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## Global trends in novel stable isotopes in basalts: theory and observations

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#### Abstract

The geochemistry of global mantle melts suggests that both mid-ocean ridge basalts 8 (MORB) and ocean island basalts (OIB) sample lithological and temperature heterogeneities 9 originating in both the upper and lower mantle. Recently, non-traditional stable isotopes 10 have been suggested as a new tool to complement existing tracers of mantle heterogeneity 11 (e.g., major and trace elements, radiogenic isotopes), because mineral- and redox-specific 12 equilibrium stable isotope fractionation effects can link the stable isotope ratios of melts to 13 their source mineralogy and melting degree. Here, we investigate five stable isotope sys-14 tems (Mg-Ca-Fe-V-Cr) that have shown promise in models or natural samples as tracers of 15 mantle temperature and/or lithological heterogeneity. We use a quantitative model, combin-16 ing thermodynamically self-consistent mantle melting and equilibrium isotope fractionation 17 models, to explore the behaviour of the isotope ratios of these elements during melting of 18 three mantle lithologies (peridotite, and silica-excess and silica-deficient pyroxenites), re-19 sponding to changes in mantle mineralogy, oxygen fugacity, temperature and pressure. We 20 find that, given current analytical precision, the stable isotope systems examined here are 21 not predicted to be sensitive to mantle potential temperature variations through equilibrium 22 isotope fractionation processes. By contrast, source lithological heterogeneity is predicted 23 to be detectable in some cases in the stable isotope ratios of erupted basalts, although gen-24 erally only at proportions of > 10% MORB-like pyroxenite in the mantle source, given 25 current analytical precision. Magnesium and Ca stable isotopes show most sensitivity to 26 a garnet-bearing source lithology, and Fe and Cr stable isotopes are potentially sensitive 27

to the presence of MORB-like pyroxenite in the mantle source, although the behaviour of 28 Cr isotopes is comparatively under-constrained and requires further work to be applied with 29 confidence to mantle melts. When comparing the magnitude and direction of predicted equi-30 librium isotopic fractionation of peridotite and pyroxenite melts to natural MORB and OIB 31 data, we find that aspects of the natural data (including the mean Mg-Ca-Fe-V isotopic com-32 position of MORB, the range of Mg-Ca isotopic compositions seen in MORB data, the mean 33 Mg-Ca-Cr isotopic composition of OIB, and the range of Mg-V-Cr isotopic compositions in 34 OIB data) can be matched by equilibrium isotope fractionation during partial melting of 35 peridotite and pyroxenite sources – with pyroxenite required even for some MORB data. 36 However, even when considering analytical uncertainty on natural sample measurements, 37 the range in stable isotope compositions seen across the global MORB and OIB datasets 38 suggests that kinetic isotope fractionation, or processes modifying the isotopic composition 39 of recycled crustal material such that it is distinct from MORB, may be required to ex-40 plain all the natural data. We conclude that the five stable isotope systems considered here 41 have potential to be powerful complementary tracers to other geochemical tracers of the 42 source lithology of erupted basalts. However, continued improvements in analytical preci-43 sion in conjunction with experimental and theoretical predictions of isotopic fractionation 44 between mantle minerals and melts are required before these novel stable isotopes can be 45 unambiguously used to understand source heterogeneity in erupted basalts. 46

#### 47 **1** Introduction

A key window into Earth's mantle is through the petrology and geochemistry of its melts, which 48 include both mid-ocean ridge basalts (MORB) and ocean island basalts (OIB). MORB may be 49 able to tell us about the composition and temperature of the upper mantle across multiple length 50 scales (e.g., Allègre et al., 1984; Zindler and Hart, 1986; Mahoney et al., 1994; Agranier et al., 51 2005; Janney et al., 2005; Herzberg et al., 2007; Gale et al., 2013; Shorttle, 2015). Key ques-52 tions about MORB-source mantle concern the various roles of temperature, crustal thickness, 53 lithological heterogeneity, melt mixing and melt-rock reaction and the degree to which they can 54 explain the trace, major element, and radiogenic isotope arrays of global MORB. Decades of in-55 vestigation have produced a broad consensus that in the MORB-source mantle thermally-driven 56 variations in melting degree create global signals in major and/or trace elements (Klein and 57 Langmuir, 1987; Dalton et al., 2014; Gale et al., 2014). On a local scale MORB also show con-58

siderable isotopic and trace element variability, linked to small-scale lithological heterogeneity in 59 the upper mantle (e.g., Zindler et al., 1984; Langmuir et al., 1986; Fornari et al., 1988; Hekinian 60 et al., 1989; Schiano et al., 1997; Castillo et al., 2000; Waters et al., 2011; Gill et al., 2016; Liu 61 and Liang, 2017; Jiang et al., 2021; Zhong et al., 2021). OIB also sample a heterogeneous mantle 62 over short and long lengthscales including significant lithological heterogeneity (e.g., Cohen and 63 O'Nions, 1982; Weaver, 1991; Chauvel et al., 1992; Kogiso et al., 2003; Sobolev et al., 2007; Jack-64 son and Dasgupta, 2008; Dasgupta et al., 2010; Day and Hilton, 2011; Shorttle and Maclennan, 65 2011), elemental and isotopic heterogeneity (e.g., Zindler and Hart, 1986; Dupuy et al., 1988; 66 Hauri and Hart, 1993; Hofmann, 1997, 2003; Stracke et al., 2005; Willbold and Stracke, 2006; 67 Prytulak and Elliott, 2007; Jackson and Dasgupta, 2008; Maclennan, 2008; Dasgupta et al., 68 2010; Jackson et al., 2012; Mundl et al., 2017), and record large temperature variations relative 69 to MORB (e.g., Putirka, 2005; Herzberg et al., 2007; Putirka, 2008a,b; Herzberg and Gazel, 70 2009; Herzberg and Asimow, 2015; Matthews et al., 2021). 71

In this study, we investigate the use of novel stable isotopes of major and minor elements in 72 basalts (magnesium  $[\delta^{26/24}Mg]$ , calcium  $[\delta^{44/40}Ca]$ , iron  $[\delta^{57/54}Fe]$ , vanadium  $[\delta^{51/50}V]$ , chromium 73  $[\delta^{53/52}Cr]$ ) as new tools for studying temperature and lithological heterogeneity in the mantle, 74 complementary to existing work on MORB and OIB mantle sources using major and trace el-75 ements (e.g., Klein and Langmuir, 1987; Langmuir et al., 1992; McKenzie et al., 2004; Putirka, 76 2005; Herzberg et al., 2007; Jackson and Dasgupta, 2008; Niu and O'Hara, 2008; Dasgupta et al., 77 2010; Le Roux et al., 2011; Jackson et al., 2012; Lambart et al., 2013; Gale et al., 2014; Yang 78 et al., 2019; Mallik et al., 2021). The chosen isotope systems may trace thermal and mineralogi-79 cal heterogeneity in the source region of melts through their temperature and mineral-dependent 80 equilibrium fractionation factors (e.g., Schauble, 2004; Young et al., 2015), and we include detail 81 on the choice of these isotope systems in Section 1.3. 82

#### <sup>83</sup> 1.1 Temperature and lithological heterogeneity in the mantle

Mantle-derived melts, particularly MORB, show global geochemical arrays that can be explained
by the conditions of melt generation in the mantle (e.g., temperature, lithology; Klein and Langmuir, 1987; Langmuir et al., 1992; Niu and O'Hara, 2008; Arevalo Jr and McDonough, 2010;
Gale et al., 2014) and/or subsequent melt transport and storage processes (e.g., melt mixing,

melt-rock reaction, fractional crystallisation; Devey et al., 1994; Arevalo Jr and McDonough, 88 2010; Liang et al., 2011; Kimura and Sano, 2012; Till et al., 2012; Shorttle, 2015; Bo et al., 89 2018; Mallik et al., 2021; Stracke, 2021). Once corrected for crystal fractionation, moderately 90 incompatible element concentrations (e.g., Na, Al) in global MORB correlate positively with 91 ridge depth, commonly interpreted to equate to a control by mantle potential temperature 92 variations of around 220 °C (Klein and Langmuir, 1987; Langmuir et al., 1992; Brandl et al., 93 2013; Gale et al., 2014). Correlations between fractionation-corrected major element composi-94 tions in MORB (e.g., FeO-Na<sub>2</sub>O, CaO-Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>) are consistent with the same mantle temperature 95 variations (Langmuir et al., 1992; Gale et al., 2014). Although mantle composition has also 96 been invoked instead of temperature variation to explain these trends (by applying a different 97 fractionation correction; Niu and O'Hara, 2008), major element compositions measured in OIB 98 and their constituent olivine, as well as olivine crystallisation thermometry and geophysical ob-99 servations, argue in favour of there being regions of mantle up to 250 °C hotter than typical 100 mid-ocean ridge mantle (e.g., Putirka, 2005; Herzberg et al., 2007; Putirka, 2008a; Dalton et al., 101 2014; Herzberg and Asimow, 2015; Spice et al., 2016; Ball et al., 2021; Matthews et al., 2021). 102

Although temperature may be a dominant control on MORB geochemical variability, man-103 tle compositional heterogeneity is also clear in the elemental and isotopic compositions of 104 both MORB and OIB. For example, in MORB highly incompatible element enrichment (e.g., 105 fractionation-corrected K concentrations) correlates roughly with radiogenic isotopes, which 106 must relate to source heterogeneity, such as through the addition or removal of low-degree 107 melts (e.g., McKenzie and O'Nions, 1995; Donnelly et al., 2004; Gale et al., 2011, 2013, 2014). 108 Radiogenic and stable isotopes and trace elements have also been used to argue for the pres-109 ence of incompatible trace element-enriched, recycled components in the MORB source (e.g., 110 Hirschmann and Stolper, 1996; Schiano et al., 1997; Salters and Dick, 2002; Bezard et al., 2016). 111 In OIB, there is extensive evidence for mantle heterogeneity in the form of radiogenic and stable 112 isotope compositions and the concentrations of major elements in basalt and trace elements in 113 olivine (e.g., Zindler and Hart, 1986; Weaver, 1991; Hauri, 1996; Hofmann, 1997; Sobolev et al., 114 2005; Stracke et al., 2005; Sobolev et al., 2007; Jackson and Dasgupta, 2008; Day et al., 2009; 115 Herzberg, 2011; Shorttle and Maclennan, 2011; Konter et al., 2016; Mundl et al., 2017; Neave 116 et al., 2018; Nebel et al., 2019; Gleeson et al., 2020). This mantle heterogeneity is thought to 117 relate largely to the recycling of crust, and the reaction between recycled lithologies (and their 118

melts) and ambient mantle peridotite (e.g., Cohen and O'Nions, 1982; Hofmann and White,
1982; Allègre and Turcotte, 1986; Schiano et al., 1997; Sobolev et al., 2005, 2007; Herzberg,
2011; Mallik and Dasgupta, 2012; Stracke, 2012; Rosenthal et al., 2014; Lambart, 2017).

Many tools are available to study the contributions of temperature and lithological heterogeneity 122 in these two types of basalts, for example: rare earth element inversion modelling (INVMEL: 123 McKenzie and O'Nions, 1991, 1995), major element calculations (PRIMELT: Herzberg and Asi-124 mow, 2008, 2015; the thermodynamic model of Jennings and Holland, 2015; Jennings et al., 125 2016), trace element and radiogenic isotope composition forward modelling (REEBOX PRO: 126 Brown and Lesher, 2016), and models combining trace elements, crystallisation temperatures 127 and magma productivity (Shorttle et al., 2014; Matthews et al., 2016, 2021). However, achiev-128 ing success in linking the elemental and radiogenic isotope variability in MORB and OIB to 129 temperature and/or lithological heterogeneity is complicated by uncertainty in the nature of 130 enriched lithologies, metasomatism by small volumes of melt (which are usually highly enriched 131 in incompatible elements, so can overwhelm evidence of the original source lithology), magma 132 recharge and mixing, diffusional re-equilibration and fractional crystallisation (e.g., Niu and 133 O'Hara, 2003; Workman et al., 2004; Niu and O'Hara, 2008; Lambart et al., 2013; Matzen et al., 134 2017; Gleeson and Gibson, 2019). Stable isotopes of major and minor elements complement 135 radiogenic isotopes and major element calculations and could provide new constraints on under-136 standing global basalt chemistry: stable isotope systems are time-independent, and since their 137 equilibrium partitioning is a function of mineral chemistry, they are the natural extension of 138 major element calculations based on thermodynamic data. In addition, some of these stable 139 isotopes are major elements whose budgets in the mantle source and subsequent erupted melts 140 reflect contributions from both enriched and depleted lithologies, and are not dominated by 141 small-degree melt metasomatism. 142

# 1.2 Stable isotopes as a probe of mantle temperature and compositional heterogeneity

Stable isotopes may trace thermal and mineralogical heterogeneity in the mantle through their
temperature and mineral-dependent equilibrium fractionation factors (e.g., Schauble, 2004; Young
et al., 2015). Our understanding of the equilibrium high temperature fractionation effects ex-

perienced by novel stable isotope systems is improving, and many studies (both theoretical and 148 from natural samples) suggest controls from mantle temperature and lithology on the isotopic 149 composition of the melts produced. Previous studies have shown considerable variability in 150 stable isotope ratios in MORB and OIB even where the geochemical signals of fractional crys-151 tallisation are considered to be negligible, or have been removed (Fig. 1), but understanding 152 the origin of the variability remains challenging. For example, Fig. 1 shows that natural basalt 153 stable isotope data for the isotope systems considered here have different systematics relative 154 to the bulk silicate Earth (BSE). Magnesium and V stable isotope compositions in MORB and 155 OIB scatter both sides of the BSE value, whereas Fe stable isotope compositions of basalts are 156 heavier than the BSE, and for Cr and Ca basalts are (mostly) isotopically lighter than the BSE. 157 The Mg and Fe stable isotope compositions of OIB show greater variability than MORB for the 158 same isotope system, whereas the opposite is true for V stable isotopes (although this may be 159 a sampling bias, given the greater amount of V isotope data for MORB than OIB). 160

Modelling of expected stable isotopic behaviour has led to questions about the origin of isotopic 161 signatures observed in natural samples. For example, some studies have modelled Ca stable 162 isotope fractionation using composition-dependent inter-mineral fractionation factors and con-163 cluded that partial melting of eclogite cannot produce the variability measured in OIB (Chen 164 et al., 2020a), whereas others have predicted and measured that garnet has a higher  $\delta^{44}$ Ca than 165 coexisting clinopyroxene (Antonelli et al., 2019; Huang et al., 2019; Kang et al., 2019; Wang 166 et al., 2019; Chen et al., 2020a; Dai et al., 2020; Smart et al., 2021; Tappe et al., 2021), and have 167 used this observation to predict that melts from recycled oceanic crust (garnet-bearing eclogite) 168 will have low  $\delta^{44}$ Ca, thus explaining the low  $\delta^{44}$ Ca measured in some OIB (Kang et al., 2019; 169 Dai et al., 2020). Lithological heterogeneity (specifically, recycled pyroxenite) has also been 170 linked to Mg and Fe isotope variability in MORB and OIB (e.g., Williams and Bizimis, 2014; 171 Konter et al., 2016; Zhong et al., 2017; Stracke et al., 2018; Nebel et al., 2019; Gleeson et al., 172 2020; Sun et al., 2020; Zhong et al., 2021). However, some recent models of Fe and Mg isotope 173 fractionation have led to uncertainty in whether equilibrium fractionation associated with the 174 presence of garnet can unambiguously identify a garnet-bearing pyroxenite source lithology in 175 natural OIB samples (Stracke et al., 2018; Soderman et al., 2021), and whether the heaviest 176 Fe isotope data in the global dataset can be matched by models of mantle melting (Sun et al., 177 2020; Soderman et al., 2021). 178



Figure 1: Literature MORB and OIB data for the isotope systems (for sources, see Table S1). Samples are filtered for 7.2 < MgO wt % < 16, but included if MgO is not known, to limit the effects of fractional crystallisation and olivine accumulation. Where MORB type is known, samples are classified as N-/T- or E-type (as classified by Teng et al., 2013); if classification is not known, samples are plotted as N-/T-type. Ca and Mg isotope data is filtered to exclude samples with  ${}^{87}$ Sr/ ${}^{86}$ Sr > 0.7037, which excludes samples with > 1% carbonate component in the source (Huang et al., 2011b). The main axis shows the variability in natural data from the BSE value for each isotope system, scaled by the difference in the atomic mass units (a.m.u.) of the isotopes being measured (e.g., for  $\delta^{26/24}$ Mg, this a.m.u. factor is 2). The coloured bars show 2 S.D. on the BSE estimates. BSE values used are  $\delta^{26}$ Mg =  $-0.24 \pm 0.06$ % (Stracke et al., 2018),  $\delta^{44}$ Ca =  $0.94 \pm 0.10$ % (Kang et al., 2017; Chen et al., 2019),  $\delta^{57}$ Fe =  $0.05 \pm 0.04$ % (Sossi et al., 2016),  $\delta^{51}$ V =  $-0.91 \pm 0.09$ % (Qi et al., 2019),  $\delta^{53}$ Cr =  $-0.12 \pm 0.04$ % (Jerram et al., 2020). The pale secondary axis for each isotope shows the raw isotope ratios. The isotope ratios and reference materials used in the delta notation throughout are:  $\delta^{26/24}$ Mg [DSM3];  $\delta^{44/40}$ Ca [SRM915a];  $\delta^{57/54}$ Fe [IRMM-014];  $\delta^{51/50}$ V [AA];  $\delta^{53/52}$ Cr [NIST979].

Given the framework of MORB and OIB data that we now have (Fig. 1), growing theoretical information on bond strength and predicted inter-mineral fractionations for multiple stable isotope systems, and a variety of published isotope fractionation models that both can and cannot explain all the natural data, it is timely to develop a self-consistent model for the behaviour of multiple stable isotopes during mantle melting. Here we use a thermodynamically self-consistent model for mantle melting of three lithologies (peridotite and two different pyroxenites), combined with a model for equilibrium Mg-Ca-Fe-V-Cr stable isotope fractionation responding to changes in mantle mineralogy, intrinsic variations in oxygen fugacity (i.e., at constant O content), temperature and pressure. These models allow us to investigate the potential for the stable isotope composition of basalts to be a tracer of mantle temperature and lithological heterogeneity.

#### 189 1.3 Approach

This contribution explores the behaviour of Mg-Ca-Fe-V-Cr stable isotopes during mantle melt-190 ing, expanding on work on Fe stable isotope behaviour presented in Soderman et al. (2021). 191 These isotope systems were chosen as they have been documented to show resolvable mineral-192 specific fractionation effects that may make them sensitive to partial melting or source lithology 193 effects (e.g., Konter et al., 2016; Xia et al., 2017; Stracke et al., 2018; Wu et al., 2018; Kang 194 et al., 2019; Nebel et al., 2019; Dai et al., 2020; Gleeson et al., 2020; Shen et al., 2020; Novella 195 et al., 2020), and their bonding environments and/or expected isotopic fractionation in mantle 196 minerals and melt are sufficiently well-studied to provide reasonable inputs for an isotopic frac-197 tionation model. The isotope systems represent both major and trace elements in basalts, and 198 monovalent and heterovalent elements. The major elements (Mg, Ca, Fe) are abundant in the 199 mantle with comparable or lower concentrations in pelitic sediments and crustal material (Plank 200 and Langmuir, 1998; Rudnick and Gao, 2003; Workman and Hart, 2005), meaning the isotopic 201 signatures of mantle components are not easily affected by metasomatism, and their isotopic 202 compositions in basalts should track the bulk mass contributions of both fertile and depleted 203 mantle lithologies to the melt. This is an important property of major element stable isotope 204 systems that contrasts with radiogenic isotope systems of incompatible trace elements, which 205 cannot probe the proportions of different lithologies directly, as incompatible element concen-206 tration vary widely between enriched and depleted mantle lithologies. We note that carbonates, 207 whose presence have been invoked in the source regions of mantle melts (e.g., Huang et al., 208 2011b; Liu et al., 2017a; Wang et al., 2018), have Ca concentrations  $\sim 10$  times higher than 209 the mantle (e.g., Huang et al., 2011b), but we do not discuss carbonates here; instead we filter 210 natural data used in this study by <sup>87</sup>Sr/<sup>86</sup>Sr to exclude significant contributions from carbonate 211

212 components.

Section 2 contains a description of the combined thermodynamic melting and equilibrium isotope fractionation model. The model was used to calculate the equilibrium isotopic composition of mantle melts from different lithologies over P-T space, and a summary of the results is presented in this section.

Sections 3 and 4 address the degree to which different stable isotope measurements (individual isotope systems, or in combination) can identify the relative importance of mantle temperature variability and mantle lithological heterogeneity in generating the observed variability in basalts. We also discuss where stable isotope systems have the potential to be useful in identifying these processes, if measurement uncertainties can be reduced.

Finally, Section 5 combines MORB and OIB data for the isotope systems studied with the 222 modelled equilibrium melts, to assess to what extent our present understanding of the isotope 223 behaviour can explain global basalt variability. We do not include arc basalts in our discussion 224 for a number of reasons, including but not limited to the complicating effects of  $H_2O$ , slab fluids 225 and redox variability in an arc setting, which have been linked to stable Fe and Mg isotope 226 variability recorded in arc basalts (e.g., Dauphas et al., 2009; Nebel et al., 2013, 2015; Sossi 227 et al., 2016; Teng et al., 2016; Li et al., 2017; Brewer et al., 2018; Hu et al., 2020) and which 228 are beyond the applicable scope of the modelling presented here. 229

#### <sup>230</sup> 2 Modelling equilibrium isotopic composition of mantle melts

We calculated the equilibrium melting isotopic fractionation over P-T space for  $\delta^{26/24}$ Mg, 231  $\delta^{44/40}$ Ca,  $\delta^{57/54}$ Fe,  $\delta^{51/50}$ V and  $\delta^{53/52}$ Cr for three representative mantle lithologies, following 232 the model outlined in Soderman et al. (2021). We used the calculated modal mineralogies over 233 P-T space of KLB1 peridotite (a commonly used experimental composition used as an analogue 234 for the upper mantle; Davis et al., 2009) and G2 silica-excess pyroxenite (an important MORB-235 like bulk composition in melting experiments and models from Pertermann and Hirschmann, 236 2003a, b and Lambart et al., 2016) presented in Soderman et al. (2021). Following the methods 237 used for KLB1 and G2, we also calculated the P-T-dependent modal mineralogy of MIX1G, a 238

silica-deficient pyroxenite which plots close to the average global pyroxenite composition and 239 can be considered as a mixture between KLB1 and MORB (Lambart et al., 2016), i.e., recycled 240 crust mixed with ambient mantle. Calculations were performed using the dataset of Holland and 241 Powell (2011) and activity-composition (a-X) models of Holland et al. (2018), implemented in 242 THERMOCALC (Powell et al., 1998); see Section 2 in Appendix for details. This set of lithologies 243 spans a range of fertile compositions, both ambient mantle and those derived from recycled crust, 244 thought to be present in the mantle (Hirschmann and Stolper, 1996; Shorttle and Maclennan, 245 2011; Lambart et al., 2016; Mallik et al., 2021). 246

The THERMOCALC output includes the proportion of each phase present and information on the composition of each phase at any P-T point, including the distribution of elements on available cation sites. These results allow the equilibrium isotopic composition of the phases present (including melts) to be calculated for each isotope system, based on calculated equilibrium isotope fractionation factors,  $\alpha^{A-B}$ , between the phases A and B that are present, where

$$\alpha^{A-B} = \frac{\left(\frac{X_2}{X_1}\right)_A}{\left(\frac{X_2}{X_1}\right)_B},\tag{1}$$

and X represents the amount of each isotope 1 or 2 of an element. To facilitate comparisons 252 between different lithologies and isotope systems, results are all expressed relative to a bulk 253 system of 0%, for convenience (although we recognise that different mantle components may 254 have non-zero initial bulk stable isotope compositions for the stable isotope systems considered 255 here). Iron isotope compositions of minerals and melts were calculated for MIX1G, following 256 Soderman et al. (2021); and Ca, Mg, Cr and V isotope compositions were newly calculated for 257 all three lithologies (full set of results for isotopes and lithologies in Section 3 of the Appendix, 258 and Electronic Annex). The approach of the model for each isotope is described briefly below, 259 with full details in the Appendix. 260

We cannot consider  $H_2O$  in our phase-equilibrium calculations, as the THERMOCALC peridotite dataset used does not account for  $H_2O$  accommodation in the mantle phases (Holland et al., 2018). However, for the comparison of our models to MORB and OIB, we consider this dry system to be suitable: non-arc mantle is generally considered to have small amounts of water stored in nominally anhydrous minerals (Bell and Rossman, 1992; Hirschmann et al., 2005). While  $H_2O$ , if present in the mantle source, would result in a deeper onset of melting than in dry melting, it does not result in significant changes to the maximum extent of melting and most water would be extracted in the first degrees of melting (e.g., Hirth and Kohlstedt, 1996; Hirschmann et al., 1999; Katz et al., 2003), so we consider that the  $H_2O$  concentrations will be very low throughout most of the melting region. Therefore, the conclusions reached here will not be significantly changed by the inclusion of water in the thermodynamic system.

#### <sup>272</sup> 2.1 Ca, Mg and Fe

<sup>273</sup> The partitioning of Ca, Mg and Fe (Fe<sup>2+</sup> and Fe<sup>3+</sup>) between the phases present at any P-T <sup>274</sup> point was taken from the THERMOCALC results. To calculate the isotope fractionation factors <sup>275</sup> ( $\alpha$ ) for Ca and Mg isotopes between each phase, published temperature-dependent  $\beta$ -values (a <sup>276</sup> reduced partition function ratio; Young et al., 2015) are used, where

$$\alpha^{A-B} = \frac{\beta(T)_A}{\beta(T)_B}.$$
(2)

<sup>277</sup> Bulk  $\beta$ -values for each mineral (i.e., not using crystal site occupancy information) are calculated <sup>278</sup> based on vibrational frequencies from first-principle calculations, and are taken from Antonelli <sup>279</sup> et al. (2019) for Ca isotopes and Huang et al. (2013) for Mg isotopes. Where suitable  $\beta$ -values <sup>280</sup> are not published, as for Fe,  $\alpha$  factors can be calculated using cation-oxygen bond force constants <sup>281</sup> in each crystal site for the minerals,

$$\ln(\alpha^{A-B}) = C \frac{[K_A - K_B]}{T^2},$$
(3)

where C is a constant dependent on the isotopes and element being considered (e.g., Sossi and O'Neill, 2017), T is the temperature in Kelvin, and  $K_A$  and  $K_B$  refer to the cation-oxygen force constants in minerals A and B. These force constants are based on an ionic bonding model for Fe (Sossi and O'Neill, 2017), as employed in Macris et al. (2015); Young et al. (2015); Soderman et al. (2021); Williams et al. (2021).

#### 287 2.2 V and Cr

The THERMOCALC a-X models of Holland et al. (2018) do not model V partitioning, nor het-288 erovalent Cr (Cr is assumed to have a valence of 3+ in the Holland et al., 2018 models). There-289 fore, the proportion of  $V^{3+/4+/5+}$  was calculated following Toplis and Corgne (2002), using the 290 FeO/Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> ratio of the melt (calculated in THERMOCALC) at each point in P-T space. The 291 proportion of  $Cr^{2+/3+}$  was calculated using the parameterisation of Berry et al. (2021), with 292  $fO_2$  at each point calculated using the ' $fO_2$  melt' software (Holland et al., 2018), hence Cr spe-293 ciation also depends on the Fe redox equilibria. Here, we note that the requirement to handle 294 heterovalent Cr and V outside of the THERMOCALC calculations means that the calculations 295 of the redox state (hence, ultimately isotopic fractionation) are not fully self-consistent for the 296 redox-sensitive elements. The  $Cr^{3+}/Cr_T, V^{4+}/V_T$  and  $V^{5+}/V_T$  ratios change across P-T space 297 without taking oxygen from anywhere else (i.e., the Fe<sup>3+</sup>/Fe<sub>T</sub> ratio calculated at each P-T point 298 does not vary when Cr and V redox equilibria are considered). Instead, the calculations of the 299 valence states of Cr and V at each P-T point are dictated by the calculated Fe redox equilibria 300 at that point. Nonetheless, tying the redox equilibria of Cr and V to that of Fe is a reasonable 301 approximation of the natural system, given that the abundance of Fe in the mantle is signifi-302 cantly greater than that of the other redox-variable elements (Anenburg and O'Neill, 2019; see 303 also Appendix Section 3.5 for the oxygen distribution in our models). As a consequence of our 304 model's implentation of Cr/V redox, the changes in Cr/V speciation in the model will represent 305 upper limits: i.e., in a more complex system coupled Fe-Cr-V redox equilbria will dampen the 306 variability of  $Fe^{3+}/Fe_T$ ,  $Cr^{3+}/Cr_T$  and  $V^{4+,5+}/V_T$  compared to our models. 307

The total V and Cr in the system were partitioned, dependent on the relative proportions of each valence state, between the phases present based on valence-specific partition coefficients from Mallmann and O'Neill (2009). The  $\alpha$  factors for V were calculated following the approach used for Mg and Ca above, using  $\beta^{V}$  values for V in solution systems from Wu et al. (2015), extrapolated to magmatic systems at high temperature following Wu et al. (2018). For Cr,  $\alpha$ factors were calculated from Cr-O force constants following an ionic model (Shen et al., 2018, 2020), as for Fe isotopes (Soderman et al., 2021).

#### 315 2.3 Results

The results of the THERMOCALC calculations and subsequent melt stable isotope composition 316 calculations are given in the Electronic Annex and Section 3 of the Appendix. A summary of 317 the modelled equilibrium isotopic fractionation of peridotite melts (relative to the source), is 318 shown in Fig. 2. Melt isotope ratios are shown along isentropic decompression melting paths 319 calculated from THERMOCALC output – the isentropic approach (McKenzie, 1984; McKenzie 320 and Bickle, 1988) assumes the adiabatic upwelling of the mantle is reversible, which is generally 321 considered to be a good approximation of decompression melting in the mantle (e.g., McKenzie, 322 1984; McKenzie and Bickle, 1988; Asimow, 2002). 323



Figure 2: The left hand panel shows the pseudosection for KLB1 peridotite calculated in THERMOCALC, with the solidus and liquidus marked in bold, and three isentropic melting paths also calculated using THERMOCALC. The average pressure of melting for each isentrope (see Appendix Section 6) is shown by the small circles, and maximum melt fraction (F) labelled at the top of each isentrope. The right hand panels show the modelled instantaneous equilibrium melt isotopic fractionation relative to the bulk isotopic composition along both isentropes. Key mineralogical controls on the isotopic composition of the melt are highlighted (colour-coded by the isentropic path they refer to; here both for  $T_p = 1530$  °C). Vertical grey bars show the source composition (0 ‰) with typical sample 2 S.E. analytical precision for each isotope system. The analytical precisions used are based on representative errors from recent studies: for Mg from Wang et al. (2021), for Ca from Zhu et al. (2018, 2020a); Chen et al. (2020a), for Fe from Soderman et al. (2021), for V from Wu et al. (2018); Novella et al. (2020), for Cr from Sossi et al. (2018). Note that long-term analytical 2 S.D. uncertainty is usually greater than sample 2 S.E. for each isotope system; see Table 1.

Table 1 summarises how the modelled stable isotope compositions of pyroxenite melts compare to the peridotite melts from Fig. 2. Due to the wider range of melting degrees reached by pyroxenites compared to peridotite for a given  $T_p$ , generally the pyroxenite melts show a wider range of isotope ratios than peridotite melts for the same  $T_p$ .

Table 1: Maximum magnitude  $\Delta_{melt-source}$  for modelled isentropic decompression melting of KLB1 (peridotite), MIX1G (silica-deficient pyroxenite) and G2 (silica-excess pyroxenite), all following KLB1 isentropes, when  $T_p = 1300 \,^{\circ}$ C ('cold'),  $T_p = 1400 \,^{\circ}$ C ('mid') and  $T_p = 1530 \,^{\circ}$ C ('hot'). Typical analytical uncertainties used throughout this study are also given.

Lithology	Temperature	$\begin{array}{c} \text{Maximus} \\ \Delta^{26}\text{Mg} \end{array}$	n modelle $\Delta^{44}$ Ca	d melt-so $\Delta^{57}$ Fe	burce frac $\Delta^{51}$ V	tionation $\Delta^{53}$ Cr
KLB1	cold mid hot	$-0.019 \\ -0.015 \\ -0.012$	$-0.092 \\ -0.083 \\ -0.085$	$0.058 \\ 0.058 \\ 0.052$	$0.092 \\ 0.078 \\ 0.067$	$-0.031 \\ -0.029 \\ -0.026$
MIX1G	cold mid hot	$-0.081 \\ -0.024 \\ 0.099$	-0.081 -0.137 -0.087	$0.050 \\ 0.045 \\ 0.026$	$\begin{array}{c} 0.093 \\ 0.090 \\ 0.022 \end{array}$	$-0.058 \\ -0.049 \\ -0.036$
G2	cold mid hot	$0.088 \\ 0.088 \\ 0.00$	$-0.125 \\ -0.113 \\ 0.00$	$0.048 \\ 0.036 \\ 0.00$	$0.074 \\ 0.041 \\ 0.00$	$-0.095 \\ -0.054 \\ 0.00$
1 S.D. long-term analytical precision 2 S.E. typical sample error		$0.03 \\ 0.02$	$0.07 \\ 0.05$	$0.025 \\ 0.02$	$\begin{array}{c} 0.04 \\ 0.05 \end{array}$	$0.02 \\ 0.01$

#### <sup>328</sup> 3 Stable isotope sensitivity to mantle temperature variations

To explore the sensitivity of stable isotopes in basalts to variations in mantle potential tem-329 perature, we use the results of the equilibrium melt fractionation model for KLB1, since for 330 MORB, the dominant source lithology is peridotite (Hirschmann and Stolper, 1996; Sobolev 331 et al., 2007). Generally, all equilibrium source-melt isotopic fractionations are expected to de-332 crease in magnitude with increased temperature (e.g., Bigeleisen and Mayer, 1947), although 333 this effect will be small at high temperatures (typically scaling with  $1/T^2$ ). However, the com-334 plexity of mineral reactions during melting and the mineral-specific fractionation effects shown 335 by the stable isotope systems means some isotopes may show larger temperature (and extent 336 of melting) sensitivity than others as modal mineralogy and mineral chemistry changes across 337 P-T space. When using stable isotopes as a tool to understand mantle melting processes and 338 source compositions, we are interested in two aspects of equilibrium stable isotope fractionation: 339 1) the mineralogy-dependent fractionation on melting, and 2) the degree-of-melting-dependent 340 fractionation. 341

MORB generated from different mantle potential temperatures will vary in 1) the modal mineralogy of their mantle source, 2) source oxygen fugacity ( $fO_2$ ), as this changes with pressure and temperature (e.g., Stolper et al., 2020), and 3) the degree of partial melting of the mantle source

(Fig. 2; also Fig. S9). For MORB, the mean pressure and composition of melts produced in 345 the mantle, hence the aggregate MORB composition, can be calculated using equations for 2D 346 melting regimes (e.g., Klein and Langmuir, 1987; McKenzie and Bickle, 1988; Langmuir et al., 347 1992; Asimow et al., 2001), and show that the mean melting pressure varies from  $\approx 12$  kbar 348 for mantle potential temperatures around  $1300 \,^{\circ}$ C, to > 25 kbar for potential temperatures over 349 1500 °C. The THERMOCALC results show that increasing mantle temperature, with a corre-350 sponding deepening of the average pressure of melting reflecting the 'aggregate' melt, leads to 351 progressively increasing melt fraction and progressively decreasing Fe<sup>3+</sup>/Fe<sub>T</sub> in the melt (due 352 to changing mineral chemistry; Stolper et al., 2020), with minimal changes in the proportions 353 of solid phases in the stable assemblage at the mean melting pressure for each  $T_p$  (Figs. 2, 354 3: see Section 6 in Appendix for details of the average melt pressure calculation). Therefore, 355 the stable isotope compositions of melts could be dependent on mantle temperature through 356 an  $fO_2$  dependence, which will arise due to the existence of multiple valence states, and the 357 different melt partitioning behaviour of each valence state of the cation (e.g., Fe, Cr and V). 358 Isotopes that are most sensitive to melting degree, such as those with large magnitude melt-359 source isotope fractionations at low melting degrees, may also show temperature-related melt 360 isotope composition variations. 361

Fig. 4 shows how the estimated isotopic composition of aggregate melts relative to the source, 362 taken as the isotope ratio of the melt at the mean pressure of melting for each temperature, 363 varies with mantle potential temperature. Using the mean melting pressure approach, which 364 is a simplification of polybaric melting occurring in the Earth (Langmuir et al., 1992), gives 365 similar results to polybaric decompression melting (see Appendix Section 6 for a comparison of 366 the approaches). The approach used here does not reflect accumulated fractional melting – the 367 mean pressure of melting is in the spinel stability field, and therefore the isotope ratios of the 368 final aggregate melts do not show a clear garnet signature. The isotope fractionation models 369 show that relatively large magnitude temperature-related effects are seen in the heterovalent 370 Fe and V isotope systems, in agreement with predictions above that  $fO_2$  sensitivity will be the 371 driver of  $T_p$ -related isotopic fractionation variation. The Cr isotope ratio of the melt does not 372 show large variability with potential temperature despite being a heterovalent system – this is 373 because the  $Cr^{2+}/Cr_T$  ratio in the system is dependent on pressure and temperature, as well as 374  $fO_2$  (Berry et al., 2021). Therefore, the  $fO_2$  effect is not dominant when changing  $T_p$ , in contrast 375



Figure 3: The mass fraction of phases present in the equilibrium KLB1 mineral assemblage and melt  $\text{Fe}^{3+}/\text{Fe}_T$ , at the mean pressure of melt generation calculated for increasing mantle potential temperature. Mantle potential temperature,  $T_p$ , is calculated by assuming a linear interpolation between the isentropes calculated in THER-MOCALC for  $T_p = 1300$ , 1400 and 1530 °C. The solid phase proportions are fractions of the whole assemblage (including melt). The average pressure of melting was calculated for  $T_p = 1300$ , 1400 and 1530 °C (see details in Appendix Section 6), and interpolated between.

to V stable isotopes where the V valence state parameterisation is only linked to the  $Fe^{3+}/Fe_T$ at any point. Calcium isotope compositions of accumulated mantle melts also show dependence on temperature. This variation is linked to the increase in average melt fraction with increasing temperature; this effect is large for Ca compared to Mg isotopes, the other monovalent system, because of the much larger magnitude of melt-source Ca isotope fractionation (nearly 0.1 ‰ at low melt fraction), which results in an increased sensitivity to melting degree.

The relative enrichment of the heavy stable isotopes of Fe and V in the melt relative to the source (because oxidised, isotopically heavy cations behave more incompatibly during mantle melting than the reduced, isotopically lighter cations of the same element; Canil, 1999; Toplis and Corgne, 2002; Williams et al., 2004; Dauphas et al., 2009; Mallmann and O'Neill, 2009, 2013; Davis et al., 2013) decreases with increasing  $T_p$  (Fig. 4), and is qualitatively consistent with the positive  $\delta^{51}$ V–Na<sub>8.0</sub> correlation in global MORB (Wu et al., 2018; Qi et al., 2019;

Novella et al., 2020;  $Na_{8,0}$  is the  $Na_2O$  content corrected for crystallisation to MgO = 8 wt %, and 388 therefore removes the variable chemical effects of low-pressure processes allowing for more direct 389 comparison between samples). However, the predicted magnitude of V isotope variability with 390  $T_p$  is smaller than the range of MORB V isotope data presented by Wu et al. (2018). Due to the 391 enrichment of melts with heavy isotopes, MORB should have a higher  $\delta^{51}$ V than fertile mantle. 392 This is in agreement with observed data: Wu et al. (2018) measure an average global MORB 393 value of  $-0.84 \pm 0.10 \%$  (2 S.D.), Qi et al. (2019) propose BSE is  $-0.91 \pm 0.09 \%$  (2 S.D.) based 394 on the isotopic composition of peridotite xenoliths and komatiites. Similar behaviour is observed 395 for Fe isotopes: global MORB, after correction for fractional crystallisation, has  $\delta^{57}$ Fe = 0.10 ± 396 0.01 % (2 S.E.); BSE is estimated at  $0.05 \pm 0.01 \%$  (2 S.E.) from primitive lherzolites (Sossi 397 et al., 2016). The magnitude of the modelled  $\Delta^{51} V_{melt-source}$  and  $\Delta^{57} Fe_{melt-source}$  of aggregate 398 KLB1 melts at  $T_p \approx 1300$  °C (~ 0.055 ‰ for both isotope systems) is similar to the 0.07 ‰ 399 and 0.05% difference observed between BSE and average MORB for V and Fe, respectively. 400 However, we note that the large uncertainties on the  $\delta^{51}$ V values estimated for the BSE and 401 MORB mean that the  $\Delta^{51}V_{melt-source}$  predicted by the model would match the BSE and MORB 402 data for all  $T_p$ . 403

Fig. 4b shows how the magnitude of isotopic variability across the  $T_p$  range compares to 404 typical long-term analytical precision for each isotope system (see Table 1 for the errors used), 405 highlighting that the magnitude of variability in the isotope ratio of melts produced between 406  $T_p = 1300 \,^{\circ}C$  and  $1530 \,^{\circ}C$  (a reasonable  $T_p$  range for melt generation at mid-ocean ridges and 407 mantle plumes) is currently analytically unresolvable. Even considering analytical uncertainty 408 in individual measurement sessions (i.e., the typical sample 2 S.E. rather than the long-term 409 uncertainty; Table 1), the temperature-related variations associated with varying melt  $Fe^{3+}/Fe_T$ 410 and modal mineralogy are not resolvable in the modelled average melt isotope ratios. The 411 analytical precision therefore currently precludes mantle temperature variations in the global 412 MORB dataset being resolved; this is consistent with Sossi et al. (2016) finding a homogenous 413 global MORB  $\delta^{57}$ Fe, despite global MORB major element chemistry indicating 200 °C variability 414 (Gale et al., 2014). We note that the Mg and Cr stable isotope compositions of basalts are 415 unlikely to be sensitive to temperature effects even with improved analytical precision; significant 416 improvements in V and Ca analytical precision (both currently systems with relatively large 417 errors), down to 2 S.D. of < 0.04 %, offer the most potential to resolve the predicted temperature-418

<sup>419</sup> related variations.



Figure 4: a) The estimated average isotopic fractionation of accumulated model peridotite melts relative to the source, across reasonable mid-ocean ridge and mantle plume temperatures. Mantle potential temperature,  $T_p$ , is calculated as in Fig. 3, and the average melt fractionation is taken as the fractionation at the mean melting pressure at each temperature (see details in the text, Fig. 3, Appendix Section 6). b) The z score is calculated as  $(\Delta_{melt-source}(T) - \Delta_{melt-source}(T = 1400 \,^{\circ}C))/1\sigma$  typical analytical precision, for each isotope system. This calculation reflects how the magnitude of expected isotopic variability compares to reasonable measurable isotopic differences: a z score of 1 represents predicted isotopic variability resolvable at typical 1 $\sigma$  uncertainty. The errors used are the representative long-term analytical uncertainty for each isotope system; see Table S2.

#### 420 4 Lithological heterogeneity

We next investigate the use of stable isotopes as tracers of lithological heterogeneity in the 421 mantle, using two pyroxenite lithologies, MIX1G (silica deficient, SD pyroxenite) and G2 (silica 422 excess, SE pyroxenite). Silica-deficient pyroxenites may be the most representative type of 423 pyroxenites found in the convecting mantle (the majority of pyroxenite xenoliths sampled in 424 OIB are SD; Lambart et al., 2016 – natural SD pyroxenites are considered to be formed by 425 metasomatism of peridotite by eclogite melts, as shown in experiments; Yaxley and Green, 1998; 426 Yaxley, 2000; Mallik and Dasgupta, 2012). Natural SE pyroxenites include eclogites (Lambart 427 et al., 2016). 428

#### 429 4.1 Mineralogic control on melt isotope composition

Fig. 5 shows the pseudosections and melt isotope ratios along peridotite isentropic decom-430 pression melting paths (see Fig. 2) for the two pyroxenite lithologies considered in this study. 431 We have used peridotite isentropes since the thermal budget of multi-lithologic mantle will 432 be buffered by melting of the dominant lherzolitic peridotite lithology, not pyroxenite melting 433 (Phipps Morgan, 2001; Katz and Rudge, 2011). For example, peridotite (lherzolite + harzbur-434 gite) is estimated to make up  $\geq 95 \%$  of the multi-lithologic mantle in the MORB mantle source 435 (e.g., Hirschmann and Stolper, 1996; Matthews et al., 2016), and > 90% of the Icelandic mantle 436 source (e.g., Shorttle et al., 2014). While a multi-lithologic mantle will not follow pure peri-437 dotite isentropic decompression paths, we consider this approach the most realistic reflection 438 of mantle melting processes. Isentropic decompression melting paths for pure MIX1G and G2 439 are shown in Figs. S10 and S11 for reference. The melt isotope ratios shown in Fig. 5 are 440 all calculated relative to a bulk system isotopic composition of 0%, for convenience. In this 441 respect Fig. 5 is strictly looking at the direct lithological (i.e., mineralogic) control on the stable 442 isotope composition of melts independent of any additional source compositional effects that 443 may have been imprinted by the processes forming the source in the first place. For example, 444 MORBs (and hence MORB-derived mantle components) are isotopically distinct from the BSE, 445 due to their formation by partial melting (Fig. 2), crystal fractionation, and low temperature 446 alteration by the time of their subduction (e.g., as for  $\delta^{57}$ Fe; Teng et al., 2013; Sossi et al., 447 2016,  $\delta^{44}$ Ca; Zhu et al., 2018; Chen et al., 2020b; Antonelli and Simon, 2020 and  $\delta^{51}$ V; Wu 448 et al., 2018). If MORB, or MORB-derived components, then form part of the mantle source 449 during a subsequent melting episode, the new melts will be isotopically fractionated compared 450 to lherzolite melts both because of their distinct mineralogy and their inherited initial isotope 451 compositions. This subject is considered further in Sections 4.2 and 5. 452

We first consider how the isotopic composition of pyroxenite melts compares to peridotite melts (Table 1) in the context of the two questions posed in Section 3: the magnitude of melt-source isotopic fractionation, and how melt-source isotopic fractionation varies with progressive melting. Generally, the pyroxenite melts show a wider range of melt isotope ratios than peridotite melts for the same  $T_p$  (compare Figs. 2 and 5; see also Fig. S13), because the pyroxenite melts represent a wider range of melting degrees than the peridotite and a greater proportion of



Figure 5: As in Fig. 2, the left hand panels show the pseudosections calculated in THERMOCALC for MIX1G (top) and G2 (bottom) pyroxenites, with the solidus and liquidus marked in bold. Isentropic melting paths for peridotite calculated using THERMOCALC for  $T_p = 1300$  °C, 1400 °C and 1530 °C are superimposed. For MIX1G, maximum melt fractions (F) are marked at the top of each isentrope (for G2 F = 1). The right hand panels show the modelled instantaneous equilibrium melt isotopic fractionation relative to the bulk isotopic composition ( $\Delta_{melt-source}$ ) along the isentropes. The  $T_p = 1530$  °C isentrope has not been shown on G2 as the isentrope sits hotter than the liquidus. Key mineralogical controls on the isotopic composition of the melt are highlighted (colour-coded by the isentropic path they refer to). Vertical grey bars show the source composition (0 ‰ for convenience) with typical 2 S.E. sample error for each isotope system – see Table S2 for details.

these melts are generated in the garnet stability field (garnet generally imparts a large isotopic fractionation compared to olivine and pyroxene; see full results in Appendix). While we find that V stable isotopes are predicted to have no direct sensitivity to different source lithologies

(because the modelled  $\Delta^{51}V_{melt-source}$  for peridotite and pyroxenite lithologies are both similar 462 to each other and well within current analytical precision), our results show that Fe, Cr, Ca and 463 Mg could show some direct sensitivity to mantle lithology (Fig. S13). Progressive melting of a 464 garnet-bearing source (such as G2, or MIX1G at depth) produces the opposite sense of melt-465 source isotope fractionation in Mg and Ca isotopes (both in direction, i.e., positive or negative 466  $\Delta_{\text{melt-source}}$ , and trend, i.e.,  $\Delta_{\text{melt-source}}$  becoming more negative or more positive; Figs. 2, 5) 467 due to the presence of isotopically light and heavy garnet respectively ( $\Delta^{26}Mg_{garnet-source} \sim$ 468 -0.3%;  $\Delta^{44}$ Ca<sub>garnet-source</sub> ~ 0.25\%). Therefore, if lithological heterogeneity (specifically, the 469 proportion of garnet in a melt source) is the principal control on the chemical heterogeneity of 470 a suite of basalts, the two isotope systems should show a negative correlation. This relationship 471 is shown in Fig. 6 for MIX1G melts. Fig. 6 also shows how the isotopic compositions of the 472 melts might be predicted to relate to a more traditional geochemical tracer of garnet in the 473 source region, Sm/Yb ratio (e.g., Pertermann et al., 2004; details of the calculation in Appendix 474 Section 7), and similar patterns would be predicted for other garnet tracers such as Dy/Yb 475 (Fig. S10). The correlation between Ca isotopes and garnet-sensitive trace element ratios is in 476 agreement with measurements and predictions by Wang et al. (2019); Antonelli et al. (2021). 477 Magnesium-Ca isotope systematics of basalts could therefore have future potential as a tracer 478 of garnet (hence, depth of melting and/or lithological heterogeneity) in the mantle source, as 479 predicted for both stable isotope systems individually (e.g., Stracke et al., 2018; Kang et al., 480 2019; Wang et al., 2019; Dai et al., 2020; Antonelli et al., 2021). 481

However, further work on the effect of garnet on  $\Delta^{44}$ Ca<sub>melt-source</sub> by taking garnet composi-482 tion into account, following measurements by Chen et al. (2020a) and predicted composition-483 dependent  $\beta^{\text{Ca}}$  from Antonelli et al. (2019), is required. We note that Antonelli et al. (2019) pre-484 dict that composition-dependent isotope fractionation effects ('concentration effects') for other 485 mineral solid solutions (olivine, pyroxene) are smaller using their PBE (Perdew, Burke, Ernz-486 erhof) functionals to calculate  $\beta$  relative to previous studies that have employed different ap-487 proaches (LDA functionals; e.g., Feng et al., 2014; Wang et al., 2017), which supports only small 488 concentration effects in garnet. Currently, typical analytical precision on Ca isotope measure-489 ments (long-term external 2 S.D. of  $\delta^{44}$ Ca = 0.14 ‰ on the SRM915b standard, although typical 490 2 S.E. on measurements of individual samples is smaller, average 0.05 ‰, Chen et al., 2019; Dai 491 et al., 2020) precludes some of the predicted equilibrium variability in  $\Delta^{44}$ Ca<sub>melt-source</sub> due to 492

<sup>493</sup> the presence of garnet from being resolved (Fig. 6). However, as analytical precision improves,

<sup>494</sup> the garnet signature in Mg-Ca isotopes could be further tested.





Figure 6: Instantaneous equilibrium melt-source Mg and Ca stable isotope fractionation for MIX1G melts produced at depths greater than 70 km (i.e., where garnet is present in the source) along a peridotitic isentropic decompression melting path ( $T_p = 1400$  °C). Grey shading shows the source (0 ‰) ± typical 1 S.D. long-term analytical error (Table S2). Details of trace element modelling in Section 7 of the Appendix.

However, whether melts from pyroxenite lithologies will ultimately be resolvable in an erupted melt will depend on two factors in addition to the direct mineralogic control: the bulk isotope composition of a pyroxenite lithology relative to peridotite, and the amount of each element that each of the melting lithologies contributes to the final melt.

#### 499 4.2 Resolving pyroxenite source components in erupted melts

Fig. 7 shows the results of mass balance calculations for the aggregate bulk melt-source isotope fractionation of a multi-lithologic mantle relative to a pure pyroxenite source, with varying proportions of pyroxenite. The peridotite lithology is taken to have a bulk isotope composition

equal to BSE (see Fig. 5 caption for data sources; isotopic reference materials used are DSM3, 503 SRM915a, IRMM-014, AA, NIST979 for Mg-Ca-Fe-V-Cr respectively); pyroxenite lithologies 504 are taken to have a bulk isotope composition of average MORB for each isotope, except for 505 Cr where no known MORB data are published and the modelled aggregate KLB1 melt isotope 506 composition for  $T_p = 1300 \,^{\circ}C$  is used. Full details of the mass balance calculation are found in 507 Section 9 of the Appendix. The right hand panels show the same data referenced to the pure 508 peridotite melt, allowing a simple assessment of the required analytical precision if pyroxenite 509 is to be detected by each system. Fig. S14 shows the same data as Fig. 7, instead scaled to 510 typical current 1 S.D. analytical precision. Each isotope system is shown with a range of isotope 511 compositions, reflecting two end-member conditions of thermal behaviour of the pyroxenite in 512 multi-lithologic mantle. The bold line reflects a pyroxenite decompressing along a peridotite 513 decompression path, as used in Fig. 5. This approximation will be most valid for small (<514 10%) pyroxenite fractions. The other end-member is pyroxenite following its own decompression 515 melting path (the paths shown in Figs. S10 and S11). We acknowledge that these results are still 516 an approximation, as peridotite is assumed to be melting along its own geotherm regardless of 517 pyroxenite fraction. From Figs. 7 and S14, we find that none of the considered isotope systems 518 will be able to resolve the presence of minor (less than  $\sim 5\%$ ) pyroxenite components in mantle 519 source regions, given levels of current analytical precision as given in Table S2.

#### 521 4.2.1 Isotope systems with minimal sensitivity to pyroxenite: V and Ca

Our results show that the presence of even moderate amounts of pyroxenite in the mantle 522 source cannot be resolved using V stable isotopes, assuming a MORB-like bulk pyroxenite 523 isotope composition. This result is consistent with Novella et al. (2020) who show that  $\delta^{51}V$ 524 cannot detect pyroxenite in the source of Reykjanes Ridge basalts. Given the similar predicted 525 V isotope compositions of pyroxenite and peridotite melts, with pyroxenite fractions up to 40%526 producing bulk melt isotope compositions that only differ from a peridotite source by  $< 0.03 \,\%$ 527 (Fig. 7), improvements in V stable isotope analytical precision are unlikely to make V isotopes 528 sensitive to the pyroxenite lithologies modelled here. 529

<sup>530</sup> We also predict that partial melting of peridotite and pyroxenite produces unresolvable Ca iso-<sup>531</sup> topic fractionation relative to the source (for peridotite,  $\Delta^{44}$ Ca<sub>melt-source</sub> smaller than -0.09 ‰;



Figure 7: Aggregate bulk melt isotope fractionation (relative to a pure peridotite source, left hand panels; relative to pure peridotite melt; right hand panels) for multi-lithologic mantle. At each  $T_p$ , the aggregate melt composition (including isotope composition, and element proportion) at the average pressure and temperature of melting for each lithology is used to calculate the resulting bulk melt isotope composition by mass balance. A range of bulk melt-source isotope fractionations are given for each isotope system, reflecting two endmembers for the thermal behaviour of pyroxenite upwelling in a peridotite host. The bolder line represents the case for pyroxenite following peridotite geotherms (as used throughout this study); the paler line reflects pyroxenite following its own geotherm, as in Figs. S10 and S11.

Fig. 2, in agreement with Kang et al., 2017; Chen et al., 2019 but smaller than  $\Delta^{44}$ Ca<sub>melt-residue</sub> 532 = -0.09 - -0.2 % suggested by Zhu et al., 2018; Ionov et al., 2019; Chen et al., 2020b). Al-533 though bulk MORB-like pyroxenite may have an isotopically lighter composition than peridotite 534 (see Fig. 8), which is further amplified by negative melt-source isotopic fractionation to produce 535 pyroxenite melts that are isotopically lighter than peridotite melts, Fig. 7 suggests that Ca 536 isotope ratios measured with current typical long-term uncertainty will only be able to detect 537 MORB-like pyroxenite in a mantle source if the proportion of pyroxenite is greater than 30%538 (which may be unrealistic of multi-lithologic mantle, e.g., Sobolev et al., 2005; Pietruszka et al., 539 2013; Shorttle et al., 2014; Matthews et al., 2016; Brown et al., 2020). When considering a cur-540 rent best 2 S.E., this detection limit only improves to  $\sim 20\%$  of pyroxenite in the source. The 541 small variability in melt isotope ratios with increasing pyroxenite fraction compared to resolv-542 able variability is consistent with DMM, EM1 and HIMU basalts recording no resolvable  $\delta^{44}$ Ca 543 variability (Valdes et al., 2014), and measured mantle pyroxenites and associated peridotites 544 recording indistinguishable  $\delta^{44}$ Ca (Dai et al., 2020). However, even a small improvement in 545 analytical precision could enable greater sensitivity to pyroxenite fraction: for example Figs. 7a 546 and S14 show that  $\sim 15\%$  of G2 pyroxenite in a mantle source produces an isotopic offset in the 547 bulk melt of -0.05 % relative to a pure peridotite source. Given that the typical 2 S.E. for  $\delta^{44}$ Ca 548 is around  $0.05 \,\%$  (Table S2), there is potential for these small pyroxenite fraction signatures to 549 be theoretically resolved with only minor improvements in analytical precision. We note that 550 currently resolvable variability in the measured  $\delta^{44}$ Ca of igneous rocks is found (specifically in 551 ultramafic rocks including dunites and komatilites), but that pyroxenite source contributions are 552 not proposed to be the origin of this  $\delta^{44}$ Ca heterogeneity (Antonelli and Simon, 2020). 553

#### 554 4.2.2 Distinguishing lithologies: Fe, Mg, Cr

The Fe isotope variability of MORB and OIB has been previously linked to source heterogeneity (e.g., Williams and Bizimis, 2014; Konter et al., 2016; Nebel et al., 2019; Sun et al., 2020; Zhong et al., 2021), through the inherent (initial; presumably derived from its formation or protolith) Fe isotope compositions of the different source components, rather than directly through any large mineralogy-dependent partial melting Fe isotope fractionation. Consistent with these conclusions, we find that the calculated partial melting  $\Delta^{57}$ Fe fractionations are small ( $\leq 0.06 \%$ )

for peridotite and pyroxenite lithologies (in agreement with previous studies, e.g., Dauphas et al., 561 2009; Williams and Bizimis, 2014; Sossi et al., 2016; Gleeson et al., 2020; Soderman et al., 2021). 562 We also find that the main driver of melt Fe isotope ratio sensitivity to pyroxenite fraction 563 (Fig. 7) is the expectation that MORB-like pyroxenite will have a heavier bulk Fe isotope 564 ratio than peridotite, which in combination with a positive melt-source isotopic fractionation 565 drives pyroxenite melts to heavier isotope compositions than peridotite melts. The contribution 566 of high  $\delta^{57}$ Fe pyroxenite melts (from both SD and SE pyroxenites) compared to melting of a 567 pure peridotite source is resolvable at greater than 8–9% pyroxenite with current typical 1 S.D. 568 (Figs. 7, S14), making Fe isotopes one of the most sensitive systems to source considered here, 569 although it should be noted that equilibrium isotopic fractionation associated with pyroxenite 570 sources cannot generate the full range of natural stable isotope OIB data from a single stage 571 melting model (Soderman et al., 2021, see Section 5). For G2 pyroxenite however, the choice of 572 thermal behaviour of the pyroxenite (i.e., whether the upwelling pyroxenite component follows 573 a peridotite or pyroxenite decompression path) strongly affects the sensitivity to pyroxenite 574 fraction. At high proportions of G2 pyroxenite, when a pyroxenite decompression path becomes 575 more appropriate, the multi-lithologic mantle melt may no longer be resolvable from a pure 576 peridotite source (Fig. 7d). 577

In agreement with most existing studies (e.g., Teng et al., 2007, 2010; Huang et al., 2011a; 578 Stracke et al., 2018), but in contrast to Zhong et al. (2017), we find that partial melting of 579 peridotite produces unresolvable Mg isotopic fractionation ( $\Delta^{26}$ Mg < 0.02 ‰; Fig. 2). Melting 580 of MIX1G and G2 pyroxenite lithologies produces larger magnitude melt-source fractionations 581 than peridotite (Fig. 5) due to the presence of isotopically light garnet and isotopically heavy 582 clinopyroxene in the source, in varying proportions over P-T space (Fig. S1). By compari-583 son, olivine and orthopyroxene, which dominate peridotite melting, have less extreme  $\delta^{26}$ Mg 584 compositions. The presence of garnet producing more extreme isotopic fractionations than a 585 non-garnet-bearing source is consistent with melting models from Stracke et al. (2018); however, 586 a key difference is that the modelled melting of garnet pyroxenite by Stracke et al. (2018) pro-587 duces isotopically light melts (i.e., a negative  $\Delta_{melt-source}$ ), compared to the mostly isotopically 588 heavy ( $\Delta_{\text{melt-source}} > 0 \%$ ) melts at depths where garnet is present in the source in this model 589 (Fig. 5). This difference in behaviour is due to the choice of initial  $\alpha_{\text{melt-source}} = 1$  in Stracke 590 et al. (2018). We do not use this initial condition, and in the melting assemblage considered 591

here, garnet is largely a residual phase (i.e., not contributing to melting), and therefore initial 592 melts are isotopically heavy relative to the source. Both models agree that with progressive 593 melting of isotopically light garnet in the source, melts will become isotopically lighter. Some 594 isotopically light (i.e.,  $\Delta^{26}Mg_{melt-source} < 0 \%$ ) melts are produced by melting G2 and MIX1G 595 in this model, but these are at depths where garnet is nearly or completely absent from the 596 stable assemblage (Fig. 5). It is this garnet effect that is responsible for the opposite behaviours 597 of  $\Delta^{26}$ Mg<sub>melt-source</sub> in Fig. 7d, f compared to Fig. 7e: the aggregate pyroxenite melt sits in 598 the spinel stability field for MIX1G at  $T_p = 1300$  °C (Fig. 7b), but in the garnet stability 599 field for MIX1G at  $T_p = 1400$  °C (Fig. 7c) and G2 at  $T_p = 1300$  °C (Fig. 7d). Melting of 600 multi-lithologic mantle (with MIX1G pyroxenite) is resolvable from pure peridotite at current 1 601 S.D. at  $\sim 10-15\%$  pyroxenite fraction (Fig. S14); our results show that Mg isotopes are more 602 sensitive to MIX1G than G2 pyroxenite. With continued improvements in analytical precision, 603 such as the 0.02 % 2 S.E. reported by Wang et al. (2021), pyroxenite fractions < 10 % could be 604 resolved in the Mg isotope composition of the bulk melt, as a 10% pyroxenite fraction produces 605 a bulk melt > 0.02 % different from a pure peridotite melt (Figs. 7e, f). 606

Chromium stable isotope fractionation during partial melting of different lithologies is relatively 607 understudied compared to Mg and Fe, however Fig. 7 shows that melt Cr isotopic composi-608 tion could show resolvable sensitivity to the fraction of pyroxenite in the source. This is due 609 both to variable modelled melting fractionations dependent on lithology, and comparatively 610 small analytical uncertainty. Equilibrium Cr stable isotope fractionation is controlled by both 611 bonding environment and redox conditions (e.g., Shen et al., 2018, 2020; Bonnand et al., 2020). 612 Chromium stable isotope fractionation during partial melting of peridotite is probably small 613 (magnitude of  $\Delta^{53}$ Cr < 0.07 ‰; Schoenberg et al., 2016; Xia et al., 2017; Shen et al., 2018; Bon-614 nand et al., 2020), in agreement with our results. Isotopically heavy spinel, where present, has a 615 large influence on the isotopic fractionation between melt and residue due to the compatibility 616 of Cr in spinel, and this has been used to explain observations from peridotite xenoliths that 617 partial melting appears to generate isotopically light melts ( $\Delta^{53}Cr_{melt-source} < 0$ ) and heavy 618 residues (Xia et al., 2017; Shen et al., 2020). However, due to the small area of the KLB1 619 melting regime in which spinel is stable in our model (Figs. 2, S4), spinel does not control the 620 magnitude of stable isotope fractionation associated with melting in this case. We find a slightly 621 larger magnitude of melting-induced Cr stable isotope fractionation for MIX1G pyroxenite than 622

for peridotite (as large as -0.06 %). Like MIX1G, G2 pyroxenite melts all have a negative 623  $\Delta^{53}$ Cr with respect to the source, with melting fractionations as large as  $\Delta^{53}$ Cr = -0.1 ‰ (Fig. 624 5). This is because the main Cr bearing phase in much of the melting region is isotopically 625 heavy (relative to olivine) clinopyroxene, and this produces consistently isotopically light melts, 626 consistent with observations by Xia et al. (2017); Shen et al. (2020). Therefore, combined with 627 a predicted bulk pyroxenite isotope composition that is also isotopically lighter than peridotite, 628 bulk melts are predicted to become progressively Cr-isotopically lighter with increasing pyrox-629 enite fraction in the mantle source. This effect is generally small (< 0.04 % offset from pure 630 peridotite melts even at 30 % pyroxenite; Fig. 7) and at current typical 2 S.D. is only resolvable 631 at more than 20 % MIX1G in the source at comparatively low temperatures ( $T_p = 1300 \,^{\circ}C$ ). 632 However, as with Mg, recent improvements in analytical precision for Cr isotopes (Sossi et al., 633 2018; Wagner et al., 2021) may permit greater sensitivity to pyroxenite components: for a 2 634 S.E. of 0.01%, multi-lithologic mantle melts become resolvable from pure peridotite melts at 635 around 8% pyroxenite upwards, assuming upwelling pyroxenite follows the peridotite geotherm 636 (Figs. 7, S14). 637

#### <sup>638</sup> 5 Comparisons to natural data

Fig. 8 shows how literature MORB and OIB data compare to modelled melts. The modelled 639 melts are filtered for those produced at cooler temperatures than the  $T_p = 1530$  °C peridotite 640 isentrope for a given pressure, to limit the contribution of unrealistic high melt fraction and high 641 pressure melts. The same potential temperature isentrope has been chosen for all lithologies 642 for consistency, although because of its fusibility this filter includes some 100% melts of G2 at 643 all pressures. Natural samples are filtered for those with 7.2 < MgO (wt%) < 16 to minimise 644 the effects of fractional crystallisation and olivine accumulation, which can result in measurable 645 isotopic fractionations in several isotope systems (e.g., Sossi et al., 2016; McCoy-West et al., 646 2018; Nebel et al., 2019; Shen et al., 2020). The KLB1 melts are shown as the calculated 647 melting fractionation applied to an accessible mantle isotopic composition (presumptive bulk 648 silicate earth, BSE); G2 and MIX1G melts are shown as the melting fractionation applied to 649 the average fresh MORB isotopic composition, since G2 is a MORB-like eclogite in composition. 650 For Cr, where we can find no published MORB data, we use the isotope ratio of BSE + the 651

aggregate KLB1 melt isotope ratio for  $T_p = 1300 \,^{\circ}\text{C}$  (Fig. 4) to predict the isotopic composition of fresh MORB, and reference G2 and MIX1G melts to this value.

#### <sup>654</sup> 5.1 Can peridotite melting explain MORB Mg-Ca-Fe-V isotope ratios?

The mean MORB Mg isotope ratio agrees well with the average peridotite melt produced (BSE 655 plus the melt-source isotope fractionation) when  $T_p = 1300$  °C. The mean MORB Ca and V 656 isotope ratios are also well within analytical uncertainty of the average peridotite melt produced 657 (BSE plus the melt-source isotope fractionation) when  $T_p = 1300 \,^{\circ}C$  (see Figs. 4, 8), since both 658 Ca and V have relatively large analytical uncertainties. For Fe, the isotope ratios of mean 659 MORB and average peridotite melt at  $T_p = 1300$  °C agree just within analytical uncertainty, 660 requiring almost the maximum long-term error on natural sample measurements to match. Con-661 sidering typical 2 S.E. analytical precision, mean MORB  $\delta^{57}$ Fe are slightly higher than predicted 662 by the model even when considering only extremely small melt fractions (hence maximum par-663 tial melting isotopic fractionation). This discrepancy could be due to the effect of fractional 664 crystallisation on the Fe isotope ratio of melts, since even high MgO MORB are almost never 665 primary liquids (e.g., Langmuir et al., 1992), and fractional crystallisation produces isotopically 666 heavy residual melts compared to the primary liquid (Teng et al., 2008; Chen et al., 2019b). 667 Sossi et al. (2016) use a fractional crystallisation correction on the MORB dataset and calculate 668 an average primitive MORB liquid with  $\delta^{57}$ Fe = 0.10 ‰, compared to 0.15 ‰ in the uncorrected 669 (and non-MgO filtered) dataset (maximum correction on individual samples is  $\sim 0.07 \,\%$ ). This 670 result matches well with our calculated average peridotite melt at  $T_p = 1300$  °C. However, the 671 fractional crystallisation correction applied by Sossi et al. (2016) (e.g.,  $\Delta^{57}$ Fe<sub>ol-melt</sub> ~ -0.18 ‰ 672 at T = 1200 °C) is likely to represent the maximum limit of isotopic fractionation during olivine 673 differentiation (Soderman et al., 2021). 674

In addition to comparing our results with mean MORB isotope compositions, we also examine how the ranges of measured MORB stable isotope compositions (for the systems Mg-Ca-Fe-V) compares to the spread of modelled melts. MORB samples have a wider range of isotopic compositions than the equilibrium KLB1 model melts (Fig. 8). In the Ca isotope system, some of this variability may be attributed to analytical uncertainty on measurements: here the width of the measured distributions of MORB data are within long-term analytical precision of



Figure 8: Literature MORB (N- and T- MORB, if classification is known) and OIB data for the isotope systems (data sources in Table S1), compared to the model instantaneous melts (all data shown as % variation from the reference materials outlined in Fig. 1). Samples are filtered for 7.2 < MgO wt % < 16, but included if MgO is not known. 'n' refers to the total number of samples included, and the number of OIBs given shows how many unique ocean island settings are sampled. The central darker violin shows a more limited subset of samples: 9-12 wt % MgO in OIB, 8–10 wt % MgO in MORB, to highlight isotope compositions of the most primitive lavas. Ca and Mg isotope data is filtered to exclude samples with  ${}^{87}\text{Sr}/{}^{86}\text{Sr} > 0.7037$ , which excludes samples with > 1%carbonate component in the source (Huang et al., 2011b). Modelled melts are filtered for those cooler than the  $T_p = 1530$  °C peridotite isentrope at any given pressure. KLB1 melts are shown assuming a bulk source isotope composition of BSE; G2 and MIX1G melts are shown assuming a bulk source isotope composition of average MORB (for Cr, the isotope ratio of BSE + the aggregate KLB1 melt isotope ratio for  $T_p = 1300$  °C is used due to the lack of published MORB data). BSE values are  $\delta^{26}Mg = -0.24\%$  (Stracke et al., 2018),  $\delta^{44}Ca = 0.94\%$ (Kang et al., 2017; Chen et al., 2019),  $\delta^{57}$ Fe = 0.05 % (Sossi et al., 2016),  $\delta^{51}$ V = -0.91 % (Qi et al., 2019),  $\delta^{53}$ Cr = -0.12% (Jerram et al., 2020). The pale outer shaded grey region shows typical long term 2 S.D. analytical uncertainty in recent studies, the darker inner shaded grey region shows typical sample 2 S.E. (S.E. =  $S.D./\sqrt{n}$ ) in recent studies (see Table 1). The fractionation arrows for Fe and Cr isotopes represent the direction and approximate magnitude of isotopic fractionation associated with differentiation to form samples with minimum 7 wt % MgO. Fractionation information from Sossi et al. (2016) for Fe, Teng et al. (2007, 2010); Wang et al. (2021) for Mg, Zhang et al. (2018) for Ca, Shen et al. (2020) for Cr, Ding et al. (2020) for V.

the modelled KLB1 melt compositions (although, the errors on individual sample Ca isotope 681 measurements are smaller and hence cannot account for all the difference between MORB and 682 peridotite melts). In the Fe, Mg and V systems, the variability of measured MORB isotope com-683 positions relative to the single-stage equilibrium peridotite melts is greater than can be explained 684 by analytical uncertainty alone (Sossi et al., 2016) – this is particularly evident in  $\delta^{51}$ V (Fig. 8). 685 Stable isotope fractionation during differentiation may play a role, as discussed for Fe isotopes 686 above, but V isotopes are not thought to be significantly fractionated by olivine differentiation 687 (Prytulak et al., 2013; Ding et al., 2020). Fractional crystallisation of clinopyroxene and Fe-Ti 688 oxides, although unlikely for the MgO-filtered data here, is shown to drive melts to higher  $\delta^{51}$ V 689 (Wu et al., 2018; Ding et al., 2020), which may explain some of the samples with high  $\delta^{51}$ V. 690 However, the isotopically light (relative to BSE) MORB  $\delta^{51}$ V values remain unexplained by our 691 calculations of peridotite melting. For Fe, even with a large Fe isotope fractionation correction 692 applied (up to 0.07 % for some MORB samples; Sossi et al., 2016) some MORB samples with 693 extreme high  $\delta^{57}$ Fe values still remain isotopically heavy relative to modelled KLB1 melts that 694 we consider most realistic of mantle melting (Soderman et al., 2021; see also Chen et al., 2019b). 695 We find that neither long-term analytical uncertainty nor equilibrium peridotite partial melting 696 from realistic regions of P-T space (see Fig. 6 in Soderman et al., 2021) can reproduce the 697 heaviest MORB Fe isotope ratios. 698

The Mg-Ca-Fe-V-Cr stable isotope compositions of mantle-derived melts are not expected to 699 show large heterogeneity as a consequence of the mantle potential temperature variability (with 700 associated changes in mineralogy and melt redox state; Fig. 4) of around 220 °C known from 701 major and trace element studies in MORB (Klein and Langmuir, 1987; Langmuir et al., 1992; 702 Gale et al., 2014). Therefore, we do not predict that the differences in either mean MORB 703 stable isotope composition or the variance in MORB isotope ratios from predicted peridotite 704 melts generated at  $T_p = 1300$  °C can be explained by potential temperature variability. Instead, 705 additional processes beyond single-stage equilibrium peridotite partial melting are required to 706 explain the full range of Mg-Ca-Fe-V stable isotope ratios of MORB. In some cases, the ad-707 dition of single-stage pyroxenite melts (derived from a source with a MORB-like bulk isotope 708 composition) may explain some of the MORB range, and small amounts of pyroxenite in the 709 MORB source is consistent with conclusions using other tracers of lithological heterogeneity 710 (e.g., Zindler et al., 1984; Langmuir et al., 1986; Castillo et al., 2000; Waters et al., 2011). For 711

example, 10% pyroxenite in the MORB source (at  $T_p = 1300$  °C) could produce melts with 712  $\delta^{26}Mg = 0.02\%$  and  $\delta^{44}Ca = 0.04\%$  (using G2 pyroxenite) lower than, and  $\delta^{57}Fe = 0.03\%$ 713 higher than (using MIX1G pyroxenite), pure peridotite melts (Fig. 7), explaining some but not 714 all of the MORB data range for these three isotope systems. However, some of the MORB Fe 715 isotope data (including the seamounts and E-MORB data), would require the source of pyroxen-716 ite melts to be isotopically fractionated relative to a protolith of pristine MORB ( $\sim 0.05-0.15$  ‰ 717 heavier than mean MORB to explain the full range of data, depending on proportion of pyrox-718 enite contributing to the final melt and P-T conditions of melting). A pyroxenite component in 719 the MORB source that is isotopically fractionated from pristine recycled MORB has previously 720 been proposed to explain MORB Fe and Mg isotope data (Sun et al., 2020; Zhong et al., 2021). 721 Multi-stage melting processes and reaction of pyroxenite-derived melts with ambient peridotite 722 have also been proposed to fractionate the bulk Fe isotope composition of mantle pyroxenite 723 away from that of the subducted material (e.g., Konter et al., 2016; Nebel et al., 2019; Sun et al., 724 2020), although achieving the suggested large isotopic fractionations (e.g.,  $\Delta^{57}$ Fe<sub>melt-source</sub>  $\geq$ 725 0.1 ‰; Konter et al., 2016) during repeated partial melting events may be unrealistic (Soderman 726 et al., 2021). 727

We note that the large range in MORB V isotope ratios cannot be explained by pyroxenite in 728 the source, and that the lowest  $\delta^{44}$ Ca pyroxenite melts (which appear able to explain the full 729 range of Ca isotope MORB data not matched by peridotite melting, Fig. 8) are only generated 730 at pressures > 35 kbar. For  $T_p = 1300$  °C, pyroxenite fractions in the MORB source would 731 need to be  $\geq 40\%$  to match all the Ca isotope MORB data (Fig. 7); alternatively, a pyroxenite 732 component with a bulk isotope composition  $\sim 0.05 \,\%$  lighter than average pristine MORB could 733 reduce the pyroxenite fraction required in the source to explain the Ca isotope data to lower 734 levels. While the  ${}^{87}$ Sr/ ${}^{86}$ Sr filter we use where Sr isotope data is available attempts to remove 735 effects from recycled carbonates, we also note that since marine carbonates can have very light 736  $\delta^{44}$ Ca (up to 2 \% lighter than BSE; e.g., DePaolo, 2004; Fantle and DePaolo, 2005; Antonelli and 737 Simon, 2020), a contribution from recycled carbonates could also be involved in the generation 738 of light Ca isotopic compositions of basalts, as reported by e.g., Huang et al. (2011b); Liu et al. 739 (2017a).740

<sup>741</sup> The range of Mg-Ca-Fe-V isotopic compositions of MORB with respect to modelled equilibrium

melts leaves open the possibility of disequilibrium processes playing a role in the erupted stable 742 isotope composition of MORB. Disequilibrium associated with melt transport can arise as low 743 melt fractions are extracted from the mantle and rapidly migrate (Faul, 2001; Connolly et al., 744 2009), as has been recorded using U-series disequilibria in MORB (e.g., McKenzie, 1985; Lund-745 strom, 2003; Van Orman et al., 2006), and could be responsible for some major element trends 746 in the global MORB dataset (Oliveira et al., 2020). As disequilibrium during melt extraction 747 and transport is related to the timescales of chemical diffusion of major and trace elements in 748 the melt, disequilibrium could generate kinetic (rather than equilibrium) stable isotope frac-749 tionation as seen in chemical diffusion studies (e.g., Richter et al., 2003, 2009; Watkins et al., 750 2017). Disequilibrium processes could therefore influence both the isotopic composition of melt 751 source regions via metasomatism, and the isotopic composition of melts as they migrate and 752 erupt. In samples recording kinetic isotope fractionation signatures, the direction of isotopic 753 fractionation from the source isotope ratio will be the same for all isotope systems which behave 754 similarly during mantle melting, as the light isotopes of a given element will diffuse faster than 755 the heavier isotopes of the same element (e.g., Dauphas, 2007; Richter et al., 2008, 2009; Teng 756 et al., 2011), and the recorded isotopic fractionation should scale with the mass of the isotopes 757 considered. Kinetic processes in melts can produce much larger isotopic fractionations than 758 equilibrium processes (see Watkins et al., 2017) even for small concentration gradients in the 759 diffusing element (and therefore can be seen even in the diffusion of major elements in silicate 760 melts; Richter et al., 2003; Xiao et al., 2013; Watkins et al., 2014; Kang et al., 2020). We would 761 expect to see positive correlations between all isotope ratios measured for the same samples if 762 their isotope ratio was controlled by kinetic fractionation and chemical diffusion during disequi-763 librium (for pairs of elements diffusing in the same direction, such as solid to melt), as reported 764 in e.g., Zhao et al. (2017a,b); Kang et al. (2020). Key pairs of isotopes to investigate to identify 765 a kinetic vs equilibrium process recorded in suites of natural samples would be those that be-766 have similarly (from an elemental perspective) during partial melting but would show opposite 767 directions of isotopic fractionation from the source under equilibrium conditions (e.g., Fe and 768 Ca, with positive and negative melt-source isotopic fractionation respectively). Supporting this 769 prediction, kinetic effects during metasomatism have been proposed to generate positively cor-770 related  $\delta^{44}$ Ca- $\delta^{57}$ Fe values measured in ultramafic rocks (with a low  $\delta^{44}$ Ca,  $\delta^{57}$ Fe metasomatic 771 endmember; Zhao et al., 2017a). 772

Low temperature alteration (relative to mantle temperatures) could also be responsible for caus-773 ing significant stable isotope variability in measured MORB. Due to the  $1/T^2$  dependence of 774 equilibrium stable isotope fractionations (Bigeleisen and Mayer, 1947), low temperature pro-775 cesses generate larger magnitude isotope fractionation effects than magnatic processes. For 776 example, Fe leaching during hydrothermal fluid circulation is generally shown to preferentially 777 remove light Fe isotopes from the host rock, recorded in low  $\delta^{57}$ Fe hydrothermal fluids (e.g., 778 Rouxel et al., 2003; Severmann et al., 2004). Correspondingly high  $\delta^{57}$ Fe is measured in heavily 779 leached basalts (up to 2.05 % with 80 % Fe loss; Rouxel et al., 2003), although Rouxel et al. 780 (2003) also show that on a scale larger than a few metres, bulk hydrothermally altered oceanic 781 crust is indistinguishable in  $\delta^{57}$ Fe from MORB. Without significant Fe loss, altered crust may 782 not show such extreme Fe isotope variations (Williams et al., 2009), although alteration can 783 generate measurable Fe isotope fractionation in komatilites (Dauphas et al., 2010). By contrast, 784 Ca isotope data from mid-ocean ridge hydrothermal fluids suggest that the fluids and MORB 785 have similar  $\delta^{44}$ Ca (Schmitt et al., 2003; Amini et al., 2008; Scheuermann et al., 2018). A Mg 786 isotope study of altered oceanic crust from the East Pacific Rise also shows that limited bulk 787 rock Mg isotope fractionation occurs during alteration, irrespective of alteration temperature 788 (Huang et al., 2015), but we note that the measured  $\delta^{26}$ Mg range of altered crustal samples does 789 exceed the range of MORB data. Altered oceanic crust also records MORB-like  $\delta^{51}$ V (Wu et al., 790 2018), and Prytulak et al. (2013) show that  $\delta^{51}$ V is generally insensitive to the range of common 791 alteration processes (serpentinisation, seafloor weathering – although an effect of increased  $\delta^{51}$ V 792 by 0.2-0.3 % may be seen in extreme cases – and hydrothermal alteration) in the oceanic crust. 793 By contrast, alteration and serpentinisation in near-surface settings generate large variations 794 in  $\delta^{53}$ Cr in ultramafic rocks (Farkaš et al., 2013; Wang et al., 2016), but altered oceanic crust 795 does not show the same isotopic variability (Wang et al., 2016). Given these studies, for the iso-796 tope systems considered here mildly altered MORB is not expected to show significant isotopic 797 fractionation from erupted values, but given the potential for large low temperature isotopic 798 fractionations, alteration (both of the basaltic rocks analysed and oceanic crustal material that 799 serves as a protolith for mantle pyroxenite components) remains a consideration. 800

### 5.2 Understanding the diversity of OIB Mg-Ca-Fe-V-Cr stable isotope compositions

For Mg, Ca and Fe, measured OIB stable isotope ratios are more variable relative to those 803 measured in MORB (Fig. 8). This variability in OIB compared to MORB has been interpreted 804 as a potential signature of lithological heterogeneity in the OIB source (Mg: Zhong et al., 2017; 805 Stracke et al., 2018; Wang et al., 2018, Ca: Kang et al., 2019; Wang et al., 2019, Fe: Williams 806 and Bizimis, 2014; Konter et al., 2016; Nebel et al., 2019; Gleeson et al., 2020). Carbonates 807 and/or their derived melts have also been invoked for Mg and Ca isotopic heterogeneity in OIB 808 (e.g., Huang et al., 2011b; Liu et al., 2017a; Wang et al., 2018) but this topic is not discussed 809 here. An important caveat of interpreting data from Fig. 8 is that the ocean islands sampled 810 for each isotope system are different, and therefore the same localities are not present in each 811 OIB dataset – Mg, Ca and Fe have data for a wider range of OIBs than V and Cr, and so it 812 is possible that more variability would be seen in both V and Cr if more OIB are explored. 813 However, despite the wide variability, the mean OIB is analytically indistinguishable (using 814 long-term 2 S.D.) from mean MORB for Mg, Ca and V isotopes. 815

The mean measured OIB values can be explained both by modelled peridotite and pyroxenite 816 melts for the Mg, Ca, V and Cr stable isotope systems. For Fe, modelled pyroxenite melts 817 match mean OIB isotopic compositions better than peridotite melts, due to the use of mean 818 MORB as the bulk isotopic composition for the pyroxenites, offsetting the resulting pyroxenite 819 melts to heavier isotope ratios than peridotite melts. This potential Fe isotope signature of 820 lithological heterogeneity in some OIB data due to a bulk isotopic offset of the source relative 821 to ambient mantle has been suggested for several mantle plume systems (e.g., Hawaii, Williams 822 and Bizimis, 2014; Samoa, Konter et al., 2016; Pitcairn, Nebel et al., 2019; Galapagos, Gleeson 823 et al., 2020). 824

The greater diversity of OIB Mg-Ca-Fe-V-Cr stable isotope compositions displayed in OIB compared to MORB and the modelled melts raises further questions, and we discuss only a few here. Firstly, for Cr, the contribution of isotopically light pyroxenite melts to multi-lithologic mantle melting means that a peridotite + pyroxenite mantle source is better able to explain the measured OIB data range than pure peridotite melts, especially considering the good analytical
precision (2 S.D.  $< 0.04 \,$ %) compared to sample variability achieved in the Cr isotope studies 830 shown in Fig. 8. However, it is possible that the apparently better fit of a pyroxenite model seen 831 here is instead a result of fractionation from a peridotite-derived melt, as cotectic crystallisation 832 of olivine and spinel in basalts has been proposed to drive residual melts to lighter Cr isotope 833 ratios (Shen et al., 2020). Given the MgO filter used for OIB data in Fig. 8 however, spinel crys-834 tallisation is unlikely to have affected all the OIB samples. The Cr stable isotope data therefore 835 provide tantalising evidence for the presence of lithological heterogeneity in OIB mantle source 836 regions, particularly in the case of the lightest measured Cr isotope compositions. Nonetheless, 837 without equivalent MORB Cr isotope data for comparison, and with a very limited published 838 sample set, it is difficult to confirm how well natural Cr isotope data matches equilibrium iso-839 tope fractionation models. Fig. 7f suggests that even 20% SD pyroxenite in a mantle source 840 melting at  $T_p = 1400$  °C will produce a bulk melt only 0.02 ‰ lighter than a pure peridotite 841 melt, which would not be able to explain the full range of Cr isotope OIB data. An expanded 842 study of MORB and OIB Cr isotope ratios would be an important step in both learning more 843 about Cr isotope behaviour and exploring stable isotopes as a new tool for studying mantle 844 melting conditions, given the potential for Cr isotope sensitivity to lithology discussed in this 845 study. 846

For Mg stable isotopes, the extra range in isotope composition displayed by OIB relative to 847 MORB is small ( $< \pm 0.05 \,\%$ ) relative to analytical precision, and the extreme MORB and OIB 848 isotope ratios are only resolvable from each other using a typical sample 2 S.E., rather than values 849 quoted for long-term reproducibility (see Table S2). The pyroxenite melts show a much wider 850 range of melt stable Mg isotope ratios than peridotite melts, and therefore could be contributing 851 to the small extra variability in OIB compared to MORB: for example, Fig. 7 shows that 10– 852 20 % pyroxenite could generate melt isotopic variability of  $\pm 0.04$ –0.05 ‰ compared to a pure 853 peridotite source. Noticeably in the Mg isotope data, and particularly in comparison to Fe, the 854 natural data is less variable than the full range predicted for pyroxenite melts by our models (Fig. 855 8). This is despite the sampled OIB including St Helena, Society and the Cook-Austral Islands, 856 thought to sample various recycled crustal components (which will form pyroxenites in the 857 mantle) based on multiple studies including radiogenic isotopes, trace elements and other stable 858 isotopes (e.g., Chauvel et al., 1992; Stracke et al., 2005; Kawabata et al., 2011; Teng et al., 2013; 859 Hanyu et al., 2014). The limited Mg isotope variability in OIB compared to possible pyroxenite 860

melts could relate to the location of the melting region, and the dilution of pyroxenite melts with 861 peridotite, as highlighted in Fig. 7. For example, the most negative  $\Delta^{26}$ Mg<sub>melt-source</sub> for MIX1G 862 is generated at low melt fraction close to the solidus, at temperatures of around 1200-1250 °C 863 and pressures of 8–15 kbar, and the most positive  $\Delta^{26}Mg_{melt-source}$  at depths of over 100 km 864 (Fig. S1). The isotopically lightest melts are not sampled by pyroxenite decompressing along 865 a peridotite isentrope even at  $T_p = 1300$  °C (Fig. 5), and it is unlikely that deep, isotopically 866 heavy melts will be extracted without mixing with shallower, isotopically lighter melts. This 867 is in agreement with Fig. 7, which shows that typical aggregate melts from melting of multi-868 lithologic mantle at 1300–1400 °C will have a much narrower range in isotopic composition than 869 the full range of pyroxenite melts shown in Fig. 8. Therefore, the process of melt extraction 870 and mixing from a multi-lithologic mantle will act to minimise the isotopic signature from any 871 deep pyroxenite melts, and result in relatively homogeneous OIB Mg isotope ratios seen in the 872 OIB erupted at the surface. 873

In contrast to the Mg isotope system, OIB isotope ratios for Fe, Ca and V extend outside the 874 range of any of the modelled peridotite or pyroxenite melts. For Ca and V isotopes, some 875 OIB data fall to the opposite side of BSE than expected for mantle melting. In both cases, 876 measurement uncertainties (particularly long-term 2 S.D.) are large and could account for all 877 the difference between modelled melts and natural data, and it will be important to continue 878 to improve analytical precision to better understand the natural data and be able to make 879 comparisons between OIB sample sets, especially given the minimal sensitivity to lithology 880 predicted for these isotope systems (Section 4.2.1). In the case of V, fractional crystallisation 881 of Fe-Ti oxides has been shown to drive melts up to 0.3% higher than their initial isotope 882 composition, therefore able to match the spread of V isotope data to values higher than BSE, 883 although this effect has only been recorded in basalts with < 5 wt % MgO (Wu et al., 2018; Ding 884 et al., 2020). Therefore it is unlikely that the basalts with V isotope ratios heavier than BSE 885 shown in Fig. 8 reflect Fe-Ti oxide crystallisation. For Ca, non-pyroxenitic origins of isotopic 886 variability have been proposed for komatiite data, such as the generation of  $\delta^{44}$ Ca as low as 887 0.64 ‰ from serpentinised oceanic crust in the mantle source (John et al., 2012; Amsellem et al., 2019). If improved analytical precision confirms the Ca isotope data variability shown in Fig. 8 889 is real, similar non-pyroxenitic origins may be able to explain some or all of the spread of OIB 890 data. 891

For Fe, measurement uncertainties are small compared to the variability in the OIB Fe isotope 892 data, which extends to much higher  $\delta^{57}$ Fe values than matched by the melts presented here 893 (Fig. 7; see also Soderman et al., 2021). Heavier Fe stable isotope compositions than can be 894 explained by single-stage melting of garnet-bearing lithologies are also seen in seamounts from 895 close to the EPR (Sun et al., 2020) – the heaviest isotope ratios are found in samples with <896 7 wt % MgO, and therefore not shown in Fig. 8, but Sun et al. (2020) find that these are still 897 isotopically heavier than can be explained by single-stage melting once they correct their samples 898 for differentiation. One solution to explaining the heavy Fe isotope data could be to invoke a 899 mantle source with unusually high  $\delta^{57}$ Fe (i.e., Fe-isotopically heavier than average MORB as 900 assumed in Figs. 7 and 8), generated for example as a frozen melt that has been through multiple 901 melting and remobilisation stages, and now stalled in the lithosphere. While the limitations 902 of multiple melting events with regards to mass balance and plausible melting degrees are 903 discussed in Soderman et al. (2021), multiple melting stages of garnet-bearing lithologies and 904 reaction with ambient mantle have been proposed to generate the required isotopically heavy 905 mantle sources ( $\delta^{57}$ Fe > 0.3%) to explain some of the highest  $\delta^{57}$ Fe in the global dataset 906 (Nebel et al., 2019; Sun et al., 2020), although based on our modelled small melt-source isotope 907 fractionations the isotopically heaviest Fe isotope OIB data would require a mantle source with 908 an even heavier overall bulk composition of  $\delta^{57}$ Fe > 0.4 %. Alternatively, large stable isotope 909 effects may be attributed to disequilibrium and/or low temperature alteration processes, as 910 discussed for MORB above. A further possibility to explain heavy Fe isotope ratios in OIB 911 could be the mixing of isotopically heavy components derived from the lower mantle (such as 912 bridgmanite cumulates with  $\delta^{57}$ Fe ~ 0.3 %, Williams et al., 2021) into upwelling plumes. High 913  $\delta^{44}$ Ca lower mantle components from Ca-perovskite crystallisation related to early Earth magma 914 ocean processes have also been proposed as the origin of isotopically heavy Ca isotope komatiite 915 data (up to 1.54%; Amsellem et al., 2019). 916

#### 917 6 Summary

<sup>918</sup> We have combined a thermodynamically self-consistent model for mantle melting of peridotite <sup>919</sup> and pyroxenite with a model for equilibrium Mg-Ca-Fe-V-Cr stable isotope fractionation to <sup>920</sup> quantitatively predict melt-source stable isotope fractionation over P-T conditions relevant to mantle melting at mid-ocean ridges and within mantle plumes. The results allow us to assess
the potential of these stable isotope systems for investigating mantle temperature variations,
source heterogeneity, and their record in the erupted basalts (MORB, OIB).

We used our results for the melting of KLB1 peridotite to explore the sensitivity of melt sta-924 ble Mg-Ca-Fe-V-Cr isotope compositions in each isotope system to variations in mantle po-925 tential temperature. Redox-sensitive isotopes (Fe, V) show most variability in accumulated 926 melt isotopic composition with potential temperature, due to the variation in  $Fe^{3+}/Fe_T$  (and 927  $V^{4+,5+}/V_T$ ) as the average depth of melting increases with  $T_p$ . The predicted variability in the 928 V isotopic composition of melts is qualitatively consistent with  $\delta^{51}$ V–Na<sub>8.0</sub> trends in natural 929 data. However, analytical precision improvements upon current levels would be necessary for 930 variability to be clearly resolved in the compositions of erupted basalts. At present, the equi-931 librium fractionation of the stable isotopes considered here during peridotitic mantle melting is 932 not predicted to be a useful tool in identifying temperature variations in MORB or OIB melting 933 regimes. 934

We also obtained model results for Mg-Ca-Fe-V-Cr fractionation during melting of MIX1G 935 silica-deficient pyroxenite and G2 silica-excess pyroxenite. Our results show that Mg and Ca 936 isotopes have the most sensitivity to the presence of garnet in a melt source, with melts pre-937 dicted to record a negative Mg-Ca isotope correlation if garnet is present in the mantle source, 938 although improvements in analytical precision would be needed to clearly resolve this trend. 939 Our results also demonstrate that Fe, Mg and Cr stable isotopes are sensitive to the proportion 940 of pyroxenite (with a MORB-like bulk isotope composition) in a mantle source, although with 941 current analytical precision only pyroxenite fractions greater than around 10% are resolvable. 942 Moderate improvements in analytical precision could result in Ca stable isotopes being added to 943 this list, and potentially allow pyroxenite fractions < 10% to be identified in these isotope sys-944 tems. However, Cr stable isotope partitioning in the mantle is generally understudied (both in 945 measurements of natural samples, and studies of its bonding and fractionation in relevant man-946 tle phases): while this system has the potential to be sensitive to lithological heterogeneity, we 947 require improvements in the certainty of model inputs and/or more natural data to confidently 948 use this isotopic tool in the mantle. 949

<sup>950</sup> Comparison of the global datasets of stable isotope data for MORB and OIB with modelled

melt isotope ratios generated by equilibrium fractionation highlight both agreements and dis-951 agreements between equilibrium melting models and measured data. Generally, mean MORB 952 Mg-Ca-Fe-V-Cr stable isotope compositions, within typical long-term analytical precision, can 953 be matched to the mean peridotite melt isotope ratio produced for a mantle potential temper-954 ature of 1300 °C. However, the range of MORB data is wide compared to modelled peridotite 955 melts – even after analytical uncertainty on data and fractional crystallisation are considered, 956 some MORB record stable isotope ratios that appear unable to be matched by equilibrium peri-957 dotite melting (notably in Mg, Fe and V, and Ca may show a similar result as measurement 958 precision improves). Lithological heterogeneity (pyroxenite) in the MORB source can contribute 959 to some of this variability but not all, and disequilibrium and/or low temperature processes may 960 also be required to match the observed data. For OIB, the variability in natural data, even for 961 isotope systems such as Fe and Cr where analytical precision is good compared to the data 962 variability, could suggest that the involvement of pyroxenite may be recorded in the existing 963 Mg, Fe and Cr stable isotope datasets. However, differences between the range of natural data 964 and modelled pyroxenite melts suggest that additional processes such as the offset of the isotope 965 ratio of recycled components from pristine MORB values and kinetic fractionations may also 966 be important in understanding the current Mg-Ca-Fe-V-Cr stable isotope datasets available for 967 primitive global oceanic basalts. 968

We conclude that stable isotopes in basalts have variable potential as a tracer of heterogeneity in the mantle, complementing existing tools well – however there are knowledge and data gaps that need to be filled before we can use these systems to their full potential.

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# APPENDIX

### <sup>2</sup> Supplementary Material to 'Global trends in novel stable isotopes in basalts: theory and observations' by Soderman et al.

# 3 1 Data sources

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<sup>4</sup> The data sources used in the natural data compilation in Figs. 1 and 8 in the main text are <sup>5</sup> given in Table S1.

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Isotope	Type	Literature sources
$\delta^{26} Mg$	MORB OIB	Wiechert and Halliday (2007); Bourdon et al. (2010); Teng et al. (2010); Zhong et al. (2021b) Bourdon et al. (2010); Teng et al. (2010); Zhong et al. (2017); Wang et al. (2021)
$\delta^{44}$ Ca	MORB OIB	Zhu et al. (2018); Chen et al. (2020b); Zhu et al. (2020a) Huang et al. (2011b); Valdes et al. (2014, 2019); Feng et al. (2017); Chen et al. (2020b)
$\delta^{57}$ Fe	MORB OIB	Teng et al. (2013); Nebel et al. (2013); Zhong et al. (2021) (seamounts: Sun et al., 2020) Teng et al. (2008); Schuessler et al. (2009); Konter et al. (2016); Nebel et al. (2019) Peters et al. (2019); Gleeson et al. (2020); Soderman et al. (2021)
$\delta^{51}$ V	MORB OIB	Prytulak et al. (2013); Wu et al. (2018); Novella et al. (2020) Prytulak et al. (2013); Ding et al. (2020)
$\delta^{53}\mathrm{Cr}$	OIB	Bonnand et al. (2020); Shen et al. (2020)

<sup>6</sup> Table S2 gives the references for the typical sample 2 S.E. and long-term 2 S.D. used throughout the manuscript.

Isotope	Type	Value (‰)	Literature sources
$\delta^{26} Mg$	sample 2 S.E. long-term 2 S.D.	$0.02 \\ 0.06$	Wang et al. (2021) Wang et al. (2021)
$\delta^{44}$ Ca	sample 2 S.E. long-term 2 S.D.	$\begin{array}{c} 0.05 \\ 0.14 \end{array}$	Zhu et al. (2018, 2020a) Chen et al. (2019)
$\delta^{57}$ Fe	sample 2 S.E. long-term 2 S.D.	$0.02 \\ 0.05$	Soderman et al. (2021) Soderman et al. (2021)
$\delta^{51}$ V	sample 2 S.E. long-term 2 S.D.	$\begin{array}{c} 0.05 \\ 0.08 \end{array}$	Wu et al. (2018); Novella et al. (2020) Qi et al. (2019)
$\delta^{53}$ Cr	sample 2 S.E. long-term 2 S.D.	$\begin{array}{c} 0.01 \\ 0.04 \end{array}$	Sossi et al. (2018) Xia et al. (2017); Sossi et al. (2018)

Table S2: Literature data sources for stable isotope data errors.

# <sup>8</sup> 2 Phase equilibria calculations

In order to explore stable isotope fractionation taking place during the melting of pyroxenite
and peridotite lithologies within the mantle, we first constructed pseudosections and calculated
mineral chemistries for MIX1G (KLB1 and G2 calculations are presented in Soderman et al.,
2021). The calculations were performed in the KNCFMASTOCr system using THERMOCALC
v3.47 (Powell et al., 1998), and the latest version of the thermodynamic dataset of Holland and
Powell (2011) with the a-X models of Holland et al. (2018).

<sup>15</sup> The composition of the MIX1G lithology (Hirschmann et al., 2003; Lambart et al., 2016) used <sup>16</sup> in the phase-equilibria calculations is given in Table S3. The ferric iron content is taken as <sup>17</sup> between that of KLB1 peridotite and MORB, following the approach used for KG1 by Jennings <sup>18</sup> et al. (2016), where  $Fe^{3+}/Fe_T = 0.1$ .

Table S3: MIX1G composition, in KNCFMASTOCr system (mol % oxides). Composition from Lambart et al. (2016), renormalised without MnO.

				mole %	% oxide				
${\rm SiO}_2$	$\mathrm{Al}_2\mathrm{O}_3$	CaO	MgO	$\mathrm{FeO}_t$	$\mathrm{K}_{2}\mathrm{O}$	$Na_2O$	${\rm TiO}_2$	$\mathrm{Cr}_2\mathrm{O}_3$	Ο
38.5	1.78	2.82	50.58	5.52	0.01	0.25	0.07	0.11	0.09

<sup>19</sup> After calculation of the phase boundaries, THERMOCALC was run over a grid of P-T space, from

 $_{20}$  5–40 kbar and 1100–1730 °C.

# <sup>21</sup> 3 Details and results of the main stable isotope fractionation <sup>22</sup> model

The equilibrium isotopic composition of the phases present at any point in P-T space (including 23 melts) was calculated for each isotope system, based on calculated equilibrium isotope fraction-24 ation factors,  $\alpha^{A-B}$ , between the phases that are present.  $\alpha^{A-B}$  was calculated either from 25 reduced partition function ratios ( $\beta$  factors), or from calculated cation-oxygen force constants, 26 as outlined for Mg, Ca, V and Cr isotopes below. The Fe isotope fractionation input parameters 27 are presented in the supplementary information of Soderman et al. (2021). The mineral abbre-28 viations used in the figures in the following subsections are: olivine (ol), clinopyroxene (cpx), 29 orthopyroxene (opx), spinel (spn), garnet (g), plagioclase (pl). 30

#### 31 3.1 Mg

The  $\beta^{Mg}$  factors used for Mg-bearing mantle minerals (spinel, clinopyroxene, orthopyroxene, olivine, garnet) are given in Table S4. These  $\beta^{Mg}$  factors are taken from Huang et al. (2013), with the exception of spinel, which is taken from Schauble (2011) and scaled relative to a reference  $\beta^{Mg}$  of olivine which is calculated in both studies. Pigeonite (a stable phase in MIX1G) is modelled with the same  $\beta^{Mg}$  as clinopyroxene; liquid (melt) is taken as having no fractionation from olivine in the main model (Stracke et al., 2018, see Appendix Section 4 for discussion), so  $\beta^{Mg}_{melt} = \beta^{Mg}_{olivine}$ .

<sup>39</sup> The full results of the Mg model, showing the isotopic composition of each phase calculated in

Table S4: Parameters for  $\beta^{Mg}$  factors from Huang et al. (2013).  $1000\ln\beta = a/T^6 + b/T^4 + c/T^2$ , where T = temperature (Kelvin).

Mineral	a	b	с
spinel orthopyroxene clinopyroxene olivine garnet melt	$\begin{array}{c} -2.74 \times 10^{16} \\ -8.10 \times 10^{15} \\ -1.17 \times 10^{16} \\ -1.19 \times 10^{16} \\ -5.50 \times 10^{15} \\ -1.19 \times 10^{16} \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 2.08 \times 10^{11} \\ 6.65 \times 10^{10} \\ 1.03 \times 10^{11} \\ 1.05 \times 10^{11} \\ 4.92 \times 10^{10} \\ 1.05 \times 10^{11} \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 2.93 \times 10^{6} \\ 2.25 \times 10^{6} \\ 2.24 \times 10^{6} \\ 2.07 \times 10^{6} \\ 1.30 \times 10^{6} \\ 2.07 \times 10^{6} \end{array}$

<sup>40</sup> KLB1, MIX1G and G2, are in Fig. S1.



Figure S1: Full results of the Mg isotopic fractionation model,  $\Delta^{26}$ Mg<sub>phase-source</sub>, for the three lithologies.

Table S5:  $\beta^{Ca}$  factors (given as  $1000 \ln \beta$ , at a temperature of 1000K) from Antonelli et al. (2019).

Mineral	Structure used	$1000 \ln \beta$
plagioclase	anorthite	1.06
orthopyroxene	Ca/Mg = 1/32	1.84
clinopyroxene	diopside	1.32
olivine	forsterite $Ca/Mg = 1/64$	2.11
garnet	pyrope $Ca/Mg = 1/24$	2.00
liquid		1.19

#### 41 **3.2** Ca

The  $\beta^{Ca}$  factors used for Ca-bearing mantle minerals (plagioclase, clinopyroxene, orthopyroxene, 42 olivine, garnet) are given in Table S5, and are taken from Antonelli et al. (2019). Where options 43 exist for minerals with different structures and/or compositions, we use those with most similar 44 Ca/Mg to the typical phase compositions calculated by THERMOCALC for KLB1. Pigeonite (a 45 stable phase in MIX1G) is modelled with the same  $\beta^{Ca}$  as clinopyroxene; liquid is taken as having 46  $\beta^{Ca}$  intermediate between clinopyroxene and plagioclase (anorthite), following observations from 47 natural samples (Zhang et al., 2018; Antonelli et al., 2019b) and consistent with the approach 48 used by Antonelli et al. (2021).  $\beta^{Ca}$  factors are made temperature-dependent by 49

$$\ln\beta_{(T)} = \ln\beta_{(1000K)} \times \frac{10^6}{T^2}$$
(1)

<sup>50</sup> following Antonelli et al. (2021).

<sup>51</sup> The full results of the Ca model, showing the isotopic composition of each phase calculated in

52 KLB1, MIX1G and G2, are in Fig. S2.



Figure S2: Full results of the Ca isotopic fractionation model,  $\Delta^{44}$ Ca<sub>phase-source</sub>, for the three lithologies.

#### 53 3.3 V

The proportion of  $V^{3+/4+/5+}$  was calculated following Toplis and Corgne (2002), using the FeO/Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> ratio of the melt (calculated by THERMOCALC) at each point in P-T space with

$$\log(XV^{3+}/XV^{4+}) = \log(XFe^{2+}/XFe^{3+}) - 2.4$$
(2)

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$$\log(XV^{4+}/XV^{5+}) = \log(XFe^{2+}/XFe^{3+}) - 0.3$$
(3)

<sup>57</sup> where X is the mole fraction of cation.

The partition coefficients and  $\beta^{V}$  factors of each valence state of V in the V-bearing mantle minerals (olivine, clinopyroxene, orthopyroxene, garnet, spinel) are given in Table S6. Partition coefficients are from Mallmann and O'Neill (2009), with garnet assumed to have similar V partitioning to clinopyroxene (Mallmann and O'Neill, 2007, 2009). The  $\beta^{V}$  factors are taken from Wu et al. (2015) for V in different coordination environments in solution systems; alternative choices of  $\beta^{V}$  due to uncertainties in V coordination number are discussed in Section 4 below. Pigeonite (a stable phase in MIX1G) is modelled as clinopyroxene.

Table S6: Parameters for V partitioning and isotopic fractionation. Partition coefficients (D) from Mallmann and O'Neill (2009).  $\beta^{V}$  factors are from Wu et al. (2015).  $1000\ln\beta = a/T^{6} + b/T^{4} + c/T^{2}$ , where T = temperature (Kelvin).

Mineral	Valence	$\mathrm{D}_{\mathrm{min-liq}}$	a	b	С
olivine	$V^{3+}$	0.18	$1.0 \times 10^{14}$	$-7.70 \times 10^{9}$	$6.28 \times 10^{5}$
	$V^{4+}$	0.0227	$4.0 \times 10^{14}$	$-1.80 \times 10^{10}$	$9.43 \times 10^{5}$
	$V^{5+}$	0.00255	$7.0 \times 10^{14}$	$-3.06 \times 10^{10}$	$1.26 \times 10^{6}$
orthopyroxene	$V^{3+}$	1	$1.0 \times 10^{14}$	$-7.70 \times 10^{9}$	$6.28 \times 10^{5}$
	$V^{4+}$	0.674	$4.0 \times 10^{14}$	$-1.80 \times 10^{10}$	$9.43 \times 10^{5}$
	$V^{5+}$	0.00338	$7.0 \times 10^{14}$	$-3.06 \times 10^{10}$	$1.26 \times 10^{6}$
clinopyroxene	$V^{3+}$	3.88	$1.0 \times 10^{14}$	$-7.70 \times 10^{9}$	$6.28 \times 10^{5}$
	$V^{4+}$	1.13	$4.0 \times 10^{14}$	$-1.80 \times 10^{10}$	$9.43 \times 10^{5}$
	$V^{5+}$	0.0142	$7.0 \times 10^{14}$	$-3.06 \times 10^{10}$	$1.26 \times 10^{6}$
spinel	$V^{3+}$	15.3	$1.0 \times 10^{14}$	$-7.70 \times 10^{9}$	$6.28 \times 10^{5}$
	$V^{4+}$	1.44	$4.0 \times 10^{14}$	$-1.80 \times 10^{10}$	$9.43 \times 10^{5}$
	$V^{5+}$	0.00303	$7.0 \times 10^{14}$	$-3.06 \times 10^{10}$	$1.26 \times 10^{6}$
garnet	$V^{3+}$	3.88	$1.0 \times 10^{14}$	$-7.70 \times 10^{9}$	$6.28 \times 10^{5}$
	$V^{4+}$	1.13	$4.0 \times 10^{14}$	$-1.80 \times 10^{10}$	$9.43 \times 10^{5}$
	$V^{5+}$	0.0142	$7.0 \times 10^{14}$	$-3.06 \times 10^{10}$	$1.26 \times 10^{6}$
melt	$V^{3+}$	1	$1.0 \times 10^{14}$	$-7.70 \times 10^{9}$	$6.28 \times 10^{5}$
	$V^{4+}$	1	$4.0 \times 10^{14}$	$-1.80 \times 10^{10}$	$9.43 \times 10^{5}$
	$V^{5+}$	1	$7.0\times10^{14}$	$-3.06 \times 10^{10}$	$1.26 \times 10^{6}$

The full results of the V isotope model, showing the isotopic composition of each phase calculated in KLB1, MIX1G and G2, are in Fig. S3. Note that stable isotope fractionation can only be calculated where there is liquid present, i.e., where the proportion of each V valence state can be calculated.

#### 69 3.4 Cr

The proportion of  $Cr^{2+/3+}$  was calculated using the parameterisation given in Berry et al. (2021)

$$\frac{\mathrm{Cr}^{2+}}{\mathrm{Cr}_{\mathrm{T}}} = \frac{1}{1 + 10^{(0.25 \log \mathrm{fO}_2 + \log \mathrm{K}')}} \tag{4}$$



Figure S3: Full results of the V isotopic fractionation model,  $\Delta^{51}V_{\text{phase-source}}$ , for the three lithologies.

Table S7: Optical basicity values for each oxide, from Mills (1993).

			ol	otical bas	icity, $\Lambda$				
$\mathrm{SiO}_2$	$\mathrm{TiO}_2$	$\mathrm{Al}_2\mathrm{O}_3$	$\mathrm{Fe}_2\mathrm{O}_3$	$\mathrm{Cr}_2\mathrm{O}_3$	$\mathrm{FeO}$	CaO	MgO	$Na_2O$	$K_2O$
0.48	0.61	0.60	0.75	0.58	1	1	0.78	1.15	1.4

<sup>71</sup> with  $fO_2$  calculated at each P-T point using the  $fO_2$  melt software (Holland et al., 2018), and <sup>72</sup> the modified equilibrium constant calculated by

$$\log K' = \frac{9770}{T} - 7.69 + 6.22\Lambda + \frac{(900P - 172P^2)}{T}$$
(5)

<sup>73</sup> where T is in Kelvin, P is in GPa. A is the optical basicity, a composition-dependent term (Duffy, <sup>74</sup> 1993) which reflects equilibrium between bridging oxygens, non-bridging oxygens and free oxide <sup>75</sup> anions in a melt (Humphreys et al., 2015). Since optical basicity values can be assigned to <sup>76</sup> individual oxides (Duffy, 1993), an ideal optical basicity for a melt can be calculated, following <sup>77</sup> Mills (1993), as

$$\Lambda = \frac{\sum X_i n_i \Lambda_i}{\sum X_i n_i} \tag{6}$$

<sup>78</sup> where  $X_i$  is the mole fraction of oxide i, n is the number of O associated with oxide i, and  $\Lambda$  is <sup>79</sup> the theoretical  $\Lambda$  of oxide i (see Table S7). At each P-T point, the calculated  $\Lambda$  was used with <sup>80</sup> equations 3 and 4 to calculate Cr redox state.

The partition coefficients of each valence state of Cr in the Cr-bearing mantle minerals (olivine, 81 clinopyroxene, orthopyroxene, garnet, spinel) are given in Table S8. Partition coefficients for 82 olivine, clinopyroxene, orthopyroxene are from (Mallmann and O'Neill, 2009); for spinel from 83 the supplement of Shen et al. (2018), for garnet from Sutton et al. (2008). The ionic model 84 inputs (Table S8) are based on the supplement of Shen et al. (2018); for garnet, where no ionic 85 inputs are presented in Shen et al. (2018), we take coordination information from Deer et al. 86 (2013), and use the relevant ionic radii as used by Shen et al. (2018). The force constants for 87 Cr-O bonds were then calculated based on the equations presented in Sossi and O'Neill (2017) 88

<sup>89</sup> for Fe isotopes.

Table S8: Parameters for Cr partitioning and isotopic fractionation model. Partition coefficients (D) from Mallmann and O'Neill (2009); Shen et al. (2018); Sutton et al. (2008). Mineral site and bonding information is based on Shen et al. (2018). cpx = clinopyroxene, opx = orthopyroxene.

Mineral	Cr species	$\mathrm{D}_{\mathrm{min-melt}}$	Site	Cr coordination	Bond length (Å)	O coordination	No. sites
spinel	2+	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
spinel	3+	220	M	6	1.995	4	2
garnet	2+	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
garnet	3+	12	M2	6	1.995	4	2
olivine	2+	0.85	M2	6	2.18	4	1
olivine	3+	0.85	M1	6	1.995	4	1
opx	2+	0.843	M2	7	2.305	3.57	1
opx	3+	3.52	M1	6	1.988	3.67	1
cpx	2+	0.587	M2	7	2.305	3.57	1
cpx	3+	12.6	M1	6	1.988	3.67	1
liquid	2+	1		4	1.913	4	
liquid	3+	1		6	1.995	4	

<sup>90</sup> The full results of the Cr model, showing the isotopic composition of each phase calculated in

<sup>91</sup> KLB1, MIX1G and G2, are in Fig. S4. Note that stable isotope fractionation can only be

<sup>92</sup> calculated where there is liquid present, i.e., where the proportion of each Cr valence state can

<sup>93</sup> be calculated.



Figure S4: Full results of the Cr isotopic fractionation model,  $\Delta^{53}$ Cr<sub>phase-source</sub>, for the three lithologies.

#### <sup>94</sup> 3.5 Consistency of valence state calculations

As discussed in the main text, the calculated  $Fe^{3+}/Fe_T$ ,  $Cr^{3+}/Cr_T$  and  $V^{4+,5+}/V_T$  are not fully 95 self-consistent, as the speciation of both Cr and V are calculated based on the  $\mathrm{Fe}^{3+}/\mathrm{Fe}_{\mathrm{T}}$  at 96 any point. This means that O (oxygen) is being partitioned into the oxidised Cr and V oxides 97 without affecting Fe redox state. We consider tying the Cr and V valence states to the Fe redox 98 equilibria to be reasonable, as Fe is the dominant redox-sensitive element in the mantle with an 99 abundance considerably greater than that of Cr or V. To quantify this, we have calculated the 100 fraction of oxygen associated with oxidised valence states of the each redox-sensitive element 101 out of the total oxygen associated with the oxidised valence states, e.g., 102

$$\frac{O_{Fe^{3+}}}{O_{Fe^{3+}} + O_{Cr^{3+}} + O_{V^{4+}} + O_{V^{5+}}}$$
(7)

where  $O_X$  represents the number of moles of oxygen associated with cation X at any given P-T point. At T = 1300 °C and P = 12 kbar, we calculate that 73 % of the oxygen associated with oxidised cations is associated with Fe<sup>3+</sup>, 27 % with Cr<sup>3+</sup>, and < 0.01 % with V<sup>4+,5+</sup>, for total Fe, Cr and V contents in peridotite (Davis et al., 2009; Salters and Stracke, 2004).

However, although our use of the Fe redox equilibria to calculate Cr and V speciation is a 107 reasonable approximation, it is important to note that considering the combined Fe-Cr-V redox 108 equilibria as in real systems would reduce the variability in the redox state of each element across 109 P-T space compared to our model. This is because the combined effect of considering three redox 110 equilibria able to accommodate oxygen via their oxidised cations together is that each system 111 will have to shift its redox equilibria less compared to a scenario where only one redox-sensitive 112 element is considered. To approximately quantify the effect of this redox feedback, we took an 113 extreme case of reducing all the  $Cr_2O_3$  in the melt at a given P-T point, accommodating the 114 released oxygen by increasing the amount of  $Fe_2O_3$  and reducing the amount of FeO accordingly. 115 We then calculated the  $fO_2$  of this new composition through the  $fO_2$  melt software (Holland 116 et al., 2018), and recalculated the expected  $Cr^{3+}/Cr_T$  given the new fO<sub>2</sub>. We find that, for this 117 calculation performed using at T = 1350 °C and P = 12 kbar, the fO<sub>2</sub> change produces a 1% 118 change in  $\mathrm{Cr}^{3+}/\mathrm{Cr}_{\mathrm{T}}$  and negligible impact on the calculated  $\delta^{53}\mathrm{Cr}$ . 119

#### <sup>120</sup> 4 Alternative input parameters and results

The inputs into the isotope fractionation models are better constrained for some of the stable isotope systems considered relative to others. These uncertainties limit our ability to predict the behaviour of some isotope systems in high temperature settings, and therefore limit the utility of stable isotopes as a tool for exploring global basalt systematics. Here we discuss the results of using alternative inputs.

#### 126 4.1 Mg: $\alpha_{\text{orthopyroxene-melt}} = 1$

<sup>127</sup> While the bonding of Mg in crystal lattices can be used to calculate a self-consistent set of  $\beta^{Mg}$ <sup>128</sup> factors (Schauble, 2011; Huang et al., 2013) to input into the melting model,  $\beta^{Mg}$  factors do not <sup>129</sup> exist for silicate liquid. However, Stracke et al. (2018) show that  $\alpha_{\text{olivine, orthopyroxene-melt}} \sim 1$ <sup>130</sup> based on equilibrated peridotite xenoliths. Mg is also similarly coordinated ([5–6] fold) in melt <sup>131</sup> and olivine/orthopyroxene (George and Stebbins, 1998; Shimoda et al., 2007; Stracke et al., 2018), providing further evidence for minimal olivine/orthopyroxene – melt Mg stable isotope
 fractionation at magmatic temperatures.

We have chosen to use  $\alpha_{\text{olivine-melt}} = 1$ ; i.e., using the same  $\beta^{\text{Mg}}$  values for liquid as for olivine. The alternative is to use  $\alpha_{\text{orthopyroxene-melt}} = 1$ . Fig. S5 compares the  $\Delta^{26}$ Mg<sub>melt-source</sub> for an input of  $\alpha_{\text{olivine-melt}} = 1$  (left hand panels; these are the results used in the main text) with an input of  $\alpha_{\text{orthopyroxene-melt}} = 1$  (right hand panels). The new input parameters replace the melt in Table S4 with Table S9.

Table S9: Alternate parameters for Mg isotope  $\beta^{Mg}$  factors from Huang et al. (2013).  $1000\ln\beta = a/T^6 + b/T^4 + c/T^2$ , where T = temperature (Kelvin).

Mineral	a	b	с
melt	$-8.10 \times 10^{15}$	$6.65\times10^{10}$	$2.25 \times 10^6$

For KLB1 peridotite, the magnitude of the difference in melt isotope composition between the 139 two models is  $\approx 0.05$  % (small compared to the average analytical uncertainty of 0.1 % suggested 140 in Stracke et al., 2018, and similar to the long-term 2 S.D. of 0.06 % given in Wang et al., 2021), 141 however the direction of partial melting fractionation is different. In the case of  $\alpha_{\text{olivine-melt}} = 1$ , 142 KLB1 melts are isotopically lighter than the bulk, and get heavier with increasing degree of 143 melting (the latter part of this behaviour is consistent with fractional melting modelled by 144 Stracke et al., 2018). For  $\alpha_{\text{orthopyroxene-melt}} = 1$ , partial melts are isotopically heavier than the 145 bulk, and get progressively lighter with increasing degree of melting (the former part of this 146 behaviour is consistent with Stracke et al., 2018). 147

For KLB1, the similar differences in modelled melting isotopic fractionation relative to the ana-148 lytical uncertainty means that the choice of  $\alpha_{\text{olivine-melt}} = 1$  or  $\alpha_{\text{orthopyroxene-melt}} = 1$  for liquid 149 does not greatly alter any conclusions drawn from the peridotite melting. Minimal difference 150 between the models is also seen for MIX1G. However, low pressure melts from G2 (< 15 kbar) 151 show effectively no stable isotope fractionation when  $\alpha_{\text{orthopyroxene-melt}} = 1$  is used, compared 152 to fractionations as large as  $\Delta^{26}$ Mg = -0.1 % with  $\alpha_{\text{olivine-melt}} = 1$ . This is because, for these 153 shallow depths, the only stable Mg-bearing phases in G2 are clinopyroxene and liquid (garnet 154 is not stable). Orthopyroxene and clinopyroxene have similar  $\beta^{Mg}$  factors and therefore, when 155 liquid is given the same  $\beta^{Mg}$  factor as orthopyroxene, the coexisting liquid and clinopyroxene 156 are only minimally isotopically fractionated from each other. These results highlight how impor-157 tant accurate experimental  $\alpha_{\text{mineral-melt}}$  are for understanding the behaviour of stable isotope 158 systems, and the important role analytical precision plays in being able to identify these effects 159 in nature. Magnesium stable isotopes would benefit from further work in both of these areas. 160

#### <sup>161</sup> 4.2 Ca

The  $\beta^{Ca}$  value approach reduces uncertainties associated with an ionic model, as the bond lengths 162 and Ca, O coordination numbers in the relevant mineral structures required for the ionic model 163 are variable in the literature (e.g., Feng et al., 2014; Huang et al., 2019). Huang et al. (2019) 164 present an alternative set of  $\beta^{Ca}$  values for the Ca-bearing minerals we are concerned with, 165 although Antonelli et al. (2019) argue that the PBE functionals used in their own study better 166 represent Ca isotope fractionation between species than the less accurate LDA functionals used 167 by Huang et al. (2019). Additionally, Antonelli et al. (2019) calculate  $\beta^{Ca}$  for pyrope garnet, 168 which is more representative of mantle garnet than the grossular endmember used in Huang 169 et al. (2019). Our model uses  $\beta_{\text{plagioclase}}^{\text{Ca}} < \beta_{\text{melt}}^{\text{Ca}} < \beta_{\text{clinopyroxene}}^{\text{Ca}}$  (see explanation in Section 170



Figure S5:  $\Delta^{26}$ Mg<sub>melt-source</sub> compared for a model where  $\alpha_{olivine-melt} = 1$  (left hand plots) and  $\alpha_{orthopyroxene-melt} = 1$  (right hand plots) for all three lithologies considered.

3.2), but some studies do suggest that  $\beta_{\text{melt}}^{\text{Ca}} = \beta_{\text{clinopyroxene}}^{\text{Ca}}$  (e.g., Chen et al., 2019) based on observations from natural equilibrated peridotite and pyroxenite samples that there is minimal Ca isotope fractionation between clinopyroxene and basaltic melt. Independent estimates of the force constants in silicate liquids and further experimental constraints on the behaviour of Ca isotopes in silicate melts are therefore needed to improve the Ca isotope fractionation model.

Fig. S6 shows the results of using the  $\beta^{\text{Ca}}$  values from Huang et al. (2019) with  $\beta^{\text{Ca}}_{\text{melt}} = \beta^{\text{Ca}}_{\text{clinopyroxene}}$  (equivalent to  $\alpha_{\text{clinopyroxene-melt}} = 1$ ). The use of isotopically lighter grossular garnet and isotopically heavier melt (relative to the Antonelli et al. (2019) inputs) result in overall less negative melt-source isotope fractionation than in the main model, making all Ca



isotope fractionations harder to resolve with current analytical precision. However, none of the 180

conclusions presented in the main text are altered by these alternative parameter choices. 181

Figure S6: Model results of  $\Delta^{44}$ Ca<sub>phase-source</sub> for  $\beta^{Ca}$  inputs from Huang et al. (2019), and using  $\beta^{Ca}_{melt}$  =  $\beta_{\text{clinopyroxene}}^{\text{Ca}}$ . Generally, the calculated  $\Delta^{44}$ Ca<sub>phase-source</sub> is less negative than using the  $\beta^{\text{Ca}}$  inputs from Antonelli et al. (2019) as shown in Fig. S2.

The composition of the phases involved further complicates models of Ca isotope fractiona-182 tion. Feng et al. (2014) and Wang et al. (2017) show that Ca-O bond strength, hence isotopic 183 fractionation, in orthopyroxene is dependent on the Ca and Fe content of the pyroxene, al-184
though the concentrations of these elements in natural orthopyroxenes may produce negligible 185 concentration effects on isotopic fractionation (Wang et al., 2017). The isotopic fractionation 186 associated with garnet, in particular, is sensitive to Ca content for typical mantle compositions, 187 with a garnet-composition-sensitive fractionation factor produces smaller melting fractionations 188 in eclogite than using a fixed composition model (Chen et al., 2020a). Our model has not 189 implemented composition-specific fractionation factors, although does use the pyrope garnet 190 endmember which is most representative of mantle garnet. We also note that Antonelli et al. 191 (2019) calculate compositional effects for olivine and pyroxene solid solutions that are smaller 192 than those predicted using LDA functionals (e.g., Feng et al., 2014; Wang et al., 2017). 193

### 194 **4.3** Fe

The model inputs for Fe isotope fractionation are relatively well constrained. The bonding 195 environment of Fe in mineral phases is well studied, making an ionic model approach possible 196 (e.g., Sossi and O'Neill, 2017). The model based on ionic inputs produces isotopic fractionation 197 and force constant predictions consistent with predictions by other methods and observations 198 (e.g., Dauphas et al., 2014; Macris et al., 2015). In addition, the Fe-O force constants in 199 basaltic glass as a function of Fe<sup>3+</sup> content have been experimentally determined (Dauphas 200 et al., 2014), allowing the melt isotopic fractionation to be independently parameterised into 201 the model (although we note the potential complication induced by quenching effects, and by 202 melt generation in the mantle at non-atmospheric pressure). As discussed by Sossi and O'Neill 203 (2017), some terms in the ionic model approach (such as the ionicity of the bonds) are less well 204 constrained than the bonding environment of Fe in mineral structures, however the resultant 205 fractionation factors are minimally affected by these uncertainties. 206

# 207 4.4 V: $V_{melt}^{5+} = [4]$ coordinated

It has been suggested that vanadium isotopes may track magmatic redox (Prytulak et al., 2013, 2017; Sossi et al., 2018b; Wu et al., 2018) due to the existence of three valence states (3+, 4+, 5+) in terrestrial magmatic systems (Canil, 1999), though a better understanding of V isotope 211 behaviour during magmatic processes is required to exploit the system's full potential as a redox 212 tracer (Prytulak et al., 2017). The successful modelling of V isotope fractionation therefore relies 213 on an understanding of the behaviour of each valence state of V.

Although slightly variable V partition coefficients for each valence state into mineral phases 214 can be found from experimental studies (Mallmann and O'Neill, 2009), these variations make 215 no significant difference to the calculated melt isotopic compositions. The main uncertainty 216 in the V fractionation model inputs is the coordination of  $V^{4+}$  and  $V^{5+}$  in silicate melts (and 217 associated  $\beta^V$  factors). V<sup>4+</sup> in silicate liquid is [5–6] coordinated (Sutton et al., 2005), and 218  $V^{4+}$  coordination of both [5.33] and [6] have been used in existing studies discussing V isotope 219 behaviour during melting (Qi et al., 2019; Wu et al., 2018 respectively).  $V^{5+}$  coordination in 220 silicate melts is [4–6] (Sutton et al., 2005; Righter et al., 2006), with Qi et al. (2019) quoting 221 an average of [5] coordination. As one of the main causes of V isotope fractionation during 222 melting is predicted to be the relative compatibility of  $V^{5+}$  (and to a lesser extent  $V^{4+}$ ) in 223 melts relative to minerals (e.g., Canil, 2002; Mallmann and O'Neill, 2009; Wu et al., 2018), the 224 bonding environment and force constants of V species in the melt is a particularly important 225 input. The choice of coordination number for the V species controls the  $\ln \beta$  value chosen for 226 that species:  $\beta^{V}$  values are taken from those calculated for different bonding environments in 22

aqueous solutions (Wu et al., 2015), assumed to be a good approximation to the case of silicate melts following Wu et al. (2018). [5] coordination of V<sup>5+</sup> is not modelled in Wu et al. (2015), and therefore only the cases of V<sup>5+</sup> in [4] and [6] coordination can be used, for which  $\beta^{V}$  values have been calculated. No calculations are available for V<sup>4+</sup> in [5] coordination, and therefore the model only considers V<sup>4+</sup> in [6] coordination.

Fig. S7 compares the  $\Delta^{51}V_{\text{melt-source}}$  for an input of  $V_{\text{melt}}^{5+} = [6]$ -fold coordination (left hand panels; these are the results used in the main text) with an input of  $V_{\text{melt}}^{5+} = [4]$ -fold coordination (right hand panels). There are two aqueous complexes with 4-fold  $V^{5+}$  in Wu et al. (2015). Here we have chosen the  $\beta^{V}$  factors for the  $[V^{5+}O_2(OH)_2]^-$  (Table S10) complex since this complex has the greatest  $\ln\beta^{V}$  difference from the [6]-fold coordinated case, therefore covering the greatest range of input uncertainty.



Figure S7:  $\Delta^{51}V_{melt-source}$  compared for a model where  $V_{melt}^{5+} = [6]$  coordinated (left hand plots) and  $V_{melt}^{5+} = [4]$  coordinated (right hand plots) for KLB1.

Table S10: Alternate parameters for V isotope  $\beta^{V}$  factors from Wu et al. (2015).  $1000\ln\beta = a/T^{6} + b/T^{4} + c/T^{2}$ , where T = temperature (Kelvin).

Mineral	Valence	a	b	с
melt	$V^{5+}$	$7.00\times10^{14}$	$-3.25 \times 10^{10}$	$1.42 \times 10^{6}$

The model discussed in the main text is the result of using the upper limit of [6] coordinated 239  $V^{5+}$ : this will provide the minimum melting fractionation, since a higher coordination number 240 results in weaker V-O bonds, and less extreme isotopic fractionation. Using an input of [4] 241 coordinated V<sup>5+</sup> results in isotopically heavier melts, with the maximum KLB1 melting stable 242 isotope fractionation increasing from  $\approx 0.1$  % in the [6] coordinated case to  $\approx 0.15$  % close to 243 the solidus around 10 kbar (Fig. S6 for full results) in the [4] coordinated case. However, the 244 difference between the two models decreases at higher temperature, and for the temperature 245 range of interest here (potential temperatures from 1300 - 1530 °C), at 5 kbar the difference 246 in melt isotopic composition between the two models is  $\approx 0.01 \%$ , and therefore negligible. 247 However, to improve understanding of high temperature V behaviour and link natural data to 248 specific processes, experimental and/or theoretical work on equilibrium isotopic fractionation 249 factors for silicate melt and minerals for different V species is needed. 250

# <sup>251</sup> 4.5 Cr: $Cr_{melt}^{2+} = [6]$ coordinated

As chromium is a first-group transition element, the properties controlling isotopic fractionation behaviour (e.g., valence, ionic radius hence bonding environment) of  $Cr^{2+}$  and  $Cr^{3+}$  ions may be expected to be similar to  $Fe^{2+}$  and  $Fe^{3+}$  ions (Xia et al., 2017). The main Cr-bearing phases in the mantle are spinel, garnet and pyroxenes, although some Cr will partition into olivine (Mallmann and O'Neill, 2009), and as with vanadium, partition coefficients depend on the valence state of Cr (Mallmann and O'Neill, 2009).

As a set of  $\beta^{Cr}$  factors for mantle minerals does not exist, our models of Cr stable isotope 258 fractionation use force constants in each mineral calculated from an ionic bonding model (Shen 259 et al., 2018), following the approach used for Fe isotopes. An ionic model has been shown to 260 produce inter-mineral fractionation in agreement with the magnitude of isotope fractionation 261 inferred from studies of lherzolite mineral pairs (Shen et al., 2018). As with V isotopes, the 262 main uncertainty relating to species coordination is in liquid.  $Cr^{2+}$  in silicate melt is reported 263 to be in [4] coordination (Miletich et al., 1999; O'Neill and Berry, 2006; Shen et al., 2020), but 264 may also be in [6] coordination in a square planar arrangement (O'Neill and Berry, 2006). The 265 isotope fractionation model presented here calculates force constants using effective anionic and 266 cationic radii based on Shannon (1976), following the approach outlined in Shen et al. (2018), 267 and these radii depend negatively on the coordination number chosen (Gibbs et al., 2014). 268

Fig. S8 compares the  $\Delta^{53}$ Cr<sub>melt-source</sub> for an input of Cr<sup>2+</sup><sub>melt</sub> = [4] coordinated (left hand panels; these are the results used in the main text) with an input of Cr<sup>2+</sup><sub>melt</sub> = [6] coordinated (right

<sup>271</sup> hand panels). The input parameters for the [6] coordinated case are in Table S8.

Table S11: Alternate parameters for Cr isotopic fractionation model. Mineral site and bonding information is based on Shen et al. (2018).

Mineral	Cr species	Site	Cr coordination	Bond length (Å)	O coordination
melt	2+	n/a	6	2.18	4

The model presented in the main text uses an input of  $Cr^{2+}$  in [4] coordination in the melt. 272 Inputting [6] coordinated  $Cr^{2+}$  in the melt results in isotopically lighter peridotite melts across 273 all of P-T space (Fig. S8) than the [4] coordinated case as a consequence of weaker Cr-O bonds 274 in a [6] coordinated environment than [4] coordinated. A similar effect is seen in MIX1G and 275 G2 melts. The melt-source isotopic fractionation is always negative, consistent with modelling 276 by Shen et al. (2018), and melts get progressively isotopically heavier (towards 0 % fractiona-277 tion from the source) with increasing degree of melting, consistent with observations from OIB 278 (Bonnand et al., 2020). The cationic radii are likely to be overestimates, as the radii for [6] 279 coordinated Cr used in Shen et al. (2018) assume octahedral, not square planar, coordination. 280 Square planar bonds would be expected to be longer than octahedral, and this would result 281 in even isotopically lighter melts. Therefore, although the model uses the most appropriate 282 available inputs for the more commonly quoted [4] coordination of  $Cr^{2+}$  in melts, our under-283 standing of the behaviour of Cr isotopes in silicate melts would benefit from further work on 284 the force constants of  $Cr^{2+}$  in glasses, or the inputs required to calculate these such as bonding 285 environment or effective Cr-O bond lengths. 286



Figure S8:  $\Delta^{53} Cr_{melt-source}$  compared for a model where  $Cr_{melt}^{2+} = [4]$  coordinated (left hand plots) and  $Cr_{melt}^{2+} = [6]$  coordinated (right hand plots) for all three lithologies.

## 287 5 Other potential isotopes

Other stable isotope systems not considered here might also have potential for investigating mantle heterogeneity (in either lithology or temperature). However, we require a better understanding of the bonding environment in melts or relevant minerals before these isotope systems can be implemented into the stable isotope fractionation models used here.

<sup>292</sup> Like other stable isotope systems, the equilibrium  $\delta^{30}$ Si value of a phase will depend on the

strength of the Si-O bonds. A more polymerised (or, more Si-rich) phase will have more Si-O 293 bonds, therefore a stronger average Si-O bond force constant, hence high  $\delta^{30}$ Si (Grant, 1954). 294 However, density functional theory (DFT) calculations show this simple prediction is compli-295 cated by the role of other network-modifying cations in silicates (Méheut et al., 2009; Méheut 296 and Schauble, 2014). Silicon isotope fractionation factors have been calculated using DFT for 297 appropriate mantle minerals (Huang et al., 2014), however there is a lack of work on the crucial 298 mineral-melt fractionation information required for the equilibrium fractionation model here. 299 Furthermore, it has been suggested that Si isotopic fractionation in liquids may be correlated 300 with chemical composition (Qin et al., 2016), an effect that is too complicated (and under-301 constrained) to model here. This knowledge gap could provide scope for future work, however 302 the mantle is currently thought to be homogeneous in Si isotopes (within current limits of an-303 alytical precision), and there seems to be only a small partial melting effect (Savage et al., 304 2014). 305

Titanium stable isotopes have been suggested as tracer of magmatic processes (Millet et al., 306 2016), since Ti can exist in multiple coordination states in silicate melts and Ti-oxides (Farges 307 and Brown Jr, 1997). However, Ti stable isotope fractionation in magmatic systems is dominated 308 by the behaviour of Fe-Ti oxides, with no partial melting fractionation from mantle lithologies 309 expected unless under conditions of Ti-oxide saturation. DFT calculations predict no significant 310 Ti isotope fractionation between pyroxenes, olivine or garnet (Wang et al., 2020), and both 311 eclogites and MORB have the same measured  $\delta^{49}$ Ti value (Millet et al., 2016). Therefore, Ti 312 isotopes are not discussed further here, as there is no existing data to support for their use in 313 tracing temperature or lithological heterogeneity in the mantle associated with MORB or OIB. 314

## <sup>315</sup> 6 Average depth of melting

The mean melt pressure,  $\bar{P}$ , for isentropic melting at any  $T_p$  is calculated by the following integral, based on Asimow et al. (2001) with an additional geometric weighting factor to account for the triangular shape of the melting region

$$\bar{\mathbf{P}} = \frac{\int_{\mathbf{P}_0}^{\mathbf{P}_f} \mathbf{P} \,\Delta \mathbf{F} \,\mathrm{g} \,\mathrm{dP}}{\int_{\mathbf{P}_0}^{\mathbf{P}_f} \Delta \mathbf{F} \,\mathrm{g} \,\mathrm{dP}} \tag{8}$$

where  $P_0$  and  $P_f$  are the initial and final pressures of melting respectively,  $\Delta F$  is the amount 319 of melt produced at each pressure step (dP) along the isentropic melting path, and g is the 320 geometric weighting factor.  $P_0$  is taken as the intersection of the isentrope with the solidus, 321  $P_{\rm f}$  is used as 5 kbar in this model as melt compositions have not been calculated for shallower 322 pressures - this is an overestimate (i.e., final melting will be shallower) for  $T_p = 1300$  °C and an 323 underestimate for  $T_p = 1530$  °C (Asimow et al., 2001), but will provide the correct behaviour. 324 Pressure steps used are the 0.5 kbar intervals used in the P-T grid.  $\Delta F$  is calculated for each 325 step from the difference in melt fractions calculated by THERMOCALC for consecutive dP steps. 326 The geometric weighting factor is a linear scaling running from 1 at the base of the melting 327 region to 0 at the top, to account for the wider base of the triangular melting region beneath 328 ridges. We calculate the average melting pressure for the three  $T_ps$  for which we have calculated 329 isentropes in KLB1, and lineally interpolate between them (this will not be a linear relationship 330 in reality, e.g., Asimow et al., 2001, but our approach will provide a good approximation) to 331 get average melt pressures for temperatures between  $T_p = 1300 \,^{\circ}C$  and  $1530 \,^{\circ}C$ . For KLB1, we 332 calculate an average melting pressure of approximately 12 kbar at  $T_p = 1300 \,^{\circ}C$ , and 28 kbar 333 at  $T_p = 1530$  °C. The average  $\Delta_{melt-source}$  for each  $T_p$  is then taken as the  $\Delta_{melt-source}$  at the 334

#### <sup>335</sup> calculated average melting pressure.

The approach above, however, uses an equilibrium melt isotope composition at a single pressure to approximate the fractional, multibaric melting thought to occur in the mantle (McKenzie, 1984; von Bargen and Waff, 1986; Langmuir et al., 1992; Asimow et al., 2001). To assess the suitability of the equilibrium melting at single pressure approach, we have also calculated the average melt isotopic composition by considering the stable isotope composition and elemental concentration for each new step of melt generated during isentropic decompression at  $T_p =$ 1300 °C and 1530 °C by

$$\bar{\Delta}_{\text{melt-source}} = \frac{\int_{P_0}^{P_f} \Delta_x c \,\Delta F \,g \,dP}{\int_{P_0}^{P_f} c \,\Delta F \,g \,dP} \tag{9}$$

where  $\Delta_x$  is the  $\Delta_{melt-source}$  of the melt produced in the pressure step, and c is the wt % of 343 the element being considered in the melt, and other terms as above. The approach of equation 344 7, while considering polybaric melting, is still not a fractional melting model, but fractional 345 melting is beyond the scope of this work. Nonetheless, the chemical composition of pooled 346 fractional melts from a ridge melting regime has been shown to closely resemble that of a simple 347 equilibrium batch melt (Langmuir et al., 1992). Equation 7 therefore allows us to broadly assess 348 whether the approach taken in equation 6 produces estimates of mean melt isotope ratios very 349 different from a more realistic polybaric approach, although it should be noted that the polybaric 350 method of equation 7 only allows us to calculate the average melt isotopic composition for the 351 two  $T_ps$  for which we have calculated isentropes. 352

Fig. S9 shows the comparison of the two calculations of average  $\Delta_{melt-source}$ . The dots show the 353 average melt isotope composition when calculated as a sum along the isentrope; the solid lines 354 show the approximation using the melt composition at the average pressure of melting. The 355 calculation using the average melt pressure is a good approximation of the calculated average 356 melt isotope compositions. Therefore we use this pressure approach in the main text: the 357 limitation of the calculated average melt isotope composition is that we only have information for 358 the  $T_p$ s for which we have calculated isentropes, hence use a linear interpolation between them, 359 whereas the average pressure approach allows us to use more information from the calculated 360 P-T map of melt compositions, reflecting the changing of stable mineral assemblage, for example. 361

### <sup>362</sup> 7 Trace element calculations

Table S12 gives the mineral-melt partition coefficients and mantle concentrations for Sm and Yb used in this model.

Table S12: Input parameters (partition coefficients relative to melt, mantle concentrations) for calculating the Sm, Dy and Yb concentration of trace elements in the model melts.  $D_{gt,cpx,ol,opx}$  and element concentrations from Gibson and Geist (2010);  $D_{spinel}$  from Liu et al. (2019) (average values from high P experiments);  $D_{plag}$  from Aigner-Torres et al. (2007) (from 'run 31');  $D_{rutile}$  from Klemme et al. (2005) (Sm), Foley et al. (2000) (Dy, Yb);  $D_{ilmenite}$  from Zack and Brumm (1998). Conc.<sub>DM</sub> = concentration in depleted mantle; mineral abbreviations as previous with rut. = rutile, ilm. = ilmenite.

Element	$\mathrm{D}_{\mathrm{gt}}$	$\mathrm{D}_{\mathrm{cpx}}$	$\mathrm{D}_{\mathrm{ol}}$	$\mathrm{D}_{\mathrm{opx}}$	$\mathrm{D}_{\mathrm{spn}}$	$\mathrm{D}_{\mathrm{plag}}$	$\mathrm{D}_{\mathrm{rut}}$	$\mathrm{D}_{\mathrm{ilm}}$	$\operatorname{Conc{DM}}$
Sm	0.25	0.293	0.0011	0.02	0.198	0.081	0.00135	0.00059	0.299
Dy	2.2	0.4	0.0027	0.011	0.069	0.049	0.00076	0.01	0.525
Yb	6.6	0.4	2	0.08	0.812	0.025	0.0093	0.17	0.347



Figure S9:  $\Delta_{\text{melt-source}}$  for KLB1 calculated by taking the isotopic fractionation at the average melt pressure (solid lines) compared to a calculation of the average melt composition by considering polybaric melts (equation 7), shown as coloured dots.

<sup>365</sup> The concentration of each element in the melt was calculated at each P-T point by:

$$C_{\text{liquid}} = \frac{C_{\text{bulk}}}{\sum D_{\text{mineral}} F_{\text{mineral}} + F_{\text{liquid}}}$$
(10)

where C = concentration, D = partition coefficient, F = fraction of phase.

## <sup>367</sup> 8 Additional reference figures

Fig. S10 provides a reference for how oxygen fugacity, melt fraction, and selected trace element ratios vary along the isentropes shown in Figs. 1 and 4 of the main text. The trace element concentrations are calculated using depleted mantle (DM) inputs for KLB1, and plume inputs for the enriched MIX1G and G2 lithologies (see Table S12).

We choose to use peridotite isentropic decompression paths for the two pyroxenite lithologies, as discussed in the main text. Figs. S11, S12 show results for the other endmember case for the two pyroxenite lithologies, i.e., where the lithologies decompress along isentropic paths calculated for each pure pyroxenite lithology.

Fig. S13 compares the melt-source isotope fractionation with progressive melting (along peridotite isentropes) for pairs of isotopes in each lithology, allowing assessment of the 'direct' sensitivity to lithology. By direct lithological sensitivity, we refer to sensitivity related to mineralogy – these isotope systems may still trace lithology via each lithology's different bulk isotope composition. On balance, given that melts from any pyroxenite lithology are likely to be diluted with ambient periodotite melts when extracted from the mantle (e.g., Hirschmann and Stolper,



Figure S10: Parameters along the peridotite isentropic decompression paths for all three lithologies: oxygen fugacity (from the  $fO_2$  melt software; Holland et al., 2018), melt fraction (from THERMOCALC output), and selected trace element ratios in the melts (calculated using the model described in the section above). The isentropes match those in Figs. 2 and 5 in the main text.



Figure S11: Isentropic melting paths for pure MIX1G, and  $\Delta_{melt-source}$  along these isentropes. Errors are shown as 1 S.D. long-term uncertainty.



Figure S12: Isentropic melting paths for pure G2, and  $\Delta_{melt-source}$  along these isentropes. Errors are shown as 1 S.D. long-term uncertainty.

1996; Sobolev et al., 2005; Shorttle and Maclennan, 2011; Soderman et al., 2021), our results 382 in Fig. S13 are probably representative of maximum isotope fractionation signatures we might 383 see in natural systems, and Fig. 7 in the main text (which takes into account both this dilution 384 effect and non-identical bulk isotope compositions of the lithologies) may better represent the 385 predicted resolvability of each isotope system to lithology. Generally, Fig. S13 suggests that the 386 stable isotopes considered here may have poor direct sensitivity to lithological heterogeneity in 387 the source regions of basalts, assuming equilibrium fractionation behaviour and in the absence 388 of any pre-imposed source heterogeneity (i.e., where all lithologies have the same bulk isotope 389 ratio). 390



Figure S13: Melting fractionation ( $\Delta_{melt-source}$ ) plotted along the  $T_p = 1300 \,^{\circ}C$  isentrope; squares in Mg–Ca space show  $T_p = 1530 \,^{\circ}C$  isentrope for reference. High or low pressure end of isentrope is marked, and arrows show the direction of progressive melting (decompression). Markers are plotted every 3 pressure steps (each pressure step is 0.5 kbar). Grey shaded regions show the source  $(0 \,\%) \pm$  typical long-term analytical 1 S.D. (see Table S2 for details).

# <sup>391</sup> 9 Element budgeting between lithologies

To produce Fig. 7 in the main text, we use a mass balance calculation for each isotopic system, X, where

$$\delta X_{\text{bulk}} = (F_{\text{pyroxenite}}^{X} \times \delta X_{\text{pyroxenite}}) + (F_{\text{peridotite}}^{X} \times \delta X_{\text{peridotite}})$$
(11)

and  $F^X$  is the fraction of the total element in the final melt coming from each lithology,  $\delta X_{\text{lithology}}$ is the isotopic composition of each lithology (bulk isotope composition of lithology + melt-source isotope fractionation). The F term considers both the amount of the element in the melt from Table S13: Inputs used to calculate bulk melt-source isotope fractionation in Figs. 7 and S14. \* indicates inputs using the pure pyroxenite isentropes at that  $T_p$ , rather than peridotite isentropes. The MIX1G 1400\* inputs are actually for an isentrope of  $T_p = 1436$  °C. The P-T given are the closest P-T pair in the model output files to the average P-T of melting along each isentrope, as calculated in Section 6. For V and Cr, where element partitioning is not calculated by THERMOCALC, the melt element concentrations are calculated as described in Appendix Section 3, using the following bulk compositions for each lithology: KLB1 Cr<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> = 0.32 wt %, G2 Cr<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> = 0.08 wt %, MIX1G Cr<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> = 0.11 wt % (Jennings et al., 2016); KLB1 V = 85 ppm (typical primitive mantle value from Lee et al., 2003; Prytulak et al., 2013), MIX1G and G2 V = 350 ppm (typical MORB value; Prytulak et al., 2013).

	KLB1		MIX16	1 T			G2	
$T_p$ (°C):	1300	1400	1300	$1300^{*}$	1400	$1400^{*}$	1300	$1300^{*}$
Pressure (kbar)	12	17.5	15	13.5	24.5	22	27	25.5
Temperature (°C)	1300	1400	1317	1248	1440	1380	1345	1269
Melt fraction	0.061	0.099	0.323	0.093	0.369	0.155	0.458	0.048
Melt element conc.								
$Mg \pmod{\%}$ oxide)	16.50	20.43	15.44	11.01	19.42	16.59	5.92	4.48
Ca (mol % oxide)	12.72	13.62	12.66	10.63	13.09	11.83	9.47	7.53
Fe $(mol \% oxide)$	6.36	7.64	8.93	7.46	9.27	10.21	4.22	3.07
V (wt % element)	0.002	0.003	0.014	0.008	0.015	0.009	0.021	0.011
Cr (wt % element)	0.005	0.009	0.004	0.001	0.007	0.002	0.004	0.001
Melt-source isotopic	fractionati	on (‰)						
$\Delta^{26}$ Mg	-0.02	-0.02	-0.08	-0.10	0.08	0.02	0.06	0.09
$\Delta^{44}$ Ca	-0.09	-0.08	-0.04	-0.05	-0.08	-0.08	-0.08	-0.12
$\Delta^{57}$ Fe	0.06	0.04	0.03	0.06	0.03	0.04	0.03	0.06
$\Delta^{51}$ V	0.05	0.03	0.03	0.08	0.02	0.05	0.03	0.07
$\Delta^{53}$ Cr	-0.03	-0.02	-0.05	-0.06	-0.04	-0.05	-0.03	-0.12
Bulk isotopic compo	osition of lit	hology (‰)						
$\delta^{26}$ Mg	-0.24		-0.25				-0.25	
$\delta^{44}$ Ca	0.94		0.83				0.83	
$\delta^{57} { m Fe}$	0.05		0.14				0.14	
$\delta^{51} V$	-0.91		-0.92				-0.92	
$\delta^{53}$ Cr	-0.12		-0.15				-0.15	

each lithology, and the melt fraction of each lithology. Table S13 gives the inputs used: these 397 inputs are taken from the full model results at the average P-T melting condition (as in Section 398 6) for each  $T_p$ . This calculation cannot be done for a  $T_p$  of 1530 °C (MIX1G & G2) or 1400 °C 399 (G2) because the isentropic melting paths intersect the solidus at pressures below the base of 400 our model, so an accurate average pressure of melting cannot be calculated. The bulk isotope 401 compositions of each lithology are the BSE values for peridotite (see Fig. 1 caption in main text 402 for sources), and average MORB composition for pyroxenite (except for Cr where no known 403 MORB data are published and the modelled aggregate KLB1 melt isotope composition for  $T_p$ 404  $= 1300 \,^{\circ}\mathrm{C}$  is used). 405

Fig. S14 is an alternative to Fig. 7 in the main text, with the right hand panels scaled to typical current 1 S.D. analytical precision.



Figure S14: Aggregate bulk melt isotope fractionation (relative to a pure peridotite source, left hand panels; relative to a pure peridotite melt and scaled to current typical long-term analytical 1 S.D., right hand panels) for multi-lithologic mantle. At each  $T_p$ , the aggregate melt composition (including isotope composition, and element proportion) at the average pressure and temperature of melting for each lithology is used to calculate the resulting bulk melt isotope composition by mass balance. A range of bulk melt-source isotope fractionations are given for each isotope system, reflecting two endmembers for the thermal behaviour of pyroxenite upwelling in a peridotite host. The bolder line represents the case for pyroxenite following peridotite geotherms (as used throughout this study); the paler line reflects pyroxenite following its own geotherm, as in Figs. S10 and S11. Grey horizontal bars in the right hand panels highlight 1 S.D.

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# APPENDIX

### <sup>2</sup> Supplementary Material to 'Global trends in novel stable isotopes in basalts: theory and observations' by Soderman et al.

## 3 1 Data sources

<sup>4</sup> The data sources used in the natural data compilation in Figs. 1 and 8 in the main text are <sup>5</sup> given in Table S1.

lsotope	Type	Literature sources
$\delta^{26} Mg$	MORB OIB	Wiechert and Halliday (2007); Bourdon et al. (2010); Teng et al. (2010); Zhong et al. (2021b) Bourdon et al. (2010); Teng et al. (2010); Zhong et al. (2017); Wang et al. (2021)
$\delta^{44}$ Ca	MORB OIB	Zhu et al. (2018); Chen et al. (2020b); Zhu et al. (2020a) Huang et al. (2011b); Valdes et al. (2014, 2019); Feng et al. (2017); Chen et al. (2020b)
$5^{57}$ Fe	MORB OIB	Teng et al. (2013); Nebel et al. (2013); Zhong et al. (2021) (seamounts: Sun et al., 2020) Teng et al. (2008); Schuessler et al. (2009); Konter et al. (2016); Nebel et al. (2019) Peters et al. (2019); Gleeson et al. (2020); Soderman et al. (2021)
$\delta^{51}$ V	MORB OIB	Prytulak et al. (2013); Wu et al. (2018); Novella et al. (2020) Prytulak et al. (2013); Ding et al. (2020)
$\delta^{53}$ Cr	OIB	Bonnand et al. (2020); Shen et al. (2020)

Table S1: Literature data sources for stable isotope data compilation.

<sup>6</sup> Table S2 gives the references for the typical sample 2 S.E. and long-term 2 S.D. used throughout the manuscript.

Isotope	Type	Value ( $\%$ )	Literature sources
$\delta^{26} Mg$	sample 2 S.E. long-term 2 S.D.	$\begin{array}{c} 0.02\\ 0.06\end{array}$	Wang et al. (2021) Wang et al. (2021)
$\delta^{44}$ Ca	sample 2 S.E. long-term 2 S.D.	$\begin{array}{c} 0.05\\ 0.14\end{array}$	Zhu et al. (2018, 2020a) Chen et al. (2019)
$\delta^{57}$ Fe	sample 2 S.E. long-term 2 S.D.	$0.02 \\ 0.05$	Soderman et al. (2021) Soderman et al. (2021)
$\delta^{51}$ V	sample 2 S.E. long-term 2 S.D.	$\begin{array}{c} 0.05 \\ 0.08 \end{array}$	Wu et al. (2018); Novella et al. (2020) Qi et al. (2019)
$\delta^{53}$ Cr	sample 2 S.E. long-term 2 S.D.	$\begin{array}{c} 0.01 \\ 0.04 \end{array}$	Sossi et al. (2018) Xia et al. (2017); Sossi et al. (2018)

Table S2: Literature data sources for stable isotope data errors.

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## <sup>8</sup> 2 Phase equilibria calculations

In order to explore stable isotope fractionation taking place during the melting of pyroxenite
and peridotite lithologies within the mantle, we first constructed pseudosections and calculated
mineral chemistries for MIX1G (KLB1 and G2 calculations are presented in Soderman et al.,
2021). The calculations were performed in the KNCFMASTOCr system using THERMOCALC
v3.47 (Powell et al., 1998), and the latest version of the thermodynamic dataset of Holland and
Powell (2011) with the a-X models of Holland et al. (2018).

<sup>15</sup> The composition of the MIX1G lithology (Hirschmann et al., 2003; Lambart et al., 2016) used <sup>16</sup> in the phase-equilibria calculations is given in Table S3. The ferric iron content is taken as <sup>17</sup> between that of KLB1 peridotite and MORB, following the approach used for KG1 by Jennings <sup>18</sup> et al. (2016), where  $Fe^{3+}/Fe_T = 0.1$ .

Table S3: MIX1G composition, in KNCFMASTOCr system (mol % oxides). Composition from Lambart et al. (2016), renormalised without MnO.

				mole %	% oxide				
$\mathrm{SiO}_2$	$\mathrm{Al}_2\mathrm{O}_3$	CaO	MgO	$\mathrm{FeO}_t$	$\mathrm{K}_{2}\mathrm{O}$	$Na_2O$	${\rm TiO}_2$	$\mathrm{Cr}_2\mathrm{O}_3$	Ο
38.5	1.78	2.82	50.58	5.52	0.01	0.25	0.07	0.11	0.09

<sup>19</sup> After calculation of the phase boundaries, THERMOCALC was run over a grid of P-T space, from

 $_{20}$  5–40 kbar and 1100–1730 °C.

# <sup>21</sup> 3 Details and results of the main stable isotope fractionation <sup>22</sup> model

The equilibrium isotopic composition of the phases present at any point in P-T space (including 23 melts) was calculated for each isotope system, based on calculated equilibrium isotope fraction-24 ation factors,  $\alpha^{A-B}$ , between the phases that are present.  $\alpha^{A-B}$  was calculated either from 25 reduced partition function ratios ( $\beta$  factors), or from calculated cation-oxygen force constants, 26 as outlined for Mg, Ca, V and Cr isotopes below. The Fe isotope fractionation input parameters 27 are presented in the supplementary information of Soderman et al. (2021). The mineral abbre-28 viations used in the figures in the following subsections are: olivine (ol), clinopyroxene (cpx), 29 orthopyroxene (opx), spinel (spn), garnet (g), plagioclase (pl). 30

### 31 **3.1** Mg

The  $\beta^{Mg}$  factors used for Mg-bearing mantle minerals (spinel, clinopyroxene, orthopyroxene, olivine, garnet) are given in Table S4. These  $\beta^{Mg}$  factors are taken from Huang et al. (2013), with the exception of spinel, which is taken from Schauble (2011) and scaled relative to a reference  $\beta^{Mg}$  of olivine which is calculated in both studies. Pigeonite (a stable phase in MIX1G) is modelled with the same  $\beta^{Mg}$  as clinopyroxene; liquid (melt) is taken as having no fractionation from olivine in the main model (Stracke et al., 2018, see Appendix Section 4 for discussion), so  $\beta^{Mg}_{melt} = \beta^{Mg}_{olivine}$ .

<sup>39</sup> The full results of the Mg model, showing the isotopic composition of each phase calculated in

Table S4: Parameters for  $\beta^{Mg}$  factors from Huang et al. (2013).  $1000\ln\beta = a/T^6 + b/T^4 + c/T^2$ , where T = temperature (Kelvin).

Mineral	a	b	с
spinel orthopyroxene clinopyroxene olivine garnet melt	$\begin{array}{c} -2.74 \times 10^{16} \\ -8.10 \times 10^{15} \\ -1.17 \times 10^{16} \\ -1.19 \times 10^{16} \\ -5.50 \times 10^{15} \\ -1.19 \times 10^{16} \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 2.08 \times 10^{11} \\ 6.65 \times 10^{10} \\ 1.03 \times 10^{11} \\ 1.05 \times 10^{11} \\ 4.92 \times 10^{10} \\ 1.05 \times 10^{11} \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 2.93 \times 10^6 \\ 2.25 \times 10^6 \\ 2.24 \times 10^6 \\ 2.07 \times 10^6 \\ 1.30 \times 10^6 \\ 2.07 \times 10^6 \end{array}$

<sup>40</sup> KLB1, MIX1G and G2, are in Fig. S1.



Figure S1: Full results of the Mg isotopic fractionation model,  $\Delta^{26}$  Mg<sub>phase-source</sub>, for the three lithologies.

Table S5:  $\beta^{Ca}$  factors (given as  $1000 \ln \beta$ , at a temperature of 1000K) from Antonelli et al. (2019).

Mineral	Structure used	$1000 \ln \beta$
plagioclase	anorthite	1.06
orthopyroxene	Ca/Mg = 1/32	1.84
clinopyroxene	diopside	1.32
olivine	forsterite $Ca/Mg = 1/64$	2.11
garnet	pyrope $Ca/Mg = 1/24$	2.00
liquid		1.19

### 41 **3.2** Ca

The  $\beta^{Ca}$  factors used for Ca-bearing mantle minerals (plagioclase, clinopyroxene, orthopyroxene, 42 olivine, garnet) are given in Table S5, and are taken from Antonelli et al. (2019). Where options 43 exist for minerals with different structures and/or compositions, we use those with most similar 44 Ca/Mg to the typical phase compositions calculated by THERMOCALC for KLB1. Pigeonite (a 45 stable phase in MIX1G) is modelled with the same  $\beta^{Ca}$  as clinopyroxene; liquid is taken as having 46  $\beta^{Ca}$  intermediate between clinopyroxene and plagioclase (anorthite), following observations from 47 natural samples (Zhang et al., 2018; Antonelli et al., 2019b) and consistent with the approach 48 used by Antonelli et al. (2021).  $\beta^{Ca}$  factors are made temperature-dependent by 49

$$\ln\beta_{(T)} = \ln\beta_{(1000K)} \times \frac{10^6}{T^2}$$
(1)

<sup>50</sup> following Antonelli et al. (2021).

<sup>51</sup> The full results of the Ca model, showing the isotopic composition of each phase calculated in

<sup>52</sup> KLB1, MIX1G and G2, are in Fig. S2.



Figure S2: Full results of the Ca isotopic fractionation model,  $\Delta^{44}$ Ca<sub>phase-source</sub>, for the three lithologies.

 $_{53}$  3.3 V

The proportion of  $V^{3+/4+/5+}$  was calculated following Toplis and Corgne (2002), using the FeO/Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> ratio of the melt (calculated by THERMOCALC) at each point in P-T space with

$$\log(XV^{3+}/XV^{4+}) = \log(XFe^{2+}/XFe^{3+}) - 2.4$$
(2)

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$$\log(XV^{4+}/XV^{5+}) = \log(XFe^{2+}/XFe^{3+}) - 0.3$$
(3)

<sup>57</sup> where X is the mole fraction of cation.

The partition coefficients and  $\beta^{V}$  factors of each valence state of V in the V-bearing mantle minerals (olivine, clinopyroxene, orthopyroxene, garnet, spinel) are given in Table S6. Partition coefficients are from Mallmann and O'Neill (2009), with garnet assumed to have similar V partitioning to clinopyroxene (Mallmann and O'Neill, 2007, 2009). The  $\beta^{V}$  factors are taken from Wu et al. (2015) for V in different coordination environments in solution systems; alternative choices of  $\beta^{V}$  due to uncertainties in V coordination number are discussed in Section 4 below. Pigeonite (a stable phase in MIX1G) is modelled as clinopyroxene.

Table S6: Parameters for V partitioning and isotopic fractionation. Partition coefficients (D) from Mallmann and O'Neill (2009).  $\beta^{V}$  factors are from Wu et al. (2015).  $1000\ln\beta = a/T^{6} + b/T^{4} + c/T^{2}$ , where T = temperature (Kelvin).

Mineral	Valence	$\mathrm{D}_{\mathrm{min-liq}}$	a	b	C
olivine	$V^{3+}$	0.18	$1.0 \times 10^{14}$	$-7.70 \times 10^{9}$	$6.28 \times 10^{5}$
	$V^{4+}$	0.0227	$4.0 \times 10^{14}$	$-1.80 \times 10^{10}$	$9.43 \times 10^{5}$
	$V^{5+}$	0.00255	$7.0 \times 10^{14}$	$-3.06 \times 10^{10}$	$1.26 \times 10^{6}$
orthopyroxene	$V^{3+}$	1	$1.0 \times 10^{14}$	$-7.70 \times 10^{9}$	$6.28 \times 10^{5}$
	$V^{4+}$	0.674	$4.0 \times 10^{14}$	$-1.80 \times 10^{10}$	$9.43 \times 10^{5}$
	$V^{5+}$	0.00338	$7.0 \times 10^{14}$	$-3.06 \times 10^{10}$	$1.26 \times 10^{6}$
clinopyroxene	$V^{3+}$	3.88	$1.0 \times 10^{14}$	$-7.70 \times 10^{9}$	$6.28 \times 10^{5}$
	$V^{4+}$	1.13	$4.0 \times 10^{14}$	$-1.80 \times 10^{10}$	$9.43 \times 10^{5}$
	$V^{5+}$	0.0142	$7.0 \times 10^{14}$	$-3.06 \times 10^{10}$	$1.26 \times 10^{6}$
spinel	$V^{3+}$	15.3	$1.0 \times 10^{14}$	$-7.70 \times 10^{9}$	$6.28 \times 10^{5}$
	$V^{4+}$	1.44	$4.0 \times 10^{14}$	$-1.80 \times 10^{10}$	$9.43 \times 10^{5}$
	$V^{5+}$	0.00303	$7.0 \times 10^{14}$	$-3.06 \times 10^{10}$	$1.26 \times 10^{6}$
garnet	$V^{3+}$	3.88	$1.0 \times 10^{14}$	$-7.70 \times 10^{9}$	$6.28 \times 10^{5}$
	$V^{4+}$	1.13	$4.0 \times 10^{14}$	$-1.80 \times 10^{10}$	$9.43 \times 10^{5}$
	$V^{5+}$	0.0142	$7.0 \times 10^{14}$	$-3.06 \times 10^{10}$	$1.26 \times 10^{6}$
melt	$V^{3+}$	1	$1.0 \times 10^{14}$	$-7.70 \times 10^{9}$	$6.28 \times 10^{5}$
	$V^{4+}$	1	$4.0 \times 10^{14}$	$-1.80 \times 10^{10}$	$9.43 \times 10^{5}$
	$V^{5+}$	1	$7.0\times10^{14}$	$-3.06 \times 10^{10}$	$1.26 \times 10^{6}$

The full results of the V isotope model, showing the isotopic composition of each phase calculated in KLB1, MIX1G and G2, are in Fig. S3. Note that stable isotope fractionation can only be calculated where there is liquid present, i.e., where the proportion of each V valence state can be calculated.

69 3.4 Cr

The proportion of  $Cr^{2+/3+}$  was calculated using the parameterisation given in Berry et al. (2021)

$$\frac{Cr^{2+}}{Cr_{T}} = \frac{1}{1 + 10^{(0.25\log fO_2 + \log K')}}$$
(4)



Figure S3: Full results of the V isotopic fractionation model,  $\Delta^{51}V_{\text{phase-source}}$ , for the three lithologies.

Table S7: Optical basicity values for each oxide, from Mills (1993).

optical basicity, $\Lambda$									
$\mathrm{SiO}_2$	${\rm TiO}_2$	$\mathrm{Al}_2\mathrm{O}_3$	$\mathrm{Fe}_2\mathrm{O}_3$	$\mathrm{Cr}_2\mathrm{O}_3$	FeO	CaO	MgO	$Na_2O$	$K_2O$
0.48	0.61	0.60	0.75	0.58	1	1	0.78	1.15	1.4

<sup>71</sup> with  $fO_2$  calculated at each P-T point using the  $fO_2$  melt software (Holland et al., 2018), and <sup>72</sup> the modified equilibrium constant calculated by

$$\log K' = \frac{9770}{T} - 7.69 + 6.22\Lambda + \frac{(900P - 172P^2)}{T}$$
(5)

<sup>73</sup> where T is in Kelvin, P is in GPa. A is the optical basicity, a composition-dependent term (Duffy, <sup>74</sup> 1993) which reflects equilibrium between bridging oxygens, non-bridging oxygens and free oxide <sup>75</sup> anions in a melt (Humphreys et al., 2015). Since optical basicity values can be assigned to <sup>76</sup> individual oxides (Duffy, 1993), an ideal optical basicity for a melt can be calculated, following <sup>77</sup> Mills (1993), as

$$\Lambda = \frac{\sum X_i n_i \Lambda_i}{\sum X_i n_i} \tag{6}$$

<sup>78</sup> where  $X_i$  is the mole fraction of oxide i, n is the number of O associated with oxide i, and  $\Lambda$  is <sup>79</sup> the theoretical  $\Lambda$  of oxide i (see Table S7). At each P-T point, the calculated  $\Lambda$  was used with <sup>80</sup> equations 3 and 4 to calculate Cr redox state.

The partition coefficients of each valence state of Cr in the Cr-bearing mantle minerals (olivine, 81 clinopyroxene, orthopyroxene, garnet, spinel) are given in Table S8. Partition coefficients for 82 olivine, clinopyroxene, orthopyroxene are from (Mallmann and O'Neill, 2009); for spinel from 83 the supplement of Shen et al. (2018), for garnet from Sutton et al. (2008). The ionic model 84 inputs (Table S8) are based on the supplement of Shen et al. (2018); for garnet, where no ionic 85 inputs are presented in Shen et al. (2018), we take coordination information from Deer et al. 86 (2013), and use the relevant ionic radii as used by Shen et al. (2018). The force constants for 87 Cr-O bonds were then calculated based on the equations presented in Sossi and O'Neill (2017) 88

<sup>89</sup> for Fe isotopes.

Table S8: Parameters for Cr partitioning and isotopic fractionation model. Partition coefficients (D) from Mallmann and O'Neill (2009); Shen et al. (2018); Sutton et al. (2008). Mineral site and bonding information is based on Shen et al. (2018). cpx = clinopyroxene, opx = orthopyroxene.

Mineral	Cr species	$\mathrm{D}_{\mathrm{min-melt}}$	Site	Cr coordination	Bond length (Å)	O coordination	No. sites
spinel	2+	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
spinel	3+	220	M	6	1.995	4	2
garnet	2+	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
garnet	3+	12	M2	6	1.995	4	2
olivine	2+	0.85	M2	6	2.18	4	1
olivine	3+	0.85	M1	6	1.995	4	1
opx	2+	0.843	M2	7	2.305	3.57	1
opx	3+	3.52	M1	6	1.988	3.67	1
cpx	2+	0.587	M2	7	2.305	3.57	1
cpx	3+	12.6	M1	6	1.988	3.67	1
liquid	2+	1		4	1.913	4	
liquid	3+	1		6	1.995	4	

<sup>90</sup> The full results of the Cr model, showing the isotopic composition of each phase calculated in

<sup>91</sup> KLB1, MIX1G and G2, are in Fig. S4. Note that stable isotope fractionation can only be

<sup>92</sup> calculated where there is liquid present, i.e., where the proportion of each Cr valence state can

<sup>93</sup> be calculated.



Figure S4: Full results of the Cr isotopic fractionation model,  $\Delta^{53}$ Cr<sub>phase-source</sub>, for the three lithologies.

### <sup>94</sup> 3.5 Consistency of valence state calculations

As discussed in the main text, the calculated  $Fe^{3+}/Fe_T$ ,  $Cr^{3+}/Cr_T$  and  $V^{4+,5+}/V_T$  are not fully 95 self-consistent, as the speciation of both Cr and V are calculated based on the  $Fe^{3+}/Fe_T$  at 96 any point. This means that O (oxygen) is being partitioned into the oxidised Cr and V oxides 97 without affecting Fe redox state. We consider tying the Cr and V valence states to the Fe redox 98 equilibria to be reasonable, as Fe is the dominant redox-sensitive element in the mantle with an 99 abundance considerably greater than that of Cr or V. To quantify this, we have calculated the 100 fraction of oxygen associated with oxidised valence states of the each redox-sensitive element 101 out of the total oxygen associated with the oxidised valence states, e.g., 102

$$\frac{O_{Fe^{3+}}}{O_{Fe^{3+}} + O_{Cr^{3+}} + O_{V^{4+}} + O_{V^{5+}}}$$
(7)

where  $O_X$  represents the number of moles of oxygen associated with cation X at any given P-T point. At T = 1300 °C and P = 12 kbar, we calculate that 73 % of the oxygen associated with oxidised cations is associated with Fe<sup>3+</sup>, 27 % with Cr<sup>3+</sup>, and < 0.01 % with V<sup>4+,5+</sup>, for total Fe, Cr and V contents in peridotite (Davis et al., 2009; Salters and Stracke, 2004).

However, although our use of the Fe redox equilibria to calculate Cr and V speciation is a 107 reasonable approximation, it is important to note that considering the combined Fe-Cr-V redox 108 equilibria as in real systems would reduce the variability in the redox state of each element across 109 P-T space compared to our model. This is because the combined effect of considering three redox 110 equilibria able to accommodate oxygen via their oxidised cations together is that each system 111 will have to shift its redox equilibria less compared to a scenario where only one redox-sensitive 112 element is considered. To approximately quantify the effect of this redox feedback, we took an 113 extreme case of reducing all the  $Cr_2O_3$  in the melt at a given P-T point, accommodating the 114 released oxygen by increasing the amount of  $Fe_2O_3$  and reducing the amount of FeO accordingly. 115 We then calculated the  $fO_2$  of this new composition through the  $fO_2$  melt software (Holland 116 et al., 2018), and recalculated the expected  $Cr^{3+}/Cr_T$  given the new fO<sub>2</sub>. We find that, for this 117 calculation performed using at T = 1350 °C and P = 12 kbar, the fO<sub>2</sub> change produces a 1% 118 change in  $\mathrm{Cr}^{3+}/\mathrm{Cr}_{\mathrm{T}}$  and negligible impact on the calculated  $\delta^{53}\mathrm{Cr}$ . 119

### <sup>120</sup> 4 Alternative input parameters and results

The inputs into the isotope fractionation models are better constrained for some of the stable isotope systems considered relative to others. These uncertainties limit our ability to predict the behaviour of some isotope systems in high temperature settings, and therefore limit the utility of stable isotopes as a tool for exploring global basalt systematics. Here we discuss the results of using alternative inputs.

### 126 4.1 Mg: $\alpha_{\text{orthopyroxene-melt}} = 1$

<sup>127</sup> While the bonding of Mg in crystal lattices can be used to calculate a self-consistent set of  $\beta^{Mg}$ <sup>128</sup> factors (Schauble, 2011; Huang et al., 2013) to input into the melting model,  $\beta^{Mg}$  factors do not <sup>129</sup> exist for silicate liquid. However, Stracke et al. (2018) show that  $\alpha_{olivine, orthopyroxene-melt} \sim 1$ <sup>130</sup> based on equilibrated peridotite xenoliths. Mg is also similarly coordinated ([5–6] fold) in melt <sup>131</sup> and olivine/orthopyroxene (George and Stebbins, 1998; Shimoda et al., 2007; Stracke et al., <sup>132</sup> 2018), providing further evidence for minimal olivine/orthopyroxene – melt Mg stable isotope

133 fractionation at magmatic temperatures.

We have chosen to use  $\alpha_{\text{olivine-melt}} = 1$ ; i.e., using the same  $\beta^{\text{Mg}}$  values for liquid as for olivine. The alternative is to use  $\alpha_{\text{orthopyroxene-melt}} = 1$ . Fig. S5 compares the  $\Delta^{26}$ Mg<sub>melt-source</sub> for an input of  $\alpha_{\text{olivine-melt}} = 1$  (left hand panels; these are the results used in the main text) with an input of  $\alpha_{\text{orthopyroxene-melt}} = 1$  (right hand panels). The new input parameters replace the melt in Table S4 with Table S9.

Table S9: Alternate parameters for Mg isotope  $\beta^{Mg}$  factors from Huang et al. (2013).  $1000\ln\beta = a/T^6 + b/T^4 + c/T^2$ , where T = temperature (Kelvin).

Mineral	a	b	с
melt	$-8.10 \times 10^{15}$	$6.65\times10^{10}$	$2.25 \times 10^6$

For KLB1 peridotite, the magnitude of the difference in melt isotope composition between the 139 two models is  $\approx 0.05$  % (small compared to the average analytical uncertainty of 0.1 % suggested 140 in Stracke et al., 2018, and similar to the long-term 2 S.D. of 0.06 % given in Wang et al., 2021), 141 however the direction of partial melting fractionation is different. In the case of  $\alpha_{\text{olivine-melt}} = 1$ , 142 KLB1 melts are isotopically lighter than the bulk, and get heavier with increasing degree of 143 melting (the latter part of this behaviour is consistent with fractional melting modelled by 144 Stracke et al., 2018). For  $\alpha_{\text{orthopyroxene-melt}} = 1$ , partial melts are isotopically heavier than the 145 bulk, and get progressively lighter with increasing degree of melting (the former part of this 146 behaviour is consistent with Stracke et al., 2018). 147

For KLB1, the similar differences in modelled melting isotopic fractionation relative to the ana-148 lytical uncertainty means that the choice of  $\alpha_{\text{olivine-melt}} = 1$  or  $\alpha_{\text{orthopyroxene-melt}} = 1$  for liquid 149 does not greatly alter any conclusions drawn from the peridotite melting. Minimal difference 150 between the models is also seen for MIX1G. However, low pressure melts from G2 (< 15 kbar) 151 show effectively no stable isotope fractionation when  $\alpha_{\text{orthopyroxene-melt}} = 1$  is used, compared 152 to fractionations as large as  $\Delta^{26}Mg = -0.1\%$  with  $\alpha_{olivine-melt} = 1$ . This is because, for these 153 shallow depths, the only stable Mg-bearing phases in G2 are clinopyroxene and liquid (garnet 154 is not stable). Orthopyroxene and clinopyroxene have similar  $\beta^{Mg}$  factors and therefore, when 155 liquid is given the same  $\beta^{Mg}$  factor as orthopyroxene, the coexisting liquid and clinopyroxene 156 are only minimally isotopically fractionated from each other. These results highlight how impor-157 tant accurate experimental  $\alpha_{\text{mineral-melt}}$  are for understanding the behaviour of stable isotope 158 systems, and the important role analytical precision plays in being able to identify these effects 159 in nature. Magnesium stable isotopes would benefit from further work in both of these areas. 160

### <sup>161</sup> 4.2 Ca

The  $\beta^{Ca}$  value approach reduces uncertainties associated with an ionic model, as the bond lengths 162 and Ca, O coordination numbers in the relevant mineral structures required for the ionic model 163 are variable in the literature (e.g., Feng et al., 2014; Huang et al., 2019). Huang et al. (2019) 164 present an alternative set of  $\beta^{Ca}$  values for the Ca-bearing minerals we are concerned with, 165 although Antonelli et al. (2019) argue that the PBE functionals used in their own study better 166 represent Ca isotope fractionation between species than the less accurate LDA functionals used 167 by Huang et al. (2019). Additionally, Antonelli et al. (2019) calculate  $\beta^{Ca}$  for pyrope garnet. 168 which is more representative of mantle garnet than the grossular endmember used in Huang 169 et al. (2019). Our model uses  $\beta_{\text{plagioclase}}^{\text{Ca}} < \beta_{\text{melt}}^{\text{Ca}} < \beta_{\text{clinopyroxene}}^{\text{Ca}}$  (see explanation in Section 170



Figure S5:  $\Delta^{26}$ Mg<sub>melt-source</sub> compared for a model where  $\alpha_{olivine-melt} = 1$  (left hand plots) and  $\alpha_{orthopyroxene-melt} = 1$  (right hand plots) for all three lithologies considered.

3.2), but some studies do suggest that  $\beta_{\text{melt}}^{\text{Ca}} = \beta_{\text{clinopyroxene}}^{\text{Ca}}$  (e.g., Chen et al., 2019) based on observations from natural equilibrated peridotite and pyroxenite samples that there is minimal Ca isotope fractionation between clinopyroxene and basaltic melt. Independent estimates of the force constants in silicate liquids and further experimental constraints on the behaviour of Ca isotopes in silicate melts are therefore needed to improve the Ca isotope fractionation model.

Fig. S6 shows the results of using the  $\beta^{\text{Ca}}$  values from Huang et al. (2019) with  $\beta^{\text{Ca}}_{\text{melt}} = \beta^{\text{Ca}}_{\text{clinopyroxene}}$  (equivalent to  $\alpha_{\text{clinopyroxene-melt}} = 1$ ). The use of isotopically lighter grossular garnet and isotopically heavier melt (relative to the Antonelli et al. (2019) inputs) result in overall less negative melt-source isotope fractionation than in the main model, making all Ca

180 isotope fractionations harder to resolve with current analytical precision. However, none of the

<sup>181</sup> conclusions presented in the main text are altered by these alternative parameter choices.



Figure S6: Model results of  $\Delta^{44}$ Ca<sub>phase-source</sub> for  $\beta^{Ca}$  inputs from Huang et al. (2019), and using  $\beta^{Ca}_{melt} = \beta^{Ca}_{clinopyroxene}$ . Generally, the calculated  $\Delta^{44}$ Ca<sub>phase-source</sub> is less negative than using the  $\beta^{Ca}$  inputs from Antonelli et al. (2019) as shown in Fig. S2.

The composition of the phases involved further complicates models of Ca isotope fractionation. Feng et al. (2014) and Wang et al. (2017) show that Ca-O bond strength, hence isotopic fractionation, in orthopyroxene is dependent on the Ca and Fe content of the pyroxene, al-

though the concentrations of these elements in natural orthopyroxenes may produce negligible 185 concentration effects on isotopic fractionation (Wang et al., 2017). The isotopic fractionation 186 associated with garnet, in particular, is sensitive to Ca content for typical mantle compositions, 187 with a garnet-composition-sensitive fractionation factor produces smaller melting fractionations 188 in eclogite than using a fixed composition model (Chen et al., 2020a). Our model has not 189 implemented composition-specific fractionation factors, although does use the pyrope garnet 190 endmember which is most representative of mantle garnet. We also note that Antonelli et al. 191 (2019) calculate compositional effects for olivine and pyroxene solid solutions that are smaller 192 than those predicted using LDA functionals (e.g., Feng et al., 2014; Wang et al., 2017). 193

### 194 **4.3** Fe

The model inputs for Fe isotope fractionation are relatively well constrained. The bonding 195 environment of Fe in mineral phases is well studied, making an ionic model approach possible 196 (e.g., Sossi and O'Neill, 2017). The model based on ionic inputs produces isotopic fractionation 197 and force constant predictions consistent with predictions by other methods and observations 198 (e.g., Dauphas et al., 2014; Macris et al., 2015). In addition, the Fe-O force constants in 199 basaltic glass as a function of Fe<sup>3+</sup> content have been experimentally determined (Dauphas 200 et al., 2014), allowing the melt isotopic fractionation to be independently parameterised into 201 the model (although we note the potential complication induced by quenching effects, and by 202 melt generation in the mantle at non-atmospheric pressure). As discussed by Sossi and O'Neill 203 (2017), some terms in the ionic model approach (such as the ionicity of the bonds) are less well 204 constrained than the bonding environment of Fe in mineral structures, however the resultant 205 fractionation factors are minimally affected by these uncertainties. 206

# 207 4.4 V: $V_{melt}^{5+} = [4]$ coordinated

It has been suggested that vanadium isotopes may track magmatic redox (Prytulak et al., 2013, 2017; Sossi et al., 2018b; Wu et al., 2018) due to the existence of three valence states (3+, 4+, 5+) in terrestrial magmatic systems (Canil, 1999), though a better understanding of V isotope 211 behaviour during magmatic processes is required to exploit the system's full potential as a redox 212 tracer (Prytulak et al., 2017). The successful modelling of V isotope fractionation therefore relies 213 on an understanding of the behaviour of each valence state of V.

Although slightly variable V partition coefficients for each valence state into mineral phases 214 can be found from experimental studies (Mallmann and O'Neill, 2009), these variations make 215 no significant difference to the calculated melt isotopic compositions. The main uncertainty 216 in the V fractionation model inputs is the coordination of  $V^{4+}$  and  $V^{5+}$  in silicate melts (and 217 associated  $\beta^V$  factors). V<sup>4+</sup> in silicate liquid is [5–6] coordinated (Sutton et al., 2005), and 218  $V^{4+}$  coordination of both [5.33] and [6] have been used in existing studies discussing V isotope 219 behaviour during melting (Qi et al., 2019; Wu et al., 2018 respectively).  $V^{5+}$  coordination in 220 silicate melts is [4–6] (Sutton et al., 2005; Righter et al., 2006), with Qi et al. (2019) quoting 221 an average of [5] coordination. As one of the main causes of V isotope fractionation during 222 melting is predicted to be the relative compatibility of  $V^{5+}$  (and to a lesser extent  $V^{4+}$ ) in 223 melts relative to minerals (e.g., Canil, 2002; Mallmann and O'Neill, 2009; Wu et al., 2018), the 224 bonding environment and force constants of V species in the melt is a particularly important 225 input. The choice of coordination number for the V species controls the  $\ln \beta$  value chosen for 226 that species:  $\beta^{V}$  values are taken from those calculated for different bonding environments in 22

aqueous solutions (Wu et al., 2015), assumed to be a good approximation to the case of silicate melts following Wu et al. (2018). [5] coordination of V<sup>5+</sup> is not modelled in Wu et al. (2015), and therefore only the cases of V<sup>5+</sup> in [4] and [6] coordination can be used, for which  $\beta^{V}$  values have been calculated. No calculations are available for V<sup>4+</sup> in [5] coordination, and therefore the model only considers V<sup>4+</sup> in [6] coordination.

Fig. S7 compares the  $\Delta^{51}V_{\text{melt-source}}$  for an input of  $V_{\text{melt}}^{5+} = [6]$ -fold coordination (left hand panels; these are the results used in the main text) with an input of  $V_{\text{melt}}^{5+} = [4]$ -fold coordination (right hand panels). There are two aqueous complexes with 4-fold  $V^{5+}$  in Wu et al. (2015). Here we have chosen the  $\beta^{V}$  factors for the  $[V^{5+}O_2(OH)_2]^-$  (Table S10) complex since this complex has the greatest  $\ln\beta^{V}$  difference from the [6]-fold coordinated case, therefore covering the greatest range of input uncertainty.



Figure S7:  $\Delta^{51}V_{melt-source}$  compared for a model where  $V_{melt}^{5+} = [6]$  coordinated (left hand plots) and  $V_{melt}^{5+} = [4]$  coordinated (right hand plots) for KLB1.

Table S10: Alternate parameters for V isotope  $\beta^{V}$  factors from Wu et al. (2015).  $1000\ln\beta = a/T^{6} + b/T^{4} + c/T^{2}$ , where T = temperature (Kelvin).

Mineral	Valence	a	b	с
melt	$V^{5+}$	$7.00 \times 10^{14}$	$-3.25 \times 10^{10}$	$1.42 \times 10^{6}$

The model discussed in the main text is the result of using the upper limit of [6] coordinated 239  $V^{5+}$ : this will provide the minimum melting fractionation, since a higher coordination number 240 results in weaker V-O bonds, and less extreme isotopic fractionation. Using an input of [4] 241 coordinated V<sup>5+</sup> results in isotopically heavier melts, with the maximum KLB1 melting stable 242 isotope fractionation increasing from  $\approx 0.1$  % in the [6] coordinated case to  $\approx 0.15$  % close to 243 the solidus around 10 kbar (Fig. S6 for full results) in the [4] coordinated case. However, the 244 difference between the two models decreases at higher temperature, and for the temperature 245 range of interest here (potential temperatures from 1300 - 1530 °C), at 5 kbar the difference 246 in melt isotopic composition between the two models is  $\approx 0.01 \%$ , and therefore negligible. 247 However, to improve understanding of high temperature V behaviour and link natural data to 248 specific processes, experimental and/or theoretical work on equilibrium isotopic fractionation 249 factors for silicate melt and minerals for different V species is needed. 250

# <sup>251</sup> 4.5 Cr: $Cr_{melt}^{2+} = [6]$ coordinated

As chromium is a first-group transition element, the properties controlling isotopic fractionation behaviour (e.g., valence, ionic radius hence bonding environment) of  $Cr^{2+}$  and  $Cr^{3+}$  ions may be expected to be similar to  $Fe^{2+}$  and  $Fe^{3+}$  ions (Xia et al., 2017). The main Cr-bearing phases in the mantle are spinel, garnet and pyroxenes, although some Cr will partition into olivine (Mallmann and O'Neill, 2009), and as with vanadium, partition coefficients depend on the valence state of Cr (Mallmann and O'Neill, 2009).

As a set of  $\beta^{Cr}$  factors for mantle minerals does not exist, our models of Cr stable isotope 258 fractionation use force constants in each mineral calculated from an ionic bonding model (Shen 259 et al., 2018), following the approach used for Fe isotopes. An ionic model has been shown to 260 produce inter-mineral fractionation in agreement with the magnitude of isotope fractionation 261 inferred from studies of lherzolite mineral pairs (Shen et al., 2018). As with V isotopes, the 262 main uncertainty relating to species coordination is in liquid.  $Cr^{2+}$  in silicate melt is reported 263 to be in [4] coordination (Miletich et al., 1999; O'Neill and Berry, 2006; Shen et al., 2020), but 264 may also be in [6] coordination in a square planar arrangement (O'Neill and Berry, 2006). The 265 isotope fractionation model presented here calculates force constants using effective anionic and 266 cationic radii based on Shannon (1976), following the approach outlined in Shen et al. (2018), 267 and these radii depend negatively on the coordination number chosen (Gibbs et al., 2014). 268

Fig. S8 compares the  $\Delta^{53}$ Cr<sub>melt-source</sub> for an input of Cr<sup>2+</sup><sub>melt</sub> = [4] coordinated (left hand panels; these are the results used in the main text) with an input of Cr<sup>2+</sup><sub>melt</sub> = [6] coordinated (right

<sup>271</sup> hand panels). The input parameters for the [6] coordinated case are in Table S8.

Table S11: Alternate parameters for Cr isotopic fractionation model. Mineral site and bonding information is based on Shen et al. (2018).

Mineral	Cr species	Site	Cr coordination	Bond length (Å)	O coordination
melt	2+	n/a	6	2.18	4

The model presented in the main text uses an input of  $Cr^{2+}$  in [4] coordination in the melt. 272 Inputting [6] coordinated  $Cr^{2+}$  in the melt results in isotopically lighter peridotite melts across 273 all of P-T space (Fig. S8) than the [4] coordinated case as a consequence of weaker Cr-O bonds 274 in a [6] coordinated environment than [4] coordinated. A similar effect is seen in MIX1G and 275 G2 melts. The melt-source isotopic fractionation is always negative, consistent with modelling 276 by Shen et al. (2018), and melts get progressively isotopically heavier (towards 0 % fractiona-277 tion from the source) with increasing degree of melting, consistent with observations from OIB 278 (Bonnand et al., 2020). The cationic radii are likely to be overestimates, as the radii for [6] 279 coordinated Cr used in Shen et al. (2018) assume octahedral, not square planar, coordination. 280 Square planar bonds would be expected to be longer than octahedral, and this would result 281 in even isotopically lighter melts. Therefore, although the model uses the most appropriate 282 available inputs for the more commonly quoted [4] coordination of  $Cr^{2+}$  in melts, our under-283 standing of the behaviour of Cr isotopes in silicate melts would benefit from further work on 284 the force constants of  $Cr^{2+}$  in glasses, or the inputs required to calculate these such as bonding 285 environment or effective Cr-O bond lengths. 286



Figure S8:  $\Delta^{53}$ Cr<sub>melt-source</sub> compared for a model where Cr<sup>2+</sup><sub>melt</sub> = [4] coordinated (left hand plots) and Cr<sup>2+</sup><sub>melt</sub> = [6] coordinated (right hand plots) for all three lithologies.

## <sup>287</sup> 5 Other potential isotopes

Other stable isotope systems not considered here might also have potential for investigating mantle heterogeneity (in either lithology or temperature). However, we require a better understanding of the bonding environment in melts or relevant minerals before these isotope systems can be implemented into the stable isotope fractionation models used here.

<sup>292</sup> Like other stable isotope systems, the equilibrium  $\delta^{30}$ Si value of a phase will depend on the

strength of the Si-O bonds. A more polymerised (or, more Si-rich) phase will have more Si-O 293 bonds, therefore a stronger average Si-O bond force constant, hence high  $\delta^{30}$ Si (Grant, 1954). 294 However, density functional theory (DFT) calculations show this simple prediction is compli-295 cated by the role of other network-modifying cations in silicates (Méheut et al., 2009; Méheut 296 and Schauble, 2014). Silicon isotope fractionation factors have been calculated using DFT for 297 appropriate mantle minerals (Huang et al., 2014), however there is a lack of work on the crucial 298 mineral-melt fractionation information required for the equilibrium fractionation model here. 299 Furthermore, it has been suggested that Si isotopic fractionation in liquids may be correlated 300 with chemical composition (Qin et al., 2016), an effect that is too complicated (and under-301 constrained) to model here. This knowledge gap could provide scope for future work, however 302 the mantle is currently thought to be homogeneous in Si isotopes (within current limits of an-303 alytical precision), and there seems to be only a small partial melting effect (Savage et al., 304 2014). 305

Titanium stable isotopes have been suggested as tracer of magmatic processes (Millet et al., 306 2016), since Ti can exist in multiple coordination states in silicate melts and Ti-oxides (Farges 307 and Brown Jr, 1997). However, Ti stable isotope fractionation in magmatic systems is dominated 308 by the behaviour of Fe-Ti oxides, with no partial melting fractionation from mantle lithologies 309 expected unless under conditions of Ti-oxide saturation. DFT calculations predict no significant 310 Ti isotope fractionation between pyroxenes, olivine or garnet (Wang et al., 2020), and both 311 eclogites and MORB have the same measured  $\delta^{49}$ Ti value (Millet et al., 2016). Therefore, Ti 312 isotopes are not discussed further here, as there is no existing data to support for their use in 313 tracing temperature or lithological heterogeneity in the mantle associated with MORB or OIB. 314

## <sup>315</sup> 6 Average depth of melting

The mean melt pressure,  $\bar{P}$ , for isentropic melting at any  $T_p$  is calculated by the following integral, based on Asimow et al. (2001) with an additional geometric weighting factor to account for the triangular shape of the melting region

$$\bar{\mathbf{P}} = \frac{\int_{\mathbf{P}_0}^{\mathbf{P}_f} \mathbf{P} \,\Delta \mathbf{F} \,\mathrm{g} \,\mathrm{dP}}{\int_{\mathbf{P}_0}^{\mathbf{P}_f} \Delta \mathbf{F} \,\mathrm{g} \,\mathrm{dP}} \tag{8}$$

where  $P_0$  and  $P_f$  are the initial and final pressures of melting respectively,  $\Delta F$  is the amount 319 of melt produced at each pressure step (dP) along the isentropic melting path, and g is the 320 geometric weighting factor.  $P_0$  is taken as the intersection of the isentrope with the solidus, 321  $P_{\rm f}$  is used as 5 kbar in this model as melt compositions have not been calculated for shallower 322 pressures - this is an overestimate (i.e., final melting will be shallower) for  $T_p = 1300$  °C and an 323 underestimate for  $T_p = 1530$  °C (Asimow et al., 2001), but will provide the correct behaviour. 324 Pressure steps used are the 0.5 kbar intervals used in the P-T grid.  $\Delta F$  is calculated for each 325 step from the difference in melt fractions calculated by THERMOCALC for consecutive dP steps. 326 The geometric weighting factor is a linear scaling running from 1 at the base of the melting 327 region to 0 at the top, to account for the wider base of the triangular melting region beneath 328 ridges. We calculate the average melting pressure for the three  $T_ps$  for which we have calculated 329 isentropes in KLB1, and lineally interpolate between them (this will not be a linear relationship 330 in reality, e.g., Asimow et al., 2001, but our approach will provide a good approximation) to 331 get average melt pressures for temperatures between  $T_p = 1300 \,^{\circ}C$  and  $1530 \,^{\circ}C$ . For KLB1, we 332 calculate an average melting pressure of approximately 12 kbar at  $T_p = 1300 \,^{\circ}C$ , and 28 kbar 333 at  $T_p = 1530$  °C. The average  $\Delta_{melt-source}$  for each  $T_p$  is then taken as the  $\Delta_{melt-source}$  at the 334
#### <sup>335</sup> calculated average melting pressure.

The approach above, however, uses an equilibrium melt isotope composition at a single pressure to approximate the fractional, multibaric melting thought to occur in the mantle (McKenzie, 1984; von Bargen and Waff, 1986; Langmuir et al., 1992; Asimow et al., 2001). To assess the suitability of the equilibrium melting at single pressure approach, we have also calculated the average melt isotopic composition by considering the stable isotope composition and elemental concentration for each new step of melt generated during isentropic decompression at  $T_p =$ 1300 °C and 1530 °C by

$$\bar{\Delta}_{\text{melt-source}} = \frac{\int_{P_0}^{P_f} \Delta_x c \,\Delta F \,g \,dP}{\int_{P_0}^{P_f} c \,\Delta F \,g \,dP} \tag{9}$$

where  $\Delta_x$  is the  $\Delta_{melt-source}$  of the melt produced in the pressure step, and c is the wt % of 343 the element being considered in the melt, and other terms as above. The approach of equation 344 7, while considering polybaric melting, is still not a fractional melting model, but fractional 345 melting is beyond the scope of this work. Nonetheless, the chemical composition of pooled 346 fractional melts from a ridge melting regime has been shown to closely resemble that of a simple 347 equilibrium batch melt (Langmuir et al., 1992). Equation 7 therefore allows us to broadly assess 348 whether the approach taken in equation 6 produces estimates of mean melt isotope ratios very 349 different from a more realistic polybaric approach, although it should be noted that the polybaric 350 method of equation 7 only allows us to calculate the average melt isotopic composition for the 351 two  $T_ps$  for which we have calculated isentropes. 352

Fig. S9 shows the comparison of the two calculations of average  $\Delta_{melt-source}$ . The dots show the 353 average melt isotope composition when calculated as a sum along the isentrope; the solid lines 354 show the approximation using the melt composition at the average pressure of melting. The 355 calculation using the average melt pressure is a good approximation of the calculated average 356 melt isotope compositions. Therefore we use this pressure approach in the main text: the 357 limitation of the calculated average melt isotope composition is that we only have information for 358 the  $T_p$ s for which we have calculated isentropes, hence use a linear interpolation between them, 359 whereas the average pressure approach allows us to use more information from the calculated 360 P-T map of melt compositions, reflecting the changing of stable mineral assemblage, for example. 361

#### <sup>362</sup> 7 Trace element calculations

Table S12 gives the mineral-melt partition coefficients and mantle concentrations for Sm and Yb used in this model.

Table S12: Input parameters (partition coefficients relative to melt, mantle concentrations) for calculating the Sm, Dy and Yb concentration of trace elements in the model melts.  $D_{gt,cpx,ol,opx}$  and element concentrations from Gibson and Geist (2010);  $D_{spinel}$  from Liu et al. (2019) (average values from high P experiments);  $D_{plag}$  from Aigner-Torres et al. (2007) (from 'run 31');  $D_{rutile}$  from Klemme et al. (2005) (Sm), Foley et al. (2000) (Dy, Yb);  $D_{ilmenite}$  from Zack and Brumm (1998). Conc.<sub>DM</sub> = concentration in depleted mantle; mineral abbreviations as previous with rut. = rutile, ilm. = ilmenite.

Element	$\mathrm{D}_{\mathrm{gt}}$	$\mathrm{D}_{\mathrm{cpx}}$	$\mathrm{D}_{\mathrm{ol}}$	$\mathrm{D}_{\mathrm{opx}}$	$\mathrm{D}_{\mathrm{spn}}$	$\mathrm{D}_{\mathrm{plag}}$	$\mathrm{D}_{\mathrm{rut}}$	$\mathrm{D}_{\mathrm{ilm}}$	$\operatorname{Conc{DM}}$
Sm	0.25	0.293	0.0011	0.02	0.198	0.081	0.00135	0.00059	0.299
Dy	2.2	0.4	0.0027	0.011	0.069	0.049	0.00076	0.01	0.525
Yb	6.6	0.4	2	0.08	0.812	0.025	0.0093	0.17	0.347



Figure S9:  $\Delta_{\text{melt-source}}$  for KLB1 calculated by taking the isotopic fractionation at the average melt pressure (solid lines) compared to a calculation of the average melt composition by considering polybaric melts (equation 7), shown as coloured dots.

<sup>365</sup> The concentration of each element in the melt was calculated at each P-T point by:

$$C_{\text{liquid}} = \frac{C_{\text{bulk}}}{\sum D_{\text{mineral}} F_{\text{mineral}} + F_{\text{liquid}}}$$
(10)

where C = concentration, D = partition coefficient, F = fraction of phase.

## <sup>367</sup> 8 Additional reference figures

Fig. S10 provides a reference for how oxygen fugacity, melt fraction, and selected trace element ratios vary along the isentropes shown in Figs. 1 and 4 of the main text. The trace element concentrations are calculated using depleted mantle (DM) inputs for KLB1, and plume inputs for the enriched MIX1G and G2 lithologies (see Table S12).

We choose to use peridotite isentropic decompression paths for the two pyroxenite lithologies, as discussed in the main text. Figs. S11, S12 show results for the other endmember case for the two pyroxenite lithologies, i.e., where the lithologies decompress along isentropic paths calculated for each pure pyroxenite lithology.

Fig. S13 compares the melt-source isotope fractionation with progressive melting (along peridotite isentropes) for pairs of isotopes in each lithology, allowing assessment of the 'direct' sensitivity to lithology. By direct lithological sensitivity, we refer to sensitivity related to mineralogy – these isotope systems may still trace lithology via each lithology's different bulk isotope composition. On balance, given that melts from any pyroxenite lithology are likely to be diluted with ambient periodotite melts when extracted from the mantle (e.g., Hirschmann and Stolper,



Figure S10: Parameters along the peridotite isentropic decompression paths for all three lithologies: oxygen fugacity (from the  $fO_2$  melt software; Holland et al., 2018), melt fraction (from THERMOCALC output), and selected trace element ratios in the melts (calculated using the model described in the section above). The isentropes match those in Figs. 2 and 5 in the main text.



Figure S11: Isentropic melting paths for pure MIX1G, and  $\Delta_{melt-source}$  along these isentropes. Errors are shown as 1 S.D. long-term uncertainty.



Figure S12: Isentropic melting paths for pure G2, and  $\Delta_{melt-source}$  along these isentropes. Errors are shown as 1 S.D. long-term uncertainty.

1996; Sobolev et al., 2005; Shorttle and Maclennan, 2011; Soderman et al., 2021), our results 382 in Fig. S13 are probably representative of maximum isotope fractionation signatures we might 383 see in natural systems, and Fig. 7 in the main text (which takes into account both this dilution 384 effect and non-identical bulk isotope compositions of the lithologies) may better represent the 385 predicted resolvability of each isotope system to lithology. Generally, Fig. S13 suggests that the 386 stable isotopes considered here may have poor direct sensitivity to lithological heterogeneity in 387 the source regions of basalts, assuming equilibrium fractionation behaviour and in the absence 388 of any pre-imposed source heterogeneity (i.e., where all lithologies have the same bulk isotope 389 ratio). 390



Figure S13: Melting fractionation ( $\Delta_{melt-source}$ ) plotted along the  $T_p = 1300$  °C isentrope; squares in Mg–Ca space show  $T_p = 1530$  °C isentrope for reference. High or low pressure end of isentrope is marked, and arrows show the direction of progressive melting (decompression). Markers are plotted every 3 pressure steps (each pressure step is 0.5 kbar). Grey shaded regions show the source  $(0 \%) \pm$  typical long-term analytical 1 S.D. (see Table S2 for details).

# <sup>391</sup> 9 Element budgeting between lithologies

To produce Fig. 7 in the main text, we use a mass balance calculation for each isotopic system, X, where

$$\delta X_{\text{bulk}} = (F_{\text{pyroxenite}}^{X} \times \delta X_{\text{pyroxenite}}) + (F_{\text{peridotite}}^{X} \times \delta X_{\text{peridotite}})$$
(11)

and  $F^X$  is the fraction of the total element in the final melt coming from each lithology,  $\delta X_{\text{lithology}}$ is the isotopic composition of each lithology (bulk isotope composition of lithology + melt-source isotope fractionation). The F term considers both the amount of the element in the melt from

Table S13: Inputs used to calculate bulk melt-source isotope fractionation in Figs. 7 and S14. \* indicates inputs using the pure pyroxenite isentropes at that  $T_p$ , rather than peridotite isentropes. The MIX1G 1400\* inputs are actually for an isentrope of  $T_p = 1436$  °C. The P-T given are the closest P-T pair in the model output files to the average P-T of melting along each isentrope, as calculated in Section 6. For V and Cr, where element partitioning is not calculated by THERMOCALC, the melt element concentrations are calculated as described in Appendix Section 3, using the following bulk compositions for each lithology: KLB1  $Cr_2O_3 = 0.32 \text{ wt \%}$ , G2  $Cr_2O_3 = 0.08 \text{ wt \%}$ , MIX1G  $Cr_2O_3 = 0.11 \text{ wt \%}$  (Jennings et al., 2016); KLB1 V = 85 ppm (typical primitive mantle value from Lee et al., 2003; Prytulak et al., 2013), MIX1G and G2 V = 350 ppm (typical MORB value; Prytulak et al., 2013).

	KLB1			G2				
$T_p$ (°C):	1300	1400	1300	1300*	1400	$1400^{*}$	1300	1300*
Pressure (kbar)	12	17.5	15	13.5	24.5	22	27	25.5
Temperature (°C)	1300	1400	1317	1248	1440	1380	1345	1269
Melt fraction	0.061	0.099	0.323	0.093	0.369	0.155	0.458	0.048
Melt element conc.								
$Mg \pmod{\%}$ oxide)	16.50	20.43	15.44	11.01	19.42	16.59	5.92	4.48
Ca (mol % oxide)	12.72	13.62	12.66	10.63	13.09	11.83	9.47	7.53
Fe $(mol \% oxide)$	6.36	7.64	8.93	7.46	9.27	10.21	4.22	3.07
V (wt % element)	0.002	0.003	0.014	0.008	0.015	0.009	0.021	0.011
Cr (wt % element)	0.005	0.009	0.004	0.001	0.007	0.002	0.004	0.001
Melt-source isotopic	fractionati	on (‰)						
$\Delta^{26}$ Mg	-0.02	-0.02	-0.08	-0.10	0.08	0.02	0.06	0.09
$\Delta^{44}$ Ca	-0.09	-0.08	-0.04	-0.05	-0.08	-0.08	-0.08	-0.12
$\Delta^{57}$ Fe	0.06	0.04	0.03	0.06	0.03	0.04	0.03	0.06
$\Delta^{51}$ V	0.05	0.03	0.03	0.08	0.02	0.05	0.03	0.07
$\Delta^{53}$ Cr	-0.03	-0.02	-0.05	-0.06	-0.04	-0.05	-0.03	-0.12
Bulk isotopic compo	osition of lit	hology (‰)						
$\delta^{26}$ Mg	-0.24		-0.25				-0.25	
$\delta^{44}$ Ca	0.94		0.83				0.83	
$\delta^{57} { m Fe}$	0.05		0.14				0.14	
$\delta^{51} V$	-0.91		-0.92				-0.92	
$\delta^{53} \mathrm{Cr}$	-0.12		-0.15				-0.15	

each lithology, and the melt fraction of each lithology. Table S13 gives the inputs used: these 397 inputs are taken from the full model results at the average P-T melting condition (as in Section 398 6) for each  $T_p$ . This calculation cannot be done for a  $T_p$  of 1530 °C (MIX1G & G2) or 1400 °C 399 (G2) because the isentropic melting paths intersect the solidus at pressures below the base of 400 our model, so an accurate average pressure of melting cannot be calculated. The bulk isotope 401 compositions of each lithology are the BSE values for peridotite (see Fig. 1 caption in main text 402 for sources), and average MORB composition for pyroxenite (except for Cr where no known 403 MORB data are published and the modelled aggregate KLB1 melt isotope composition for  $T_p$ 404  $= 1300 \,^{\circ}\mathrm{C}$  is used). 405

Fig. S14 is an alternative to Fig. 7 in the main text, with the right hand panels scaled to typical
current 1 S.D. analytical precision.



Figure S14: Aggregate bulk melt isotope fractionation (relative to a pure peridotite source, left hand panels; relative to a pure peridotite melt and scaled to current typical long-term analytical 1 S.D., right hand panels) for multi-lithologic mantle. At each  $T_p$ , the aggregate melt composition (including isotope composition, and element proportion) at the average pressure and temperature of melting for each lithology is used to calculate the resulting bulk melt isotope composition by mass balance. A range of bulk melt-source isotope fractionations are given for each isotope system, reflecting two endmembers for the thermal behaviour of pyroxenite upwelling in a peridotite host. The bolder line represents the case for pyroxenite following peridotite geotherms (as used throughout this study); the paler line reflects pyroxenite following its own geotherm, as in Figs. S10 and S11. Grey horizontal bars in the right hand panels highlight 1 S.D.

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