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Carbonated Mantle Lithosphere from the Western Canadian Cordillera

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ABSTRACT

Carbonated mantle is widely considered a significant source for many alkaline magmas, yet carbonate minerals are rarely preserved in mantle samples due to their tendency to volatilize under typical magmatic and surface conditions. Here, we report the first occurrence of mantle-equilibrated (“primary”) carbonate within spinel peridotite xenoliths from the Pacific Coast Ranges in North America. The xenoliths are hosted in a 19 Ma basanite dyke near the boundary between the Intermontane and Coast Belts of the Canadian Cordillera (Mt. Preston, British Columbia). Magnesian calcite (Ca ratio ~0.90) occurs in all samples as: i) intergranular grains in textural equilibrium with surrounding minerals (granoblastic texture, ≤ 0.4 mm grains; < 2 vol%), ii) inclusions within mantle silicates; and as iii) intergranular or fracture-filling veins. Sulphides (pentlandite and chalcopyrite), also occur in equilibrium with the carbonate. Geothermometry on carbonate-bearing mantle xenoliths record paleo-equilibrium temperatures of ~ 815 to 1120 °C, corresponding to depths of ~ 32 to 55 km on a model geotherm for warm, thin Cordilleran-style lithosphere. Bulk-rock C–O isotopes of the xenolith suite vary as $\delta^{13}\text{C} = -3$ to -6 , and $\delta^{18}\text{O} = 10$ to 12 . Collectively, the textural, geochemical and isotopic evidence suggest that a carbonate melt with associated monosulphide solution metasomatized and enriched previously depleted mantle lithosphere. The metasomatic fluids sourced from the subduction of oceanic crust beneath North America during Coast Plutonic Belt magmatism when Mt. Preston was in an arc to back arc position. The host basanite dyke contains magmatic groundmass calcite ($\delta^{18}\text{O} = 14\pm$, $\delta^{13}\text{C} = -4\pm$, $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr} = 0.7040\pm$) indicating a high intrinsic P_{CO_2} that inhibited thermal decomposition of mantle carbonate within the xenoliths during ascent.

Keywords: Mantle-lithosphere, xenolith, dyke, peridotite, carbonate, sulphide, basanite, Canadian-Cordillera, British Columbia.

59 **1. Introduction**

60 Mantle-derived xenoliths are commonly sampled and transported to the surface in mafic
61 magmas and represent direct samples of the Earth's lithospheric mantle (Pearson et al., 2003;
62 Russell and Jones, 2023 and references therein). Beneath mobile belts such as the Canadian
63 Cordillera the mantle lithosphere is relatively thin (<35 km) and warm (800–1200 °C;
64 Hyndman et al., 2017 and references therein) and dominated by spinel peridotite. In addition
65 to the major mineral phases, the mantle lithosphere can host accessory minerals including
66 amphiboles (e.g., Ghent et al., 2019), apatite, phlogopite (e.g., Canil and Scarfe, 1989),
67 sulphides (e.g., Delpech et al., 2012; Rielli et al., 2022), and carbonates (Yaxley et al., 1991;
68 Ionov et al., 1996; Rudnick et al., 1993; Ducea et al., 2005). These accessory phases can be
69 important indicators of past metasomatic events (i.e., pervasive fluid or melt enrichment) that
70 influence the mantle solidus, and hence, control mantle melting (e.g., Francis and Ludden,
71 1995; Laurora et al., 2001). Such phases have also been used to estimate mantle volatile
72 budgets and to inform on the transport and mobilization of metals within the mantle
73 lithosphere (e.g., Rielli et al., 2022).

74 Primary (i.e. mantle-equilibrated) carbonate is stable under typical upper mantle
75 redox conditions, however, is rarely preserved due to rapid decarbonation during xenolith
76 entrainment and transport of carbonated peridotite (e.g., Canil, 1990). Nevertheless, primary
77 carbonate has been reported for mantle xenolith suites deriving from a variety of tectonic
78 settings including active or paleo-subduction zones (e.g., Laurora et al., 2001; Demény et al.,
79 2004; Ducea et al., 2005), intraplate settings (e.g., Moine et al., 2004) and rift margins (e.g.
80 Lee et al., 2000; Perkins et al., 2006). Most primary carbonates are considered to result from
81 enrichment events shortly before eruption, due to textural/chemical disequilibrium (e.g., Lee
82 et al., 2000; Demény et al., 2004; Moine et al., 2004; Ducea et al., 2005; Ionov et al., 2006).
83 In some instances, primary carbonate preserved in mantle xenoliths has been interpreted as
84 chemically and isotopically equilibrated with the mantle (e.g., Ionov et al., 1996; Yaxley et
85 al., 1998), although the original textures are typically destroyed by subsequent melting of the
86 carbonate phases during transport to be replaced by quenched glass.

87 Here, we report on a new suite of lithospheric mantle xenoliths preserved in a mafic
88 dyke exposed at Mt. Preston in western British Columbia (BC; Fig. 1) and described by

89 Peterson et al. (2006) and Peterson (2010). This occurrence is distinguished, relative to others
90 in the Canadian Cordillera, because it is located at the westernmost margin of the
91 Intermontane Belt, close to the Coast Belt margin (e.g., Wheeler et al., 1991; Fig. 1). These
92 mantle xenoliths, therefore, inform on the thermal and compositional state of the mantle
93 lithosphere underlying this under-represented portion of the Canadian Cordillera.
94 Furthermore, these xenoliths are unique because they preserve mantle-equilibrated (i.e.
95 primary) carbonate in textural and chemical equilibrium. The suite of peridotite xenoliths
96 provides direct evidence for, and the origins of, carbonate-melt metasomatism of the mantle
97 lithosphere underlying this region of the Canadian Cordillera.

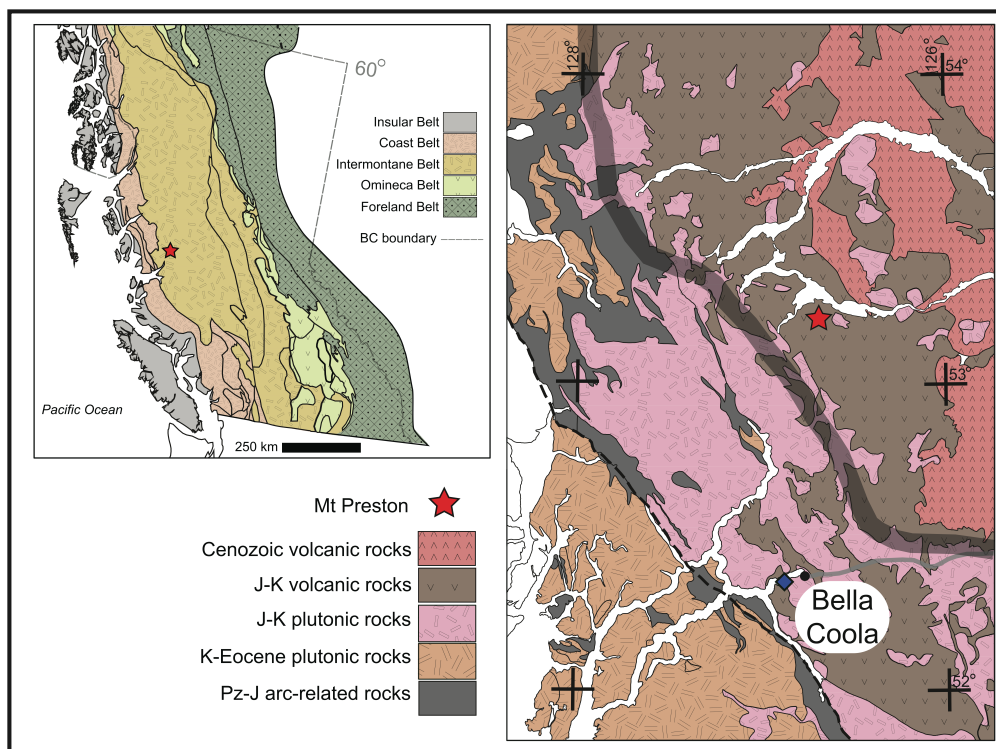
98 **2. Geological Setting**

99 2.1. Tectonic Framework

100 The Canadian Cordillera is an amalgamation of terranes accreted onto the North
101 American margin from the mid- to early Jurassic (~185 Ma) to the Late Cretaceous (90 to 85
102 Ma, Insular Belt rocks) (Monger et al., 1982; Gehrels et al., 2009). The terranes comprising
103 the Intermontane Belt have been interpreted as related fragments of a late Paleozoic to early
104 Mesozoic island arc (Stikine and Quesnel terranes), and its associated accretionary complex
105 (Cache Creek terrane). The Intermontane Belt is separated from the Insular Belt to the west
106 by the Coast Belt, comprising the Coast Mountains Batholith (or Coast Plutonic Complex),
107 the roots of a Middle Jurassic to Eocene magmatic arc (van der Heyden, 1992; Monger et al.,
108 1994; Gehrels et al., 2009), and related rocks (Fig. 1).

109 Mafic volcanic centers are ubiquitous in the Canadian Cordillera, and they commonly
110 sample the lithosphere underlying their eruptive localities (e.g., Edwards and Russell, 2000;
111 Canil and Hyndman 2023; and references therein). These occurrences have supported
112 numerous studies of the Cordillera's mantle lithosphere (e.g., Canil and Scarfe, 1989; Peslier
113 et al., 2000; Peslier et al., 2002; Harder and Russell, 2006; Francis et al., 2010 and references
114 therein). Most evidence for metasomatic events within the mantle lithosphere underlying the
115 Canadian Cordillera is indirect (i.e. cryptic metasomatism) and based on geochemical
116 compositions of peridotite xenoliths (e.g., Francis and Ludden, 1995; Peslier et al., 2002).
117 Rare direct evidence for mantle metasomatic events within the Cordilleran mantle derives

118 from the presence of accessory phlogopite (Canil and Scarfe, 1989) or pargasitic amphibole
119 (Ghent et al., 2019) within peridotite xenoliths.



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121 **Fig. 1.** Location of the Mt. Preston mantle xenolith locality within the Canadian Cordillera. (A) Mt.
122 Preston field site (red star) shown in the context of the major tectono-morphologic belts of the
123 Canadian Cordillera (modified from Wheeler et al., 1991). (B) Regional geology of the Mt. Preston
124 field site (red star) is situated south of Eutsuk Lake, approximately 40 km east of the Coast Belt.
125 Thick, grey-shaded line indicates Intermontane Belt–Coast Belt boundary.

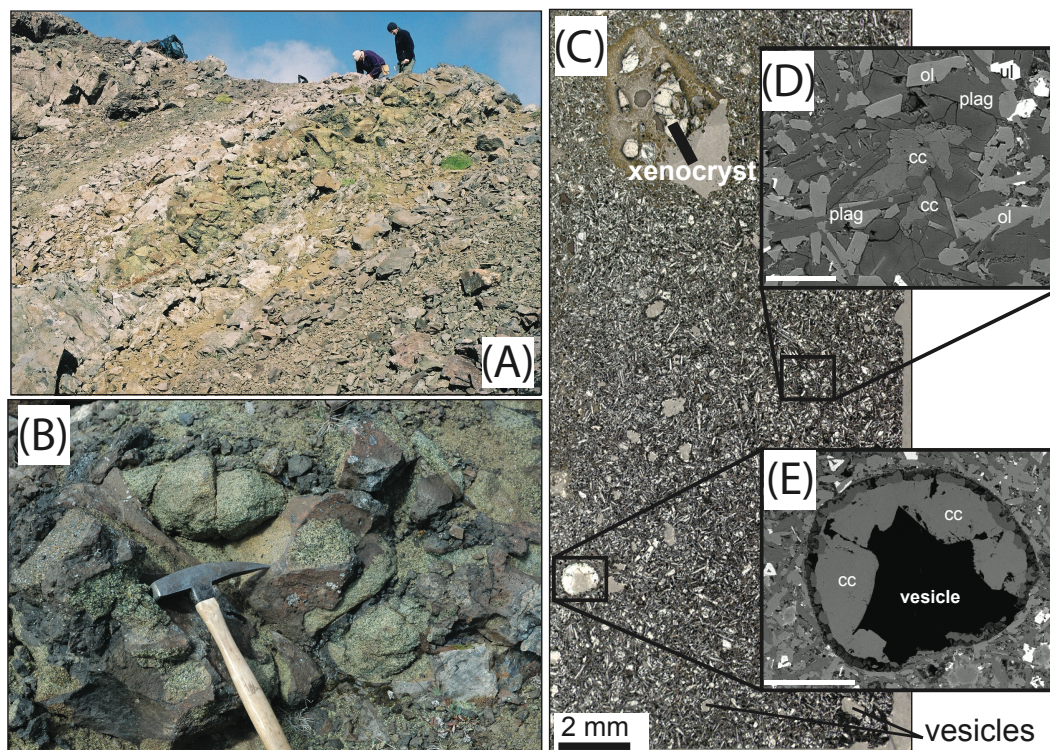
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127 2.2. Host Dyke

128 A xenolith-bearing dyke outcrops on a ridge ~3 km southeast of Mt. Preston at 53°
129 13' 3" N, 126° 41' 56" W (Fig. 1). The dyke is exposed at the ridge crestline and can be traced
130 continuously down a steep south-facing slope for ~110 m (Fig. 2) and several hundred metres
131 further on an inaccessible vertical face. Contacts with the wall rocks are sharply defined and
132 the dyke varies in thickness, from ~1 to 2 m, where both contacts are visible.

133 The dyke is aphyric, holocrystalline, moderately vesicular (5–30%) and features an
134 aphanitic groundmass (Fig. 2). The groundmass mineralogy comprises ~40 vol.% plagioclase,
135 ~25 % olivine (≤ 0.5 mm), ~35 % clinopyroxene (≤ 0.2 mm), and ~3 % of ≤ 0.1 mm subhedral
136 to anhedral crystals of ulvöspinel. Magmatic carbonate, identified as near end-member

137 calcite, occurs as ≤ 0.5 mm laths and patches in the groundmass, and as larger subhedral grains
138 (≤ 1 mm) filling or lining vesicles (Fig. 2D–E). Other minor phases include alkali feldspar,
139 nepheline, and apatite.



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141 **Fig. 2.** Mt. Preston mantle xenolith field locality within basanite dyke. (A) Field photograph showing
142 distribution of mantle xenoliths in the dyke. (B) Detailed view of closely packed mantle xenoliths
143 within the dyke and separated by small volume of basanite melt. (C) Photomicrograph in plane-
144 polarized light (PPL) of basanite showing fresh, unaltered, groundmass mineralogy and volcanic
145 texture. The basanite is aphyric, micro-vesicular and contains a partially digested mantle-derived
146 xenocryst. (D) Scanning electron microscope (SEM) images illustrating primary groundmass
147 mineralogy, and their textural relationships, including olivine, plagioclase, ulvöspinel (ul), and calcite
148 (cc). (E) SEM image of vesicle containing calcite (cc).

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151 Major element compositions and their trace and rare earth element contents are
152 reported in Supplementary materials (Table SM1). Chemically the dyke is a basanite, has an
153 SiO_2 content of ~ 43 wt.%, an Mg# of 62, and contains 5 wt.% normative nepheline. The
154 basanite has a calculated liquidus of ~ 1250 – 1300 °C (MELTS modeling; 15 kbar, QFM, 0–
155 1 wt.% H_2O ; Asimow and Ghiorso, 1998). A single sample of the dyke was dated by
156 $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{39}\text{Ar}$ methods and returned a plateau age of 18.72 ± 0.26 Ma (± 2 s) representing a
Neogene (early Miocene) crystallization age (see Supplementary Material SM2).

157 2.3. Xenolith Occurrence

158 Mantle-derived peridotitic xenoliths are especially abundant in the outcroppings
159 situated 4–8 m below the ridge crest where the dyke narrows to ~1 m in width (Fig. 2A, B).
160 At this location, the xenoliths constitute 50–80 % of the dyke and are concentrated enough
161 to be locally clast-supported (Fig. 2B). The mean diameter of xenoliths at this locality is ~15
162 cm and the largest xenolith measured was ~40–50 cm in diameter. Over 150 xenoliths were
163 collected from Mt. Preston and a representative group of 51 xenoliths studied in detail. The
164 peridotite xenoliths are dominated by lherzolite, well-preserved, and show no signs of
165 reacting with the host magma even though several peridotite blocks are crosscut by one or
166 more thin (1–5 mm) planar veins of melt. Xenolith angularity crudely correlates inversely
167 with size.

168 2.4. Dyke Wall Rock

169 The Mt. Preston region is underlain by Early to Middle Jurassic volcanoclastic rocks
170 of the Hazelton Group, comprising metamorphosed volcanic to volcanoclastic and mudstone-
171 dominated sedimentary rocks (Gordee et al., 2005; Mahoney et al., 2005). In the area of the
172 dyke of interest, only volcanoclastics (trachyandesite to dacite, by major element chemistry)
173 are present. In the region, Hazelton rocks are intruded by post-ca. 136 Ma, metamorphosed
174 mafic to intermediate dykes (Gordee et al., 2005); one of these dykes, a narrow (<1 m width)
175 trachybasalt located within 10 m of the xenolith-bearing dyke of interest, was sampled and
176 dated ($^{40}\text{Ar}/^{39}\text{Ar}$) as 87.74 ± 0.71 Ma ($\pm 2s$). There are no carbonate-rich lithologies noted or
177 previously mapped in the region of Mt. Preston.

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179 3. METHODS

180 3.1. Bulk Geochemistry

181 For bulk geochemical analysis samples were prepared at the UBC Department of
182 Earth and Ocean Sciences, by jaw crusher and pulverized in a tungsten carbide ring mill, then
183 sieved to a grain size of <0.42mm. Analysis of powders for major and trace elements, ferrous
184 iron, H₂O, and CO₂ was carried out at the Geochemical Laboratories, McGill University,
185 Montreal. Major elements were analyzed by X-ray fluorescence (XRF) on fused beads from

186 ignited samples; trace elements were analyzed for using pressed powder pellets. XRF
187 analysis was done on a Philips PW2440 spectrometer. Total iron was determined by XRF,
188 and FeO content was determined by volumetric analysis (ammonium metavanadate titration).
189 Samples were analyzed for CO₂ on an ELTRA CS-800 carbon/sulphur infrared (IR) analyzer.
190 H₂O⁺ (structurally bonded water) was determined by difference using loss on ignition (LOI),
191 CO₂, SO₃, halogens, and FeO analyses.

192 3.2. Mineral Compositions

193 Compositions of minerals were measured on a fully automated CAMECA SX-50
194 electron microprobe at the University of British Columbia, Department of Earth and Ocean
195 Sciences. Operating conditions in wavelength-dispersion mode included: excitation voltage
196 of 15 kV, beam current of 20 nA, 20 s peak count time, 10 s background count time, and a
197 beam diameter of 5 µm. For carbonate a beam current of 10 nA and a spot diameter of 10
198 µm was used. Data reduction was completed using the 'PAP' $\phi(\rho Z)$ method (Pouchou and
199 Pichoir, 1985). Criteria for exclusion of analysis points included low or high totals (<98 or
200 >102 %) or poor totals of oxygen relative to the cation sums. The cations sum was set to 4
201 for pyroxenes, 3 for olivine and spinel. Analyses were excluded if the oxygen sum was
202 <5.95 or >6 for pyroxenes, <3.95 or >4 for olivine and spinel. For geothermometry
203 purposes, in each xenolith at least 8 coexisting clinopyroxene and orthopyroxene grains
204 were analyzed. These analyses were made for each phase adjacent to shared grain
205 boundaries (~20 µm from grain edges); no zoning was observed in these phases.

206 3.3. Stable Isotopes

207 Oxygen, carbon, and strontium isotopic analyses on carbonates were performed on
208 leachates of bulk-rock powders (like other mantle-derived carbonate studies, e.g. Ionov et al.
209 1993), and in the case of dyke and country rock, also from tungsten carbide microdrilling of
210 carbonate-rich patches. All powdered samples were analyzed at the PCIGR, University of
211 British Columbia, in a Finnigan Delta XL Plus mass spectrometer, using a gas bench with
212 A200 S autosampler.

213 Oxygen and strontium isotopic compositions of the silicate fraction of the basanite
214 dyke were determined after removal of carbonate from the bulk-rock powders. Powders were
215 immersed in 10% hydrochloric acid, agitated in an ultrasonic bath for 10 minutes, then

216 separated from the leachate via centrifuge. The leaching process was verified by X-ray
217 diffraction. Sample analysis was performed at the Facility for Isotope Research at Queen's
218 University, Kingston, Ontario. Analysis followed the BrF5 method of Clinton and Mayeda
219 (1963), on a Finnegan MAT 252 mass spectrometer.

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221 **4. Xenolith Petrography**

222 4.1. Peridotite Xenoliths

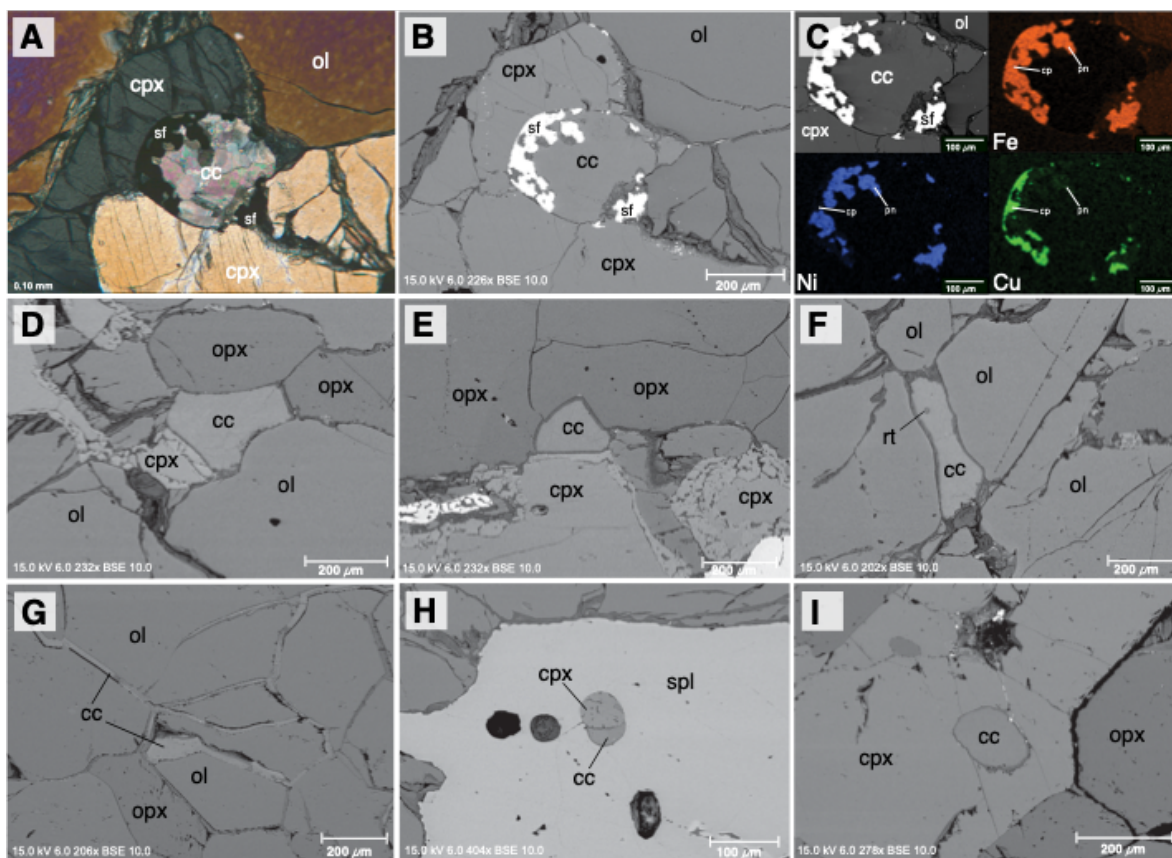
223 Of the 51 xenoliths studied in detail, 48 have a typical assemblage of olivine (ol),
224 clinopyroxene (cpx), orthopyroxene (opx) and spinel (spl). Two websterites lacking olivine
225 and containing spinel and plagioclase (NP-MP05-69, -96), and a dunite lacking
226 orthopyroxene (NP-MP05-150) were also described. Dunites are a minor but common
227 component in Cordilleran suites. According to the definition of [Shi et al. \(1998\)](#), the Mt.
228 Preston suite is unimodal (i.e., lherzolite-dominated) and, in that regard, like most other
229 xenolith suites in the Canadian Cordillera; bimodal suites (i.e., enriched in harzburgite) are
230 found in northwestern BC and southern Yukon ([Shi et al., 1998](#); [Francis et al., 2010](#)).

231 Individual xenoliths exhibit granular textures and substantial medium grain size
232 variations (~0.5–2 mm), but rarely contain megacrysts (outsized grains). About a third of the
233 xenoliths show weak to moderate planar fabrics (i.e., mineralogical banding and mineral
234 foliation) at the hand-sample scale. Foliation tends to be stronger (or more easily observed)
235 in fine-grained samples and is weaker in samples with increasing median grain size. Banding
236 is observed as 1–3 mm wide bands of spinel, repeating on a 1 cm scale, or 2–3 mm wide
237 indistinct bands of clinopyroxene, repeating on an approximately 1–2 cm scale. Larger scale
238 segregations, or possibly bands of olivine and clinopyroxene (~1 cm width or greater) also
239 occur.

240 4.2. Carbonate Petrography

241 We investigated the presence of accessory carbonate in mantle xenoliths using a
242 Cambridge Image Technology™ CL8200 Mk4 cold cathodoluminescence (CL) system
243 attached to a petrographic microscope at the University of British Columbia. Operating
244 conditions included an excitation voltage of 15 kV and a current of 350 μ A. Granular

245 carbonate (intergranular or inclusions; Fig. 3A) and/or carbonate veins are found as an
 246 accessory phase in all mantle xenoliths and are commonly associated with pentlandite and
 247 chalcopyrite (Fig. 3). A single rutile grain was found included in one calcite grain. No
 248 hydrous minerals, nor interstitial glass indicative of disequilibrium, were observed. We also
 249 used CL to test for the presence of carbonate in two additional crustal xenoliths from the
 250 same dyke and mantle xenoliths from two other localities in the Canadian Cordillera. CL
 251 examination of these samples found no carbonate.



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 253 **Fig. 3.** Cross-polarized (XPL) and backscattered electron (BSE) images showing the three carbonate
 254 (cc) habits found in Mt. Preston mantle xenoliths. (A–C) show carbonate (calcite) in association with
 255 sulphides (cpx: chalcopyrite and pn: pentlandite), with Fe, Ni, and Cu EPMA element maps shown
 256 in panel C. (D–E) show intergranular carbonate with olivine (ol), orthopyroxene (opx), and
 257 clinopyroxene (cpx). (G–I) show carbonate as an interstitial phase (G) or as inclusions in association
 258 with cpx (panels H and I).
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260 The xenolith-hosted intergranular carbonate (Mg-bearing calcite; X_{Ca} of 86–94) is
 261 found as discrete ≤ 0.4 mm grains exhibiting uniform extinction, or as patches with distinct
 262 internal crystallographic subdomains (Fig. 3A). Texturally the intergranular carbonate

263 appears to be in equilibrium with coexisting silicate phases, as suggested by shared triple-
264 point grain boundaries (Fig. 3A–F). Some intergranular carbonate shows concentric zones of
265 Mg-enrichment. Carbonate also occurs as ≤ 0.2 mm inclusions (Fig. 3H & 3I) in other mantle
266 minerals. Carbonate veins (≤ 0.1 mm wide) appear as intergranular and crosscutting features
267 (Fig. 3G); some carbonate veins merge with larger grains of carbonate (Fig. 3). Sparse, thin
268 veinlets of basanite crosscut all features including carbonate veins, indicating that the
269 carbonate predates entrainment by the basanite magma and, thus, are a mantle feature.

270 4.3. Sulphide Petrography

271 Pentlandite and chalcopyrite (≤ 0.1 mm) were noted in eight of the xenoliths examined
272 by CL and have modal abundances < 1 %. They occur at the edges of carbonate grains (Fig.
273 3A–C) in contact with silicates, at the margins of carbonate veins, and in inclusion trails with
274 or without associated carbonate.

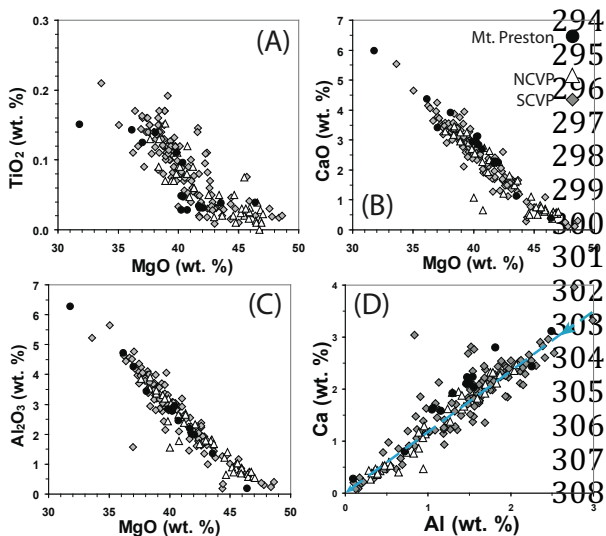
275 5. Geochemistry

276 5.1. Major and Trace Element Geochemistry

277 Bulk major element compositions of mantle xenoliths have Mg# of 87 to 91, Al_2O_3
278 contents of 1.2 to 4.7 wt.% for lherzolites (0.18 wt.% for dunite NP-MP05-160B and 11.9
279 wt.% for websterite NP-MP05-69) (see Supplementary Material Table SM3). Major element
280 compositions are consistent with other mantle-derived xenolith suites in the Canadian
281 Cordillera (Fig. 4; Shi et al., 1998; Peslier et al., 2002; Harder and Russell, 2006; Francis et
282 al., 2010) and other continental spinel-bearing peridotites worldwide, reflecting varying
283 degrees of melt extraction from a fertile mantle source (Peslier et al., 2002).

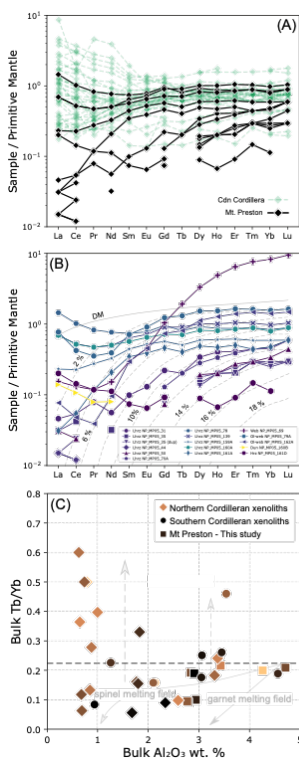
284 Trace and rare earth element (REE) compositions (Fig. 5; Supplementary Material
285 Table SM3) are like other BC mantle suites and show no pronounced single element
286 anomalies. Rare earth element patterns are light rare earth element (LREE; La to Sm)
287 depleted to flat (Fig. 5A–B). Many patterns show a ‘spoon-shaped’ profile of LREE depletion,
288 with slight enrichment of the lightest REEs (e.g., La, Ce); only one pattern (the harzburgite)
289 is weakly LREE enriched relative to the middle (MREE; Eu to Ho) and heavy (HREE; Er to
290 Lu) rare earth elements. The dunite is especially demonstrative of LREE enrichment; the
291 LREE contents are like that of some other xenoliths from the suite, while the MREE and

292 HREE concentrations are below detection.



294 **Fig. 4.** Bulk-rock major element proxies of
 295 melt depletion from the Mt. Preston mantle
 296 xenolith suite and published data for Canadian
 297 Cordilleran xenoliths. (A–C) Major elements
 298 (TiO₂ wt. %, CaO wt. %, and Al₂O₃ wt. %) vs.
 299 MgO wt. % for mantle xenoliths (lherzolites,
 300 harzburgites, and dunites) from Mt. Preston,
 301 Northern Cordilleran Volcanic Province
 302 (NCVP; see Francis et al., 2010), and Southern
 303 Cordilleran Volcanic Province (SCVP; Peslier
 304 et al., 2002). (D) Ca vs. Al wt. % in mantle
 305 xenoliths from the Canadian Cordillera. Data
 306 sources as in A–C. Blue dashed line with
 307 arrows indicates expected trend for depletion of
 308 oceanic peridotite (Boyd, 1989).

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 313 **Fig. 5.** Rare earth element (REE) contents of mantle xenoliths.
 314 (A) Data normalized to primitive mantle (PM; McDonough and
 315 Sun, 1995) for xenoliths from Mt. Preston and other Canadian
 316 Cordillera localities (Northern Cordillera, Harder and Russell,
 317 2006; Southern Cordillera, Peslier et al., 2002). (B) Mt. Preston
 318 REE data compared to REE fractional melting models
 319 (anhydrous) after Warren (2016) using the melting reaction of
 320 Wasylenki et al. (2003), partition coefficients from Sun & Liang
 321 (2013), and depleted mantle (DM) values from Workman & Hart
 322 (2005). (C) Bulk-rock Tb/Yb vs. Al₂O₃ for Canadian Cordillera
 323 mantle xenoliths (after Peslier et al., 2002); data sources are as in
 324 (A). Solid grey lines denote melting trends for spinel and garnet
 325 stable mantle assemblages (Bodinier et al., 1988). Chondritic
 326 Tb/Yb (McDonough and Sun, 1995) is also shown (black
 327 horizontal dashed line). Colour bars in (B) and (c) represent
 328 mantle equilibration temperatures from Harder & Russell, (2006),
 329 Peslier et al. (2002), and this study.

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Tb/Yb ratios for peridotites (Fig. 5C) can be indicative of whether melt extraction has occurred in the spinel or garnet stability field, as Yb partitions strongly into garnet as a residual phase, resulting in strong Tb/Yb decreases even at small degrees of melting (Bodinier et al., 1988). The Mt. Preston peridotite compositions are consistent with melt

338 extraction in the spinel stability field (Fig. 5C), as with other suites in the Cordillera (Peslier
 339 et al., 2002). Terbium enrichment has been interpreted as the result of significant
 340 metasomatism (Peslier et al., 2002). None of the Mt. Preston xenoliths analyzed show Tb
 341 enrichment over Yb relative to chondrite, suggesting that metasomatic processes did not
 342 disturb the MREEs or if so, very little. We found no correlation between the degree of melt
 343 depletion or metasomatism with the mantle equilibration temperatures (section 5 below) as
 344 color coded in Figures 5B and 5C.

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346 **Table 1.** Radiogenic and stable isotopic data for Mt. Preston (MP-) mantle xenoliths including Sr
 347 datasets for carbonate fractions (CF) in bulk rock (WR) powders, equilibration temperatures
 348 calculated after Brey and Kohler, (1990), approximate CO₂ contents via loss on ignition (LOI), and
 349 bulk rock Al₂O₃ wt. % values (proxy for melt depletion). Values also reported for Sr standards
 350 (SRM987) and for replicates¹.

Strontium ($\pm 2\sigma$)							
Sample / Description	Rock Type	⁸⁷ Sr/ ⁸⁶ Sr	⁸⁶ Sr/ ⁸⁸ Sr	T (°C)	1 σ	wt. % CO ₂	Al ₂ O ₃ wt. %
MP05-159A / (CF)	Lherzolite	0.704618 \pm 0.000008	0.1198	863	11	0.33	2.84
MP05-160A / (CF)	Lherzolite	0.704432 \pm 0.000008	0.1196	919	9	0.33	4.26
MP05-164A / (CF)	Lherzolite	0.704610 \pm 0.000008	0.1196	828	8	0.29	2.91
MP05-164A ¹ / (CF)	Lherzolite	0.704607 \pm 0.000009	0.1199	828	8	0.29	2.91
SRM987 (600 ng)	Standard	0.710220 \pm 0.000008	0.1195	–	–	–	–
SRM987 (300 ng)	Standard	0.710233 \pm 0.000008	0.1200	–	–	–	–
SRM987 (600 ng)	Standard	0.710232 \pm 0.000007	0.1192	–	–	–	–
Carbon and Oxygen ($\pm 1\sigma$)							
Sample	Rock Type	$\delta^{13}\text{C}$ (‰ vs. VPDB)	$\delta^{18}\text{O}$ (‰ vs. VSMOW)	T (°C)	1 σ	wt. % CO ₂	Al ₂ O ₃ wt. %
MP05-31	Lherzolite	-4.36 \pm 0.10	12.46 \pm 0.08	842	4	0.33	2.94
MP05-35	Lherzolite	-5.67 \pm 0.06	11.20 \pm 0.06	862	13	0.33	2.01
MP05-35 ¹	Lherzolite	-6.09 \pm 0.04	10.92 \pm 0.05	862	13	0.33	2.01
MP05-44	Lherzolite	-5.72 \pm 0.04	11.17 \pm 0.03	858	8	0.33	2.18
MP05-50	Lherzolite	-5.74 \pm 0.07	10.91 \pm 0.11	811	19	0.26	2.45
MP05-69	Websterite	<d/l	<d/l	867	20	0.11	11.9
MP05-70A	Lherzolite	-4.41 \pm 0.06	11.35 \pm 0.06	869	9	0.29	2.77
MP05-78	Lherzolite	-6.03 \pm 0.03	12.26 \pm 0.05	888	9	0.26	3.43
MP05-79A	Ol-Websterite	-4.20 \pm 0.05	11.82 \pm 0.05	891	12	0.33	6.27
MP05-139	Lherzolite	-5.75 \pm 0.07	11.26 \pm 0.09	862	6	0.26	4.71
MP05-159A	Lherzolite	-5.79 \pm 0.05	12.35 \pm 0.05	863	11	0.33	2.84
MP05-160A	Lherzolite	-3.72 \pm 0.04	11.41 \pm 0.04	919	9	0.33	4.26
MP05-160B	Dunite	-3.37 \pm 0.06	11.64 \pm 0.07	1044	7	0.29	0.18
MP05-161D	Harzburgite	-3.51 \pm 0.08	10.26 \pm 0.09	816	19	0.26	1.36
MP05-162A	Ol-Websterite	-4.19 \pm 0.05	11.34 \pm 0.04	866	7	0.26	5.75
MP05-164A	Lherzolite	-5.87 \pm 0.03	11.30 \pm 0.06	828	8	0.29	2.91

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352 5.2. Stable isotopes (C–O)

353 Carbon and oxygen isotope compositions of carbonate from the mantle xenoliths, the
 354 host basanite, and the wall rocks are reported in Table 1 and plotted in Figure 6 (see also
 355 Supplementary Material Table SM1). Isotopic analyses were performed on leachates of bulk-

356 rock powders and, in the case of dyke and country rock, also on carbonate recovered by
 357 micro-drilling of carbonate-rich phases. The wall rock sample was collected <20 m away
 358 from the basanite.

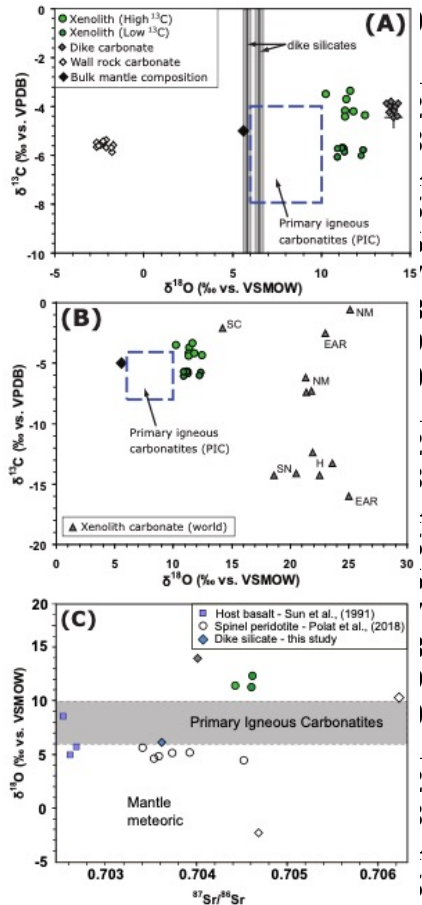


Fig. 6. Carbon and oxygen isotope compositions for carbonates in: (A) Mt. Preston mantle xenoliths, basanite dyke, and wall rock from Mt. Preston, and (B) for worldwide samples of mantle xenolith-hosted carbonate. Xenolith-hosted carbonate, including: NM New Mexico (Perkins et al., 2006); SN Sierra Nevada (Ducea et al., 2005); H Hungary (Demény et al., 2004); SC Slave Craton (van Acherbergh et al., 2002); EAR East African Rift (Lee et al., 2000). Analytical uncertainties are generally smaller than symbols. Primary carbonatite field is from Taylor et al. (1967) and Keller and Hoefs (1995) and bulk mantle value from Harmon and Hoefs (1995) and Deines (2002). (C) Strontium isotope composition of carbonate within mantle peridotites, basanite dyke, and wall rock vs. oxygen isotope composition. Also shown are bulk rock Sr data for silicate fractions from the Mt. Preston dyke, peridotite xenoliths (Tasse suite xenoliths, Polat et al., 2018), and sodic and potassic alkaline olivine basanite dykes (Jacques Lake, Big Timothy Mountain, West Kettle River; Sun et al., 1991). Composition range for primary carbonatites (last 500 Ma) from Taylor et al. (1967), Keller and Hoefs (1995), and Barker (1996).

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 386 Carbonate recovered from these three sources (mantle xenoliths, dyke, wall rock)
 387 have distinct carbon-oxygen isotopic compositions. Dyke carbonate has $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{VSMOW}}$
 388 compositions of 13.7 to 14.3 ‰, and $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{VPDB}}$ compositions of -3.8 to -4.5 ‰. In the dyke,
 389 $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{VSMOW}}$ values are ~14 ‰ greater than wall rock, which is 8 ‰ higher than the associated
 390 silicates in the dyke, indicating isotopically distinct sources for the carbonate in the dyke and
 391 the wall rock (Fig. 6; Table 1). The wall rock carbonate has $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{VSMOW}}$ compositions of -1.7
 392 to -2.6 ‰, and $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{VPDB}}$ compositions of -5.4 to -5.9 ‰. The $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ composition of wall rock
 393 carbonate (~2 ‰ less than VSMOW) is consistent with equilibration with meteoric water.
 394 The carbonate within the dyke shows no signs of isotopic exchange with meteoric waters, as
 395 isotopic exchange with these fluids would deplete the carbonate in ^{18}O . The isotopic

396 compositions of the carbonates from the dyke are also consistent with unaltered magmatic
397 carbonate. Additionally, there is no distinction between bulk-rock and micro-drilled analyses,
398 ruling out small-scale isotopic variations from multiple isotopic sources.

399 Carbonate recovered from fourteen mantle xenoliths plot as two distinct groups based
400 on their ^{13}C compositions. The ^{13}C -enriched group (Fig. 6A) has $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ compositions between
401 -3.4 and -4.4 ‰ (VPDB), while the ^{13}C -depleted group (7 xenoliths) has $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ compositions
402 between -5.7 and -6.1 ‰ (VPDB). Both groups have similar ranges (10.3 to 12.5 ‰
403 (VSMOW)) of $\delta^{18}\text{O}$. All but two of the mantle xenolith samples used for stable isotope
404 analysis contained both granular carbonate and carbonate veins. The other two contained
405 only vein carbonate and they are part of the ^{13}C -depleted group.

406 The carbonates from the Mt. Preston mantle xenoliths are closer to primary mantle
407 isotopic compositions than other reported mantle-hosted carbonates (Fig. 6B; Lee et al.,
408 2000; van Achterbergh et al., 2002; Demény et al., 2004; Ducea et al., 2005; Perkins et al.,
409 2006). The Mt. Preston xenoliths host carbonate having $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ compositions less than 3 ‰
410 greater than the field established to date for primary mantle-derived carbonatites (Fig. 6b;
411 Taylor et al., 1967; Keller and Hoefs, 1995). In other studies, authors report enriched $\delta^{18}\text{O}$
412 compositions in mantle-derived carbonate in xenoliths (Lee et al., 2000; van Achterbergh et
413 al., 2002; Demény et al., 2004; Ducea et al., 2005; Perkins et al., 2006) that are interpreted
414 to indicate isotopic disequilibrium between carbonate and host silicates and explained by
415 short durations between enrichment and eruption. The global mantle average for the $\delta^{18}\text{O}$
416 composition of the silicate and oxide phases in spinel peridotite xenoliths is approximately
417 5-5.7 ‰ relative to VSMOW depending on the phase.

418 5.3. Radiogenic Isotopes (Sr)

419 The isotopic signatures of the carbonate source are given by the $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ ratios (Fig.
420 6C Table 1). The Sr isotopes reveal different source compositions for carbonate in the Mt.
421 Preston dyke (silicate portion: $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr} \sim 0.7040$, carbonate portion: $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr} \sim 0.7036$)
422 *versus* the country rock samples ($^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr} \sim 0.7047$). These $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ values from the Mt.
423 Preston dyke are within the upper range of previously reported Canadian Cordilleran
424 (xenolith-hosting) alkaline basalts ($^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr} = 0.7024\text{--}0.7041$; Polat et al., 2018; Sun et al.,
425 1991). Mantle xenoliths (carbonate fraction) record slightly more radiogenic $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ ratios

426 (0.7044 to 0.7046) than the Mt. Preston dyke samples ($^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr} = 0.7040$). Similar Sr isotopic
427 values were recorded for the Tasse xenolith suite in the southern Canadian Cordillera (Polat
428 [et al., 2018](#); $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr} \sim 0.7041$), however, both the Tasse suite and the Mt. Preston suite are
429 slightly more radiogenic than other average values for xenoliths suites reported within other
430 southern Canadian Cordillera by [Sun et al. \(1991\)](#) (Jacques Lake: $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr} \sim 0.7027$, Big
431 Timothy Mountain: $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr} \sim 0.7030$, West Kettle River: $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr} \sim 0.7033$, Lassie Lake:
432 $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr} \sim 0.7037$).

433 **6. Geothermometry**

434 Mineral chemical compositions of all major phases (clinopyroxene (cpx),
435 orthopyroxene (opx), olivine (ol), and spinel (spl) in 51 xenoliths were measured by electron
436 microprobe, for the purposes of two-pyroxene geothermometry based on the [Brey and Köhler](#)
437 [\(1990\)](#) (BK90) calibration. Our approach was to perform thermometry on sequential batches
438 of 5 samples and continue expanding the population until there was no further change in the
439 maximum and minimum temperature (Fig. 7A; see [Harder and Russell, 2006](#)). We suggest
440 that the results from 51 samples closely approximate the entire temperature range within the
441 underlying mantle lithosphere.

442 The [Brey and Köhler \(1990\)](#) geothermometer has a temperature gradient with
443 pressure of $\sim 1.5\text{--}1.8^\circ\text{C}/\text{Kb}$. However, we assume that all xenoliths record temperatures along
444 a model geotherm thereby removing the need to adopt an arbitrary pressure for the
445 geothermometric calculations. Operationally we do this by solving the BK90 equation
446 simultaneously with the equation for the model geotherm (see below). The geothermometry
447 results (Supplementary Materials Table SM4) record paleo-temperatures between $815 \pm 18^\circ\text{C}$
448 and $1119 \pm 7^\circ\text{C}$ although most samples record temperatures between ~ 850 and 950°C (Fig.
449 7A). Two xenoliths contain plagioclase and spinel which coexist over a restrictive range of
450 P–T conditions in most mantle assemblages. Geothermometry on these samples returned
451 relatively low equilibrium temperatures of 850°C (NP-MP05-69) and 874°C (NP-MP05-96).
452 The overall distribution of temperatures suggests that the shallower mantle lithosphere is
453 better represented (i.e. more efficiently sampled) than the deep lithosphere. Conversely, the
454 restricted distribution may simply indicate poor mixing of xenolith populations during dyke
455 transport, in contrast to the efficient mixing processes that attend eruption ([Russell and Jones,](#)

456 2023).

457 The $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ isotopic compositions of xenolith hosted carbonate indicate two groups,
458 relatively enriched ($\delta^{13}\text{C} \sim -3.4$ to -4.4 ‰ (VPDB)) and depleted ($\delta^{13}\text{C} \sim -5.7$ to -6.1 ‰
459 (VPDB)) (Fig. 6A–B; Table 1), suggesting multiple sources of mantle-equilibrated carbonate
460 within the mantle lithosphere beneath the western margin of the Canadian Cordillera. The
461 two groups have similar oxygen isotopic compositions ($\delta^{18}\text{O}$ of 10.3 to 12.5 ‰ (VSMOW))
462 and record overlapping mantle lithosphere temperatures: 851 to 979 °C (+ one at 1119 °C)
463 vs. 849 to 940 °C, respectively.

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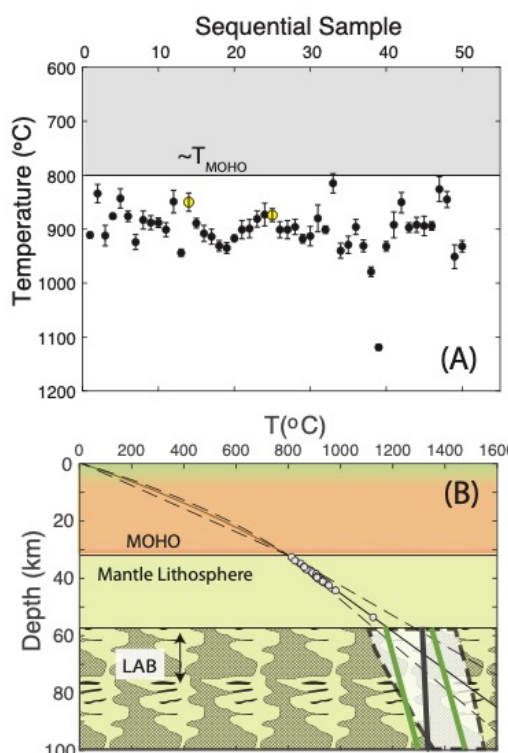


Fig. 7. Geothermometry results and model geotherm for Mt. Preston mantle xenoliths. (A) Mean equilibration BK90 temperatures for peridotite xenoliths (Supplementary Material Table SM4; Brey and Köhler 1990) plotted sequentially in the order they were analyzed with 1 σ error based. Yellow symbols denote plagioclase-bearing peridotite samples. (B) Model steady-state geotherm where mantle xenoliths are plotted according to their pressure-dependent equilibration temperatures (see text). Moho depth is fixed by geophysics (34 ± 3 km; Calkins et al., 2010) and the lithosphere/asthenosphere boundary (LAB) is estimated from V_P/V_S data to be at 50–70 km (Calkins et al., 2010). Also shown are: i) the model adiabat (heavy black line) for a potential temperature of 1300 °C after Katsura et al. (2010), ii) reference solidi curves (heavy green lines) for fertile and carbonated peridotite, and iii) a basanite melt field (light shaded field) delimited by liquidus curves for anhydrous and hydrous melts. Model mantle lithosphere geotherms terminate against the adiabat at temperatures of 1313–1320 °C) corresponding to depths of 58–72 km.

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488 7. Discussion

489 7.1. Geotherm and Carbonated Mantle Lithosphere

490 Plotting the xenolith equilibration temperatures on a model steady-state geotherm is
491 a means of mapping the distribution of carbonated mantle within the mantle, estimating the
492 minimum thickness of mantle lithosphere, and constraining the depth to the lithosphere-
493 asthenosphere boundary (LAB). Here, we use a one-dimensional model for the lithosphere

494 comprising a crust of known thickness (Z_M) and having constant thermal conductivity ($K_1 =$
 495 $2.5 \text{ W/m}\cdot\text{K}$), and surface heat flow (q_0) and surface temperature ($T_0 \sim 10^\circ \text{C}$). The crustal
 496 layer has an exponential distribution of radiogenic heat producing elements ($A(z) =$
 497 $A_0 e^{-z/Z_M}$; [Russell and Kopylova, 1999](#)) and we consider a range of heat production (A_0)
 498 values. The underlying mantle lithosphere has constant thermal conductivity ($K_2 = 3.2$
 499 $\text{W/m}\cdot\text{K}$) and no radiogenic heat source. The lithospheric crust and mantle are coupled
 500 numerically by a common Moho temperature (T_M) and the reduced heat flow (q_M) at the
 501 Moho.

502 The temperature distribution as a function of depth (z) in the crust is described by:

$$503 \quad T(z) = T_0 + \frac{q_0 z}{K_1} + \frac{A_0 Z_M^2}{K_1} \left(1 - \frac{z}{Z_M} - e^{-z/Z_M} \right) \quad 0 < z < Z_M . \quad (1)$$

504 Values of q_0 are coupled to the form of the heat production equation and dictated by the
 505 relationship ([Russell and Kopylova, 1999](#)):

$$506 \quad q_0 = 0.3679 Z_M A_0 + \frac{(T_M - T_0) K_1}{Z_M} \quad (2)$$

507 and, therefore, also dependent on the depth and temperature of the Moho. The expected
 508 steady-state temperature distribution in the mantle lithosphere is described by:

$$509 \quad T(z) = T_M + \frac{[q_0 - 0.6321 A_0 Z_M]}{K_2} (z - Z_M) \quad Z_M < z < Z_a . \quad (3)$$

510 We have assumed a Moho depth (Z_M) of 32 km ([Calkins et al., 2010](#)) and an average crustal
 511 heat production of $1.6 \pm 0.8 \mu\text{W/m}^3$ ([Lewis et al., 2003](#)) which also fixes values of q_0 (Eq. 2).
 512 Model values of q_0 for the range of A_0 values (0.8 to $2.4 \mu\text{W/m}^3$) vary from 63 to 90 mW/m^2
 513 which agrees well with average measured values reported for the Canadian Cordillera (76
 514 $\pm 21 \text{ mW/m}^2$; e.g., [Hyndman, 2017](#)).

515 We assume Moho temperature (T_M) to be equal to or lower than the lowest
 516 temperature xenolith (815°C) and have adopted a value of 800°C (Fig. 7). Similarly, the
 517 highest temperature xenolith (1119°C) constrains the minimum temperature of the LAB (Fig.
 518 7B). A model geotherm is shown in Figure 7B for three separate values of A_0 . The model
 519 values of q_0 are inversely correlated to values of A_0 such that the highest temperature xenolith
 520 corresponds to depths of 49 km (low A_0 and high q_0) or 58 km (high A_0 and low q_0) implying

521 minimum thicknesses of the mantle lithosphere of 17-26 km. The reduced heat flow at the
522 base of the crust (q_M) would be 61 to 41 mW/m² for low to high values of Ao (i.e. inverse
523 correlation). These values of q_M correspond to temperature gradients in the mantle of 19 to
524 13 °C km⁻¹, respectively.

525 An alternative estimate of lithosphere thickness can be made by extrapolating the
526 model geotherms to intersect the adiabat based on values adopted by [Hyndman and Canil,](#)
527 [2021](#) (after [Katsura et al., 2010](#)). The three model geotherms (Fig. 7B) intersect the adiabat
528 at depths of 58 (low Ao) to 72 (hi Ao) km implying mantle lithosphere thicknesses of between
529 26 and 40 km and LAB depths between 58-72 km and temperatures of 1310–1320 °C. These
530 results accord well with estimates (65 km and ~1350 °C) from [Hyndman and Canil \(2021\)](#)
531 and [Canil and Hyndman \(2023\)](#).

532 The model geotherm shows that carbonate is distributed pervasively throughout the
533 entire mantle lithosphere and that the carbonate is a stable mantle phase over a minimum
534 range of temperatures of 800 to 1120 °C and pressures of 0.9 to 1.7 GPa. The carbonate
535 occurs in several habits, but those habits are insensitive to source temperatures, pressures,
536 and depths. Four samples with granular carbonate have temperatures of 850 to 895 °C, ten
537 xenoliths with carbonate veins have temperatures of 826 to 924 °C, and 37 xenoliths contain
538 both habits and have temperatures of 815 to 1119 °C.

539 7.2. Significance of mantle carbonate

540 Primary mantle-derived carbonate is rarely preserved in mantle xenoliths but provides
541 important insights on mantle metasomatism involving carbonatitic melts/fluids. At Mt.
542 Preston, primary carbonate (Mg-calcite) is pervasive and occurs in both lherzolites,
543 websterites, and dunites and the xenoliths preserve strong textural evidence of its mantle
544 equilibration. For example, the intergranular carbonate within the Mt. Preston suite preserves
545 triple-point grain boundaries consistent with textural equilibrium between carbonate and
546 mantle silicates. Other occurrences of carbonate within mantle-derived xenoliths are reported
547 for localities in Argentina ([Laurora et al., 2001](#); [Scambelluri et al., 2009](#)), Hungary ([Demény](#)
548 [et al., 2004; 2010](#)), the Kerguelen Islands ([Moine et al., 2004](#)), Spitsbergen ([Ionov et al.,](#)
549 [1996](#)), the Siberian Craton ([Ionov et al., 2018](#)), the East African Rift, Tanzania ([Lee et al.,](#)
550 [2000](#)), South Africa ([Berg, 1986](#)), and the southwest United States ([Ducea et al., 2005](#);

551 [Perkins et al., 2006](#)). Most of these occurrences are described as interstitial patches associated
552 with second generation crystallization, or as inclusions within crystals, typically in textural
553 (glass) or isotopic disequilibrium with the host rocks.

554 In addition, mantle carbonate at Mt. Preston is closely associated with sulphides and,
555 together, are found as intergranular patches, in veins, and as inclusion trails within mantle
556 silicates (Fig. 3A–C). Sulphides are a common accessory phase in mantle-derived rocks and
557 are a common component of carbonate melts or carbonate-silicate melts ([Ionov et al., 1996](#)).
558 The sulphides found in Mt. Preston mantle xenoliths occur across the full range of
559 equilibration temperatures (i.e. depth) and are found associated with both high and low $\delta^{13}\text{C}$
560 groups of carbonate. This occurrence suggests that carbonate and sulphide result from the
561 same enrichment event(s).

562 Chemical compositional features of the Mt. Preston xenoliths are also consistent with
563 a carbonate metasomatic agent. Most of the xenoliths show calcium enrichment relative to
564 aluminum, which has been attributed to cryptic carbonate metasomatism ([Peslier et al., 2002](#)).
565 Many REE patterns from the Mt. Preston xenoliths show slight enrichment of the lightest
566 REEs, consistent with the effects of a migrating LREE-rich melt such as carbonatite.
567 Collectively, the petrographic observations and geochemical data strongly support the
568 premise that carbonate and sulphide accessory phases are part of the pre-entrainment mantle
569 paragenesis.

570 Measured $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ vs. $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ compositions for the Mt. Preston xenolith and dyke
571 carbonates are close to bulk mantle compositions and distinct from the wall rock carbonates
572 (Fig. 6B). In fact, the $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ and $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ isotopic compositions of Mt. Preston carbonate are closer
573 to primary mantle compositions than many other occurrences of mantle-hosted carbonates
574 (Fig. 6B; [Lee et al., 2000](#); [van Achtebergh et al., 2002](#); [Demény et al., 2004](#); [Ducea et al.,](#)
575 [2005](#); [Perkins et al., 2006](#)). Oxygen isotopic compositions can be more easily re-equilibrated,
576 yet the measured $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ values show no indication of chemical mixing between sources (i.e.
577 xenolith, dyke, wall rock) and no signs of meteoric alteration.

578 $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ values for the Mt. Preston peridotite xenoliths are similar to carbonate-bearing
579 mantle xenoliths from New Mexico ([Lee et al., 2000](#)), however, their more mantle-like $\delta^{18}\text{O}$
580 values suggest better preservation of primary carbonate. Carbon isotopes are less susceptible

581 to re-equilibration and the Mt. Preston mantle-carbonate samples define two distinct groups
582 suggesting at least two carbonate-sulphide melt enrichment events. The concept of multiple
583 enrichment events is further supported by the $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ isotopic data which shows the two
584 $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ -defined populations to have distinct $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ compositions and to be different from the
585 dyke. The $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ data for the dyke carbonate could be a mix of $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ compositions
586 derived from the dyke silicates and the xenolith carbonate thereby preserving evidence for a
587 magma charged with CO_2 derived from mantle-derived (i.e. xenolith) carbonate (see below).

588 7.3. Source of Carbonatite Metasomatism

589 Studies of the mantle lithosphere underlying the Canadian Cordillera have shown it
590 to be relatively uniform in composition, thermal regime, and age (e.g., [Francis et al., 2010](#)
591 and references therein). Rhenium-osmium dating of lithospheric mantle-derived xenoliths
592 ([Peslier et al., 2000](#)) has recovered Proterozoic model ages across the Canadian Cordillera,
593 consistent with melt depletion events occurring within a short timeframe for the Cordilleran
594 lithospheric mantle. Whether autochthonous or allochthonous this indicates a common
595 melting history for, at least, the lithospheric mantle underlying the southeast Canadian
596 Cordillera. This result precludes the suggestion of a simple extension of cratonic crust
597 coupled to its own lithospheric mantle residing beneath the eastern Cordillera, as the mantle
598 lithosphere in that region appears to be much younger than the wedge of cratonic crustal
599 basement that overlies it ([Peslier et al., 2000](#)).

600 The Mt. Preston xenolith suite is in a unique geographic location compared to other
601 BC cordilleran xenolith localities which are predominantly within the Intermontane belt.
602 They are also the only mantle peridotite xenoliths in the BC cordillera that preserve
603 metasomatic carbonates (and associated sulphides). Furthermore, these carbonated mantle
604 xenoliths are the only ones reported from the Pacific Coast Ranges of the western margin of
605 North America. The carbonates and sulphides are texturally undisturbed suggesting that the
606 metasomatic event was the last event to occur prior to entrainment by the 19 Ma basanite
607 magma. This suggests a different history and processes involving a geographically restricted
608 enrichment process that probably involved metasomatic agents related to subduction of
609 oceanic crust along the central western margin of BC.

610 One possible contribution for carbonatitic metasomatism into the mantle lithosphere

611 is the subduction of carbonate in sediments from the down going slab. Subducting slab-
612 related enrichment agents have been interpreted for other carbonate bearing xenolith suites
613 (e.g. Laurora et al., 2001; Demény et al., 2004; Ducea et al., 2005; Perkins et al., 2006).
614 Decarbonation reactions in subducting plates can occur at higher temperatures than
615 dehydration reactions, based on experimental and thermodynamic data (Yaxley and Green,
616 1994; Ducea et al., 2005 and references therein), or the silicate and carbonate melts may be
617 immiscible resulting in separation. Subduction-related metasomatism has been considered
618 for xenolith suites from northwest BC and southwest Yukon based on incompatible trace
619 element enrichments, although no metasomatic phases were observed in those rocks (Shi et
620 al., 1998; Peslier et al., 2000). If subduction-related enrichment during Coast Plutonic
621 Complex magmatism is postulated as the source for the carbonates and sulphides in the Mt.
622 Preston suite, the sites in northwest BC and southwest Yukon could be expected to show this
623 as well. However, several of these sites are interpreted to overlie anomalously hot
624 asthenosphere interpreted as a Tertiary to recent thermal event (Frederiksen et al., 1998; Shi
625 et al., 1998); at the interpreted P–T range for these rocks little isobaric heating (≤ 50 °C) is
626 required to make crystalline calcite unstable.

627 Mt. Preston occupied an arc to back-arc location during the duration of Coast Plutonic
628 Complex magmatism history. Based on tectonic models (van der Heyden, 1992; Monger et
629 al., 1994; Gehrels et al., 2009), this would restrict the timing of the enrichment event(s) from
630 at earliest, Jurassic time to ~ 50 Ma when Coast Belt magmatism waned; subduction ended
631 ~ 40 Ma, although the margin of the subducted slab persisted to ~ 35 Ma beneath the area
632 (Madsen et al., 2006). However, for metasomatic enrichment to have occurred before 90–85
633 Ma the mantle lithosphere under Mt. Preston would have had to be thermally and texturally
634 unaffected by the accretion of terranes of the Insular Belt into Stikinia–Yukon Tanana (e.g.,
635 Monger et al., 1982; Gehrels et al., 2009).

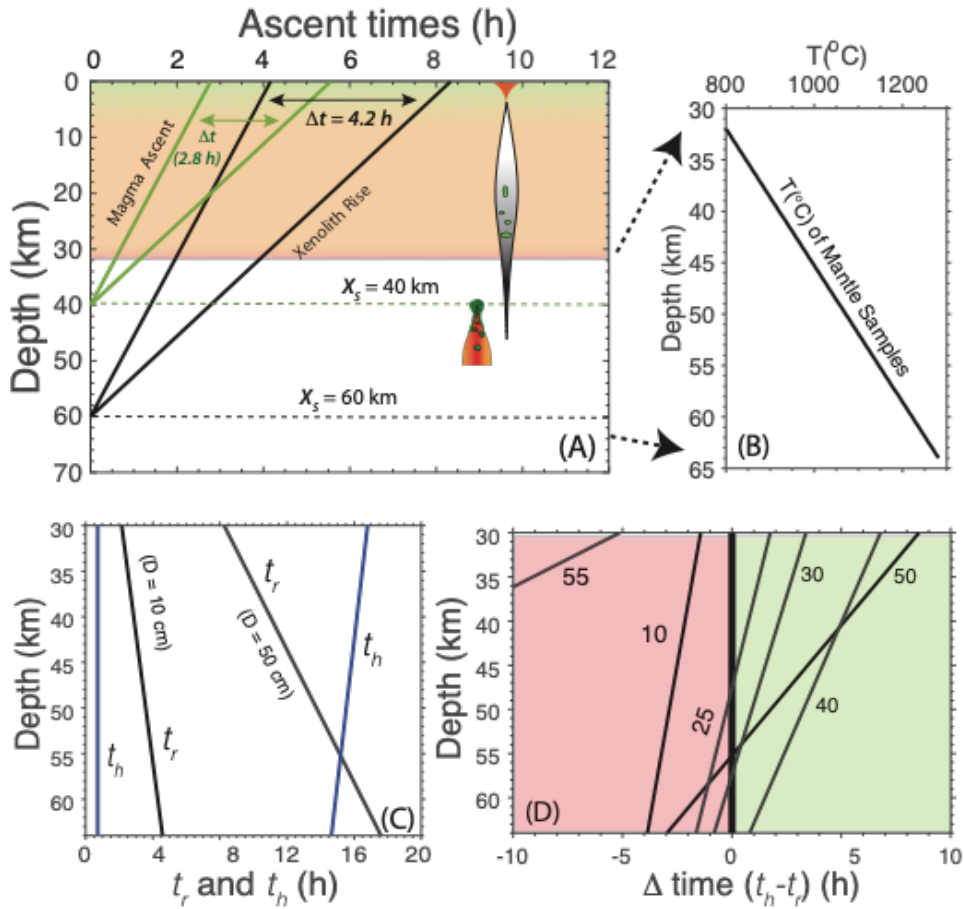
636 The $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ values for Mt. Preston samples are slightly more radiogenic than
637 expressed by the eastern BC xenolith suites. The more radiogenic $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ ratios might be
638 indicative of carbonatite metasomatism or the lower $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ ratios for the eastern BC
639 xenoliths could reflect the region's proximity to the North American Craton margin. Isotopic
640 evidence suggests that the Cordilleran lithosphere may not be as uniform as previously shown

641 (Peslier et al., 2000; Francis et al., 2010). In particular, the carbonated peridotite samples
642 from Mt. Preston imply important compositional variations within the Canadian Cordilleran
643 mantle lithosphere that inform on the mantle's volatile budget (carbon), the fate of subducted
644 carbon, and its release during volcanism (discussed in section 7.4). The stability of carbonate,
645 in the mantle, for example, has been shown to be redox controlled (e.g., Frost & McCammon,
646 2008), suggesting variations in the oxidation state of mantle material beneath the
647 Intermontane–Coast Belt margin in the western Cordillera.

648 7.4. Carbonate Preservation and Ascent

649 Carbonated peridotitic mantle is the common source for a wide variety of mantle-
650 derived magmas including carbonatites, nephelinites, basanites, melilitites, and kimberlites
651 (e.g., Dasgupta et al. 2013). Given Earth's abundance of these Si-undersaturated, CO₂-rich
652 magmas it is surprising that carbonate-bearing samples of mantle lithosphere are relatively
653 rare. This discrepancy led Canil (1990) to perform a series of decompression experiments
654 designed to explore the carbonate stability during ascent and to assert that carbonate
655 decomposes during decompression at rates (1.5–3 GPa h⁻¹) exceeding feasible magma ascent
656 velocities (12–25 m s⁻¹).

657 This raises the question of how the carbonate in these xenoliths was preserved during
658 ascent of the Mt. Preston basanite magma. All samples of the mantle beneath Mt. Preston
659 were carbonated and equilibrated at pressures less than 2 GPa and at temperatures lower than
660 the basanite magma (<1250°C). In this environment, carbonate can be destroyed in at least
661 three ways: i) by solid state reaction to produce a non-carbonate assemblage, ii) by
662 decomposition to a fluid or gas driven by changes in pressure, temperature, or P_{CO_2} (Canil
663 1990; Escardino et al., 2013; Frost & McCammon, 2008), or iii) by dissolution or
664 assimilation in a silicate melt (Edwards and Russell, 1998). To preserve the carbonate and
665 sulphides in the xenoliths, transport rates of the xenoliths must have exceeded rates of
666 thermal-chemical processes promoting carbonate destruction (i.e. decomposition, melt
667 infiltration, etc.).



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669 **Fig. 8.** Residence (t_r) and heating (t_h) times for mantle xenoliths within basanite magma. (A) Times
 670 for ascent of magma rising from 40 (2.7 h) and 60 (4.1 h) km depth at velocities of 4 m s^{-1} and the
 671 implied residence times (5.5 h and 8.4h) for a 25 cm diameter xenolith due to lagging (Russell and
 672 Jones, 2023). (B) Mantle temperature array with depth based on model geotherm (Fig. 7B). (C)
 673 Comparison of xenolith residence times (t_r) to times to heat (t_h) the core of two xenoliths ($D=10$ and
 674 50 cm) to 1300°C as a function of sample depth. Smaller xenoliths ($D=10$ cm) are heated to their core
 675 regardless of source depth; larger xenoliths ($D=50$ cm) rise faster than they are heated except when
 676 sourced from the base of the mantle lithosphere. (D) Values of ($t_h - t_r$) as a function of source depth
 677 and xenolith size (see labels). Positive values of ($t_h - t_r$) are consistent with carbonate survival
 678 (green shading) whilst negative values indicate full heating of xenoliths and possible decomposition
 679 of xenolith-hosted carbonate (red shading).

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682 There is every evidence that the basanite magma transited the mantle lithosphere
 683 rapidly. The basanite is essentially aphyric (i.e. no phenocrysts) indicating that near liquidus
 684 temperatures ($\sim 1250^{\circ}\text{C}$) were maintained throughout transport, implying little loss of
 685 enthalpy; ascent rates exceeded rates of conductive cooling to the wall rocks. The basanite
 686 dyke also transported dense mantle xenoliths (Fig. 2) sourced from depths of 70–30 km to
 within several kilometers of the Earth's surface. Several of the largest xenoliths are ~ 50 cm

687 in diameter. The abundance and size range of xenoliths carried by a low viscosity melt within
688 a relatively narrow dyke (1–3 m) also support a relatively high ascent rate (e.g., Sparks et al.,
689 2004). For our example calculations below we adopt a physically reasonable value $\sim 4 \text{ m s}^{-1}$
690 (see Sparks et al., 2004; Russell and Jones, 2023).

691 There are two main arguments for the preservation of the carbonate in this suite of
692 mantle xenoliths. The first concerns the thermal history of the xenoliths from the depth of
693 sampling to the shallow crust. Decomposition of carbonate is strongly dependent on
694 temperature; as xenoliths are heated above their ambient mantle temperatures by the host
695 basanite, rates of carbonate decomposition will increase (L'vov, 2007; Escardino et al., 2013).
696 We have modelled the heating times (t_h) of the mantle xenoliths and compared those times
697 to their residence times (t_r) at a prescribed ascent rate ($V_m \sim 4 \text{ m s}^{-1}$; Fig. 8A). Xenolith
698 residence times are dictated by magma rise rate, their settling rates (i.e. size of xenolith), and
699 their source depth (Fig. 8B; Russell and Jones, 2023). Values of t_r are greatest for large
700 xenoliths sourced from greatest depths (Fig. 8A) whilst V_m sets limits on the maximum size
701 of xenolith that can be carried. Heating times are the times required to heat spherical xenoliths
702 of different sizes to a core temperature $> 1250^\circ\text{C}$ assuming conductive heating (e.g., Crank,
703 1975, Eq. 6.19) and an initial temperature based on their position along the geotherm (i.e.
704 depth-temperature; Fig. 8B).

705 There is a window in terms of xenolith size and source depth where carbonate is
706 preserved (Fig. 8D). Carbonate preservation is favoured when $t_h > t_r$. Small xenoliths (i.e. D
707 $< 10 \text{ cm}$) typically have $t_h < t_r$ regardless of sample depth because heating times are short
708 (Fig. 8C). In contrast, 50 cm diameter xenoliths have substantial heating times relative to
709 their rise rates ($t_r < t_h$) except when sourced near the LAB; there transit times are greatest,
710 and the ambient temperature is highest thereby reducing t_h values. However, slightly larger
711 xenoliths ($D \sim 55 \text{ cm}$) are settling more rapidly and have high values of t_r , such that $t_r \gg t_h$
712 regardless of sample depth (Fig. 8D). For minimum magma ascent rates of 4 m s^{-1} , xenoliths
713 that are between 30 and 40 cm in size are optimal for preserving carbonate (Fig. 8D).

714 The second way in which carbonate decomposition is mitigated relates to the intrinsic
715 volatile content of the host magma. Carbonate decomposition rates are strongly dependent
716 on the composition of ambient atmosphere; high values of P_{CO_2} cause a hyperbolic decrease

717 in carbonate decomposition rate (L'vov, 2007). Experimental data of Escardino et al. (2013)
718 showed calcite decomposition in a CO₂ atmosphere to practically stop at temperatures < 875
719 °C; at higher temperatures decomposition rates dropped by > 80%. The basanite dyke
720 contains magmatic groundmass carbonate and is vesicular indicating it was CO₂-volatile rich.
721 Despite the low solubility of CO₂ at crustal pressures, the magma trapped in the dyke was
722 not fully degassed but, rather, remained enriched in CO₂. The ascent rates were sufficiently
723 high to effectively suppress efficient degassing of CO₂ implying a high partial pressure of
724 CO₂ throughout transport that would inhibit carbonate decomposition.

725 Lastly, all samples of mantle lithosphere from beneath Mt. Preston are carbonated
726 regardless of depth. It is, therefore, likely that the magma was able to mechanically scavenge
727 and chemically assimilate mantle-derived carbonate. In several studies of xenoliths
728 containing carbonate, authors noted that the host lavas also contained carbonate and
729 suggested that the magmas preferentially assimilated carbonate from mantle material to
730 become significantly CO₂ enriched (e.g., Ionov et al., 1996; Lee et al., 2000; Laurora et al.,
731 2001). Disaggregation of carbonated peridotite xenoliths during transport represents an
732 efficient mechanism for liberation of accessory carbonate leading to increased CO₂ solubility
733 or suppression of degassing of the rising magma. The additional dissolved or exsolved CO₂
734 content would increase magma buoyancy, support higher ascent rates for, both, the magma
735 and its entrained xenoliths, thereby, enhancing carbonate preservation. The carbon, oxygen,
736 and strontium isotopic compositions of the dyke and xenolith carbonate are consistent with
737 this process. For example, the carbonate sampled from the basanite dyke has a δ¹³C
738 composition within the range of the sampled mantle xenoliths, and has a ⁸⁷Sr/⁸⁶Sr
739 composition between the dyke silicate minerals and the xenolith carbonate.

740 **8. Conclusions**

741 The 19 My basanite dyke exposed near Mt. Preston, British Columbia intrudes
742 metavolcanic rocks (Hazelton Group) of the western Intermontane Belt and is situated
743 within 40 km of Coast Belt. The dyke contains abundant spinel-bearing peridotite (mainly
744 lherzolite) xenoliths from the underlying Cordilleran mantle. The xenolith suite is unique
745 for preserving primary, mantle-equilibrated magnesian calcite as an accessory phase
746 commonly in association with sulphides (pentlandite and chalcopyrite). Two-pyroxene

747 thermometry (N=51) returned a range of paleo-temperature estimates limiting the Moho
748 temperature to ≤ 815 °C and the LAB temperature to ≥ 1120 °C. A model geotherm,
749 coupled with the geothermometry and projected to the mantle adiabat, constrains the mantle
750 lithosphere to a thickness of 26 to 40 km, and the LAB to a depth of 58 to 72 km and
751 temperature of 1310–1320 °C (see also Hyndman and Canil, 2021). The thermometry also
752 shows that accessory carbonate and sulphide phases are stable throughout mantle
753 lithosphere at temperatures of ~ 800 – 1120 °C corresponding to pressures (i.e. depths) of ~ 1 –
754 1.7 GPa. The carbonate-sulphide assemblage provides strong evidence for pervasive
755 metasomatism of an earlier melt-depleted mantle lithosphere involving at least two
756 isotopically distinct carbonatitic fluids with associated monosulphides (rather than hydrous
757 silicate fluids). The metasomatic event derived from subduction of oceanic crust beneath
758 the western margin of the Canadian Cordillera during Coast Plutonic Belt magmatism,
759 when Mt. Preston was in an arc to back arc position (between ~ 90 and 35 Ma). Rapid
760 magma transport rates combined with a high intrinsic P_{CO_2} , sustained by scavenging of
761 carbonated mantle lithosphere, provided the means to preserve the accessory carbonate
762 within these entrained fragments of mantle lithosphere.

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Table SMI. Whole rock geochemical compositions of Mt. Preston basanite dike including major, trace and rare-earth element contents and radiogenic and stable isotopic data. Dataset also includes isotopic data for carbonate fractions (CF) in whole rock (WR) powders. Values also reported for standards (e.g., SRM987) and for duplicates and replicates¹

Major Elements (wt.%)			
Sample	MP05-1	MP05-3	MP05-3 ²
Rock Type ¹	BAS	BAS	BAS
SiO ₂	43.11	45.47	45.46
TiO ₂	2.70	2.27	2.27
Al ₂ O ₃	12.99	13.55	13.61
FeO _{Total}	12.09	12.04	12.07
MnO	0.182	0.177	0.179
MgO	10.91	10.13	10.25
CaO	10.59	9.82	9.75
Na ₂ O	2.33	2.85	2.88
K ₂ O	1.40	1.02	1.03
P ₂ O ₅	0.48	0.35	0.35
H ₂ O ⁻	0.74	0.41	0.40
H ₂ O ⁺	0.67	0.32	0.24
CO ₂	0.70	0.14	0.10
Total	98.89	98.54	98.60
LOI	1.98	1.19	0.93

Trace and Rare Earth Elements (ppm)			
Rb	28.3	16.6	16.8
Sr	691.0	520.0	514.0
Ba	521	332	342
V	256	235	241
Cr	281	335	348
Co	64	56	62
Ni	256	214	218
Zn	83	78	80
Cu	93	84	83
Ga	18.7	18.2	17.1
Y	21.7	21.6	21.2
Zr	173.5	118.3	116.7
Nb	32.2	18.7	18.2
Th	3.7	2.5	1.9
U	3.9	2.5	2.7

La	24.94	16.96	19.04
Ce	49.60	35.61	39.88
Pr	6.37	4.94	5.46
Nd	26.91	21.68	24.37
Sm	5.77	5.16	5.67
Eu	2.034	1.756	1.993
Gd	4.38	3.97	4.47
Tb	0.813	0.764	0.861
Dy	4.38	4.38	4.97
Ho	0.741	0.823	0.924
Er	2.029	2.266	2.546
Tm	0.259	0.318	0.369
Yb	1.65	1.98	2.21
Lu	0.225	0.260	0.286

¹ BAS, basanite; ² Replicate split of rock sample.

Strontium			
Sample	Description	⁸⁷ Sr/ ⁸⁶ Sr (± 2s)	⁸⁶ Sr/ ⁸⁸ Sr
NP-MP05-3B	Dike / WR	0.703615 ± 0.000010	0.1199
Standard			
SRM987 (600 ng)		0.710220 ± 0.000008	0.1195
SRM987 (300 ng)		0.710233 ± 0.000008	0.1200
SRM987 (600 ng)		0.710232 ± 0.000007	0.1192
NP-MP05-1	Dike / CF	0.704010 ± 0.000007	0.1191
NP-MP05-1 ¹	Dike / CF	0.704025 ± 0.000007	0.1191
NP-MP05-4	Wall Rock / CF	0.704685 ± 0.000007	0.1191
NP-MP05-4 ¹	Wall Rock / CF	0.704676 ± 0.000007	0.1195
Standard			
SRM987 (600ng)		0.710242 ± 0.000006	0.1198
SRM987 (600ng)		0.710245 ± 0.000007	0.1194
SRM987 (600ng)		0.710242 ± 0.000008	0.1188

¹ Duplicate analysis.

Neodymium (± 2s)					
Sample	Description	¹⁴³ Nd/ ¹⁴⁴ Nd	¹⁴⁵ Nd/ ¹⁴⁴ Nd	¹⁴⁶ Nd/ ¹⁴⁴ Nd	ε _{Nd}
NP-MP05-3B	Dike / WR	0.512908 ± 0.000008	0.348403 ± 0.000005	0.7202	5.3
Standard					
La Jolla (150 ng)		0.511856 ± 0.000006	0.348411 ± 0.000005	0.7200	
La Jolla (150 ng)		0.511855 ± 0.000007	0.348407 ± 0.000004	0.7208	

Epsilon Nd calculated using modern ¹⁴³Nd/¹⁴⁴Nd for chondrite uniform reservoir (CHUR) of 0.512638.

Lead (± 2s)				
Sample	Description	²⁰⁶ Pb/ ²⁰⁴ Pb	²⁰⁷ Pb/ ²⁰⁴ Pb	²⁰⁸ Pb/ ²⁰⁴ Pb
NP-MP05-3B	Dike / WR	18.3277 ± 0.0008	15.5757 ± 0.0007	38.3663 ± 0.0020
Standard				
NBS 981		16.9416 ± 0.0012	15.4995 ± 0.0011	36.7205 ± 0.0028

Carbon and Oxygen (±1s)			
Sample	Description	Yield (μmoles CO ₂ /mg)	δ ¹⁸ O (‰ vs. VSMOW)
NP-MP05-1	Silicate Fraction	10.3 ± 0.2	6.5 ± 0.2
NP-MP05-1 ¹	(acid leach of WR)	10.2 ± 0.2	5.8 ± 0.2

¹ Duplicate analysis.

Carbon and Oxygen (±1s)			
Sample	Description	δ ¹³ C (‰ vs. VPDB)	δ ¹⁸ O (‰ vs. VSMOW)
NP-MP05-1 ^(a)	Dike / CF	-4.23 ± 0.13	13.82 ± 0.09
NP-MP05-1 ^(a)	Dike / CF	-4.00 ± 0.09	13.98 ± 0.10
NP-MP05-1 ^(a)	Dike / CF	-3.97 ± 0.10	13.83 ± 0.07
NP-MP05-1 ^(b)	Dike / CF	-3.88 ± 0.07	13.67 ± 0.05
NP-MP05-1 ^(b)	Dike / CF	-3.79 ± 0.05	13.90 ± 0.06
NP-MP05-1 ^(c)	Dike / CF	-4.14 ± 0.14	14.08 ± 0.14
NP-MP05-1 ^(d)	Dike / CF	-3.99 ± 0.08	14.17 ± 0.14
NP-MP05-1 ^(d)	Dike / CF	-3.86 ± 0.07	14.30 ± 0.10
NP-MP05-1 ^(e)	Dike / CF	-4.46 ± 0.41	14.05 ± 0.47
NP-MP05-1 ^(e)	Dike / CF	-4.39 ± 0.06	14.29 ± 0.07

Carbonate fractions extracted from: (a) whole rock powders; (b, c, d, e) carbonate-rich patches by powders; (b, c, d, e) carbonate-rich patches by microdrilling.

Supplementary Material SM2: $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{39}\text{Ar}$ geochronometry

Results of $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{39}\text{Ar}$ dating for the whole rock basanite dike are presented in Figure SM2. The dike is fresh and unaltered and we accept the plateau age of 18.72 ± 0.26 Ma as the sample's crystallization age (Table SM2).

Sample preparation and analysis was as follows. Samples were fed through a jaw crusher and hand-picked for clean pieces; these were crushed in a tungsten carbide ring mill and hand-picked for clean 1-2 mm diameter chips. Selected chips were washed in acetone, dried, and wrapped in aluminum foil and then stacked in an irradiation capsule with similar-aged samples and neutron flux monitors (Fish Canyon Tuff sanidine, 28.02 Ma; Renne et al., 1998). Samples were irradiated at the McMaster Nuclear Reactor in Hamilton, Ontario, for 90 MWh, with a neutron flux of approximately 4×10^{13} neutrons/cm²/s. Analyses (n=57) of 19 neutron flux monitor positions produced errors of <0.5 % in the J value. The samples were analyzed at the Noble Gas Laboratory of the Pacific Centre for Isotopic and Geochemical Research (PCIGR), University of British Columbia. The mineral separates were step-heated with a 10 W CO₂ laser (New Wave Research™ MIR10) until fused. The gas from each step was analyzed by a VG5400 mass spectrometer equipped with an ion-counting electron multiplier. All measurements were corrected for total system blank, mass spectrometer sensitivity, mass discrimination, radioactive decay during and subsequent to irradiation, as well as interfering Ar from atmospheric contamination and the irradiation of Ca, Cl, and K (isotope production ratios: $(^{40}\text{Ar}/^{39}\text{Ar})_{\text{K}} = 0.0302 \pm 0.00006$, $(^{37}\text{Ar}/^{39}\text{Ar})_{\text{Ca}} = 1416.4 \pm 0.5$, $(^{36}\text{Ar}/^{39}\text{Ar})_{\text{Ca}} = 0.3952 \pm 0.0004$, $\text{Ca}/\text{K} = 1.83 \pm 0.01$ ($^{37}\text{ArCa}/^{39}\text{ArK}$)).

Table SM2 Statistics for $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{39}\text{Ar}$ dating of sample NP-MP05-3. Error on age is 2σ .

Age (Ma)	^{39}Ar % plateau	Plateau steps	MSWD	Probability	Initial $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{36}\text{Ar}$
18.72 ± 0.26	96.2	4 to 14	0.31	0.98	297.8 ± 8.6

Ages were calculated using Isoplot 3.09 (Ludwig, 2003). Errors are quoted at the 2-sigma (95% confidence) level and propagated from all sources except mass spectrometer sensitivity and age of the flux monitor. Plateau age error includes 0.5 % J error. The best plateau and plateau age were picked based on the following criteria:

- i) Three or more contiguous steps comprising more than 50 % of the ^{39}Ar ;
- ii) Probability of fit of the weighted mean age greater than 5 %;

- iii) Slope of error-weighted line through the plateau ages equals zero at 5 % confidence;
- iv) Ages of two outermost steps on plateau do not differ from weighted-mean plateau age;
- v) Outermost two steps to either side of plateau do not have nonzero slopes with same sign.

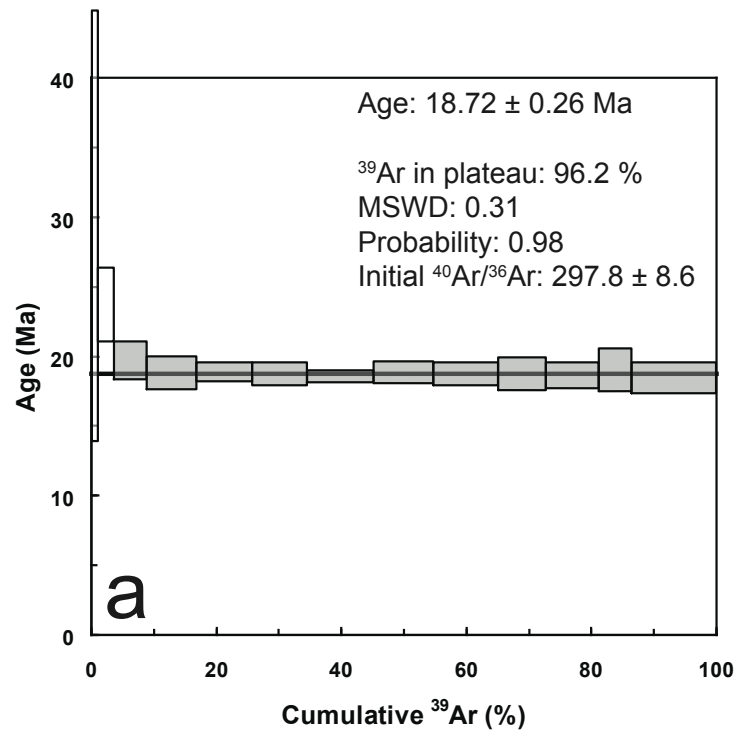


Figure SM2. Release spectra graphs for $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{39}\text{Ar}$ dating of the basanite dike (NP-MP05-3). Plateau steps are filled, rejected steps are open. Box heights and quoted errors are 2σ .

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Table SM3. Major (wt. %) and trace (ppm) element compositions of Mt. Preston mantle xenoliths (MP05-).

Sample	31	31 ¹	35	35 ²	44	50	69	70A	78	79A	139	159A	160A	160B	161D	162A	164A
Rock Type ³	Lhz	Lhz	Lhz	Lhz	Lhz	Lhz	Web	Lhz	Lhz	Ol-Web	Lhz	Lhz	Lhz	Dun	Hz	Ol-Web	Lhz
SiO ₂	44.21	44.24	44.11	44.26	44.29	44.61	48.07	44.40	43.53	46.12	44.38	44.45	44.60	39.83	44.06	46.54	43.95
TiO ₂	0.047	0.048	0.031	0.031	0.034	0.028	0.057	0.028	0.139	0.151	0.143	0.110	0.125	0.039	0.038	0.073	0.096
Al ₂ O ₃	2.94	2.79	2.01	1.98	2.18	2.45	11.90	2.77	3.43	6.27	4.71	2.84	4.26	0.18	1.36	5.75	2.91
Fe ₂ O ₃	1.53	1.75	1.63	1.76	1.68	1.23	1.54	1.51	1.94	2.14	2.01	1.44	1.69	1.99	1.48	1.98	1.71
FeO	6.68	6.47	6.35	6.27	6.34	6.84	3.27	6.47	6.91	5.36	6.49	6.86	6.87	9.98	6.90	5.70	6.44
MnO	0.119	0.120	0.112	0.113	0.113	0.116	0.179	0.115	0.139	0.119	0.132	0.119	0.126	0.146	0.116	0.126	0.118
MgO	40.42	40.25	41.80	42.07	41.70	40.74	18.40	40.24	38.10	31.80	36.16	39.89	37.03	46.42	43.57	33.17	40.37
CaO	2.84	3.11	2.29	2.25	2.21	2.68	14.73	2.94	3.91	5.98	4.36	2.94	3.41	0.38	1.12	5.11	3.13
Na ₂ O	0.19	0.20	0.12	0.12	0.13	0.13	0.89	0.15	0.29	0.47	0.33	0.26	0.30	0.03	0.08	0.36	0.26
K ₂ O	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	<d/l	0.01	0.01	0.03	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	<d/l	<d/l
P ₂ O ₅	0.017	0.017	0.017	0.017	0.017	0.016	0.017	0.016	0.031	0.021	0.024	0.023	0.025	0.026	0.018	0.017	0.019
H ₂ O ⁺	0.48	0.46	0.62	0.63	0.66	0.65	0.49	0.63	0.77	0.61	0.59	0.61	0.43	0.38	0.60	0.63	0.59
H ₂ O ⁻	0.25	0.28	0.22	0.23	0.19	0.17	0.12	0.15	0.26	0.22	0.21	0.20	0.18	0.17	0.25	0.13	0.15
CO ₂	0.33	0.40	0.33	0.33	0.33	0.26	0.11	0.29	0.26	0.33	0.26	0.33	0.33	0.29	0.26	0.26	0.29
Total	99.81	99.87	99.43	99.84	99.69	99.75	99.66	99.57	99.48	99.38	99.61	99.88	99.21	99.70	99.61	99.72	99.88
LOI	0.37	0.47	0.48	0.49	0.49	0.34	0.36	0.35	0.57	0.61	0.41	0.38	0.23	<d/l	0.34	0.39	0.33
Rare Earth Elements																	
La	0.03	<d/l	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.10	0.01	0.94	0.50	0.45	0.15	0.45	0.09	0.13	0.05	0.02
Ce	0.09	0.02	0.07	0.04	0.02	0.04	0.22	0.02	1.71	0.71	0.88	0.38	0.87	0.18	0.24	0.08	0.09
Pr	0.02	<d/l	<d/l	<d/l	<d/l	<d/l	0.03	<d/l	0.21	0.09	0.12	0.07	0.12	0.02	0.03	0.01	0.03
Nd	0.07	0.03	0.04	<d/l	<d/l	<d/l	0.19	<d/l	0.96	0.49	0.62	0.41	0.63	0.10	0.14	0.12	0.26
Sm	0.04	0.04	<d/l	<d/l	<d/l	<d/l	0.12	<d/l	0.30	0.29	0.26	0.18	0.23	<d/l	0.03	0.12	0.14
Eu	0.02	0.02	<d/l	<d/l	<d/l	<d/l	0.07	<d/l	0.12	0.14	0.11	0.08	0.10	<d/l	0.01	0.07	0.06
Gd	0.12	0.13	0.05	0.04	0.05	0.04	0.57	0.07	0.52	0.67	0.49	0.31	0.39	<d/l	0.05	0.40	0.25
Tb	0.02	0.02	<d/l	<d/l	<d/l	<d/l	0.19	0.02	0.08	0.13	0.09	0.05	0.07	<d/l	<d/l	0.08	0.04
Dy	0.23	0.25	0.10	0.09	0.12	0.13	2.24	0.19	0.62	1.03	0.68	0.40	0.55	<d/l	0.06	0.76	0.33
Ho	0.06	0.06	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.73	0.05	0.13	0.23	0.15	0.09	0.12	<d/l	0.01	0.19	0.07
Er	0.18	0.21	0.09	0.09	0.11	0.12	2.84	0.17	0.38	0.72	0.46	0.27	0.37	<d/l	0.04	0.61	0.22
Tm	0.03	0.03	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.52	0.03	0.06	0.11	0.07	0.04	0.06	<d/l	0.01	0.10	0.03
Yb	0.20	0.22	0.12	0.11	0.13	0.15	3.64	0.21	0.37	0.69	0.43	0.26	0.35	<d/l	0.05	0.62	0.21
Lu	0.04	0.04	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.03	0.64	0.04	0.06	0.11	0.07	0.04	0.06	<d/l	<d/l	0.10	0.04

¹Duplicate analysis. ²Replicate sample from rock splitting. ³Lhz, lherzolite; Web, websterite; Hz, Harzburgite; Dun, Dunite.

Table SM4. Geothermometry results ($^{\circ}\text{C}$) for mantle xenoliths based on Brey and Köhler (1990) with sample density (ρ ; g cm^{-3}) and carbonate textures (G, grains; V, veins). All sample numbers prefixed by MP05.

Sample	Density	T_{ave}	1σ	T_{max}	T_{min}	Textures
A1	3.314 ± 0.015	911	5	917	903	V
A2	3.306 ± 0.007	834	17	855	805	V
A4	3.311 ± 0.010	912	19	943	891	V
31	3.300 ± 0.012	876	5	883	870	G/V
32	3.285 ± 0.009	843	18	862	809	G/V
33	3.307 ± 0.003	876	10	888	865	V
34A	3.320 ± 0.024	924	14	942	912	V
34B	3.309 ± 0.013	883	17	903	862	V
35	3.289 ± 0.007	888	13	907	877	G/V
44	3.296 ± 0.038	888	9	898	873	V
45	3.309 ± 0.014	901	13	917	886	G
50	3.292 ± 0.013	849	21	869	809	G/V
56A	3.313 ± 0.011	944	7	952	936	G/V
69	3.281 ± 0.004	850	17	870	823	G
70A	3.300 ± 0.009	889	9	902	878	G/V
72	3.302 ± 0.006	908	15	928	890	G/V
74	3.279 ± 0.019	914	14	929	891	G/V
78	3.302 ± 0.018	931	10	941	917	G/V
79A	3.282 ± 0.004	935	10	954	925	G/V
81A	3.293 ± 0.008	917	6	925	911	G/V
85	3.283 ± 0.017	901	17	924	887	G/V
89	3.274 ± 0.006	899	17	918	877	G/V
90	3.312 ± 0.012	881	15	905	859	G/V
95	3.298 ± 0.010	873	21	899	849	G/V
96	3.299 ± 0.011	874	12	884	851	G
101	-	901	15	922	878	G/V
110	3.316 ± 0.014	901	17	925	881	G/V
113	3.314 ± 0.014	896	14	913	877	G/V
118	-	918	8	930	906	G/V
121A	3.303 ± 0.004	913	18	926	887	G/V
121B	3.296 ± 0.008	880	25	908	850	G/V
139	3.300 ± 0.011	901	7	913	895	G/V
149	3.332 ± 0.012	815	18	831	792	G/V
156A	3.302 ± 0.007	940	14	955	914	G/V
157A	-	929	16	952	913	G/V
157B	3.293 ± 0.007	896	14	909	878	G/V
159A	3.304 ± 0.012	931	11	950	917	V
160A	3.310 ± 0.041	979	9	987	962	G/V
160B	3.350 ± 0.005	1119	5	1126	1112	G/V
161A	3.297 ± 0.012	932	9	942	917	G/V
161B	3.365 ± 0.006	892	24	912	858	G
161D	3.290 ± 0.008	851	19	879	821	G/V
162A	3.309 ± 0.034	897	9	908	887	G/V
163A	3.280 ± 0.013	892	14	909	870	G/V
163C	3.284 ± 0.011	894	18	915	872	G/V
164A	3.302 ± 0.020	894	8	903	886	G/V
164B	3.297 ± 0.003	826	23	869	807	V
164C	3.266 ± 0.020	845	15	868	828	G/V
165A	3.312 ± 0.004	951	22	978	922	G/V
166	3.308 ± 0.005	932	11	948	915	G/V
Min	3266	815		831	792	
Max	3365	1119		1126	1112	