

1 **Boron isotope evidence for devolatilized and rehydrated recycled**
2 **materials in the Icelandic mantle source**

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16 **ABSTRACT**

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18 Enriched mantle heterogeneities are widely considered to be generated
19 through subduction, but the connections between specific subducted materials and
20 the chemical signatures of mantle heterogeneities are not clearly defined. Boron is
21 strongly isotopically fractionated at the surface and traces slab devolatilization,
22 making it a potent tracer of previously subducted and recycled materials. Here, we
23 present high-precision SIMS boron concentrations and isotope ratios on a
24 comprehensive suite of quenched basaltic glasses from all neovolcanic zones in
25 Iceland, two rhyolite glasses, and a set of primitive melt inclusions from central
26 Iceland. Boron isotope ratios ($\delta^{11}\text{B}$) in Icelandic basalts and melt inclusions range
27 from -11.6‰ to -1.0‰, averaging -4.9‰, which is higher than mid-ocean ridge
28 basalt (MORB; $\delta^{11}\text{B} = -7.1‰$). Because the $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ value of the Icelandic crust is low,
29 the high $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ compositions of the Icelandic lavas are not easily explained through
30 crustal assimilation processes.

31 Icelandic basalt glass and melt inclusion B/Ce and $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ values correlate with
32 trace element ratio indicators of the degree of mantle partial melting and mantle
33 heterogeneity (e.g. Nb/Zr, La/Yb, Sm/Yb), which indicate that the boron systematics
34 of basalts are controlled by mantle heterogeneity. Additionally, basalts with low
35 B/Ce have high $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$, further indicating mantle source control. These
36 correlations can be used to deduce the boron systematics of the individual Icelandic
37 mantle components. The enriched endmember within the Iceland mantle source has
38 a high $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ value and low B/Ce, consistent with the composition of “rehydrated”
39 recycled oceanic crust. The depleted endmember comprises multiple distinct
40 components with variable B/Ce, likely consisting of depleted MORB mantle and/or
41 high $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$ mantle and two more minor depleted components that are consistent
42 with recycled metasomatized mantle wedge and recycled slab gabbro.

43 The compositions of these components place constraints on the
44 devolatilization history of recycled oceanic crust. The high $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ value and low B/Ce
45 composition of the enriched component within the Iceland mantle source is
46 inconsistent with a simple devolatilization process and suggests that the recycled
47 oceanic crust component may have been isotopically overprinted by B-rich fluids
48 derived from the underlying hydrated slab lithospheric mantle (i.e. “rehydration”).
49 Further, the B/Ce and $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ systematics of other OIBs can be used to constrain the
50 devolatilization histories of recycled components on a global scale. Globally, most
51 OIB B/Ce compositions suggest that recycled components have lost >99% of their
52 boron, and their $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ values suggest that rehydration may be a sporadic process,
53 and not ubiquitous.

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55 **1. INTRODUCTION**

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57 Subduction is considered to be the primary mechanism for the generation of
58 enriched heterogeneities (i.e. heterogeneities rich in incompatible elements relative
59 to the primitive mantle) in Earth’s mantle. Enriched mantle heterogeneities are
60 observed in the chemical variation of mid-ocean ridge basalts (MORBs) and, in
61 particular, ocean-island basalts (OIBs). Such heterogeneities have classically been

62 detected using a combination of trace element and radiogenic isotope systematics,
63 constructing the “zoo” of mantle endmembers (White, 2015; Zindler and Hart,
64 1986). Trace elements and radiogenic isotope ratios have very high sensitivity to
65 the presence of enriched materials in a melting region, but enriched materials could
66 originate through a variety of processes other than the subduction of surficial
67 material (e.g. metasomatism; Workman et al., 2004 and references therein). As a
68 result, the subduction hypothesis of generating mantle heterogeneity cannot be
69 clearly tested using trace element and radiogenic isotope systematics. However,
70 stable isotopes provide a useful tool for detecting surficial materials in the mantle
71 because stable isotopes are fractionated significantly only at low temperature close
72 to Earth’s surface and this low-T stable isotope signature can be detected in mantle-
73 derived materials. In the last decade, there has been increasing use of traditional
74 and non-traditional stable isotopes for identifying mantle heterogeneities and
75 tracing their provenance (e.g. H, O, N, Mg, Cl, Fe, Zn, Tl) (e.g. Blusztajn et al., 2018;
76 Hartley et al., 2021; Walowski et al., 2021, 2019; Wang et al., 2018).

77 A promising, but underutilized, stable isotope system for detecting mantle
78 heterogeneity is the boron isotope system. To date, the application of boron isotope
79 systematics for detecting mantle heterogeneities in the sources of OIBs has been
80 handicapped because boron is susceptible to contamination from crustal
81 assimilation (Genske et al., 2014; Marschall, 2018 and references therein). Seawater
82 has both a high boron concentration and an extreme boron isotope composition
83 (+39.5‰), and therefore hydrothermal overprinting is able to dramatically alter the
84 primary boron chemistry of oceanic crust (Yamaoka et al., 2012). Because nearly all
85 MORB and OIB erupt through seawater-altered oceanic crust, assimilation is a
86 constant concern in boron isotope studies of MORB and OIB (Marschall, 2018).
87 Previously, high-precision boron isotope analyses of low-[B] materials, such as
88 basalts, could only be performed via MC-ICP-MS or TIMS, which required time-
89 intensive chemical extraction of boron within a specialized clean laboratory facility.
90 Consequently, boron isotope studies of OIBs and MORBs have been made more
91 slowly than for other easier-to-measure light stable isotope systems (e.g., H, O).
92 However, more recently there has been refinement of a high-precision SIMS-based

93 boron isotope analysis technique, which permits fast *in-situ* analysis of boron
94 isotope ratios (Marschall and Monteleone, 2015). Furthermore, ambiguity in the
95 boron isotope composition of MORB has recently been clarified by Marschall et al.
96 (2017). Given these new developments, boron isotopes can be employed more
97 easily as tool to detect recycled crustal components at localities unaffected by the
98 assimilation of seawater-altered oceanic crust.

99 Iceland is an ideal hotspot locality for a boron isotope study of mantle
100 heterogeneities, as it is an OIB locality located along a subaerial section of the mid-
101 ocean ridge and therefore is not altered by seawater. Icelandic basalts are diverse in
102 composition: ranging from depleted picrites to alkali basalts (e.g. Jakobsson et al.,
103 2008; Peate et al., 2010; Stracke et al., 2003; Thirlwall et al., 2004, and references
104 therein). Decades of geochemical work on Icelandic basalts has produced a well-
105 constrained model of the nature of heterogeneity in the Icelandic mantle source.
106 Building on this prior characterization, stable isotope studies of the Icelandic mantle
107 can robustly estimate the endmember compositions of recycled components within
108 the Icelandic mantle source (Halldórsson et al., 2016a, 2016b; Magna et al., 2011).
109 Additionally, a wide variety of Icelandic materials have been previously studied for
110 their boron concentration and isotope ratios (Brounce et al., 2012; Gurenko and
111 Chaussidon, 1997; Hartley et al., 2021; Raffone et al., 2010; Rose-Koga and
112 Sigmarsson, 2008). This previous characterization provides a groundwork for a
113 comprehensive survey and evaluation of boron isotope compositions in Icelandic
114 basalts.

115 Here, we present high-precision SIMS boron isotope measurements of a
116 geochemically diverse suite of Icelandic quenched basaltic glasses, rhyolites, and
117 basaltic melt inclusions. In contrast to previous studies, we find that the boron
118 isotope compositions of Icelandic basalts correlate with mantle source
119 heterogeneity, and range in composition from depleted basalts with boron isotope
120 ratios similar to MORB to enriched basalts with boron isotope ratios higher than
121 MORB. We use boron isotope systematics to place constraints on the origin of the
122 depleted and enriched components. We further show that the boron isotope

123 composition of enriched components in the mantle can place constraints on the
124 devolatilization history of that component during its subduction.

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126 **2. GEOLOGICAL SETTING**

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128 Iceland is a large (>100,000 km²) plateau divided by the mid-ocean ridge
129 system that lies above sea level as a result of increased lithospheric thickening and
130 plume-driven buoyant uplift by the underlying Icelandic mantle plume (Bjarnason
131 and Schmeling, 2009). Unlike most volcanic islands, the Icelandic plateau has no
132 known submarine periods and appears to have remained above sea level
133 throughout its history (Denk et al., 2011; Harðarson et al., 2008). Volcanism in
134 Iceland is confined to several volcanic zones, some of which represent the subaerial
135 extent of the mid-ocean ridge rift axis and others represent lower-volume off-rift
136 “flank” volcanism related to shear zones and areas of incipient propagating rift.
137 Volcanic zones along the rift axis include (See Fig. 1): the Reykjanes Peninsula (RP),
138 the Western Rift Zone (WRZ), Eastern Rift Zone (ERZ), and Northern Rift Zone
139 (NRZ). Off-rift areas of volcanism include the South Iceland Volcanic Zone (SIVZ)
140 and Snæfellsnes Volcanic Zone (SNVZ). Magmatism along the rift axis is dominantly
141 composed of subalkaline picritic to basaltic tholeiitic lavas, whereas magmatism in
142 off-rift zones is composed of transitional alkalic to alkalic lavas (Jakobsson et al.,
143 2008). More evolved lavas, such as icelandite (i.e. the tholeiitic equivalent of
144 andesite) and rhyolite, appear both along the rift axis and in off-rift areas, but are
145 rarer than basaltic lavas in the volcanic pile.

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147 **3. SAMPLES**

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149 Four different sample types were used in this study, each representing a rock
150 specimen from an individual locality: subglacially-quenched basalt, icelandite, and
151 rhyolite glasses (n = 43), basaltic tephra (n = 2), and plagioclase-hosted and olivine-
152 hosted basaltic melt inclusions (n = 15; from three different localities in the ERZ).
153 The studied basalt samples collectively span the full variability of major and trace

154 element chemistry in Icelandic basaltic lavas, ranging from tholeiitic and extremely
155 depleted basaltic glasses (MID-1), to alkaline and highly enriched basalts (OLAF-1).
156 Additionally, obsidian rhyolitic glasses were included in this study, A-THO and A-
157 ALK. Both rhyolites were previously studied in Óskarsson et al. (1982), Hemond et
158 al. (1993), and Halldórsson et al. (2016a). The subglacial glasses are sampled from
159 quenched pillow rims in subglacial volcanic edifices erupted during the Brunhes
160 geomagnetic epoch at the end of the Pleistocene (0.78 to 0.01 Ma). This complete
161 sample set (See Fig. 1 for their locations) permits us to determine the variability of
162 boron isotope compositions, constrain the effects of assimilation (including the
163 influence of seawater on basalt samples erupted in seawater dominated areas; i.e.
164 REY-1 and SURT-1), and understand the controls on boron isotope compositions.
165 The majority of these glasses (excluding the KVK-200-series samples) have been
166 included in a number of prior studies targeting subglacial glasses associated with
167 the Iceland hotspot (Barry et al., 2014; Caracciolo, 2021; Caracciolo et al., 2020; Furi
168 et al., 2010; Halldórsson et al., 2016a, 2016b; Macpherson et al., 2005; Rasmussen et
169 al., 2020).

170 Plagioclase-hosted and olivine-hosted basaltic melt inclusions and their host
171 glasses were collected from Fontur (tephra), Saxi (tephra), and Ljósufjöll (subglacial
172 pillow rim) in the Veiðivötn fissure swarm in the Eastern Rift Zone (Caracciolo et al.,
173 2020). The pre-eruptive storage pressure and chemical composition of the melt
174 inclusions and host glasses were previously characterized in Caracciolo et al.
175 (2020). All melt inclusions are glassy and affected by minor post-entrapment
176 processing. Melt inclusions permit testing of whether mid- and lower-crustal melts
177 (as sampled by melt inclusions) have different compositions than erupted basalts
178 (as sampled by quenched glasses).

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180 **4. METHODS**

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182 Boron concentration and isotope analyses were performed on a CAMECA IMS
183 1280 secondary ion mass spectrometer (SIMS) at the NordSIMS facility in
184 Stockholm, Sweden. An Oregon Physics Hyperion H201 RF plasma source was used

185 to generate a high-intensity (80nA) primary beam of O⁻ ions. Both B isotopes were
186 collected simultaneously on two electron multipliers in multicollection mode.
187 Multicollection allows more counts to be collected in less time relative to single
188 collection and improves analysis precision, as analysis precision at such low
189 concentrations is nearly entirely controlled by Poisson counting statistics (Fig. S1).
190 Using this method, a typical single-spot analysis (~25 min) has a precision of
191 ~1.5‰ (2SD) for a sample with 1 µg/g B, an improvement in single-spot precision
192 over recent SIMS boron isotope studies (e.g. 2‰ to 4‰ (2SD) at 1 µg/g B;
193 Marschall and Monteleone, 2014; Walowski et al., 2019; Hartley et al., 2020).
194 Reference materials StHs6/80-G and GOR132-G were used as a calibrating standard
195 and as a secondary standard, respectively, for the isotope measurements (Jochum et
196 al., 2006). The reproducibility of StHs6/80-G varied between 0.43‰ and 1.84‰
197 (2SD). The measured composition of GOR132-G agreed with the published
198 composition of the reference material within uncertainty. No matrix effect was
199 detected between the andesitic StHs6/80-G and komatiitic GOR132-G reference
200 materials. Some samples in this study have been analyzed for δ¹¹B in previous
201 studies and we reproduce their results within uncertainty (MID-1, A-THO, A-ALK;
202 Gurenko and Chaussidon, 1997; Rose-Koga and Sigmarsson, 2008).

203 Major element analyses were performed via electron microprobe analysis at
204 the University of Iceland on a JEOL JXA-8230 Superprobe. Trace element analysis of
205 most subglacial glasses were performed via solution inductively coupled plasma
206 mass spectrometry (ICP-MS) at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography on a
207 Thermo-Fisher Element 2 mass spectrometer. Trace element analyses of the KVK-
208 200-series samples were performed via laser ablation single collector ICP-MS at the
209 Geological Society of Finland on a Nu AttoM mass spectrometer. Oxygen isotope
210 ratios in glasses were measured via laser fluorination at the University of Texas at
211 Austin on a ThermoElectron MAT 253. Details on the analytical methods can be
212 found in the supplementary methods.

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214 **5. RESULTS**

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216 **5.1 Boron concentrations**

217 Boron concentrations in the subglacial basalts and icelandites ($n = 44$, $\text{SiO}_2 =$
218 45.7 to 56.9 wt%) range from 0.17 to 5.69 $\mu\text{g/g}$ (Fig. 2). Boron concentrations in the
219 two rhyolite samples ($\text{SiO}_2 = 72.9$ and 74.5 wt%) are 5.42 and 15.2 $\mu\text{g/g}$ B. Basaltic
220 melt inclusions and basalts have very similar boron concentrations at a given MgO.
221 In the basalts (both glasses and melt inclusions), boron concentration, as well as the
222 concentration of other incompatible elements, is strongly negatively correlated with
223 MgO (Fig. 2a). The most primitive basalt samples (~ 9.75 wt% MgO) have the lowest
224 B concentration (0.17 $\mu\text{g/g}$), whereas the lowest MgO basalts (~ 4.0 wt% MgO) have
225 the highest B concentration among Icelandic basalts (3.37 $\mu\text{g/g}$). Samples from
226 SNVZ fall off the main MgO-B trend to lower B concentrations at a given MgO and
227 samples from the SIVZ fall off the trend to higher B concentrations. At a given MgO,
228 Icelandic basalts tend to have lower B concentrations than MORBs (Fig. 2a). Samples
229 measured in this study have comparable B concentrations at a given MgO to samples
230 in previous Icelandic studies, although there is a tendency for Icelandic basalts and
231 melt inclusions to anomalously fall to low [B] at a given MgO (e.g. Brounce et al.,
232 2012; Gurenko and Chaussidon, 1997; Hartley et al., 2020).

233 Boron shows strong covariation with minor (Fig. 2b) and incompatible
234 lithophile trace elements (Fig. S3). Only enriched samples from SNVZ fall off the
235 correlations toward lower B content. Consistent with observations at other OIB
236 localities (Chaussidon and Marty, 1995; Genske et al., 2014; Ryan et al., 1996;
237 Walowski et al., 2019), average B/Ce for Icelandic subglacial basalts and basaltic
238 melt inclusions is 0.052 ± 0.027 , lower than the typical MORB value of 0.09
239 (Marschall et al., 2017) (Fig. 2c). The B/Ce of Icelandic basalts negatively correlates
240 with indicators of degree of partial melting and source heterogeneity (e.g. La/Yb)
241 such that low La/Yb basalts have approximately MORB-like compositions and high
242 La/Yb basalts have low B/Ce compositions.

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244 **5.2 Boron isotope compositions**

245 Measured boron isotope compositions from the subglacial basalt glass suite
246 ranges from -9.2‰ to -1‰ with a mean of -4.3‰ (Fig. 3). The majority of glasses

247 fall within a range of -6.4‰ to -1.9‰ (90% of measured samples). The two rhyolite
248 samples both have $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ values greater than 0‰, higher than all other samples in
249 this study (Fig 3). Individual basaltic melt inclusions show wide variability (-11.6‰
250 to -3.7), but the average melt inclusion at each locality has a nearly identical average
251 $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ value as its host glass (Table 1), similar to the observations of previous studies
252 (e.g. Hartley et al., 2020).

253 The basalt glass and melt inclusion $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ values have a weak negative
254 correlation with MgO ($R^2 = 0.17$), and variability in $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ decreases with decreasing
255 MgO, so that basalt samples with MgO > 8 wt% have $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ values ranging from -
256 9.2‰ to -2.3‰ but samples with MgO < 5 wt% range from -4.1‰ to -1.7‰ (Fig.
257 4a). Similarly, basalt glass and melt inclusion $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ values are weakly positively
258 correlated with B concentration (Fig. 5), and with indicators of degree of partial
259 melting and source heterogeneity (e.g. Nb/Y, La/Yb) (Fig. 4b, Fig. S4). Icelandic
260 basalt and melt inclusion $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ values are higher than those for MORB, averaging -
261 4.9‰ and -7.1‰ respectively (Marschall et al., 2017).

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263 6. DISCUSSION

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265 6.1 Do high $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ signatures in Icelandic basalts originate from the crust or 266 mantle?

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268 If Icelandic basalts sampled only depleted MORB mantle (DMM) and/or
269 primitive mantle, then their boron isotope compositions should have a distribution
270 similar to uncontaminated MORB, that is, having a weighted mean of -7.1‰ and a
271 standard deviation of 2.8‰ (2SD) (Marschall et al., 2017). However, Icelandic
272 basalts measured in this study (i.e. samples with MgO > 4 wt.%) instead have a
273 mean of -4.9‰ and standard deviation of 4.2‰ (2SD) (Figs. 3 and 4). A t-test
274 comparing the $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ values of MORB and our suite of Icelandic basalts shows that the
275 difference in mean $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ value between the two groups is highly statistically
276 significant ($p < 0.0001$, $n = 45$). This difference continues to be statistically
277 significant ($p = 0.0033$, $n = 12$) when the dataset is conservatively filtered to include

278 only the most primitive and pristine basalt samples, and exclude basalts with MgO <
279 8 wt%, Cl/K > 0.08, or $\delta^{18}\text{O} < +4.5\text{‰}$. This compositional difference strongly
280 suggests that a component besides DMM contributes boron to the basalts and
281 generates a difference in mean $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ value from MORB. However, it is not clear
282 whether this shift in the basalt boron isotopic composition is derived from the
283 mantle source or is a result of crustal assimilation. In the following sections, we will
284 systematically evaluate secondary (crustal) processes which may act to modify
285 primary (mantle-derived) $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ characteristics of Icelandic basalts.

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287 *6.1.1 Assimilation of seawater-derived components in the Icelandic crust*

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289 One way to explain why Icelandic basalts have on average higher $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ values
290 than MORBs is through the assimilation of high $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ value seawater-altered basaltic
291 crust. In oceanic settings, Cl/K ratios are typically used to evaluate the degree of
292 assimilation because seawater altered oceanic crust has high [Cl]. However, Iceland
293 represents a subaerial portion and meteoric water dominated section of the Mid-
294 Atlantic Ridge. Consequently, alteration by seawater-derived fluids does not occur
295 substantially within the Icelandic crust. However, some samples were erupted near
296 the coast or even at sea (i.e. REY-1 and SURT-1) and could have been affected by
297 seawater contamination. Regardless, both REY-1 and SURT-1 have Cl/K ratios below
298 0.08, indicating a lack of contamination by high Cl/K seawater-derived components
299 (Michael and Cornell, 1998), and have $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ values similar to basalts sampled farther
300 inland, demonstrating no relationship between proximity to the sea and anomalous
301 boron isotope composition. (For further discussion of a high $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ altered
302 component in the Icelandic crust see the Supplementary Information)

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304 *6.1.2 Assimilation of rhyolite-components in the Iceland crust*

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306 Assimilation of high $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ (-2‰ to +16.9‰) rhyolite into Icelandic basalt
307 could, in theory, explain why Icelandic basalts have higher $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ compositions than
308 MORB (Rose-Koga and Sigmarsson, 2008). Basalt-rhyolite binary mixing

309 calculations (Fig. S5) suggest that only 4% assimilation of a typical rift rhyolite (~5
310 $\mu\text{g/g B}$, $\delta^{11}\text{B} = \sim+5\text{‰}$) into a primitive Icelandic basalt with a MORB-like boron
311 isotope composition ($0.5 \mu\text{g/g B}$, $\delta^{11}\text{B} = -7.1\text{‰}$) is needed to produce the high $\delta^{11}\text{B}$
312 compositions observed in Icelandic basalts (i.e. $\sim-3\text{‰}$).

313 However, rhyolite is a spatially restricted and relatively uncommon lithology
314 in the Icelandic crust and is therefore not consistent with ubiquitously observed
315 high $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ basalts. Furthermore, although rhyolite assimilation could successfully
316 explain high $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ values, such assimilation would have a large impact on the trace
317 element composition of Icelandic basalts. Depleted basalts with high $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ values like
318 NAL688 and A9 are very difficult to explain through rhyolite assimilation. The
319 quantity of rhyolite needed to increase their $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ values to their current
320 compositions of -2.9‰ and -5.1‰ , respectively, would also enrich the basalts in
321 incompatible trace elements, which is not observed (Fig. S5).

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323 *6.1.3 Bulk assimilation of the altered Icelandic upper crust*

324 A fundamental problem with explaining high $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ values in Icelandic basalts
325 through the assimilation of bulk altered Icelandic upper crust is that the altered
326 Icelandic upper crust is expected to have a low $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ value. Alteration of rock by
327 meteoric water will result in a decrease in the $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ value of the rock, as meteoric
328 water has a negligible B content relative to the rock and because $\Delta^{11}\text{B}_{\text{fluid-mineral}}$ is
329 positive for all common alteration minerals (e.g. clays, carbonates; Hervig et al.
330 2002, and references therein). Therefore, as meteoric water alteration progresses,
331 the crust will be forced to low $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ compositions. For example, secondary minerals
332 in Icelandic meteoric water-dominated hydrothermal systems have $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ values
333 significantly lower than most basalts or hydrothermal fluids (i.e. -22‰ , Aggarwal et
334 al., 2000). Additionally, altered Biscuit Basin rhyolite in Yellowstone (a meteoric
335 water-dominated locality) has lower $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ values than unaltered Biscuit Basin
336 rhyolite (Palmer and Sturchio, 1990). Therefore, assimilated crust is expected to
337 have a lower $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ value than primitive basalt, and the addition of bulk altered
338 Icelandic upper crust into primitive melts should decrease their $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ value (Brounce

339 et al., 2012). For further discussion on the boron systematics of hydrothermal fluids
340 and altered rocks in Iceland, see the Supplementary Information.

341 Although $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ values record assimilation processes in Icelandic basalts,
342 assimilation will not affect $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ and $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ to the same degree. Low $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ values in
343 Icelandic basalts are commonly invoked as evidence that Icelandic basalts have
344 assimilated low- $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ hydrothermally altered material in the crust (e.g. Bindeman et
345 al., 2008). In the case of oxygen, the $\frac{[O]_{\text{assimilant}}}{[O]_{\text{melt}}}$ is always approximately
346 one, whereas for boron, $\frac{[B]_{\text{assimilant}}}{[B]_{\text{melt}}}$ has a wide range of potential values
347 (from ~ 0.05 to ~ 60). Therefore, assimilation should not always result in consistent
348 behavior of the $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ and $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ systems, and it is expected that the two systems will
349 be decoupled when materials with very high or low $\frac{[B]_{\text{assimilant}}}{[B]_{\text{melt}}}$ are
350 assimilated. Additionally, the mantle source of Iceland may have a low $\delta^{18}\text{O}$
351 component, and therefore melts with $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ as low as $+4.5\text{‰}$ may not have
352 assimilated any crust (Maclennan et al., 2003; Thirlwall et al., 2006). Figure 5
353 presents mixing and AFC model calculations between primitive melts and the
354 estimated compositions of two potential crustal components: bulk meteoric water-
355 altered Icelandic upper crust (orange lines) and crust that has been extensively
356 altered in a high-T meteoric water recharged hydrothermal system (blue lines) (see
357 Supplementary Information for details on these components). The AFC curves in
358 Figure 5a move quickly towards low $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ as $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ decreases, and are unable to
359 explain the relatively MORB-like $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ values ($\sim -7\text{‰}$) of melts at very low $\delta^{18}\text{O}$
360 values ($< +3.5\text{‰}$). The failure of geochemical models to clearly explain the
361 assimilation process in $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ - $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ space suggests that a method that only uses $\delta^{18}\text{O}$
362 values to assess the influence of assimilation on $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ systematics will likely be
363 inaccurate.

364 Rather, using the relationships between $[B]$ and $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ values is likely more
365 robust than using $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ for assessing the effect of crustal assimilation on the $\delta^{11}\text{B}$
366 values of basalts. Figure 5b shows that the distribution of Iceland basalt and melt
367 inclusion $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ values can be explained by mixing and AFC models of crustal
368 components into otherwise uncontaminated fractionating melts. Mixing and AFC

369 processes push melt compositions toward higher [B] and lower $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ values (solid
370 and dashed curves, Figure 5b). Because many previously measured Icelandic basalts
371 lie within the high [B] and low $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ value region that is defined by the model curves,
372 this suggests that many previously measured Icelandic basalts have experienced
373 assimilation that affected their $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ values. For example, basalts from Lakigígar lie
374 at the end of these AFC and mixing curves and imply that Lakigígar basalts have
375 assimilated large amounts of crust (these models suggest addition of ca. 30-40% of
376 high-T meteoric water altered crust with variable $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ values). High degrees of
377 assimilation are consistent with the results of Brounce et al. (2012) and Bindeman
378 et al. (2008), who estimated assimilation rates of 30 to 35%. In contrast, the basalts
379 measured in this study lie at the start of these mixing and AFC curves and suggest
380 that the melts sampled in this study have been minimally contaminated by crust.
381 Moreover, the samples presented in this study have high $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ values at a given
382 boron content relative to previously measured Icelandic basalt samples, which
383 suggests that the samples in this study have been less affected by crustal
384 assimilation than previously studied Icelandic basalt samples. Therefore, the basalts
385 measured in this study are unlikely to have been significantly overprinted by
386 secondary assimilation processes.

387 Finally, melt inclusions can also place constraints on the effect of
388 assimilation. Melt inclusions represent melts trapped at depth within crystals and
389 are therefore potentially less crustally contaminated than their matrix glasses. In
390 fact, there is no relationship between melt inclusion $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ and melt inclusion
391 equilibration depth that suggests the influence of assimilation in the upper crust
392 (Fig. S6). Additionally, the average $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ value of melt inclusions from each sample is
393 usually indistinguishable (within uncertainty) from the composition of the sample
394 matrix glass (see Table 2). This similarity suggests that as a population, melt
395 inclusions are not less crustally contaminated than their matrix glasses. However, it
396 is important to note that some Icelandic melt inclusions have very low $\delta^{11}\text{B}$
397 compositions (as low as -20.7‰; Hartley et al. 2020), which may indicate that
398 boron can be locally strongly affected by assimilation processes. Regardless, we
399 conclude that the observed high $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ values of basalt glasses and melt inclusions is

400 not consistent with crustal contamination processes and may rather be mantle
401 derived.

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403 **6.2 Mantle source control of boron in Icelandic basalts**

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405 The high boron isotope compositions of Icelandic basaltic magmas may
406 reflect a mantle source signature, particularly given that assimilation cannot explain
407 their high $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ values. If so, then the boron isotope compositions of Icelandic basalts
408 (i.e. samples with $\text{MgO} > 4 \text{ wt}\%$) are expected to correlate with indices of mantle
409 source processes and variability. In fact, a key feature of our data is a consistent
410 correlation between Icelandic basalt $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ values and trace element indices of degree
411 of partial melting and source heterogeneity: Nb/Y (Fig. 4b), La/Sm, Sm/Yb, La/Yb,
412 Nb/Zr, K_2O , Zr/Sm, B/Yb, and Zr/Y (see Fig. S4). Although the observed correlations
413 have low R^2 values (less than 0.28) they are highly statistically significant (p values
414 < 0.0027 , or better than 3σ confidence), and such correlations consistently appear
415 between $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ values and trace element ratio indices of mantle heterogeneity. The
416 correlations remain statistically significant even when all samples with $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ values
417 less than $+4.5\text{‰}$ (i.e. those likely to have experienced assimilation) are removed.
418 The low R^2 values of the correlations are a natural result of the relatively large
419 uncertainty of the $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ analysis, scatter due to stochastic melt aggregation processes
420 (see Rudge et al. 2013), and isotopic variability within the mantle endmember
421 components. Therefore, we conclude that there is a robust correlation in Icelandic
422 basalts between basalt $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ values and trace element ratio indices of partial melting
423 and mantle source heterogeneity.

424 Previous studies of Icelandic basalts have identified similar correlations
425 between the same trace element ratios and $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$ or $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$, indicating that
426 these trace element ratios are reliable indicators of mantle heterogeneity in
427 Icelandic basalts (Fig. S7) (e.g. Kokfelt et al., 2006; Shorttle and MacLennan, 2011).
428 Such correlations in Icelandic basalts are the product of progressive melting of a
429 heterogeneous mantle in which fusible and enriched heterogeneities are

430 preferentially sampled by melts at low degrees of partial melting, and refractory and
431 depleted heterogeneities are preferentially sampled at higher degrees of partial
432 melting (Shorttle and MacLennan, 2011). Because basalts with enriched
433 compositions have higher $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ values, this suggests that enriched heterogeneities in
434 the Icelandic mantle source have high $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ values. Similarly, because depleted
435 basalts have lower $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ values, this suggests that depleted heterogeneities in the
436 Icelandic mantle source have lower $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ values (Fig. 6b).

437 Like $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ values, B/Ce ratios appear to be controlled by mantle heterogeneity
438 and correlate with trace element indices of mantle heterogeneity, further
439 highlighting the mantle source control of boron in Icelandic basalts (Fig. 6a, see also
440 Fig. S8). B and Ce have nearly identical incompatibilities, and therefore the B/Ce
441 ratio can be used as an indicator of the degree of source enrichment of B relative to
442 Ce (Marschall et al., 2017). Although Figure 6a shows that B/Ce is high in depleted
443 basalts but low in enriched basalts, the actual B concentration of the enriched
444 component is still higher than the B content of the depleted component because the
445 enriched source has much higher Ce content. For example, assuming B/Ce is not
446 significantly fractionated during melting, the approximate B content of the depleted
447 and enriched components can be calculated from the observed B/Ce of the enriched
448 and depleted basalts (~ 0.025 and ~ 0.1 , respectively) and the proposed Ce content
449 of the enriched and depleted Icelandic mantle components ($8.161 \mu\text{g/g}$ and 0.55
450 $\mu\text{g/g}$ Ce, respectively; Koornneef et al., 2012). This calculation results in $0.20 \mu\text{g/g}$ B
451 for the enriched component and $0.055 \mu\text{g/g}$ B for the depleted component.
452 Therefore, the depleted component has a boron concentration that is roughly
453 similar to the B content of DMM ($0.077 \mu\text{g/g}$ B; Marschall et al., 2017), and the
454 enriched component has a boron content that is noticeably higher than the depleted
455 component.

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457 **6.3 Boron characteristics of enriched and depleted heterogeneities in the** 458 **Icelandic mantle source**

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460 *6.3.1 Boron characteristics of the depleted component*

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462 Depleted basalts measured in this study can place constraints on the B/Ce
463 and $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ value of depleted components within the Icelandic mantle source (Fig. 6).
464 By focusing on the most depleted quartile of Icelandic basalts (which have similar
465 La/Yb to MORBs), one can more precisely compare the B characteristics of depleted
466 Icelandic basalts to MORBs to test for the influence of recycled or plume
467 components. The lowest La/Yb quartile of Icelandic basalts overlaps with the boron
468 chemistries of MORB, but with key differences. First, low La/Yb basalts do not have
469 equivalent $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ values to MORB, but instead fall to higher values reflecting
470 differences in source composition ($p < 0.05$; see Fig. S9). Second, melt inclusions
471 make up a portion of the low La/Yb population and these melt inclusions have much
472 lower B/Ce than MORB. Lastly, low La/Yb basaltic glasses have MORB-like to higher
473 than MORB B/Ce that suggests a distinct third component from the low B/Ce melt
474 inclusions and more MORB-like B/Ce samples. These different observations can be
475 explained, with some speculation, by the presence of distinct mantle geochemical
476 components within the Icelandic mantle source. The basalts with MORB-like B/Ce
477 and $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ values likely reflect a mixture of DMM and, as primitive mantle should have
478 very similar B/Ce and $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ value as DMM, depleted ancient high $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$ plume
479 component (see Jackson et al., 2020). The high B/Ce basaltic glasses indicate the
480 melting of a high B/Ce source, such as mantle wedge material that has been
481 enriched in boron and isotopically overprinted by a high B/Ce agent to high $\delta^{11}\text{B}$
482 values by slab-derived fluid or arc melts (Walowski et al., 2021). Finally, the low
483 B/Ce, depleted compositions, and MORB-like $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ values of the melt inclusions may
484 reflect the composition of recycled depleted, and devolatilized slab gabbros (Stracke
485 et al., 2003a). This model is consistent with previous recycled gabbro-invoking
486 models for explaining the observed positive Ba and Sr anomalies in depleted
487 Icelandic melts (Kokfelt et al., 2006).

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489 *6.3.2 Boron characteristics of the enriched component*

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491 The compositions of enriched Icelandic basalts can place constraints on the
492 composition of the enriched component in the Icelandic mantle source (Fig. 6). The
493 boron systematics of enriched, high La/Yb basalts is simpler than for the depleted
494 basalts: as La/Yb increases the $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ value of Icelandic basalts increase and B/Ce
495 decreases. In light of the demonstration by Peate et al. (2010) and Kokfelt et al
496 (2006) that multiple enriched components exist in the Icelandic mantle source, the
497 simplest explanation for this apparent single enriched endmember is that all
498 enriched components sampled in this study have similar low B/Ce and high $\delta^{11}\text{B}$
499 characteristics. Because the most enriched basalts have $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ values as high as -1‰,
500 the enriched component(s) within the Icelandic mantle source must have low B/Ce
501 and a $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ value \geq -1‰. This composition and the origin of the enriched component
502 can be explained as devolatilized oceanic crust that has undergone overprinting by
503 fluids from the serpentinized lithospheric mantle from the slab, a process called
504 'rehydration' (see section 6.4).

505 Despite that only a subset of our samples (n=16) has been measured for
506 $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$, samples with radiogenic $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$ have low B/Ce (0.05 to 0.005) and
507 samples with unradiogenic $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$ have higher, MORB-like B/Ce (0.14 to 0.05;
508 Fig. 7). Although unradiogenic and radiogenic $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$ isotope compositions do
509 not neatly correspond to depleted and enriched Icelandic mantle components as
510 defined by trace elements, radiogenic $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$ ratios are indicative of large time-
511 integrated U/Pb that is consistent with recycled subducted oceanic crust that has
512 undergone Pb-loss (e.g. Thirlwall et al., 2004). Therefore, the correspondence of low
513 B/Ce and radiogenic $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$ is consistent with the composition of recycled
514 oceanic crust.

515 Previous studies (e.g. Peate et al., 2010) have found that enriched basalts
516 from the SIVZ have Pb, Nd and He isotope compositions that are typical of the
517 composition of the 'PREMA' mantle zoo endmember (PREMA = PREvalent MAntle;
518 White, 2015). If the high $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ value, low B/Ce SIVZ basalts are representative of the
519 PREMA component, this suggests that PREMA has high $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ value and low B/Ce (i.e.
520 relative to DMM). This composition partially agrees with the model of Dixon et al.

521 (2017), which predicts PREMA to have higher $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ values than DMM, but also
522 predicts high B/Ce. This composition also partially agrees with the findings of
523 Walowski et al. (2019) at the PREMA-type hotspot La Réunion, who observed
524 slightly sub-MORB B/Ce, but who also found MORB-like $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ values. Recently,
525 Jackson et al. (2020) proposed that some SIVZ and ERZ basalts sample a primordial
526 mantle reservoir on the basis of their high $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$ and anomalous ^{182}W
527 compositions. If we filter SIVZ and ERZ samples based on the criteria of Jackson et
528 al. (eliminate all samples with $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He} < 21R_a$), we find that the remaining samples
529 ($n = 4$) have an average $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ value of $-5.9 \pm 1.2\%$. Unfortunately, equivalence testing
530 of this average against average MORB (-7.1%) does not clearly confirm or reject
531 whether high $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$ SIVZ and ERZ lavas have $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ values distinguishable from
532 DMM. However, this value is clearly distinct from the estimated $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ value of
533 primitive mantle made by Gurenko and Chaussidon (1997) of $\sim -10\%$.

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535 **6.4 Constraints on the devolatilization history of the subducted component**

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537 Enriched components in the mantle sources of Iceland and other OIB
538 localities are often considered to be materials carried into the mantle by subducted
539 slabs (Kokfelt et al., 2006; Halldórsson et al., 2016b; Halldórsson et al., 2016a).
540 Subducting slabs lose fluid mobile elements as they devolatilize during their descent
541 into the mantle, resulting in low B/Ce and Pb/Ce ratios in devolatilized slabs
542 (Kogiso et al., 1997; Marschall et al., 2007) (Fig. 8). Consequently, the low B/Ce and
543 Pb/Ce ratios that characterize most OIBs are thought to reflect included recycled
544 subducted materials in the OIB source (Ryan et al., 1996). Geochemical models of
545 the behavior of boron during slab dehydration predict that boron loss from the slab
546 will result in very low slab $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ values (e.g. -36% , Marschall et al., 2007; Konrad-
547 Schmolke and Halama, 2014; Fig. 8). Melting of such ^{11}B -depleted material would be
548 unable to reproduce the high $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ value basalt compositions observed in Iceland.

549 One possibility is that the slab crust has only partially devolatilized and could
550 generate melts with higher $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ values, but such models result in high slab B/Ce, not
551 found in Icelandic basalts. Marschall et al. (2007) found that if phengite is present

552 during devolatilization, then the B content of the slab is not dramatically reduced
553 and $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ values are not significantly fractionated to highly negative values (only
554 reaching $\sim -8\%$). However, Marschall et al. (2007) modelled that a partially
555 devolatilized slab would contain $10\ \mu\text{g/g}$ B, and if the slab has a Ce content similar to
556 the recycled component in Koornneef et al. (2012) then the partially devolatilized
557 slab would have a B/Ce of 3.18, which is not consistent with the low B/Ce of
558 Icelandic basalts (< 0.15). Further, OIBs globally have low B/Ce ratios, which
559 indicates that high B/Ce partially devolatilized materials are rare in the mantle
560 (Ryan et al., 1996).

561 Rather, the low B/Ce ratios and high $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ values of Icelandic basalts can be
562 explained by melting of devolatilized slab crust that has been metasomatically
563 overprinted by a slab rehydration process (Dixon et al., 2017; Wada et al., 2012)
564 (Fig. 8). Slab rehydration is a process that occurs in slabs that contain serpentinitized
565 lithospheric mantles. As a subducting slab heats up, the hydrated lithospheric
566 mantle will dehydrate after the crust, releasing fluids that travel through the
567 overlying devolatilized crust. Devolatilized slab crust contains low volatile
568 concentrations and can be easily isotopically overprinted by high-[B] lithospheric
569 serpentinite-derived fluids (Dixon et al., 2017; Konrad-Schmolke, 2016; Konrad-
570 Schmolke and Halama, 2014; Wada et al., 2012; Walowski et al., 2015). To further
571 illustrate, thermodynamic-geochemical modelling of boron in subduction zones by
572 Konrad-Schmolke (2014, 2016) found that fluids derived from the slab lithospheric
573 mantle had high [B] and $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ values (e.g. $\sim 40\ \mu\text{g/g}$ B, $\sim +10\%$) and passed through
574 the slab crust as they ascended towards the mantle wedge. Interaction between this
575 fluid and the devolatilized slab crust increased the $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ value of the slab crust
576 without substantially increasing the slab crust B content (Fig. 8)(Konrad-Schmolke,
577 2016; Konrad-Schmolke and Halama, 2014). This process could therefore result in
578 devolatilized, low B/Ce slab crust within the deep mantle that has higher $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ values
579 than MORB. This rehydration process has also been used to explain δD values in
580 recycled slabs that are higher than MORB (Dixon et al., 2017). We therefore suggest
581 that the enriched component of the Icelandic mantle source as recycled slab crust

582 whose $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ value was overprinted by ^{11}B -rich fluids originating from its hydrated
583 lithospheric mantle.

584 OIB localities appear to have distinct B/Ce and $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ compositions that render
585 them distinct from one another and from MORB. As DMM and primitive mantle
586 domains have very similar B/Ce and $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ values, such differences are caused by
587 included subduction-derived recycled materials within the OIB mantle source that
588 have low B/Ce and high or low $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ (Fig. 8). As illustrated in Figure 8, nearly all
589 OIBs have consistently low B/Ce relative to MORB with variable $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ values,
590 suggesting that different B-depleted recycled slab materials are included in OIB
591 sources. The variation in $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ between OIB localities can be explained through the
592 sampling of distinct recycled slab crust materials that have experienced different
593 devolatilization histories or different mixtures of recycled materials. Mixing of melts
594 derived from these different mantle reservoirs is modelled in Figure 8. The four
595 dashed curves represent mixing models between MORB (yellow star) and 6%
596 partial melts of devolatilized and rehydrated slab crusts. Prior to devolatilization,
597 the slab crust boron isotope and elemental composition is +0.8‰, 26 $\mu\text{g/g}$ B, and
598 8.161 $\mu\text{g/g}$ Ce, respectively (Koornneef et al., 2012; Smith et al., 1995).
599 Devolatilization of the slab is modelled using a Rayleigh fractionation model with
600 different $\Delta^{11}\text{B}_{\text{fluid-solid}}$ values (three blue dashed lines in Fig. 8). Ce content is
601 assumed to not be affected by devolatilization and is fixed at the Ce content of
602 recycled pyroxenite as estimated by Koornneef et al. (2012). Rehydration is
603 assumed to increase the slab $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ value without changing B or Ce concentration, as
604 modelled in Konrad-Schmolke and Halama (2014). The mixing curves in Figure 8
605 show that Iceland's high $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ value enriched basalts are best fit by the presence of a
606 recycled slab that has been rehydrated. Hawaiian basalts fall within the cluster of
607 Icelandic basalt B/Ce- $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ compositions, suggesting that the Hawaiian and Iceland
608 hotspots have recycled components with similar devolatilization histories, that is,
609 slab devolatilization followed by rehydration. The low $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ values of Canary Islands
610 melts are best fit by a slab that has undergone simple devolatilization and Rayleigh
611 fractionation without rehydration (consistent with the conclusions of Walowski et

612 al., 2019). Réunion has MORB-like $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ values and is not as clearly interpretable, as
613 it could represent either the presence of recycled materials with very low B/Ce
614 and/or materials with MORB-like $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ values. Based on the above starting
615 composition of the slab, the ubiquitously low B/Ce of OIBs requires that more than
616 99% of B is devolatilized from the slab crusts during subduction, and that less
617 extreme devolatilization of B is not observed. In this way, the B/Ce and $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ values
618 of OIBs can place constraints on the devolatilization history of the recycled
619 components within the mantle sources of hotspots.

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621 **7. CONCLUSIONS**

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623 The high $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ value and low B/Ce of Icelandic basaltic melts (i.e. relative to
624 MORB) show that the Icelandic mantle source contains recycled materials that bear
625 the geochemical fingerprints of deep subduction processes. We find that enriched
626 components within the Icelandic mantle source have consistently high $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ values
627 and low B/Ce ratios, indicative of devolatilized and subsequently rehydrated
628 recycled oceanic crust (Fig. 8). We also identify multiple depleted components that
629 have $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ values similar to, or higher than, MORB but have variable B/Ce ratios,
630 which are interpreted to reflect a mixture of depleted slab gabbros, slab-
631 metasomatized residual mantle wedge, DMM, and depleted high $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$ plume
632 components.

633 The boron isotope composition of these subducted and recycled components
634 can be used to constrain their devolatilization history. Devolatilization of the
635 downgoing slab will result in a boron depleted slab with low B/Ce and very low $\delta^{11}\text{B}$
636 values. However, the recycled materials within the Icelandic mantle source have
637 high $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ values, which suggests that the slab crust has been overprinted by
638 lithosphere derived fluids following crust dehydration (i.e. rehydration). Therefore,
639 boron isotopes can place constraints on the devolatilization history of mantle
640 heterogeneities observed at hot spots, and on the cycling of mantle volatiles through
641 the convecting mantle.

642 Globally, nearly all OIBs have B/Ce that is less than or similar to MORB, but
643 have $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ values that may be higher, lower, or similar to MORB. Given the OIB
644 localities for which boron isotope data are currently available, this indicates that the
645 subducting slab typically undergoes extensive devolatilization and that slab
646 rehydration appears to be sporadic but not uncommon.

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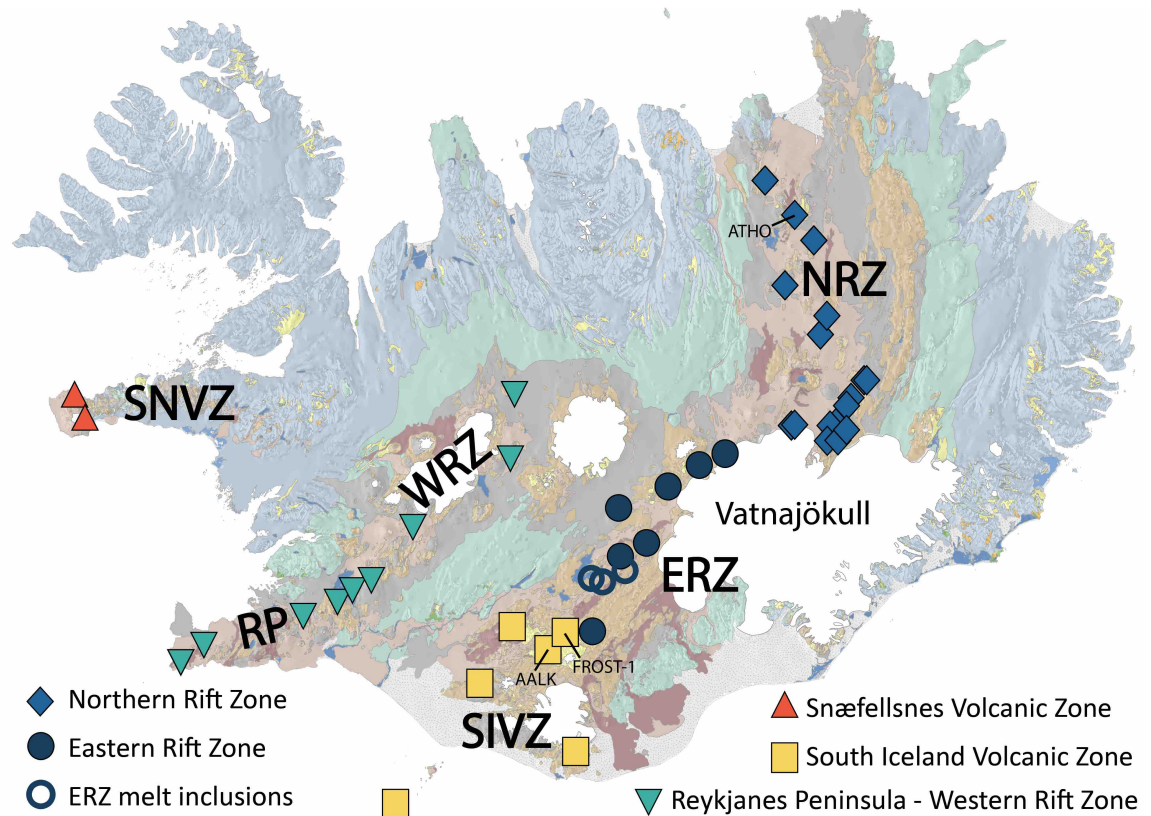
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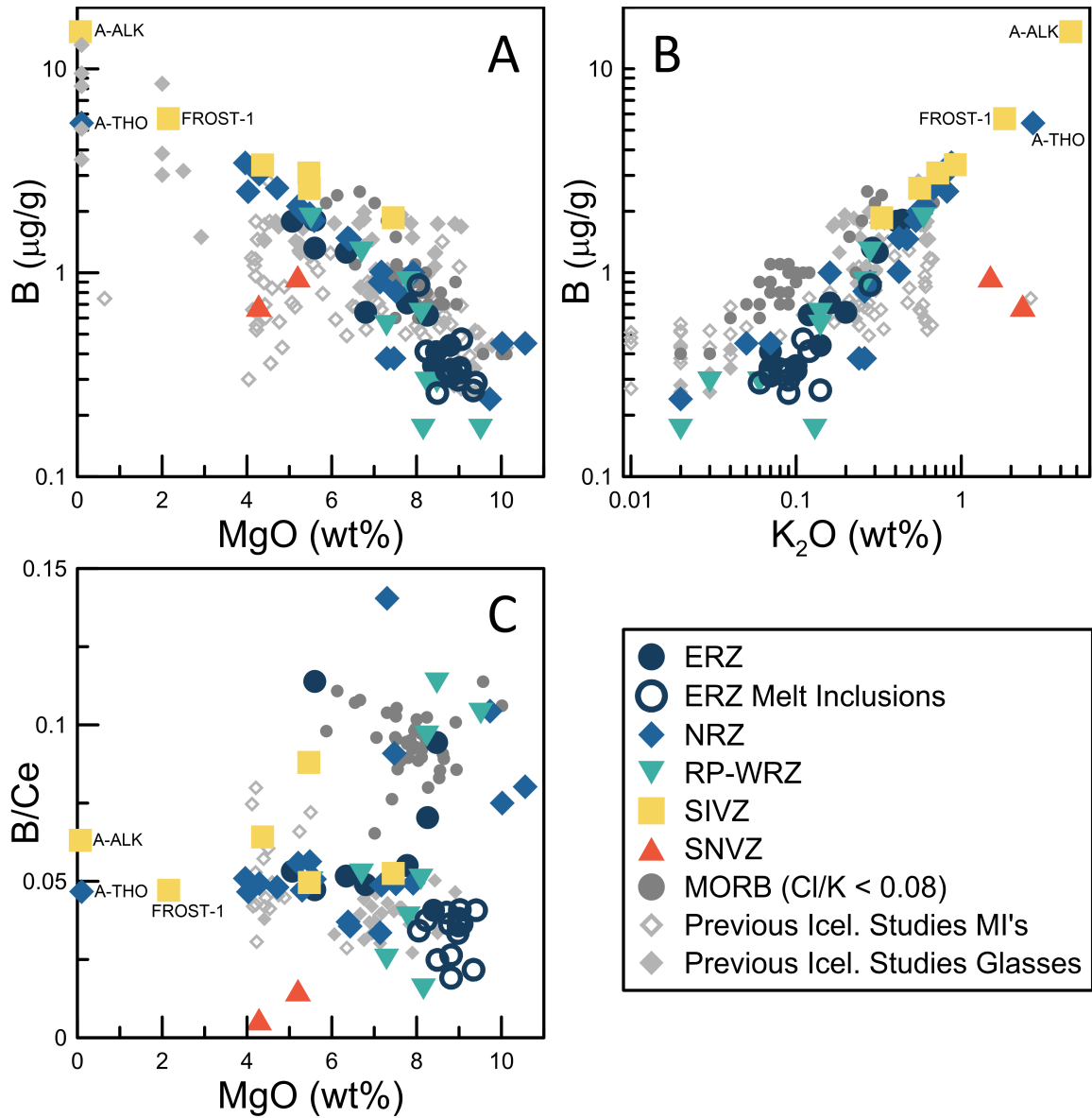
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898 Figure 1: Locality map of sample locations. Symbols on the map match symbols used
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 900 light blue along the outer parts of Iceland represent Tertiary lavas, the dark pink in
 901 the interior represents lavas erupted since the end of the Pleistocene. Rhyolites (A-
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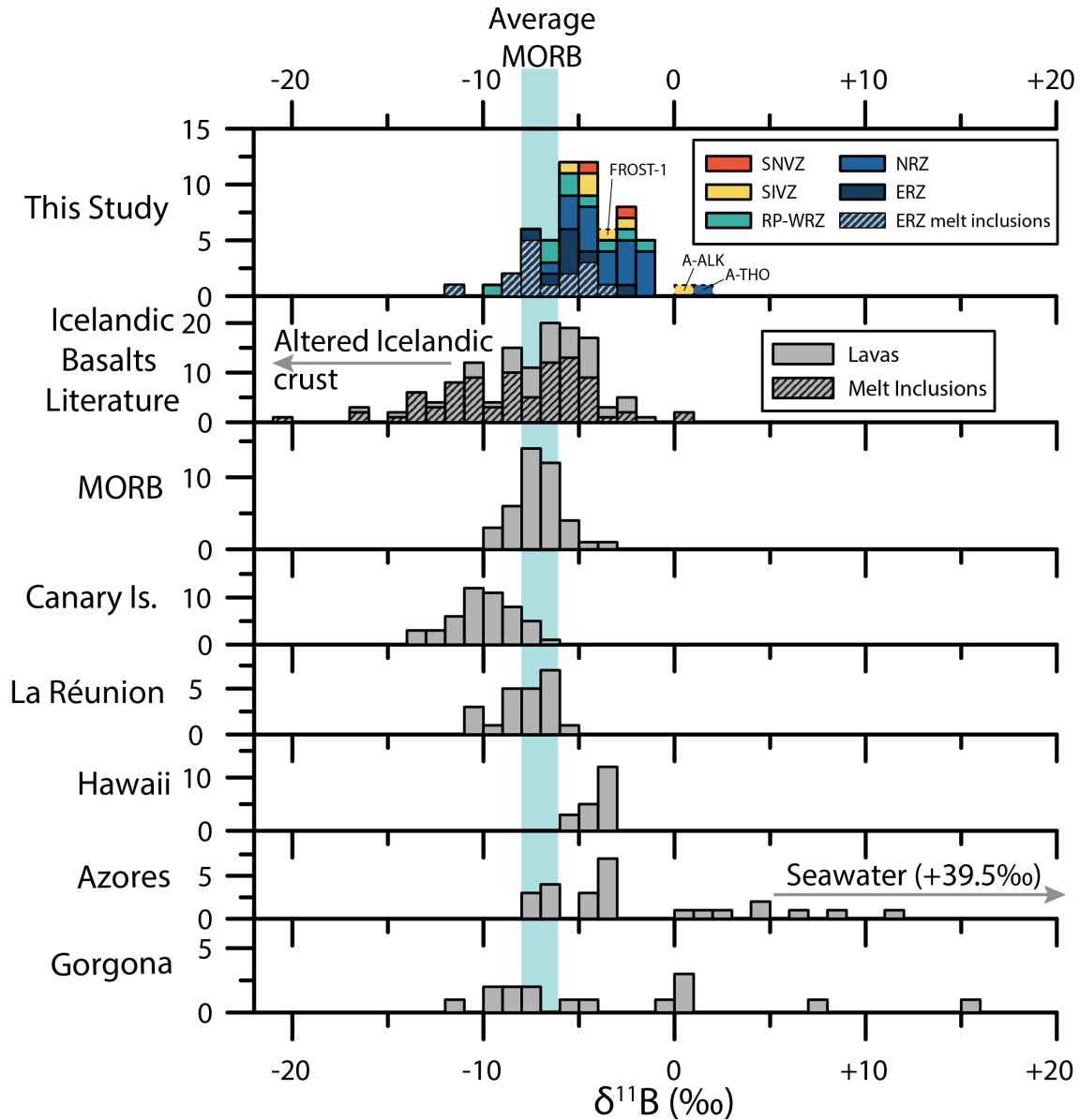
905 Figure 2: MgO versus boron concentration (A), K_2O versus boron concentration (B),

906 and MgO versus B/Ce (C). Rhyolites (A-ALK and A-THO) and icelandites (FROST-1)

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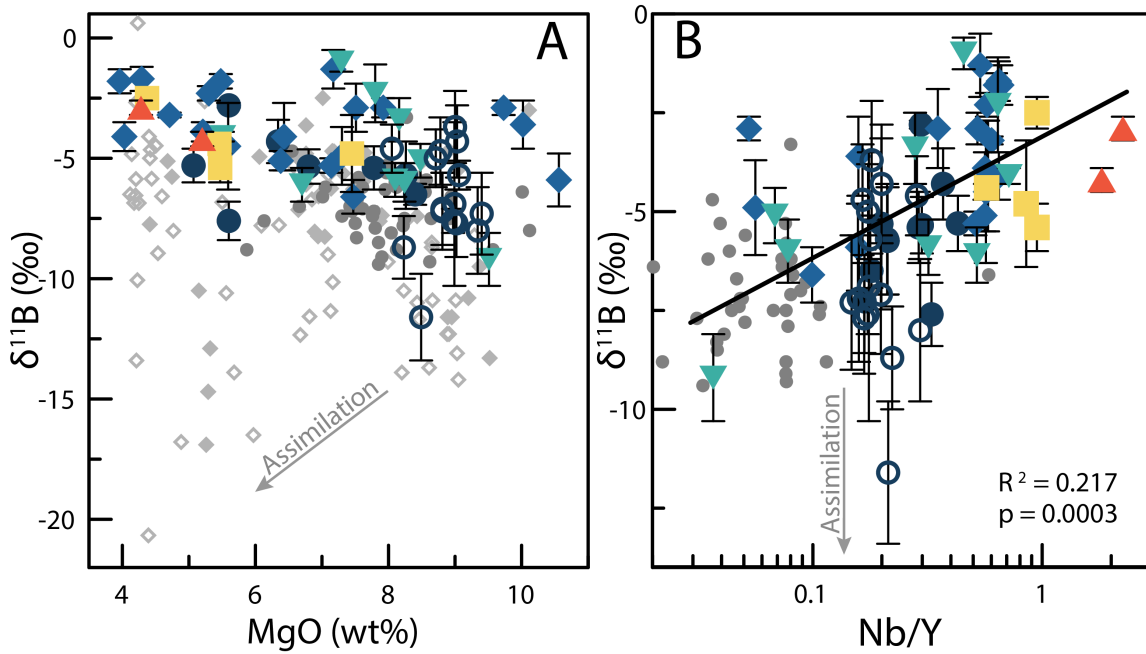


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911 Figure 3: Histograms of the boron isotope compositions of basaltic OIB lavas, melt
 912 inclusions, and MORBs. Rhyolites (A-ALK and A-THO) and icelandites (FROST-1) are
 913 labelled for reference. Data from previous Icelandic studies are from Gurenko &
 914 Chaussidon (1997), Rose-Koga & Sigmarsson (2008), Brounce et al. (2012), and
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 916 et al. (2017). Canary Islands and Reunion data come from Walowski et al. (2019).
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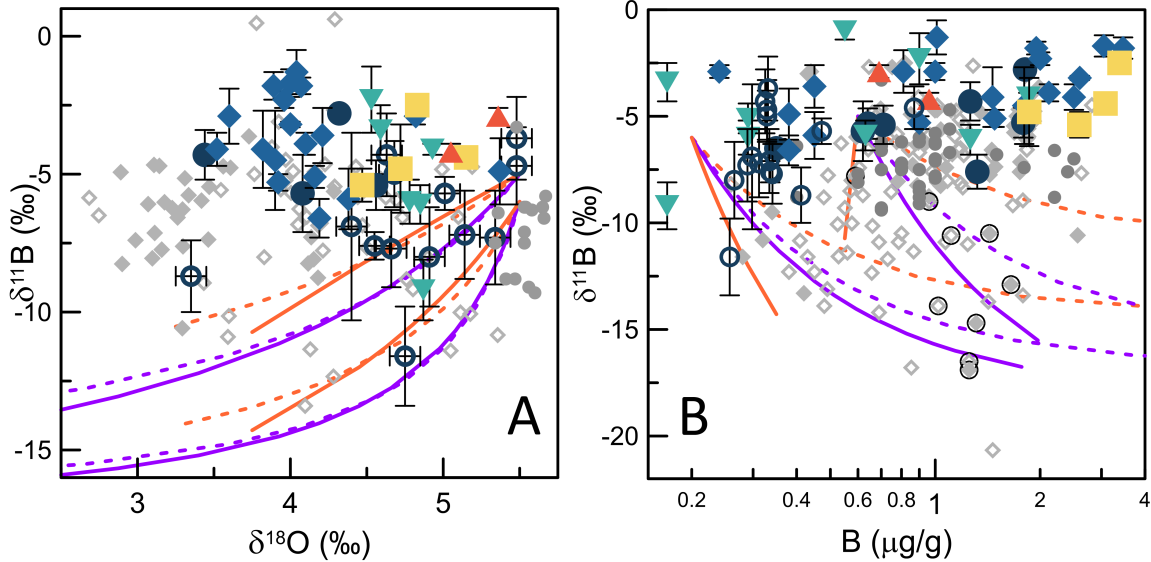
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922 Figure 4: MgO versus $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ (A) and Nb/Y vs $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ (B) in Icelandic basaltic lavas and
923 melt inclusions. In (B), R^2 is the correlation coefficient and the p value measures its
924 statistical significance, the MORB data is not included in the regression. For more
925 plots of correlations between $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ and trace element ratio indicators of source
926 heterogeneity, see Figure S4. The arrows labelled “assimilation” indicate the
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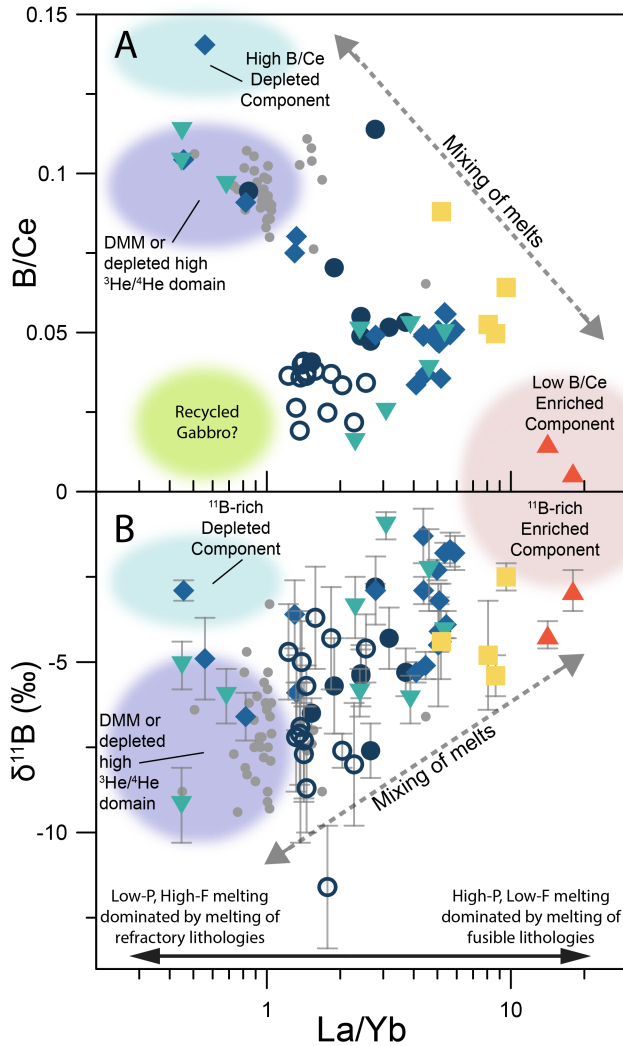
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931 Figure 5: $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ versus $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ (A) and B versus $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ (B) in Icelandic basalt lavas and
 932 melt inclusions. Symbols are the same as in Figure 2. The circled literature analyses
 933 in (B) indicate the samples of Brounce et al. (2012) from Lakigígar that were
 934 previously interpreted to have sustained high degrees of crustal assimilation. The
 935 solid and dashed lines in both figures are mixing and assimilation-fractional
 936 crystallization (AFC) models, respectively. Two sets of mixing and AFC models are
 937 calculated to simulate assimilation into a more primitive melt and a more evolved
 938 melt. The composition of the assimilation endmembers is presented in the
 939 supplementary information; orange curves represent a “low-T altered bulk upper
 940 crust” type assimilant ($[B] = 0.5 \mu\text{g/g}$, $\delta^{11}\text{B} = -17.6\text{‰}$, $\delta^{18}\text{O} = +2\text{‰}$), blue lines
 941 represent a “high-T hydrothermally altered basalt” composition ($[B] = 3.34 \mu\text{g/g}$,
 942 $\delta^{11}\text{B} = -17.4\text{‰}$, $\delta^{18}\text{O} = -5\text{‰}$). Mixing models curves end at 50% mixing, AFC model
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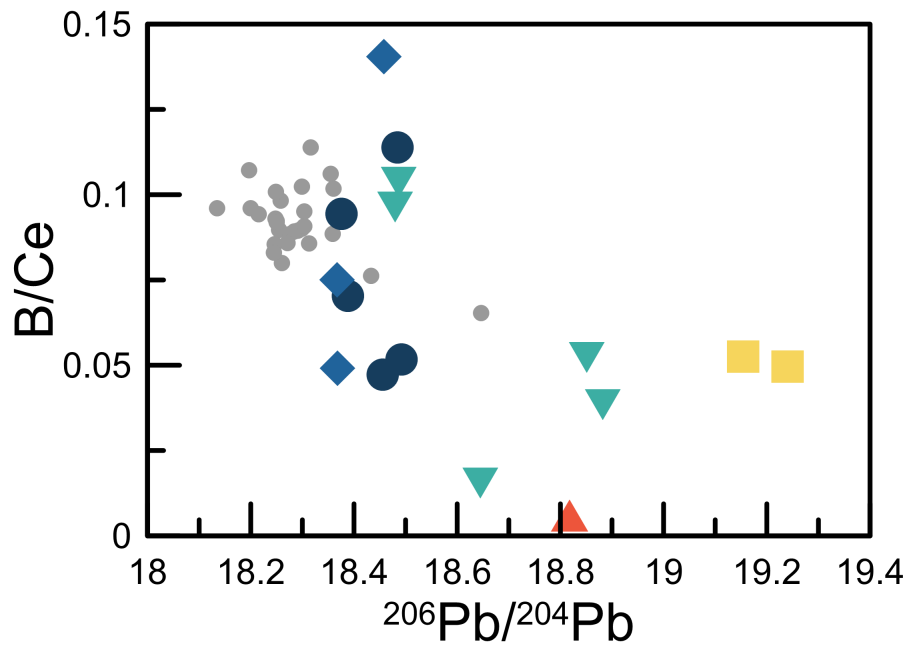


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947 Figure 6: La/Yb versus B/Ce (A) and $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ (B). The symbols follow those in Figure 2.

948 The colored regions represent the approximate composition of potential
 949 components within the Icelandic mantle source, as suggested by B/Ce and $\delta^{11}\text{B}$
 950 systematics. The dark blue region on the left represents basalt melts that have
 951 MORB-like B/Ce and $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ values, which could be generated either by DMM or
 952 ancient high $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$ domains. The blue-green region just above the dark blue
 953 region represents a refractory and depleted high B/Ce and high $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ value
 954 component. The light orange region on the right represents a fertile and enriched
 955 component with high $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ values and low B/Ce ratios. The lime-green region in (A)
 956 represents the composition of depleted recycled gabbro cumulates. The spectrum of
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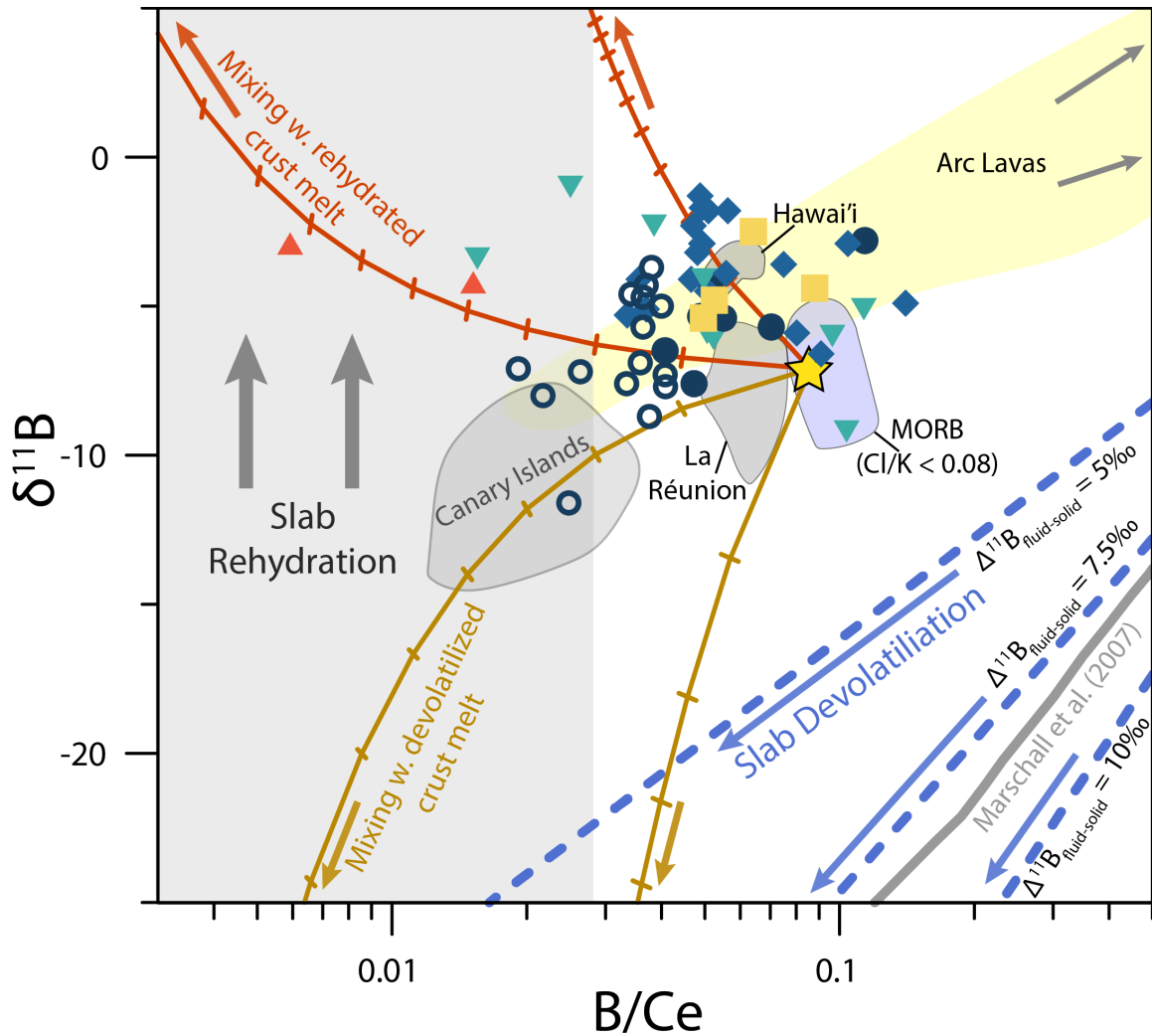
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961 Figure 7: $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$ versus B/Ce in Icelandic glasses and MORB. Note that all
962 samples with $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$ greater than 18.6 have lower B/Ce than samples with
963 $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$ less than 18.6. Symbols as in Figure 2.

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 966 Figure 8: B/Ce versus $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ values in basalts and melt inclusions from Iceland. Other
 967 OIB localities and MORB are represented by the gray and light blue fields,
 968 respectively. The yellow star in the center represents the composition of average
 969 MORB. The yellow field represents the distribution of arc lavas from De Hoog &
 970 Savov (2017). The four lines radiating towards the left from the star represent
 971 mixing lines between MORB and aggregate melts generated from 6% fractional
 972 melting of rehydrated subducted ocean crust (upper red lines) and devolatilized
 973 subducted ocean crust (lower orange lines). The tick marks represent units of 10%
 974 mixing. The devolatilized endmembers used in this model have compositions: B/Ce
 975 = 0.03 and $\delta^{11}\text{B} = -33.42\text{‰}$ (right curve); B/Ce = 0.003 and $\delta^{11}\text{B} = -50.0\text{‰}$ (left
 976 curve). The rehydrated endmembers used in this model have compositions: B/Ce =
 977 0.03 and $\delta^{11}\text{B} = +5\text{‰}$ (right curve); B/Ce = 0.003 and $\delta^{11}\text{B} = +5\text{‰}$ (left curve). The

978 three dashed blue lines and thick grey line represent the devolatilization paths of
979 subducting oceanic crust, calculated using simple Rayleigh fractionation models and
980 the thermo-chemical model of Marschall et al. (2007) respectively. Although
981 calculated using a different approach, the model of Marschall et al. approximately
982 corresponds to a Rayleigh fractionation model with $\Delta^{11}\text{B}_{\text{fluid-solid}} = +8\text{‰}$. The grey
983 field on the left marks the range of possible rehydrated crust compositions. See
984 section 6.4 for additional details.
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