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Primordial and recycled sulfur sampled by the Iceland mantle plume

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1 ABSTRACT

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3 Stable sulfur isotope ratios of mid-ocean ridge and ocean island basalts (MORBs and OIBs)
4 preserve unique information about early Earth processes and the long-term volatile cycles
5 between Earth's mantle and the surface. Icelandic basalts present ideal material to examine
6 the oldest known terrestrial mantle reservoir, accessed through a deep-rooted mantle plume,
7 but their multiple sulfur isotope systematics have not been explored previously. Here, we
8 present new sulfur concentration (30-1570 ppm), speciation ($S^{6+}/\Sigma S = 0.05-0.43$) and isotope
9 data ($\delta^{34}S_{S^{2-}} = -2.5$ to $+3.8$ ‰ and $\Delta^{33}S_{S^{2-}} = -0.045$ to $+0.016$ ‰; vs. Cañon Diablo
10 Troilite) from a large sample suite ($N = 62$) focused on subglacially erupted basaltic glasses
11 obtained from Iceland's neovolcanic zones. Using these data along with trace element
12 systematics to account for the effects of crustal magmatic processing (degassing and
13 immiscible sulfide melt formation) on $\delta^{34}S$, it is shown that primitive ($MgO > 6$ wt.%),
14 undegassed glasses accurately record the $\delta^{34}S$ signatures of their mantle sources. Compared to
15 the depleted MORB source mantle (DMM; $\delta^{34}S_{S^{2-}} = -1.3 \pm 0.3$ ‰), the Iceland mantle is
16 shown to have a greater range of $\delta^{34}S_{S^{2-}}$ -values between -2.5 and -0.1 ‰. Similarly, Icelandic
17 basalts are characterized by more variable and negatively shifted $\Delta^{33}S$ values (-0.035 to
18 $+0.013$ ‰) relative to DMM (0.004 ± 0.006 ‰). Negative $\delta^{34}S$ and $\Delta^{33}S$ signatures are most
19 prominent in basalts from the Snæfellsnes Volcanic Zone and the Kverkfjöll volcanic system,
20 which also have the lowest, most MORB-like $^3He/^4He$ ($8-9 R/R_A$, where R_A is the $^3He/^4He$ of
21 air) and the highest Ba/La (up to 12) in Iceland. We propose that subduction fluid-enriched,
22 mantle wedge type material in the North Atlantic upper mantle constitutes a low- $\delta^{34}S$ - $\Delta^{33}S$
23 component in the Icelandic mantle. This suggests that volatile heterogeneity in Iceland, and
24 potentially at other OIBs, may originate not only from diverse plume-associated mantle
25 components, but also from a heterogeneous ambient upper mantle. By contrast, a set of
26 samples with high $^3He/^4He$ (up to $25.9 R/R_A$) and negative $\mu^{182}W$ anomalies define a
27 primordial lower mantle reservoir with a near-chondritic $\delta^{34}S_{\Sigma S}$ and $\Delta^{33}S$ signature of ~ 0 ‰.
28 This sulfur isotopic signature is difficult to reconcile with the non-chondritic sulfur isotopic
29 signature of the DMM and may reflect either separate conditions during core formation, or a
30 previously unidentified flux of sulfur from the core to the high- $^3He/^4He$ reservoir.

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32 Keywords: sulfur isotopes, ocean island basalts, Iceland, deep volatile recycling, primordial
33 mantle, core-mantle interaction

34 1 INTRODUCTION

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36 Mass-independent S isotope fractionation signatures (S-MIF; $\Delta^{33}\text{S} \neq 0$) measured in sulfides
37 from the South Pacific Pitcairn and Mangaia hotspots provide remarkable evidence for the
38 resurfacing of Archean sedimentary material through ocean island basalts (OIBs) (Cabral et
39 al. 2013; Delavault et al. 2016). By contrast, the depleted upper mantle (DMM) as sampled
40 by mid-ocean ridge basalts (MORBs) features chondritic $\Delta^{33}\text{S}$ values ($\sim 0\text{‰}$) coupled with a
41 sub-chondritic $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ signature ($-1.28 \pm 0.33\text{‰}$; Labidi et al. 2013), which requires that $\sim 97\%$ of
42 Earth's sulfur partitioned to the core during core-mantle differentiation (Labidi et al. 2013,
43 2016; Labidi and Cartigny 2016). Determining the multiple sulfur isotopic composition of
44 high- $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$ OIBs, which are thought to tap primordial lower mantle reservoirs (Yuan and
45 Romanowicz 2017; Mundl-Petermeier et al. 2020), could provide additional constraints on
46 the timing and nature of Early Earth processes, but to date, published data are limited to two
47 highly degassed high- $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$ samples from Samoa (Dottin et al. 2020a).

48 The mantle plume beneath Iceland samples what is thought to be the oldest and most
49 primordial material available on Earth, i.e., a part of the deep mantle that has remained
50 unstirred by mantle processes since at least 4.45 Ga. Such ancient origin is supported by
51 ^{129}Xe -excesses that could have been generated only in the earliest Hadean (Mukhopadhyay
52 2012), the highest modern terrestrial mantle $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$ values (Harðardóttir et al. 2018) and
53 negative $\mu^{182}\text{W}$ anomalies (Mundl-Petermeier et al. 2019). Nevertheless, spatial co-variation
54 between isotopic and trace element source indicators hints toward a heterogeneous Icelandic
55 mantle, comprising one or more recycled components and ambient upwelling DMM in
56 addition to the high- $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$ component (Hanan et al. 2000; Macpherson et al. 2005;
57 Halldórsson et al. 2016a,b; Harðardóttir et al. 2018; Rasmussen et al. 2020). Due the unique
58 dual role of sulfur as a volatile element in near-surface processes, and its strong partitioning
59 to the core during core-mantle differentiation, the $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ and $\Delta^{33}\text{S}$ composition of Icelandic
60 basalts could provide unique constraints on both the early planetary history of Earth and the
61 deep recycling of sulfur through the mantle.

62 Previously published $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ values for Icelandic basalts range from -2.0 to 0.4‰
63 (Torssander 1989), but are difficult to interpret in terms of source values due to their highly
64 degassed nature. In this study, we combine a newly developed HF extraction protocol (Labidi
65 et al. 2012) with improved mass spectroscopy (Ono et al. 2006) to generate a high precision
66 quadruple sulfur isotope dataset (^{32}S , ^{33}S , ^{34}S and ^{36}S) measured from dissolved sulfide (S^{2-})
67 in a large set of subglacial basaltic glasses. Importantly, our subglacial glass samples are

68 largely devoid of secondary $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ shifts imposed by degassing and assimilation of seawater-
69 derived sulfate. Instead, the data illuminate the effects of immiscible sulfide melt formation
70 during crustal magmatic evolution on both sulfur speciation ($\text{S}^{6+}/\Sigma\text{S}$) and $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ of dissolved
71 sulfide ($\delta^{34}\text{S}_{\text{S}^{2-}}$), and enables us to constrain the $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ and $\Delta^{33}\text{S}$ signatures of distinct mantle
72 components beneath Iceland.

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74 2 SAMPLES & METHODS

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76 2.1 Samples

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78 Our sample set ($n = 62$) focuses on Pleistocene subglacial glasses ($n = 59$; Fig. 1) that
79 represent most of the geochemical range of Icelandic magma series, encompassing rhyolites,
80 andesites and basalts (0.1–9.9 wt.% MgO; Fig. 2). The samples cover the main on-land rift
81 zones of Iceland, comprising the Northern, Western and Eastern Rift Zones (NRZ, WRZ and
82 ERZ, respectively), as well as the propagating rift of South Iceland Volcanic Zone (SIVZ)
83 and the off-rift Snæfellsnes Volcanic Zone (SNVZ) (Fig. 1). The rift zone lavas are tholeiitic,
84 while the SIVZ and SNVZ lavas are transitional to alkaline. To assess the sulfur isotope
85 systematics of a single magmatic lineage, 15 samples were included from the Kverkfjöll
86 volcanic system, located in the south-eastern flank of the NRZ.

87 Most subglacial glasses ($n = 45$) were quenched under sufficiently high pressure to
88 prevent significant S degassing (Supplementary Information). Moreover, the potential effect
89 of crustal assimilation on S isotopic compositions of Icelandic basalts is likely to be small
90 because of the higher S content of deep, undegassed melts (400-1600 ppm) relative to
91 hydrothermally altered crust which is expected to be S-depleted due to degassing and
92 leaching of sulfur by hydrothermal fluids (Alt et al. 1995; Gunnarsson-Robin et al. 2017). An
93 additional advantage of the subglacial glasses is that they are unaffected by assimilation of
94 seawater sulfate-derived S, a process which is known to increase both measured S
95 concentrations and $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ values in submarine pillow glasses (Labidi et al. 2014). Absence of
96 seawater-influence in Icelandic subglacial basalts is demonstrated by lack of elevated Cl/K
97 ratios above ~ 0.10 (Halldórsson et al. 2016a). Thus, subglacial glasses closely capture the
98 pre-eruptive melt compositions with respect to S concentrations and isotope ratios, presenting
99 a significant advantage over the subaerial samples targeted in the only previous sulfur isotope
100 appraisal in Iceland (Fig. 2a; Torssander, 1989) and many previous sulfur isotope studies on

101 OIBs (e.g., Dottin et al. 2020a). Three subaerial lavas (A-THO, B-ALK, I-ICE) are included
102 to examine the effect of near-surface degassing on S concentration, $S^{6+}/\Sigma S$ and $\delta^{34}S$.

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104 *2.2 Major and trace elements and sulfur speciation*

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106 Major element content, S concentrations and S speciation in the glasses were determined by
107 electron probe microanalysis (EPMA) at the Institute of Earth Sciences, University of
108 Iceland. Trace element analysis was performed using inductively coupled plasma mass
109 spectrometry (ICP-MS) at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography, as well as laser ablation
110 ICP-MS (LA-ICP-MS) at the Research School of Earth Sciences, Australian National
111 University and at the Geological Survey of Finland. Additional details on analytical protocols
112 are provided in the Supplementary Information.

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114 *2.3 Sulfur extraction protocol*

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116 Sulfur was extracted from powdered hand-picked glasses or rock fragments and converted to
117 $Ag_2S(s)$ via the coupled HF dissolution/Cr reduction method using an all-teflon extraction
118 line (Labidi et al. 2012). The dissolved S^{2-} was released as $H_2S(g)$ and flushed within a
119 nitrogen stream via a water trap before being precipitated as $Ag_2S(s)$ in a $AgNO_3$ trapping
120 solution. The resultant $Ag_2S(s)$ was heated at 80 °C for 3-6 hours, cleaned in triplicate using
121 deionized water (18.2 $M\Omega \cdot cm$) prior to being dried and weighed. Gravimetric extraction
122 yields were calculated relative to the EPMA-derived S concentrations, and were found to
123 vary between 60 and 110%. Rather than incomplete extractions, this relatively large spread in
124 yields probably reflects a combination of variable crystal content and $S^{6+}/\Sigma S$ of the extracted
125 material (Supplementary Information). Importantly, no relationship between yields and
126 measured S isotope values was identified (Fig. S1). Repeated extractions of the relatively
127 aphyric glass STAP-1, with a measured $S^{6+}/\Sigma S$ of 0.22 ± 0.03 , returned an average yield of
128 $91 \pm 11\%$ (1σ , $n = 10$).

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130 *2.4 Sulfur isotope analysis*

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132 Sulfur isotope ratios were determined via dual-inlet isotope ratio mass spectrometry (IRMS)
133 at the Stable Isotope Geobiology Laboratory at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology
134 (MIT) following the methodology described by Ono et al. (2006, 2012). Here, approximately

135 2 mg of Ag₂S was converted into SF₆(g) via overnight reaction with F₂(g) at 300°C. The
 136 resultant SF₆(g) was initially purified cryogenically before being isolated by preparative
 137 tandem-column (molecular sieve 5 Å and HayesepQ) gas chromatography. The purified
 138 analyte was introduced to a Thermo Scientific MAT 253 IRMS instrument where the
 139 mass/charge ratios 127, 128, 129, 131, corresponding to ^{32,33,34,36}SF₅⁺ ions, were measured.
 140 The ³⁴S/³²S data are reported in δ-notation relative to the Vienna Cañon Diablo Troilite
 141 (VCDT), following:

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$$143 \quad \delta^{34}\text{S}_{\text{sample}} = \frac{(^{34}\text{S}/^{32}\text{S})_{\text{sample}} - (^{34}\text{S}/^{32}\text{S})_{\text{VCDT}}}{(^{34}\text{S}/^{32}\text{S})_{\text{VCDT}}} \quad (1)$$

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145 The VCDT scale is defined by the IAEA-S-1 standard with a δ³⁴S_{VCDT} value of -0.3 ‰
 146 (Coplen and Krouse, 1998). Deviation from a mass-dependent fractionation line is reported in
 147 Δ notation as

$$148 \quad \Delta^x\text{S} = \ln(\delta^x\text{S} + 1) - \theta^x \ln(\delta^{34}\text{S} + 1) \quad (2)$$

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150 where x = 33 or 36, θ³³ = 0.515 and θ³⁶ = 1.90. Replicate analyses of an in-house Ag₂S
 151 standard (Ono-Ag₂S), the IAEA-S-1 reference material and three subglacial glasses are
 152 reported in Tables S1 and S2. Based on 18 analyses of Ono-Ag₂S during our sessions, long-
 153 term δ³⁴S, Δ³³S and Δ³⁶S reproducibilities are estimated at 0.12, 0.004, and 0.086 ‰ (all 1σ),
 154 respectively (Fig. S1). Repeat measurements of IAEA-S-1 yield respective δ³⁴S, Δ³³S and
 155 Δ³⁶S values of -1.19±0.17 ‰, +0.100±0.004 ‰ and -0.669±0.068 ‰, relative to the MIT
 156 reference gas SG1 (Table S-1). Given the lack of reference materials with certified Δ³³S_{CDT}
 157 and Δ³⁶S_{CDT} values, different laboratories have defined the CDT-scale via measurements of
 158 IAEA-S-1 and CDT (Table S3, Fig. S2). Because no CDT measurements have been
 159 conducted at the MIT lab, we anchor the CDT scale by defining the respective Δ³³S_{CDT} and
 160 Δ³⁶S_{CDT} values of IAEA-S-1 as +0.109 and -0.730 ‰, which represents the average of
 161 previously established IAEA-S-1 values (Supplementary Information). This makes it possible
 162 to compare our dataset with previously published multiple sulfur isotope datasets for MORBs
 163 and OIBs.

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The relatively large uncertainty associated with Δ³⁶S measurements results from the
 165 low natural abundance of ³⁶S (0.015 ‰) and potential isobaric interferences on mass 131
 166 (Ono et al. 2006). While Δ³⁶S data is reported for completeness, its large uncertainty relative
 167 to the subdued variability within our samples limits its utility beyond that of Δ³³S.

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169 3 RESULTS

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171 Sulfur concentration, speciation and isotope data as well as major and trace element
172 abundances are reported in Tables S-4 and S-5.

173 *Sulfur concentrations.* The samples (including both subaerial lavas and subglacial
174 glasses) display variable S concentrations from 30 to 1570 ppm. Overall, sulfur
175 concentrations increase from 300-800 ppm in the most primitive subglacial glasses (9-10
176 wt.% MgO) to a peak of 1200-1570 ppm at 6 wt.% MgO, before decreasing to about 1100
177 ppm at 4 wt.% MgO (Fig. 2a). Breaks from these trends are seen in a subset of the subglacial
178 glasses, which show marked S depletions at given MgO content (Fig. 2a). Lowest sulfur
179 contents are seen in the subaerial lavas (30 to 70 ppm). The main trend closely follows the
180 pre-eruptive sulfur concentrations as recorded by melt inclusion datasets available for
181 Icelandic basalts (Fig. 2a). Of the other examined trace elements, only Cu shows a similar
182 trend (Fig. 3a). Hereafter, the two distinct melt evolution trends defined by S and Cu are
183 referred to as Phase 1 (MgO > 6 wt.%) and Phase 2 (MgO < 6 wt.%). Sample A36 has
184 anomalously high S and Cu concentrations. Similar over-enrichments in S are recorded by a
185 subset of basaltic melt inclusions (Fig. 2a), which at other localities has been explained by
186 resorption of sulfides (Reekie et al. 2019; Wieser et al. 2020).

187 *Sulfur speciation.* The Icelandic glasses we deem to be less affected by degassing (see
188 section 4.1) have $S^{6+}/\Sigma S$ between 0.04 and 0.23 with an average of 0.15 ± 0.05 (1σ , $n = 45$;
189 Fig. 2b). This average value is similar to those reported from Samoan (0.17 ± 0.11 ; Labidi et
190 al. 2015) and Hawaiian basalts (0.15 ± 0.05 for submarine Kilauea eruption; Jugo et al. 2010)
191 but higher than reported for MORBs (< 0.1 ; Jugo et al. 2010). This is compatible with the
192 more oxidized nature of OIBs (Jugo et al. 2010). In contrast, the most degassed samples have
193 elevated $S^{6+}/\Sigma S$ of up to 0.43 (Fig. S3). If the degassed samples are removed, two trends
194 emerge: $S^{6+}/\Sigma S$ in primitive melts decreases during melt evolution in Phase 1 from ~ 0.17 to
195 values of ~ 0.10 and then increases to ~ 0.20 during Phase 2 (Fig. 2b).

196 *Sulfur isotopes.* The overall variation in $\delta^{34}S_{S_2^-}$ captured within our Icelandic
197 samples is -2.5 to $+3.8\%$ (Fig. 4). This range is similar to previously reported $\delta^{34}S$ data for
198 Icelandic lavas (Torssander 1989; Fig. 4a) and exceeds the $\delta^{34}S_{S_2^-}$ range displayed by
199 MORBs (-1.8 to $+1.0$, $n = 68$; Labidi and Cartigny 2016 and sources therein). Nevertheless,
200 positive values are clearly linked to degassed samples (Fig. 4a; Section 4.1; Torssander,

201 1989), while undegassed basaltic glasses display a more limited range of $\delta^{34}\text{S}_{\text{S}2-}$ values from
202 -2.5 to -0.1 ‰. Thus, Icelandic basalts lack the positive $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ values characteristic of OIBs at
203 Samoa (Labidi et al. 2015) and the Canary Islands (Beaudry et al. 2018). The most negative
204 $\delta^{34}\text{S}_{\text{S}2-}$ values are observed in the most primitive Kverkfjöll basalts NAL-356 (-2.3 ‰) and
205 NAL-585 and (-2.0 ‰) and in the highly primitive (MgO = 9.9 wt.%) and geochemically
206 depleted WRZ sample MID-1 (-2.5 ‰). The $\delta^{34}\text{S}_{\text{S}2-}$ values generally increase with
207 decreasing MgO, a trend that is most clear in the ERZ and Kverkfjöll sample suites (Fig 4b).

208 The $\Delta^{33}\text{S}$ values of the entire dataset vary between -0.045 and $+0.016$ ‰, or between
209 -0.035 to $+0.010$ ‰ (± 0.013 , 1σ) if subaerial samples are excluded (Fig. 5). The Icelandic
210 glasses have an average $\Delta^{33}\text{S}$ value of -0.002 ± 0.010 ‰ (1σ , $n = 59$) and extend to more
211 negative values compared to Samoan OIBs (0.008 ± 0.007 ‰; 1σ , $n = 22$; Labidi et al. 2015,
212 Dottin et al. 2020a) and MORBs (0.004 ± 0.006 ‰ (1σ , $n = 68$; Labidi et al. 2012, 2013, 2014,
213 Labidi and Cartigny 2016; Fig. 5). Although their average $\Delta^{33}\text{S}$ values overlap within 1σ , a
214 statistical student's t test indicates that, as a whole, Icelandic basalts reflect a different
215 population from both Samoan OIBs and MORBs (p value < 0.001).

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217 4 DISCUSSION

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219 4.1 Magmatic degassing

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221 Sulfur degassing from low- H_2O basaltic magmas commences at pressures of ~ 150 MPa
222 (Wallace and Edmonds 2011) and thus, should not have significantly affected the pre-
223 eruptive S inventory of Icelandic basalts, which are typically stored at considerably higher
224 pressures (e.g. Halldórsson et al. 2018). Therefore, any S degassing observed in subglacial
225 glasses is expected to be solely related to eruptive degassing (Figs. 2a and S3; Supplementary
226 Information). Degassing can lead to either positive or negative $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ fractionation, expressed
227 as $\epsilon^{34}\text{S}_{\text{gas-melt}}$ (see Eq. 13 for definition; note that ϵ is used here for the fractionation factor
228 to avoid confusion with Δ , which is used for denoting S-MIF). The sign of $\epsilon^{34}\text{S}_{\text{gas-melt}}$ is
229 determined by the S speciation of the gas and the melt, i.e., $\text{SO}_2/\text{H}_2\text{S}(\text{g})$ and $\text{S}^{6+}/\text{S}^{2-}(\text{m})$,
230 respectively (Fig. S4; Supplementary Information). For example, the sign of $\epsilon^{34}\text{S}_{\text{gas-melt}}$ is
231 positive during degassing of oxidized gases from reduced melts (high $\text{SO}_2/\text{H}_2\text{S}(\text{g})$ and low
232 $\text{S}^{6+}/\text{S}^{2-}(\text{m})$), and negative during the converse (low $\text{SO}_2/\text{H}_2\text{S}(\text{g})$ and high $\text{S}^{6+}/\text{S}^{2-}(\text{m})$); Fig. S4).
233 Considering the relatively reduced nature of undegassed Icelandic melts ($\text{S}^{6+}/\Sigma\text{S} =$

234 0.14±0.09), deep degassing (with low $\text{SO}_2/(\text{SO}_2+\text{H}_2\text{S}) < 0.4$) at $T = 1200\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ only leads to
235 modest $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ fractionation of $\epsilon^{34}\text{S}_{\text{gas-melt}} = 0\pm 0.5\text{‰}$ (Fig. S4a). Predominance of H_2S in the
236 gas phase is also shown by clearly increased $\text{S}^{6+}/\Sigma\text{S}$ in the most degassed melts (Fig. S3).
237 Notably, even 30 % degassing is only expected to lead to minor $\delta^{34}\text{S}_{\text{melt}}$ fractionation of ± 0.4
238 ‰ (Fig. 4a). Therefore, identifying and filtering out samples that have only experienced
239 minor amounts of degassing is not necessary, as they closely record their source $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ values.

240 In contrast, negative $\epsilon^{34}\text{S}_{\text{gas-melt}}$ fractionation factor is expected during degassing of
241 more oxidized melts, shifting $\delta^{34}\text{S}_{\text{melt}}$ toward more positive values. Such clear degassing-
242 induced changes in $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ toward more positive values is seen in our most oxidized basaltic
243 sample BOTN-1 ($\text{S}^{6+}/\Sigma\text{S} = 0.43$) and in the rhyolitic glass A-THO ($\text{S}^{6+}/\Sigma\text{S} = 0.43$), which
244 are both highly degassed (Fig. 4a). Similarly, the most degassed Icelandic subaerial samples
245 from Torssander (1989) trend toward positive $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ values (Fig. 4a). This indicates that in
246 general, S degassing has an oxidizing effect on Icelandic magmas. As the source $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ values
247 are not accurately preserved in heavily degassed samples (A1, A3, A6, A32, THOR-1,
248 STORID-1, SELJA-1, SAL-601, BOTN-1, HNAUS-1, OLAF-1, NAL-460, KVK-202, KVK-
249 205), they are filtered out from Figs. 6a, 7a and 8a and are not considered in subsequent
250 discussion on $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ signatures.

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252 4.2 Sulfide immiscibility

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254 4.2.1 Quantifying sulfide melt formation

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256 Immiscible sulfide melts effectively sequester S and chalcophile elements, such as Cu, from
257 magmas that are sulfide saturated (Bézos et al. 2005; Jenner et al., 2010, Reekie et al. 2019).
258 The observed trend of decreasing Cu concentrations with decreasing MgO below c. 6 wt.%
259 (Fig. 3a) clearly implicates sequestration of Cu by an immiscible sulfide melt, as has been
260 previously noted in Icelandic whole-rock data (Momme et al. 2003). An analogous trend is
261 observed for S and S/Dy, but is less distinct due to degassing-induced scatter (Figs. 2a and
262 3c).

263 The kinks observed at $\text{MgO} = 6\text{ wt}\%$ for Cu, S, Cu/Y and $\text{S}^{6+}/\Sigma\text{S}$ define the boundary
264 between Phase 1 (between $\text{MgO} = 6\text{-}10\text{ wt}\%$) and Phase 2 ($\text{MgO} = 4\text{-}6\text{ wt}\%$; Figs. 2 and 3).
265 Similar phases have been identified for Samoan basalts (Labidi et al., 2015). The weight
266 fraction of fractionated sulfide (X_{sulf}) during both phases can be quantified using

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$$X_{\text{sulf}} = \frac{D_{\text{Cu}}^{\text{min-liq}} - D_{\text{Cu}}^{\text{sil-liq}}}{D_{\text{Cu}}^{\text{sulf-liq}} - D_{\text{Cu}}^{\text{sil-liq}}} \quad (3)$$

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270 where $D_{\text{Cu}}^{\text{min-liq}}$, the empirical bulk partition coefficient of Cu between crystallizing minerals

271 and silicate melt, is estimated using the observed Cu trends (see Labidi et al. 2014;

272 Supplementary Information). The partition coefficients of Cu between silicate minerals and

273 silicate melt, $D_{\text{Cu}}^{\text{min-liq}}$, and between sulfide and silicate melts, $D_{\text{Cu}}^{\text{sulf-liq}}$ are taken as 0.1 and

274 900, respectively (Lee et al. 2012; Labidi et al. 2014). This yields $X_{\text{sulf}} = 800$ ppm for Phase

275 1 and 2580 ppm for Phase 2 for Icelandic melts. Physical evidence of sulfide saturation

276 during Phase 2 is preserved as Cu-rich sulfide globule inclusions observed in melt inclusions

277 (Fig. S7). However, the apparent early fractionation of sulfides during Phase 1 may be an

278 artefact of the sulfide fractionation model, as the relatively low S contents in Phase 1 melts

279 fall below $[\text{SCSS}^2]$ (S concentrations at sulfide saturation; Fig. 2a; Fortin et al., 2015).

280 Alternatively, the lower-than-expected Cu increase and the negatively sloping Cu/Y trend

281 during Phase 1 could be a result of melt-mixing processes (Shorttle and MacLennan 2011).

282 We interpret these results to show that Icelandic melts become sulfide saturated below

283 $\text{MgO} = 6$ wt.% (cf. Halldórsson et al. 2018). In this respect, Icelandic melts contrast with

284 MORBs, that fractionate sulfides throughout their crustal evolution path (Bézos et al. 2005).

285 Instead, this behavior is more similar to arc magmas, where the onset of magnetite

286 crystallization leads a reduction in melt f_{O_2} , triggering sulfide saturation at about 2-3 wt.%

287 MgO (Jenner et al. 2010), a process also suggested to explain the Cu versus MgO trend

288 observed at Samoa (Labidi et al. 2015). However, in Icelandic magma series the onset of

289 Phase 2 clearly predates the onset of magnetite formation, which is observed only in glasses

290 with $\text{MgO} < 5$ wt.%. A more complex pattern of multiple starts and stops in sulfide saturation

291 during magmatic evolution that are reported for basalts from the Kilauea volcano in Hawaii

292 (Wieser et al., 2020) are not strictly required to explain the Iceland data, although we cannot

293 rule out the possibility that some melts were sulfide saturated at higher pressures and became

294 undersaturated upon ascent to higher level crustal magma chambers (Reekie et al., 2019;

295 Wieser et al., 2020).

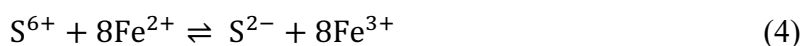
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297 *4.2.2 Effect of sulfide fractionation on $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ evolution of Icelandic basalts*

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299 In a non-redox buffered system, sulfide fractionation leads to an increase in the melt $S^{6+}/\Sigma S$
 300 and thereby an increase in melt $\delta^{34}S_{\Sigma S}$ values because S^{6+} is isotopically heavier than S^{2-}
 301 ($\epsilon^{34}S_{\text{sulfate-sulfide}} \approx +3 \text{ ‰}$ at $T = 1250^\circ\text{C}$). In this case, no change in melt $\delta^{34}S_{S^{2-}}$ values should
 302 be observed (Fig. S6; Labidi et al. 2015). However, if $S^{6+}/\Sigma S$ is buffered during sulfide
 303 fractionation by another multivalent element, conversion of S^{6+} to S^{2-} leads to a gradual
 304 increase in both melt $\delta^{34}S_{\Sigma S}$ and $\delta^{34}S_{S^{2-}}$ (Fig. 4b; Supplementary Information). This
 305 buffering effect means that the $\delta^{34}S$ values of moderately oxidized basalts that have
 306 fractionated sulfides, like those in Iceland, may be more positive than their mantle sources
 307 (Labidi et al. 2015).

308 The observed increase in $S^{6+}/\Sigma S$ below 6 wt.% MgO falls short of the modeled
 309 increase expected from sequestration of S^{2-} by sulfides (Fig. 2b), suggesting that at least some
 310 buffering of $S^{6+}/\Sigma S$ takes place in the melts. Iron may act as a redox buffer through the
 311 electron-exchange reaction (Fig. S5; Jugo et al. 2010).



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 315 In the Kverkfjöll samples, a subtle trend of increasing $\delta^{34}S_{S^{2-}}$ from -2.2 ‰ to -0.9 ‰ is
 316 observed during melt evolution between 7.5 to 4.0 wt.% MgO (Fig. 4b). A parallel
 317 $\delta^{34}S_{S^{2-}}$ -versus MgO trend defined by the WRZ-ERZ-NRZ samples is offset to more positive
 318 $\delta^{34}S_{S^{2-}}$ values by $\sim 0.5 \text{ ‰}$. The observed trends could be explained by redox buffering-
 319 induced $\delta^{34}S$ fractionation during sulfide melt formation. However, the large $\delta^{34}S$ variability
 320 in more primitive samples (MgO > 6 wt.%) cannot be explained by melt derivation from a
 321 homogenous mantle source, even if sulfide formation during Phase 1 is allowed (Fig. 4b).
 322 Instead, the data is most easily explained by primary melt variability of $\delta^{34}S_{S^{2-}}$ between
 323 approximately -2.5 and -0.1 ‰ .

324 325 *4.3. Sulfur heterogeneity in the Iceland mantle*

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 327 Given that partial melting does not fractionate S isotopes, the $\delta^{34}S$, $\Delta^{33}S$ and $\Delta^{36}S$ values of
 328 mantle protoliths are passed on to primary mantle melts (Labidi and Cartigny 2016). While
 329 subsequent melt mixing in lower crustal or sub-Moho magma reservoirs may blunt the most
 330 extreme source signatures, bulk measurements of relatively primitive glasses are able to
 331 capture a major part of the existing mantle heterogeneity in Iceland (Shorttle and MacLennan

2011). Other types of crustal magmatic processing, such as sulfide immiscibility and crustal assimilation, are only expected to have a minor effect on the $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ signatures of primitive (MgO > 6 wt.%), undegassed samples (Sections 4.1 and 4.2). We consider the $\delta^{34}\text{S}_{\text{S}^{2-}}$ values of such samples to be representative of primary melt compositions within instrumental error. Degassed samples, and samples with MgO lower than 6 wt.% are filtered out in Figs. 6a, 7a and 8a. The $\Delta^{33}\text{S}$ values are not affected by either degassing, sulfide melt fractionation (Labidi et al. 2014) or $\text{S}^{6+}/\Sigma\text{S}$, so all $\Delta^{33}\text{S}$ glass analyses are thought to reflect source values and are plotted in Figs. 6-9. In Figs. 6a, 7a and 8a we plot the $\delta^{34}\text{S}_{\Sigma\text{S}}$ value that is calculated from the measured $\text{S}^{6+}/\Sigma\text{S}$ and $\delta^{34}\text{S}_{\text{S}^{2-}}$ values assuming isotopic equilibrium between sulfur species so that

$$\delta^{34}\text{S}_{\Sigma\text{S}} = \text{S}^{6+}/\Sigma\text{S} \times (\Delta^{34}\text{S}_{\text{sulfate-sulfide}} + \delta^{34}\text{S}_{\text{S}^{2-}}) + (1 - \text{S}^{6+}/\Sigma\text{S}) \times \delta^{34}\text{S}_{\text{S}^{2-}} \quad (5)$$

This adjustment is made in order to be able to compare our $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ data with published MORB data. MORBs are almost devoid of sulfate ($\text{S}^{6+}/\Sigma\text{S} \approx 0$; Labidi et al. 2014) so that $\delta^{34}\text{S}_{\Sigma\text{S}} \approx \delta^{34}\text{S}_{\text{S}^{2-}}$, whereas the Icelandic samples are more oxidized and their measured $\delta^{34}\text{S}_{\text{S}^{2-}}$ underestimate $\delta^{34}\text{S}_{\Sigma\text{S}}$ values by approximately 0.1-0.7 ‰.

4.3.1 Mantle sulfur isotopic signatures and relationship to other mantle source indicators

The large $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ variability identified in the Iceland mantle ($\delta^{34}\text{S}_{\text{S}^{2-}} = -2.5$ to -0.1 ‰, or equivalently, $\delta^{34}\text{S}_{\Sigma\text{S}} = -1.8$ to $+0.5$ ‰) exceeds that of unaltered MORBs and points to mantle heterogeneity with respect to sulfur (Figs. 4, 6-8). If sulfur shares a common history with known Icelandic mantle components, a correlation is expected between $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ - $\Delta^{33}\text{S}$ and traditional tracers of mantle heterogeneity, such as Nb/Zr, $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$ and $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$.

The three most depleted samples (Nb/Zr < 0.05) show the greatest variation in $\delta^{34}\text{S}_{\Sigma\text{S}}$ values, representing the full of range of Icelandic mantle values of -1.8 to $+0.5$ ‰ (Fig. 6a). Similar, but slightly smaller $\delta^{34}\text{S}_{\Sigma\text{S}}$ variation of -1.8 to 0.0 ‰ is found in the most enriched samples (Nb/Zr > 0.10). Whereas enriched trace element signatures in Iceland are tied to enriched radiogenic isotope signatures (Shorttle and MacLennan 2011), the apparent lack of correlation of Nb/Zr with $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ or $\Delta^{33}\text{S}$ (Fig. 6) indicates that sulfur is partly decoupled from the lithophile, non-volatile elements and their isotopes. However, $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ - $\Delta^{33}\text{S}$ signatures can be tied to Icelandic mantle components using available $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$ (Fig. 7) and $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$ (Fig. 8)

365 data, which have been used to demarcate primordial, recycled, and local DMM components
366 in the Iceland plume (e.g., Hanan et al. 2000, Füre et al. 2010). Four mantle components are
367 required to explain the combined $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$ - $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ - $\Delta^{33}\text{S}$ - $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$ systematics:

368 (1) Local DMM contributes a low- $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$ ($8\pm 1 R_A$) Icelandic end-member with
369 typical MORB-like $\delta^{34}\text{S}_{\Sigma\text{S}} = -1.3 \text{ ‰}$ and $\Delta^{33}\text{S} = 0 \text{ ‰}$. The samples closest to the DMM
370 component come from the NRZ (cf. Hanan et al. 2000).

371 (2) Plume 1 component has non-radiogenic $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$ (18.2-18.5) and is tied to one
372 of the highest modern $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$ of 33.6 R_A measured in present-day hotspots (Jackson et al.
373 2020), representing a primordial mantle component. This component has DMM-like $\Delta^{33}\text{S}$ of
374 0 ‰ but a higher $\delta^{34}\text{S}_{\Sigma\text{S}}$ value of $\sim 0 \text{ ‰}$. Plume 1 is expressed most clearly by the ERZ basalts
375 in central Iceland, close to the suggested center of the plume (Rasmussen et al. 2020).

376 (3) Plume 2 is a second Icelandic high- $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$ component (up to 25.7 R_A) marked by
377 radiogenic $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$ (19.1-19.3) (Mundl-Petermeier et al. 2019, Jackson et al. 2020). It is
378 exclusively sampled by the propagating rift volcanoes in the SIVZ, which have an average
379 $\Delta^{33}\text{S}$ value of $0.004\pm 0.005 \text{ ‰}$. The $\delta^{34}\text{S}_{\Sigma\text{S}}$ of Plume 2 is assumed to be -1.2 ‰ based on the
380 most primitive SIVZ sample THRI-2. Plume 2 component is thought to represent
381 intermingling of primordial mantle with recycled oceanic crust (Rasmussen et al. 2020). This
382 proposed origin of Plume 2 component is consistent with its DMM-like $\delta^{34}\text{S}_{\Sigma\text{S}}$ - $\Delta^{33}\text{S}$
383 signature, as the $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ of oceanic lithosphere is approximately preserved during subduction to
384 the deep mantle (Alt 1995; Li et al. 2020).

385 (4) To explain the low- $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ trend defined by Kverkfjöll lavas (Section 4.2; Fig. 4b)
386 and the tendency of Iceland lavas toward negative $\Delta^{33}\text{S}$ signatures compared to DMM (Fig.
387 5), we propose a previously unrecognized Icelandic mantle component – Enriched Mantle
388 Wedge (EMW). Based on the $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$ - $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ - $\Delta^{33}\text{S}$ systematics (Fig. 8), EMW is assigned
389 negative $\delta^{34}\text{S}_{\Sigma\text{S}}$ and $\Delta^{33}\text{S}$ values of -2.5 ‰ and -0.040 ‰ , respectively, and a DMM-like
390 $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$ of 8 R_A . EMW is sampled most clearly by Kverkfjöll lavas, but its influence is seen
391 across lavas from all rift zones as negatively trending $\delta^{34}\text{S}_{\Sigma\text{S}}$ and $\Delta^{33}\text{S}$ values with decreasing
392 $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$ (Fig. 8). The three lowest- $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ samples (MID-1, NAL-356, NAL-585) all have
393 similar $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$ of ~ 18.5 , which is taken as the signature of EMW. The SNVZ basalts also
394 have MORB-like $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$ and the lowest $\Delta^{33}\text{S}$ (down to -0.035 ‰) in Iceland, suggesting
395 contributions from the EMW component (Fig. 8b). However, as the SNVZ samples are
396 evolved and highly degassed, their source $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ signature cannot be inferred.

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398 *4.3.2 Origin of recycled sulfur in the Iceland mantle*

400 Previous observations of non-zero $\Delta^{33}\text{S}$ values in OIBs from Mangaia (Cabral et al. 2014;
401 Dottin et al. 2020b) and Pitcairn (Delavault et al. 2016) provide evidence for the resurgence
402 of deep recycled Archaean sediments – the only known major terrestrial reservoir with S-MIF
403 signatures ($\Delta^{33}\text{S}$ between -2.5 and 11.5 ‰; Johnston 2011). The large negative $\Delta^{33}\text{S}$
404 anomalies at Pitcairn and Mangaia are coupled to highly negative $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ (Cabral et al. 2014,
405 Delavault et al. 2016). Subducted sediments are also thought to form a positive $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ end-
406 member in the MORB source mantle (Labidi et al. 2013, 2014), the Samoan EM2 component
407 (Labidi et al. 2015), as well as the Canary Islands HIMU component (Beaudry et al. 2018),
408 which all lack resolvable $\Delta^{33}\text{S}$ anomalies.

409 Negative $\Delta^{33}\text{S}$ and $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ values in Icelandic basalts are tied to a mantle component
410 with MORB-like $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$ and $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$ (Figs. 7 and 8), but also elevated Ba/La (Fig. S8).
411 These characteristics are compatible with subduction fluid-enriched mantle wedge (EMW)
412 type component, i.e., a DMM-like component that has been enriched with sediment-derived
413 fluids from a subducting plate (cf. Richter et al. 2020). Influx of subduction-related volatiles
414 to the upper mantle from subducting slabs is thought to contribute to the volatile
415 heterogeneity of MORB sources (Dixon et al. 2017), including the North Atlantic mantle, as
416 well as Iceland (Halldórsson et al. 2016b; Hauri et al. 2018, Richter et al. 2020). As ambient
417 DMM constitutes a geochemical endmember in Icelandic basalts (Hanan et al. 2000), it is
418 worthwhile to entertain the possibility that the EMW component represents a local upper
419 mantle anomaly resulting from shallow subduction-fluid metasomatism, rather than a deep-
420 sourced plume component.

421 Plausible past subduction events in the region that could have produced the EMW
422 component include Palaeozoic subduction episodes that lead to the closure of the proto-
423 Atlantic Iapetus ocean (Halldórsson et al. 2016b; Hauri et al. 2018) and the Early Cretaceous
424 South Anuyi subduction event (145-120 Ma; Richter et al. 2020).

425 Subduction fluids are potent agents of mantle metasomatism, and may transport 6-20
426 % of the S budget of the slab to the the mantle wedge region at 30-230 km depth (Jégo and
427 Dasgupta 2013; Li et al. 2020). Fluids equilibrated with subducting metasediments at ~ 100
428 km depth have highly negative $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ values of down to -8 ‰ and high sulfur concentrations of
429 ~ 1 wt.% (Li et al. 2020). Sediment-derived fluids could also acquire measurable negative
430 $\Delta^{33}\text{S}$ signatures through even minor incorporation of Archaean sediments derived from
431 continental margins adjacent to the subduction zone. Thus, subduction fluid metasomatism
432 could potentially lead to lowered $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ and $\Delta^{33}\text{S}$ of the mantle wedge. The EMW component

433 can be created by an admixture of DMM, and ~ 0.5 wt.% of metasediment-derived subduction
434 fluid with moderately negative $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ and $\Delta^{33}\text{S}$ signatures of -5 ‰ and -0.130 ‰, respectively
435 (Fig. 8).

436 Subduction fluids are also enriched in fluid-mobile elements like Ba, leading to
437 elevated Ba/La in arc and back-arc basin basalts and mantle wedges (Leeman et al. 1994). A
438 negative correlation is observed between Ba/La and $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$ in Icelandic basalts (Fig. S8),
439 supporting the presence of an Icelandic mantle component that resembles subduction fluid-
440 enriched DMM. For example, the Kverkfjöll and SNVZ samples that have the lowest
441 $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$, $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ and $\Delta^{33}\text{S}$ values in Iceland, also have highest Ba/La (10.4-12.4). A fluid-
442 enriched source for the SNVZ basalts is also suggested by their elevated W concentrations
443 (Mundl-Petermeier et al. 2019).

444 As opposed to a deep-sourced plume component, we propose that EMW represents a
445 shallow low- $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ - $\Delta^{33}\text{S}$ mantle anomaly in the North Atlantic upper mantle, created during
446 past subduction events in the region, that has become captured *en passant* by the upwelling
447 Iceland mantle plume.

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449 4.4 Implications for the origin of sulfur in the primordial mantle

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451 Assuming that the association of high- $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$ Iceland samples with ^{129}Xe anomalies
452 and negative $\mu^{182}\text{W}$ (where $\mu^{182}\text{W}$ represents deviations of the modern upper mantle
453 $^{182}\text{W}/^{184}\text{W}$ in ppm) is indicative of an early-Hadean origin (>4.45 Ga; Mukhopadhyay 2012;
454 Mundl-Petermeier et al. 2019), the formation of the high- $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$ mantle domain predates the
455 oldest surviving terrestrial crust (Jack Hill zircons, up to 4.40 Ga; Wilde et al. 2001) and the
456 peak of late accretion at 4.2-4.0 Ga (Bottke and Norman 2017). This primordial mantle
457 domain is associated spatially with ultra-low seismic wave velocity zones (ULVZs) identified
458 at the base of the mantle at the roots of the high- $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$ plumes Hawaii, Iceland and Samoa
459 (Yuan and Romanowicz 2017 and references therein). The hot, potentially partly molten state
460 of ULVZs could promote transport of elements, including S, across the core-mantle boundary
461 (Rizo et al. 2019, Mundl-Petermeier et al. 2020). Thus, the sulfur isotopic fingerprint of the
462 high- $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$ mantle has the potential to constrain key questions remaining about Early Earth
463 processes, as well as the nature and extent of core-mantle interaction (e.g., Mundl-Petermeier
464 et al. 2020).

465 Our access to undegassed subglacial glass samples allows us to make the first
466 estimate of the $\delta^{34}\text{S}_{\text{SS}}$ signature of the high- $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$ mantle. Icelandic basalts show increasing

467 $\delta^{34}\text{S}_{\Sigma\text{S}}$ values with increasing $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$, projecting toward a primordial plume component with
468 a near-chondritic $\delta^{34}\text{S}_{\Sigma\text{S}}$ value of ~ 0 ‰ (Plume 1 in Fig. 8a). This chondritic $\delta^{34}\text{S}_{\Sigma\text{S}}$ signature
469 contrasts with the distinctly negative, non-chondritic $\delta^{34}\text{S}_{\Sigma\text{S}}$ signature of the DMM ($-$
470 1.28 ± 0.33 ‰; Labidi et al. 2013) and poses the question of why they are different.

471 The negative $\delta^{34}\text{S}_{\Sigma\text{S}}$ signature of DMM has been explained to result from core-mantle
472 segregation, because the metallic iron alloy that forms the core is enriched in ^{34}S during
473 metal-silicate equilibration (i.e., $\epsilon^{34}\text{S}_{\text{metal-silicate}} > 0$; Labidi et al., 2013, 2016, Labidi and
474 Cartigny 2016). Depletions of highly siderophile elements (HSEs) in high- $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$ lavas
475 relative to chondrites indicate that the high- $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$ mantle domain experienced core
476 extraction (Mundl et al. 2017, 2020), similarly to MORBs. If we accept the Labidi and
477 Cartigny (2016) model, the high- $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$ mantle would be expected to have a non-chondritic
478 and negative $\delta^{34}\text{S}_{\Sigma\text{S}}$ signature. Thus, the contrasting $\delta^{34}\text{S}_{\Sigma\text{S}}$ signatures of DMM and the high-
479 $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$ mantle present an apparent paradox. Below, we discuss mechanisms that could
480 affect the S isotopic composition of the two mantle reservoirs differently.

481 First, it is conceivable that sulfur was extracted from the high- $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$ mantle during
482 core formation at conditions where $^{34}\text{S}/^{32}\text{S}$ fractionation is negligible. If the high- $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$
483 mantle equilibrated with a metallic iron alloy at higher temperature compared to the DMM,
484 the accompanying $\epsilon^{34}\text{S}_{\text{metal-silicate}}$ fractionation factor could be considerably smaller. However,
485 extrapolation of $\epsilon^{34}\text{S}_{\text{metal-silicate}}$ from experimental conditions (up to 1.5 GPa and 1650 °C;
486 Labidi et al. 2016) to lower mantle conditions (up to 136 GPa and ~ 4000 K at the core-
487 mantle boundary at present) is difficult because of the opposing effects of increasing T
488 (decreases $^{34}\text{S}/^{32}\text{S}$ fractionation) and P (increases $^{34}\text{S}/^{32}\text{S}$ fractionation; Labidi and Cartigny
489 2016). Alternatively, rather than resulting from metal/silicate equilibrium, it is possible that
490 the S isotopic signature of the high- $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$ mantle is controlled by equilibrium with a
491 sulfide liquid phase (“Hadean matte”; O’Neill 1991) which is associated with negligible
492 $^{34}\text{S}/^{32}\text{S}$ fractionation (Labidi and Cartigny 2016). Although the fraction of S in the mantle
493 affected by sulfide-silicate equilibrium is estimated to be less than $\sim 10\%$ (Labidi and
494 Cartigny 2016), the high- $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$ mantle could be disproportionately affected compared to the
495 DMM due to its location at the base of the mantle, where a 2-35 km layer of sulfide liquid is
496 thought to have ponded at the late stage of core-mantle differentiation (Savage et al. 2015).
497 Either of these scenarios could potentially explain the contrasting $\delta^{34}\text{S}_{\Sigma\text{S}}$ signatures of the
498 high- $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$ mantle and the DMM by only invoking core extraction from the silicate mantle.

499 Second, the S isotopic composition of the high- $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$ mantle could be influenced
500 by core-mantle exchange through similar mechanisms that have been recently suggested to

501 explain negative $\mu^{182}\text{W}$ anomalies present in high- $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$ lavas (Mundl et al. 2017, Mundl-
502 Petermeier et al. 2020, Jackson et al. 2020). Combined $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}-\Delta^{33}\text{S}-\mu^{182}\text{W}$ data from
503 Iceland and Samoa – the only high- $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$ locations where coupled data are available –
504 show that Samoan and Icelandic basalts converge toward near-0 $\Delta^{33}\text{S}$ values with increasing
505 $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$ (Fig. 8b) and decreasing $\mu^{182}\text{W}$ (Fig. 9). The chondritic $\Delta^{33}\text{S}$ signature of high-
506 $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$ lavas corroborates the suggestion that they sample a primordial mantle *least*
507 modified by subducted crustal materials (Jackson et al. 2020). The coupled $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}-\delta^{34}\text{S}$
508 (Fig. 8a) and $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}-\Delta^{33}\text{S}-\mu^{182}\text{W}$ (Figs. 8b and 9) systematics suggest that the near-
509 chondritic $\delta^{34}\text{S}_{\text{SS}}$ is linked to negative $\mu^{182}\text{W}$. Therefore, it is important to explore whether a
510 single process could explain the $\delta^{34}\text{S}_{\text{SS}}-\Delta^{33}\text{S}-\mu^{182}\text{W}$ signature of the high- $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$ mantle.

511 The main current hypothesis to explain the negative correlation between $\mu^{182}\text{W}$ and
512 $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$ in OIBs is to incorporate W from the core, which is inferred to have very low $\mu^{182}\text{W}$
513 (~ 220 ppm) and high W concentration (~ 500 ppb) (Mundl-Petermeier et al., 2019, 2020; Rizo
514 et al. 2019). The core is also the main reservoir of Earth's sulfur, with a 100-fold higher S
515 content relative to the mantle (approximately 2 wt.% and 200 ppm, respectively) and an
516 assumed chondritic $\Delta^{33}\text{S}-\delta^{34}\text{S}$ signature (Labidi et al. 2013). Thus, incorporation of small
517 amounts of core material could simultaneously explain both the negative $\mu^{182}\text{W}$ and the
518 chondritic $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ signature of the high $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$ mantle. However, because OIBs are not
519 enriched in highly siderophile elements (HSEs), input of bulk core metal in plume sources is
520 considered unlikely (Mundl-Petermeier 2020). Instead, Mundl-Petermeier et al. (2020)
521 hypothesized that equilibration of the metallic outer core and a basal layer of a primordial
522 magma ocean could produce a remnant lower mantle reservoir with core-like $\mu^{182}\text{W}$ signature
523 without elevated HSE abundances. However, if the the $\epsilon^{34}\text{S}_{\text{metal-silicate}}$ fractionation factor
524 remains positive at lower mantle P-T-conditions (Labidi et al. 2016), applied to S, the core-
525 mantle equilibration model of Mundl-Petermeier et al. (2020) would generate (or maintain) a
526 negative $\delta^{34}\text{S}_{\text{SS}}$ signature for the high- $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$ mantle, failing to explain its chondritic $\delta^{34}\text{S}_{\text{SS}}$
527 signature.

528 As an alternative process of adding negative $\mu^{182}\text{W}$ core material to the lower mantle,
529 Rizo et al. (2019) showed that Si-Mg-Fe oxides that exsolve from the outer core
530 preferentially incorporate W over HSEs. These oxides are buoyant and would accumulate at
531 the core-mantle boundary, potentially contributing to the selective transport of core-derived
532 W to the lower mantle. It is conceivable that S with chondritic isotopic composition could be
533 transported to the lower mantle through this or a similar process. However, an extension of
534 either of the two models to account for a chondritic S isotopic composition of the high-

535 $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$ mantle remains highly hypothetical at present, as key parameters, such as
536 partitioning of S to Si-Mg-Fe oxides and the $\epsilon^{34}\text{S}_{\text{metal-silicate}}$ fractionation factor at high P and
537 T, remain poorly constrained.

538 Although many open questions remain, the near-chondritic S isotopic composition of
539 the high- $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$ mantle provides a new important constraint for future models on the nature
540 and extent of chemical interactions between the core and the mantle during early planetary
541 differentiation, as well as in the present.

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543 5 CONCLUSIONS

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545 This study presents S concentration, speciation ($\text{S}^{6+}/\Sigma\text{S}$) and isotope data acquired from 62
546 samples covering the main neovolcanic zones of Iceland. Focusing on undegassed, subglacial
547 basaltic glasses, the data provide a unique window to the sulfur isotopic evolution of OIB
548 magmas, constraining the $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ - $\Delta^{33}\text{S}$ signatures of various Icelandic mantle components.
549 Undegassed Icelandic glasses contain between 300 and 1570 ppm sulfur and are mildly
550 oxidized ($\text{S}^{6+}/\Sigma\text{S} = 0.05\text{--}0.20$). Melts reach sulfide saturation at $\text{MgO} \approx 6$ wt.%, which leads
551 to S and Cu depletions concurrent with increasing $\text{S}^{6+}/\Sigma\text{S}$ and $\delta^{34}\text{S}_{\text{S}^{2-}}$ -during subsequent melt
552 evolution. The observed $\delta^{34}\text{S}_{\text{S}^{2-}}$ (-2.5 to -0.1‰) and $\Delta^{33}\text{S}$ (-0.035 to $+0.011$ ‰) variability
553 expressed by primitive Icelandic basalts exceeds that measured in MORBs. We infer an
554 Icelandic mantle component with negative $\delta^{34}\text{S}_{\Sigma\text{S}} = -2.5$ wt.% and negative $\Delta^{33}\text{S} = -0.40$ ‰
555 that is associated with MORB-like $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$ ($8 R_A$) and elevated Ba/La (>12). We suggest that
556 this mantle component (EMW) represents subduction fluid-enriched mantle wedge-type
557 material present in the local upper mantle, that became entrained in the Iceland plume *en*
558 *route* to the surface. High- $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$ and low- $\mu^{182}\text{W}$ samples from NRZ and ERZ converge
559 toward $\Delta^{33}\text{S}$ and $\delta^{34}\text{S}_{\Sigma\text{S}}$ values of 0 ‰. The near-chondritic $\delta^{34}\text{S}_{\Sigma\text{S}}$ signature inferred for the
560 primordial high- $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$ reservoir is difficult to reconcile with the sub-chondritic $\delta^{34}\text{S}_{\Sigma\text{S}}$
561 signature of DMM, and may suggest that the two mantle domains experienced core
562 extractions at different conditions during planetary differentiation, or alternatively, points
563 toward a previously unidentified flux of S from the core to the high- $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$ reservoir.

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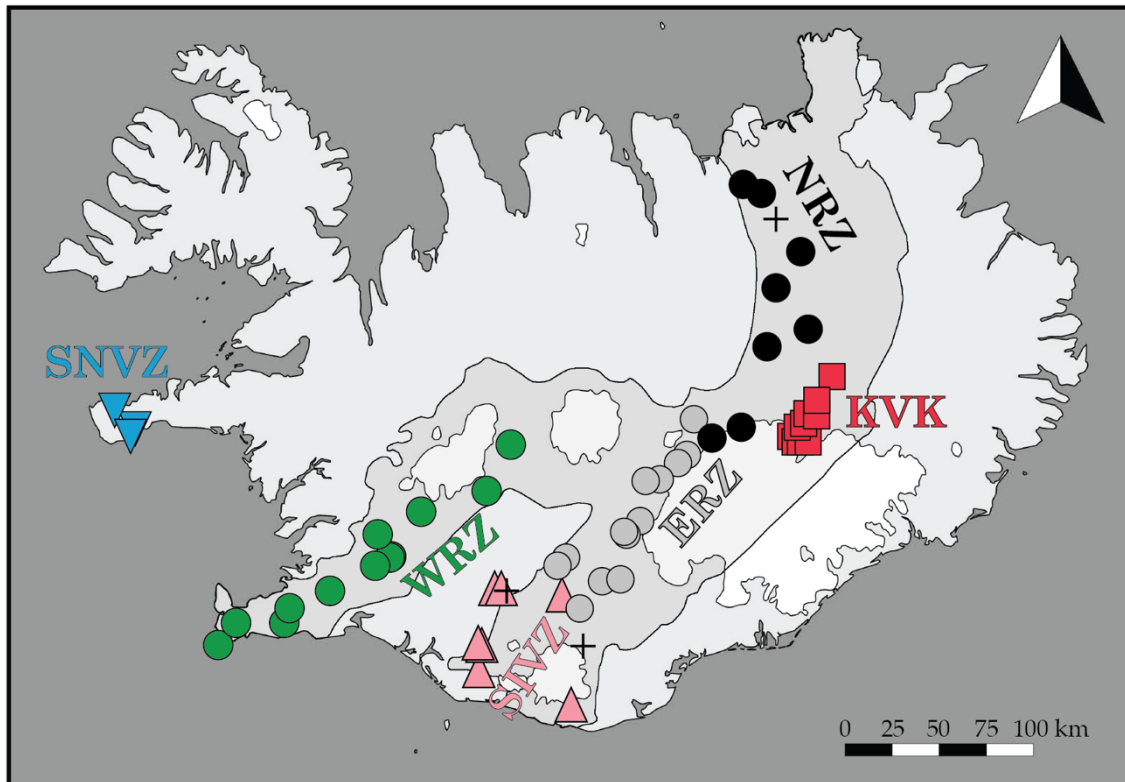
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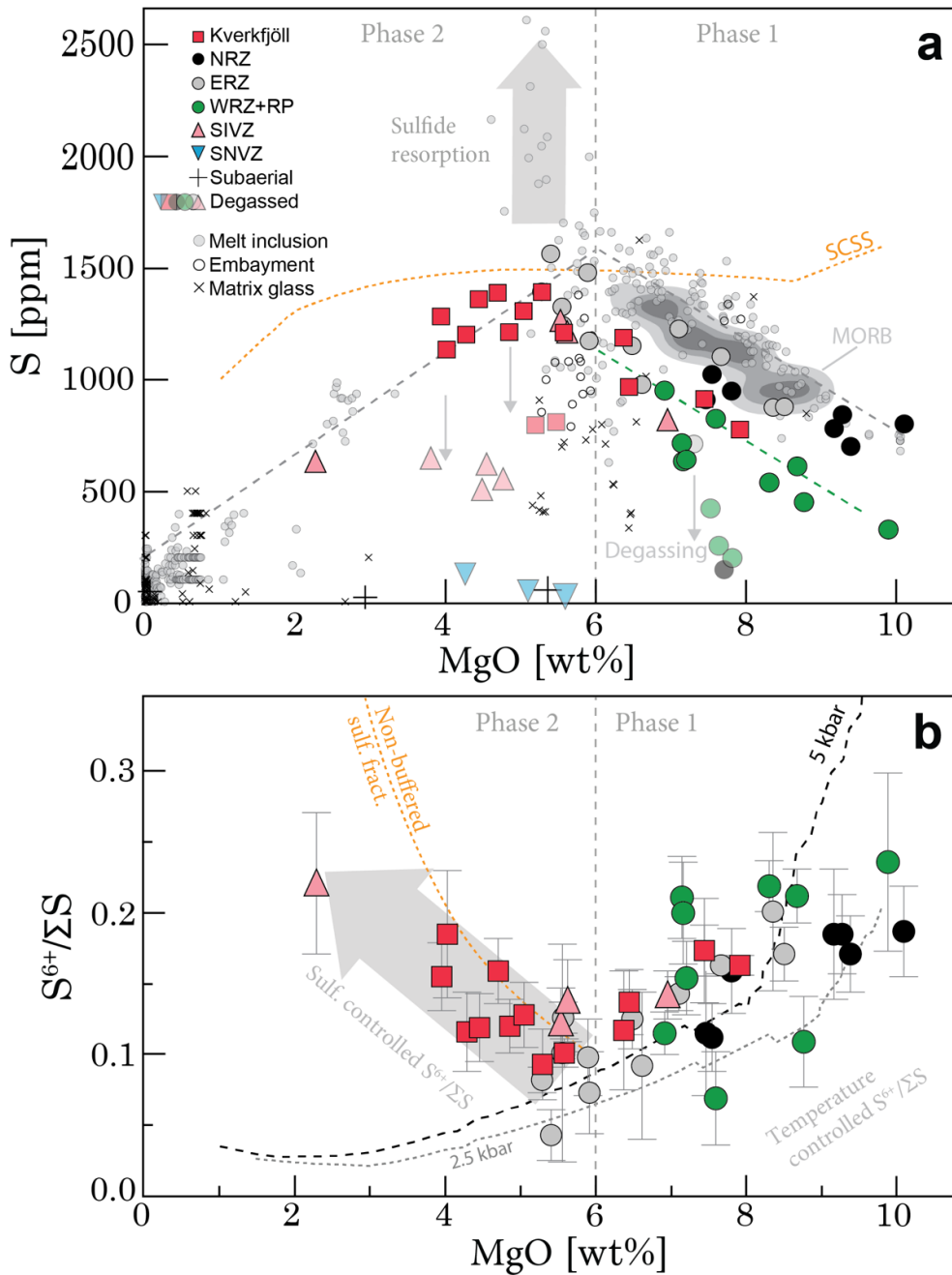
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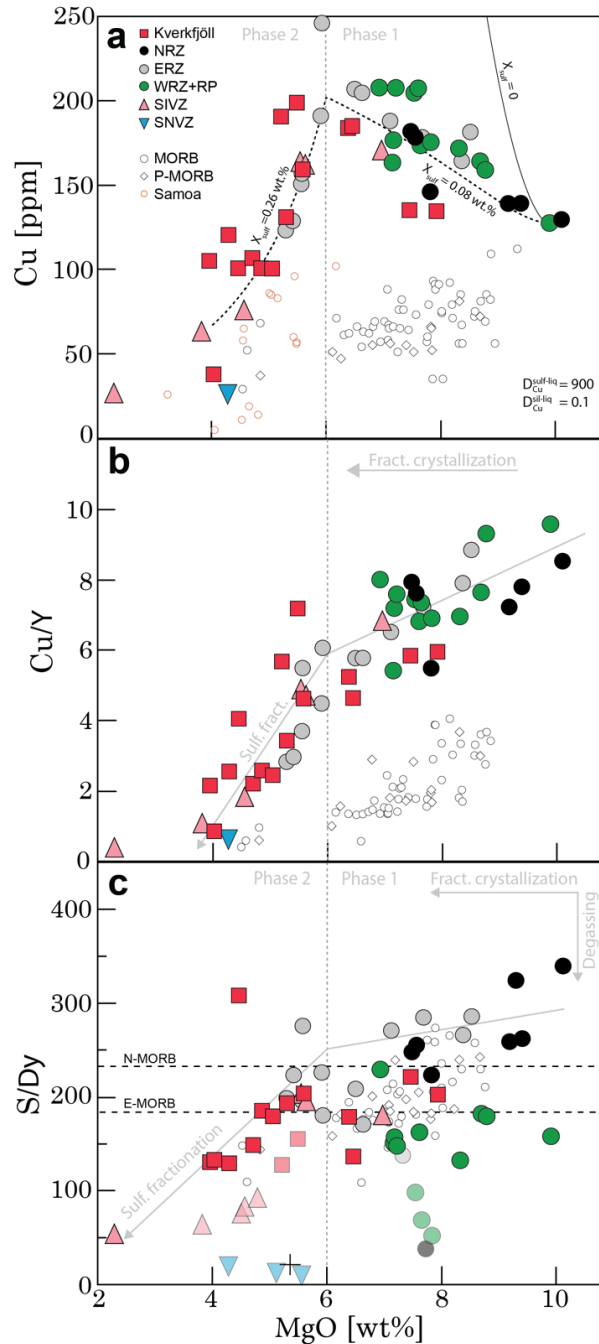


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720 **Figure 1** Map of Iceland showing sample locations of 59 subglacial pillow rim glass (circles, squares,
 721 triangles) and 3 subaerial lava samples (black crosses) analyzed in this study. The grey shaded area
 722 depicts presently active rift zones and the SIVZ propagating rift. Symbol types and colors used here to
 723 discriminate samples from different volcanic regions are maintained in all figures. Abbreviations:
 724 ERZ = Eastern Rift Zone, KVK = Kverkfjöll volcanic system, NRZ = Northern Rift Zone, SIVZ =
 725 South Iceland Volcanic Zone, SNVZ = Snæfellsnes Volcanic Zone, WRZ = Western Rift Zone and
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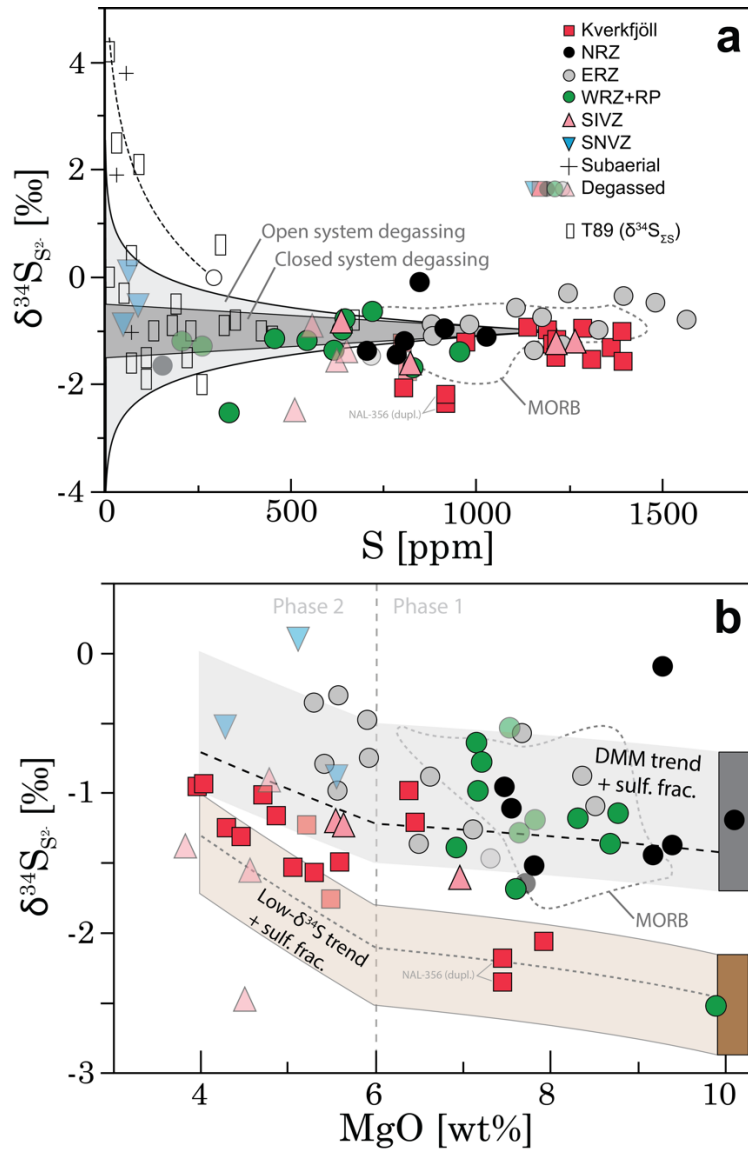


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 728 **Figure 2 (a)** Sulfur abundance versus MgO. Data from this study are superimposed on published melt
 729 melt inclusion data from Iceland (compilation from Ranta et al. 2021). The melt inclusion data define an
 730 undegassed S evolution trend (dashed grey lines) with an inflection point at MgO ≈ 6 wt.%,
 731 separating two distinct phases of melt evolution. In Phase 1, the WRZ basalts define a parallel, lower-
 732 S trend, indicated by the green dashed line. Samples deemed to have lost a significant amount of S by
 733 degassing are shown as transparent symbols (Supplementary Information). (b) Sulfur speciation
 734 versus MgO. Only undegassed samples are plotted (the full dataset is plotted in Fig. S3). Above MgO
 735 > 6 wt.%, decreasing $S^{6+}/\Sigma S$ during fractional crystallization is controlled by temperature
 736 (Supplementary Information). Below 6 wt.% MgO, sulfide precipitation causes an increase in $S^{6+}/\Sigma S$.
 737 Non-buffered $S^{6+}/\Sigma S$ evolution trend (orange) was calculated based on measured/expected S,
 738 estimated assuming loss of S^{2-} to a sulfide phase below 6 wt.% MgO. Two model trajectories are
 739 shown for 2.5 kbar (grey dotted) and 5 kbar (black dashed), calculated from Eq. 21, with $Fe^{3+}/\Sigma Fe$ and
 740 T vs. MgO for the model were derived by simulating isobaric fractional crystallization buffered at
 741 FMQ+0.2 in Comagmat 3.72 (Ariskin et al. 2018). The SCSS curve in (a) (orange) in was calculated
 742 for the 2.5 kbar model after Fortin et al. (2015).

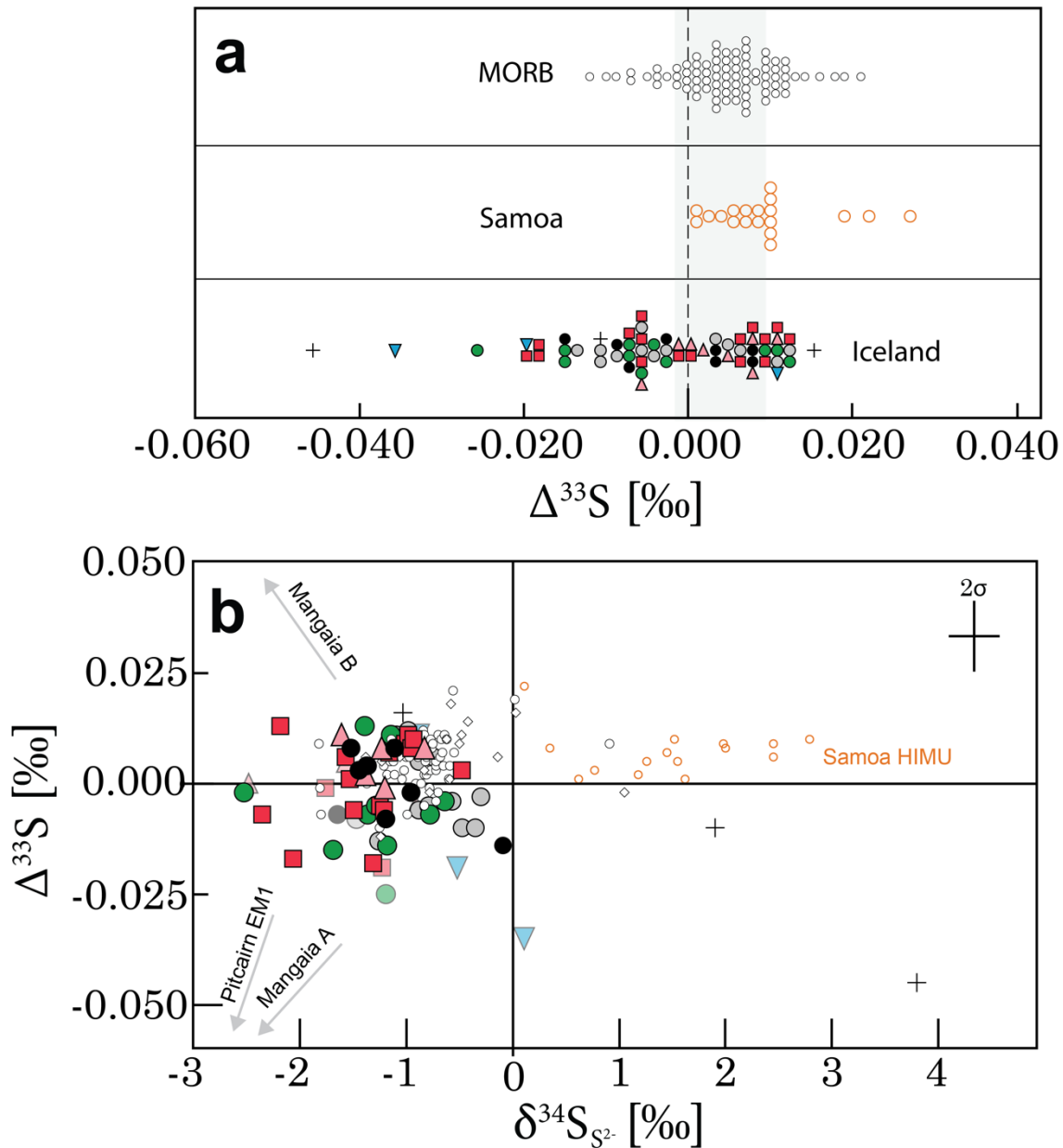


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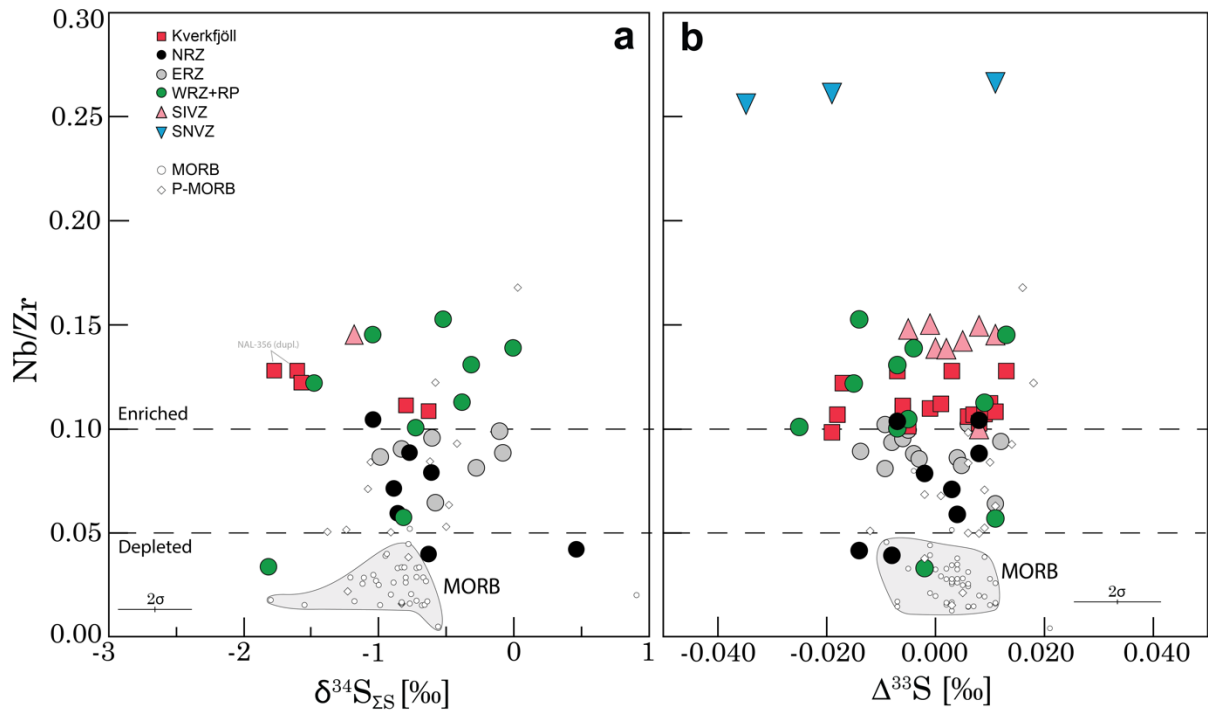
744 **Figure 3** Effect of sulfide melt immiscibility. **(a)** Cu versus MgO. A clear inflection point at MgO \approx 6
 745 wt.% signals the onset, or acceleration, of sulfide fractionation. The observed trends indicate
 746 fractionation of about 0.08 wt.% sulfide melt between MgO = 6–10 wt.% (Phase 1) and 0.26 wt.%
 747 between MgO = 4–6 wt.% (Phase 2) (dashed grey line; see Supplementary material for model details).
 748 The modelled fractional crystallization trajectory for $X_{\text{sulf}} = 0$ (black line) greatly overestimates Cu
 749 concentrations. **(b)** Cu/Y versus MgO. Because $D_{\text{Cu}}^{\text{sil-liq}} \approx D_{\text{Y}}^{\text{sil-liq}}$, decreasing Cu/Y may indicate
 750 slight fractionation of sulfide during Phase 1. **(c)** S/Dy versus MgO. The S/Dy variability in
 751 undegassed, primitive (MgO > 6 wt.%) samples suggest either lower S/Dy in the WRZ and Kverkfjöll
 752 mantle compared to NRZ and ERZ, or, alternatively, buffering of primitive melt S concentrations
 753 during partial melting by mantle sulfides (Ding and Dasgupta 2018). MORB (white circles) data are
 754 sourced from Labidi et al. (2012, 2013, 2014) and Labidi and Cartigny (2016). Plume-influenced
 755 MORB data (P-MORB) covering the LOMU, Discovery and Shona anomalies in the South Mid-
 756 Atlantic Ridge are from Labidi et al. (2013). Samoan (orange circles) data are from Labidi et al.
 757 (2015).



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 759 **Figure 4 (a)** $\delta^{34}\text{S}_{\text{S}_2^-}$ versus S concentrations. The effect of degassing on $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ in Icelandic samples is
 760 clearly illustrated by generally increasing $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ at low S concentrations. Large scatter in previously
 761 published data on Iceland (white rectangles; T89; Torssander 1989) demonstrates the advantage of
 762 using relatively undegassed subglacial glasses for studying pre-eruptive S isotope compositions. All
 763 undegassed Icelandic basalts have negative $\delta^{34}\text{S}_{\text{S}_2^-}$ values. Shaded fields represent open (light grey)
 764 and closed system degassing (dark grey) of a basaltic melt with $\delta^{34}\text{S}_{\text{S}_2^-} = -1\%$ and $\text{S} = 1200$ ppm,
 765 assuming a fractionation factor of $\Delta^{34}\text{S}_{\text{gas-melt}} = 0 \pm 0.5\%$. Dashed black model line shows the effect
 766 open system degassing of a hypothetical undegassed rhyolitic melt with $\text{S} = 300$ ppm (white circle).
 767 Model details are explained in the Supplementary Information. **(b)** $\delta^{34}\text{S}_{\text{S}_2^-}$ versus MgO. Redox
 768 buffering of S following sulfide fractionation may lead to increasingly positive $\delta^{34}\text{S}_{\text{S}_2^-}$ values during
 769 melt evolution (shaded fields). However, a DMM-like mantle component cannot by itself explain the
 770 most negative $\delta^{34}\text{S}_{\text{S}_2^-}$ values in the primitive ($\text{MgO} > 6$ wt.%) samples. Instead, an additional mantle
 771 component with more negative $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ signature is implicated. Modelled $\delta^{34}\text{S}_{\text{S}_2^-}$ trajectories for
 772 hypothetical DMM ($\text{MgO} = 10$ wt%, $\delta^{34}\text{S}_{\text{S}_2^-} = -1.44\%$, $\text{S} = 750$ ppm, $\text{S}^{6+}/\text{S} = 0.185$; similar to
 773 NAL-611) and “low- $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ component” ($\text{MgO} = 10$ wt%, $\delta^{34}\text{S}_{\text{S}_2^-} = -2.5\%$, $\text{S} = 400$ ppm, $\text{S}^{6+}/\text{S} =$
 774 0.236 ; similar to MID-1) primary mantle melts are shown by dashed lines. The NRZ sample HS92-15
 775 is an outlier with a clearly less negative $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ value of -0.1% compared to other NRZ samples.
 776 Degassed samples are shown for reference (transparent symbols). MORB field drawn from the
 777 references given in Fig. 3.

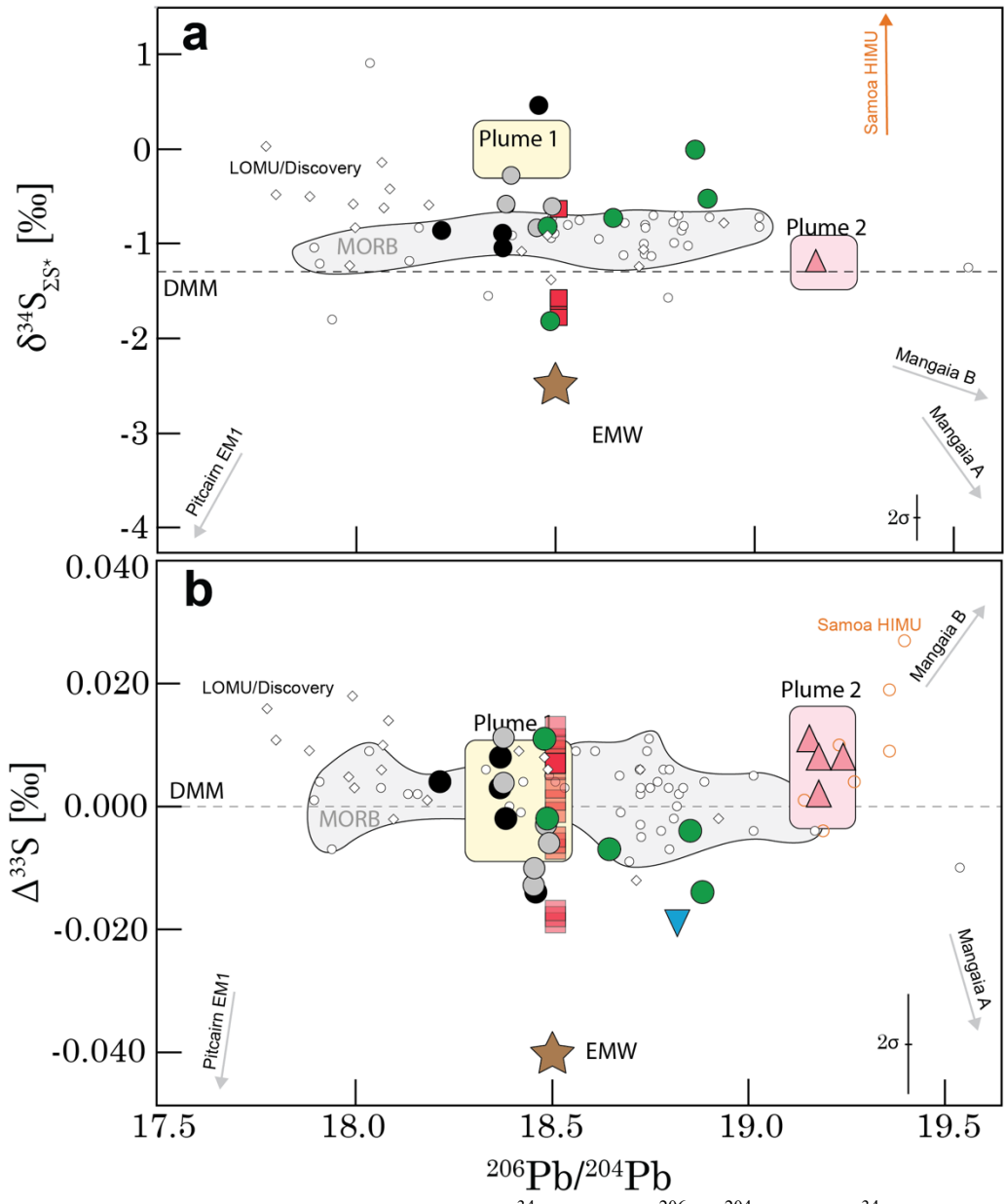


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 779 **Figure 5 (a)** A compilation of basaltic glass-derived $\Delta^{33}\text{S}$ data. Iceland samples overlap with MORBs
 780 and Samoan OIBs but are shifted toward more negative $\Delta^{33}\text{S}$. Negative $\Delta^{33}\text{S}$ values in MORBs are
 781 uncommon. Grey field shows the MORB average (0.004 ± 0.006 , 1σ). **(b)** $\Delta^{33}\text{S}$ vs. $\delta^{34}\text{S}_{\text{S}_2^-}$
 782 systematics. Available hotspot S isotope data from Iceland, Samoa (orange circles; Labidi et al. 2015;
 783 Dottin et al. 2020a), Mangaia and Pitcairn seem to describe a positive correlation between $\Delta^{33}\text{S}$ and
 784 $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ which is also present in the Archaean sediment record (Johnston et al. 2011). However, a break
 785 from this trend is represented by the Mangaian HIMU endmember B ($\delta^{34}\text{S} = -7.5$ ‰, $\Delta^{33}\text{S} = +0.200$
 786 ‰; Dottin et al. 2020b). Notably, very few data plot in the 2nd quadrant. Grey arrows point toward the
 787 Mangaia HIMU endmember A ($\delta^{34}\text{S} = -22$ ‰, $\Delta^{33}\text{S} = -0.600$ ‰; Cabral et al. 2014) and B and the
 788 Pitcairn EM1 component ($\delta^{34}\text{S} = -6$ ‰, $\Delta^{33}\text{S} = -0.800$ ‰; Delavault et al. 2016). Degassed Samoan
 789 samples from Dottin et al. (2020), and MORBs that have assimilated seawater sulfate have been
 790 filtered out following Labidi et al. (2014). Symbols and MORB data as in Fig. 3.

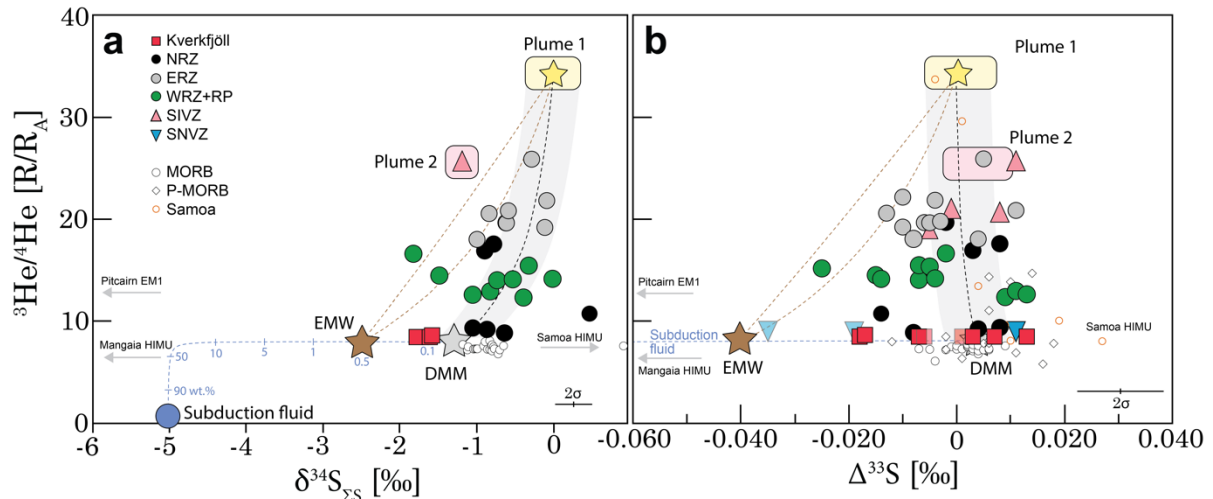


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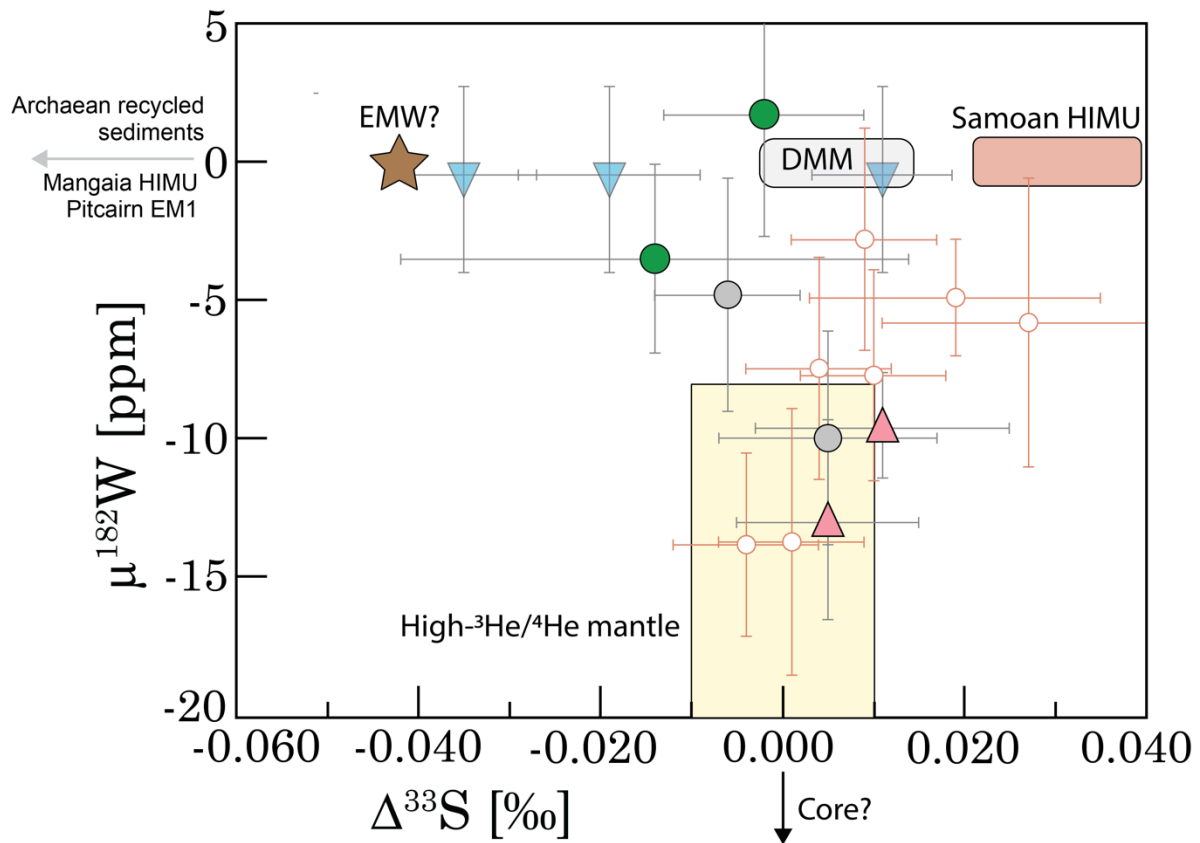
792 **Figure 6** Trace element (Nb/Zr) enrichment vs. **(a)** $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ and **(b)** $\Delta^{33}\text{S}$. No clear correlation is seen
 793 between trace element enrichment, as measured by Nb/Zr, and $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ or $\Delta^{33}\text{S}$. The greatest variation in
 794 $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ values is observed in both the depleted (Nb/Zr < 0.05) and the enriched glasses (Nb/Zr > 0.10),
 795 while moderately enriched samples fall within the MORB field (light grey). Both depleted and
 796 enriched samples trend toward negative $\Delta^{33}\text{S}$ compared to MORBs. Samples that have experienced
 797 degassing or considerable sulfide fractionation (MgO < 6 wt.%) may have altered $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ values and
 798 have been filtered out from (a) (see sections 4.1 and 4.2). MORB samples that have assimilated
 799 seawater sulfate have been filtered out from (a) following Labidi et al. (2014). The entire dataset is
 800 shown in (b), as $\Delta^{33}\text{S}$ is not affected by magmatic processes. MORB and P-MORB data as in Fig. 3.



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 802 **Figure 7** Lead and sulfur isotope relationships. **(a)** $\delta^{34}\text{S}_{\Sigma\text{S}^*}$ versus $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$. The $\delta^{34}\text{S}_{\Sigma\text{S}^*}$ values of
 803 Icelandic glasses partly overlap with those of MORBs (grey field). Notably, the anomalously negative
 804 $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ values at Kverkfjöll and the WRZ sample MID-1 are both associated with a $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$ value of
 805 ~ 18.5 . **(b)** Icelandic glasses show a greater variability in $\Delta^{33}\text{S}$ values compared to MORBs and have
 806 overall negative $\Delta^{33}\text{S}$ values that seem to converge at the EMW component. Notably, the SIVZ
 807 samples, that have the highest $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$ in Iceland (> 19.0) lack anomalous $\Delta^{33}\text{S}$ values. Pb isotope
 808 data for the Icelandic samples are sourced from Halldórsson et al. (2016a) and Jackson et al. (2020).
 809 The value $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb} = 18.508$ reported for KVK-77 by Halldórsson et al. (2016a) is assumed for all
 810 KVK samples (transparent symbols). EMW = subduction fluid-enriched mantle wedge. Symbols and
 811 MORB data as in Fig. 3.



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813 **Figure 8** Sulfur and helium isotope relationships. **(a)** The $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$ vs. $\delta^{34}\text{S}_{\Sigma\text{S}}$ systematics of Icelandic
814 lavas can be explained by three-component mixing of DMM ($^3\text{He}/^4\text{He} = 8 R_A$, $\delta^{34}\text{S}_{\Sigma\text{S}} = -1.3$ ‰;
815 grey star), Plume 1 mantle ($^3\text{He}/^4\text{He} = 33.6 R_A$, $\delta^{34}\text{S}_{\Sigma\text{S}} = -0.3$ ‰; yellow star) and EMW (subduction
816 fluid-enriched mantle wedge; $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He} = 8 R_A$, $\delta^{34}\text{S}_{\Sigma\text{S}} = -2.5$ ‰; brown star). The radiogenic Plume 2
817 component (cf. Fig. 7) sampled by SIVZ lavas (pink field) has high $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$ ($\sim 25 R_A$) and $\Delta^{33}\text{S} \approx 0$
818 ‰, but its $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ signature is only constrained by a single sample. The EMW component that gives rise
819 to the low- $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ and low $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$ Kverkfjöll lavas is created by adding ~ 0.5 wt.% subduction derived
820 fluid (blue circle) with a composition of $\delta^{34}\text{S}_{\Sigma\text{S}} = -5$ ‰, $S = 9620$ ppm, similar to subduction fluids
821 released from metasediments during devolatilization at ~ 100 km depth (Li et al. 2020). **(b)** $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$
822 versus $\Delta^{33}\text{S}$. There is a clear tendency toward negative $\Delta^{33}\text{S}$ values in Icelandic lavas compared to
823 DMM. This can be explained if the EMW component has a $\Delta^{33}\text{S}$ value of -0.040 ‰, which requires a
824 subduction fluid component with $\Delta^{33}\text{S} = -0.130$ ‰. The $\Delta^{33}\text{S}$ variability decreases with increasing
825 $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$ to values ~ 0 ‰, which is taken as the $\Delta^{33}\text{S}$ signature of the Plume 1 component. Two SNVZ
826 (BOTN-1 and OLAF-1) and Kverkfjöll samples (KVK-147 and KVK-168) with degassed $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$ are
827 projected to the $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He} = 9.0$ and $8.5 R_A$, which are representative of Snæfellsnes and Kverkfjöll
828 lavas and geothermal fluids, respectively (Hardardóttir et al., 2018). Binary mixing curves are shown
829 by dashed lines. Two binary mixing lines between EMW and Plume 1 are shown scenario with
830 $[\text{He}]_{\text{Plume 1}}/[\text{He}]_{\text{EMW}}$ of 1 (straight line) and 0.5 (curved line). End-member compositions are given in
831 Table S6. Sample filtering, references and the Mangaia HIMU, Samoa and Pitcairn EM1
832 compositions as in Fig. 7. Helium isotope data for the Iceland samples from Macpherson et al. (2005),
833 Fűri et al. (2010) and Halldórsson et al. (2016b). MORB and P-MORB data as in Fig. 3.
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Figure 9 $\mu^{182}\text{W}$ versus $\Delta^{33}\text{S}$. Icelandic and Samoan samples with negative $\mu^{182}\text{W}$ anomalies, that also have high $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$, converge toward a chondritic $\Delta^{33}\text{S} \approx 0$ ‰, which is taken as a signature of an early-differentiated, primordial mantle reservoir. Samples with $\mu^{182}\text{W}$ approaching 0 exhibit larger variation in $\Delta^{33}\text{S}$, with Icelandic samples pulling toward negative and Samoan toward positive $\Delta^{33}\text{S}$ values. The $\mu^{182}\text{W}$ signature of the SNVZ samples is taken as the average of two other SNVZ samples SNS-206 (-0.6 ppm) and SNS-214 (-0.7 ppm) reported by Mundl-Petermeier et al. (2019). The $\mu^{182}\text{W}$ data for all Iceland samples are sourced from Mundl-Petermeier et al. (2019), except for sample A24 which is from Jackson et al. (2020). $\Delta^{33}\text{S}$ and $\mu^{182}\text{W}$ data for Samoa are sourced from Dottin et al. (2020a). Error bars represent 2SE for both $\mu^{182}\text{W}$ and $\Delta^{33}\text{S}$. Arrows point toward $\Delta^{33}\text{S}$ - $\mu^{182}\text{W}$ compositions of Mangaia, Pitcairn and Earth's core based on Cabral et al. (2013), Labidi et al. (2013), Delavault et al. (2016) and Mundl et al. (2017). Symbols as in Fig. 3.