

# 1 Upper mantle mush zones beneath low 2 melt flux ocean island volcanoes: 3 insights from Isla Floreana, Galápagos

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## 8 **ABSTRACT**

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9 The physicochemical characteristics of sub-volcanic magma storage regions have important  
10 implications for magma system dynamics and pre-eruptive behaviour. The architecture of magma  
11 storage regions located directly above high buoyancy flux mantle plumes (such as Kīlauea, Hawaii  
12 and Fernandina, Galápagos) are relatively well understood. However, far fewer constraints exist on  
13 the nature of magma storage beneath ocean island volcanoes that are distal to the main zone of mantle  
14 upwelling or above low buoyancy flux plumes, despite these systems representing a substantial  
15 proportion of global ocean island volcanism. To address this, we present a detailed petrological study  
16 of Isla Floreana in the Galápagos Archipelago, which is characterised by an extremely low flux of  
17 magma into the lithosphere from the underlying mantle plume. Detailed *in situ* major and trace  
18 element analyses of crystal phases within exhumed cumulate xenoliths, lavas and scoria deposits,  
19 indicate that magma storage beneath Floreana is dominated by crystal-rich domains (i.e. mush). Trace  
20 element disequilibria between cumulus phases and erupted melts, as well as trace element zoning  
21 within the xenolithic clinopyroxenes, reveals that reactive porous flow (previously identified beneath  
22 mid-ocean ridges) is an important process of melt transport within these crystal-rich storage regions.  
23 In addition, application of three petrological barometers reveal that the Floreana mush zones are  
24 located in the upper mantle, at a depth of  $23.7 \pm 5.1$  km. Our barometric results are compared to recent  
25 studies of high melt flux volcanoes in the western Galápagos, Hawaii and Iceland, and demonstrate  
26 that the flux of magma from the underlying mantle source represents a first-order control on the depth  
27 and physical characteristics of magma storage beneath ocean island volcanoes.

## 28 **KEY WORDS**

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29 Galápagos; magma storage; reactive porous flow; barometry.

## 30 **1 INTRODUCTION**

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31 The physicochemical characteristics (such as size, pressure, volatile content and geochemical  
32 heterogeneity) of magma storage at volcanic centres located directly above high buoyancy flux mantle  
33 plumes (e.g. Kīlauea, Hawaii and Isabela, Galápagos) have been subject to intense study over the past  
34 few decades (Bagnardi et al., 2013; Clague and Denlinger, 1994; Geist et al., 1998; Naumann and  
35 Geist, 1999; Park et al., 2007; Pietruszka et al., 2015; Poland et al., 2015; Stock et al., 2018; Wieser et  
36 al., 2020, 2019). Systems such as Kīlauea are characterised by frequent volcanic activity, and  
37 geophysical (seismicity, ground deformation) and geochemical (gas emissions) monitoring is  
38 prevalent. Monitoring data, combined with petrological and geochemical analysis of erupted products  
39 (mineral textures, deformation characteristics and chemistry) provide important insights into the  
40 architecture and dynamics of their sub-volcanic plumbing systems (Amelung et al., 2000; Davidge et  
41 al., 2017; Geist et al., 2014; Hartley et al., 2018; Kilbride et al., 2016). However, these systems  
42 (which we term ‘high melt flux’) represent only one endmember of global plume-derived volcanism.  
43 Low melt flux systems, either above low buoyancy flux plumes (e.g. Canary Islands; Longpre et al.,  
44 2014) or at volcanic systems distal to the centre of mantle melting at high buoyancy flux mantle  
45 plumes (e.g. eastern and southern Galápagos; Harpp and Geist, 2018), are the other endmember.

46 Although a substantial number of Holocene hotspot-related volcanic systems are located in regions  
47 characterised by a relatively low flux of magma into the lithosphere (e.g. Samoa, Canary Islands,  
48 Cape Verde; Global Volcanism Program, 2013), only a small number of eruptions have been observed  
49 (and recorded) at these systems since the advent of modern volcano monitoring techniques. As a  
50 result, few constraints exist on the conditions of magma storage in regions characterised by a low flux  
51 of magma into the lithosphere, relative to volcanic centres located above the centre of mantle plumes  
52 with a large buoyancy flux (and thus generating a large flux of magma). The flux of mantle-derived  
53 magma into the lithosphere is important because it is thought to impart a first-order control on the  
54 development of large silicic magma bodies (Barker et al., 2020) and the homogeneity of erupted

55 liquids (Geist et al., 2014). Furthermore, placing constraints on the physicochemical characteristics of  
56 magma storage at low melt flux ocean island volcanoes is essential for determining the influence of  
57 mantle dynamics and melt generation processes on the structure and physical characteristics of sub-  
58 volcanic magma plumbing systems. In the absence of detailed monitoring data, petrological and  
59 geochemical analyses of volcanic products from past eruptions represent the only available tools for  
60 determining the structure and processes operating within these systems.

61 Isla Floreana in the south-eastern Galápagos Archipelago is currently located ~100 km downstream  
62 from where the Galápagos plume impacts on the base of the lithosphere beneath the island of Isabela  
63 in the western archipelago (Fig. 1; Villagómez et al., 2014). Hence, although the Galápagos plume has  
64 a relatively high buoyancy flux (compared to regions such as the Canary Islands; Jackson et al.,  
65 2017), Floreana's location relative to the main zone of mantle plume upwelling results in an  
66 extremely low flux of magma entering the lithosphere and, consequently, very infrequent volcanic  
67 activity (Harpp et al., 2014a; Harpp and Geist, 2018). In this paper, we present a thorough petrological  
68 study of scoria, lava and xenolith samples from Floreana and place constraints of the structure, depth  
69 and crystallinity of magmatic systems beneath this low melt flux ocean island volcano. We compare  
70 our results with more frequently active volcanic centres in the western Galápagos (near the centre of  
71 plume upwelling; Geist et al., 1998; Naumann and Geist, 1999; Stock et al., 2018), as well as Iceland  
72 and Hawaii (Hammer et al., 2016; Hartley et al., 2018; Poland et al., 2015), to investigate how the  
73 flux of magma into the lithosphere influences the depth and crystallinity of sub-volcanic magma  
74 storage regions.

## 75 **2 GEOLOGICAL BACKGROUND**

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76 The Galápagos Archipelago in the eastern equatorial Pacific is one of the most volcanically active  
77 regions on Earth, with eruptions typically occurring every 2–3 years (Global Volcanism Program,  
78 2013). Although most historic Galápagos eruptions have taken place on the two westernmost islands  
79 of Isabela and Fernandina (Fig. 1), infrequent volcanic activity has also occurred on several islands in

80 the eastern and southern Galápagos (e.g. Santiago in 1906 and Marchena in 1991; Global Volcanism  
81 Program, 2013).

82 Volcanoes in the western Galápagos likely emerged within the last 500 kyr (Naumann and Geist,  
83 2000), whereas those in the eastern and south-eastern Galápagos are considerably older (eruption ages  
84 up to 2.3 Ma and 3.2 Ma have been measured on San Cristobal and Espanola, respectively; Bailey,  
85 1976; Geist et al., 1986). In addition, substantial differences in geomorphology and the style of  
86 volcanic activity are observed across the archipelago (Geist et al., 1995; Harpp et al., 2014a; Harpp  
87 and Geist, 2018). For example, volcanoes in the western archipelago are typified by large summit  
88 calderas (<700m deep), which are not present on the eastern islands (Chadwick and Howard, 1991;  
89 Cleary et al., 2020; Harpp and Geist, 2018).

90 Geochemical distinctions between the western and eastern/southern Galápagos islands are also  
91 observed, which are primarily related to variations in the composition of the underlying mantle source  
92 (Geist et al., 1988; Gibson and Geist, 2010; Gleeson et al., 2020; Harpp and White, 2001; White et al.,  
93 1993) or the volume flux of mantle-derived magma that ascends into the lithosphere (Geist et al.,  
94 1995, 2014; Gibson et al., 2016; Harpp and Geist, 2018). For example, variations in the flux of mantle  
95 derived magma are hypothesised to influence the geochemical heterogeneity of erupted basalts at each  
96 island: volcanoes in the western archipelago typically erupt a very narrow range of basaltic  
97 compositions over hundreds of millennia during their main shield building phase, whereas basalts  
98 erupted from a single island in the eastern and/or south-eastern archipelago, such as Floreana, tend to  
99 display far greater compositional heterogeneity (Geist et al., 2014; Harpp and Geist, 2018).

100 Floreana is characterised by numerous scoria cones (up to ~600m elevation at Cerro Pajas) and  
101 blocky, heavily vegetated lava flows that can typically be traced to the cone from which they  
102 originated (Harpp et al., 2014a). The crustal thickness beneath Floreana is ~16 km, similar to that  
103 observed in the western Galápagos 10–18 km (Feighner and Richards, 1994), and the lithospheric  
104 thickness beneath the western and south-eastern Galápagos is very similar (~50–60 km; Gibson and  
105 Geist, 2010). However, recent work has shown that the volumetric eruption rate on Floreana is 1–10  
106 m<sup>3</sup>·yr<sup>-1</sup> over the past 1–1.5 Myrs, millions of times lower than the current effusion rate at volcanoes in

107 the western Galápagos (cf.  $\sim 4.4 \cdot 10^6 \text{ m}^3 \cdot \text{yr}^{-1}$  at Fernandina; Harpp et al., 2014a; Kurz et al., 2014).  
108 This variation in volumetric eruption rate likely reflects a substantially lower flux of magma into the  
109 lithosphere beneath Floreana than beneath each volcanic centre in the western Galápagos.  
110 Additionally, Floreana has a high proportion of pyroclastic deposits compared to the other Galápagos  
111 islands (Harpp et al., 2014a) and eruption deposits typically contain a large number of cumulate  
112 xenoliths (Lyons et al., 2007). The abundance of pyroclastic deposits and xenoliths on Floreana has  
113 been interpreted as evidence for very high magma ascent rates (Harpp et al., 2014a).  
114 Floreana is one of the only Galápagos islands that displays evidence for multiple stages in its volcanic  
115 evolution. Submarine parts of the island have isotopic and trace element characteristics that are  
116 similar to recent basalts erupted on southern Isabela (e.g. Sierra Negra and Cerro Azul, Fig. 1A),  
117 whereas the subaerial material is isotopically distinct (high  $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$  ratios; Harpp et al., 2014). The  
118 trace element and isotopic variation in the erupted basalts is mirrored in xenoliths found in the  
119 Floreana lava and scoria deposits: gabbroic xenoliths have radiogenic isotope ratios that are similar to  
120 modern Isabela basalts, whereas wehrlitic xenoliths have trace element and isotopic compositions that  
121 resemble recent Floreana subaerial basalts (Lyons et al., 2007). Variations in the isotopic  
122 characteristics of the Floreana lavas (submarine vs subaerial) and xenoliths (gabbros vs wehrlites) are  
123 thought to indicate a change in the mean composition of magma produced by mantle melting beneath  
124 the island at  $\sim 1\text{--}1.5 \text{ Ma}$  (Harpp et al., 2014a). In this study, we focus on constraining the depth and  
125 physical characteristics of magma storage during the most recent period of volcanic activity on Isla  
126 Floreana ( $< 1\text{--}1.5 \text{ Ma}$ ) using chemical and textural analysis of crystal phases in lava flows and  
127 xenolithic nodules.

### 128 **3 SAMPLES AND PETROGRAPHY**

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129 The Floreana samples analysed in this study were collected during a field campaign to the northern  
130 part of the island in June 2017 and consist of lavas (27 samples), scoria (2 samples) and xenoliths (4  
131 wehrlite, 3 dunite and 2 gabbro samples; Fig. 1B). Most lava samples were collected from the  
132 unaltered, low vesicularity cores of blocky flows or glassy flow fronts. The scoria samples were

133 collected from two separate deposits and comprise rapidly cooled tephra fragments (~0.5–2 cm  
134 across; 17MMSG16) and scoria bombs (~10 cm across; 17MMSG20). Xenolithic fragments (3–15cm  
135 across) were sampled from two different scoria cones on the north-east coast of Floreana and are also  
136 found within most lava flows across the entire island (Fig. 1).

### 137 **3.1 Lavas and scoria**

138 The lava and scoria samples analysed in this study are typically olivine phyric with minor andehral  
139 clinopyroxene and very rare orthopyroxene. Except for small plagioclase laths in the microcrystalline  
140 groundmass, plagioclase crystals are extremely rare in Floreana lavas. Plagioclase macrocrysts are  
141 only present in one of our lava samples (17MMSG29) where they occur as isolated phenocrysts and in  
142 plagioclase-olivine crystal clots (Table S.1). Abundant olivine and the absence of plagioclase in the  
143 Floreana lavas and scoria contrasts with basalts in the central, northern, and western parts of the  
144 Galápagos Archipelago, where plagioclase-phyric and ultraphyric basalts are common (Geist et al.,  
145 2002; Gibson et al., 2012; Harpp et al., 2014b).

146 Despite their relatively simple mineralogy, Floreana lava and scoria samples contain texturally diverse  
147 olivine crystals which can be divided into five distinct groups (Fig. 2):

- 148 - Group 1 olivines are present in all lava and scoria samples and are the most abundant type of  
149 olivine found in the Floreana basalts (~60-70% of all crystals). They are characterised by  
150 homogeneous cores and narrow normally zoned rims (Fig. 2A). Group 1 olivines are  
151 generally subhedral to euhedral.
- 152 - Group 2 olivines are the second most abundant group in the Floreana lava and scoria deposits  
153 (~20-30%) and display reverse zoning patterns. They are typically euhedral, with occasional  
154 small embayments (Fig. 2B).
- 155 - Group 3 olivines are also reversely zoned, but are distinguished by skeletal overgrowths,  
156 indicating significant undercooling of the host magma and rapid crystal growth (Fig. 2C;  
157 Donaldson, 1976; Welsch et al., 2014). Group 3 olivines are less abundant than Groups 1 and  
158 2 olivines in Floreana lava and scoria deposits (<10%).

- 159 - Group 4 olivines are present in low abundance in the Floreana lava and scoria deposits  
160 (<10%). They have homogeneous cores and reverse-zoned rims (up to ~300  $\mu\text{m}$  thick). The  
161 rims have sieve textures, indicating resorption and chemical disequilibrium with their carrier  
162 melts (Fig. 2D).
- 163 - Group 5 olivines are only found in a minority of samples and are characterised by the  
164 presence of 4 compositional zones with alternating high and low forsterite contents (visible in  
165 back-scattered electron images; Fig. 2E and F).

## 166 3.2 Xenoliths

### 167 3.2.1 Gabbroic xenoliths

168 Floreana gabbroic xenoliths predominantly comprise plagioclase (33–66 vol.%), clinopyroxene (28–  
169 46 vol.%) and orthopyroxene (5–15 vol.%), with little or no olivine (Table S.2). Plagioclase and  
170 pyroxene crystals are typically >500  $\mu\text{m}$  and grain sizes are relatively constant within a single  
171 xenolith sample. Where three plagioclase grains meet at a triple junction, 120° grain boundaries  
172 indicate a high degree of textural equilibrium (Fig. 3A; Holness et al., 2005). Some of the gabbros  
173 display clear clinopyroxene-rich and plagioclase-rich layers (2–5 mm), whereas others have a more  
174 irregular mineral distribution.

### 175 3.2.2 Dunitic xenoliths

176 Cumulus olivine dominates dunitic Floreana xenoliths (>90 vol.%). The olivine crystals are subhedral  
177 to euhedral and may have undergone partial textural re-equilibration, with some olivine triple  
178 junctions approaching 120° grain boundaries. Minor intercumulus clinopyroxene is present along  
179 grain boundaries and between pre-existing olivine crystals (Fig. 3B).

### 180 3.2.3 Wehrlitic xenoliths

181 Floreana wehrlitic xenoliths contain olivine (>50 vol.%), clinopyroxene (20–40 vol.%),  
182 orthopyroxene (~0–7 vol.%) and minor spinel (<1 vol.%; Table S.1). Clinopyroxene typically occurs  
183 as large (<5 mm) oikocrysts, which enclose rounded olivine chadacrysts (<500  $\mu\text{m}$  in diameter and  
184 separated by distances of <400  $\mu\text{m}$ ; Fig. 2C and D). In the most pyroxene-rich samples (e.g.  
185 17MMSG03a), clinopyroxene crystals contain fine-scale orthopyroxene exsolution lamellae (Fig. 2E

186 and F). Olivine grains that are not enclosed by clinopyroxene are typically larger (>1 mm) and more  
187 euhedral than the chadacrysts. In some samples, the boundary between clinopyroxene and olivine  
188 crystals is characterised by a thin (<20-30  $\mu\text{m}$ ) layer of glass and very fine-grained microcrysts.  
189 Orthopyroxene is an intercumulus phase in the wehrlitic xenoliths and has an anhedral morphology,  
190 infilling the space between earlier formed clinopyroxene and olivine grains. Our observations of  
191 dunitic and wehrlitic xenoliths (which have the isotopic signatures of modern day Floreana basalts;  
192 Lyons et al., 2007) indicate that the typical order of crystallisation beneath Floreana is olivine,  
193 followed by clinopyroxene, with little to no crystallisation of plagioclase.

## 194 **4 ANALYTICAL METHODOLOGY**

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### 195 **4.1 Electron microprobe analysis**

196 Glass chips, olivine and clinopyroxene crystals were hand-picked from crushed scoria and lava  
197 samples, mounted in epoxy or indium, and then ground and polished prior to analysis (crystals  
198 mounted in indium were polished individually prior to mounting). Xenolithic crystals were analysed  
199 as individual crystals mounted in indium or *in situ* in petrographic thin sections. The major and minor  
200 element concentrations of olivine, clinopyroxene and glass were measured using a Cameca SX100  
201 electron microprobe in the Department of Earth Sciences, University of Cambridge. Calibrations were  
202 made using mineral and metal standards prior to each analytical session (see Gleeson and Gibson,  
203 2019 for details). Glasses in the two Floreana scoria samples were analysed using a 6 nA, 15 kV,  
204 defocused (5  $\mu\text{m}$ ) beam for most elements. Na and K were analysed first (10 s peak count time) to  
205 avoid alkali migration. Other elements were analysed with peak count times of 10 s (Si), 20 s (Fe), 30  
206 s (Al, P, Ca, Mg), 40 s (Mn), or 60 s (Ti). Sulphur was analysed last using a 20 nA beam current and a  
207 60 s peak count time.

208 Pyroxene compositions were determined by spot analyses using a 20 nA, 15 kV, focused ( $\sim 1 \mu\text{m}$ )  
209 beam, with Na, K and Si analysed first (10 s). Element maps of Cr, Ti, and Al in key clinopyroxene  
210 crystals from the Floreana xenoliths were created using a 60 nA, 15 kV, focused ( $\sim 1 \mu\text{m}$ ) beam, with  
211 a dwell time of 150 ms. Cr counts were collected on a PET and a LIF crystal, Al counts were



212 collected on two TAP crystals, and Ti counts were collected on a PET crystal. Olivine electron  
213 microprobe analysis was carried out using the method outlined in Gleeson and Gibson (2019).  
214 Analytical uncertainties were tracked through analysis of appropriate Smithsonian Microbeam  
215 Standards (Jarosewich et al., 1980). Accuracy is typically between 98 and 102% for all phases.  $2\sigma$   
216 analytical precision of clinopyroxene and olivine analysis is typically better than 2–3% for major  
217 elements (>1 wt%) and typically ~5-10% for minor elements (<1 wt%). Similarly, the  $2\sigma$  precision for  
218 glass analysis is typically <3% for major elements, ~5% for Na, and ~10% for K (See Supplementary  
219 File).

## 220 **4.2 Laser ablation Inductively Coupled Plasma Mass Spectrometry**

221 Trace element concentrations were measured in the apparent cores (i.e. as exposed in the 2D plane) of  
222 clinopyroxene crystals from scoria and xenolith samples using an ESI193 laser coupled to a Nexion  
223 350D inductively coupled plasma mass spectrometer in the Department of Earth Sciences, University  
224 of Cambridge. Analyses were collected in spot mode using a 20 Hz laser repetition rate, 4 J/cm<sup>2</sup>  
225 fluence and 80  $\mu$ m spot size, or in transect mode using a 10 Hz repetition rate, 3.5 J/cm<sup>2</sup> fluence and  
226 30  $\mu$ m spot size. For transects, individual spots were offset into two (alternating) lines to increase the  
227 spatial resolution. Laser ablation inductively coupled plasma mass spectrometry (LA-ICP-MS) data  
228 reduction was carried out in Iolite<sup>®</sup>, with NIST 612SRM as the standard reference material and Ca  
229 (from electron microprobe analysis) as the internal reference standard. Analytical accuracy was  
230 tracked using a USGS glass standard (Jochum et al., 2016) and is between 95% and 105% for most  
231 elements (See Supplementary File).  $2\sigma$  analytical precision of spot analyses was monitored through  
232 analysis of an in-house clinopyroxene standard and is 5–10% for the light rare-earth elements  
233 (LREE), Y, Sr, and Zr and 10–20% for the heavy rare earth element (HREE).  $2\sigma$  analytical precision  
234 is ~10% for all elements of interest (Ce, Y) in transect analyses.

## 235 **5 GLASS AND MINERAL CHEMISTRY**

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### 236 **5.1 Matrix glass compositions**

237 The matrix glass compositions measured in one scoria (17MMSG16) and one glassy lava sample  
238 (17MMSG12) from Floreana have very similar MgO concentrations (6.06–6.36 wt%) but exhibit  
239 differences in the concentrations of other elements (Fig. 4). For example, sample 17MMSG12 has  
240 consistently lower TiO<sub>2</sub> and Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> concentrations than 17MMSG16, which must either reflect  
241 heterogeneity in the composition of primary mantle melts or variations in crustal processing (e.g. the  
242 extent of plagioclase or clinopyroxene crystallisation; Fig. 4). Differences between our matrix glass  
243 major element analyses and previously-published whole-rock data from Floreana (Harpp et al., 2014a)  
244 are primarily due to olivine accumulation in the whole-rock samples (additional accumulation of  
245 clinopyroxene may explain the high CaO content of some whole-rock samples; Fig. 4C).

246 Our Floreana matrix glass analyses have higher Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> concentrations than basaltic glass and whole-  
247 rock measurements from the western Galápagos Archipelago (excluding whole-rock samples with  
248 accumulated plagioclase, Fig. 4D; Geist et al., 2002). This indicates substantially lower extents of  
249 plagioclase fractionation in the Floreana magmatic system and is consistent with the scarcity of  
250 plagioclase phenocrysts in erupted Floreana lavas. Reduced plagioclase crystallisation could be due to  
251 the major element composition or H<sub>2</sub>O content of primary mantle melts and/or the increased pressure  
252 of magma storage (Asimow and Langmuir, 2003; Neave et al., 2019; Thompson, 1987; Winpenny and  
253 Maclennan, 2011).

### 254 **5.2 Olivine compositions**

255 Olivine crystals in our Floreana lava and scoria samples show large variations in their forsterite  
256 contents (Fo = 70–92, where Fo=(Mg/(Mg+Fe<sup>2+</sup>) molar) with histograms showing a primary density  
257 peak at Fo~85 (Fig. 5), more primitive than the olivine composition in equilibrium with basaltic  
258 glasses from Floreana (K<sub>D</sub> = 0.30; Roeder and Emslie, 1970). Although there is no clear correlation  
259 between Fo and Ca concentration in these crystals, the most forsteritic olivines (Fo>83) have

260 extremely diverse Ca contents (~250 to ~2600 ppm; Fig. 5), whereas crystals with lower Fo contents  
261 (<83) have ubiquitously low Ca concentrations (<1500 ppm). Floreana olivines separated from the  
262 lava and scoria samples also have a large range of Ni concentrations (~700 to ~3200 ppm), consistent  
263 with crystallisation from a peridotite-derived melt (Fig. 5; Gleeson and Gibson, 2019; Herzberg,  
264 2011; Matzen et al., 2017b, 2017a). All olivine crystals analysed in the wehrlite and dunite xenoliths  
265 have a narrow range of Fo contents (83-87) and, crucially, have uniformly low Ca concentrations  
266 (<1000 ppm) and moderately high Ni contents (~2000 ppm). The range in Ca contents contrasts with  
267 olivines from other Galápagos islands where Ca is typically >1000 ppm (Gleeson and Gibson, 2019;  
268 Vidito et al., 2013). The Ca and Ni contents of our Floreana olivines are inversely related at a set Fo  
269 content (Fig. 5).

## 270 **5.3 Clinopyroxene compositions**

### 271 *5.3.1 Major elements*

272 The Floreana clinopyroxenes analysed in this study (from scoria and xenolith samples) are augites  
273 ( $\text{En}_{48.5}\text{Fs}_{31.5}\text{Wo}_{19.5}$ ) and have a relatively high Mg# (0.85–0.90;  $\text{Mg\#} = \text{Mg}/(\text{Mg}+\text{Fe}_t)$  molar). The  
274 clinopyroxenes typically contain very high Na concentrations (<1.58 wt%  $\text{Na}_2\text{O}$ , <0.11 Na atoms per  
275 formula unit; Fig. 6A) and, correspondingly, up to 10% of the jadeite component. In general,  
276 clinopyroxene separates from scoria samples display a wide range of Na concentrations, whereas the  
277 xenolithic clinopyroxenes have high Na contents (Fig. 6A). The Floreana clinopyroxenes display a  
278 large range of Cr contents, ranging from <0.05 wt% in the most evolved crystals to ~1.72 wt% in the  
279 more primitive crystals (Fig. 6B).

### 280 *5.3.2 Trace elements*

281 Our Floreana clinopyroxenes display a wide range of geochemical enrichment, with LREE to MREE  
282 ratios varying from  $[\text{La}/\text{Sm}]_n \sim 0.2$  to  $[\text{La}/\text{Sm}]_n \sim 3.1$ . Xenolithic clinopyroxenes typically have more  
283 enriched trace element ratios (such as  $[\text{La}/\text{Sm}]_n$  or  $[\text{Ce}/\text{Y}]_n$ ) than clinopyroxenes from the scoria  
284 samples (Fig. 7). Furthermore, the melt  $[\text{La}/\text{Sm}]_n$  ratios calculated to be in equilibrium with  
285 clinopyroxenes from the scoria and xenolith samples range from ~1 to ~15 (calculated using the

286 elastic strain model of Wood and Blundy (1997) at 1225°C and 700 MPa; Fig. 7B), significantly  
287 greater than the range measured in Floreana whole-rock samples (~2–5, with a small number of  
288 outliers up to ~7.5; Harpp et al. 2014a). Almost all of the xenolithic crystals, and a large proportion of  
289 the clinopyroxenes separated from scoria deposits, are too enriched to be in equilibrium with the  
290 typical composition of melts erupted on Floreana (Harpp et al., 2014a). In addition, there is a strong  
291 correlation between the Na concentrations and highly/moderately incompatible trace element ratios of  
292 the Floreana clinopyroxenes, such that crystal with high incompatible trace element concentrations  
293 typically contain a high jadeite component (Fig. 7A).

## 294 **6 MAGMA SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE BENEATH** 295 **ISLA FLOREANA**

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### 296 **6.1 Mush crystallisation and textural equilibration**

297 Based on pyroxene trace element and radiogenic isotope ratios, Lyons et al. (2007) hypothesised that  
298 gabbroic xenoliths in the Floreana lava and scoria deposits formed in an ancient (>1-1.5 Ma)  
299 magmatic system, compositionally similar to those currently beneath Cerro Azul and Sierra Negra  
300 volcanoes in the western Galápagos Archipelago. In contrast, wehrlite xenoliths preserve isotopic  
301 ratios similar to more recent subaerial lavas on Floreana, suggesting that they are fragments of the  
302 present-day magmatic system (Lyons et al., 2007).

303 Our wehrlitic xenoliths preserve an original igneous texture (clinopyroxene oikocrysts surrounding  
304 olivine chadacrysts; Wager et al., 1960) and display no evidence of textural re-equilibration (e.g. 120°  
305 dihedral angles) or metamorphic breakdown of plagioclase (e.g. pseudomorphs or relict cores; Lyons  
306 et al., 2007). The presence of orthopyroxene lamellae in some clinopyroxenes indicates that they  
307 cooled relatively slowly (Poldervaart and Hess, 1951). Hence, we suggest that the clinopyroxene  
308 crystals in our wehrlitic xenoliths grew within an olivine-dominated cumulate mush (i.e. interstitial  
309 growth of clinopyroxene oikocrysts; Wager et al., 1960). The rounded morphology and small size of  
310 olivine chadacrysts, relative to olivine crystals that are not enclosed by clinopyroxene oikocrysts (Fig.  
311 3D), indicates that clinopyroxene growth may have been at the expense of olivine (e.g. Lissenberg

312 and MacLeod, 2016). If clinopyroxene growth is principally within a crystal-rich (i.e. relatively  
313 viscous and immobile) mush zone, this could explain its relatively low abundance in Floreana lava  
314 and scoria deposits (<5% of separated crystals).

315 In contrast with the wehrlites, three-grain plagioclase triple junctions in our gabbroic xenoliths have  
316 ~120° dihedral angles (Fig. 3A), indicating a high degree of textural equilibration (Holness et al.,  
317 2019, 2005). Plagioclase textural equilibrium, along with the two-pyroxene phase assemblage,  
318 suggests that the gabbroic xenoliths represent magmatic cumulates which were stored at high  
319 temperatures (>900°C) on long timescales (Holness et al., 2006). These petrographic observations are  
320 consistent with the gabbroic nodules sampling an ancient magmatic system beneath Floreana (>1 Ma;  
321 Lyons et al., 2007).

## 322 **6.2 Mush disaggregation prior to eruption**

### 323 *6.2.1 Insights from olivine compositional heterogeneity*

324 Olivine crystals separated from the Floreana lava and scoria samples have a wide range of zoning  
325 patterns, morphologies, and compositions (Fig. 2). The five olivine groups identified in the Floreana  
326 samples have distinct morphologies and zoning patterns (see Section 2 above), suggesting chemically  
327 heterogeneous magma storage (Holness et al., 2019). In particular, the most evolved crystals (Group  
328 4; Fo~70–75) are in equilibrium with melts that are more evolved than the Floreana erupted basalts.  
329 This is consistent with a recent study which identified highly evolved (rhyolitic) magmas beneath  
330 basaltic volcanoes in the western Galápagos Archipelago (Stock et al., *in review*).

331 As Fe-Mg interdiffusion in olivine is geologically fast (Costa et al., 2020), preservation of forsterite  
332 zoning in the Floreana olivine crystals suggests that multiple magma batches interacted on relatively  
333 short pre-eruptive timescales. In Group 5 olivines, for example, four compositional zones are  
334 preserved over ~100-200 µm near the rim (Fig. 2E and F). Whilst we do not have enough Group 5  
335 olivine crystals to calculate statistically robust timescales of pre-eruptive magma interactions using  
336 diffusion chronometry, complex forsterite zoning over ~100 µm is estimated to last <3 yrs at the  
337 approximate temperature of basaltic magma storage (~1225°C; using diffusion coefficients from  
338 Chakraborty, 2010). Therefore, we suggest that the range of crystal morphologies and major element

339 compositions displayed by the Floreana olivines in lava and scoria deposits indicates mixing and  
340 amalgamation of chemically heterogeneous magma storage regions over relatively short timescales  
341 prior to eruption.

342 The minor element chemistry of the olivine crystals allows us to investigate the crystallinity of these  
343 chemically diverse magma storage regions. Olivine crystals in our Floreana lava and scoria deposits  
344 have an unusually low, and large range of Ca concentrations (~250–2600 ppm compared with ~1500-  
345 3000 in the eastern Galápagos; Gleeson and Gibson, 2019; Fig. 5A). The lower end of the range in Ca  
346 concentrations measured in the Floreana lava and scoria deposits overlaps with those observed in  
347 cumulate xenoliths (wehrlites) and thus are unlikely to represent mantle olivines (Thompson and  
348 Gibson, 2000). Previous studies have shown that the Ca concentration of magmatic olivine is sensitive  
349 to several parameters, including: (i) the temperature of the system (Adams and Bishop, 1982; Köhler  
350 and Brey, 1990; Shejwalkar and Coogan, 2013); (ii) the H<sub>2</sub>O content of the co-existing melt phase  
351 (Gavrilenko et al., 2016); and (iii) the major element composition of the co-existing melt phase  
352 (Herzberg, 2011). However, the diversity of Ca concentrations in our Floreana olivines is too large to  
353 be caused by variations in  $T$  alone (assuming that the difference between the crystallisation  
354 temperature and final storage temperature is <300°C; see Section 6.4). In addition, H<sub>2</sub>O contents of ~3  
355 wt% would be required to explain the lowest Ca concentrations in the Floreana olivines (according to  
356 the hygrometer of Gavrilenko et al., 2016), which is far in excess of that measure in Floreana  
357 submarine glasses by Peterson et al. (2017). Hence, Ca variations in Floreana olivines likely result  
358 from compositional variability in the co-existing melt phase.

359 Although olivine Ca variations are often interpreted to reflect lithological heterogeneity of the mantle  
360 source (resulting in primary melt compositional variability), this is inconsistent with the Ni contents  
361 of olivine crystals from Floreana (Fig. 5B; Gleeson and Gibson, 2019). An alternative process is  
362 therefore required to explain the variability of olivine Ca concentrations and, specifically, the  
363 presence of olivine crystals with <1000 ppm Ca. This process must reduce the Ca concentration of the  
364 melt phase (and co-existing olivines), without simultaneously reducing the melt Mg# (as low Ca

365 concentrations are observed across the entire range of forsterite contents in the Floreana olivines; Fig.  
366 5A) and may be accompanied by slight variations in  $T$  or melt  $H_2O$  concentration.

367 Evidence for the origin of the low-Ca olivines in the lava and scoria deposits is present in texture and  
368 composition of the wehrlitic xenoliths, which contain uniformly low-Ca olivine crystals (<1000 ppm;  
369 Fig. 5A). The petrography of the wehrlitic xenoliths attests to clinopyroxene growth within olivine-  
370 dominated mush regions. Clinopyroxene crystallisation within this mush would extract CaO and MgO  
371 from the residual melt. However, in an olivine-rich mush, the large reservoir of MgO contained within  
372 the cumulus olivine grains would buffer the residual melt at a near-constant Mg# during  
373 clinopyroxene crystallisation (Meyer et al., 1989). In contrast, the CaO concentration of the melt is  
374 not buffered and decreasing melt CaO contents, due to clinopyroxene crystallisation, will cause the  
375 CaO concentration of cumulus olivine grains to decrease (as a result of diffusive re-equilibration).  
376 Intercumulus clinopyroxene growth would also increase the  $H_2O$  concentration of the residual melt  
377 phase, decreasing the partition coefficient of Ca into olivine (Gavrilenko et al., 2016). Therefore, if  
378 these mush-zone crystals are entrained into ascending melts prior to eruption, growth of  
379 clinopyroxene within an olivine-dominated mush could explain the presence of anomalously low Ca  
380 concentrations in the Floreana olivines separated from lava and scoria deposits.

381 As the majority of olivine analyses from the Floreana lava and scoria deposits have low Ca  
382 concentrations (<1000 ppm) that overlap with those in xenolithic nodules, we suggest that a large  
383 proportion of the erupted crystal cargo derives from highly crystalline magma storage regions. Higher  
384 Ca concentrations (>1500 ppm) are only found in a small number of forsteritic crystals (Fo>83) in the  
385 lava and scoria samples (Fig. 5A). As olivine crystals formed from peridotitic melts that have not  
386 undergone clinopyroxene growth will typically have Ca concentrations >1500 ppm (Gleeson and  
387 Gibson, 2019; Herzberg, 2011), we interpret these crystals to have grown within liquid-rich magma  
388 storage regions where magmatic differentiation occurs by fractional crystallisation.

389 However, olivine crystals from the Floreana lava and scoria deposits cannot simply be divided into  
390 low Ca (<1000 ppm) and high Ca (>1500 ppm) populations (Fig. 5A). A substantial number of olivine  
391 crystals have intermediate compositions (Ca = 1000–1500). We interpret these as being sourced from

392 regions where growth of clinopyroxene was ongoing at the time of mush disaggregation. Thus, the  
393 olivine crystal cargo of the Floreana magmas is predominantly derived from crystal-rich domains that  
394 vary from highly crystalline (Ca <1000 ppm) to moderately crystalline (Ca = 1000–1500 ppm). Only  
395 a small number of olivine crystals preserve compositions consistent with fractional crystallisation in  
396 liquid-rich storage regions (Ca >1500 ppm).

#### 397 6.2.2 *Insights from clinopyroxene major element compositions*

398 The compositions of clinopyroxene crystals from the Floreana scoria also overlap with those in our  
399 xenolith samples, supporting the hypothesis that some of the erupted crystals are derived from  
400 disaggregated sub-volcanic mush. We used hierarchical cluster analysis to subdivide our 567  
401 clinopyroxene major element analyses from the Floreana scoria and xenolith samples to determine the  
402 proportion of material that is derived from each xenolith lithology in the erupted crystal cargo. We  
403 find that our clinopyroxene analyses form three distinct groups (Fig. 8):

- 404 - Group 1 clinopyroxenes are predominantly from the wehlite and dunite xenoliths and include  
405 90% of our analyses from these samples. 39% of clinopyroxenes analysed from the scoria  
406 samples also fall into this group.
- 407 - Group 2 clinopyroxenes include all analyses from the gabbroic xenoliths, and ~10% of  
408 analyses from crystals separated from the scoria samples.
- 409 - Group 3 clinopyroxenes are dominantly analyses from scoria derived clinopyroxenes (~50%  
410 of analyses from the scoria separates). However, 10% of analyses from the wehlite and  
411 dunite xenoliths also fall into this group.

412 Of our 248 clinopyroxenes analysed from the Floreana scoria samples, approximately half are  
413 classified as Group 3 and thus have major element compositions that do not show any affinity to  
414 either the wehlite/dunite or gabbroic cumulates. Therefore, these crystals may represent autocrysts  
415 (with growth in liquid-rich magma storage regions). The remainder of clinopyroxene analyses from  
416 the scoria samples are either compositionally analogous to those in the wehlite and dunite xenoliths  
417 (Group 1; 39%) or the gabbroic xenoliths (Group 2; 11%); we interpret these as representing  
418 disaggregated sub-volcanic mush or wall rock. The high proportion of the clinopyroxene crystal cargo



419 that is derived from highly crystalline storage regions beneath Floreana is consistent with our  
420 interpretation of olivine minor element concentrations.

### 421 **6.3 Reactive Porous Flow within a cumulate mush**

422 Whilst the olivine and clinopyroxene major and minor element concentrations show that a large  
423 proportion of the erupted crystal cargo is derived from highly crystalline magma storage regions,  
424 clinopyroxene trace element concentrations (and zoning) reveal the magmatic processes that operate  
425 within these crystal-rich domains. The trace element composition of melts in equilibrium with our  
426 clinopyroxene crystals are calculated using the model of Wood and Blundy (1997). The results  
427 indicate that many of our clinopyroxene analyses have incompatible trace element ratios (e.g.  
428  $[Ce/Y]_n$ ) which are more enriched than any erupted basalt from Floreana (Harpp et al., 2014a). In fact,  
429 nearly all clinopyroxenes analyses from our xenolith samples, and ~50% of clinopyroxene analyses  
430 from the scoria samples, record trace element disequilibrium with the typical trace element  
431 composition of the Floreana basalts (Fig. 7 and 9). Over-enriched equilibrium melt signatures are  
432 characteristics of Group 1 clinopyroxenes (i.e. chemical affinity to the wehrlitic or dunitic xenoliths),  
433 whereas crystals that are near trace element equilibrium with Floreana basalts typically have Group 3  
434 major element compositions (i.e. the autocryst group).

435 Petrographic observations and olivine minor element data indicate that the Floreana sub-volcanic  
436 system is characterised by clinopyroxene crystallisation within an olivine-dominated mush. If the  
437 clinopyroxene grew from trapped melt within an olivine-dominated mush, progressive crystallisation  
438 would increase the concentration of highly incompatible trace elements (e.g. Ba, La, Ce) relative to  
439 less incompatible trace-elements (e.g. Sm, Y) in the residual melt. A simple fractional crystallisation  
440 model indicates that ~80% crystallisation is required to generate melt  $[Ce/Y]_n$  ratios that are in  
441 equilibrium with enriched clinopyroxenes from the scoria samples and even greater extents of  
442 crystallisation (~90%) would be required to generate the extremely high  $[Ce/Y]_n$  ratios in some of the  
443 xenolithic clinopyroxenes (Fig. 9). Such extensive crystallisation would be expected to result in the  
444 saturation and crystallisation of plagioclase and other accessory phases (e.g. apatite,

445 magnetite/ilmenite, quartz), which are observed in more evolved xenoliths from Rabida island in the  
446 central Galápagos (Holness et al., 2019). However, these phases are absent in the Floreana xenoliths,  
447 indicating that another process is responsible for generating the anomalous trace element signatures of  
448 the melts in equilibrium with our clinopyroxenes.

449 One possible mechanism for generating the observed trace element over-enrichment is reactive porous  
450 flow, where clinopyroxene saturated melts ascend through highly-crystalline magmatic systems  
451 causing dissolution of the existing crystal framework and precipitation of clinopyroxene (Lissenberg  
452 and MacLeod, 2016). Reactive porous flow can result in net replacement of olivine by clinopyroxene,  
453 leading to enrichment of highly- to moderately-incompatible trace elements in the resulting melt and  
454 co-existing crystal phases (Coogan et al., 2000; Gao et al., 2007; Lissenberg et al., 2013; Lissenberg  
455 and MacLeod, 2016), and is consistent with the petrography of the Floreana xenoliths. For example,  
456 major element maps of clinopyroxene crystals in the Floreana wehrlites show that they are zoned,  
457 with Ti-rich rims (Fig. 10); equivalent zoning patterns have been attributed to reactive porous flow in  
458 plutonic clinopyroxenes from the oceanic crust (e.g. Hess Deep; Lissenberg and MacLeod, 2016).  
459 Furthermore, reactive porous flow is consistent with the small size and rounded morphology of  
460 olivine chadacrysts. In addition, if pre-existing Cr-spinel was dissolved by the reacting melt, then  
461 reactive porous flow could also explain the high Cr contents of clinopyroxene in our wehrlitic  
462 xenoliths (Fig. 6; Lissenberg and MacLeod, 2016).

463 To test whether reactive porous flow of clinopyroxene saturated melts through an olivine-dominated  
464 mush is consistent with the trace element compositions of melts calculated to be in equilibrium with  
465 our Floreana clinopyroxenes, we use the zone refining model of Harris (1957; Fig. 9):

$$466 \quad \frac{C_l}{C_l^o} = \frac{1}{D} - \left(\frac{1}{D} - 1\right)^{-DI}$$

467 (eq. 1)

468 where  $D$  is the bulk partition coefficient;  $C_l^o$  and  $C_l$  are the initial and final concentration of that  
469 element in the melt phase, respectively; and  $I$  is the 'equivalent volumes of solid processed by the

470 liquid' (Lissenberg and MacLeod, 2016). The model assumes that a migrating melt front depletes solid  
471 phases of their incompatible trace elements owing to partial melting, and has previously been  
472 employed to investigate geochemical signatures in oceanic gabbros (Lissenberg and MacLeod, 2016).  
473 The model produces melts with trace element compositions that are comparable with those in  
474 equilibrium with our Floreana clinopyroxenes (i.e.  $[Ce/Y]_n \sim 8-13$ ) using  $I$  values similar to that  
475 invoked in other magmatic settings worldwide ( $\sim 4-10$ ; Lissenberg and MacLeod, 2016). Hence,  
476 reactive porous flow represents a realistic mechanism for generating the geochemical diversity of  
477 Floreana clinopyroxenes, including the trace element enriched crystals analysed in the wehrlitic  
478 nodules (Fig. 9).

479 In addition, detailed LA-ICP-MS transects of two clinopyroxene grains from the most enriched  
480 wehrlitic xenolith analysed in this study (17MMSG02c) show clear trace element zoning (Fig. 11).  
481 The core of the larger clinopyroxene crystal has low  $[Ce]$  and  $[Ce/Y]_n$  contents that are approximately  
482 in equilibrium with Floreana basalts (Harpp et al. 2014a; Fig. 11a), whereas the mantle is  
483 characterised by increasing  $[Ce]$  and  $[Ce/Y]_n$  contents towards the rim. We interpret this as core  
484 crystallisation from a melt with a trace element signature similar to that of erupted Floreana basalts  
485 (Harpp et al., 2014a), followed by growth from a melt which became progressively enriched during  
486 reactive porous flow (Fig. 11).

487 The mantle of the second, smaller xenolithic clinopyroxene shows a similar rim-ward increase in  $[Ce]$   
488 (interpreted as progressive melt enrichment during reactive porous flow). However, the  $[Ce]$  and  
489  $[Ce/Y]_n$  values of the crystal core are too high to be in equilibrium with erupted Floreana basalts (Fig.  
490 11C). This is consistent with spot analyses of clinopyroxene cores in other crystals analysed in this  
491 study. The high  $[Ce]$  and  $[Ce/Y]_n$  values in crystal cores cannot be explained by inward diffusion of  
492 Ce, owing to significant differences in the diffusivities of Ce and Y and similar  $[Ce]$  and  $[Y]$  zoning  
493 patterns in our two crystal transects (Fig. 11; Van Orman, 2001). Instead, we suggest that the high  
494 apparent core  $[Ce]$  and  $[Ce/Y]_n$  contents in many of the Floreana clinopyroxenes record crystallisation  
495 from melts that had already undergone geochemical enrichment via reactive porous flow. However,  
496 we cannot discount that our apparent clinopyroxene cores are fragments of larger oikocrysts that have

497 been broken during mush disaggregation or sample crushing and, as a result, do not represent the true  
498 core compositions of each crystal.

499 Nevertheless, our clinopyroxene major and trace element data, as well as petrographic observations of  
500 the wehrlitic xenoliths, provide substantial evidence that reactive porous flow is an important  
501 mechanism of melt migration and melt differentiation in highly crystalline magma storage regions  
502 beneath Floreana. Although reactive porous flow has been identified as an important process in MOR  
503 gabbros, this is the first study to identify reactive porous flow in an ocean island setting.

#### 504 **6.4 Petrographic estimates of magma storage pressures**

505 Petrological and geophysical constraints on magma storage depths exist for several recently active  
506 volcanoes in the western Galápagos Archipelago (Bagnardi et al., 2013; Case et al., 1973; Geist et al.,  
507 1998; Stock et al., 2018; Vigouroux et al., 2008). However, in the absence of geophysical data (owing  
508 to a paucity of recent eruptions), there are far fewer constraints on the structure of magma storage  
509 regions in the eastern and south-eastern archipelago. To date, the only investigation of magma storage  
510 depths beneath these volcanoes is by Geist et al. (1998), who undertook a visual comparison between  
511 whole-rock lava compositions and the MORB olivine + plagioclase + augite + melt pseudoinvariant  
512 point, parameterised by Grove et al. (1992). This approach is subject to substantial uncertainty, but the  
513 authors suggest that Floreana magmas consistently equilibrate at >5 kbar (typically >7 kbar) at a  
514 depth >16 km, within the upper mantle.

515 We used three petrological barometers to provide improved constraints on magma storage depths  
516 beneath Floreana. First, we applied the clinopyroxene-only barometer of Putirka (2008), in which  
517 pressure and temperature are solved iteratively based solely on the clinopyroxene major element  
518 composition (primarily the jadeite component; standard error of estimate [SEE] =  $\pm 310$  MPa).

519 Second, we applied the clinopyroxene-melt barometer of Neave and Putirka (2017), which uses the  
520 composition of a co-existing melt phase and the proportion of the Jadeite component in clinopyroxene  
521 to calculate the pressure of crystallisation (SEE =  $\pm 140$  MPa; pressure is solved iteratively with  
522 temperature using the clinopyroxene-melt thermometer of Putirka, 2008). Third, for the xenolithic

523 nodules, we estimate the final pressure and temperature of storage using the two-pyroxene  
524 thermobarometer of Putirka (2008) ( $SEE = \pm 260$  MPa).

525 Taken at face value, initial application of the clinopyroxene-only barometer to all clinopyroxene  
526 analyses from the scoria and xenolith samples gives a range of pressure estimates between  $\sim 450$  MPa  
527 and  $\sim 1800$  MPa. However, reactive porous flow has a substantial influence on the compositions of the  
528 Group 1 (and Group 2) clinopyroxenes, which may influence the barometric results. Specifically,  
529 crystals that show evidence for reactive porous flow also have elevated Na concentrations, leading to  
530 an anomalously high jadite component. Therefore, we filter our dataset to remove crystals that show a  
531 chemical signature indicative of reactive porous flow and only use Group 3 clinopyroxenes that have  
532 trace element compositions in equilibrium with the Floreana basalts (using the whole-rock data from  
533 Harpp et al. 2014) in our barometric calculations ( $n=78$ ). Results indicate that crystallisation beneath  
534 Floreana occurs at a pressure of  $766 \pm 322$  MPa ( $2\sigma$  of calculated pressures), which equates to a depth  
535 of  $25.2 \pm 9.9$  km (using the crustal density estimate of Putirka (1997) and a mantle density estimate of  
536  $3300$  km/m<sup>3</sup>; Fig. 12).

537 Application of the Neave and Putirka (2017) clinopyroxene-melt barometer requires identification of  
538 equilibrium clinopyroxene-liquid pairs. We achieve this using an automated melt-matching algorithm  
539 (as in Winpenny and MacLennan, 2011, Neave and Putirka, 2017, Stock et al. 2018), with  $K_D(\text{Fe-Mg})$ ,  
540 diopside-hedenbergite, enstatite-ferrosillite and calcium Tschermak's equilibrium tests ( $K_D(\text{Fe-Mg})$   
541 within  $\pm 0.03$  other components within 2 SEE; Putirka, 1999, Putirka, 2008, Mollo et al., 2013). We  
542 used the whole-rock data of Harpp et al. (2014a) and basaltic glass analyses from this study as  
543 potential equilibrium liquids. Input crystal compositions were again filtered to remove analyses that  
544 showed evidence of reactive porous flow (i.e. only Group 3 clinopyroxenes in equilibrium with the  
545 Floreana whole-rock were used). In total, 70 of the 78 input clinopyroxene analyses returned at least  
546 one equilibrium match to either the basaltic glass or whole-rock compositions. Where clinopyroxene  
547 compositions produced an equilibrium match with more than one equilibrium melt, an average melt  
548 composition was used in the barometric model. Results from this barometer indicate that magma  
549 crystallisation occurred at  $717 \pm 165$  MPa ( $23.7 \pm 5.1$  km) and  $1224 \pm 33^\circ\text{C}$  (Fig. 12).

550 Clinopyroxene-orthopyroxene thermobarometry records the final storage conditions of the cumulate  
551 xenoliths, rather than the crystallisation conditions of clinopyroxene autocrysts (orthopyroxene is only  
552 found as an intercumulus phase). Temperature and pressure estimates were only calculated from  
553 orthopyroxene-clinopyroxene pairs in wehrlite and dunite xenoliths that passed the  $K_D(\text{Fe-Mg})$   
554 equilibrium test of Putirka (2008; within  $\pm 0.14$ ). Results suggest that the cumulates were stored at  
555  $\sim 975\text{--}1100^\circ\text{C}$  and  $600\text{--}900$  MPa, with a mean storage pressure of  $712 \pm 200$  MPa ( $23.7 \pm 6.4$  km; Fig.  
556 12).

557 The depths of magma storage calculated from our three petrological barometers show an excellent  
558 agreement within the model uncertainties. These new data provide robust evidence that magma  
559 storage beneath Floreana occurs below the Moho ( $\sim 16$  km; Feighner and Richards, 1994), in the upper  
560 mantle.

## 561 **7 IMPLICATIONS FOR MAGMATIC PLUMBING** 562 **SYSTEMS BENEATH LOW MELT FLUX OCEAN** 563 **ISLAND VOLCANOES**

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564 Our new petrological and geochemical data show that magma storage beneath Floreana occurs in  
565 mush-dominated regions in the upper mantle (Fig. 13). Mineral chemistry (such as low olivine Ca  
566 concentrations and clinopyroxene major elements) reveal that a substantial portion of the erupted  
567 crystal cargo is derived from disaggregated mush and wall rock material which has been entrained  
568 into the ascending magmas. During ascent, magmas may entrain coherent nodules (xenoliths) as well  
569 as disaggregated mush (Fig. 13). Coherent nodules represent areas of the magmatic system beneath  
570 Floreana that have undergone cooling to temperatures  $< 1100^\circ\text{C}$  (compared to the clinopyroxene  
571 crystallisation temperatures of  $\sim 1225^\circ\text{C}$ ) and may represent material from the border of the active  
572 mush zone or older, almost completely solidified magma storage regions that are intersected during  
573 magma ascent (Fig. 13).

574 Petrographic observations and clinopyroxene trace element chemistry from both the xenolith and  
575 scoria samples reveal that clinopyroxene growth occurs via reactive porous flow in the mush-

576 dominated areas beneath Floreana. Reactive porous flow causes distinct trace element enrichment in  
577 the percolating melt phase and crystallising clinopyroxene, which can explain the trace element  
578 disequilibrium between the erupted Floreana basalts and their clinopyroxene cargo. Nevertheless, the  
579 presence of some clinopyroxene crystals with major and trace element compositions in equilibrium  
580 with erupted Floreana basalts indicates that at least some crystallisation occurs in liquid-rich sub-  
581 volcanic storage regions, likely situated as localised melt pockets within the larger mush zone (Fig.  
582 13). Transport of melts modified by reactive porous flow into these melt pockets could impact the  
583 LREE enriched signature of the resultant hybridised melts. This could explain the LREE-enriched  
584 signature in the Floreana basalts, which is not seen in other regions of the Galápagos Archipelago  
585 (Harpp et al., 2014a).

586 Our results indicate substantial differences in the architecture of the magmatic systems beneath  
587 Floreana and the frequently active shield volcanoes in the western Galápagos Archipelago. For  
588 example, previous petrological and geophysical studies have identified that western Galápagos  
589 magmatic systems are characterised by crustal magma storage, often with a large storage region in the  
590 mid-to-lower crust (~7 km depth) and a smaller storage region at shallow levels, within the volcanic  
591 edifice (~1 km depth; Geist et al. 1998; Bagnardi et al. 2013; Bagnardi and Hooper, 2018; Stock et al.,  
592 2018; Fig 12). In contrast, our barometric data indicate that magmas beneath Floreana ascend directly  
593 from the upper mantle and undergo no detectable crustal storage. Although mush-rich regions have  
594 been inferred beneath the western Galápagos shield volcanoes (based on whole-rock data and the  
595 presence of gabbroic glomerocrysts; Chadwick et al., 2011; Geist et al., 1995, 2014; Stock et al.,  
596 2018), magmatic differentiation appears to be driven by simple fractional crystallisation and mixing  
597 of chemically diverse magmas (Geist et al., 1995; Naumann and Geist, 1999; Stock et al., *in review*).

598 One major factor that differentiates Floreana from shield volcanoes in the western archipelago (on  
599 Isabela and Fernandina) is the flux of magma into the lithosphere, as evidenced by variations in the  
600 volumetric eruption rate (Harpp et al., 2014a; Harpp and Geist, 2018; Kurz et al., 2014). Hence, we  
601 suggest that the greater pressure of magma storage and prevalence of reactive porous flow beneath  
602 Floreana, relative to volcanoes in the western archipelago, are related to the substantially lower flux of

603 magma into the lithosphere from the underlying mantle source (and thus the thermal structure of the  
604 lithosphere). For example, the magma flux entering the lithosphere beneath Wolf volcano (northern  
605 Isabela) has been substantially greater than that beneath Floreana for several 100,000s of years. The  
606 high magma flux beneath Wolf maintains the average temperature of the mid-to-lower crust at  
607  $\sim 1125^{\circ}\text{C}$  ( $\Delta T \sim 22^{\circ}\text{C}$ ), with only small-scale thermal and compositional heterogeneities present in the  
608 sub-volcanic plumbing system (Geist et al., 2014, 2005; Stock et al., 2018, *in review*). In contrast, the  
609 flux of magma entering the magmatic system beneath Floreana is much lower and the temperature of  
610 the mid-crust is likely to be  $\ll 800^{\circ}\text{C}$  (i.e. significantly cooler than the lowest temperature recorded by  
611 the Floreana xenoliths; Fig. 12). As the flux of magma (and heat) from the mantle is insufficient to  
612 maintain an elevated crustal geotherm beneath Floreana, magmas that stall in the crust are likely to  
613 rapidly crystallise, increase their viscosity, and become uneruptable. Therefore, eruptions must be fed  
614 by melts ascending from much deeper storage regions ( $\sim 700\text{-}750$  MPa) where super-solidus melts can  
615 persist over long time periods.

616 Our results have global implications for the architecture and dynamics of magma storage regions  
617 beneath ocean island volcanoes that are characterised by a relatively low flux of magma from the  
618 underlying mantle. These include off-axis volcanic systems (e.g. Halekala, Hawaii) and those above  
619 low buoyancy flux mantle plumes (e.g. El Hierro, Canary Islands). Figure 14 shows a compilation of  
620 published barometric estimates from 'high' and 'low' melt flux systems in some of the most active  
621 ocean island systems on Earth (Hawaii, Iceland and Galápagos; Hammer et al., 2016; Hartley et al.,  
622 2018; Neave and Putirka, 2017; Poland et al., 2015; Stock et al., 2018). Central volcanic systems from  
623 each region typically display relatively low-pressure magma storage compared to regions that are  
624 characterised by a comparatively low magma flux from the convecting mantle (i.e. off-axis volcanic  
625 systems; Fig. 14). This observation is consistent with the high pressures of magma storage identified  
626 at other ocean island volcanoes that are located above mantle plumes with a relatively low buoyancy  
627 flux (e.g.  $>15\text{-}25$  km at El Hierro in the Canary Islands; Longpre et al., 2014; Taracsák et al., 2019).  
628 Hence, we speculate that high-pressure magma storage is characteristic of low melt flux ocean island  
629 volcanoes globally.



## 630 **8 CONCLUSIONS**

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631 Petrographic and geochemical analyses of lava, scoria and xenolith samples from Floreana in the  
632 south-eastern Galápagos Archipelago provide new insights into the architecture and dynamics of  
633 magma storage beneath low melt flux ocean island volcanoes. Comparison of olivine and  
634 clinopyroxene major, minor and trace element contents between our different sample types reveals  
635 that a substantial portion of the erupted crystal cargo is derived from mush-dominated magma storage  
636 regions beneath Floreana. Mineral textures, highly enriched clinopyroxene trace element signatures  
637 and trace element zoning in the xenoliths reveals that reactive porous flow is an important process of  
638 chemical differentiation and melt transport within these mush-dominated regions. Mixing between  
639 melts that have been geochemically enriched by reactive porous flow and those in overlying liquid-  
640 rich storage regions could explain the anomalous LREE enriched signature of the Floreana basalts,  
641 which is absent in other parts of the Galápagos Archipelago where reactive porous flow has not been  
642 identified.

643 Application of independent petrological barometers to crystals in Floreana scoria and xenolith  
644 samples indicates that magmas are stored in the upper mantle ( $\sim 23.7 \pm 5.1$  km). Floreana is in a distal  
645 location to the Galápagos plume where the melt flux entering the lithosphere is low; the depth of  
646 magma storage beneath Floreana contrasts with more proximal, higher melt flux volcanoes in the  
647 western archipelago where magmas are stored in the crust (Geist et al., 1998; Stock et al., 2018).  
648 Comparing our new data with ocean island volcanoes globally (e.g. Hawaii, Iceland and the Canary  
649 Islands) reveals that the Galápagos is not unique and that magma storage is ubiquitously shallower in  
650 proximal magmatic systems above high buoyancy flux plumes than in off-axis systems, or above low  
651 buoyancy flux plumes. We therefore suggest that the flux of mantle-derived magma entering the  
652 lithosphere imparts a first-order control on the depth of magma storage beneath ocean island  
653 volcanoes.

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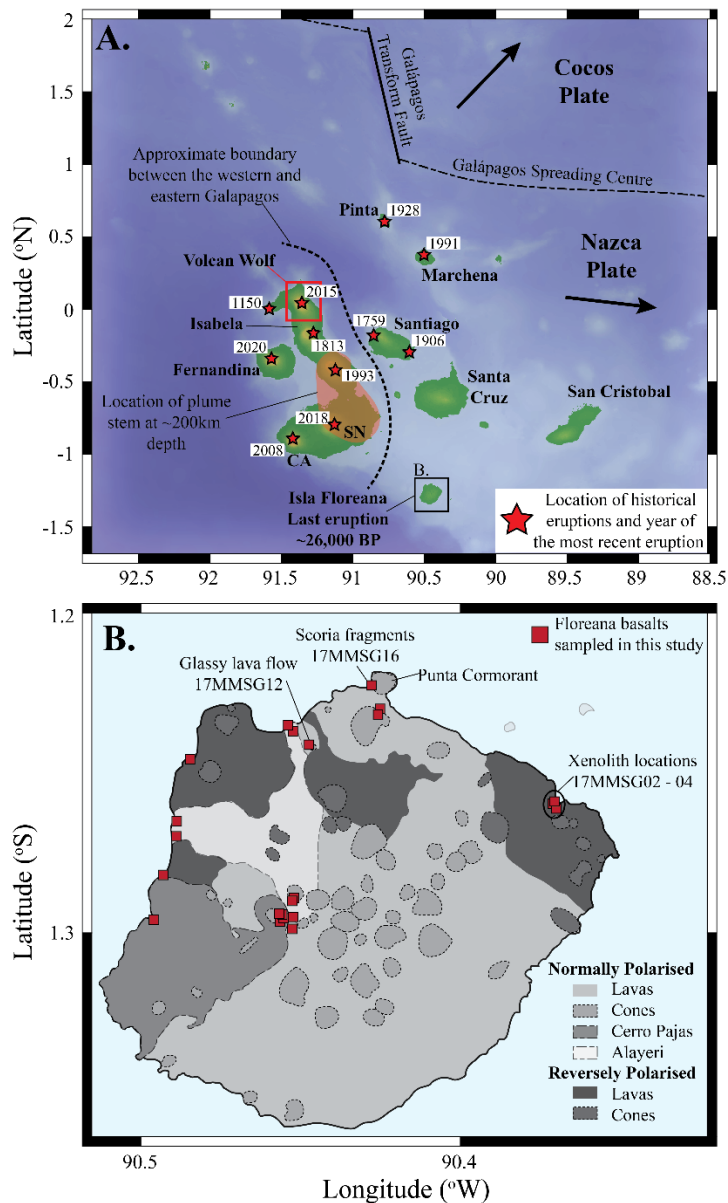
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## FIGURES



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921 **Figure 1 - A.** Regional map of the Galápagos Archipelago highlighting the location of Isla Floreana,

922 Cerro Azul (CA), Sierra Negra (SN) and Wolf volcanoes. Dates show the most recent eruptions at

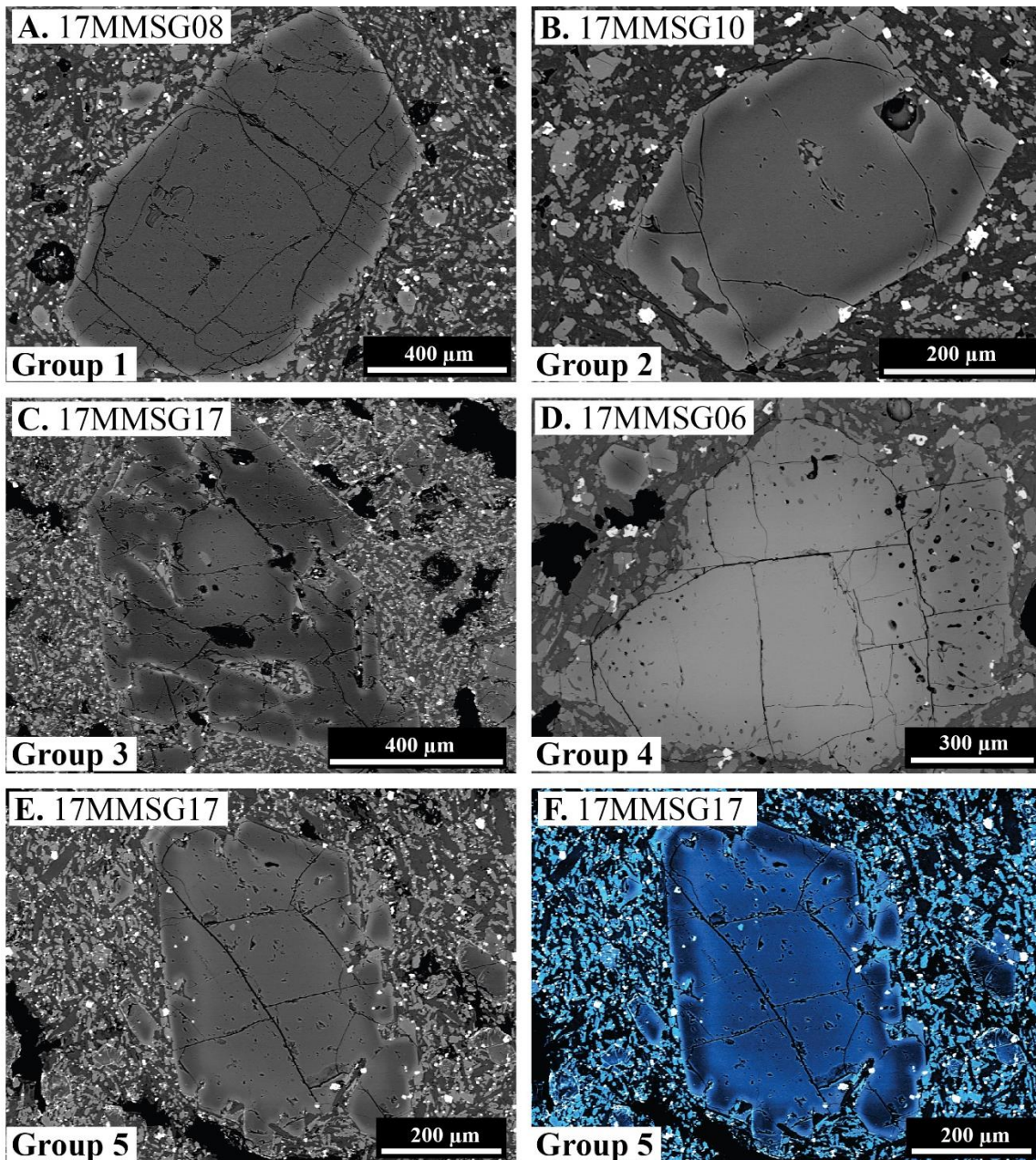
923 historically active volcanic centres. Black arrows show the direction of plate motion for the Nazca and

924 Cocos tectonic plates, respectively. **B.** Geological map of Floreana adapted from Harpp et al. (2014a).

925 Dashed lines delineate monogenetic scoria cones. Normally and reversely polarised lava flows are

926 shown along with the largest (Cerro Pajas) and most recent (Alayeri; ~26,000 years) eruptions on

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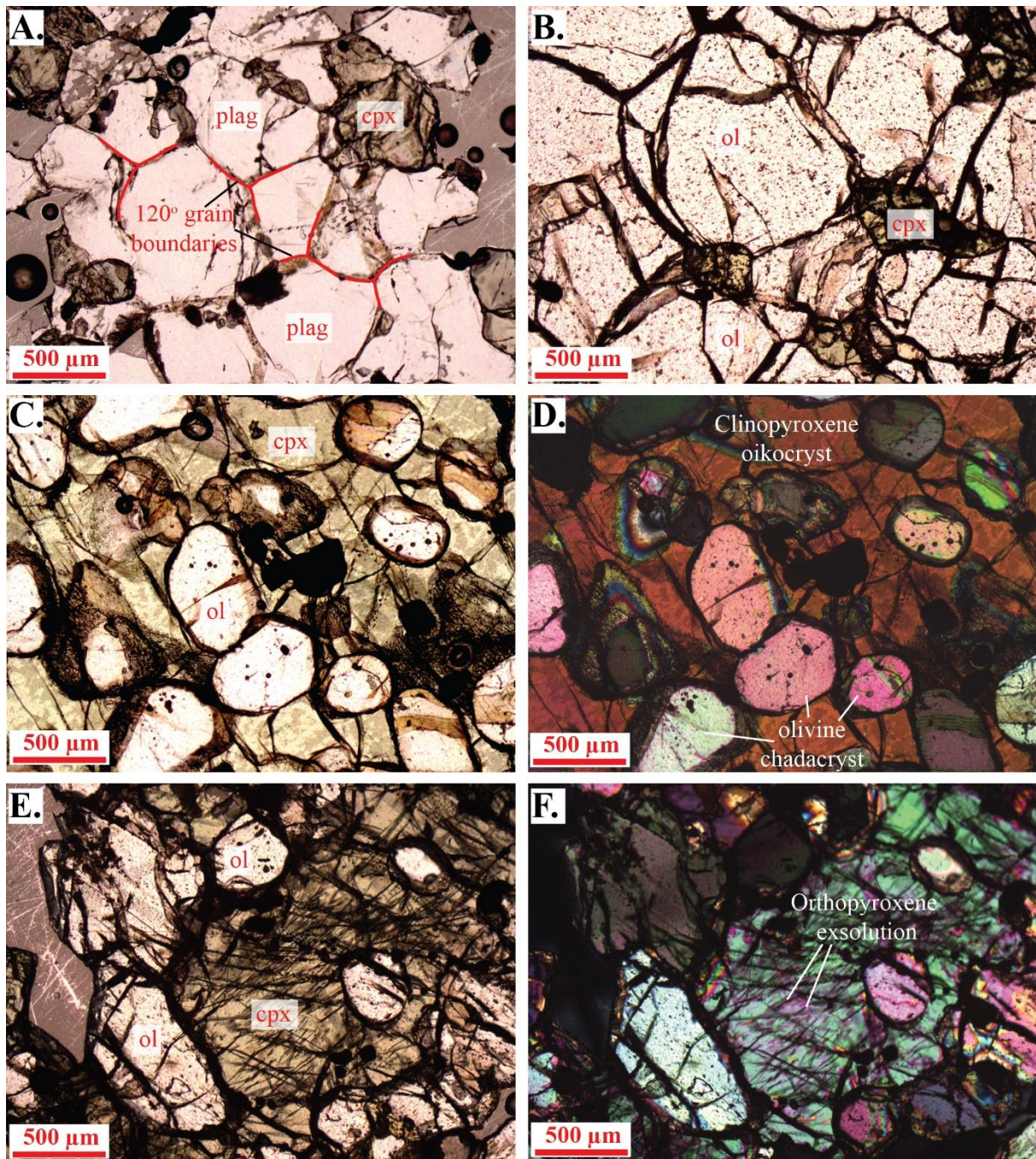


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929 **Figure 2** - SEM images of **A.** Group 1 olivines – euhedral to subhedral crystal morphologies with  
930 large, unzoned, crystal cores and narrow, normally-zoned rims. **B.** Group 2 olivines – subhedral to  
931 euhedral crystals with clear, reverse-zoning profiles. **C.** Group 3 olivines – skeletal crystals with high  
932 forsterite overgrowths on low forsterite cores. **D.** Group 4 olivines – anhedral crystals with sieved  
933 textured, reverse zoned rims. **E.** (greyscale) and **F.** (false colour) Group 5 olivines – crystals preserve  
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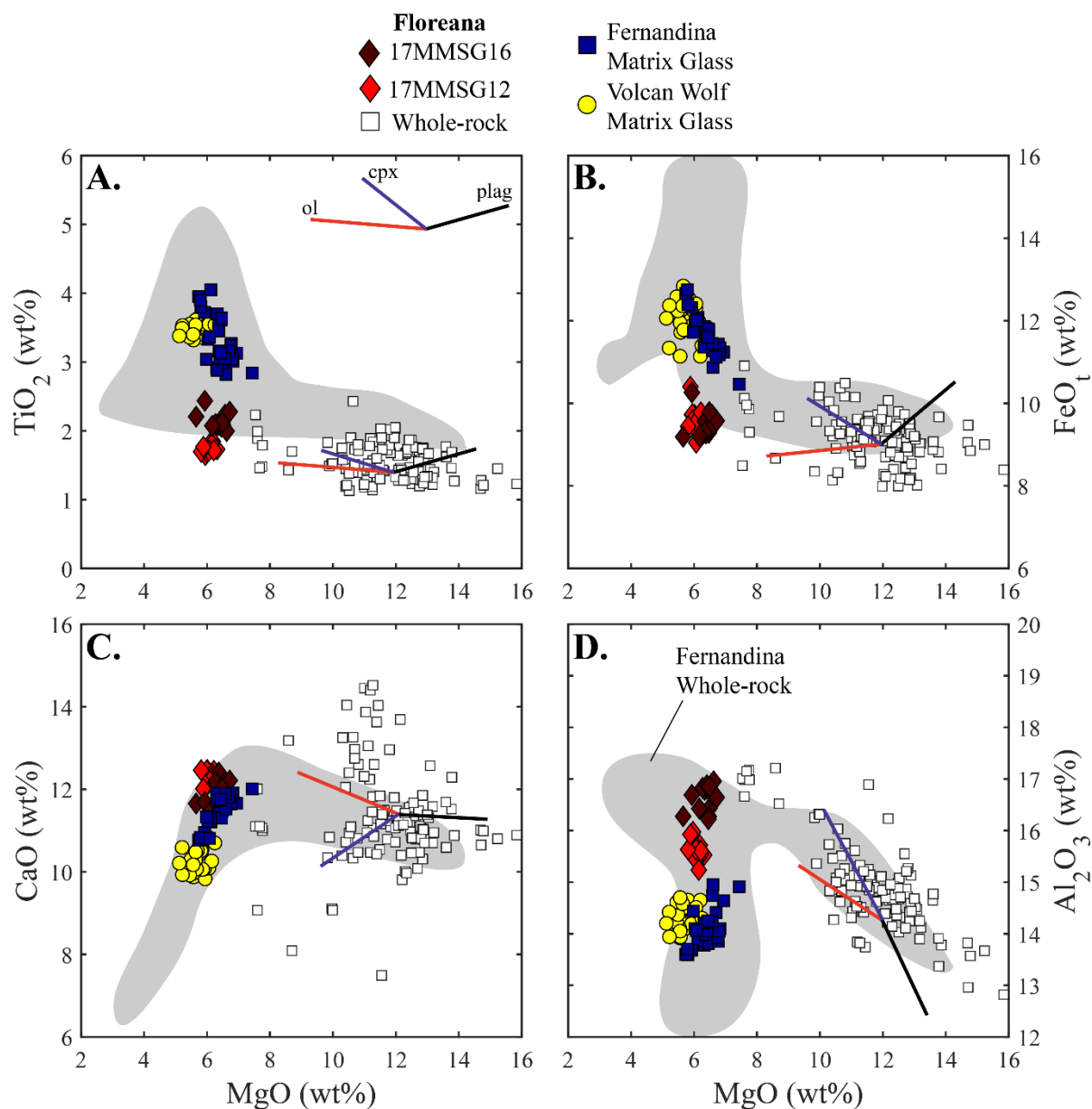
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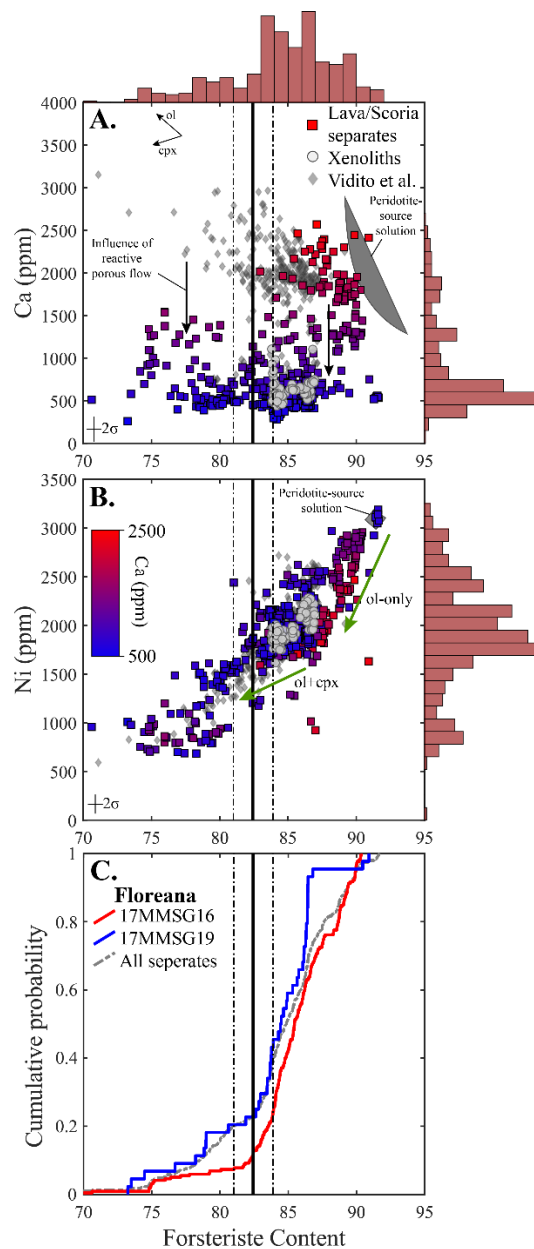
937 **Figure 3** - Plane Polarised Light (A. – C. and E.) and Crossed Polarised Light (D., F.) images of  
938 Floreana xenoliths. **A.** – gabbroic xenolith (17MMSG04b), highlighting near 120° grain boundaries at  
939 monomineralic plagioclase (plag) triple junctions. **B.** – dunitic xenolith (17MMSG04c) with  
940 intercumulus clinopyroxene growth. **C.** and **D.** – wehrlitic xenolith (17MMSG02c) showing a large  
941 clinopyroxene (cpx) oikocryst surrounding olivine (ol) chadacrysts. **E.** and **F.** – wehrlitic xenolith  
942 (sample 17MMSG03a) showing olivine chadacrysts within a clinopyroxene oikocryst. Orthopyroxene  
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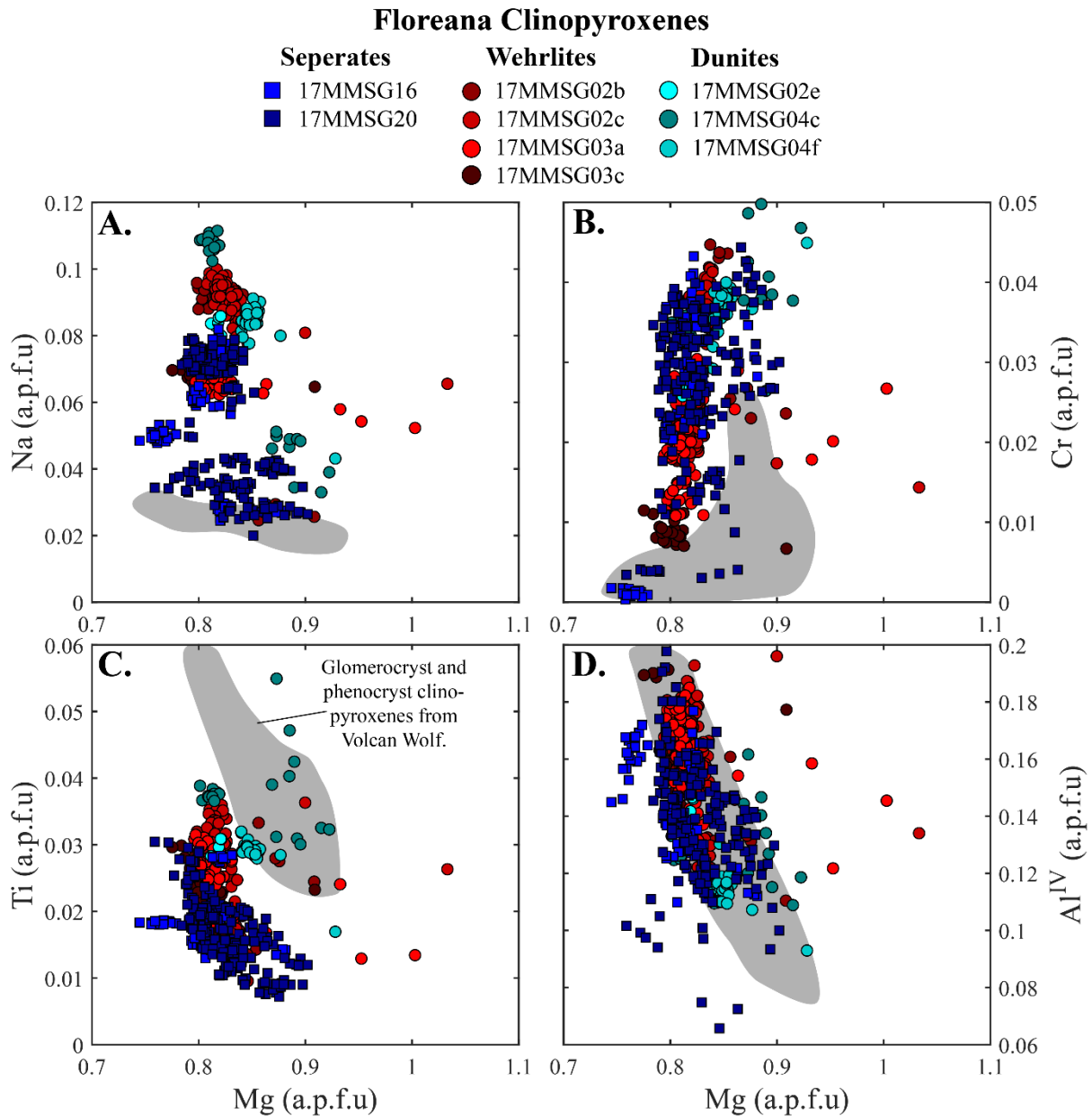
945 **Figure 4** – Major element compositions of matrix glasses (this study) and whole-rocks (Harpp et al.,  
946 2014a) from Floreana, as well as glasses from Fernandina (Peterson et al., 2017) and Wolf volcano  
947 (Stock et al., 2018) in the western Galápagos Archipelago. Lines show trajectories of liquid  
948 compositional evolution olivine (ol; red), clinopyroxene (cpx; blue) and plagioclase (plag; black)  
949 crystallisation. The grey field shows whole-rock data from Isla Fernandina in the western Galápagos  
950 (Allan and Simkin, 2000; Geist et al., 2006). The 2 $\sigma$  precision of our matrix glass analyses is smaller  
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**Figure 5** – Major and minor element compositions of olivine crystals from the Isla Floreana basalts. **A.** Fo vs. Ca and **B** Fo vs. Ni in Galápagos olivine crystals with analyses from our lava/scoria separates and xenolith samples, as well as a compilation of available olivine data from Floreana (Vidito et al. 2013). Our lava/scoria analyses are coloured according to their Ca concentration (see colour scale in **B**). The histograms above and to the right of the plots show the data distributions (excluding *in situ* analyses of xenolithic olivines). Peridotite source solutions are taken from Herzberg (2011) and Matzen et al. (2017a). Black arrows in **A.** show the trajectory of crystal compositional evolution during olivine (ol) and clinopyroxene (cpx) crystallisation (taken from Gleeson and Gibson, 2019) and the hypothesised influence of reactive porous flow. The green lines in

971 **B.** show the trajectories of crystal compositional evolution during olivine only, followed by olivine +  
 972 clinopyroxene fractional crystallisation (from Gleeson and Gibson, 2019). **C.** Cumulative probability  
 973 of forsterite in olivine separates from our lava (17MMSG19) and scoria (17MMSG16) samples. A  
 974 two-sample Kolmogorov-Smirnov test is used to assess the similarity of the forsterite distributions of  
 975 the two samples (and all analyses from lava and scoria deposits in this study). Results indicate that the  
 976 olivine populations from the two samples are drawn from the different distribution ( $p=0.0021$ ). The  
 977 vertical black lines show the forsterite compositions of crystals calculated to be in equilibrium with  
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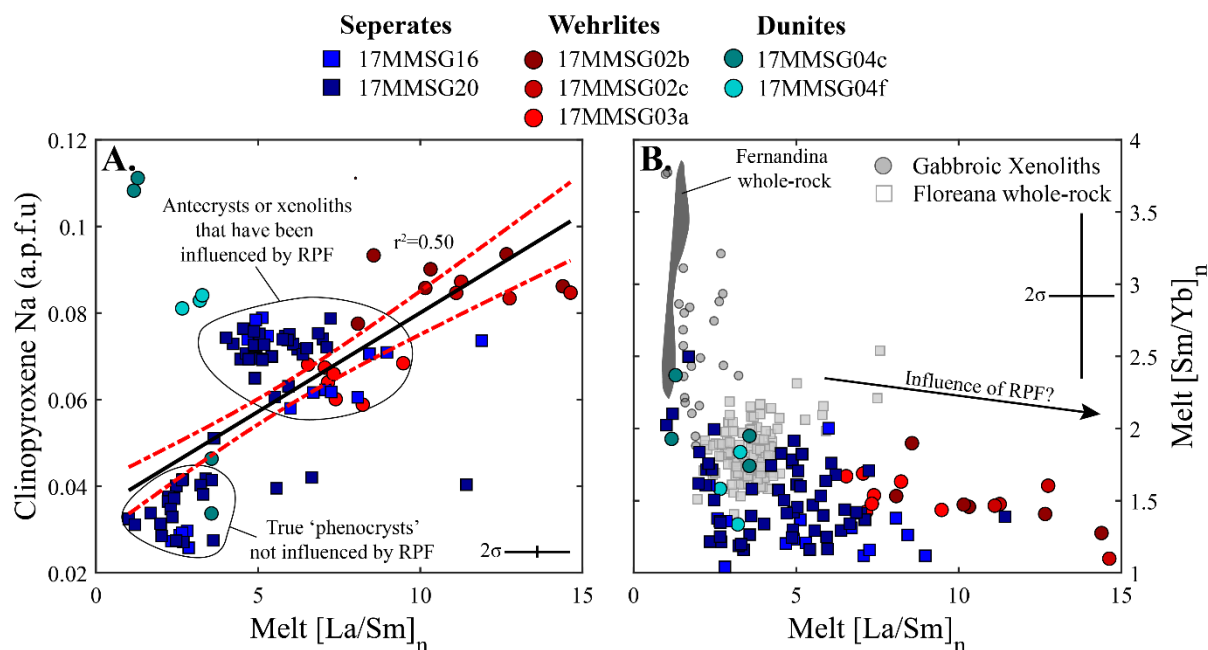
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981 **Figure 6** – Major element composition of Floreana clinopyroxenes from our scoria samples and  
982 wehrlite and dunite xenoliths. The grey field shows the compositions of clinopyroxenes from Wolf  
983 volcano in the western Galápagos Archipelago (from Stock et al. 2018). The 2 $\sigma$  precision of our  
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989 **Figure 7 – A.** [La/Sm]<sub>n</sub> vs. Na in clinopyroxenes from our scoria samples and wehrlite and dunite  
 990 xenoliths. The black line shows a regression through the data ( $r^2 = 0.50$ ) and the red dashed lines  
 991 show the 95% confidence limits on the regression. **B.** [La/Sm]<sub>n</sub> vs. [Sm/Yb]<sub>n</sub> of melts calculated to be  
 992 in equilibrium with our Floreana clinopyroxenes using the model of Wood and Blundy (1997). The  
 993 black arrow shows the approximate trend of crystal compositional evolution hypothesised to occur as  
 994 a result of reactive porous flow. The grey field shows whole-rock compositions from Fernandina  
 995 (Geist et al., 2006; White et al., 1993). **B** additionally shows the whole-rock compositions of erupted  
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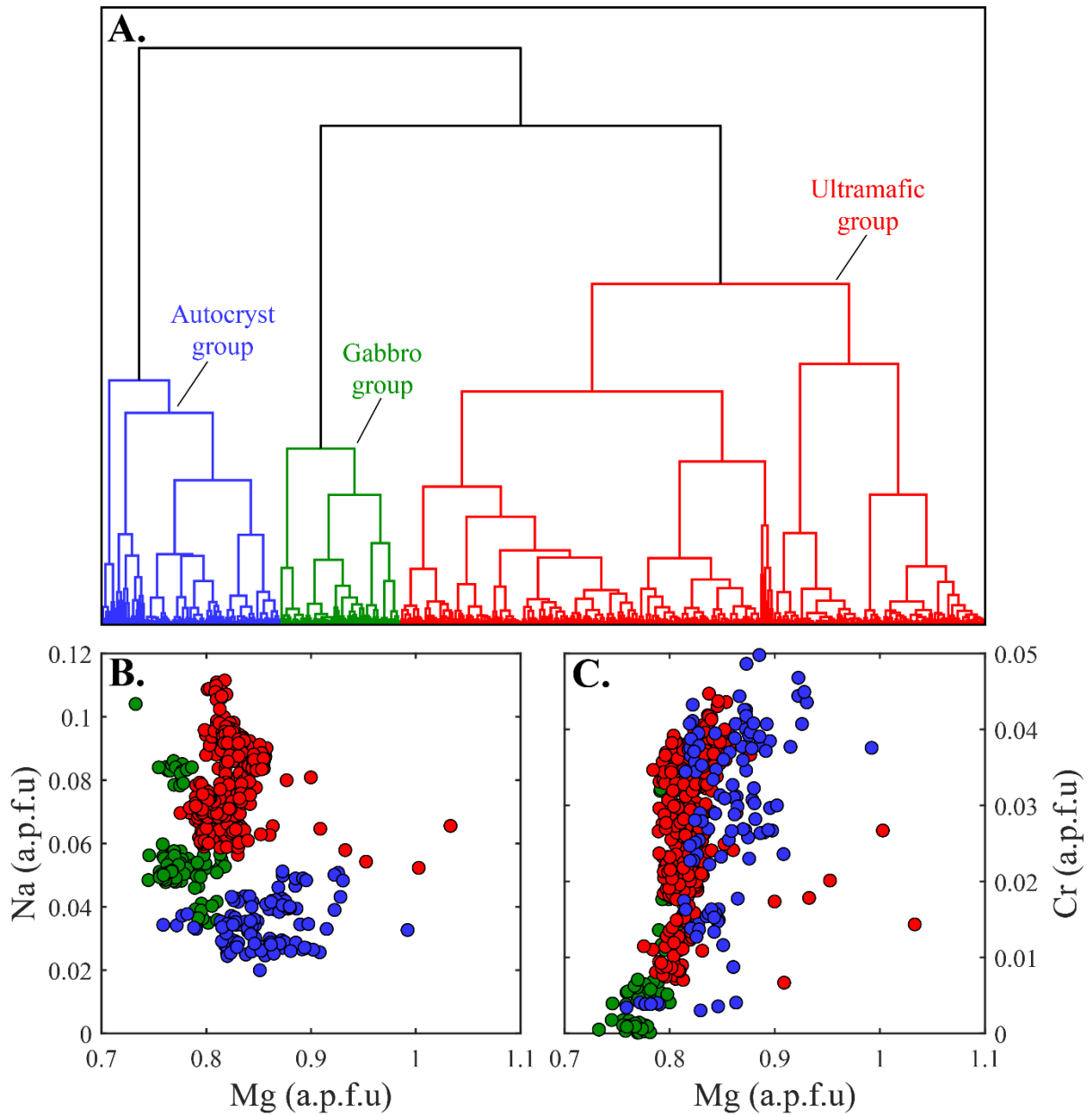
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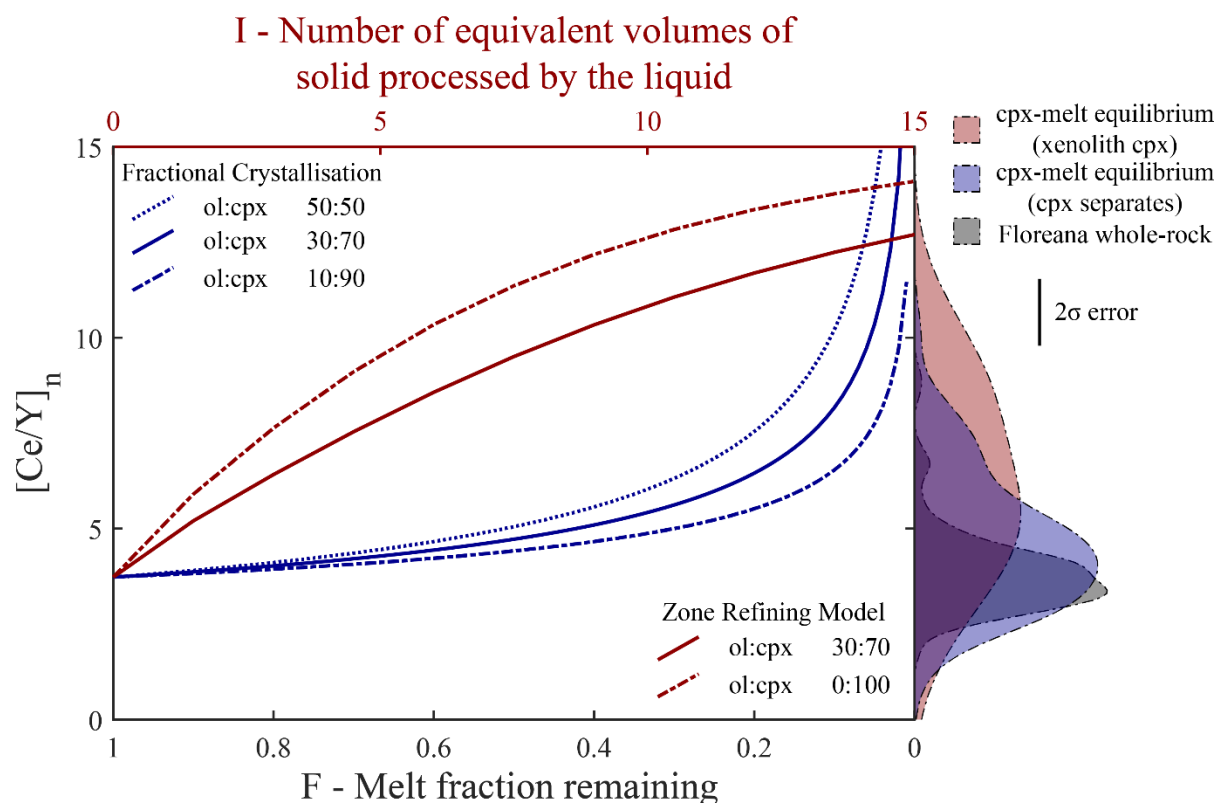


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1005 **Figure 8** – A. Hierarchical cluster analysis of our clinopyroxene major element analyses. Colours  
1006 show the high-level division of crystal compositions into three groups: Group 1 is predominantly  
1007 comprised of crystals from wehrlite and dunite xenoliths (red), Group 2 is predominantly comprised  
1008 of crystals from gabbroic xenoliths (green) and Group 3 (blue) is dominated by crystals separated  
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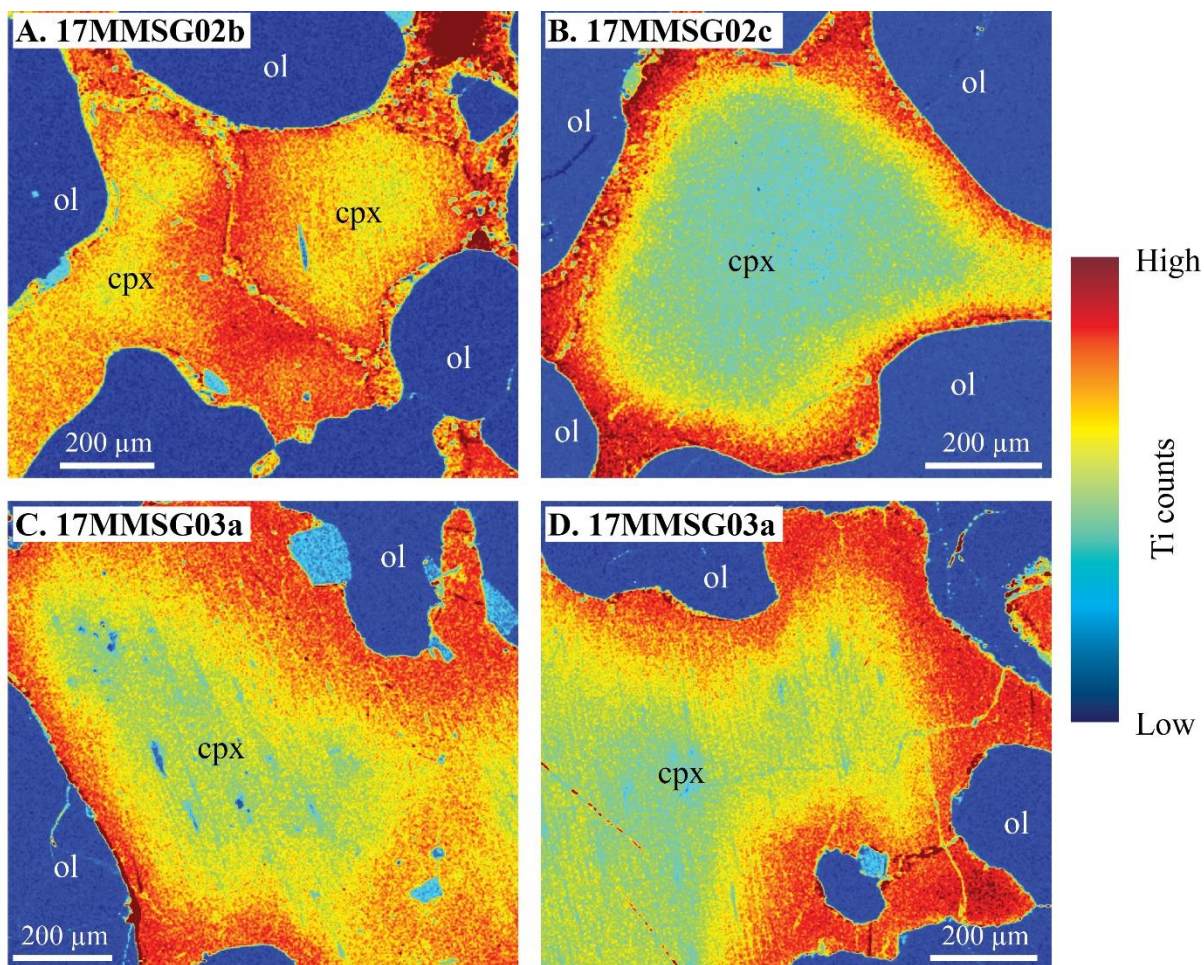


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1014 **Figure 9** – Models showing the evolution of melt  $[Ce/Y]_n$  ratios as a function of the melt fraction  
1015 remaining (F) during fractional crystallisation and as a function of the number of equivalent volumes  
1016 of solid processed by the liquid (I) during reactive porous flow (red; using the zone-refining model of  
1017 Harris, 1957). Line types show how models vary with different ratios of crystallising olivine (ol) and  
1018 clinopyroxene (cpx). The kernel density plots to the right show the  $[Ce/Y]_n$  density distributions of  
1019 liquids calculated to be in equilibrium with clinopyroxene crystals in our wehrlite and dunite xenoliths  
1020 (red), scoria samples (blue;  $2\sigma$  error for the clinopyroxene analyses is shown by the black bar), and  
1021 whole-rock analyses of erupted Floreana basalts (grey; Harpp et al., 2014a). Partition coefficients  
1022 were calculated for clinopyroxene using the method of Wood and Blundy (1997), the mean major  
1023 element composition of the group 3 clinopyroxenes from this study, a temperature of 1225°C, and a  
1024 pressure of 700 MPa. Initial Ce and Y concentrations for both models were taken as the mean values  
1025 from the whole-rock dataset of Harpp et al. (2014a). Calculation increments are 0.01 in F and 0.1 in I.

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1029 **Figure 10** – Ti maps of key clinopyroxene crystals in the Floreana wehrlite xenoliths. These maps  
1030 display clear zoning in the xenolithic clinopyroxenes with Ti-poor cores and Ti-rich rims. The dark  
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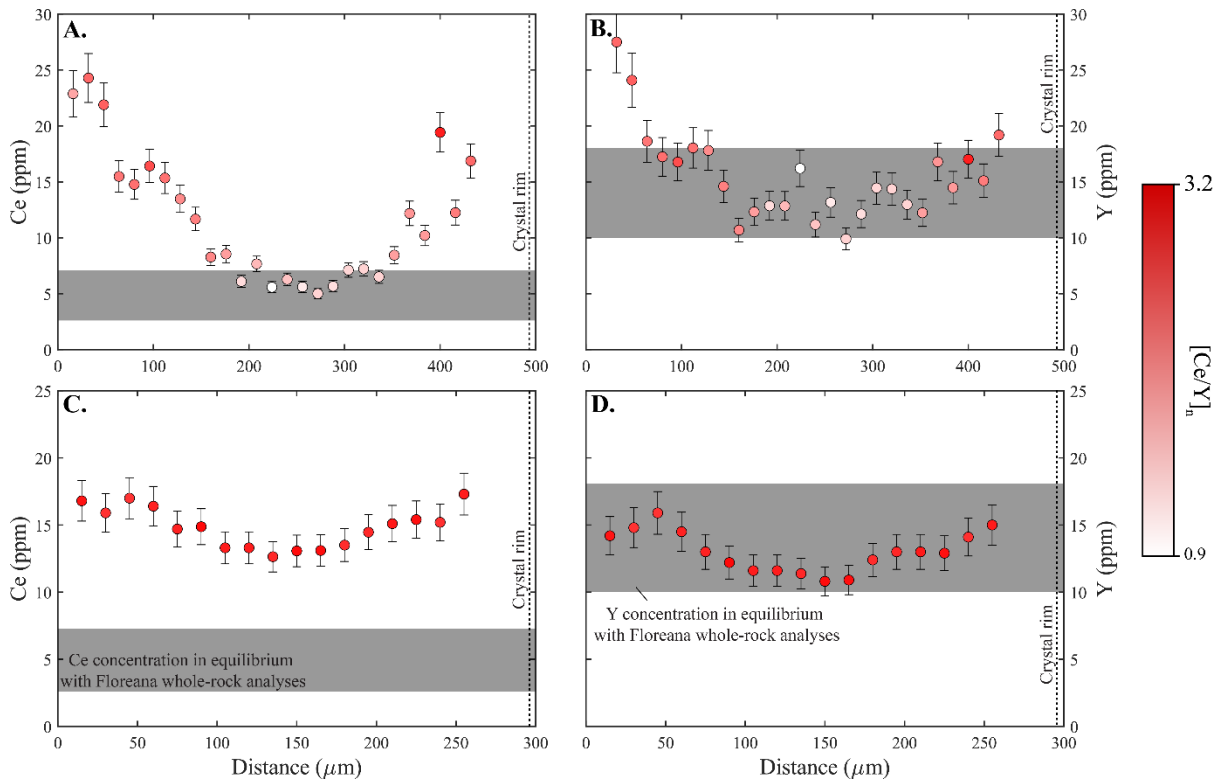
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**Figure 11** – LA-ICP-MS transects showing Ce (**A, C**) and Y (**B, D**) zoning across two clinopyroxene grains in a wehrlitic xenolith (17MMSG02c). **A.** and **B.** show a transect across the core of a large clinopyroxene oikocryst. **C.** and **D.** show a transect across the apparent core of a smaller clinopyroxene oikocryst. Points are coloured according to their  $[\text{Ce}/\text{Y}]_n$  ratio (see colour scale). The grey bars show the crystal compositions calculated to be in equilibrium with whole-rock analyses of erupted Floreana basalts (Harpp et al., 2014a).

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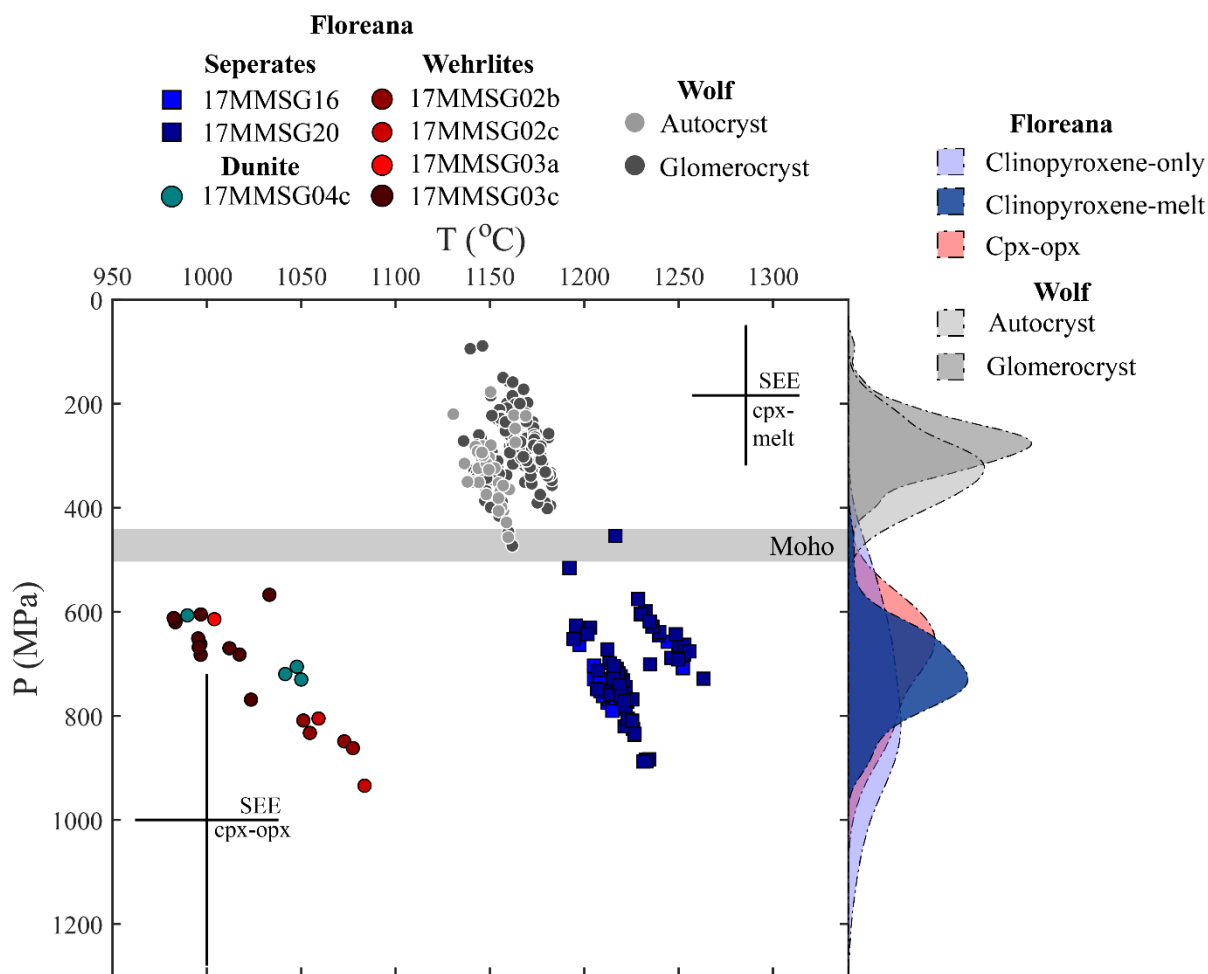
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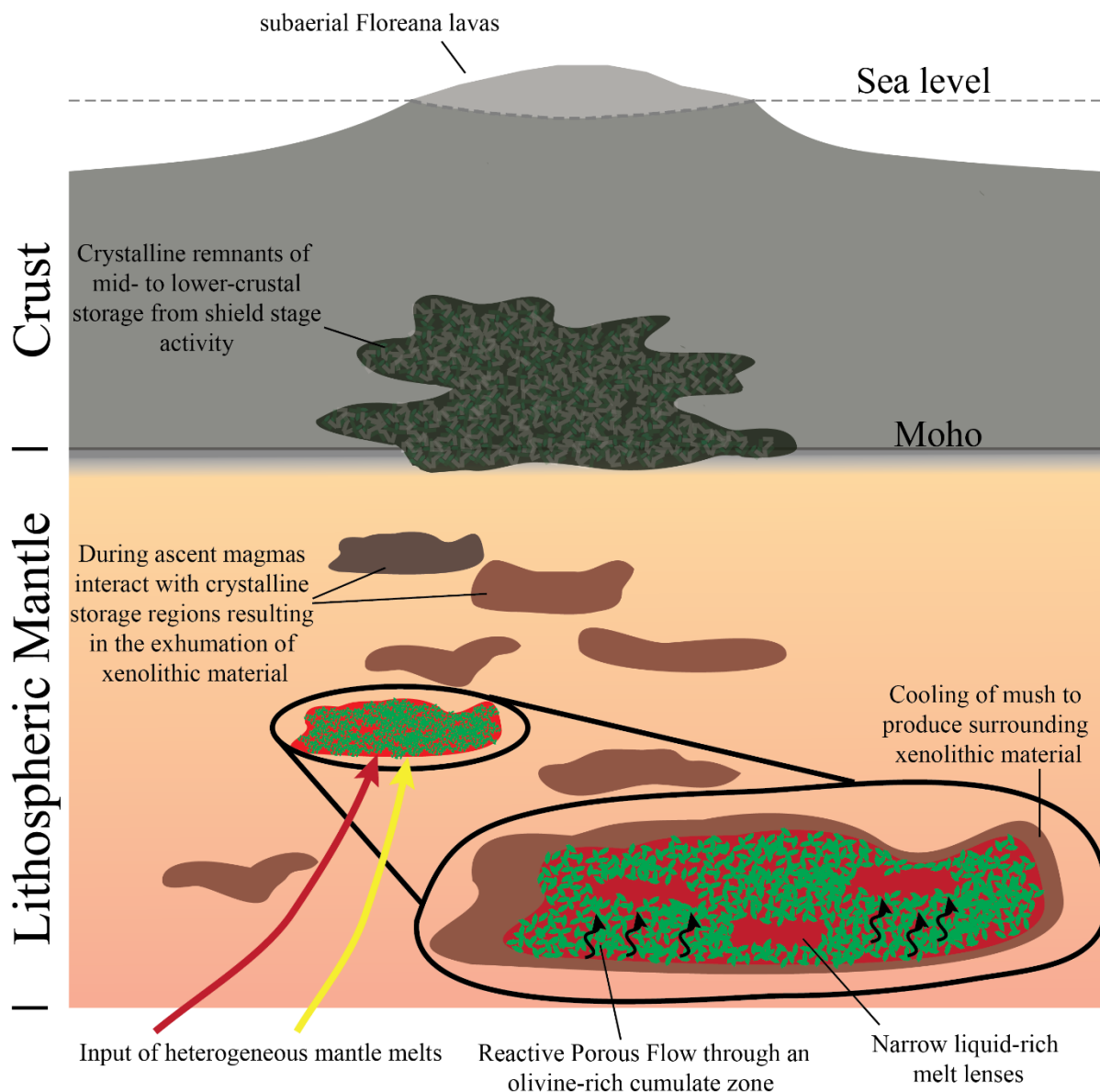
1054 **Figure 12** – Petrological thermobarometry results. The kernel density plots to the right show the  
 1055 density distributions of barometric results from different models (light blue – clinopyroxene-only,  
 1056 Putirka (2008); dark blue – clinopyroxene-melt, Neave and Putirka (2017); red – clinopyroxene-  
 1057 orthopyroxene Putirka (2008)). The grey bar shows the Moho depth beneath Fernandina (from  
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 1059 melt thermobarometric results for autocrysts and glomerocrysts from Wolf volcano for comparison  
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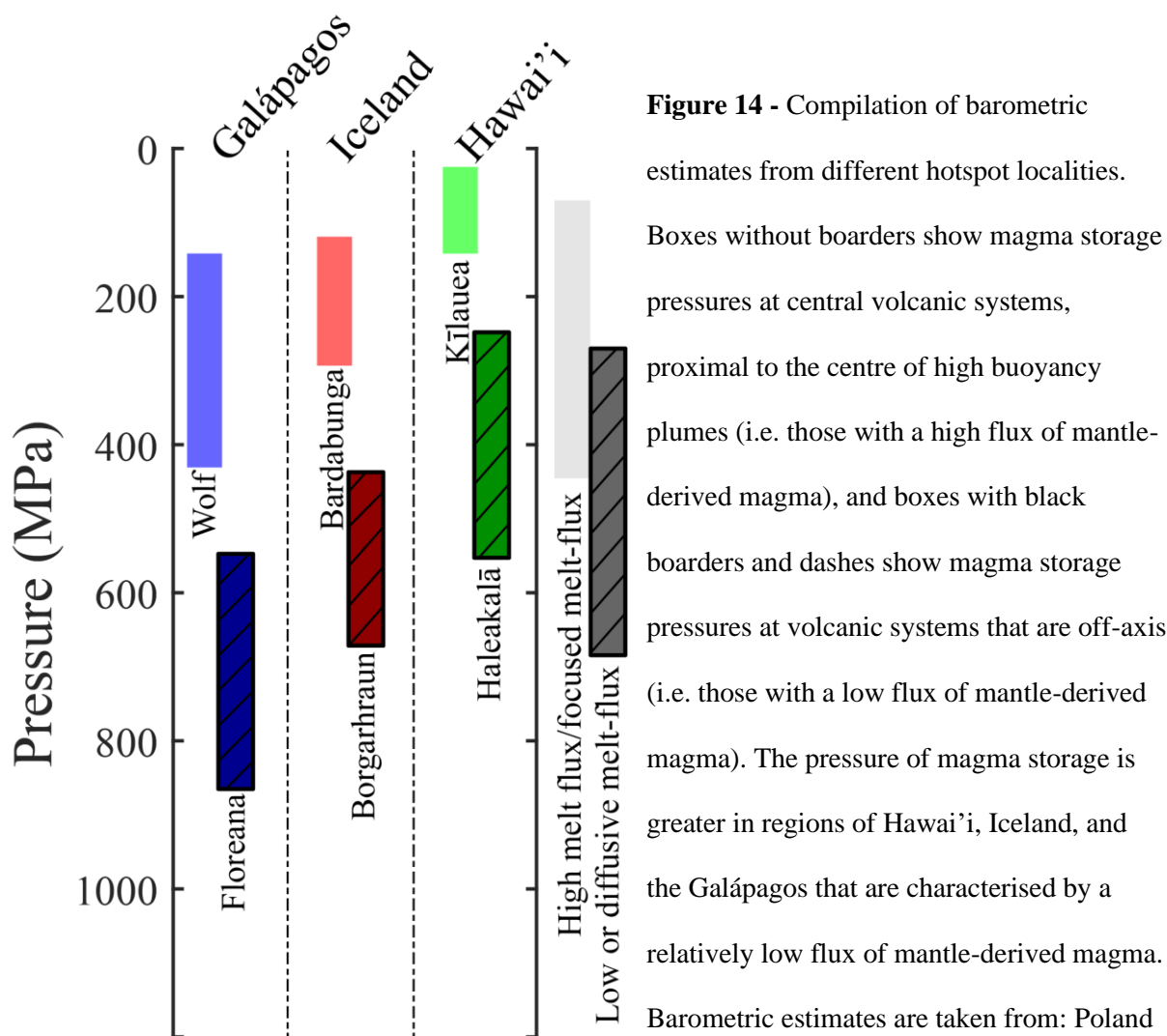
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**Figure 13** – Schematic illustration of the magma plumbing system beneath Floreana. No magma storage is identified within the crust. Instead, our barometric results indicate that Floreana magmas ascend directly from the upper mantle, where they are stored at a depth of  $\sim 23.7 \pm 5.1$  km. Floreana magma storage regions are dominated by crystal-rich domains (i.e. mush). Reactive porous flow is identified as an important mechanism of melt migration and magma differentiation in the crystal-rich storage regions, although our results shows that some crystallisation occurs within liquid-rich domains.



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 1094 Putirka (2017) for Borgarhraun using clinopyroxene-melt barometry (570 ±120 MPa); Stock et al.  
 1095 (2018) for Volcan Wolf using OPAM and clinopyroxene-melt barometry (280 ±140 MPa; OPAM  
 1096 results), and this study for Floreana using clinopyroxene-melt barometry (717 ±165 MPa).