isotope data suggest the existence of at least four distinct mantle components beneath Iceland
603 that contribute to localised intermediate enriched and depleted components (Thirlwall et al.,
604 2004; Peate et al., 2010). We would expect both depleted and enriched $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ signatures to
605 be recorded in early-trapped melt inclusions from individual eruptions, although further
606 measurements of $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ in primitive melt inclusions from across Iceland are required to test
607 this hypotheses.

608 *4.5. Recycled boron in the Icelandic mantle source*

609 What is the origin of low $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ signatures in primitive Icelandic melt inclusions and
610 the Icelandic mantle source components? Reported $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ values for OIB mantle are widely

611 variable, with uncontaminated OIB samples having $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ between -12 and -3‰ (Marschall,
612 2018, and references therein). Ocean island basalts therefore have similar average $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ to
613 MORB, but are much more variable, both within and between different locations.

614 Figure 8 compares $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ in Icelandic melt inclusions with analyses of primitive uncon-
615 taminated melt inclusions from La Palma and Réunion (Walowski et al., 2019) and Hawaii
616 (Kobayashi et al., 2004). The modal $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ values for the Holuhraun and WVZ melt in-
617 clusions, -10.6 and -11.3‰ respectively, are not distinguishable from the La Palma melt
618 inclusions within the uncertainty of *in situ* SIMS measurements. The modal $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ for the
619 Hawaii and Réunion melt inclusions are indistinguishable from MORB. The fact that Réu-
620 nion melt inclusions have $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ indistinguishable from MORB led Walowski et al. (2019) to
621 suggest that primitive and depleted upper mantle reservoirs have a common $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ signature,
622 and that the low $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ values recovered at La Palma and other ocean islands must therefore
623 reflect partial melting of an isotopically distinct mantle component.

624 Low $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ values in the La Palma melt inclusions are coupled with radiogenic whole-rock
625 Pb and Os isotopic signatures and low $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ (Day et al., 2010; Day and Hilton, 2011). These
626 signatures have been interpreted as evidence for recycled oceanic crust and lithosphere in
627 the Canary Islands mantle source, suggesting that the low $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ could be from a recycled
628 subducted mantle component (Walowski et al., 2019). However, low $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ is also associated
629 with low B/Zr, indicating that these inclusions are B-depleted relative to melts of typical
630 depleted upper mantle (Walowski et al., 2019).

631 Simple non-modal batch melting calculations suggest that low B/Pr in North Iceland melt
632 inclusions compared to Reykjanes Ridge or global MORB glasses (Fig. 4f) is consistent with
633 a mantle source with [B] slightly higher than DMM, but slightly lower than Reykjanes Ridge
634 mantle. Importantly, B is not as enriched as trace elements of similar compatibility during
635 partial melting. This means that neither the isotopically light, incompatible trace element
636 (ITE)-depleted Holuhraun melt inclusions nor the isotopically heavy, ITE-enriched SW tuff

637 melt inclusions can be explained by simple recycling of B-enriched subducted lithologies
638 such as continental sediments or oceanic serpentinites into the mantle, as this would create
639 a source that is both B-enriched and likely isotopically heavy (De Hoog and Savov, 2018).

640 The best explanation for a B-depleted and isotopically light mantle source component is
641 subducted oceanic lithosphere that has been stripped of its boron through slab dehydration.
642 This is consistent with geochemical and thermodynamic models which predict that subducted
643 oceanic lithosphere will be B-depleted and have $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ as low as -20 to -40‰, depending on
644 the slab dehydration depth and the thermal profile of the subduction zone (e.g. Peacock
645 and Hervig, 1999; Rosner et al., 2003; Marschall et al., 2007; Konrad-Schmolke and Halama,
646 2014).

647 We therefore suggest that the low $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ sampled by primitive, depleted melt inclusions
648 from Iceland is indicative of dehydrated subducted oceanic lithosphere in an ITE-depleted
649 component intrinsic to the Icelandic mantle (Fig. S2.15). This is consistent with inter-
650 pretations of major, trace and lithophile isotope systematics in Icelandic basalts, which
651 have likewise inferred the presence of at least 5% recycled material in the Icelandic man-
652 tle (e.g. Chauvel and Hémond, 2000; Stracke et al., 2003; Thirlwall et al., 2004; Kokfelt
653 et al., 2006; Bindeman et al., 2008; Shorttle et al., 2014), and that ancient depleted oceanic
654 lithospheric mantle is a plausible source for the intrinsic depleted Iceland component (e.g.
655 Skovgaard et al., 2001; Fitton et al., 2003, and references therein). Melt inclusions sampling
656 this depleted component show no B enrichment compared to Reykjanes Ridge basalts. This
657 suggests that the recycled lithospheric component is likely boron-poor, and hence recycled
658 boron is difficult to detect other than by its low boron isotopic signature. The enriched
659 mantle component sampled by ITE-enriched melt inclusions is also likely to contain dehy-
660 drated lithosphere. However, the recycled lithospheric component in the enriched mantle
661 source likely contains almost no boron, meaning that melt boron content is diluted by the
662 recycled component rather than enriched. The boron isotopic signatures of melts from the

663 enriched component are therefore dominated by ambient depleted upper mantle and hence
664 very similar to Reykjanes Ridge basalts and global MORB.

665 **5. Modification of melt $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ through assimilation of altered crust**

666 The North Iceland melt inclusions have major and trace element contents that are broadly
667 consistent with a dominant fractional crystallization control (Hartley and Thordarson, 2013).
668 However, some melt inclusions with <8 wt.% MgO have higher $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ than Reykjanes Ridge
669 MORB, while others are isotopically lighter than primitive North Iceland melt inclusions (Fig.
670 8; Fig. S9). Given that a small number of North Iceland melt inclusions show signatures
671 of minor B addition independent of Pr (Fig. 4) that are inconsistent with simple fractional
672 crystallization, we explore whether the North Iceland melt inclusions could have assimilated
673 a high-[B] component with heterogeneous $\delta^{11}\text{B}$.

674 The well-defined correlation between $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ and indices of melt evolution in our North
675 Iceland samples (Fig. 6b, Fig. S2.10) is not consistent with high-temperature fractional
676 crystallization, since this process is not expected to fractionate oxygen isotopes (e.g. Bindeman et al., 2008). The major and trace element systematics of the North Iceland melt
677 inclusions are not consistent with mixing between basaltic melt and low- $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ rhyolitic or
678 andesitic magmas. Instead, the low $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ signatures are best explained through bulk as-
679 similation of altered basaltic hyaloclastite in the upper crust and/or mixing with low- $\delta^{18}\text{O}$
680 basaltic melts stored in upper crustal reservoirs (Hartley et al., 2013). Low $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ in olivine
681 and plagioclase crystals from large-volume Holocene lavas in Iceland's Eastern Volcanic Zone
682 have likewise been interpreted as resulting from bulk digestion of low- $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ basaltic hyalo-
683 clastite, whereby the hyaloclastite inherits its oxygen isotopic signature through interaction
684 with low- $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ glacial meltwaters (Bindeman et al., 2006, 2008). Given that melt inclusion
685 $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ signatures require assimilation of an altered crustal component, we examine whether
686 variable $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ in the North Iceland melt inclusions can also be generated through crustal
687

688 assimilation.

689 Published measurements of $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ in Icelandic upper crustal materials are restricted to a
690 single drill core RN-17 from the Reykjanes Peninsula (Raffone et al., 2010). Basalts sampled
691 between 0 and 3000 m in this core have high whole-rock B contents of 3.3-12.4 $\mu\text{g/g}$ and
692 heterogeneous $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ between -18.3 and -4.4‰, and there is no correlation between [B] and
693 $\delta^{11}\text{B}$, nor between composition and depth (Raffone et al., 2008, 2010) (Fig. 7). Boron in the
694 RN-17 samples is primarily concentrated in hydrothermal minerals including epidote (0.3-9.0
695 $\mu\text{g/g}$) and amphibole (0.1-2.3 $\mu\text{g/g}$); however, the abundance of hydrothermal minerals is
696 too low to explain the elevated bulk B contents. Brounce et al. (2012) proposed that the
697 additional boron is concentrated on altered surfaces within porous altered basalt.

698 We have modelled the generation of B-rich altered basaltic hyaloclastites in the upper
699 crust following the two-stage process described by Brounce et al. (2012). First, B-depleted
700 meteoric fluids circulating through high-temperature geothermal systems in the upper crust
701 scavenge B from the basalts they flow through. Meteoric and glacial waters across Iceland
702 typically contain $<0.3 \mu\text{g/g}$ B and have high $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ up to +17‰. In contrast, high-temperature
703 geothermal waters contain up to 5 $\mu\text{g/g}$ B and have $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ down to -6.7‰ (Aggarwal et al.,
704 2000) (Table 1, Fig. S2.14), suggesting that boron scavenging during high-temperature fluid-
705 rock interaction is associated with isotopic fractionation of several permil. Second, the fluids
706 cool to temperatures <200 °C at which point scavenged B adsorbs onto clay mineral surfaces
707 in palagonitized basaltic hyaloclastite, predominantly smectite and illite, driving the bulk
708 rock towards high [B]. Boron isotopes are further fractionated during adsorption, since ^{10}B
709 is adsorbed preferentially to ^{11}B in clay minerals (Palmer et al., 1987). The boron content
710 and $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ of the resultant altered basaltic hyaloclastite is controlled by four factors: the
711 composition of the circulating hydrothermal fluid; the adsorption coefficient; the isotopic
712 fractionation factor; and the water-rock ratio. Following Brounce et al. (2012), we assume
713 that the boron adsorption coefficient $K_d=2.6$ and fractionation factor $\alpha=0.975$ for marine

714 clays at 25°C and pH=7.8 (Palmer et al., 1987) are appropriate for boron adsorption onto the
 715 smectite-dominated clay mineral assemblages present in palagonitized basaltic hyaloclastite.
 716 The isotopic ratio of the altered hyaloclastite is then calculated as a function of water/rock
 717 ratio W/R (Spivack and Edmond, 1987):

$$\delta^{11}\text{B}_R = \alpha(\delta^{11}\text{B}_W + 10^3)\exp\left[\frac{K_d(1-\alpha)}{W/R}\right] - 10^3 \quad (2)$$

718 where the subscript R refers to the rock, and the subscript W refers to the hydrothermal
 719 fluid. Similarly, the boron concentration in the altered hyaloclastite is calculated as follows:

$$[\text{B}]_R = [\text{B}]_W \cdot K_d \cdot \exp\left(\frac{-K_d}{W/R}\right) \quad (3)$$

720 Table 1 shows a selection of potential compositions of altered basaltic hyaloclastites,
 721 including model hyaloclastite compositions calculated using different fluid compositions and
 722 water-rock ratios. Water-rock ratios >4 are required to generate materials with high [B] and
 723 low $\delta^{11}\text{B}$, similar to altered basalts in the RN-17 core (Raffone et al., 2008). Water-rock
 724 ratios <3 generate materials with lower [B] and higher $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ than typical MORB (Fig. S2.14).

725 We have used a range of possible natural and modelled crustal endmember compositions
 726 to calculate parabolic mixing curves to model the likely effects of crustal assimilation on
 727 [B], $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ and $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ on North Iceland melts (Fig. 9). The primitive melt endmembers in
 728 our mixing models are the compositions of primitive melt inclusions from Holuhraun and
 729 the Askja SW tuff, with $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ of -10.6‰ and $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ of -5.7‰ respectively (Fig. 8). The
 730 oxygen isotopic ratio of altered basaltic hyaloclastite is difficult to constrain and likely to
 731 be heterogeneous in the upper crust. Hyaloclastites from the KG-4 Krafla drill hole have
 732 $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ between -10.3 and -3.4‰ (Hattori and Muehlenbachs, 1982), while rhyolitic tephra and
 733 leucocratic xenoliths from the Askja 1875 eruption have $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ between -7.50 and +1.65‰
 734 (Macdonald et al., 1987). For simplicity, the mixing curves in Fig. 9b assume $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ of -4‰

Endmember	B, $\mu\text{g/g}$	$\delta^{11}\text{B}, \text{‰}$	W/R ^a	Reference
N-MORB	0.5	-7.1		Marschall et al. (2017)
Holuhraun primitive melt inclusions	0.42	-10.6		
SW tuff primitive melt inclusions	0.57	-5.7		
Mean seawater-altered oceanic crust	5.2	3.4		Smith et al. (1995)
Reykjanes RN-17 drill core, 400 m	6.06	-6.4		Raffone et al. (2010)
Reykjanes RN-17 drill core, 650 m	11.38	-4.4		Raffone et al. (2010)
Reykjanes RN-17 rill core, 750 m	5.51	-7.7		Raffone et al. (2010)
Model hyaloclastite ^b Hy-1	1.3	14.4	1.5 ^c	
Model hyaloclastite ^b Hy-2	2.9	-25.0	10 ^d	
Model hyaloclastite ^b Hy-3	3.6	3.1	1.85 ^e	
Model hyaloclastite ^b Hy-4	3.8	-12.7	4 ^c	
Mean Iceland geothermal fluid	2.8	-3.7		Aggarwal et al. (2000)
Krafla geothermal fluid 1	1.45	-6.5		Aggarwal et al. (2000)
Krafla geothermal fluid 2	5.71	-6.7		Aggarwal et al. (2000)

Table 1: Mixing model endmembers and reference values.

^a Water/rock ratio.

^b Calculated using adsorption coefficient $K_d=2.6$ and isotopic fractionation factor $\alpha=0.975$ (Palmer et al., 1987).

^c Fluid composition is mean Icelandic geothermal fluid, an average of three active high-temperature geothermal sites sampled over the course of 8 years.

^d Fluid composition is Krafla geothermal fluid 1.

^e Fluid composition is Krafla geothermal fluid 2.

735 for all crustal endmembers.

736 Our bulk mixing models suggest that [B], $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ and $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ in melt inclusions and glasses
737 from North Iceland can be derived by assimilation of up to $\sim 20\%$ altered crustal material,
738 with most melt inclusion compositions requiring $<10\%$ assimilation (Fig. 9). The choice of
739 primitive melt endmember composition makes little difference to the degree of assimilation
740 required to explain the observed boron and oxygen isotopic variations. Compositions similar
741 to the primitive SW tuff melt inclusions can be generated by $<5\%$ contamination of the
742 recycled endmember, which could support an argument that their $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ of -5.7‰ does not
743 represent a primary mantle component, but is instead generated through very small degrees
744 of crustal assimilation. However, melt inclusions from the SW tuff are trapped at pressures
745 >0.4 GPa in the mid- to lower crust (Fig. 7), and are therefore unlikely to have interacted

746 with high-[B] altered crustal material. The boron isotopic compositions of primitive North
747 Iceland melt inclusions are therefore best explained by differential sampling of a heteroge-
748 neous mantle containing a Reykjanes Ridge-like mantle component with $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ around -6‰
749 and a recycled component with $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ around -11‰.

750 Mixing curves calculated between the recycled mantle endmember and plausible crustal
751 endmembers can account for the full variety of melt inclusion and glass compositions (Fig. 9).
752 In contrast, mixing curves calculated using a Reykjanes Ridge-like primary melt endmember
753 do not satisfactorily reproduce [B], $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ and $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ for the most primitive Holuhraun melt
754 inclusions, nor a subset of low- $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ inclusions from Askja NE and SW tuff sequences. Our
755 data therefore strongly support the presence of a recycled component in the Icelandic mantle
756 source with $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ around -11‰. Evolved melt inclusions with $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ values higher than typical
757 Reykjanes Ridge MORB or lower than the primitive Holuhraun inclusions are generated
758 through minor assimilation of heterogeneous altered material distributed through the upper
759 crust.

760 **6. Conclusions**

761 We have reported new measurements of volatiles, light elements and boron isotopes in
762 a suite of melt inclusions from North Iceland, and in submarine glasses from the Reykjanes
763 Ridge. Reykjanes Ridge glasses sampled at radial distances >620 km from the Iceland plume
764 show no evidence of enrichment from a plume-derived mantle component, and from these
765 samples we derive a new estimate for the $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ signature of Reykjanes Ridge mantle, of -
766 6.1‰ (2SD=1.7‰, 2SE=0.3‰, $n=21$). We find only a very weak indication of along-ridge
767 enrichment in [B] approaching Iceland, and no systematic variation in $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ along the entire
768 ridge segment. This suggests that the enriched mantle component sampled by the northern
769 ridge segment close to Iceland is not contributing substantially to the boron budget of these
770 melts.

771 Olivine- and plagioclase-hosted melt inclusions from North Iceland have major element
772 compositions that are broadly consistent with fractional crystallization. Ratios of volatiles
773 and light elements to similarly incompatible trace elements indicate that melt inclusion
774 volatile contents are broadly consistent with canonical mantle reservoirs and, with the ex-
775 ception of CO₂, have experienced minimal pre-, syn- and/or post-entrapment modification.
776 A small number of melt inclusions have higher [B] than is consistent with simple fractional
777 crystallization trends, indicating assimilation of a B-rich component prior to melt inclusion
778 trapping.

779 The North Iceland melt inclusions are characterized by widely variable $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ values be-
780 tween -20.7 to +0.6‰. The coupled [B], $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ and $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ signatures of more evolved melt
781 inclusions are consistent with progressive assimilation of hydrothermally altered basaltic
782 hyaloclastite as they ascend through the upper crust. Altered basaltic hyaloclastites in the
783 Icelandic upper crust have high [B] and highly heterogeneous $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ in comparison to pris-
784 tine Icelandic basalts. Even small degrees of crustal assimilation could thus exert a strong
785 control on the bulk $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ of ascending magmas, generating wide $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ variability within a
786 single sample set. To access mantle-derived $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ signatures, we identify and exclude any
787 melt inclusions that may have been modified by crustal processing. Our observations suggest
788 that only the most primitive melt inclusions reliably record truly primitive $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ signatures.
789 Our unfiltered North Iceland melt inclusion dataset records the same large range in $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ as
790 other oceanic islands such as Hawaii (Kobayashi et al., 2004), which highlights the impor-
791 tance of very careful screening of melt inclusion compositions in order to study global crustal
792 recycling in ocean island basalts.

793 Simple non-modal batch melting calculations suggest that the Icelandic mantle contains
794 ~ 0.085 $\mu\text{g/g}$ B, slightly lower than the 0.10-0.11 $\mu\text{g/g}$ calculated for depleted Reykjanes Ridge
795 mantle. The lowest $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ signatures in Icelandic melt inclusions are typically associated with
796 more primitive (MgO ≥ 8 wt.%) and ITE-depleted melt compositions. Primitive melt in-

797 clusions from Holuhraun record a primary melt $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ of -10.6‰ , consistent with melting
798 of a depleted mantle component containing dehydrated recycled oceanic lithosphere. This
799 low- $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ depleted mantle component is also recorded in melt inclusions from the WVZ and
800 Reykjanes Peninsula. The $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ of -5.7‰ recorded in primitive, ITE-enriched melt inclusions
801 is consistent with an enriched mantle lithology that has similar boron isotopic composition to
802 Reykjanes Ridge mantle. Our data therefore confirm the presence of boron isotopic hetero-
803 geneity in the Icelandic mantle source. We have not recovered boron isotopic heterogeneity
804 on the lengthscale of melt supply to a single eruption, but our data do not exclude this possi-
805 bility and this question may be revisited as more measurements of primitive melt inclusions
806 become available and as *in situ* analytical techniques are improved. Our verification of a
807 low- $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ recycled component in the Icelandic mantle provides further support for the role
808 of recycled subducted oceanic lithosphere in melt generation at ocean islands.

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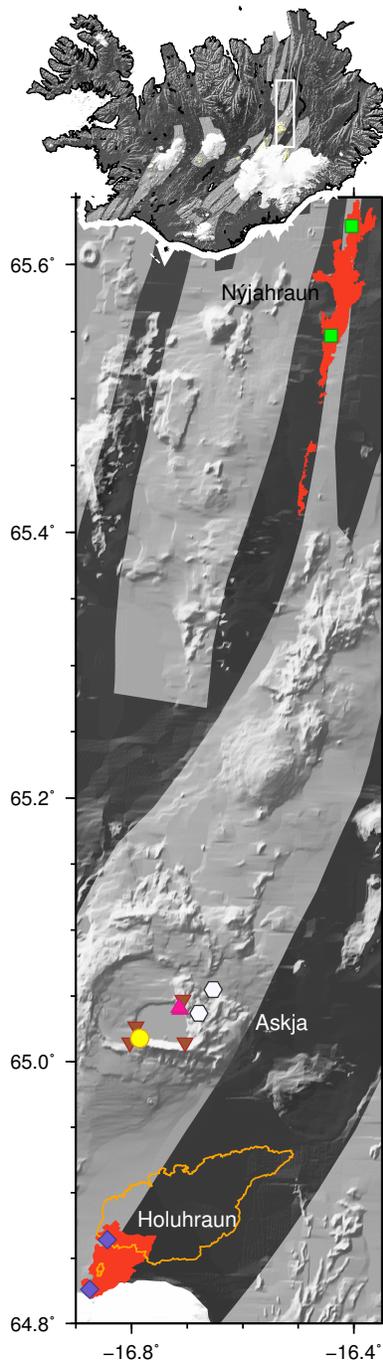


Figure 1: Map of North Iceland, with fissure swarms shown in light grey. Filled symbols show the locations of samples used in this study: green squares, Nýjahraun; pink triangle, NE tuff; yellow circle, SW tuff; white hexagons, basaltic scoria from January 1875; brown inverted triangles, early 20th century eruptions; blue diamonds, old Holuhraun eruptions. The Nýjahraun and old Holuhraun lava flow fields are shown in red. The 2014 Holuhraun lava flow field is outlined in orange.

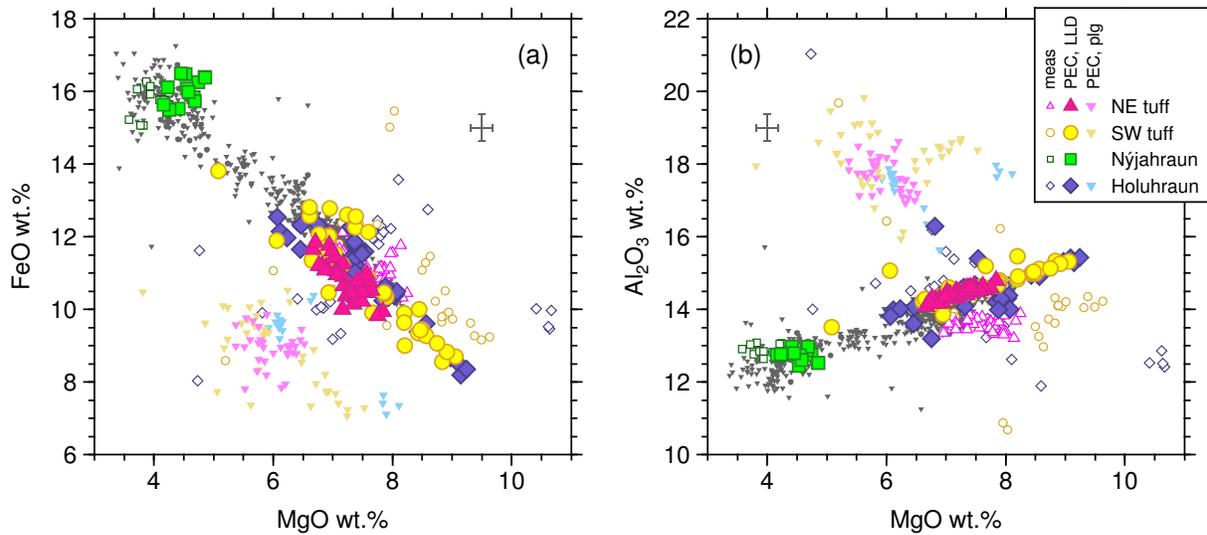


Figure 2: Major element compositions of melt inclusions and glasses from North Iceland. Error bars are 2σ . Small grey inverted triangles show matrix glasses from the Askja and Bárðarbunga volcanic systems. Coloured open symbols show raw (uncorrected) melt inclusion compositions. Large filled symbols show melt inclusions corrected for post-entrapment crystallization. Plagioclase-hosted inclusions were corrected by adding equilibrium plagioclase until their MgO-FeO-Al₂O₃ systematics matched those of Icelandic tholeiitic glasses; olivine-hosted inclusions were corrected by adding equilibrium olivine until their compositions met the equilibrium criterion $Kd = \frac{ol-liq}{Fe-Mg} = 0.30 \pm 0.03$. Small pale inverted triangles show plagioclase-hosted melt inclusions corrected to be in equilibrium with their host crystal, which results in unrealistically high Al₂O₃ contents.

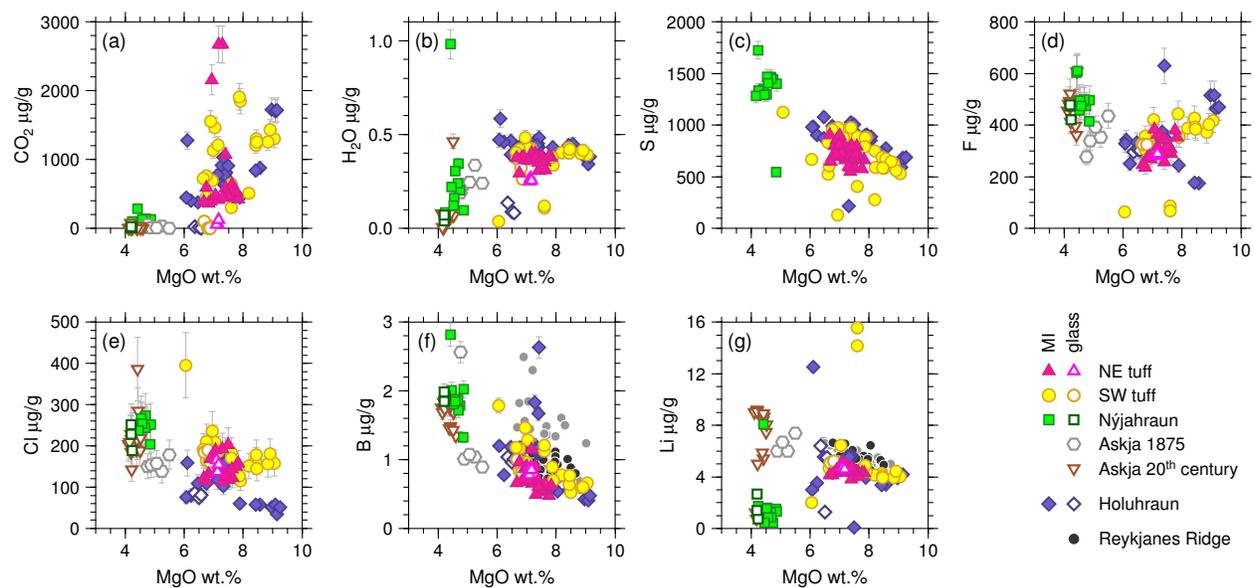


Figure 3: Volatile and light element concentrations in melt inclusions and matrix glasses from North Iceland. Melt inclusions are shown in solid symbols, and matrix glasses in open symbols. Error bars are 2σ and in many cases are smaller than the symbol size. Black circles show Reykjanes Ridge glasses collected at radial distance >620 km from the Iceland plume centre, and filtered to exclude samples that could possibly have gained B through assimilation of a B-rich contaminant (see Section 4.3 for details); all other Reykjanes Ridge glasses are shown as grey circles.

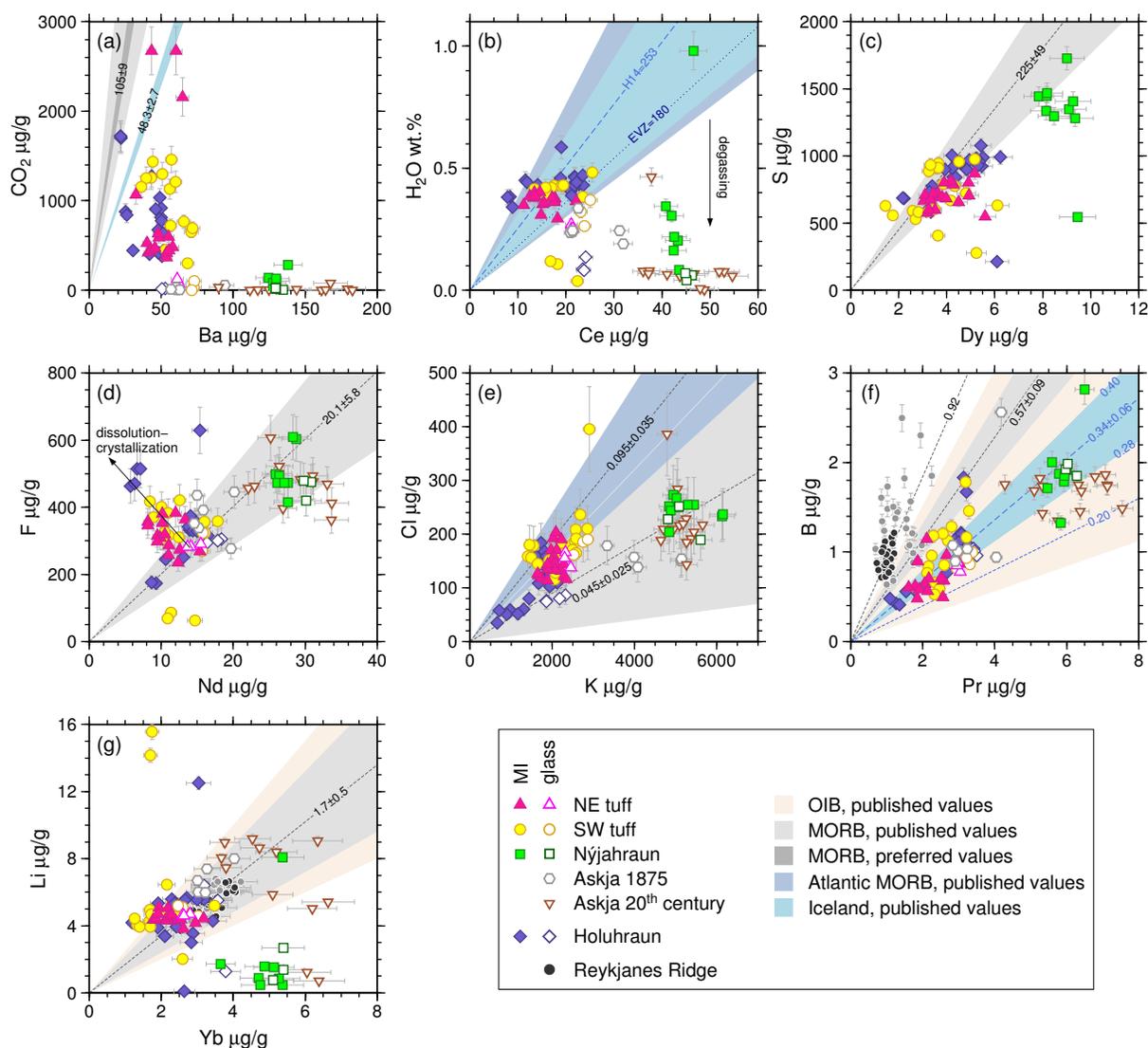


Figure 4: Volatile-trace element systematics in melt inclusions and matrix glasses from North Iceland. Error bars are 2σ . The B and Li contents of Reykjanes Ridge glasses are shown in panels (f) and (g). Black circles show Reykjanes Ridge glasses collected at radial distance >620 km from the Iceland plume centre, and filtered to exclude samples that could possibly have gained B through assimilation of a B-rich contaminant (see Section 4.3 for details); all other Reykjanes Ridge glasses are shown as grey circles. The shaded regions show published volatile-trace element ratios for different mantle reservoirs. MORB: CO₂/Ba from Michael and Graham (2015), H₂O/Ce from Michael (1995), S/Dy from Saal et al. (2002), F/Nd from Workman et al. (2006), Cl/K from Michael and Cornell (1998), B/Pr and Li/Yb from Marschall et al. (2017). OIB: B/Pr range for Hawaii melt inclusions from Edmonds (2015); Li/Yb range from Ryan and Langmuir (1987); Edmonds (2015). Iceland: CO₂/Ba from Hauri et al. (2018), H₂O/Ce from Hartley et al. (2015) and Bali et al. (2018); B/Pr from this study.

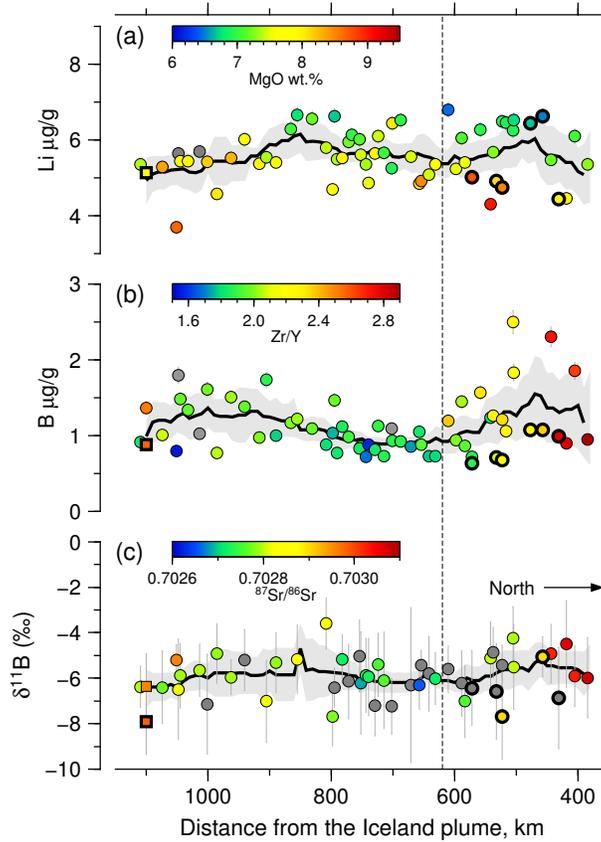


Figure 5: Along-ridge variation in [Li], [B] and $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ of Reykjanes Ridge glasses. Data are plotted as a function of radial distance from the Iceland plume centre and coloured according to (a) MgO content, (b) Zr/Y and (c) $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ of the sample glasses. Samples with bold outlines have B/Pr within the expected MORB range of 0.57 ± 0.09 . Square symbols denote samples from enriched seamount 14D. The increases in Zr/Y and $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ at radial distances <620 km indicate the influence of an enriched mantle component associated with the Iceland plume. Samples at radial distances >620 km are not influenced by the enriched plume component and sample ambient Reykjanes Ridge mantle. Black lines show the running average composition calculated using a boxcar filter with a bandwidth of 100 km; the grey shaded area shows the error envelope (2SE) of the filtered data. Two samples at radial distances ~500 km appear to have high [B], but the increase in mean [B] approaching Iceland is not significant on the lengthscale of the whole dataset. There is no systematic along-ridge variability in [Li] or $\delta^{11}\text{B}$. Major element data from Shorttle et al. (2015); trace element data from Novella et al. (2020); isotope data from Murton et al. (2002) and Thirlwall et al. (2004).

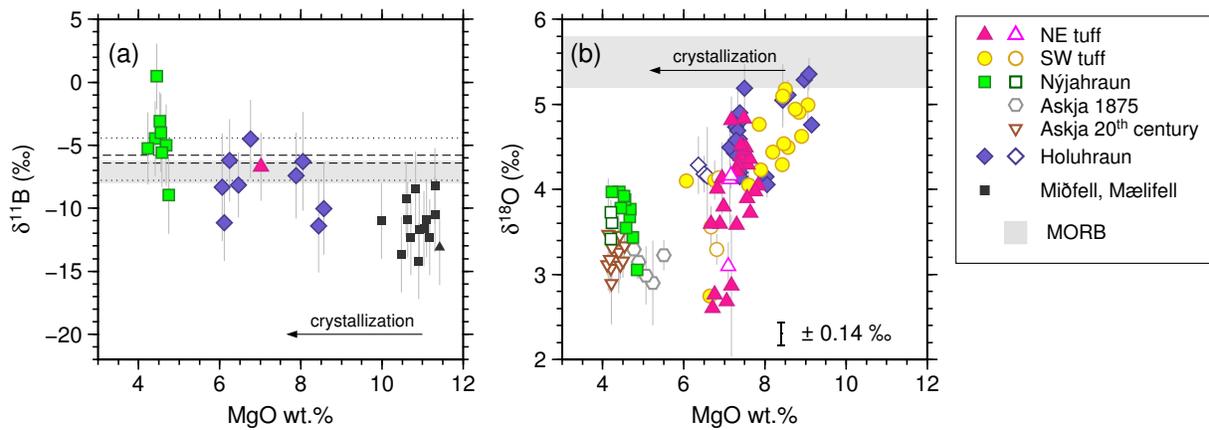


Figure 6: (a) Boron isotopic compositions of olivine-hosted melt inclusions from Iceland. Mifell data are from Gurenko and Chaussidon (1997). (b) Oxygen isotopic compositions of North Iceland melt inclusions and glasses vs MgO, an index of melt evolution. Oxygen isotope data are from Hartley et al. (2013). Error bars are 2σ . Shaded grey bars indicate $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ and $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ for pristine MORB glasses (Chaussidon and Marty, 1995; Marschall et al., 2017). The modal boron isotopic composition of Reykjanes Ridge glasses is -6.1‰ ; dashed lines in (a) indicate the 2SE range of ± 0.3 and dotted lines indicate the 2SD of $\pm 1.7\text{‰}$. High-temperature crystallization is not expected to fractionate boron or oxygen isotopes, therefore the observed trends can only be generated through assimilation processes.

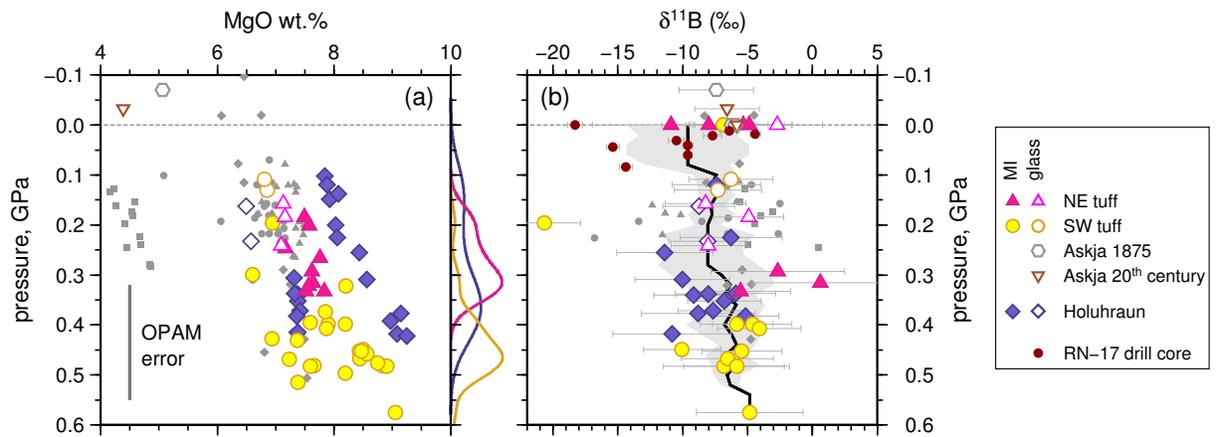


Figure 7: Application of the Yang et al. (1996) OPAM barometer to melt inclusions and glasses from North Iceland. Large coloured symbols show PEC-corrected melt inclusion compositions where the returned probability of fit P_F is greater than 0.8. Small grey symbols show melt inclusion compositions where $P_F < 0.8$. Kernel density estimates to the right of plot (a) show the relative probability of equilibration pressures for melt inclusion compositions with $P_F \geq 0.8$, coloured according to the source eruption. Dark red circles in (b) show boron isotopic compositions of whole-rock samples from drill core RN-17, Reykjanes Peninsula (Raffone et al., 2008), where the sampled depth in the core is converted to pressure assuming an upper crustal density of 2860 kg/m^3 . The black line shows the running median $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ as a function of depth, calculated using a boxcar filter with a bandwidth of 0.5 GPa; the grey shaded area shows the median absolute deviation.

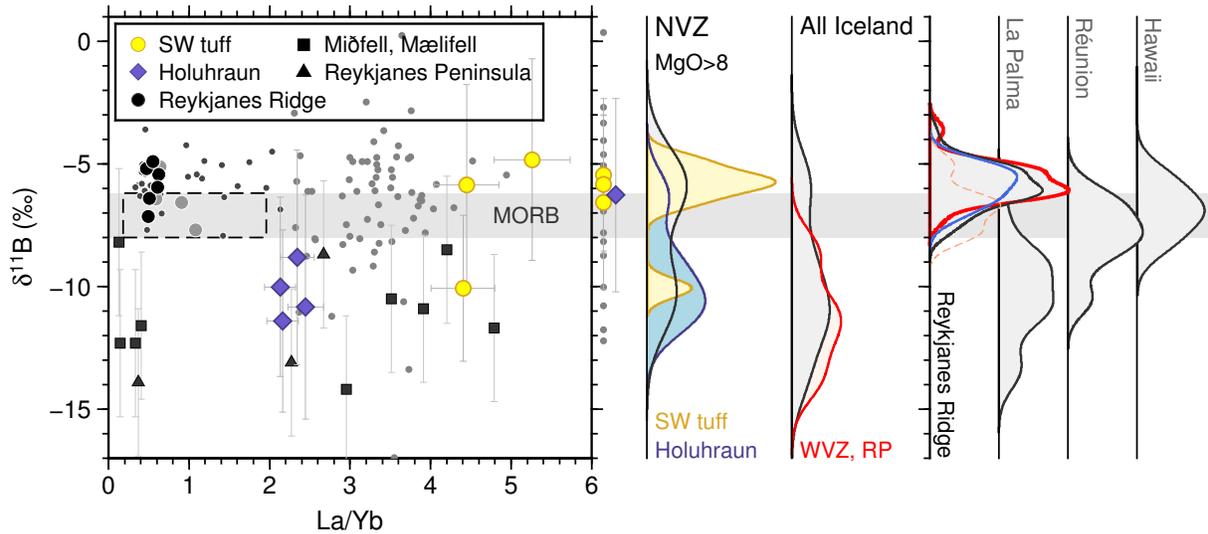


Figure 8: Boron isotopic compositions of on-land Iceland melt inclusions and Reykjanes Ridge glasses with ≥ 8 wt.% MgO plotted against La/Yb, an indicator of primary melt enrichment or depletion. Error bars are 2σ . Small circles show Iceland (light grey) and Reykjanes Ridge (dark grey) samples with < 8 wt.% MgO. The Reykjanes Ridge samples with ≥ 8 wt.% MgO are subdivided into those collected at radial distances < 620 km (large grey circles) and > 620 km (large black circles) from the Iceland plume centre. Iceland melt inclusions are shown in coloured symbols; those with no available La/Yb data are shown to the right of the plot. There is no statistically significant correlation between $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ and La/Yb. Kernel density estimates (KDEs) show $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ probability distributions for Iceland melt inclusions with $\text{MgO} \geq 8$ wt.% (data from Gurenko and Chaussidon, 1997, and this study), glasses from the Reykjanes Ridge (this study: all data in grey, $\text{MgO} \geq 8$ wt.% in blue), melt inclusions from La Palma and Réunion (Walowski et al., 2019), and melt inclusions from Hawaii (Kobayashi et al., 2004). In the Reykjanes Ridge KDE plot, the black line shows all samples; the red line shows filtered samples collected at radial distance > 620 km from the Iceland plume centre (see text for details); the blue line shows samples with radial distance > 620 km and $\text{MgO} \geq 8$ wt.%, and the dashed orange line shows samples that have B/Pr within the expected MORB range of 0.57 ± 0.09 . Shaded grey bar shows the boron isotopic composition of MORB, $\delta^{11}\text{B} = -7.1 \pm 0.9\text{‰}$, from the compilation of Marschall et al. (2017); the black dashed box shows $\text{La/Yb} = 1.07 \pm 0.89$ (2SD) for the same samples.

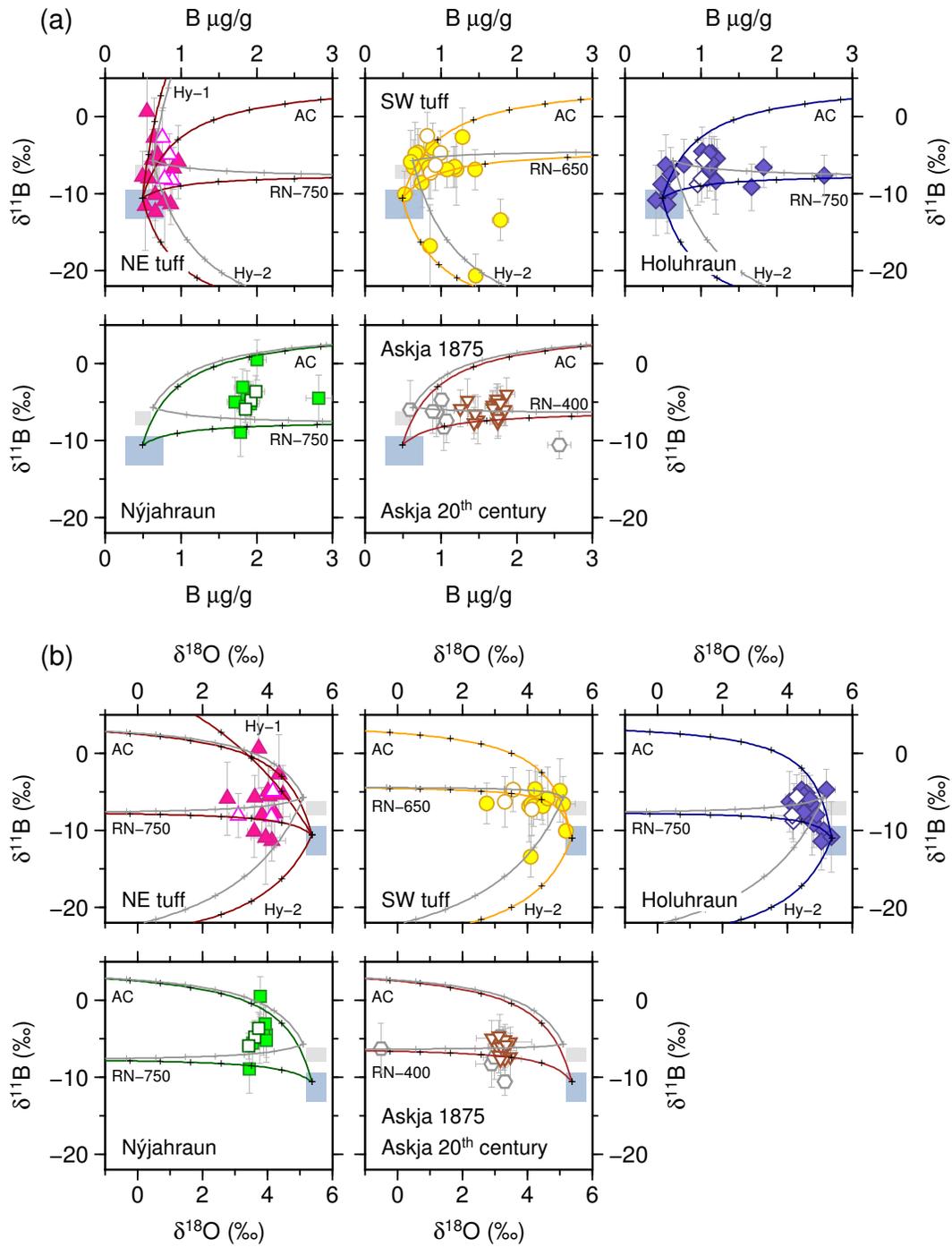


Figure 9: (a) Boron concentrations and isotopic compositions of melt inclusions and glasses from North Iceland. (b) Boron and oxygen isotopic compositions of melt inclusions and glasses from North Iceland. Error bars are 2σ . The shaded boxes show the expected compositions of unmodified primary melts from MORB (grey, Marschall et al. (2017)) and Iceland (this study, light blue) mantle sources. Parabolic mixing curves are calculated between a primitive endmember and a range of potential crustal assimilants (Table 1). The primitive endmembers are taken to be the mean composition of primitive Holuhraun melt inclusions (coloured curves) or the mean composition of primitive inclusions from the SW tuff (grey curves). The mixing curves in (b) assume that the crustal assimilants have $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ of -4% , consistent with basaltic hyaloclastites obtained from the Krafla KG-4 drill hole (Hattori and Muehlenbachs, 1982). Crosses show 5% increments of assimilation. Most melt inclusion and glass compositions can be modelled by up to 15% assimilation of likely crustal components.