

1 **Melt inclusions in arclogitic xenoliths constrain the genesis of the lower continental arc**
2 **crust beneath the Northern Volcanic Zone, Colombia.**

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30 **ABSTRACT**

31 Volcanic arcs above subduction zones are thought to be the principal locations where juvenile
32 magmatic crust forms and is refined to become continental crust with an andesitic
33 composition. During this refinement mechanism, the formation of dense garnet pyroxenites
34 (arclogites), represented by high-pressure cumulates and restites after partial melting, leads to
35 the delamination of the lower arc crust. The Mercaderes-Río Mayo area in southern Colombia
36 is the only known locality in an active volcanic arc where arclogitic xenoliths have been
37 recovered. These xenoliths are entrained in the Granatifera Tuff, a late Cenozoic volcanic
38 vent, and they mainly consist of garnet, clinopyroxene, amphibole, plagioclase, rarely
39 scapolite, and accessory mineral inclusions of rutile, apatite, zircons, and quartz. Moreover,
40 the arclogites are also characterized by the presence of melt inclusions (MI), which are
41 mainly found within garnet, but can be also observed in amphibole, plagioclase,
42 clinopyroxene, and scapolite. The glasses measured for the MI in garnet and scapolite
43 typically have SiO₂-contents >57 wt.%, ranging from andesite to rhyolite in composition.
44 Petrographic and geochemical investigations allowed to discriminate between cumulitic and
45 restitic arclogites, with the latter showing the concomitant presence of primary MI and quartz
46 inclusions within the peritectic garnets. Therefore, our study provides for the first time a
47 strong evidence, at the microscale, for the anatectic origin of some arclogitic xenoliths.
48 Pressure and temperature conditions for the studied arclogites were estimated by
49 intracrystalline geothermometry, elastic geothermobarometry, phase equilibria modelling and
50 classical Fe–Mg exchange between garnet and clinopyroxene. Results mainly fall within the

51 range 960-1150°C and 1.6-1.9 GPa for most samples. We suggest that the investigated
52 arclogites derive from the root of the active Colombian volcanic arc, where differentiation
53 processes from mantle-derived melts and lower crust anatexis occur in close association.

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55 INTRODUCTION

56 Active volcanic arcs, both oceanic and continental, are the direct result of crustal recycling
57 along subduction zones. The devolatilization of dense subducting oceanic slabs lowers the
58 solidus of the overlying peridotitic mantle and triggers the production of predominantly
59 basaltic magmas, which chemically differentiate along their ascending paths and eventually
60 erupt at the surface. With an overall length of ~41.000 km (Schmidt & Poli, 2013), modern
61 active volcanic arcs contribute significantly to the formation of juvenile continental crust.
62 There is indeed sound evidence that the average composition of plutonic and volcanic rocks
63 generated in many volcanic arcs resembles the average composition of the continental crust
64 (Rudnick, 1995; Taylor & McLennan, 1995; Jagoutz & Schmidt, 2012), highlighting the
65 pivotal role played by arc magmatic processes in the formation of modern continental crust.
66 Despite this gross similarity, it has been noticed that the chemical composition of the lower
67 arc crust largely differs from that of continents at comparable depths (Jagoutz & Behn, 2013;
68 Hacker et al., 2015; Kelemen et al., 2016) and therefore some refinement mechanisms are
69 necessary to transform arc crust into the continental crust. The two most accredited processes
70 responsible for the lower arc crust refinement are thought to be delamination of dense arc
71 rocks and relamination of more buoyant material from the subduction zone. Relamination is
72 inferred to take place in different ways and principally it might involve the emplacement of
73 less dense material at the base of the arc crust. This less dense material may have different
74 origins and compositions, including subducted sediments, subducted intra-oceanic arc
75 sections, portions of crust removed from the overriding plate or subducted continental crust

76 (e.g., Hacker et al., 2011; Kelemen et al., 2016). By contrast, delamination is a density sorting
77 effect in which dense magmatic arc cumulates or granulite- to eclogite-facies metamorphosed
78 arc lithologies become gravitationally unstable and sink into the underlying mantle (e.g.,
79 Jagoutz & Schmidt, 2013; Jagoutz & Kelemen, 2015). The delaminating rocks mainly consist
80 of garnet, pyroxene, amphibole, and Fe-Ti oxides and are often grouped under the descriptive
81 name of arclogites (Lee & Anderson, 2015; Ducea et al., 2021a). The twofold origin
82 (cumulate vs. restite) of arclogitic assemblages is extensively debated (Tatsumi, 2000; Lee et
83 al., 2006; Ducea et al., 2021a), and there are no unequivocal criteria for its assessment.
84 Determining the chemical composition and structure of the lower arc crust is not an easy task
85 since few locations in the world offer an adequate exposure of tilted arc roots. Among these,
86 particularly relevant are the Kohistan (N-Pakistan; e.g., Garrido et al., 2006; Burg, 2011;
87 Jagoutz & Schmidt, 2012) and the Talkeetna (S-Alaska; e.g., Greene et al., 2006; DeBari &
88 Greene, 2011; Kelemen et al., 2014) paleo-arcs, as archetypes for intra-oceanic arcs, and the
89 southern Sierra Nevada (W-USA; e.g., Saleeby, 1990; Klein & Jagoutz, 2021) and the Sierra
90 de Valle Fértil (W-Argentina; e.g., Otamendi et al., 2012; Ducea et al., 2015), as examples of
91 continental arc sections. Additional knowledge can also be acquired by the study of mafic
92 (i.e., 'arclogitic') and felsic xenoliths entrained in volcanic rocks. Although xenoliths tell
93 little about the structure of the lower arc edifice, they are not affected by metamorphic re-
94 equilibration due to late tectonic events and hence they provide invaluable information on the
95 mineral assemblage and chemical composition of the lower arc crust. Several localities
96 worldwide host lower arc crustal xenoliths (e.g., Ducea et al., 2021a) but one of them, the
97 Mercaderes-Río Mayo area in SW Colombia, is of particular interest because it is the only
98 known location where lower crustal xenoliths derive from an active Andean-type arc (Weber
99 et al., 2002; Rodríguez-Vargas et al., 2005; Bloch et al., 2017). In this area, volcanic tuffs

100 contain mantle and crustal xenoliths, allowing to probe and investigate the entire column
101 above the down-going oceanic slab.

102 In this study, we focus on some crustal xenoliths recovered from the Mercaderes-Río Mayo
103 area, as they provide unique clues to the differentiation and re-working processes that
104 characterize the root of an active continental arc. Melt inclusions hosted in their rock-forming
105 minerals (in particular garnet) helped to constrain the origin of these arclogites, some of
106 which are interpreted as restites, whereas elastic thermobarometry allowed to establish the
107 depths and temperatures at which the xenoliths resided before being incorporated in the
108 ascending magma. We also provide evidence that growth and ‘maturation’ of a lower arc root
109 are determined by the interplay between fractional crystallization from mantle-derived melts
110 and partial melting of crustal metabasaltic precursors.

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112 **GEOLOGICAL SETTING**

113 The Andean Cordillera is a subduction-related active volcanic chain that can be subdivided,
114 from south to north, into 4 distinct zones, the Austral Volcanic Zone, the Southern Volcanic
115 Zone, the Central Volcanic Zone, and the Northern Volcanic Zone (NVZ). The NVZ
116 comprises the modern active-arc section located between central Ecuador and central
117 Colombia, approximately from 1°S to 7°N, and is bounded by the Colombian flat slab to the
118 north and the Peruvian flat slab to the south (Syracuse et al., 2016).

119 The Colombian territory can then be divided into three parallel Cordilleras elongated
120 approximately NE-SW, the Western, the Central, and the Eastern Cordillera, produced by
121 superposition of multiple orogenic events occurring since the Palaeozoic to the present. The
122 Western Cordillera has an oceanic affinity and is separated from the Central and Eastern
123 Cordilleras, both with a continental affinity, by the Romeral Fault System (RFS). The latter,
124 in the area of investigation, is identified as the Cauca – Almaguer fault and possibly

125 represents a subduction zone of continental-ocean type, which was blocked by the thick,
126 buoyant plateau, enabling subduction to migrate once more to the west. Few episodes of
127 crustal growth occurred with the generation of igneous bodies from the Jurassic to the
128 Neogene (Taboada et al., 2000). Seismic investigations with V_p and V_s have shown that in the
129 Mercaderes-Río Mayo area the crustal thickness ranges between 50 and 70 km, with an arc
130 root that possibly is 13 to 20 km thick (Poveda et al., 2015; Avellaneda-Jiménez & Monsalve,
131 2022).

132 The Mercaderes-Río Mayo area carries the famous lower crustal and mantle xenoliths
133 recovered within the Granatífera tuff formation. This area (Fig. 1) is characterized by a
134 complex lithologic sequence including metasedimentary rocks of the paleozoic Arquía
135 Complex; metavolcanic and metasedimentary units of the Cretaceous Diabásico Group;
136 sedimentary rocks of the Mosquera-Esmita Formation and pyroclastic rocks of the Galeón
137 Formation with tertiary-quaternary age. All these units were intruded by the tertiary
138 porphyritic volcanics of dacitic and andesitic composition (Murcia & Cepeda, 1991; Weber,
139 1998). The metasediments and metavolcanics are in turn capped by the ~300 m-thick
140 Granatífera Tuff, which is thought to represent an eroded tuff cone or tuff ring (Weber et al.,
141 2002). Rodríguez-Vargas et al. (2005) suggested that the emission vent of the Granatífera
142 Tuff is reasonably located few hundred meters from the village of Higueroles, where the
143 volcanic edifice is partly preserved in the form of a caldera.

144 The Granatífera Tuff is divided into three main parts with the basal section composed of
145 volcanic breccias, agglomerates and lapilli tuffs, overlain by lithified tuffs, ash deposits and
146 debris flows (Weber et al., 2002; Rodríguez-Vargas et al., 2005).

147 The crustal and mantle xenoliths within the Granatífera Tuff are up to 20 cm in diameter and
148 include garnet-bearing rocks ranging from peridotites to websterites as most common mantle
149 xenoliths, garnet-free websterites and minor amounts of spinel-bearing mantle xenoliths. The

150 lower crustal xenoliths comprise a variety of amphibolites, pyroxenites, granulites, and
151 gneisses, metamorphosed under amphibolite to granulite facies conditions. According to Lu-
152 Hf dating, the xenoliths are younger than 5 Ma and may represent fragments of the lowermost
153 arc root and the underlying mantle wedge (Bloch et al., 2017).

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157 **ANALYTICAL METHODS**

158 Back-scattered electron (BSE) images and semi-quantitative energy dispersive spectroscopy
159 (EDS) analyses of melt inclusions (MI) were carried out with a CamScan MX2500 Scanning
160 Electron Microscope (SEM), at the Department of Geosciences of the University of Padova
161 (Italy) and with a FEI Quanta 200 at CEASC (Centro di Analisi e Servizi per la
162 Certificazione, University of Padova).

163 Major element compositions of glasses and minerals were determined with a JEOL
164 JXA-8200 Superprobe electron probe micro-analyser (EPMA), equipped with five
165 wavelength dispersive spectrometers, at the Department of Earth Sciences (University of
166 Milano, Italy), employing an acceleration voltage of 15 kV, a beam current of 5 or 15 nA and
167 beam diameter of 1 μm (enlarged up to 10 μm for some analyses). Acquisition times were 10
168 s on peak and 5 s for background, measuring Na and K first to minimize diffusional losses.

169 Natural and synthetic minerals and glasses from the Smithsonian Microbeam Standards
170 (Jarosewich et al., 1980; Jarosewich 2002) and from Ingamells (1978) were used as elemental
171 standards and to monitor the analytical reproducibility. Si and Ca were measured on
172 grossular, Mg on olivine, Al on anorthite, Ti on ilmenite, Mn on rhodonite, Fe on fayalite, Cr
173 on pure chromium, Na on omphacite, K on K-feldspar, P on a Y-phosphate and S on
174 celestine. For glasses analysed in the xenoliths, alkali concentrations were corrected using

175 conservative factors obtained by the analysis of hydrous and anhydrous leucogranitic glasses
176 of known composition. In this study we employed a 10.1 wt.% H₂O-bearing glass (LGB 2;
177 Behrens & Jantos, 2001), a 5.5 wt.% H₂O-bearing glass (DL; Acosta-Vigil et al., 2003) and a
178 nearly anhydrous (H₂O = 300 ± 42 µg/g, 2 s.e.m.) glass (B; Morgan & London, 2005). Glass
179 and mineral standards are reported in Supplementary Table S1.

180 Laser ablation inductively coupled mass spectrometer (LA-ICP-MS) measurements of trace
181 elements in glasses were performed at the Department of Physics and Geology, University of
182 Perugia (Italy) using a Teledyne Photon Machine G2 laser ablation device coupled to a
183 Thermo Fischer Scientific iCAP Q quadrupole mass spectrometer. Trace element
184 concentrations in the unknowns were calibrated against NIST SRM 610 as external standard
185 and the USGS BCR2G reference material was processed as an unknown to assess the quality
186 of the measurements and the accuracy of the calculations. Under the reported analytical
187 conditions, precision and accuracy values are typically below 10 % (Petrelli et al., 2016a,b).
188 Analyses were conducted using a classical sample-standard bracketing, where NIST SRM
189 610 was measured twice every 12-15 samples. Both standard and unknowns were ablated
190 using a circular spot with a diameter of 15 µm (except for one sample where a spot size of 25
191 µm was employed), a repetition rate of 10 Hz and an energy density of 3-4 J/cm². Ablation
192 times were 30 s per spot, preceded by a 30 s background measurement and followed by 20 s
193 of washout. Si was used as internal standard and measured intensities were then converted
194 into concentrations using the Iolite 3 software (Paton et al., 2011). Conservatively, elements
195 that are strongly enriched in the host garnet (heavy rare earth elements, Y, Sc, V and Mn)
196 were not considered for the analysed glasses of the melt inclusions, in order to avoid any
197 artefact value that may derive from the possible mixed analysis with the host. The complete
198 trace elements dataset can be found in Supplementary Table S2.

199 Raman spectra of quartz and zircon inclusions in garnet were measured at the University of
200 Pavia with a Horiba LabRam HR Evolution spectrometer (holographic gratings of 1800
201 grooves/mm) equipped with an Olympus BX41 confocal microscope at controlled
202 temperature of 20 ± 1 °C. Raman spectra were excited using the 532 nm line of a solid state
203 (YAG) laser. The laser power on the sample surface was approximately 1-2 mW. The
204 spectrometer was calibrated to the Raman peak of silicon at 520.5 cm^{-1} . We used spectra of
205 free crystals with the same composition as the inclusions as further calibration for the entire
206 spectral range used in our investigation. The collected spectra were baseline-corrected for the
207 continuum luminescence background when necessary, temperature-reduced to account for the
208 Bose-Einstein occupation factor (Kuzmany, 2009) and normalized to the acquisition time.
209 Peak positions, full widths at half maximum (FWHMs), and integrated intensities were
210 assessed from fits with pseudo-Voigt functions. For each of the selected Raman bands we
211 determined the shift $\Delta\omega$ of the Raman band as the difference between the Raman shift of the
212 inclusion ω_i from that of an unstrained reference crystal (ω_0). As standards, we used free
213 (unstrained) quartz (mineralogical collection University of Pavia) and zircon (Mud Tank Hill,
214 Australia) crystals, measured multiple times during each measurement session at ambient
215 pressure and room temperature to eliminate shifts in peak positions due to instrumental drift
216 and/or minor changes in room temperature. The ω_0 values were averaged and then subtracted
217 from the ω_i of the strained inclusions analysed in between two consecutive standard
218 measurements. For zircon inclusions, because of the possible misinterpretations due to effects
219 of radiation damages (which change the elastic properties of zircon causing shifting and
220 broadening of the Raman peaks, Binvginat et al., 2018), we adopted the procedure described
221 in Campomenosi et al. (2020). Therefore, we included in the analysis only inclusions with
222 full widths at half-maximum (FWHM) for the 1014 Raman band smaller than $\omega_{1014}^{FWHM} <$
223 5.0 cm^{-1} . The $\Delta\omega$ values of each mode of zircon and quartz inclusions and unstrained

standards are listed in the supplementary material (Supplementary Table S3). Finally, sets of $\Delta\omega$ for each inclusion (modes ω_{128} , ω_{206} , ω_{265} , and ω_{464} for quartz and modes ω_{438} , ω_{969} , ω_{1014} for zircon, as they are generally unaffected by overlap with modes of the host garnet and have no significant shifts due to changes in composition) have been used to determine strain using the software stRAInMAN (Angel et al., 2019) by employing the Grüneisen tensors for quartz (Murri et al., 2018a) and zircon (Stangarone et al., 2019). The differences of the thermo-elastic properties of a host-inclusion pair system may lead to the development of residual pressures upon exhumation (Rosenfeld & Chase, 1961; Angel et al., 2014). Knowing the inclusion pressure (P_{inc}) at T_0 (25 °C) and the thermodynamic properties of host and inclusion one can back-calculate a line of possible entrapment conditions in the P-T space: the isomeke (Rosenfeld & Chase, 1961; Angel et al., 2014; Angel et al., 2017b). The entrapment isomekes for quartz and zircon inclusions were obtained from the strains with the software EntraPT (Mazzucchelli et al., 2021), using the equation of state of quartz (Angel et al., 2017a), zircon (Ehlers et al., 2022) and garnet end-members (Angel et al., 2022). The isomekes were then corrected for garnet composition following the method described in Angel et al. (2022). The strain of each inclusion was converted to stress using the elastic tensors at room P-T for quartz (Wang et al., 2015) and zircon (Özkan et al., 1974). The P_{inc} was calculated from the stress tensor as the mean normal stress ($P_{inc} = (\sigma_1 + \sigma_2 + \sigma_3)/3$). The uncertainty on P_{inc} of each inclusion was propagated from the uncertainty on strain using the respective elastic tensor by the software EntraPT, through the procedure described in Mazzucchelli et al. (2021). To avoid the effects of strain localization at corners and inclusion shape effects (Mazzucchelli et al., 2018; Campomenosi et al., 2020), each Raman measurement was performed at the centre of well-rounded quartz and zircon inclusions.

Single-crystal X-ray diffraction data collections, followed by structural refinements with chemical constraints, were carried out on seven pyroxene single crystals from the sample

249 18XC10 in order to determine the closure temperatures related to the Fe²⁺-Mg exchange
250 reaction (Ganguly, 1982). X-ray diffraction data collections have been carried out using a
251 Rigaku-Oxford Diffraction Supernova diffractometer available at the Department of
252 Geosciences, University of Padova. The instrument is a kappa-geometry goniometer
253 equipped with an X-ray micro-source, MoK_α ($\lambda = 0.71073 \text{ \AA}$) operating at 50 kV and 0.8 mA
254 (power = 40 W) and a Pilatus 200 K Dectris area detector. Data collections and data
255 reduction, including intensity integration together with background and Lorentz-polarization
256 corrections, have been performed using the Crysalis software (Rigaku-Oxford-Diffraction©)
257 package. The unit-cell parameters with the discrepancy indices R_{int} , R_{all} , R_w on all the
258 observed structure factors (F_o^2) and the goodness of fit (S) of the structure refinements with
259 chemical constraints for the seven crystals are reported in the Supplementary Table S4
260 together with the mean atomic numbers (m.a.n.) in electrons per formula unit (e.p.f.u.) at the
261 crystallographic sites ($M1$, $M2$, $M21$) obtained when the structure refinement reached
262 convergence, before introducing the chemical constraints. For all samples the calculated
263 mean atomic numbers from the unconstrained refinements agree within two standard
264 deviations with the values of electrons per formula unit (e.p.f.u.) calculated from the EPMA
265 (Supplementary Table S4). Therefore, this enabled us to use the results from the EPMA as
266 chemical constraints for the structural refinements, following the procedure and taking into
267 account the same constraints as in Domeneghetti et al. (2013), in order to determine the
268 clinopyroxene site distribution (assuming one standard deviation as the error). The structure
269 refinements with chemical constraints have been carried out following the procedure reported
270 in Murri et al. (2018b) and Murri et al. (2019) by using the SHELX-97 program (Sheldrick,
271 2008). The site populations obtained from the structural refinements with chemical
272 constraints and the distribution coefficients (k_D), with their relative errors, are reported in the
273 Supplementary Table S4. Errors on k_D were calculated by standard error propagation.

274 The P-T conditions for sample 18XC10 were also investigated by phase equilibria modelling
275 for the chemical systems CaNaKFMASHTiMn. The bulk rock composition was estimated by
276 combining the modal mineral proportions obtained from a compositional SEM map and the
277 mineral compositions measured by EPMA (see below). Due to the nearly dry nature of the
278 rock, it has been assumed that the only source of water was amphibole and therefore
279 calculations were performed with a H₂O content of 0.04 wt.%. Stability fields of coexisting
280 minerals were outlined by Gibbs free energy minimization using the Perple_X software
281 package (version 6.9.1; Connolly 2005, 2009). Calculations take into account solution models
282 for the following phases: clinopyroxene, amphibole, and melt (Green et al., 2016), garnet and
283 orthopyroxene (White et al., 2014), feldspar (Holland & Powell, 2003), spinel (White et al.,
284 2002), and ilmenite (White et al., 2000).

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286 **RESULTS**

287 **Mineral assemblages**

288 We studied four samples, 3-5 cm in size, representative of the crustal xenoliths: 18XC1,
289 18XC5, 18XC10 and 18XC20 (Supplementary Fig. S1a-d). They broadly encompass the
290 categories of Grt-Px hornblendites (mineral abbreviations after Whitney & Evans, 2010),
291 pyribolites and pyroxenites as defined by Weber et al. (2002) and can also be collectively
292 defined as arclogites according to the criteria of Ducea et al. (2021a).

293 Sample 18XC1 contains, in order of decreasing abundance, garnet, plagioclase, amphibole,
294 clinopyroxene, and rare scapolite. The texture is slightly layered, inequigranular interlobate,
295 with an average grain-size of 1-2 mm, where rare garnet crystals may reach 7 mm. All grain
296 boundaries display evidence of reaction between adjacent minerals and of infiltration of
297 external melt (Fig. 2a). In some cases, the minerals may be intensely altered or transformed
298 (e.g., pyroxene into amphibole). In places, subhedral crystals of plagioclase with planar

299 crystal faces (Fig. 2b) indicate crystallization from a melt (Sawyer, 2008). Melt inclusions
300 have been observed in garnet and in the cores of plagioclase. The modal composition for
301 18XC1, determined through a SEM compositional map from a thick section (see
302 Supplementary Fig. S2a), is: 36.1 vol.% garnet, 12.4 vol.% clinopyroxene, 27.0 vol.%
303 plagioclase, 22.8 vol.% amphibole, 1.3 vol.% scapolite, 0.2 vol.% apatite and 0.1 vol.%
304 rutile.

305 Sample 18XC5 consists of garnet, amphibole, clinopyroxene and rare plagioclase and
306 scapolite. It has an isotropic granoblastic microstructure where the coarser mineral, anhedral
307 garnet, may reach 4 mm in size (Supplementary Fig. S1b). Microstructural relationships
308 suggest that crystallization of garnet and clinopyroxene was coeval, followed by interstitial
309 amphibole and plagioclase. Like in the previous sample and in most xenoliths from
310 Mercaderes, 18XC5 displays evidence of pervasive reaction at all grain boundaries (Fig. 2c),
311 probably related to entrainment in the lava. Quartz occurs as rare inclusions in garnet (Fig.
312 2d; see below).

313 Sample 18XC10 is a pyroxenite dominated by garnet, pyroxene and plagioclase, with minor,
314 heterogeneously distributed hornblende (Supplementary Fig. S1c). The rock is fine-grained,
315 with average grain-size of 1 mm, and displays a mineralogical banding highlighted by 2-3
316 mm-thick monomineralic garnet layers (Supplementary Fig. S1c). The microstructure is
317 granoblastic and the monomineralic garnet layers show a polygonal texture derived from the
318 impingement of growing grains. Unlike most of the crustal xenoliths from Mercaderes,
319 sample 18XC10 displays a well-equilibrated texture (Fig. 2e), with neither sign of reaction
320 between adjacent minerals, nor of interaction with (or infiltration of) melt from the host lava.
321 Igneous microstructures pointing to crystallization from melt are rarely observed and
322 represented by plagioclase with crystal faces. The studied sections consist of two distinct
323 zones (see Supplementary Fig. S2b) separated by a garnet rich layer: zone 1 consists of

324 garnet, clinopyroxene, and plagioclase in nearly equal amount with minor pargasitic
325 amphibole; zone 2 mainly consists of garnet and clinopyroxene with interstitial plagioclase.
326 Accessory rutile and apatite are equally distributed in both zones. The modal compositions
327 for the two zones of sample 18XC10, determined through a SEM compositional map from an
328 entire thin section (see Supplementary Fig. S2b), are: 37.8 vol.% garnet, 33.4 vol.%
329 clinopyroxene, 25.3 vol.% plagioclase, 3.2 vol.% amphibole and 0.3 vol.% rutile for zone 1,
330 and 58.1 vol.% garnet, 23.9 vol.% clinopyroxene, 15.8 vol.% plagioclase, 1.6 vol.% apatite
331 and 0.6 vol.% rutile for zone 2. Quartz is present only as inclusions in garnet (Fig. 2f).

332 Sample 18XC20 is a banded xenolith with different Amp/Pl ratios. Garnet is abundant in both
333 bands, whereas clinopyroxene is scarce. Although amphibole is the most abundant and
334 coarser mineral, reaching up to 4 mm in size, it also occurs as inclusions in garnet and
335 clinopyroxene. Garnet has a maximum diameter of 2 mm and may contain glass inclusions.
336 Also plagioclase contains glass inclusions and, where abundant, displays euhedral shapes or
337 interstitial positions (Fig. 2g), suggestive of crystallization from melt. This xenolith shows
338 little evidence of reaction or resorption of crystals at grain boundaries, which are in most
339 cases clean and well-preserved. Quartz is present only as inclusions in garnet (Fig. 2h).

340 All samples contain rutile as accessory phase (Supplementary Fig. S1i), and all contain
341 apatite.

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343 **Melt and mineral inclusions**

344 Several types of inclusions occur in the main minerals of the studied xenoliths. We focus
345 primarily on the inclusions hosted in garnet, as they are the object of further analyses and
346 constrain the thermobarometric estimates and petrogenetic discussion made below. An
347 extensive documentary of backscattered SEM images of melt inclusions (MI) is reported in
348 the supplementary material (Supplementary Fig. S3).

349 Melt inclusions occur in garnet crystals from all samples. They are rare in 18XC1 and
350 18XC5, common in 18XC20, abundant in 18XC10. Their textural position, either isolated or
351 scattered within the host, or more commonly arranged in the garnet cores (zonal arrangement
352 after Roedder, 1984) indicates that the MI are primary in origin, i.e., they were trapped by the
353 growing garnet (Fig. 3a, b). Occasional secondary MI locally form planar arrays. MI often
354 display a negative crystal shape, more rarely rounded, and their size is generally $<40\ \mu\text{m}$,
355 with few larger MI reaching $100\ \mu\text{m}$ (Fig. 3c-f). In samples 18XC10 and 18XC20, where MI
356 in garnet are more abundant, they contain a single or multiple shrinkage bubbles (Fig. 3d, e;
357 Roedder, 1984), and local evidence of necking-down (Fig. 3d, f). The glass is optically fresh
358 and colourless in 18XC10, whereas in 18XC20 it is more turbid and browner in colour (Fig.
359 3g). Under SEM imaging the MI in 18XC1, 18XC10 and 18XC20 often display the presence
360 of nanolites made of a heavier phase (Fig. 3h and Supplementary Fig. S9).

361 MI occur in plagioclase from 18XC1 (Fig. 3i) and 18XC5, where they are respectively
362 primary and secondary in origin. Very rarely they are also observed in clinopyroxene from
363 18XC5 and 18XC10. In the latter sample the microstructures suggest a primary entrapment
364 (Supplementary Fig. S1g). MI have also been observed in amphibole from 18XC1, where
365 they display a tubular shape and appear secondary in origin (Supplementary Fig. S1h).

366 Finally, SEM imaging allowed to detect MI also in oxide minerals such as rutile in 18XC1
367 (Fig. 3j). SEM also revealed the common occurrence of minute offshoots at MI boundaries,
368 suggestive of overpressuring of the inclusions either by heating after entrapment or by
369 decompression of the xenoliths during magma ascent.

370 MI may contain quartz (Fig. 3f) and rutile as trapped minerals, i.e., crystals which were
371 already present at the time of inclusion entrapment (Supplementary Fig. S1f, i).

372 Rutile occurs as solid inclusion in garnet in all samples, whereas zircon and quartz are
373 observed in all except 18XC1. Rutile is observed both as small, crystallographically arranged

374 needles suggesting exsolution from garnet, and as coarser crystals with variable aspect ratio
375 (Fig. 3a, b; Supplementary Fig. S1i). In sample 18XC10, the rutile needles are located in a
376 brownish intermediate annulus separating the inclusion-rich core from inclusion-free or
377 inclusion-poor rims (Fig. 3b; Supplementary Fig. S1i). Zircon inclusions are particularly
378 abundant, where they occur as crystals with 20-30 μm average size mostly located in the
379 garnet cores.

380 Quartz inclusions in garnet are a key microstructure of most of the investigated crustal
381 xenoliths at Mercaderes (Fig. 3a, b, f, k and Supplementary Fig. S1f), and their association
382 with MI had already been highlighted by Weber et al. (2002). Quartz inclusions range from
383 rare and scattered to very abundant, and display size from 10 to 150 μm . The shape of quartz
384 inclusions ranges from spherical to slightly elongate, and in places quartz inclusions display a
385 strong shape preferred orientation (Fig. 2f and Fig. 3b). When observed in detail, quartz
386 inclusions in garnet are faceted (Fig. 3k), as common in (U)HT rocks displaying shape
387 maturation features (Cesare et al., 2021).

389 Mineral chemistry

390 The complete dataset for the mineral chemistry of the analysed samples is reported in the
391 Supplementary Table S5. Chemical analyses of garnets in sample 18XC1 (Fig. 4a) show that
392 some crystals are slightly zoned, whereas some others display a marked zoning between core
393 and rims. The slightly zoned minerals are characterized by subtle Fe-richer core compositions
394 ($\text{Alm}_{36-40}\text{Pyr}_{29-34}\text{Grs}_{29-31}\text{Sps}_{0-1}$) compared to rims ($\text{Alm}_{34-38}\text{Pyr}_{30-31}\text{Grs}_{31-35}\text{Sps}_{0-1}$), whereas
395 cores and rims in the zoned garnets are $\text{Alm}_{39-53}\text{Pyr}_{23-34}\text{Grs}_{22-31}\text{Sps}_{0-2}$ and $\text{Alm}_{32-39}\text{Pyr}_{29-}$
396 $31\text{Grs}_{31-36}\text{Sps}_{0-1}$, respectively. Garnets in 18XC5 are Mg-richer (Fig. 4b) and do not show any
397 zoning between cores ($\text{Alm}_{32-35}\text{Pyr}_{43-46}\text{Grs}_{21-23}\text{Sps}_{0-1}$) and rims ($\text{Alm}_{31-34}\text{Pyr}_{44-49}\text{Grs}_{19-21}\text{Sps}_{0-}$
398 1). Garnets in 18XC10 are dominated by the almandine and pyrope components (Fig. 4c) and

399 display a weak zoning in the grossular component between cores ($\text{Alm}_{38-42}\text{Pyr}_{38-43}\text{Grs}_{17-}$
400 $_{22}\text{Sp}_{80-1}$) and rims ($\text{Alm}_{38-43}\text{Pyr}_{40-44}\text{Grs}_{16-17}\text{Sp}_{80-1}$). In sample 18XC20 both homogeneous and
401 zoned garnets have been observed. The zoned garnets (Fig. 4d) have cores slightly richer in
402 Fe ($\text{Alm}_{47-49}\text{Pyr}_{27-29}\text{Grs}_{21-22}\text{Sp}_{2-3}$) compared to the rims ($\text{Alm}_{42-44}\text{Pyr}_{27-31}\text{Grs}_{26-27}\text{Sp}_{1-2}$), while
403 the homogeneous garnets have cores with $\text{Alm}_{44-46}\text{Pyr}_{26-29}\text{Grs}_{25-26}\text{Sp}_{1-2}$ and rims with Alm_{42-}
404 $_{45}\text{Pyr}_{27-32}\text{Grs}_{24-28}\text{Sp}_{1-2}$.

405 Clinopyroxene crystals in sample 18XC1 (Fig. 5a) show a very weak zoning, with Al-richer
406 (Al = 0.56-0.62 atoms per formula unit, a.p.f.u.) and lower X_{Mg} ($X_{\text{Mg}} = 0.61-0.68$, with X_{Mg}
407 expressed hereafter as $[\text{Mg}/(\text{Mg} + \text{Fe}^{\text{TOT}})]$) rims compared to cores (Al = 0.52-0.57 a.p.f.u. and
408 $X_{\text{Mg}} = 0.66-0.69$). On the other hand, the jadeite component (Jd) remains nearly constant
409 between rims and cores (0.11-0.14 a.p.f.u.). From a stoichiometric point of view Cpx cores
410 correspond to a composition equal to $\text{Na}_{0.11-0.14}\text{Ca}_{0.81-0.83}\text{Al}_{0.52-0.57}\text{Fe}_{0.23-0.26}\text{Mg}_{0.49-0.53}\text{Si}_{1.68-}$
411 $_{1.75}\text{O}_6$, whereas rims can be defined as $\text{Na}_{0.11-0.13}\text{Ca}_{0.74-0.82}\text{Al}_{0.56-0.62}\text{Fe}_{0.24-0.32}\text{Mg}_{0.47-0.51}\text{Si}_{1.67-}$
412 $_{1.73}\text{O}_6$. A single analysis of a Cpx inclusion in plagioclase shows the same composition as the
413 cores of the Cpx in the matrix.

414 By contrast, Cpx crystals in 18XC5 do not display any zoning and are characterized by X_{Mg}
415 and a Jd-component that range between 0.77-0.80 and 0.13-0.14 a.p.f.u., respectively. Their
416 stoichiometric formula corresponds to $\text{Na}_{0.13-0.14}\text{Ca}_{0.77-0.79}\text{Al}_{0.33-0.37}\text{Fe}_{0.17-0.19}\text{Mg}_{0.62-0.67}\text{Si}_{1.85-}$
417 $_{1.89}\text{O}_6$, indicating that these pyroxenes are Al-poorer and Si- and Mg-richer than those
418 observed in 18XC1.

419 A lack of zoning is also observed in the Cpx from sample 18XC10. In this sample, pyroxenes
420 have a Jd-content between 0.13 and 0.16 a.p.f.u. and a X_{Mg} ranging between 0.70 and 0.73.
421 Additionally, Cpx display the lowest Al values (in a.p.f.u.) of all the analysed xenoliths, a
422 feature that is emphasized by the general stoichiometric formula, $\text{Na}_{0.14-0.17}\text{Ca}_{0.72-0.76}\text{Al}_{0.27-}$
423 $_{0.30}\text{Fe}_{0.24-0.28}\text{Mg}_{0.64-0.68}\text{Si}_{1.86-1.91}\text{O}_6$.

424 For what concerns sample 18XC20, only a very weak zoning in Al can be observed in Cpx,
425 with rims being enriched compared to cores (see Fig. 5b). Crystal cores and rims have a Jd-
426 component between 0.17 and 0.20 a.p.f.u, while X_{Mg} is comprised between 0.63 and 0.67.
427 The stoichiometric formula for cores corresponds to $Na_{0.17-0.19}Ca_{0.72-0.74}Al_{0.35-0.37}Fe_{0.29}Mg_{0.53-}$
428 $0.57}Si_{1.86-1.88}O_6$, whereas that of the rims is $Na_{0.17-0.20}Ca_{0.72-0.74}Al_{0.37-0.41}Fe_{0.29-0.31}Mg_{0.52-0.55}Si_{1.83-}$
429 $1.86}O_6$.
430 Amphibole crystals from sample 18XC1 are not zoned, with Si = 5.71-5.99 a.p.f.u., Ca =
431 1.70-1.79 a.p.f.u., Na = 0.62-0.77 a.p.f.u. and X_{Mg} = 0.62-0.65 (Supplementary Table S5). In
432 general, the amphiboles in 18XC1 can be classified as ferroan-pargasite. Rim-core analyses
433 of a single amphibole grain in 18XC5 show that the crystal is pargasitic in composition and
434 has rims slightly depleted in Mg (3.04-3.08 a.p.f.u.) compared to the core (3.12-3.14 a.p.f.u.).
435 For what concerns the other elements, Si varies between 6.12 and 6.15 a.p.f.u., Ca and Na
436 between 1.60-1.64 and 0.77-0.81 a.p.f.u., respectively, while X_{Mg} is comprised between 0.75
437 and 0.76 for both core and rim. In sample 18XC10 amphiboles are also pargasitic and do not
438 display zoning, with Si = 6.10-6.16 a.p.f.u., Ca = 1.51-1.55 a.p.f.u., Na = 0.82-0.94 a.p.f.u.
439 and X_{Mg} = 0.67-0.70. In sample 18XC20 amphiboles from the matrix, as well as those
440 included in garnet and Cpx were measured. The amphiboles from the matrix have
441 composition ranging from ferroan-pargasite to pargasite, with Si = 5.83-6.14 a.p.f.u., Ca =
442 1.51-1.63 a.p.f.u., Na = 0.79-0.95 a.p.f.u. and X_{Mg} = 0.56-0.59 (Fig. 6a). On the other hand,
443 the amphibole inclusions measured in different garnet grains have a chemical composition
444 that ranges from cummingtonite (Si = 6.19-6.39 a.p.f.u., Ca = 1.19-1.22 a.p.f.u., Na = 0.44-
445 0.62 a.p.f.u., X_{Mg} = 0.58) to ferroan-pargasite (Si = 5.87-6.01 a.p.f.u., Ca = 1.65-1.66 a.p.f.u.,
446 Na = 0.67-0.72 a.p.f.u., X_{Mg} = 0.51-0.60). By contrast, the amphibole inclusions found in
447 different clinopyroxene crystals are more homogeneous, showing a ferroan-pargasitic

448 composition, with Si = 5.90-5.98 a.p.f.u., Ca = 1.60-1.63 a.p.f.u., Na = 0.93-0.95 a.p.f.u. and
449 $X_{Mg} = 0.56-0.58$.

450 The plagioclase crystals observed in 18XC1 are not zoned and have a X_{An} [$X_{An} =$
451 $Ca/(Ca+Na+K)$] that ranges between 0.48 and 0.55, corresponding to andesine-labradorite.
452 By contrast, a plagioclase vein within garnet displays a nearly pure anorthitic composition
453 ($X_{An} = 0.92-0.98$).

454 Plagioclase from sample 18XC10 is homogeneous and has a distinctive oligoclasic
455 composition ($X_{An} = 0.25-0.27$). On the other hand, some plagioclases in 18XC20 show a very
456 weak zoning (see Fig. 6b), with Ca-richer rims ($X_{An} = 0.29-0.30$) compared to cores ($X_{An} =$
457 $0.27-0.28$). A plagioclase pocket interstitial between two garnets shows different intergrowths
458 with compositions that vary between $X_{An} = 0.29-0.30$ and $X_{An} = 0.51-0.55$. Plagioclase
459 inclusions in garnets display a large variety of compositions (in different garnet crystals but
460 also within the same grain), with X_{An} between 0.28 and 0.61 (oligoclase to andesine).

461 Scapolite crystals measured in 18XC1 (Fig. 6c) and 18XC5 are characterized by high
462 concentrations in sulphur, with SO_3 that ranges between 3.1 and 5.4 wt.% and therefore can
463 be defined as silvialite. All the measured scapolites are not zoned, showing a meionite
464 component [$Me\% = (Ca+Mg+Fe^{2+}+Mn+Ti)/(Na+K+Ca+Mg+Fe^{2+}+Mn+Ti) \cdot 100$] between 69
465 and 73.

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467 **Major and trace element compositions of melts**

468 Glass was analysed mostly in melt inclusions, but also in veinlets that infiltrated garnets and
469 in interstitial films, the latter probably containing the host lava which entered the xenoliths
470 (see Supplementary Table S6). Overall, the analysed melts cover a SiO_2 -range from 57.5
471 wt.% to 75.3 wt.%, forming distinct clusters for each type of xenolith in the TAS diagram (Le
472 Bas et al., 1986; Fig. 7a). Melts with the lowest silica contents are observed in sample 18XC1

473 (57.5 – 63.5 wt.%), which are followed, with increasing SiO₂, by analyses from samples
474 18XC20 (61.3 – 72.0 wt.%), 18XC5 (70.7 – 71.4 wt.%), and sample 18XC10 (69.1 – 75.2
475 wt.%). The average SiO₂ contents (on anhydrous basis and normalized to 100%) for the
476 analysed melt inclusions are: 60.9 ± 1.4 wt.% for 18XC1, 65.3 ± 1.1 wt.% for 18XC20, 71.2
477 ± 0.3 wt.% for 18XC5, and 72.4 ± 0.6 wt.% for 18XC10 (all errors expressed as 2 standard
478 error of the mean, 2 s.e.m., see also Table 1). According to the TAS classification, melts in
479 sample 18XC1 are dominantly andesitic in composition, those from sample 18XC20 are
480 trachytic to dacitic, while melts from 18XC5 and 18XC10 are mainly rhyolitic (Fig. 7a).
481 When plotted in the An-Or-Ab diagram (O'Connor, 1965; Supplementary Fig. S4) the
482 analysed melt inclusions for 18XC1 lie prevalently in the granodioritic field, those for 18XC5
483 and 18XC10 are dominantly trondhjemitic, while MI in 18XC20 range from tonalite to
484 trondhjemite in composition. The interstitial melts in 18XC10 and 18XC20 are tonalitic and
485 granitic, respectively, whereas the infiltrated melts in the same samples are mainly scattered
486 across the tonalitic and trondhjemitic fields (Supplementary Fig. S4). Moreover, most of the
487 melts observed in the xenoliths displays a peraluminous character (Fig. 7b). In Harker
488 diagrams (Fig. 8a-k) sample 18XC1 is characterized by a negative correlation with SiO₂ for
489 TiO₂ (although this correlation becomes positive for TiO₂ < 0.3 wt.%), FeO and MgO,
490 whereas Al₂O₃, Na₂O, K₂O, and P₂O₅ show a nearly constant correlation with increasing
491 silica. Moreover, some of the MI measured in sample 18XC1 have the highest concentrations
492 in CaO, FeO, and MgO. MI in sample 18XC20 are negatively correlated with SiO₂ for Al₂O₃,
493 whereas for CaO and Na₂O a negative trend is present, but less pronounced. The infiltrated
494 melt measured in 18XC20 shows a negative correlation with increasing silica for Al₂O₃, CaO,
495 MgO, and slightly also for P₂O₅, whereas for TiO₂, Na₂O and K₂O the trend remains
496 constant. MI analysed for sample 18XC10 show a strong negative correlation with SiO₂ for
497 Al₂O₃, while for FeO, MgO, and Na₂O the negative trend is less defined. All other elements

498 are highly scattered and no correlation with silica can be observed. The infiltrated melt
499 measured in 18XC10 shows a clear negative correlation for Al_2O_3 , whereas the other oxides
500 display a large scattering. On the other hand, the interstitial melt in 18XC10 is characterized
501 by a negative trend for TiO_2 , Al_2O_3 , CaO , P_2O_5 , and in a lesser extent also for FeO and MgO
502 vs. SiO_2 , whereas for Na_2O and K_2O the trend is almost constant. Remarkable is the high
503 variability in P_2O_5 displayed by the interstitial melt, which was measured in two different
504 locations of a mm-sized melt pocket, with analyses between 0.34 and 0.64 wt.% P_2O_5 that
505 belong to the same location.

506 In the absence of a direct quantification of H_2O in the glasses, the EPMA analytical totals of
507 MI suggest that the melts within MI may have a moderate H_2O content of about 2.3 ± 0.8
508 wt.% (2 s.e.m.) in sample 18XC1, 1.0 ± 0.4 wt.% (2 s.e.m.) in sample 18XC10 and 2.7 ± 0.6
509 wt.% (2 s.e.m.) in sample 18XC20. The glass in the MI in scapolite from sample 18XC5 and
510 the interstitial melt in sample 18XC10 may be slightly more hydrous, with up to 4.5 wt.%
511 H_2O .

512 Trace elements vs. SiO_2 show a negative trend for Rb and U+Th in MI from sample 18XC20,
513 which display the highest concentrations for these elements, and a weak positive correlation
514 for Zr in both 18XC20 and 18XC10, with the latter sample showing the highest
515 concentrations (up to 152 $\mu\text{g/g}$). Another distinctive feature observed in 18XC10 is that the
516 interstitial melt has lower U+Th concentrations compared to the MI. Comparable low
517 concentrations in U+Th can be noticed also for a MI analysed in 18XC1, which by contrast
518 has Rb and Zr concentrations like 18XC20.

519 Trace elements normalized to the primitive mantle (McDonough & Sun, 1995) display very
520 similar patterns, with a strong enrichment in large ion lithophile elements (LILE), a marked
521 Nb-Ta anomaly, a strong positive anomaly for Pb and a weak to strong positive anomaly for
522 Sr (Fig. 9a-c). Analyses of the interstitial melt measured in sample 18XC10 show lower U

523 and K concentrations, a weaker Nb-Ta anomaly and a positive P anomaly compared to the
524 other melts.

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526 **Geothermobarometry**

527 Pressure and temperature conditions were determined by conventional geothermobarometry
528 for all the investigated samples alongside with a detailed investigation by phase equilibria
529 modelling, intracrystalline geothermometry (Fe-Mg order-disorder on clinopyroxene) and
530 elastic geothermobarometry for sample 18XC10 (Fig. 10a-b), which displays a particularly
531 well-equilibrated mineral assemblage.

532 Conventional geothermobarometry was carried out using the thermometers of Nakamura
533 (2009) and Sudholz et al. (2022), which are based on Fe-Mg exchange between garnet and
534 clinopyroxene, and the barometer of Beyer et al. (2015). Uncertainty on temperature was
535 calculated by error propagation using the *Metas.UncLib* Python script (Zeier et al., 2012),
536 while for pressure we assumed the maximum error as reported in Beyer et al. (2015). In
537 general, the intersections of the geothermometers with the geobarometer give similar results
538 (see Table 2 and Supplementary Fig. S5). The highest temperatures and pressures are
539 observed for the rim analysis of a Grt-Cpx pair from sample 18XC1, with values up to 1480
540 °C and 3.0 GPa, while sample 18XC5 shows temperatures between 960 and 1030 °C and
541 pressures between 1.3 and 1.6 GPa. A similar range, within error, is also observed for
542 18XC10, whereas 18XC20 displays slightly higher values, with temperature and pressure that
543 range from 1100 °C to 1130 °C and 1.3 and 1.9 GPa, respectively.

544 For what concerns intracrystalline geothermometry, on the basis of the pyroxene chemical
545 analyses, the calibration reported in equation 4 by Brizi et al. (2000) has been adopted to
546 determine the closure temperature on seven pyroxene crystals of sample 18XC10. The

547 resulting temperatures range from 1050 to 1140 °C, with a calculated average at 1090 ± 30
548 °C (2 s.e.m.) (Fig. 10b and Supplementary Table S4).

549 Phase equilibria modelling for sample 18XC10 was performed starting from a bulk rock
550 composition (see caption to Fig. 10) determined combining the mineral proportions estimated
551 from an entire SEM compositional map (see Supplementary Fig. S2b) and the mineral
552 chemistry acquired by EPMA. Although the thin section shows two distinct zones (see
553 above), the mode of the entire thin section (54.3 vol.% garnet, 25.0 vol.% clinopyroxene,
554 18.0 vol.% plagioclase, 2.0 vol.% amphibole, 0.5 vol.% rutile and 0.2 vol.% apatite) was
555 used, since the chemical compositions of the minerals are the same in both zones.

556 Calculations indicates that the peak mineral assemblage observed in sample 18XC10 (Grt-
557 Cpx-Pl-Amp-Rt-melt) is predicted to be stable in a P-T field located at 1.5 – 1.8 GPa and 850
558 – 1080 °C (Fig. 10a). The low-T boundary of such field corresponds to the calculated solidus,
559 and quartz is predicted to be stable just below the solidus. Amphibole disappears at about
560 1050 °C in this pressure range. Calculated modal proportions of each mineral phase
561 (isomodes) reproduce the amounts of minerals present in 18XC10 (see Supplementary Fig.
562 S6). As an example, at 1000 °C and 1.7 GPa, the model predicts the following mineral
563 modes: 57.2 vol.% garnet, 25.5 vol.% clinopyroxene, 15.3 vol.% plagioclase, 0.9 vol.%
564 amphibole and 0.4 vol.% rutile, in agreement with the observed mineral mode. Conversely,
565 when compositional isopleths are plotted on the phase diagram (Supplementary Fig. S6) the
566 predicted compositions of phases in the Grt-Cpx-Pl-Amp-Rt-melt field do not completely
567 match the measured ones. In particular, modelled garnet composition is more calcic,
568 clinopyroxene is more magnesian, and plagioclase is more albitic. On the other hand, the
569 model shows a better fit for the almandine and pyrope components of garnet, as well for the
570 jadeite content in clinopyroxene.

571 Each sample displays a characteristic, relatively narrow, range of H₂O contents in the glasses
572 of MI. Along with the lack of decrepitation textures, such sample-specific melt H₂O contents
573 point against H₂O loss or gain from glass inclusions. Assuming that they represent the
574 original values, also the H₂O contents of MI inferred from the EPMA total closure can be
575 used to constrain the P-T conditions of their entrapment. In particular, at a given pressure,
576 they can provide the minimum temperature at which that melt may occur. Extrapolation to
577 higher pressures of the experiments on the haplogranite system (Holtz et al., 2001; Makhlu
578 et al., 2017) would suggest temperatures >1100 °C for sample 18XC10, >1050 °C for
579 samples 18XC1 and 18XC20, and ~950 °C for 18XC5, at a reference pressure of 1.5 GPa.
580 These temperatures vary as a function of pressure with a dependence of about 200°C/GPa in
581 the P-T region of interest (Makhlu et al., 2017).

582 Results from Raman measurements on zircon and quartz inclusions from sample 18XC10 are
583 shown in Fig. 10b and Fig. 11, and reported in the Supplementary Table S3.

584 The P_{inc} of quartz inclusions is the same in a 2σ uncertainty for inclusions both within the
585 same garnet and amongst different garnets. Zircon inclusions were found only within one
586 garnet but also show similar inclusion pressure within their uncertainties. Therefore, we
587 averaged the P_{inc} of the same inclusions from the same growth zone (least-squares weighted
588 average, using the uncertainty on P_{inc} as weighing factor) to calculate one representative
589 entrapment isomeke for quartz (average P_{inc} = 0.02 ± 0.05 GPa, 2 s.e.m.) and one for zircon
590 (average P_{inc} = 1.09 ± 0.03 GPa, 2 s.e.m.; Fig. 11). The average P_{inc} for zircons and quartz
591 suggest a P-T range of 1150 ± 30 °C (2 s.e.m.) and 1.9 ± 0.2 GPa (2 s.e.m.) (Fig. 10b). Such
592 P-T values for 18XC10 are consistent with those obtained from the other applied methods
593 (i.e., conventional geothermobarometry, phase equilibria and intracrystalline
594 geothermometry) and also with the peak metamorphic conditions suggested by Bloch et al.
595 (2017) for the Mercaderes arclogites.

596 **DISCUSSION**

597 **Petrographic constraints from microstructures**

598 The present research builds extensively on information provided by inclusions in the main
599 rock-forming minerals of the xenoliths, in particular by inclusions in garnet.

600 MI in crustal xenoliths are more common in volcanic rocks from extensional settings (e.g.,
601 the Pannonian Basin, Németh et al., 2021; the Neogene Volcanic Province of SE Spain,
602 Acosta-Vigil et al., 2007) than in continental arcs (e.g., Pamir, Chupin et al., 2006). At
603 Mercaderes, the occurrence of melt and quartz inclusions in clinopyroxene and garnet was
604 already reported by Weber et al. (2002) in two samples of garnet-pyroxene hornblendites.
605 From these observations the authors inferred that quartz should have been present at some
606 point in the initial rock assemblage, but they did not speculate further.

607 In the arclogite xenoliths of this study, MI occur in garnet from samples 18XC1, 18XC10 and
608 18XC20, whereas quartz inclusions in garnet are observed in samples 18XC5, 18XC10 and
609 18XC20. In sample 18XC10, where both inclusion types are most abundant (Fig. 3a,b;
610 Supplementary Fig. S1i), their classical “zonal arrangement” (Roedder, 1984) demonstrates
611 their primary origin, i.e., that the garnet grew in the presence of both quartz and melt. The
612 lack of quartz in the rest of the xenoliths outside garnet suggests that during or after garnet
613 growth quartz was totally consumed, remaining only as armoured inclusions in garnet.
614 During this process garnet also trapped rutile and zircon crystals.

615 Fresh or devitrified glass occurs in the xenoliths also along grain boundaries or in thin
616 layers/veinlets. The thinner films coating most grain boundaries (e.g., Fig. 2c) probably
617 represent reaction rims which formed during and after the entrainment of xenoliths in the host
618 lava. Similar features are common in lower crustal xenoliths both at Mercaderes and in other
619 regions (e.g., Hacker et al., 2005). The wider irregular veinlets that crosscut the xenoliths are
620 instead the result of infiltration of the host lava (e.g., Fig. 2a).

621 The former presence of melt in the xenoliths is also attested by diagnostic microstructures
622 such as plagioclase with crystal faces defining a subhedral shape (Sawyer, 2008; Holness et
623 al., 2011). These microstructures occur in samples 18XC1, 18XC10 and 18XC20 (e.g., Fig.
624 2b,g) and attest for crystallization of the plagioclase in patches and layers of former melt.
625 This process is compatible with both a cumulitic and a residual origin: in the former case the
626 melt would represent the intercumulus phase, in the latter an anatectic melt.
627 Melt inclusions often contain sub-micrometric nanolite crystals (Fig. 3h) that represent
628 daughter minerals from the cooling melt. A more detailed discussion on the nanolites can be
629 found in the supplementary Appendix.

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631 **Comparison with MI from other tectonic settings**

632 Melt inclusions from Mercaderes were compared with MI from crustal xenoliths of other
633 tectonic settings (i.e., Ichinomegata arc, St. Kitts arc, Bohemian Massif, Neogene Volcanic
634 Province, and Bakony–Balaton Highland Volcanic Field) in order to put some constraints on
635 the formation of felsic melts in the lower crust.

636 MI observed in sample 18XC1 are low in silica and generally have high concentrations in
637 TiO_2 , Al_2O_3 , CaO , FeO and MgO indicating a more “intermediate” character compared to the
638 MI from the other xenoliths (Fig. 8a-k). Some MI from the St. Kitts arc (Melekhova et al.,
639 2017) and from the Bakony–Balaton Highland Volcanic Field (western Pannonian basin,
640 Hungary; Németh et al., 2021) have also similar low SiO_2 contents, but the other oxides do
641 not share similarities with the MI from Mercaderes. Melts analysed in sample 18XC20 partly
642 overlap the field displayed by the plagioclase-hosted MI from the Ichinomegata arc
643 (Yanagida et al., 2018) for TiO_2 , Al_2O_3 , Na_2O and K_2O at same SiO_2 contents, but are
644 enriched in FeO and MgO and slightly depleted in CaO and P_2O_5 . The SiO_2 -rich melts
645 observed in sample 18XC10 are clearly distinct from the MI observed in the Neogene

646 Volcanic Province in Spain which were produced by anatexis of a metapelitic protolith
647 (Acosta-Vigil et al., 2007; Bartoli et al., 2016; Cesare et al., 2003; Ferrero et al., 2011), but
648 share many similarities with the MI from the Ichinomegata arc (in particular with the
649 magnetite-hosted MI), and from the granulites in SE Pamir (Chupin et al., 2006). The latter,
650 however, have a reverse K_2O/Na_2O ratio. Analogies with MI from the Bohemian Massif
651 (Borghini et al., 2018; Borghini, 2020; Ferrero et al., 2019) are displayed only for Al_2O_3 ,
652 FeO , MgO , Na_2O and P_2O_5 . However, the MI from the Bohemian Massif show a strong
653 depletion in TiO_2 and CaO and a strong enrichment in K_2O compared to the melts measured
654 in the xenoliths from Mercaderes. For what concerns the MI measured in the scapolite
655 crystals of sample 18XC5, they are very similar to the melts from the Bohemian Massif,
656 although the latter are notably depleted in TiO_2 and enriched in K_2O .

657 The strong enrichment in LILE, the negative Nb-Ta and Ti anomalies, as well as the positive
658 Pb and Sr anomalies consistently displayed by the glasses from the Mercaderes xenoliths are
659 all features typical for subduction-related melts (Fig. 9a-c). The negative Nb-Ta anomalies
660 observed in MI and in the infiltrated melt suggest that rutile and/or ilmenite were part of the
661 partial melting residue or fractionated during crystallization. This is in agreement with the
662 mineral assemblage of the xenoliths, where rutile (sometimes rimmed by ilmenite, see
663 Supplementary Fig. S3) is commonly observed. The positive Sr anomaly of these melts may
664 derive from the partial melting of plagioclase. Sequestration of Nb, Ta and Ti in rutile or
665 ilmenite characterizes also the normalized patterns of the interstitial melt from sample
666 18XC10, which is interpreted to represent the host lava that percolated into the xenolith. The
667 interstitial melt also shows positive anomalies for Ba and Sr, as well as a weak to moderate
668 negative Eu anomaly [$Eu_N/(Sm_N \cdot Gd_N)^{1/2} = 0.39-0.89$], with the latter that may indicate early
669 fractionation of plagioclase or retention of plagioclase in the source. Additionally, the

670 positive P anomaly of the interstitial melt also suggest that the host lava was generated from
671 the melting of a phosphorus-bearing phase (likely apatite) present in the source.
672 Trace element normalized patterns for the melts from Mercaderes are generally enriched
673 compared to MI in migmatitic paragneisses from the Himalaya (Bartoli et al, 2019), with the
674 latter also lacking a negative anomaly for Nb-Ta (Fig. 9b). By contrast, the MI from the
675 Bohemian Massif are strongly enriched in LILE (except for Ba) and Nb-Ta compared to
676 Mercaderes, which, on the other hand, perfectly overlap the pattern displayed by the MI from
677 the Bakony–Balaton Highland Volcanic Field. MI and infiltrated melt from the Mercaderes
678 xenoliths have mantle-normalized trace element patterns that generally lie between the upper
679 crust and lower crust compositions of Rudnick & Gao (2003) but show a slight enrichment in
680 Th-U and a strong depletion in Nb-Ta and Ti. Moreover, the interstitial melt measured in
681 sample 18XC10 displays a strong depletion in middle and heavy rare earth elements, as well
682 as in Ti and Y compared to the upper and lower crust.

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684 **Comparison of MI with experimental melts and leucosomes in arcs**

685 Chemical compositions of melt inclusions from Mercaderes were compared with liquids
686 obtained from partial melting experiments of amphibolites between 1.0 and 1.6 GPa (Wolf &
687 Wyllie, 1994; Rapp & Watson, 1995; López & Castro, 2001) and with modelled melt
688 compositions for sample 18XC10, calculated from our phase equilibria modelling with
689 *Perple_X* (see Fig. 12). Additionally, leucosomes from exhumed arc roots, in particular from
690 the Fiordland arc (Daczko et al., 2001), the Kohistan arc (Garrido et al., 2006), the
691 Amalaoulaou arc (Berger et al., 2011) and the Bougmane arc (Triantafyllou et al. 2018) were
692 also used as references to evaluate the nature of the melts observed in the xenoliths from
693 Mercaderes (see Fig. 9c and Supplementary Fig. S7). In general, from Fig. 12 it is possible to
694 notice that MI from 18XC1 are different compared to the experimental melts, notably in their

695 TiO₂, Al₂O₃ and alkali contents. MI and infiltrated melts analysed in 18XC20 share some
696 similarities with the melts obtained by Wolf & Wyllie (1994) and Rapp & Watson (1995), but
697 are characterized by lower TiO₂ and higher K₂O contents. By contrast, the interstitial melt
698 from sample 18XC20 correlates with the compositions recovered from experiments only for
699 MgO and CaO. In a similar fashion, MI from sample 18XC5 systematically do not overlap
700 (except for TiO₂) the fields displayed by the anatectic experimental melts. Glasses from
701 18XC10 are comparable to the experimental compositions of Rapp & Watson (1995) at 1.6
702 GPa and ~1000 °C, although the first are slightly richer in CaO and MgO, and poorer in FeO
703 and Na₂O. Furthermore, Fig. 12 also shows that the melt compositions modelled with
704 Perple_X in the predicted stability field of 18XC10, i.e. at 900-1075 °C and 1.6-1.75 GPa, do
705 not fit with the measured melts. This discrepancy may rely on the fact that the
706 thermodynamic database and solution models used in Perple_X are calibrated only on few
707 experiments and bulk compositions at these P-T conditions.

708 Compared to leucosomes from exhumed arc roots, which have all been interpreted to result
709 from the partial melting of mafic lithologies (Daczko et al., 2001; Garrido et al., 2006; Berger
710 et al., 2011; Triantafyllou et al., 2018), glasses within the xenoliths from Mercaderes show
711 some differences, both in major and trace elements. In general, MI from 18XC1 have major
712 element compositions that do not correlate with the leucosomes (Supplementary Fig. S7),
713 suggesting that they may not have an anatectic origin. Some glasses from 18XC20 and
714 18XC10 have similar compositions as leucosomes from the Kohistan arc (although the latter
715 display trends with lower TiO₂ and K₂O, and higher CaO contents), while MI from sample
716 18XC5 display some analogies as leucosomes from the Bougmane arc, especially for Al₂O₃,
717 FeO and Na₂O (Supplementary Fig. S7).

718 MI and infiltrated melts within the garnet crystals of the xenoliths have primitive normalized
719 trace element patterns (Fig. 9c) that show some deviations compared to the normalized

720 patterns of the anatectic leucosomes from the Amalaoulaou, the Bougmane and the Fiordland
721 arcs. In particular, the glasses in the MI from the Mercaderes xenoliths are typically more
722 enriched in LILE, Pb, Hf and Zr than the leucosomes from these arcs. On the other hand,
723 leucosomes from the Kohistan paleo-arc are more similar to the patterns displayed by the
724 glasses from Mercaderes, but still show a depletion in Th, U and Hf compared to the latter
725 (Fig. 9c). The interstitial melt from sample 18XC10 has REE normalized patterns similar to
726 those observed for the leucosomes from the Kohistan and Amalaoulaou arc, but displays
727 higher Zr-Hf values compared to the leucosomes.

728 In general, the comparison of major and trace elements shows that MI and infiltrated melts
729 from samples 18XC10 and 18XC20 are more akin to melts obtained in partial melting
730 experiments of amphibolitic starting materials, and also to anatectic leucosomes from the
731 Kohistan and Amalaoulaou arc sections. MI from sample 18XC5 poorly correlate with
732 experimental melts, but have some similarities with the leucosomes from the Bougmane arc,
733 which have been interpreted to derive from disequilibrium melting of a mafic protolith
734 (Triantafyllou et al., 2018). By contrast, MI from sample 18XC1 have chemical compositions
735 that neither resemble those from partial melting experiments, nor natural anatectic
736 leucosomes, suggesting that sample 18XC1 may have a different origin.

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739 **Origin of the studied arclogites**

740 The chemical composition of the melt entrapped in the primary MI, the latter indicative that
741 the host minerals were growing in the presence of a felsic melt, and a careful evaluation of
742 the microstructures displayed by the different xenoliths allow us to speculate about their
743 origin.

744 The melt within MI in garnet from samples 18XC10 is rhyolitic in the TAS classification and
745 mostly tonalitic-trondhjemitic in the An-Or-Ab diagram (Supplementary Fig. S4).
746 Experiments of partial melting of low-K metabasalts (Rapp & Watson, 1995) show that at 1.6
747 GPa Na-rich trondhjemitic to tonalitic liquids are produced by fluid-absent amphibole
748 melting in the temperature range 1000-1050°C. These low percentage (<10 vol.%) melts
749 coexist with a Grt-Cpx-Amp-Pl \pm Qz \pm Opx residue in which quartz, amphibole and
750 plagioclase are progressively consumed during heating. The Grt-Cpx-dominated mineralogy
751 of these experimental residues (Rapp & Watson, 1995, their figure 3) is therefore compatible
752 with the mineral assemblage observed in 18XC10. The same conclusion is also supported by
753 other experiments of fluid-absent melting of basaltic amphibolite at 1.0 GPa (Wolf & Wyllie,
754 1994), as well as at 1.5 and 2.0 GPa (Sen & Dunn, 1994). Hence, the experimental evidence
755 supports the interpretation that arclogitic xenoliths with felsic MI and quartz inclusions in
756 garnet are formed by low-degree partial melting of a (meta)basaltic source, a process that can
757 produce peritectic garnet and clinopyroxene with an anatectic trondhjemitic melt and justify
758 the entrapment of primary felsic MI in garnet. When talking about a (meta)basaltic source,
759 we envisage the rocks constituting the mafic lower crust in arc roots, which may range from
760 igneous textured gabbros, to their metamorphic equivalents dominated by amphibolites and
761 mafic granulites.
762 Thermodynamic modelling of basaltic compositions also corroborates these results, even
763 though these calculations predict lower temperatures for low degrees of anatexis (800-900
764 °C, Palin et al., 2016; Ducea et al., 2021b). Such thermodynamic simulations were performed
765 using wet basaltic bulk compositions. Also our modelling of the residual composition of
766 sample 18XC10 predicts a solidus at 850 °C at 1.6-1.8 GPa, and the onset of melting through
767 quartz consumption. All this evidence is in accordance with the general assumption that these

768 types of restitic arclogites in the subarc lower crust derive from the partial melting of
769 underplated (meta)basalts (Lee & Anderson, 2015; Bowman et al., 2021).

770 Conversely, the silica-rich composition of MI is incompatible with a cumulitic origin of
771 xenoliths like 18XC10, since garnets obtained in high pressure crystallization experiments
772 will not be able to entrap melts with comparable high SiO₂ as in sample 18XC10. Indeed,
773 cumulitic garnet clinopyroxenites are predicted to form primarily by crystallization of
774 basaltic magmas (Green & Ringwood, 1967a,b; Lee & Anderson, 2015 and references
775 therein). Although garnet and clinopyroxene have been observed as liquidus phases of more
776 silicic melts (Carroll and Wyllie, 1990; Alonso-Perez et al., 2009), the andesitic compositions
777 used in these experiments contain >10 wt.% less silica than the MI from sample 18XC10. In
778 addition, none of the above experiments could explain the presence of quartz, found as
779 primary inclusions along with MI, in a growing garnet that eventually could form a cumulate.

780 Sample 18XC20 is a Hbl+Grt+Pl±Cpx xenolith characterized by MI with a dacitic/tonalitic
781 compositions (Fig. 7a and Supplementary Fig. S4) and the presence of quartz inclusions in
782 the cores of the garnets. Xenoliths consisting of Hbl+Grt+Pl+Cpx have been also observed in
783 early Miocene high-silica andesites and dacites from the Northland Peninsula (New Zealand).
784 These xenoliths have been interpreted to be cognate, i.e., directly crystallized from the host
785 calc-alkaline lavas (Day et al., 1992). Further experimental studies on H₂O-bearing dacites
786 (3-5 wt.% H₂O) from the Northland Peninsula have shown that at P > 1.3 GPa Grt and Cpx
787 can be liquidus phases, and that Qz and Amp (ferroan pargasite to edenitic hornblende)
788 appear together, while Cpx disappears, at T < 920-900 °C (Green, 1992). Although we do not
789 disregard the possibility that 18XC20 might have a cumulitic origin after fractional
790 crystallization of a dacitic melt, the presence of quartz inclusions associated to primary melt
791 inclusions solely in the garnet cores, and not in the matrix of the xenolith, points more

792 towards a restitic formation and the conclusions derived from 18XC10 seem to be valid also
793 for 18XC20.

794 The melt entrapped in the MI found in scapolite from sample 18XC5 is rhyolitic (Fig. 7a) and
795 fall well within the trondhjemitic field of the An-Or-Ab diagram (Supplementary Fig. S4).
796 MI in scapolite have been also noticed in granulitic xenoliths from diatremes in south-eastern
797 Pamir (Tajikistan), which were interpreted to be the result of incongruent partial melting of
798 lower crustal lithologies at $P > 1.3$ GPa and $T \sim 1000$ °C (Chupin et al., 2006). Similar P-T
799 conditions have been determined by geothermobarometry also for sample 18XC5.
800 Additionally, considering the rhyolitic composition of the MI and the presence of Qz
801 inclusions in the garnets, it can be inferred that 18XC5 may have also been formed after
802 incongruent partial melting of a metabasaltic lithology.

803 Sample 18XC1 shows significant differences with respect to the other three arclogites: a
804 greater abundance of plagioclase and amphibole, the lack of quartz inclusions in garnet, and
805 the (trachy)andesitic composition of MI in garnet. Even though straightforward textures are
806 not observed, these features could be more compatible with a cumulate origin rather than
807 with a restitic one. The mineral assemblage may in fact be produced by the crystallization of
808 an andesitic melt with moderate H₂O contents at $P > 1$ GPa (Alonso-Perez et al., 2009), and
809 the 18XC1 arclogite could represent a cumulate after this process. This interpretation is also
810 corroborated by the less evolved composition of the glass measured in the MI, which is not
811 consistent with melts from partial melting experiments and natural anatectic leucosomes (see
812 above). The H₂O content in the MI of about 2.0 ± 1.0 wt.% (s.e.m.), for sample 18XC1 would
813 passively increase during crystallization of garnet and clinopyroxene, and be partly used for
814 the later crystallization of amphibole. The density for sample 18XC1, calculated from its
815 modal assemblage, is 3.23 g/cm^3 .

816 Combining the textural, chemical and thermobarometric constraints provided in this study,
817 we propose that the arclogite xenoliths that contain primary MI and quartz inclusions in
818 garnet represent restites after the re-melting of a mafic, Qz-bearing protolith. This conclusion
819 is supported in particular by sample 18XC10, where the genetic constraints are best evident.
820 The re-melting of a mafic crust produced a Grt-Cpx-rich residue with minor plagioclase and
821 amphibole, and progressively consumed quartz that must have been present in the protolith
822 and is preserved only as inclusions in the cores of garnet. In order to produce a silica-rich
823 trondhjemitic anatectic melt, the degree of melting was low (Rapp & Watson, 1995). Similar
824 conclusions seem to be valid also for samples 18XC5 and 18XC20.
825 Therefore, we provide evidence for the presence of both cumulitic and restitic arclogites in
826 the lower portion of the active Colombian volcanic arc.
827 The arclogites equilibrated at temperature of 960-1150 °C and pressure of ~1.6 – 2.0 GPa,
828 corresponding to a depth of 60-75 km in the arc root assuming a crustal density of 2.7 g/cm³.
829 The thermobarometric estimates obtained for our samples fit with the P-T array defined by
830 the crustal xenoliths from Mercaderes studied by Bloch et al. (2017), that should represent the
831 present-day geotherm in the arc region. Our results are also consistent with new geophysical
832 investigations, that infer a crustal thickness of 64.5-72.5 km for the Colombian volcanic arc
833 (Avellaneda-Jiménez & Monsalve, 2022). The anomalously high P-T conditions calculated
834 for rim (3.0 GPa, 1400 °C) and core (2.0 GPa, 1260 °C) of a Grt-Cpx pair in sample 18XC1
835 may indicate that the two minerals were not in chemical equilibrium and therefore these
836 results have been excluded for further discussions on the equilibration conditions of this
837 xenolith.
838 Sample 18XC10 is a typical low MgO (10.2 wt.%), low X_{Mg} (0.58) pyroxenite in the
839 distinction of Lee & Anderson (2015). Its density, calculated from its chemical and modal
840 composition, is >3.4 g/cm³ as expected from low MgO arclogites (Lee & Anderson, 2015;

841 Ducea et al., 2021a,b) and confirms that this rock is negatively buoyant relative to the upper
842 mantle and has the potential for foundering/delamination from the arc roots (Bloch et al.,
843 2017).

844 Unlike other xenoliths at Mercaderes (Weber et al., 2002), sample 18XC10 shows very little
845 evidence of reaction rims and growth of secondary amphibole at grain boundaries. In
846 addition, both garnet and clinopyroxene grains are compositionally homogeneous. These
847 feature, also observed in earlier studies (Weber et al., 2002; Bloch et al., 2017) indicate that
848 part of the xenoliths, including 18XC10, were in P-T equilibrium in the region of residence at
849 the time of entrapment in the host magma, and their assemblages were not affected by the
850 ascent toward the surface or to shallower depths prior to eruption.

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852 **Potentials of elastic thermobarometry**

853 Pressure-temperature conditions for arclogites from the literature typically describe a wide
854 field between 700-950 °C and 1.0-3.0 GPa (e.g., California; Ducea & Saleeby, 1996; central
855 Arizona, Rautela et al., 2020). Arclogites from Mercaderes suggest instead a much higher
856 equilibration temperature of about 1100-1200 °C, which has been linked to crustal foundering
857 (Bloch et al., 2017).

858 Classical geothermobarometric techniques coupled with thermodynamic modelling for the
859 mineral assemblage of sample 18XC10 suggest the rock formed from partial melting at P-T
860 conditions of $\sim 1050 \pm 100$ °C (2 s.e.m.) and 1.5-1.8 GPa. These conditions agree with the Fe-
861 Mg order-disorder thermometry on clinopyroxene, which records an average closure
862 temperature of 1090 ± 30 °C (2 s.e.m.) and are therefore consistent with the partial melting of
863 a lower arc (meta)basaltic rock at H₂O-undersaturated conditions. Moreover, our results fall
864 along the geothermal gradient defined by Bloch et al. (2017) for the Mercaderes area (Fig.
865 10b).

866 Elastic geothermobarometry of quartz and zircon inclusion in garnet suggest higher P-T
867 conditions of $1150 \pm 30^\circ\text{C}$ (2 s.e.m.) and 1.9 ± 0.2 GPa (2 s.e.m.). Results of elastic
868 geobarometry can provide pressure and temperature conditions of inclusion entrapment
869 within a mineral host. However, examples of non-elastic processes in inclusion-host systems
870 are numerous (e.g., Campomenosi et al., 2021). Also, post-entrapment shape maturation of
871 quartz within garnet might also affect the elastic behaviour of the system (Cesare et al.,
872 2021). Recent experimental investigations on zircon inclusion in garnet (Campomenosi et al.
873 2022) showed that non-elastic re-equilibration of host-inclusion system is P-T path- rather
874 than temperature-dependent. Such mechanical resetting occurs when a zircon in garnet, after
875 entrapment, is heated to temperatures greater than those of entrapment, or is decompressed
876 isothermally (Campomenosi et al., 2021;2022). The zircon-in-garnet host-inclusion system
877 thus records the maximum temperature at the lowest pressure reached by the system.
878 Therefore, we propose that zircon inclusions in sample 18XC10 were entrapped, along with
879 quartz and melt inclusions, at $\sim 1050^\circ\text{C}$, 1.5-1.8 GPa, and were then plastically reset at 1150
880 $^\circ\text{C}$ and 1.9 ± 0.2 (2 s.e.m.) GPa. Quartz-in-garnet geobarometry is consistent with both the P-
881 T conditions suggested by thermodynamic modelling and by zircon-in-garnet geobarometry.
882 Shape maturation mechanisms of quartz at high temperature which lead to inclusion faceting
883 (see Fig. 3k) might be related to non-elastic reset (Cesare et al., 2021), but clear experimental
884 proofs are still lacking. Since it is unknown whether quartz undergoes a non-elastic reset
885 similarly to zircon, it is unclear whether this isomeke records the entrapment conditions
886 during partial melting or the plastic reset at higher temperature.

887 Sample 18XC10 might therefore support the hypothesis of crustal foundering in the
888 Mercaderes-Río Mayo area, because by looking at the absolute values of its possible P-T
889 path, one can notice that the sample displays a prograde heating path from 1050°C and 1.6
890 GPa to 1150°C and 1.9 GPa. However, we also recognize that, due to the high error on the

891 Fe-Mg exchange geothermobarometers, the conclusion that sample 18XC10 shows
892 foundering at the mineral grain scale should be taken with care.

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894 **Tectonic implications**

895 The Mercaderes area is a rare, if not the unique, example where both residues from partial
896 melting of metabasalts and cumulates from the high-pressure crystallization of
897 basaltic/andesitic mantle-derived liquids along an active Cordilleran margin can be directly
898 observed. This corroborates the idea that these two (apparently) antithetic rock-forming
899 processes can occur in a single setting such as the lower arc crust (Bowman et al. 2021),
900 especially in mature arcs, where the crustal section may exceed 50 km in thickness.

901 The interplay between lower crust anatexis and crystallization of mantle-derived melts, both
902 leading to the formation of dense mafic arclogites, has important implications for the
903 formation and geochemical evolution of volcanic arcs. A first possible consequence is that
904 the dacitic to rhyolitic melts produced during the partial melting of metabasaltic protoliths
905 may interact and hybridize the primitive basalts derived by the partial melting of the mantle
906 (see Fig. 13). Such a process, might justify part of the crustal signature observed in many
907 granitic batholiths and which has been typically related to the crustal assimilation of the
908 surrounding country rock (e.g., DePaolo, 1981; Ague & Brimhall, 1987). Secondly, the
909 formation of arclogites (both cumulates or restites) denser than the underlying lithospheric
910 mantle implies a physical instability of the arc root (Lee & Anderson, 2015; Bowman et al.
911 2021; Ducea et al. 2021a,b), with arclogites that undergo foundering into the mantle and
912 eventually may delaminate (complete detachment from the base of the arc). Density sorting in
913 lower arc roots has been suggested to be one of the major mechanisms that drives arc
914 magmas towards high silica contents and consequently towards a bulk arc crust more akin to
915 an andesitic continental crust (e.g., Jagoutz & Schmidt, 2013; Jagoutz & Behn, 2013; Ducea

916 et al. 2021b). The density calculated for sample 18XC10 is 4-7 % higher than that of the
917 lithospheric mantle (assuming a density of $3.30 \pm 0.05 \text{ g/cm}^3$), consistent with the values
918 estimated by Bloch et al. (2017) for some Grt-clinopyroxenites from the same region.
919 Therefore, it seems plausible that, as suggested by Bloch et al. (2017), the lower continental
920 crust between the Colombian Western and Central Cordilleras is currently subjected to
921 foundering into the lithospheric mantle. However, Bowman et al. (2021) have shown that the
922 process of foundering is strongly dependent on the amount of the melt in equilibrium with the
923 residues that is retained by the system. For melt volumes lower than 10-18 vol.%, it is
924 suggested that the arclogites are prone to founder, while at higher melt volumes they are
925 stabilized in the arc root. Furthermore, it is also inferred that the arclogites may be partially
926 re-melted, while sinking into the mantle, favouring its re-fertilization (Bowman et al. 2021;
927 Ducea et al. 2021b). The melting behaviour of the foundering arclogites will ultimately
928 depend on the regional geotherm and hotter geotherms will produce larger amounts of melt
929 than colder ones. As a consequence, and in analogy to what proposed by Bowman et al.
930 (2021), the tendency to sink for this crustal blob will be inversely proportional to the amount
931 of melt present in the system (since this melt has a much lower density), with 'drained' blobs
932 that will have the highest tendency to continue along their sinking trajectory. This hypothesis
933 was tested by monitoring the supra-solidus density evolution of sample 18XC10 along three
934 geotherms (500 °C/GPa, 600 °C/GPa and 640 °C/GPa) that intersect and bound the stability
935 field of the rock estimated by Perple_X, and along the geotherm of 720 °C/GPa determined
936 by Bloch et al. (2017) for the Mercaderes area (see Fig. 10a). Within the P-T field calculated
937 by Perple_X it is possible to notice that the total density of the system (residue + melt)
938 decreases with increasing degree of melting, while the density of the residue increases (see
939 Supplementary Fig. S8 and Supplementary Table S7). As expected, the largest variations in
940 density, both for the total system and the residue, are displayed along the hotter geotherms.

941 This implies that the effective sinking of a partially molten rock similar to sample 18XC10
942 depends on the amount of melt that is retained in it, with the consequence that at high melt
943 volumes the blob may reach a neutral buoyancy with the surrounding mantle and pond. On
944 the other hand, if some of the melt is released during the descent of the blob, then the density
945 is predominantly governed by the density of the solid residue, leading to a negative buoyancy
946 of the crustal blob.

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948 **CONCLUSIONS**

949 The roots of volcanic continental and oceanic arcs are important interfaces where major
950 exchanges of mass between mantle and crust occur. Arc roots are characterized by a dual
951 nature, in which high pressure crystallization and partial melting play a fundamental role in
952 the formation and evolution of the bulk arc crust. Cumulates and restites resulting from these
953 two distinct processes have similar mineral assemblages, thus making any unambiguous
954 inference on their origin very difficult. Additionally, field evidence for re-melting of mafic
955 orthogneisses and/or amphibolites within volcanic arcs has been reported to be limited and
956 equivocal (Jagoutz & Klein, 2018). Nevertheless, in our study we could demonstrate that a
957 careful petrographical and microstructural investigation of mineral and melt inclusions and
958 their geochemical characterization may help in the discrimination of the two endmembers. In
959 particular, the concomitant presence of quartz inclusions closely associated to MI in the
960 garnet cores of the investigated xenoliths has been interpreted to be diagnostic for restitic
961 arclogites. Although we cannot, and do not want to, speculate on the relative importance of
962 cumulus versus re-melting processes for the origin of arclogites, our study provides the first
963 field-based evidence that some arclogite xenoliths from Mercaderes-Río Mayo are residues
964 after partial melting of a metabasaltic crust, suggesting also that the occurrence of magmatic
965 cumulates and anatectic restites may be concomitant, especially in mature arcs, where the arc

966 root has a considerable thickness. It is also proposed that the thick root of mature arcs is a
967 more favourable zone for melt hybridization and delamination of dense residues compared to
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1357 Table 1: Average chemical compositions of the analysed glasses. Errors are expressed as two
 1358 standard error of the mean (2 s.e.m.).

	Melt inclusions				Infiltrated melts				Interstitial melt					
	18XC1 (wt.%)	2 s.e.m.	18XC5 (wt.%)	2 s.e.m.	18XC10 (wt.%)	2 s.e.m.	18XC20 (wt.%)	2 s.e.m.	18XC20 (wt.%)	2 s.e.m.	18XC10 (wt.%)	2 s.e.m.	18XC10 (wt.%)	2 s.e.m.
SiO ₂	60.87	1.43	71.21	0.33	72.39	0.62	65.34	1.09	67.41	2.07	72.33	0.95	72.49	1.09
TiO ₂	0.38	0.13	0.46	0.04	0.36	0.03	0.25	0.07	0.20	0.03	0.40	0.04	0.33	0.11
Al ₂ O ₃	20.09	0.33	17.33	0.14	14.99	0.41	18.40	0.75	16.27	0.98	14.98	0.60	14.74	0.50
FeO	4.66	1.39	0.36	0.09	2.39	0.31	3.86	0.45	5.25	0.70	2.32	0.51	2.99	0.20
MnO	0.18	0.06	-	-	0.10	0.05	0.18	0.03	0.15	0.06	0.09	0.04	0.13	0.04
MgO	1.18	0.46	0.21	-	0.73	0.12	1.11	0.15	1.31	0.18	0.77	0.20	0.63	0.06
CaO	6.01	0.83	0.78	0.07	2.29	0.24	3.73	0.33	3.30	0.52	2.56	0.26	3.49	0.27
Na ₂ O	3.84	0.31	6.80	0.27	4.64	0.36	5.03	0.42	4.33	0.77	4.36	0.35	3.88	0.21
K ₂ O	2.73	0.12	2.83	0.18	2.14	0.20	2.09	0.14	1.77	0.07	2.20	0.21	1.00	0.04
P ₂ O ₅	0.12	0.02	0.18	0.04	0.12	0.01	0.14	0.02	0.10	0.02	0.15	0.02	0.35	0.15
Total anhydrous	100.00	-	100.00	-	100.00	-	100.00	-	100.00	-	100.00	-	100.00	-
Total EPMA	97.68	0.80	95.54	0.71	99.00	0.40	97.32	0.64	98.56	0.50	99.24	0.16	96.45	1.21
Na ₂ O+K ₂ O	6.57	0.31	9.63	0.23	6.78	0.30	7.12	0.45	6.10	0.74	6.55	0.33	4.88	0.22
[Al ₂ O ₃ /(Na ₂ O+K ₂ O)] _{molar}	2.18	0.11	1.22	0.02	1.52	0.05	1.78	0.10	1.86	0.36	1.58	0.07	1.98	0.13
[Al ₂ O ₃ /(CaO+Na ₂ O+K ₂ O)] _{molar}	1.00	0.05	1.11	0.03	1.07	0.03	1.08	0.05	1.09	0.11	1.06	0.02	1.07	0.03
[K ₂ O/Na ₂ O+K ₂ O] _{molar} × 100	32.08	2.10	21.52	1.57	23.64	2.38	21.99	1.77	21.92	4.62	25.15	2.70	14.55	0.67
Na ₂ O+K ₂ O-CaO	0.56	1.03	8.85	0.18	4.49	0.42	3.39	0.48	2.80	0.98	3.99	0.44	1.39	0.37

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1361 Table 2: Conventional geothermobarometry. Errors on pressure and temperature are
 1362 expressed as two standard error of the mean (2 s.e.m.).

	Nakamura (2009)		Beyer et al. (2015)		Sudholz et al. (2022)		Beyer et al. (2015)	
	T (°C)	2 s.e.m.	P (GPa)	2 s.e.m.	T (°C)	2 s.e.m.	P (GPa)	2 s.e.m.
18XC1								
18XC1 Grt-Cpx rim 1	1477	60	3.00	0.4	1399	26	2.77	0.4
18XC1 Grt-Cpx core 1	1264	127	2.14	0.4	1210	107	1.99	0.4
18XC5								
18XC5 Grt-Cpx rim 1	992	27	1.30	0.4	1008	24	1.34	0.4
18XC5 Grt-Cpx core 1	966	29	1.40	0.4	977	24	1.43	0.4
18XC5 Grt-Cpx rim 2	1021	63	1.48	0.4	1033	56	1.51	0.4
18XC5 Grt-Cpx core 2	960	39	1.54	0.4	972	31	1.58	0.4
18XC5 Grt-Cpx rim 3	1028	44	1.53	0.4	1034	40	1.54	0.4
18XC5 Grt-Cpx core 3	963	50	1.38	0.4	978	45	1.42	0.4
18XC10								
18XC10 Grt-Cpx rim 1	1021	85	1.30	0.4	1079	80	1.44	0.4
18XC10 Grt-Cpx core 1	1034	114	1.68	0.4	1083	109	1.82	0.4
18XC20								
18XC20 Grt-Cpx rim 1	1119	54	1.82	0.4	1129	51	1.85	0.4
18XC20 Grt-Cpx rim 2	1105	76	1.75	0.4	1120	74	1.79	0.4
18XC20 Grt-Cpx rim 3	1111	94	1.86	0.4	1126	91	1.91	0.4

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1374 **Fig. 1.** Tectonic map of the Mercaderes area (modified after Weber et al. 2002 and
1375 Rodríguez-Vargas et al. 2005). Coordinates are given according to WGS84.

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1377 **Fig. 2.** Main petrographic features of the studied arclogite xenoliths. (a) Network of fractures
1378 filled with partly crystallized melt (detail in inset). Sample 18XC1, plane polarized light
1379 (PPL). (b) Plagioclase with planar crystal faces (arrows). Sample 18XC1, crossed polarizers
1380 (XPL) and lambda plate (λ). (c) Evidence of pervasive reaction along all grain boundaries.
1381 Sample 18XC5, PPL. (d) Quartz inclusions in garnet. Sample 18XC5, PPL (left) and XPL, λ
1382 (right). (e) Well equilibrated granoblastic texture of sample 18XC10. PPL. (f) Abundant
1383 primary quartz inclusions at the core of garnet. Sample 18XC10. PPL. (g) Plagioclase with
1384 euhedral crystal faces (arrows). Sample 18XC20, XPL. (h) Quartz inclusions in garnet,
1385 suggestive of *necking-down* processes. Sample 18XC20, PPL (left) and XPL, λ (right).

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1387 **Fig. 3.** Main microstructures of inclusions in rock-forming minerals of the studied arclogite
1388 xenoliths. See text for further details. Inclusions are hosted in garnet except (i) and (j), hosted
1389 in plagioclase and rutile, respectively. All micrographs taken in PPL mode, except (f, bottom)
1390 taken under XPL, and (h) and (j), taken under backscattered electron imaging. (a) “Zonal
1391 arrangement” of primary inclusions of glass (red arrow), rutile (blue arrow) and quartz. (b)
1392 “Zonal arrangement” of primary inclusions of quartz, rutile (blue arrows) and glass. The red
1393 arrow points at an elongate quartz inclusion suggestive of *necking-down* processes (c-e)
1394 Examples of MI with negative crystal shape and one or more shrinkage bubbles. (f) Elongate
1395 MI with evidence of *necking-down*, multiple shrinkage bubbles, and one trapped crystal of
1396 quartz (red arrow on bottom view). (g) Examples of dark brown glass in MI from sample

1397 18XC20. (h) Nanolites in the glass of a MI in sample 18XC1. Close-up in inset. (i) Primary
1398 MI in plagioclase from sample 18XC1. (j) Primary MI in rutile from sample 18XC1. Detail in
1399 inset, also showing exsolution textures. (k) Faceted inclusions of quartz (red arrows) trapped
1400 in garnet.

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1402 **Fig. 4.** Representative garnet profiles (rim to rim) for the Mercaderes xenoliths. $X_{\text{Grs}} =$
1403 $\text{Ca}/(\text{Ca}+\text{Fe}^{2+}+\text{Mg}+\text{Mn})$, $X_{\text{Alm}} = \text{Fe}^{2+}/(\text{Ca}+\text{Fe}^{2+}+\text{Mg}+\text{Mn})$, $X_{\text{Prp}} = \text{Mg}/(\text{Ca}+\text{Fe}^{2+}+\text{Mg}+\text{Mn})$ and
1404 $X_{\text{Sps}} = \text{Mn}/(\text{Ca}+\text{Fe}^{2+}+\text{Mg}+\text{Mn})$. Uncertainties on analyses are smaller than the symbol size.

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1407 **Fig. 5.** Representative clinopyroxene profiles (rim to rim) for the Mercaderes xenoliths.
1408 Cations given in atoms per formula units (a.p.f.u.). $X_{\text{Mg}} = \text{Mg}/(\text{Mg}+\text{Fe}^{\text{TOT}})$ and therefore
1409 dimensionless. Uncertainties on analyses are smaller than the symbol size.

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1411 **Fig. 6.** Representative profiles for amphibole (a), plagioclase (b) and scapolite (c) for the
1412 Mercaderes xenoliths. Cations given in atoms per formula units (a.p.f.u.). Ratios are defined
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1414 $\text{K}/(\text{Ca}+\text{Na}+\text{K})$ and $X_{\text{Me}} = (\text{Ca}+\text{Mg}+\text{Fe}^{2+}+\text{Mn}+\text{Ti})/(\text{Na}+\text{K}+\text{Ca}+\text{Mg}+\text{Fe}^{2+}+\text{Mn}+\text{Ti})$ are all
1415 dimensionless. The profiles for amphibole and plagioclase are rim to rim, whereas the profile
1416 for scapolite is core to rim. Uncertainties on analyses are smaller than the symbol size.

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1418 **Fig. 7.** Chemical classification of the glasses analysed in the Mercaderes xenoliths
1419 (normalized to 100% on anhydrous basis). (a) TAS diagram. (b) Aluminium saturation index
1420 versus alkalinity index. Errors on analyses are reported as 2s.

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1422 **Fig. 8.** (a-k) Harker diagrams for the analysed glasses. Reference analyses for the
1423 Ichinomegata arc are from Yanagida et al. (2018); for the Bohemian Massif from Borghini et
1424 al. (2018), Borghini (2020) and Ferrero et al. (2019); for the Neogene Volcanic Province
1425 (NVP) from Acosta-Vigil et al. (2007), Bartoli et al. (2016), Cesare et al. (2003) and Ferrero
1426 et al. (2011); for the St. Kitts arc from Melekhova et al. (2017); for the Bakony–Balaton
1427 Highland Volcanic Field (BBHVF) from Németh et al. (2021) and from south-eastern Pamir
1428 (Chupin et al., 2006). All analyses normalized to 100% on anhydrous basis. Errors on
1429 analyses are reported as 2s.

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1432 **Fig. 9.** Normalized trace element patterns. (a) Melt inclusions (MI), infiltrated and interstitial
1433 melt from the Mercaderes xenoliths. (b) Comparison with MI from Himalaya (Bartoli et al.,
1434 2019), Bohemian Massif (Borghini et al. 2018; Ferrero et al., 2019) and the Bakony–Balaton
1435 Highland Volcanic Field (Németh et al., 2021). (c) Comparison with anatectic leucosomes
1436 from the Kohistan arc (Garrido et al., 2006), the Amalaoulaou arc (Berger et al., 2011), the
1437 Bougmane arc (Triantafyllou et al. 2018) and from the Fiordland arc (Daczko et al., 2001).
1438 Error bars are expressed as 2 standard error of the mean.

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1440 **Fig. 10.** Geothermobarometry for sample 18XC10. (a) Phase equilibria modelling with
1441 *Perple_X* using the following bulk rock composition: $\text{SiO}_2 = 46.61$ wt.%, $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3 = 17.61$
1442 wt.%, $\text{MgO} = 10.19$ wt.%, $\text{FeO} = 13.11$ wt.%, $\text{MnO} = 0.27$ wt.%, $\text{CaO} = 9.79$ wt.%, $\text{Na}_2\text{O} =$
1443 1.79 wt.%, $\text{K}_2\text{O} = 0.07$ wt.%, $\text{TiO}_2 = 0.53$ wt.% and $\text{H}_2\text{O} = 0.04$ wt.%. The bulk rock
1444 composition was determined combining the mineral proportions estimated from a SEM
1445 compositional map and the mineral chemistry acquired by EPMA. The ellipse highlights the
1446 stability field of the xenolith. Different geothermal gradients are also displayed. Points on the

1447 geothermal gradients represent P-T conditions above the solidus at which the density of the
1448 system (residue + melt) was investigated with Perple_X. (b) Summary of all the
1449 geothermobarometric methods applied on sample 18XC10. The geothermal gradient
1450 calculated by Bloch et al. (2017) is also shown.

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1452 **Fig. 11.** Strains and inclusion pressure of quartz and zircon inclusions in garnet. (a) Quartz.
1453 (b) Zircon. The hydrostatic stress lines of quartz and zircon (solid blue lines) and those of
1454 equal inclusion pressure (dash-dot lines in black) were produced by converting the strain into
1455 stress with the available elastic tensor for quartz (Wang et al., 2015) and zircon (Özkan et al.,
1456 1974), disregarding stiffening or softening effects with pressure. The uncertainty on P_{inc} was
1457 obtained by propagating the uncertainty on strain (the variance-covariance matrix) through
1458 the procedure described in Mazzucchelli et al. (2021). Error bars are expressed as 1s.

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1460 **Fig. 12.** (a-g) Harker diagrams for the analysed glasses compared with experimental liquids
1461 obtained by partial melting of amphibolite starting materials and melts calculated with
1462 Perple_X for sample 18XC10. All analyses normalized to 100% on anhydrous basis. Errors
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1465 **Fig. 13.** Schematic cartoon (not to scale) showing the formation of cumulitic and restitic
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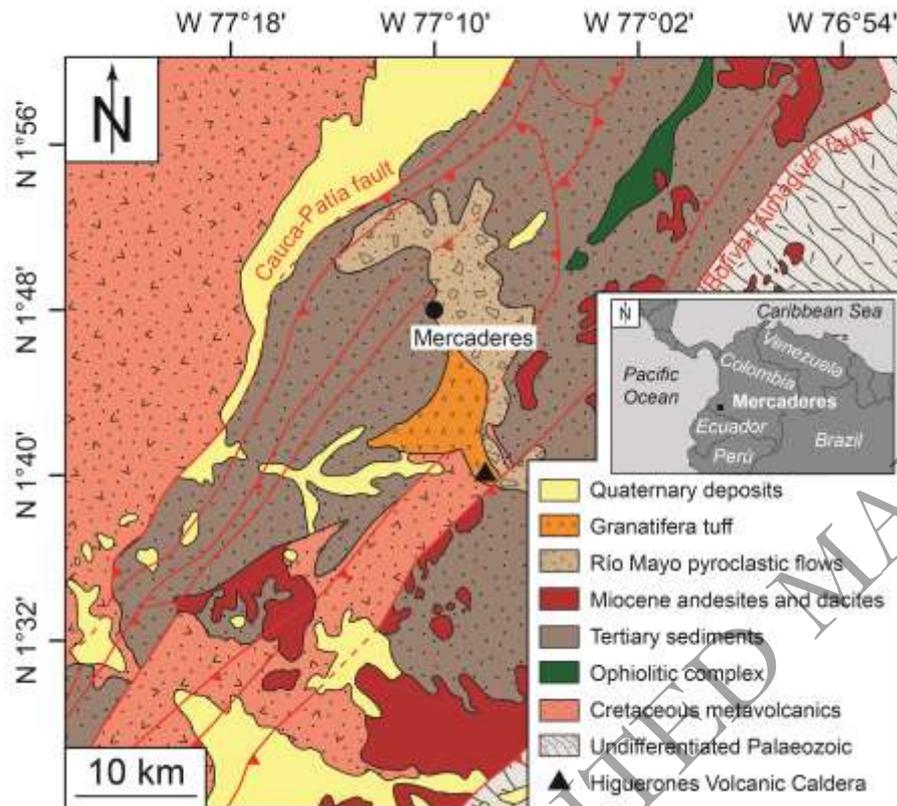
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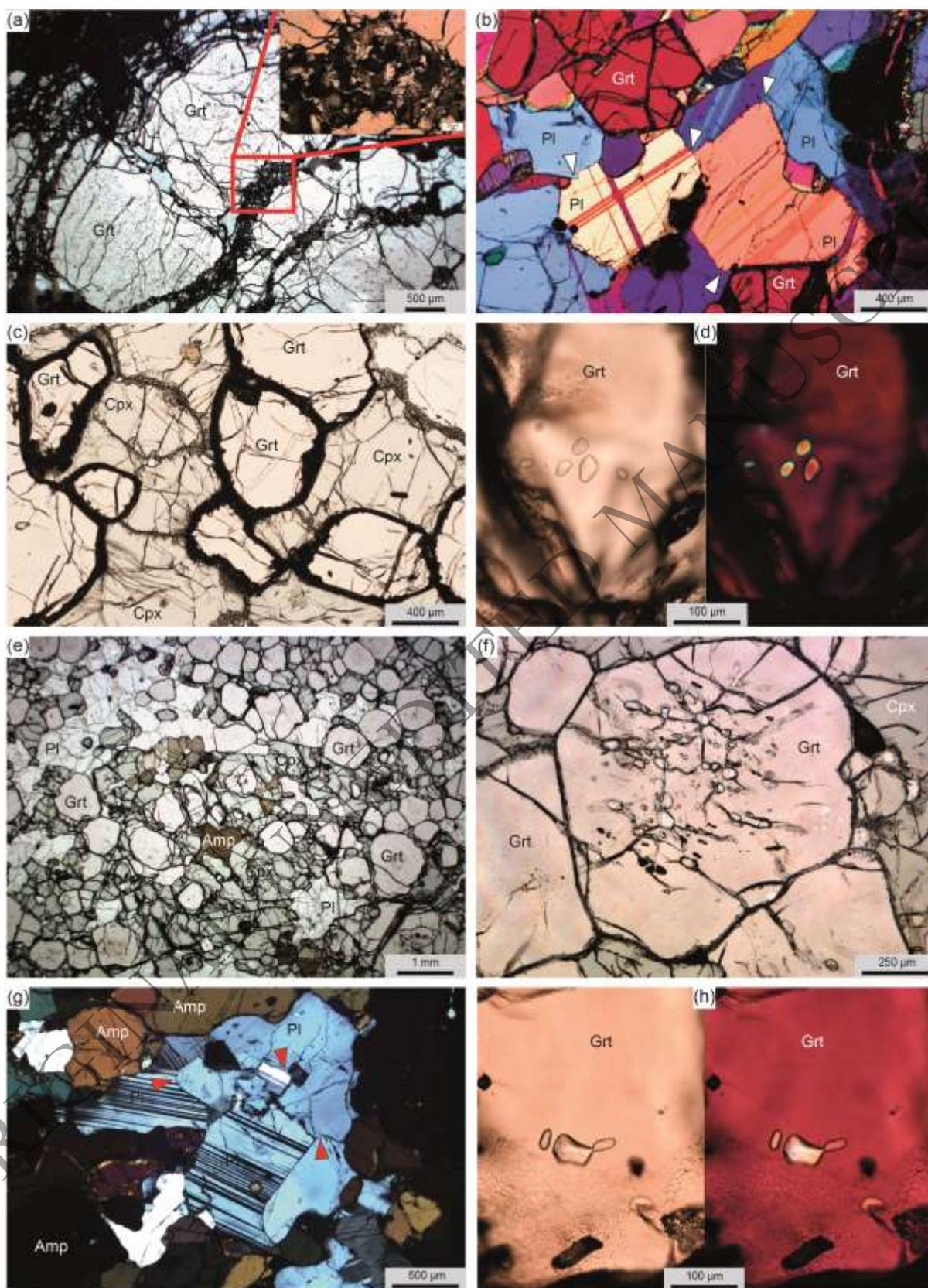
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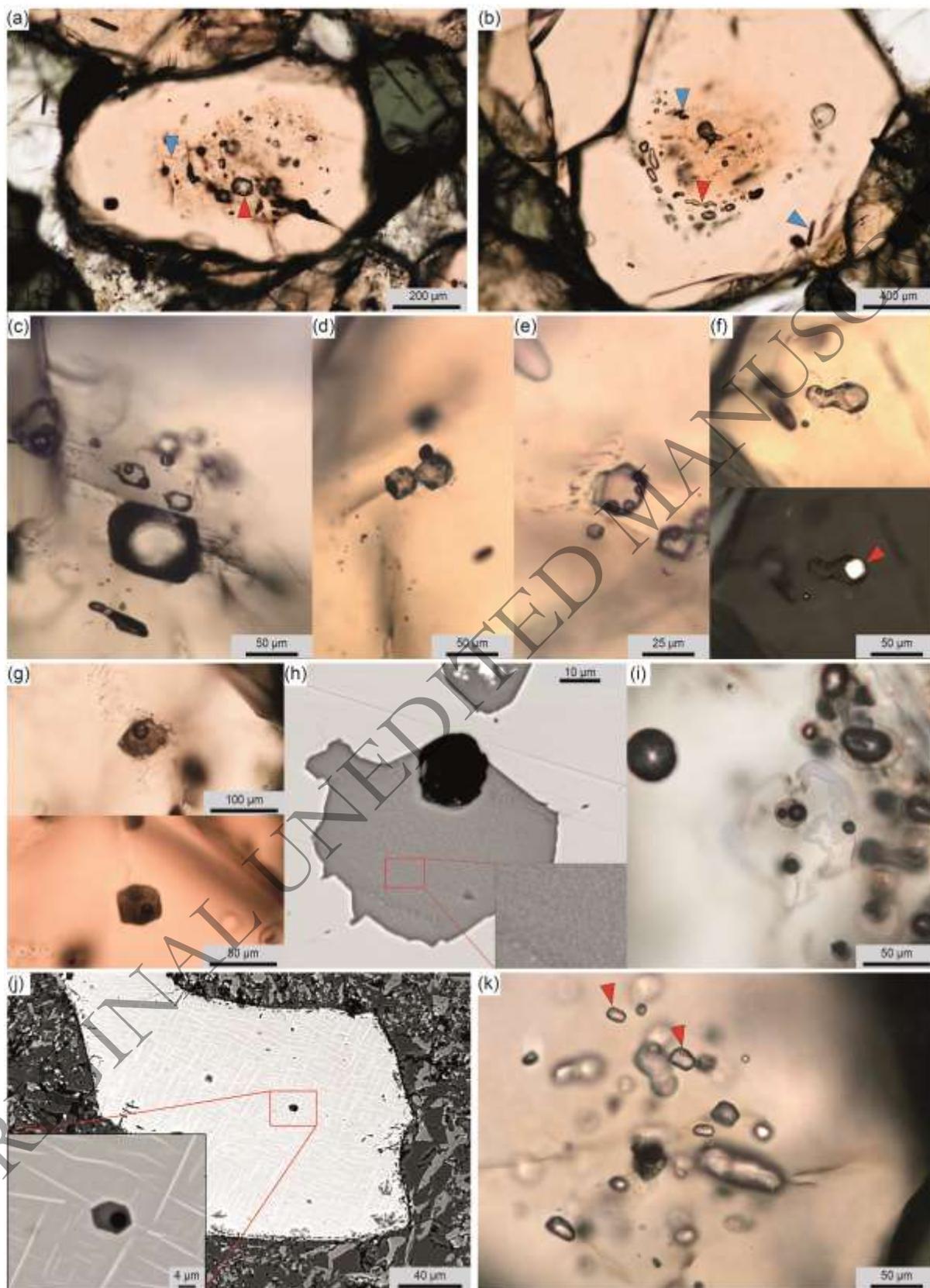
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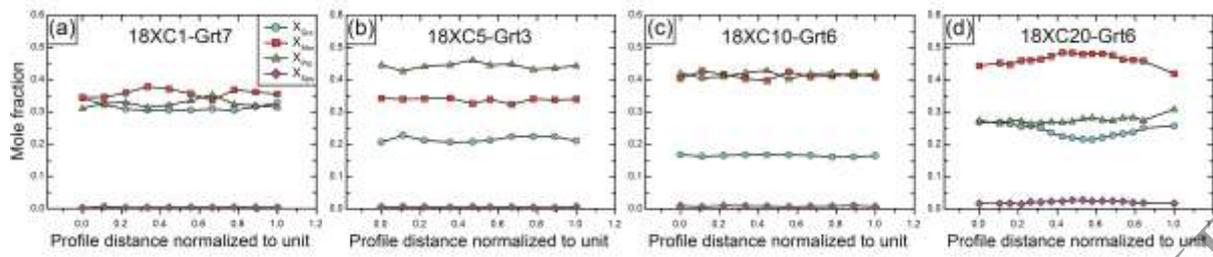
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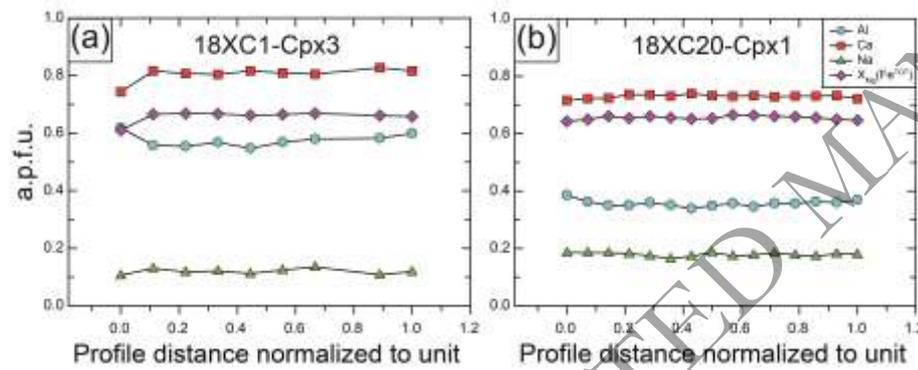


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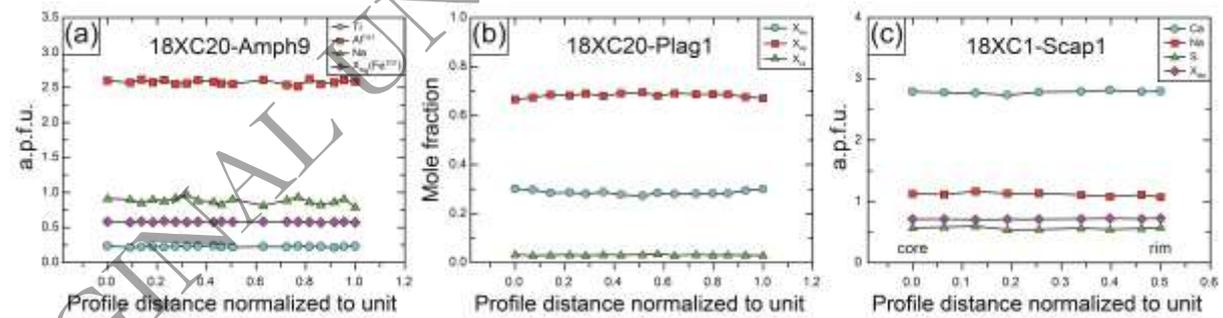


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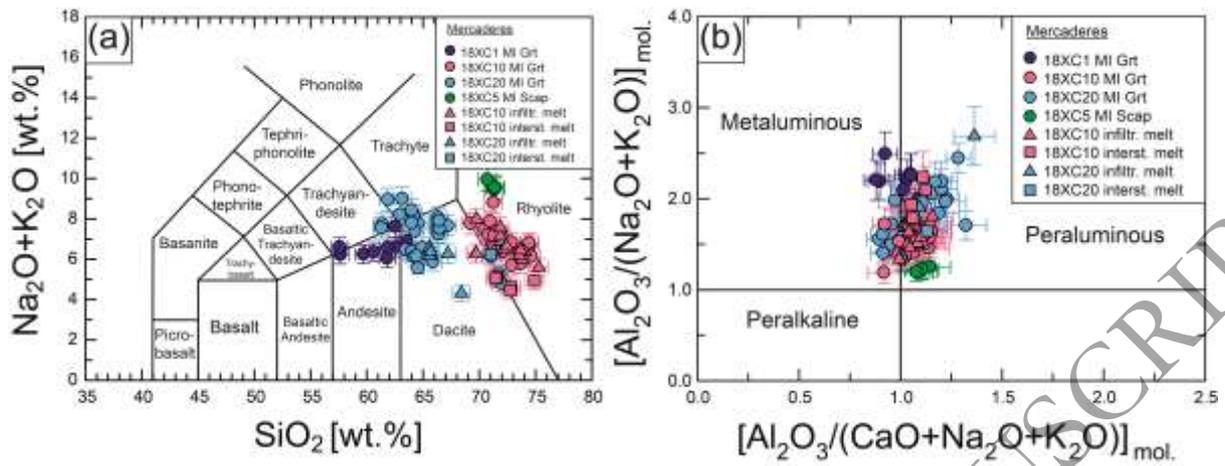
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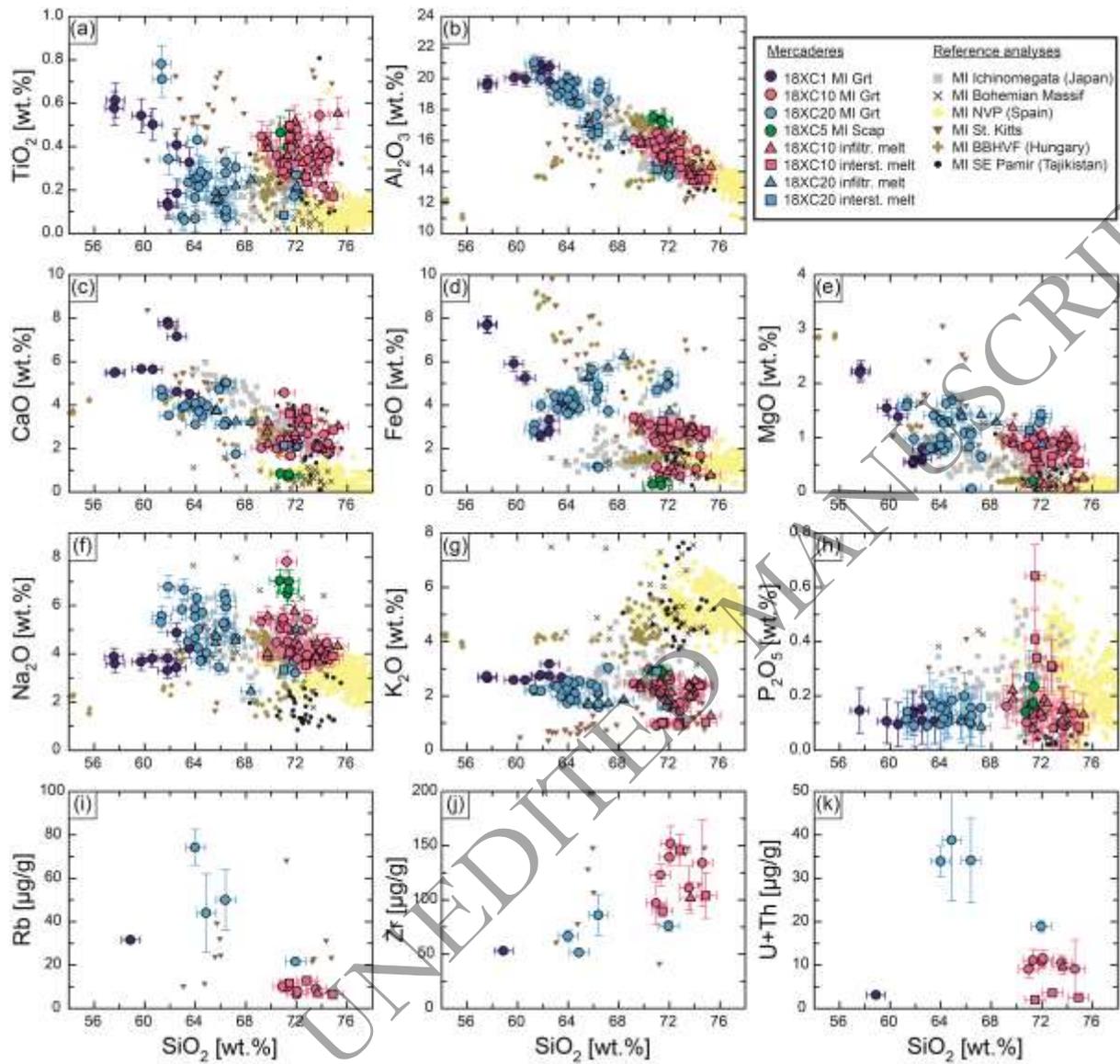
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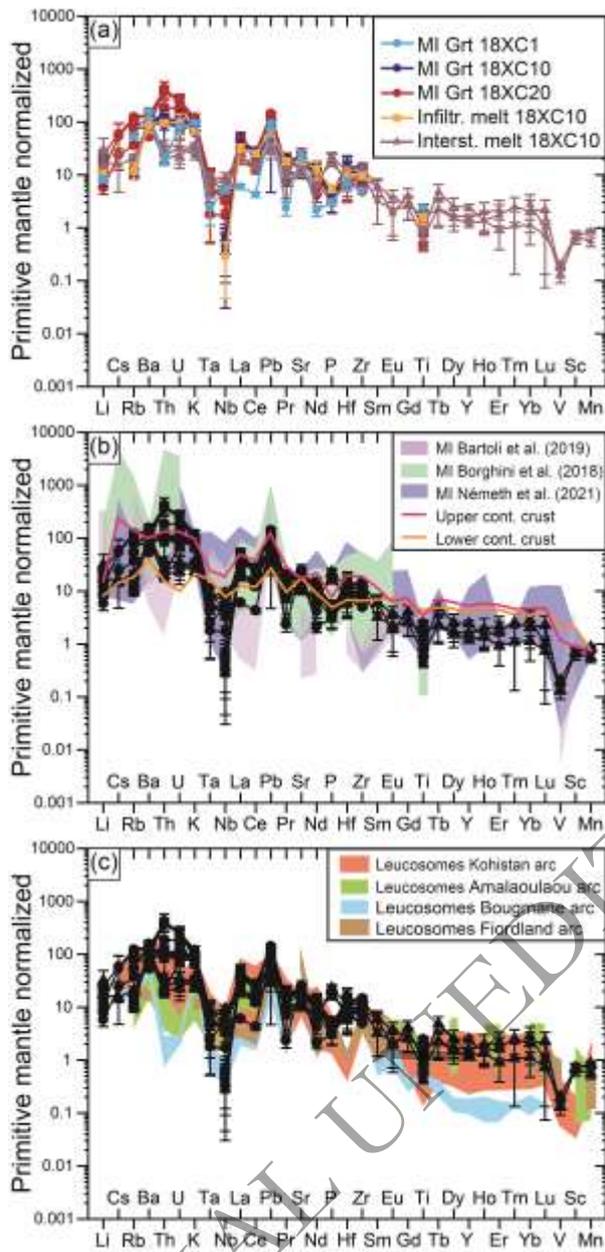
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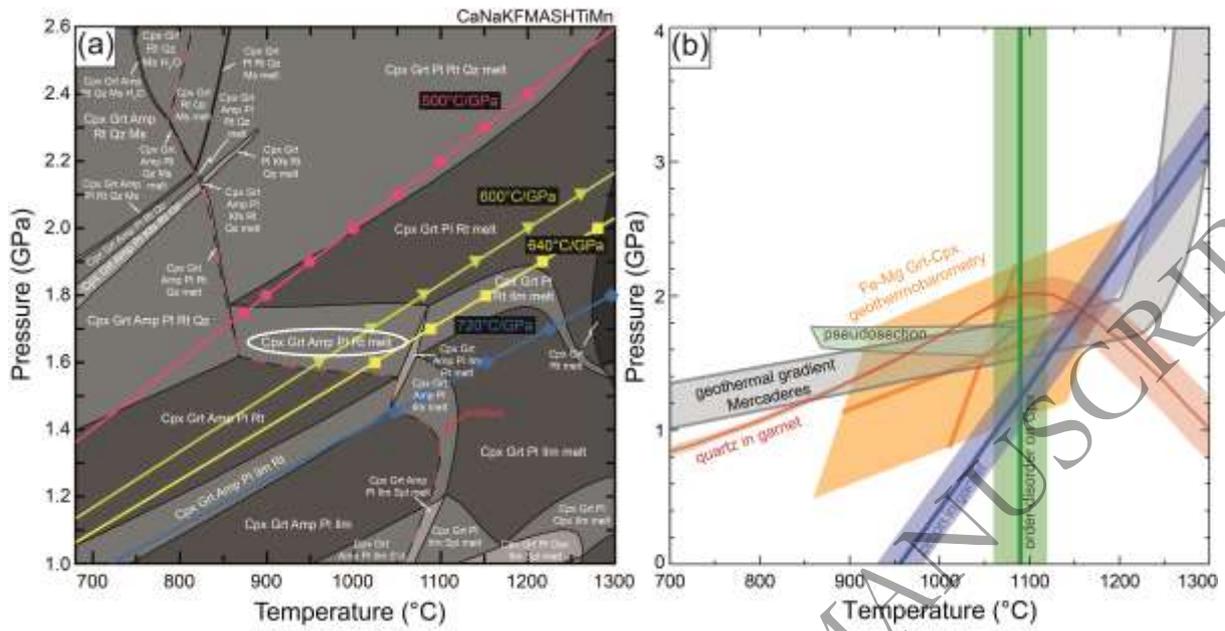


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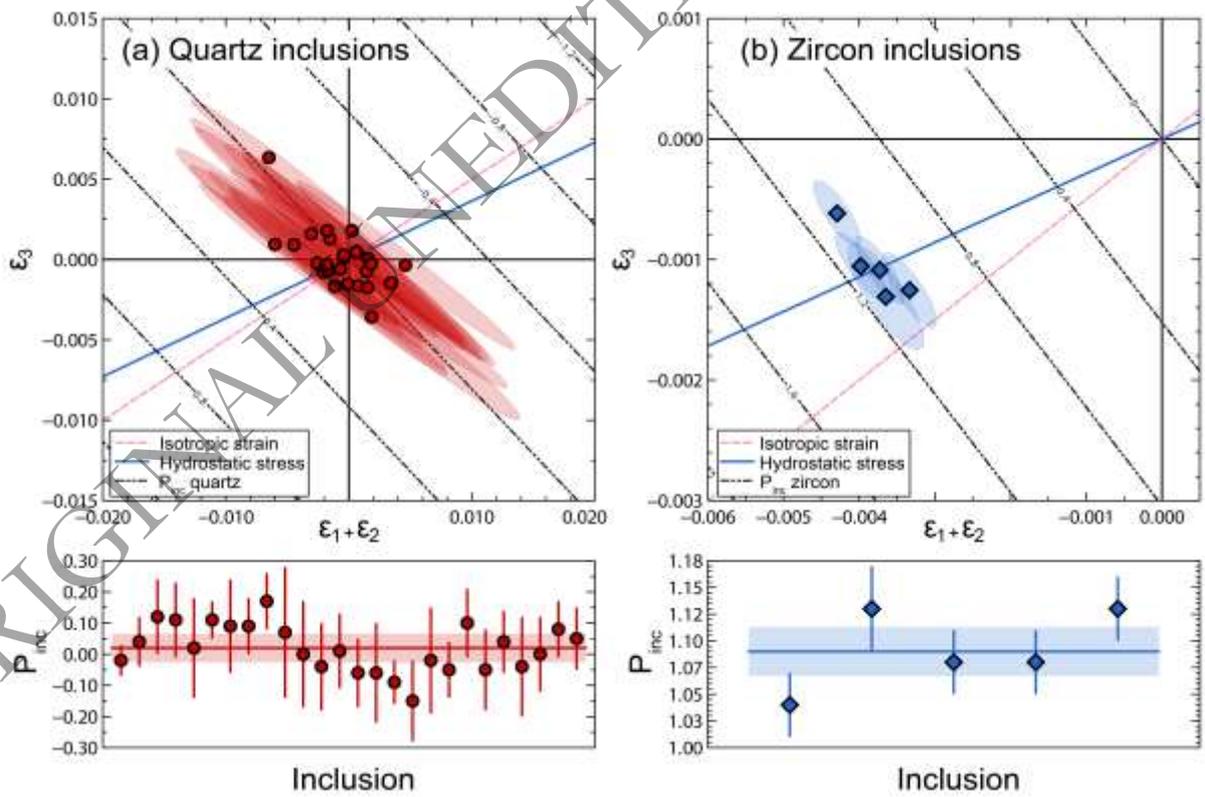


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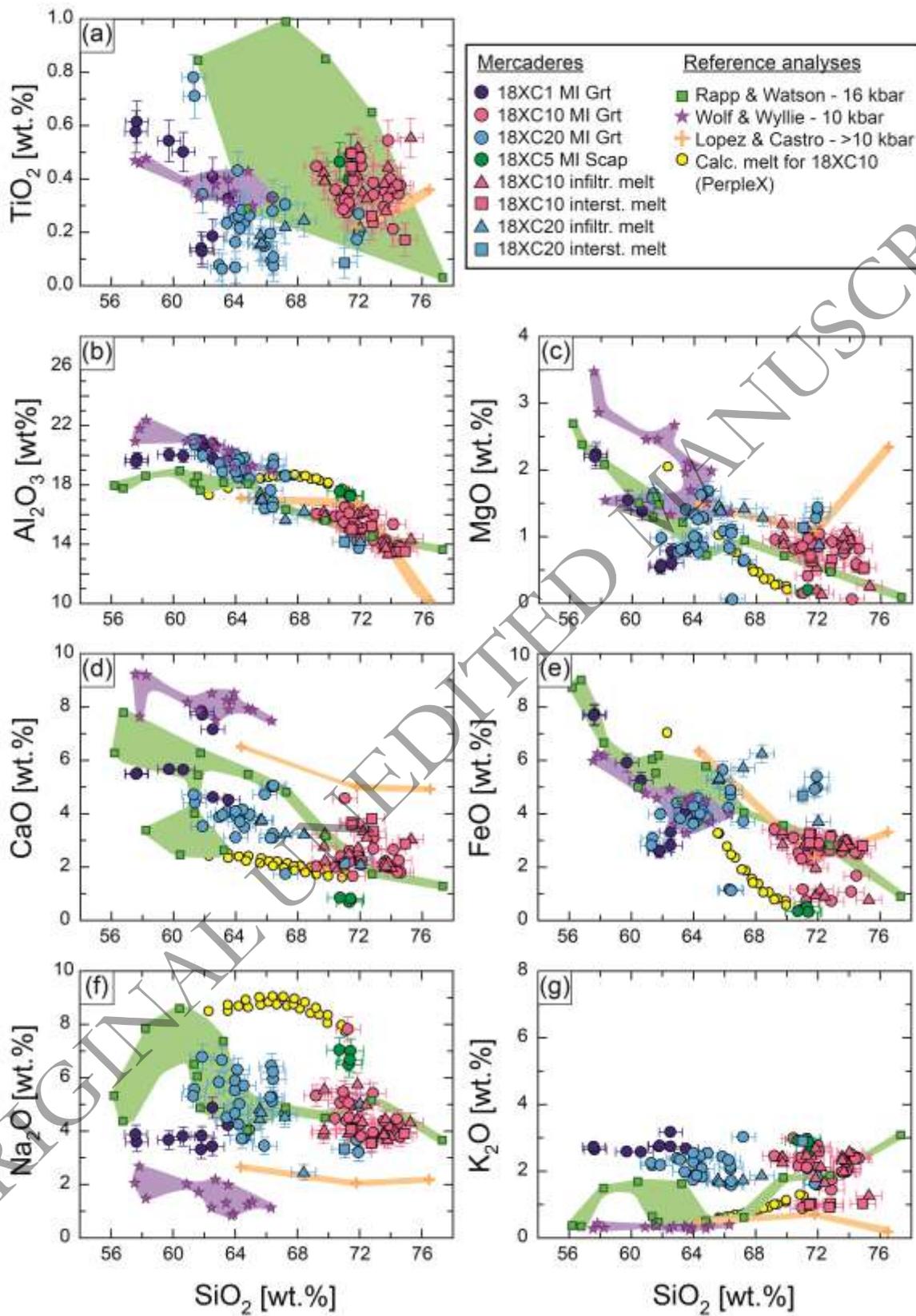
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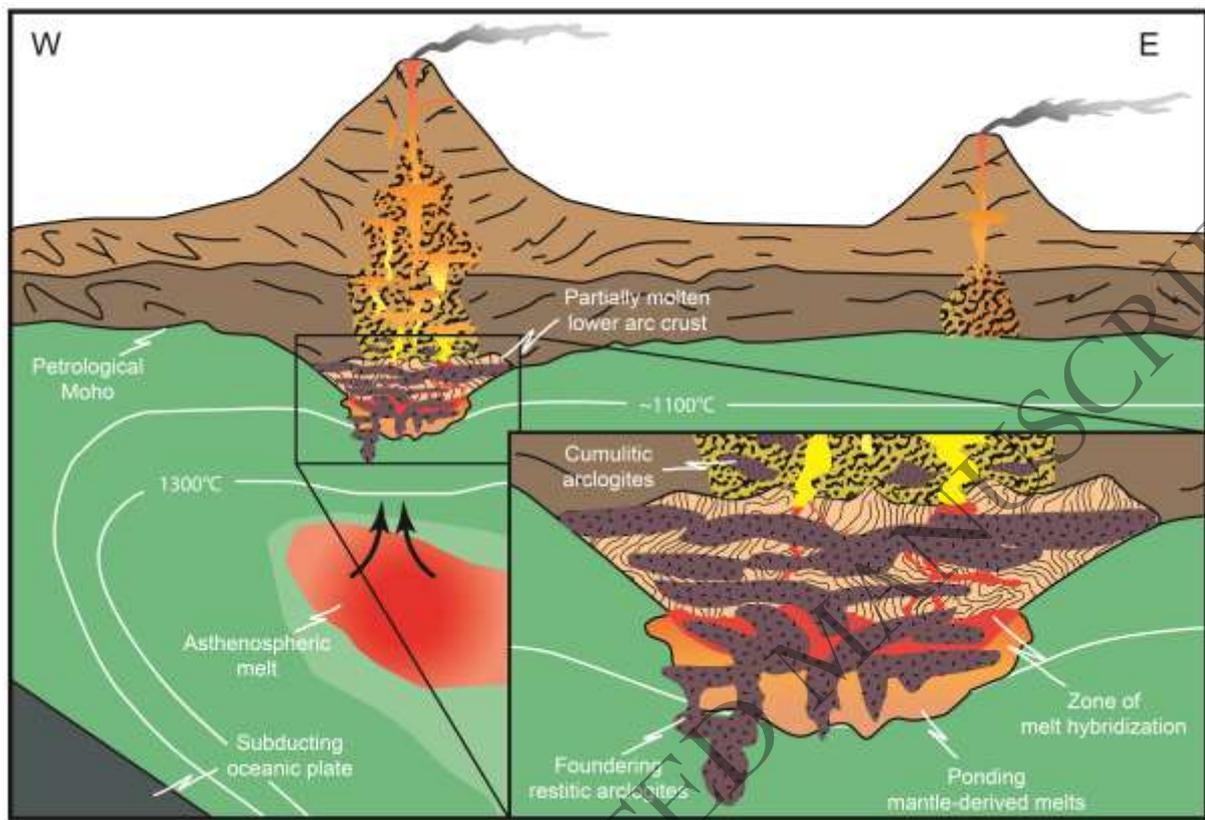
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